

Governance



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Cloud Agents

Terraform Cloud Agents



Terraform Cloud Agents allow TFC to communicate with isolated, private, on-premises infrastructure, such as vSphere, Nutanix, and OpenStack, or across multiple cloud accounts like AWS, Azure, and GCP. The Cloud Agent is an x86-based Golang binary, which can be easily deployed on baremetal, in a VM, as a Docker container, or in a Kubernetes cluster.

The agent architecture is pull-based, so no inbound public internet connectivity is required. The agent will poll Terraform Cloud for work and execute locally. You can optionally include Cloud API Credentials in the run environment for the Cloud Agent to use, allowing for “Terraform Workspaces with Credential Free Provisioning”, allowing you to leverage the cloud-native Identity Services, such as AWS IAM Instance Profiles, Azure VM Managed Identity, or GCP Compute VM Service Account.

<https://www.terraform.io/docs/cloud/agents/index.html>



Terraform Cloud Agents

Supported Platforms

- Baremetal
- Docker
- Kubernetes (K8S)
- VMware VM
- AWS EC2 VM, EKS, ECS, Fargate EKS, Fargate ECS
- Azure VM, Container Service, AKS
- GCP Compute Engine VM, GKE

- <https://releases.hashicorp.com/tfc-agent/>
- <https://hub.docker.com/r/hashicorp/tfc-agent>
- <https://registry.terraform.io/modules/redeux/terraform-cloud-agent/kubernetes/latest>
- <https://www.hashicorp.com/blog/an-introduction-to-terraform-cloud-agents>
- <https://learn.hashicorp.com/tutorials/terraform/cloud-agents>

Hardware Requirements

- x86-based Linux host
- 2 GB of RAM
- 4 GB of disk space

Networking Requirements

- Public Egress, outbound network connections to app.terraform.io over HTTPS (443)
- See the “[TFC IP Ranges](#)”

Agents

An agent pool represents a group of agents that can be used to allow Terraform Cloud to communicate with isolated, private, or on-premises infrastructure. Each agent pool has its own set of tokens which are not shared across pools. When a workspace is configured to execute runs using agents, any available agent in that workspace's associated agent pool is eligible to complete the run.

[Read more in our documentation.](#) 

Create your first agent pool

Agents and agent tokens are organized into agent pools, and cannot be shared among multiple agent pools. Once an agent pool is created, you can generate an agent token to allow your agents to securely communicate with Terraform Cloud.

[Create agent pool](#)

[Learn more about Terraform Agents](#) 

Create an agent pool

1 Name agent pool

2 Token management

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Agent pool names must be unique, and will be used by workspace administrators when linking workspaces to a specific agent pool.

Agent Pool Name

Dashes, underscores, and alphanumeric characters are permitted.

Cancel

Continue



Create an agent pool



Name agent pool



Token management

Token management

Each agent pool has its own set of tokens which are not shared across pools. These tokens allow agents to communicate securely with Terraform Cloud.

Configure your initial tokens for **test** below. Tokens can be created and revoked tokens later, as well.

Tokens

Token description	Created	Last used
No tokens to display		

Add a new token

Choose a description to help you identify this token later.

Description

Create token

Cancel

Finish



Token created

Your new agent token, **test**, is displayed below.

U2VABqmFKk7U0w.atlasv1.4KqCoYqe5AqpDvF0TsDVPfwa0WS3x4ECsvUCKB6oyFy6KgZLW4ZD5txSae3E0mk1S3o [🔗](#)



Warning

This token **will not be displayed again**, so make sure to save it to a safe place.

