

Lesson 10 Demo 03

Configuring Terraform State Backend Storage

Objective: To configure and manage Terraform state using the AWS S3 backend for ensuring reliable state storage and management

Tools required: Visual Studio Code

Prerequisites: Ensure you have created and implemented the AWS access key and secret key before starting this demo. Refer to Lesson 08 Assisted Practice 02 for detailed steps.

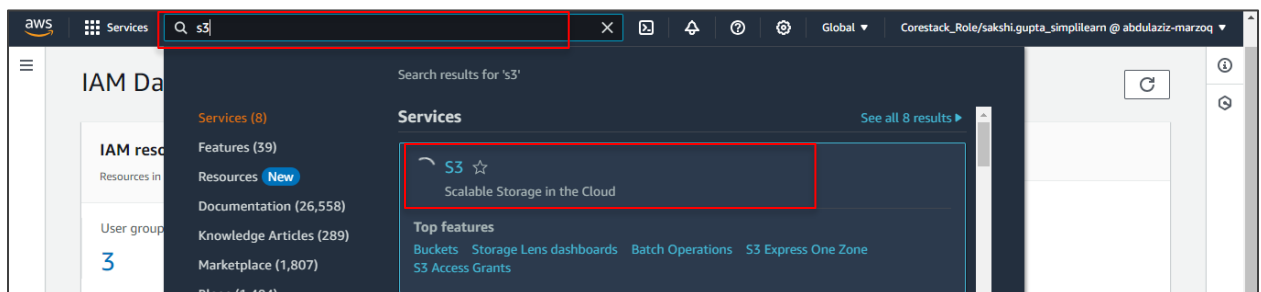
Note: The folder structure created in the previous demos is used here. It is also included in the resources section of LMS. Please refer Lesson_10_demo_01

Steps to be followed:

1. Enable versioning on the S3 bucket
2. Enable encryption on the S3 bucket
3. Enable locking for the S3 backend
4. Remove existing resources with the terraform destroy command

Step 1: Enable versioning on the S3 bucket

- 1.1 Log in to the AWS Management Console and navigate to the **S3** service using the search bar



1.2 Click on the previously created bucket named **myterraformstatedemo**

The screenshot shows the AWS S3 console interface. At the top, there are two tabs: 'General purpose buckets' (selected) and 'Directory buckets'. Below the tabs, there's a section titled 'General purpose buckets (2)' with an 'Info' link and a 'All AWS Regions' button. Below this, there are several buttons: a refresh icon, 'Copy ARN', 'Empty', 'Delete', and a prominent orange 'Create bucket' button. A text line states 'Buckets are containers for data stored in S3.' Below this is a search bar labeled 'Find buckets by name'. To the right of the search bar are navigation arrows showing '1' and a settings gear icon. Below these elements is a table with columns: 'Name', 'AWS Region', 'IAM Access Analyzer', and 'Creation date'. The table contains two rows. The first row is for 'implicitdenydemo' in 'US East (N. Virginia) us-east-1', created on 'December 30, 2022, 11:31:45 (UTC+05:30)'. The second row is for 'myterraformstatedemo' in 'US East (N. Virginia) us-east-1', created on 'June 28, 2024, 11:04:28 (UTC+05:30)'. This second row is highlighted with a red rectangular box.

Name	AWS Region	IAM Access Analyzer	Creation date
implicitdenydemo	US East (N. Virginia) us-east-1	View analyzer for us-east-1	December 30, 2022, 11:31:45 (UTC+05:30)
myterraformstatedemo	US East (N. Virginia) us-east-1	View analyzer for us-east-1	June 28, 2024, 11:04:28 (UTC+05:30)

1.3 Click on **Properties**

The screenshot shows the AWS S3 console interface for a specific bucket. The breadcrumb navigation at the top reads 'Amazon S3 > Buckets > myterraformstatedemo'. Below this, the bucket name 'myterraformstatedemo' is displayed with an 'Info' link. A horizontal tab bar contains several tabs: 'Objects' (selected), 'Properties' (highlighted with a red box), 'Permissions', 'Metrics', 'Management', and 'Access Points'. Below the tabs, there's a section titled 'Objects (1)' with an 'Info' link. Below this, there are several buttons: a refresh icon, 'Copy S3 URI', 'Copy URL', 'Download', 'Open' (with an external link icon), 'Delete', and an 'Actions' dropdown menu. Below these buttons are 'Create folder' and an orange 'Upload' button. A text line states 'Objects are the fundamental entities stored in Amazon S3. You can use [Amazon S3 inventory](#) to get a list of all objects in your bucket. For others to access your objects, you'll need to explicitly grant them permissions. [Learn more](#)'. Below this is a search bar labeled 'Find objects by prefix'. To the right of the search bar are navigation arrows showing '1' and a settings gear icon. Below these elements is a table with columns: 'Name', 'Type', 'Last modified', 'Size', and 'Storage class'. The table contains one row for a folder named 'prod/' with a folder icon, type 'Folder', and dashes for the other columns.


