



TERRAFORM DOCUMENTATION

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Terraform

Introduction of Terraform

Terraform is an open-source, infrastructure as code software (IaC) tool, maintain the infrastructure change history using VCS like Git, created by HashiCorp and written in the Go programming language.

Infrastructure as code is the process of managing infrastructure in a file or files, rather than manually configuring resources in a user interface (UI).

Here resources are nothing but virtual machines, Elastic IP, Security Groups, Network Interfaces...

Terraform code is written in the HashiCorp Configuration Language (HCL) in files with the extension .tf

Terraform allows users to use HashiCorp Configuration Language (HCL) to create the files containing definitions of their desired resources on almost any provider (AWS, GCP, Azure, Digital Ocean, OpenStack, etc) and automates the creation of those resources at the time of apply.

Reference URL: <https://registry.terraform.io/browse/providers>

Advantages of Terraform

Platform Agnostic
State Management
Operator Confidence

Difference between Terraform and Cloud Formation

Terraform	Cloud Formation
Terraform is developed by HashiCorp	Cloud Formation is Developed by AWS
It will work for many Cloud providers like AWS, Azure, GCP, Digital Ocean...	Cloud Formation will support only AWS
Terraform uses HashiCorp Configuration Language (HCL), a language built by HashiCorp. It is fully compatible with JSON.	AWS Cloud Formation utilizes either JSON or YAML. Cloud Formation has a limit of 51,000 bytes for the template body itself

Difference between Terraform and Ansible

Terraform	Ansible
Terraform is an Open-Source Tool which is provided by HashiCorp.	Ansible is also an Open-Source Tool.
Terraform is an Infrastructure as a Code, which means they are designed to provision the servers themselves.	Ansible is a Configuration Management Tool. Which means they are designed to install and manage software on existing servers.
Terraform is ideal for creating, managing, and improving infrastructure.	Ansible is ideal for software provisioning, application deployment, and configuration management.

Pre-Requisites

- 1) Any Cloud Provider (AWS, GCP, Azure, Digital Ocean, OpenStack, etc)
- 2) IAM User credentials (Secret Key and Access Key)

Add the following policies to IAM user if you are using AWS as cloud provider.

AmazonEC2FullAccess
 AmazonS3FullAccess
 AmazonDynamoDBFullAccess
 AmazonRDSFullAccess
 CloudWatchFullAccess
 IAMFullAccess

Terraform Installation

Follow my blog for installation.

<https://mithuntechnologies-devops.blogspot.com/2020/02/terraform-installation-linux-server.html>

Follow my below YouTube channel video url.

<https://youtu.be/kxOR-WrK4y8>

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Terraform First Example

Example: 1 - File Name: AwsEC2InstanceCreation.tf

vim AwsEC2InstanceCreation.tf

The first step in terraform script is typically a provider. Using provide section we can configure our desired cloud provider.

```
provider "aws"{
  region = "us-east-2"
  access_key = "AKIA4UQE3BUQ6GQ3BAFO"
  secret_key = "5LAzj2tYFxFk1NNvmvz0Z1USAoEzDAZHlc6R5wHF"
}
```

This tells Terraform that you are going to be using AWS as your provider and that you want to deploy your infrastructure into the us-east-2 region.

If you use,
 export AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID="AKIA4UQE3BUQ6GQ3BAEO"
 export AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY="5LAzj2tYFxFk1NNvmvz0Z1UASoEzDAZHlc6R5wHF"

No need to mention access_key and secret_key keys in provider section.

```
resource "aws_instance" "MSS" {
  ami = "ami-0a74bfeb190bd404f"
  instance_type = "t2.micro"
  key_name = "mithuntechnologies"
  security_groups = ["launch-wizard-19"]
  tags = {
    Name = "Terraform Server by Mithun Technologies"
  }
}
```

The general syntax for a Terraform resource is:

```
resource "<PROVIDER>_<TYPE>" "<NAME>" {
  [CONFIG ...]
}
```

Here PROVIDER is the name of a provider (e.g., aws), TYPE is the type of resource to create in that provider (e.g., instance), NAME is an identifier you can use throughout the Terraform code to refer to this resource (e.g., my_instance), and CONFIG consists of one or more arguments that are specific to that resource."