Set up your agents

Connect to your Docker host and set the following environment variables. `TFC_AGENT_NAME` is optional.

```
$ export TFC_AGENT_TOKEN=U2VABqmFKk7U0w.atlasv1.4KqCoYqe5AqpDvF0TsDVPfwa0WS3x4ECsvUCKB6oyFy6KgZLW4ZD5txSae3E0mk1S3o
$ export TFC_AGENT_NAME=<my_agent_name>
```

[🔗](#)

Once the environment is configured, run the Docker container with the following command **or** [download the agent file](#). [🔗](#)

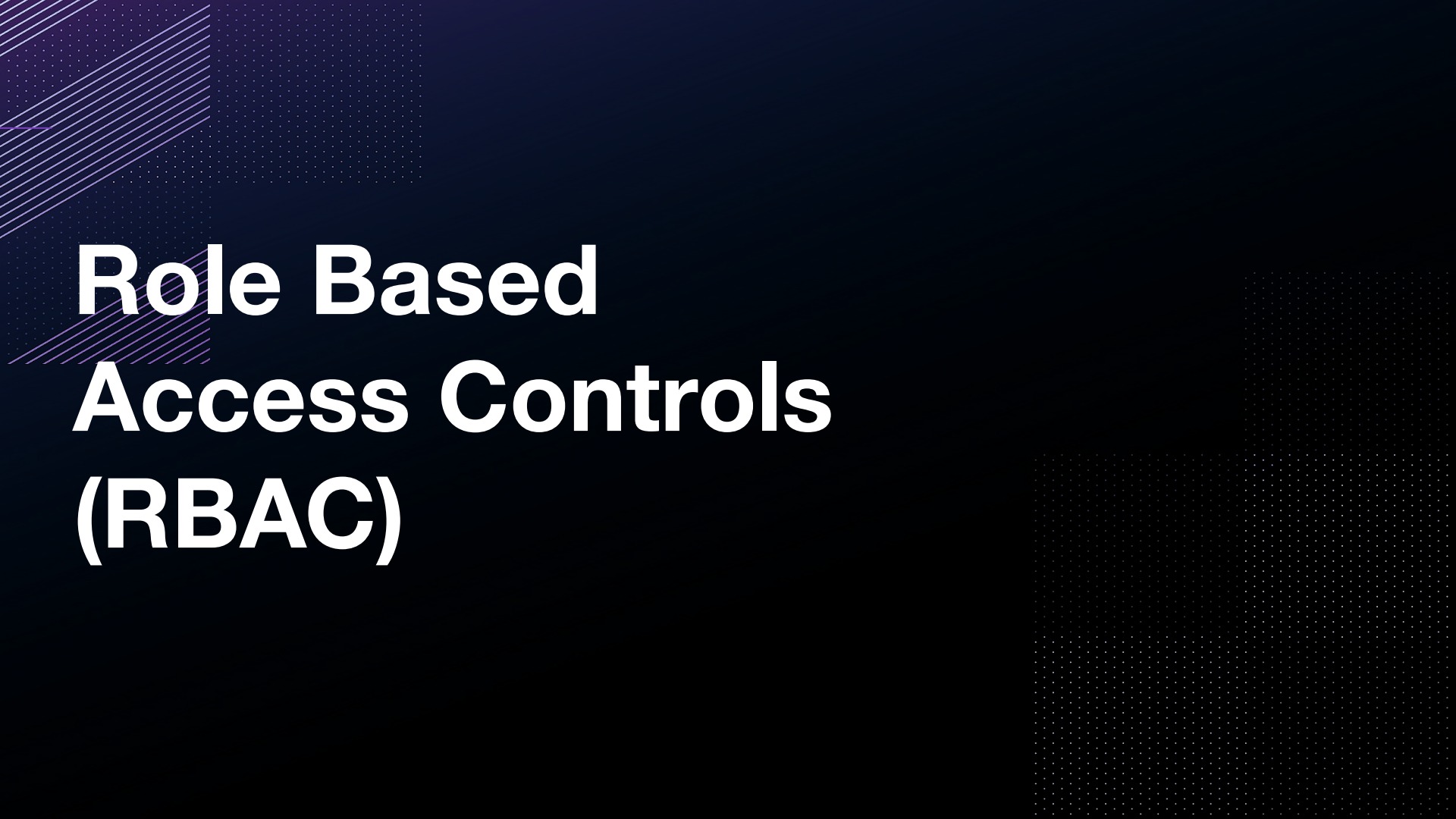
```
$ docker run -e TFC_AGENT_TOKEN -e TFC_AGENT_NAME hashicorp/tfc-agent:latest
```

