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Case Study 7:

Aim:

To provision a Kubernetes cluster using Terraform on AWS and deploy a sample application using AWS Cloud9.

Theory:

This case study explores the process of creating and managing a Kubernetes cluster on AWS using Terraform. Kubernetes is an open-source platform designed to automate deploying, scaling, and operating application containers. Terraform, a popular infrastructure as code tool, is used to set up the underlying infrastructure, while AWS Cloud9 IDE is utilized for developing and managing the application. The study demonstrates how this integration enables infrastructure scalability and container orchestration, showcasing modern DevOps practices.

Step-by-Step Implementation:

1. Setting Up AWS IAM User

1. Login to AWS Management Console:

Go to <https://aws.amazon.com/console/>.

2. Navigate to IAM (Identity and Access Management):

In the services menu, select **IAM**. Under **Users**, click **Add User**.

3. Create a New IAM User:

- Name the user terraform-user.
- Enable **Programmatic Access** to generate access keys.

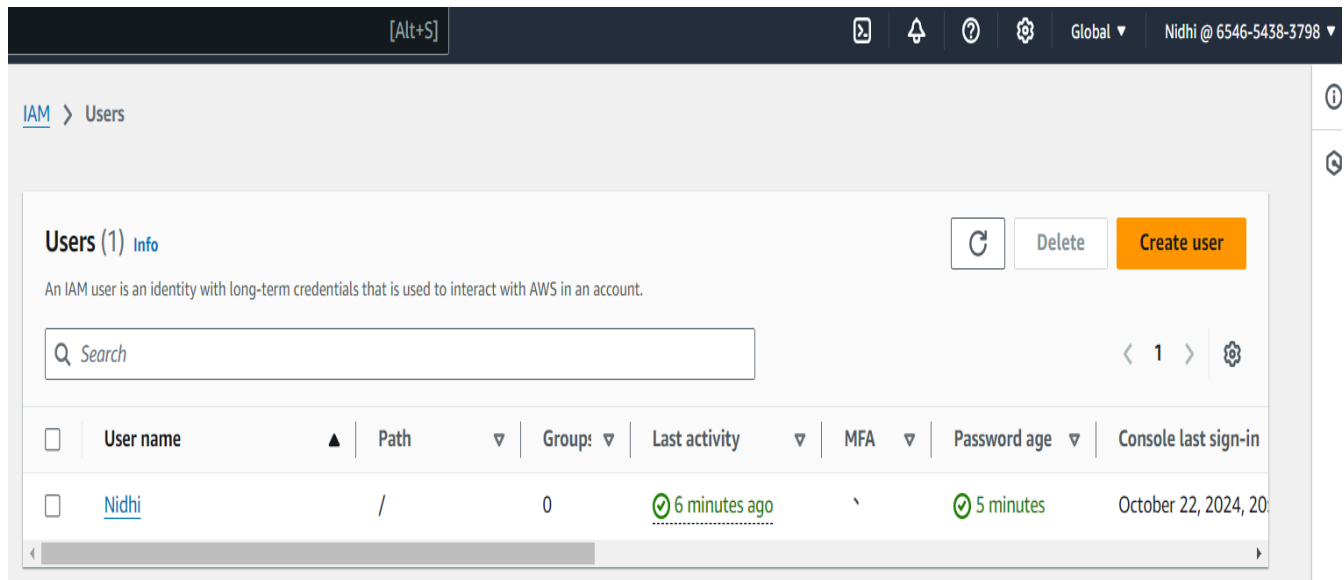
4. Attach Policies:

In the permissions section, select **Attach policies directly** and add the following policies:

- AmazonEKSClusterPolicy
- AmazonEKSServicePolicy
- AmazonEC2FullAccess

5. Download Credentials:

After creating the user, download the **Access Key ID** and **Secret Access Key**. This will be needed for configuring Terraform.



2. Creating the Terraform Script

1. Create a Directory:

- Open a terminal and create a new directory for your Terraform project:
mkdir my-k8s-cluster
- cd my-k8s-cluster

```
C:\Users\pedne>mkdir my-k8s-cluster
C:\Users\pedne>cd my-k8s-cluster
C:\Users\pedne\my-k8s-cluster>terraform -v
Terraform v1.9.4
on windows_amd64
```

