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2.0 General Information:

2.1 Document Purpose

This document provides an introduction to **Infrastructure as Code (IaC)**, focusing on automation and management of cloud resources using **Terraform** and **CloudFormation**. It includes hands-on assignments to provision a multi-tier architecture on AWS with Terraform and automate S3-Lambda integrations with CloudFormation. The purpose is to equip users with practical skills in IaC for scalable and repeatable cloud infrastructure deployments.

2.2 Document Revisions

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3.0 Document Overview:

Infrastructure as Code (IaC) is a contemporary method for automating the provisioning and management of cloud infrastructure through code. Tools like Terraform and CloudFormation enable users to define and deploy cloud resources, including virtual networks, compute instances, and storage, in a consistent and efficient way. This document outlines the steps to leverage Terraform and CloudFormation for setting up a multi-tier architecture and automating S3-Lambda integrations on AWS.



4.0 Steps / Procedure for Terraform Script

4.1 : Main Terraform Configuration (main.tf):

This `main.tf` file provides a modular Terraform configuration to deploy AWS infrastructure, including a custom VPC, public and private subnets, EC2 instances, and an Application Load Balancer (ALB).

```
main.tf > module "alb"
1  provider "aws" {
2    region = var.aws_region
3  }
4
5  data "aws_availability_zones" "available" {
6    state = "available"
7  }
8
9  module "vpc" {
10   source = "./modules/vpc"
11
12   project_name      = var.project_name
13   vpc_cidr          = var.vpc_cidr
14   public_subnet_cidrs = var.public_subnet_cidrs
15   private_subnet_cidrs = var.private_subnet_cidrs
16   availability_zones = data.aws_availability_zones.available.names
17 }
18
19 module "ec2" {
20   source = "./modules/ec2"
21
22   project_name      = var.project_name
23   vpc_id            = module.vpc.vpc_id
24   private_subnet_ids = module.vpc.private_subnet_ids
25   instance_count    = var.instance_count
26   instance_type     = var.instance_type
27 }
28
```

```

29 module "alb" {
30     source = "../modules/alb"
31
32     project_name      = var.project_name
33     vpc_id            = module.vpc.vpc_id
34     public_subnet_ids = module.vpc.public_subnet_ids
35     instance_ids      = module.ec2.instance_ids
36 }

```

4.2: Variables (variables.tf):

```

variables.tf > variable "instance_type"
1  variable "aws_region" {
2      description = "AWS region where resources will be deployed"
3      type       = string
4      default    = "us-east-1"
5  }
6
7  variable "project_name" {
8      description = "Name of the project"
9      type       = string
10     default    = "multi-tier"
11 }
12
13 variable "vpc_cidr" {
14     description = "CIDR block for VPC"
15     type       = string
16     default    = "10.0.0.0/16"
17 }
18
19 variable "public_subnet_cidrs" {
20     description = "CIDR blocks for public subnets"
21     type       = list(string)
22     default    = ["10.0.1.0/24", "10.0.2.0/24"]
23 }

```

```

variables.tf > variable "instance_type"
24
25 variable "private_subnet_cidrs" {
26     description = "CIDR blocks for private subnets"
27     type       = list(string)
28     default    = ["10.0.3.0/24", "10.0.4.0/24"]
29 }
30
31 variable "instance_count" {
32     description = "Number of EC2 instances"
33     type       = number
34     default    = 2
35 }
36
37 variable "instance_type" {
38     description = "Instance type for EC2 instances"
39     type       = string
40     default    = "t2.micro"
41 }
42

```

4.3: outputs.tf

```
output.tf > ...
1  output "vpc_id" {
2      description = "ID of the VPC"
3      value       = module.vpc.vpc_id
4  }
5
6  output "alb_dns_name" {
7      description = "DNS name of the load balancer"
8      value       = module.alb.alb_dns_name
9  }
10
11 output "instance_ids" {
12     description = "IDs of EC2 instances"
13     value       = module.ec2.instance_ids
14 }
15
```

