

GitHub Actions and WordPress

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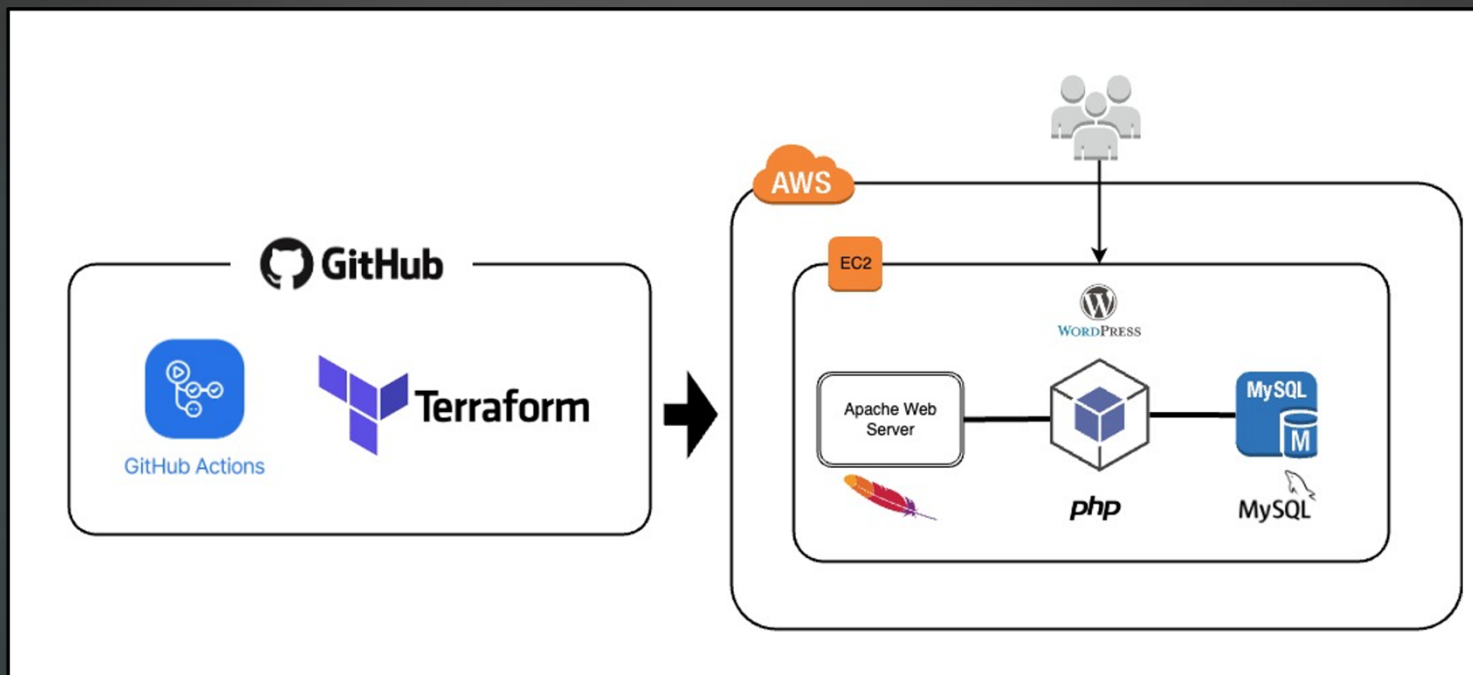
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Overview

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- ▶ In this activity, you will set up GitHub actions to run Terraform on a GitHub-hosted runner
- ▶ You will use your WordPress code from your previous activities

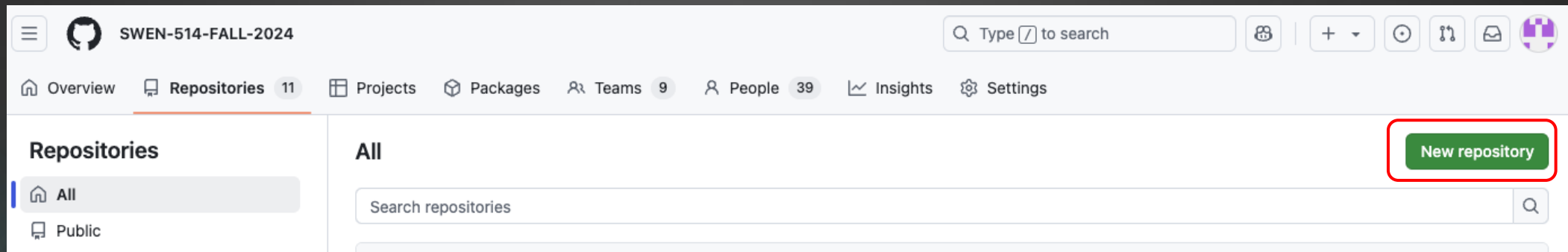


- ▶ There is 1 deliverable for this activity, which is worth 2 points plus an opportunity for an additional bonus point

Create a Repository

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- ▶ Using your GitHub account, click "New repository" to create a new repository



- ▶ Follow the steps to upload your code from the Terraform and WordPress activity
- ▶ Note this is the activity that does not use RDS

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- ▶ Once your code has been added to the repository, click “Actions”

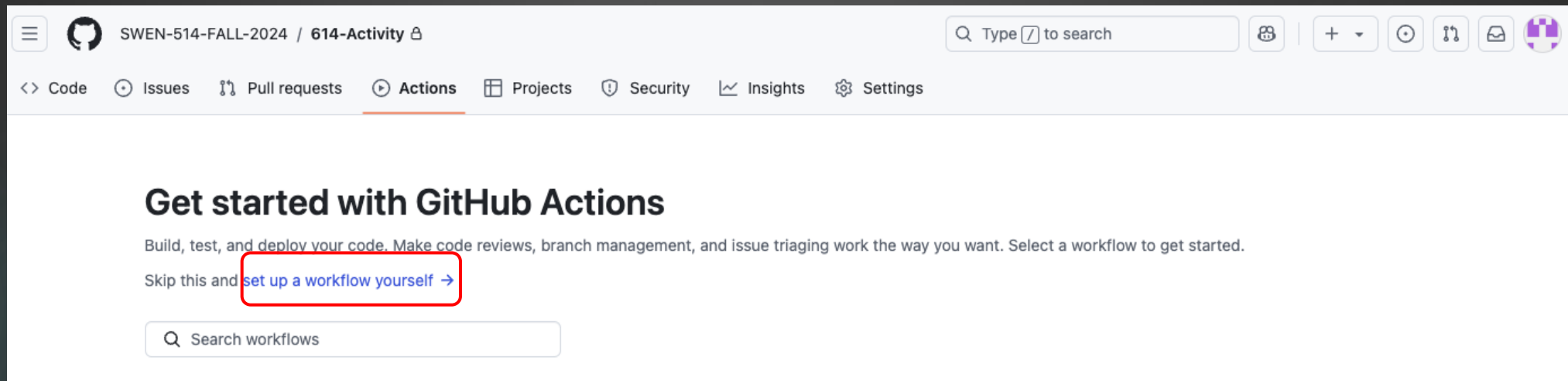
The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for a repository named '614-Activity' under the owner 'SWEN-514-FALL-2024'. The 'Actions' tab is highlighted with a red box in the top navigation bar. Below the repository name, there are buttons for 'Edit Pins', 'Watch', and '0'. The main content area shows a commit by 'mikeyyz' with the message 'first commit' and a commit hash 'b879603' from '2 minutes ago'. Below the commit, a table lists the files included in the commit:

