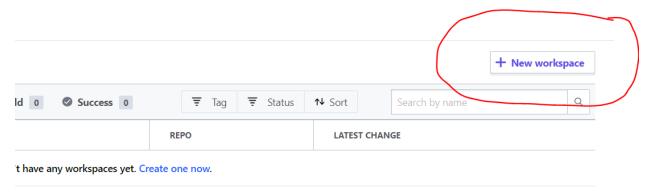


Creating a Workspace in terraform Cloud

A workspace is important in terraform Cloud because it helps us to be organized and keep all our projects in specific workspaces.

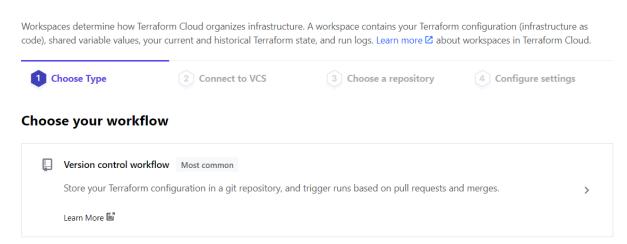
Each project occupies a specific workspace in terraform Cloud. This means that two projects cannot have the same workspace name.



There are three types of workflows in terraform Cloud

Version Control Workflow – This is closely related to the gitops concept, where everything is triggered from the version control system called Git. Everything runs remotely

Create a new Workspace



CLI -driven workflow

Everything runs locally through the command-line interface.



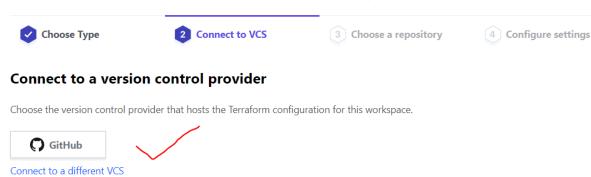
>_	CLI-driven workflow	
	Trigger remote Terraform runs from your local command line.	>
	Learn More 🛅	

For now, we will focus on these two types of workflows.

Next Step → Create a workflow.

Create a new Workspace

Workspaces determine how Terraform Cloud organizes infrastructure. A workspace contains your Terraform configuration (infrastructure as code), shared variable values, your current and historical Terraform state, and run logs. Learn more 🗹 about workspaces in Terraform Cloud.



The version control system we are going to use is the Github. There are different types of version control systems, such as



Next step → Click on GitHub

Make sure Github is API integrated with terraform Cloud.

If the process is successful, you should view all your repositories in GitHub being displayed in terraform Cloud.



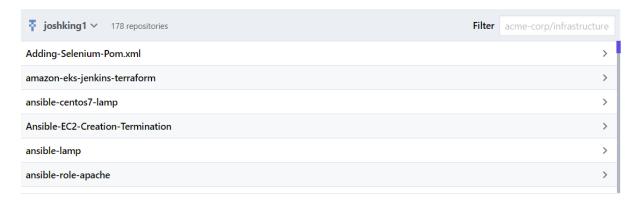
My Github is integrated with terraform Cloud, and this is why I can see all my repositories in Github in my terraform cloud workspace.

Choose a repository

Choose the repository that hosts your Terraform source code. We'll watch this for commits and pull requests.

Don't have a repo? Here's an example repo

✓ you can copy to get started.

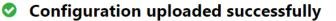


Settings >

Next step → Select the repository containing your infrastructure code.

Next step → Finish setting up your workspace

S3-Bucket-Demo-Project ID: ws-A7m7HzvqR5fS3YmP This is a cloud demo Overview Runs States



Variables

Next step: configure variables

Configure any required variables (such as access keys or configuration values) before starting a run.

Configure variables

Next step → Create variable sets.

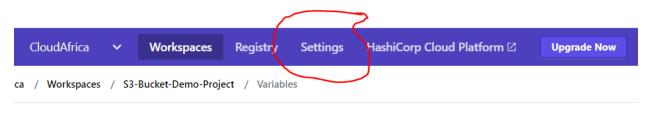


It would be advisable to create an organization variable set if your entire organization uses just one cloud provider.

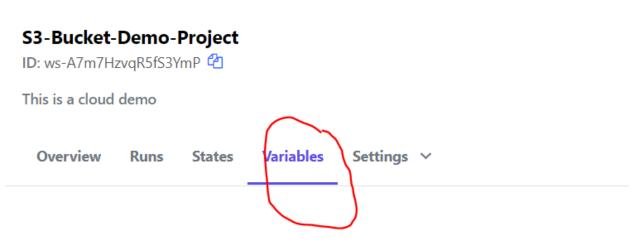
However, if you are using different cloud providers, creating workspace variable sets that are specific to that workspace only would be advisable.