4.4: terraform.tfvars

This configuration sets specific values for AWS region, project name, VPC CIDR, subnet CIDRs, EC2 instance count, and type to customize and deploy a scalable AWS infrastructure.

```
terraform.tfvars > ...
1  aws_region      = "us-east-1"
2  project_name    = "my-project"
3  vpc_cidr        = "10.0.0.0/16"
4  public_subnet_cidrs = ["10.0.1.0/24", "10.0.2.0/24"]
5  private_subnet_cidrs = ["10.0.3.0/24", "10.0.4.0/24"]
6  instance_count   = 2
7  instance_type    = "t2.micro"
8
```

4.5: Modules/Vpc

4.5.1: main.tf

This Terraform configuration provisions a VPC with public and private subnets, an internet gateway, and a NAT gateway to enable internet access.

modules > vpc > main.tf > ...

```

1  resource "aws_vpc" "main" {
2      cidr_block      = var.vpc_cidr
3      enable_dns_hostnames = true
4      enable_dns_support = true
5
6      tags = {
7          Name = "${var.project_name}-vpc"
8      }
9  }
10
11 resource "aws_internet_gateway" "main" {
12     vpc_id = aws_vpc.main.id
13
14     tags = {
15         Name = "${var.project_name}-igw"
16     }
17 }
18
19 resource "aws_subnet" "public" {
20     count          = length(var.public_subnet_cidrs)
21     vpc_id         = aws_vpc.main.id
22     cidr_block     = var.public_subnet_cidrs[count.index]
23     availability_zone = var.availability_zones[count.index % length(var.availability_zones)]
24
25     map_public_ip_on_launch = true
26
27     tags = {
28         Name = "${var.project_name}-public-subnet-${count.index + 1}"
29     }

```

modules > vpc > main.tf > ...

```

19 resource "aws_subnet" "public" {
20 }
21
22 resource "aws_subnet" "private" {
23     count          = length(var.private_subnet_cidrs)
24     vpc_id         = aws_vpc.main.id
25     cidr_block     = var.private_subnet_cidrs[count.index]
26     availability_zone = var.availability_zones[count.index % length(var.availability_zones)]
27
28     tags = {
29         Name = "${var.project_name}-private-subnet-${count.index + 1}"
30     }
31 }
32
33 resource "aws_eip" "nat" {
34     domain = "vpc"
35 }
36
37 resource "aws_nat_gateway" "main" {
38     allocation_id = aws_eip.nat.id
39     subnet_id     = aws_subnet.public[0].id
40
41     tags = {
42         Name = "${var.project_name}-nat"
43     }
44
45     depends_on = [aws_internet_gateway.main]
46 }

```



```

modules > vpc > main.tf > resource "aws_route_table" "private"

57 resource "aws_route_table" "public" {
58     vpc_id = aws_vpc.main.id
59
60     route {
61         cidr_block = "0.0.0.0/0"
62         gateway_id = aws_internet_gateway.main.id
63     }
64
65     tags = {
66         Name = "${var.project_name}-public-rt"
67     }
68 }
69 resource "aws_route_table" "private" {
70     vpc_id = aws_vpc.main.id
71
72     route {
73         cidr_block      = "0.0.0.0/0"
74         nat_gateway_id = aws_nat_gateway.main.id
75     }
76
77     tags = {
78         Name = "${var.project_name}-private-rt"
79     }
80 }
81 resource "aws_route_table_association" "public" {
82     count          = length(var.public_subnet_cidrs)
83     subnet_id      = aws_subnet.public[count.index].id
84     route_table_id = aws_route_table.public.id
85 }

```

4.5.2: variables.tf

```

modules > vpc > variables.tf > ...
1  variable "project_name" {
2      description = "Name of the project"
3      type        = string
4  }
5
6  variable "vpc_cidr" {
7      description = "CIDR block for VPC"
8      type        = string
9  }
10
11 variable "public_subnet_cidrs" {
12     description = "CIDR blocks for public subnets"
13     type        = list(string)
14 }
15
16 variable "private_subnet_cidrs" {
17     description = "CIDR blocks for private subnets"
18     type        = list(string)
19 }
20
21 variable "availability_zones" {
22     description = "Availability zones"
23     type        = list(string)
24 }