Name	Type	Last modified	Size	Storage class
prod/	Folder	-	-	-

Amazon S3 > Buckets > myterraformstatedemo


myterraformstatedemo [Info](#)

Objects **Properties** Permissions Metrics Management Access Points

Bucket overview

AWS Region US East (N. Virginia) us-east-1	Amazon Resource Name (ARN)  arn:aws:s3:::myterraformstatedemo	Creation date June 28, 2024, 11:04:28 (UTC+05:30)
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Bucket Versioning [Edit](#)

Versioning is a means of keeping multiple variants of an object in the same bucket. You can use versioning to preserve, retrieve, and restore every version of every object stored in your Amazon S3 bucket. With versioning, you can easily recover from both unintended user actions and application failures. [Learn more](#) 

Bucket Versioning

1.4 Scroll down to **Bucket Versioning** and click on **Edit**


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Bucket Versioning

Disabled

Multi-factor authentication (MFA) delete

An additional layer of security that requires multi-factor authentication for changing Bucket Versioning settings and permanently deleting object versions. To modify MFA delete settings, use the AWS CLI, AWS SDK, or the Amazon S3 REST API. [Learn more](#) 

Disabled

1.5 Select **Enable** and click on **Save changes**

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Bucket Versioning

☐ Suspend
This suspends the creation of object versions for all operations but preserves any existing object versions.

☒ **Enable**

After enabling Bucket Versioning, you might need to update your lifecycle rules to manage previous versions of objects.

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Disabled

Cancel

Save changes

Versioning on the S3 bucket is successfully enabled, and the following message is shown:

✓ **Successfully edited Bucket Versioning**

To transition, archive, or delete older object versions, [configure lifecycle rules](#) for this bucket.

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Edit

- 1.6 Make a configuration change in Terraform **main.tf** file to generate a new state version using the following code:

```
resource "aws_instance" "web_server" {  
  ami      = "ami-12345678"  
  instance_type = "t2.small"  
  subnet_id = "subnet-12345678"  
  tags = {  
    Name = "Web EC2 Server 2"  
  }  
}
```

```
362 # Terraform Resource Block - To Build EC2 instance in Public Subnet  
363 resource "aws_instance" "web_server_2" {  
364     ami      = data.aws_ami.ubuntu.id  
365     instance_type = "t2.small"  
366     subnet_id = aws_subnet.public_subnets["public_subnet_2"].id  
367     tags = {  
368         Name = "Web EC2 Server 2"  
369     }  
370 }
```

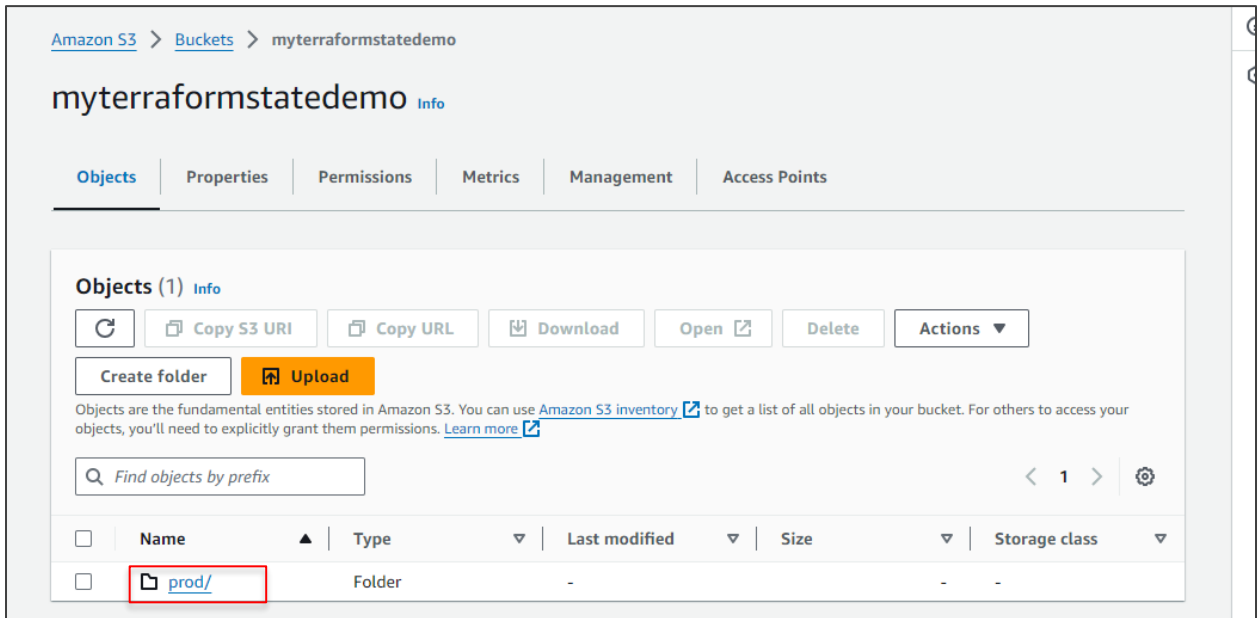
- 1.7 Execute the following command in the terminal to apply the configuration changes:
terraform apply

```
o sakshiguptasimp@ip-172-31-22-2:~/Desktop/Terraform$ terraform apply
```