| File | Commit Message | Time |
|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| README.md | first commit | 2 minutes ago |
| data.tf | first commit | 2 minutes ago |
| main.tf | Update main.tf | 2 minutes ago |
| output.tf | first commit | 2 minutes ago |
| securitygroup.tf | first commit | 2 minutes ago |
| variable.tf | first commit | 2 minutes ago |
| wp_install.sh | first commit | 2 minutes ago |

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- ▶ We are going to set up a new Workflow so click “set up a workflow yourself”



Create GitHub Action

- ▶ Download the file `Terraform-starter-code.yaml` from **Assignments > Activities – GitHub Actions and WordPress**
- ▶ Paste the entire file as shown on the right
- ▶ Click “Commit changes” and click “Commit changes” again

```
Code Blame 61 lines (51 loc) · 1.88 KB

1  name: "Github Actions Activity"
2
3  # Defines when the workflow will run
4  on:
5    # Manual trigger using GitHub Actions UI
6    workflow_dispatch:
7      inputs:
8        # Input parameter to choose between apply or destroy actions
9        action:
10         description: 'Terraform Action to Perform'
11         type: choice
12         options:
13           - Terraform_apply
14           - Terraform_destroy
15
16  jobs:
17
18    terraform:
19      # Job label shows which action was selected
20      name: "Terraform (${ github.event.inputs.action })"
21      # Use GitHub-hosted Ubuntu runner
22      runs-on: ubuntu-latest
23
24      steps:
25        # Pull the repo so Terraform files are available
26        - name: Checkout repository
27          uses: actions/checkout@v4
28
29        # Configure AWS creds for Terraform to access AWS
30        - name: Configure AWS credentials
31          uses: aws-actions/configure-aws-credentials@v4
32          with:
33            aws-access-key-id: ${ secrets.AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID }
34            aws-secret-access-key: ${ secrets.AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY }
35            aws-region: ${ vars.AWS_REGION }
36
37        # Install the specified Terraform version
38        - name: Setup Terraform
39          uses: hashicorp/setup-terraform@v3
40          with:
41            terraform_version: 1.1.9
42            terraform_wrapper: false
43
44        # Initialize providers and backend
45        - name: Terraform Init
46          run: terraform init
47
48        # Show the execution plan when applying
49        - name: Terraform Plan
50          if: ${ github.event.inputs.action == 'Terraform_apply' }
51          run: terraform plan
52
53        # Apply changes to AWS when applying
54        - name: Terraform Apply
```

Create GitHub Action

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- ▶ Click the “Settings” on the menu

The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for a repository named '614-Activity'. The repository is private and owned by 'SWEN-514-FALL-2024'. The navigation bar at the top includes links for Code, Issues, Pull requests, Actions, Projects, Security, Insights, and Settings. The 'Settings' link is highlighted with a red rectangular box. Below the navigation bar, the repository name '614-Activity' is displayed with a 'Private' label. To the right of the repository name are buttons for 'Edit Pins' and 'Watch'. Below this, there is a section for branches and tags, showing 'main' as the selected branch with 1 branch and 0 tags. A search bar 'Go to file' and buttons for 'Add file' and 'Code' are also visible. The commit history section shows a commit by 'Mike-Z-RIT' titled 'Create main.yml' with a commit hash of '7905088' and a timestamp of '1 minute ago'. Below this, a table lists the files in the commit: '.github/workflows' (Create main.yml, 1 minute ago) and 'main.tf' (first commit, 1 hour ago).

| File | Commit Message | Commit Hash | Time Ago |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|
| .github/workflows | Create main.yml | 7905088 | 1 minute ago |
| main.tf | first commit | | 1 hour ago |

Create Secret and Environment Variables

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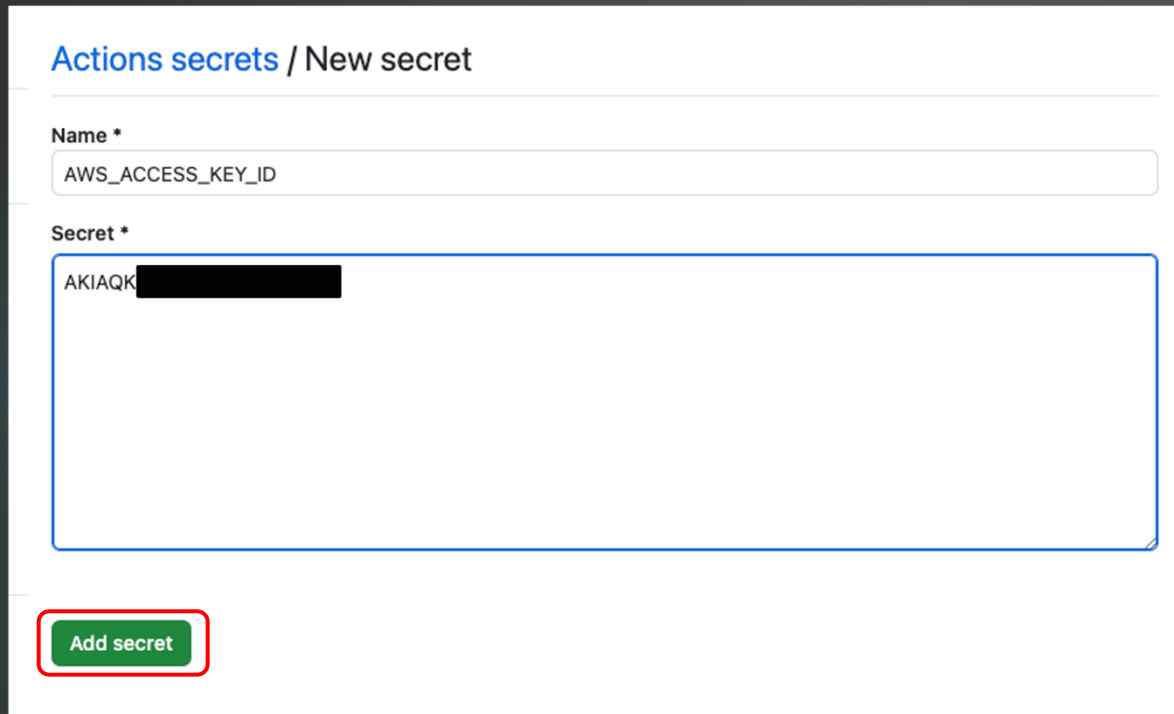
- ▶ You will need to add your **AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID** and **AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY** as secret variables
- ▶ Click “New Repository secret”

