Lab Exercise 18- Scanning IaC Templates for Vulnerabilities

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Objective

- Learn how to scan Infrastructure as Code (IaC) templates for security vulnerabilities.
- Use open-source IaC security tools to detect misconfigurations.
- Understand common risks such as public access, unencrypted resources, and insecure network rules.

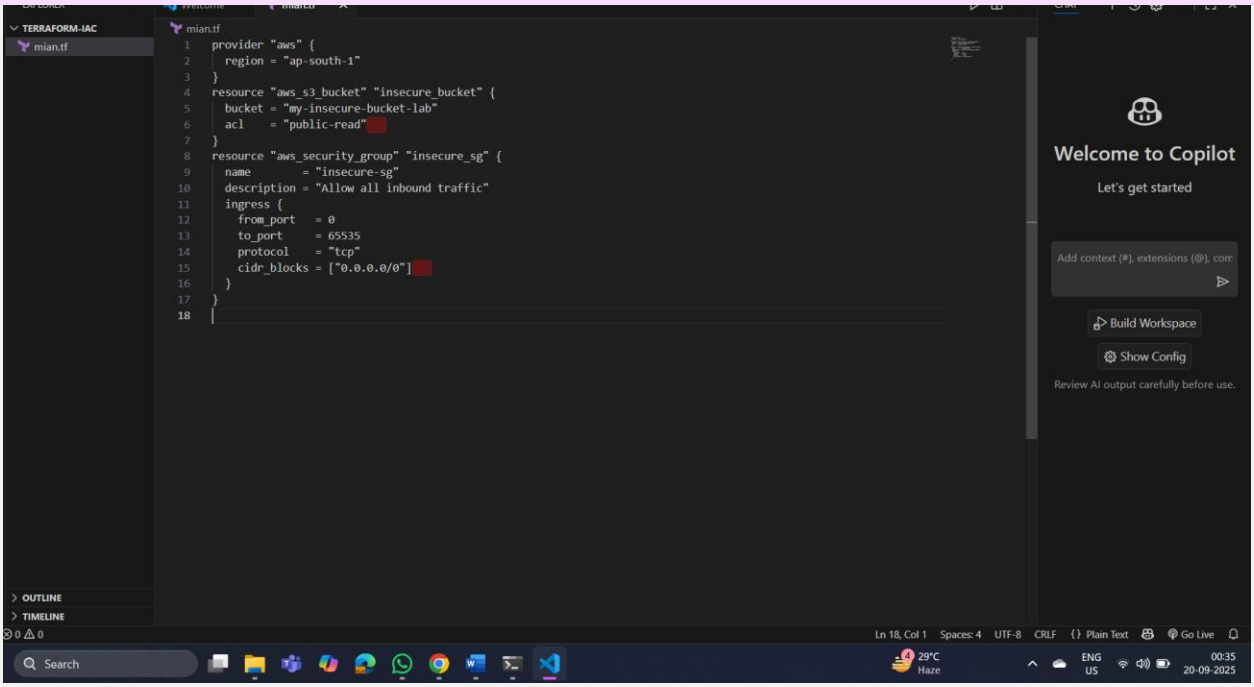
Step 1: Create an Insecure IaC Template

Create a file named main.tf with the following Terraform code:

```
provider "aws" {
  region = "us-east-1"
}
```

```
resource "aws_s3_bucket" "insecure_bucket" {
  bucket = "my-insecure-bucket-lab"
  acl    = "public-read"
}

resource "aws_security_group" "insecure_sg" {
  name        = "insecure-sg"
  description = "Allow all inbound traffic"
  ingress {
    from_port   = 0
    to_port     = 65535
    protocol    = "tcp"
    cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
  }
}
```



Step 2: Scan the Template with Checkov

Run Checkov on the current directory:

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checkov -d .
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C:\Terraform\terraform-iac>checkov -d .
File association not found for extension .py
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[ secrets framework ]: 100%|████████████████████|[1/1], Current File Scanned=.\mian.tf


