

Lesson 10 Lesson-End Project

Managing Terraform State Using Different Backends

Project agenda: To perform Terraform state management using different backends for storing and managing the state file securely and efficiently

Description: You work as a junior DevOps engineer in an IT firm. Your company is undertaking a project that involves migrating the Terraform state between various backends for better state management and collaboration. The project aims to leverage Amazon S3 for state storage and DynamoDB for state locking, followed by a migration to Terraform Cloud for enhanced team collaboration.

Tools required: Visual Studio Code

Prerequisites: Terraform Cloud account

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

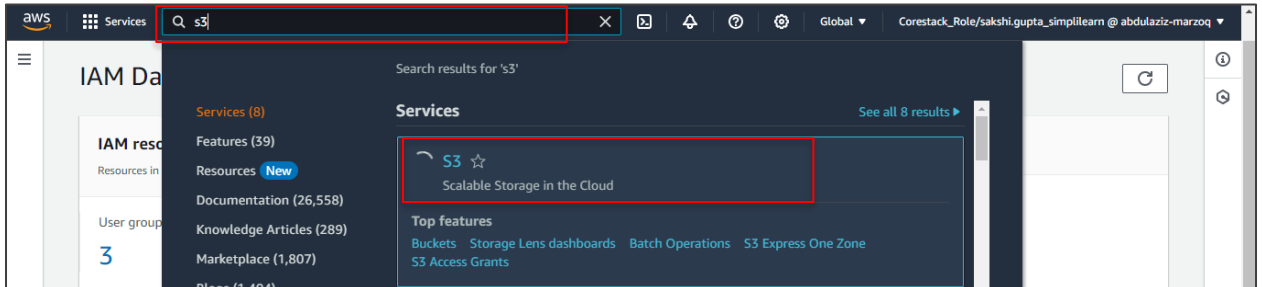
Expected deliverables: An operational Terraform state management mechanism across S3 and Terraform Cloud backends.

Steps to be followed:

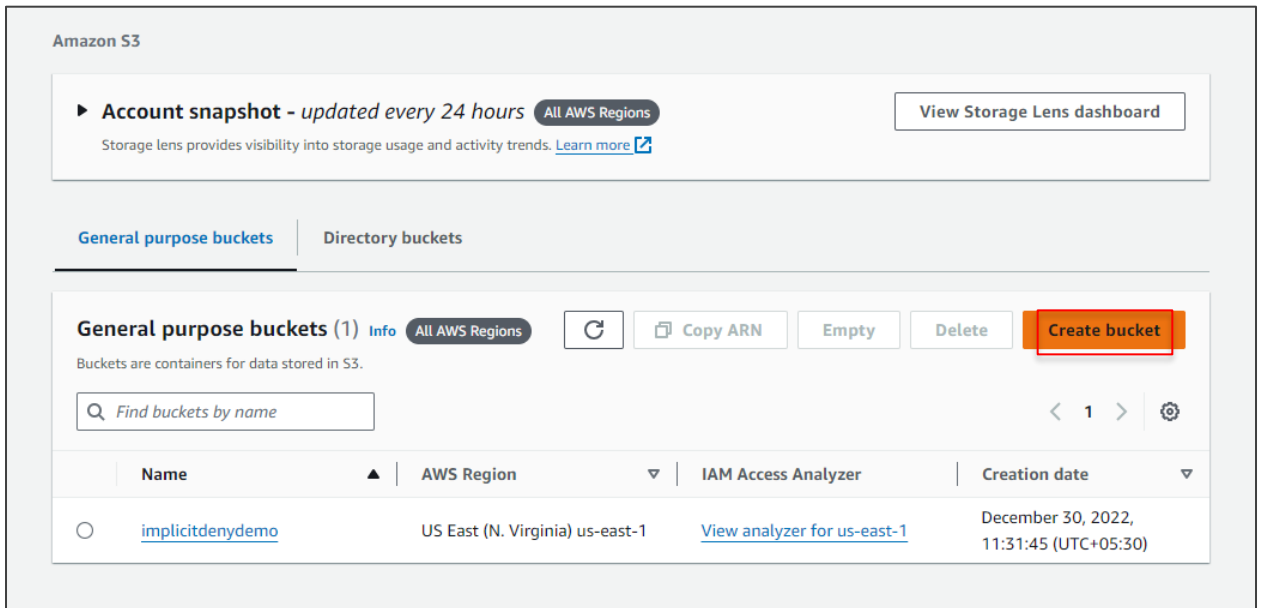
1. Configure S3 backend and DynamoDB
2. Update the Terraform configuration for S3 backend
3. Migrate state to remote backend with Terraform Cloud
4. Update the Terraform configuration for remote backend

Step 1: Configure S3 backend and DynamoDB

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



1.2 Click on **Create bucket**



1.3 Name it as **terraformstatelep**

General configuration

AWS Region
US East (N. Virginia) us-east-1

Bucket type [Info](#)

☒ **General purpose**
Recommended for most use cases and access patterns. General purpose buckets are the original S3 bucket type. They allow a mix of storage classes that redundantly store objects across multiple Availability Zones.

☐ **Directory - New**
Recommended for low-latency use cases. These buckets use only the S3 Express One Zone storage class, which provides faster processing of data within a single Availability Zone.

Bucket name [Info](#)

terraformstatelep

Bucket name must be unique within the global namespace and follow the bucket naming rules. [See rules for bucket naming](#)

Copy settings from existing bucket - *optional*
Only the bucket settings in the following configuration are copied.