2. Create main.tf:

Add the Terraform configuration to set up the AWS provider, VPC, subnets, internet gateway, route tables, and EKS cluster:

```
main.tf ×
C: > Users > pedne > my-k8s-cluster > main.tf
1  # Configure AWS Provider
2  provider "aws" {
3    region = "us-east-1"
4    # Credentials will be configured via AWS CLI
5  }
6
7  # VPC Configuration
8  resource "aws_vpc" "eks_vpc" {
9    cidr_block      = "10.0.0.0/16"
10   enable_dns_hostnames = true
11   enable_dns_support  = true
12
13   tags = {
14     Name = "eks-vpc"
15   }
16 }
17
18 # Create 2 Public Subnets
19 resource "aws_subnet" "public_1" {
20   vpc_id            = aws_vpc.eks_vpc.id
21   cidr_block        = "10.0.1.0/24"
22   availability_zone = "us-east-1a"
23   map_public_ip_on_launch = true
24
25   tags = {
26     Name = "public-us-east-1a"
27     "kubernetes.io/cluster/eks" = "shared"
28   }
29 }
30
31 resource "aws_subnet" "public_2" {
32   vpc_id            = aws_vpc.eks_vpc.id
33   cidr_block        = "10.0.2.0/24"
34   availability_zone = "us-east-1b"
```

3. Initializing and Applying Terraform

Initialize Terraform:

```
terraform init
```

Apply the Terraform Configuration:

```
terraform apply
```

```

aws_eks_cluster.eks: Still creating... [10m30s elapsed]
aws_eks_cluster.eks: Still creating... [10m40s elapsed]
aws_eks_cluster.eks: Creation complete after 10m43s [id=my-eks-cluster]
aws_eks_node_group.eks_nodes: Creating...
aws_eks_node_group.eks_nodes: Still creating... [10s elapsed]
aws_eks_node_group.eks_nodes: Still creating... [20s elapsed]
aws_eks_node_group.eks_nodes: Still creating... [30s elapsed]
aws_eks_node_group.eks_nodes: Still creating... [40s elapsed]
aws_eks_node_group.eks_nodes: Still creating... [50s elapsed]
aws_eks_node_group.eks_nodes: Still creating... [1m0s elapsed]
aws_eks_node_group.eks_nodes: Still creating... [1m10s elapsed]
aws_eks_node_group.eks_nodes: Still creating... [1m20s elapsed]
aws_eks_node_group.eks_nodes: Still creating... [1m30s elapsed]
aws_eks_node_group.eks_nodes: Still creating... [1m40s elapsed]
aws_eks_node_group.eks_nodes: Still creating... [1m50s elapsed]
aws_eks_node_group.eks_nodes: Still creating... [2m0s elapsed]
aws_eks_node_group.eks_nodes: Still creating... [2m10s elapsed]
aws_eks_node_group.eks_nodes: Still creating... [2m20s elapsed]
aws_eks_node_group.eks_nodes: Still creating... [2m30s elapsed]
aws_eks_node_group.eks_nodes: Creation complete after 2m31s [id=my-eks-cluster:eks-nodes]

Apply complete! Resources: 15 added, 0 changed, 0 destroyed.

Outputs:

cluster_endpoint = "https://315EA03FB42E484A98D4DC9D10F9FB46.gr7.us-east-1.eks.amazonaws.com"
cluster_name = "my-eks-cluster"

C:\Users\pedne\my-k8s-cluster>

```

4. Setting Up AWS Cloud9

Create a Cloud9 Environment:

- Go to the **AWS Cloud9** console.
- Create a new Cloud9 environment, using instance type **t3.small** and default settings.

The screenshot shows the AWS Cloud9 console interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the AWS Cloud9 logo and the text 'Environments'. Below this, there's a section titled 'Environments (1)'. Inside this section, there are four buttons: 'Delete', 'View details', 'Open in Cloud9', and 'Create environment'. The 'Create environment' button is highlighted in orange. Below these buttons, there's a dropdown menu showing 'My environments'. Below the dropdown, there's a table with the following columns: 'Name', 'Cloud9 IDE', 'Environment type', 'Connection', 'Permission', and 'Owner ARN'. The table contains one row with the following data: 'nidhienv' (Name), 'Open' (Cloud9 IDE), 'EC2 instance' (Environment type), 'Secure Shell (SSH)' (Connection), 'Owner' (Permission), and 'arn:aws:sts::65903:role/voclabs/user3402' (Owner ARN).

