

Terraform with Cisco IOS XE

Explore the Cisco IOS XE Terraform Provider & Beyond!

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Intro to Terraform

Why Terraform?

Terraform is a single tool that is used to configure networks and applications Now support for Terraform with IOS XE is being introduced Cisco Catalyst 9300X IOS XE RESTCONF / YANG



IPSEC crypto tunnel configuration





Terraform









Compute and VPC, application, network configuration, transit gateway





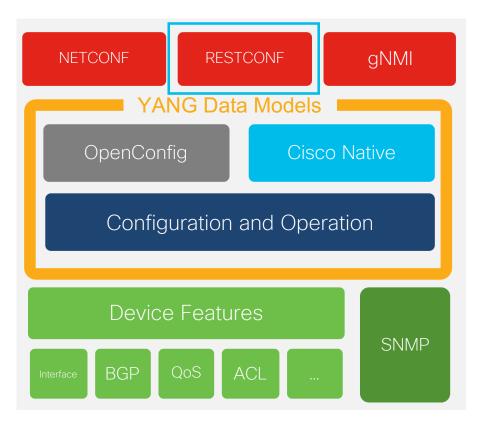
Terraform is...



Open-source Infrastructure as Code (IaC) Software Tool providing a consistent CLI workflow to manage hundreds of cloud services. Terraform codifies cloud APIs into declarative configuration files.

- Cloud Native Tooling circa 2014 from HashiCorp
- Agentless, single binary file
- Zero server-side dependencies

Terraform uses the RESTCONF API



IOS XE Programmability integration with Terraform

Terraform is supported on all IOS XE platforms

<u>Phase I:</u> imperative for 100% feature coverage (available today) The following features are delivered:

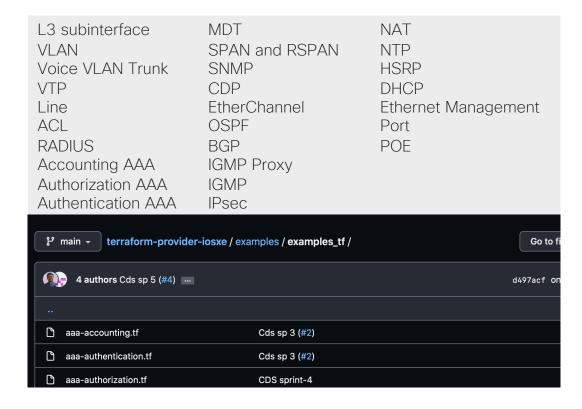
- This Terraform provider is a generic REST resource for IOS XE RESTCONE YANG
- Hashicorp Config Language (HCL) support for management of IOS XE
- RESTCONF operations for PUT/PATCH/POST etc still must be followed for iterative management
- Examples and JSON mappings for top features are shared in GitHub
- Any feature supported by RESTCONF/YANG is supported iteratively by this Terraform provider

Resources:

GitHub Provider Examples: https://github.com/CiscoDevNet/terraform-provider-iosxe/ Provider Binary: https://registry.terraform.io/search/providers?namespace=CiscoDevNet