In our case, we will use organization workspace because we are only using AWS as our provider.

Workspace variable set vs. Organization variable sets



Vs.



Variables

Workspace variable sets are specific to the workspace they are established for and cannot be used for the entire organization.

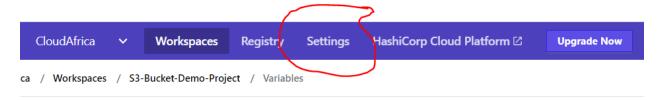
The entire organization uses organization variable sets. They are used by every workspace created under the organization.



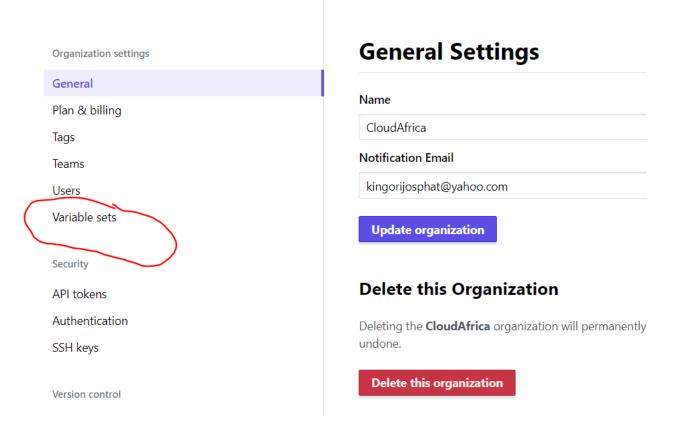
They are essential in reducing the need to keep creating variable sets for every workspace created under the same organization.

Next step → Configure our workspace.

Click on settings on the bluish row.



Next step → Click on settings and then select variable sets.



Next step → Click on create variable sets



Variable sets (1)

Terraform uses variables 🖸 for all plans and applies within a workspace. Variable sets 🖸 are a group of commonly used variables that you can apply to multiple workspaces in an organization.

We recommend creating a variable set for variables used in more than one workspace.

Variable conflicts and precedence

Next step → Fill in the information required as shown below.

Variable set: aws credentials Last updated March 8th 2022, 2:24:02 pm Variable sets ☑ allow you to define and apply variables one time across multiple workspaces within an organization. Configure Settings General information to identify this variable set. Name Variable set name aws credentials Description Optional These are credentials to provision infrastructure and resources on AWS

Workspaces

You can apply this variable set globally to all current and future workspaces in this organization or apply it to a subset of specific workspaces.

- Apply to all workspaces in this organization
- Apply to specific workspaces

Make sure you select these variable sets to apply to all the workspaces in the organization you created

Next step → Click on additional variables.





Next step → create your AWS credentials.

They are vital in helping terraform to connect to the AWS console and provisioning the infrastructure in our desired state stored as a git repository in GitHub.

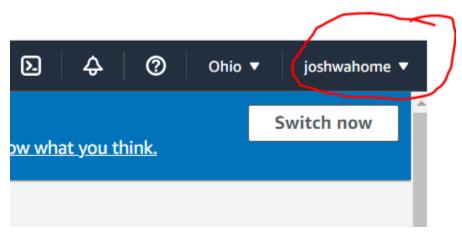
What are these credentials?

AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID	SENSITIVE
AWS_DEFAULT_REGION region	SENSITIVE
AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY	SENSITIVE

Next step → let us create the AWS credentials

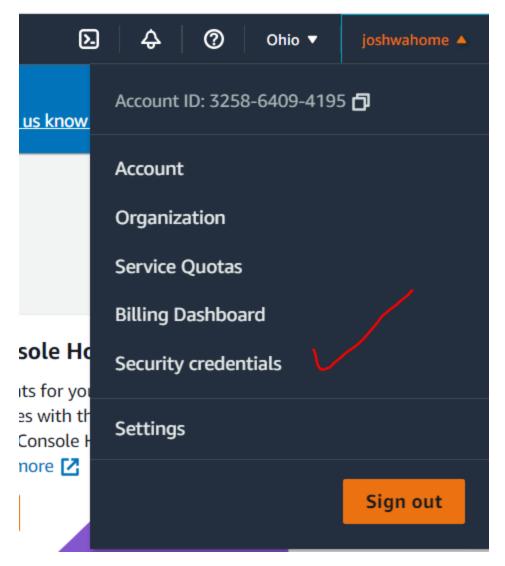
Login to your AWS account

Go to where the name of your account appears



Click on the arrow pointing down.