Terraform Commands

terraform init: The terraform init command is used to initialize a working directory containing Terraform configuration files. This is the first command that should be run after writing a new Terraform configuration

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terraform fmt: The terraform fmt command is used to rewrite Terraform configuration files to a canonical format and style.

terraform validate: The terraform validate command validates whether a configuration is syntactically valid or not.

terraform plan: The terraform plan command is used to create an execution plan. This command is a convenient way to check whether the execution plan for a set of changes matches your expectations without making any changes to real resources or to the state.

terraform apply: terraform apply to actually create the infrastructure on AWS.

terraform apply -auto-approve:

terraform destroy: The terraform destroy command is used to destroy the Terraform-managed infrastructure.

terraform show:

terraform state list:

terraform graph:

Example: 2 - FileName: provider.tf

```
provider "aws"{
  region = "ap-south-1"
  access_key = "AKIA5KT2FR4HAAZW2BBC"
  secret_key = "TXrhgRBm5Zvxf+RcfTqpliVCSvuR9fuURY3tUsnY"
}
```

FileName: main.tf

```
resource "aws_instance" "AWSEC2Instance"{
  ami = "ami-0a9d27a9f4f5c0efc"
  instance_type = "t2.micro"
  security_groups = ["launch-wizard-3"]
  key_name = "devopsmss"
  tags = {
    Name = "RedHat Server by Terraform"
  }
}
```

Terraform state file

- Terraform must store state about our managed infrastructure and configuration. This state is used by Terraform to map real world resources to our configuration, keep track of metadata, and to improve performance for large infrastructures.
- This state is stored by default in a local file named **terraform.tfstate**

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Create Multiple Resources (By using "count" attribute)

count = "5"

Using count argument, we can pass the number of resources we need.

Example: 3 - FileName: CountParameter.tf

```

provider "aws"{
  region = "ap-south-1"
  access_key = "AKIA5KT2FR4HAAZW2BBC"
  secret_key = "TXrhgRBm5Zvxf+RcfTqpliVCSvuR9fuURY3tUsnY"
}

resource "aws_instance" "AWSEC2Instance"{
  count = "4"
  ami = "ami-0a9d27a9f4f5c0efc"
  instance_type = "t2.micro"
  security_groups = ["launch-wizard-3"]
  key_name = "devopsmss"
  tags = {
    Name = "RedHat Server by Terraform"
  }
}

```

Variables

In real-time world, the project has more variables, it is difficult maintain the variables in terraform script, instead we will put the variables in a separate file called vars.tf as follows.

Example: 4

File Name: var.tf

```

variable "ami" {
  description = "Amazon Machine Image type.."
  default = "ami-04169656fea786776"
}

variable "instance_type" {
  description = "Instance type, weather t2.micro, t2.medium..."
  default = "t2.micro"
}

variable "instances" {
  description = "Total number of instances which we are going to create"
  default = 2
}

```

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```
/*
variable "instances"{
}
*/
```

Note:

1) You can pass N number of variables separated by space like below.

terraform apply -auto-approve -var instances="4" -var instance_type="t2.medium"

2) If you pass the variable value while running "terraform apply" command, it will over with whatever we have mentioned in vars.tf

Here we are passing the variable value while running the script.

Now Terraform script looks like below.

File Name: main.tf

```
provider "aws" {
    region = "ap-south-1"
}

resource "aws_instance" "MT" {
    count = "${var.instances}"
    ami = "${var.ami}"
    instance_type = "${var.instance_type}"
    key_name = "mithuntechnologies"

    tags = {
        Name = "Terraform Server - MSS"
    }
}
```

Example: 5

File Name: vars.tf