Go Client: https://github.com/CiscoDevNet/iosxe-go-client

Blogs at https://blogs.cisco.com/tag/terraform



Phase II: new declarative features

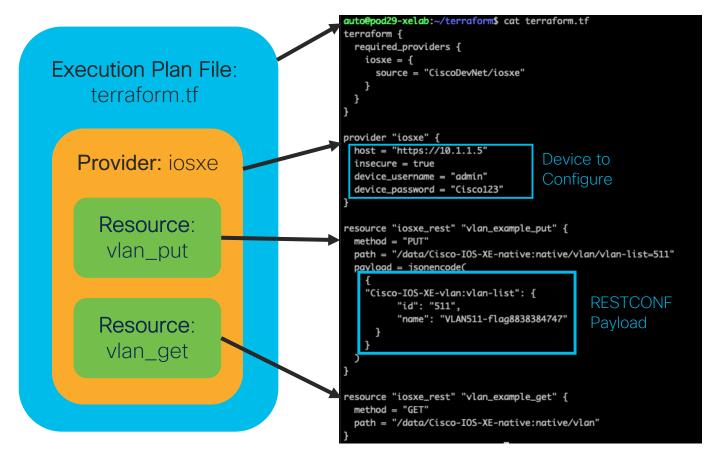
Terraform Terminology

Terraform uses an execution plan file with a provider and resource definitions

An <u>execution plan file</u> defines the provider and resources. It is written in HashiCorp Configuration Language (HCL), similar to JSON, and stored with a .tf extension

A <u>provider</u> is a plugin to make a collection of resources accessible

A <u>resource</u> (or infrastructure resource) describes one or more infrastructure objects managed by Terraform. With the IOS XE Terraform provider, resources can be considered the same as a configurable feature



Example Terraform file

```
required_providers {
   source = "local.plugin/ciscodevnet/iosxe"
# host = "https://10.1.1.5"
# insecure = true
# device_username = "admin"
# device_password = "Cisco123"
provider "iosxe" {
host = "https://128.107.251.88"
device_username = "netadmin"
 device_password = "C1sc0dna"
# crypto all
resource "iosxe_rest" "crypto_example_post" {
 path = "/data/Cisco-IOS-XE-native:native/crypto"
 payload = jsonencode(
  "Cisco-IOS-XE-native:crypto": {
    "Cisco-IOS-XE-crypto:ikev2": {
      "keyring": [
         "name": "aws_tgw_bgp_2_backup",
           "name": "aws_tgw_bgp_2_backup",
           "address": {
            "ipv4": {
             "ipv4-address": "0.0.0.0",
              "ipv4-mask": "0.0.0.0"
            "pre-shared-key": {
             "key": "uNZptlnyDbRUFZxXRBImilyYouoDmLVb"
       policy": [
         "name": "aws_tgw_bgp_2_backup",
        "match": {
          "fvrf": {
           "any": [null]
         "proposal": [
            "proposals": "aws_tgw_bgp_2_backup"
```

```
"profile": [
    "name": "aws_tgw_bgp_2_backup",
    "authentication": {
     "local": {
      "pre-share": {
     "remote": {
       "pre-share": {
    "config-exchange": {
     "request-1": false
    "dpd": {
     "interval": 10,
     "retry": 2,
     "query": "periodic"
    "identity": {
     "local": {
      "address": "128.107.251.88"
    "keyring": {
     "local": {
       "name": "aws_tgw_bgp_2_backup"
    "match": {
     "identity":
       "remote":
        "address":
         "ipv4": [
            "ipv4-address": "52.52.2.74",
           "ipv4-mask": "255.255.255.0"
  'proposal": [
    "name": "aws_tgw_bgp_2_backup",
     "aes-cbc-256": [null]
    "group": {
     "fourteen": [null],
     "nineteen": [null],
     "twenty": [null]
    "integrity": {
     "sha1": [null]
"Cisco-IOS-XE-crypto:ipsec": {
```

```
"transform-set": [
         "tag": "aws_tgw_bgp_2_backup",
         "esp": "esp-aes",
         "esp-hmac": "esp-sha-hmac",
         "mode": {
          "tunnel-choice": [null]
       "profile": [
         "name": "aws_tgw_bgp_2_backup",
          "ikev2-profile": "aws_tgw_bgp_2_backup"
# Create Tunnel 303
resource "iosxe_rest" "tunnel_example_post" {
method = "POST"
 path = "/data/Cisco-IOS-XE-native:native/interface"
 payload = jsonencode(
   "Cisco-IOS-XE-native:Tunnel": {
  "name": 303,
   "description": "##Tunnel to AWS TGW##",
    "address": {
     "primary": {
      "address": "169.254.26.254",
      "mask": "255.255.255.252"
   "Cisco-IOS-XE-tunnel:tunnel": {
    "source": "Vlan2",
    "destination-config":
     "ipv4": "52.52.2.74"
    "mode": {
     "ipsec":
      "ipv4": {
     "Cisco-IOS-XE-crypto:ipsec": {
      "profile-option": {
        "name": "aws_tgw_bgp_2_backup"
```

