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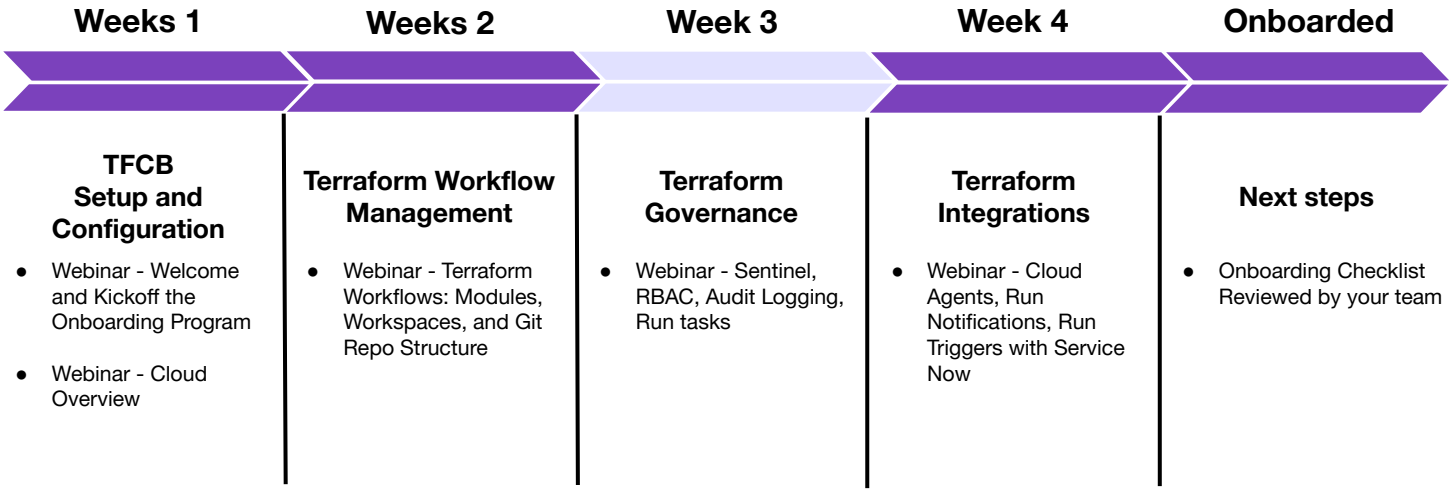
Terraform Cloud Governance

Agenda

1. Role Based Access Controls
2. Sentinel
3. Run Tasks
4. Audit Logs

TFCB Path to Production



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Role Based Access Controls (RBAC)

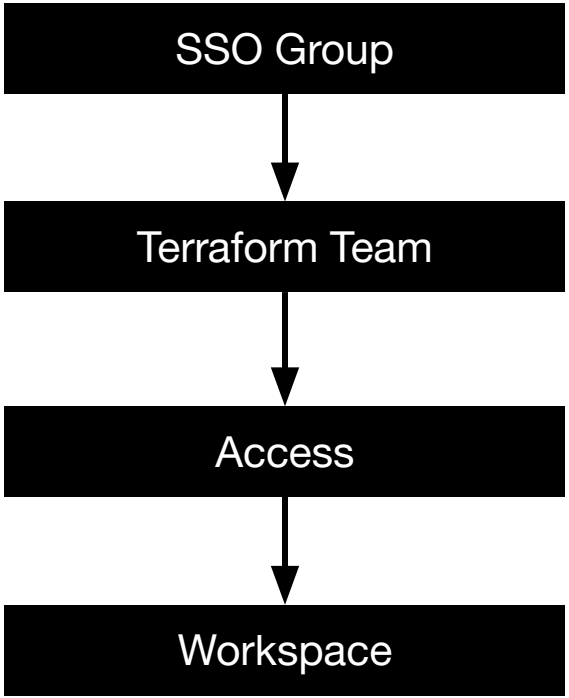
Terraform Cloud RBAC Model

- Terraform Cloud's (TFCB) access model is team-based
  - Permissions are assigned at the team level
  - Users inherit permissions based upon team assignment
- TFCB's permission model is split into organization-level & workspace-level permissions
- Every Org has an "owners" team which have every available permission in that org
- Workspace permissions allow administrators to delegate access to specific collections of infrastructure

Common Scenarios

- TFC is often used by multiple Teams (i.e. *Developers, QA, Security, Operations, Networking, SQL Admins, Filestore Admins, Accounting)*
- The best approach to managing permissions is:
  a. Create Groups within your Single Sign-on (SSO) service for each team
  b. Assign each group as a TFC Team
  c. Determine how Workspaces will be divided, & assign permissions accordingly.
- Data can be dynamically shared between Workspaces as read-only by using the “**tfe_outputs**” data source
- `Terraform_remote_state` Data Source

TFCB Permissions Flow



Workspace Permissions

There are two ways to assign permission to a TFCB team

- Custom permissions
- Fixed permission sets - bundles of specific permissions, designed for delegated access patterns

Permissions Sets

Read

- Read runs
- Read variables
- Read state versions

Plan

- Queue plans
- Read variables
- Read state versions

Write

- Lock/unlock Workspace
- Download Sentinel mocks
- Read and write Variables
- Read and write State Versions
- Approve Runs

