Terraform Task-1

Q.1 Make a note on:

a. What is Terraform?
b. Why Terraform?
c. Benefits of Terraform

Terraform:

Terraform is an open-source infrastructure as code (IaC) software tool created by HashiCorp. It allows users to define and provision a data center infrastructure using a high-level configuration language known as HashiCorp Configuration Language (HCL), or optionally JSON. Terraform manages external resources (such as public cloud infrastructure, private cloud infrastructure, network appliances, software as a service, and platform as a service) through its configuration files, which describe the components needed to run a single application or your entire data center.

Terraform is chosen for several reasons:

- **Declarative Syntax:** Users define the desired state of infrastructure, and Terraform figures out how to achieve that state, managing dependencies and sequencing steps automatically.
- **Multi-Cloud Capability:** Terraform supports multiple cloud providers, allowing the management of hybrid or multi-cloud environments using a single tool.
- Infrastructure as Code: This approach allows infrastructure to be versioned and treated as code, making it easier to track changes, collaborate, and automate deployments.
- **Resource Graph:** Terraform builds a graph of all resources, which enables it to plan changes efficiently, detect dependencies, and create or modify resources in the correct order.
- **Execution Plans:** Before making any changes, Terraform provides an execution plan which describes what will happen if the code is applied, giving a clear overview of the impact of any changes.
- **Community and Ecosystem:** A large and active community contributes to a rich ecosystem of modules and plugins, extending Terraform's capabilities and making it easier to manage various types of infrastructure.

Benefits of Terraform:

- **Consistency:** With Terraform, infrastructure can be consistently provisioned and configured, reducing human errors and ensuring that the infrastructure state is predictable.
- **Scalability:** Terraform can manage infrastructures of varying sizes, from small environments to large, complex infrastructures across multiple cloud providers.
- **Version Control:** Infrastructure changes can be versioned and tracked, just like application code, providing a clear history of changes and the ability to roll back to previous states if needed.
- **Automation:** Automating infrastructure provisioning with Terraform saves time and reduces manual effort, allowing teams to focus on other critical tasks.
- **Collaboration:** Terraform's configuration files can be shared and collaborated on, facilitating better teamwork and coordination among different teams and stakeholders.
- **Efficiency:** The resource graph and execution plans enable Terraform to make efficient changes, only modifying what is necessary and providing clear visibility into proposed changes before they are applied.
- **Multi-Provider Support:** Terraform's ability to support multiple providers means it can be used to manage a diverse range of resources, from different cloud providers to various on-premises services, providing a unified toolset for infrastructure management.

Q.2 Launch two EC2 instances with names as “myapp-1” and “myapp-2” using Amazon-Linux OS in ‘ap-south-1’ region.

To launch two EC2 instances named "myapp-1" and "myapp-2" using Amazon **Linux OS** in the **ap-south-1** region with Terraform, you need to create a **main.tf** configuration file with the necessary code. Here's a sample main.tf file to achieve this:

- nano main.tf

Provider Block:

Specifies the AWS provider and the region where the resources will be created.

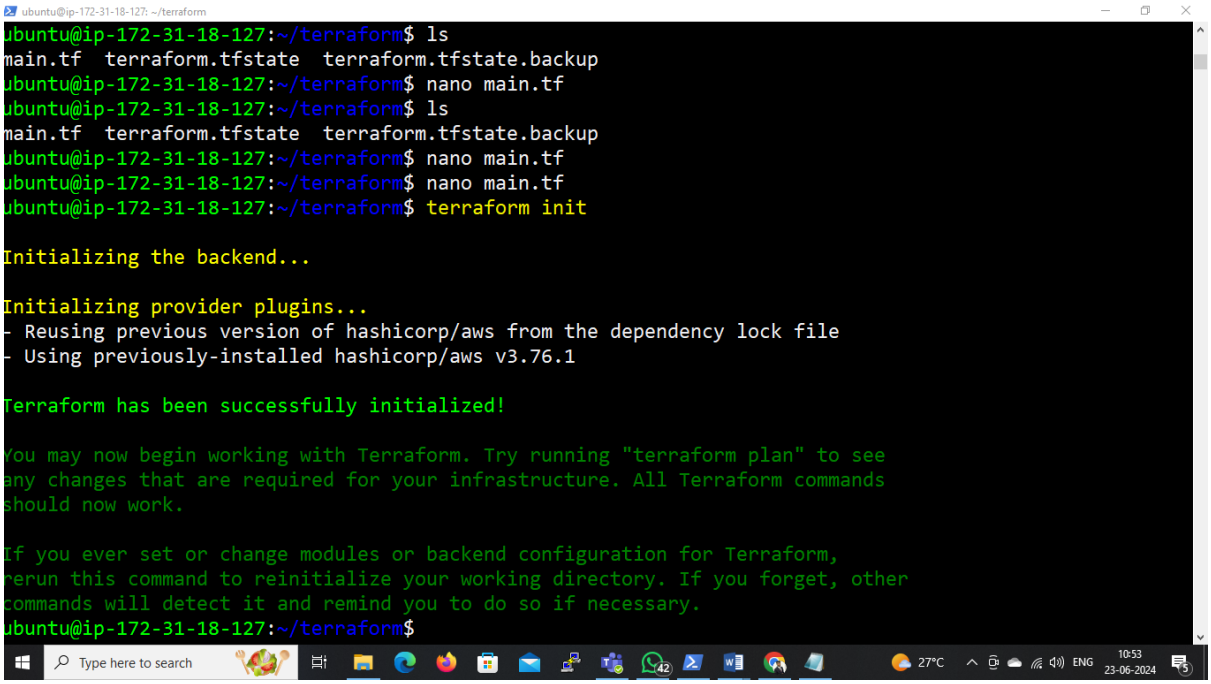
Also provide a access key and secret key of AWS account.