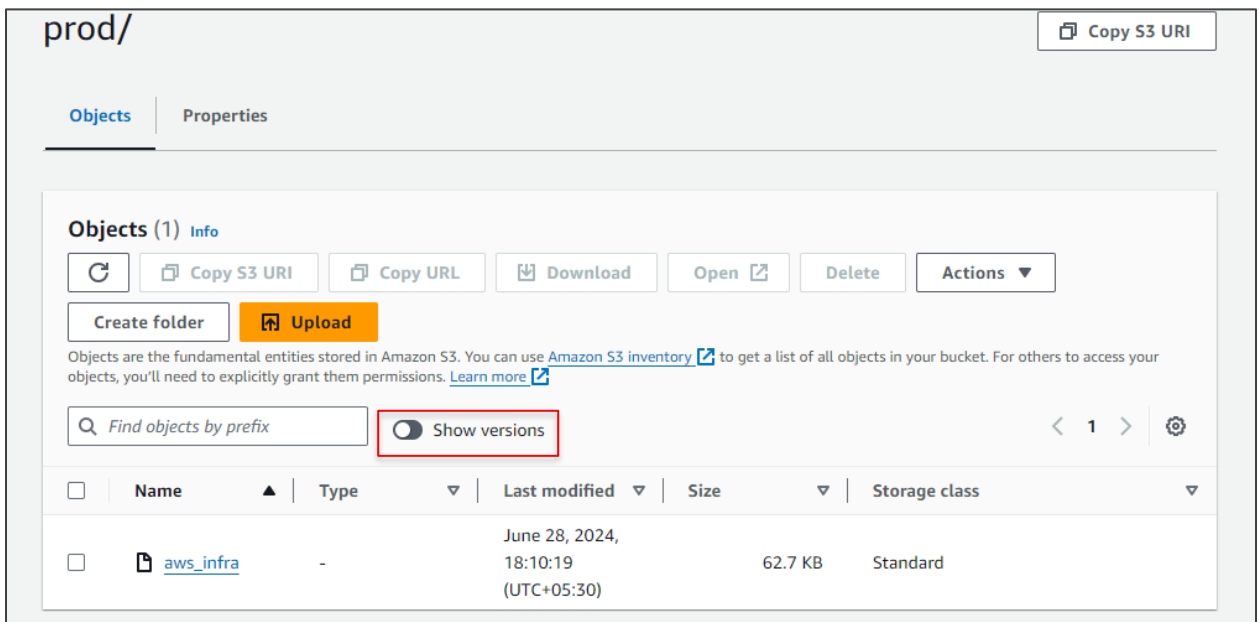
- 1.8 When prompted, approve the changes by typing **yes**

```
PROBLEMS  OUTPUT  TERMINAL  DEBUG CONSOLE  PORTS  
  
}  
  
Plan: 0 to add, 1 to change, 0 to destroy.  
  
Do you want to perform these actions?  
Terraform will perform the actions described above.  
Only 'yes' will be accepted to approve.  
  
Enter a value: yes
```

1.9 Go to the Amazon S3 management console and click on the folder named **/prod**



1.10 Enable **Show versions** and the newly created versions of the Terraform configurations will appear



Objects (3) Info

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Copy S3 URI

Copy URL

Download

Open

Delete

Actions




Create folder

Upload

Objects are the fundamental entities stored in Amazon S3. You can use [Amazon S3 inventory](#) to get a list of all objects in your bucket. For others to access your objects, you'll need to explicitly grant them permissions. [Learn more](#)