Choose bucket

Format: s3://bucket/prefix

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

Bucket Versioning

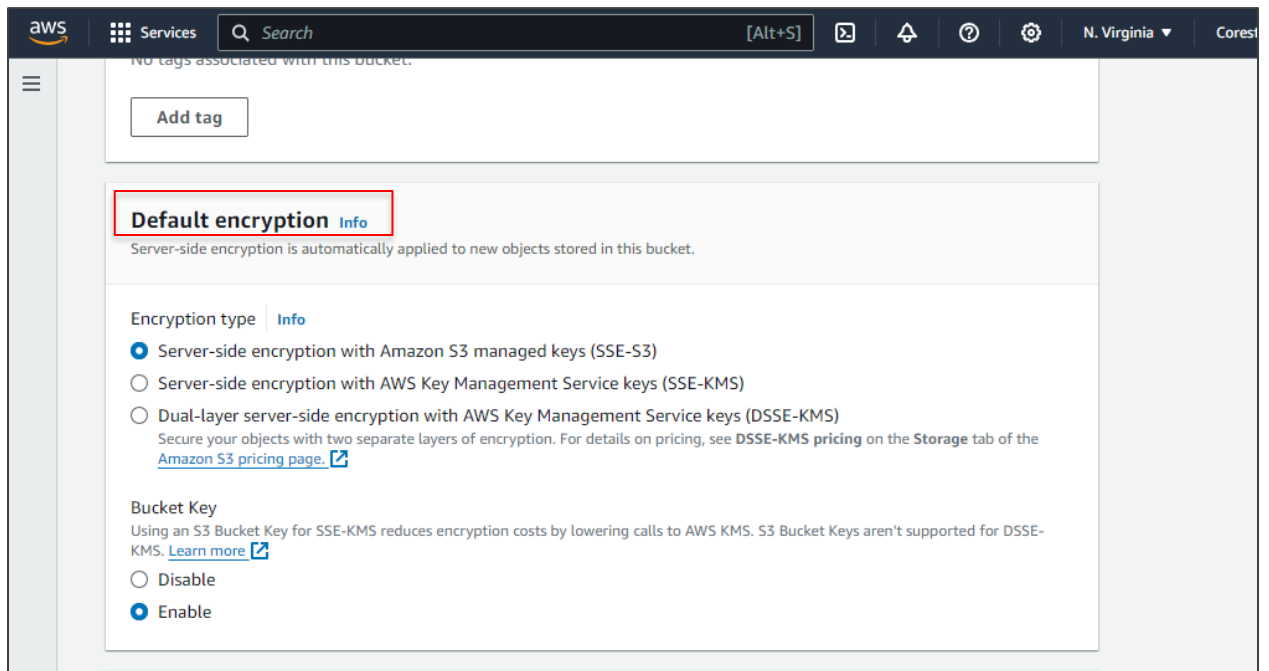
Versioning is a means of keeping multiple variants of an object in the same bucket. You can use versioning to preserve, retrieve, and restore every version of every object stored in your Amazon S3 bucket. With versioning, you can easily recover from both unintended user actions and application failures.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

Bucket Versioning

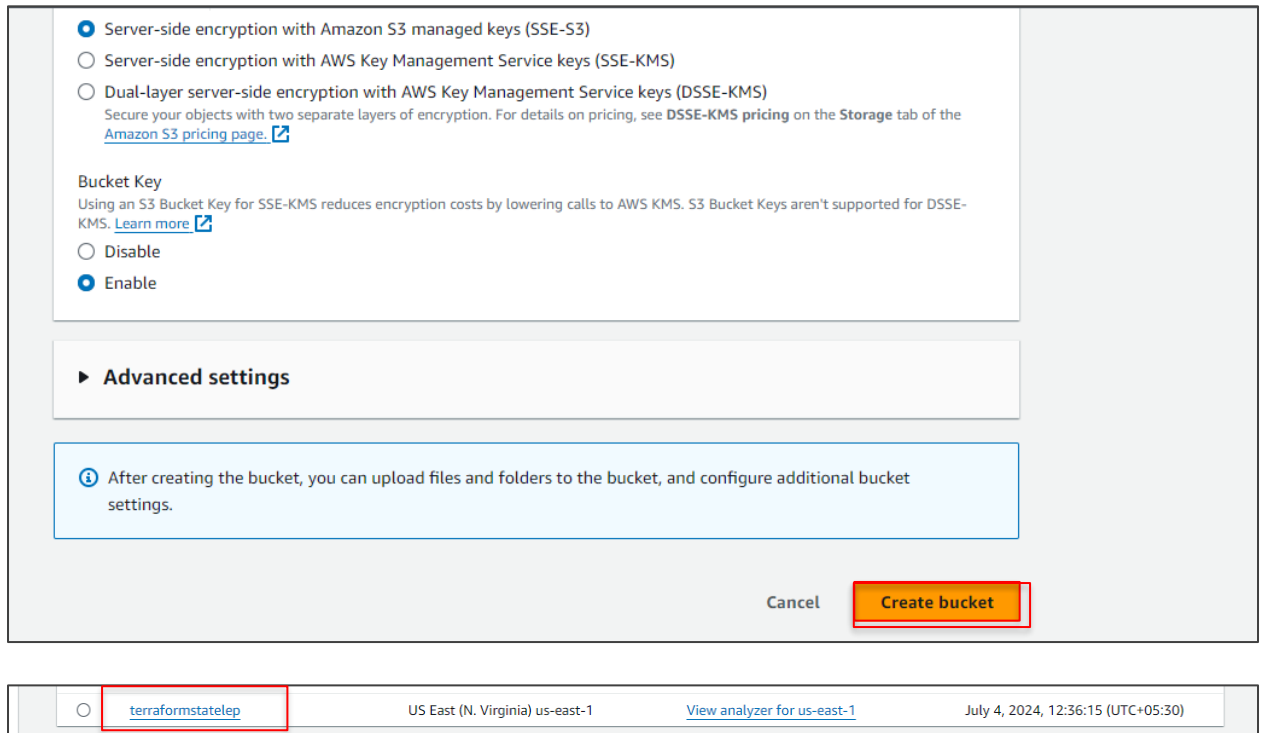
☐ Disable

☒ **Enable**

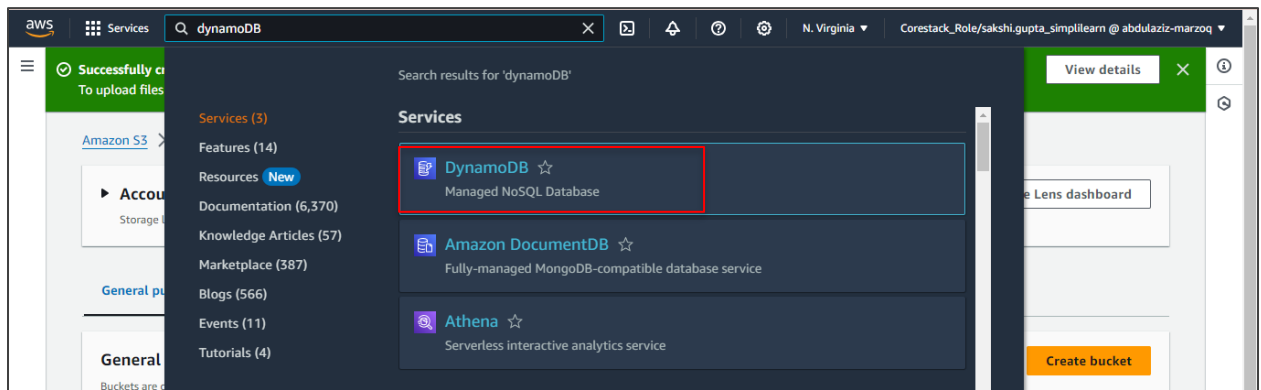
1.5 Scroll down to **Default encryption** and make sure it is enabled