```

4.5.3: outputs.tf

```

modules > vpc > output.tf > ...
1  output "vpc_id" {
2      description = "ID of the VPC"
3      value       = aws_vpc.main.id
4  }
5
6  output "public_subnet_ids" {
7      description = "IDs of public subnets"
8      value       = aws_subnet.public[*].id
9  }
10
11 output "private_subnet_ids" {
12     description = "IDs of private subnets"
13     value       = aws_subnet.private[*].id
14 }

```

4.6: Modules/ec2

4.6.1: main.tf

This Terraform configuration deploys Amazon Linux 2023 EC2 instances in dynamically assigned private subnets, associating a security group to control inbound and outbound traffic.

```
modules > ec2 > main.tf > ...
```

```
1  ✓ data "aws_ami" "amazon_linux_2023" {
2      most_recent = true
3      owners      = ["amazon"]
4
5      filter {
6          name     = "name"
7          values   = ["al2023-ami-2023.*-x86_64"]
8      }
9
10     filter {
11         name     = "virtualization-type"
12         values   = ["hvm"]
13     }
14 }
15
16 ✓ resource "aws_security_group" "ec2" {
17     name           = "${var.project_name}-ec2-sg"
18     description    = "Security group for EC2 instances"
19     vpc_id         = var.vpc_id
20
21     ingress {
22         from_port   = 80
23         to_port     = 80
24         protocol    = "tcp"
25         cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
26     }
27 }
```

```
modules > ec2 > main.tf > ...
```

```
16 resource "aws_security_group" "ec2" {
27
28     egress {
29         from_port   = 0
30         to_port     = 0
31         protocol    = "-1"
32         cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
33     }
34
35     tags = {
36         Name = "${var.project_name}-ec2-sg"
37     }
38 }
39 resource "aws_instance" "app" {
40     count              = var.instance_count
41     ami               = data.aws_ami.amazon_linux_2023.id
42     instance_type     = var.instance_type
43     subnet_id         = var.private_subnet_ids[count.index]
44     vpc_security_group_ids = [aws_security_group.ec2.id]
45
46     user_data = <<-EOF
47     |         |         |         |         |
48     |         |         |         |         | #!/bin/bash
49     |         |         |         |         | dnf update -y
50     |         |         |         |         | dnf install -y httpd
51     |         |         |         |         | systemctl start httpd
52     |         |         |         |         | systemctl enable httpd
53     |         |         |         |         | echo "<h1>Hello from EC2 instance $(hostname -f)</h1>" > /var/www/html/index.html
54     |         |         |         |         | EOF
55 }
```



```

54
55     tags = {
56         Name = "${var.project_name}-app-${count.index + 1}"
57     }
58 }

```

4.6.2: variables.tf

```

modules > ec2 > variables.tf > ...
1  variable "project_name" {
2      description = "Name of the project"
3      type        = string
4  }
5
6  variable "vpc_id" {
7      description = "ID of the VPC"
8      type        = string
9  }
10
11 variable "private_subnet_ids" {
12     description = "IDs of private subnets"
13     type        = list(string)
14 }
15
16 variable "instance_count" {
17     description = "Number of EC2 instances"
18     type        = number
19 }
20
21 variable "instance_type" {
22     description = "Instance type for EC2"
23     type        = string
24 }

```

4.6.3: outputs.tf

```

modules > ec2 > output.tf > ...
1  output "instance_ids" {
2      description = "IDs of EC2 instances"
3      value       = aws_instance.app[*].id
4  }