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terraform scan results:

Passed checks: 6, Failed checks: 13, Skipped checks: 0

Check: CKV_AWS_41: "Ensure no hard coded AWS access key and secret key exists in provider"
        PASSED for resource: aws.default
        File: \mian.tf:1-3
        Guide: https://docs.prismacloud.io/en/enterprise-edition/policy-reference/aws-policies/secrets-policies/bc-aws-secrets-5
Check: CKV_AWS_93: "Ensure S3 bucket policy does not lockout all but root user. (Prevent lockouts needing root account fixes)"
        PASSED for resource: aws_s3_bucket.insecure_bucket
        File: \mian.tf:4-7
        Guide: https://docs.prismacloud.io/en/enterprise-edition/policy-reference/aws-policies/s3-policies/bc-aws-s3-24
Check: CKV_AWS_382: "Ensure no security groups allow egress from 0.0.0.0:0 to port -1"
        PASSED for resource: aws_security_group.insecure_sg
        File: \mian.tf:8-17
        Guide: https://docs.prismacloud.io/en/enterprise-edition/policy-reference/aws-policies/aws-networking-policies/bc-aws-382
Check: CKV_AWS_277: "Ensure no security groups allow ingress from 0.0.0.0:0 to port -1"
```

```
        Guide: https://docs.prismacloud.io/en/enterprise-edition/policy-reference/aws-policies/aws-networking-policies/bc-aws-382
Check: CKV_AWS_277: "Ensure no security groups allow ingress from 0.0.0.0:0 to port -1"
        PASSED for resource: aws_security_group.insecure_sg
        File: \mian.tf:8-17
        Guide: https://docs.prismacloud.io/en/enterprise-edition/policy-reference/aws-policies/aws-networking-policies/ensure-aws-security-group-does-not-allow-all-traffic-on-all-ports
Check: CKV_AWS_57: "S3 Bucket has an ACL defined which allows public WRITE access."
        PASSED for resource: aws_s3_bucket.insecure_bucket
        File: \mian.tf:4-7
        Guide: https://docs.prismacloud.io/en/enterprise-edition/policy-reference/aws-policies/s3-policies/s3-2-acl-write-permissions-everyone
Check: CKV_AWS_19: "Ensure all data stored in the S3 bucket is securely encrypted at rest"
        PASSED for resource: aws_s3_bucket.insecure_bucket
        File: \mian.tf:4-7
        Guide: https://docs.prismacloud.io/en/enterprise-edition/policy-reference/aws-policies/s3-policies/s3-14-data-encrypted-at-rest
Check: CKV_AWS_23: "Ensure every security group and rule has a description"
        FAILED for resource: aws_security_group.insecure_sg
        File: \mian.tf:8-17
        Guide: https://docs.prismacloud.io/en/enterprise-edition/policy-reference/aws-policies/aws-networking-policies/networking-31