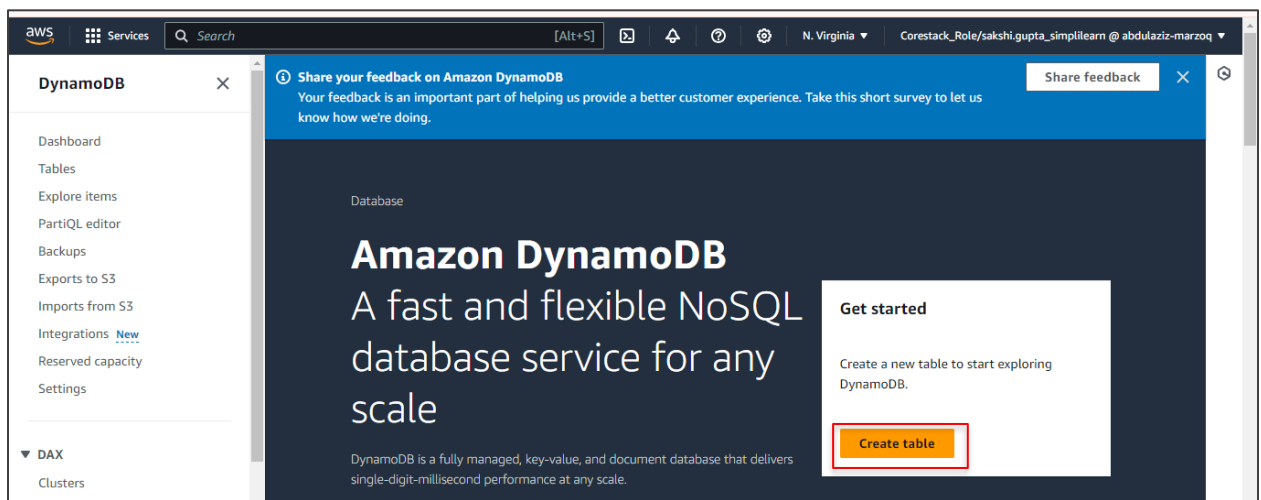
1.6 Retain all the other default configurations and click on **Create bucket**



1.7 Go to the search bar and search for **DynamoDB**



1.8 Click on **Create table**



1.9 Name the table as **terraform-locks** and add a **Partition key** named **LockID**

Create table

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.

terraform-locks

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.

LockID

String

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.

1.10 Keep all the other configurations 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.

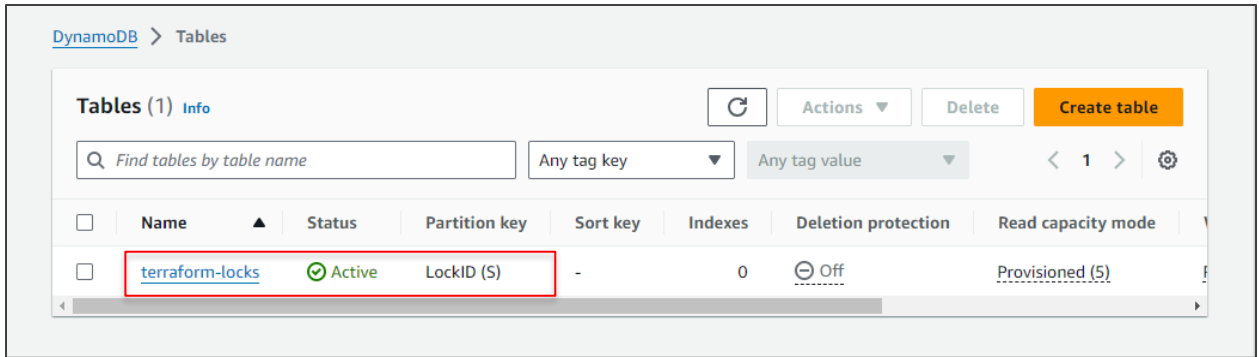
No tags are associated with the resource.

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.

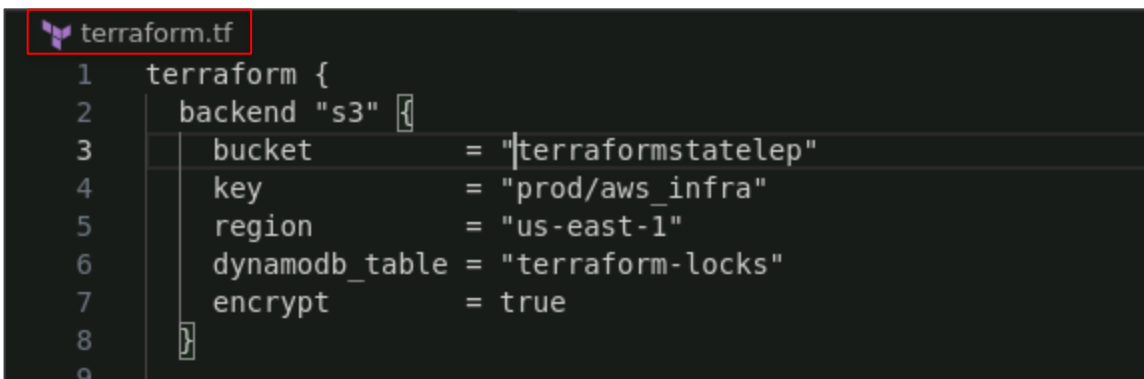
Cancel **Create table**



Step 2: Update the Terraform configuration for S3 backend

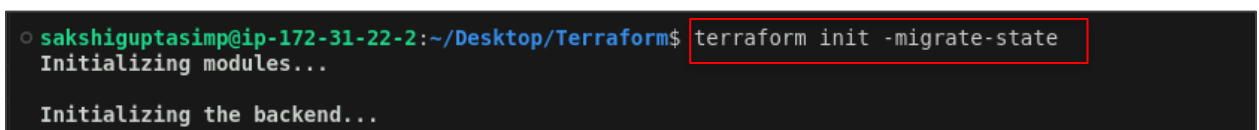
2.1 Go to **terraform.tf** in your working directory, and update the terraform block using the following code:

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



2.2 Initialize and migrate state to S3 backend using the following command:

terraform init -migrate-state



2.3 When prompted, approve the migration by typing **yes**

```
PROBLEMS  OUTPUT  TERMINAL  DEBUG CONSOLE  PORTS

Initializing the backend...
Do you want to copy existing state to the new backend?
Pre-existing state was found while migrating the previous "local" backend to the
newly configured "s3" backend. No existing state was found in the newly
configured "s3" backend. Do you want to copy this state to the new "s3"
backend? Enter "yes" to copy and "no" to start with an empty state.

Enter a value: yes
```

```
PROBLEMS  OUTPUT  TERMINAL  DEBUG CONSOLE  PORTS

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$
```