The screenshot shows the GitHub repository settings page for 'SWEN-514-FALL-2024 / 614-Activity'. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with sections: General, Access, Collaborators and teams, Code and automation, Security, and Integrations. The 'Secrets and variables' section is expanded, showing 'Actions', 'Codespaces', and 'Dependabot'. The main content area is titled 'Actions secrets and variables' and contains a description of secrets and variables. Below this, there are tabs for 'Secrets' and 'Variables'. The 'Secrets' tab is active, showing a message 'This repository has no secrets.' and a green button labeled 'New repository secret' which is highlighted with a red box. Below this, there is a section for 'Organization secrets' with a message about their usage and a button labeled 'Manage organization secrets'.

Create Secret and Environment Variables

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- ▶ For the name, enter AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID
- ▶ Click “Add secret”



The screenshot shows the 'Actions secrets / New secret' form in the AWS IAM console. The 'Name' field is filled with 'AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID'. The 'Secret' field contains 'AKIAQK' followed by a blacked-out portion of the key. A red rectangle highlights the 'Add secret' button at the bottom left.

Actions secrets / New secret

Name *

AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID

Secret *

AKIAQK [REDACTED]

Add secret

- ▶ Repeat the same steps for AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY
- ▶ Next, create an environment variable for AWS_REGION

Create Secret and Environment Variables

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- ▶ Verify the following variables have been created

Repository secrets

| Name | Last updated |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID | 3 minutes ago |
| AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY | 3 minutes ago |

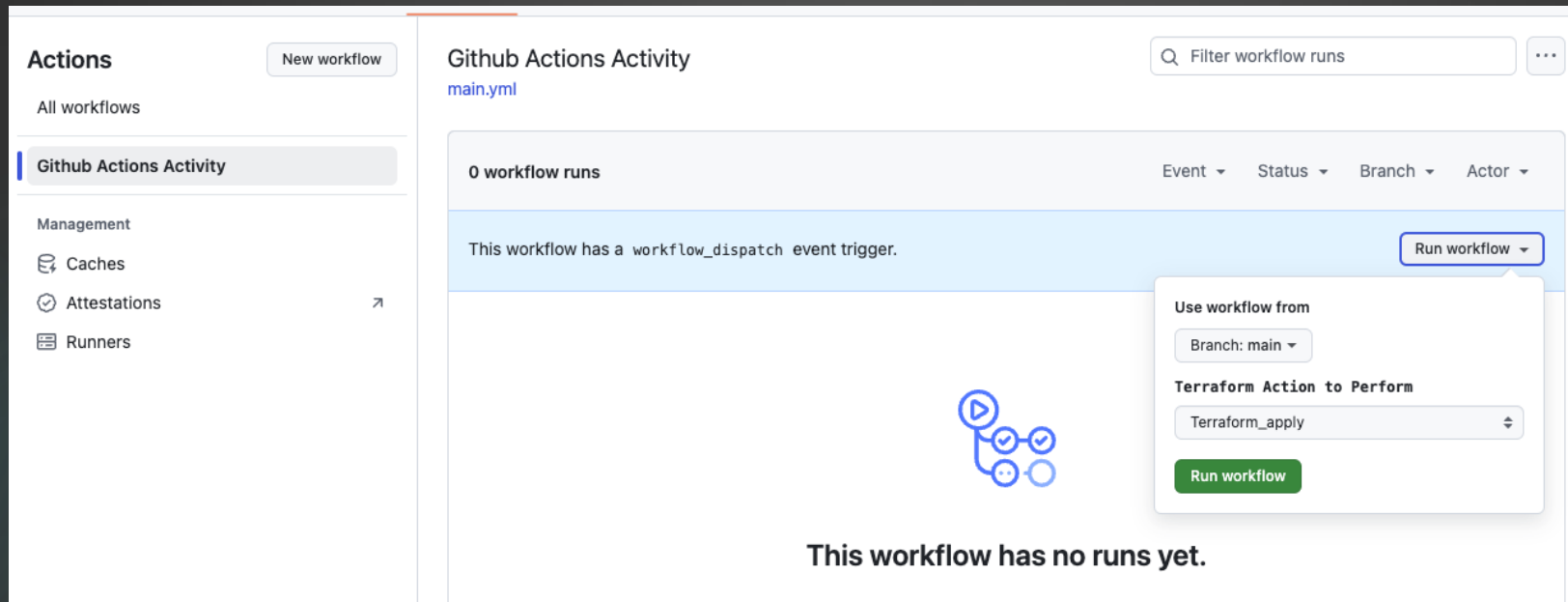
Repository variables

| Name | Value | Last updated |
|------------|-----------|--------------|
| AWS_REGION | us-east-1 | 1 minute ago |

