# <u>DevOps Project to automate infrastructure on AWS using</u> Terraform and GitLab CICD

Before commencing the project, make sure you have a basic understanding of the following topics, as they will simplify the implementation process.

Basic Terraform Knowledge (<u>resource</u>) Understanding of CICD (<u>resource</u>) GitLab CI Knowledge (resource)

# **PREREQUISITES:**

# 1) Aws account creation

Check out the official site to create aws account Here

#### 2) GitLab account

- ✓ Login to https://gitlab.com
- ✓ You can sign in via GitHub/Gmail
- ✓ Verify email and phone
- ✓ fill up the questionaries
- ✓ provide group name & project name as per your choice

# 3) Terraform Installed

Check out the official website to install terraform Here

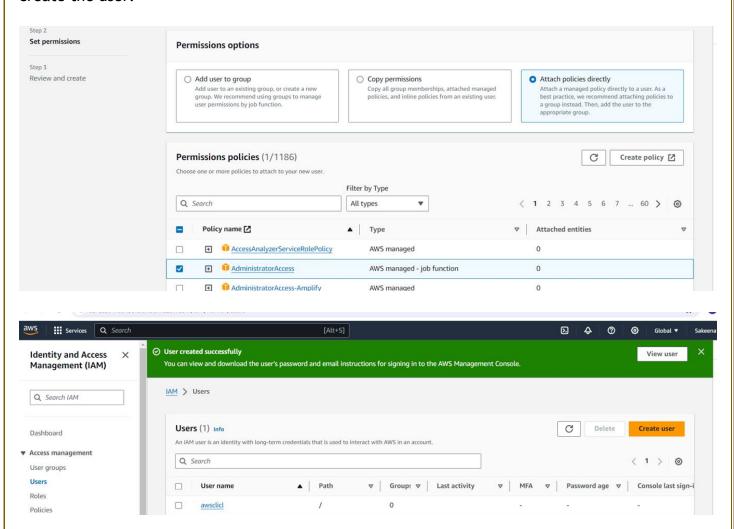
```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-25-121:~$ terraform --version
Terraform v1.9.1
on linux_amd64
ubuntu@ip-172-31-25-121:~$ ■
```

# 4) AWS CLI Installed

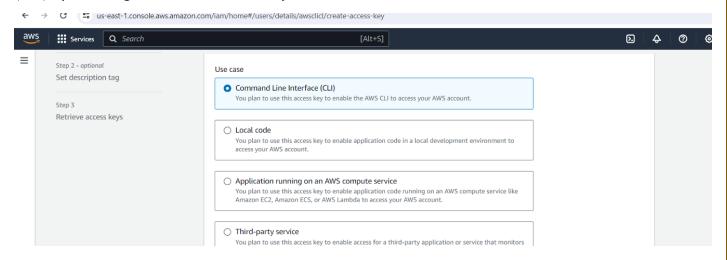
Navigate to the IAM dashboard on AWS, then select "Users." Enter the username and proceed to the next step



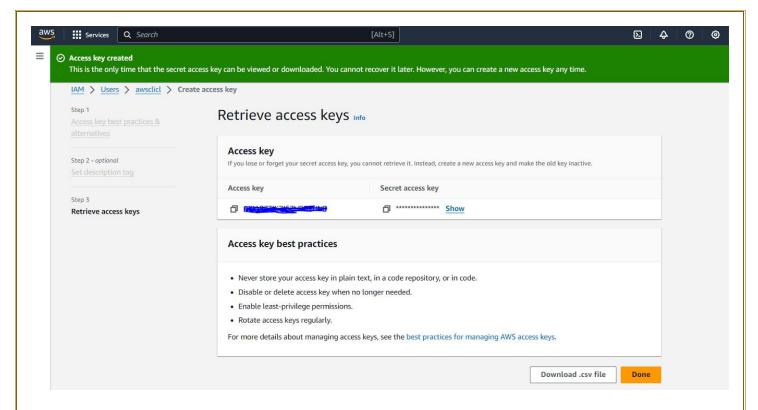
Assign permissions by attaching policies directly, opting for "Administrator access," and then create the user.



Within the user settings, locate "Create access key," and choose the command line interface (CLI) option to generate an access key.



Upon creation, you can view or download the access key and secret access key either from the console or via CSV download.



Now go to your terminal and follow below steps:

sudo apt install unzip

curl "https://awscli.amazonaws.com/awscli-exe-linux-x86\_64.zip" -o "awscliv2.zip"

unzip awscliv2.zip

sudo ./aws/install

aws configure (input created accesskeyid and secret access key)

cat ~/.aws/config

cat ~/.aws/credentials

aws iam list-users (to list all IAM users in an AWS account)

# 5) Code editor (Vscode)

Download it from Here

Let's begin with the project. This project is divided in to two parts.

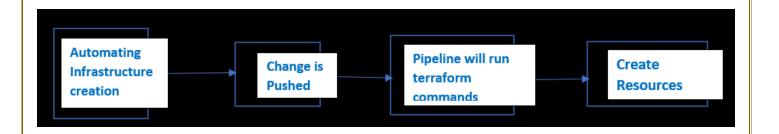
## Part1:



Here, we write terraform code, run terraform commands and create infrastructure manually to ensure everything works fine before automating

#### Part2:

Create CICD pipeline script on Gitlab to automate terraform resource creation



**Step1:** Create a new folder named "cicdtf" and open it in vscode to start writing the code.

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-25-121:~$ mkdir cicdtf
ubuntu@ip-172-31-25-121:~$ ls
     awscliv2.zip cicdtf
ubuntu@ip-172-31-25-121:~$ cd cicdtf/
ubuntu@ip-172-31-25-121:~/cicdtf$ code .
```

Step2: We will start writing our Terraform code in the "cicdtf" folder. The first step in writing Terraform code is to define a provider. To do this, we will create a file called provider.tf with the following content:

```
provider "aws" {
2
       region = "us-east-1"
3
4
  # This snippet configures Terraform to use the AWS provider
   # and specifies that resources should be created in the us-east-1 region.
```

We will be deploying a VPC, a security group, a subnet and an EC2 instance as part of the initial phase.

The folder structure is as follows:

# 1. VPC Module (vpc folder):

#### Files:

main.tf: Defines resources like VPC, subnets, and security groups.

variables.tf: Declares input variables for customization.

outputs.tf: Specifies outputs like VPC ID, subnet IDs, etc.

# 2.EC2 Module (web folder):

#### Files:

main.tf: Configures EC2 instance details, including AMI, instance type, and security groups.

variables.tf: Defines variables needed for EC2 instance customization.

outputs.tf: Outputs instance details like public IP, instance ID, etc.

## Snap of folder structure:



Let's start with defining vpc,

The below Terraform script (main.tf) sets up an AWS Virtual Private Cloud (VPC) with a CIDR block of 10.0.0.0/16, enabling DNS support and hostnames. It creates a subnet (10.0.1.0/24) in us-east-1a with public IP mapping. Additionally, it establishes a security group allowing inbound SSH (port 22) traffic from any IP address and permitting all outbound traffic from the instances within the VPC.

To know more about modules and different parameters being used in this project, check out the official documentation of Terraform Here

Make use of below repositories to check out the code.

https://gitlab.com/N4si/cicdtf

https://gitlab.com/Sakeena19/cicdtf