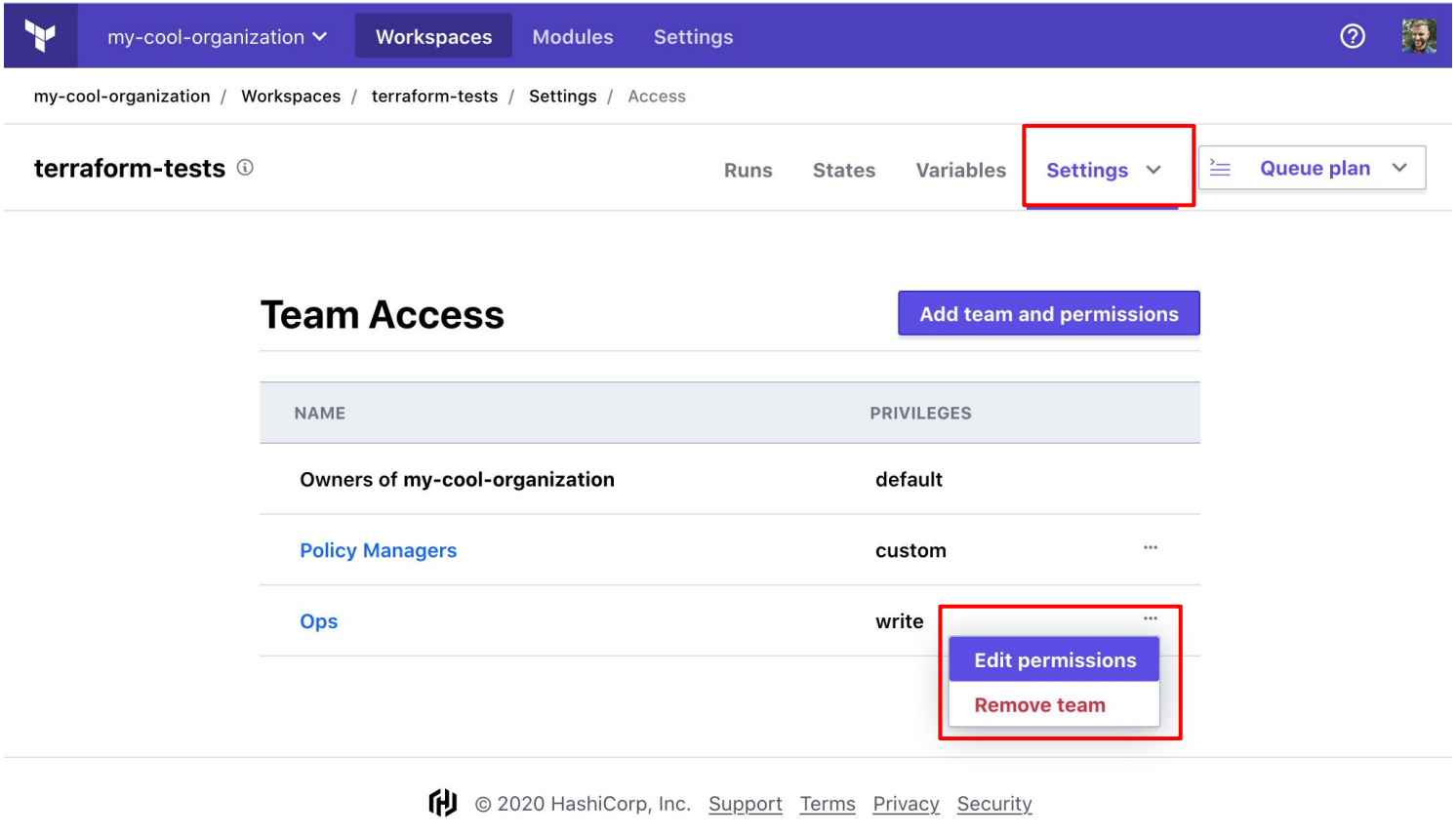
Admin

- VCS Configuration
- Manage Team Access
- Execution Mode
- Delete Workspace
- Read & write workspace settings, general settings, notification configurations, run triggers,& more

[Terraform Cloud Workspace Permissions]

State Files

- May contain secrets, passwords, & API Tokens
- Should be handled as sensitive material when applying RBAC permissions
- Are encrypted at rest using HashiCorp Vault
- Data can still be read at runtime or directly from the TFC UI if a User has the necessary Workspace permissions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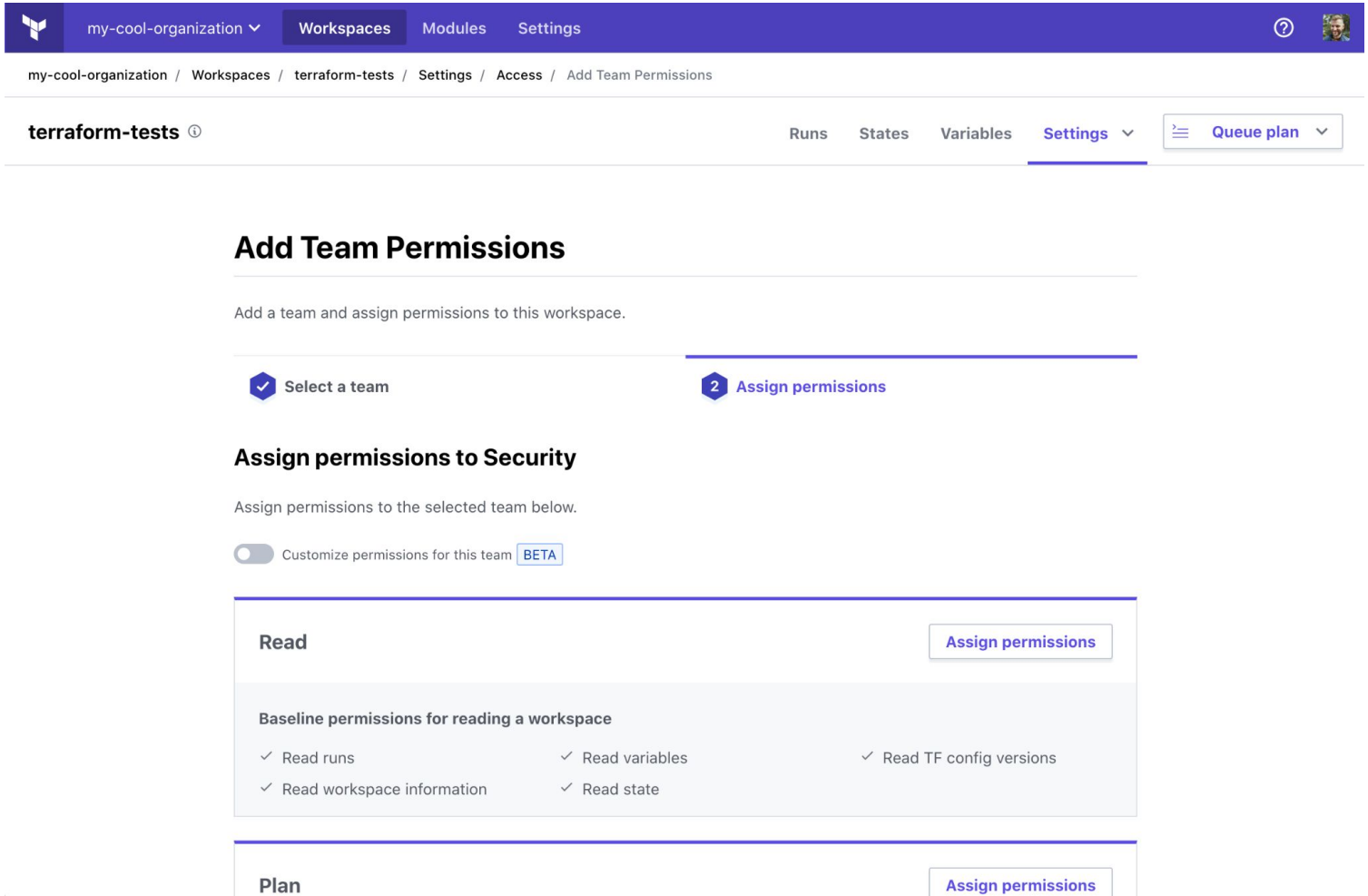
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Read variables
Read TF config versions
Read workspace information
Read state
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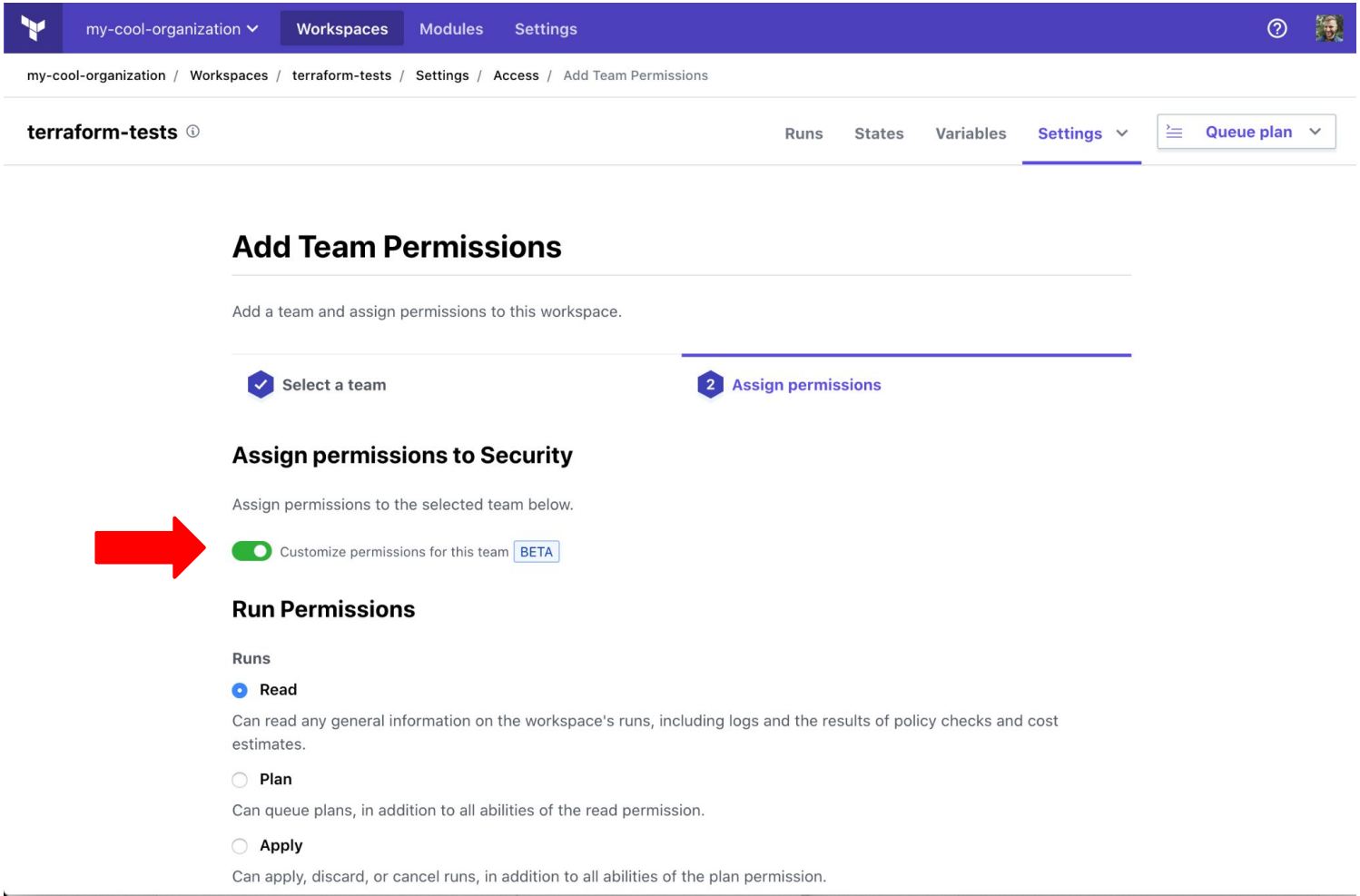
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Run Permissions
Runs
Read
Can read any general information on the workspace's runs, including logs and the results of policy checks and cost estimates.
Plan
Can queue plans, in addition to all abilities of the read permission.
Apply
Can apply, discard, or cancel runs, in addition to all abilities of the plan permission.