[🔗](#)

[Read more in our documentation](#). [🔗](#)

Cancel

Finish



Role Based Access Controls (RBAC)

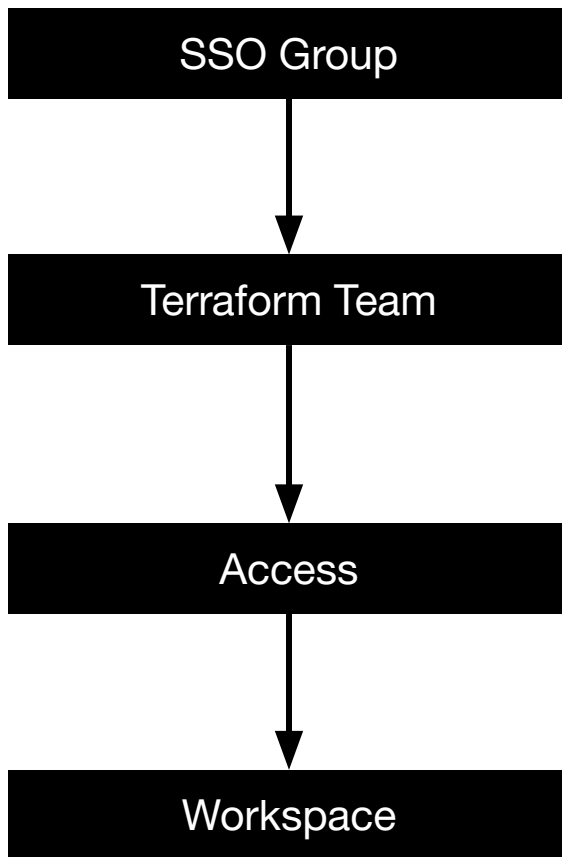
Common Scenarios



TFC is often used by multiple Teams, including Developers, QA, Security, Operations, Networking, SQL Admins, Filestore Admins, and Accounting. The best approach to managing this is to create Groups within your Single Sign-on (SSO) service for each of these teams, assign them as TFC Teams, decide how your Workspaces should be divided, and assign permissions accordingly. Data can also be dynamically shared between Workspaces as read-only by using the “**terraform_remote_state**” data source.

<https://www.terraform.io/docs/language/state/remote-state-data.html>

Statefiles may contain secrets, passwords, and API Tokens, and should be handled as sensitive material. The Statefiles are encrypted at rest using HashiCorp Vault, but data can still be read at runtime or directly from the TFC UI if a User has the necessary Workspace permissions.



Workspace Permissions



Read

- Read Runs
- Read Variables
- Read State Versions

Plan

- Create Runs

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 and write workspace settings, general settings, notification configurations, run triggers, and more.

<https://www.terraform.io/docs/cloud/workspaces/access.html>



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Workspaces

Modules

Settings



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Runs

States

Variables

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Queue plan ▾

Team Access

Add team and permissions

NAME	PRIVILEGES	
Owners of my-cool-organization	default	
Policy Managers	custom	...
Ops	write	...

Edit permissions

Remove team



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Add Team Permissions

Add a team and assign permissions to this workspace.



Select a team



2 Assign permissions

Assign permissions to Security

Assign permissions to the selected team below.



Customize permissions for this team

BETA

Read

Assign permissions

Baseline permissions for reading a workspace

✓ Read runs

✓ Read variables

✓ Read TF config versions

✓ Read workspace information

✓ Read state

Plan

Assign permissions

Add Team Permissions

Add a team and assign permissions to this workspace.



Select a team



Assign permissions

Assign permissions to Security

Assign permissions to the selected team below.