```
variable "ami" {
    description = "Amazon Machine Image type.."
    default = "ami-04169656fea786776"
}

variable "instance_type" {
    description = "Instance type, weather t2.micro, t2.medium..."
    default = "t2.micro"
}

variable "instances" {
    description = "Total number of instances which we are going to create"
```

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```
default = 2
}
```

File Name: count.tf

```
provider "aws" {
  region = "ap-south-1"
}

resource "aws_instance" "AWSServer" {
  count = "${var.instances}"
  ami = "ami-052c08d70def0ac62"
  instance_type = "t2.micro"
  key_name = "devopsmssnovbatch"
  security_groups = ["launch-wizard-7"]
  tags = {
    Name = "Terraform Server - ${count.index}"
  }
}
```

Comments

The Terraform language supports three different syntaxes for comments:

- # begins a single-line comment, ending at the end of the line.
- // also begins a single-line comment, as an alternative to #.
- /* and */ are start and end delimiters for a comment that might span over multiple lines.

AWS Credentials

The AWS provider offers a various method of providing credentials for authentication. The following methods are supported.

- Static credentials
- Environment variables
- Shared credentials file
- EC2 Role

Static credentials

Static credentials can be provided by adding an access_key and secret_key in-line in the AWS provider block, as follows.

```
provider "aws" {
  region = "ap-south-1"
  access_key = "AKIA4UQE3BUQ6GQ3BAEO"
  secret_key = "5LAzj2tYFxFk1NNvmvz0Z1UASoEzDAZHlc6R5wHF"
}
```


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Environment variables

You can provide your credentials via the AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID and AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY, environment variables, representing your AWS Access Key and AWS Secret Key, respectively.

```
export AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID="accesskey"
export AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY="secretkey"
export AWS_DEFAULT_REGION="ap-south-1"
```

Shared Credentials file

You can use an AWS credentials file to specify your credentials. The default location is \$HOME/.aws/credentials on Linux and OS X, or "%USERPROFILE%\aws\credentials" for Windows users. If we fail to detect credentials inline, or in the environment, terraform will check this location. You can optionally specify a different location in the configuration by providing the shared_credentials_file attribute, or in the environment with the AWS_SHARED_CREDENTIALS_FILE variable. This method also supports a profile configuration and matching AWS_PROFILE environment variable:

```
provider "aws" {
  region          = "ap-south-1"
  shared_credentials_file = "/home/mithun/.aws/creds"
  profile         = "customprofile"
}
```

Possible Errors:

Error 1

```
[mithun@mithuntechnologies iamuser]$ terraform apply
```

Error: error configuring Terraform AWS Provider: no valid credential sources for Terraform AWS Provider found.

Please see <https://registry.terraform.io/providers/hashicorp/aws> for more information about providing credentials.

Error: NoCredentialProviders: no valid providers in chain. Deprecated.
For verbose messaging see aws.Config.CredentialsChainVerboseErrors

```
[mithun@mithuntechnologies iamuser]$ █
```

Solution:

Provide Valid Access Key and Secret key.

Error 2

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```
[mithun@mithuntechnologies terraformscripts]$ terraform apply
```

```
Error: error using credentials to get account ID: error calling sts:GetCallerIdentity: InvalidClientTokenId: The security token included in the request is invalid.
status code: 403, request id: 3f6f094d-8f8a-4ff5-bef0-4bb33130f903
```

```
on instancecreation.tf line 1, in provider "aws":
1: provider "aws" {
```

```
[mithun@mithuntechnologies terraformscripts]$
```

Not Valid credentials

Solution: Check the Access key and Secret Key

Error 3