Select Security Credentials



Your Security Credentials

Use this page to manage the credentials for your AWS account. To manage credentials for AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) users, use the IAM Console .

To learn more about the types of AWS credentials and how they're used, see AWS Security Credentials in AWS General Reference.

▼ Password
You use an email address and password to sign in to secure pages on AWS, such as the AWS Management Console, AWS Forums, and AWS Support. For your protection, create a password that contains many characters, including numbers and punctuation. Store your password securely, do not share it, and change it periodically.
Click here to change the password, name, or email address for your root AWS account.
▲ Multi-factor authentication (MFA)
▲ Access keys (access key ID and secret access key)
▲ CloudFront key pairs
▲ X.509 certificate
▲ Account identifiers

⇒ Click on Access Keys

Create New Access Key

For your protection, you should never share your secret keys with anyone. As a best practice, we recommend frequent key rotation.

If you lose or forget your secret key, you cannot retrieve it. Instead, create a new access key and make the old key inactive. Learn more

Created	Access Key ID	Last Used	Last Used Region	Last Used Service	Status	Actions
May 3rd 2022 Create New Access Key	AKIAUXXYDPHZTROAOBBX	2022-06-16 23:26 EDT	us-east-2	ec2	Active	Make Inactive Delete

These are sensitive → do not expose them in GitHub or terraform Cloud

Example of AWS credentials

AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID=AKIAIOSFODNN7EXAMPLE

AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY=wJalrXUtnFEMI/K7MDENG/bPxRfiCYEXA MPLEKEY

AWS_DEFAULT_REGION=us-west-2

Next step → Open a notepad

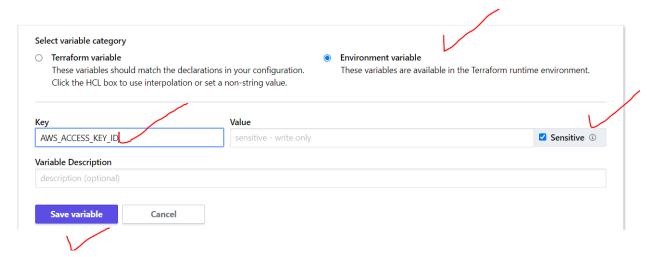
File Edit Format View Help

AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID=AKIAIOSFODNN7EXAMPLE
AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY=wJalrXUtnFEMI/K7MDENG/bPxRfiCYEXAMPLEKEY
AWS_DEFAULT_REGION=us-west-2



Next step → go to terraform Cloud and fill in the name of the variables and their associated value.

Select the environment variable, and do not forget to select sensitive



Do the same for the remaining two variables. You should have the following variables.

Variables

You can add any number of Terraform 🗹 and Environment 🖸 variables. Terraform will use these variables for all plan and apply operations in the specified workspaces.



Next step → Save the variable sets.





Next step → go back to the namespace you created

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S3-Bucket-Demo-Project
ID: ws-A7m7HzvqR5fS3YmP This is a cloud demo

Overview Runs States Variables Settings >

Configuration uploaded successfully

Next step: configure variables

Configure any required variables (such as access keys or configuration values) before starting a run.

Configure variables

Not configuring variables?

If your configuration doesn't require setting variable values, you can start your first plan now.

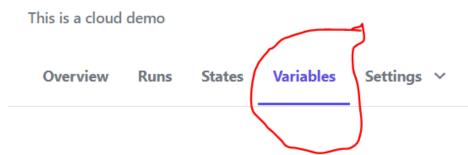
Start new plan

Next step → Check the variables.



