

Module Checklist

Infrastructure as Code with Terraform

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Video Overview

Demo Projects	
Git Project	https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn

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Introduction to Terraform

- ☐ Watched video

Install Terraform & Local Setup

- ☐ Watched video
- ☐ **Demo executed - Install Terraform:**
 - ☐ Terraform installed
 - ☐ "terraform" project created

Useful Links:

- Guide to install Terraform for different OS:
<https://learn.hashicorp.com/tutorials/terraform/install-cli>
<https://www.terraform.io/downloads.html>
- Visual Studio Code Installation: <https://code.visualstudio.com/download>

Providers

- ☐ Watched video
- ☐ **Demo executed:**
 - ☐ Use AWS Provider

Useful Links:

- Browse Terraform Providers: <https://registry.terraform.io/browse/providers>
- Project: <https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/master>



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Resources and Data Sources

- ☐ Watched video
- ☐ **Demo executed**
 - ☐ Created new VPC
 - ☐ Created Subnet in that new VPC
 - ☐ Created new Subnet in existing default VPC (with data)

Useful Links:

- Project: <https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/master>

Change and destroy resources

- ☐ Watched video
- ☐ **Demo executed :**
 - ☐ added tags to existing resources
 - ☐ removed tag
 - ☐ destroyed a resource

Useful Links:

- Project: <https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/master>

More terraform commands

- ☐ Watched video
- ☐ **Demo executed :**
 - ☐ Executed preview command
 - ☐ Applied config file without preview
 - ☐ Destroyed complete infrastructure

Useful Links:

- Project: <https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/master>



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Terraform State

- ☐ Watched videos
- ☐ Demo executed

Useful Links:

- Project: <https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/master>



Terraform Output

- ☐ Watched video
- ☐ Demo executed - define output values

Useful Links:

- Project: <https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/master>

Variables

- ☐ Watched video
- ☐ Demo executed:
 - ☐ Passed variables in 3 different ways
 - ☐ Restricted value of variable by defining a type

Useful Links:

- Everything about Input Variables:
<https://www.terraform.io/docs/configuration/variables.html>
- Project: <https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/master>

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Environment variables

- ☐ Watched video
- ☐ **Demo executed:**
 - ☐ Used environment variables to extract AWS credentials
 - ☐ Set variable using `TF_VAR_name` environment variable

Useful Links:

- Custom Environment variables:
<https://www.terraform.io/docs/commands/environment-variables.html>
- Project: <https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/master>

Initialize Git Repository

- ☐ Watched video
- ☐ **Demo executed:**
 - ☐ Created Remote Git Repository for Terraform Configuration Files
 - ☐ Connected remote Git Repository with local project
 - ☐ Added .gitignore files

Best Practices so far:

- **Security:** Don't include sensitive data in the Terraform configuration file! Because it will be checked in in your git repository.
- Use terraform apply with the configuration file to make infrastructure changes, instead of executing commands directly. Especially when you work in a team. Because otherwise, infrastructure's current state and the desired state represented in the configuration file do not correspond anymore!



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Terraform & AWS

Demo Project 1: Automate AWS Infrastructure (Part 1, 2 + 3)

- ☐ Watched video
- ☐ **Demo executed:**
 - ☐ Created VPC & Subnet
 - ☐ Created custom Route Table
 - ☐ Added Subnet Association with Route Table
 - ☐ Configured Default/Main Route Table
 - ☐ Created Security Group
 - ☐ Configured Default Security Group
 - ☐ Created EC2 Instance (Fetch AMI, Create ssh key-pair and download .pem file and restrict permission)
 - ☐ SSH into EC2 instance
 - ☐ Configured ssh key pair in Terraform config file
 - ☐ Created EC2 Instance
 - Fetch AMI
 - Create ssh key-pair and download .pem file
 - restrict permission
 - ☐ SSH into EC2 instance
 - ☐ Automated ssh key-pair - configured ssh key pair in Terraform config file
 - ☐ Configured Terraform to install Docker and run nginx image
 - ☐ Extract shell commands to own shell script
 - ☐ Accessed nginx through Browser



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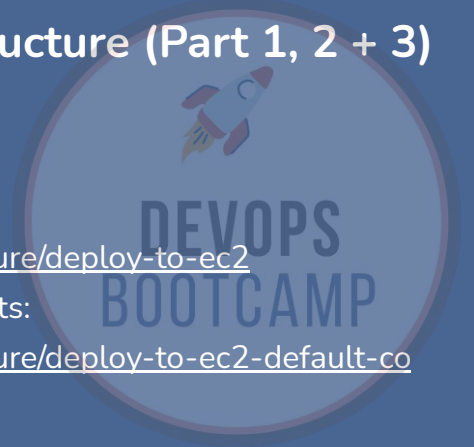
Demo Project 1: Automate AWS Infrastructure (Part 1, 2 + 3)

Useful Links:

- Project Repo - Provision EC2 with new components:
<https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/feature/deploy-to-ec2>
- Project Repo - Provision EC2 with default components:
<https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/feature/deploy-to-ec2-default-components>
- EC2 Instance Resource:
<https://registry.terraform.io/providers/hashicorp/aws/latest/docs/resources/instance>
- Data Sources Filtering:
<https://registry.terraform.io/providers/hashicorp/oci/latest/docs/guides/filters>
- Generate a new ssh key: <https://www.ssh.com/ssh/keygen/>

Best Practices:

- With Terraform: Create own VPC and leave the defaults created by AWS as is
- **Security:** Store your .pem file ssh private key in .ssh folder. Restrict permission (only read for our User) on .pem file
- **Security:** Don't hardcode public_key in Terraform config file!