- ▶ Go back to your repository

Run your GitHub Action

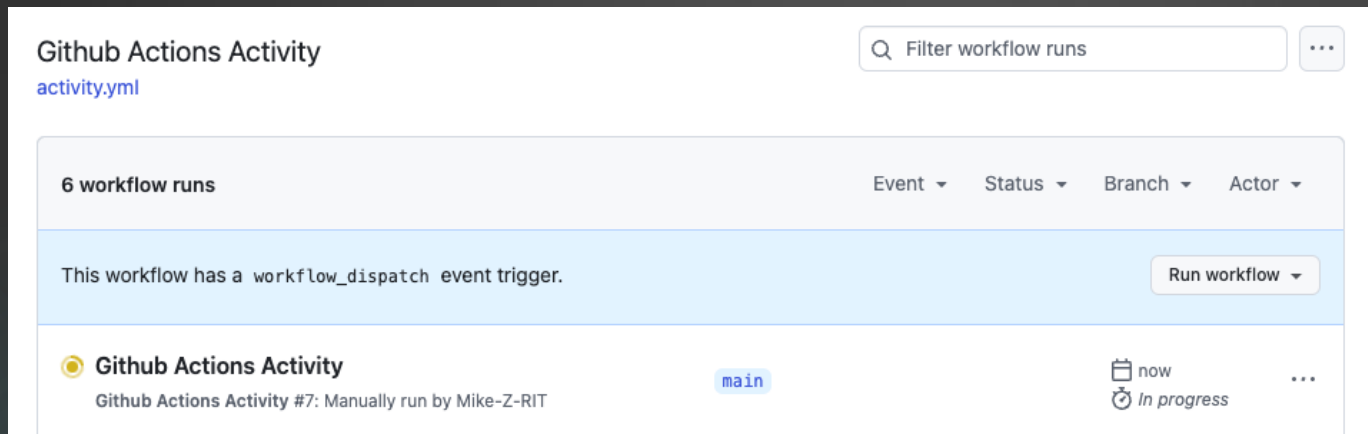
- ▶ Click “Actions” in the top menu and you should see the screen below



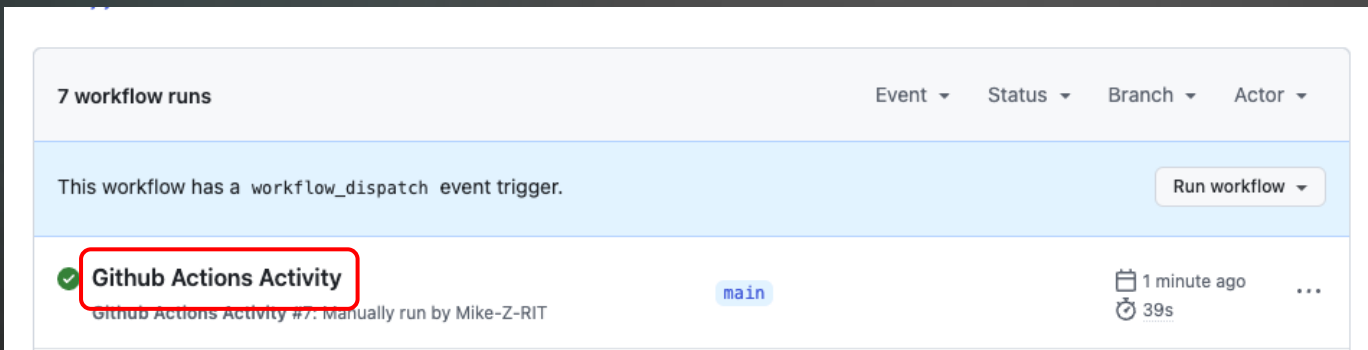
- ▶ Select “Run workflow” and the menu will appear
- ▶ Select “Terraform_apply” and click “Run workflow”

Run your GitHub Action

- ▶ Within a few seconds, your GitHub actions will run on a GitHub runner



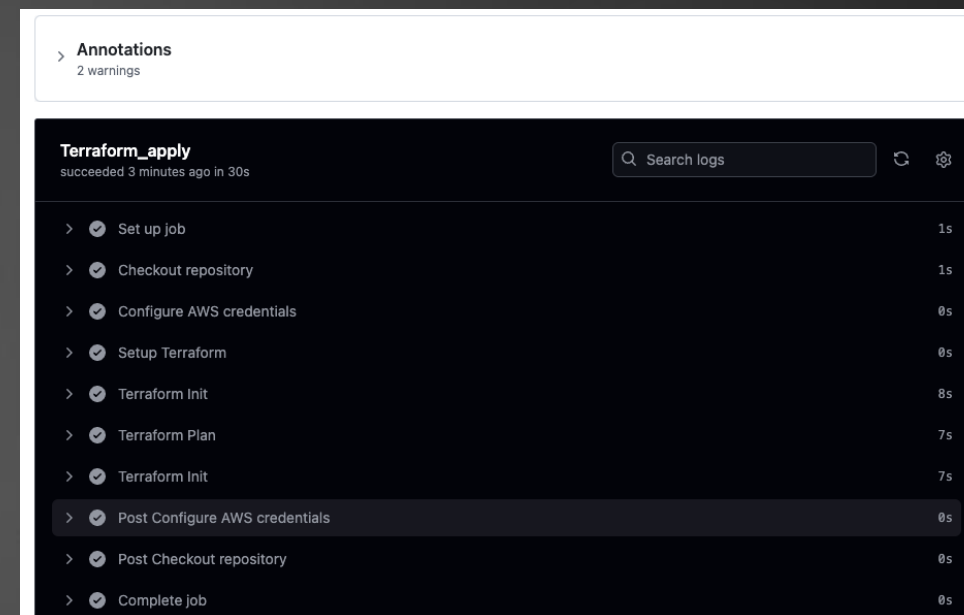
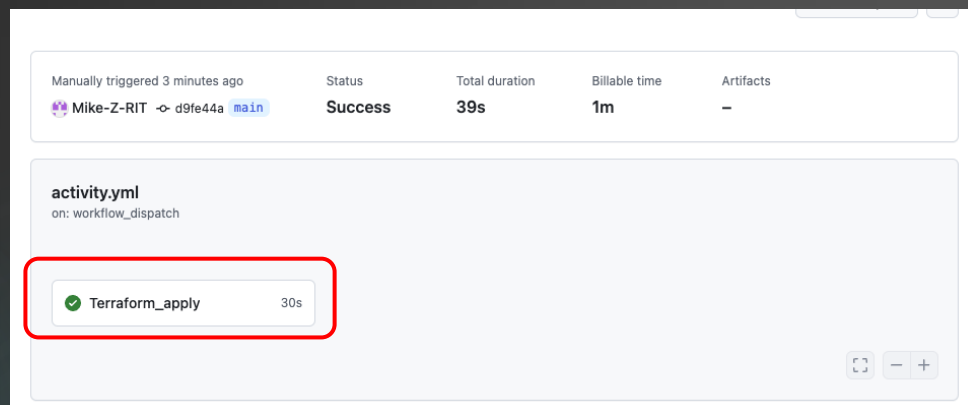
- ▶ If you see a green check mark, it has completed
- ▶ Click the activity