Template Terraform File

```
terraform {
 required_providers {
  iosxe = {
   source = "local.plugin/ciscodevnet/iosxe"
provider "iosxe" {
 host = "<DEVICE IP>"
 insecure = true
 device_username = "<DEVICE_USERNAME>"
 device_password = "<DEVICE_PASSWORD>"
# feature to configure
resource "iosxe_rest" "example_patch" {
 method = "PATCH"
 path = "<PATH>" # example: "/data/Cisco-IOS-XE-native:native/crypto"
 payload = jsonencode(
 <RESPONSE_FOR_FEATURE_USING_FORMAT_RESTCONF-JSON> # example: "Cisco-IOS-XE-native:crypto": { ... }
```

Getting Started

Prerequisites: Enable AAA, NETCONF & RESTCONF

```
Cat9k-1#conf t
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.

Cat9k-1(config)#aaa new-model • Enable AAA

Cat9k-1(config)#aaa authentication login default local
Cat9k-1(config)#aaa authorization exec default local
Cat9k-1(config)#username admin privilege 15 password cisco

Cat9k-1(config)#netconf-yang • Enable NETCONF

Cat9k-1(config)#restconf • Enable RESTCONF
```

Getting Started with Terraform + IOS XE Provider

1. Enabling the RESTCONF API on the switch

```
Switch# conf t
Switch(config)# restconf
```

Install <u>Terraform</u>

```
$ apt install terraform
```

3. Clone the IOS XE Terraform Provider GitHub repository

```
$ git clone https://github.com/CiscoDevNet/terraform-provider-iosxe
```

4. Apply Terraform VLAN example

```
$ terraform apply acl and vlan.tf
```

CLI to YANG

This new CLI addition to "show run | format" brings additional visibility into the YANG modelled configuration, either for NETCONF with XML or JSON with RESTCONF Easily convert CLI into YANG to re-use in tooling, scripts, and automation and orchestration systems

```
show run | format netconf-xml
show run | format restconf-json
```

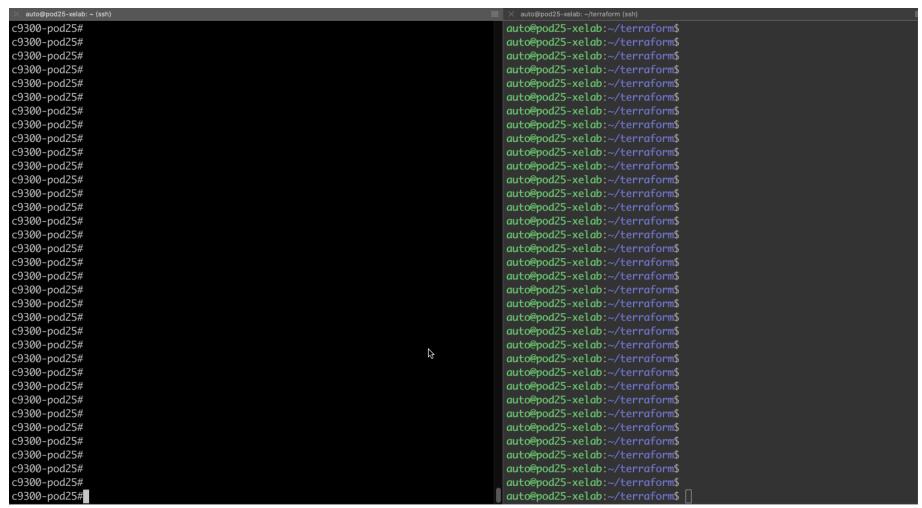
```
C9300#
C9300#show run | i netconf-yang
netconf-yang
C9300#
```

