

Infrastructure as Code

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How did we get here?

Pre-2000

The *Iron Age*

Iron Age



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Introducing...

The *Cloud Age*

The Cloud Age



When faced with complexity

Automate it!

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Specifications Behaviour Driven Development

Definition 1. Infrastructure Code

Code that provisions and manages *infrastructure resources*.

Definition 2. Infrastructure Code

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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     )
```

```
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 *declaritive*.

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     ...  
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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. Better¹ code.
2. Less work.

¹generally

Good Coding Practice #5

Testing

Benefits

1. Trust.