2.4 Apply the Terraform configuration using the following command:
terraform apply

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


2.5 When prompted, approve the actions by typing **yes**

```
PROBLEMS  OUTPUT  TERMINAL  DEBUG CONSOLE  PORTS

+ volume_id           = (known after apply)
+ volume_size         = (known after apply)
+ volume_type         = (known after apply)
}
}

Plan: 30 to add, 0 to change, 0 to destroy.

Changes to Outputs:
+ public_dns           = (known after apply)
+ public_dns_server_subnet_1 = (known after apply)
+ public_ip            = (known after apply)
+ public_ip_server_subnet_1 = (known after apply)
+ size                 = "t2.micro"

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

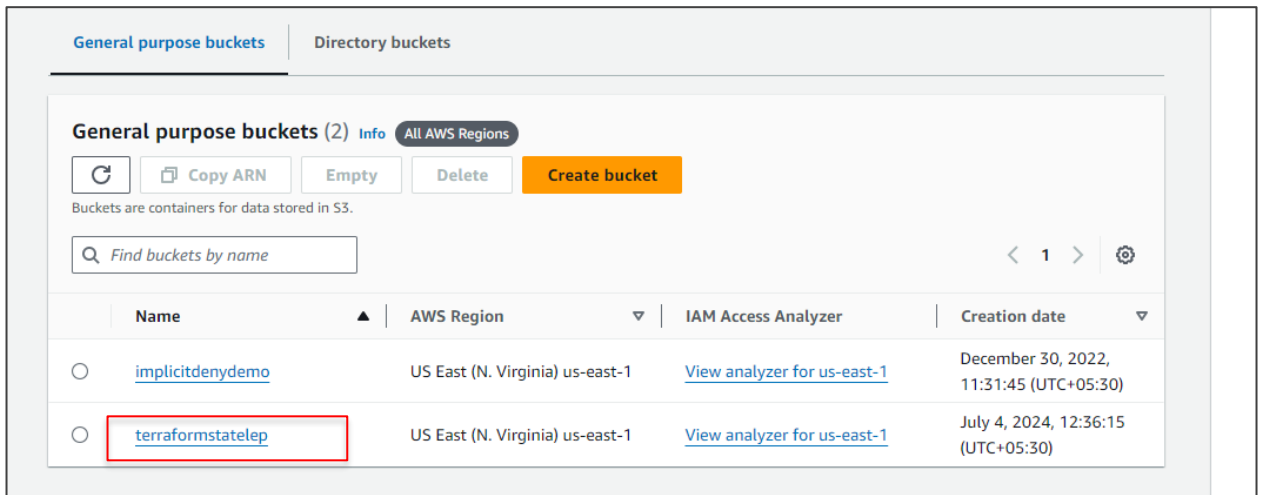
aws_route_table_association.private["private_subnet_3"]: Creating...
aws_route_table_association.private["private_subnet_1"]: Creating...
aws_route_table_association.private["private_subnet_2"]: Creating...
aws_route_table_association.private["private_subnet_3"]: Creation complete after 1s [id=rtbassoc-0dfa9f92545019a79]
aws_route_table_association.private["private_subnet_2"]: Creation complete after 1s [id=rtbassoc-0b1f4308fa4c8eae]
aws_route_table_association.private["private_subnet_1"]: Creation complete after 1s [id=rtbassoc-0012cbbd8402d4717]

Apply complete! Resources: 30 added, 0 changed, 0 destroyed.

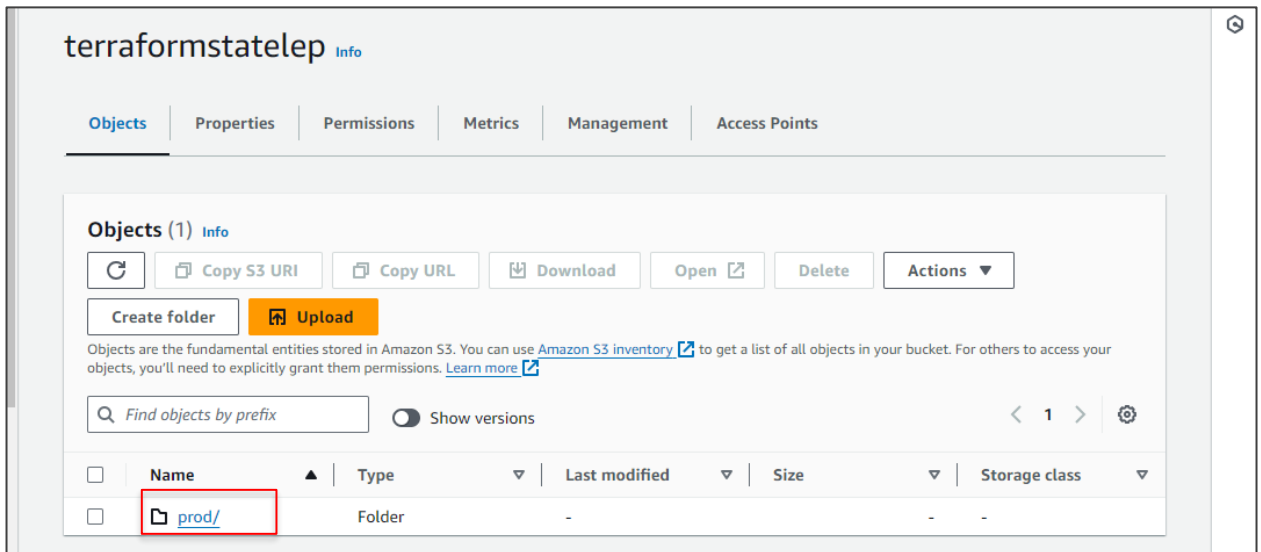
Outputs:

public_dns = "ec2-34-201-56-208.compute-1.amazonaws.com"
public_dns_server_subnet_1 = "ec2-54-236-6-73.compute-1.amazonaws.com"
public_ip = "34.201.56.208"
public_ip_server_subnet_1 = "54.236.6.73"
size = "t2.micro"
○ sakshiguptasimp@ip-172-31-22-2:~/Desktop/Terraform$
```

