

Terraform

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Course objectives

- Understand, use and apply terraform, including advanced terraform features
- Prepare for the HashiCorp Terraform Certification with lectures aligned with the exam objectives
- Use terraform with AWS ECS, Fargate, and CodePipelines
- Use terraform to provision AWS resources
- Use terraform with Packer to create custom images
- Be able to apply DevOps techniques using terraform

Feedback and support

- To provide feedback or get support, use the discussion groups
- We also have a Facebook group called Learn DevOps: Continuously Deliver Better Software
- You can scan the following barcode or use the link in the next document after this introduction movie

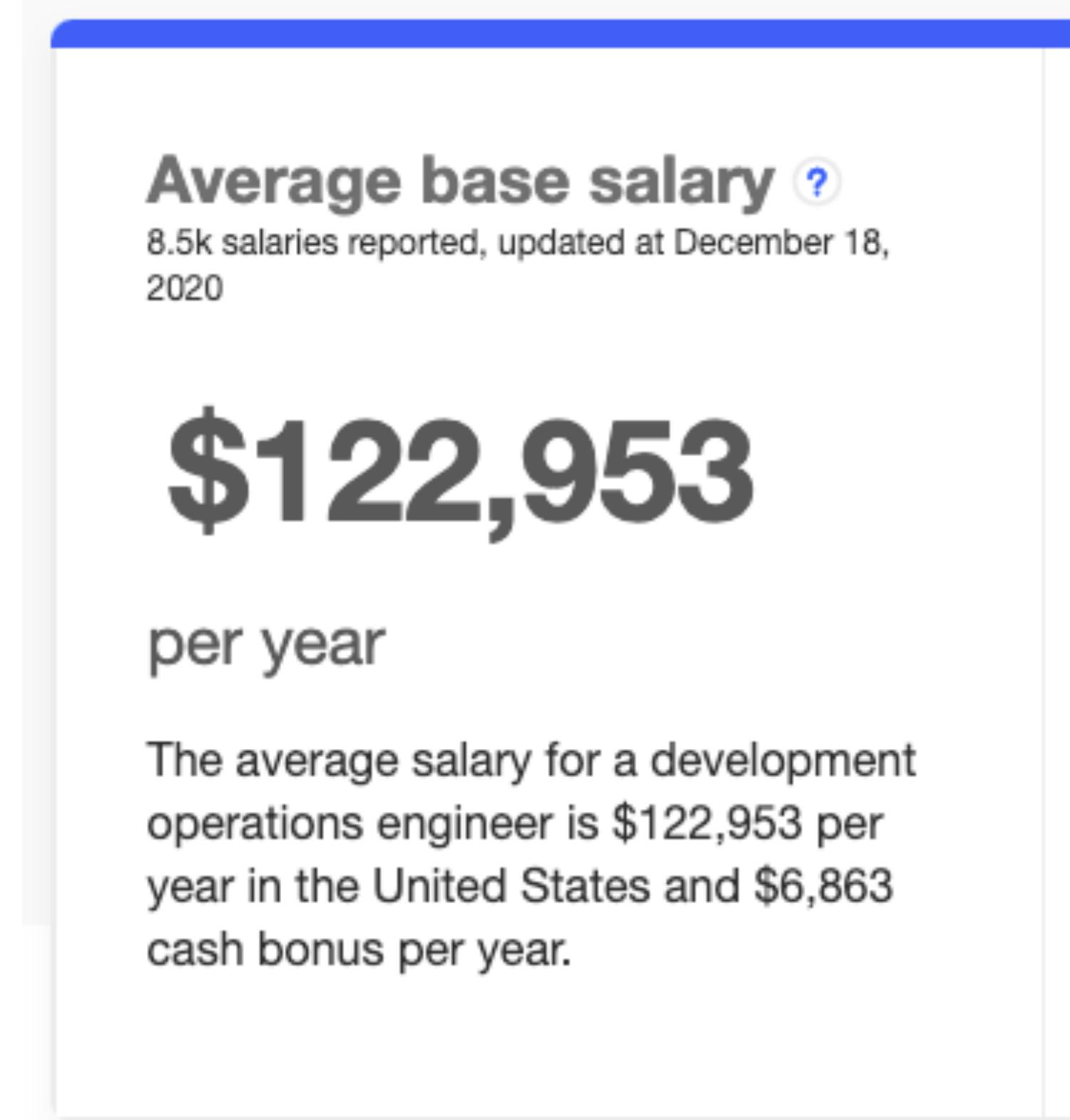


Procedure Document

- Use the next procedure document in the next lecture to download all the resources for the course
- All resources are in a GitHub repository
 - You can clone the git repository
 - You can download a zip file on the github website

Terraform

Why Terraform



- The average base salary of a DevOps / Automation engineer is \$167,292 in San Fransisco and \$122,953 in United States (2020 numbers - indeed.com)
- Terraform has gained a lot in popularity over the last years
- It is now one of the most sought-after skills in this field
- It's a tool that you will need to master when provisioning any cloud environment

Terraform

- If you are in a Ops or DevOps role, you'll want to **automate** your infra
- Terraform is a great tool to do this:
 - You can automate your infrastructure by **using Infrastructure as Code (IaaS)**
 - Every terraform run will be a **repeatable, reliable** process
 - Terraform can provision any of the main **cloud providers**, including AWS
 - You can keep a history of your changes made to your infrastructure
 - Collaborate within a team to build infrastructure

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What is Terraform

Terraform

- Infrastructure as **code**
- **Automation** of your infrastructure
- Keep your infrastructure in a certain **state** (compliant)
 - e.g. 2 web instances with 2 volumes, and 1 load balancer
- Make your infrastructure **auditable**
 - You can keep your infrastructure change history in a **version control** system like GIT

Terraform

- Ansible, Chef, Puppet, Saltstack have a focus on automating the **installation and configuration** of software
 - Keeping the **machines** in compliance, in a certain state
- Terraform can automate provisioning of the **infrastructure itself**
 - eg. Using the AWS, DigitalOcean, Azure API
 - Works well with automation software like ansible to install software after the infrastructure is provisioned

Demo

Installing terraform

Demo

Installing terraform on Windows + Creating SSH keys
using puttyGen

Demo

Installing terraform using Vagrant

Terraform HCL

(HashiCorp Configuration Language)
Understanding the terraform syntax

First steps in terraform

Spinning up instance on AWS

Terraform

- Spinning up an instance on AWS
 - Open AWS Account
 - Create IAM admin user
 - Create terraform file to spin up t2.micro instance
 - Run terraform apply

Terraform

- Testing what infrastructure would be built based on our terraform files:

```
$ terraform plan  
...  
  
+ aws_instance.example  
  ami:          "ami-0d729a60"  
  availability_zone:    "<computed>"  
  ebs_block_device.#:  "<computed>"  
  ephemeral_block_device.#: "<computed>"  
  instance_state:    "<computed>"  
  instance_type:     "t2.micro"  
  key_name:         "<computed>"  
  placement_group:   "<computed>"  
  private_dns:       "<computed>"  
  private_ip:        "<computed>"  
  public_dns:        "<computed>"  
  public_ip:         "<computed>"  
  root_block_device.#:  "<computed>"  
  security_groups.#:  "<computed>"  
  source_dest_check:  "true"  
  subnet_id:         "<computed>"  
  tenancy:           "<computed>"  
  vpc_security_group_ids.#: "<computed>"
```

Terraform

- Then use terraform apply to execute the changes:

```
$ terraform apply
aws_instance.example: Creating...
  ami:      "" => "ami-0d729a60"
  instance_type:    "" => "t2.micro"
  [...]
aws_instance.example: Creation complete

Apply complete! Resources: 1 added, 0 changed, 0 destroyed.
```

Terraform

- Keeping the changes in an out file

```
$ terraform plan -out changes.terraform
```

...

- Then only apply those changes to the infrastructure

```
$ terraform apply changes.terraform
```

...

```
$ rm changes.terraform
```

Terraform

- Afterwards the infrastructure can be destroyed again:

```
$ terraform destroy
aws_instance.example: Destroying...
Apply complete! Resources: 0 added, 0 changed, 1 destroyed.
```

...

- Now the instances are terminated and you stop paying AWS for the EC2 instances
- Be very careful with this command on a production environment!

First steps in terraform

Summary

Variables in terraform

Terraform

- Everything in one file is not great
- Use variables to **hide secrets**
 - You don't want the AWS credentials in your git repository
- Use variables for elements that **might change**
 - AMIs are different per region
- Use variables to make it yourself easier to reuse terraform files

Terraform

instance.tf

```
provider "aws" {  
    access_key = "ACCESS_KEY_HERE"  
    secret_key = "SECRET_KEY_HERE"  
    region     = "us-east-1"  
}  
  
resource "aws_instance" "example" {  
    ami        = "ami-0d729a60"  
    instance_type = "t2.micro"  
}
```

Terraform

provider.tf

```
provider "aws" {  
    access_key = "${var.AWS_ACCESS_KEY}"  
    secret_key = "${var.AWS_SECRET_KEY}"  
    region = "${var.AWS_REGION}"  
}
```

vars.tf

```
variable "AWS_ACCESS_KEY" {}  
variable "AWS_SECRET_KEY" {}  
variable "AWS_REGION" {  
    default = "eu-west-1"  
}
```

terraform.tfvars

```
AWS_ACCESS_KEY = ""  
AWS_SECRET_KEY = ""  
AWS_REGION = ""
```

instance.tf

```
resource "aws_instance" "example" {  
    ami      = "ami-0d729a60"  
    instance_type = "t2.micro"  
}
```

Terraform

provider.tf

```
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    access_key = "${var.AWS_ACCESS_KEY}"  
    secret_key = "${var.AWS_SECRET_KEY}"  
    region = "${var.AWS_REGION}"  
}
```

vars.tf

```
variable "AWS_ACCESS_KEY" {}  
variable "AWS_SECRET_KEY" {}  
variable "AWS_REGION" {  
    default = "eu-west-1"  
}  
variable "AMIS" {  
    type = "map"  
    default = {  
        us-east-1 = "ami-13be557e"  
        us-west-2 = "ami-06b94666"  
        eu-west-1 = "ami-0d729a60"  
    }  
}
```

instance.tf

```
resource "aws_instance" "example" {  
    ami      = "${lookup(var.AMIS, var.AWS_REGION)}"  
    instance_type = "t2.micro"  
}
```

<https://cloud-images.ubuntu.com/locator/ec2/>

Demo

Using variables

Terraform Variable Types

Terraform Variable Types

- Terraform variables were **completely reworked** for the **terraform 0.12 release**
- You can now have **more control over the variables**, and have **for and for-each loops**, which where not possible with earlier versions
- You don't have to specify the type in variables, but it's **recommended**

Terraform Variable Types

- Terraform's **simple variable types**

- String
- Number
- Bool

```
variable "a-string" {  
    type = string  
}  
variable "this-is-a-number" {  
    type = number  
}  
variable "true-or-false" {  
    type = bool  
}
```

Terraform Variable Types

- Terraform's **complex types**
 - List(type)
 - Set(type)
 - Map(type)
 - Object({<ATTR NAME> = <TYPE>, ... })
 - Tuple([<TYPE>, ...])

Terraform Variable Types

- **List & Map** we already covered during a previous demo
 - List: [0,1,5,2]
 - Map: {"key" = "value"}
- A list is always ordered, it'll always return 0,1,5,2 and not 5,1,2,0
- A "set" is like a list, but it doesn't keep the order you put it in, and can only contain **unique values**
 - A list that has [5, 1, 1, 2] becomes [1,2,5] in a set (when you output it, terraform will sort it)

Terraform Variable Types

- An **object** is like a map, but each element can have a different type
- For example:

```
{  
  firstname = "John"  
  housenumber = 10  
}
```

Terraform Variable Types

- An **tuple** is like a **list**, but each element can have a **different type**
- For example:

```
[0, "string", false]
```

Terraform Variable Types

- The most common types are **list and map**, the other ones are only used sporadically
- The ones you should remember are the simple variable types **string, number, bool** and the **list & map**

Terraform Variable Types

- You can also let terraform decide on the type:

```
variable "a-string" {
  default = "this is a string"
}
variable "this-is-a-list" {
  default = [ "list of", "strings" ]
}
```

Provisioning software

Terraform

- There are 2 ways to **provision software** on your instances
- You can build your **own custom AMI** and bundle your software with the image
 - **Packer** is a great tool to do this
- Another way is to boot **standardized AMIs**, and then install the software on it you need
 - Using file uploads
 - Using remote exec
 - Using automation tools like chef, puppet, ansible

Terraform

- **Current state** for terraform with automation (Q4 2016):
 - **Chef is integrated** within terraform, you can add chef statements
 - You can run **puppet agent** using remote-exec
 - For ansible, you can first run terraform, and **output** the IP addresses, then run **ansible-playbook** on those hosts
 - This can be automated in a workflow script
 - There are **3rd party initiatives** integrating Ansible with terraform

File uploads

instance.tf

```
resource "aws_instance" "example" {
  ami      = "${lookup(var.AMIS, var.AWS_REGION)}"
  instance_type = "t2.micro"

  provisioner "file" {
    source = "app.conf"
    destination = "/etc/myapp.conf"
  }
}
```

- File uploads is an **easy way** to upload a file or a script
- Can be used in conjunction with **remote-exec** to execute a script
- The provisioner may use **SSH** (Linux hosts) or **WinRM** (on windows hosts)

File uploads

- To override the SSH defaults, you can use "connection":

instance.tf

```
resource "aws_instance" "example" {  
    ami      = "${lookup(var.AMIS, var.AWS_REGION)}"  
    instance_type = "t2.micro"  
  
    provisioner "file" {  
        source = "script.sh"  
        destination = "/opt/script.sh"  
        connection {  
            user = "${var.instance_username}"  
            password = "${var.instance_password}"  
        }  
    }  
}
```

- When spinning up instances on AWS, ec2-user is the default user for Amazon Linux and ubuntu for Ubuntu Linux

File uploads

- Typically on AWS, you'll use SSH keypairs:

instance.tf

```
resource "aws_key_pair" "mykey" {
  key_name = "mykey"
  public_key = "ssh-rsa my-public-key"
}

resource "aws_instance" "example" {
  ami        = "${lookup(var.AMIS, var.AWS_REGION)}"
  instance_type = "t2.micro"
  key_name = "${aws_key_pair.mykey.key_name}"

  provisioner "file" {
    source = "script.sh"
    destination = "/opt/script.sh"
    connection {
      user = "${var.instance_username}"
      private_key = "${file(${var.path_to_private_key})}"
    }
  }
}
```

Terraform

- After you uploaded a script, you'll want to execute it
- You can execute a script using remote-exec:

```
resource "aws_instance" "example" {  
    ami      = "${lookup(var.AMIS, var.AWS_REGION)}"  
    instance_type = "t2.micro"  
  
    provisioner "file" {  
        source = "script.sh"  
        destination = "/opt/script.sh"  
    }  
    provisioner "remote-exec" {  
        inline = [  
            "chmod +x /opt/script.sh",  
            "/opt/script.sh arguments"  
        ]  
    }  
}
```

Demo

Provisioning with script

Demo

Provisioning Windows Server

Output

Terraform

- Terraform keeps **attributes** of all the **resources** you create
 - eg. the **aws_instance** resource has the **attribute public_ip**
- Those attributes can be **queried** and **outputted**
- This can be useful just to output valuable information or to feed information to external software

Terraform

- Use "output" to display the public IP address of an AWS resource:

```
resource "aws_instance" "example" {  
    ami      = "${lookup(var.AMIS, var.AWS_REGION)}"  
    instance_type = "t2.micro"  
}  
  
output "ip" {  
    value = "${aws_instance.example.public_ip}"  
}
```

- You can refer to any attribute by specifying the following elements in your variable:
 - The resource type: aws_instance
 - The resource name: example
 - The attribute name: public_ip

Terraform

- You can also use the attributes in a **script**:

```
resource "aws_instance" "example" {  
    ami      = "${lookup(var.AMIS, var.AWS_REGION)}"  
    instance_type = "t2.micro"  
    provisioner "local-exec" {  
        command = "echo ${aws_instance.example.private_ip} >> private_ips.txt"  
    }  
}
```

- Useful for instance to start automation scripts after infrastructure provisioning
- You can populate the IP addresses in an **ansible host** file
- Or another possibility: execute a script (with attributes as argument) which will take care of a **mapping** of resource name and the IP address

Demo

outputting

Terraform state

Terraform

- Terraform keeps the **remote state** of the infrastructure
- It stores it in a file called **terraform.tfstate**
- There is also a backup of the previous state in **terraform.tfstate.backup**
- When you execute terraform **apply**, a new terraform.tfstate and backup is **written**
- This is how terraform **keeps track** of the **remote state**
 - If the remote state changes and you hit terraform apply again, terraform will make changes to meet the **correct remote state** again
 - e.g. you **terminate** an instance that is managed by terraform, after terraform apply it will be **started** again

Terraform

- You can keep the terraform.tfstate in **version control**
 - e.g. git
- It gives you a **history** of your terraform.tfstate file (which is just a big JSON file)
- It allows you to **collaborate** with other team members
 - Unfortunately you can get conflicts when 2 people work at the same time
- Local state works well in the beginning, but when your project becomes bigger, you might want to store your state **remote**

Terraform

- The **terraform state** can be saved remote, using the **backend** functionality in terraform
- The default is a **local backend** (the local terraform state file)
- Other backends include:
 - **s3** (with a locking mechanism using dynamoDB)
 - **consul** (with locking)
 - **terraform enterprise** (the commercial solution)

Terraform

- Using the backend functionality has definitely benefits:
 - Working in a team: it allows for **collaboration**, the remote state will always be **available** for the whole team
 - The state file is not stored locally. Possible **sensitive information** is now only stored in the remote state
 - Some backends will enable **remote operations**. The terraform apply will then run completely remote. These are called the enhanced backends (<https://www.terraform.io/docs/backends/types/index.html>)

Terraform

- There are 2 steps to configure a remote state:
 - Add the backend code to a .tf file
 - Run the initialization process

Terraform

- To configure a consul remote store, you can add a file backend.tf with the following contents:

```
terraform {  
  backend "consul" {  
    address = "demo.consul.io" # hostname of consul cluster  
    path    = "terraform/myproject"  
  }  
}
```

Terraform

- You can also store your state in S3:

```
terraform {  
  backend "s3" {  
    bucket = "mybucket"  
    key    = "terraform/myproject"  
    region = "eu-west-1"  
  }  
}
```

- When using an S3 remote state, it's best to configure the AWS credentials:

```
$ aws configure  
AWS Access Key ID []: AWS-key  
AWS Secret Access Key []: AWS_secret_key  
Default region name []: eu-west-1  
Default output format [None]:
```

Terraform

- Next step, terraform init:

```
$ terraform init
Initializing the backend...
region
The region of the S3 bucket.

Enter a value: eu-west-1
```

Successfully configured the backend "s3"! Terraform will automatically use this backend unless the backend configuration changes.

Terraform has been successfully initialized!

You may now begin working with Terraform. Try running "terraform plan" to see any changes that are required for your infrastructure. All Terraform commands should now work.

If you ever set or change modules or backend configuration for Terraform, rerun this command to reinitialize your environment. If you forget, other commands will detect it and remind you to do so if necessary.

Terraform

- Using a **remote** store for the terraform state will ensure that you always have the **latest version** of the state
- It avoids having to **commit** and **push** the terraform.tfstate to version control
- Terraform remote stores don't always support **locking**
 - The documentation always mentions if locking is available for a remote store
 - S3 and consul support it

Terraform

- You can also specify a (read-only) remote store directly in the .tf file

```
data "terraform_remote_state" "aws-state" {  
    backend = "s3"  
    config {  
        bucket = "terraform-state"  
        key = "terraform.tfstate"  
        access_key = "${var.AWS_ACCESS_KEY}"  
        secret_key = "${var.AWS_SECRET_KEY}"  
        region = "${var.AWS_REGION}"  
    }  
}
```

- This is only useful as a read only feed from your remote file
- It's a datasource (which I'll cover later)
- Useful to generate outputs

Demo

Terraform state with S3

Datasources

Datasources

- For certain providers (like AWS), terraform provides datasources
- Datasources provide you with dynamic information
 - A lot of data is available by AWS in a structured format using their API
 - Terraform also exposes this information using data sources
- Examples:
 - List of AMIs
 - List of availability Zones

Datasources

- Another great example is the datasource that gives you all IP addresses in use by AWS
- This is great if you want to filter traffic based on an AWS region
 - e.g. allow all traffic from amazon instances in Europe
- Filtering traffic in AWS can be done using **security groups**
 - Incoming and outgoing traffic can be filtered by protocol, IP range, and port
 - Similar to iptables (linux) or a firewall appliance

Datasources

```
data "aws_ip_ranges" "european_ec2" {
  regions = [ "eu-west-1", "eu-central-1" ]
  services = [ "ec2" ]
}

resource "aws_security_group" "from_europe" {
  name = "from_europe"

  ingress {
    from_port = "443"
    to_port = "443"
    protocol = "tcp"
    cidr_blocks = [ "${data.aws_ip_ranges.european_ec2.cidr_blocks}" ]
  }
  tags {
    CreateDate = "${data.aws_ip_ranges.european_ec2.create_date}"
    SyncToken = "${data.aws_ip_ranges.european_ec2.sync_token}"
  }
}
```

Example from https://www.terraform.io/docs/providers/aws/d/ip_ranges.html

Demo

Datasources

Template provider

Template provider

- The template provider can help creating **customized configuration files**
- You can build **templates based on variables** from terraform resource attributes (e.g. a public IP address)
- The result is a string that can be used as a variable in terraform
 - The string contains a template
 - e.g. a configuration file
- Can be used to create generic templates or cloud init configs

Template provider

- In AWS, you can pass commands that need to be executed when the instance starts for the first time
- In AWS this is called "user-data"
- If you want to pass user-data that depends on other information in terraform (e.g. IP addresses), you can use the provider template
- There's a separate section on userdata in this course

Template provider

- First you create a template file:

```
#!/bin/bash
echo "database-ip = ${myip}" >> /etc/myapp.config
```

- Then you create a template_file resource that will read the template file and replace \${myip} with the IP address of an AWS instance created by terraform

```
data "template_file" "my-template" {
  template = "${file("templates/init.tpl")}"

  vars {
    myip = "${aws_instance.database1.private_ip}"
  }
}
```

Template provider

- Then you can use the my-template resource when creating a new instance

```
# Create a web server
resource "aws_instance" "web" {
    # ...

    user_data = "${data.template_file.my-template.rendered}"
}
```

- When terraform runs, it will see that it first needs to spin up the database1 instance, then generate the template, and only then spin up the web instance
- The web instance will have the template injected in the user_data, and when it launches, the user-data will create a file /etc/myapp.config with the IP address of the database

Other providers

Other providers

- Terraform is a tool to create and manage **infrastructure resources**
- Terraform has **many providers** to choose from
- **AWS** is the most **popular** one, and will be the one I'll discuss most in this course
- Potentially **any company** that opens up an API, can be used as a terraform provider

Other providers

- Some other **examples** of Cloud providers supported by terraform are:
 - Google Cloud
 - Azure
 - Heroku
 - DigitalOcean
- And on-premise / private cloud:
 - VMware vCloud / vSphere / OpenStack

Other providers

- It's not only limited to cloud providers:
 - Datadog - monitoring
 - GitHub - version control
 - Mailgun - emailing (SMTP)
 - DNSSimple / DNSMadeEAsy / UltraDNS - DNS hosting
- The full list can be found at <https://www.terraform.io/docs/providers/index.html>

Other providers

- The terraform resources for other providers are **very similar**
- A digitalOcean example:

```
variable "do_token" {}

provider "digitalocean" {
    token = "${var.do_token}"
}

resource "digitalocean_droplet" "mydroplet" {
    image = "ubuntu-14-04-x64"
    name = "web-1"
    region = "nyc2"
    size = "512mb"
}
```