Resource Block:

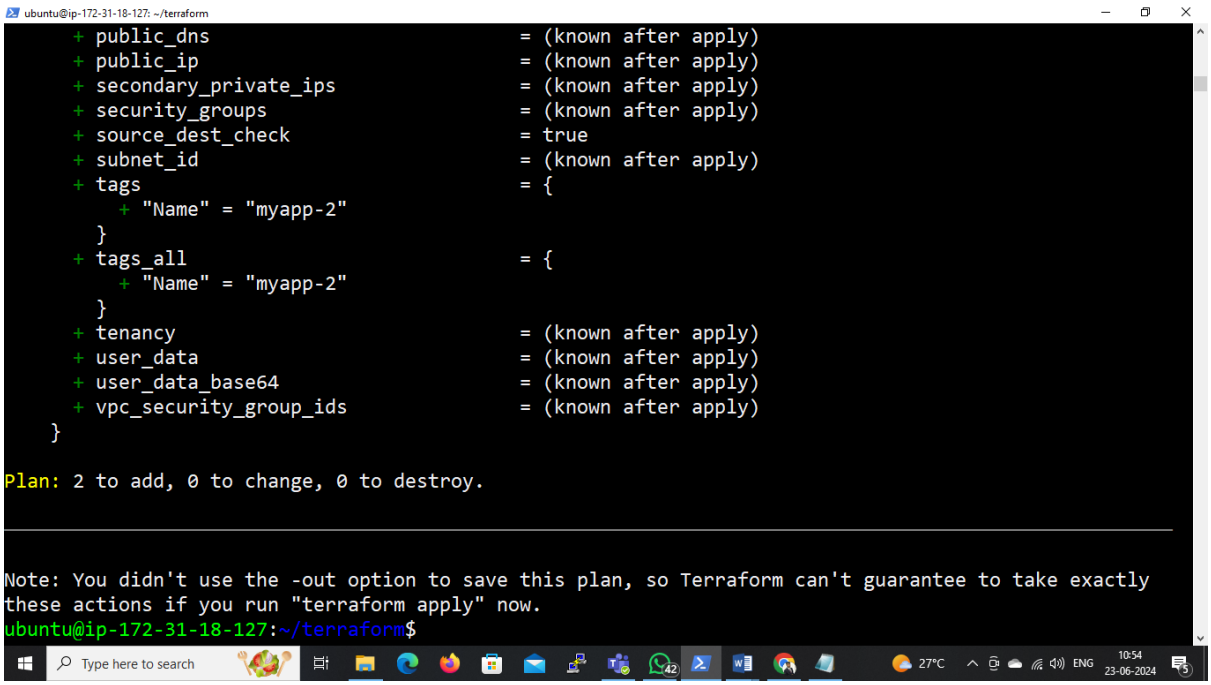
Defines the aws_instance resource to launch two EC2 instances.

- **count:** Used to create multiple instances. In this case, we set count = 2 to create two instances.
- **ami:** The Amazon Machine Image (AMI) ID for Amazon Linux 2 in the ap-south-1 region. We need to mentioned " ami-0e1d06225679bc1c5" with the latest Amazon Linux 2 AMI ID for the ap-south-1 region.
- **instance_type:** Specifies the type of instance to be created. Here, t2.micro is used.
- **tags:** Assigns a name tag to each instance, using the count index to differentiate between "myapp-1" and "myapp-2".