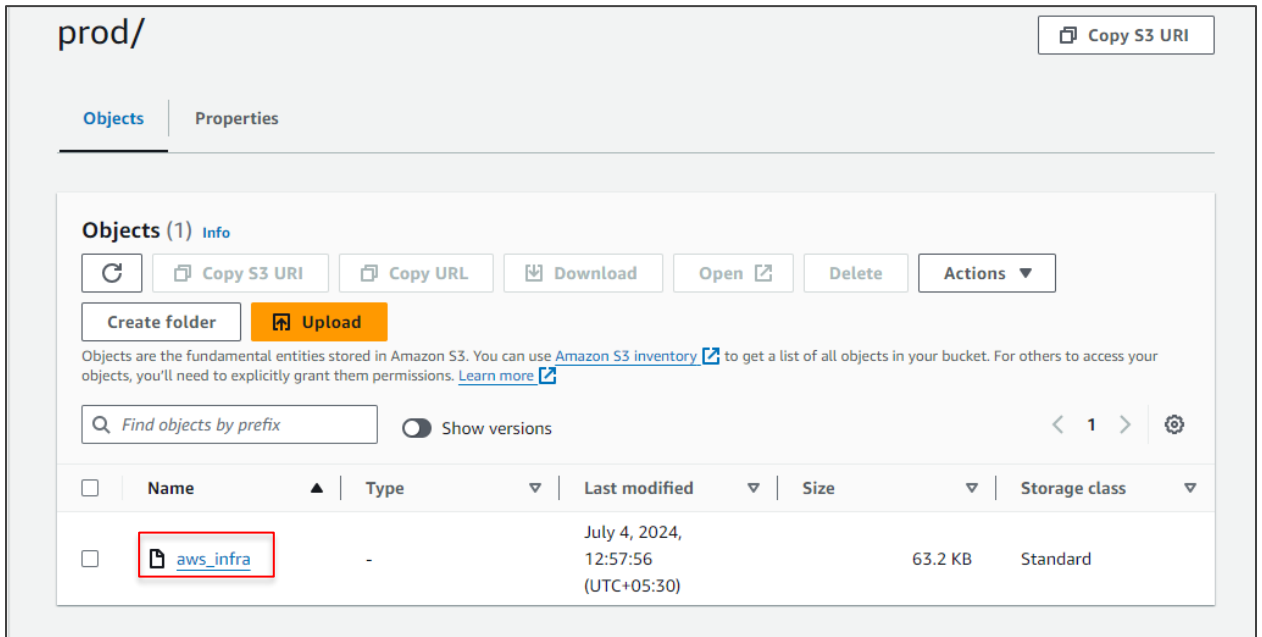
2.6 Go to the created bucket in the AWS Management Console and observe that the object has been added. Click on it to view it in detail.



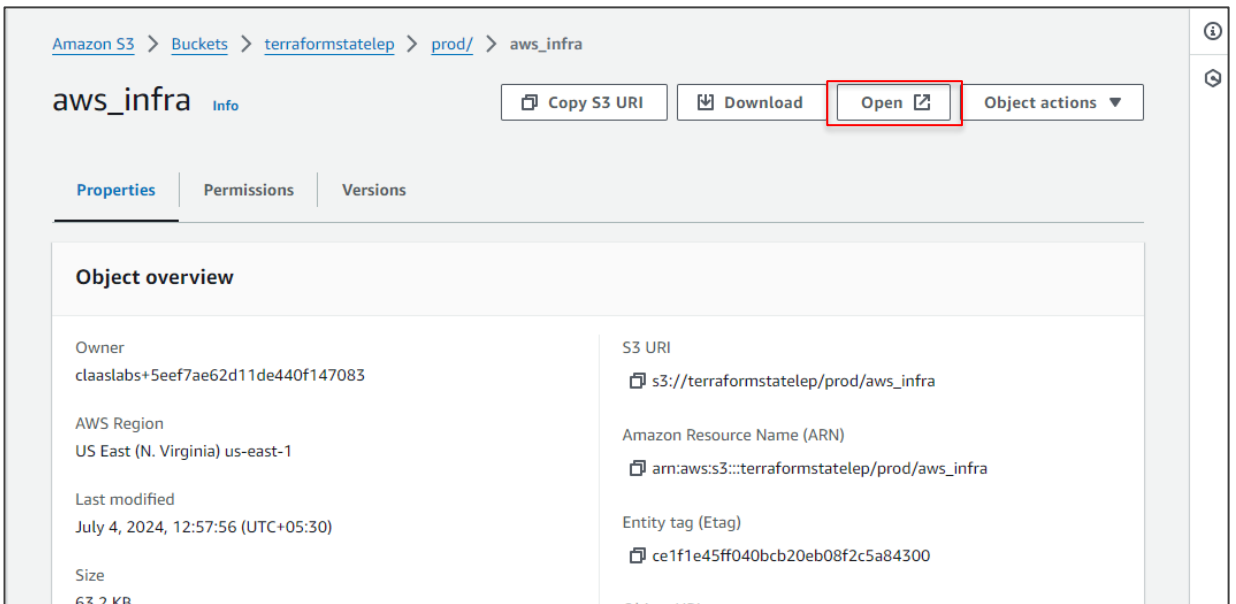
2.7 Click on **prod/**



2.8 Click on **aws_infra**



2.9 Click on **Open**, and you will be able to see that your Terraform state file has been successfully migrated to the S3 backend



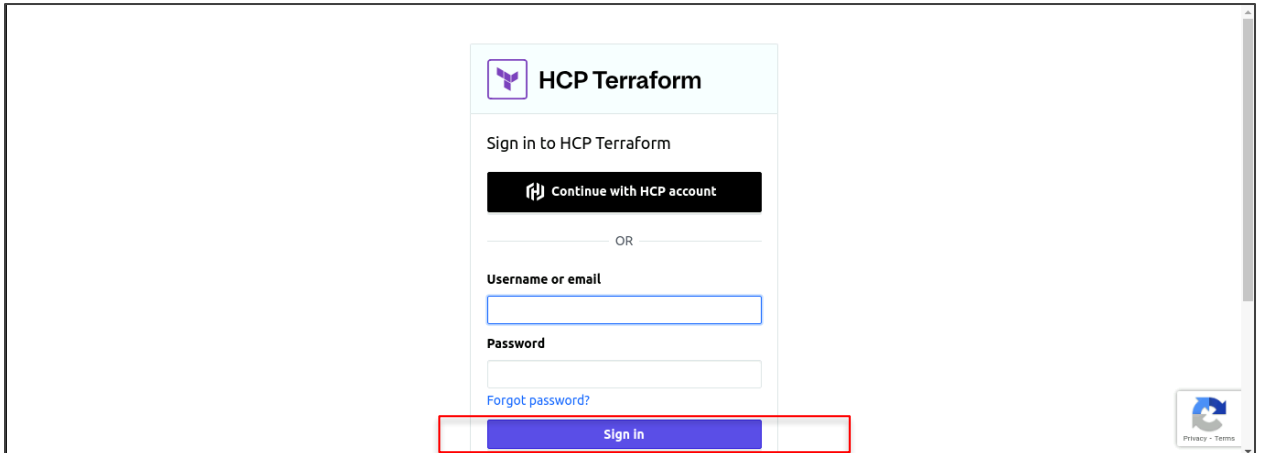
```
{
  "version": 4,
  "terraform_version": "1.1.6",
  "serial": 1,
  "lineage": "4483f2db-add7-2863-4b26-63bb412634f8",
  "outputs": {
    "first_name": {
      "value": "Terraform",
      "type": "string",
      "sensitive": true
    },
    "last_name": {
      "value": "Tom",
      "type": "string",
      "sensitive": true
    },
    "my_number": {
      "value": "867-5309",
      "type": "string",
      "sensitive": true
    },
    "phone_number": {
      "value": "867-5309",
      "type": "string",
      "sensitive": true
    },
    "public_dns": {
      "value": "ec2-3-238-102-234.compute-1.amazonaws.com",
      "type": "string"
    },
    "public_dns_server_subnet_1": {
      "value": "ec2-54-91-168-237.compute-1.amazonaws.com",
      "type": "string"
    },
    "public_ip": {
      "value": "3.238.102.234",
      "type": "string"
    }
  }
}
```