Requires netconf-yang Data Model Interfaces to be enabled CLIs with corresponding native YANG and modeled in show run are returned

Demos

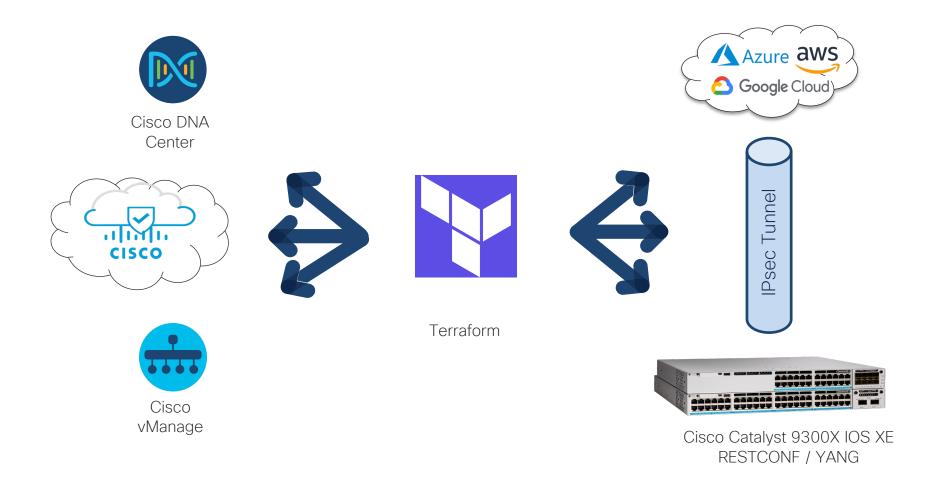
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Configure ACL & VLAN



https://github.com/CiscoDevNet/terraform-provider-iosxe/tree/main/examples/tutorials/acl_and_vlan

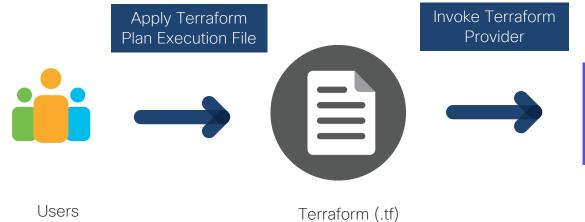
What can Terraform do?