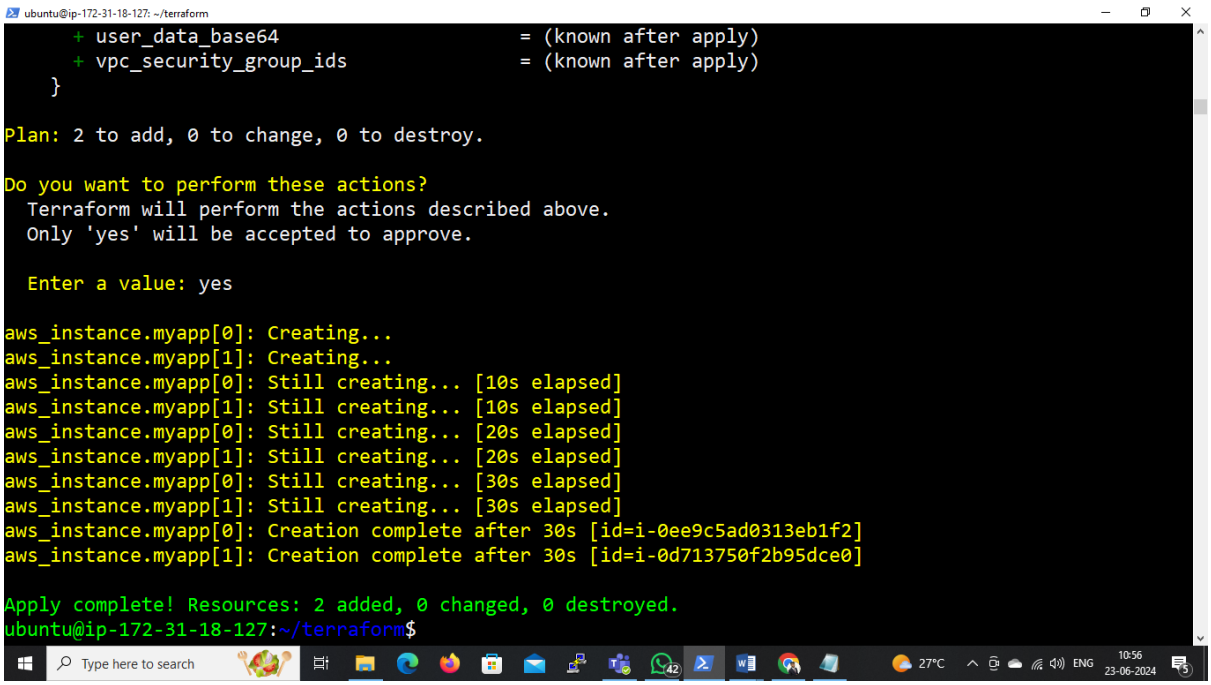
- **Initialize Terraform**: Run **"terraform init"** to initialize the configuration and download the necessary provider plugins.



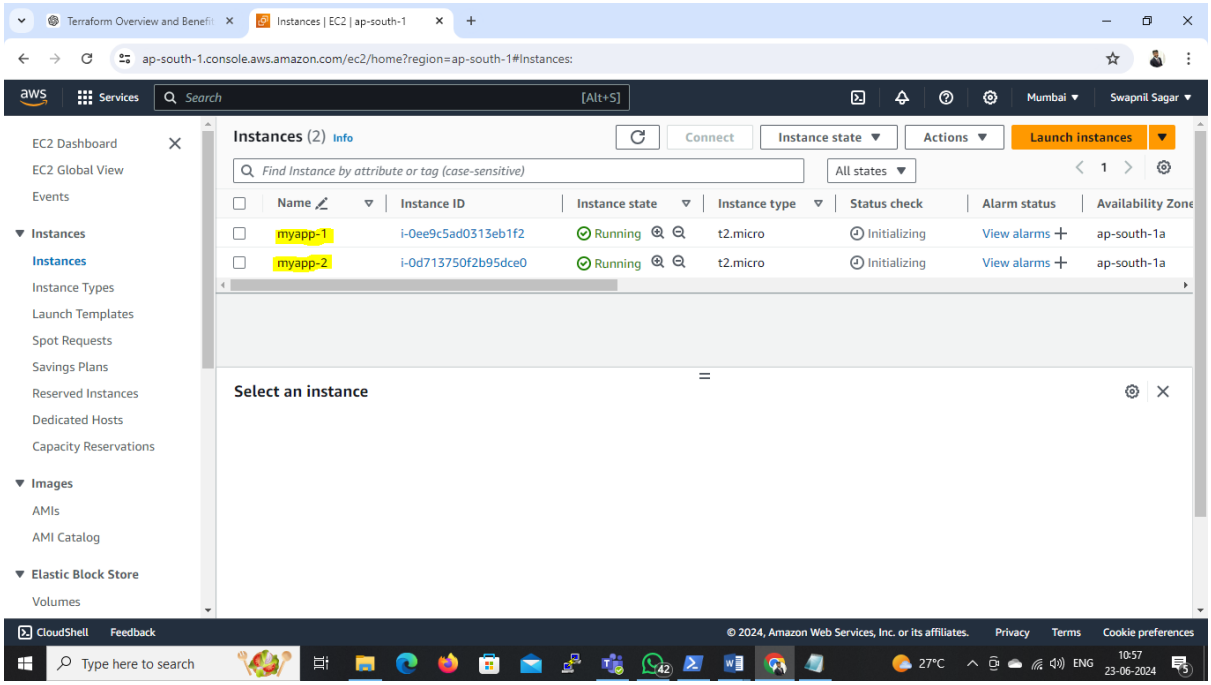
- **Plan the Changes**: Run **"terraform plan"** to preview the changes that will be applied.



