

# Module Checklist Infrastructure as Code with Terraform

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| Demo Projects |  |
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| Git Project   | https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn |

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## Introduction to Terraform

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## **Install Terraform & Local Setup**

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- **□** Demo executed Install Terraform:
  - ☐ Terraform installed
  - "terraform" project created



#### **Useful Links:**

- Guide to install Terraform for different OS:
   https://learn.hashicorp.com/tutorials/terraform/install-cli
   https://www.terraform.io/downloads.html
- Visual Studio Code Installation: <a href="https://code.visualstudio.com/download">https://code.visualstudio.com/download</a>

#### **Providers**

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- Demo executed:
  - ☐ Use AWS Provider

#### **Useful Links:**

- Browse Terraform Providers: <a href="https://registry.terraform.io/browse/providers">https://registry.terraform.io/browse/providers</a>
- Project: <a href="https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/master">https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/master</a>

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#### **Resources and Data Sources**

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- Demo executed
  - Created new VPC
  - Created Subnet in that new VPC



• Project: https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/master

## Change and destroy resources

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- Demo executed :
  - added tags to existing resources
  - removed tag
  - destroyed a resource

#### **Useful Links:**

Project: <a href="https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/master">https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/master</a>

#### More terraform commands

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- Demo executed :
  - Executed preview command
  - ☐ Applied config file without preview
  - Destroyed complete infrastructure

#### **Useful Links:**

Project: <a href="https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/master">https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/master</a>

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#### **Terraform State**

- Watched videos
- Demo executed

#### Useful Links:

Project: <a href="https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/master">https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/master</a>



## **Terraform Output**

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- **□** Demo executed define output values

#### **Useful Links:**

• Project: <a href="https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/master">https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/master</a>

## Variables

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- Demo executed:
  - Passed variables in 3 different ways
  - Restricted value of variable by defining a type

#### **Useful Links:**

- Everything about Input Variables: https://www.terraform.io/docs/configuration/variables.html
- Project: <a href="https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/master">https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/master</a>

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## **Environment variables**

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- Demo executed:
  - Used environment variables to extract AWS credentials

#### **Useful Links:**

- Custom Environment variables:
   <a href="https://www.terraform.io/docs/commands/environment-variables.html">https://www.terraform.io/docs/commands/environment-variables.html</a>
- Project: <a href="https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/master">https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/master</a>

## **Initialize Git Repository**

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- Demo executed:
  - Created Remote Git Repository for Terraform Configuration Files
  - Connected remote Git Repository with local project
  - ☐ Added .gitignore files

#### **Best Practices so far:**

- **Security:** Don't include sensitive data in the Terraform configuration file! Because it will be checked in in your git repository.
- Use terraform apply with the configuration file to make infrastructure changes, instead of executing commands directly. Especially when you work in a team.
   Because otherwise, infrastructure's current state and the desired state represented in the configuration file do not correspond anymore!

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## Terraform & AWS

Demo Project 1: Automate AWS Infrastructure (Part 1, 2 + 3)

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- Demo executed:
  - Created VPC & Subnet
  - Created custom Route Table
  - ☐ Added Subnet Association with Route Table
  - ☐ Configured Default/Main Route Table
  - Created Security Group
  - Configured Default Security Group
  - ☐ Created EC2 Instance (Fetch AMI, Create ssh key-pair and download .pem file and restrict permission)
  - □ SSH into EC2 instance
  - Configured ssh key pair in Terraform config file
  - Created EC2 Instance
    - Fetch AMI
    - Create ssh key-pair and download .pem file
    - restrict permission
  - □ SSH into EC2 instance
  - ☐ Automated ssh key-pair configured ssh key pair in Terraform config file
  - Configured Terraform to install Docker and run nginx image
  - ☐ Extract shell commands to own shell script
  - ☐ Accessed nginx through Browser



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## Demo Project 1: Automate AWS Infrastructure (Part 1, 2 + 3)

#### **Useful Links:**

- Project Repo Provision EC2 with new components:
   <a href="https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/feature/deploy-to-ec2">https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/feature/deploy-to-ec2</a>
- Project Repo Provision EC2 with default components:
   https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/feature/deploy-to-ec2-default-components
- EC2 Instance Resource:
   https://registry.terraform.io/providers/hashicorp/aws/latest/docs/resources/instance
- Data Sources Filtering:
   <a href="https://registry.terraform.io/providers/hashicorp/oci/latest/docs/guides/filters">https://registry.terraform.io/providers/hashicorp/oci/latest/docs/guides/filters</a>
- Generate a new ssh key: <a href="https://www.ssh.com/ssh/keygen/">https://www.ssh.com/ssh/keygen/</a>

#### **Best Practices:**

- With Terraform: Create own VPC and leave the defaults created by AWS as is
- **Security**: Store your .pem file ssh private key in .ssh folder. Restrict permission (only read for our User) on .pem file
- **Security**: Don't hardcode public\_key in Terraform config file!

