

# Notes

- `terraform validate`: Checks the syntax of the Terraform files and verifies that they are internally consistent, but does not ensure that the resources exist or that the providers are properly configured.
- `terraform fmt`: Automatically updates Terraform configuration files to a canonical format and style, improving consistency and readability. The command works only for the files in the current working directory, but you can also add a `-recursive` flag to format `.tf` files in nested directories.
- `terraform plan`: Creates an execution plan, showing what actions Terraform will take to achieve the desired state defined in the Terraform files. This command does not modify the actual resources or state.
- `terraform plan -out <filename>`: Similar to `terraform plan`, but it also writes the execution plan to a file that can be used by `terraform apply`, ensuring that exactly the planned actions are taken.
- `terraform apply`: Applies the execution plan, making the necessary changes to reach the desired state of the resources. If you run `terraform plan` with the `-out` option, you can run `terraform apply <filename>` to provide the execution plan.
- `terraform show`: Provides human-readable output from a state or plan file. It's used to inspect the current state or to see the actions planned by a `terraform plan` command.
- `terraform state list`: Lists all resources in the state file, useful for managing and manipulating the state.
- `terraform destroy`: Destroys all resources tracked in the state file. This command is the equivalent of passing a `-destroy` flag to the `terraform apply` command.
- `terraform -help`: Provides help information about Terraform commands. It can be used alone for a general overview, or appended to a specific command for detailed help about that command.

Usage: `terraform [global options] <subcommand> [args]`

The available commands for execution are listed below.

The primary workflow commands are given first, followed by less common or more advanced commands.

Main commands:

<code>init</code>	Prepare your working directory for other commands
<code>validate</code>	Check whether the configuration is valid
<code>plan</code>	Show changes required by the current configuration
<code>apply</code>	Create or update infrastructure
<code>destroy</code>	Destroy previously-created infrastructure

All other commands:

<code>console</code>	Try Terraform expressions at an interactive command prompt
<code>fmt</code>	Reformat your configuration in the standard style
<code>force-unlock</code>	Release a stuck lock on the current workspace
<code>get</code>	Install or upgrade remote Terraform modules
<code>graph</code>	Generate a Graphviz graph of the steps in an operation
<code>import</code>	Associate existing infrastructure with a Terraform resource
<code>login</code>	Obtain and save credentials for a remote host
<code>logout</code>	Remove locally-stored credentials for a remote host
<code>metadata</code>	Metadata related commands
<code>modules</code>	Show all declared modules in a working directory
<code>output</code>	Show output values from your root module
<code>providers</code>	Show the providers required for this configuration

refresh	Update the state to match remote systems
show	Show the current state or a saved plan
stacks	Manage HCP Terraform stack operations
state	Advanced state management
taint	Mark a resource instance as not fully functional
test	Execute integration tests for Terraform modules
untaint	Remove the 'tainted' state from a resource instance
version	Show the current Terraform version
workspace	Workspace management

Global options (use these before the subcommand, if any):

- chdir=DIR Switch to a different working directory before executing the given subcommand.
- help Show this help output or the help for a specified subcommand.
- version An alias for the "version" subcommand.
  
- input=true Ask for input for variables if not directly set.
  
- no-color If specified, output won't contain any color.
  
- parallelism=n Limit the number of parallel resource operations.  
Defaults to 10.
  
- replace=resource Terraform will plan to replace this resource instance instead of doing an update or no-op action.
  
- state=path Path to read and save state (unless state-out is specified). Defaults to "terraform.tfstate".
  
- state-out=path Path to write state to that is different than "-state". This can be used to preserve the old state.
  
- var 'foo=bar' Set a value for one of the input variables in the root module of the configuration. Use this option more than once to set more than one variable.
  
- var-file=filename Load variable values from the given file, in addition to the default files terraform.tfvars and \*.auto.tfvars.  
Use this option more than once to include more than one variables file.

If you don't provide a saved plan file then this command will also accept all of the plan-customization options accepted by the terraform plan command.

For more information on those options, run:

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terraform plan -hel
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