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Infrastructure as code (IAC)

Who is this for?

Who would be interested?

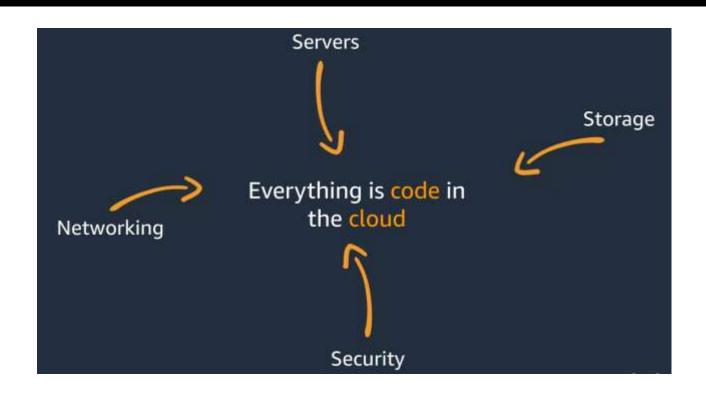
- SysAdmins
- Operations Engineers
- Release Engineers
- Site Reliability Engineers
- DevOps Engineers

- Infrastructure Developers
- Full Stack Developers
- Engineering Managers
- IT Professors
- IT Students

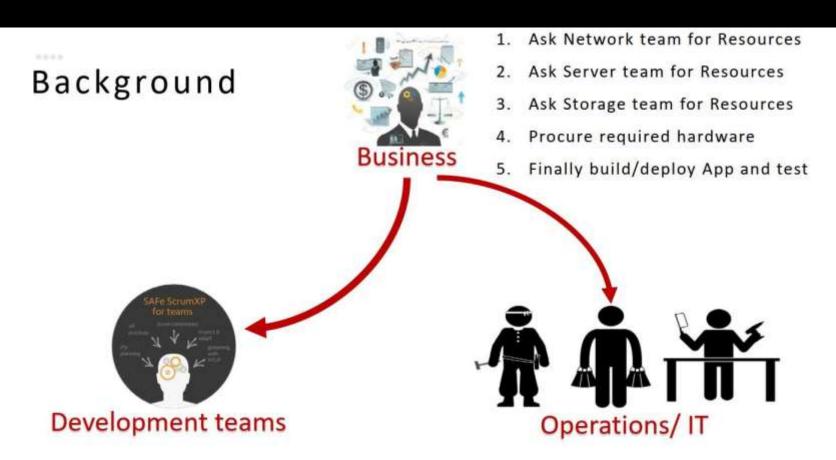
The idea behind infrastructure as code (IaC) is that you write and execute code to:

