CASE STUDY -CREATING AN ARCHITECTURE USING TERRAFORM ON AWS

You work as a DevOps Engineer in a leading Software Company. You have been asked to build an infrastructure safely and efficiently.

The company Requirements:

- 1. Use AWS cloud Provider and the software to be installed is Apache2.
- 2. Use Ubuntu AMI.

The company wants the Architecture to have the following services:

- 1. Create a template with a VPC, 2 subnets and 1 instance in each subnet.
- 2. Attach Security groups, internet gateway and network interface to the instance.

Let us install Terraform in our local system first.

Go to the Terraform downloads page: https://www.terraform.io/downloads.html
Download and extract the appropriate version of Terraform for your Windows system (32-bit or 64-bit).

Now, we will open terminal or command Prompt, go to the path where we have created the folder for terraform and type <u>terraform init</u> command. Whenever you are starting to use terraform, first you need to run this command to tell terraform which provider you are using.

Now in the path where terraform is installed, we will create a file called provider.tf and will give provider details there.

```
provider "aws" {
  region = "us-east-1"
  access_key = "PUT-YOUR-ACCESS-KEY-HERE"
  secret_key = "PUT-YOUR-SECRET-KEY-HERE"
}
```

Let's break down the individual components:

- 1. provider: This keyword tells Terraform that we are defining a provider configuration block. In this case, we are setting up an AWS provider.
- 2. "aws": This is the name of the provider we are configuring. Terraform supports many different providers for various cloud platforms and services.
- 3. region: This is a configuration setting for the AWS provider, specifying which region we want to use. In this case, we are using the us-east-1 region, which is one of the most commonly used regions in AWS.
- 4. access_key: This is a configuration setting for the AWS provider, specifying the access key credential for an AWS account. Access keys are used to authenticate with AWS APIs and services.
- 5. secret_key: This is a configuration setting for the AWS provider, specifying the secret key credential for an AWS account. Secret keys are used to authenticate with AWS APIs and services, and should be kept confidential.

Together, these settings provide the necessary configuration for Terraform to authenticate with an AWS account and interact with resources in the us-east-1 region using the specified access and secret keys.



Let us move to a further path where we install apache2 in ubuntu AMI. Create a terraform.tf file where we will define all resources.

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```
resource "aws_instance" "web_server" {
          = "ami-0c55b159cbfafe1f0" # Ubuntu 20.04 LTS
 instance_type = "t2.micro"
 key_name
              = "ec2-key"
 tags = {
  Name = "for-assignment"
 }
 connection {
          = "ssh"
  type
          = "ubuntu"
  user
  private_key = file("./ec2-key.pem")
         = self.public_ip
  host
 }
 provisioner "remote-exec" {
  inline = [
   "sudo apt-get update",
   "sudo apt-get install -y apache2"
}
}
```

This Terraform code creates an AWS EC2 instance in the default VPC of the default region (us-east-1) running Ubuntu 20.04 LTS (AMI ID: ami-0c55b159cbfafe1f0) with an instance type of t2.micro.

It also sets the name tag of the EC2 instance to "web-server" and specifies an EC2 key pair named "ec2-key" for SSH access.

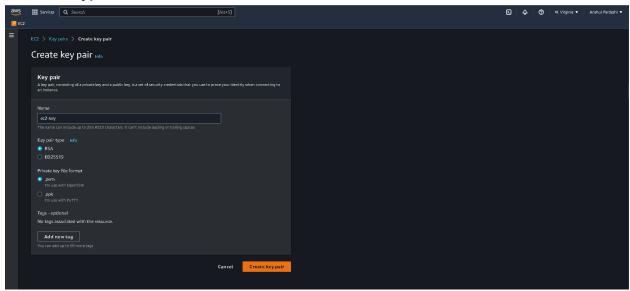
The connection block specifies how to connect to the EC2 instance using SSH. The type is set to ssh, the user is set to ubuntu (the default user for the Ubuntu AMI), the private_key is set to the path of the private key file for the EC2 key pair, and the host is set to self.public_ip, which is the public IP address of the EC2 instance.

The provisioner block specifies a remote-exec provisioner, which runs the specified commands on the EC2 instance after it's launched. In this case, it updates the package manager and installs Apache2.

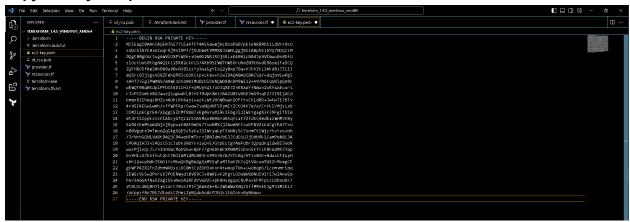
When you apply this code using terraform apply, Terraform will create an EC2 instance with the specified configuration and automatically install Apache2 on it.

We need "ec2-key.pem" in the terraform folder as a file specified in the code. WE need to create that key in AWS and copy the key details here.

Create a keypair in AWS with same details.



Copy the key and paste it in the terraform folder.



Now all the above steps that we performed will create ec2 with ubuntu ami and install apache2 on it.

That is not our end goal.

Let us create a VPC with 2 subnets first. Then we will create ec2 instance in those subnets with apache2 installed in them.

Let us create new file "networking.tf" in which we will create a VPC with 2 subnets.

Let us create a VPC first.