Modules

Modules

- You can use modules to make your terraform more **organized**
- Use **third party** modules
 - Modules from github
- **Reuse** parts of your code
 - e.g. to set up network in AWS - the Virtual Private Network (VPC)

Modules

- Use a module from git

```
module "module-example" {  
    source = "github.com/wardviaene/terraform-module-example"  
}
```

- Use a module from a local folder

```
module "module-example" {  
    source = "./module-example"  
}
```

Modules

- Pass arguments to the module

```
module "module-example" {  
    source = "./module-example"  
    region = "us-west-1"  
    ip-range = "10.0.0.0/8"  
    cluster-size = "3"  
}
```

Modules

- Inside the module folder, you just have again terraform files:

module-example/vars.tf

```
variable "region" {} # the input parameters
variable "ip-range" {}
variable "cluster-size" {}
```

module-example/cluster.tf

```
# vars can be used here
resource "aws_instance" "instance-1" { ... }
resource "aws_instance" "instance-2" { ... }
resource "aws_instance" "instance-3" { ... }
```

module-example/output.tf

```
output "aws-cluster" {
  value = "${aws_instance.instance-1.public_ip},${aws_instance.instance-2.public_ip},${aws_instance.instance-2.public_ip}"
}
```

Modules

- Use the **output** from the module in the main part of your code:

```
output "some-output" {
  value = "${module.module-example.aws-cluster}"
}
```

- I'm just using the output resource here, but you can use the variables anywhere in the terraform code

Demo

Modules

Terraform Command Overview

Terraform Command Overview

- Terraform is very much focussed on the **resource definitions**
- It has a **limited toolset** available to modify, import, create these resource definitions
 - Still, every new release there are new features coming out to make it easier to handle your resources
 - For example, today (Q4 - 2016), there's still no good tool to import your non-terraform maintained infrastructure and create the definitions for you
 - There is an external tool called **terraforming** that you can use for now, but it'll take you quite some time to convert your current infrastructure to managed terraform infrastructure (<https://github.com/dtan4/terraforming>)

Terraform Command Overview

Command	Description
terraform apply	Applies state
destroy	Destroys all terraform managed state (use with caution)
fmt	Rewrite terraform configuration files to a canonical format and style
get	Download and update modules
graph	Create a visual representation of a configuration or execution plan
import [options] ADDRESS ID	Import will try and find the infrastructure resource identified with ID and import the state into terraform.tfstate with resource id ADDRESS

Terraform Command Overview

Command	Description
output [options] [NAME]	Output any of your resources. Using NAME will only output a specific resource
plan	terraform plan, show the changes to be made to the infrastructure
push	Push changes to Atlas, Hashicorp's Enterprise tool that can automatically run terraform from a centralized server
refresh	Refresh the remote state. Can identify differences between state file and remote state
remote	Configure remote state storage
show	Show human readable output from a state or a plan

Terraform Command Overview

Command	Description
state	Use this command for advanced state management, e.g. Rename a resource with <code>terraform state mv aws_instance.example aws_instance.production</code>
taint	Manually mark a resource as tainted, meaning it will be destroyed and recreated at the next apply
validate	validate your terraform syntax
untaint	undo a taint

Demo

Command overview

Terraform with AWS

Creating a VPC

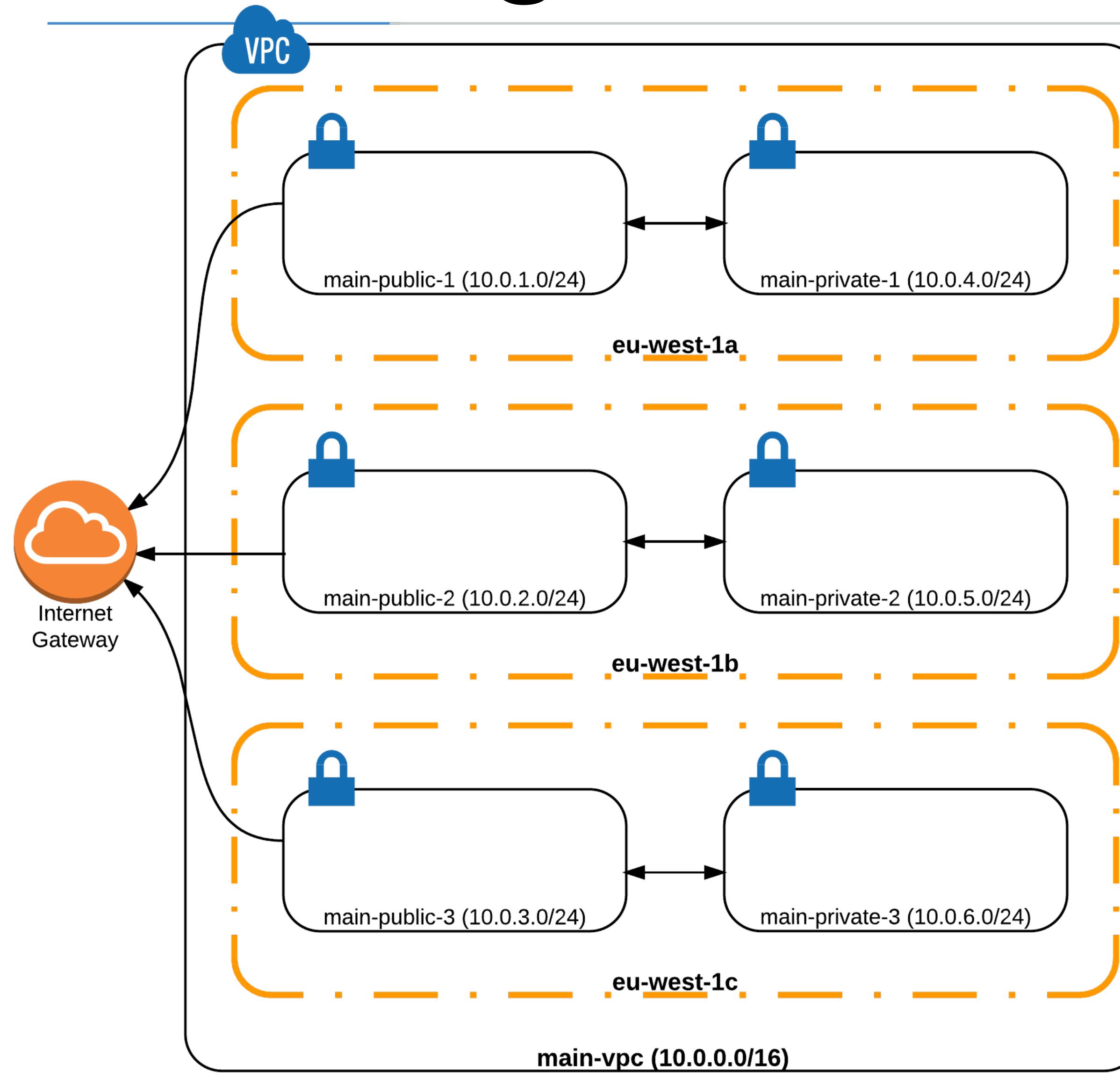
Creating the VPC

- On Amazon AWS, you have a default VPC (**Virtual Private Network**) created for you by AWS to launch instances in
- Up until now we used this **default** VPC
- VPC isolates the instances on a **network** level
 - It's like your **own private network** in the cloud
- Best practice is to always launch your instances in a **VPC**
 - the default VPC
 - or one you create yourself (managed by terraform)

Creating the VPC

- There's also **EC2-Classic**, which is basically one big network where all AWS customers could launch their instances in
- For smaller to medium setups, **one VPC** (per region) will be suitable for your needs
- An instance launched in one VPC can never communicate with an instance in an other VPC using their **private IP addresses**
 - They could communicate still, but using their public IP (not recommended)
 - You could also link 2 VPCs, called peering

Creating the VPC



- On Amazon AWS, you start by creating your own **Virtual Private Network** to deploy your instances (servers) / databases in
- This VPC uses the **10.0.0.0/16** addressing space, allowing you to use the IP addresses that start with "10.0.", like this: **10.0.x.x**.
- This VPC covers the **eu-west-1 region**, which is an Amazon AWS Region in Ireland.

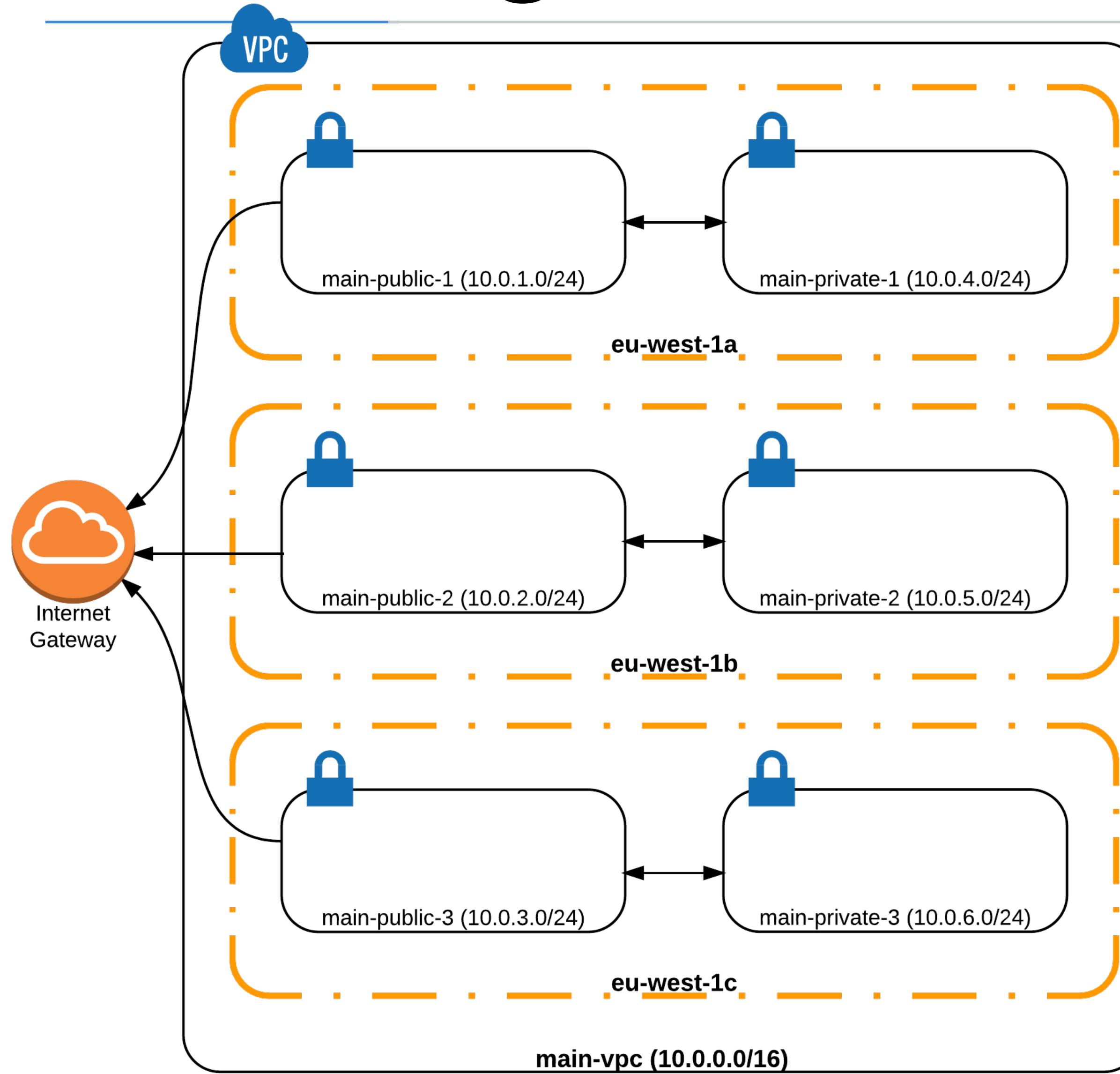
Private Subnets

Range	From	to
10.0.0.0/8	10.0.0.0	10.255.255.255
172.16.0.0/12	172.16.0.0	172.31.255.255.
192.168.0.0/16	192.168.0.0	192.168.255.255

Subnet masks

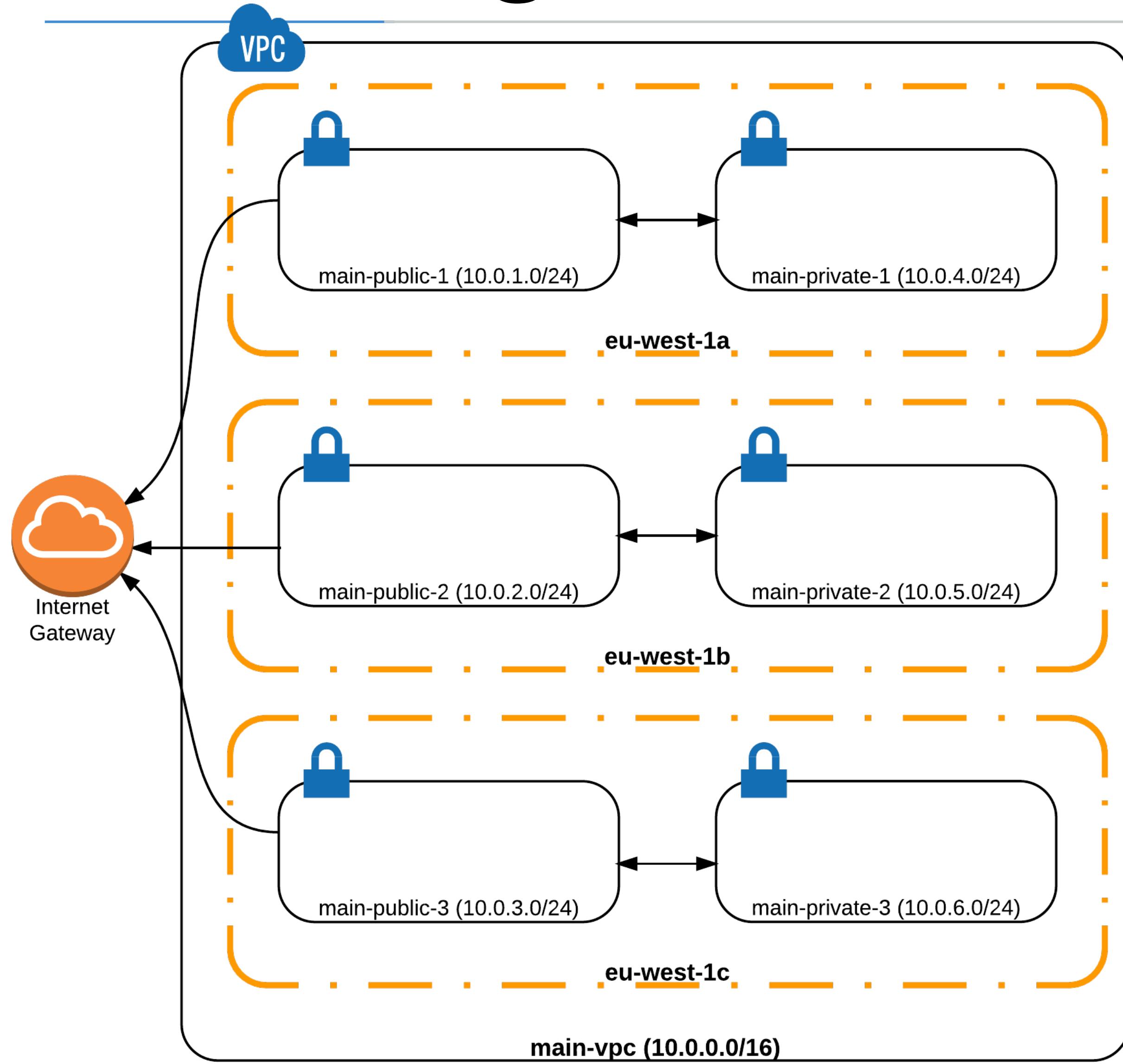
Range	Network mask	Total addresses	Description	Examples
10.0.0.0/8	255.0.0.0	16,777,214	Full 10.x.x.x range	10.0.0.1, 10.100.200.20
10.0.0.0/16	255.255.0.0	65,536	What we used for our VPC	10.0.5.1, 10.0.20.2, 10.0.100.3
10.1.0.0/16	255.255.0.0	65,536	What we can use for another VPC	10.1.5.1, 10.1.20.2, 10.1.100.3
10.0.0.0/24	255.255.255.0	256	All addresses within from 10.0.0.0-10.0.0.255	10.0.0.1, 10.0.0.2, 10.0.0.3
10.0.1.0/24	255.255.255.0	256	All addresses within from 10.0.1.0-10.0.1.255	10.0.1.1, 10.0.1.2, 10.0.1.3
10.0.0.5/32	255.255.255.255	1	Single host	10.0.0.5

Creating the VPC



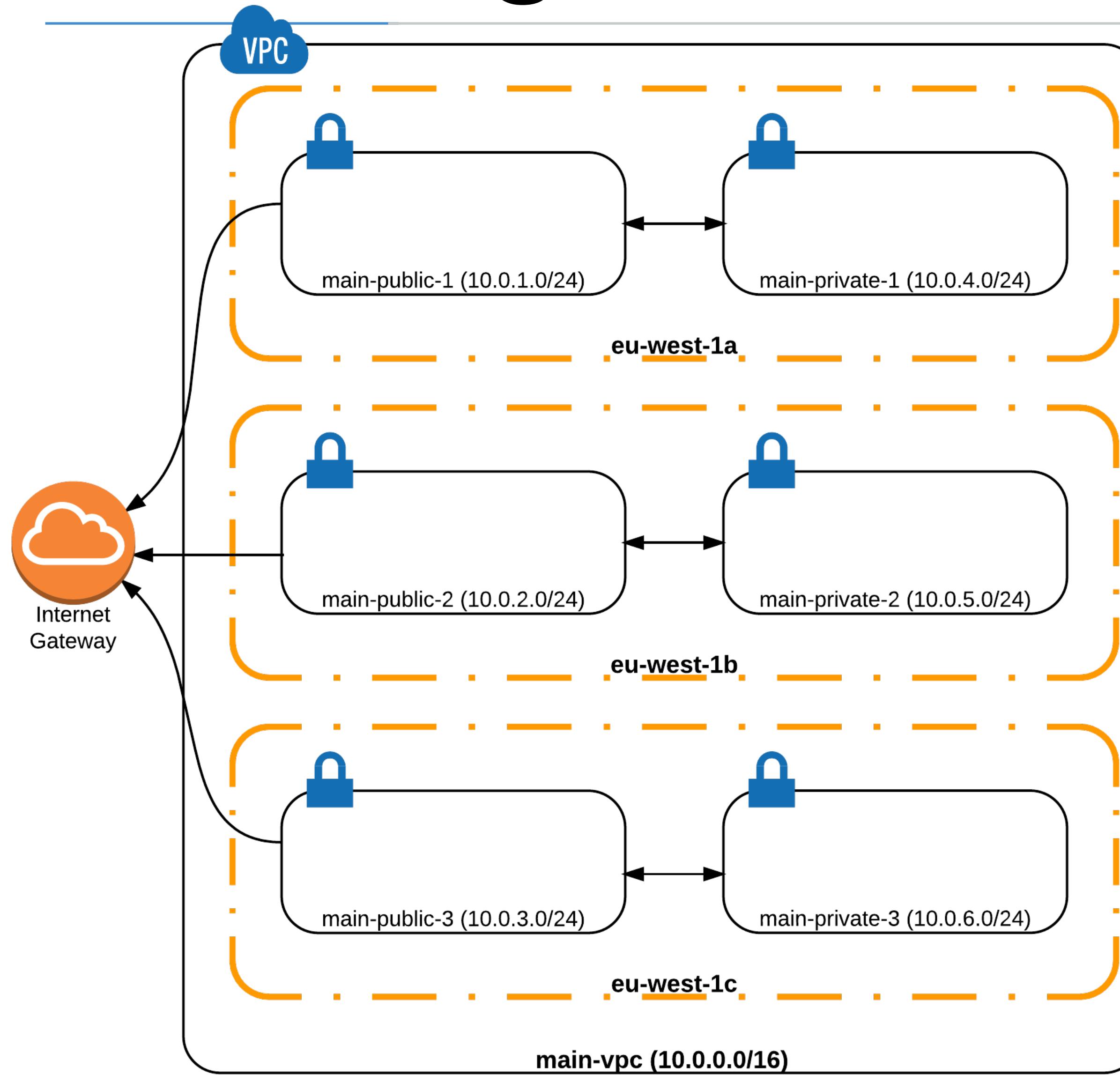
- Every availability zone has its own **public** and **private** subnet
- Instances started in subnet **main-public-3** will have IP address **10.0.3.x**, and will be launched in the eu-west-1c availability zone (Amazon calls 1 datacenter an availability zone)
- An instance launched in **main-private-1** will have an IP address **10.0.4.x** and will reside in Amazon's eu-west-1a Availability Zone (AZ)

Creating the VPC



- All the public subnets are connected to an **Internet Gateway**. These instances will also have a public IP address, allowing them to be reachable from the internet
- Instances launched in the private subnets don't get a public IP address, so they will not be reachable from the internet
- Instances from **main-public** can reach instances from **main-private**, because they're all in the same VPC. This of course if you set the firewall to allow traffic from one to another.

Creating the VPC



- Typically, you use the public subnets for internet-facing services/applications
- Databases, caching services, and backends all go into the private subnets
- If you use a Load Balancer (LB), you will typically put the LB in the public subnets and the instances serving an application in the private subnets.

