

# Infrastructure as Code

*Software Architecture*

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How did we get here?

*Pre-2000*

The *Iron Age*

## *Iron Age*



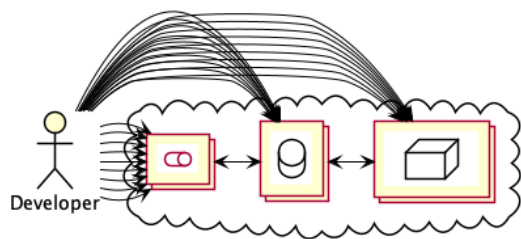
## *Iron Age*



*Introducing...*

The *Cloud Age*

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*When faced with complexity*

Automate it!



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Specifications	Behaviour Driven Development



*Definition 1.* Infrastructure Code

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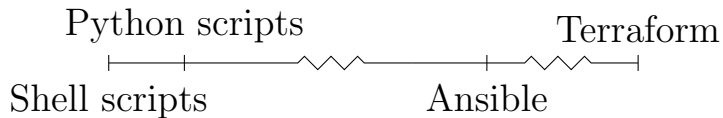
*Definition 2. Infrastructure Code*

Code that provisions and manages *infrastructure resources*.

*Definition 3. Infrastructure Resources*

Compute resources, networking resources, and storage resources.

## *Infrastructure Code*



```
1  #!/bin/bash
3  SG=$(aws ec2 create-security-group ...)
5  aws ec2 authorize-security-group-ingress --group-id "$SG"
7  INST=$(aws ec2 run-instances --security-group-ids "$SG" \
8      --instance-type t2.micro)
```

```
1  import boto3

3  def create_instance():
4      ec2_client = boto3.client("ec2", region_name="us-east-1")
5      response = ec2.create_security_group(...)
6      security_group_id = response['GroupId']

8      data = ec2.authorize_security_group_ingress(...)

10     instance = ec2_client.run_instances(
11         SecurityGroups=[security_group_id],
12         InstanceType="t2.micro",
13         ...
14     )
```

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1 resource "aws_instance" "hextris-server" {
2     instance_type = "t2.micro"
3     security_groups = [aws_security_group.hextris-server.name]
4     ...
5 }

7 resource "aws_security_group" "hextris-server" {
8     ingress {
9         from_port = 80
10        to_port = 80
11        ...
12    }
13    ...
14 }
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*Question*

Notice anything different?

*The main difference*

Imperative vs. declarative



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- Tendancy to be *declarative*.

*Typo?*

Infrastructure Code  $\neq$  Infrastructure *as* Code

### *Definition 4.* Infrastructure as Code

Following the same *good coding practices* to manage Infrastructure Code as standard code.

*Warning!*

Infrastructure as Code still *early* and quite *bad*.

*Question*

What are *good coding practices*?



*Good Coding Practice #1*

*Everything* as code

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$ cp: directory artifacts does not exist
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2     instance_type = "t2.micro"  
3     security_groups = ["sg-6400"]  
4     ...  
5 }
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*Everything as code avoids*

Configuration drift

*Configuration drift creates*

# Snowflakes

## *Benefits*

1. Reproducible.



*Good Coding Practice #2*

# Version control

### *Benefits*

1. Restorable.
2. Accountable.

*Good Coding Practice #3*

# Automation

## *Benefits*

1. Consistent.

*Good Coding Practice #4*

# Code Reuse

### *Benefits*

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

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<sup>1</sup>generally

*Good Coding Practice #5*

# Testing

# Test Pyramid





# IaC Test Pyramid



```
1 func TestTerraformAwsInstance(t *testing.T) {
2     terraformOptions := terraform.WithDefault(t, &terraform.Options{
3         TerraformDir: "../week03/",
4     })

6     defer terraform.Destroy(t, terraformOptions)
7     terraform.InitAndApply(t, terraformOptions)

9     publicIp := terraform.Output(t, terraformOptions, "public_ip")
10    url := fmt.Sprintf("http://%s:8080", publicIp)

12    http_helper.HttpGetWithCustomValidation(t, url, nil, 200,
13        func(code, resp) { code == 200 &&
14            strings.Contains(resp, "hextris")})
15 }
```

1 **Feature:** Define AWS Security Groups

3 **Scenario:** Only selected ports should be publicly open

4     **Given** I have AWS Security Group defined

5     **When** it contains ingress

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

## *Benefits*

1. Trust.