Step 3: Migrate state to remote backend with Terraform Cloud

3.1 Use the following URL to go to Terraform Cloud. Enter the required details and click on

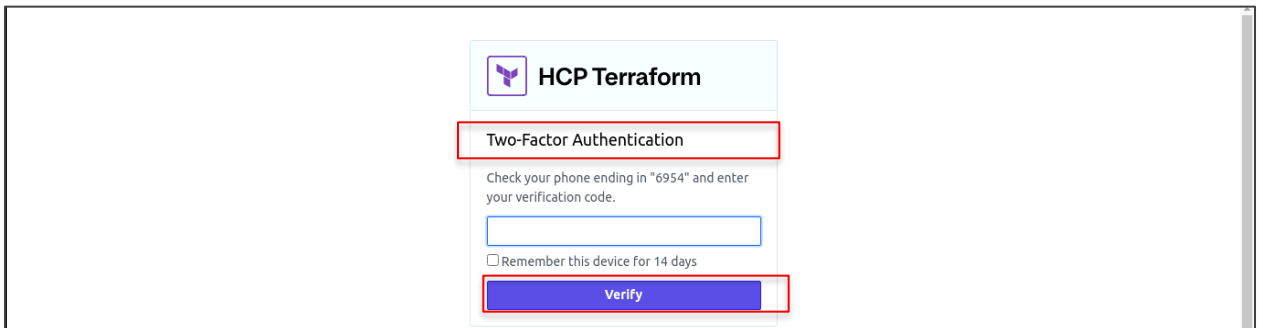
Sign In:

<https://app.terraform.io/session>



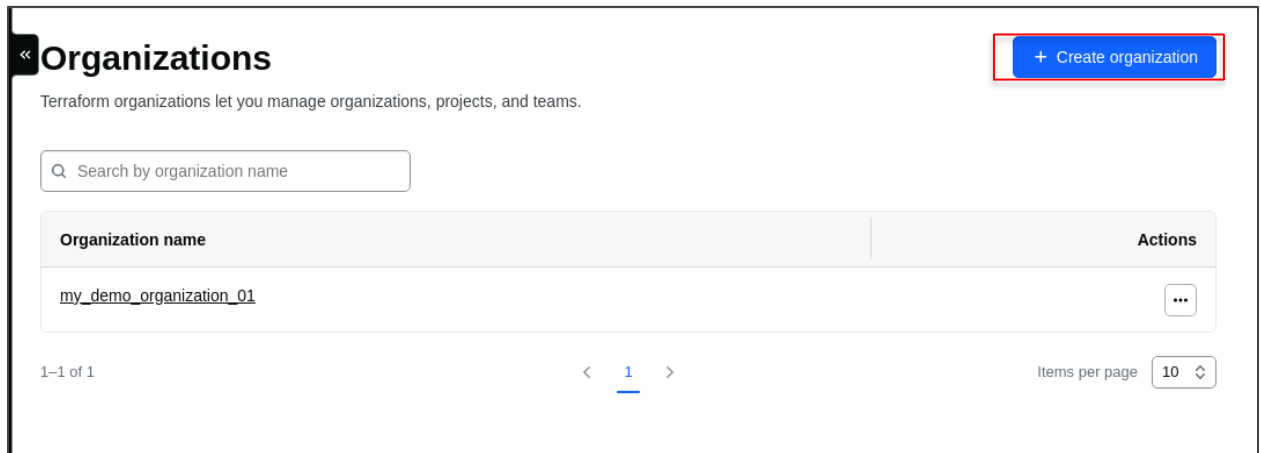
The screenshot shows the HCP Terraform sign-in interface. At the top, there is a header with the HCP Terraform logo and name. Below this, the text "Sign in to HCP Terraform" is displayed. A black button labeled "Continue with HCP account" is present. Below this, the text "OR" is shown. The "Username or email" field is highlighted with a blue border. The "Password" field is also highlighted with a blue border. A link for "Forgot password?" is located below the password field. A red rectangular box highlights the "Sign In" button at the bottom of the form. In the bottom right corner, there is a small icon for "Privacy - Terms".

3.2 Click **Verify** after entering your verification code



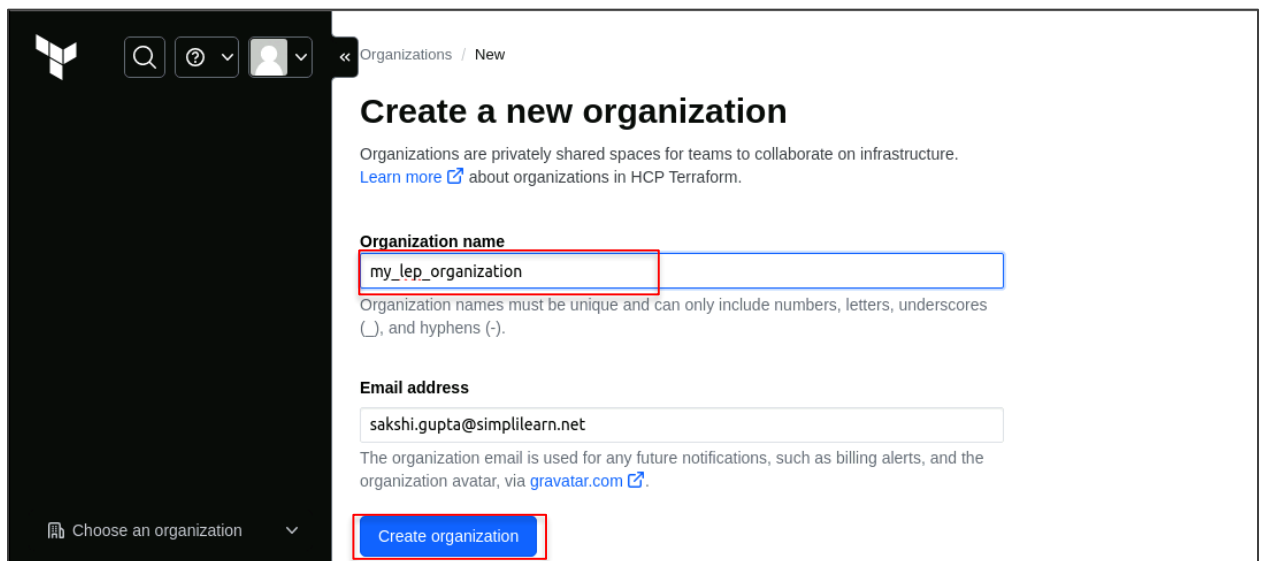
The screenshot shows the HCP Terraform two-factor authentication page. At the top, there is a header with the HCP Terraform logo and name. Below this, the text "Two-Factor Authentication" is displayed. The instructions "Check your phone ending in '6954' and enter your verification code." are shown. A text input field for the verification code is highlighted with a blue border. Below this, there is a checkbox labeled "Remember this device for 14 days". A red rectangular box highlights the "Verify" button at the bottom of the form.