Crypto IPsec







Plan Execution File



Terraform



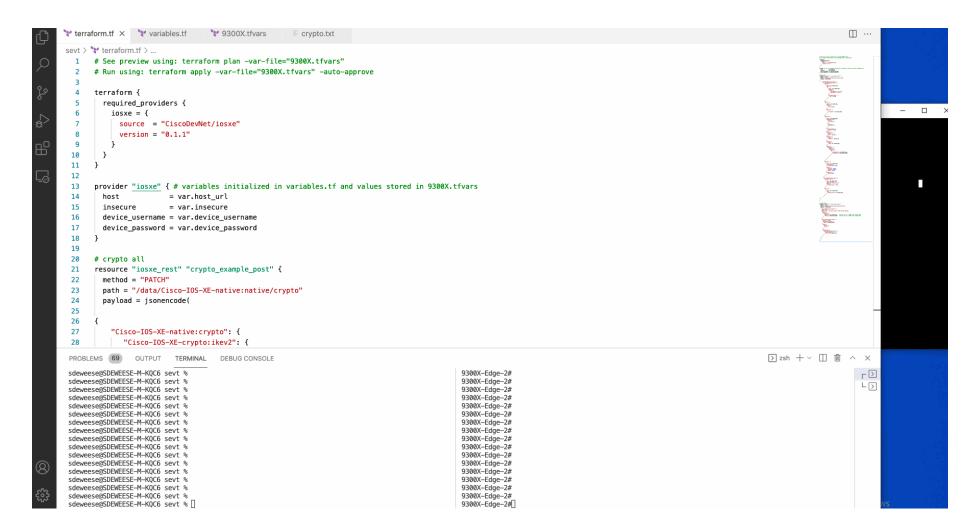
Deploy the required





Cisco Catalyst 9300X IOS XE RESTCONF / YANG

Terraform + Crypto IPsec Demo



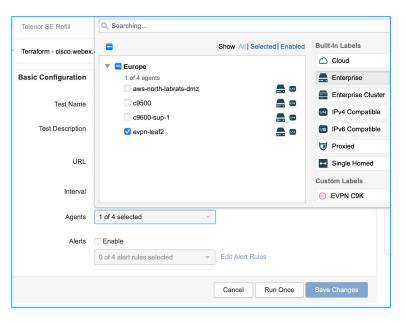
Terraform ThousandEyes lifecycle management

- 1. Deploy TE agent on switch Catalyst 9000
- 2. Pass variables including the the Agent ID to the ThousandEyes API
- 3. Create test and attach the Catalyst 9000 TE Agent ID to the test
- 4. Trigger test to run

```
terraform {
    required providers {
        ciscoapphosting = {
            source = "robertcsapo/ciscoapphosting"
            version = "1.0.0"
        }
    }
}

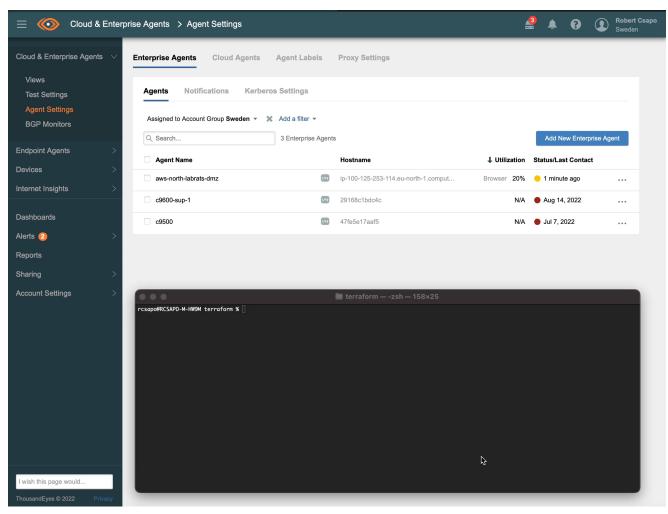
provider "ciscoapphosting" {
    username = var.username
    password = var.password
    insecure = var.insecure
    timeout = var.timeout
}

resource "ciscoapphosting_app" "app" {
    host = "127.0.0.1"
    image = "https://downloads.thousandeyes.com/enterprise-agent/thousandeyes-enterprise-agent-4.2.2.cisco.tar"
    app_gigabit_ethernet = "1/0/1"
    vlan_trunk = false
    vlan = 1
    env = {
        TEAGENT_ACCOUNT_TOKEN = "token"
    }
}
```



https://github.com/robertcsapo/terraform-provider-ciscoapphosting/ https://registry.terraform.io/providers/robertcsapo/ciscoapphosting/

Terraform + ThousandEyes Demo



Steps:

- Test App Hosting Terraform Provider
- 2. Apply App Hosting Terraform Provider on C9300 switches
- 3. Verify new Enterprise Agents has been added in ThousandEyes Dashboard
- 4. Run the current test
- 5. Destroy Terraform to delete the Enterprise Agents and Test

Multihost example:

Declarative EVPN management with Terraform

Both Declarative providers leverage the ios-xe-go client that was developed in Terraform Phase 1:

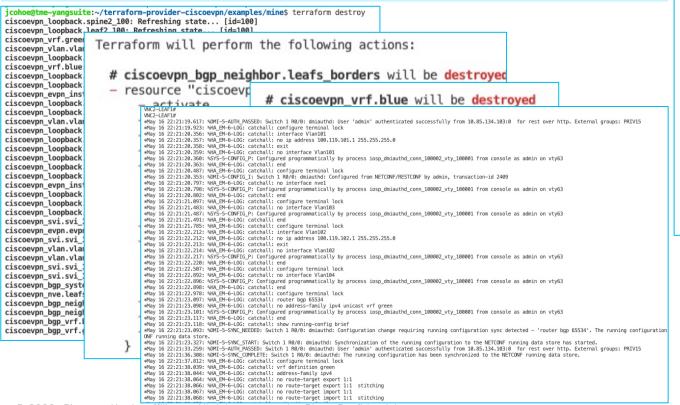
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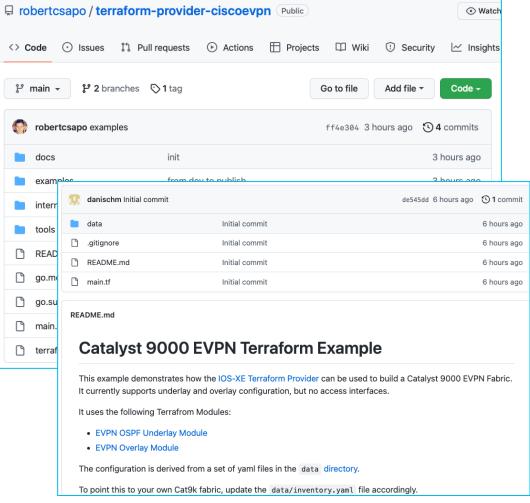
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Daniel: https://github.com/netascode/terraform-iosxe-evpn-example

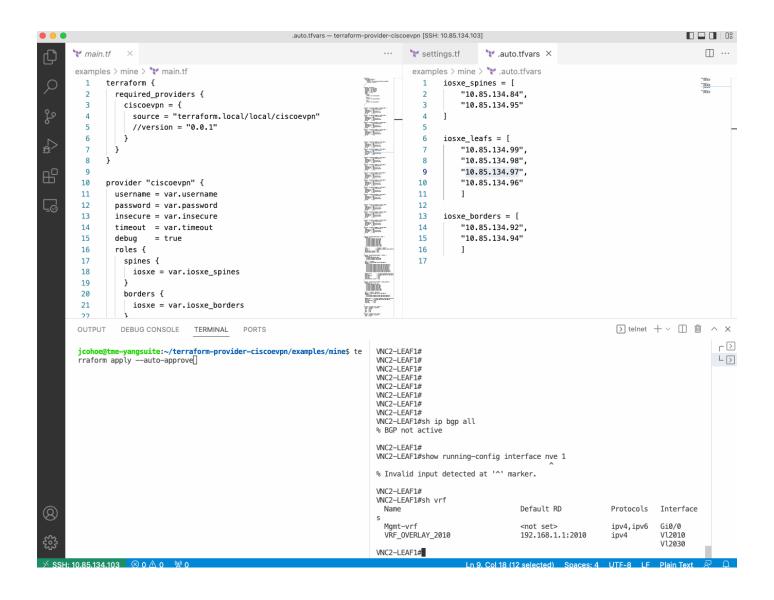
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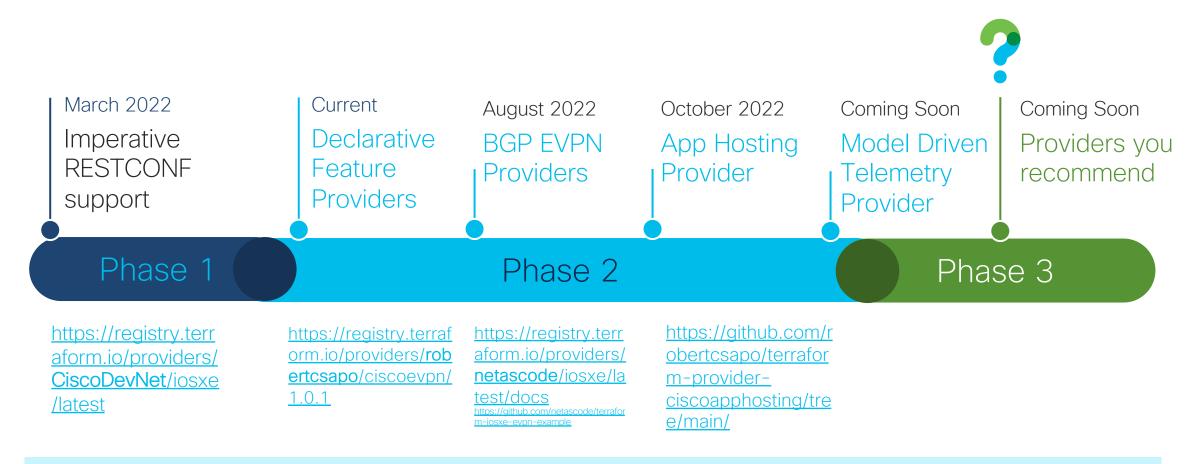


