

Using Expressions and Functions



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Potential Improvements



Default tags and naming convention

Move startup script to a file

Make public DNS a full URL





Local Values



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Internal temporary values

Replace repeated values

Data transformation



Locals Syntax

main.tf

```
locals {  
    key = value  
}
```



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    common_tags = {  
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        billing_code  = var.billing_code  
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Terraform Locals Reference

local.<key>

local.instance_prefix

local.common_tags.company



Common Tags



Company (Globomantics)

Project

Environment

BillingCode



Variables to Create

Company

Project

Environment

Billing code

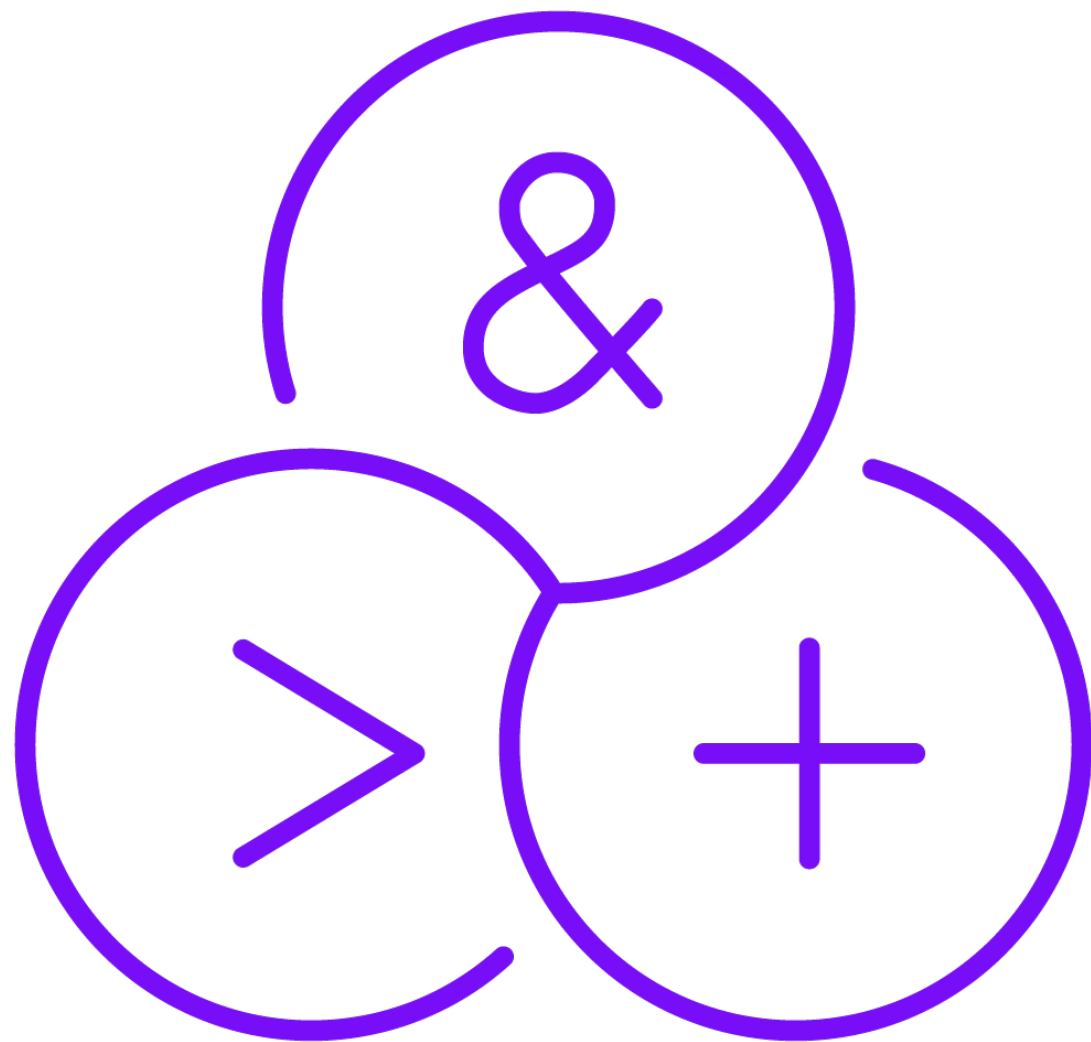




Functions and Expressions



Terraform Expressions



Literal expressions

Object or attribute references

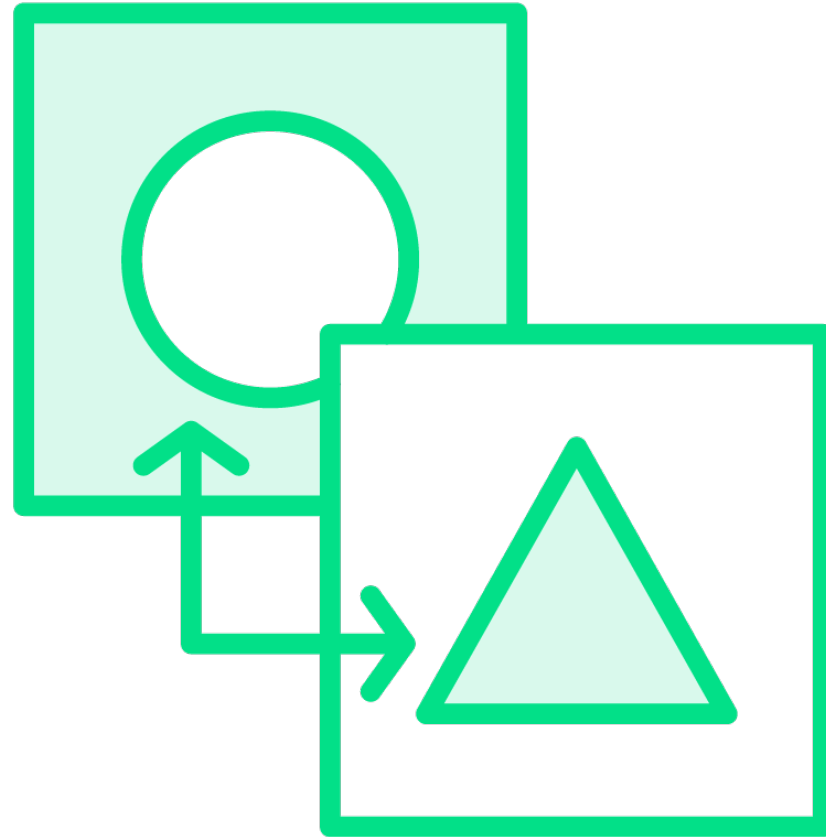
Arithmetic and logical operators

Conditional expressions

For expressions



Terraform Functions



Built-in to Terraform

`func_name(arg1, arg2, arg3, ...)`

Grouped by category



Functions to Use

Startup script

```
templatefile(file_path, { map of variables })
```

Consistent naming

```
lower(local.naming_prefix)
```

Add tags to common tags

```
merge(local.common_tags, { map of additional tags })
```