```
aws_instance.AWSServers: Creating...
```

```
Error: Error launching source instance: UnauthorizedOperation: You are not authorized to perform this operation. Encoded authorization failure message: vu3v1KzQvNc0KHh2yB5CQXh4JU0agsdwVuoVgIreOKtMyz6bXsbj2fuJeEh1VW
s3BkeyqT1J3Ai37a7dJolpvV77RXrk_bcF67ngHa1gAdkst2A_tv0TE6UhiMwttSAi4yMprN_yleWrtHYNKMrIwlyfRARvUDGJns-t0IXTq
3BghPVgXKyBiYUV-R-jQAaIaai-BybNUSTZyIz9qU31dbDGRHLAW68Ccf_NLcSQRknC5mq1m3H2xtfr_9SFo5wEU9U1j691NsqMJ1ELay
z80Vqqr3Rd2KRaon7xSsV35qd8Vkm0_j6BChzQggujZFERZF9GqpmFp123FXkkMMPfZxq4Y4RK3DnkgKNQP4nUPyVdzT7GDApVP3wU4GBFN
2LxTKG09wma-W_6jkZxqGHRHcbFyr9zvRj041P_hRYxyfgmU86EV1SRemJnZNRtRY2EeQWbBPrqAN_vpHt2jNYGw315KQakC-3KbhX9S0uR
uVHrSy40Xb4emYUMI9GN3Aa1INvpB4n10rddXSLgQuVGL3ZwKIKeWanAip71D3_I1B1buRZ00IPoi_Y1vgybDb-qScRxvrS-QAMVXskkS7e
qFB1VaW7LE6SCFcbneMjYE76BREAxL59zU70BpmAu52Avbphvgq0hJoeM_OFKHFK0mAwzdEQqPMSvV62_jM18Q
status code: 403, request id: 8bdbbf40-836b-418a-b065-9e321a97f47b
```

```
on instancecreation.tf line 7, in resource "aws_instance" "AWSServers":
7: resource "aws_instance" "AWSServers" {
```

```
[mithun@mithuntechnologies terraformscripts]$
```

User doesn't have proper access.

Solution: Check the user permissions in AWS.

user data

The user_data only runs at instance launch time.
It will not execute after creation on instance.

Example: 6

FileName: var.tf

```
variable "ami"{
  description = "AMI Name..."
  default = "ami-052c08d70def0ac62"
}
```

```
variable "instance_type"{
  description = "Instance Type..."
  default = "t2.micro"
}
```

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```
variable "instances" {
  description = "Total number of instances which we are going to create"
  default = 2
}
```

FileName: userdata.tf

```
provider "aws" {
  region = "ap-south-1"
}

resource "aws_instance" "AWSServer" {
  ami = "${var.ami}"
  instance_type = "${var.instance_type}"
  key_name = "devopsmssnovbatch"
  security_groups = ["launch-wizard-7"]
  user_data = "${file("installApacheServer.sh")}"
  tags = {
    Name = "Terraform Server - MSS "
  }
}
```

installApacheServer.sh

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
sudo yum install httpd -y
sudo systemctl enable httpd
sudo systemctl start httpd
```

Outputs

- Output values are like the return values of a Terraform module
- **Declaring an Output Value**

Each output value exported by a module must be declared using an output block as follows.

```
output "instance_ip_addr" {
  value = aws_instance.server.private_ip
}
```

Example: 7

Filename: output.tf

```
output "aws_public_ip" {
  description = "The Public IP address of the server instance, which it created now."
  value = "${aws_instance.AWSEC2Instance.public_ip}"
}
```

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```
output "aws_private_ip" {
  description = "The Private IP address of the server instance, which it created now."
  value = "${aws_instance.AWSEC2Instance.private_ip}"
}
```

Security Groups Creation

A **security group** acts as a virtual firewall for your instance to control incoming and outgoing traffic. Inbound rules control the incoming traffic to your instance, and outbound rules control the outgoing traffic from your instance. ... **Security groups** are associated with network interfaces.

