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System Provisioning and Configuration Management Lab File

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Lab Exercise 9– Creating Multiple EC2 Instances with `for_each` in Terraform

Objective:

Learn how to use `for_each` in Terraform to create multiple AWS EC2 instances with specific settings for each instance.

Prerequisites:

- Terraform installed on your machine.
- AWS CLI configured with the necessary credentials.

Steps:

1. Create a Terraform Directory:

```
mkdir terraform-ec2-for-each  
cd terraform-ec2-for-each
```

```
PS C:\Users\Lenovo\OneDrive\Desktop\System provisioning and config. lab> cd .\terraform-ec2-for-each\  
PS C:\Users\Lenovo\OneDrive\Desktop\System provisioning and config. lab\terraform-ec2-for-each>
```

- Create Terraform Configuration Files:
- Create a file named `main.tf`:

main.tf

```
terraform {
  required_providers {
    aws = {
      source = "hashicorp/aws"
      version = "5.68.0"
    }
  }
}

provider "aws" {
  access_key = ""
  secret_key = ""
  region = "ap-south-1"
}
```

```
terraform-ec2-for-each > main.tf > provider "aws" > secret_key
1  terraform {
2  required_providers {
3    aws = {
4      source = "hashicorp/aws"
5      version = "5.68.0"
6    }
7  }
8  }
9
10 provider "aws" {
11   access_key = "AKIAWAA66PDJZNTURFUS"
12   secret_key = "KIAWAA66PDJZNTURFUS"
13   region = "ap-south-1"
14 }
```

#Var.tf

```
variable "instances" {
  description = "Map of EC2 instances with settings"
  default = {
    "instance1" = {
      ami      = "ami-0c55b159cbfafa1f0"
      instance_type = "t2.micro"
    },
    "instance2" = {
      ami      = "ami-0123456789abcdef0"
      instance_type = "t2. small "
    },
    "instance3" = {
      ami      = "ami-9876543210fedcbao"
      instance_type = "t2. large "
    }
  }
}
```

```
terraform-ec2-for-each > Var.tf > ...
1  variable "instances" {
2    description = "Map of EC2 instances with settings"
3    default = {
4      "instance1" = {
5        ami      = "ami-0ddfba243cbee3768"
6        instance_type = "t2.micro"
7      },
8      "instance2" = {
9        ami      = "ami-00bb6a80f01f03502"
10       instance_type = "t2.micro"
11     },
12     "instance3" = {
13       ami      = "ami-05a00967f06885a63"
14       instance_type = "t2.micro"
15     }
16   }
17 }
18
```

#Instance.tf

```
resource "aws_instance" "ec2_instances" {
  for_each = var.instances
  ami      = var.instances[each.key].ami
  instance_type = var.instances[each.key].instance_type
  tags = {
    Name = "EC2-Instance-${each.key}"
  }
}
```

```
terraform-ec2-for-each > Instance.tf > resource "aws_instance" "ec2_instances"
1  resource "aws_instance" "ec2_instances" {
2    for_each = var.instances
3    ami      = var.instances[each.key].ami
4    instance_type = var.instances[each.key].instance_type
5    tags = {
6      Name = "EC2-Instance-${each.key}"
7    }
8  }
```

- Replace "your-key-pair-name" and "your-subnet-id" with your actual key pair name and subnet ID.
- In this configuration, we define a variable instances as a map containing settings for each EC2 instance. The aws_instance resource is then used with for_each to create instances based on the map.

2. Initialize and Apply:

- Run the following Terraform commands to initialize and apply the configuration:

terraform init

```
PS C:\Users\Lenovo\OneDrive\Desktop\System provisioning and config. lab\terraform-ec2-for-each> terraform init
Initializing the backend...
Initializing provider plugins...
- Reusing previous version of hashicorp/aws from the dependency lock file
- Using previously-installed hashicorp/aws v5.68.0

Terraform has been successfully initialized!

You may now begin working with Terraform. Try running "terraform plan" to see
any changes that are required for your infrastructure. All Terraform commands
should now work.

If you ever set or change modules or backend configuration for Terraform,
rerun this command to reinitialize your working directory. If you forget, other
commands will detect it and remind you to do so if necessary.
PS C:\Users\Lenovo\OneDrive\Desktop\System provisioning and config. lab\terraform-ec2-for-each> terraform apply
```