Run your GitHub Action

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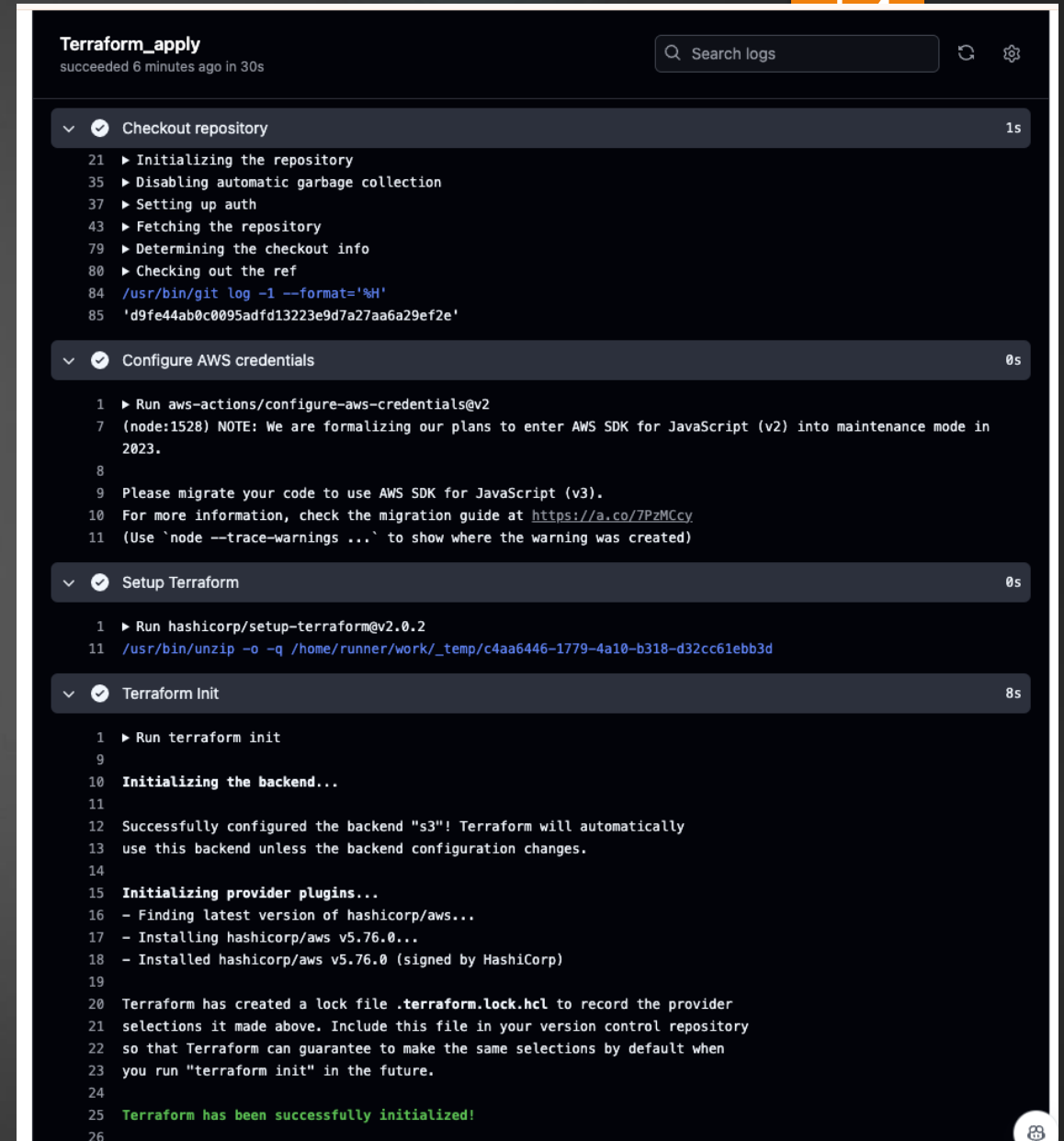
- ▶ Click the Terraform_apply



- ▶ These are the results of all the steps in the GitHub Actions
- ▶ Click any of these to expand

Run your GitHub Action

- ▶ There is a lot of information that is displayed for each step
- ▶ This is particularly useful for debugging



The screenshot shows a GitHub Actions workflow run for the job 'Terraform_apply'. The workflow has succeeded 6 minutes ago in 30s. The interface includes a search bar for logs and a settings icon. The workflow consists of four steps: 'Checkout repository' (1s), 'Configure AWS credentials' (0s), 'Setup Terraform' (0s), and 'Terraform Init' (8s). Each step is expanded to show its log output.

```
Terraform_apply
succeeded 6 minutes ago in 30s

▼ ✓ Checkout repository 1s
21 ▶ Initializing the repository
35 ▶ Disabling automatic garbage collection
37 ▶ Setting up auth
43 ▶ Fetching the repository
79 ▶ Determining the checkout info
80 ▶ Checking out the ref
84 /usr/bin/git log -1 --format='%H'
85 'd9fe44ab0c0095adfd13223e9d7a27aa6a29ef2e'

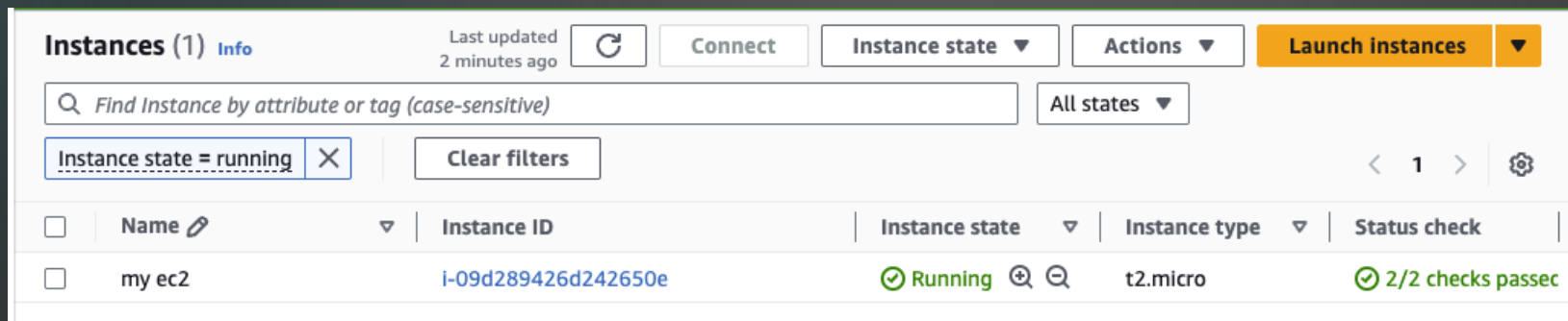
▼ ✓ Configure AWS credentials 0s
1 ▶ Run aws-actions/configure-aws-credentials@v2
7 (node:1528) NOTE: We are formalizing our plans to enter AWS SDK for JavaScript (v2) into maintenance mode in 2023.
8
9 Please migrate your code to use AWS SDK for JavaScript (v3).
10 For more information, check the migration guide at https://a.co/7PzMCcy
11 (Use `node --trace-warnings ...` to show where the warning was created)

▼ ✓ Setup Terraform 0s
1 ▶ Run hashicorp/setup-terraform@v2.0.2
11 /usr/bin/unzip -o -q /home/runner/work/_temp/c4aa6446-1779-4a10-b318-d32cc61ebb3d

▼ ✓ Terraform Init 8s
1 ▶ Run terraform init
9
10 Initializing the backend...
11
12 Successfully configured the backend "s3"! Terraform will automatically
13 use this backend unless the backend configuration changes.
14
15 Initializing provider plugins...
16 - Finding latest version of hashicorp/aws...
17 - Installing hashicorp/aws v5.76.0...
18 - Installed hashicorp/aws v5.76.0 (signed by HashiCorp)
19
20 Terraform has created a lock file .terraform.lock.hcl to record the provider
21 selections it made above. Include this file in your version control repository
22 so that Terraform can guarantee to make the same selections by default when
23 you run "terraform init" in the future.
24
25 Terraform has been successfully initialized!
26
```