Customize permissions for this team

BETA

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

Summary



- What is Sentinel?
- Use Cases
- Benefits
- Architecture
- Syntax Example
- Workflow
- Limitations
- Questions



**Sentinel is “Policy / Governance /
Security as Code”**

Use Cases



1. cloud provider
2. cloud account id
3. regions and availability zones
4. cost estimates and limiting
5. resource tagging
6. resource types
7. resource sizes
8. resource configuration
9. resource destruction

Benefits



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

Architecture



- Variables, conditionals, loops, functions.
 - <https://docs.hashicorp.com/sentinel/language/>
- 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, but 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



- Create Terraform Workspaces
- Create a Sentinel Policies Git Repo
- Create Policy Set in TFC
- Attach Policy Set to one or many Workspaces
- terraform plan -> sentinel check -> terraform apply

Sentinel Rule Git Repo




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 **rberlind** Give pshamus credit ...

442c23d on 3 Feb 13 commits


aws	add map_key filers and check-ec2-environment-tag.sentinel	last month
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cloud-agnostic	add links to aws, azure, and registry functions docs	2 months ago
common-functions	Give pshamus credit	last month
gcp	add gcp-functions module	last month
vmware	remove raw data	2 months ago
.gitignore	remove raw data	2 months ago
LICENSE	Initial commit	2 months ago
README.md	add map_key filers and check-ec2-environment-tag.sentinel	last month

About

Example Sentinel Policies for use with Terraform Cloud and Terraform Enterprise

- Readme
- MPL-2.0 License
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Releases 2

 **v1.0.1** Latest
on 1 Feb

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Policy Set File Structure



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gcp-functions	add gcp-functions module	last month
mocks	remove raw data	2 months ago
test	remove raw data	2 months ago
enforce-mandatory-labels.sentinel	add gcp-functions module	last month
restrict-egress-firewall-destination-ranges.sentinel	remove raw data	2 months ago
restrict-gce-machine-type.sentinel	remove raw data	2 months ago
restrict-gke-clusters.sentinel	remove raw data	2 months ago
restrict-ingress-firewall-source-ranges.sentinel	remove raw data	2 months ago
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Policy Sets



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ORGANIZATION SETTINGS

Pyrocumulus

General

Teams

VCS Providers

API Tokens

Authentication

SSH Keys

Cost Estimation

Policies

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Policy Sets

Create a new policy set

Policy sets are groups of Sentinel policies which may be enforced on workspaces. Please see the [Sentinel in Terraform Cloud documentation](#).

pyrocumulus

1 Workspace · hashicorp/pyrocumulus · 1cd6d65

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Policy Set: pyrocmulus

Last updated September 24th 2019, 2:34:25 pm

Name

pyrocmulus

You can use letters, numbers, dashes (-) and underscores (_) in your policy set name.

Description

Policy Set Source



Upload via API



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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



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

Starter Policies



<https://github.com/hashicorp/terraform-sentinel-policies>

<https://github.com/hashicorp/terraform-foundational-policies-library>

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Audit Logs

Audit Logging



The audit trails API exposes a stream of audit events, which describe changes to the application entities (workspaces, runs, etc.) that belong to a Terraform Cloud organization. Audit trails are a paid feature, available as part of the Terraform Cloud for Business upgrade package. Terraform Cloud retains 14 days of audit log information. This endpoint cannot be accessed with a user token or team token. You must access it with an organization token.

- <https://www.terraform.io/docs/cloud/api/audit-trails.html>
- <https://www.hashicorp.com/resources/cloud-compliance-management-terraform-tracking-infrast-structure-audit-logging>
- <https://www.terraform.io/docs/enterprise/admin/logging.html>
- <https://www.hashicorp.com/blog/hashicorp-terraform-cloud-audit-logging-with-splunk>
- <https://medium.com/hashicorp-engineering/audit-logs-for-security-and-compliance-or-how-to-set-up-terraform-cloud-and-splunk-integration-98e4fdd8fda0>