                8  | resource "aws_security_group" "insecure_sg" {
                9  |   name        = "insecure-sg"
                10 |   description = "Allow all inbound traffic"
                11 |   ingress {
                12 |     from_port   = 0
                13 |     to_port     = 65535
                14 |     protocol    = "tcp"
                15 |     cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
                16 |   }
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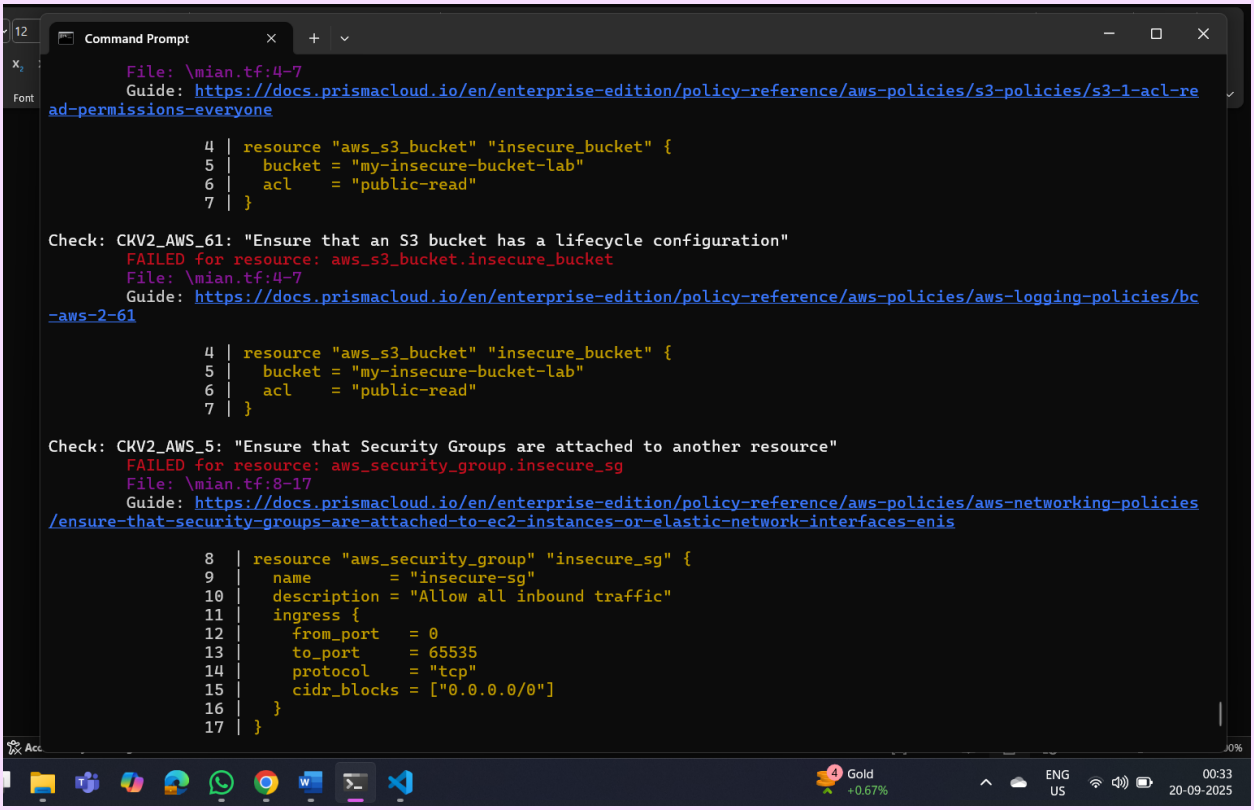

Expected Findings:

- Public S3 bucket access (public-read)
- Security group open to all inbound traffic

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- Warns about S3 bucket without encryption
- Flags open Security Group rules