```
1 # Define an AWS VPC resource named "myvpc"
    resource "aws_vpc" "myvpc" {
                        = "10.0.0.0/16"
        cidr_block
                                                         # Define the CIDR block for the VPC
        enable_dns_hostnames = true
                                                          # Enable DNS hostnames in the VPC
        enable_dns_support
                                = true
                                                           # Enable DNS support in the VPC
        tags = {
            Name = "myvpc"
                                                           # Set a tag for the VPC resource
10
    }
    # Define an AWS subnet resource named "pb_sn"
    resource "aws_subnet" "pb_sn" {
        vpc_id
                                                          # Reference the VPC ID from the "myvpc" resource
                       = aws_vpc.myvpc.lu  # Kererenee end

= "10.0.1.0/24"  # Define the CIDR block for the subnet

# Enable automatic assignment of public
                                 = aws_vpc.myvpc.id
14
       cidr_block
       map_public_ip_on_launch = true
                                                          # Enable automatic assignment of public IPs to instances
        availability_zone = "us-east-1a"
                                                          # Specify the availability zone for the subnet
        tags = {
           Name = "pb_sn1"
                                                            # Set a tag for the subnet resource
20
   # Define an AWS security group resource named "sg"
24
   resource "aws_security_group" "sg" {
    vpc_id = aws_vpc.myvpc.id  # Reference the VPC ID from the "myvpc" resource
    name = "my_sg"  # Specify the name for the security group
    description = "Public Security Group"  # Provide a description for the security group
28
        # Define an ingress rule allowing inbound traffic on port 22 (SSH) from any IP address
30
         ingress {
            from_port = 22
                                                           # Specify the starting port for inbound traffic
                                                           # Specify the ending port for inbound traffic
            to_port
                         = "tcp"
                         = 22
            protocol
                                                          # Specify the protocol (TCP in this case)
34
             cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
                                                           # Allow inbound traffic from any IP address
36
        # Define an egress rule allowing all outbound traffic (any port, any protocol) to any IP address
38
        egress {
        from_port = 0
40
                                                           # Specify the starting port for outbound traffic
                                                          # Specify the ending port for outbound traffic
           to_port
                        = 0
            protocol
                                                          # Specify all protocols for outbound traffic
             cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
43
                                                           # Allow outbound traffic to any IP address
44
45 }
46
```

#### Step3:

we will create an EC2 instance in the web module and use the security group and subnet defined in the VPC module. This demonstrates how to share values between different modules in Terraform.

Main Module (Root Module): The main.tf file acts as the parent module Child Modules: The VPC and web modules are child modules.

To share values from one child module to another, we follow these steps:

Define Outputs: Specify the values (e.g., subnet ID, security group ID) as outputs in the VPC module. Use Variables: Reference these outputs as variables in the web module.

The script in main.tf file in web module is as follows:

```
# Define an AWS EC2 instance resource named "server" # main.tf file in web module
   resource "aws_instance" "server" {
       ami
                     = "ami-04a81a99f5ec58529" # Specify the AMI ID (Amazon Machine Image) for the instance
       instance_type = "t2.micro"
                                               # Specify the instance type (e.g., t2.micro)
       subnet_id = var.sn
                                               # Use the subnet ID variable from the VPC module's output
       security_groups = [var.sg]
                                             # Use the security group ID variable from the VPC module's output
8
10
       tags = {
          Name = "my_server"
                                              # Set a tag for the EC2 instance for identification
13 }
```

**Step4:** define outputs.tf file in vpc module.

```
# outputs.tf file in vpc module

# output the subnet ID

output "pb_sn" {

value = aws_subnet.pb_sn.id # This refers to the ID of the subnet created in the VPC module
}

# Output the security group ID

output "sg" {

value = aws_security_group.sg.id # This refers to the ID of the security group created in the VPC module
}

value = aws_security_group.sg.id # This refers to the ID of the security group created in the VPC module
}
```

output "pb\_sn": Defines an output variable named pb\_sn.
value = aws\_subnet.pb\_sn.id: This line assigns the ID of the subnet resource (aws\_subnet.pb\_sn) to the
output variable. This allows other modules to access the subnet ID. Similar for security group as well.

**Step5:** Define variables.tf file in web module.

```
# variables.tf file in web module

# Define a variable to hold the security group ID

variable "sg" {
    description = "The ID of the security group"

}

# Define a variable to hold the subnet ID

variable "sn" {
    description = "The ID of the subnet"
}
```

These variables are used to pass the security group ID and subnet ID from the VPC module to the web module.

**Step6:** Now to start using these modules, we have to define both vpc and web in the root module(main.tf) as shown below.

