# Infrastructure as Code Software Architecture

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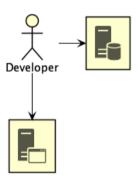
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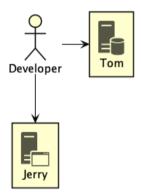
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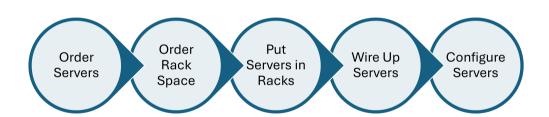
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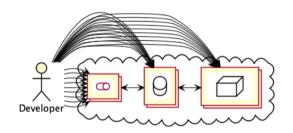
# Scaling



Introducing...

The Cloud Age

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When faced with complexity

Automate it!

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Specifications Behaviour Driven Development

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Definition 0. Infrastructure Resources

Compute resources, networking resources, and storage resources.

Python scripts Terraform
Shell scripts Ansible

#### Shell Scripts

# Python

```
import boto3
    def create instance():
       ec2_client = boto3.client("ec2", region_name="us-east-1")
       response = ec2.create_security_group(...)
       security_group_id = response['GroupId']
       data = ec2.authorize_security_group_ingress(...)
       instance = ec2_client.run_instances(
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           SecurityGroups=[security_group_id],
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           InstanceType="t2.micro",
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            . . .
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```

#### Terraform

```
resource "aws_instance" "hextris-server" {
        instance_type = "t2.micro"
        security_groups = [aws_security_group.hextris-server.name]
        . . .
    resource "aws_security_group" "hextris-server" {
        ingress {
           from_port = 80
           to_port = 80
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#### Question

Notice anything different?

# The main difference

Imperative vs. Declarative

#### Declarative IaC

- Define your *desired* infrastructure state
  - as code
- Engine interprets difference between the desired and actual state
  - Modifying infrastructure to deliver *desired* state

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- Tendency to be *declarative*.

# Typo?

Infrastructure Code  $\neq$  Infrastructure *as* Code

# Definition 0. Infrastructure as Code

Infrastructure Code as standard code.

Following the same *good coding practices* to manage

# Warning!

Infrastructure as Code still early and quite bad.

#### Question

What are good coding practices?

# Good Coding Practice #1Everything as Code

```
#!/bin/bash

./download-dependencies
./build-resources
cp -r output/* artifacts/
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```

\$ cp: directory artifacts does not exist

```
resource "aws_instance" "hextris-server" {
  instance_type = "t2.micro"
  security_groups = ["sg-6400"]
  ...
```

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resource "aws_instance" "hextris-server" {
        instance_type = "t2.micro"
        security_groups = [aws_security_group.hextris-server.name]
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### Everything as code avoids

Configuration drift

## Configuration drift creates Snowflakes

### 1. Reproducible

## Good Coding Practice #2 Version Control

- 1. Restorable
- 2. Accountable

# Good Coding Practice #3 Automation

1. Consistent

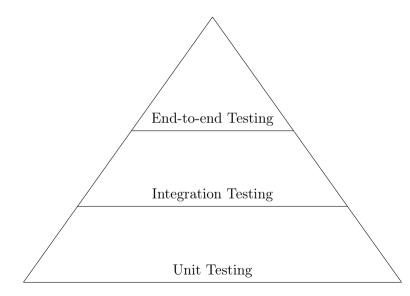
## Good Coding Practice #4 Code Reuse

- 1. Better<sup>1</sup> code
- 2. Less work
- 3. Only one place to update (or verify)

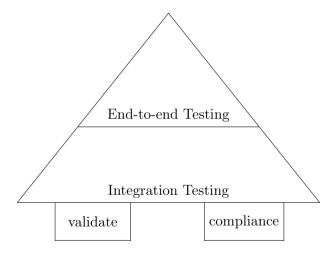
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>generally

# Good Coding Practice #5 Testing

### Test Pyramid



### IaC Test Pyramid



```
terraformOptions := terraform.WithDefault(t, &terraform.Options{
           TerraformDir: "../week03/",
       })
       defer terraform.Destroy(t, terraformOptions)
       terraform.InitAndApply(t, terraformOptions)
       publicIp := terraform.Output(t, terraformOptions, "public_ip")
       url := fmt.Sprintf("http://%s:8080", publicIp)
10
       http_helper.HttpGetWithCustomValidation(t, url, nil, 200,
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           func(code, resp) { code == 200 &&
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                              strings.Contains(resp, "hextris")})
14
```

func TestTerraformAwsInstance(t \*testing.T) {

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#### Feature: Define AWS Security Groups

When it contains ingress

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Scenario: Only selected ports should be publicly open

Given I have AWS Security Group defined

Then it must only have tcp protocol and port 22,443 for 0.0.0.0/0

Benefits
1. Trust

### Prac Next Week

Learn how to use Terraform to write IaC and deploy resources on AWS.