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Sentinel

Sentinel is “Policy / Governance / Security as Code”

Use Cases

1. Cloud Provider	6. Resource Tagging
2. Account ID	7. Resource Types
3. Limit regions of Availability Zones	8. Resource Sizes
4. Cost Estimates	9. Resource Configuration
5. Cost Limiting	10. Resource Destruction

Benefits

- Enforcement
- Automation
- Speed
- Version Control
- Reproducibility
- Auditability
- Reliability

Architecture

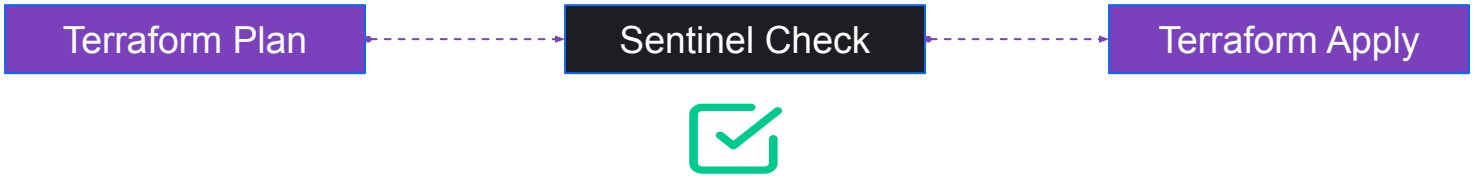
- Variables, conditionals, loops, functions
  - Sentinel Language Reference
- Validates Config and State (Create, Edit, Destroy) of Terraform resources
- terraform plan -> sentinel check -> terraform apply
- Enforcement Levels – all are Logged
  - **Hard-mandatory**, required, cannot bypass, fail the TF RUN (prod)
  - **Soft-mandatory**, required, TF Owner can bypass with a comment in the TF UI, will halt the TF Run
  - **Advisory**, guard-rails warning, info warnings in the TF Run

