

CH04 Terraform Practices

- Believe Everyone Have Learned How to Leverage Terraform to Manage AWS Resource**
- Now We Will Introduce How Develop Module and Make Your Terraform More Professional**

Objectives

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

What You Need In A Terraform Folder At Least Before?

Frontend/	
— Makefile	(Terraform Related Tasks)
— env	(Variable From Environment Variable)
— asg.tf	(Define Cloud Provider Resources)
— lb.tf	(Define Cloud Provider Resources)
— operations	(Some Helper Shell Script For Make)
— terraform.tfvars	(Some 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
- And Need to Takes Time to Maintain Makefile and Helper Scripts

What is Terragrunt?

- Terragrunt is a Thin Wrapper for Terraform
- Provides Extra Tools for Keeping Your Terraform Configurations DRY (Don't Repeat Yourself)
- Working with Multiple Terraform Modules , and Managing Remote State

What is Terragrunt?

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

What It Looks Like After Using Terragrunt

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

Exercise I

Try to Create A Fountend Server Group in Tokyo...

```
~$ cd ch04/examples/account_a/ap-northeast-1/dev/frontend  
~$ terragrunt init  
~$ terragrunt apply
```


Exercise II

If I Want to Achieve the Same Thing in Oregon...

```
~$ cd ch04/examples/account_a/us-west-2/dev/frontend  
~$ terragrunt init  
~$ terragrunt apply
```

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!

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

account_a/ap-northeast-1/dev/terraform.tfvars

- In folder **dev** Define Remote State Backend, Environment Variable

```
terragrunt = {
  remote_state {
    backend = "s3"

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

account_a/ap-northeast-1/dev/terraform.tfvars

- In folder **dev** Define Remote State Backend, Environment Variable

```
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",  
      ]  
    }  
  }  
}
```

account_a/ap-northeast-1/dev/frontend/terraform.tfvars

- In folder **frontend** Define Module Source, and the Variable Pass to Module 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()}"  
  }  
}  
  
...
```

account_a/ap-northeast-1/dev/frontend/terraform.tfvars

- In folder **frontend** Define Module Source, and 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/examples/account_a/ap-northeast-1/dev/frontend
```

```
~$ terragrunt destroy
```

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

```
~$ terragrunt destroy
```