Infrastructure as Code

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How did we get here?

Pre-2000

The *Iron Age*

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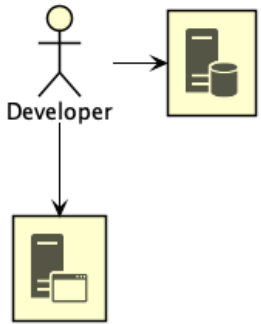

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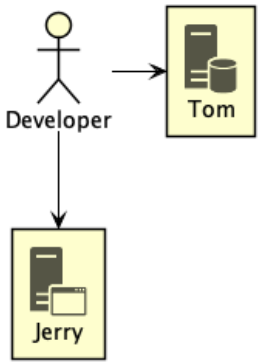

Introducing...

The *Cloud Age*

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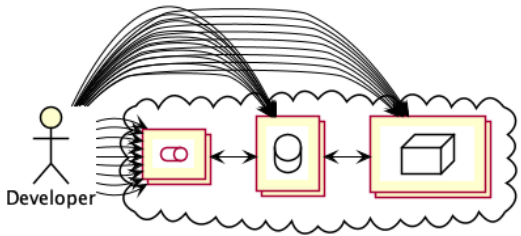

When faced with complexity

Automate it!

The larger story

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Specifications	Behaviour Driven Development

Definition 1. Infrastructure Code

Code that provisions and manages *infrastructure resources*.

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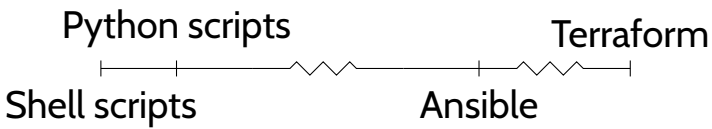
Definition 3. Infrastructure Resources

Compute resources, networking resources, and storage resources.

Infrastructure Code



```
#!/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
        ...
    }
    ...
}
```

Question

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*.

Question

What are *good coding practices*?

Good Coding Practice #1

Everything 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"]
    ...
}
```

```
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
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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[1] code.
2. Less work.

[1] generally

Good Coding Practice #5

Testing

Benefits

1. Trust.