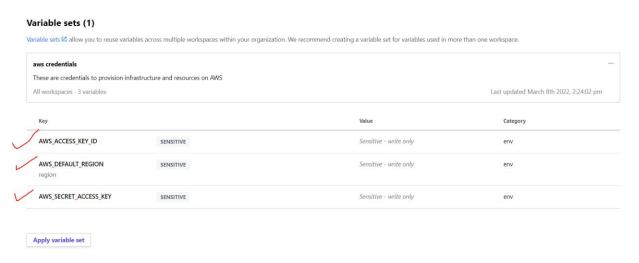
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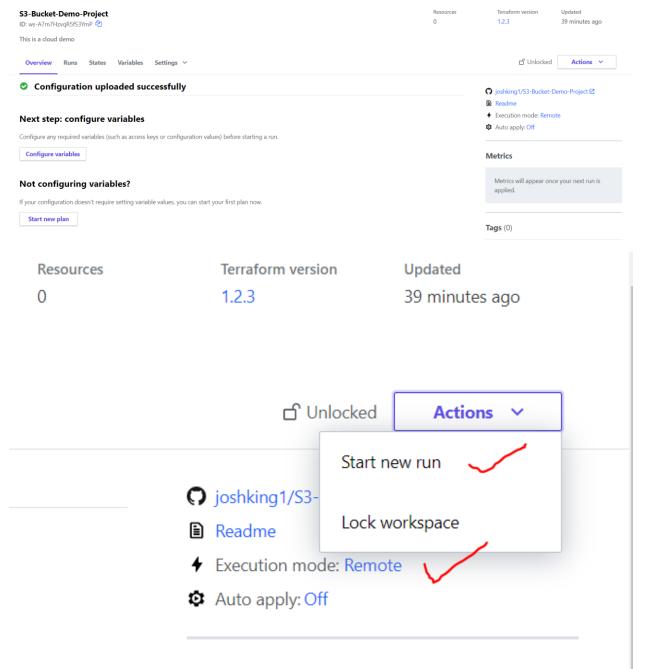
Variables

Next step → Scroll down and check the variable sets connected to your workspace.

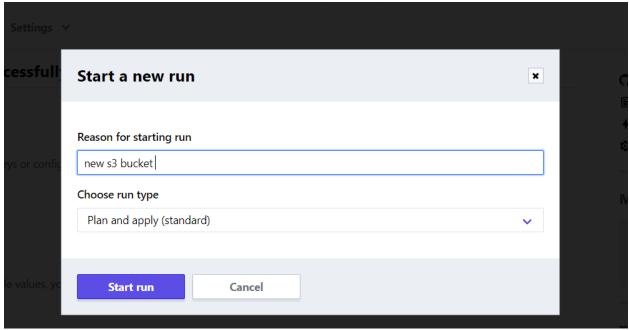


We are all set!!!

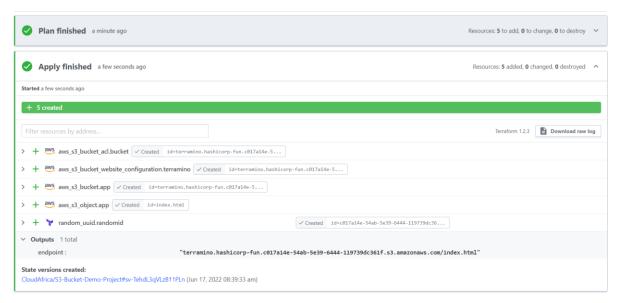








After the plan, apply

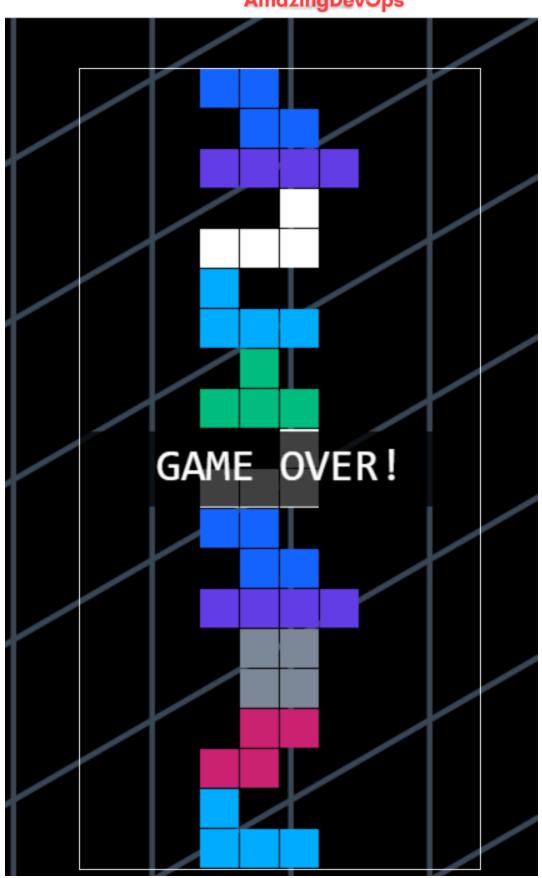


The result should be a game called terramino

"terramino.hashicorp-fun.c017a14e-54ab-5e39-6444-119739dc361f.s3.amazonaws.com/index.html"

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Go to the AWS console and confirm the S3 bucket has been created.