Find objects by prefix

Show versions

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Type	Version ID	Last modified	Size	Storage class
<input type="checkbox"/>	 aws_infra	-	lGL.NZ9EBxBFws c_VKQ.xCp1e1zk ztkl	June 28, 2024, 18:10:19 (UTC+05:30)	62.7 KB	Standard
<input type="checkbox"/>	 aws_infra	-	2dQUPfg0pMI_B V2T1iOezOGUm zE9NAOb	June 28, 2024, 17:56:46 (UTC+05:30)	62.7 KB	Standard
<input type="checkbox"/>	 aws_infra	-	l1piH189t5.p44 QKu5TPub94rGx y_Qcd	June 28, 2024, 17:54:54 (UTC+05:30)	59.2 KB	Standard

Step 2: Enable encryption on the S3 bucket

2.1 In the Amazon S3 management console, go into the created bucket named **myterraformstatedemo**, and click on **Properties**

Amazon S3 > Buckets > myterraformstatedemo

myterraformstatedemo Info

Objects

Properties

Permissions

Metrics

Management

Access Points

Objects (1) Info

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Create folder

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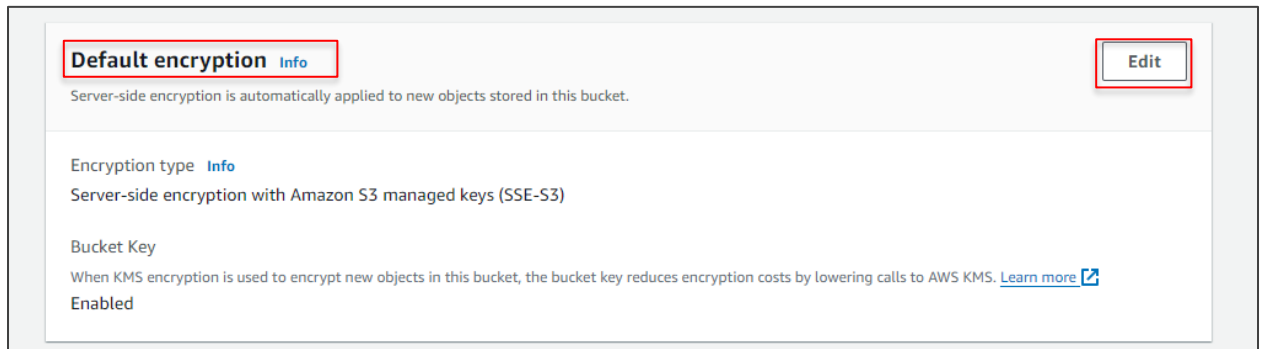
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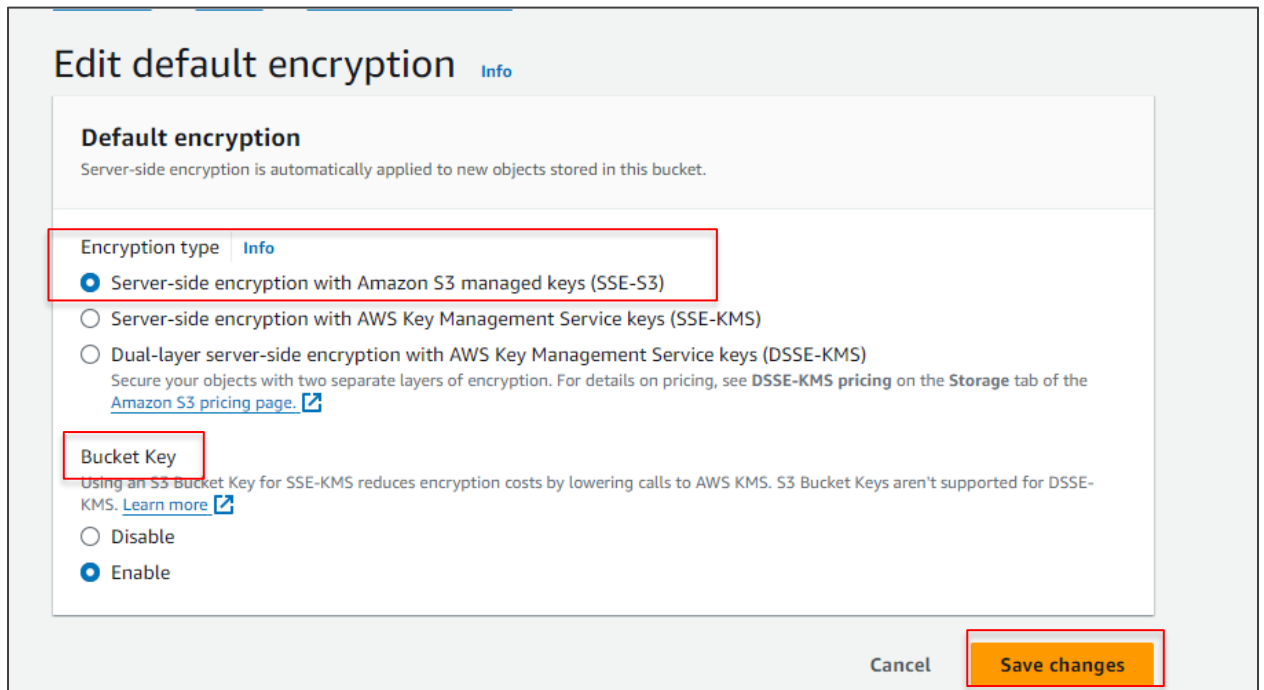
Show versions