VPC demo

Spinning up instances

EC2, EBS

EC2 instance

- Spinning up an EC2 instance is very straightforward, let's recap

provider.tf

```
provider "aws" {  
    access_key = "${var.AWS_ACCESS_KEY}"  
    secret_key = "${var.AWS_SECRET_KEY}"  
    region = "${var.AWS_REGION}"  
}
```

instance.tf

```
resource "aws_instance" "example" {  
    ami      = "${lookup(var.AMIS, var.AWS_REGION)}"  
    instance_type = "t2.micro"  
}
```

vars.tf

```
variable "AWS_ACCESS_KEY" {}  
variable "AWS_SECRET_KEY" {}  
variable "AWS_REGION" {  
    default = "eu-west-1"  
}  
variable "AMIS" {  
    type = "map"  
    default = {  
        us-east-1 = "ami-13be557e"  
        us-west-2 = "ami-06b94666"  
        eu-west-1 = "ami-844e0bf7"  
    }  
}
```

EC2 instance

- Now we want to launch the instance in our newly created VPC
 - With security groups
 - Using a keypair that will be uploaded by terraform

instance.tf

```
resource "aws_instance" "example" {  
    ami      = "${lookup(var.AMIS, var.AWS_REGION)}"  
    instance_type = "t2.micro"  
  
    # the VPC subnet  
    subnet_id = "${aws_subnet.main-public-1.id}"  
  
    # the security group  
    vpc_security_group_ids = ["${aws_security_group.allow-ssh.id}"]  
  
    # the public SSH key  
    key_name = "${aws_key_pair.mykeypair.key_name}"  
}
```

EC2 instance

- We need a new **security group** for this EC2 instance
- A security group is just like a firewall, **managed** by AWS
- You specify **ingress** (incoming) and **egress** (outgoing) traffic rules
- If you only want to access SSH (port 22), then you could create a security group that:
 - Allows ingress port 22 on IP address range 0.0.0.0/0 (all IPs)
 - It's best practice to only allow your work/home/office IP
 - Allow all outgoing traffic from the instance to 0.0.0.0/0 (all IPs, so everywhere)

EC2 instance

securitygroup.tf

```
resource "aws_security_group" "allow-ssh" {
  vpc_id = "${aws_vpc.main.id}"
  name = "allow-ssh"
  description = "security group that allows ssh and all egress traffic"
  egress {
    from_port = 0
    to_port = 0
    protocol = "-1"
    cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
  }
  ingress {
    from_port = 22
    to_port = 22
    protocol = "-1"
    cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
  }
  tags {
    Name = "allow-ssh"
  }
}
```

EC2 instance

- To be able to log in, the last step is to make sure AWS installs our public key pair on the instance
- Our EC2 instance already refers to a `aws_key_pair.mykeypair.key_name`, you just need to declare it in terraform:

`keypairs.tf`

```
resource "aws_key_pair" "mykeypair" {  
    key_name = "mykeypair"  
    public_key = "${file("keys/mykeypair.pub")}"  
}
```

- The `keys/mykeypair.pub` will be uploaded to AWS and will allow an instance to be launched with this **public key** installed on it
- You never upload your **private key**! You use your private key to login to the instance

AWS Instance demo

Spinning up instances

Block storage (EBS)

EC2 instance

- The t2.micro instance with this particular AMI automatically adds 8 GB of EBS storage (= **Elastic Block Storage**)
- Some instance types have **local storage** on the instance itself
 - This is called ephemeral storage
 - This type of storage is always lost when the instance terminates
- The 8 GB EBS **root volume** storage that comes with the instance is also set to be automatically removed when the instance is terminated
 - You could still instruct AWS not to do so, but that would be counter-intuitive (anti-pattern)
 - In most cases the 8GB for the OS (root block device) suffices

EC2 instance

- In our next example I'm adding an **extra EBS storage volume**
 - Extra volumes can be used for the **log** files, any **real data** that is put on the instance
 - That data will be persisted until you instruct AWS to remove it
- **EBS storage** can be added using a terraform resource and then attached to our instance

EC2 instance

instance.tf

```
resource "aws_instance" "example" {
    ...
}

resource "aws_ebs_volume" "ebs-volume-1" {
    availability_zone = "eu-west-1a"
    size = 20
    type = "gp2" # General Purpose storage, can also be standard or io1 or st1
    tags {
        Name = "extra volume data"
    }
}

resource "aws_volume_attachment" "ebs-volume-1-attachment" {
    device_name = "/dev/xvdh"
    volume_id = "${aws_ebs_volume.ebs-volume-1.id}"
    instance_id = "${aws_instance.example.id}"
}
```

EC2 instance

- In the previous example we added an **extra** volume
- The **root volume** of 8 GB still exists
- If you want to increase the storage or type of the root volume, you can use **root_block_device** within the aws_instance resource

```
resource "aws_instance" "example" {  
    ...  
    root_block_device {  
        volume_size = 16  
        volume_type = "gp2"  
        delete_on_termination = true # whether to delete the root block device when the instance gets terminated or not  
    }  
}
```

EBS demo

Userdata

Userdata

- Userdata in AWS can be used to do any customization at **launch**:
 - You can install extra software
 - Prepare the instance to join a cluster
 - e.g. consul cluster, ECS cluster (docker orchestration)
 - Execute commands / scripts
 - Mount volumes
- Userdata is only executed at the creation of the instance, not when the instance reboots

Userdata

- Terraform allows you to add userdata to the `aws_instance` resource
 - Just as a string (for simple commands)
 - Using templates (for more complex instructions)

Userdata

- This is an example of userdata just using a string
- It'll install an OpenVPN application server at boot time

instance.tf

```
resource "aws_instance" "example" {
  ami        = "${lookup(var.AMIS, var.AWS_REGION)}"
  instance_type = "t2.micro"

  # the VPC subnet
  subnet_id = "${aws_subnet.main-public-1.id}"
  # the security group
  vpc_security_group_ids = ["${aws_security_group.allow-ssh.id}"]
  # the public SSH key
  key_name = "${aws_key_pair.mykeypair.key_name}"

  # userdata
  user_data = "#!/bin/bash\nwget http://swupdate.openvpn.org/as/openvpn-as-2.1.2-Ubuntu14.amd_64.deb\ndpkg -i openvpn-as-2.1.2-Ubuntu14.amd_64.deb"
}
```

Userdata

- Another better example is to use the template system of terraform:

instance.tf

```
resource "aws_instance" "example" {  
    ami        = "${lookup(var.AMIS, var.AWS_REGION)}"  
    instance_type = "t2.micro"  
  
    # the VPC subnet  
    subnet_id = "${aws_subnet.main-public-1.id}"  
    # the security group  
    vpc_security_group_ids = ["${aws_security_group.allow-ssh.id}"]  
    # the public SSH key  
    key_name = "${aws_key_pair.mykeypair.key_name}"  
  
    # userdata  
    user_data = "${data.template_cloudinit_config.cloudinit-example.rendered}"  
}
```

Userdata

- Another better example is to use the template system of terraform:

cloudinit.tf

```
provider "cloudinit" {}

data "template_file" "init-script" {
  template = "${file("scripts/init.cfg")}"
  vars {
    region = "${var.AWS_REGION}"
  }
}

data "template_cloudinit_config" "cloudinit-example" {

  gzip = false
  base64_encode = false

  part {
    filename    = "init.cfg"
    content_type = "text/cloud-config"
    content     = "${data.template_file.init-script.rendered}"
  }
}
```

scripts/init.cfg

```
#cloud-config

repo_update: true
repo_upgrade: all

packages:
  - docker

output:
  all: '| tee -a /var/log/cloud-init-output.log'
```

Userdata

cloudinit.tf

```
data "template_cloudinit_config" "cloudinit-example" {

    gzip = false
    base64_encode = false

    part {
        filename    = "init.cfg"
        content_type = "text/cloud-config"
        content     = "${template_file.init-script.rendered}"
    }

# just a shell script instead of
part {
    content_type = "text/x-shellscrip"
    content     = "#!/bin/bash\necho 'hello'"
}

# an upstart script (basically an init script to start/stop/restart/reload services)
part {
    content_type = "text/upstart-job"
    content     = "${file("scripts/start_docker_container.cfg")}"
}

}
```

Demo

Userdata

Static IPs and DNS

private IP or public EIP, Route 53

Static private IPs

- Private IP addresses will be **auto-assigned** to EC2 instances
- Every **subnet** within the VPC has its own **range** (e.g. 10.0.1.0 - 10.0.1.255)
- By specifying the **private IP**, you can make sure the EC2 instance always uses the same IP address:

```
resource "aws_instance" "example" {  
    ami      = "${lookup(var.AMIS, var.AWS_REGION)}"  
    instance_type = "t2.micro"  
    subnet_id = "${aws_subnet.main-public-1.id}"  
    private_ip = "10.0.1.4" # within the range of subnet main-public-1  
}
```

EIP

- To use a public IP address, you can use EIPs (Elastic IP addresses)
- This is a public, static IP address that you can attach to your instance

```
resource "aws_instance" "example" {  
    ami      = "${lookup(var.AMIS, var.AWS_REGION)}"  
    instance_type = "t2.micro"  
    subnet_id = "${aws_subnet.main-public-1.id}"  
    private_ip = "10.0.1.4" # within the range of subnet main-public-1  
}  
  
resource "aws_eip" "example-eip" {  
    instance = "${aws_instance.example.id}"  
    vpc      = true  
}
```

- Tip: You can use **aws_eip.example-eip.public_ip** attribute with the output resource to show the IP address after terraform apply

Route53

- Typically, you'll not use IP addresses, but **hostnames**
- This is where **route53** comes in
- You can host a domain name on AWS using **Route53**
- You first need to register a domain name using AWS or any accredited registrar
- You can then create a zone in route53 (e.g. example.com) and add DNS records (e.g. server1.example.com)

Route53

- Adding a zone and records can be done in terraform:

```
resource "aws_route53_zone" "example-com" {  
    name = "example.com"  
}  
resource "aws_route53_record" "server1-record" {  
    zone_id = "${aws_route53_zone.example-com.zone_id}"  
    name = "server1.example.com"  
    type = "A"  
    ttl = "300"  
    records = ["${aws_eip.example-eip.public_ip}"]  
}
```

- Tip: When you register your domain name, you need to add the AWS nameservers to that domain
 - Route53 has a lot of nameservers. To know your nameservers for your particular domain, you can use the output resource to output the property **aws_route53_zone.example-com.name_servers**

Demo

Route53

RDS

Relational databases

RDS

- RDS stands for **Relational Database Services**
- It's a managed **database** solution:
 - You can easily setup **replication** (high availability)
 - Automated **snapshots** (for backups)
 - Automated **security updates**
 - Easy **instance replacement** (for vertical scaling)

RDS

- Supported databases are:
 - MySQL
 - MariaDB
 - PostgreSQL
 - Microsoft SQL
 - Oracle

RDS

- Steps to create an RDS instance:
 - Create a **subnet group**
 - Allows you to specify in what subnets the database will be in (e.g. eu-west-1a and eu-west-1b)
 - Create a **Parameter group**
 - Allows you to specify parameters to change settings in the database
 - Create a **security group** that allows incoming traffic to the RDS instance
 - Create the **RDS instance(s)** itself

RDS

- First the **parameter** group:

```
resource "aws_db_parameter_group" "mariadb-parameters" {  
    name = "mariadb-parameters"  
    family = "mariadb10.1"  
    description = "MariaDB parameter group"  
  
    parameter {  
        name = "max_allowed_packet"  
        value = "16777216"  
    }  
}
```

- We also specify a parameter that will be applied to MariaDB

RDS

- Second, we specify the **subnet**:

```
resource "aws_db_subnet_group" "mariadb-subnet" {  
    name = "mariadb-subnet"  
    description = "RDS subnet group"  
    subnet_ids = ["${aws_subnet.main-private-1.id}","${aws_subnet.main-private-2.id}"]  
}
```

- This subnet group specifies that the RDS will be put in the **private subnets**
 - The RDS will only be accessible from other instances within the same subnet, not from the internet
 - The RDS instance will also be placed either in private-1 or private-2, not in the private-3 subnet
 - when you enable High Availability you will have an instance in both subnets

RDS

- Third, the **security group**:

```
resource "aws_security_group" "allow-mariadb" {
  vpc_id = "${aws_vpc.main.id}"
  name = "allow-mariadb"
  description = "allow-mariadb"
  ingress {
    from_port = 3306
    to_port = 3306
    protocol = "tcp"
    security_groups = ["${aws_security_group.example.id}"]      # allowing access from our example instance
  }
  egress {
    from_port = 0
    to_port = 0
    protocol = "-1"
    cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
    self = true
  }
  tags {
    Name = "allow-mariadb"
  }
}
```

RDS

- Finally, we specify the **RDS resource**:

```
resource "aws_db_instance" "mariadb" {  
    allocated_storage    = 100   # 100 GB of storage, gives us more IOPS than a lower number  
    engine              = "mariadb"  
    engine_version      = "10.1.14"  
    instance_class      = "db.t2.small"  # use micro if you want to use the free tier  
    identifier          = "mariadb"  
    name                = "mariadb"  
    username            = "root"  # username  
    password            = "a1c9f8v0zs" # password: create your own random password  
    db_subnet_group_name = "${aws_db_subnet_group.mariadb-subnet.name}"  
    parameter_group_name = "mariadb-parameters"  
    multi_az            = "false"  # set to true to have high availability: 2 instances synchronized with each other  
    vpc_security_group_ids = ["${aws_security_group.allow-mariadb.id}"]  
    storage_type         = "gp2"  
    backup_retention_period = 30  # how long you're going to keep your backups  
    availability_zone     = "${aws_subnet.main-private-1.availability_zone}"  # preferred AZ  
    tags {  
        Name = "mariadb-instance"  
    }  
}
```

Demo

Using RDS resources

IAM

IAM

- IAM is AWS' **Identity & Access Management**
- It's a service that helps you **control access** to your AWS resources
- In AWS you can create:
 - Groups
 - Users
 - Roles

IAM

- Users can have **groups**
 - for instance an "Administrators" group can give **admin privileges** to users
- Users can authenticate
 - Using a login / password
 - Optionally using a **token**: multifactor Authentication (MFA) using Google Authenticator compatible software
 - an **access key** and **secret key** (the API keys)

IAM roles

- Roles can give users / services (temporary) access that they normally wouldn't have
- The roles can be for instance **attached** to EC2 instances
 - From that instance, a user or service can **obtain** access credentials
 - Using those access credentials the user or service can **assume** the role, which gives them permission to do **something**

IAM roles

- An **example**:
 - You create a **role mybucket-access** and assign the role to an EC2 instance at boot time
 - You give the role the permissions to **read and write** items in "mybucket"
 - When you log in, you can now **assume** this **mybucket-access role**, without using your own credentials - you will be given temporary access credentials which just look like normal user credentials
 - You can now read and write items in "mybucket"

IAM roles

- Instead of a user using aws-cli, a **service** also assume a role
- The service needs to **implement** the **AWS SDK**
- When trying to access the S3 bucket, an API call to AWS will occur
- If roles are configured for this EC2 instance, the AWS API will give temporary access keys which can be used to assume this role
- After that, the SDK can be used just like when you would have normal credentials
- This really happens in the background and you don't see much of it

IAM roles

- IAM Roles only work on **EC2 instances**, and not for instance outside AWS
- The temporary access credentials also need to be **renewed**, they're only valid for a predefined amount of time
 - This is also something the AWS SDK will take care of

IAM

- To create an IAM administrators group in AWS, you can create the group and attach the AWS managed Administrator policy to it

```
resource "aws_iam_group" "administrators" {
    name = "administrators"
}
resource "aws_iam_policy_attachment" "administrators-attach" {
    name = "administrators-attach"
    groups = ["${aws_iam_group.administrators.name}"]
    policy_arn = "arn:aws:iam::aws:policy/AdministratorAccess"
}
```

IAM

- You can also create your own custom policy. This one does the same:

```
resource "aws_iam_group" "administrators" {
    name = "administrators"
}
resource "aws_iam_group_policy" "my_developer_policy" {
    name = "my_administrators_policy"
    group = "${aws_iam_group.administrators.id}"
    policy = <<EOF
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": "*",
            "Resource": "*"
        }
    ]
}
EOF
}
```

IAM

- Next, create a user and attach it to a group:

```
resource "aws_iam_user" "admin1" {
  name = "admin1"
}
resource "aws_iam_user" "admin2" {
  name = "admin2"
}
resource "aws_iam_group_membership" "administrators-users" {
  name = "administrators-users"
  users = [
    "${aws_iam_user.admin1.name}",
    "${aws_iam_user.admin2.name}",
  ]
  group = "${aws_iam_group.administrators.name}"
}
```

Demo

IAM user/groups

IAM

IAM Roles

IAM

- Let's create a role now that we want to attach to an EC2 instance:

```
resource "aws_iam_role" "s3-mybucket-role" {
  name = "s3-mybucket-role"
  assume_role_policy = <<EOF
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Action": "sts:AssumeRole",
      "Principal": {
        "Service": "ec2.amazonaws.com"
      },
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Sid": ""
    }
  ]
}
EOF
}

resource "aws_iam_instance_profile" "s3-mybucket-role-instanceprofile" {
  name = "s3-mybucket-role"
  roles = ["${aws_iam_role.s3-mybucket-role.name}"]
}
```

IAM

- Attaching this role to an EC2 instance now is pretty easy:

```
resource "aws_instance" "example" {
    ami      = "${lookup(var.AMIS, var.AWS_REGION)}"
    instance_type = "t2.micro"
    subnet_id = "${aws_subnet.main-public-1.id}"
    vpc_security_group_ids = ["${aws_security_group.allow-ssh.id}"]
    key_name = "${aws_key_pair.mykeypair.key_name}"

    # role:
    iam_instance_profile = "${aws_iam_instance_profile.s3-mybucket-role-instanceprofile.name}"
}
```

IAM

- Creating the bucket is just another resource:

```
resource "aws_s3_bucket" "b" {  
    bucket = "mybucket-c29df1"  
    acl = "private"  
  
    tags {  
        Name = "mybucket-c29df1"  
    }  
}
```

IAM

- Now we need to add some permissions using a policy document:

```
resource "aws_iam_role_policy" "s3-mybucket-role-policy" {
  name = "s3-mybucket-role-policy"
  role = "${aws_iam_role.s3-mybucket-role.id}"
  policy = <<EOF
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "s3:*"
      ],
      "Resource": [
        "arn:aws:s3:::mybucket-c29df1",
        "arn:aws:s3:::mybucket-c29df1/*"
      ]
    }
  ]
}
EOF
}
```

Demo

IAM Roles

Autoscaling

Autoscaling instances in AWS

Autoscaling

- In AWS autoscaling groups can be created to **automatically add/remove** instances when certain thresholds are reached
 - e.g. your application layer can be **scaled out** when you have more visitors
- To set up autoscaling in AWS you need to setup at least **2 resources**:
 - An AWS **launch configuration**
 - Specifies the properties of the instance to be launched (AMI ID, security group, etc)
 - An **autoscaling group**
 - Specifies the scaling properties (min instances, max instances, health checks)

Autoscaling

- Once the autoscaling group is setup, you can create autoscaling policies
 - A policy is triggered based on a threshold (CloudWatch Alarm)
 - An adjustment will be executed
 - e.g. if the average CPU utilization is more than 20%, then scale up by +1 instances
 - e.g. if the average CPU utilization is less than 5%, then scale down by -1 instances

Autoscaling

- First the launch configuration and the autoscaling group needs to be created:

```
resource "aws_launch_configuration" "example-launchconfig" {  
    name_prefix      = "example-launchconfig"  
    image_id         = "${lookup(var.AMIS, var.AWS_REGION)}"  
    instance_type    = "t2.micro"  
    key_name         = "${aws_key_pair.mykeypair.key_name}"  
    security_groups  = ["${aws_security_group.allow-ssh.id}"]  
}  
resource "aws_autoscaling_group" "example-autoscaling" {  
    name              = "example-autoscaling"  
    vpc_zone_identifier = ["${aws_subnet.main-public-1.id}", "${aws_subnet.main-public-2.id}"]  
    launch_configuration = "${aws_launch_configuration.example-launchconfig.name}"  
    min_size          = 1  
    max_size          = 2  
    health_check_grace_period = 300  
    health_check_type = "EC2"  
    force_delete       = true  
  
    tag {  
        key = "Name"  
        value = "ec2 instance"  
        propagate_at_launch = true  
    }  
}
```

Autoscaling

- To create a policy, you need a aws_autoscaling_policy:

```
resource "aws_autoscaling_policy" "example-cpu-policy" {  
    name          = "example-cpu-policy"  
    autoscaling_group_name = "${aws_autoscaling_group.example-autoscaling.name}"  
    adjustment_type      = "ChangeInCapacity"  
    scaling_adjustment   = "1"  
    cooldown           = "300"  
    policy_type         = "SimpleScaling"  
}
```

Autoscaling

- Then, you can create a CloudWatch alarm which will trigger the autoscaling policy

```
resource "aws_cloudwatch_metric_alarm" "example-cpu-alarm" {  
    alarm_name      = "example-cpu-alarm"  
    alarm_description = "example-cpu-alarm"  
    comparison_operator = "GreaterThanOrEqualToThreshold"  
    evaluation_periods = "2"  
    metric_name      = "CPUUtilization"  
    namespace        = "AWS/EC2"  
    period           = "120"  
    statistic         = "Average"  
    threshold         = "30"  
  
    dimensions = {  
        "AutoScalingGroupName" = "${aws_autoscaling_group.example-autoscaling.name}"  
    }  
  
    actions_enabled = true  
    alarm_actions   = ["${aws_autoscaling_policy.example-cpu-policy.arn}"]  
}
```

Autoscaling

- If you want to receive an alert (e.g. email) when autoscaling is invoked, need create a SNS topic (Simple Notification Service):

```
resource "aws sns topic" "example-cpu-sns" {  
    name      = "sg-cpu-sns"  
    display_name = "example ASG SNS topic"  
} # email subscription is currently unsupported in terraform and can be done using the AWS Web Console
```

- That SNS topic needs to be attached to the autoscaling group:

```
resource "aws autoscaling notification" "example-notify" {  
    group_names = ["${aws autoscaling group.example-autoscaling.name}"]  
    topic_arn   = "${aws sns topic.example-cpu-sns.arn}"  
    notifications = [  
        "autoscaling:EC2_INSTANCE_LAUNCH",  
        "autoscaling:EC2_INSTANCE_TERMINATE",  
        "autoscaling:EC2_INSTANCE_LAUNCH_ERROR"  
    ]  
}
```

Demo

Autoscaling

Load Balancer

Load Balancing autoscaled instances

Load Balancer

- Now that you've autoscaled instances, you might want to put a loadbalancer in front of it
- The AWS Elastic Load Balancer (ELB) automatically distributes incoming traffic across multiple EC2 instances
 - The ELB itself scales when you receive more traffic
 - The ELB will healthcheck your instances
 - If an instance fails its healthcheck, no traffic will be sent to it
 - If a new instances is added by the autoscaling group, the ELB will automatically add the new instances and will start healthchecking it

Load Balancer

- The ELB can also be used as SSL terminator
 - It can offload the encryption away from the EC2 instances
 - AWS can even manage the SSL certificates for you
- ELBs can be spread over multiple Availability Zones for higher fault tolerance
- You will in general achieve higher levels of fault tolerance with an ELB routing the traffic for your application
- ELB is comparable to a nginx / haproxy, but then provided as a service

Load Balancer

- AWS provides 2 different types of load balancers:
 - The Classic Load Balancer (ELB)
 - Routes traffic based on network information
 - e.g. forwards all traffic from port 80 (HTTP) to port 8080 (application)
 - The Application Load Balancer (ALB)
 - Routes traffic based on application level information
 - e.g. can route /api and /website to different EC2 instances

Classic Load Balancer

```
resource "aws_elb" "my-elb" {
  name = "my-elb"
  subnets = ["${aws_subnet.main-public-1.id}", "${aws_subnet.main-public-2.id}"]
  security_groups = ["${aws_security_group.elb-securitygroup.id}"]
  listener {
    instance_port = 80
    instance_protocol = "http"
    lb_port = 80
    lb_protocol = "http"
  }
  health_check {
    healthy_threshold = 2
    unhealthy_threshold = 2
    timeout = 3
    target = "HTTP:80/"
    interval = 30
  }
}

instances = ["${aws_instance.example-instance.id}"] # optional, you can also attach an ELB to an autoscaling group
cross_zone_load_balancing = true
connection_draining = true
connection_draining_timeout = 400
tags {
  Name = "my-elb"
}
}
```

ELB + autoscaling

- You can attach the ELB to an autoscaling group:

```
resource "aws_launch_configuration" "example-launchconfig" {
  name_prefix      = "example-launchconfig"
  image_id         = "${lookup(var.AMIS, var.AWS_REGION)}"
  instance_type    = "t2.micro"
  key_name         = "${aws_key_pair.mykeypair.key_name}"
  security_groups  = ["${aws_security_group.allow-ssh.id}"]
}

resource "aws_autoscaling_group" "example-autoscaling" {
  name           = "example-autoscaling"
  vpc_zone_identifier = ["${aws_subnet.main-public-1.id}", "${aws_subnet.main-public-2.id}"]
  launch_configuration = "${aws_launch_configuration.example-launchconfig.name}"
  min_size        = 1
  max_size        = 2
  health_check_grace_period = 300
  health_check_type = "ELB"
  force_delete    = true
  load_balancers = ["${aws_elb.my-elb.name}"]
  tag {
    key = "Name"
    value = "ec2 instance"
    propagate_at_launch = true
  }
}
```

Demo

Autoscaling group with load balancer

Application Load Balancer

Rule based load balancing

Application Load Balancer

- For an application load balancer, you first define the general settings:

```
resource "aws_alb" "my-alb" {  
    name = "my-alb"  
    subnets = ["${aws_subnet.main-public-1.id}", "${aws_subnet.main-public-2.id}"]  
    security_groups = ["${aws_security_group.elb-securitygroup.id}"]  
  
    Name = "my-alb"  
}  
}
```