```

4.7: Modules/alb

4.7.1: main.tf

This Terraform configuration sets up an Application Load Balancer (ALB) along with its security group, target group, listener, and dynamically attached EC2 instances. It ensures efficient distribution of incoming HTTP traffic across instances in public subnets, incorporating health checks to maintain reliability and support scalability.



```

modules > alb > main.tf > resource "aws_lb" "main" > tags
1  resource "aws_security_group" "alb" {
2      name          = "${var.project_name}-alb-sg"
3      description   = "Security group for ALB"
4      vpc_id        = var.vpc_id
5
6      ingress {
7          from_port  = 80
8          to_port    = 80
9          protocol   = "tcp"
10         cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
11     }
12
13     egress {
14         from_port  = 0
15         to_port    = 0
16         protocol   = "-1"
17         cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
18     }
19
20     tags = {
21         Name = "${var.project_name}-alb-sg"
22     }
23 }
24 resource "aws_lb" "main" {
25     name          = "${var.project_name}-alb"
26     internal      = false
27     load_balancer_type = "application"
28     security_groups = [aws_security_group.alb.id]
29     subnets      = var.public_subnet_ids

```

```

modules > alb > main.tf > resource "aws_lb" "main" > tags
24 resource "aws_lb" "main" {
31     tags = {
32         Name = "${var.project_name}-alb"
33     }
34 }
35
36 resource "aws_lb_target_group" "main" {
37     name          = "${var.project_name}-tg"
38     port          = 80
39     protocol      = "HTTP"
40     vpc_id        = var.vpc_id
41
42     health_check {
43         enabled          = true
44         healthy_threshold = 2
45         interval         = 30
46         matcher          = "200"
47         path              = "/"
48         port              = "traffic-port"
49         timeout           = 5
50         unhealthy_threshold = 2
51     }
52 }
53
54 resource "aws_lb_listener" "main" {
55     load_balancer_arn = aws_lb.main.arn
56     port              = 80
57     protocol          = "HTTP"
58 }

```

```

54 resource "aws_lb_listener" "main" {
55     load_balancer_arn = aws_lb.main.arn
56     port              = 80
57     protocol          = "HTTP"
58
59     default_action {
60         type            = "forward"
61         target_group_arn = aws_lb_target_group.main.arn
62     }
63 }
64
65 resource "aws_lb_target_group_attachment" "main" {
66     count            = length(var.instance_ids)
67     target_group_arn = aws_lb_target_group.main.arn
68     target_id        = var.instance_ids[count.index]
69     port             = 80
70 }

```

4.7.2: variables.tf

```

modules > alb > variables.tf > ...
1  variable "project_name" {
2      description = "Name of the project"
3      type        = string
4  }
5
6  variable "vpc_id" {
7      description = "ID of the VPC"
8      type        = string
9  }
10
11 variable "public_subnet_ids" {
12     description = "IDs of public subnets"
13     type        = list(string)
14 }
15
16 variable "instance_ids" {
17     description = "IDs of EC2 instances"
18     type        = list(string)
19 }
20

```

4.7.3: outputs.tf

```

modules > alb > output.tf > ...
1  output "alb_dns_name" {
2      description = "DNS name of the load balancer"
3      value       = aws_lb.main.dns_name
4  }
5
6  output "target_group_arn" {
7      description = "ARN of target group"
8      value       = aws_lb_target_group.main.arn
9  }
10

```

4.8: Run Commands

4.8.1: Initialize:

terraform init

4.8.2: Plan:

terraform plan

4.8.3: Apply:

terraform apply

4.9: Outputs:

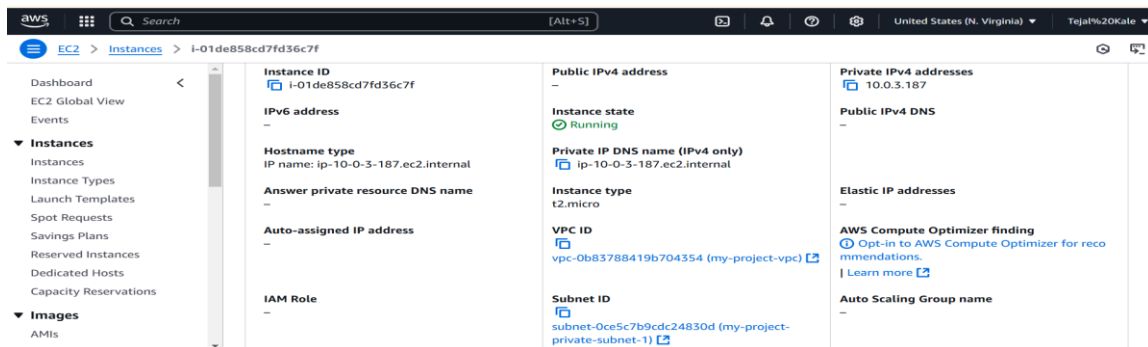


Figure 1: EC2 Instance 1 Created in Private Subnet 1

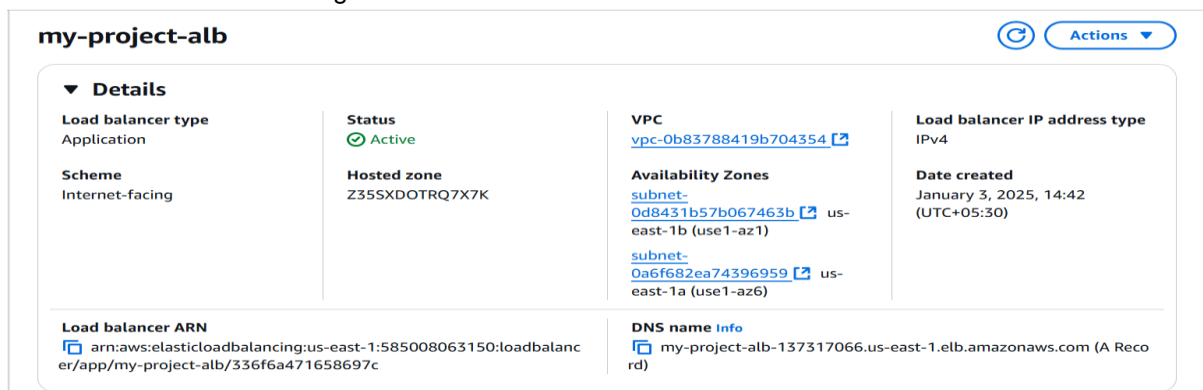
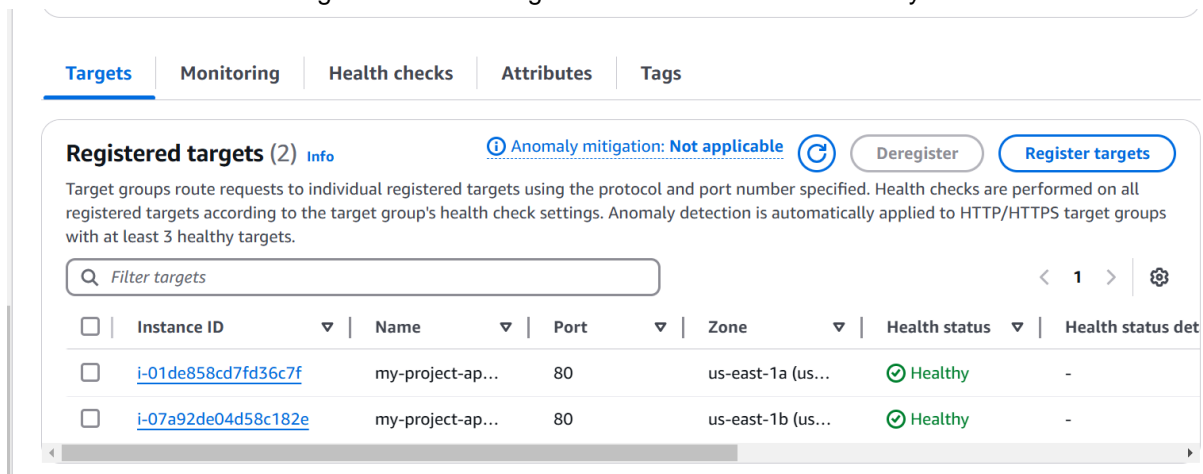