- **Apply the Configuration**: Run **"terraform apply"** to create the EC2 instances as defined in the main.tf file.
- **Confirm the Apply Step**: Type **"yes"** when prompted to confirm that we want to create the resources.



- This will create two EC2 instances in the **ap-south-1** region, with names **"myapp-1"** and **"myapp-2"** using the specified Amazon Linux AMI.



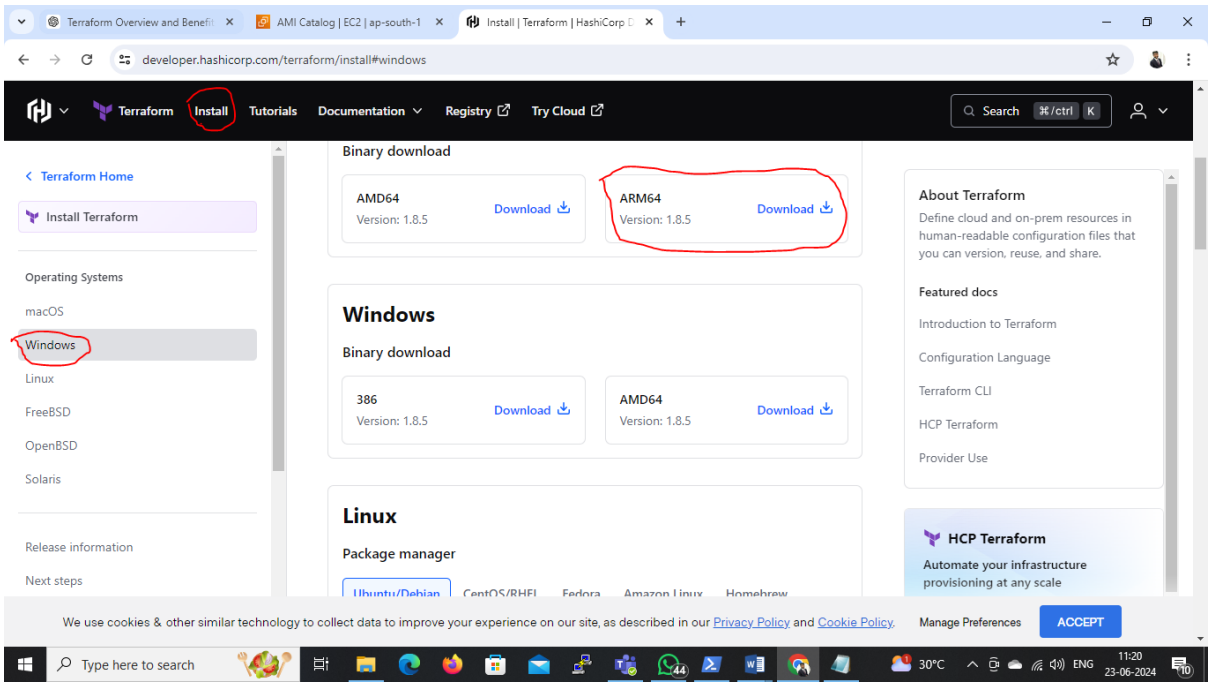
Q.3 Install Terraform on local machine (Laptop), integrate aws and terraform with VS code. Using VS code launch an EC2 instances with name 'myserver' using Windows OS in 'ap-south-1' region.

Step 1: Install Terraform

On Windows:

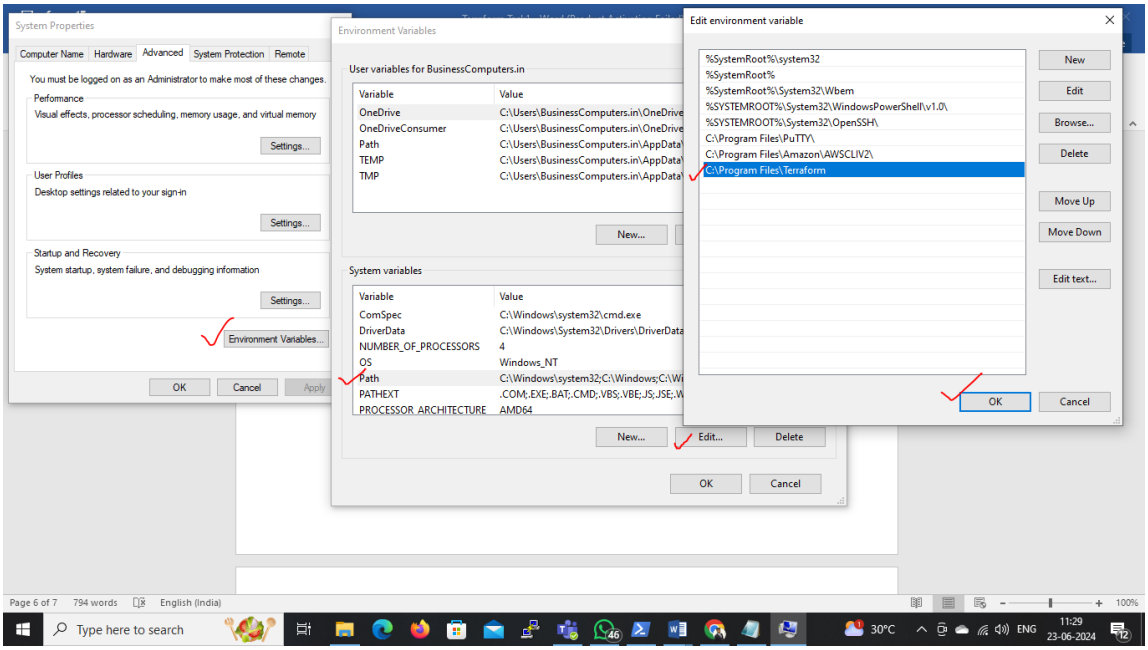
1. **Download Terraform:**

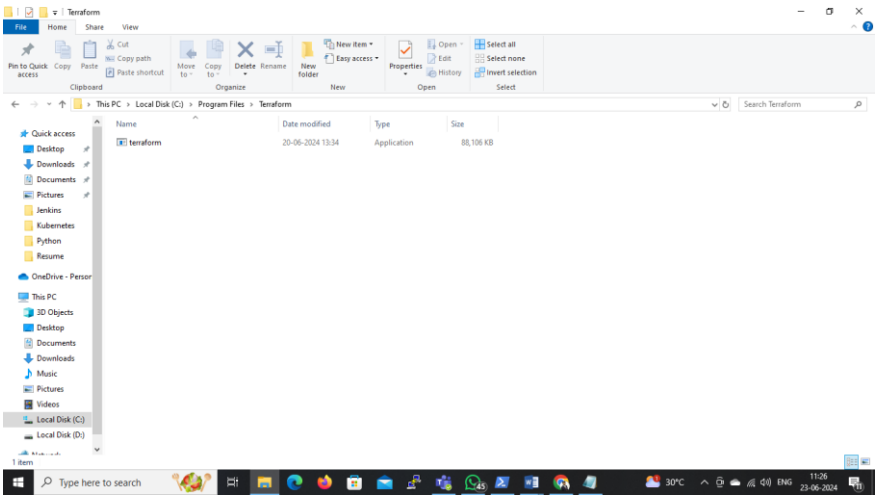
- Go to the Terraform download page.
- Download the appropriate package for your operating system.



2. **Install Terraform:**

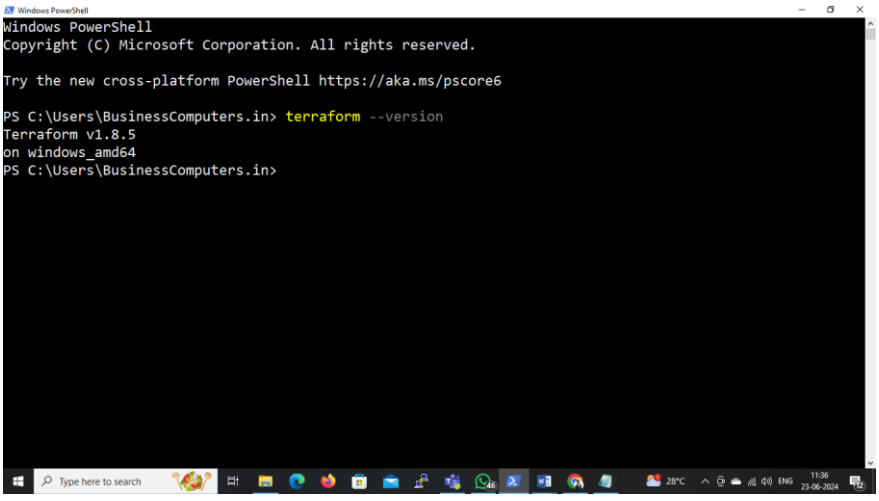
- Unzip the downloaded file.
- Move the terraform.exe file to a directory included in our system's PATH. Typically, we can place it in **C:\Program Files\Terraform**
- Search system variables in laptop & click on edit syetem variables.
- Open a window which is shiown below.
- a. Click on Envirnonment Variables
- b. In system variable drop down list select path and click on Edit
- c. Open a new window click on new button
- d. Add a path which is shown as **C:\Program Files\Terraform**





3. **Verify Installation:**

   - Open a command prompt and type:

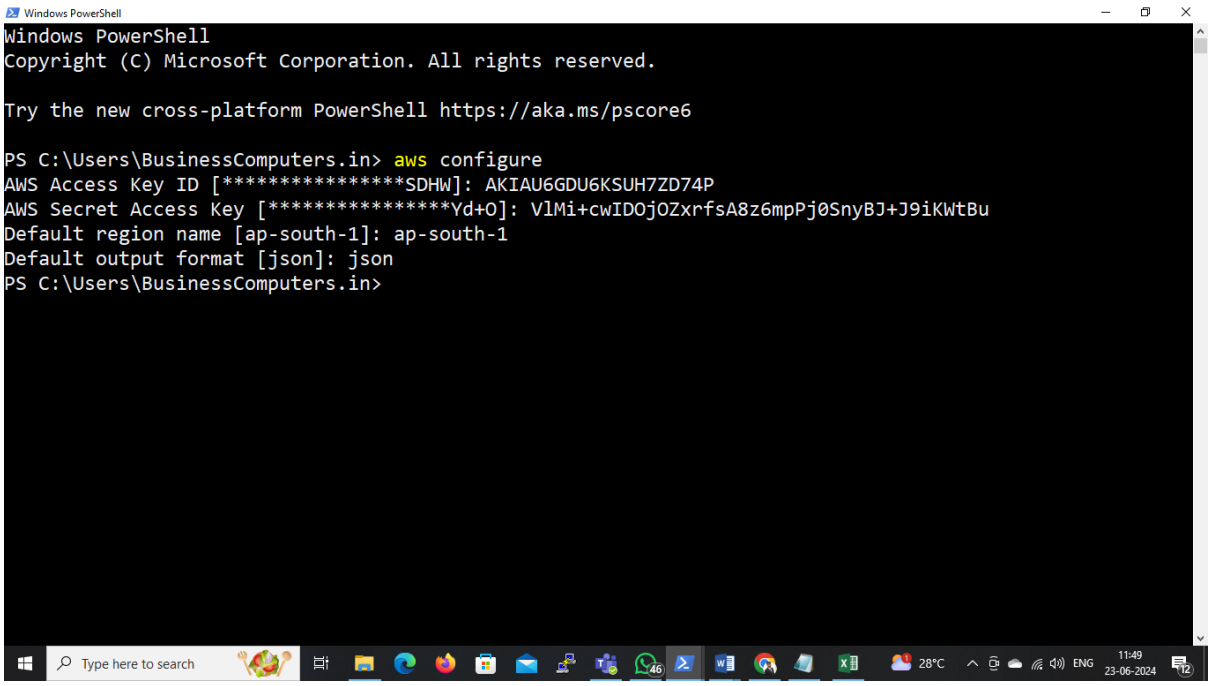


Step 2: Set Up AWS CLI

- Install AWS CLI: https://docs.aws.amazon.com/cli/latest/userguide/getting-started-install.html
- Follow the installation instructions for our OS from the above link

Configure AWS CLI:

- Open a command prompt and configure AWS CLI with our credentials:
- Enter AWS Access Key ID, Secret Access Key, default region name (`ap-south-1`), and default output format (e.g., `json`).



Step 3: Integrate AWS and Terraform with VS Code

- Install Visual Studio Code:
- Download and install VS Code. https://code.visualstudio.com/docs?dv=win
- Install Terraform Extension in VS Code:
- Open VS Code.
- Go to the Extensions view by clicking on the square icon in the sidebar or pressing Ctrl+Shift+X.
- Search for “Terraform” and install the extension by HashiCorp.
- Install AWS Toolkit Extension in VS Code:
- In the Extensions view, search for “AWS Toolkit” and install the extension by AWS.