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Type	Last modified	Size	Storage class
<input type="checkbox"/>	 prod/	Folder	-	-	-

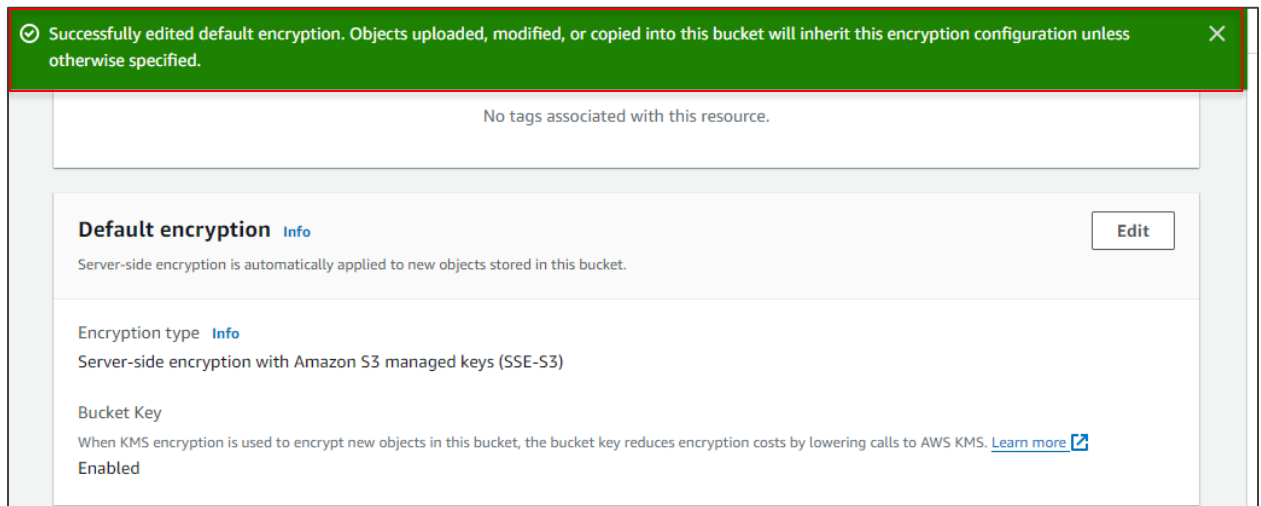
2.2 Scroll down to the **Default encryption** section and click on **Edit**



2.3 Make sure the **Encryption type** is selected and the **Bucket Key** is enabled as shown in the following screenshot. Click on **Save changes**.