Figure 2: ALB Configured Across different Availability Zones

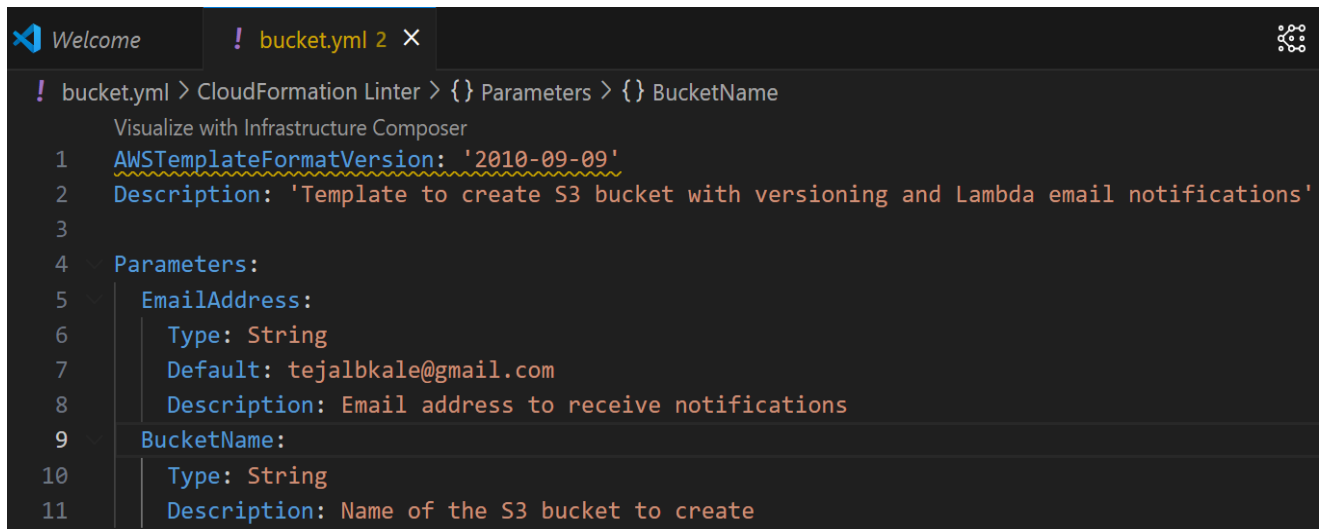


5.0 CloudFormation Implementation - S3-Lambda Integration

5.1: Cloudformation Template:

This CloudFormation template creates an S3 bucket with versioning enabled and a Lambda function configured to trigger on S3 object creation events. An IAM role with the necessary permissions is provisioned to enable Lambda execution. The Lambda function logs details of newly added objects to CloudWatch Logs. Outputs include the S3 bucket name and the Lambda function ARN.

