

Lab Exercise 18- Scanning IaC Templates for Vulnerabilities

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Objective

- Learn how to scan Infrastructure as Code (IaC) templates for security vulnerabilities.
- Use open-source IaC security tools to detect misconfigurations.
- Understand common risks such as public access, unencrypted resources, and insecure network rules.

Step 1: Create an Insecure IaC Template

Create a file named `main.tf` with the following Terraform code:

```
provider
"aws" { region
= "us-east-1"
```

```
resource "aws_s3_bucket"

"insecure_bucket" { bucket = "my-
insecure-bucket-lab"

  acl = "public-read"
}

resource "aws_security_group"

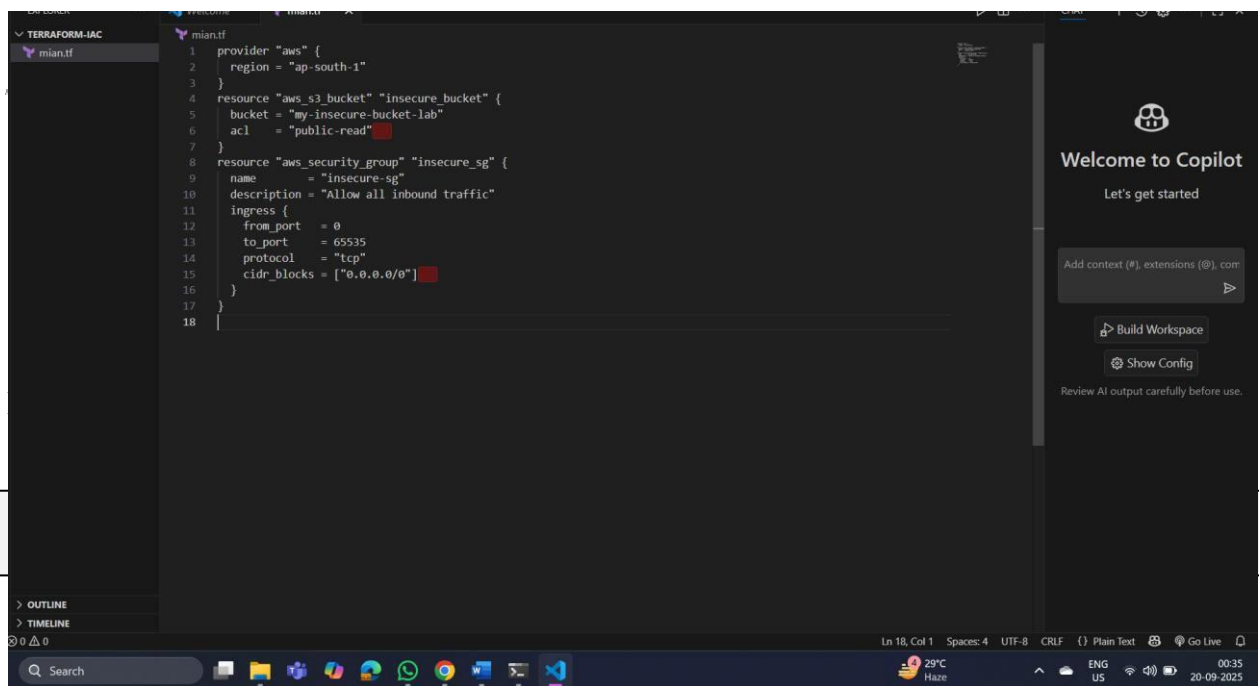
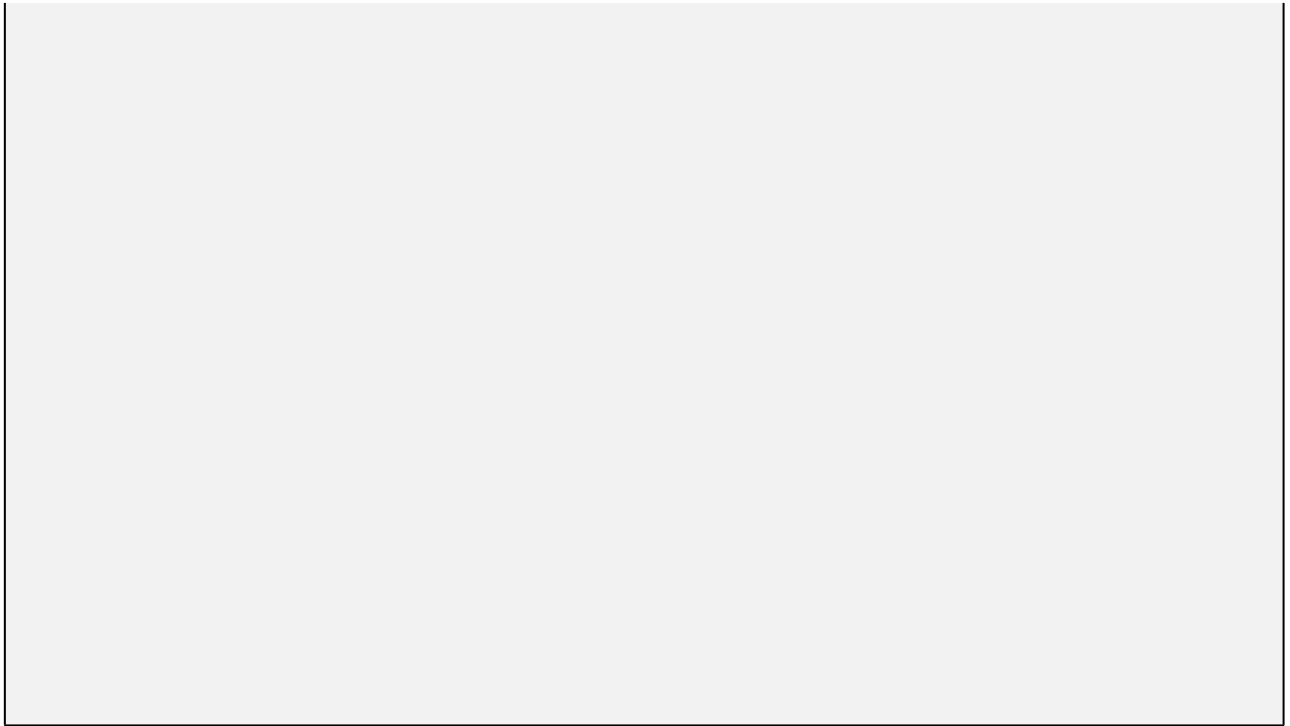
"insecure_sg" { name      = "insecure-
sg"

  description = "Allow all
inbound traffic" ingress {

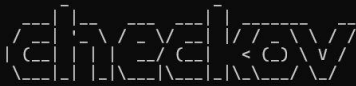
    from_port = 0

    to_port = 65535

    protocol = "tcp"
```