```
# Create a VPC
resource "aws_vpc" "forassignment_vpc" {
   cidr_block = "10.0.0.0/16"
   region = "us-east-1"

   tags = {
     Name = "forassignment-vpc"
   }
}
```

This Terraform code creates an AWS VPC (Virtual Private Cloud) with a specified CIDR block of 10.0.0.0/16, which means that the VPC will have a total of 65,536 IP addresses available for use.

The aws_vpc resource type is used to define the VPC. The cidr_block parameter specifies the IP address range for the VPC. The tags parameter is used to attach metadata to the VPC resource, in this case a name tag of "forassignment-vpc".

Now let us create two subnets in that VPC.

```
# Create two subnets in the VPC
resource "aws_subnet" "forassignment_subnet_1" {
   vpc_id = aws_vpc.forassignment_vpc.id
   cidr_block = "10.0.1.0/24"
   availability_zone = "us-east-1a"

   tags = {
      Name = "forassignment-subnet-1"
   }
}

resource "aws_subnet" "forassignment_subnet_2" {
   vpc_id = aws_vpc.forassignment_vpc.id
   cidr_block = "10.0.2.0/24"
   availability_zone = "us-east-1b"

   tags = {
      Name = "forassignment-subnet-2"
   }
}
```

This Terraform code creates two subnets within the VPC that was created in the previous code block.

The aws_subnet resource type is used to define each subnet, and the vpc_id parameter is used to specify the ID of the VPC where the subnets should be created. The cidr_block parameter specifies the IP address range for each subnet. The availability_zone parameter specifies the availability zone where each subnet should be created. Note that you can create up to 20 subnets in a VPC, and each subnet must be associated with a different availability zone.

In this code, we are creating two subnets with CIDR blocks of 10.0.1.0/24 and 10.0.2.0/24 respectively, and associating them with availability zones us-east-1a and us-east-1b respectively.

The tags parameter is used to attach metadata to each subnet resource, in this case a name tag of "forassignment-subnet-1" and "forassignment-subnet-2" respectively.

Now what we want is to create two instances in previous two subnets. Let us install apache2 in them too.

What we will do for this is we will use previous code of creating instance which was created in resource.tf and add subnet details to it.

```
resource "aws instance" "web server-1" {
              = "ami-0c55b159cbfafe1f0" # Ubuntu 20.04 LTS
 instance type = "t2.micro"
 subnet id
             = aws_subnet.forassignment_subnet_1.id
 key name
              = "ec2-key"
 tags = {
   Name = "web-server-1"
   connection {
   type
          = "ssh"
   user = "ubuntu"
   private key = file("./ec2-key.pem")
   host
          = self.public ip
 }
 provisioner "remote-exec" {
   inline = [
     "sudo apt-get update",
     "sudo apt-get install -y apache2"
   1
 }
```

We will copy paste this code again, this time just the subnet id will be second one.

```
resource "aws instance" "web server-2" {
               = "ami-0c55b159cbfafe1f0" # Ubuntu 20.04 LTS
 instance type = "t2.micro"
 subnet id
             = aws subnet.forassignment subnet 2.id
 key_name
             = "ec2-key"
 tags = {
   Name = "web-server-2"
 }
   connection {
             = "ssh"
   type
             = "ubuntu"
   user
   private_key = file("./ec2-key.pem")
   host
            = self.public ip
 }
 provisioner "remote-exec" {
   inline = [
     "sudo apt-get update",
     "sudo apt-get install -y apache2"
   1
```

This will create another instance in the second subnet of VPC that we have created. Instance will use ubuntu AMI and install apache2 to it.

Now, we want to attach Security groups, internet gateway and network interface to the instance.

Let us create Security Groups first, then we will attach them to ec2 instances that we have created.