terraform apply

```
commands will detect it and remind you to do so if necessary.
PS C:\Users\Lenovo\OneDrive\Desktop\System provisioning and config. lab\terraform-ec2-for-each> terraform apply

Terraform used the selected providers to generate the following execution plan. Resource actions are indicated with the
following symbols:
+ create

Terraform will perform the following actions:

# aws_instance.ec2_instances["instance1"] will be created
+ resource "aws_instance" "ec2_instances" {
  + ami              = "ami-0dddfa243cbee3768"
  + arn              = (known after apply)
  + associate_public_ip_address = (known after apply)
  + availability_zone = (known after apply)
  + cpu_core_count   = (known after apply)
  + cpu_threads_per_core = (known after apply)
  + disable_api_stop  = (known after apply)
  + disable_api_termination = (known after apply)
  + ebs_optimized     = (known after apply)
  + get_password_data = false
  + host_id           = (known after apply)
  + host_resource_group_arn = (known after apply)
  + iam_instance_profile = (known after apply)
  + id                = (known after apply)
  + instance_initiated_shutdown_behavior = (known after apply)
  + instance_lifecycle = (known after apply)
  + instance_state     = (known after apply)
  + instance_type      = "t2.micro"
  + ipv6_address_count = (known after apply)
  + ipv6_addresses     = (known after apply)
  + key_name           = (known after apply)
  + monitoring         = (known after apply)
  + outpost_arn        = (known after apply)
  + password_data      = (known after apply)
  + placement_group    = (known after apply)
  + placement_partition_number = (known after apply)
  + primary_network_interface_id = (known after apply)
  + private_dns        = (known after apply)
  + private_ip         = (known after apply)
}
```

- Terraform will prompt you to confirm the creation of EC2 instances. Type yes and press Enter.

3. Verify Instances in AWS Console:

- Log in to the AWS Management Console and navigate to the EC2 service.
- Verify that the specified EC2 instances with the specified names and settings have been created.

Instances (3) [Info](#) Last updated less than a minute ago [Connect](#) [Instance state](#) [Actions](#) [Launch instances](#)

Find Instance by attribute or tag (case-sensitive) [All states](#)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name ↗	Instance ID	Instance state	Instance type	Status check	Alarm status	Availability Zone	Public IPv4
<input type="checkbox"/>	EC2-Instance-i...	i-0b09d34f29ac350b2	Running 🔍 🔍	t2.micro	⌚ Initializing	View alarms +	ap-south-1b	ec2-13-203
<input type="checkbox"/>	EC2-Instance-i...	i-0abf4d14fa7552f91	Running 🔍 🔍	t2.micro	⌚ Initializing	View alarms +	ap-south-1b	ec2-65-1-9:
<input type="checkbox"/>	EC2-Instance-i...	i-071d79949fc5772fd	Running 🔍 🔍	t2.micro	⌚ Initializing	View alarms +	ap-south-1b	ec2-3-110-

Select an instance [⚙️](#) [▼](#)

4. Update Instance Configuration:

- If you want to modify the EC2 instance configuration, update the main.tf file with the desired changes.
- Rerun the terraform apply command to apply the changes:

terraform apply

```
+ ephemeral_block_device (known after apply)
+ instance_market_options (known after apply)
+ maintenance_options (known after apply)
+ metadata_options (known after apply)
+ network_interface (known after apply)
+ private_dns_name_options (known after apply)
+ root_block_device (known after apply)
}
```

Plan: 3 to add, 0 to change, 0 to destroy.

Do you want to perform these actions?
Terraform will perform the actions described above.
Only 'yes' will be accepted to approve.

Enter a value: yes

```
aws_instance.ec2_instances["instance1"]: Creating...
aws_instance.ec2_instances["instance3"]: Creating...
aws_instance.ec2_instances["instance2"]: Creating...
aws_instance.ec2_instances["instance3"]: Still creating... [10s elapsed]
aws_instance.ec2_instances["instance1"]: Still creating... [10s elapsed]
aws_instance.ec2_instances["instance2"]: Still creating... [10s elapsed]
aws_instance.ec2_instances["instance3"]: Creation complete after 14s [id=i-0b09d34f29ac350b2]
aws_instance.ec2_instances["instance2"]: Still creating... [20s elapsed]
aws_instance.ec2_instances["instance1"]: Still creating... [20s elapsed]
aws_instance.ec2_instances["instance2"]: Creation complete after 22s [id=i-071d79949fc5772fd]
aws_instance.ec2_instances["instance1"]: Creation complete after 22s [id=i-0abf4d14fa7552f91]
```

5. Clean Up:

- After testing, you can clean up the EC2 instances:

terraform destroy

```
Apply complete! Resources: 3 added, 0 changed, 0 destroyed.  
PS C:\Users\Lenovo\OneDrive\Desktop\System provisioning and config. lab\terraform-ec2-for-each> terraform destroy  
aws_instance.ec2_instances["instance1"]: Refreshing state... [id=i-0abf4d14fa7552f91]  
aws_instance.ec2_instances["instance2"]: Refreshing state... [id=i-071d79949fc5772fd]  
aws_instance.ec2_instances["instance3"]: Refreshing state... [id=i-0b09d34f29ac350b2]
```

- Confirm the destruction by typing yes.

6. Conclusion:

This lab exercise demonstrates how to use the `for_each` construct in Terraform to create multiple AWS EC2 instances with specific settings for each instance. The use of a map allows you to define and manage settings for each instance individually. Experiment with different instance types, AMIs, and settings in the `main.tf` file to observe how Terraform provisions resources based on your configuration.