Syntax Example

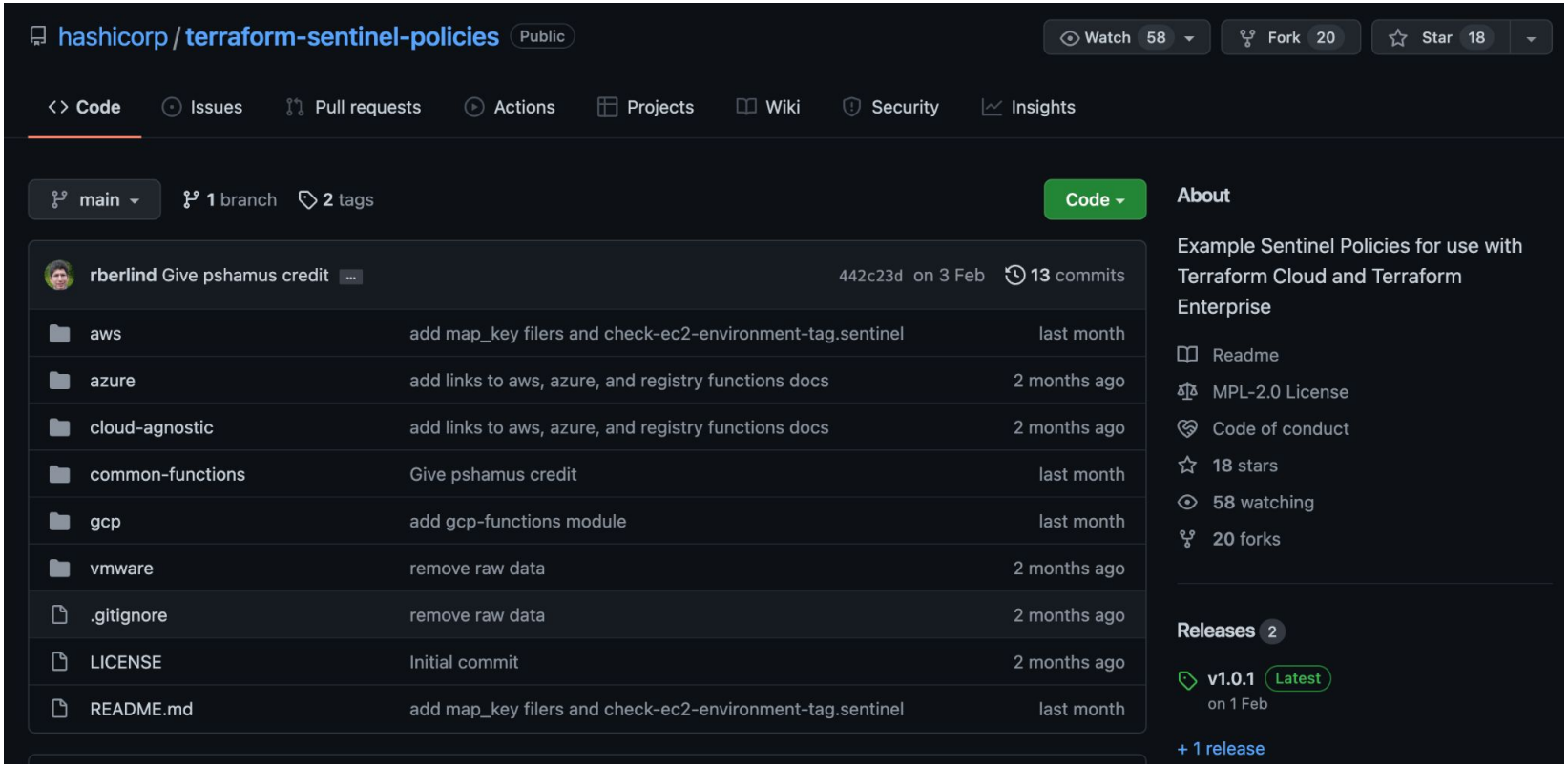
```
import "units"

memory = func(job) {
  result = 0
  for job.groups as g {
    for g.tasks as t {
      result += t.resources.memory else 0
    }
  }

  return result
}

main = rule {
  memory(job) < 1 * units.gigabyte
}
```

Workflow

1. Create Terraform Workspaces
2. Create Sentinel Policies Git Repo
3. Create Policy Sets in TFC
4. Attach Policy Set to One (or more) Workspaces



Sentinel Rule Git Repo



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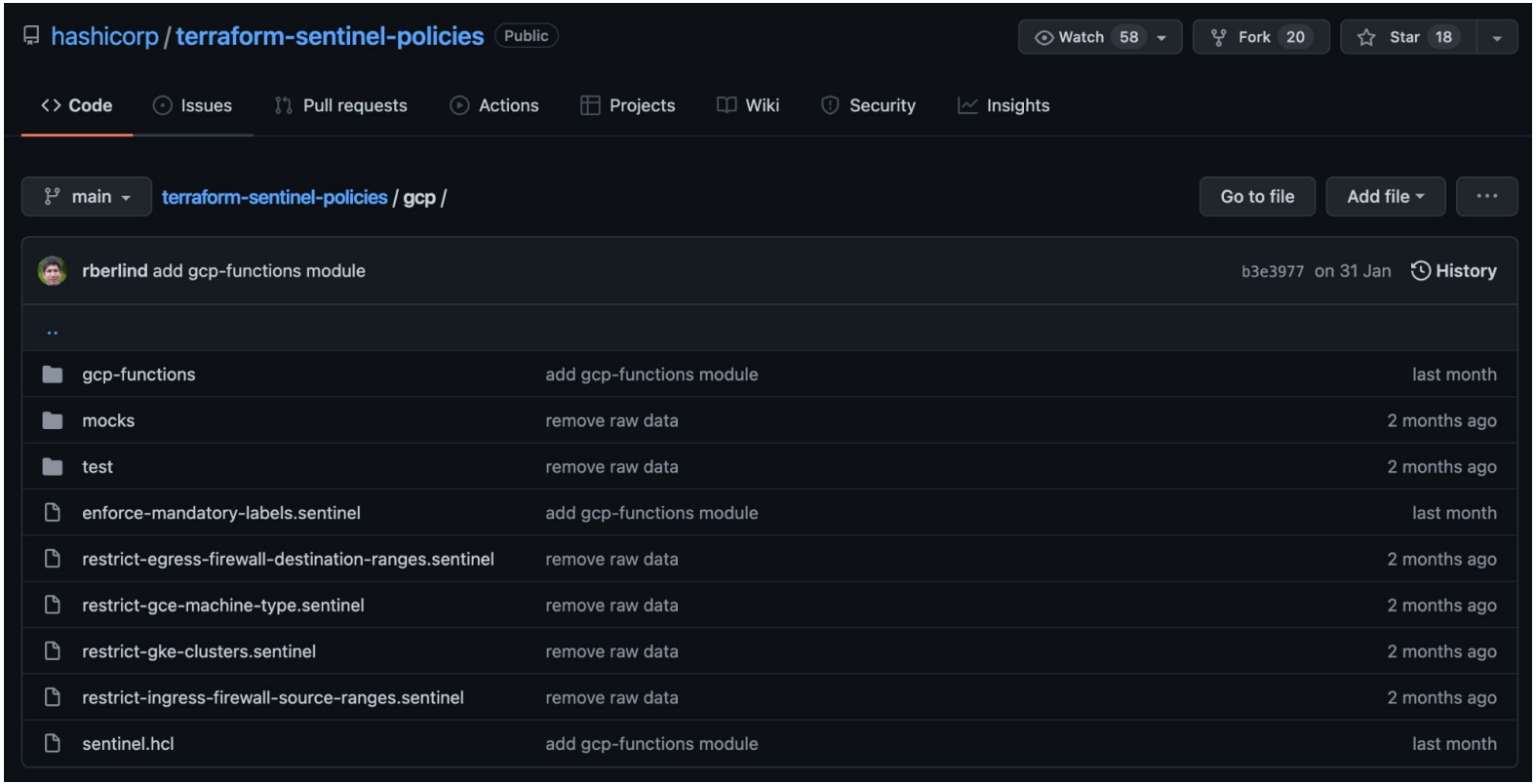