Run your GitHub Action

- ▶ You can run your GitHub action as many times as you want, but be aware that a new EC2 instance will be created each time
- ▶ If you are wondering how to destroy your EC2 instance you cannot do that yet
- ▶ You will need to go to the AWS Console and terminate your EC2 instances manually



Instances (1) [Info](#) Last updated 2 minutes ago Refresh Connect Instance state ▼ Actions ▼ Launch instances ▼

All states ▼

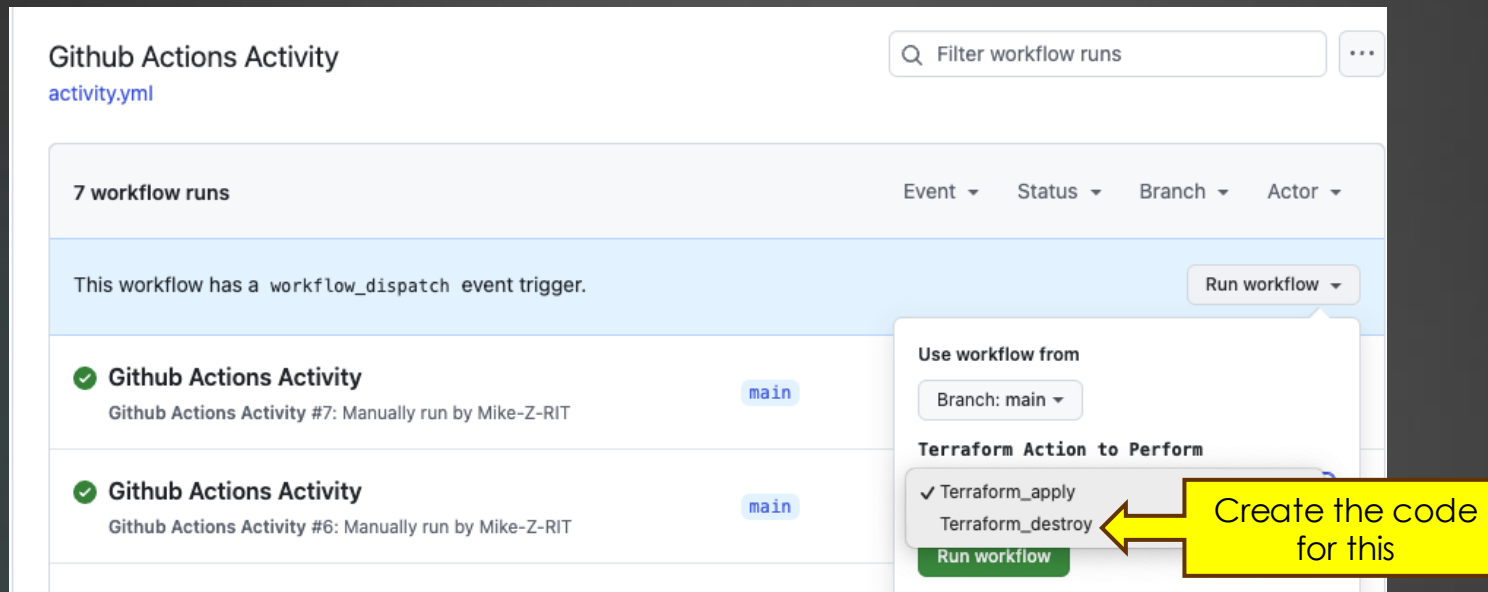
Instance state = running X Clear filters < 1 > Settings

| <input type="checkbox"/> | Name ✎ | Instance ID | Instance state ▼ | Instance type ▼ | Status check |
|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | my ec2 | i-09d289426d242650e | Running ⓘ 🔍 | t2.micro | 2/2 checks passed |

Assignment

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- ▶ Create the corresponding “Terraform_destroy” in your GitHub workflow
- ▶ The code should be added to the the file that was provided

