Software Architecture

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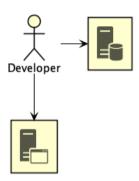
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How did we get here?

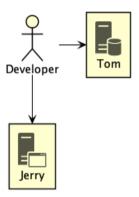
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The *Iron Age*

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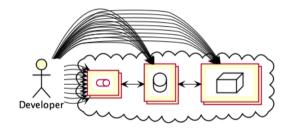
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Introducing...

The Cloud Age

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When faced with complexity

Automate it!

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Specifications Behaviour Driven Development

Definition 0. Infrastructure Code

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Definition 0. Infrastructure Resources

Compute resources, networking resources, and storage resources.

Python scripts Terraform
Shell scripts Ansible

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

```
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
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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 0. Infrastructure as Code

Infrastructure Code as standard code.

Following the same *good coding practices* to manage

Warning!

Infrastructure as Code still early and quite bad.

Question

What are good coding practices?

Good Coding Practice #1 Everything as code

```
#!/bin/bash

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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]
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Everything as code avoids

Configuration drift

Configuration drift creates Snowflakes

1. Reproducible.

$Good\ Coding\ Practice\ \#2$

Version control

- 1. Restorable.
- 2. Accountable.

Good Coding Practice #3 Automation

1. Consistent.

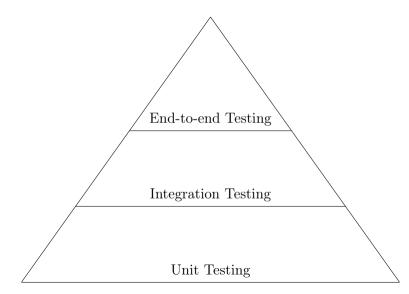
Good Coding Practice #4 Code Reuse

- 1. Better¹ code.
- 2. Less work.
- 3. Only one place to update (or verify).

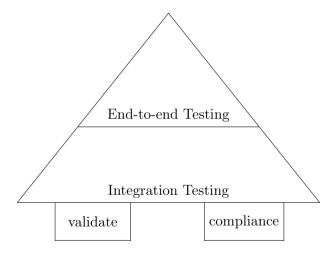
¹generally

Good Coding Practice #5 Testing

Test Pyramid



IaC Test Pyramid



```
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)
10
       http_helper.HttpGetWithCustomValidation(t, url, nil, 200,
12
           func(code, resp) { code == 200 &&
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                              strings.Contains(resp, "hextris")})
14
```

func TestTerraformAwsInstance(t *testing.T) {

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Feature: Define AWS Security Groups

When it contains ingress

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Scenario: Only selected ports should be publicly open

Given I have AWS Security Group defined

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

1. Trust.