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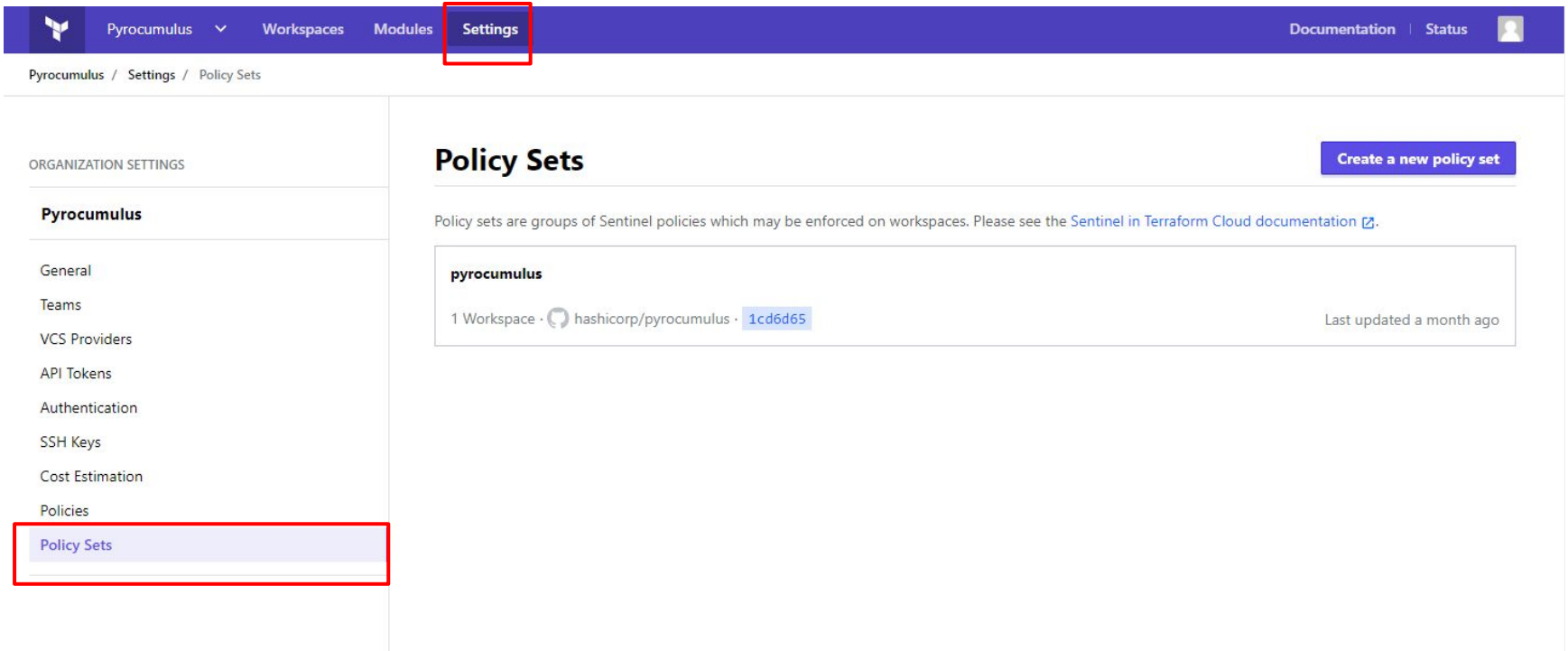
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Policy sets are groups of Sentinel policies which may be enforced on workspaces. Please see the Sentinel in Terraform Cloud documentation.
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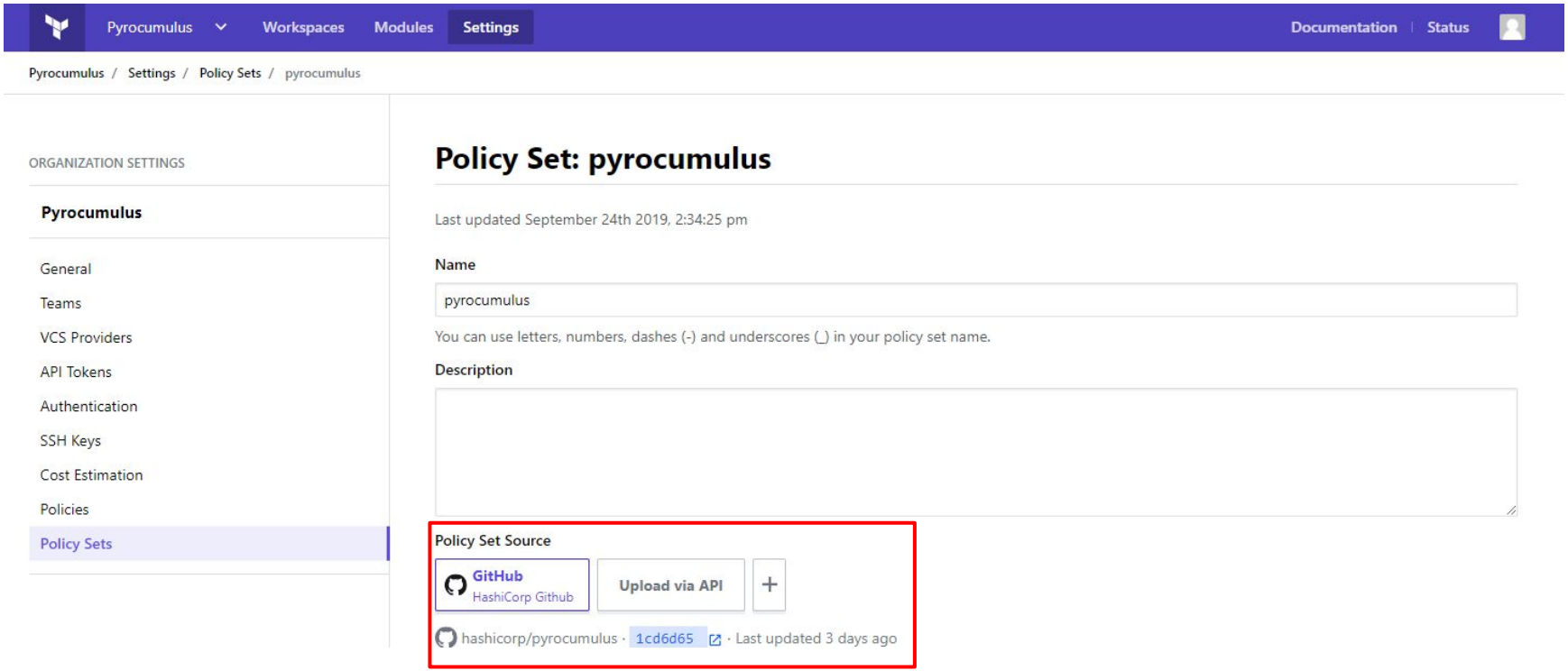
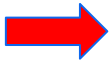
Create Policy Set



Attach Policy Set



Scope of Policies

- Policies enforced on all workspaces
- Policies enforced on selected workspaces

Workspaces

The name of the workspace you wish to add to this policy set.