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C:\Terraform\terraform-iac>checkov -d .
File association not found for extension .py
[ terraform framework ]: 100%|██████████|[[1/1], Current File Scanned=mian.tf
[ secrets framework ]: 100%|██████████|[[1/1], Current File Scanned=.mian.tf
```



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terraform scan results:

Passed checks: 6, Failed checks: 13, Skipped checks: 0

Check: CKV_AWS_41: "Ensure no hard coded AWS access key and secret key exists in provider"

PASSED for resource: aws.default

File: \mian.tf:1-3

Guide: <https://docs.prismacloud.io/en/enterprise-edition/policy-reference/aws-policies/secrets-policies/bc-aws-secrets-5>

Check: CKV_AWS_93: "Ensure S3 bucket policy does not lockout all but root user. (Prevent lockouts needing root account fixes)"

PASSED for resource: aws_s3_bucket.insecure_bucket

File: \mian.tf:4-7

Guide: <https://docs.prismacloud.io/en/enterprise-edition/policy-reference/aws-policies/s3-policies/bc-aws-s3-24>

Check: CKV_AWS_382: "Ensure no security groups allow egress from 0.0.0.0:0 to port -1"

PASSED for resource: aws_security_group.insecure_sg

File: \mian.tf:8-17

Guide: <https://docs.prismacloud.io/en/enterprise-edition/policy-reference/aws-policies/aws-networking-policies/bc-aws-382>

Check: CKV_AWS_277: "Ensure no security groups allow ingress from 0.0.0.0:0 to port -1"

Guide: <https://docs.prismacloud.io/en/enterprise-edition/policy-reference/aws-policies/aws-networking-policies/bc-aws-382>

Check: CKV_AWS_277: "Ensure no security groups allow ingress from 0.0.0.0:0 to port -1"

PASSED for resource: aws_security_group.insecure_sg

File: \mian.tf:8-17

Guide: <https://docs.prismacloud.io/en/enterprise-edition/policy-reference/aws-policies/aws-networking-policies/ensure-aws-security-group-does-not-allow-all-traffic-on-all-ports>

Check: CKV_AWS_57: "S3 Bucket has an ACL defined which allows public WRITE access."

PASSED for resource: aws_s3_bucket.insecure_bucket

File: \mian.tf:4-7

Guide: <https://docs.prismacloud.io/en/enterprise-edition/policy-reference/aws-policies/s3-policies/s3-2-acl-write-permissions-everyone>

Check: CKV_AWS_19: "Ensure all data stored in the S3 bucket is securely encrypted at rest"

PASSED for resource: aws_s3_bucket.insecure_bucket

File: \mian.tf:4-7

Guide: <https://docs.prismacloud.io/en/enterprise-edition/policy-reference/aws-policies/s3-policies/s3-14-data-encrypted-at-rest>

Check: CKV_AWS_23: "Ensure every security group and rule has a description"

FAILED for resource: aws_security_group.insecure_sg

File: \mian.tf:8-17

Guide: <https://docs.prismacloud.io/en/enterprise-edition/policy-reference/aws-policies/aws-networking-policies/networking-31>

