

1. Overview of the Solution

The goal was to provision infrastructure using Terraform on a cloud platform (AWS) to serve a publicly accessible HTML page with a dynamic string that can be updated without redeploying.

Example HTML served:

html

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<h1>The saved string is Hello, Interviewer!</h

The infrastructure is fully serverless, cost-efficient, and easy to manage using Terraform



2. Architecture Overview

The solution uses:

- AWS Lambda to generate and return the HTML
- API Gateway to expose a public HTTPS endpoint
- SSM Parameter Store to store the dynamic string
- Terraform to fully define and provision the stack

Architecture diagram:

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User --> API Gateway --> Lambda --> SSM Parameter Store --> returns dynamic HTML



3. Options Considered

Several strategies were evaluated to satisfy the requirement of serving a modifiable HTML string:

A. Static HTML with S3 Bucket (Rejected)

- Simple and cheap
- X Requires redeployment or manual file update to change the string

B. Containerized Web App (ECS / EKS) (Rejected)

- Fully customizable
- X Overkill for simple HTML string
- X Involves managing networking, containers

C. Lambda + API Gateway + SSM (Selected)

- Serverless and dynamic
- No unnecessary infrastructure
- String can be changed anytime via CLI or Console

4. Design Decisions

- Terraform was chosen for reproducibility and automation
- Lambda makes it easy to supply runtime logic without maintaining a server
- SSM Parameter Store enables updating the string without code changes
- AWS API Gateway provides HTTPS public access to trigger the Lambda

The dynamic string is injected using environment variables to tell Lambda which parameter name to fetch.

% 5. How to Use the System

Deploy with:

bash

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terraform init terraform apply

After deployment, you'll get a public URL:

php

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https://<api-id>.execute-api.<region>.amazonaws.com/prod/html

To update the string without redeploying:

bash

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aws ssm put-parameter \ --name /dynamic/html/string \ --value "New string value" \ -type String \ --overwrite

Refresh browser — done V





🚀 6. If I Had More Time, I Would...

EMBELLISHMENTS:

- Add a simple frontend to modify the dynamic string through a web form $(POST \rightarrow SSM)$
- Add authentication layer (Cognito or IAM) to protect the dynamic string from unauthorized changes
- Expose multiple dynamic parameters based on user, headers, or query strings
- Organize into modules using terraform modules for better reusability
- CI/CD Integration using GitHub Actions for automatic deploy/testing
- CloudFront CDN + Custom domain for better performance

★ 7. Conclusion

The deployed infrastructure is dynamic, scalable, secure, and lightweight. All requirements are fulfilled:

- V Public URL serving HTML
- Configurable string stored outside the application (SSM)
- Updates require no redeploy
- Infrastructure as Code (Terraform)
- Cost-effective Serverless architecture