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—Select item—

Add workspace

Update policy set

Delete policy set

Automate Sentinel to Workspaces

```
# Get a list of Workspace IDs, based on matching a Regex pattern
variable "workspace_name_pattern" {
  type = string
  default = ".*_dev_vdm"
}
data "tfe_workspace_ids" "all" {
  names = ["*"]
  organization = var.tf_org_name
}
output "all_workspace_ids" { value = data.tfe_workspace_ids.all.ids }
locals {
  # filter by the Workspace Name, then return the Workspace ID, or null, then remove null entries
  filtered_workspace_ids = compact(flatten([
    for name, id in data.tfe_workspace_ids.all.ids : [
      (length(regexall(var.workspace_name_pattern, name)) > 0) ? id : null
    ]
  ]))
}
output "filtered_workspace_ids" { value = local.filtered_workspace_ids }
```

Limitations

1. Can only enforce against resources deployed & managed by Terraform
2. Cannot enforce “self-managed” services (ex: mysql on AWS EC2, Azure VM, GCP VM, VMware VM)
3. Cannot enforce against resource logs / metrics (ex: AWS CloudTrail, Azure Monitor, GCP Cloud Audit Logs)
4. Cannot continuously monitor (ex: AWS Config, Azure Policy, GCP Forseti)
5. Sentinel uses the Cloud Provider’s Cost Estimation API, which doesn’t continuously run, & does not check costs for usage-based billing (ex: AWS Athena, Azure DataBricks, GCP BigQuery, GCP Pub/Sub)

Resources: Sentinel Policies

- Example Sentinel Policies Collection
- Terraform Foundational Policies Library
- Sentinel Tutorials

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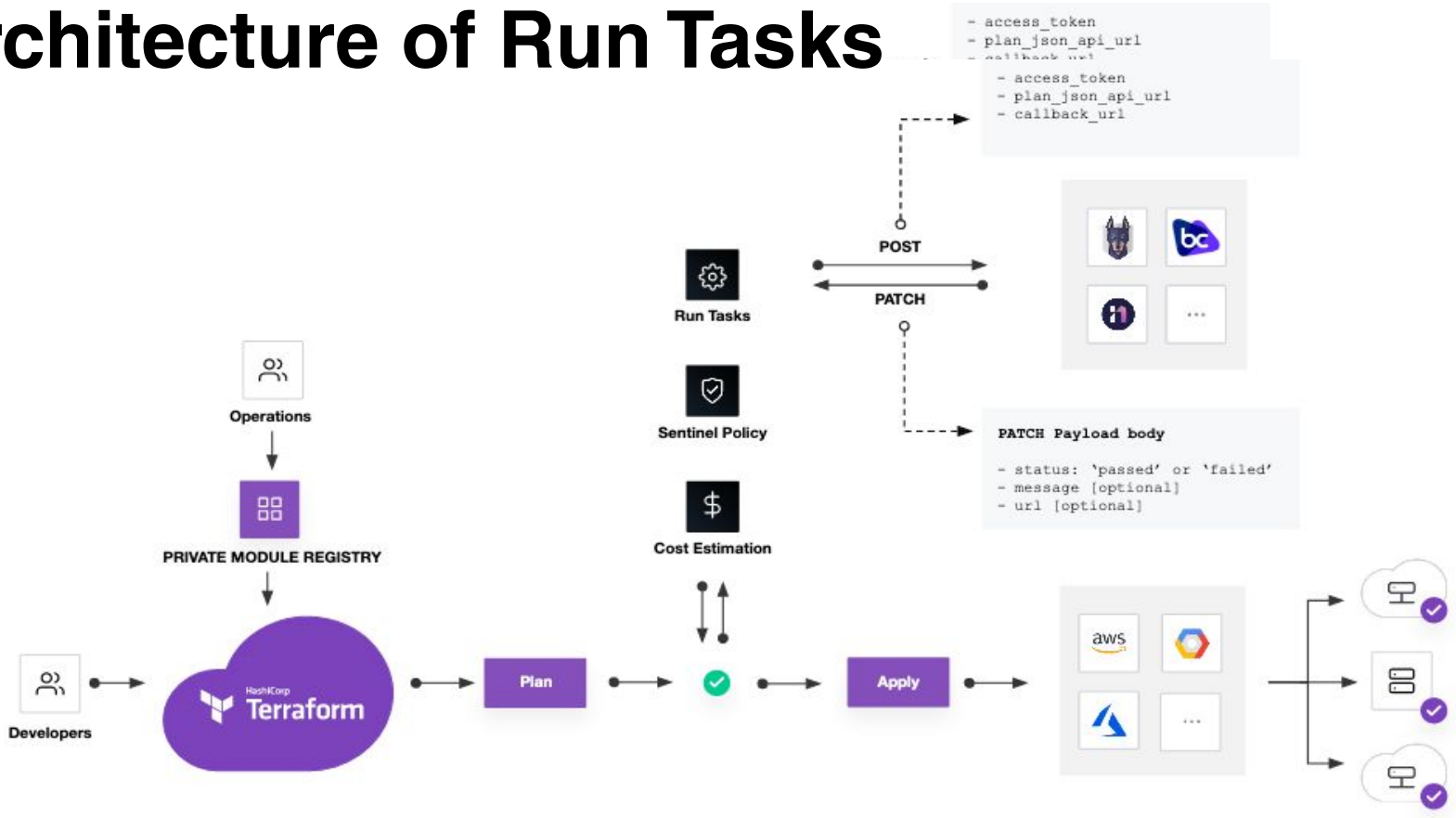
Run Tasks