Application Load Balancer

- Then, you specify a target group:

```
resource "aws_alb_target_group" "frontend-target-group" {  
    name      = "alb-target-group"  
    port      = 80  
    protocol = "HTTP"  
    vpc_id   = "${aws_vpc.main.id}"  
}
```

- You can attach instances to targets:

```
resource "aws_alb_target_group_attachment" "frontend-attachment-1" {  
    target_group_arn = "${aws_alb_target_group.frontend-target-group.arn}"  
    target_id       = "${aws_instance.example-instance.id}"  
    port            = 80  
}  
  
resource "aws_alb_target_group_attachment" "frontend-attachment-2" {  
    [...]  
}
```

Application Load Balancer

- You also need to specify the listeners separately:

```
resource "aws_alb_listener" "frontend-listeners" {  
    load_balancer_arn = "${aws_alb.my-alb.arn}"  
    port = "80"  
  
    default_action {  
        target_group_arn = "${aws_alb_target_group.frontend-target-group.arn}"  
        type = "forward"  
    }  
}
```

- The default action matches always if you haven't specified any other rules

Application Load Balancer

- With ALBs, you can specify multiple rules to send traffic to another target:

```
resource "aws_alb_listener_rule" "alb-rule" {
  listener_arn = "${aws_alb_listener.front_end.arn}"
  priority = 100

  action {
    type = "forward"
    target_group_arn = "${aws_alb_target_group.new-target-group.arn}"
  }

  condition {
    field = "path-pattern"
    values = ["/static/*"]
  }
}

resource "aws_alb_target_group" "new-target-group" {
  [...]
}

resource "aws_alb_target_group_attachment" "new-target-group-attachment" {
  [...]
  target_id = "${aws_instance.other-instances-than-the-first-one.id}"
  [...]
}
```

Elastic Beanstalk

Elastic Beanstalk

- Elastic Beanstalk is AWS's Platform as a Service (PaaS) solution
- It's a platform where you launch your app on without having to maintain the underlying infrastructure
 - You are still responsible for the EC2 instances, but AWS will provide you with updates you can apply
 - Updates can be applied manually or automatically
 - The EC2 instances run Amazon Linux

Elastic Beanstalk

- Elastic Beanstalk can handle application scaling for you
 - Underlying it uses a Load Balancer and an Autoscaling group to achieve this
 - You can schedule scaling events or enable autoscaling based on a metric
- It's similar to Heroku (another PaaS solution)
- You can have an application running just in a few clicks using the AWS Console
 - Or using the elasticbeanstalk resources in Terraform

Elastic Beanstalk

- The supported Platforms are:
 - PHP
 - Java SE, Java with Tomcat
 - .NET on Windows with IIS
 - Node.js
 - Python
 - Ruby
 - Go
 - Docker (single container + multi-container, using ECS)

Elastic Beanstalk

- When you deploy an Elastic Beanstalk environment you'll get a CNAME (hostname) that you can use as endpoint
- You can use Route53 to point your domain to that CNAME
- Once Elastic Beanstalk is running, you can deploy your application on it using the EB Command Line utility
 - Can be downloaded from:
<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/elasticbeanstalk/latest/dg/eb-cli3.html>
- In the next demo I'll go over the terraform code that is necessary to launch an ElasticBeanstalk environment

Demo

Elastic Beanstalk

Advanced Terraform Usage

Interpolation

Interpolation

- In Terraform, you can **interpolate** other values, using `${...}`
- You can use simple **math functions**, refer to other **variables**, or use **conditionals** (if-else)
- I have been using them already throughout the course, without naming them
 - **Variables**: `${var.VARIABLE_NAME}` refers to a variable
 - **Resources**: `${aws_instance.name.id}` (`type.resource-name.attr`)
 - **Data Source**: `${data.template_file.name.rendered}` (`data.type.resource-name.attr`)

Interpolation: variables

Name	Syntax	Example
String variable	var.name	<code> \${var.SOMETHING}</code>
Map variable	<code>var.MAP["key"]</code>	<code>1) \${var.AMIS["us-east-1"]}</code> <code>2) \${lookup(var.AMIS,</code> <code> var.AWS_REGION)}</code>
List variable	<code>var.LIST, var.LIST[i]</code>	<code>1) \${var.subnets[i]}</code> <code>2) \${join(",", var.subnets)}</code>

Interpolation: various

Name	Syntax	Example
Outputs of a module	module.NAME.output	<code> \${module.aws_vpc.vpcid}</code>
Count information	count.FIELD	When using the attribute count = number in a resource, you can use <code> \${count.index}</code>
Path information	path.TYPE	<code> path.cwd</code> (current directory) <code> path.module</code> (module path) <code> path.root</code> (root module path)
Meta information	terraform.FIELD	<code> terraform.env</code> shows active workspace

Interpolation

- Math:
 - Add (+), Subtract (-), Multiply (*), and Divide (/) for float types
 - Add (+), Subtract (-), Multiply (*), Divide (/), and Modulo (%) for integer types
 - For example: \${2 + 3 * 4} results in 14

Advanced Terraform Usage

Conditionals

Conditionals

- Interpolations may contain conditionals (if-else)
- The syntax is:

```
CONDITION ? TRUEVAL : FALSEVAL
```

- For example:

```
resource "aws_instance" "myinstance" {  
    [...]  
    count = "${var.env == "prod" ? 2 : 1 }"  
}
```

Conditionals

- The support operators are:
 - Equality: == and !=
 - Numerical comparison: >, <, >=, <=
 - Boolean logic: &&, ||, unary !

Demo

Interpolation, Conditionals, and the AWS VPC terraform
module

Advanced Terraform Usage

Built-in functions

Functions

- You can use **built-in functions** in your terraform resources
- The functions are called with the syntax **name(arg1, arg2, ...)** and wrapped with **`$(...)`**
 - For example **`$(file("mykey.pub"))`** would read the contents of the public key file
- I'll go over some of the **commonly used functions** to get you an idea of what's available
 - It's best to use the **reference documentation** when you need to use a function: <https://www.terraform.io/docs/configuration/interpolation.html>

Terraform functions

Function	Description	Example
basename(path)	Returns the filename (last element) of a path	basename("/home/edward/file.txt") returns file.txt
coalesce(string1, string2, ...) coalescelist(list1, list2, ...)	Returns the first non-empty value	coalesce("", "", "hello") returns hello
	Returns the first non-empty list	
element(list, index)	Returns a single element from a list at the given index	element(module.vpc.public_subnets, count.index)
format(format, args, ...) formatlist(format, args, ...)	Formats a string/list according to the given format	format("server-%03d", count.index + 1) returns server-001 , server-002 ,

Terraform functions

Function	Description	Example
index(list, elem)	Finds the index of a given element in a list	index(aws_instance.foo.*.tags.Env, "prod")
join(delim, list)	Joins a list together with a delimiter	join(",", var.AMIS) returns "ami-123,ami-456,ami-789"
list(item1, item2, ...)	create a new list	join(":", list("a","b","c")) returns a:b:c
lookup(map, key, [default])	Perform a lookup on a map, using "key". Returns value representing "key" in the map	lookup(map("k", "v"), "k", "not found") returns "v"

Terraform functions

Function	Description	Example
lower(string)	returns lowercase value of "string"	lower("Hello") returns hello
map(key, value, ...)	returns a new map using key:value	map("k", "v", "k2", "v2") returns: { "k" = "v" , "k2" = "v2" }
merge(map1, map2, ...)	Merges maps (union)	merge(map("k", "v"), map("k2", "v2")) returns: { "k" = "v" , "k2" = "v2" }
replace(string, search, replace)	Performs a search and replace on string	replace("aaab", "a", "b") returns bbbb

Terraform functions

Function	Description	Example
split(delim, string)	splits a string into a list	split(",", "a,b,c,d") returns ["a", "b", "c", "d"]
substr(string, offset, length)	extract substring from string	substr("abcde", -3, 3) returns cde
timestamp()	returns RFC 3339 timestamp	"Server started at \${timestamp()}" Server started at 2018-06-16T18:46:46Z
upper(string)	Returns uppercased string	upper("string") returns STRING

Terraform functions

Function	Description	Example
uuid()	Returns a UUID string in RFC 4122 v4 format	uuid() returns: 65b8cf0a-685d-3295-73c1-1393ef71bcd6
values(map)	returns values of a map	values(map("k","v","k2","v2")) returns ["v", "v2"]

Demo

Built-in functions

Advanced Terraform Usage

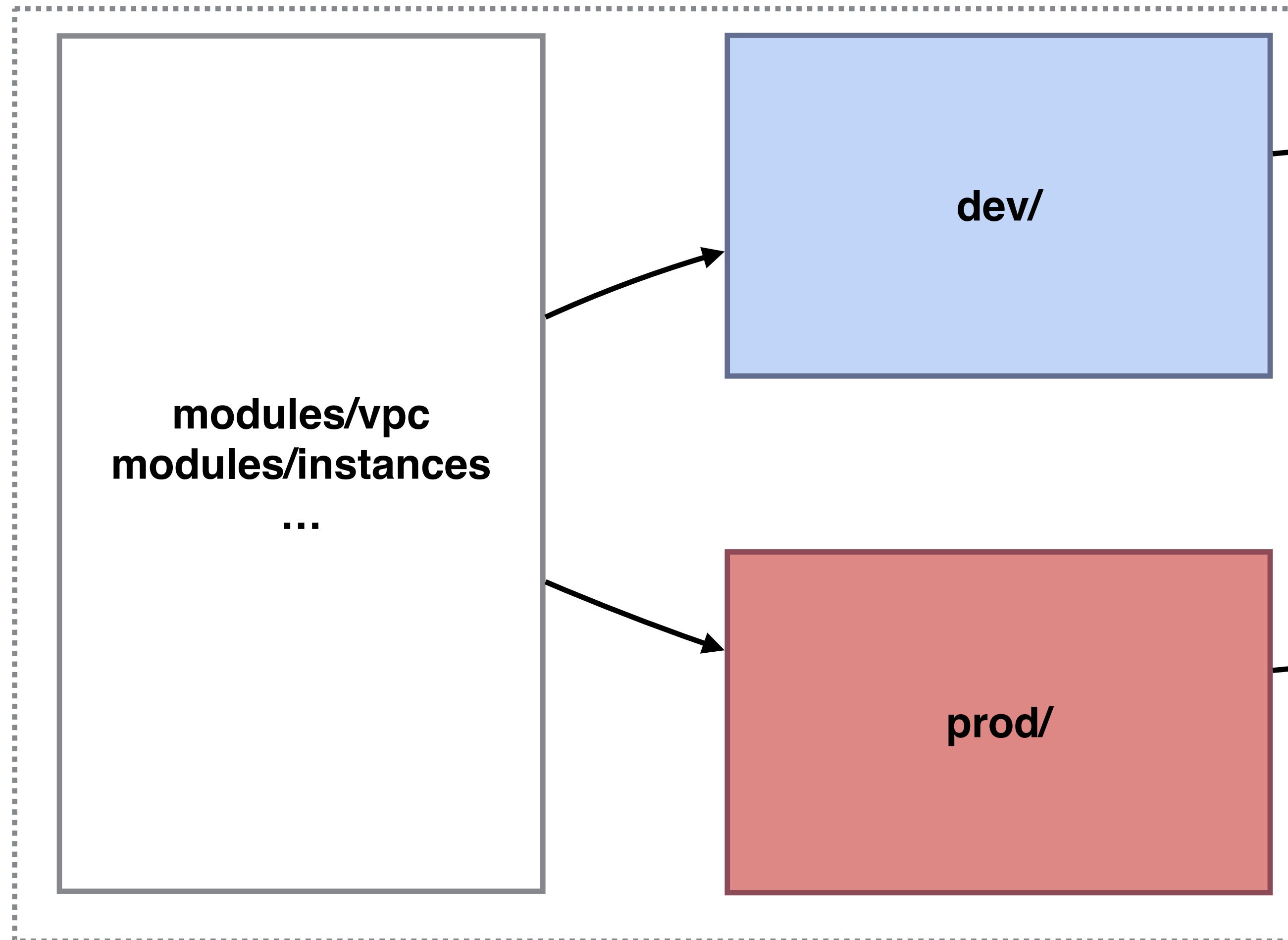
Project structure

Project Structure

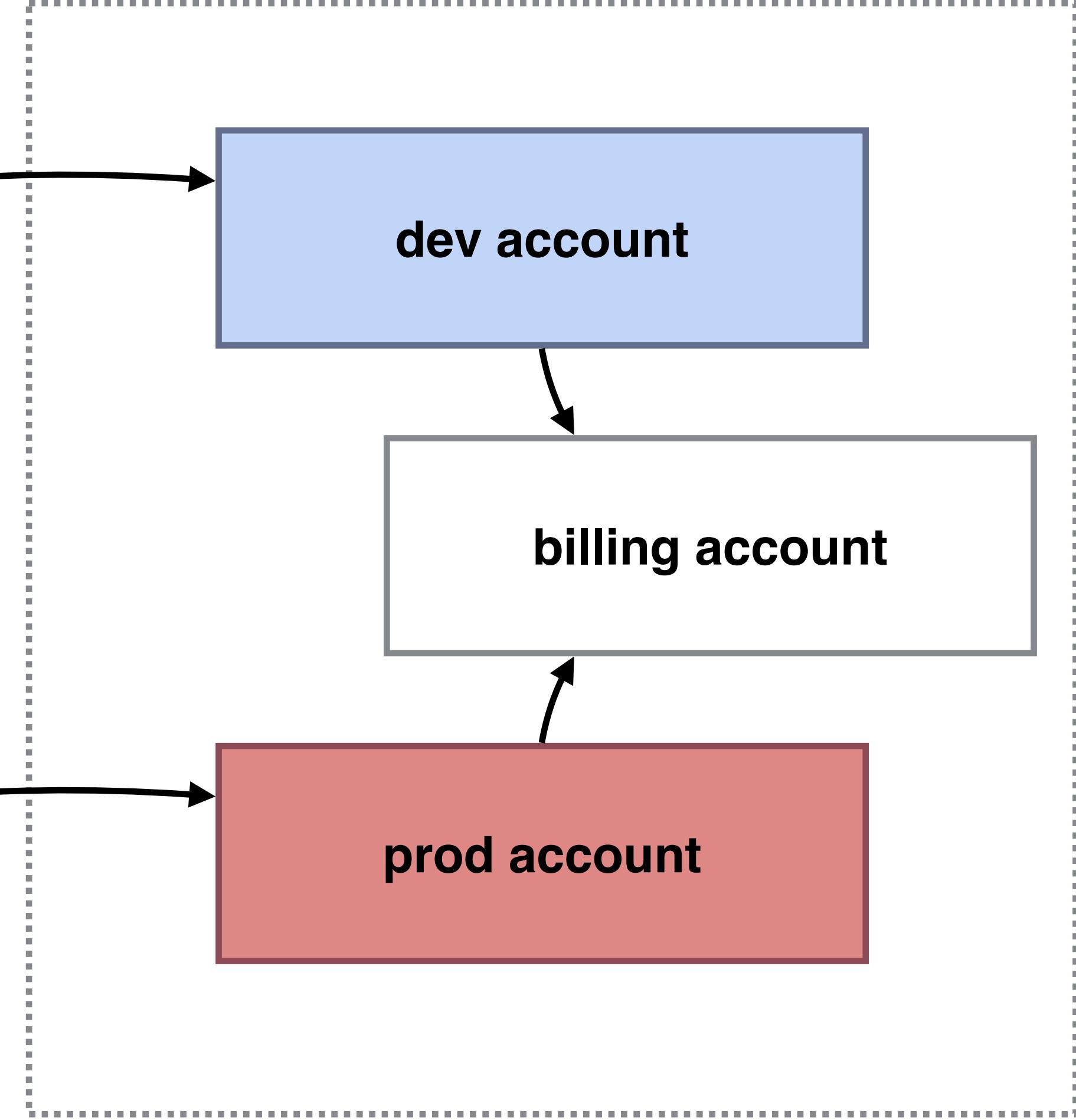
- When starting with terraform on **production environments**, you quickly realize that you need a **decent project structure**
- Ideally, you want to **separate your development and production environments** completely
 - That way, if you **always test terraform changes in development first**, mistakes will be caught before they can have a production impact
 - For complete isolation, it's best to **create multiple AWS accounts**, and use one account for dev, another for prod, and a third one for billing
 - **Splitting out terraform in multiple projects** will also **reduce the resources** that you'll need to manage during one terraform apply

Project Structure

Terraform



AWS



Demo

Project structure

"for" and "for each" loops

Terraform loops

- Starting from terraform 0.12 you can use **for** and **for_each** loops
- The for-loop features can help you to **loop over variables**, transform it, and output it in different formats
- For example:
 - [for s in ["this is a", "list"] : upper(s)]
 - You can loop over a list [1,2,3,4] or even a map like {"key" = "value"}
 - You can transform them by doing a calculation or a string operation
 - Then you can output them as a list or map

Terraform loops

- **For loops** are typically used when **assigning a value to an argument**:
- For example:
 - `security_groups = ["sg-12345", "sg-567"]`
 - This could be replaced by a for loop if you need to transform the input data
 - `Tags = { Name = "resource name" }`
 - This is a map which can be "hardcoded" or which can be the output of a for loop

Terraform loops

- For_each loops are not used when assigning a value to an argument, but rather to **repeat nested blocks**
- Here is a nested block example:

```
resource "aws_security_group" "example" {  
    name = "example"  
  
    ingress {  
        # this is the nested block, you can not use for loops here, as there is no "value", it's always a "literal"  
        ...  
    }  
  
    ingress {  
        # second nested block  
        from_port  = 443  
        to_port    = 443  
        protocol   = "tcp"  
        cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]  
    }  
}
```

Terraform loops

- The way to then to loop over data and output multiple literal blocks is with a foreach:

```
resource "aws_security_group" "example" {  
    name = "example"  
  
    dynamic "ingress" {  
        for_each = [ 22, 443]  
        content {  
            from_port = ingress.value  
            to_port   = ingress.value  
            protocol  = "tcp"  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Demo

For loops

Packer

creating AMIs with Packer

Packer

- Packer is a commandline tool that can build AWS AMIs based on templates
- Instead of installing the software after booting up an instance, you can create an AMI with all the necessary software on
- This can speed up boot times of instances
- It's a common approach when you run a horizontally scaled app layer or a cluster of something
- It might not be very useful to do this on single instances that cannot be terminated (e.g. a database)

Packer

- The packer template:

```
{  
  "variables": {  
    "aws_access_key": "",  
    "aws_secret_key": ""  
  },  
  "builders": [{  
    "type": "amazon-ebs",  
    "access_key": "{{user `aws_access_key`}}",  
    "secret_key": "{{user `aws_secret_key`}}",  
    "region": "us-east-1",  
    "source_ami": "ami-fce3c696",  
    "instance_type": "t2.micro",  
    "ssh_username": "ubuntu",  
    "ami_name": "packer-example {{timestamp}}"  
  ]},  
  "provisioners": [{  
    "type": "shell",  
    "scripts": [ "scripts/install_software.sh" ],  
    "execute_command": "{{ .Vars }} sudo -E sh '{{ .Path }}'",  
    "pause_before": "10s"  
  }]  
}
```

Demo

Terraform with packer

Terraform with Packer

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Packer

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  },  
  "builders": [{  
    "type": "amazon-ebs",  
    "access_key": "{{user `aws_access_key`}}",  
    "secret_key": "{{user `aws_secret_key`}}",  
    "region": "us-east-1",  
    "source_ami": "ami-fce3c696",  
    "instance_type": "t2.micro",  
    "ssh_username": "ubuntu",  
    "ami_name": "packer-example {{timestamp}}"  
  ]},  
  "provisioners": [{  
    "type": "shell",  
    "scripts": [ "scripts/install_software.sh" ],  
    "execute_command": "{{ .Vars }} sudo -E sh '{{ .Path }}'",  
    "pause_before": "10s"  
  }]  
}
```

Demo

Terraform with packer

Demo

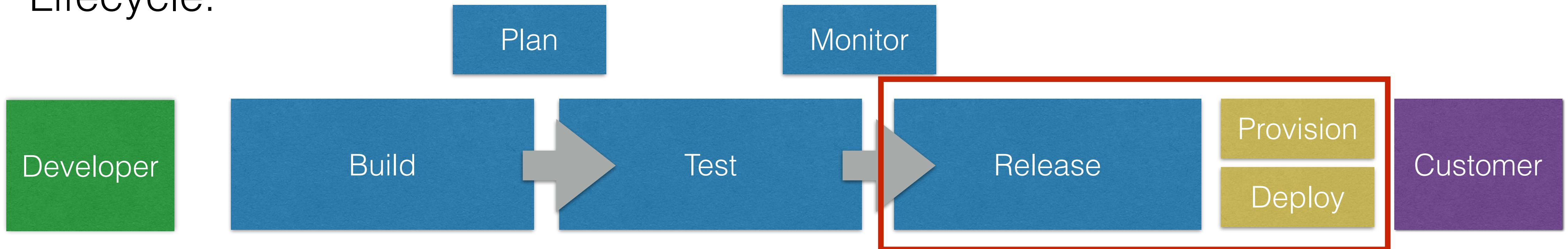
Terraform with Jenkins and packer

DevOps using terraform

Integrating terraform and packer within your workflow

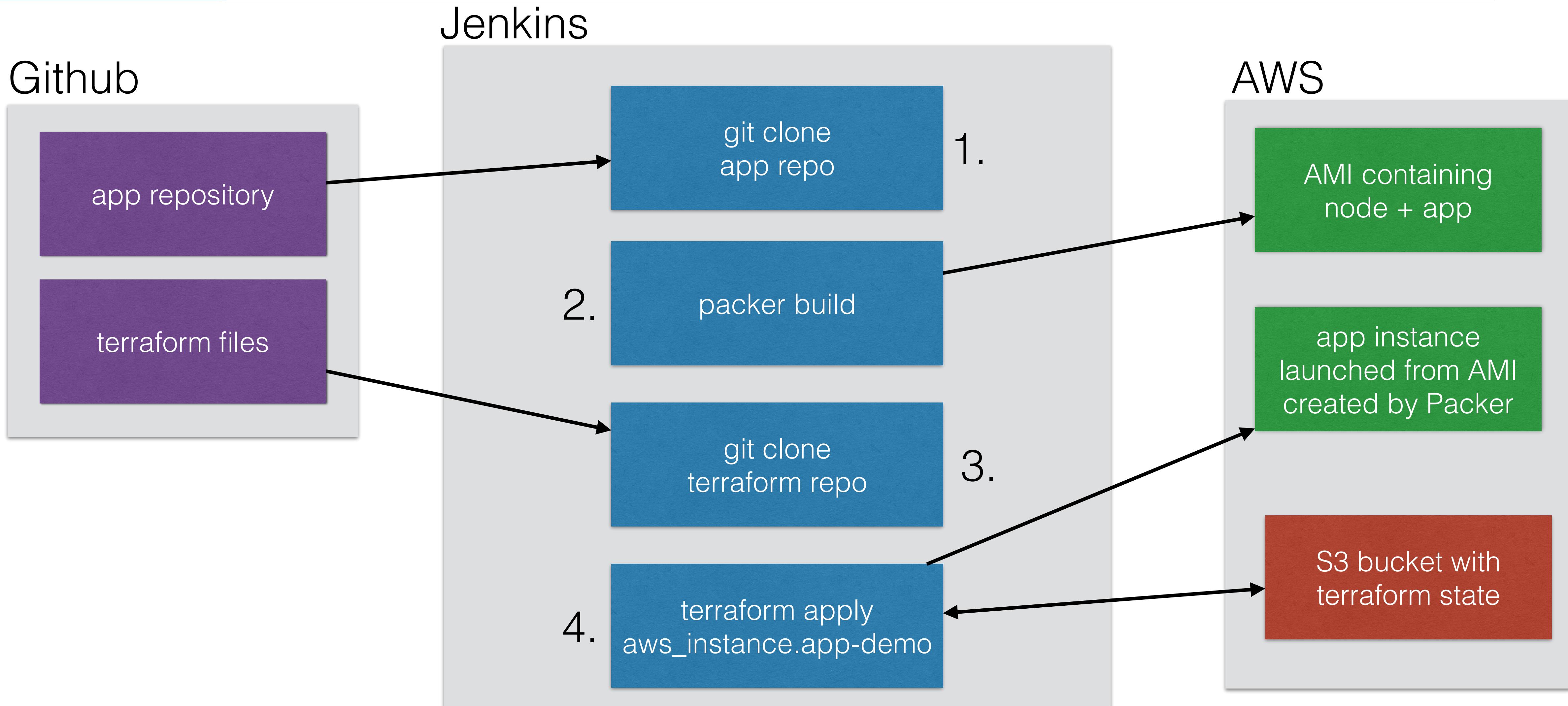
DevOps using terraform

- Terraform is a great fit in a DevOps minded organization
- Tools like Terraform and Packer can be used in the Software Development Lifecycle:



- Release, Provision and Deploy can be done using:
 - Git + Jenkins + Terraform + Packer (Amazon images)
 - Git + Jenkins + Terraform + Docker Orchestration (Docker images)

DevOps using terraform



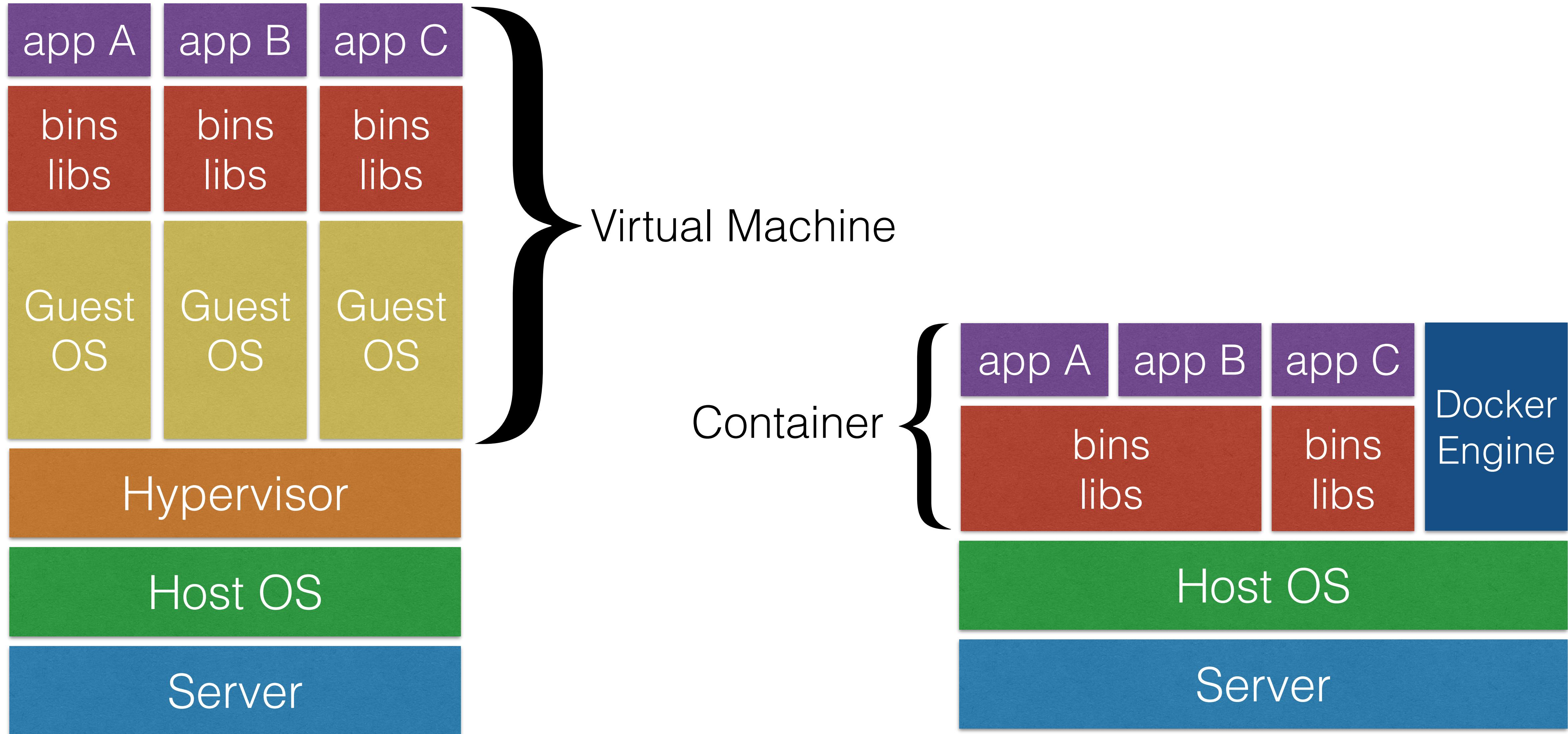
Demo

Terraform with Jenkins and packer

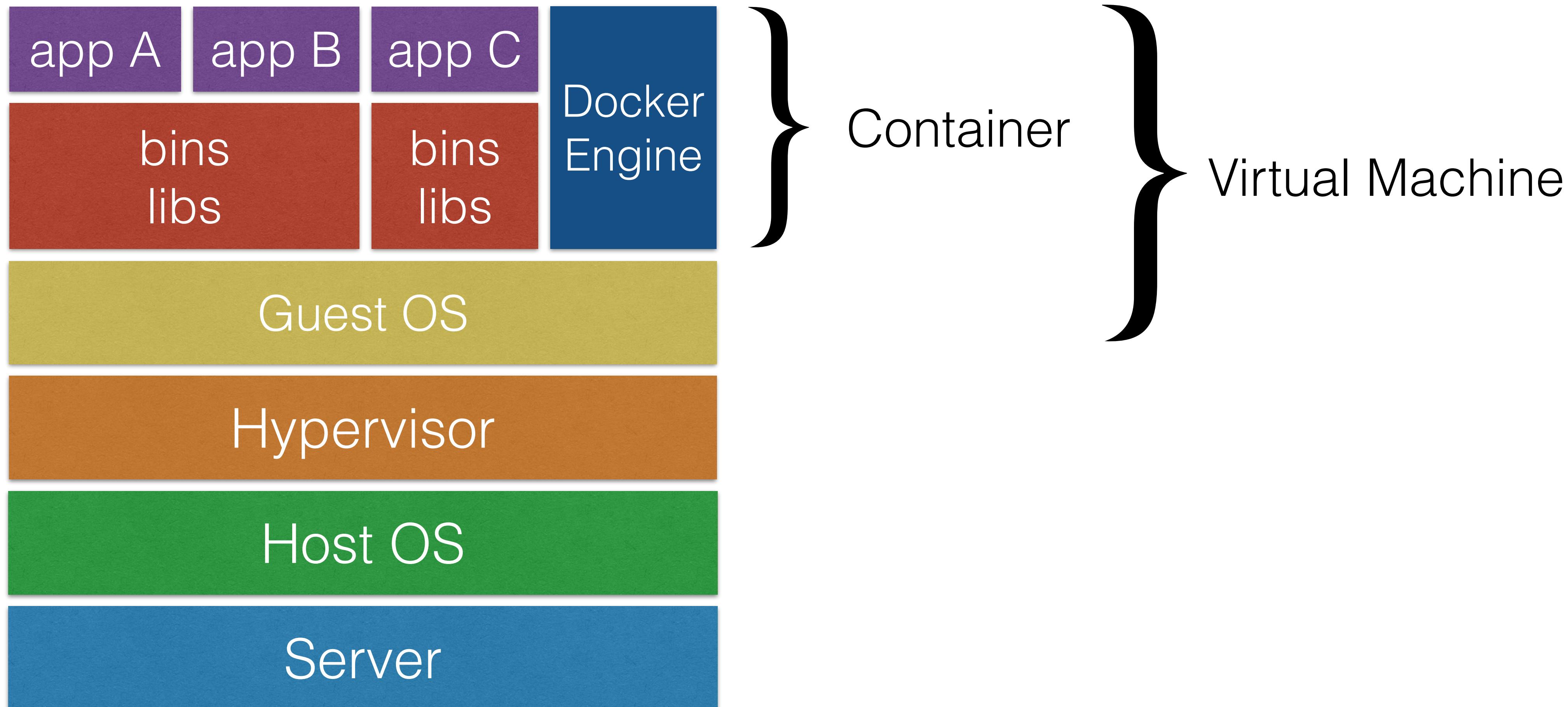
Docker

Introduction

Virtual Machines vs Containers



Containers on AWS

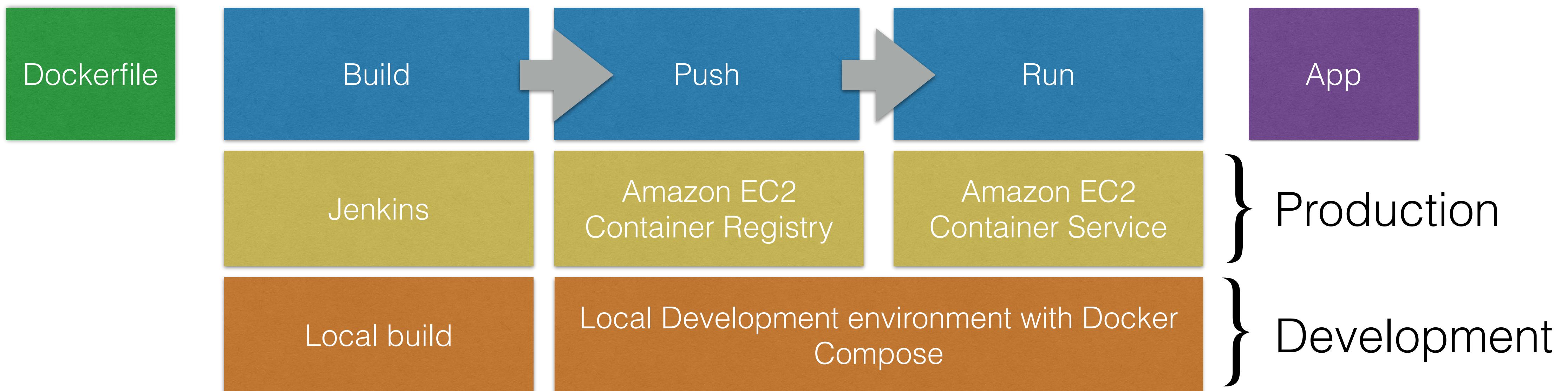


Docker

Docker on AWS

Building Docker images

- Just like packer builds AMIs, you can use docker to build docker images
- Those images can then be run on any Linux host with Docker Engine installed



Running Docker

- Using my vagrant "DevOps Box" (The ubuntu box)
- By downloading Docker for:
 - Windows: <https://docs.docker.com/engine/installation/windows/>
 - MacOS: <https://docs.docker.com/engine/installation/mac/>
 - Linux: <https://docs.docker.com/engine/installation/linux/>
- The demos will be done using Docker Engine installed in the Vagrant DevOps box (<https://github.com/wardviaene/devops-box>)

Docker

Building images

Dockerfile

- Dockerizing a simple nodeJS app only needs a few files:

Dockerfile

```
FROM node:4.6
WORKDIR /app
ADD . /app
RUN npm install
EXPOSE 3000
CMD npm start
```

index.js

```
var express = require('express');
var app = express();

app.get('/', function (req, res) {
  res.send('Hello World!');
});

var server = app.listen(3000, function () {
  var host = server.address().address;
  var port = server.address().port;

  console.log('Example app listening at http://
  %s:%s', host, port);
});
```

package.json

```
{
  "name": "myapp",
  "version": "0.0.1",
  "private": true,
  "scripts": {
    "start": "node index.js"
  },
  "engines": {
    "node": "^4.6.1"
  },
  "dependencies": {
    "express": "^4.14.0",
  }
}
```

Dockerfile

- To build this project, docker build can be used
- Docker build can be executed manually or by jenkins
- To build the docker image from the previous slide:

```
$ cd docker-demo  
$ ls  
Dockerfile index.js package.json  
$ docker build .  
[...]  
$
```

- After the docker build process you have built an image that can run the nodejs app

Dockerfile

- You could already run the docker app by executing "docker run" locally
 - Docker can be run locally for development purposes
- Instead, we're immediately going to push this image to Amazon and run this app on AWS
 - The first step will be to **push** this locally built images to **Amazon ECR** (The EC2 Registry - where docker images can be stored in)
 - Secondly, we'll set up a **docker cluster (ECS)** to run our Docker applications

Dockerfile

- The creation of the ECR repository can be done using terraform:

ecr.tf

```
resource "aws_ecr_repository" "myapp" {  
    name = "myapp"  
}
```

output.tf

```
output "myapp-repository-URL" {  
    value = "${aws_ecr_repository.myapp.repository_url}"  
}
```

Docker build & push command

```
$ docker build -t myapp-repository-url/myapp .  
$ `aws ecr get-login`  
$ docker push myapp-repository-url/myapp
```

Demo

Build docker image and push image to ECR

ECS

Running our dockerized NodeJS app on a Docker cluster

ECS

- Now that your app is dockerized and uploaded to ECR, you can start the ECS cluster
- ECS - EC2 Container Services will manage your docker containers
- You just need to start an autoscaling group with a custom AMI
 - The custom AMI contains the ECS agent
- Once the ECS cluster is online, tasks and services can be started on the cluster

ECS

- First, the ECS cluster needs to be defined:

```
resource "aws_ecs_cluster" "example-cluster" {  
    name = "example-cluster"  
}
```

ECS

- Then, an autoscaling group launches EC2 instances that will join this cluster:

```
resource "aws_launch_configuration" "ecs-example-launchconfig" {  
    name_prefix      = "ecs-launchconfig"  
    image_id         = "${lookup(var.ECS_AMIS, var.AWS_REGION)}"  
    instance_type    = "${var.ECS_INSTANCE_TYPE}"  
    key_name         = "${aws_key_pair.mykeypair.key_name}"  
    iam_instance_profile = "${aws_iam_instance_profile.ecs-ec2-role.id}"  
    security_groups  = ["${aws_security_group.ecs-securitygroup.id}"]  
    user_data        = "#!/bin/bash\necho 'ECS_CLUSTER=example-cluster' > /etc/ecs/ecs.config\nstart ecs"  
    lifecycle        { create_before_destroy = true }  
}  
  
resource "aws_autoscaling_group" "ecs-example-autoscaling" {  
    name              = "ecs-example-autoscaling"  
    vpc_zone_identifier = ["${aws_subnet.main-public-1.id}", "${aws_subnet.main-public-2.id}"]  
    launch_configuration = "${aws_launch_configuration.ecs-example-launchconfig.name}"  
    min_size          = 1  
    max_size          = 1  
    tag {  
        key = "Name"  
        value = "ecs-ec2-container"  
        propagate_at_launch = true  
    }  
}
```

- A list of ECS AMIs can be found at http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonECS/latest/developerguide/ecs-optimized_AMI.html

ECS - Roles

- The iam role policy (aws_iam_role_policy.ecs-ec2-role-policy)

```
"Statement": [  
    {  
        "Effect": "Allow",  
        "Action": [  
            "ecs>CreateCluster",  
            "ecs>DeregisterContainerInstance",  
            "ecs>DiscoverPollEndpoint",  
            "ecs>Poll",  
            "ecs>RegisterContainerInstance",  
            "ecs>StartTelemetrySession",  
            "ecs>Submit*",  
            "ecs>StartTask",  
            "ecr>GetAuthorizationToken",  
            "ecr>BatchCheckLayerAvailability",  
            "ecr>GetDownloadUrlForLayer",  
            "ecr>BatchGetImage",  
            "logs>CreateLogStream",  
            "logs>PutLogEvents"  
        ],  
        "Resource": "*"  
    }  
]
```

ECS - Task definition

- Before the docker app can be launched, a task definition needs to be provided
- The task definition describes what docker container to be run on the cluster:
 - Specifies Docker image (the docker image in ECR)
 - Max CPU usage, max memory usage
 - Whether containers should be linked (e.g. link app container with DB container)
 - Environment variables (e.g. credentials)
 - And any other container specific definitions

ECS - Services definition

- A Service definition is going to run a specific amount of containers based on the task definition
- A Service is always running, if the container stops, it will be restarted
- A Service can be scaled, you can run 1 instance of a container or multiple
- You can put an Elastic Load Balancer in front of a service
- You typically run multiple instances of a container, spread over Availability zones
 - If one container fails, your loadbalancer stops sending traffic to it
 - Running multiple instances with an ELB / ALB allows you to have HA

ECS - Services definition

- The task definition:

myapp.tf

```
data "template_file" "myapp-task-definition-template" {
    template      = "${file("templates/app.json.tpl")}"
    vars {
        REPOSITORY_URL = "${replace("${aws_ecr_repository.myapp.repository_url}", "https://", "")}"
    }
}

resource "aws_ecs_task_definition" "myapp-task-definition" {
    family      = "myapp"
    container_definitions = "${data.template_file.myapp-task-definition-template.rendered}"
}
```

templates/app.json.tpl

```
[{
    "essential": true,
    "memory": 256,
    "name": "myapp",
    "cpu": 256,
    "image": "${REPOSITORY_URL}:1",
    "workingDirectory": "/app",
    "command": ["npm", "start"],
    "portMappings": [
        {
            "containerPort": 3000,
            "hostPort": 3000
        }
    ]
}]
```

ECS - Services definition

- The Service definition:

myapp.tf

```
resource "aws_ecs_service" "myapp-service" {  
    name = "myapp"  
    cluster = "${aws_ecs_cluster.example-cluster.id}"  
    task_definition = "${aws_ecs_task_definition.myapp-task-definition.arn}"  
    desired_count = 1  
    iam_role = "${aws_iam_role.ecs-service-role.arn}"  
    depends_on = ["aws_iam_policy_attachment.ecs-service-attach1"]  
  
    load_balancer {  
        elb_name = "${aws_elb.myapp-elb.name}"  
        container_name = "myapp"  
        container_port = 3000  
    }  
    lifecycle { ignore_changes = ["task_definition"] }  
}
```

Demo

running Docker images on AWS ECS

Demo

Using Jenkins to build docker images, push the image on
AWS ECR and run on AWS ECS

Docker

running Docker images

New Features

v0.8.0

Terraform console

- terraform console: an interactive console for experimenting and using interpolations
 - Discover what variables exist
 - How to manipulate variables
 - How to use interpolations, conditions
 - Quickly output something

Version requirement

- Use a version requirement in tf files
- As new features are developed at a rapid rate, your terraform files might become incompatible with newer/older versions
- You can set a terraform required_version to make sure the person executing your tf files will get an error if the requirements are not met:

```
terraform {  
    required_version = "> 0.7.0, < 0.8.0"  
}
```

Conditional values

- A major feature introduced in v0.8.0 is conditional values
- You can now include basic if/else statements
- For example, only build a resource based on a condition:

```
resource "aws_instance" "instance" {  
  count = "${var.env == "prod" ? 1 : 0}"  
  [...]  
}
```

- Only if variable "env" is set to production, the aws_instance "instance" will be launched (count will be set to 1)

Improvements to import

- More resources can be imported
- The import command will now read the configuration from terraform configuration files
 - For example the AWS credentials and region information
- If you have multiple providers (e.g. 2 AWS accounts), import can now be passed a provider alias to specify what provider you want to use

depends_on

- depends_on can be used within resources to specify this resource depends on another resource
 - This already existed
- Now you can specify a module within depends_on
 - e.g. a resource can now depend on a module

Module Development

Terraform modules

- Terraform modules are a **powerful way to reuse code**
- You can either use external modules, or **write modules yourself**
- External modules can help you **setting up infrastructure without much effort**
 - When modules are **managed by the community**, you'll get updates and fixes for free
 - <https://github.com/terraform-aws-modules/> lists terraform modules for AWS, maintained by the community

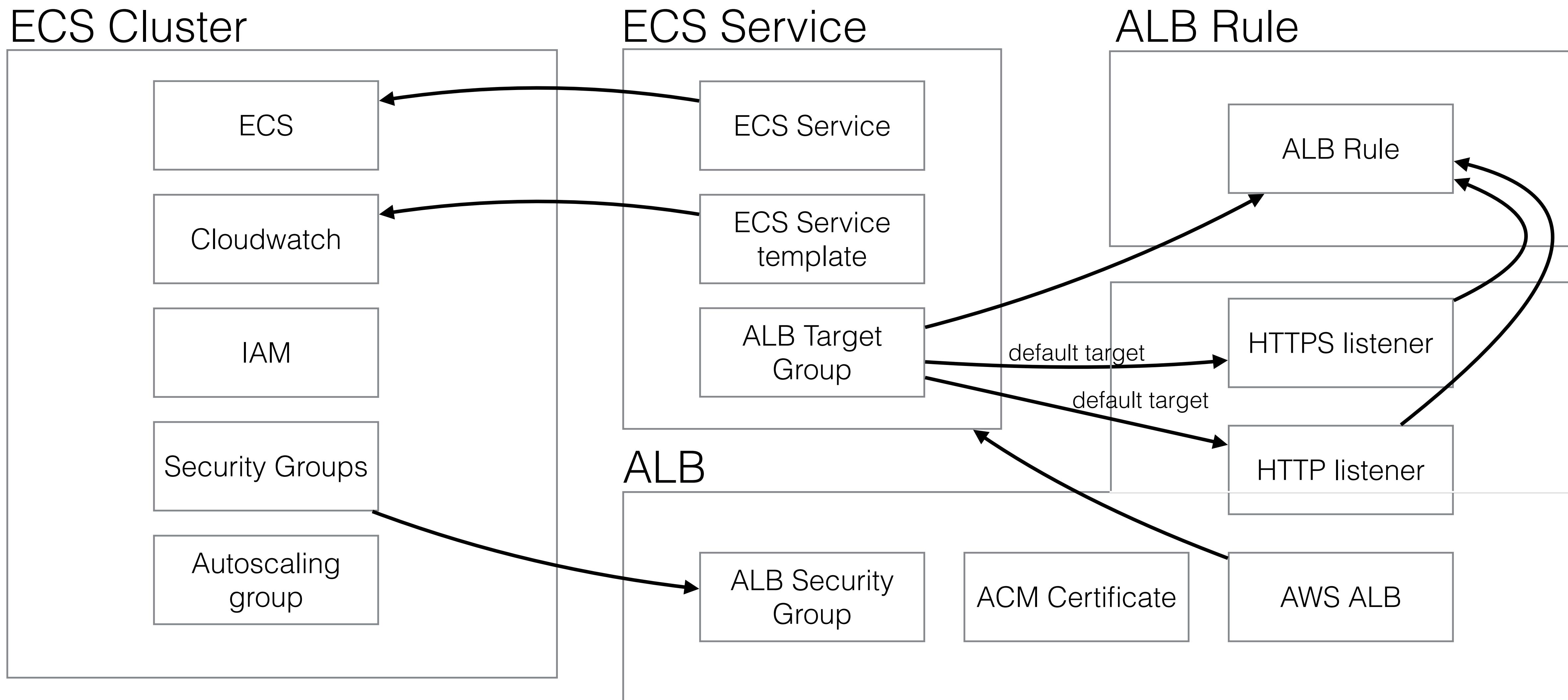
Terraform modules

- A few popular modules are:
- <https://github.com/terraform-aws-modules/terraform-aws-vpc>
 - A module to create VPC resources
- <https://github.com/terraform-aws-modules/terraform-aws-alb>
 - A module to create an Application LoadBalancer
- <https://github.com/terraform-aws-modules/terraform-aws-eks>
 - A module to create a Kubernetes cluster

