

Q2 - SCENARIO

Macro Life, a healthcare company has recently setup the entire Network and Infrastructure on Azure.

The infrastructure has different components such as Virtual N/W, Subnets, NIC, IPs, NSG etc.

The IT team currently has developed PowerShell scripts to deploy each component where all the properties of each resource is set using PowerShell commands.

The business has realized that the PowerShell scripts are growing over period of time and difficult to handover when new admin onboards in the IT.

The IT team has now decided to move to Terraform based deployment of all resources to Azure.

All the passwords are stored in a Azure Service known as key Vault. The deployments needs to be automated using Azure DevOps using IaC(Infrastructure as Code).

1) What are different artifacts you need to create - name of the artifacts and its purpose

2) List the tools you will to create and store the Terraform templates.

3) Explain the process and steps to create automated deployment pipeline.

4) Create a sample Terraform template you will use to deploy Below services:

Vnet

2 Subnet

NSG to open port 80 and 443

1 Window VM in each subnet

1 Storage account

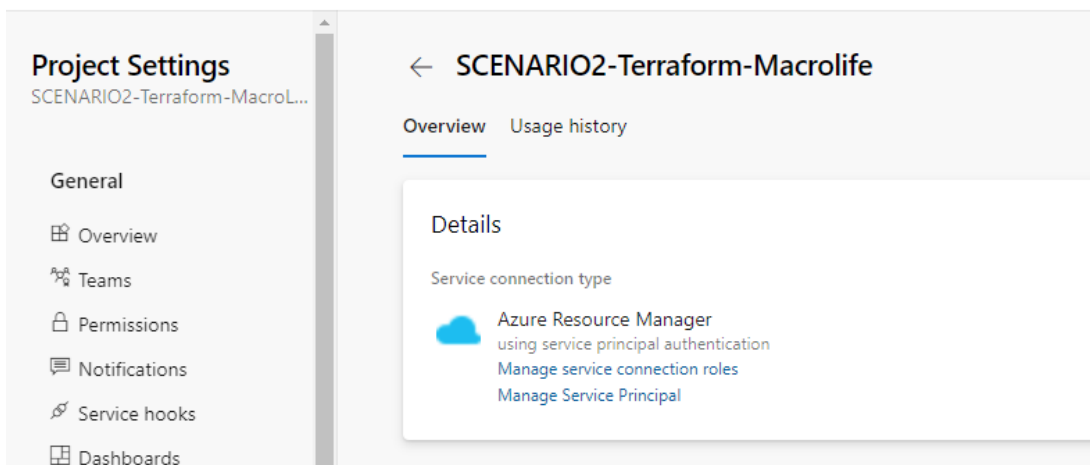
5) Explain how will you access the password stored in Key Vault and use it as Admin Password in the VM Terraform template.

Solution:

Pre-requisites:

1. Service connection (SPN) in azure devops with appropriate access on Azure.

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2. Storage Account with a container to store terraform.tfstate for terraform init task during release pipeline or we can also hard code to use storage account to store remote state file. For this demo I am not hard coding remote state file. Example of hard coding remote state file is below, if needed. SPN should also have access on storage account. (We can also create storage account before terraform init with a task but I usually prefer to have it created before hand)

```
terraform {  
  backend "azurerm" {  
    resource_group_name = "Terraform_res"  
    storage_account_name = "macrolifeterraformstg"  
    container_name      = "terraform"  
    access_key = "AccessKey"  
  }  
}
```

macrolifeterraformstg | Storage Explorer (preview) ✨ ...

Storage account

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| No data available in this blob container | | |

3. Key vault with VM password secret, service connection (SPN) should be allowed in key vault access policies and request source IP should be added in firewall.(MS trusted services should be allowed)

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Key vault

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Enable Access to:

☐ Azure Virtual Machines for deployment ⓘ
☐ Azure Resource Manager for template deployment ⓘ
☐ Azure Disk Encryption for volume encryption ⓘ

Permission model ☒ Vault access policy ☐ Azure role-based access control

+ Add Access Policy

Current Access Policies

| Name | Email | Key Permissions |
|---------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| APPLICATION | | |
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4. Update key vault details in Terraform.tf file (between line 35 to 43).as show below.