EVPN with Terraform Demo



Evolution & Adoption

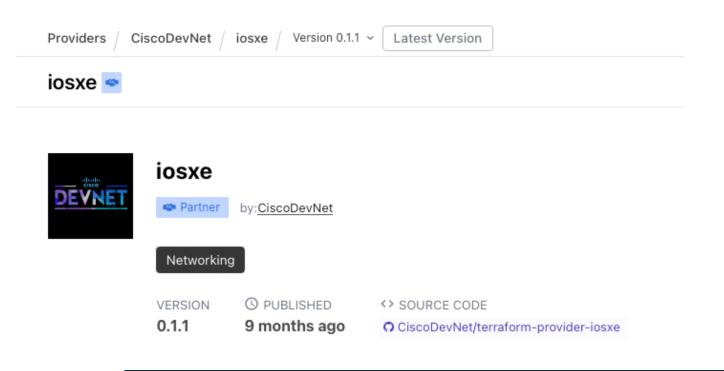
Evolution of Terraform Provider



Declarative providers leverage the SDK from the Phase 1 imperative provider

Terraform use and adoption

We continue to see increased adoption of the IOS XE terraform resources



Provider Downloads Downloads this week Downloads this month	All versions ∨
	109 472
Downloads over all time	16,013

* As of 11/30/22

https://registry.terraform.io/providers/CiscoDevNet/iosxe/0.1.1

Troubleshooting & Resources

Troubleshooting

If the following error is found, it may be caused by the device not having restconf enabled

To fix this, simply add restconf in global config mode

```
Device(conf) # restconf
```

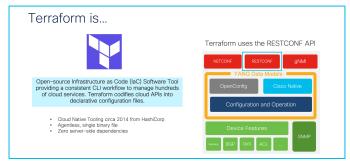
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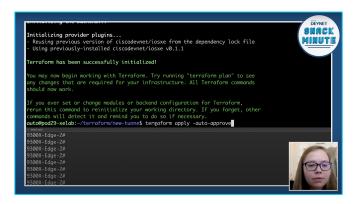
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https://salesconnect.cisco.com/#/content-detail/fa072157-b099-494b-8ec5-2522c6ab2bf6



Demo Create a Crypto Tunnel Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bPS0bhPacDw



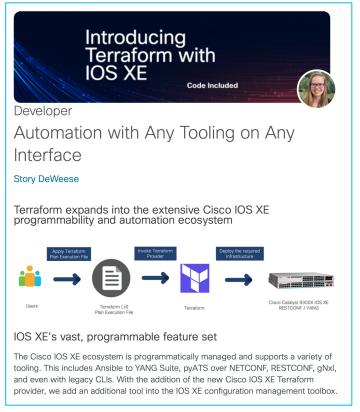
Intro to IOS XE Terraform Provider Video: https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=GEY_hvXimbA

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