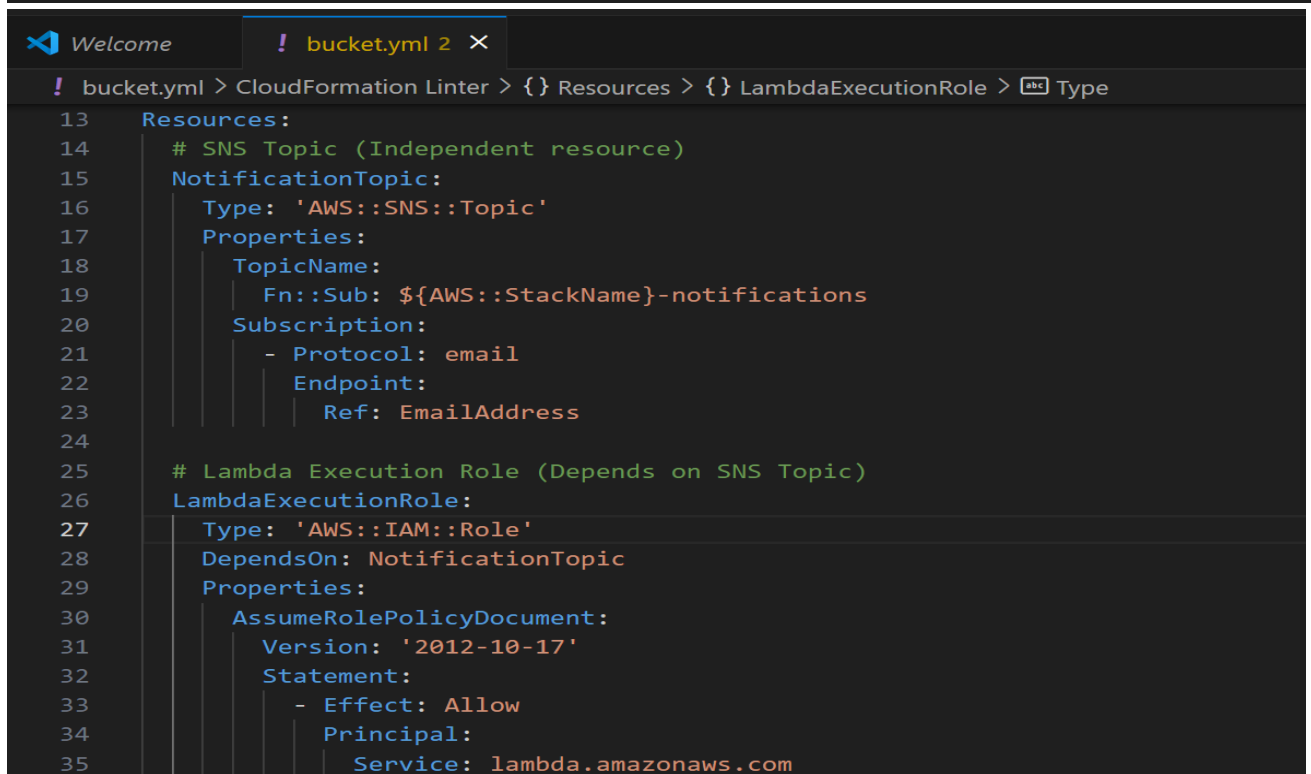
Implementation Steps:



```

Welcome | ! bucket.yml 2 X
! bucket.yml > CloudFormation Linter > {} Parameters > {} BucketName
Visualize with Infrastructure Composer
1  AWSTemplateFormatVersion: '2010-09-09'
2  Description: 'Template to create S3 bucket with versioning and Lambda email notifications'
3
4  Parameters:
5    EmailAddress:
6      Type: String
7      Default: tejalbkale@gmail.com
8      Description: Email address to receive notifications
9    BucketName:
10     Type: String
11     Description: Name of the S3 bucket to create

```



```

Welcome | ! bucket.yml 2 X
! bucket.yml > CloudFormation Linter > {} Resources > {} LambdaExecutionRole > Type
13 Resources:
14   # SNS Topic (Independent resource)
15   NotificationTopic:
16     Type: 'AWS::SNS::Topic'
17     Properties:
18       TopicName:
19         Fn::Sub: ${AWS::StackName}-notifications
20       Subscription:
21         - Protocol: email
22           Endpoint:
23             Ref: EmailAddress
24
25   # Lambda Execution Role (Depends on SNS Topic)
26   LambdaExecutionRole:
27     Type: 'AWS::IAM::Role'
28     DependsOn: NotificationTopic
29     Properties:
30       AssumeRolePolicyDocument:
31         Version: '2012-10-17'
32         Statement:
33           - Effect: Allow
34             Principal:
35               Service: lambda.amazonaws.com

```



```

36         Action: 'sts:AssumeRole'
37     ManagedPolicyArns:
38     - 'arn:aws:iam::aws:policy/service-role/AWSLambdaBasicExecutionRole'
39     Policies:
40     - PolicyName: S3AndSNSAccess
41       PolicyDocument:
42         Version: '2012-10-17'
43         Statement:
44         - Effect: Allow
45           Action:
46           - 's3:GetObject'
47           Resource: '*'
48         - Effect: Allow
49           Action:
50           - 'sns:Publish'
51           Resource:
52             Ref: NotificationTopic
53

