Infrastructure as Code

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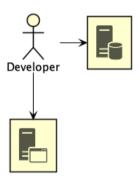
How did we get here?

The *Iron Age*

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Introducing...

The *Cloud Age*

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When faced with complexity

Automate it!

The larger story

Server Config **Config Management**

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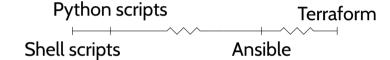|	
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Specifications	Behaviour Driven Development

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

Python scripts   Terraform

Shell scripts   Ansible

```bash
#!/bin/bash

SG=$(aws ec2 create-security-group ...)

aws ec2 authorize-security-group-ingress --group-id "$SG"

INST=$(aws ec2 run-instances --security-group-ids "$SG" \
        --instance-type t2.micro)
```

```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(
        SecurityGroups=[security_group_id],
        InstanceType="t2.micro",
        ...
    )
```

```
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
        ...
    }
    ...
}
```

Notice anything different?

The *main* difference

Imperative vs. Declaritive

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- Tendancy to be *declaritive*.

Typo?

Infrastructure Code ≠ 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*.

What are *good coding practices*?

Good Coding Practice #1

Everything as code

```bash
#!/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"]
    ...
}
```

```
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  }
```

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[1] code.
2. Less work.

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[1]generally

Good Coding Practice #5

Testing

Test Pyramid

End-to-end Testing

Integration Testing

Unit Testing

IaC Test Pyramid

```go
func TestTerraformAwsInstance(t *testing.T) {
    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)

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

```gherkin
Feature: Define AWS Security Groups

Scenario: Only selected ports should be publicly open
    Given I have AWS Security Group defined
    When it contains ingress
    Then it must only have tcp protocol and port 22,443 for 0.0.0.0/0
```

Benefits

1. Trust.