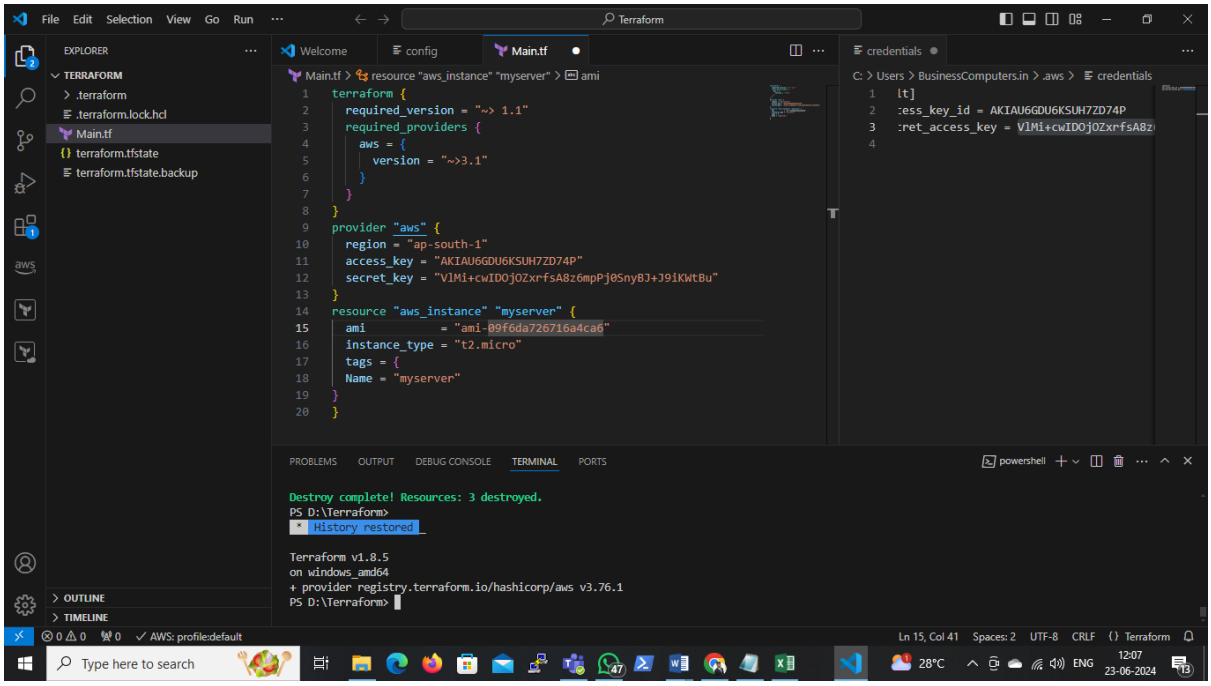
Step 4: Create Terraform Configuration in VS Code

Open a New Folder:

- In VS Code, open a new folder where we will store our Terraform configuration files.

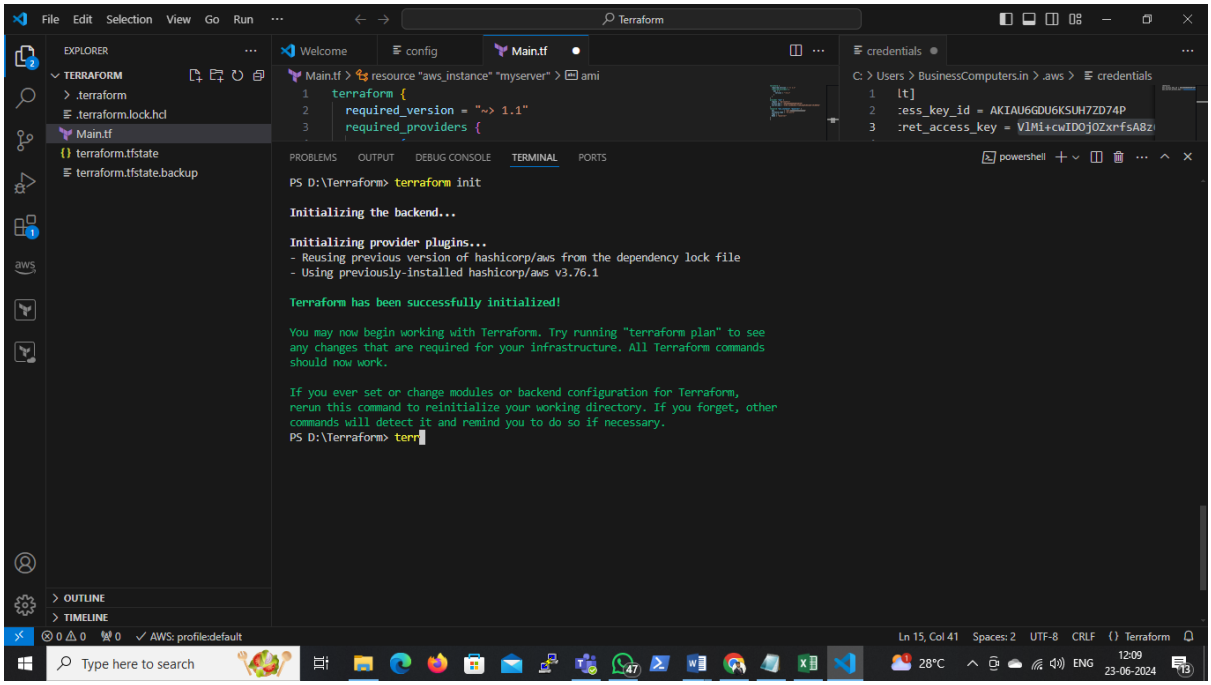
Create “ main.tf ” File:

- Create a new file named main.tf in the folder and add the following configuration:
- Make sure to replace the AMI ID with the latest Windows Server AMI for the ap-south-1 region.



