Lab Exercise 7– Terraform Variables with Command Line Arguments

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Objective:

Learn how to pass values to Terraform variables using command line arguments.

Prerequisites:

- Terraform installed on your machine.
- Basic knowledge of Terraform variables.

Steps:

1. Create a Terraform Directory:

```
mkdir terraform-cli-variables
cd terraform-cli-variables
```

2. Create Terraform Configuration Files:

- Create a file named main.tf:

instance.tf

```
resource "aws_instance" "example" {
 ami           = var.ami
 instance_type = var.instance_type
```

```
}
```

main.tf > resource "aws_instance" "example"

```
provider "aws" {
  region     = var.aws_region
  access_key = var.aws_access_key_id        # Access Key
  secret_key = var.aws_secret_access_key    # Secret Key
}

resource "aws_instance" "example" {
  ami           = var.ami
  instance_type = var.instance_type
}
```

- Create a file named variables.tf:

variables.tf

```
variable "ami" {
 description = "AMI ID"
 default     = " ami-08718895af4dfa033"
}

variable "instance_type" {
 description = "EC2 Instance Type"
 default     = "t2.micro"
}
```

variables.tf > variable "instance_type"

```
# Variable for AWS Access Key ID
variable "aws_access_key_id" {
  description = "AWS Access Key ID"
  type        = string
}

# Variable for AWS Secret Access Key
variable "aws_secret_access_key" {
  description = "AWS Secret Access Key"
  type        = string
}

# Variable for AWS Region
variable "aws_region" {
  description = "AWS region to deploy resources"
  type        = string
  default     = "us-east-1"  # You can change the default region if needed
}

# Variable for AMI ID
variable "ami" {
  description = "AMI ID for the instance"
  type        = string
  default     = "ami-0c55b159cbfafe1f0"  # Example AMI ID
}

# Variable for Instance Type
variable "instance_type" {
  description = "Instance type for the EC2 instance"
  type        = string
  default     = "t2.micro"  # Example instance type
}
```

3. Use Command Line Arguments:

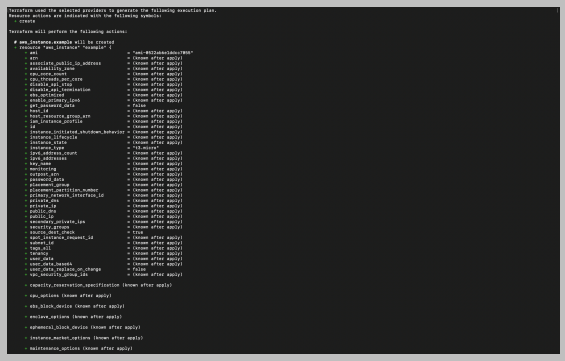
- Open a terminal and navigate to your Terraform project directory.
- Run the terraform init command:

terraform init

```
adityatomar@Adityas-MacBook-Air terraform-cli-variables % terraform init
Initializing the backend...
Initializing provider plugins...
- Finding latest version of hashicorp/aws...
- Installing hashicorp/aws v5.84.0...
- Installed hashicorp/aws v5.84.0 (signed by HashiCorp)
Terraform has created a lock file .terraform.lock.hcl to record the provider
selections it made above. Include this file in your version control repository
so that Terraform can guarantee to make the same selections by default when
you run "terraform init" in the future.

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.
```

- Run the terraform apply command with command line arguments to set variable values:

terraform plan -var=”ami=ami-0522ab6e1ddcc7055” -var=”instance_type=t3.micro”



- Adjust the values based on your preferences.

4. Test and Verify:

- Observe how the command line arguments dynamically set the variable values during the apply process.

- Access the AWS Management Console or use the AWS CLI to verify the creation of resources in the specified region.

5. Clean Up:

After testing, you can clean up resources:

terraform destroy

Confirm the destruction by typing yes.

6. Conclusion:

This lab exercise demonstrates how to use command line arguments to set variable values dynamically during the terraform apply process. It allows you to customize your Terraform deployments without modifying the configuration files directly. Experiment with different variable values and observe how command line arguments impact the infrastructure provisioning process.