```
#root
2
3
    module "vpc" {
4
        source = "./vpc"
    }
6
    module "ec2" {
8
        source = "./web"
9
        sn = module.vpc.pb_sn
        sg = module.vpc.sg
10
11
12
    }
```

source = "./vpc": Specifies the path to the VPC module directory. This imports the VPC module defined
in the ./vpc folder.

**source** = "./web": Specifies the path to the web module directory. This imports the EC2 module defined in the ./web folder.

sn = module.vpc.pb\_sn: Passes the subnet ID output (pb\_sn) from the VPC module to the EC2
module, assigning it to the variable sn.

sg = module.vpc.sg: Passes the security group ID output (sg) from the VPC module to the EC2
module, assigning it to the variable sg.

# Step7:

Now to check whether the code is working fine, lets run terraform commands. Make sure to connect aws with terraform (using aws configure) before running and save all the files if not done already.

To initialize terraform, use "terraform init" command which setups everything necessary for terraform to manage your infrastructure such as modules, plugins, backend config etc., as defined in your configuration files.

To check if our code is valid, use "terraform validate" command.

Run "terraform plan" command is used to create an execution plan to see what changes terraform will make to your infrastructure without actually applying those changes.

In below snap shown, it's going to create 4 components: vpc, ec2 instance, subnet and security group will be created.

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-25-53:~/cicdtf$ terraform init
   Initializing the backend...
   Initializing modules...
   - ec2 in web
   - vpc in vpc
   Initializing provider plugins...

    Finding latest version of hashicorp/aws...

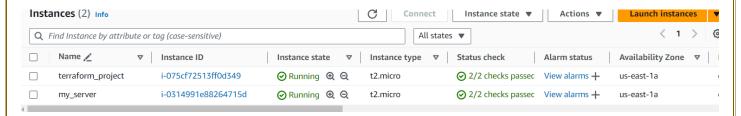
   - Installing hashicorp/aws v5.57.0...
   - Installed hashicorp/aws v5.57.0 (signed by HashiCorp)
   Terraform has created a lock file .terraform.lock.hcl to record the provider
   selections it made above. Include this file in your version control repository
   so that Terraform can guarantee to make the same selections by default when
   you run "terraform init" in the future.
   Terraform has been successfully initialized!
   You may now begin working with Terraform. Try running "terraform plan" to see
   any changes that are required for your infrastructure. All Terraform commands
   should now work.
   If you ever set or change modules or backend configuration for Terraform,
   rerun this command to reinitialize your working directory. If you forget, other
   commands will detect it and remind you to do so if necessary.
ubuntu@ip-172-31-25-53:~/cicdtf$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-25-53:~/cicdtf$ terraform validate
 Success! The configuration is valid.
ubuntu@ip-172-31-25-53:~/cicdtf$ terraform plan
 Terraform used the selected providers to generate the following execution plan. Resource actions are indicated with the following symbols:
 Terraform will perform the following actions:
   # module.ec2.aws_instance.server will be created
                         "server"
   + resource "aws_instance"
                                       = "ami-04a81a99f5ec58529"
      + ami
      + arn
                                       = (known after apply)
      + associate_public_ip_address
                                      = (known after apply)
      + availability zone
                                       = (known after apply)
      + cpu_core_count
                                       = (known after apply)
      + cpu_threads_per_core
                                       = (known after apply)
      + disable_api_stop
                                       = (known after apply)
      + disable_api_termination
                                      = (known after apply)
                                     = (known after apply)
      + default_security_group_id
      + dhcp_options_id
                                     = (known after apply)
      + enable_dns_hostnames
                                     = true
      + enable_dns_support
      + enable_network_address_usage_metrics = (known after apply)
      + id
                                     = (known after apply)
      + instance tenancy
                                     = "default"
                                    = (known after apply)
      + ipv6 association id
      + ipv6_cidr_block = (known after apply)
+ ipv6_cidr_block_network_border_group = (known after apply)
                           = (known after apply)
      + main_route_table_id
      + owner id
                                     = (known after apply)
     + tags
+ "Name" = "myvpc"
      + tags_all
                                     = {
           "Name" = "myvpc"
 Plan: 4 to add, 0 to change, 0 to destroy.
 Note: You didn't use the -out option to save this plan, so Terraform can't guarantee to take exactly these actions if you run "terraform apply"
```

You can also run by checking "terraform apply -auto-approve" command which executes the terraform plan without requiring interactive communication and proceeds with deployment.

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-25-53:~/cicdtf$ terraform apply -auto-approve
Terraform used the selected providers to generate the following execution plan. Resource actions are indicated with the following symbols:
Terraform will perform the following actions:
 # module.ec2.aws_instance.server will be created
 + resource "aws_instance" "server" {
    + ami
                                       "ami-04a81a99f5ec58529"
                                    = (known after apply)
    + arn
    + associate_public_ip_address
                                    = (known after apply)
    + availability zone
                                    = (known after apply)
     + cpu core count
                                    = (known after apply)
     + cpu threads per core
                                    = (known after apply)
    + disable_api_stop
+ disable_api_termination
                                    = (known after apply)
                                    = (known after apply)
     + ebs optimized
                                    = (known after apply)
      get_password_data
                                    = false
     + host_id
                                    = (known after apply)
     + host_resource_group_arn
                                    = (known after apply)
      iam_instance_profile
                                      (known after apply)
        + owner_1a
                                                      = (known after apply)
        + tags
               "Name" = "myvpc"
        + tags_all
            + "Name" = "myvpc"
      }
 Plan: 4 to add, 0 to change, 0 to destroy.
 module.vpc.aws vpc.myvpc: Creating...
 module.vpc.aws_vpc.myvpc: Still creating... [10s elapsed]
 module.vpc.aws_vpc.myvpc: Creation complete after 12s [id=vpc-0d6cd7cbe2e2ee71b]
 module.vpc.aws_subnet.pb_sn: Creating...
 module.vpc.aws_security_group.sg: Creating...
 module.vpc.aws_security_group.sg: Creation complete after 3s [id=sg-0d133baae578874f6]
 module.vpc.aws_subnet.pb_sn: Still creating... [10s elapsed]
 module.vpc.aws_subnet.pb_sn: Creation complete after 11s [id=subnet-0fd237c24b4c931aa]
 module.ec2.aws_instance.server: Creating...
 module.ec2.aws_instance.server: Still creating... [10s elapsed]
 module.ec2.aws instance.server: Still creating... [20s elapsed]
 module.ec2.aws instance.server: Still creating... [30s elapsed]
 module.ec2.aws_instance.server: Creation complete after 32s [id=i-0314991e88264715d]
 Apply complete! Resources: 4 added, 0 changed, 0 destroyed.
```

When we run apply, terraform. tfstate file will be created which is not a good practise to have it in local machine, we will setup backend in later steps to store on S3 using DynamoDB.

Also it will create vpc, subnet and ec2 instance as well which can be verified in your aws console.



Now that the code is working fine locally, we'll configure a backend on S3, push the code to GitLab, and proceed with the second part of the project: setting up a CI/CD pipeline to automate the infrastructure deployment tasks we previously performed manually.

before this, delete everything using "terraform destroy -auto-approve" to proceed with automation.

**Step8:** Set up a backend using S3 and Dynamo DB.

Follow below video or documentation mentioned which has a complete process on how to setup S3 bucket and DynamoDB in detail.

https://developer.hashicorp.com/terraform/language/settings/backends/s3

https://registry.terraform.io/providers/hashicorp/aws/latest/docs/resources/s3\_bucket

https://youtu.be/o04xfWEouKM?si=OGNj1c9R2iqe9TOM

The code for creating s3 and DynamoDB is as follows:

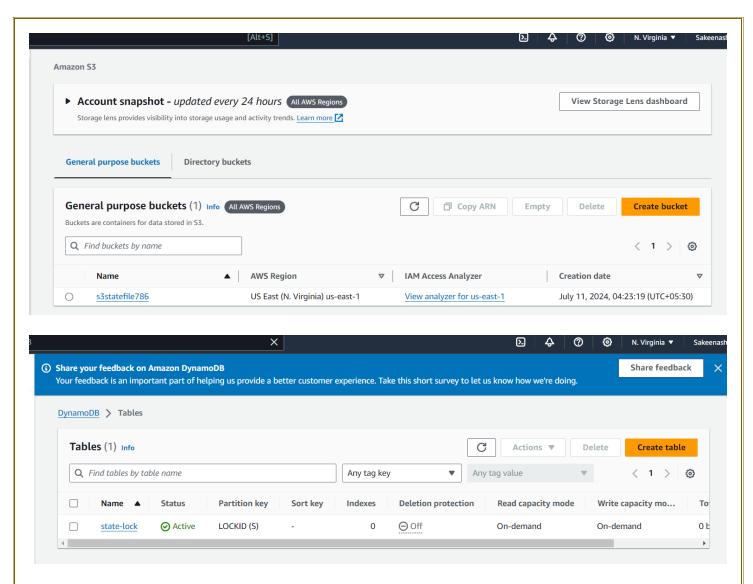
Once the code has been written in a file, run below terraform commands to create s3 and DynamoDB table.

- terraform init (initialize your working directory)
- terraform plan (plan the changes)
- terraform apply (apply the changes)

This configuration will create an S3 bucket with versioning and server-side encryption enabled, as well as a DynamoDB table named state-lock with on-demand billing and a string primary key LOCKID.