```
8 | resource "aws_security_group" "insecure_sg" {
9 |   name           = "insecure-sg"
10 |  description    = "Allow all inbound traffic"
11 |  ingress {
12 |    from_port = 0
13 |    to_port   = 65535
14 |    protocol  = "tcp"
15 |    cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
16 |  }
```

```
12 Command Prompt x + v
File: \mian.tf:4-7
Guide: https://docs.prismacloud.io/en/enterprise-edition/policy-reference/aws-policies/s3-policies/s3-1-acl-read-permissions-everyone

4 | resource "aws_s3_bucket" "insecure_bucket" {
5 |   bucket = "my-insecure-bucket-lab"
6 |   acl    = "public-read"
7 | }

Check: CKV2_AWS_61: "Ensure that an S3 bucket has a lifecycle configuration"
FAILED for resource: aws_s3_bucket.insecure_bucket
File: \mian.tf:4-7
Guide: https://docs.prismacloud.io/en/enterprise-edition/policy-reference/aws-policies/aws-logging-policies/bc-aws-2-61

4 | resource "aws_s3_bucket" "insecure_bucket" {
5 |   bucket = "my-insecure-bucket-lab"
6 |   acl    = "public-read"
7 | }

Check: CKV2_AWS_5: "Ensure that Security Groups are attached to another resource"
FAILED for resource: aws_security_group.insecure_sg
File: \mian.tf:8-17
Guide: https://docs.prismacloud.io/en/enterprise-edition/policy-reference/aws-policies/aws-networking-policies/ensure-that-security-groups-are-attached-to-ec2-instances-or-elastic-network-interfaces-enis

8 | resource "aws_security_group" "insecure_sg" {
9 |   name            = "insecure-sg"
10 |  description      = "Allow all inbound traffic"
11 |  ingress {
12 |    from_port = 0
13 |    to_port   = 65535
14 |    protocol  = "tcp"
15 |    cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
16 |  }
17 | }
```

Expected Findings:

- Public S3 bucket access (public-read)
- Security group open to all inbound traffic

Expected Findings:

- Warns about S3 bucket without encryption
 - Flags open Security Group rules
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Step 4: Review the Report

Example output (Checkov):

```
Check: CKV_AWS_20: "S3 Bucket allows public
read access" FAILED for resource:

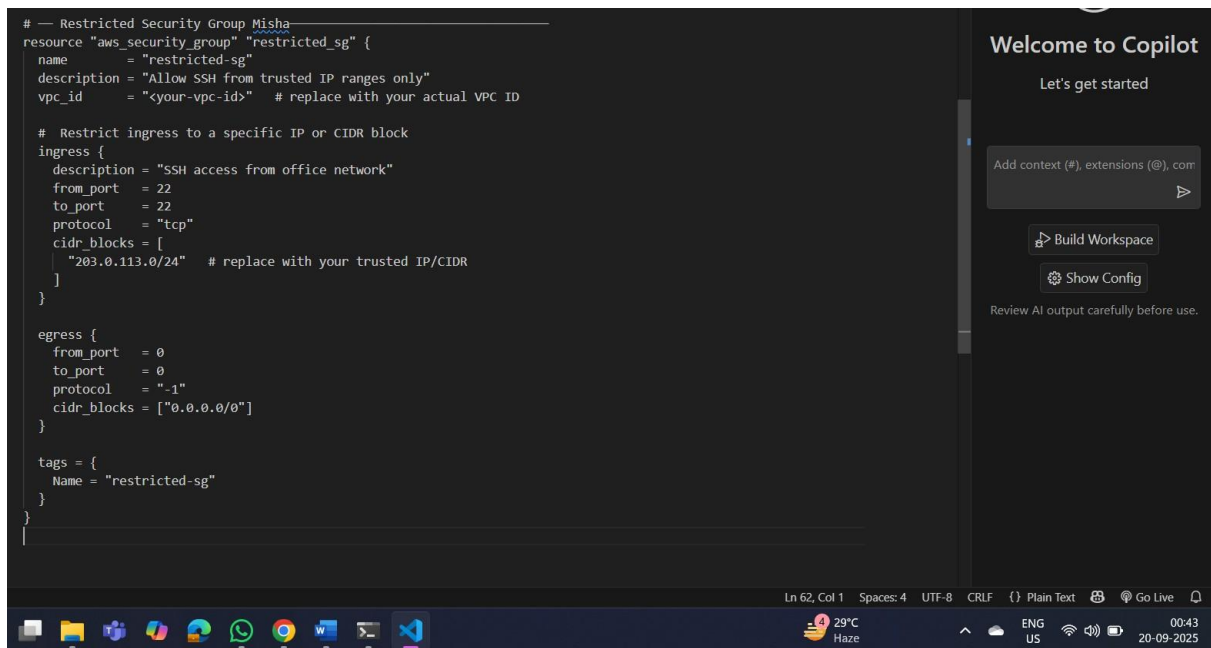
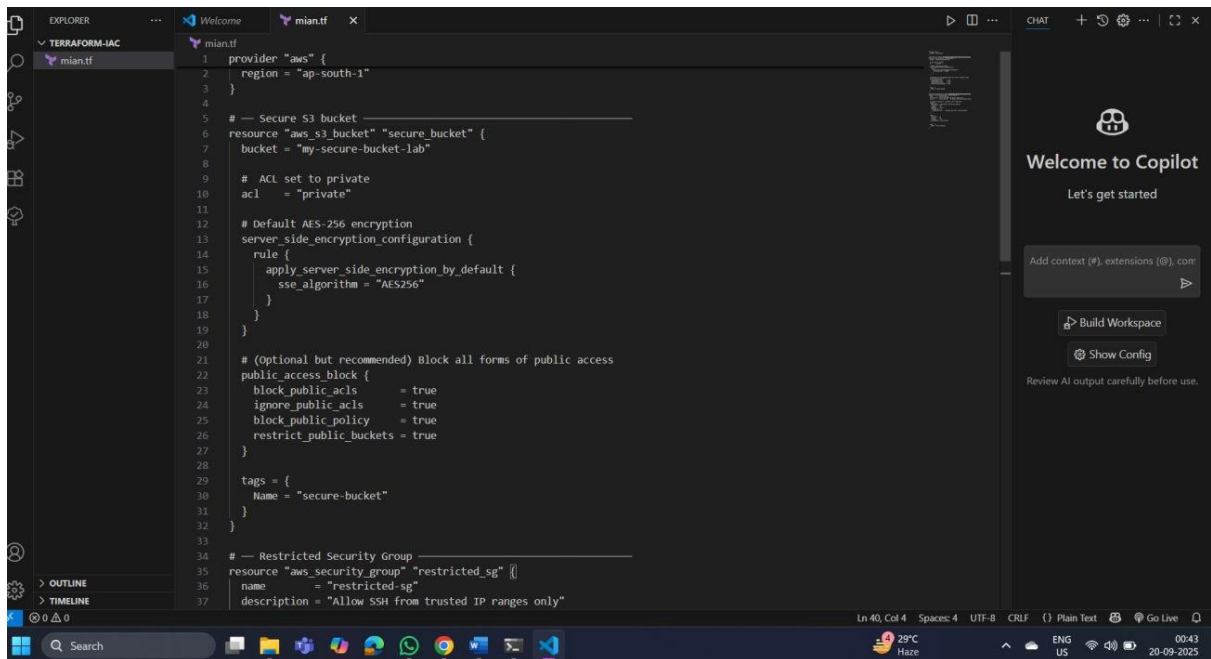
aws_s3_bucket.insecure_bucket

Check: CKV_AWS_260: "Security group allows ingress from 0.0.0.0/0"
```

Step 5: Apply Fixes (Optional)

Modify the IaC template to:

- Set S3 bucket ACL to private
- Enable encryption (AES256)
- Restrict Security Group to specific IP ranges



Step 6: Rescan the Template

Run the scan again

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terraform scan results:

Passed checks: 9, Failed checks: 10, Skipped checks: 0

Check: CKV_AWS_41: "Ensure no hard coded AWS access key and secret key exists in provider"

Now the findings should be **resolved or reduced**.

Step 7: Document Findings

Create a simple findings log:

Before the securing, terraform scan results

Passed checks: **6**, **Failed** checks: **13**, Skipped checks: 0

After securing-

terraform scan

results:

Passed checks: **9**, Failed checks: **10**, Skipped

checks: The number of failed test checks reduced,.