

- create github repo with terraform .gitignore
- open editor (vs code) from github desktop via repo in browser
- create main.tf file
- create providers block
- create ec2 instance block
- open terraform registry on ec2
- use the variables that are required then the ones you know you need (ami, instance type, key name, security group, etc)
- for each value make it a variable. HOW?
- create a variables.tf
- for each variable in the ec2 block, make a variable in the variables.tf
- for key pair, i used a preexisting key pair and dragged it into the editor
- opened terminal in editor and ran 'ssh-keygen -y -f keypair.pem > keypair.pub' to create a .pub file from the .pem file
- created a resource in the variables.tf for the keypair
- create a bash userdata script to bootstrap jenkins to the instance
- create s3 bucket
- create an iam role
- create actual role
- create trust policy for role
- create access policy
- create access policy doc
- attach policy to role
- create iam instance profile for ec2 to use
- split files into same services per file
- add outputs.tf to output the public dns to terminal
- run terraform commands

Verify:

- ssh into instnace and get jenkins admin pw

- get the public ip and go there via browser and input the admin pw

Obstacles:

- find the jenkins admin pw at `/var/lib/jenkins/secrets/initialAdminPassword`. ssh into instance and run 'sudo

- making sure the security group youre using (i used a preexisting one) has 8080 open

- was using a vresion of ubuntu (Ubuntu Noble 24.04) that is very new and unsupported yet by Jenkins' AP

- make sure if you do restarts/stops on the EC2 instance you get the new IP address unless you set an elas