

# Infrastructure as Code

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# How did we get here?

Pre-2000

# The *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    }
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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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1  $ cp: directory artifacts does not exist
```

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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





# laC Test Pyramid



```
1 func TestTerraformAwsInstance(t *testing.T) {
2     terraformOptions := terraform.WithDefault(t, &terraform.Options{
3         TerraformDir: "../week03/",
4     })
5
6     defer terraform.Destroy(t, terraformOptions)
7     terraform.InitAndApply(t, terraformOptions)
8
9     publicIp := terraform.Output(t, terraformOptions, "public_ip")
10    url := fmt.Sprintf("http://%s:8080", publicIp)
11
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.