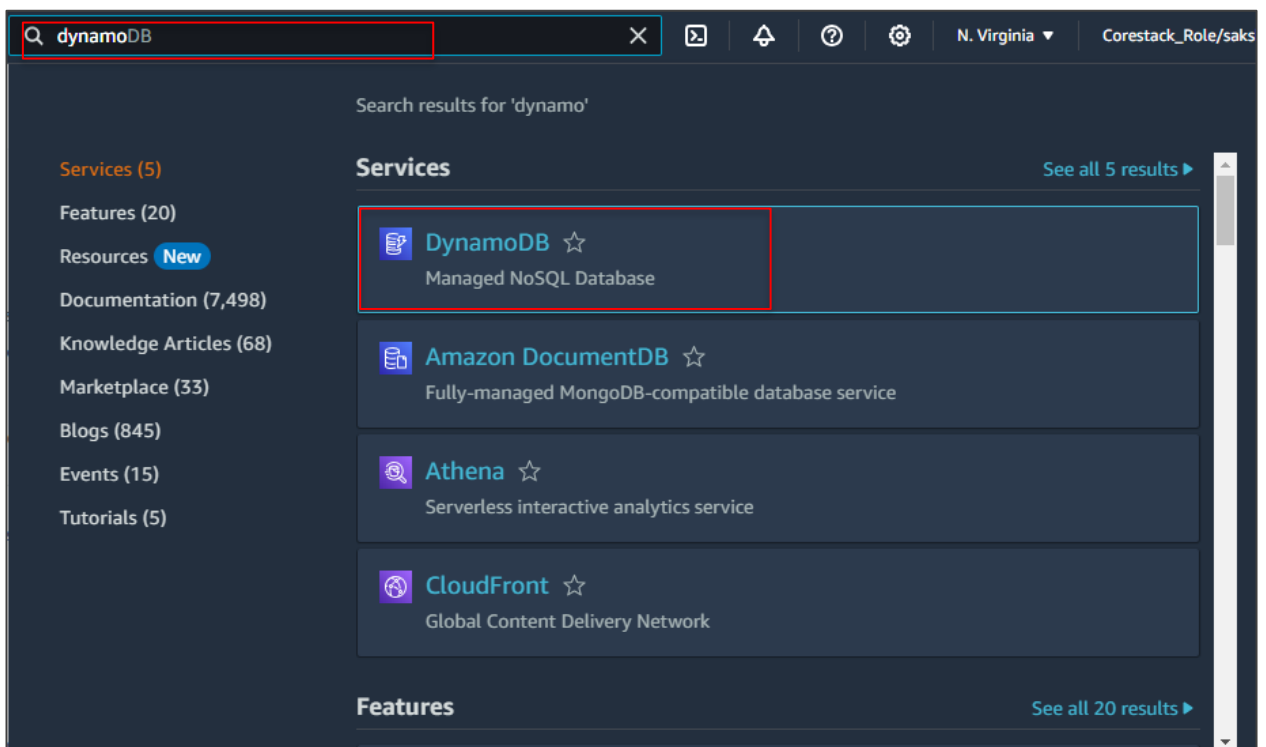


Encryption on the S3 bucket is successfully enabled, and the following message will be displayed:

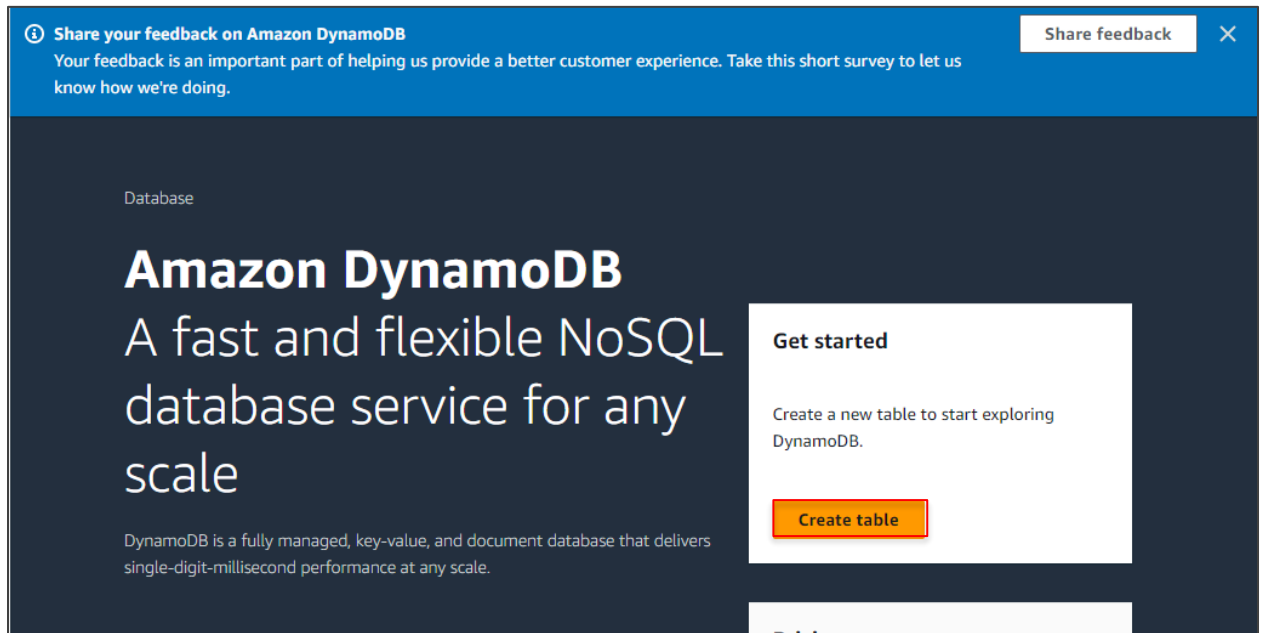


Step 3: Enable locking for the S3 backend

3.1 Go to the AWS Console, search for **dynamoDB** in the search bar, and select the **DynamoDB** service



3.2 Click on **Create table**



3.3 Name the table as **terraform-locks** and add the **Partition key** as **LockID**

Table details [Info](#)
DynamoDB is a schemaless database that requires only a table name and a primary key when you create the table.

