KPLABS Course

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Domain 1

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Domain 1 - Deploying Infrastructure with Terraform

Module 1: Provider and Resources

1.1 Overview of Providers:

Terraform supports multiple providers.

Depending on what type of infrastructure we want to launch, we have to use appropriate providers accordingly.



1.2 Initialization Phase

Upon adding a provider, it is important to run terraform init which in-turn will download plugins associated with the provider.

```
C:\Users\Zeal Vora\Desktop\kplabs-terraform>

Initializing the backend...

Initializing provider plugins...
- Reusing previous version of hashicorp/aws from the dependency lock file
- Finding latest version of hashicorp/azurerm...
- Installing hashicorp/aws v3.26.0...
- Installed hashicorp/aws v3.26.0 (signed by HashiCorp)
- Installing hashicorp/azurerm v2.45.1...
- Installed hashicorp/azurerm v2.45.1 (signed by HashiCorp)

Terraform has made some changes to the provider dependency selections recorded in the .terraform.lock.hcl file. Review those changes and commit them to your version control system if they represent changes you intended to make.

Terraform has been successfully initialized!
```

1.3 Resources

Resources are the reference to the individual services which the provider has to offer

Example:

- resource aws_instance
- resource aws_alb
- resource iam_user
- resource digitalocean_droplet

```
resource "aws_instance" "myec2" {
   ami = "ami-082b5a644766e0e6f"
   instance_type = "t2.micro"
}
```

1.4 Important Update - Newer Version

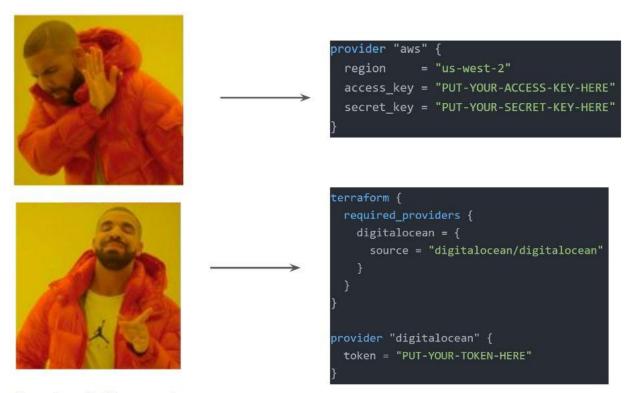
From 0.13 onwards, Terraform requires explicit source information for any providers that are not HashiCorp-maintained, using a new syntax in the required_providers nested block inside the Terraform configuration block

```
provider "aws" {
   region = "us-west-2"
   access_key = "PUT-YOUR-ACCESS-KEY-HERE"
   secret_key = "PUT-YOUR-SECRET-KEY-HERE"
}
```

HashiCorp Maintained

```
terraform {
  required_providers {
    digitalocean = {
      source = "digitalocean/digitalocean"
    }
  }
}
provider "digitalocean" {
  token = "PUT-YOUR-TOKEN-HERE"
}
```

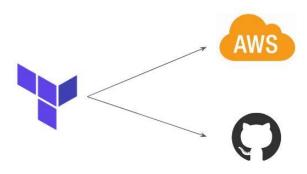
Non-HashiCorp Maintained



Terraform 0.13 onwards

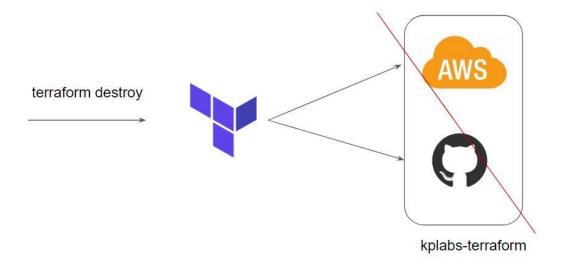
Module 2: Destroying Infrastructure with Terraform (NEW)

If you keep the infrastructure running, you will get charged for it. Hence it is important for us to also know how we can delete the infrastructure resources created via terraform.



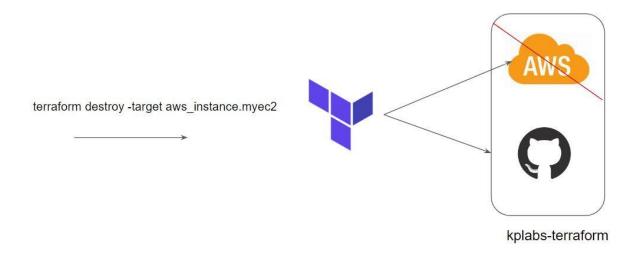
2.1 Approach 1

terraform destroy allows us to destroy all the resources that are created within the folder.