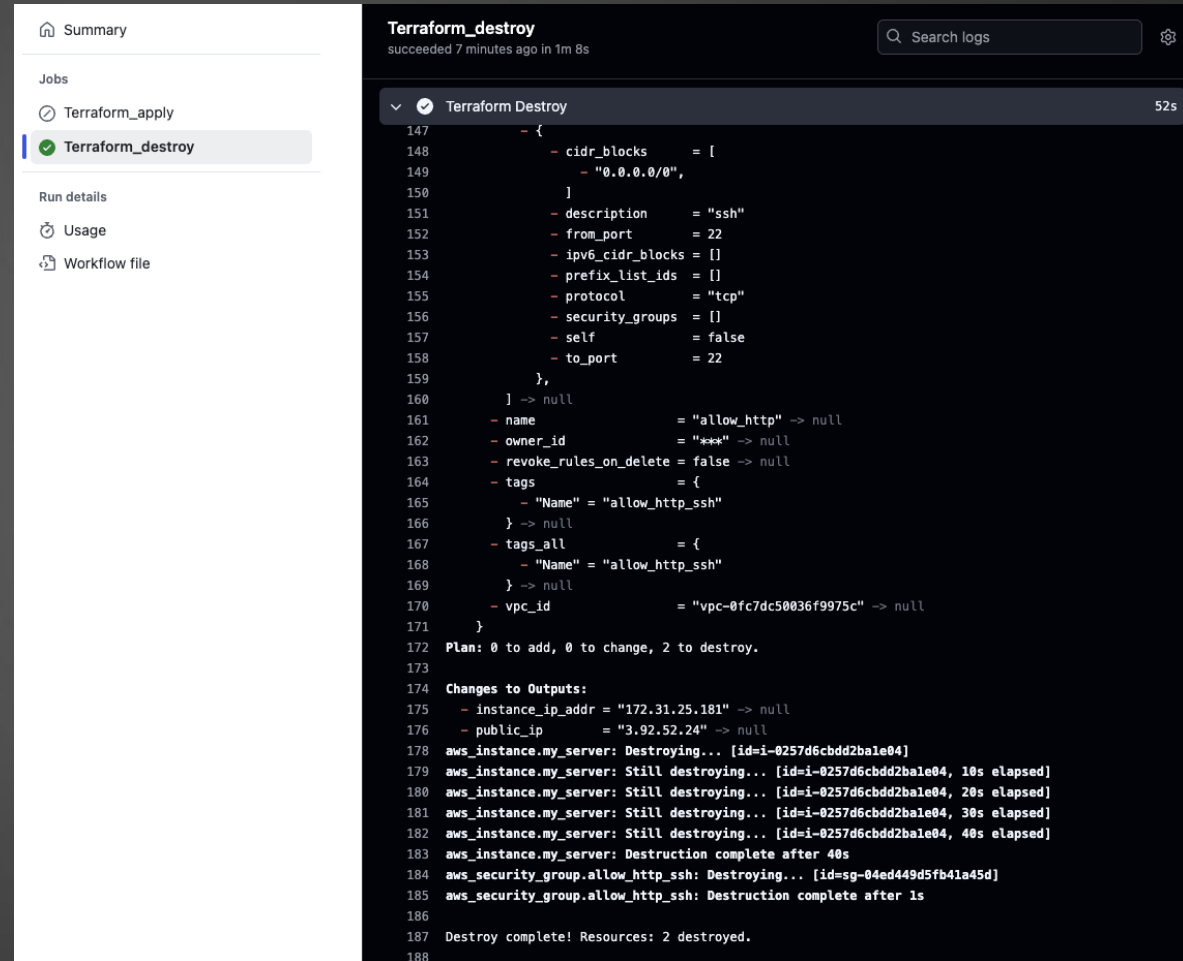


- ▶ Note: For this to work properly, you will need to use S3 to store the Terraform state so it can be retrieved for running Terraform destroy
 - ▶ You do not need to do anything for state locking
- ▶ Refer to the [Advanced Terraform](#) lecture for more details

Deliverable

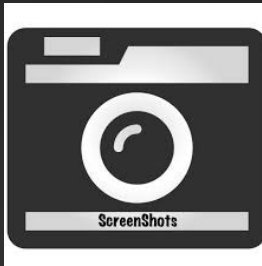
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- ▶ Take a screen shot of the **Terraform_destroy** process successfully completing, along with the number of resources destroyed
- ▶ Upload to **Assignments > Activities - GitHub Actions and WordPress**



The screenshot displays the Terraform CLI interface. On the left, a sidebar shows the 'Summary' tab with a list of jobs: 'Terraform_apply' and 'Terraform_destroy' (highlighted with a green checkmark). Below this, 'Run details' are visible, including 'Usage' and 'Workflow file'. The main panel shows the output of the 'Terraform_destroy' command, which succeeded 7 minutes ago. The output includes a JSON plan for destroying an AWS instance and a security group, followed by a series of status messages indicating the destruction progress and completion for each resource. The final message states 'Destroy complete! Resources: 2 destroyed.'

```
147 - {
148   - cidr_blocks      = [
149     - "0.0.0.0/0",
150   ]
151   - description      = "ssh"
152   - from_port        = 22
153   - ipv6_cidr_blocks = []
154   - prefix_list_ids   = []
155   - protocol         = "tcp"
156   - security_groups   = []
157   - self              = false
158   - to_port          = 22
159 }
160 ] -> null
161 - name              = "allow_http" -> null
162 - owner_id          = "****" -> null
163 - revoke_rules_on_delete = false -> null
164 - tags              = {
165   - "Name" = "allow_http_ssh"
166 } -> null
167 - tags_all          = {
168   - "Name" = "allow_http_ssh"
169 } -> null
170 - vpc_id            = "vpc-0fc7dc50836f9975c" -> null
171 }
172 Plan: 0 to add, 0 to change, 2 to destroy.
173
174 Changes to Outputs:
175 - instance_ip_addr = "172.31.25.181" -> null
176 - public_ip        = "3.92.52.24" -> null
177
178 aws_instance.my_server: Destroying... [id=i-0257d6cbdd2bale04]
179 aws_instance.my_server: Still destroying... [id=i-0257d6cbdd2bale04, 10s elapsed]
180 aws_instance.my_server: Still destroying... [id=i-0257d6cbdd2bale04, 20s elapsed]
181 aws_instance.my_server: Still destroying... [id=i-0257d6cbdd2bale04, 30s elapsed]
182 aws_instance.my_server: Still destroying... [id=i-0257d6cbdd2bale04, 40s elapsed]
183 aws_instance.my_server: Destruction complete after 40s
184 aws_security_group.allow_http_ssh: Destroying... [id=sg-04ed449d5fb41e45d]
185 aws_security_group.allow_http_ssh: Destruction complete after 1s
186
187 Destroy complete! Resources: 2 destroyed.
188
```