```
1 provider "aws" {
      region = "us-east-1" # Change to your preferred region
 4
    # Create an S3 bucket
 6
    resource "aws_s3_bucket" "mybucket" {
        bucket = "s3statefile786" # Change to a unique bucket name
 8
        # Optional: Adding tags to the bucket
 9
        tags = {
10
            Name
                       = "s3statefile786"
11
12
            Environment = "Dev"
13
        }
14
    }
15
16
    # Manage versioning for the S3 bucket
    resource "aws_s3_bucket_versioning" "mybucket_versioning" {
17
18
        bucket = aws_s3_bucket.mybucket.id
19
20
        versioning_configuration {
            status = "Enabled"
21
22
23
    }
24
25
    # Manage server-side encryption for the S3 bucket
    resource "aws_s3_bucket_server_side_encryption_configuration" "mybucket_encryption" {
26
27
        bucket = aws_s3_bucket.mybucket.id
28
29
        rule {
            apply_server_side_encryption_by_default {
30
                sse_algorithm = "AES256"
32
        }
33
    }
34
35
    #create Dynamodb for state-locking
36
38
   resource "aws_dynamodb_table" "state-lock" {
        name = "state-lock"
39
40
        billing mode = "PAY PER REQUEST"
        hash_key = "LOCKID"
41
42
        attribute {
            name = "LOCKID"
44
            type = "S"
45
46
        }
47
   }
```

After applying the changes, you can verify whether the s3 bucket and DynamoDB table created in your aws console.

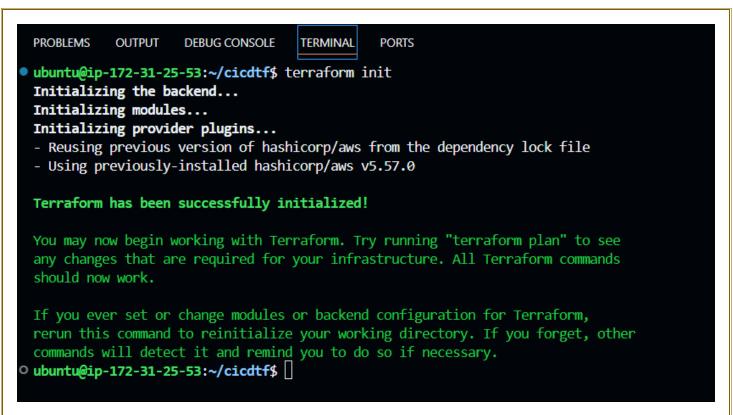


Now create an backend.tf file which will have your bucket details and dynamo dB table.

```
    backend "s3": Specifies that the Terraform

                                                          state will be stored in an S3 bucket.
                                                          bucket = "s3statefile786": Sets the name of
                                                          the S3 bucket where the state file will be
     #backend configuration
                                                          stored.
 2
                                                          key = "state-lock": Defines the path within
                                                          the S3 bucket where the state file will be
 3
     terraform {
                                                          stored. This can be thought of as the "file
 4
          backend "s3" {
                                                          name" for the state file within the bucket.
               bucket = "s3statefile786"
 5
                                                          region = "us-east-1": Indicates the AWS
               key = "state-lock"
                                                          region where the S3 bucket is located.
 6
                                                          dynamodb_table = "state-lock": Specifies
 7
               region = "us-east-1"
                                                          the DynamoDB table used for state locking to
 8
               dynamodb_table = "state-lock"
                                                          prevent concurrent modifications to the state
 9
          }
                                                          file. This helps ensure that only one Terraform
10
     }
                                                          process can modify the state at a time,
11
                                                          preventing conflicts.
```

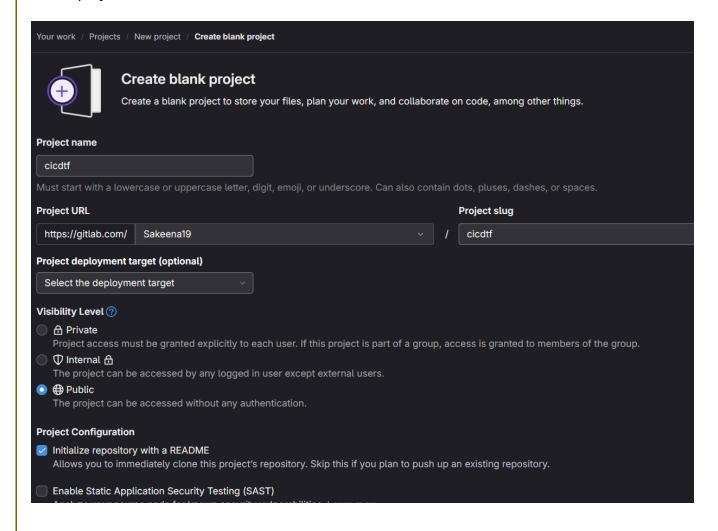
Run "terraform init" to initialize the backend.



To automate all the above actions, let's move to part2, i.e., create GitLab repo, push code to repo and setup cicd pipeline.

Go to GitLab and create a new repository:

Click on new project -> create a blank project -> provide project name, visibility, enable readme -> create project.



To push the code, first step is to initialize the repository.

