

Terraform Projects: Automating Your Infrastructure Journey!

This document will walk you through automating the creation of a GitHub repository and provisioning an EC2 instance in the AWS using Terraform.

Project 1: Creating a GitHub Repository with Terraform

In this project, we'll leverage Terraform's capabilities to automate the creation of a brand new repository on your GitHub account.

Prerequisites:

- **Terraform installed:** Download and install Terraform based on your operating system from the official website <https://developer.hashicorp.com/terraform/install>
- **GitHub Personal Access Token:** Generate a token with "repo" access permission from your GitHub settings <https://docs.github.com/en/authentication/keeping-your-account-and-data-secure/managing-your-personal-access-tokens>

Steps:

1. Create a Project Directory:

- Open your terminal and create a new directory for your project:

```
mkdir terraform-workshop && cd terraform-workshop
```

2. Initialize Terraform:

- Initialize Terraform in your project directory:

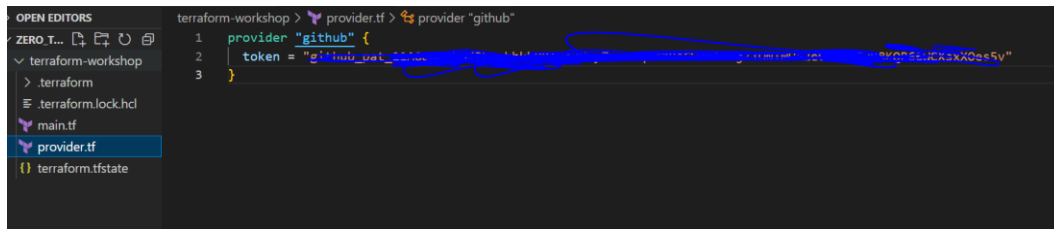
```
terraform init
```

```
C:\Users\karathore\Desktop\DevOps_Journey_Kartik\Terraform\Day1\terraform-workshop>terraform init
Terraform initialized in an empty directory!
```

3. Configure Terraform Provider (provider.tf):

- Create a file named `provider.tf` and add the following content, replacing `<YOUR_ACCESS_TOKEN>` with your actual GitHub personal access token:

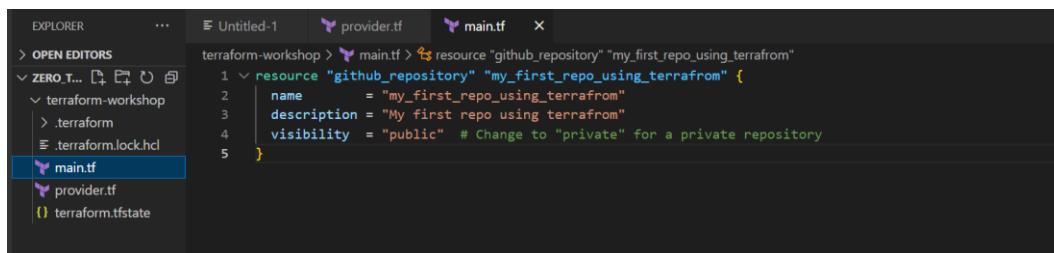
```
provider "github" {
  token = "<YOUR_ACCESS_TOKEN>"
}
```



4. Define the GitHub Repository (main.tf):

- Create another file named **main.tf** and add the following content, replacing <REPO_NAME> and <DESCRIPTION> with your desired values:

```
resource "github_repository" "my_first_repo_using_terraform" {  
  name           = "<REPO_NAME>"  
  description    = "<DESCRIPTION>"  
  visibility     = "public" # Change to "private" for a private repository  
}
```



5. Run Terraform Commands:

- **Validate:** terraform validate (checks for syntax errors)
- **Preview:** terraform plan (shows the changes Terraform will make)
- **Apply:** terraform apply (creates the GitHub repository)

Success! Head over to your GitHub account, and you'll see your newly created repository.

Project 2: Provisioning an EC2 Instance with Terraform

This project demonstrates launching an EC2 instance in the cloud using Terraform's infrastructure as code capabilities.

Prerequisites:

- **Terraform installed (same as Project 1):** Make sure Terraform is installed and configured.
- **AWS Account:** Sign up for a free AWS tier account if you don't have one already <https://aws.amazon.com/free/>
- **AWS Credentials:** Configure your AWS credentials (access key and secret access key) for Terraform to interact with AWS

Steps:

1. Create a Project Directory:

- Similar to Project 1, create a new directory for this project.

2. Initialize Terraform:

- Initialize Terraform in your project directory:

```
terraform init
```

3. Configure Terraform Providers (provider.tf):

- Create a file named `provider.tf` and add the following content, replacing `<PUT-YOUR-ACCESS-KEY-HERE>` and `<PUT-YOUR-SECRET-KEY-HERE>` with your AWS credentials:

```
provider "aws" {  
  region      = "us-east-1"  
  access_key  = "PUT-YOUR-ACCESS-KEY-HERE"  
  secret_key  = "PUT-YOUR-SECRET-KEY-HERE"  
}
```



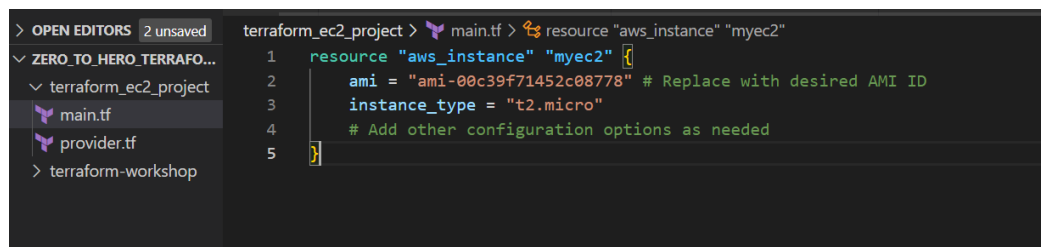
The screenshot shows the VS Code editor interface. The left sidebar displays the file explorer with the project structure: `terraform_ec2_project` (containing `main.tf` and `provider.tf`) and `terraform-workshop`. The `provider.tf` file is selected and open in the editor. The editor shows the following content:

```
1 provider "aws" {  
2     region      = "us-east-1"  
3     access_key  = "PUT-YOUR-ACCESS-KEY-HERE"  
4     secret_key  = "PUT-YOUR-SECRET-KEY-HERE"  
5 }
```

4. Define the EC2 Instance (main.tf):

- Create a file named `main.tf` and add the following content to define a basic EC2 instance with an Amazon Linux 2 AMI:

```
resource "aws_instance" "myec2" {  
  ami = "ami-00c39f71452c08778" # Replace with desired AMI ID  
  instance_type = "t2.micro"  
  # Add other configuration options as needed  
}
```



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5 }
```

1. Run Terraform Commands: (Same as Project 1)

- **Validate:** `terraform validate`

- **Preview:** terraform plan
- **Apply:** terraform apply (creates the EC2 instance)

Important Note: Remember to terminate.