

CH04 Terraform Practices

- Believe Everyone Have Learned How to Leverage Terraform to Manage AWS Resource**
- Now I Want to Share My Some Experience About Developing Terraform**

Objectives

- What is Terragrunt?
- Modularize Everything Easily
- Create AWS Resource in Multiple Region

Terraform Repository Fold Structure

```
practices/  
├── account_a  
│   ├── ap-northeast-1  
│   │   ├── dev  
│   │   └── frontend  
│   └── us-west-2  
│       ├── dev  
│       └── frontend  
└── modules  
    └── kubernetes
```

What You Need In A Terraform Folder At Least Before?

```
frontend/  
├── Makefile           (Common Command)  
├── env                (Environment Variable)  
├── asg.tf             (Cloud Provider Resources)  
├── lb.tf              (Cloud Provider Resources)  
├── operations         (Helper Shell Script)  
├── terraform.tfvars  (Predefined Variable Value)  
├── ...  
└── variables.tf      (Variable Definition)
```

After Using Terraform a Long Time...

- Have Multiple AWS Accounts**
- Deploy Service Within Multiple Regions**
- Trust Me, The Terraform Repository Will Become Mess, Spend More Time to Maintain It!**
- Not to Mention Co-Working with Other Team Members**

What is Terragrunt?

- Terragrunt is a Thin **Wrapper** for Terraform
- Provides Extra Tools for Keeping Your Terraform Configurations DRY (Working with Multiple Terraform **Modules** , and Managing **Remote State**)
- Keep your Terraform code DRY

What is Terragrunt?

It's A Tool to Save Your Time, Force You to Produce Clean Code

What It Looks Like After Using Terragrunt

```
practices/
├── account_a
│   ├── ap-northeast-1
│   │   └── dev
│   │       ├── env.tfvars
│   │       ├── frontend
│   │       │   └── terraform.tfvars
│   │       └── terraform.tfvars
│   └── us-west-2
│       └── dev
│           ├── env.tfvars
│           ├── frontend
│           │   └── terraform.tfvars
│           └── terraform.tfvars
└── modules
    └── kubernetes
```


Exercise I

- Try to Create A Fountend Server Group in Tokyo...
- Edit `terraform.tfvars` in `practices/account_a/ap-northeast-1/dev`, Change The `bucket` Value

```
~$ cd aws/ch04/practices
~$ cd account_a/ap-northeast-1/dev/frontend

~$ terragrunt init
~$ terragrunt apply
```

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

Outputs:

```
frontend_lb_dns_name = dev-frontend-443143937.ap-northeast-1.elb.amazonaws.com
ubuntu_ami_id = ami-06c43a7df16e8213c
```

Exercise II

- If I Want to Achieve the Same Thing in Oregon...
- Edit `terraform.tfvars` in `practices/account_a/us-west-2/dev`, Change The `bucket` Value (The Same as Previous One)

```
~$ cd ch04/practices
~$ cd account_a/us-west-2/dev/frontend

~$ terragrunt init
~$ terragrunt apply
```

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

Outputs:

```
frontend_lb_dns_name = dev-frontend-1834646447.us-west-2.elb.amazonaws.com
ubuntu_ami_id = ami-0e32ec5bc225539f5
```

What You Have Done Just Now?

- Create two Frontend Server Groups in Two Different Regions
- And Without Write Any Extra Terraform Code
- Let Us Go Through What Terragrunt Do!
- Edit `terraform.tfvars` in `practices/account_a/us-west-2/dev`

dev/terraform.tfvars

- Define Remote State Backend

```
terragrunt = {  
  remote_state {  
    backend = "s3"  
  
    config {  
      encrypt      = true  
      bucket       = "taipei-hug-workshop"  
      key          = "account_a/ap-northeast-1/dev/${pa  
      region      = "us-west-2"  
    }  
  }  
}
```

dev/terraform.tfvars

- Define Environment Variable, Command

```
terragrunt = {  
  ...  
  # Configure root level variables that all resources can  
  terraform {  
    extra_arguments "bucket" {  
      commands = ["${get_terraform_commands_that_need_var.}"]  
  
      required_var_files = [  
        "${get_parent_tfvars_dir()}/env.tfvars",  
      ]  
    }  
  }  
}
```

dev/frontend/terraform.tfvars

- Define Module Source From terraform-aws-frontend

```
terragrunt = {  
  # Terragrunt will copy the Terraform configurations specified in the  
  # working directory, into a temporary folder, and execute Terraform  
  terraform {  
    source = "github.com/Taipei-HUG/terraform-aws-frontend"    
  }  
  
  # Include all settings from the root terraform.tfvars file  
  include = {  
    path = "${find_in_parent_folders()}"  
  }  
}  
  
...
```

dev/frontend/terraform.tfvars

- Define the Variable Pass to Module terraform-aws-frontend

```
...  
  
asg_config = {  
    instance_count    = "1"  
    instance_type     = "t3.small"  
    root_volume_iops  = "0"  
    root_volume_size  = "40"  
    root_volume_type  = "gp2"  
}
```

Not Finish Yet...

We Have Not Understood Module Frontend Yet...

```
modules/  
└─ frontend  
    └─ provision  
        └─ user_data  
    └─ ami.tf  
    └─ asg.tf  
    └─ lb.tf  
    └─ main.tf  
    └─ outputs.tf  
    └─ variables.tf  
    └─ vpc.tf
```


What the File `main.tf` Include?

```
provider "aws" {  
  region = "${var.aws_region}"  
  version = "1.35"  
}  
  
terraform {  
  # The configuration for this backend will be filled in later  
  backend "s3" {}  
  required_version = ">= 0.11.8"  
}  
  
provider "template" {  
  version = "1.0.0"  
}
```

If You Want to Create Something Afterward, Just ...

- 1. Develop/Find Module**
- 2. Create Folder and *.tfvars Files**
- 3. Execute terragrunt !**

How to test Terraform?

- Kitchen ([Reference](#))
- Terratest ([Reference](#))

Key Takeaways

- Learned How to Use Terragrunt
- Include/Retrieve Module from GitHub
- Create AWS Resource in Multiple Region, But Not Writing Any Terraform Code

Destroy Resource Created by Exercise

```
~$ cd ch04/practices
~$ cd account_a/ap-northeast-1/dev/frontend
~$ terragrunt destroy
```

```
...
aws_default_vpc.default: Destruction complete after 0s

Destroy complete! Resources: 15 destroyed.
```

```
~$ cd ch04/practices
~$ cd account_a/us-west-2/dev/frontend
~$ terragrunt destroy
```

```
...
aws_default_vpc.default: Destruction complete after 0s

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