Example: 8

FileName: securitygroups.tf

```
provider "aws" {
  region = "ap-south-1"
}

resource "aws_security_group" "SecurityGroupsMSS" {
  name      = "SecurityGroupsMSS"
  description = "Allow TLS inbound traffic"
  vpc_id    = "vpc-27ec054c"

  ingress {
    description = "TLS from VPC"
    from_port   = 443
    to_port     = 443
    protocol    = "tcp"
    cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
  }

  egress {
    from_port = 0
    to_port   = 0
    protocol  = "-1"
    cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
  }

  tags = {
    Name = "SecurityGroupsMSS"
  }
}
```

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Identity and Access Management (IAM)

AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) enables you to manage access to AWS services and resources securely. Using IAM, you can create and manage AWS users and groups, and use permissions to allow and deny their access to AWS resources. IAM is a feature of your AWS account offered at no additional charge.

Example: 9

FileName: iam.tf

```
provider "aws" {
  region = "ap-south-1"
}

resource "aws_iam_user" "IAMUSERS" {
  name = "mithuntechnologies"
}
```

Example: 10

FileName: vars.tf

```
variable "user_names" {
  description = "Create IAM users"
  type        = list(string)
  default     = ["mithuntechnologies"]
}
```

FileName: main.tf

```
provider "aws" {
  region = "ap-south-1"
}

resource "aws_iam_user" "IAMUsers" {
  count = length(var.user_names)
  name  = var.user_names[count.index]
}
```

Possible Error:

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```
[mithun@mithuntechnologies iamuser]$ terraform apply
```

Error: Invalid resource name

```
on main.tf line 5, in resource "aws_iam_user" "AWS IAM Users":
5: resource "aws_iam_user" "AWS IAM Users" {
```

A name must start with a letter or underscore and may contain only letters, digits, underscores, and dashes.

```
[mithun@mithuntechnologies iamuser]$ █
```

Solution:

Give the Name without space like AWSIAMUser.

Possible Error:

```
[mithun@mithuntechnologies iamuser]$ terraform apply
aws_iam_user.IAMUsers[0]: Refreshing state... [id=mithunreddy]
```

Error: Error reading IAM User mithunreddy: AccessDenied: User: arn:aws:iam::732957639877:user/mithuntechnologies is not authorized to perform: iam:GetUser on resource: user mithunreddy
status code: 403, request id: fe1e1d87-9a32-4180-bc9d-a39dc7f9cab8

```
[mithun@mithuntechnologies iamuser]$ █
```

Solution:

Attach the **IAMFullAccess** to the user.

Simple Storage Service (S3)

Amazon S3 or Amazon Simple Storage Service is a service offered by Amazon Web Services (AWS) that provides object storage through a web service interface.

Example: 11

FileName: s3bucket.tf

```
provider "aws" {
  region = "ap-southeast-1"
}

resource "aws_s3_bucket" "s3bucketmss" {
  bucket = "s3-bucket-mss"
  acl = "private"
  versioning {
    enabled = true
  }
}
```

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```

lifecycle_rule {
  enabled = true

  transition {
    days = 10
    storage_class = "STANDARD_IA"
  }

  transition {
    days = 30
    storage_class = "GLACIER"
  }
}

tags = {
  Name = "S3 Bucket MSS by Terraform"
}

```

Here:

bucket: name of the bucket, if we omit that terraform will assign random bucket name

acl: Default to private (other options public-read and public-read-write)

versioning: Versioning automatically keeps up with different versions of the same object.

Life cycle has enabled here after 10 days move the objects to STANDARD_IA and after 30 days to GLACIER.

Elastic IP (VPC)

- An Elastic IP address is a reserved public IP address that you can assign to any EC2 instance in a particular region, until you choose to release it. To allocate an Elastic IP address to your account in a particular region.
- When you associate an Elastic IP address with an EC2 instance, it replaces the default public IP address.