- Define
- Deploy
- Update

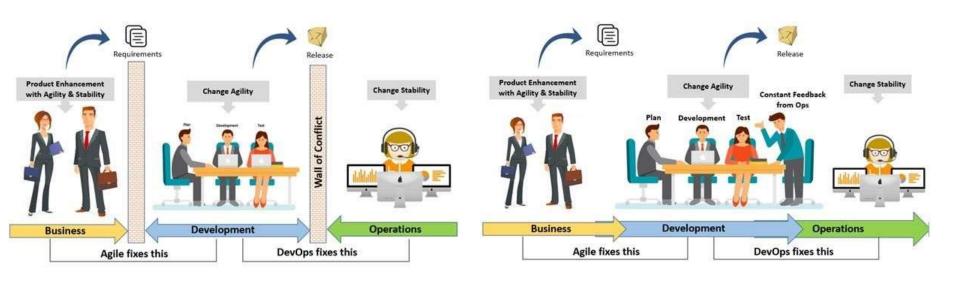
your infrastructure

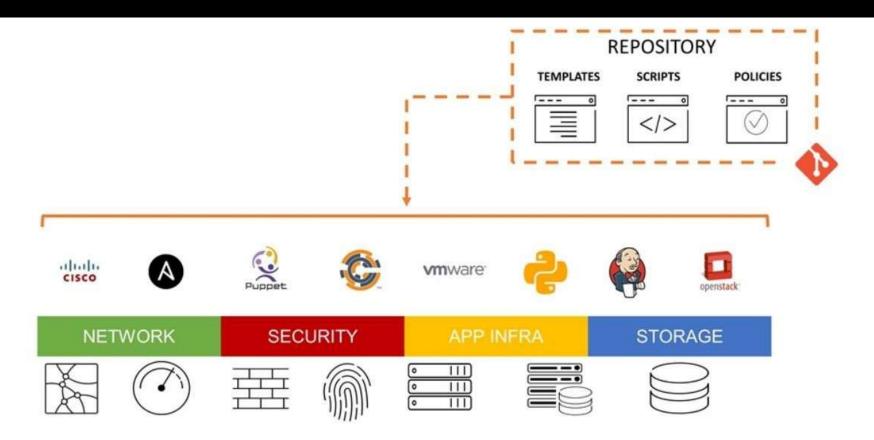


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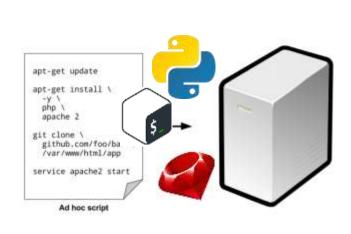


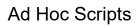


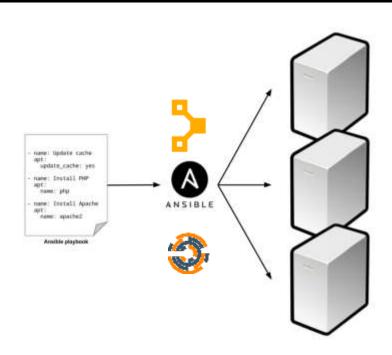
IAC Core Principles

- System are easily reproduced
- System are disposable
- Systems are consistent
- Processes are repeatable
- Design is always changing dynamic

Categories of IaC Tools

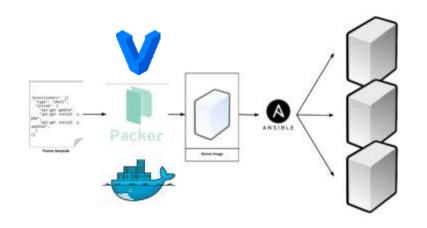


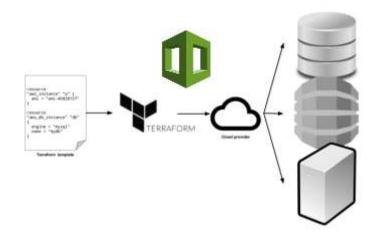




Configuration Management Tools

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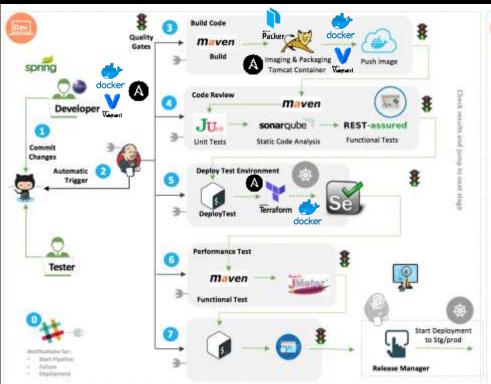




Server Templating Tools

Provisioning Tools

CI/CD Pipeline





Benefits of infrastructure as code (IaC)

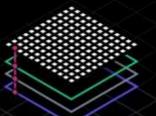
- Self-service
- Speed and safety
- Documentation
- Version control

