

Lab Exercise 18- Scanning IaC Templates for Vulnerabilities

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Objective

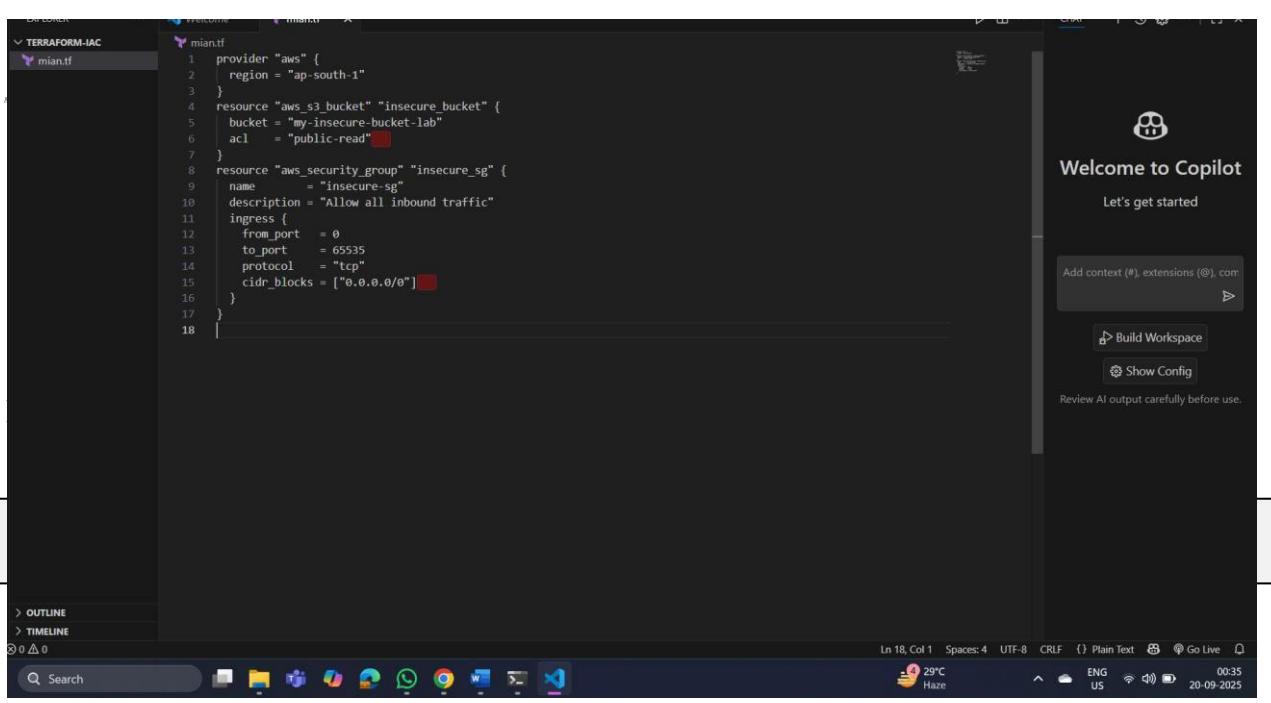
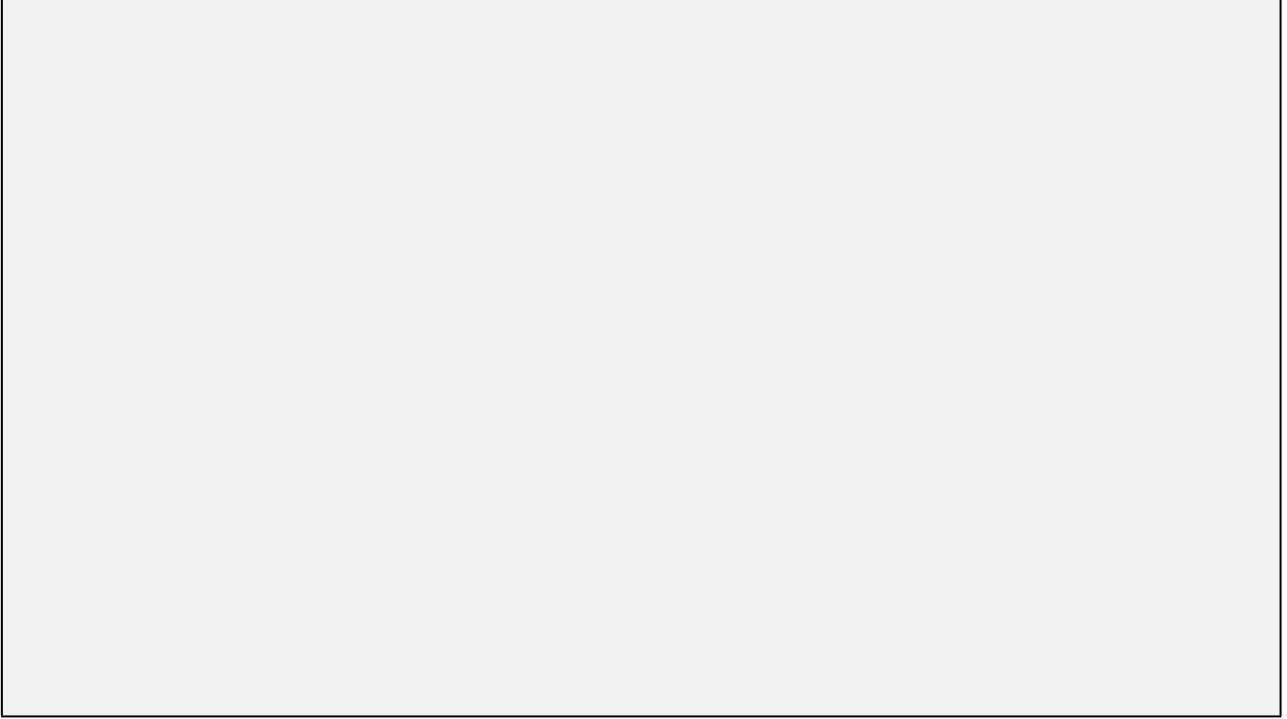
- Learn how to scan Infrastructure as Code (IaC) templates for security vulnerabilities.
- Use open-source IaC security tools to detect misconfigurations.
- Understand common risks such as public access, unencrypted resources, and insecure network rules.