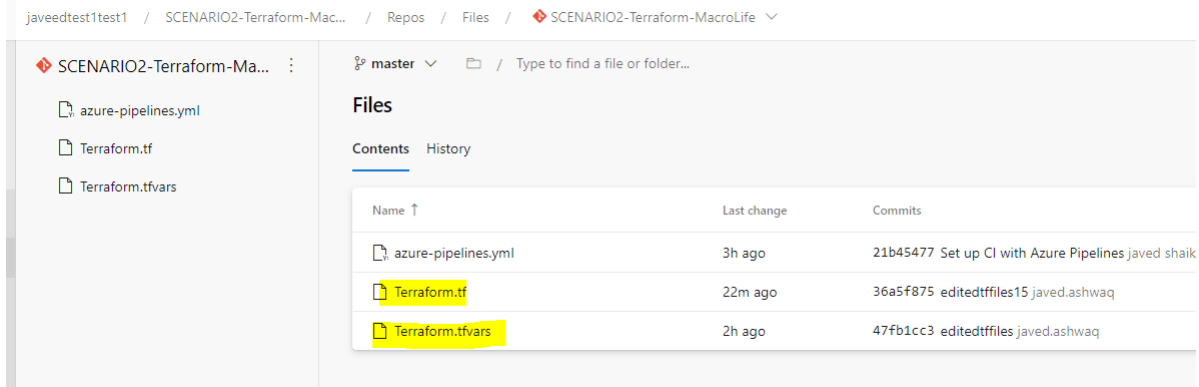
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33 #####Pulling Password from Key Vault
34
35 data "azurerm_key_vault" "keyvault" {
36     name           = "MacroLife-keyvault"
37     resource_group_name = "Terraform_res"
38 }
39
40 data "azurerm_key_vault_secret" "secret" {
41     name           = "VMPASSWORD"
42     key_vault_id = data.azurerm_key_vault.keyvault.id
43 }
44

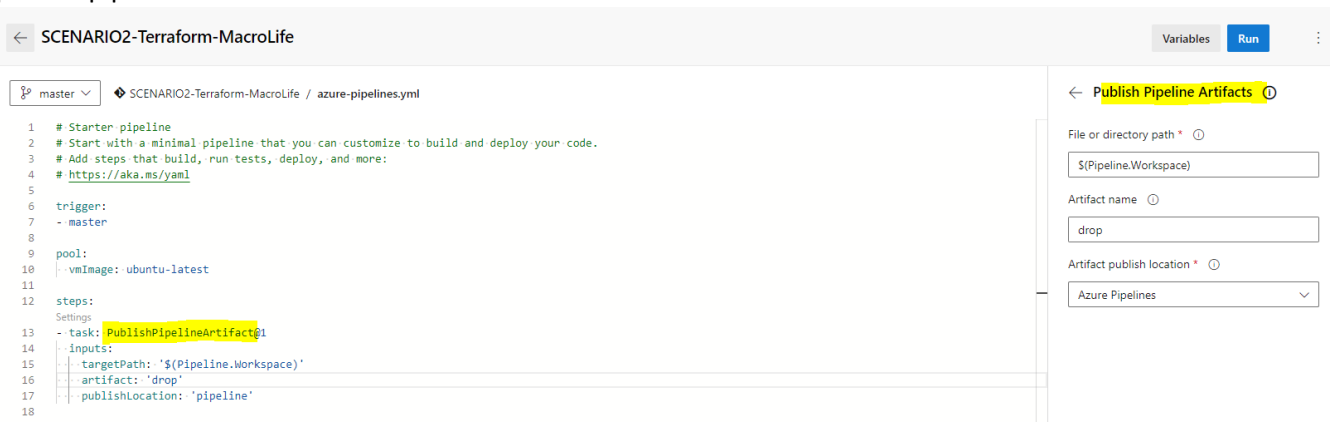
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Configuration

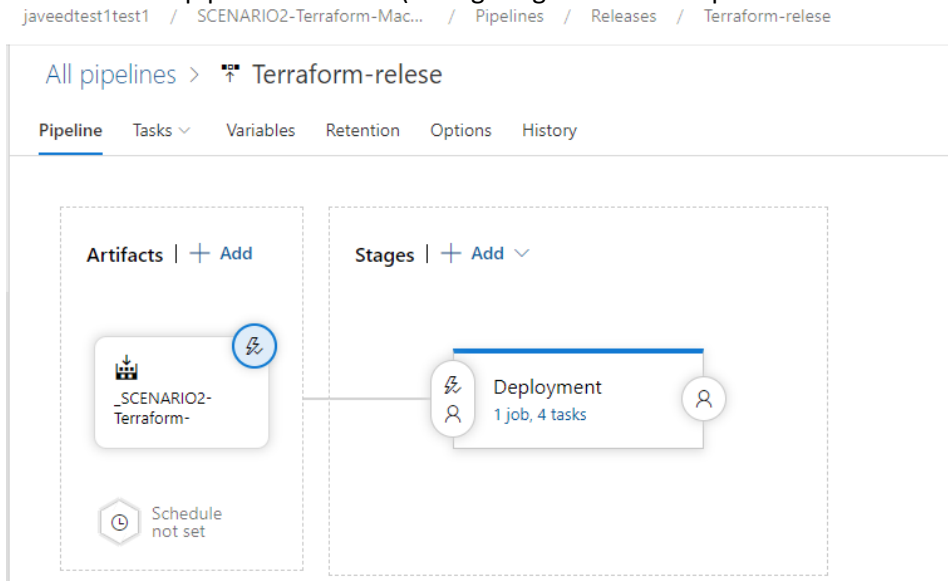
1. Create a repo with terraform files.(you can ignore the YAML file below, it was created as I already ran build pipeline).