```
• ubuntu@ip-172-31-25-53:~/cicdtf$ git init
hint: Using 'master' as the name for the initial branch. This default branch name
hint: is subject to change. To configure the initial branch name to use in all
hint: of your new repositories, which will suppress this warning, call:
hint:
hint: git config --global init.defaultBranch <name>
hint:
hint: Names commonly chosen instead of 'master' are 'main', 'trunk' and
hint: 'development'. The just-created branch can be renamed via this command:
hint:
hint: git branch -m <name>
Initialized empty Git repository in /home/ubuntu/cicdtf/.git/
o ubuntu@ip-172-31-25-53:~/cicdtf$
```

To use only necessary files and ignore other files, create .gitignore file which can be found Here

To connect with your GitLab repo, use git remote add origin https://gitlab.com/Sakeenal9/cicdtf.git

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-25-53:~/cicdtf$ git remote add origin https://gitlab.com/Sakeena19/cicdtf.git
ubuntu@ip-172-31-25-53:~/cicdtf$ git remote -v
origin https://gitlab.com/Sakeena19/cicdtf.git (fetch)
origin https://gitlab.com/Sakeena19/cicdtf.git (push)
ubuntu@ip-172-31-25-53:~/cicdtf$
```

The next step is to create a branch called "dev" because we cannot directly push our code to the main branch. This allows us to make changes and test them safely before merging into the main branch which is the best practice.

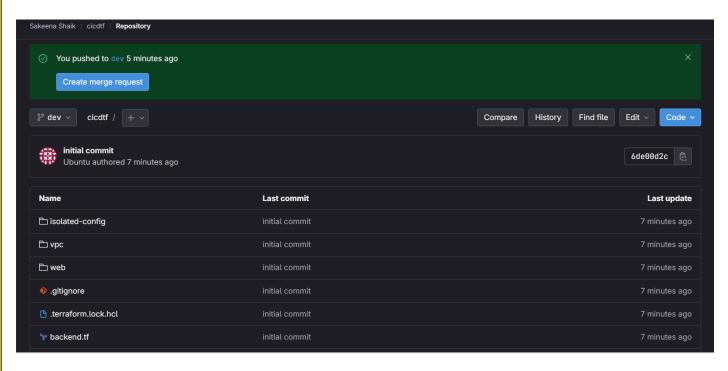
To create a branch, use "git checkout -b dev" which will create a branch and switch at a time.

```
OUTPUT
 PROBLEMS
                     DEBUG CONSOLE
                                     TERMINAL
                                               PORTS
ubuntu@ip-172-31-25-53:~/cicdtf$ git checkout -b dev
 Switched to a new branch 'dev'
ubuntu@ip-172-31-25-53:~/cicdtf$ git add .
ubuntu@ip-172-31-25-53:~/cicdtf$ git commit -m "initial commit"
 [dev (root-commit) 6de00d2] initial commit
  Committer: Ubuntu <ubuntu@ip-172-31-25-53.ec2.internal>
 Your name and email address were configured automatically based
 on your username and hostname. Please check that they are accurate.
 You can suppress this message by setting them explicitly. Run the
 following command and follow the instructions in your editor to edit
 your configuration file:
     git config --global --edit
 After doing this, you may fix the identity used for this commit with:
     git commit --amend --reset-author
  14 files changed, 238 insertions(+)
```

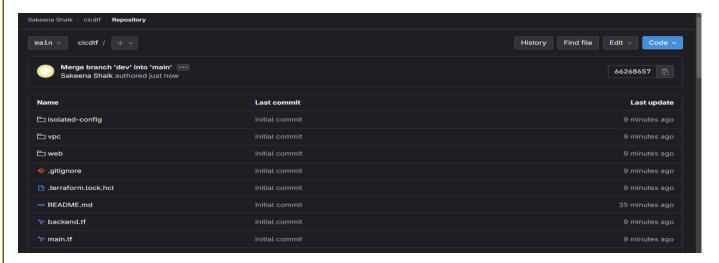
```
PROBLEMS
          OUTPUT
                   DEBUG CONSOLE
                                 TERMINAL
                                             PORTS
ubuntu@ip-172-31-25-53:~/cicdtf$ git push -u origin dev
Enumerating objects: 16, done.
Counting objects: 100% (16/16), done.
Compressing objects: 100% (15/15), done.
Writing objects: 100% (16/16), 4.15 KiB | 850.00 KiB/s, done.
Total 16 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0
remote:
remote: To create a merge request for dev, visit:
         https://gitlab.com/Sakeena19/cicdtf/-/merge_requests/new?merge_request%5Bsource_branch%5D=dev
remote:
remote:
To https://gitlab.com/Sakeena19/cicdtf.git
                    dev -> dev
   [new branch]
branch 'dev' set up to track 'origin/dev'.
ubuntu@ip-172-31-25-53:~/cicdtf$
```

- git add . (Adds all changes from current working Dir to staging area)
- ♦ git commit -m "initial commit" (commits the staged changes to local repo)
- ♦ git push -u origin dev (pushes code from local to remote repo i.e., GitLab in the branch named dev)

The dev branch should be created in your GitLab repo from which you can create merge request to merge from dev to main.



After merging you can view your code available in main branch.



Now as the code is ready, lets write a CICD pipeline script in Gitlab.

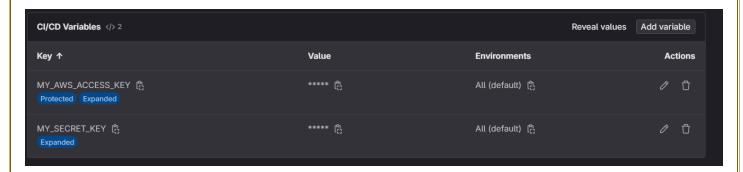
The pipeline configuration file must be named "gitlab-ci.yml" for GitLab to recognize it as the CI/CD configuration file. This naming convention ensures that GitLab understands and processes the configuration defined within.