Step 4: Review the Report

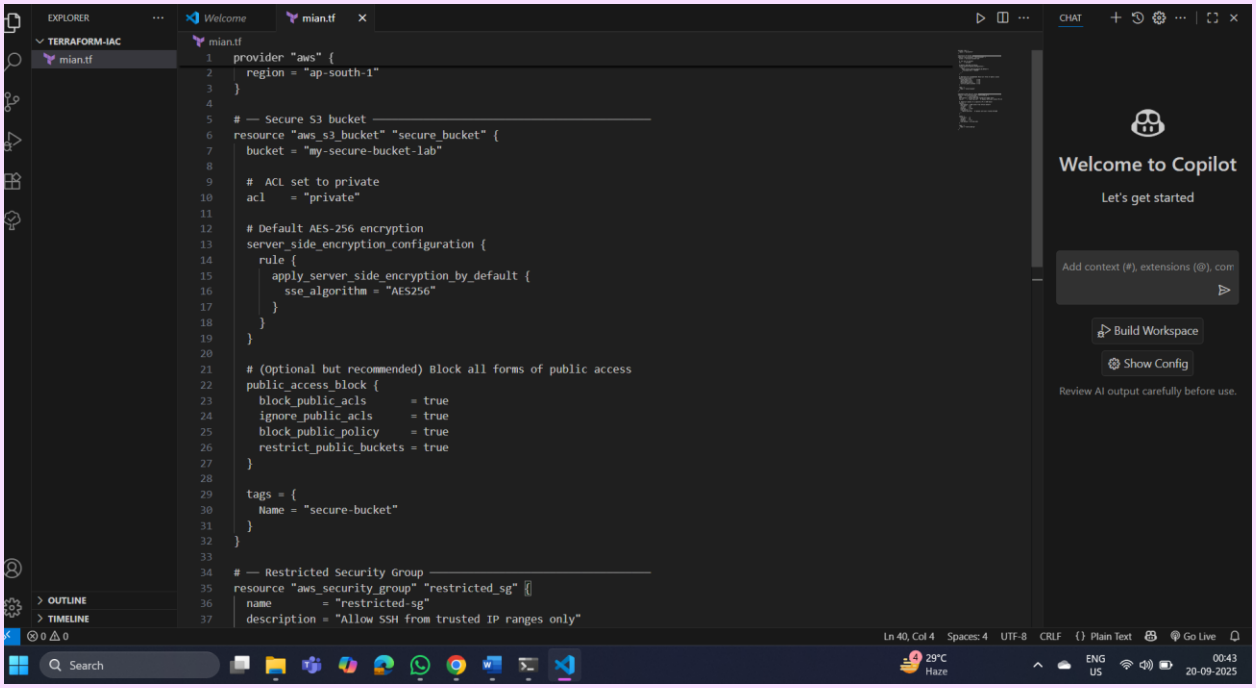
Example output (Checkov):

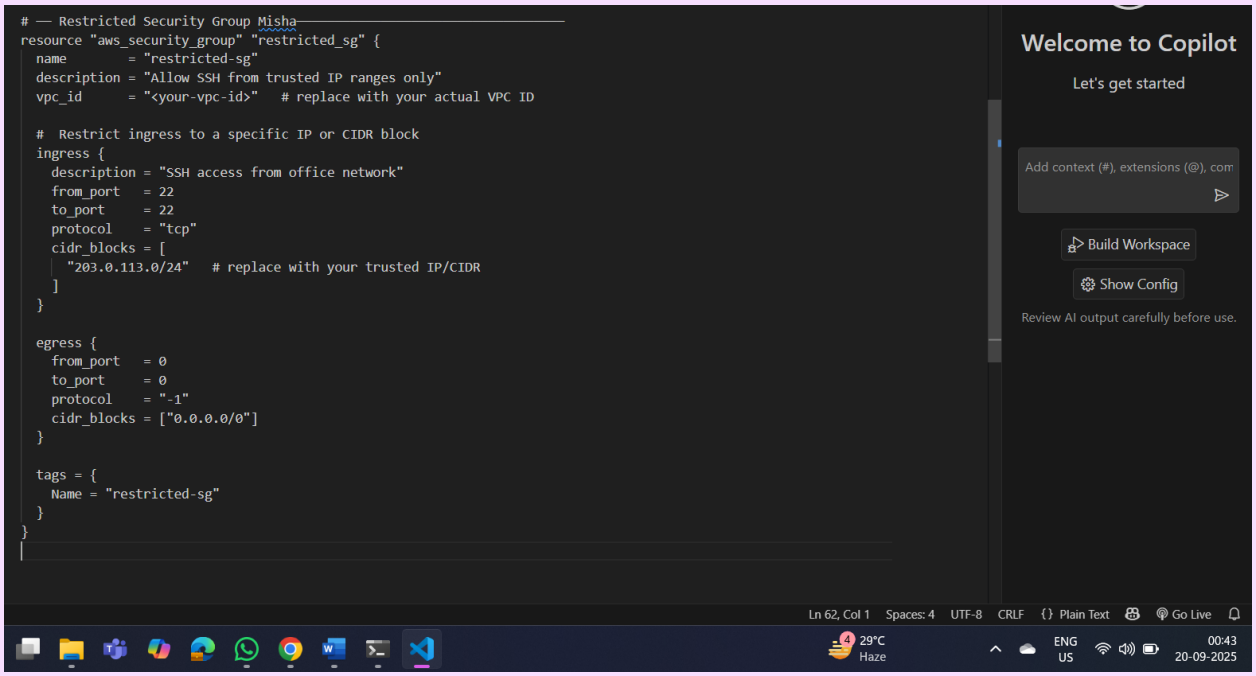
```
Check: CKV_AWS_20: "S3 Bucket allows public read access"
    FAILED for resource: aws_s3_bucket.insecure_bucket
Check: CKV_AWS_260: "Security group allows ingress from 0.0.0.0/0"
    FAILED for resource: aws_security_group.insecure_sg
```