5. Configuring kubectl

1 .Install AWS CLI and kubectl in the Cloud9 terminal:

```
sudo yum install -y aws-cli
```

```
curl -LO "https://amazon-eks.s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/${(aws eks describe-cluster --name my-k8s-cluster --query "cluster.version" --output text)}/2020-12-03/bin/linux/amd64/kubectl"
```

```
chmod +x ./kubectl
```

```
sudo mv ./kubectl /usr/local/bin
```

```
voclabs:~/environment $ sudo yum install -y aws-cli
Last metadata expiration check: 0:04:13 ago on Sat Oct 19 11:08:43 2024.
Package awscli-2-2.15.30-1.amzn2023.0.1.noarch is already installed.
Dependencies resolved.
Nothing to do.
Complete!
voclabs:~/environment $ curl -LO "https://amazon-eks.s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/${(aws eks describe-cluster --name my-k8s-cluster
> --query "cluster.version" --output text)}/2020-12-03/bin/linux/amd64/kubectl"

An error occurred (ResourceNotFoundException) when calling the DescribeCluster operation: No cluster found for name: my-k8s-cluster.
bash: --query: command not found
  % Total    % Received % Xferd  Average Speed   Time    Time     Time  Current
                                 Dload  Upload   Total   Spent    Left   Speed
100 306      0 306    0    0 1317      0 --:--:-- --:--:-- --:--:-- 1318
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--query "cluster.version" --output text)}/2020-12-03/bin/linux/amd64/kubectl"

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                                 Dload  Upload   Total   Spent    Left   Speed
100 306      0 306    0    0 1324      0 --:--:-- --:--:-- --:--:-- 1324
voclabs:~/environment $ chmod +x ./kubectl
voclabs:~/environment $ sudo mv ./kubectl /usr/local/bin
```

2. Update kubeconfig to interact with the Kubernetes cluster:

```
aws eks --region us-east-1 update-kubeconfig --name my-eks-cluster
```

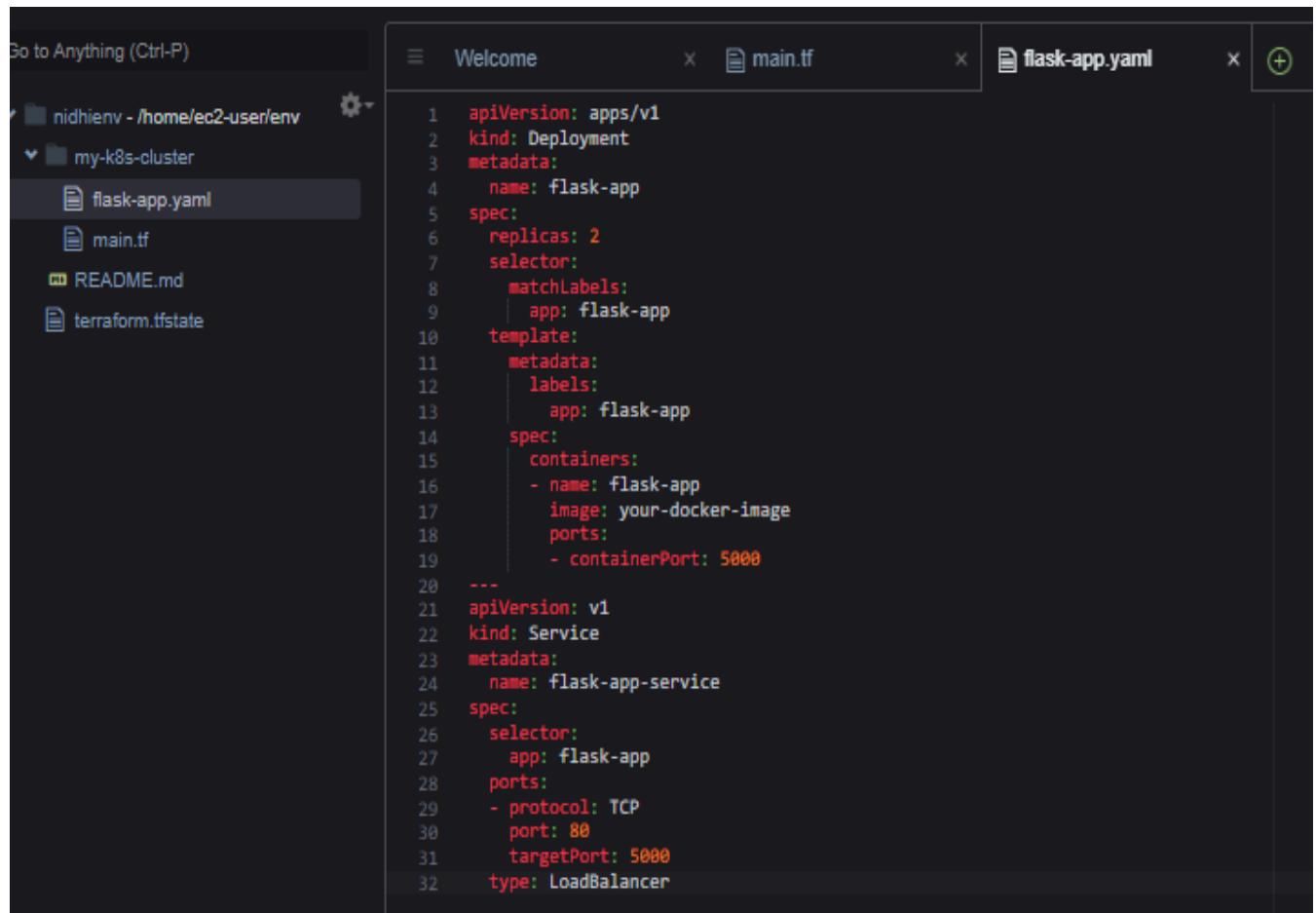
```
C:\Users\pedne\my-k8s-cluster>aws eks --region us-east-1 update-kubeconfig --name my-eks-cluster
Added new context arn:aws:eks:us-east-1:008971651210:cluster/my-eks-cluster to C:\Users\pedne\.kube\config
```

```
C:\Users\pedne\my-k8s-cluster>kubectl get nodes
NAME                                STATUS    ROLES    AGE   VERSION
ip-10-0-1-158.ec2.internal          Ready    <none>    99m   v1.31.0-eks-a737599
ip-10-0-2-163.ec2.internal          Ready    <none>    99m   v1.31.0-eks-a737599
```

