### Lesson 08 Demo 04

# **Creating a Simple HCL Configuration File**

**Objective:** To create a basic HCL configuration file for setting up and managing AWS

resources using Terraform

Prerequisites: AWS account with access keys, Terraform installed

Tools required: Terraform, VS code, AWS CLI

#### Steps to be followed:

1. Prepare files and credentials for using Terraform

- 2. Write the HCL configuration in the main.tf
- 3. Validate and apply the Terraform configuration
- 4. Clean up resources

# Step 1: Prepare files and credentials for using Terraform

1.1 Create a folder named **Terraform** on the desktop





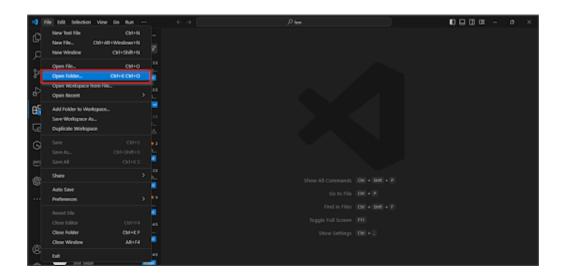
1.2 Double-click on the **VS Code editor** icon present on the desktop to open it



1.3 Open the **File** option present on the top console



1.4 Click on the **Open Folder** from the drop-down menu to open the Terraform folder

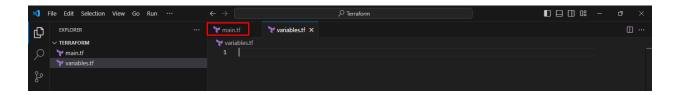


The **Terraform** folder will be opened in the VS Code editor.

1.5 Navigate to the **Terraform** folder on the editor and click on the **New File** option to create the main file



1.6 Create a file named main.tf



# Step 2: Write the HCL configuration in main.tf

2.1 In the main.tf file, copy the following code to set up the AWS provider:

```
provider "aws"
{
  access_key = "<YOUR_AWS_ACCESS_KEY>"
  secret_key = "<YOUR_AWS_SECRET_KEY>"
  region = "us-east-1"
}

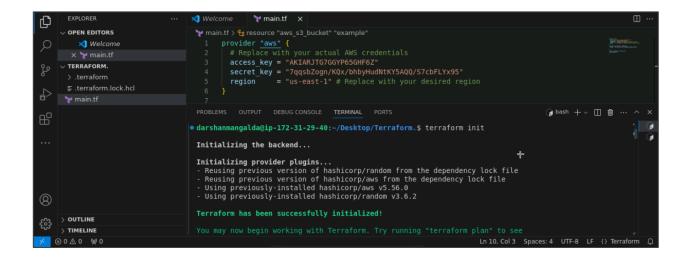
resource "aws_s3_bucket" "example"
{
  bucket = "my-unique-bucket-${random_id.bucket_id.hex}"
}

resource "random_id" "bucket_id"
{
  byte_length = 8
}
```

**Note:** Replace <YOUR\_AWS\_ACCESS\_KEY> and <YOUR\_AWS\_SECRET\_KEY> with your actual AWS credentials.

2.2 Open the terminal in VS Code and run the following command to initialize terraform:

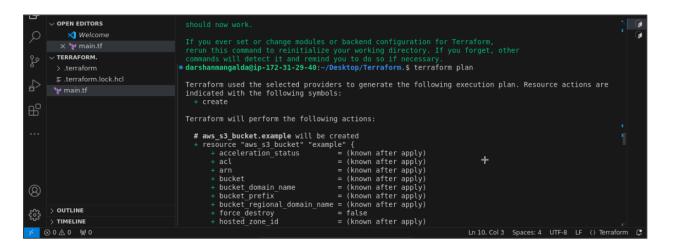
#### terraform init



### Step 3: Validate and apply the Terraform configuration

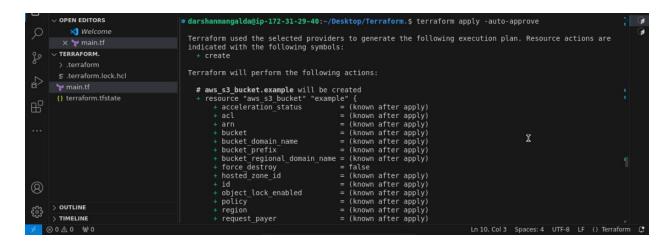
3.1 Run the following command to create an execution plan:

#### terraform plan



3.2 Execute the following command to apply the configuration:

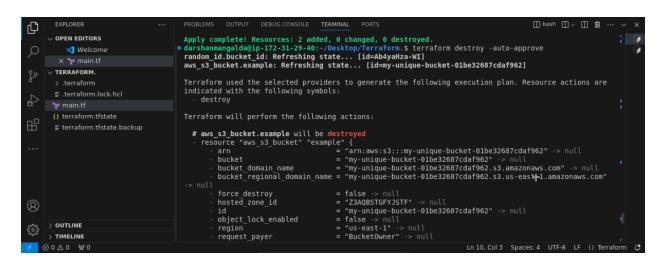
#### terraform apply -auto-approve



Terraform will provision the resources defined in the main.tf.

### **Step 4: Clean up resources**

4.1 To destroy the terraform managed infrastructure, run the following command: **terraform destroy -auto-approve** 



By following these steps, you have successfully created a simple HCL configuration file, initialized Terraform, and managed AWS resources efficiently.