Deliverable - Bonus

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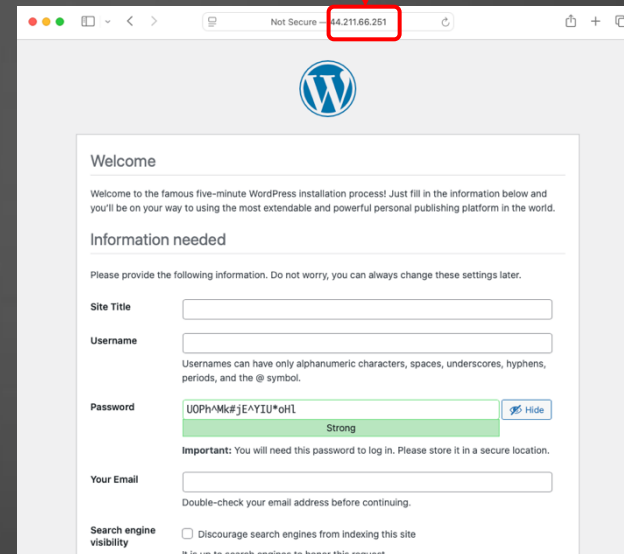
- ▶ For an extra bonus point, use the code from the WordPress and RDS activity and create the corresponding GitHub actions for apply and destroy
- ▶ You will need to submit 3 screenshots Upload to **Assignments > Activities** - **GitHub Actions and WordPress**



```
Terraform_apply
succeeded 4 minutes ago in 6m 1s

Terraform Init
5m 35s

493 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still creating... [2m50s elapsed]
494 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still creating... [3m0s elapsed]
495 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still creating... [3m10s elapsed]
496 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still creating... [3m20s elapsed]
497 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still creating... [3m30s elapsed]
498 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still creating... [3m40s elapsed]
499 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still creating... [3m50s elapsed]
500 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still creating... [4m0s elapsed]
501 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still creating... [4m10s elapsed]
502 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still creating... [4m20s elapsed]
503 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still creating... [4m30s elapsed]
504 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still creating... [4m40s elapsed]
505 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Creation complete after 4m46s [id=db-0NUUKHPAPYCL3J3UJLP6GLAD0Y]
506 aws_instance.wordpress_ec2: Creating...
507 aws_instance.wordpress_ec2: Still creating... [10s elapsed]
508 aws_instance.wordpress_ec2: Creation complete after 14s [id=i-039c7f333a30c5808]
509
510 Apply complete! Resources: 11 added, 0 changed, 0 destroyed.
511
512 Outputs:
513 ec2_public_ip = "44.211.66.251"
514 rds_endpoint = "wordpress-db.ch2z0s4kqxmo.us-east-1.rds.amazonaws.com:3306"
```



```
Terraform Destroy
on 26s

469 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still destroying... [id=db-0NUUKHPAPYCL3J3UJLP6GLAD0Y, 10s elapsed]
470 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still destroying... [id=db-0NUUKHPAPYCL3J3UJLP6GLAD0Y, 20s elapsed]
471 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still destroying... [id=db-0NUUKHPAPYCL3J3UJLP6GLAD0Y, 30s elapsed]
472 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still destroying... [id=db-0NUUKHPAPYCL3J3UJLP6GLAD0Y, 40s elapsed]
473 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still destroying... [id=db-0NUUKHPAPYCL3J3UJLP6GLAD0Y, 50s elapsed]
474 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still destroying... [id=db-0NUUKHPAPYCL3J3UJLP6GLAD0Y, 1m0s elapsed]
475 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still destroying... [id=db-0NUUKHPAPYCL3J3UJLP6GLAD0Y, 1m10s elapsed]
476 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still destroying... [id=db-0NUUKHPAPYCL3J3UJLP6GLAD0Y, 1m20s elapsed]
477 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still destroying... [id=db-0NUUKHPAPYCL3J3UJLP6GLAD0Y, 1m30s elapsed]
478 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still destroying... [id=db-0NUUKHPAPYCL3J3UJLP6GLAD0Y, 1m40s elapsed]
479 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still destroying... [id=db-0NUUKHPAPYCL3J3UJLP6GLAD0Y, 1m50s elapsed]
480 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still destroying... [id=db-0NUUKHPAPYCL3J3UJLP6GLAD0Y, 2m0s elapsed]
481 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still destroying... [id=db-0NUUKHPAPYCL3J3UJLP6GLAD0Y, 2m10s elapsed]
482 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still destroying... [id=db-0NUUKHPAPYCL3J3UJLP6GLAD0Y, 2m20s elapsed]
483 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still destroying... [id=db-0NUUKHPAPYCL3J3UJLP6GLAD0Y, 2m30s elapsed]
484 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still destroying... [id=db-0NUUKHPAPYCL3J3UJLP6GLAD0Y, 2m40s elapsed]
485 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still destroying... [id=db-0NUUKHPAPYCL3J3UJLP6GLAD0Y, 2m50s elapsed]
486 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still destroying... [id=db-0NUUKHPAPYCL3J3UJLP6GLAD0Y, 3m0s elapsed]
487 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still destroying... [id=db-0NUUKHPAPYCL3J3UJLP6GLAD0Y, 3m10s elapsed]
488 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still destroying... [id=db-0NUUKHPAPYCL3J3UJLP6GLAD0Y, 3m20s elapsed]
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493 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still destroying... [id=db-0NUUKHPAPYCL3J3UJLP6GLAD0Y, 4m10s elapsed]
494 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still destroying... [id=db-0NUUKHPAPYCL3J3UJLP6GLAD0Y, 4m20s elapsed]
495 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still destroying... [id=db-0NUUKHPAPYCL3J3UJLP6GLAD0Y, 4m30s elapsed]
496 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still destroying... [id=db-0NUUKHPAPYCL3J3UJLP6GLAD0Y, 4m40s elapsed]
497 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still destroying... [id=db-0NUUKHPAPYCL3J3UJLP6GLAD0Y, 4m50s elapsed]
498 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Destruction complete after 4m51s
499 aws_db_instance.wordpress_db: Still destroying... [id=db-0NUUKHPAPYCL3J3UJLP6GLAD0Y, 5m0s elapsed]
500 aws_security_group.rds_sg: Destroying... [id=sg-85f76c37725f6d1]
501 aws_subnet_group.wordpress_db_subnet_group: Destruction complete after 8s
502 aws_subnet.public_subnet: Destroying... [id=subnet-4a01c23730d0808]
503 aws_subnet.private_subnet: Destroying... [id=subnet-4880a018187289]
504 aws_subnet.public_subnet: Destruction complete after 8s
505 aws_subnet.private_subnet: Destruction complete after 1s
506 aws_security_group.ec2_sg: Destruction complete after 1s
507 aws_security_group.ec2_sg: Destroying... [id=sg-da8ba7c4404fa6]
508 aws_security_group.ec2_sg: Destruction complete after 1s
509 aws_vpc.wordpress_vpc: Destroying... [id=vpc-dc2f43c34608d0d]
510 aws_vpc.wordpress_vpc: Destruction complete after 8s
511
512 Destroy complete! Resources: 11 destroyed.
```

- ▶ Screenshot #1: Show the results of Terraform apply
- ▶ Screenshot #2: Show WordPress running with the ec2_public_ip from the Terraform apply
- ▶ Screenshot #3: Show the successful output from the Terraform destroy