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Provisioners

- ☐ Watched video
- ☐ **Demo executed:**
 - ☐ Used "remote-exec" provisioner
 - ☐ Used "file" provisioner
 - ☐ Used "local-exec" provisioner

Useful Links:

- Project Repo: <https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/feature/provisioners>

Best Practices:

- Use configuration management tools instead of Terraform provisioners

Modules (Part 1, 2, 3)

- ☐ Watched videos
- ☐ **Demo executed:**
 - ☐ Extracted output values, variables and providers into its own file
 - ☐ Created subnet module and used it in root config file
 - ☐ Created webserver module and used it in root config file
 - ☐ Executed terraform apply successfully

Useful Links:

- Module Creation - Recommended Pattern: <https://learn.hashicorp.com/tutorials/terraform/pattern-module-creation?in=terraform/modules>
- Project Repo: <https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/feature/modules>

Best Practices:

- Terraform Project Structure: Own .tf file for providers, variables, data sources and output values
- Modules: encapsulate configuration into distinct logical components



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Terraform & AWS EKS

Demo Project 2: Terraform & AWS EKS (Part 1, 2 & 3)

- ☐ Watched videos
- ☐ **Demo executed:**
 - ☐ Created the VPC by using the VPC module
 - ☐ Created the EKS cluster and worker nodes by using the EKS module
 - ☐ Configured Kubernetes provider to authenticate with K8s cluster
 - ☐ Applied configurations
 - ☐ Deployed nginx Application/Pod
 - ☐ Terraform destroy (IMPORTANT: delete all your components, if you don't want to get charged for a running cluster!)

Useful Links:

- Project Repo: <https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/feature/eks>
- VPC Module:
<https://registry.terraform.io/modules/terraform-aws-modules/vpc/aws/latest>
- EKS Cluster Module:
<https://registry.terraform.io/modules/terraform-aws-modules/eks/aws/latest>
- Kubernetes Provider:
<https://registry.terraform.io/providers/hashicorp/kubernetes/latest/docs>



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Terraform & Jenkins

Demo Project 3: CI/CD with Terraform (Part 1, 2 & 3)

- ❑ Watched videos
- ❑ **Demo executed:**
 - ❑ Created SSH key pair for EC2 Instance
 - ❑ Created Credential in Jenkins
 - ❑ Installed Terraform inside Jenkins Container
 - ❑ Created Terraform configuration files to provision an ec2 server
 - ❑ Created entry-script.sh file to install docker, docker-compose and start containers through docker-compose command
 - ❑ Adjusted Jenkinsfile to include provision and deployment stage
 - ❑ Included docker login to be able to pull Docker Images from private Docker repository
 - ❑ Executed CI/CD pipeline successfully

Useful Links:

- Project Repo: <https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/java-maven-app/-/tree/feature/sshagent-terraform>
- Install Terraform: <https://learn.hashicorp.com/tutorials/terraform/install-cli>
- Install docker-compose: <https://docs.docker.com/compose/install/>
- Terraform environment variables: <https://www.terraform.io/docs/commands/environment-variables.html>

Best Practice:

- Include TF configuration files in your project folder



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Demo Project 3: CI/CD with Terraform (Part 1, 2 & 3)

Useful Commands

- Install Terraform in Jenkins:

```
# add HashiCorp key
curl -fsSL https://apt.releases.hashicorp.com/gpg | apt-key add -

# install apt-add-repo command
apt-get install software-properties-common

# add the official HashiCorp Linux repository
apt-add-repository "deb [arch=amd64] https://apt.releases.hashicorp.com
$(lsb_release -cs) main"

# update and install
apt-get update && apt-get install terraform

# verify
terraform -v
```

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Terraform Remote State

- ☐ Watched video
- ☐ Demo executed:
 - ☐ Configured Remote Storage

Useful Links:

- Project Repo: <https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/java-maven-app/-/tree/feature/sshagent-terraform>
- Backends: <https://www.terraform.io/docs/backends/>
- Remote State: <https://www.terraform.io/docs/state/remote.html>
- AWS S3: <https://aws.amazon.com/s3/>

Best Practice:

- Use Remote Terraform State when working in a team
- Use S3 Bucket Versioning
- **Security:** Enable encryption for the S3 Bucket



More Resources...

More Best Practices

- Use _ (underscore) instead of - (dash) in all resource names, data source names, variable names, outputs etc.
- Only use lowercase letters and numbers
- Use remote state, instead of on your laptop or in Git
- Use a consistent structure and naming convention
- Don't hardcode values as much as possible - pass as variables or use data sources to get a value