Open the integrated terminal in VS Code & Run the following command

- terraform init



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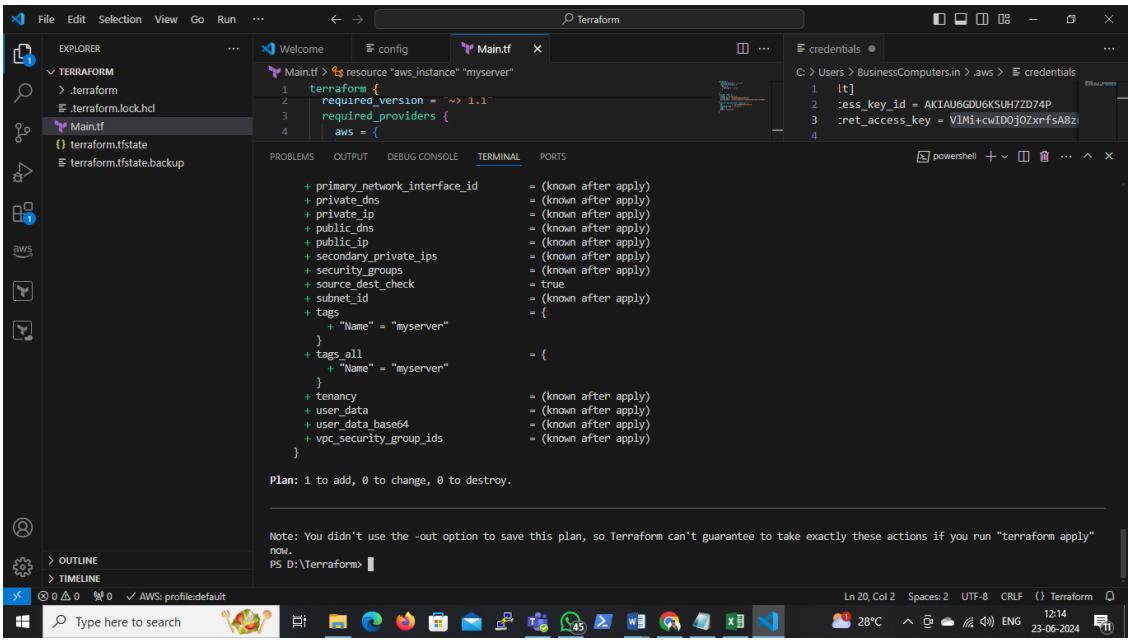

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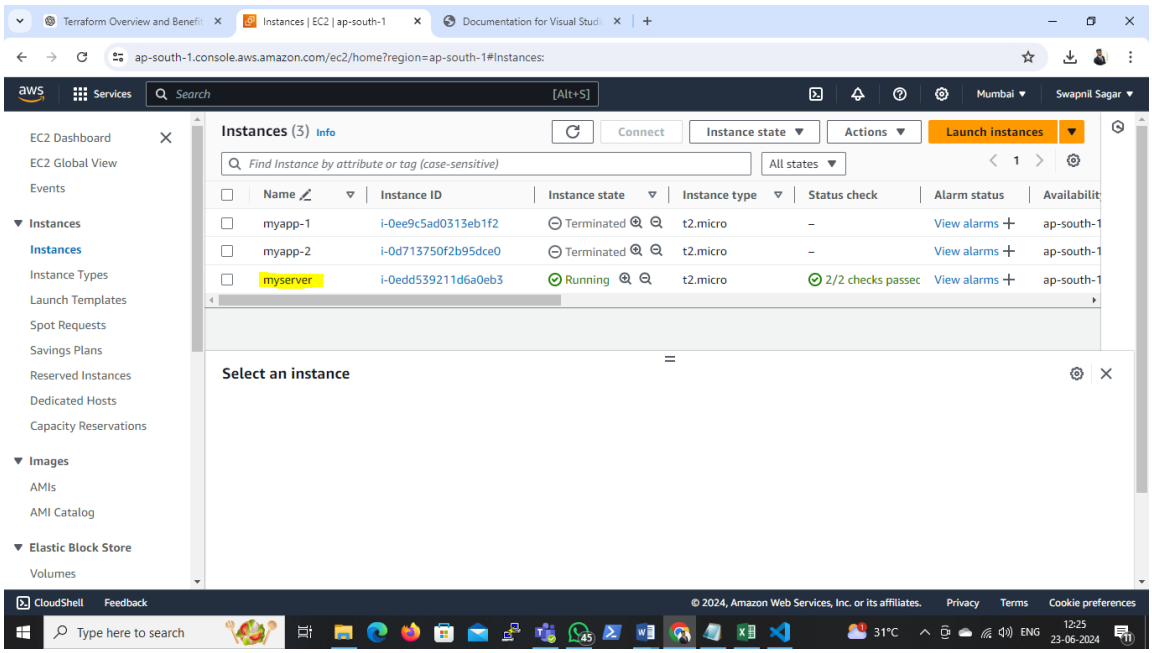

Created an EC2 instance named myserver with a Windows OS in the ap-south-1 region.