3.3 Click on **Create organization**



The screenshot shows the 'Organizations' page in Terraform. At the top left, there is a back arrow and the title 'Organizations'. Below the title, a subtitle states: 'Terraform organizations let you manage organizations, projects, and teams.' In the top right corner, a blue button with a white plus sign and the text '+ Create organization' is highlighted with a red rectangle. Below the subtitle is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Search by organization name'. A table lists the organizations, with one entry: 'my_demo_organization_01'. The table has two columns: 'Organization name' and 'Actions'. The 'Actions' column for the first entry contains a three-dot menu icon. At the bottom of the table, there is pagination information: '1-1 of 1', a page number '1' with left and right arrows, and a dropdown for 'Items per page' set to '10'.

3.4 Name the organization as **my_lep_organization** and click on **Create organization**



The screenshot shows the 'Create a new organization' form. On the left is a dark sidebar with the Terraform logo, search, help, and user profile icons. The main content area has a breadcrumb 'Organizations / New' and the title 'Create a new organization'. Below the title, a subtitle says: 'Organizations are privately shared spaces for teams to collaborate on infrastructure. [Learn more](#) about organizations in HCP Terraform.' The form has two main sections: 'Organization name' and 'Email address'. The 'Organization name' section has a text input field containing 'my_lep_organization', which is highlighted with a red rectangle. Below the input field, a note states: 'Organization names must be unique and can only include numbers, letters, underscores (_), and hyphens (-)'. The 'Email address' section has a text input field containing 'sakshi.gupta@simplylearn.net'. Below the input field, a note states: 'The organization email is used for any future notifications, such as billing alerts, and the organization avatar, via [gravatar.com](#)'. At the bottom left of the form, there is a dropdown menu labeled 'Choose an organization'. At the bottom right, a blue button with the text 'Create organization' is highlighted with a red rectangle.

Step 4: Update the Terraform configuration for remote backend

- 4.1 Go to **terraform.tf** in your working directory and update the terraform block using the following code:

```
terraform {  
  backend "remote" {  
    hostname   = "app.terraform.io"  
    organization = "my_lep_organization"  
    workspaces {  
      name = "my-aws-app"  
    }  
  }  
}
```

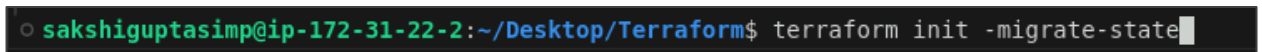


The screenshot shows a code editor with a dark background. The file name 'terraform.tf' is highlighted in a red box at the top left. The code is as follows:

```
1 terraform {  
2   backend "remote" {  
3     hostname   = "app.terraform.io"  
4     organization = "my_lep_organization"  
5     workspaces {  
6       name = "my-aws-app"  
7     }  
8   }  
}
```

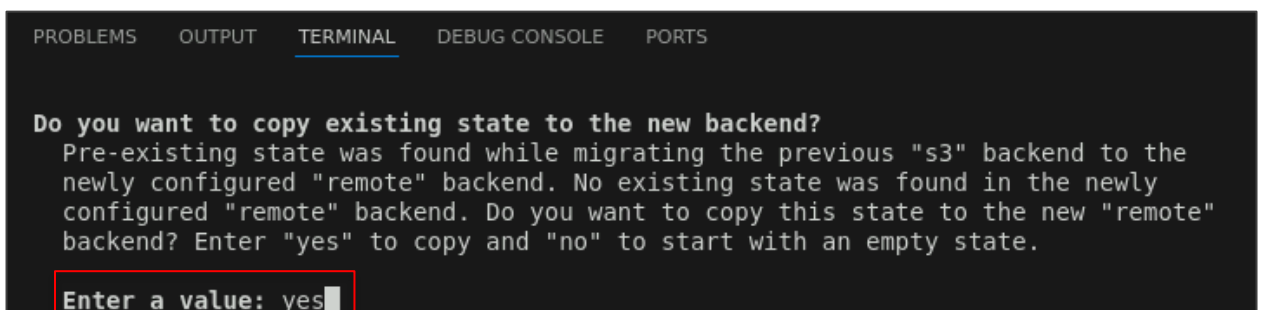
- 4.2 Initialize and migrate state to Terraform Cloud using the following command:

terraform init -migrate-state



The screenshot shows a terminal window with a dark background. The command 'terraform init -migrate-state' is being executed. The prompt is 'sakshiguptasimp@ip-172-31-22-2:~/Desktop/Terraform\$'.

- 4.3 When prompted, approve the initialization by typing **yes**



The screenshot shows a terminal window with a dark background. The prompt is 'Do you want to copy existing state to the new backend?'. The text below the prompt reads: 'Pre-existing state was found while migrating the previous "s3" backend to the newly configured "remote" backend. No existing state was found in the newly configured "remote" backend. Do you want to copy this state to the new "remote" backend? Enter "yes" to copy and "no" to start with an empty state.' The user input 'yes' is shown in a red box.

```
PROBLEMS  OUTPUT  TERMINAL  DEBUG CONSOLE  PORTS

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$
```

4.4 Apply the Terraform configuration using the following command:

terraform apply

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

https://app.terraform.io/app/my_lep_organization/my-aws-app/runs/run-g6jpnUJrnEpRUioH

Waiting for the plan to start...

Terraform v1.1.6
on linux amd64
Initializing plugins and modules...

```

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

```
PROBLEMS  OUTPUT  TERMINAL  DEBUG CONSOLE  PORTS

+ volume_size          = (known after apply)
+ volume_type          = (known after apply)
}

}

Plan: 30 to add, 0 to change, 0 to destroy.