Terraform modules

- Writing modules yourself gives you full flexibility
- If you maintain the module in a **git repository**, you can even reuse the module over multiple projects
- In the next demo I will show you how to build a module for ECS with an Application LoadBalancer (ALB)
 - I'll first give you a **high level overview**, then I'll do a **deep dive** of the module

ECS & ALB module



Demo

ECS + ALB Module

AWS EKS

Amazon Elastic Container Service for Kubernetes

AWS EKS

- Amazon **Elastic Container Service for Kubernetes** is a highly available, scalable and secure Kubernetes Service
- It's **General Available** since June 2018
- Kubernetes is an **alternative** to AWS ECS
 - ECS is **AWS-specific**, whereas Kubernetes can run on **any public cloud provider** (or even **on-premises**)
 - They're both great solutions to **orchestrate containers**

AWS EKS

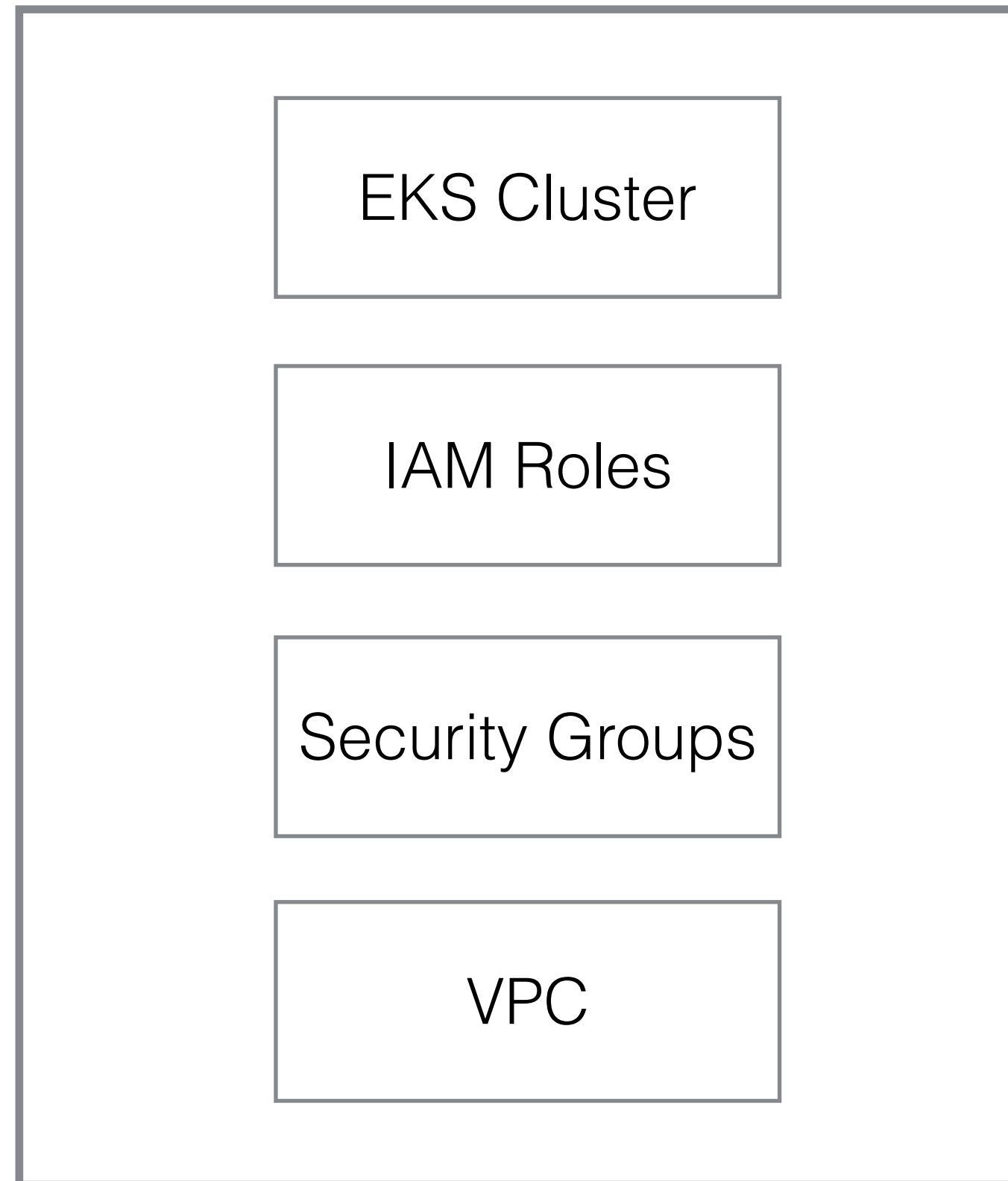
- AWS EKS provides **managed Kubernetes master nodes**
 - There's **no master nodes to manage**
 - The master nodes are **multi-AZ** to provide redundancy
 - The master nodes will **scale** automatically when necessary
 - If you'd run your own Kubernetes cluster, you'd have to scale it when having more worker nodes
 - Secure by default: **EKS integrates with IAM**

AWS EKS vs ECS

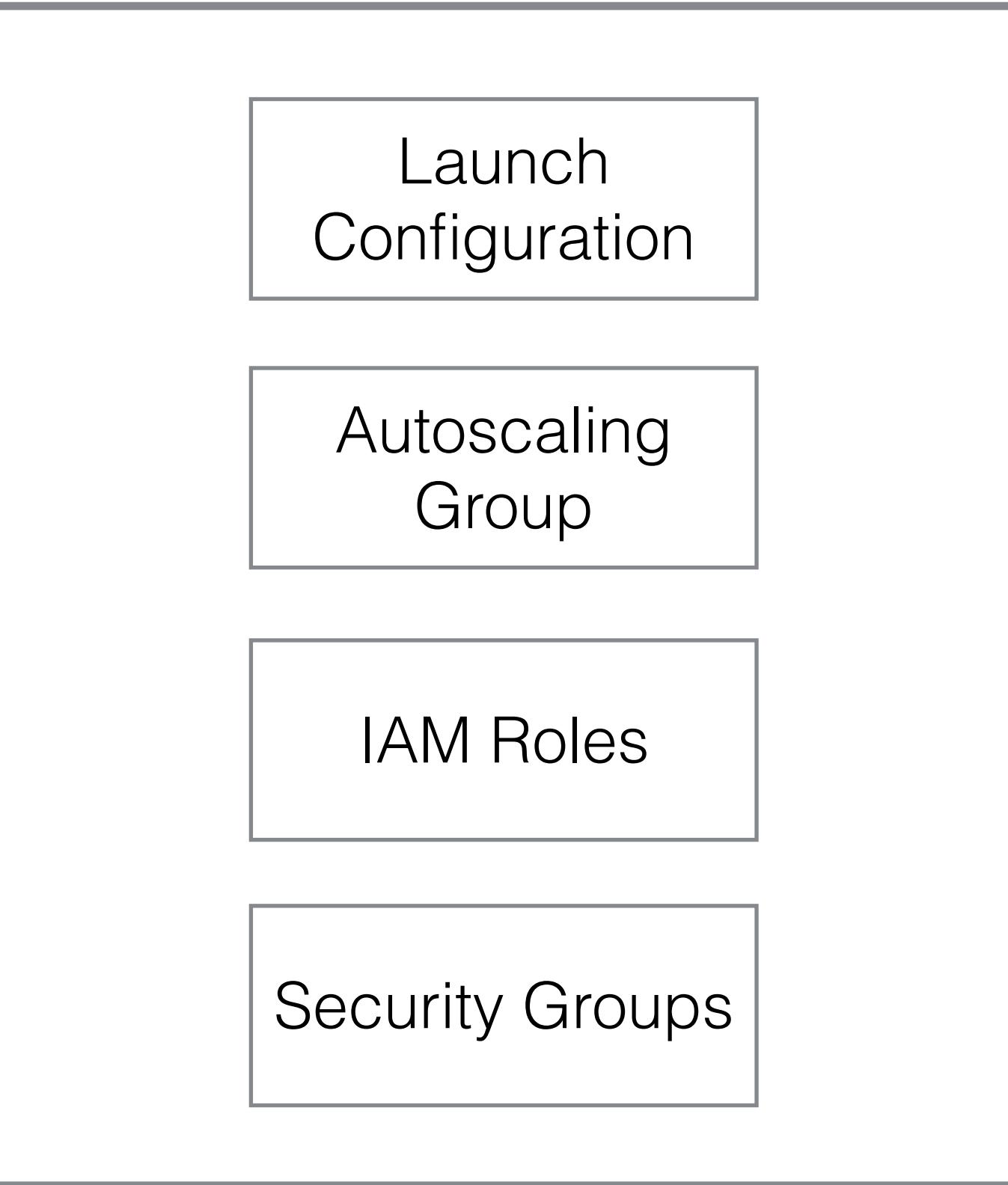
- AWS **charges money to run an EKS cluster** (in us-east-1 \$0.20 per hour)
 - For smaller setups, ECS is cheaper
- **Kubernetes is much more popular** than ECS, so if you're planning to deploy on more cloud providers / on-prem, it's a more natural choice
- **Kubernetes has more features**, but is also much **more complicated** than ECS - to deploy simpler apps/solutions, I'd prefer ECS
- **ECS has very tight integration with other AWS Services**, but it's expected that EKS will also be tightly integrated over time

AWS EKS

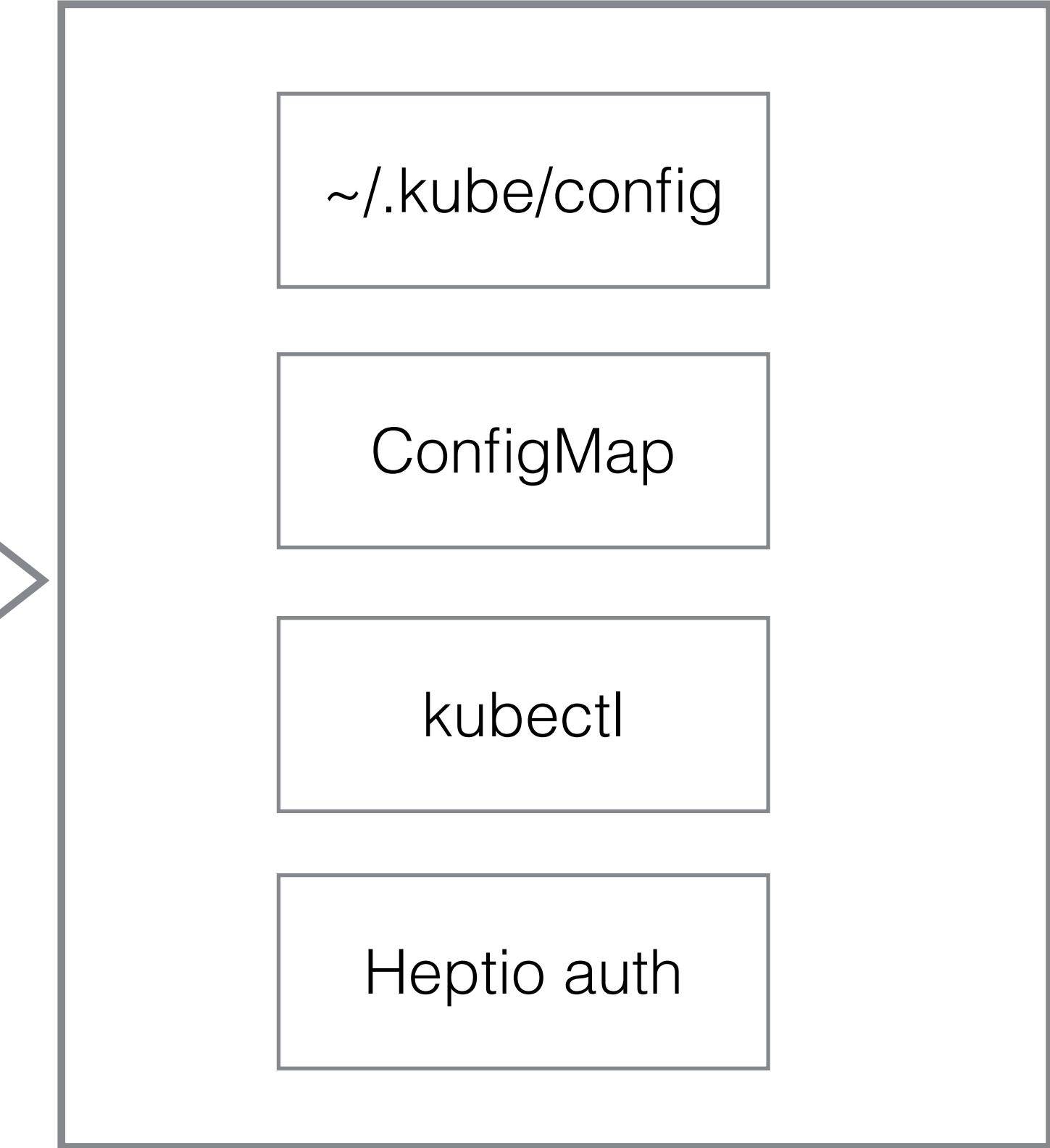
Step 1: Provision an EKS Cluster



Step 2: Deploy worker nodes



Step 3: Connect to EKS



Demo

AWS EKS

Files: <https://github.com/wardviaene/terraform-course/tree/master/eks-demo>

AWS CodePipeline

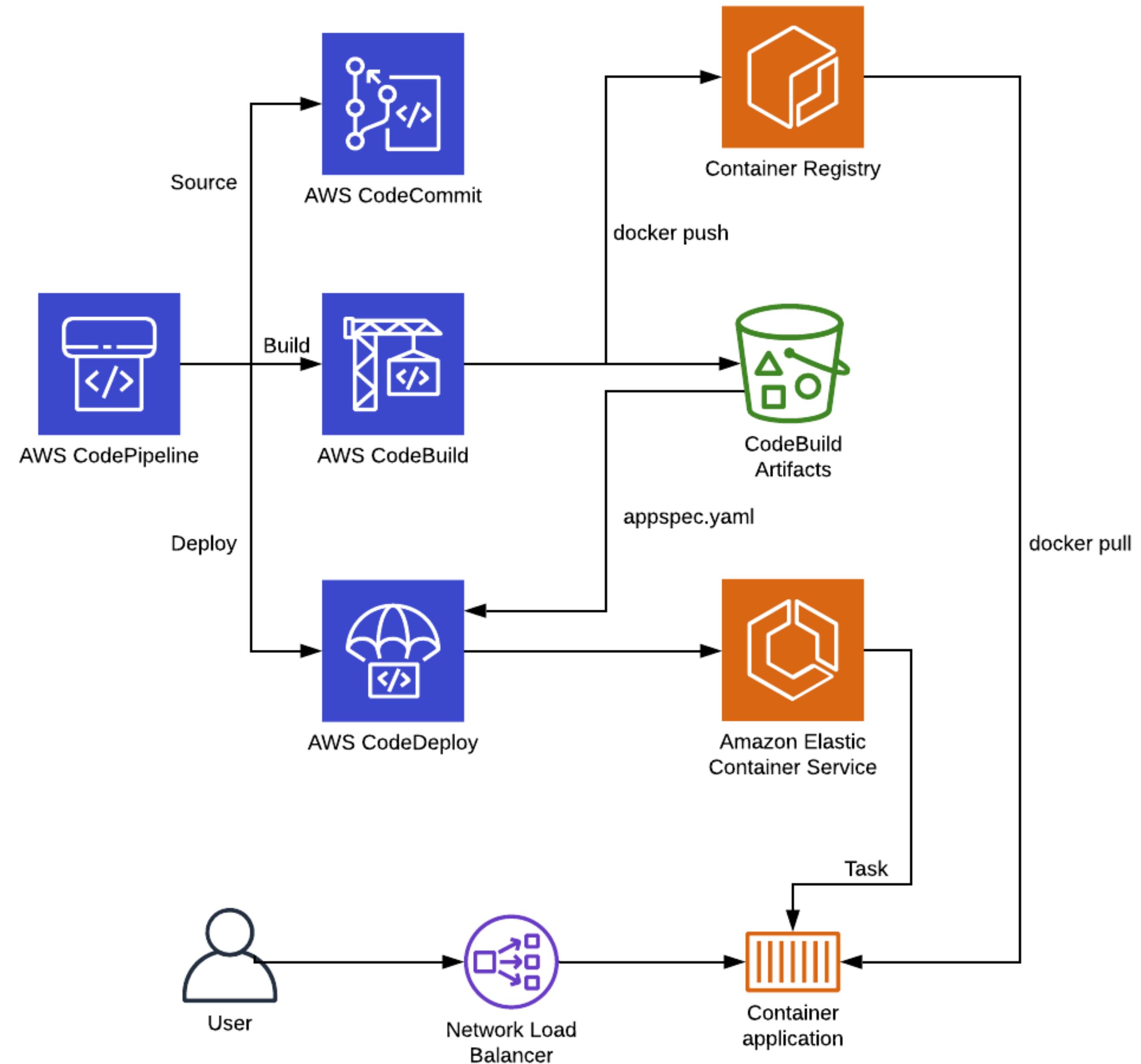
Continuous Delivery

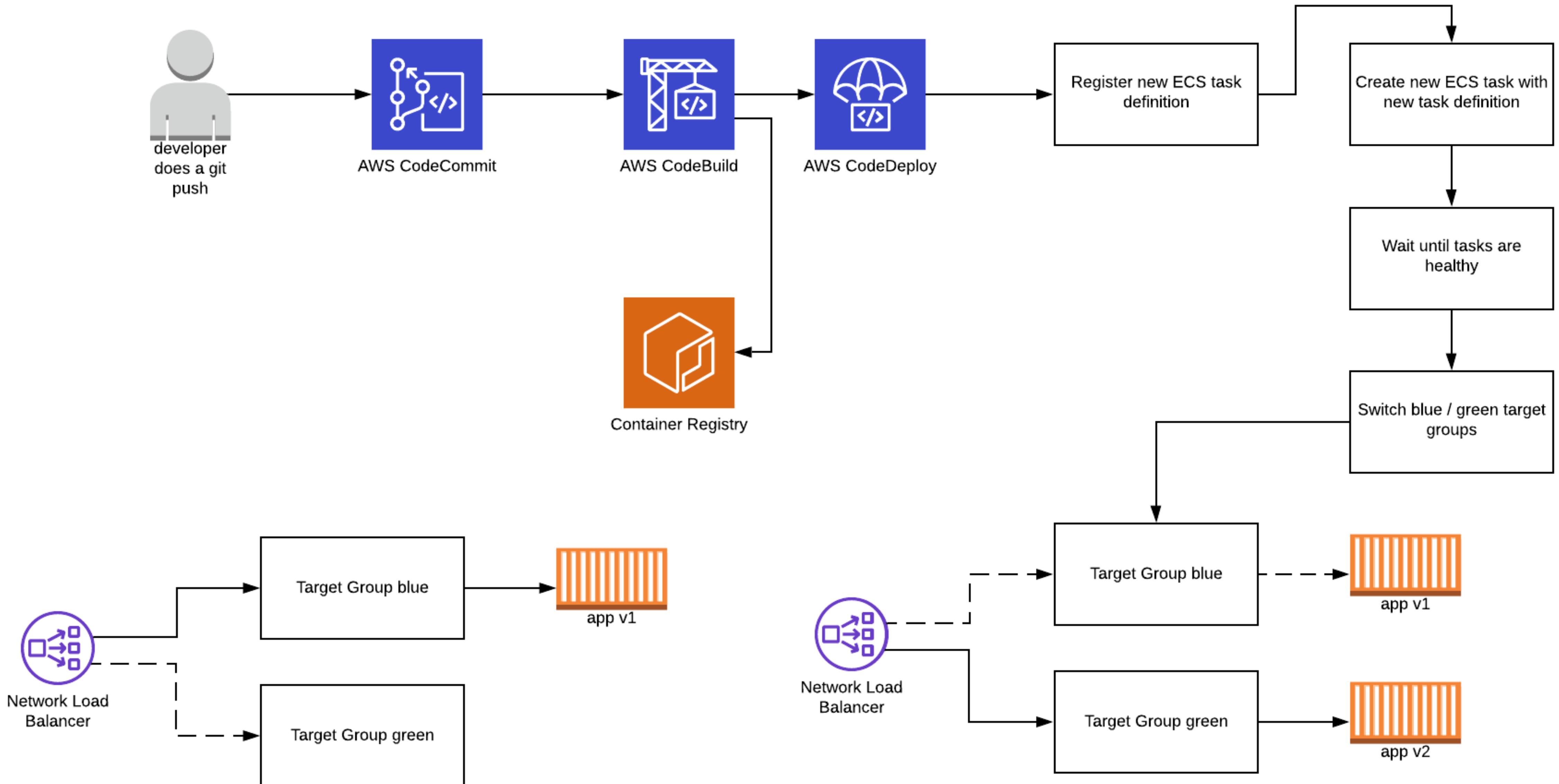
AWS CodePipeline

- AWS CodePipeline is a fully managed **continuous delivery service**
- CodePipeline automates the **build/test/deploy pipeline**
 - You can build/test applications with the **typical build tools** (npm, maven, gradle, ...)
 - And also using **docker** (using docker build & push for example)
- You can deploy on EC2 / On-Prem / Lambda / ECS (EKS not yet - but should be added at some point)
- You can also integrate it with Jenkins

AWS CodePipeline

- AWS CodePipeline **integrates** with:
 - **CodeCommit**: git repository
 - **CodeBuild**: Launches EC2 instance to run your test/build phase. Can also do docker builds
 - **CodeDeploy**: Deploys on EC2 / Lambda / ECS
- Our setup will use **CodeCommit** + **CodeBuild** to build a NodeJS docker image with the application code bundled + **CodeDeploy** to deploy on ECS





AWS CodePipeline

Demo

Advanced Module Development

Advanced Module Development

- Up until now, I've shown you how to write a **simple module** in terraform:
 - "variable" declares the **input** for your modules
 - "output" declares the **output**, which in turn can be used in the root project, or other modules (e.g. module.mymodule.myvalue)
 - **Resources** can be stored within a module to allow easy provisioning of a logic component that consists of multiple resources (for example a database, an app with load balancer, etc)

Advanced Module Development

- Starting from terraform 0.12 (released May 2019), module development can take on more complex tasks. It was the start of:
 - Better **expression syntax**
 - Better **type system** (better support for map, lists)
 - **Iteration** constructs (for & for_each)
 - This finally allowed developers to **iterate over blocks** (for example the tag {...} block), something that was very hard, if not impossible to do in older versions

Advanced Module Development

```
variable "conditions" {  
    description = "ALB rule conditions"  
    default     = []  
    type        = list(object({  
        field  = string  
        values = list(string)  
    }))  
}
```

```
resource "aws_lb_listener_rule" "alb_rule" {  
    [...]  
    dynamic condition {  
        # First for_each loop for condition { ... } block  
        for_each = var.conditions  
        content {  
            dynamic host_header {  
                # Second for_each loop for the host_header { ... } block within the condition { ... } block  
                for_each = condition.value.field == "host-header" ? [1] : []  
                content {  
                    values = condition.value.values  
                }  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Example:

```
[  
    {  
        field = "host-header"  
        values = [ "mydomain.com", "www.mydomain.com" ]  
    }  
]
```

Advanced Module Development

```
variable "conditions" {
  description = "ALB rule conditions"
  default     = []
  type        = list(object({
    field  = string
    values = list(string)
  }))
}

resource "aws_lb_listener_rule" "alb_rule" {
  [...]
  condition {
    # First for_each loop for condition { ... } block
    host_header {
      # Second for_each loop for the host_header { ... } block within the condition { ... } block
      values = [ "mydomain.com", "www.mydomain.com" ]
    }
  }
}
```

Example:

```
[  
  {  
    field = "host-header"  
    values = [ "mydomain.com", "www.mydomain.com" ]  
  }  
]
```

Advanced Module Development

- Starting from terraform 0.13 (August 2020), module improvement got another boost, with the **support in modules for**:
 - **count**
 - **depends_on**
 - **for_each**
- for_each in terraform can be used to iterate over resources, just like count
- With terraform 0.13, for_each and count can also be used for modules

The difference between count & for_each

Advanced Module Development

```
module "my_module_conditional" {
  count = var.enable_my_module ? 1 : 0
  [...]
}

module "my_module_count" {
  count = ["instance1", "instance2", "instance3"]
  [...]
}
```

```
module.my_module_count[0].resource
module.my_module_count[1].resource
module.my_module_count[2].resource
```

```
locals {
  mymap = {
    Instance1 = "info about my instance 1"
    Instance2 = "info about my instance 2"
    Instance3 = "info about my instance 3"
  }
}

module "my_other_module" {
  for_each      = local.mymap
  instance_name = each.key
  [...]
}
```

```
module.my_other_module["instance1"].resource
module.my_other_module["instance2"].resource
module.my_other_module["instance3"].resource
```

Demo

for each with modules

Demo

Complex data types and the flatten() function

Provider Dependency Lock File

The `.terraform.lock.hcl` file

Lockfile

- Starting from terraform 0.14 (November 2020), terraform will use a **provider dependency lockfile**
- The file is created when you enter **terraform init** and is called `.terraform.lock.hcl`
- This file **tracks** the **versions** of providers and modules
- The **lockfile** should be committed to **git**
- When committed to git, re-runs of terraform will use the **same provider/module versions you used** during execution (when terraform is ran by other members of your team, or using automation)
- Terraform will also store checksums of the archive to be able to verify the checksum

Lockfile

- Terraform will update the lockfile, when you make changes to the provider requirements

```
terraform {  
  required_providers {  
    aws = {  
      version = ">= 3.20.0"  
    }  
  }  
  required_version = ">= 0.14"  
}
```

Lockfile

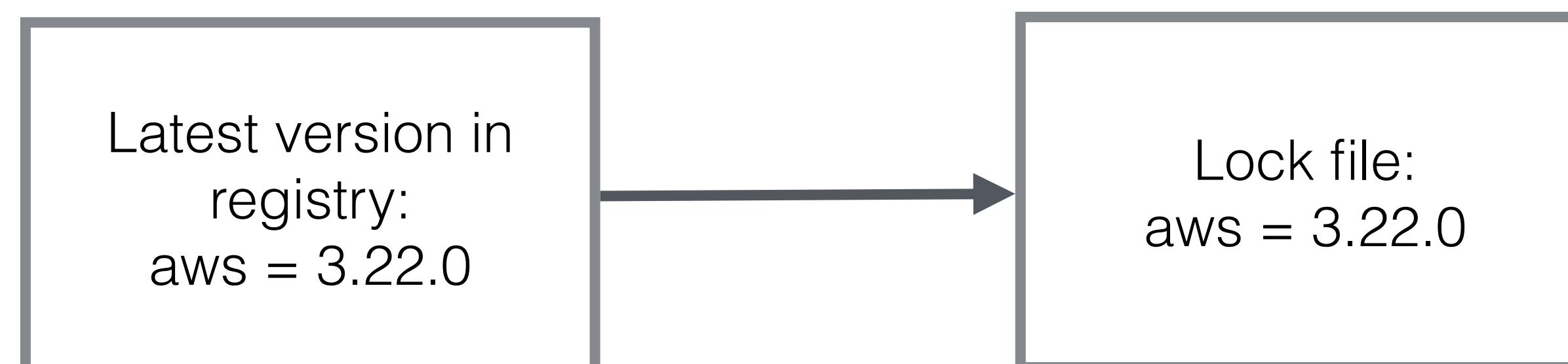
Today:
terraform init



In the future:
terraform init



In the future:
After removing
lock file



State manipulation

State manipulation

- The command "terraform state" can be used to manipulate your terraform state file

Command	Description
terraform state list	List the state
Terraform state mv	Move an item in the state (or rename)
terraform state pull	Pull current state and output to stdout
terraform state push	Overwrite state by pushing local file to statefile
terraform state replace-provider	Replace a provider (e.g. aws) in the state file
terraform state rm	Remove item from state
terraform state show	Show item in state

State manipulation

- Here are a few use cases when you will need to modify the state:
 - When **upgrading** between versions, for example 0.11 -> 0.12 -> 0.13
 - When you want to **rename** a resource in terraform without recreating it
 - When you **changed a key** in a **for_each**, but you don't want to recreate the resources
 - **Change position** of a resource in a **list** (resource[0], resource[1], ...)
 - When you want to **stop managing** a resource, but you don't want to destroy the resource (terraform state rm)
 - When you want to show the attributes in the state of a resource (terraform state show)

Demo

State manipulation

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Understand infrastructure as code (IaC) concepts

Advantaged of IaC

- Infrastructure As Code
 - Instead of going through the UI, **write code** to create resources
 - Code will be stored in **git** (or other version control system)
 - **Audit** log
 - Ability to have a **review process** (PRs)
 - Code can be used within a **Disaster Recovery** process
 - **Reusability** of code
 - **Possible automation** of provisioning

Advantaged of Terraform

- Terraform applies **IaC** using **HCL** (Hashicorp Configuration Language)
- Terraform can run an **execution plan** to show you how the described code differs from what is actually provisioned
- Terraform can resolve **dependencies** for you, it reads all your *.tf files at once and creates a "**Resource Graph**" to know what resource should be created before another resource
- You know exactly what terraform will apply, using the **plan & apply workflow**
 - Terraform will **only update resources** that need to be **changed**

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More lectures coming!

Next lecture in this section will be available before 31Dec2020

Understand terraform basics

Understanding terraform basics

- Terraform **installation**
 - Covered in the beginning of the course
- Terraform uses **providers**, which are **shipped separately** with their own version numbering
- The **terraform core** contains the language interpreter, the CLI, and how to interact with those providers (not the providers itself)
- It doesn't contain the **code to interact with the API** of the cloud providers to create resources, that code will be found in the "**providers**", which will be installed separately when invoking "terraform init"

Understanding terraform basic

- The **terraform registry** is the main directory for providers and can be found at <https://registry.terraform.io/browse/providers>
- The most known providers are:
 - Cloud providers: AWS, Azure, GCP, Oracle Cloud, Alibaba Cloud
 - Kubernetes, Helm
 - Active Directory, DNS, HTTP
 - Hashicorp Vault

Understanding terraform basic

- You can immediately start using terraform resources from a specific provider (for example aws_instance), and **terraform init** will install this provider
- Terraform by default will download the latest available version of that provider
- If you want, and it's good practice, you can specify the provider requirements in the terraform block
- Besides the terraform provider requirements, you can also specify the minimum terraform version

Understanding terraform basic

```
terraform {  
    required_providers {  
        aws = {  
            version = ">= 3.20.0"  
        }  
    }  
    required_version = ">= 0.14"  
}
```

```
terraform {  
    required_providers {  
        mycloud = {  
            version = ">= 1.0.0"  
            source  = "mycorp/mycloud" # terraform cloud's private registry (terraform-provider-mycloud)  
        }  
    }  
    required_version = ">= 0.14"  
}
```

Understanding terraform basic

- Terraform will release new breaking changes between 0.12, 0.13, 0.14, etc
- Bugfixes are performed in the patch releases: 0.12.1, 0.12.2, etc
- Terraform provider versioning follows **semantic versioning**:
 - MAJOR.MINOR.PATCH
 - PATCH = bug fixes only
 - MINOR = new features
 - MAJOR = possible breaking changes

Understanding terraform basic

- Once you are using a provider, you can also specify provider configuration

```
provider "aws" {  
    region = "us-east-1"  
}
```

Understanding terraform basic

- You can also use multiple providers, with the "alias" meta-argument

```
provider "aws" {  
    region = "us-east-1"  
}  
provider "aws" {  
    alias   = "eu"  
    region = "eu-west-1"  
}  
  
resource "aws_instance" "myinstance" {  
    provider = aws.eu  
    [...]  
}  
module "mymodule" {  
    source = "./mymodule"  
    providers = {  
        aws = aws.eu  
    }  
}
```

Understand terraform basics

Provisioners

Understanding terraform basics

- In the course we went over **multiple ways of provisioning VMs:**
 - Local-provisioner (execute something locally after spinning up a VM)
 - Remote-provisioner (execute something remote on the VM)
 - Packer (build AMI, then launch AMI)
 - Cloud init (using user_data, pass provisioning to AWS API so VM can provision at creation)

Understanding terraform basics

- **Provisioners** (local-exec / remote-exec) are **separate flows** that cannot be fully controlled by terraform
 - Provisioners add a considerable amount of **complexity and uncertainty**
 - More coordination required: security groups need to be open, network access to the instances to run provisioning
 - Therefore, you should only use provisioners as **last resort**, when other approaches are not possible

Understanding terraform basics

- For most use cases, you'll be able to use **cloud init**
 - Cloud init (user_data in aws_instance), will run after the EC2 instance will launch for the first time
 - Other cloud providers have a similar approach (Google Cloud has metadata, Microsoft Azure custom_data, etc)
- Since **Kubernetes** & other **container orchestrators** like ECS are used for provisioning, **instance provisioning** becomes **less of an issue**
 - Provisioning happens when building the container, then the container is launched on a container platform

Using terraform CLI

Use the terraform CLI

- For the certification, you need to know about a few **CLI commands** (besides init / plan / apply). Let's summarize a few of these commands in this lecture

Use the terraform CLI

Command	Description
terraform fmt	Format the *.tf files by entering "terraform fmt" or "terraform fmt filename.tf"
terraform taint	For example: terraform taint aws_instance.myinstance Next time you run terraform apply the instance my instance will be destroyed and recreated
terraform import	If you have already resources created manually and you want to manage them in terraform, then first create the terraform code in a *.tf file, then run terraform import resource_type.resource_name unique-identifier
terraform workspace	new, list, show, select and delete Terraform workspaces
terraform state	Manipulate the terraform state file. You can move (mv), remove (rm), list, pull, push, replace-provider within the state, and show the state

Use the terraform CLI

- Terraform starts with a **single workspace** "default"
- You can create a **new workspace** using "terraform workspace new"

```
$ terraform workspace new mytestworkspace
Created and switched to workspace "mytestworkspace"!

You're now on a new, empty workspace. Workspaces isolate their state,
so if you run "terraform plan" Terraform will not see any existing state
for this configuration.
```

- Switching to another workspace (or back to default) can be done with "terraform workspace select name-of-workspace"

Use the terraform CLI

- Once you are in a **new workspace**, you'll have an "empty" state
- Your previous state is still accessible if you select the "default" workspace again
- When you run terraform apply in your new workspace you will be able to **re-create all the resources**, and those resources will be managed by this **new state** in this new workspace
- This can be useful if you for example want to **test something** in your code without making changes to your existing resources, for example create a new instance with encrypted root devices in a new workspace to test whether your new code works, rather than immediately trying this on your existing resource

Use the terraform CLI

- To avoid **naming collisions** you can use the variable `terraform.workspace`

```
resource "aws_ssm_parameter" "my-parameter" {  
    name = "/myapp/myname-${terraform.workspace}"  
  
    [...]  
}
```

- Or only enable resource creation in a specific workspace:

```
resource "aws_instance" "myinstance" {  
    count = terraform.workspace == "default" ? 1 : 0  
  
    [...]  
}
```

Use the terraform CLI

- The workspaces cannot be used for a "fully isolated" setup that you'd need when you want to run terraform for multiple environments (staging / testing / prod)
- Even though a workspace gives you an "empty state", you're still using the **same state**, the **same backend configuration** (workspaces are the technically equivalent of renaming your state file)
- Therefore workspaces only have **limited use cases**
- In real world scenarios you typically use **re-usable modules** and really split out the state over multiple backends (for example your staging backend will be on s3 on your staging AWS account, and your prod backend will be in an s3 bucket on the prod AWS account, following **multi-account strategy**)

Use the terraform CLI

- If something goes really wrong, you hit a **bug**, or terraform just "**hangs**", you might want to **enable debugging mode**
- To enable more logging, you need to set the **TF_LOG environment variable**
- You can also prepend it to the terraform command on MacOS / Linux like this: `TF_LOG=DEBUG` `terraform apply`
- On windows, in Powershell, you can use:

```
$Env:TF_LOG = "DEBUG"
```

Use the terraform CLI

- Valid log levels are:

- TRACE
- DEBUG
- INFO
- WARN
- ERROR

Interact with Terraform modules

Interact with Terraform modules

- In this course, we covered a lot of material on modules, so let's rehearse what we learned in this lecture
- This is a typical module declaration:

```
module "consul" {  
  source = "hashicorp/consul/aws"  
  version = "0.1.0"  
}
```

- This will download a specific module version from the terraform registry
- We can also see that the module is owned by hashicorp, because it starts with hashicorp/

Interact with Terraform modules

Source	Description
Terraform registry: <NAMESPACE>/<NAME>/<PROVIDER> hashicorp/consul/aws	Namespace = hashicorp name = consul provider = aws
Terraform private registry: <HOSTNAME>/<NAMESPACE>/<NAME>/ <PROVIDER>	When no hostname is provided <u>registry.terraform.io</u> is assumed. A private registry example could be: registry.mycorp.com/myteam/ myspecialmodule/aws If you're using a private registry, you might have to specify an access token in the CLI Config (terraform.rc in %APPDATA% in Windows, .terraform.rc on linux/Mac systems) See https://www.terraform.io/docs/commands/cli-config.html#credentials

Interact with Terraform modules

- You don't necessarily need to use the registry, you can also use the modules directly if you create a directory for example:

```
module "mymodule" {  
  source = "./mymodule" # refers to a local path  
}
```

Interact with Terraform modules

- Terraform will also recognize GitHub (HTTPS):

```
module "mymodule" {  
  source = "github.com/in4it/terraform-modules"  
}
```

- And also over SSH:

```
module "mymodule" {  
  source = "git@github.com:in4it/terraform-modules.git"  
}
```

- These examples work with bitbucket as well (replace GitHub.com in bitbucket.org)

Interact with Terraform modules

- More examples:

```
module "mymodule" {  
  source = "git::https://example.com/mymodule.git"  
}  
  
module "mymodule" {  
  source = "git::ssh://username@example.com/mymodule.git"  
}  
  
module "mymodule" {  
  source = "git::https://example.com/mymodule.git?ref=v1.3.0"  
}  
  
module "mymodule-over-https" {  
  source = "https://example.com/mymodule.zip"  
}  
  
module "mymodule-in-s3" {  
  source = "s3::https://s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/examplecorp-terraform-modules/mymodule.zip"  
}
```

Interact with Terraform modules

- Passing input:

```
module "mymodule" {  
  source  = "./mymodule"  
  myValue = "123"  
}
```

- In ./mymodule/vars.tf:

```
variable "myValue" {  
}
```

Interact with Terraform modules

- Getting output:

```
module "mymodule" {  
  source  = "./mymodule"  
  myValue = "123"  
}  
  
module "other_module" {  
  public_ip = module.mymodule.instance_public_ip  
}
```

- In ./mymodule/output.tf:

```
output "instance_public_ip" {  
  value = aws_instance.myinstance.public_ip  
}
```

Interact with Terraform modules

- In a module you can **only use the variables that are declared** within that module
- In the root module (the root project), you can only access parameters that are **defined as output in that module**
- To access data from the root module or other modules, you can use **inputs** to pass information to the module
- To provide data to the root module, you can use **outputs** to pass information to the root module

Terraform Module Registry

Terraform Module Registry

- When using modules (and also providers), you can specify a **version constraint**

```
version = ">= 1.2.0, < 2.0.0"
```

- This version allows every version greater or equal than 1.2.0, but needs to be less than 2.0.0
- You can **separate conditions with a comma**
- The version numbering should follow semantic versioning (major.minor.patch)

Terraform Module Registry

- The following operators can be used with version conditions
 - **=** (the default, so you can as well remove it): Exactly one version
 - "`=1.0.0`" or "`1.0.0`"
 - **!=**: Excludes an exact version
 - For example when there's a known bug in a specific version
 - **>, >=, <, <=**: Greater than, greater than or equal, less than, less than or equal
 - **`~>`**: Allows right most version to increment

Terraform Module Registry

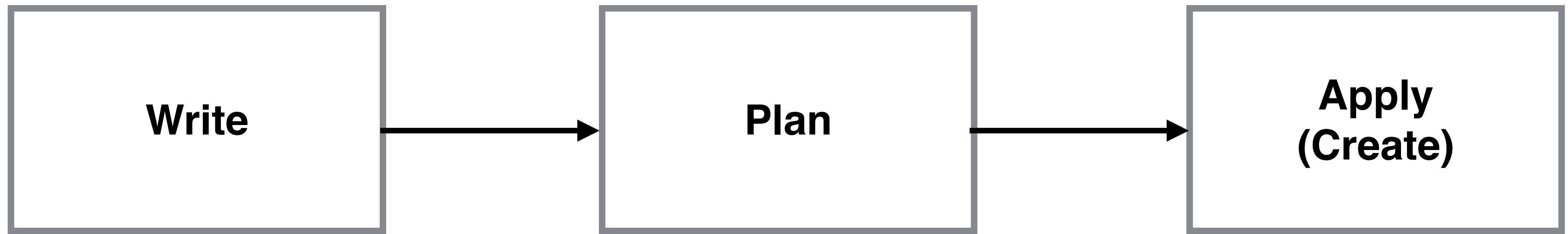
- `~>`: Allows **right most version** to increment
 - "`~> 1.2.3`" will match `1.2.4`, `1.2.5`, but not `1.3.0`
 - "`~>1.2`" will match `1.3`, `1.4`, but not `2.0`

Terraform Module Registry

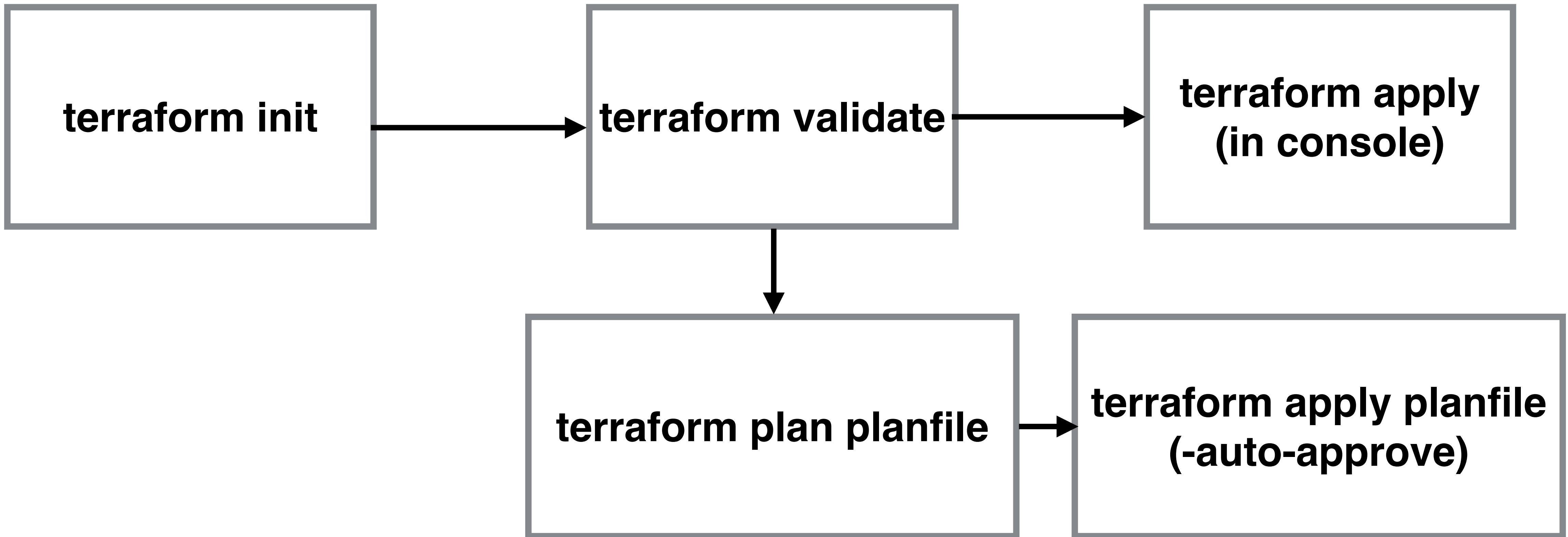
- Best practices
 - Terraform documentation recommends to use **specific versions for third party modules** (so that you can upgrade when convenient only)
 - For **modules within your organization**, you can **use a range**, for example "`~>1.2.0`" to avoid big changes when you bump to 1.3.0 (you can then bump when you need new features)
 - Within modules (when you write a module), you should supply a **minimum terraform core version** to ensure compatibility (e.g. `>=1.14.0`)
 - For providers you can use the **`~>` constraint to set lower and upper bound**
 - For example `~> 3.21` on the AWS module will still give you new features, but will not introduce a major bump

Navigate terraform workflow

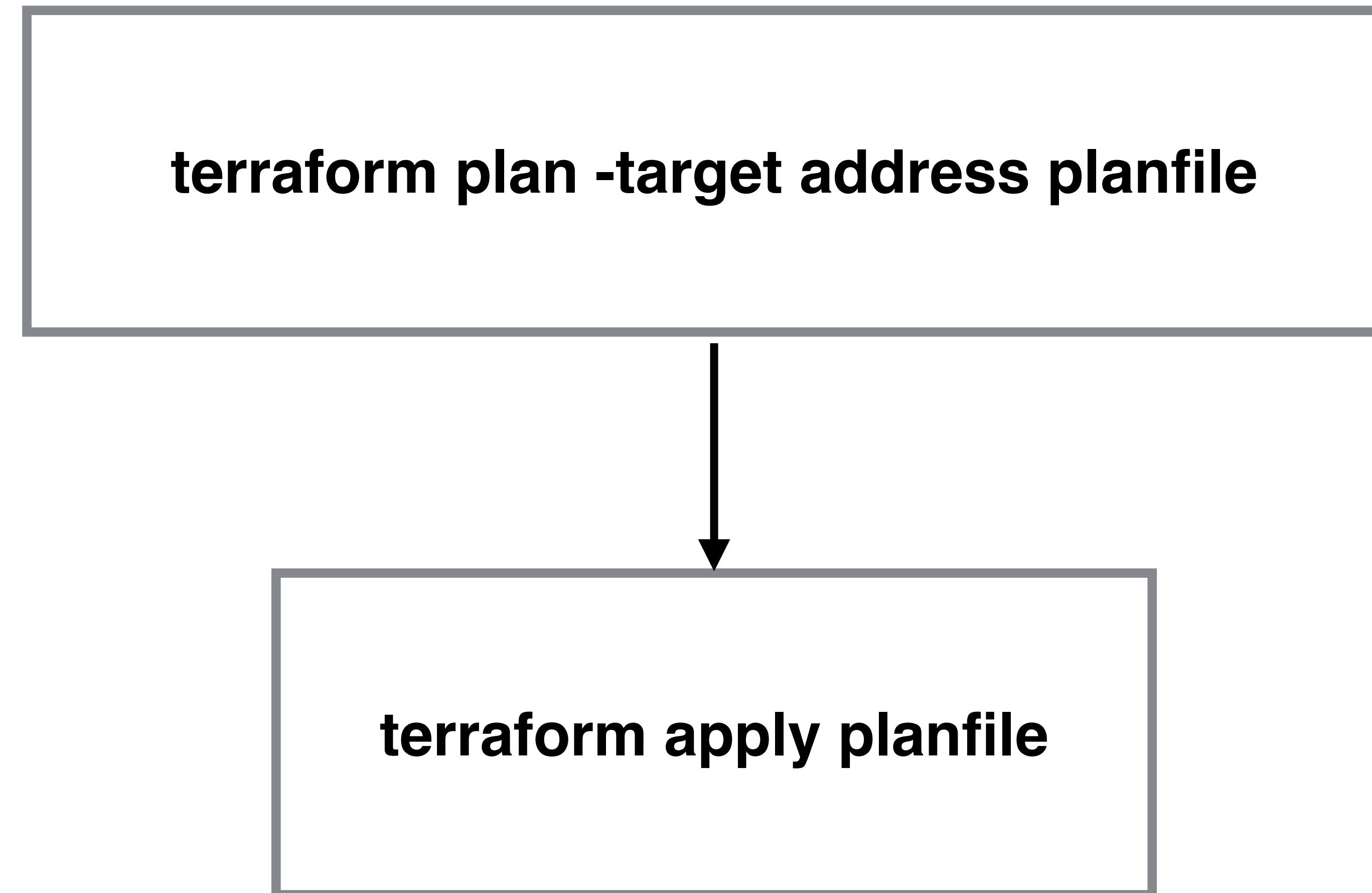
Navigate terraform workflow



Navigate terraform workflow



Navigate terraform workflow



Implement and maintain state

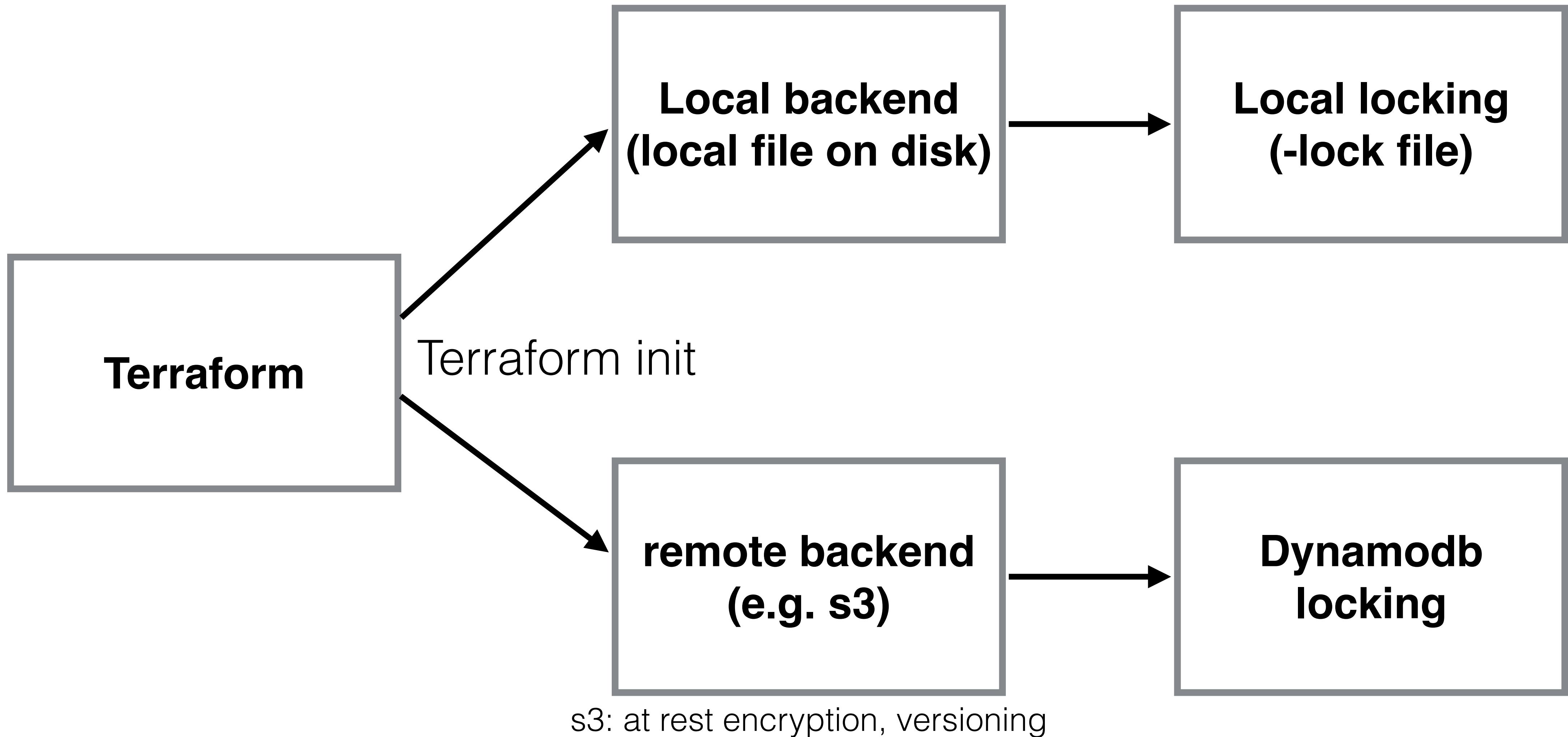
Implement and maintain state

- The **default backend** in terraform is the **local** backend, this requires no configuration
- A **terraform.tfstate** file will be written to your project folder
 - This is where the **state is stored**
 - Every time you run **terraform apply**, the **state** will be **changed**, and the file will be updated
- Once you start working in a team, you are going to want to use a **remote backend**

Implement and maintain state

- Working with a remote state has **benefits**:
 - You can **easily work in a team**, as the state is separate from the code (alternatively, you would have to commit the state to version control - which is far from ideal if you need to work in a team)
 - A remote backend can **keep sensitive information off disk**
 - S3 supports **encryption at rest, authentication & authorization**, which protects your state file much more than having it on your disk / version control
 - **Remote operations**: terraform apply can run for a long time in bigger projects. Backends, like the "remote" backend, supports remote operations that are executed fully remote, so that the whole operation runs asynchronously. You don't need to be connected / keep your laptop running during the terraform apply (more about that in the Terraform Cloud lecture)

Implement and maintain state



Implement and maintain state

- State **locking** ensures nobody can write to the state at the same time
- Sometimes, when terraform crashes, or a users' internet connection breaks during terraform apply, the lock will stay
- "terraform force-unlock <id>" can be used to force unlock the state, in case there is a lock, but nobody is running terraform apply
 - This command will not touch the state, it'll just remove the lock file, so it's safe, as long as nobody is really still doing an apply
 - There's also an option -lock=false that can be passed to terraform apply, which will not use the lock file. This is discouraged and should only be used when your locking mechanism is not working

Implement and maintain state

- Supported **standard backends**:
 - Artifactory (artifact storage software)
 - Azurerm (azure)
 - Consul (hashicorp key value store)
 - Cos (Tencent cloud)
 - Etcd, etcdv3 (similar to consul)
 - Gcs (google cloud)

Implement and maintain state

- Supported standard backends:
 - http
 - Kubernetes
 - Manta (also object storage)
 - oss (Alibaba cloud storage)
 - pg (postgres)
 - S3
 - Swift (openstack blob storage)

Implement and maintain state

- Every backend will also have a **specific authentication method** (which is explained in the terraform docs on a per backend basis)
- The configuration is done within the terraform {} block:

```
terraform {  
  backend "azurerm" {  
    storage_account_name = "abcd1234"  
    container_name       = "tfstate"  
    key                 = "prod.terraform.tfstate"  
    use_msi              = true  
    subscription_id      = "00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000"  
    tenant_id             = "00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000"  
  }  
}
```

```
terraform {  
  backend "s3" {  
    bucket = "mybucket"  
    key    = "path/to/my/key"  
    region = "eu-west-1"  
  }  
}
```

Implement and maintain state

- You can have a partial backend configuration, where you leave away some of the information
- This can be useful if you would like to use **different backends** when executing the code (for example for staging / qa / prod environments)
 - This is often then **scripted** with shell scripts that call terraform with the correct arguments - this to avoid having to do this manually every time
- Most commonly this is used to **avoid having to hardcode secrets** in the terraform files, which would end up in version control

Implement and maintain state

- There are **3 ways to pass** this backend information:
 - Interactively, when the information is missing, terraform init will ask for it (only works for required values in the backend configuration)
 - A file
 - Key/Value Pairs

```
$ terraform init -backend-config=path-to-file  
$ terraform init -backend-config="bucket=mybucket" -backend-config="otherkey=othervalue"
```

Implement and maintain state

- If at some point you'd like to **update your state** file to reflect the "actual" state of your infrastructure, but you don't want to run terraform apply, you can run "**terraform refresh**"
- Terraform refresh will look at your infrastructure that has been applied and will update your state file to reflect any changes
- It'll not modify your infrastructure, it'll only update your state file
- This is often useful if you have outputs that need to be refreshed, or something changed outside terraform and you need to make terraform aware of it without having to run an apply

Implement and maintain state

- You need to be aware that **secrets can be stored in your state file**
 - For example when you create a database, the **initial database password** will be in the state file
- If you have a **remote state**, then locally it'll **not be stored on disk** (it'll only be kept in memory when you run terraform apply)
 - As a result, storing state remote can increase security
- Make sure your **remote state backend** is **protected sufficiently**
 - For example for s3, make sure only terraform administrators have access to this bucket, enable encryption at rest. Also make sure that for every backend TLS is used when communicating with the backend (is on by default on s3)

Read, generate, and modify configuration

Input, output, locals

Configuration

- There are 3 types of variables in terraform:
 - **Input** variables
 - variable "a-variable" { ... }
 - **Output** variables
 - output "an-output" { ... }
 - **Local** variables (locals { ... })
 - They are like temporary variables that you can use
 - Used for calculations, concatenations, conditionals where the result is later used within the resources

Configuration

- Input variables can have the following **optional arguments**:
- default
- type
- description
- validation
- sensitive

Configuration

- Type **constraints**:

- string
- number
- bool

Configuration

- **Complex** types:
 - `list(<TYPE>)`
 - `set(<TYPE>)`
 - `map(<TYPE>)`
 - `object({<ATTR NAME> = <TYPE>, ...})`
 - `tuple([<TYPE>, ...])`
 - "**any**" can be used as a type as well to indicate any type is acceptable

Implement and maintain state

- Let's go over a few examples of variables

```
variable "myvariable" {
  description = "this is myvariable, it's a string"
  type        = string
  default     = "123"
}

// from the module-flatten demo
variable "parameters" {
  type = list(object({
    prefix = string
    parameters = list(object({
      name  = string
      value = string
    }))
  }))
  default = []
}
```

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```
variable "docker_ports" {
  type = list(object({
    internal = number
    external = number
    protocol = string
  }))
  default = [
    {
      internal = 8300
      external = 8300
      protocol = "tcp"
    }
  ]
}
```

Implement and maintain state

- Since terraform 0.13, there is also support for validation rules (which is very handy when developing modules):

```
variable "image_id" {  
    type      = string  
    description = "The id of the machine image (AMI) to use for the server."  
  
    validation {  
        condition      = length(var.image_id) > 4 && substr(var.image_id, 0, 4) == "ami-"  
        error_message = "The image_id value must be a valid AMI id, starting with \"ami-\"."  
    }  
}
```

Implement and maintain state

- You can also use "sensitive" in input variables, to prevent terraform from outputting the variable during plan & apply
- This is useful if you're handling secrets (user info, password information) in a variable:

```
variable "password" {  
    type      = string  
    sensitive = true  
}  
  
resource "resource_type" "resource_name" {  
    parameter = var.password  
}
```

Terraform will perform the following actions:

```
# resource_type.resource_name will be created  
+ resource "resource_type" "resource_name" {  
    + parameter = (sensitive)  
}  
  
Plan: 1 to add, 0 to change, 0 to destroy.
```

Implement and maintain state

- There's one exception: if your sensitive information becomes part of the identifier (id) of the resource, it'll be disclosed:

```
# resource_type.resource_name will be created
+ resource "resource_type" "resource_name" {
    + id      = (known after apply)
    + parameter = (sensitive)
}
```

Plan: 1 to add, 0 to change, 0 to destroy.

...

```
resource_type.resource_name: Creating...
resource_type.resource_name: Creation complete after 0s [id=my-sensitive-information]
```

Configuration

- Output variables have a mandatory argument: value
- The following are **optional arguments**:
 - description
 - sensitive
 - depends_on

```
output "password" {  
    value      = resource_type.resource_name.password  
    description = "The password for logging in."  
    sensitive  = true  
}
```

Configuration

- In **rare cases** you need depends_on to depend on another resource, before outputting the value
- It works in the same way as "depends_on" in regular resources:

```
output "password" {  
    value      = resource_type.resource_name.password  
    description = "The password for logging in."  
    sensitive   = true  
    depends_on  = [resource_type.another_resource_name]  
}
```

Configuration

- Local values can be useful to avoid repeating the same values
- I find it can also help you to **move some complexity away from the resource itself** for readability (when doing for/for_each loops for example)
- You should only use local values in moderation, as it can be a bit harder for maintainers to figure out where the values come from

Configuration

```
resource "aws_instance" "group1" {
  count = var.group1_count
  ...
}
resource "aws_instance" "group2" {
  count = var.group2_count
  ...
}

locals {
  instance_ids = concat(aws_instance.group1.*.id, aws_instance.group2.*.id)
}
```

```
resource "aws_ssm_parameter" "parameter" {
  name   = "instance_ids"
  value   = join(",", local.instance_ids)
  type   = "String"
}
```

Read, generate, and modify configuration

Resources and data sources

Configuration

- In terraform, you can create "**resources**" and "**datasources**"
- Datasources allow data to be **fetched** or **computed** from **outside** of **terraform**
 - For example, an AMI list that can be filtered to extract AMI IDs, or the lookup of an external VPC to retrieve the VPC ID
- **Resources**, unlike datasources, describes one or more infrastructure objects
 - They typically create infrastructure components, like an EC2 resource, or a VPC subnet, a database

Configuration

```
data "aws_ami" "ubuntu" {
  most_recent = true

  filter {
    name    = "name"
    values = ["ubuntu/images/hvm-ssd/ubuntu-bionic-18.04-amd64-server-*"]
  }

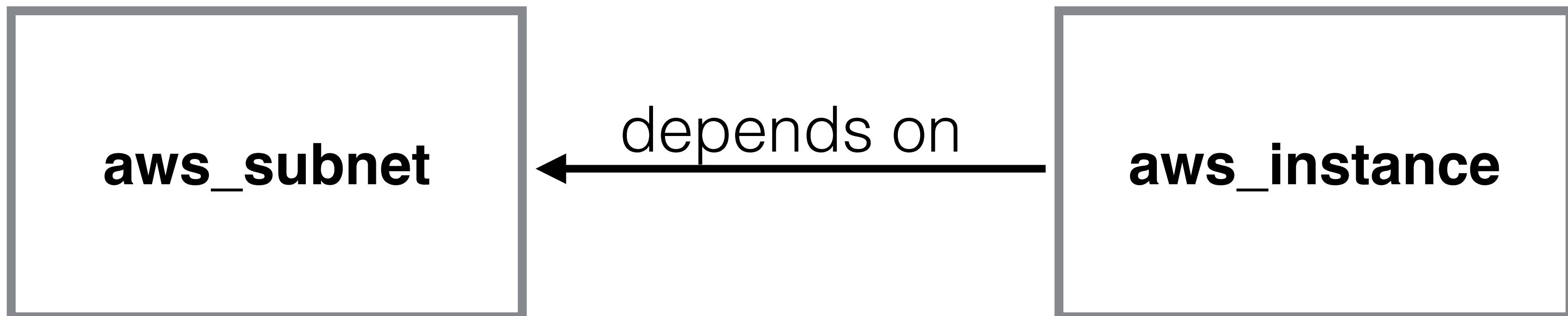
  filter {
    name    = "virtualization-type"
    values = ["hvm"]
  }

  owners = ["099720109477"] # Canonical
}

resource "aws_instance" "example" {
  ami           = data.aws_ami.ubuntu.id
  instance_type = "t2.micro"
  [...]
}
```

Configuration

```
data "aws_subnet" "my-external-subnet" {  
    filter {  
        name   = "tag:Name"  
        values = ["not-managed-by-terraform-subnet-name"]  
    }  
}  
  
resource "aws_instance" "example" {  
    ami          = data.aws_ami.ubuntu.id  
    instance_type = "t2.micro"  
    [...]  
    subnet_id     = data.aws_subnet.my-external-subnet.id  
}
```



Configuration



Configuration

- If for some reason normal **dependency management** by terraform doesn't work, you can force a resource to depend on another resource
- This can be done using the keyword "**depends_on**"
- depends_on expects a list of other resource names:

```
resource "aws_instance" "example" {  
    [...]  
    vpc_security_group_ids = aws_security_group.example.id  
    depends_on = [aws_instance.another-instance, aws_s3_bucket.a-bucket]  
}
```

Configuration

- During terraform apply, terraform will:
 - **Refresh** the data sources
 - **Create resources** that exist in the *.tf files, but not in the state file
 - **Destroy resources** that exist in the state, but not in the *.tf files
 - **Update resources** that have different arguments in the *.tf files than on the cloud provider
 - **Destroy and re-create** resources that have arguments changed that require re-creation (for example a change to user_data in an ec2 instance always needs re-creation)
 - **In-place updates** are possible if the infrastructure API supports it (update to a security group for example)

Configuration

- Resources can be addressed using:
 - <RESOURCE TYPE>.<NAME>.<ATTRIBUTE>
- Data sources can be addressed using:
 - data.<RESOURCE TYPE>.<NAME>.<ATTRIBUTE>
- Local resources can be addressed using:
 - local.key_name

Configuration

```
resource "aws_instance" "example" {
  ami           = data.aws_ami.ubuntu.id
  [...]

  ebs_block_device {
    device_name = "sda2"
    volume_size = 100
  }
  ebs_block_device {
    device_name = "sda3"
    volume_size = 200
  }
}
```

- aws_instance id: aws_instance.example.id (but also aws_instance.example.ami will work)
- aws_instance.example.ebs_block_device[*].id (splat expression)
which is the same as:
 - [for block_device in aws_instance.example.ebs_block_device: block_device.id]

Configuration

- There is an older variant that should be avoided in newer configuration:
 - It's called the **attribute only splat expression**:
 - `var.list.*.interfaces[0].name`
 - Which is the equivalent to:
 - `[for o in var.list : o.interfaces][0].name`
 - For now this still works in terraform (0.14), but only for legacy reasons

Configuration

- You can use functions in terraform to create all different sorts of behaviour
 - Numeric functions (min, max, ...)
 - String functions (formatting strings)
 - Collection functions (merging lists, maps)
 - Encoding functions (base64, json, yaml)
 - Date and Time functions
 - Hash and crypto functions (uuid, SHA)
 - IP Network functions (subnet calculations)
 - Type conversion (tolist, tomap, toset, ...)

Configuration

- For and for_each can help you to iterate over variables
 - count / for_each at a resource level can create multiple instances of a resource

```
resource "aws_instance" "example" {  
    count = var.amount_of_example_instances  
    [...]  
}
```

- **Dynamic blocks** can iterate over **blocks**
- For loops can iterate over complex data types and output a specific value (as a value of a parameter, or as a value in locals { ... })

Configuration

```
locals {  
    my_result = [ for x in var.y: x.id ]  
}  
  
resource "resource_type" "resource_name" {  
    parameter = local.my_result  
}
```

Read, generate, and modify configuration

Secret injection

Configuration

- When you create a **user** (for the terraform operator) in AWS, you get **long lived AWS credentials**
- In general, **long lived credentials are to be avoided**
- There are multiple ways to avoid using long lived credentials

Configuration

- For AWS, you can use **Federation**, with AWS SSO, or a third party, to avoid the need of users
- You'll then work with “**roles**” **rather than users**, which provides you with short-lived credentials
- It's a out of scope to discuss the implementations of these tools, have a look at AWS SSO, Okta, Onelogin, Azure AD, SAML to get an idea of the possibilities
- Other Cloud providers work in similar ways, and offer their own ways to do federation

Configuration

- Another solution would be to run terraform on one of your cloud **providers' instances**
- This allows you to use the **identities provided by the cloud provider** (in AWS that is “instance profiles” using “AWS IAM Roles”)
- This will also avoid the need of long lived credentials, as **short lived credentials will be automatically retrieved on the instance**
- AWS works with a **metadata endpoint** that you can reach to get temporary credentials on an AWS EC2 instance. This is also supported within the terraform-aws-provider
- Other cloud providers work in similar ways

Configuration

- Another solution (one that Hashicorp recommends), is the use of **HashiCorp Vault**
- You can still use long-lived credentials, and store these in HashiCorp Vault
- Vault can then issue short-lived credentials for your terraform operations
 - To make this happen, Vault will dynamically create AWS credentials
- See [https://learn.hashicorp.com/tutorials/terraform/secrets-vault?
in=terraform/secrets](https://learn.hashicorp.com/tutorials/terraform/secrets-vault?in=terraform/secrets) for more information about this approach

Terraform cloud

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- **Terraform cloud** is a HasiCorp product
- It helps teams use terraform together
- Instead of running terraform from your own machine, or on your own Jenkins, Terraform Cloud will run terraform **on their machines in a consistent and reliable environment**
- You have easy access to **shared state**, **version control** integration, **secret data**, **access controls** for approving changes to infrastructure, **policy controls** and other enterprise features
- It includes a **private terraform registry** to share terraform modules

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- Terraform cloud is hosted at <https://app.terraform.io/>
- You can create a **free account** for small sized teams
- There are **paid plans** for medium size businesses
- For large enterprises terraform has “**Terraform Enterprise**”, which is the self-hosted version of Terraform cloud (to run within your own environment)

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- Terraform Cloud **workspaces are different** than the local terraform workspaces
- When you locally use workspaces, you're still in the **same directory**, using the **same variables and credentials**. The state is empty for every new workspace, but the state is just another file within the same project
- With Terraform Cloud Workspaces, it's much more isolated. It's much more like a separate “project” with its own variables, secrets, credentials, and state
 - The state also supports multiple versions, so you can see the previous state versions, and how they match with a specific terraform run
- Terraform recommends to use workspaces in Terraform Cloud to split your monolithic terraform project in smaller projects, for example split out networking, different apps

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- Terraform **Sentinel** is a **paid feature**, available in Terraform Cloud
- Sentinel is an **embedded policy-as-code framework** integrated with the other HashiCorp Enterprise products
- Sentinel allows administrators to write **policy rules** to put **controls** in place to **protect or restrict** what can be **applied to the infrastructure**

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- A few use cases:
 - Only allow a subset of aws_ami owners so only “Amazon” or “Ubuntu” images can be launched on AWS
 - Enforce that every resource needs to be tagged
 - Disallow 0.0.0.0/0 in security group rules
 - Restrict EC2 instance types
 - Require S3 buckets to be encrypted with a KMS key
 - Allow only specific providers in terraform
 - Limit proposed monthly cost

Configuration

```
# This policy uses the Sentinel tfstatev2 import to restrict the owners set on
# all instances of the aws_ami data source in all modules

# Import common-functions/tfstate-functions/tfstate-functions.sentinel
# with alias "state"
import "tfstate-functions" as state

# Allowed Owners
# Include "null" to allow missing or computed values
allowed_owners = ["self", "099720109477", "099720109478"]

# Get all AMIs
allAMIs = state.find_datasources("aws_ami")

# Filter to AMIs with violations
# Warnings will be printed for all violations since the last parameter is true
violatingAMIs =
  state.filter_attribute_contains_items_not_in_list(allAMIs, "owners", allowed_owners, true)

# Main rule
main = rule {
  length(violatingAMIs["messages"]) is 0
}
```

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