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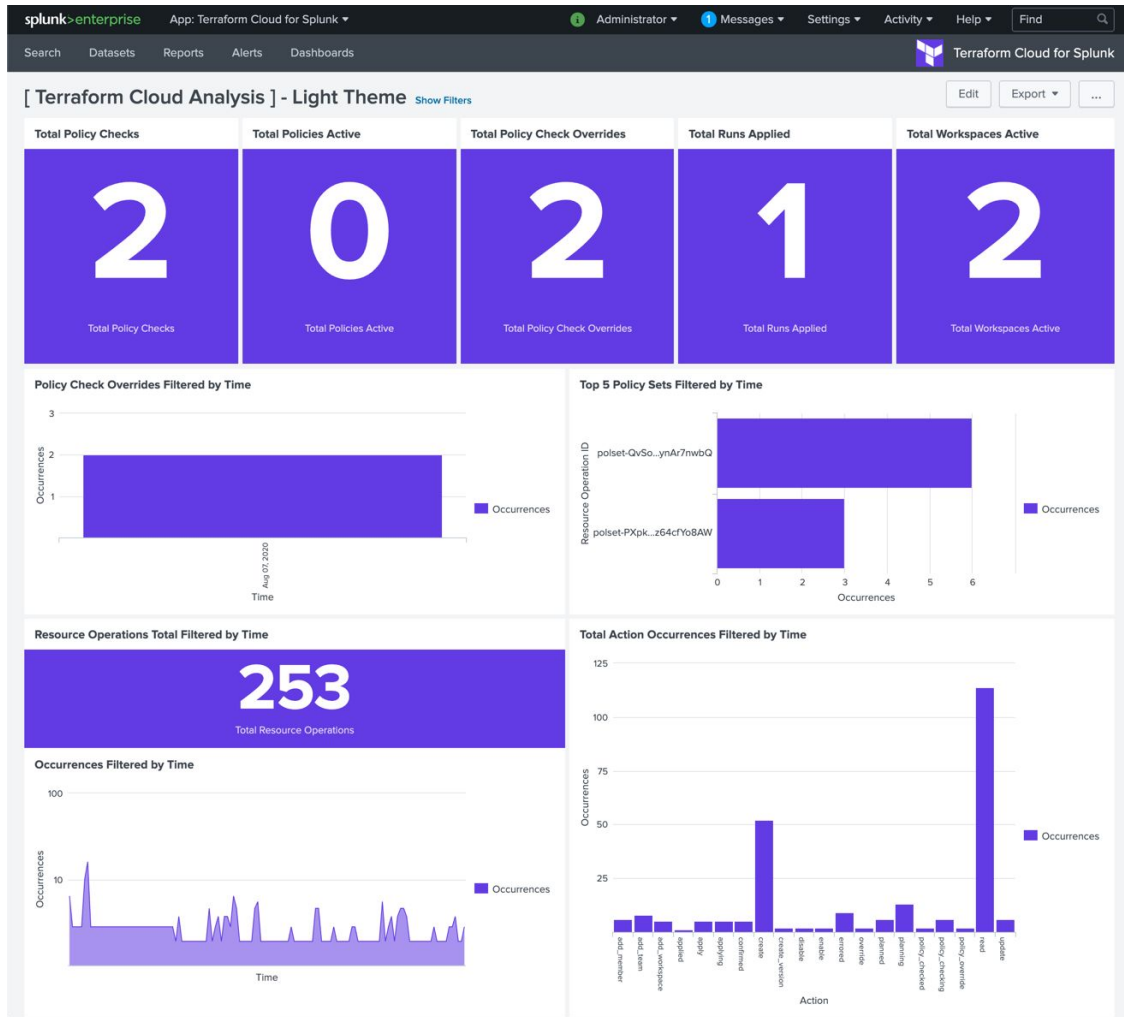
Splunk

Splunk for Terraform



Announced on 2020-09-10, HashiCorp released a Splunk Dashboard for the TFC Audit Logs, adding that additional level of visibility, as well as accountability for Security Auditing.

- <https://splunkbase.splunk.com/app/5141/>
- <https://www.hashicorp.com/blog/hashicorp-terraform-cloud-audit-logging-with-splunk>
- <https://www.terraform.io/docs/cloud/integrations/splunk/index.html>
- https://www.splunk.com/en_us/blog/partners/manage-your-splunk-infrastructure-as-code-using-terraform.html





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Thank you.



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