Changes to Outputs:
+ public_dns           = (known after apply)
+ public_dns_server_subnet_1 = (known after apply)
+ public_ip            = (known after apply)
+ public_ip_server_subnet_1 = (known after apply)
+ size                 = "t2.micro"

Do you want to perform these actions in workspace "my-aws-app"?
Terraform will perform the actions described above.
Only 'yes' will be accepted to approve.

Enter a value: yes
```


4.7 Click on the workspace **my-aws-app**

Workspaces

New

Workspaces

Search workspaces

0

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Tags

Status

Clear all

Workspace Name	Run Status	Repo	Latest Change
my-aws-app Default Project	✓ Applied		a minute ago

1-1 of 1

< 1 >

my-aws-app

Lock

+ New run

ID: ws-EvHFQHFt5bwxTnbw

[Add workspace description.](#)

Unlocked

Resources 33

Terraform v1.1.6

Updated a minute ago

Latest Run

View all runs

Triggered via CLI

✓ Applied

sakshiguptasimplilearn triggered a run 5 minutes ago via CLI

⚡ Execution mode: Remote

⚙️ Auto-apply API, CLI, & VCS runs: Off

⚙️ Auto-apply run triggers: Off

Project: Default Project

4.8 Scroll down to the **Latest Run** and click on **See details**

The screenshot shows the 'Latest Run' details for a run triggered via CLI. The run is in an 'Applied' state. The user 'sakshiguptasimplilearn' triggered the run 5 minutes ago via CLI. The run details include: Policy checks (Add), Estimated cost change (Enable), Plan & apply duration (3 minutes), and Resources changed (+30 -0 -0). A 'See details' button is highlighted with a red box. On the right, there are settings for Execution mode (Remote), Auto-apply API, CLI, & VCS runs (Off), and Auto-apply run triggers (Off). Below these are metrics for the last run: Average plan duration (< 1 min), Average apply duration (3 mins), Total failed runs (0), and Policy check failures (0). At the bottom, there are tabs for Resources (33) and Outputs (5), and a note that the current state is as of the most recent state version.

Latest Run [View all runs](#)

Triggered via CLI ✓ Applied

sakshiguptasimplilearn triggered a run 5 minutes ago via CLI

Policy checks	Estimated cost change	Plan & apply duration
Add	Enable	3 minutes
Resources changed		
+30 -0 -0		

[See details](#)

[Resources](#) 33 [Outputs](#) 5 Current as of the most recent state version.

Execution mode: [Remote](#)

Auto-apply API, CLI, & VCS runs: [Off](#)

Auto-apply run triggers: [Off](#)

Project: Default Project

Metrics (last 1 run)

Average plan duration	< 1 min
Average apply duration	3 mins
Total failed runs	0
Policy check failures	0

4.9 Click on the latest **Triggered via CLI** under the **Run List**

The screenshot shows the 'Current Run' and 'Run List' sections. The 'Current Run' section shows a run triggered via CLI, in a 'CURRENT' state, by user 'sakshiguptasimplilearn' 2 minutes ago. The 'Run List' section shows a list of runs with filters for All (1), Needs Attention (0), Errored (0), Running (0), On Hold (0), and Success (1). A search bar and filters for Status, Operation, and Source are also present. The first run in the list, 'Triggered via CLI' (CURRENT), is highlighted with a red box. It was triggered by user 'sakshiguptasimplilearn' 2 minutes ago.

Current Run

Triggered via CLI CURRENT ✓ Applied

#run-jGiC1V41yFLKVkxW | sakshiguptasimplilearn triggered via CLI 2 minutes ago

Run List

[All](#) 1 [Needs Attention](#) 0 [Errored](#) 0 [Running](#) 0 [On Hold](#) 0 [Success](#) 1

Search Runs

Triggered via CLI CURRENT ✓ Applied

#run-jGiC1V41yFLKVkxW | sakshiguptasimplilearn triggered via CLI 2 minutes ago

4.10 Click on **Plan finished** and **Apply finished** to view the command line output on Terraform Cloud via the remote backend

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Triggered via CLI

CURRENT

Applied

Plan & apply duration
3 minutes

Resources changed
+30 -0 -0

sakshiguptasimplilearn triggered a run from CLI 6 minutes ago

Run Details

Plan finished 6 minutes ago

Resources: 30 to add, 0 to change, 0 to destroy

Apply finished 2 minutes ago

Resources: 30 added, 0 changed, 0 destroyed

<<

Plan finished 6 minutes ago

Resources: 30 to add, 0 to change, 0 to destroy

Started 6 minutes ago > Finished 6 minutes ago

View raw log

Top

Bottom


Expand

Full screen

```
+ device_name      = (known after apply)
+ encrypted        = (known after apply)
+ iops              = (known after apply)
+ kms_key_id       = (known after apply)
+ tags             = (known after apply)
+ throughput       = (known after apply)
+ volume_id        = (known after apply)
+ volume_size      = (known after apply)
+ volume_type      = (known after apply)
}

Plan: 30 to add, 0 to change, 0 to destroy.

Changes to Outputs:
+ public_dns          = (known after apply)
+ public_dns_server_subnet_1 = (known after apply)
+ public_ip           = (known after apply)
+ public_ip_server_subnet_1 = (known after apply)
```

 **Apply finished** 2 minutes ago

Resources: 30 added, 0 changed, 0 destroyed ^

Started 6 minutes ago > Finished 3 minutes ago

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```
aws_nat_gateway.nat_gateway: Creation complete after 1m54s [id=nat-0cd206de4014a02f0]
aws_route_table.private_route_table: Creating...
aws_route_table.private_route_table: Creation complete after 1s [id=rtb-06adcf5d46a0a60de]
aws_route_table_association.private["private_subnet_1"]: Creating...
aws_route_table_association.private["private_subnet_2"]: Creating...
aws_route_table_association.private["private_subnet_3"]: Creating...
aws_route_table_association.private["private_subnet_2"]: Creation complete after 0s [id=rtbassoc-01989bdfb41e77f2c]
aws_route_table_association.private["private_subnet_3"]: Creation complete after 1s [id=rtbassoc-0f9b7f543dfcfa244]
aws_route_table_association.private["private_subnet_1"]: Creation complete after 1s [id=rtbassoc-00d28a447954f964f]

Apply complete! Resources: 30 added, 0 changed, 0 destroyed.

Outputs:

public_dns = "ec2-44-220-82-222.compute-1.amazonaws.com"
public_dns_server_subnet_1 = "ec2-3-95-172-42.compute-1.amazonaws.com"
public_ip = "44.220.82.222"
public_ip_server_subnet_1 = "3.95.172.42"
size = "t2.micro"
```

By following these steps, you have successfully performed Terraform state management using different backends for storing and managing the state file securely and efficiently.