2. Since there is nothing to compile or build, I am just using release pipeline to drop repo files to artifacts. I used 'publish pipeline artifacts' to create artifacts.



3. Create release pipeline as below.(Configuring artifacts as input with continuous trigger)



4. Create 4 tasks as below in deployment stage,

The screenshot shows the Azure DevOps pipeline configuration for 'Terraform-release'. The 'Deployment' stage is selected, showing four tasks: 'Install Terraform 0.12.3', 'Terraform : init', 'Terraform : plan', and 'Terraform : apply --auto-approve'. The configuration panel on the right shows settings for the 'Terraform : apply --auto-approve' task, including 'Configuration directory' set to '\$(System.DefaultWorkingDirectory)/_SCENARIO2-Terraform-MacroLife/drop/s', 'Azure subscription' set to 'SCENARIO2-Terraform-MacroLife', 'Resource group' set to 'Terraform_res', 'Storage account' set to 'macrolifeterraformstg', 'Container' set to 'terraform', and 'Key' set to 'terraform.tfstate'. A 'Select a file or folder' dialog is open, showing the file structure of the '_SCENARIO2-Terraform-MacroLife (Build)' artifact, with 'drop/s' selected. The dialog also shows a list of files: 'azure-pipelines.yml', 'Terraform.tf', and 'Terraform.tfvars'.

1. Terraform installer - To install Terraform.
2. Terraform Init - Fill the storage account, container details and configure directory should be the folder which has terraform files (.tf).
3. Terraform plan - configure directory should be the folder which has terraform files (.tf).
4. Terraform apply – should also have the same configuration directory as above, in additional arguments give –auto-approve so that during the deployment it will not prompt for confirmation.

The screenshot shows the configuration for the 'Terraform : apply --auto-approve' task. The 'Task version' is set to '2.*'. The 'Display name' is 'Terraform : apply --auto-approve'. The 'Provider' is 'azurerm'. The 'Command' is 'validate and apply'. The 'Configuration directory' is '\$(System.DefaultWorkingDirectory)/_SCENARIO2-Terraform-MacroLife/drop/s'. The 'Additional command arguments' are '--auto-approve'. The 'Azure subscription' is 'SCENARIO2-Terraform-MacroLife'. The 'Control Options' are set to 'Always run'.

MacroLife_RG
Resource group

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Subscription (change) : primaryPay-As-You-Go Dev/Test

Subscription ID : 07175ee7-984b-48c5-8b91-6574f05d9685

Deployments : No deployments

Location : East US 2

Tags (change) : [Click here to add tags](#)

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| Name | Type | Location |
|---------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| MacroLife-vnet | Virtual network | East US 2 |
| macrolifestorageacc | Storage account | East US 2 |
| server1 | Virtual machine | East US 2 |
| server1-NIC | Network interface | East US 2 |
| server1-NSG | Network security group | East US 2 |
| server1-OS-Disk | Disk | East US 2 |
| server2 | Virtual machine | East US 2 |
| server2-NIC | Network interface | East US 2 |
| server2-NSG | Network security group | East US 2 |
| server2-OS-Disk | Disk | East US 2 |

Notes on Terraform.tfvars File

1. Unlike hard coding all the values in Terraform.tf file I have separated it in to Terraform.tfvars file so that it would be easy to change values if needed.
2. Also, I configured VM deployments keeping scaling in mind. So, if you want to deploy 3 server or only 1 server. Just server list variables need to be updated with appropriate values. According to that it would deploy 3rd server, subnet & NSG along with it.

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azure-pipelines.yml

Terraform.tf

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Contents Highlight changes

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1 RG_Name = "MacroLife_RG"
2 Vnet_Name = "MacroLife-vnet"
3 Vnet_addressspace = ["10.0.0/16"]
4 Timezone = "Pacific Standard Time"
5
6 storageaccountname = "macrolifestorageacc"
7
8 VM_username = "Azureuser"
9 server_list = [
10 {
11     hostname = "server1"
12     SKU = "Standard_DS1_v2"
13     osDiskType = "StandardSSD_LRS"
14     Subnet = ["10.0.1.0/24"]
15 },
16 {
17     hostname = "server2"
18     SKU = "Standard_DS1_v2"
19     osDiskType = "StandardSSD_LRS"
20     Subnet = ["10.0.2.0/24"]
21 },
22 {
23     hostname = "server3"
24     SKU = "Standard_DS1_v2"
25     osDiskType = "StandardSSD_LRS"
26     Subnet = ["10.0.3.0/24"]
27 }
28 ]

```