



# the essential Terraform Cheatsheet

## ▶ general commands

**get the terraform version**  
`terraform version`

**download and update root modules**  
`terraform get -update=true`

**open up a terraform interactive terminal**  
`terraform console`

**create a dot diagram of terraform dependencies**  
`terraform graph | dot -Tpng > graph.png`

**format terraform code to HCL standards**  
`terraform fmt`

**validate terraform code syntax**  
`terraform validate`

**enable tab auto-completion in the terminal**  
`terraform -install-autocomplete`

**show information about provider requirements**  
`terraform providers`

**login and logout of terraform cloud**  
`terraform login` and `terraform logout`

## ▶ workspaces

**list the available workspaces**  
`terraform workspace list`

**create a new workspace**  
`terraform workspace new development`

**select an existing workspace**  
`terraform workspace select default`

## ▶ initialize terraform

**initialize terraform in the current working directory**  
`terraform init`

**skip plugin installation**  
`terraform init -get-plugins=false`

**force plugin installation from a directory**  
`terraform init -plugin-dir=PATH`

**upgrade modules and plugins at initialization**  
`terraform init -upgrade`

**update backend configuration**  
`terraform init -migrate-state -force-copy`

**skip backend configuration**  
`terraform init -backend=false`

**use a local backend configuration**  
`terraform init -backend-config=FILE`

**change state lock timeout (default is zero seconds)**  
`terraform init -lock-timeout=120s`

## ▶ plan terraform

**produce a plan with diff between code and state**  
`terraform plan`

**output a plan file for reference during apply**  
`terraform plan -out current.tfplan`

**output a plan to show effect of terraform destroy**  
`terraform plan -destroy`

**target a specific resource for deployment**  
`terraform plan -target=ADDRESS`

*note that the -target option is also available for the terraform apply and terraform destroy commands.*

## ▶ outputs

**list available outputs**  
`terraform output`

**output a specific value**  
`terraform output NAME`

## ▶ apply terraform

**apply the current state of terraform code**  
`terraform apply`

**specify a previously generated plan to apply**  
`terraform apply current.tfplan`

**enable auto-approval or automation**  
`terraform apply -auto-approve`

## ▶ destroy terraform

**destroy resources managed by terraform state**  
`terraform destroy`

**enable auto-approval or automation**  
`terraform destroy -auto-approve`

## ▶ manage terraform state

**list all resources in terraform state**  
`terraform state list`

**show details about a specific resource**  
`terraform state show ADDRESS`

**track an existing resource in state under new name**  
`terraform state mv SOURCE DESTINATION`

**import a manually created resource into state**  
`terraform state import ADDRESS ID`

**pull state and save to a local file**  
`terraform state pull > terraform.tfstate`

**push state to a remote location**  
`terraform state push PATH`

**replace a resource provider**  
`terraform state replace-provider A B`

**taint a resource to force redeployment on apply**  
`terraform taint ADDRESS`

**untaint a previously tainted resource**  
`terraform untaint ADDRESS`