6. Creating the Flask Application

1. Create a Deployment YAML file:

Create a file named `flask-app.yaml` for deploying the Flask application:

A screenshot of a code editor with a dark theme. The left sidebar shows a file explorer with a directory structure: 'nidhienv - /home/ec2-user/env' containing 'my-k8s-cluster' which has files 'flask-app.yaml', 'main.tf', 'README.md', and 'terraform.tfstate'. The 'flask-app.yaml' file is selected. The main editor area shows the content of 'flask-app.yaml' with line numbers 1 through 32. The file contains two Kubernetes manifests: a Deployment and a Service.

```
1  apiVersion: apps/v1
2  kind: Deployment
3  metadata:
4    name: flask-app
5  spec:
6    replicas: 2
7    selector:
8      matchLabels:
9        app: flask-app
10   template:
11     metadata:
12       labels:
13         app: flask-app
14     spec:
15       containers:
16       - name: flask-app
17         image: your-docker-image
18         ports:
19         - containerPort: 5000
20 ---
21 apiVersion: v1
22 kind: Service
23 metadata:
24   name: flask-app-service
25 spec:
26   selector:
27     app: flask-app
28   ports:
29   - protocol: TCP
30     port: 80
31     targetPort: 5000
32   type: LoadBalancer
```

Save the manifest as flask-app.yaml

kubectl apply -f flask-app.yaml

```
C:\Users\pedne\my-k8s-cluster>kubectl apply -f flask-app.yaml
deployment.apps/flask-app unchanged
service/flask-app-service unchanged
```

Check the deployment status

kubectl get deployments

```
C:\Users\pedne\my-k8s-cluster>kubectl get deployments
```

NAME	READY	UP-TO-DATE	AVAILABLE	AGE
flask-app	2/2	2	2	21h

kubectl get pods

```
C:\Users\pedne\my-k8s-cluster>kubectl get pods
```

NAME	READY	STATUS	RESTARTS	AGE
flask-app-96ff5ffc9-2ftzb	1/1	Running	0	21h
flask-app-96ff5ffc9-p2wjt	1/1	Running	0	21h

kubectl get services

```
C:\Users\pedne\my-k8s-cluster>kubectl get services
```

NAME	TYPE	CLUSTER-IP	EXTERNAL-IP	PORT(S)	AGE
flask-app-service	LoadBalancer	172.20.123.62	<pending>	80:31313/TCP	21h
kubernetes	ClusterIP	172.20.0.1	<none>	443/TCP	23h

Get the LoadBalancer URL (may take a few minutes to provision)

kubectl get service flask-app-service

```
C:\Users\pedne\my-k8s-cluster>kubectl get service flask-app-service
```

NAME	TYPE	CLUSTER-IP	EXTERNAL-IP	PORT(S)	AGE
flask-app-service	LoadBalancer	172.20.123.62	<pending>	80:31313/TCP	21h

4. Key Features and Applications

- **Infrastructure as Code:**
 - Terraform allows for version-controlled infrastructure definitions
 - Enables reproducible and consistent environment setup
- **Scalability:**
 - Kubernetes enables automatic scaling of applications based on demand
 - Load balancing through Kubernetes services
- **Flexibility:**
 - Deploy applications in a cloud-agnostic manner
 - Easy migration between different cloud providers

5. Conclusion

This case study illustrates the integration of Terraform, AWS, and Kubernetes to provision a scalable and manageable infrastructure for deploying applications. It emphasizes the importance of infrastructure as code in modern cloud environments. Through this implementation, we demonstrated the practical application of DevOps principles and tools in creating a production-ready container orchestration platform.