Step 5: Apply Fixes (Optional)

Modify the IaC template to:

- Set S3 bucket ACL to private
- Enable encryption (AES256)
- Restrict Security Group to specific IP ranges

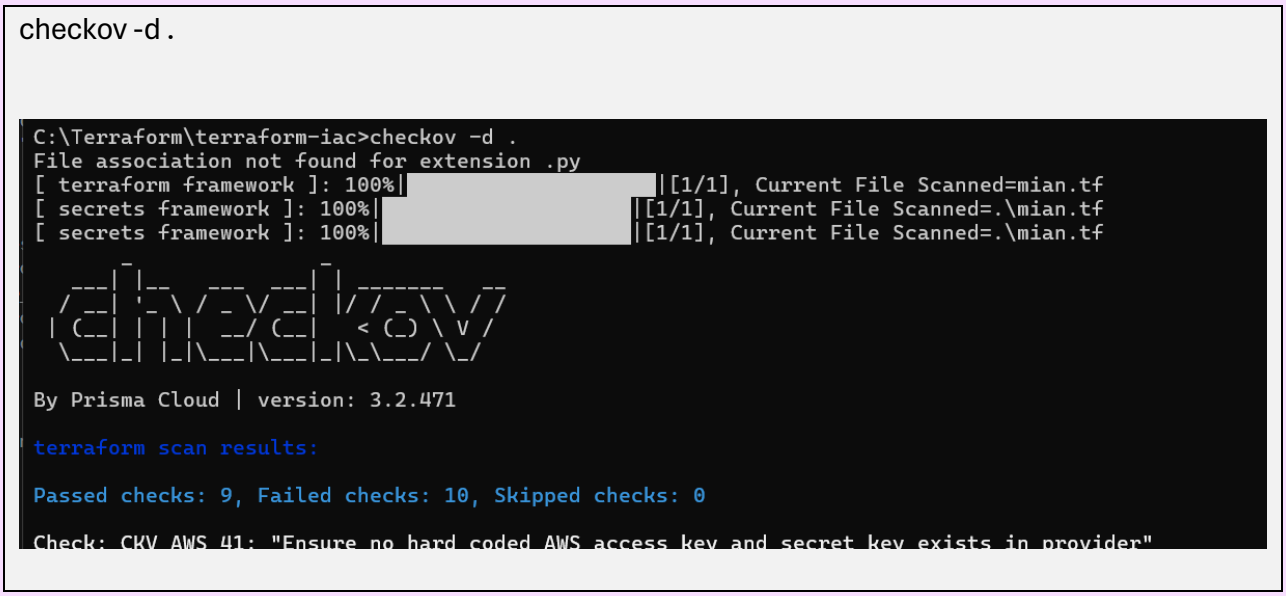




Step 6: Rescan the Template

Run the scan again:

checkov -d .



Now the findings should be **resolved or reduced**.

Step 7: Document Findingss

Create a simple findings log:

Before the securing, terraform scan results

Passed checks: **6**, **Failed** checks: **13**, Skipped checks: 0

After securing-

terraform scan results:

Passed checks: **9**, Failed checks: **10**, Skipped checks:

The number of failed test checks reduced,.