Example:

FileName:

```

# Provider Block
provider "aws" {
  region = "ap-southeast-1"
}

resource "aws_instance" "ec2mss" {
  ami          = "ami-0f86a70488991335e"
  instance_type = "t2.micro"

  tags = {
    Name = "EC2Instance with Elastic IP - MSS"
  }
}

```

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```
//Eip Creation
resource "aws_eip" "msseip" {

}

//EIP Association with ec2-instance
resource "aws_eip_association" "mss_eip_assoc" {
  instance_id = aws_instance.ec2mss.id
  allocation_id = aws_eip.msseip.id
}
```

Virtual Private Cloud (VPC)

Example: 12

FileName: vpc.tf

Data Types

1)Primitive Types

A primitive type is a simple type that isn't made from any other types. All primitive types in Terraform are represented by a type keyword. The available primitive types are:

- string: a sequence of Unicode characters representing some text, such as "hello".
- number: a numeric value. The number type can represent both whole numbers like 15 and fractional values such as 6.283185.
- bool: either true or false. bool values can be used in conditional logic.

2)Complex Types

A complex type is a type that groups multiple values into a single value. Complex types are represented by type constructors, but several of them also have shorthand keyword versions.

There are two categories of complex types: collection types (for grouping similar values), and structural types (for grouping potentially dissimilar values).

a)Collection Types

The three kinds of collection type in the Terraform language are:

- list(...): a sequence of values identified by consecutive whole numbers starting with zero.

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The keyword list is a shorthand for list(any), which accepts any element type as long as every element is the same type. This is for compatibility with older configurations; for new code, we recommend using the full form.

map(...): a collection of values where each is identified by a string label.

The keyword map is a shorthand for map(any), which accepts any element type as long as every element is the same type. This is for compatibility with older configurations; for new code, we recommend using the full form.

Maps can be made with braces ({}) and colons (:) or equals signs (=): { "foo": "bar", "bar": "baz" } OR { foo = "bar", bar = "baz" }. Quotes may be omitted on keys, unless the key starts with a number, in which case quotes are required. Commas are required between key/value pairs for single line maps. A newline between key/value pairs is sufficient in multi-line maps.

Note: although colons are valid delimiters between keys and values, they are currently ignored by terraform fmt (whereas terraform fmt will attempt vertically align equals signs).

set(...): a collection of unique values that do not have any secondary identifiers or ordering.

b)Structural Types

A structural type allows multiple values of several distinct types to be grouped together as a single value. Structural types require a schema as an argument, to specify which types are allowed for which elements.

The two kinds of structural type in the Terraform language are:

object(...): a collection of named attributes that each have their own type.

The schema for object types is { <KEY> = <TYPE>, <KEY> = <TYPE>, ... } — a pair of curly braces containing a comma-separated series of <KEY> = <TYPE> pairs. Values that match the object type must contain all of the specified keys, and the value for each key must match its specified type. (Values with additional keys can still match an object type, but the extra attributes are discarded during type conversion.)

tuple(...): a sequence of elements identified by consecutive whole numbers starting with zero, where each element has its own type.

The schema for tuple types is [<TYPE>, <TYPE>, ...] — a pair of square brackets containing a comma-separated series of types. Values that match the tuple type must have exactly the same number of elements (no more and no fewer), and the value in each position must match the specified type for that position.

For example: an object type of object({ name=string, age=number }) would match a value like the following:

```
{
  name = "John"
  age  = 52
}
```

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Also, an object type of `object({ id=string, cidr_block=string })` would match the object produced by a reference to an `aws_vpc` resource, like `aws_vpc.example_vpc`; although the resource has additional attributes, they would be discarded during type conversion.

Finally, a tuple type of `tuple([string, number, bool])` would match a value like the following:

```
["a", 15, true]
```

Resources

<https://www.terraform.io/docs/providers/aws/d/ami.html>
<https://learn.hashicorp.com/terraform/getting-started/intro>
<https://www.terraform.io/docs/providers/aws/index.html>
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