Documentation for Deploying a Google Compute Engine Instance Using Terraform

1. Introduction

This document outlines the detailed steps and approaches used to deploy a Google Compute Engine (GCE) instance on Google Cloud Platform (GCP) using Terraform. The deployment includes setting up the necessary permissions, creating configuration files, and executing Terraform commands to manage the infrastructure.

2. Prerequisites

Before starting, ensure you have the following:

- · A Google Cloud Platform account.
- Terraform installed on your local machine.
- Google Cloud SDK installed and configured.
- A service account with the required permissions.

3. Setting Up the Service Account

1. Create a Service Account:

Go to the Google Cloud Console.
 Create a new service account with the necessary permissions for managing

Compute Engine resources. For this guide, we'll use the Compute Admin role.

2. Generate and Download the Service Account Key:

o Generate a JSON key for the service account and download it. Save this key file securely as it will be used by Terraform to authenticate with GCP.

4. Terraform Configuration Files

Create a Terraform Configuration Directory:

- 1. Open a terminal and navigate to the directory where you want to store your Terraform configuration files.
- 2. Create a new directory for your Terraform project: mkdir my-

terraform-project cd my-terraform-project

Create main.tf Configuration File:

- 1. Open a text editor and create a file named main.tf.
- 2. Add the following content to configure a Google Compute Engine instance:

```
provider "google" {
  credentials = file("<YOUR_SERVICE_ACCOUNT_JSON_PATH>")
            = "sit374-435105"
  region
             = "australia-southeast1"
}
resource "google_compute_instance" "default" {
              = "my-instance"
 machine_type = "e2-medium"
             = "australia-southeast1-b"
 boot_disk {
   initialize_params {
      image = "debian-cloud/debian-11-bullseye-v20240815"
      size = 10
      type = "pd-standard"
  }
 network_interface {
   network = "default"
   access_config {
     // Include this section to assign an external IP address
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```

Create variables.tf Configuration File (Optional):

- 1. In the same directory, create a file named variables.tf.
- 2. Add the following content to define any variables you might want to use:

```
variable "credentials_file_path" {
  description = "Path to the Google Cloud service account key file."
  type = string
}

variable "project_id" {
  description = "Google Cloud project ID."
  type = string
}
```

Create terraform.tfvars Configuration File (Optional):

- 1. In the same directory, create a file named terraform.tfvars.
- 2. Add the following content to specify the values for the variables:

```
credentials_file_path = "/path/to/your/service_account_key.json"
project_id = "sit374-435105"
```

4.3. Apply the Configuration

Apply the configuration to create the resources. Terraform will prompt for confirmation before making any changes.

```
terraform apply
```

Confirmation Prompt:

```
Terraform will perform the following actions:

# google_compute_instance.default will be created
...

Plan: 1 to add, 0 to change, 0 to destroy.

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

Enter a value: yes
```

Expected Output:

```
google_compute_instance.default: Creating...
google_compute_instance.default: Still creating... [10s elapsed]
google_compute_instance.default: Creation complete after 30s [id=projects/sit374-4
Apply complete! Resources: 1 added, 0 changed, 0 destroyed.
Outputs:
instance_self_link = "https://www.googleapis.com/compute/v1/projects/sit374-435105
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5. Cleaning Up Resources

If you want to delete the resources created, you can use the following command:

terraform destroy

Conclusion

In this document, we have covered the entire process of setting up a Google Cloud VM instance using Terraform, from setting up the environment and service account to writing the configuration files, applying them, and verifying the deployment. Following these steps ensures that your infrastructure is reproducible and managed as code, which is a best practice in modern cloud environments.

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$ gcloud components update
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[2] Create a new configuration

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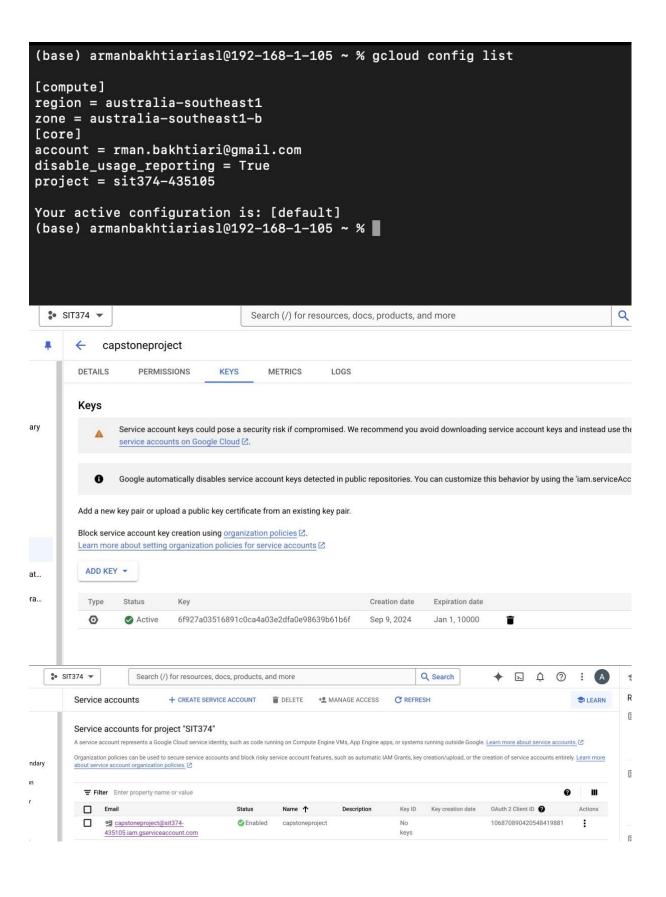
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Initializing provider plugins...
- Finding latest version of hashicorp/google...
- Installing hashicorp/google v6.1.0...
- Installed hashicorp/google v6.1.0 (signed by HashiCorp)
Terraform has created a lock file .terraform.lock.hcl to record the provider 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.
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Terraform will perform the actions described above.
Only 'yes' will be accepted to approve.
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