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#### **Provisioners**

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- Demo executed:
  - ☐ Used "remote-exec" provisioner
  - ☐ Used "file" provisioner
  - ☐ Used "local-exec" provisioner

## Useful Links:

Project Repo:
 <a href="https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/feature/provisioners">https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/feature/provisioners</a>

#### **Best Practices:**

Use configuration management tools instead of Terraform provisioners

## Modules (Part 1, 2, 3)

- Watched videos
- Demo executed:
  - Extracted output values, variables and providers into its own file
  - Created subnet module and used it in root config file
  - ☐ Created webserver module and used it in root config file
  - Executed terraform apply successfully

#### **Useful Links:**

- Module Creation Recommended Pattern:
   https://learn.hashicorp.com/tutorials/terraform/pattern-module-creation?in=terraform/modules
- Project Repo: <a href="https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/feature/modules">https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/feature/modules</a>

#### **Best Practices:**

- Terraform Project Structure: Own .tf file for providers, variables, data sources and output values
- Modules: encapsulate configuration into distinct logical components



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## Terraform & AWS EKS

# Demo Project 2: Terraform & AWS EKS (Part 1, 2 & 3)

- Watched videos
- Demo executed:
  - ☐ Created the VPC by using the VPC module
  - ☐ Created the EKS cluster and worker nodes by using the EKS module

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- Configured Kubernetes provider to authenticate with K8s cluster
- Applied configurations
- Deployed nginx Application/Pod
- Terraform destroy (IMPORTANT: delete all your components, if you don't want to get charged for a running cluster!)

#### **Useful Links:**

- Project Repo: <a href="https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/feature/eks">https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/feature/eks</a>
- VPC Module:
  - https://registry.terraform.io/modules/terraform-aws-modules/vpc/aws/latest
- EKS Cluster Module:
  - https://registry.terraform.io/modules/terraform-aws-modules/eks/aws/latest
- Kubernetes Provider:
  - https://registry.terraform.io/providers/hashicorp/kubernetes/latest/docs

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## Terraform & Jenkins

Demo Project 3: CI/CD with Terraform (Part 1, 2 & 3)

- Watched videos
- Demo executed:
  - Created SSH key pair for EC2 Instance
  - Created Credential in Jenkins
  - ☐ Installed Terraform inside Jenkins Container
  - Created Terraform configuration files to provision an ec2 server
  - ☐ Created entry-script.sh file to install docker, docker-compose and start containers through docker-compose command
  - Adjusted Jenkinsfile to include provision and deployment stage
  - Included docker login to be able to pull Docker Images from private Docker repository
  - Executed CI/CD pipeline successfully

#### **Useful Links:**

- Project Repo:
  - https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/java-maven-app/-/tree/feature/sshagent-terraform
- Install Terraform: <a href="https://learn.hashicorp.com/tutorials/terraform/install-cli">https://learn.hashicorp.com/tutorials/terraform/install-cli</a>
- Install docker-compose: <a href="https://docs.docker.com/compose/install/">https://docs.docker.com/compose/install/</a>
- Terraform environment variables:
  - https://www.terraform.io/docs/commands/environment-variables.html

#### **Best Practice:**

Include TF configuration files in your project folder

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## Demo Project 3: CI/CD with Terraform (Part 1, 2 & 3)

#### **Useful Commands**

Install Terraform in Jenkins:

```
# add HashiCorp key
curl -fsSL https://apt.releases.hashicorp.com/gpg | apt-key add -

# install apt-add-repo command
apt-get install software-properties-common

# add the official HashiCorp Linux repository
apt-add-repository "deb [arch=amd64] https://apt.releases.hashicorp.com
$(lsb_release -cs) main"

# update and install
apt-get update && apt-get install terraform

# verify
terraform -v
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#### **Terraform Remote State**

- Watched video
- Demo executed:
  - Configured Remote Storage

#### **Useful Links:**

- Project Repo:
   <a href="https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/java-maven-app/-/tree/feature/sshagent-terraform">https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/java-maven-app/-/tree/feature/sshagent-terraform</a>
- Backends: <a href="https://www.terraform.io/docs/backends/">https://www.terraform.io/docs/backends/</a>
- Remote State: <a href="https://www.terraform.io/docs/state/remote.html">https://www.terraform.io/docs/state/remote.html</a>
- AWS S3: <a href="https://aws.amazon.com/s3/">https://aws.amazon.com/s3/</a>

#### **Best Practice:**

- Use Remote Terraform State when working in a team
- Use S3 Bucket Versioning
- Security: Enable encryption for the S3 Bucket



# More Resources...

# **More Best Practices**

- Use \_ (underscore) instead of (dash) in all resource names, data source names, variable names, outputs etc.
- Only use lowercase letters and numbers
- Use remote state, instead of on your laptop or in Git
- Use a consistent structure and naming convention
- Don't hardcode values as much as possible pass as variables or use data sources to get a value