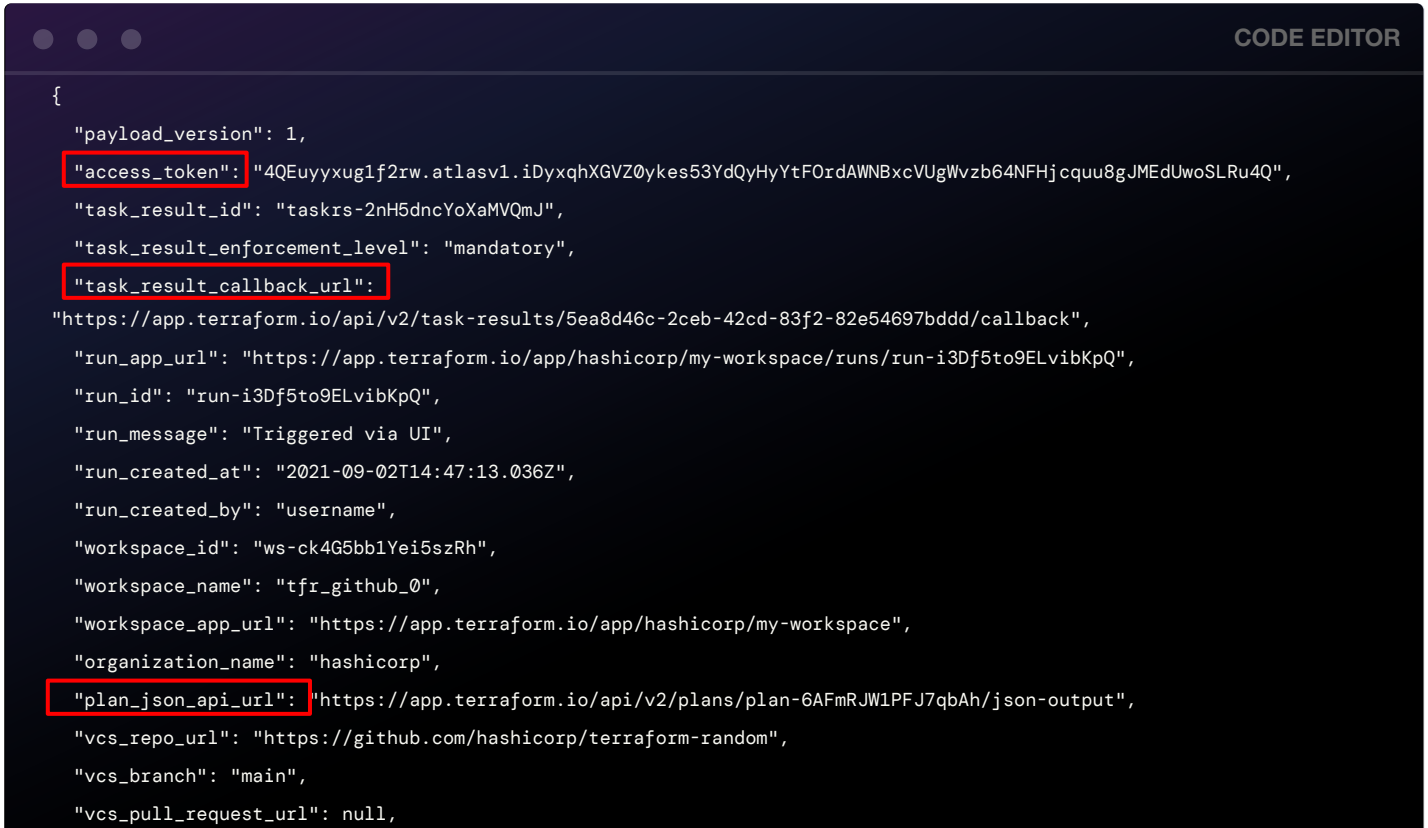
Run Tasks

- Integrate 3rd-party tools into the pre-apply stage during a Terraform Cloud run
  - During pre-apply phase, an event hook is triggered & TFCB sends a payload containing run details
  - Terraform waits for the service to reply with either passed or failed status
- Supported integrations
  - Snyk, Bridgecrew, Infracost, Lightlytics, Vantage
  - HCP Packer

Architecture of Run Tasks

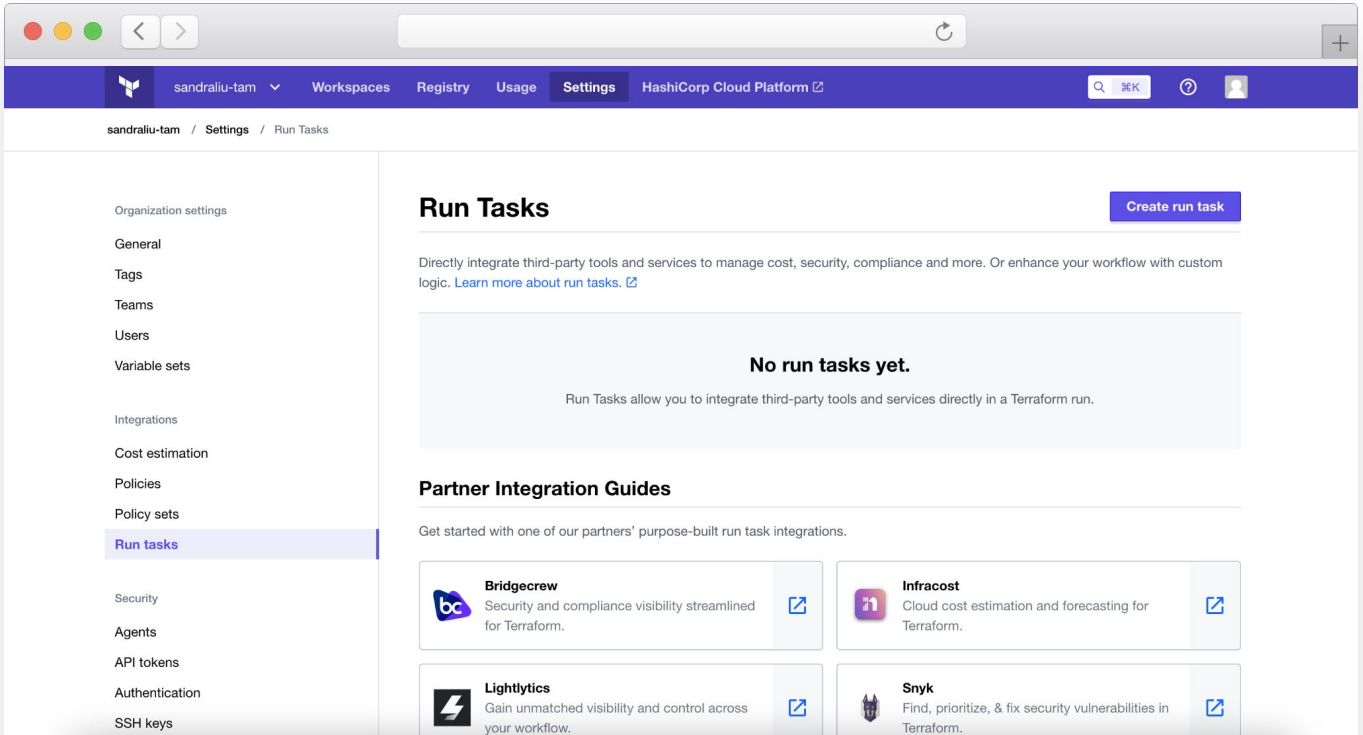


Payload from Terraform



Create Run Tasks

Organization Settings → Run Tasks → Create run tasks



Run Task integration with HCP Packer

Run Task validates that machine images in your Terraform configuration are valid and haven’t been revoked for security or other reasons

Use-cases

1. Use run tasks with HCP Packer to identify compromised images with Terraform Cloud to prevent images from being outdated
2. Enforce image compliance with Terraform Cloud and let your configuration dynamically use more up to date images as you create them