The main purpose of defining this file is to automate the terraform commands so that whenever a person makes any change in infrastructure the pipeline will trigger automatically.

```
🦊 .gitlab-ci.yml 🖺 1.94 KiB
                                                                                      Blame
                                                                                                          Replace
              name: registry.gitlab.com/gitlab-org/gitlab-build-images:terraform # Docker image with Terraform installed
              entrypoint:
               - '/usr/bin/env'
♦
                - 'PATH=/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin' # Setting the PATH environment variable
           variables:
             TF_VAR_gitlab_token: ${GITLAB_ACCESS_TOKEN} # Setting Terraform variable for GitLab token
             AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID: ${MY_AWS_KEY} # Setting AWS access key ID
             AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY: ${MY_AWS_ACCESS_KEY} # Setting AWS secret access key
             AWS_DEFAULT_REGION: "us-east-1" # Setting AWS region
           cache:
               - .terraform # Caching Terraform plugins and modules
        17 before_script:
             - terraform --version # Output Terraform version for visibility
             - terraform init -backend-config="tfstate.config" -migrate-state # Initialize Terraform with backend configuration
        21 stages:
             - validate # Stage to validate Terraform configurations
             - apply
             - destroy # Stage to destroy Terraform resources
        27 | validate:
             script:
               - terraform validate # Validate Terraform configurations
        32 plan:
            stage: plan
               - terraform plan -out="planfile" # Generate Terraform execution plan and save to planfile
            dependencies:
                - validate # Dependency on 'validate' stage to run before 'plan'
               paths:
                  - planfile # Publish 'planfile' as an artifact for later stages
             stage: apply
            script:
                - terraform apply -input=false "planfile" # Apply Terraform changes using planfile
            dependencies:
               - plan # Dependency on 'plan' stage to run before 'apply'
             when: manual # Manually trigger the 'apply' stage to execute
        50 destroy:
             stage: destroy
              script:
             - terraform destroy --auto-approve # Destroy Terraform resources automatically
when: manual # Manually trigger the 'destroy' stage to execute
```

As it's not a best practise to hardcode the aws secret and access key in code, variables can be created for storing access keys and secret access keys in your GitLab repository.

Navigate to your project repo -> settings -> CICD -> Variables -> Add variables -> Add variables for your access key and secret access key.



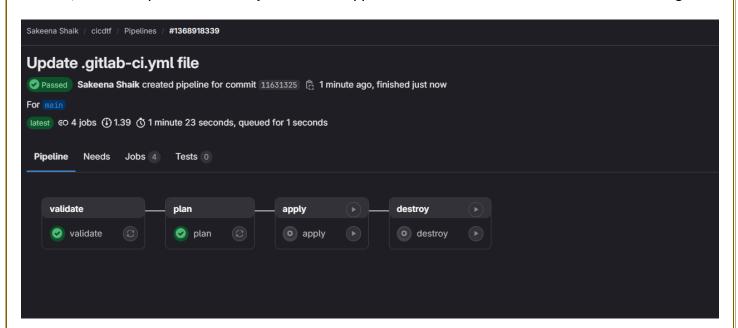
Once the above changes done, the pipeline will start triggering automatically executing all the steps we scripted in .gitlab-ci.yml file.

cicd pipeline script explanation (.gitlab-ci.yml file):

This GitLab CI/CD pipeline script is designed to automate the deployment and management of infrastructure using Terraform. The script uses a Docker image that has Terraform installed and sets environment variables for AWS credentials and a GitLab token. It also caches Terraform plugins and modules to improve efficiency. The pipeline is divided into four stages: validate, plan, apply, and destroy.

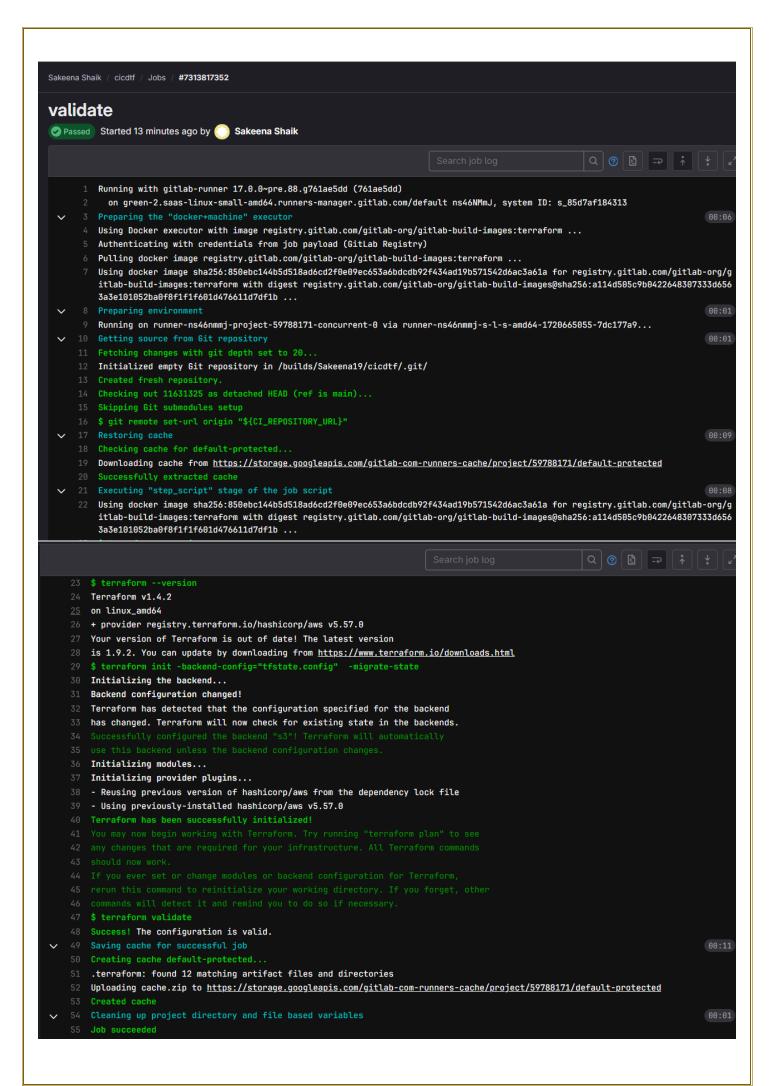
In the validate stage, the script checks if the Terraform configuration files are correct. The plan stage then generates a Terraform execution plan and saves it as an artifact called planfile. The apply stage uses this plan to create or update the infrastructure, but this stage must be triggered manually to execute. Similarly, the destroy stage, which is also manually triggered, destroys the Terraform-managed resources automatically.

Before running these stages, the script outputs the Terraform version and initializes Terraform with a backend configuration specified in a tfstate.config file. By organizing the pipeline in this way, the script ensures that infrastructure changes are validated, planned, and applied in a controlled and orderly manner, with the option to manually control the application and destruction of infrastructure changes.



Whenever the pipeline executes, the validate and plan stages run automatically, while the apply and destroy stages require manual execution, as defined in the script. This approach follows industry best practices, allowing verification of changes and manual approval before they are applied or destroyed.