```
# Create a security group for the instances
resource "aws_security_group" "forassignment_sg" {
 name_prefix = "forassignment-sg"
 vpc_id = aws_vpc.forassignment vpc.id
 ingress {
   from port = 22
   to_port = 22
protocol = "tcp"
   cidr blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
 ingress {
   from port = 80
   to port = 80
   protocol = "tcp"
   cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
 egress {
   from_port = 0
   to port = 0
   protocol = "-1"
   cidr blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
 }
  tags = {
   Name = "forassignment-sg"
 }
```

Above Terraform code creates an AWS security group resource named "forassignment_sg". It is associated with the VPC "aws_vpc.forassignment_vpc" created earlier. The security group allows inbound traffic on ports 22 and 80 for TCP protocol from all IP addresses, and allows all outbound traffic. It also has a name tag "forassignment-sg".

The name_prefix parameter is used to specify a prefix for the security group's name, allowing Terraform to generate a unique name for the resource.

The ingress block defines the inbound rules for the security group, while the egress block defines the outbound rules. The cidr_blocks parameter is used to specify the source or destination IP ranges for the traffic allowed by the security group.

This security group can be associated with instances to restrict network traffic to and from those instances.

Let us create an Internet Gateway.

```
# Create an internet gateway for the VPC
resource "aws_internet_gateway" "forassignment_igw" {
    vpc_id = aws_vpc.forassignment_vpc.id

    tags = {
        Name = "forassignment-igw"
    }
}
```

This Terraform code creates an AWS internet gateway resource named forassignment_igw that is associated with the forassignment_vpc VPC created earlier.

An internet gateway is a horizontally scaled, redundant, and highly available VPC component that allows communication between instances in the VPC and the internet. It serves as the entry and exit point for traffic going in and out of the VPC.

The code sets the vpc_id attribute to the ID of the VPC resource created earlier using the aws_vpc resource block. Additionally, the code assigns a name tag to the internet gateway resource for easier identification in the AWS console.

Let us create a Network Interface now.

This Terraform code creates two network interfaces,

aws_network_interface.forassignment_1 and aws_network_interface.forassignment_2, that are associated with the two subnets created earlier. Each network interface is associated with the security group created earlier

aws_security_group.forassignment_sg. The subnet_id parameter specifies the ID of the subnet to which the network interface should be attached, while security_groups specifies the IDs of the security groups associated with the network interface.

The tags parameter is optional and allows you to assign metadata to the network interfaces. In this case, it assigns a name tag to each interface to make them easily identifiable

Now let us attach Security Group to previous resource of instance and network interface too.

We will add this field to the code.

This code block is configuring an EC2 instance with a security group and a network interface.

The security_groups parameter is specifying the ID of the security group created earlier that will be associated with the instance.

The network_interface block is configuring the primary network interface of the instance. The device_index parameter is set to 0 to indicate that it is the primary network interface, and the network_interface_id parameter is set to the ID of the network interface created earlier that will be attached to the instance.

We also need to create route table to associate internet gateway to subents.

```
resource "aws_route" "forassignment route" {
                          = aws route table.forassignment route table.id
 route table id
 destination cidr block
                         = "0.0.0.0/0"
                          = aws internet gateway.forassignment igw.id
 gateway id
                           = [aws internet gateway.forassignment igw]
 depends on
# Associate the subnet with the route table
resource "aws route table association"
"forassignment subnet association-1" {
 subnet id = aws subnet.forassignment subnet 1.id
 route table id = aws route table.forassignment route table.id
resource "aws route table association"
"forassignment subnet association-2" {
 subnet id = aws subnet.forassignment subnet 1.id
 route table id = aws route table.forassignment route table.id
```

This Terraform code creates a route in the route table to direct all traffic with a destination of "0.0.0.0/0" (i.e. all internet traffic) to the internet gateway created earlier, using the aws_route resource.

Then, it associates the subnets created earlier with the route table using the aws_route_table_association resource. The first aws_route_table_association associates aws_subnet.forassignment_subnet_1 with aws_route_table.forassignment_route_table, and the second aws_route_table_association associates aws_subnet.forassignment_subnet_2 with aws_route_table.forassignment_route_table.

By doing this, any traffic sent from instances launched in these subnets that is destined for the internet will be routed through the internet gateway.

Let us summarize the whole process.

We have provider.tf.

Provider.tf:

```
provider "aws" {
  region = "us-east-1"
  access_key = "<accesskey>"
  secret_key = "<Secret access key>"
}
```

Resources.tf:

```
resource "aws_instance" "web_server-1" {
 ami
               = "ami-0c55b159cbfafe1f0" # Ubuntu 20.04 LTS
 instance type = "t2.micro"
 subnet id = aws subnet.forassignment subnet 1.id
 key name
               = "ec2-key"
 associate public ip address = true
 tags = {
   Name = "web-server-1"
 }
 security groups = [aws security group.forassignment sg.id]
   connection {
   type
             = "ssh"
              = "ubuntu"
   user
   private_key = file("./ec2-key.pem")
   host
             = self.public ip
  }
 provisioner "remote-exec" {
   inline = [
     "sudo apt-get update",
     "sudo apt-get install -y apache2"
   1
```

```
resource "aws instance" "web server-2" {
               = "ami-0c55b159cbfafe1f0" # Ubuntu 20.04 LTS
 instance type = "t2.micro"
 subnet id
              = aws subnet.forassignment subnet 2.id
 key name
               = "ec2-key"
 associate public ip address = true
 tags = {
   Name = "web-server-2"
 security groups = [aws security group.forassignment sg.id]
   connection {
              = "ssh"
   type
               = "ubuntu"
   user
   private key = file("./ec2-key.pem")
              = self.public ip
  }
 provisioner "remote-exec" {
   inline = [
      "sudo apt-get update",
      "sudo apt-get install -y apache2"
   1
  }
```

ec2-key.pem:

----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----

MIIEogIBAAKCAQEA7G577LEa4fFT4m55ewejHc0CoP6B/pE1GNRB9b51LdVYs9sOsUbChIN7k0vGlwqrXj9vi9Pf/j5UDeetVM9X0J2WNLggj0lsABph51VYQ7NOQzzM9QgtBMgK6c3ug6WVIOXPYW3h+vOe8G2NR15DjGRLaE4BHlcN0dJpVVI6wu0n8DfUzlOctUuG0tOgN4QiK125R82ckKLD/4Rb9SlW8THW5DrUboZN9t8udG96se1FaDCQZQFHXO5fAe3AhB80aVB+N38iszYy3waigYEzQ2yBxp78q+h7khZtL3Akd817lilJeQSrL0Jj1gsnDXZFeh6P8Jco3RCzpvckes+hlwIDAQABAoIBACSd/+dqjoVLwPgisAHT7vlgIPWmNS/eAWE1Dnom4zMUBcbIOGNQWDRBnbP0WI12+49/N6FqURipQo9cwEWQT0NqBKdpIPFbCEGD1IHIf+QMUySqt/uDJqXE7ZvEXxpYfNAwv2uRfxxEuur1rJnPCZsmtV8UJawzQ1qpwdKLB7rEf9dpKXm1YAAZd8tVVbDJmS9vqEZ/3l0ijdCd

Networking.tf:

```
Create a VPC
resource "aws vpc" "forassignment vpc" {
 cidr_block = "10.0.0.0/16"
 tags = {
   Name = "forassignment-vpc"
 }
# Create two subnets in the VPC
resource "aws subnet" "forassignment subnet 1" {
           = aws vpc.forassignment vpc.id
 vpc id
 cidr block = "10.0.1.0/24"
 availability zone = "us-east-la"
  tags = {
   Name = "forassignment-subnet-1"
resource "aws_subnet" "forassignment_subnet_2" {
         = aws_vpc.forassignment_vpc.id
 vpc id
 cidr block = "10.0.2.0/24"
 availability zone = "us-east-1b"
    Name = "forassignment-subnet-2"
 }
# Create a security group for the instances
resource "aws_security_group" "forassignment_sg" {
 name prefix = "forassignment-sg"
             = aws_vpc.forassignment_vpc.id
 \mathtt{vpc}_{\mathtt{id}}
 ingress {
    from port
                = 22
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```
to_port = 22
   protocol = "tcp"
   cidr blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
 }
 ingress {
   from_port = 80
   to_port
             = 80
   protocol = "tcp"
   cidr blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
 }
 egress {
   from_port = 0
   to_port = 0
   protocol = "-1"
   cidr blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
 tags = {
   Name = "forassignment-sg"
# Create an internet gateway for the VPC
resource "aws_internet_gateway" "forassignment_igw" {
 vpc id = aws vpc.forassignment vpc.id
 tags = {
   Name = "forassignment-igw"
# Create a network interface for each instance
resource "aws_network_interface" "forassignment_1" {
 subnet id
               = aws_subnet.forassignment_subnet_1.id
 security_groups = [aws_security_group.forassignment_sg.id]
 tags = {
   Name = "forassignment-nic-1"
```

