JENKINS PIPELINE README

Tools used for the pipeline : Jenkins, Github repo to store terraform code and Jenkinsfile

Jenkinsfile: I prefer to use Jenkinsfile for pipeline builds as it gives a declarative approach to define our stages,steps and take variables from parameters, moreover it gives flexibility to edit the pipeline and store in a Source code repository, therefore it gives transparency among the team and better understanding of the pipeline stages defined.

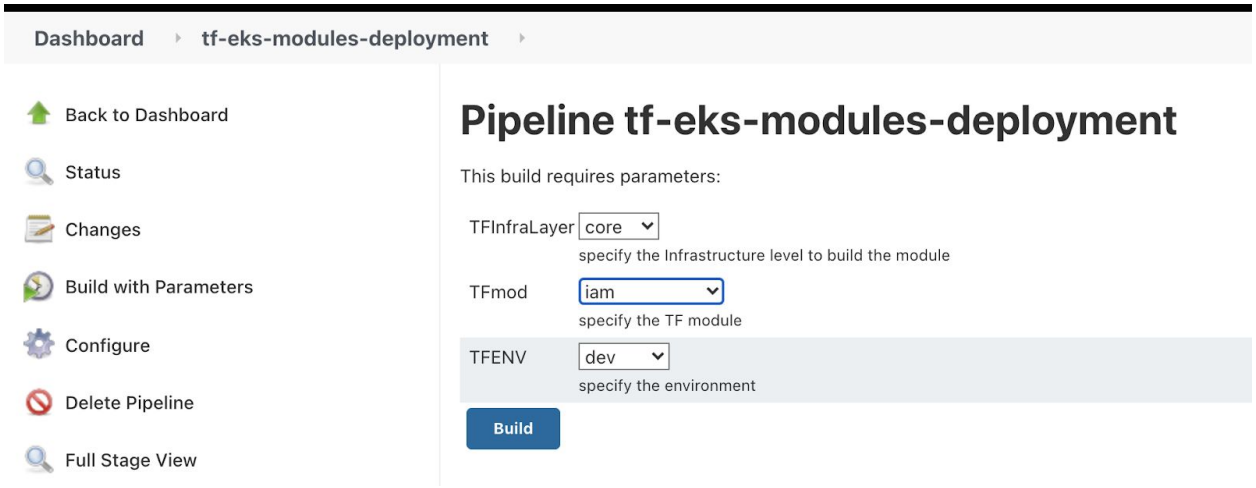
Jenkinsfile Location : Root DIrectory of the terraform repository

Prerequisites: A working jenkins server with aws access and terraform version 13 binary installed. I have used an ec2 instance for jenkins installation, so that I can easily **attach required aws IAM role with necessary policies** to the server to create different aws resources for this project.

I have taken Jenkins as the tool to build the terraform pipeline. As we need to trigger the pipeline module wise, I used the "**parameterized build**" option in jenkins.

By using "**parameterized build**",

1. Easy to target the terraform module by selecting during the pipeline build



2. Add/remove parameters easily with jenkinsfile

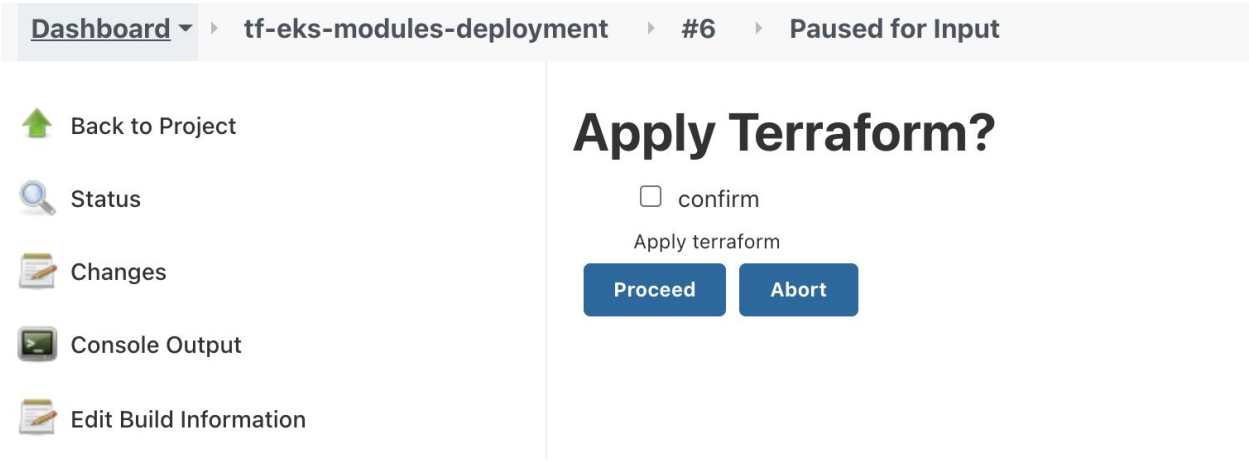
As I have divided the terraform project into multiple layers for easy understanding and layered architecture, we have options to select the infrastructure layer during the build.

Jenkinsfile have 4 stages

Stage - Terraform init

Stage - Terraform plan

Stage - Approval



Stage - Terraform apply

Once we check the terraform plan output and confirm that everything works as expected, we can give confirmation to jenkins to apply terraform.