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"
```



The image shows a terminal window at the top and a code editor window below it.

Terminal:

```
ls -l
```

Code Editor (TERRAFORM-IAC folder):

```
mian.tf
```

```
provider "aws" {
  region = "ap-south-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"
    cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
  }
}
```

Copilot AI Interface:

Welcome to Copilot

Let's get started

Add context (#), extensions (@), com ➡

Build Workspace

Show Config

Review AI output carefully before use.

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[ 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-s3-2
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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"

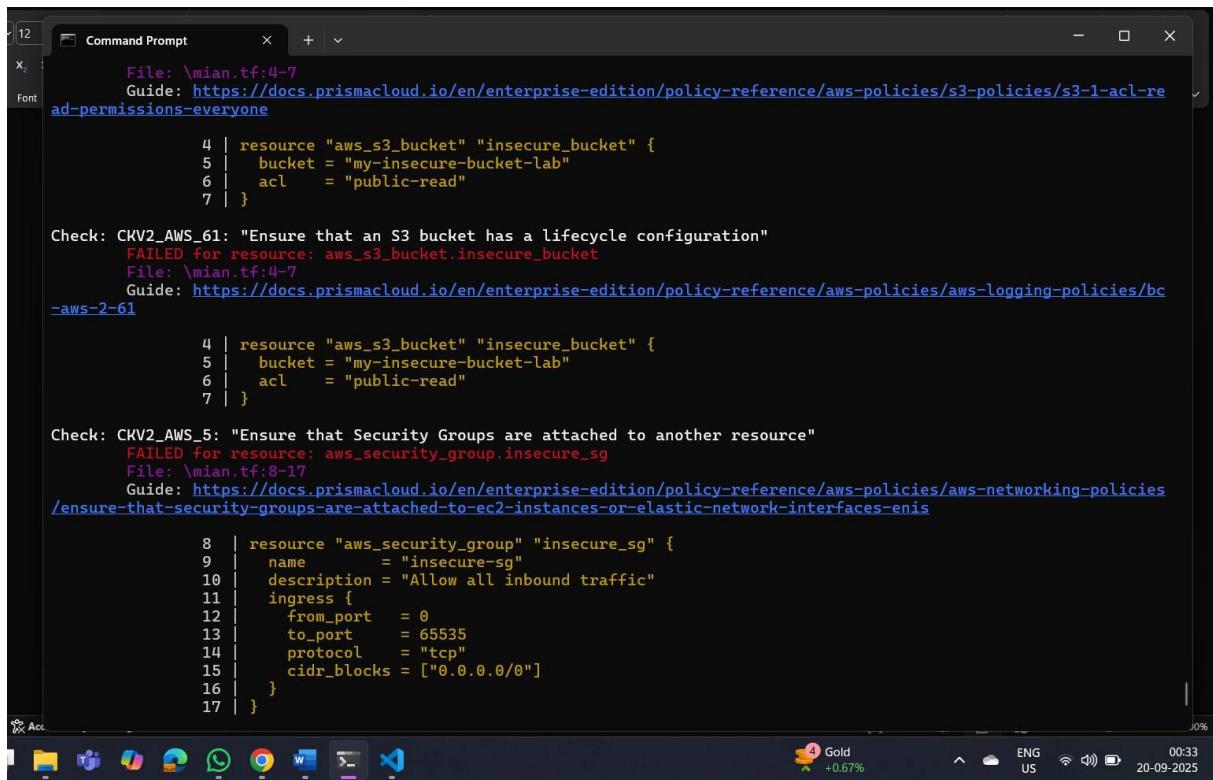
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    File: \mian.tf:8-17
    Guide: https://docs.prismacloud.io/en/enterprise-edition/policy-reference/aws-policies/aws-networking-policies/bc-aws-382
Check: CKV_AWS_277: "Ensure no security groups allow ingress from 0.0.0.0:0 to port -1"
    PASSED 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|     }

```



```
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-aaws-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

```
mian.tf
provider "aws" {
  region = "ap-south-1"
}

# — Secure S3 bucket
resource "aws_s3_bucket" "secure_bucket" {
  bucket = "my-secure-bucket-lab"

  # ACL set to private
  acl    = "private"

  # Default AES-256 encryption
  server_side_encryption_configuration {
    rule {
      apply_server_side_encryption_by_default {
        sse_algorithm = "AES256"
      }
    }
  }

  # (Optional but recommended) Block all forms of public access
  public_access_block {
    block_public_acls      = true
    ignore_public_acls     = true
    block_public_policy     = true
    restrict_public_buckets = true
  }

  tags = {
    Name = "secure-bucket"
  }
}

# — Restricted Security Group
resource "aws_security_group" "restricted_sg" {
  name            = "restricted-sg"
  description     = "Allow SSH from trusted IP ranges only"
  vpc_id          = <your-vpc-id> # replace with your actual VPC ID

  ingress {
    description = "SSH access from office network"
    from_port   = 22
    to_port     = 22
    protocol    = "tcp"
    cidr_blocks = [
      "203.0.113.0/24" # replace with your trusted IP/CIDR
    ]
  }

  egress {
    from_port   = 0
    to_port     = 0
    protocol    = "-1"
    cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
  }

  tags = {
    Name = "restricted-sg"
  }
}
```

```
# — Restricted Security Group Mishal
resource "aws_security_group" "restricted_sg" {
  name            = "restricted-sg"
  description     = "Allow SSH from trusted IP ranges only"
  vpc_id          = <your-vpc-id> # replace with your actual VPC ID

  ingress {
    description = "SSH access from office network"
    from_port   = 22
    to_port     = 22
    protocol    = "tcp"
    cidr_blocks = [
      "203.0.113.0/24" # replace with your trusted IP/CIDR
    ]
  }

  egress {
    from_port   = 0
    to_port     = 0
    protocol    = "-1"
    cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
  }

  tags = {
    Name = "restricted-sg"
  }
}
```

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-

terrafrom scan

results:

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

checks: The number of failed test checks reduced.,