#### 1) Logs from validate stage:

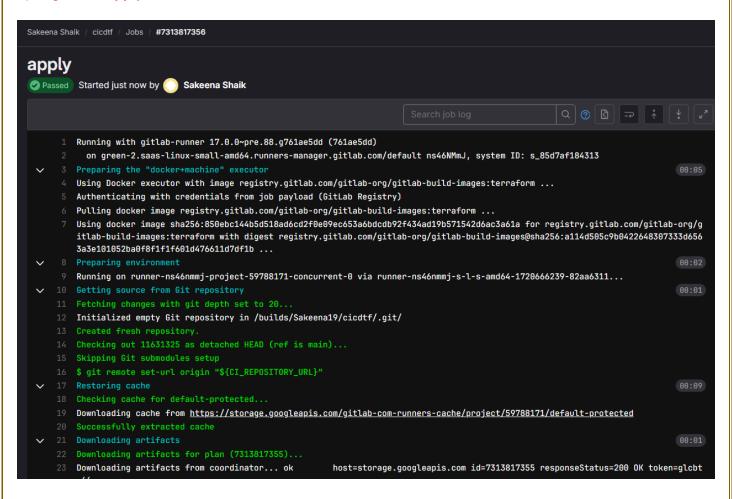


# 2) Logs from plan stage:

```
Sakeena Shaik / cicdtf / Jobs / #7313817355
plan
Passed Started 15 minutes ago by  Sakeena Shaik
      1 Running with gitlab-runner 17.0.0~pre.88.g761ae5dd (761ae5dd)
           on green-1.saas-linux-small-amd64.runners-manager.gitlab.com/default JLgUopmM, system ID: s_deaa2ca09de7
                                                                                                                                    00:06
      4 Using Docker executor with image registry.gitlab.com/gitlab-org/gitlab-build-images:terraform ...
      5 Authenticating with credentials from job payload (GitLab Registry)
      {\tt 6} \quad \textbf{Pulling docker image registry.gitlab.com/gitlab-org/gitlab-build-images:terraform} \ \dots
         Using docker image sha256:850ebc144b5d518ad6cd2f0e09ec653a6bdcdb92f434ad19b571542d6ac3a61a for registry.gitlab.com/gitlab-org/g
         itlab-build-images:terraform with digest registry.gitlab.com/gitlab-org/gitlab-build-images@sha256:a114d505c9b0422648307333d656
         3a3e101052ba0f8f1f1f601d476611d7df1b ...
         Preparing environment
         Running on runner-jlguopmm-project-59788171-concurrent-0 via runner-jlguopmm-s-l-s-amd64-1720665060-076fa23f...
     11 Fetching changes with git depth set to 20.
     12 Initialized empty Git repository in /builds/Sakeena19/cicdtf/.git/
     15 Skipping Git submodules setup
      16 $ git remote set-url origin "${CI_REPOSITORY_URL}"
     17 Restoring cache
         Checking cache for default-protected..
         Downloading cache from https://storage.googleapis.com/gitlab-com-runners-cache/project/59788171/default-protected
      20 Successfully extracted cac
     22 Using docker image sha256:850ebc144b5d518ad6cd2f0e09ec653a6bdcdb92f434ad19b571542d6ac3a61a for registry.gitlab.com/gitlab-org/g
         itlab-build-images:terraform with digest registry.gitlab.com/gitlab-org/gitlab-build-images@sha256:a114d505c9b0422648307333d656
         3a3e101052ba0f8f1f1f601d476611d7df1b ...
 Terraform v1.4.2
 on linux_amd64
 + provider registry.terraform.io/hashicorp/aws v5.57.0
 Your version of Terraform is out of date! The latest version
 is 1.9.2. You can update by downloading from <a href="https://www.terraform.io/downloads.html">https://www.terraform.io/downloads.html</a>
 $ terraform init -backend-config="tfstate.config" -migrate-state
 Initializing the backend...
 Initializing modules..
 Initializing provider plugins...
 - Reusing previous version of hashicorp/aws from the dependency lock file
 - Using previously-installed hashicorp/aws v5.57.0
 $ terraform plan -out="planfile"
 \textbf{Terraform} \ \textbf{used the selected providers to generate the following execution}
 plan. Resource actions are indicated with the following symbols:
 Terraform will perform the following actions:
   # module.ec2.aws_instance.server will be created
     resource "aws_instance" "server" {
       + ami
                                                 = "ami-04a81a99f5ec58529"
       + arn
                                                 = (known after apply)
                                                 = (known after apply)
       + associate_public_ip_address
       + availability_zone
                                                 = (known after apply)
       + cpu_core_count
                                                 = (known after apply)
       + cpu_threads_per_core
                                                  = (known after apply)
        + disable_api_stop
                                                 = (known after apply)
```

```
+ main_route_table_id
                                                  = (known after apply)
            + owner_id
                                                   = (known after apply)
           + tags
                 "Name" = "myvpc"
             }
            tags_all
               + "Name" = "myvpc"
     Plan: 4 to add, 0 to change, 0 to destroy.
     Saved the plan to: planfile
     To perform exactly these actions, run the following command to apply:
         terraform apply "planfile"
     Saving cache for successful job
                                                                                                                                00:11
194 Creating cache default-protected..
195 .terraform: found 12 matching artifact files and directories
196 Uploading cache.zip to https://storage.googleapis.com/gitlab-com-runners-cache/project/59788171/default-protected
197 Created cache
198 Uploading artifacts for successful job
                                                                                                                                00:02
199 Uploading artifacts...
200 planfile: found 1 matching artifact files and directories
                                                          location=<u>https://gitlab.com/api/v4/jobs/7313817355/artifacts?artifact_forma</u>
     t=zip&artifact_type=archive new-url=https://gitlab.com
                                                          context=artifacts-uploader error=request redirected
203 Uploading artifacts as "archive" to coordinator... 201 Created id=7313817355 responseStatus=201 Created token=glcbt-66
204 Cleaning up project directory and file based variables
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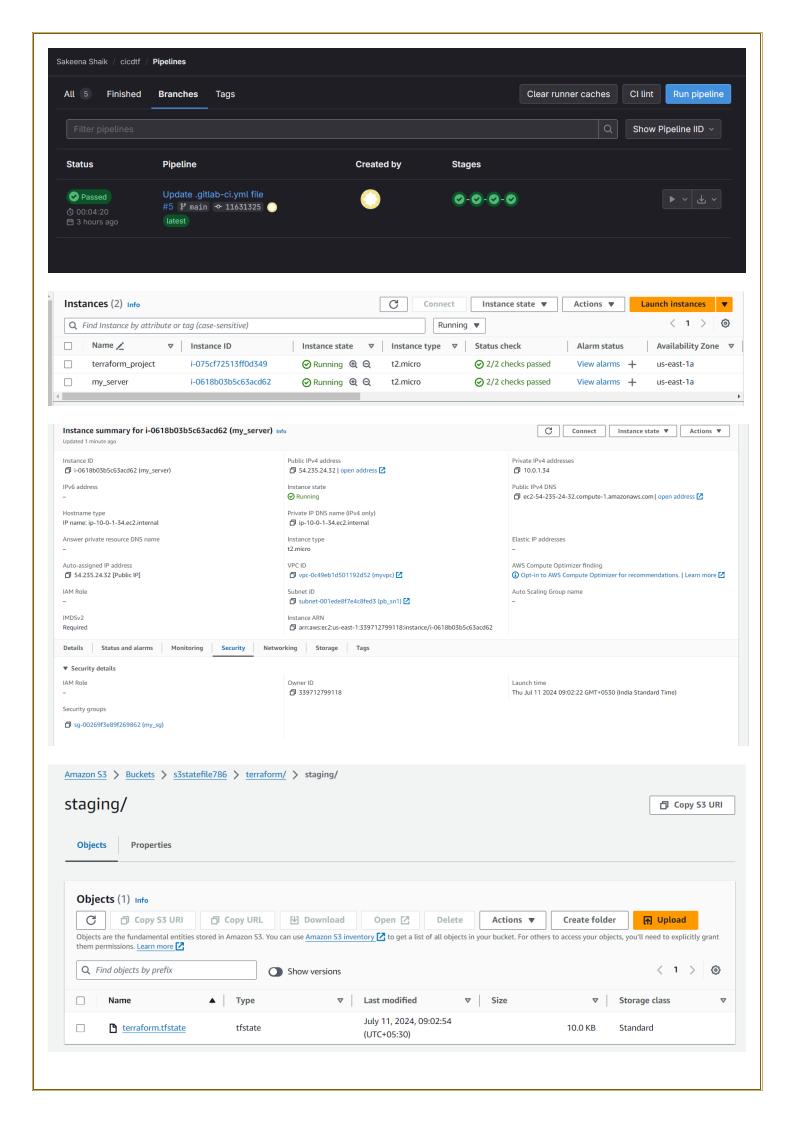
#### 3) Logs from apply:

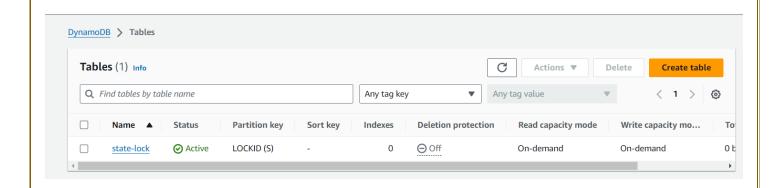


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35 Initializing provider plugins...
36 - Reusing previous version of hashicorp/aws from the dependency lock file
   - Using previously-installed hashicorp/aws v5.57.0
   Terraform has been successfully initialized!
45 $ terraform apply -input=false "planfile"
46 module.vpc.aws_vpc.myvpc: Creating...
47 module.vpc.aws_vpc.myvpc: Still creating... [10s elapsed]
48 module.vpc.aws_vpc.myvpc: Creation complete after 12s [id=vpc-04505ae4c1fd43057]
49 module.vpc.aws_subnet.pb_sn: Creating...
50 module.vpc.aws_security_group.sg: Creating...
51 module.vpc.aws_security_group.sg: Creation complete after 2s [id=sg-0d7b8162c87df1b3e]
52 module.vpc.aws_subnet.pb_sn: Still creating... [10s elapsed]
53 module.vpc.aws_subnet.pb_sn: Creation complete after 11s [id=subnet-07c1e73bd369841d2]
   module.ec2.aws_instance.server: Creating...
   module.ec2.aws_instance.server: Still creating... [10s elapsed]
56 module.ec2.aws_instance.server: Still creating... [20s elapsed]
57 module.ec2.aws_instance.server: Still creating... [30s elapsed]
58 module.ec2.aws_instance.server: Creation complete after 32s [id=i-023a7418b3239ade7]
59 Apply complete! Resources: 4 added, \theta changed, \theta destroyed.
    Saving cache for successful job
   Creating cache default-protected.
62 .terraform: found 12 matching artifact files and directories
63 Uploading cache.zip to https://storage.googleapis.com/gitlab-com-runners-cache/project/59788171/default-protected
64 Created cache
                                                                                                                              00:01
66 Job succeeded
```