2.2 Approach 2

terraform destroy with -target flag allows us to destroy the specific resource.



2.3 Terraform Destroy with Target

The -target option can be used to focus Terraform's attention on only a subset of resources.

Combination of: Resource Type + Local Resource Name

Resource Type	Local Resource Name
aws_instance	myec2
github_repository	example

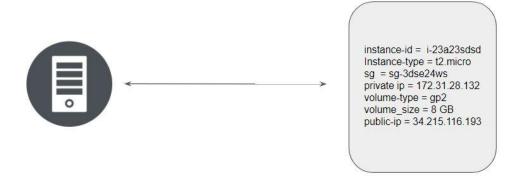
```
resource "aws_instance" "myec2" {
   ami = "ami-082b5a644766e0e6f"
   instance_type = "t2.micro"
}
```

Module 3: Terraform State File

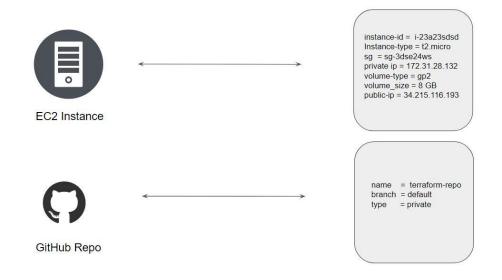
3.1 Overview of State Files:

Terraform stores the state of the infrastructure that is being created from the TF files.

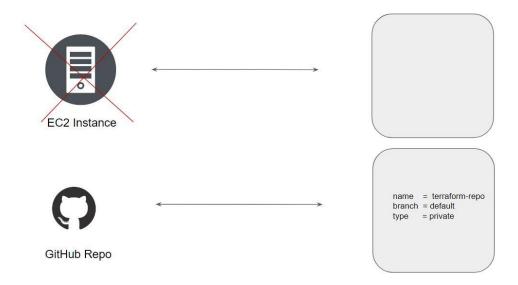
This state allows terraform to map real-world resources to your existing configuration.



Multiple resources in Terraform will have a separate block with the state file.



Whenever a resource is removed, its corresponding entry under the state file is also removed.



Module 4: Desired & Current State

4.1 Desired State

Terraform's primary function is to create, modify, and destroy infrastructure resources to match the desired state described in a Terraform configuration

```
resource "aws_instance" "myec2" {
   ami = "ami-082b5a644766e0e6f"
   instance_type = "t2.micro"
}
```

4.2 Current State

The current state is the actual state of a resource that is currently deployed.

```
resource "aws_instance" "myec2" {
   ami = "ami-082b5a644766e0e6f"
   instance_type = "t2.micro"
}
```



t2.medium

4.3 Important Pointer

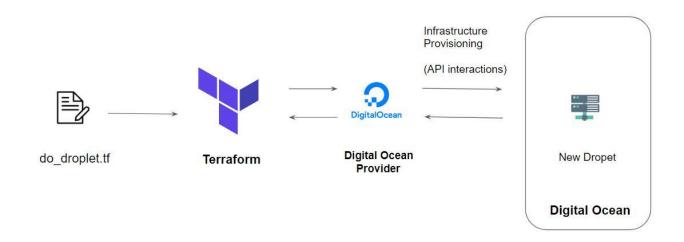
Terraform tries to ensure that the deployed infrastructure is based on the desired state.

If there is a difference between the two, terraform plan presents a description of the changes necessary to achieve the desired state.



Module 5 Provider Versioning

5.1 Overview of Provider Architecture



5.2 Provider Versioning

Provider plugins are released separately from Terraform itself.

They have a different set of version numbers.



5.3 Explicitly Setting Provider Version

During terraform init, if the version argument is not specified, the most recent provider will be downloaded during initialization.

For production use, you should constrain the acceptable provider versions via configuration, to ensure that new versions with breaking changes will not be automatically installed

```
provider "aws" {
  region = "us-west-2"
  version = "2.7"
}
```

5.4 Arguments for Specifying the provider

There are multiple ways of specifying the version of a provider.

Version Number Arguments	Description
>=1.0	Greater than equal to the version
<=1.0	Less than equal to the version
~>2.0	Any version in the 2.X range.
>=2.10,<=2.30	Any version between 2.10 and 2.30