



IaC vs AppCode and Terraform Optimisations

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I've worked as a SysAdmin for about 14 years, and for the last 5 years, he acted as a Senior DevOPS Engineer

Main industries like Telecom, Delivery, Financial/Banking, Insurance, Real Estate and HORECA.

During this time, I've been working with Cloud Infrastructures (mainly AWS) as well as On-Premise solutions.

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Programming Language Categories

Functional

Object-Oriented

Interpreted

Compiled

Imperative

Declarative

Procedural

Scripting

Logic

Front-End

Back-End

High Level

Low Level

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Functional languages focus on the output of mathematical functions and evaluations.

Each function, considered a reusable piece of code, performs a specific task and returns a result

- Scala
- Erlang
- Haskell
- Elixir
- F#

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This type of language treats a program as a group of objects composed of data and program elements, known as attributes and methods.

Objects can be reused within a program or in other programs.

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- Python
- PHP
- C++
- Ruby

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With these languages, code goes through a program called an interpreter, which reads and executes the code line by line.

This tends to make these languages more flexible and platform independent.

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- JavaScript
- PHP
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These languages go through a build step where the entire program is converted into machine code.

This makes it faster to execute, but it also means that you have to compile or "build" the program again anytime you need to make a change.

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- Rust
- Erlang

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Imperative programming is a paradigm describing HOW the program should do something by explicitly specifying each instruction (or statement) step by step, which mutate the program's state.

- Fortran
- C, C++
- Cobol

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Declarative programming is a paradigm describing WHAT the program does, without explicitly specifying its control flow.

Functional languages are characterized by a declarative programming style.

- Haskell
- Scheme
- ML

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Then, what's this?

```
resource "aws_vpc" "main" {  
  cidr_block = var.base_cidr_block  
}  
  
<BLOCK TYPE> "<BLOCK LABEL>" "<BLOCK LABEL>" {  
  # Block body  
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HCL

HCL is a system for defining configuration languages for applications.

... i[t']s optimized for human authoring and maintenance, as opposed to machine generation of configuration.

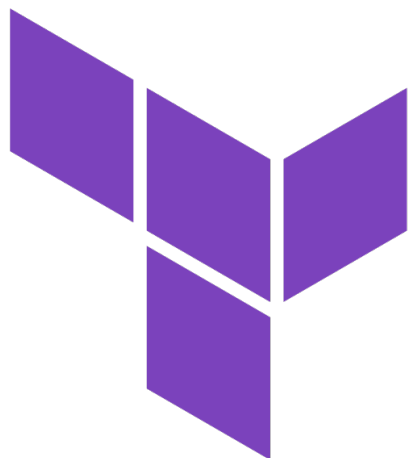
HCL – Hashicorp Configuration Language

The language consists of **three** integrated sub-languages:

The structural language defines the overall hierarchical configuration structure, and is a serialization of HCL bodies, blocks and attributes.

The expression language is used to express attribute values, either as literals or as derivations of other values.

The template language is used to compose values together into strings, as one of several types of expression in the expression language.



HashiCorp

Terraform

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Infrastructure as code

Multi-cloud deployment (AWS, GCP, AZURE)

Enforce policy as code

Manage Kubernetes

Manage network infrastructure

Manage virtual machine images

Integrate with existing workflows

Supports secrets injection

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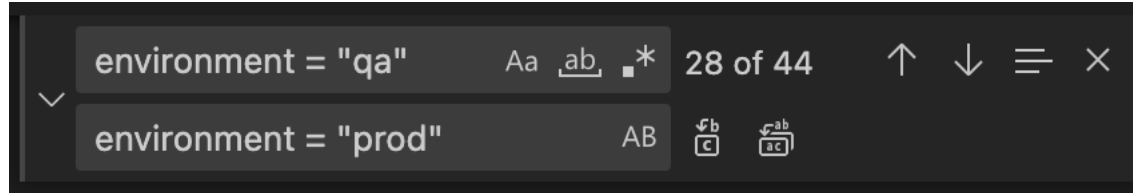
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Terraform



environment = "qa"

environment = "Qa"

environment = "QA"

site_environment = "qa"

environment_id = "qa"

environment_name = "qa"



Gruntwork-io Terragrunt

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Q&A!

Demo Repo to play with:

<https://github.com/ebogdum/devcon-demo>

Thank you!

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