Create Run Tasks with HCP Packer

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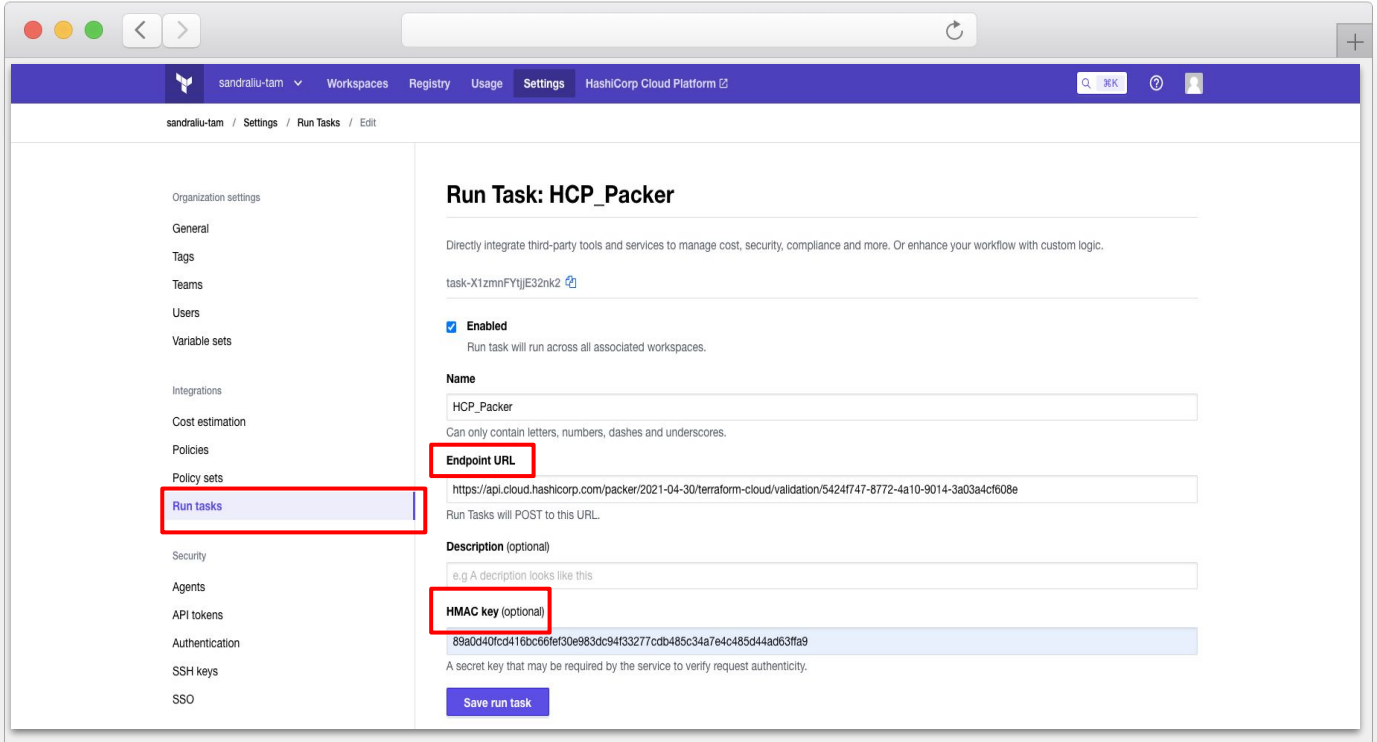

Technology Partners

Bridgecrew
Security and compliance errors in Terraform configurations.

cloudtamer.io
Cost savings or compliance findings.

Infracost
A cloud infrastructure costing, initiated right from a pull request or Terraform run.

Lightlytics
Security checks to any additional dependency changes.

Refactr
Allows users to build workflows for multiple use cases including but not limited to code scanning.

Snyk
find, track, and fix security misconfigurations in their cloud infrastructure as part of their SDLC

Future
An up-to-date list is available **here**.

Resources: Run Tasks

- Run Tasks Documentation
- Run Tasks Integration
- Tutorial: Configure Snyk Run Task in Terraform Cloud

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Audit Logs

Audit Logging

- The audit trails API exposes a stream of audit events, describing changes to the application entities (workspaces, runs, etc.) for a specific TCFB Organization
- Terraform Cloud retains 14 days of audit log information
- Retentions beyond 14 days requires ingestion into an external platform or solution
- Endpoint cannot be accessed with a user token or team token, requires an organization token.

Resources: Audit Logging

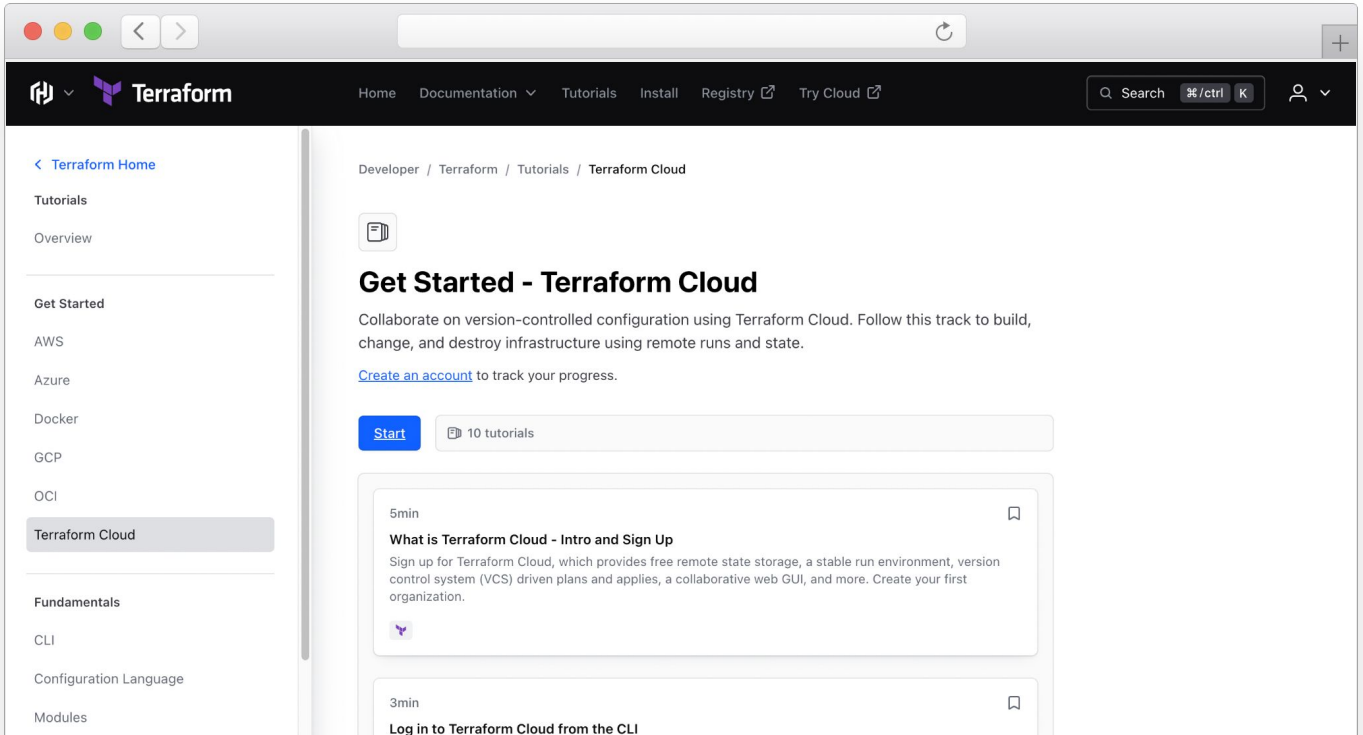
- Audit Trails API
- Blog - Cloud Compliance & Management with Terraform
- Log Forwarding
- Terraform Cloud Audit Logging with Splunk
- Medium Post - Splunk Integration with TFC

Next Steps

Tutorials

https://developer.hashicorp.com/terraform/tutorials

Step-by-step guides to accelerate deployment of Terraform Cloud



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