Table name
This will be used to identify your table.

Between 3 and 255 characters, containing only letters, numbers, underscores (_), hyphens (-), and periods (.).

Partition key
The partition key is part of the table's primary key. It is a hash value that is used to retrieve items from your table and allocate data across hosts for scalability and availability.

1 to 255 characters and case sensitive.

Sort key - optional
You can use a sort key as the second part of a table's primary key. The sort key allows you to sort or search among all items sharing the same partition key.

1 to 255 characters and case sensitive.

3.4 Retain the other settings as default and click on **Create table**

Encryption key management	Owned by Amazon DynamoDB	Yes
Deletion protection	Off	Yes
Resource-based policy	Not active	Yes

Tags

Tags are pairs of keys and optional values, that you can assign to AWS resources. You can use tags to control access to your resources or track your AWS spending.

No tags are associated with the resource.

[Add new tag](#)

You can add 50 more tags.

This table will be created with auto scaling deactivated. You do not have permissions to turn on auto scaling.

[Cancel](#) [Create table](#)

[DynamoDB](#) > [Tables](#)

Tables (1) [Info](#) [Refresh](#) [Actions](#) [Delete](#) [Create table](#)

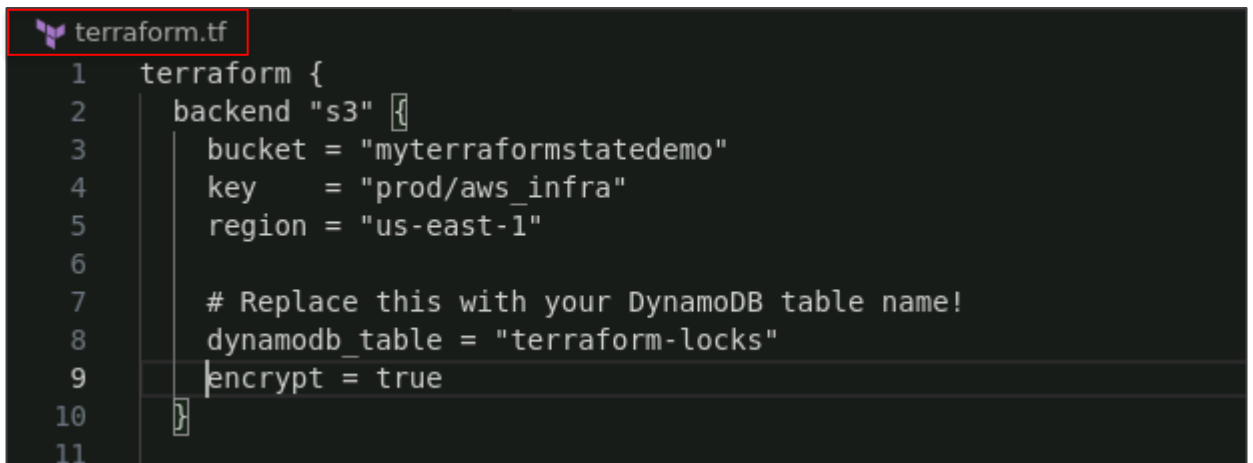
[<](#) [1](#) [>](#) [Settings](#)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Status	Partition key	Sort key	Indexes	Deletion protection	Read capacity mode
<input type="checkbox"/>	terraform-locks	Active	LockID (S)	-	0	Off	Provisioned (5)

The table will be created as shown above.

3.5 Update the backend configuration in **terraform.tf** to use the DynamoDB table with the following code:

```
terraform {  
  backend "s3" {  
    bucket    = "myterraformstatedemo"  
    key       = "prod/aws_infra"  
    region    = "us-east-1"  
    dynamodb_table = "terraform-locks"  
    encrypt   = true  
  }  
}
```

A screenshot of a code editor with a dark background. The file name 'terraform.tf' is shown in the top left corner with a red border. The code is as follows:

```
1 terraform {  
2   backend "s3" {  
3     bucket = "myterraformstatedemo"  
4     key    = "prod/aws_infra"  
5     region = "us-east-1"  
6  
7     # Replace this with your DynamoDB table name!  
8     dynamodb_table = "terraform-locks"  
9     encrypt = true  
10  }  
11 }
```