```
resource "aws_network_interface" "forassignment_2" {
                 = aws subnet.forassignment subnet 2.id
 security_groups = [aws_security_group.forassignment sg.id]
 tags = {
   Name = "forassignment-nic-2"
 }
# Create a route table for the subnet
resource "aws route table" "forassignment route table-1" {
 vpc id = aws vpc.forassignment vpc.id
 tags = {
   Name = "forassignment-route-table"
 }
# Add a route to the internet gateway in the route table
resource "aws_route" "forassignment_route-1" {
 route table id
aws route table.forassignment route table-1.id
 destination cidr block
                          = "0.0.0.0/0"
                           = aws internet gateway.forassignment igw.id
 gateway id
 depends on
                           = [aws internet gateway.forassignment igw]
# Associate the subnet with the route table
resource "aws route table association"
"forassignment subnet association-1" {
                = aws_subnet.forassignment_subnet_1.id
 subnet_id
 route table id = aws route table.forassignment route table-1.id
# Create a route table for the subnet2
resource "aws route table" "forassignment route table-2" {
 vpc_id = aws_vpc.forassignment_vpc.id
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```
tags = {
   Name = "forassignment-route-table"
 }
# Add a route to the internet gateway in the route table
resource "aws_route" "forassignment route-2" {
 route table id
aws route table.forassignment route table-2.id
                          = "0.0.0.0/0"
 destination cidr block
 gateway id
                          = aws internet gateway.forassignment igw.id
 depends on
                           = [aws internet gateway.forassignment igw]
# Associate the subnet with the route table
resource "aws route table association"
"forassignment subnet association-2" {
 subnet id
               = aws_subnet.forassignment_subnet_2.id
 route table id = aws route table.forassignment route table-2.id
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Let us run: Terraform Plan

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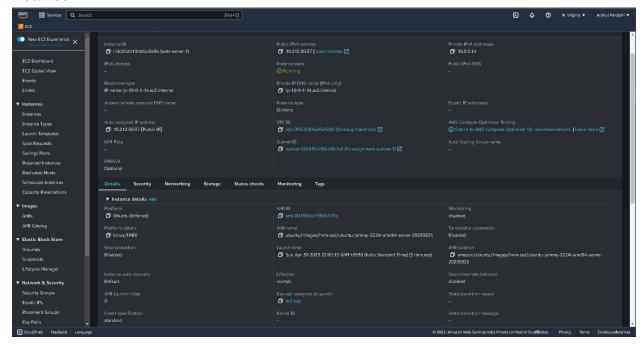
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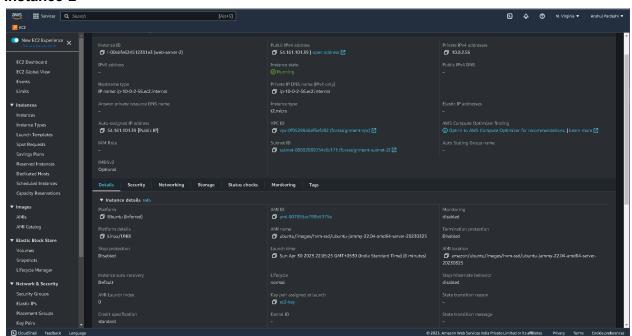
Two Instances are created.



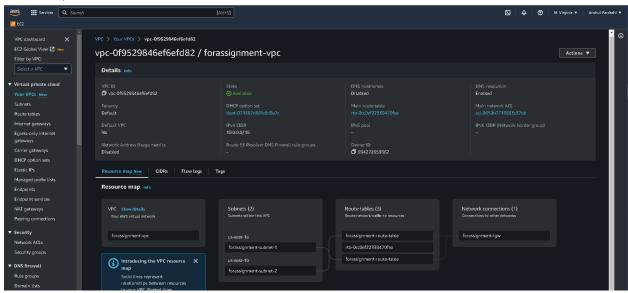
They are in the same subnet and VPC that we intended through code. Instance-1



Instance-2



The VPC, subnet and routes:



Let us copy the public ip of both instances and paste it in browser to see if apache2 is working.

Instance-1



Instance-2