- Validation
- Reuse
- Happiness



Tools and Use Cases

Packer



HashiCorp Packer

```
$ packer build template.json
==> virtualbox: virtualbox output will be in this color.
==> vmware: vmware output will be in this color.
==> vmware: Copying or downloading ISO. Progress will be
==> vmware: Creating virtual machine disk
==> vmware: Building and writing VMX file
**> vmware: Starting HTTP server on port 8964
==> vmware: Starting virtual machine...
==> virtualbox: Downloading VirtualBox guest additions. P
==> virtualbox: Copying or downloading ISO. Progress will
==> virtualbox: Starting HTTP server on port 8081
==> virtualbox: Creating virtual machine...
==> virtualbox: Creating hard drive...
==> virtualbox: Creating forwarded port mapping for SSH (
==> virtualbox: Executing custom VBoxManage commands...
    virtualbox: Executing: modifyvm packer --memory 480
    virtualbox: Executing: modifyvm packer -- cpus 1
==> virtualbox: Starting the virtual machine...
==> vmware: Waiting 10s for boot...
==> virtualbox: Waiting 10s for boot...
```

Is easy to use and automates the creation of any type of machine image.

It embraces modern configuration management by encouraging you to use automated scripts to install and configure the software

Packer brings machine images into the modern age, unlocking untapped potential and opening new opportunities.

```
"builders": [
{
    "type": "amazon-ebs",
    ...
```

"type": "puppet-masterless",

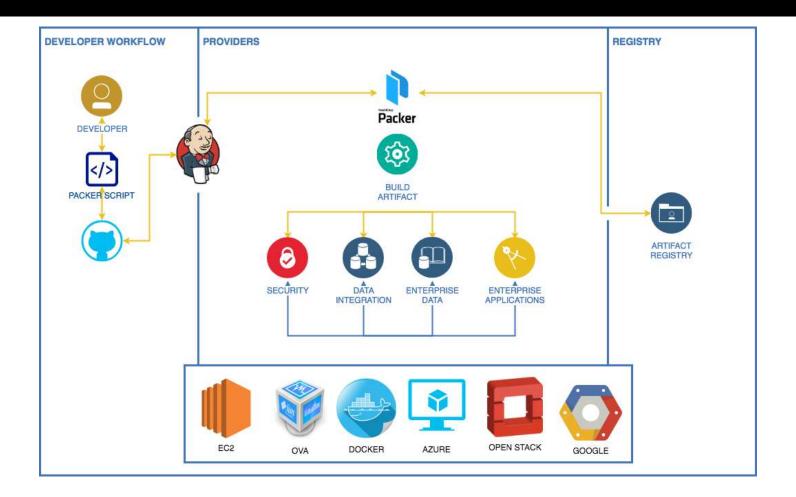
"artifact": "hashicorp/logstream",

"artifact_type": "amazon.ami"

"provisioners": [

"post-processors": [

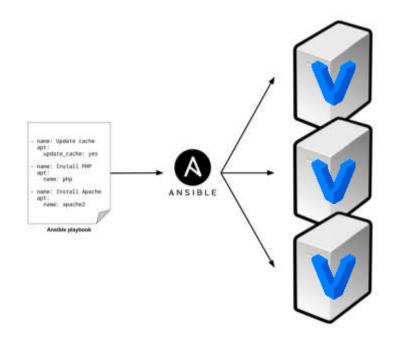
"type": "atlas",



Ansible and Vagrant

Vagrant: Is a tool for building and managing virtual machines environments in a single workflow.

Ansible: Is a tool that automates provisioning, configuration management and application deployment. Works over SSH, Power Shell or remote APIs.

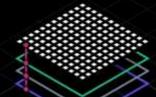


Infrastructure paradigms:

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Mutable Infrastructure

mutable infrastructure Servers are continually updated and modified in place







Immutable Infrastructure

Immutable infrastructure Servers are never modified after they're deployed







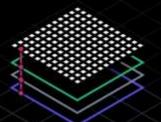
Load balancer with docker

Source code: https://gitlab.com/slackmart/webserver-example

A Quick Comparison

	Source	Cloud	Туре	Infrastructure	Language	Agent	Master	Community	Maturity
Chef	0pen	All	Config Mgmt	Mutable	Procedural	Yes	Yes	Large	High
Puppet	0pen	All	Config Mgmt	Mutable	Declarative	Yes	Yes	Large	High
Ansible	0pen	All	Config Mgmt	Mutable	Procedural	No	No	Huge	Medium
SaltStack	0pen	All	Config Mgmt	Mutable	Declarative	Yes	Yes	Large	Medium
CloudFormation	Closed	AWS	Provisioning	Immutable	Declarative	No	No	Small	Medium
Heat	0pen	All	Provisioning	Immutable	Declarative	No	No	Small	Low
Terraform	0pen	All	Provisioning	Immutable	Declarative	No	No	Huge	Low

Terraform



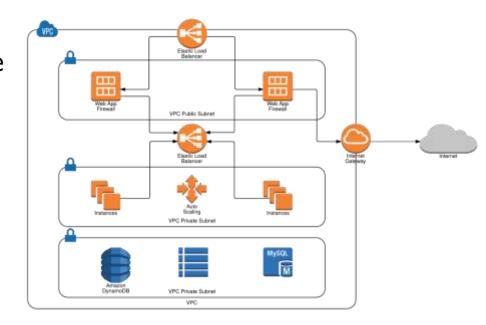
What is Terraform

Terraform is an open source infrastructure as code tool. Terraform was developed by HashiCorp company who is based in San Francisco, CA. We can also say that Terraform is a tool for building, changing, and versioning infrastructure safely and efficiently.

Provisioning challenges

 Day 1: Where we haven't actually started running anything. How do we go from running nothing to run something.

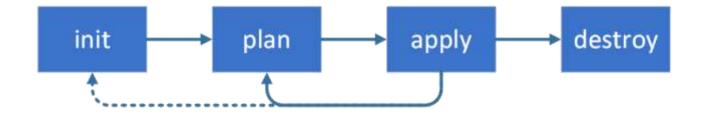
 Day 2: When we already have an infrastructure and we are trying to evolve it, changing it over time or adding and removing new services.



Terraform principles

Terraform has these three principal simple steps:

- Init
- Plan
- Apply

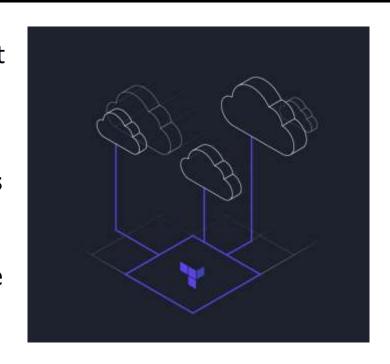


Terraform sample code

```
references
resource "outscale_keypair" "a_key_pair" {
  key_name = "terraform-key-pair-name"
references
resource "outscale_firewall_rules_set" "web" {
  group_name = "terraform_acceptance_test_example"
  group_description = "Used in the terraform presentation"
0 references
resource "outscale vm" "basic" {
  image_id = "ami-8a6a0120"
  instance_type = "t2.micro"
  security_group = ["${outscale_firewall_rules_set.web.id}"]
  key_name = "${outscale_keypair.a_key_pair.key_name}"
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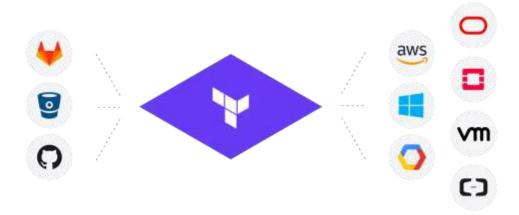
Multi-cloud

Terraform can be used to manage multi-cloud It can combine multiple provides in a single workflow which is a very nice feature. Terraform provides one consistent workflow for developers and operators to provision resources on any infrastructure provider. One workflow to learn increases user productivity, and also reduces organizational risk as that becomes one workflow to secure, one workflow to audit, and one workflow to govern.



Terraform providers

 Right now, there are more than 100 providers and those individually can manage over a thousand resources. Providers are responsible to provide API interaction. You can find the list of providers on the terraform website.



Thank You