3.6 Reinitialize the backend using the following command:

terraform init -reconfigure

```
● sakshiguptasimp@ip-172-31-22-2:~/Desktop/Terraform$ terraform init -reconfigure
Initializing modules...

Initializing the backend...

Successfully configured the backend "s3"! Terraform will automatically
use this backend unless the backend configuration changes.

Initializing provider plugins...

You may now begin working with Terraform. Try running "terraform plan" to see
any changes that are required for your infrastructure. All Terraform commands
should now work.

If you ever set or change modules or backend configuration for Terraform,
rerun this command to reinitialize your working directory. If you forget, other
commands will detect it and remind you to do so if necessary.
○ sakshiguptasimp@ip-172-31-22-2:~/Desktop/Terraform$
```

3.7 Use the following command to apply the configuration changes:

terraform apply

```
○ sakshiguptasimp@ip-172-31-22-2:~/Desktop/Terraform$ terraform apply
```

3.8 When prompted, approve the changes by typing **yes**

```
PROBLEMS  OUTPUT  TERMINAL  DEBUG CONSOLE  PORTS

}

Plan: 0 to add, 1 to change, 0 to destroy.

Do you want to perform these actions?
  Terraform will perform the actions described above.
  Only 'yes' will be accepted to approve.

Enter a value: yes
```

```
PROBLEMS  OUTPUT  TERMINAL  DEBUG CONSOLE  PORTS

Outputs:

public_dns = "ec2-18-207-104-133.compute-1.amazonaws.com"
public_dns_server_subnet_1 = "ec2-54-163-63-185.compute-1.amazonaws.com"
public_ip = "18.207.104.133"
public_ip_server_subnet_1 = "54.163.63.185"
size = "t2.micro"
○ sakshiguptasimp@ip-172-31-22-2:~/Desktop/Terraform$
```

Step 4: Remove existing resources with the terraform destroy command

- 4.1 Clean up and destroy all managed infrastructure to prepare for the next demo using the following command:

terraform destroy

```
PROBLEMS  OUTPUT  TERMINAL  DEBUG CONSOLE  PORTS

public_ip_server_subnet_1 = "54.163.63.185"
size = "t2.micro"
○ sakshiguptasimp@ip-172-31-22-2:~/Desktop/Terraform$ terraform destroy
random_string.random: Refreshing state... [id=aFH6wa#z4}]
tls_private_key.generated: Refreshing state... [id=97e6e3926721ef3e34a143c66d76d2db03b1caa9]
local_file.private_key_pem: Refreshing state... [id=a373aelb341cce8b6650e7be99b70d875bdf9f74]
aws_key_pair.generated: Refreshing state... [id=MyAWSKey]
aws_vpc.vpc: Refreshing state... [id=vpc-0a22392922397513a]
```

- 4.2 When prompted, approve the destroy by typing **yes**

```
PROBLEMS  OUTPUT  TERMINAL  DEBUG CONSOLE  PORTS

- public_ip                = "18.207.104.133" -> null
- public_ip_server_subnet_1 = "54.163.63.185" -> null
- size                     = "t2.micro" -> null

Do you really want to destroy all resources?
Terraform will destroy all your managed infrastructure, as shown above.
There is no undo. Only 'yes' will be accepted to confirm.

Enter a value: 
```

```
PROBLEMS  OUTPUT  TERMINAL  DEBUG CONSOLE  PORTS

- public_ip           = "18.207.104.133" -> null
- public_ip_server_subnet_1 = "54.163.63.185" -> null
- size                = "t2.micro" -> null

Do you really want to destroy all resources?
Terraform will destroy all your managed infrastructure, as shown above.
There is no undo. Only 'yes' will be accepted to confirm.

Enter a value: yes
```

```
aws_eip.nat_gateway_eip: Destruction complete after 1s
aws_internet_gateway.internet_gateway: Destroying... [id=igw-05730369c684d5b08]
aws_internet_gateway.internet_gateway: Destruction complete after 0s
aws_vpc.vpc: Destroying... [id=vpc-0a22392922397513a]
aws_vpc.vpc: Destruction complete after 0s

Destroy complete! Resources: 30 destroyed.
```

4.3 Validate the destruction using the following command:

terraform state list

```
● sakshiguptasimp@ip-172-31-22-2:~/Desktop/Terraform$ terraform state list
○ sakshiguptasimp@ip-172-31-22-2:~/Desktop/Terraform$
```

Since there are no files present, this indicates that the infrastructure has been successfully cleaned and destroyed.

By following these steps, you have successfully configured and managed Terraform state using the AWS S3 backend for ensuring reliable state storage and management.