## 4) Logs from destroy:

```
Sakeena Shaik / cicdtf / Jobs / #7313817357
                                                      = {
                     "Name" = "myvpc"
                 tags_all
                                                      = {
                     "Name" = "myvpc"
         Plan: 0 to add, 0 to change, 4 to destroy.
    228 module.ec2.aws_instance.server: Destroying... [id=i-023a7418b3239ade7]
    229 module.ec2.aws_instance.server: Still destroying... [id=i-023a7418b3239ade7, 10s elapsed]
    230 module.ec2.aws_instance.server: Still destroying... [id=i-023a7418b3239ade7, 20s elapsed]
    231 module.ec2.aws_instance.server: Still destroying... [id=i-023a7418b3239ade7, 30s elapsed]
         module.ec2.aws_instance.server: Still destroying... [id=i-023a7418b3239ade7, 40s elapsed]
    233 module.ec2.aws_instance.server: Destruction complete after 41s
    234 module.vpc.aws_subnet.pb_sn: Destroying... [id=subnet-07c1e73bd369841d2]
    235 module.vpc.aws_security_group.sg: Destroying... [id=sg-0d7b8162c87df1b3e]
    236 module.vpc.aws_subnet.pb_sn: Destruction complete after 0s
         module.vpc.aws_security_group.sg: Destruction complete after 0s
     238 module.vpc.aws_vpc.myvpc: Destroying... [id=vpc-04505ae4c1fd43057]
    239 module.vpc.aws_vpc.myvpc: Destruction complete after 1s
    240 Destroy complete! Resources: 4 destroyed.
 241 Saving cache for successful job
                                                                                                                                   00:11
         Creating cache default-protected.
         .terraform: found 12 matching artifact files and directories
    244 Uploading cache.zip to https://storage.googleapis.com/gitlab-com-runners-cache/project/59788171/default-protected
                                                                                                                                   00:01
    247 Job succeeded
```





Verify full logs in below text file:



The pipeline performs the following steps:

- Initializes Terraform with the specified backend configuration.
- Applies the Terraform plan to create infrastructure resources (VPC, Subnet, Security Group, and EC2 instance).
- Saves .terraform directory to cache for future use.
- Cleans up the environment after the job is completed.