```

Welcome

! bucket.yml 2 X

! bucket.yml > CloudFormation Linter > {} Resources > {} LambdaExecutionRole > [abc] Type

13 Resources:

```

54     # Lambda Function (Depends on Role)
55     ProcessingFunction:
56       Type: 'AWS::Lambda::Function'
57       DependsOn: LambdaExecutionRole
58       Properties:
59         Handler: 'index.handler'
60         Role:
61           Fn::GetAtt:
62           - LambdaExecutionRole
63           - Arn
64         Code:
65           ZipFile: |
66             const AWS = require('aws-sdk');
67             const sns = new AWS.SNS();
68
69             exports.handler = async (event, context) => {
70               try {
71                 const bucket = event.Records[0].s3.bucket.name;
72                 const key = event.Records[0].s3.object.key;
73                 const size = event.Records[0].s3.object.size;
74
75                 const message = `

```

```

76         New file uploaded to S3:
77         Bucket: ${bucket}
78         File: ${key}
79         Size: ${size} bytes
80     `;
81
82     await sns.publish({
83         TopicArn: process.env.SNS_TOPIC_ARN,
84         Subject: 'New S3 Upload Notification',
85         Message: message
86     }).promise();
87
88     return {
89         statusCode: 200,
90         body: 'Notification sent successfully'
91     };
92 } catch (error) {
93     console.error('Error:', error);
94     throw error;
95 }
96 }
97 Runtime: 'nodejs18.x'
98 Timeout: 30
99 MemorySize: 128
100 Environment:
101     Variables:
102         SNS_TOPIC_ARN:
103             Ref: NotificationTopic
104
105 # Bucket Permission (Depends on Lambda)
106 BucketPermission:
107     Type: 'AWS::Lambda::Permission'
108     DependsOn: ProcessingFunction
109     Properties:
110         Action: 'lambda:InvokeFunction'
111         FunctionName:

```

```

112         Ref: ProcessingFunction
113         Principal: 's3.amazonaws.com'
114         SourceArn:
115         Fn::Sub: arn:aws:s3:::${BucketName}
116
117     # S3 Bucket
118     S3Bucket:
119         Type: 'AWS::S3::Bucket'
120         DependsOn: BucketPermission
121         Properties:
122             VersioningConfiguration:
123                 Status: Enabled
124             BucketName:
125                 Ref: BucketName
126             NotificationConfiguration:
127                 LambdaConfigurations:
128                 - Event: 's3:ObjectCreated:*'
129                 Function:
130                 Fn::GetAtt:
131                 - ProcessingFunction
132
133                 - Arn
134
135     Outputs:
136         BucketName:
137             Description: 'Name of the created S3 bucket'
138             Value:
139                 Ref: S3Bucket
140         SNSTopicARN:
141             Description: 'ARN of the SNS Topic'
142             Value:
143                 Ref: NotificationTopic

```

5.2 Create the CloudFormation stack:

```

PS C:\Users\tejal\cloudformation> aws cloudformation create-stack --stack-name s3-lambda-stack2 --t
emplate-body file://bucket.yml --parameters ParameterKey=BucketName,ParameterValue=s3-object-yxxl P
arameterKey=EmailAddress,ParameterValue=tejalbkale@gmail.com --capabilities CAPABILITY_IAM
{
  "StackId": "arn:aws:cloudformation:us-east-1:585008063150:stack/s3-lambda-stack2/9bd11b50-c994-1
1ef-9d7c-12f34c2b2f1d"
}

PS C:\Users\tejal\cloudformation>

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5.3 Verify the deployment:

Stacks (1)

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Update

Stack actions ▾

Create stack ▾

Filter status

Filter by stack name

Active ▾

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Stack name	Status	Created time	Description
<div><div></div>s3-lambda-stack2</div>	<div><div></div>CREATE_COMPLETE</div>	2025-01-03 11:49:47 UTC+0530	Template to create with versioning and email notifications

5.4 S3 events trigger Lambda execution:

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