Automating Infrastructure using Terraform

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Project Description

Organizational requirement is to automate the infrastructure using Terraform first and install other required automation tools in it.

Expected Deliverables

- Launch an EC2 instance using Terraform
- Connect to the instance
- Install Jenkins, Java and Python in the instance

Tools required

- Terraform
- AWS account with security credentials,
- Keypair
- Ansible

Terraform Overview

• Infrastructure as code

Use infrastructure as code to automate the provisioning of your infrastructure including servers, databases, firewall policies, and almost any other resource.

• Multi-cloud provisioning

Deploy serverless functions with AWS Lambda, manage Microsoft Azure Active Directory resources, provision a load balancer in Google Cloud, and more.

Network infrastructure automation

Automate key networking tasks such as updating load-balancer member pools or applying firewall policies.

• Manage Kubernetes

Provision and manage Kubernetes clusters on AWS, Microsoft Azure, or Google Cloud, and interact with your cluster using the Kubernetes Terraform provider.

Manage virtual machine images

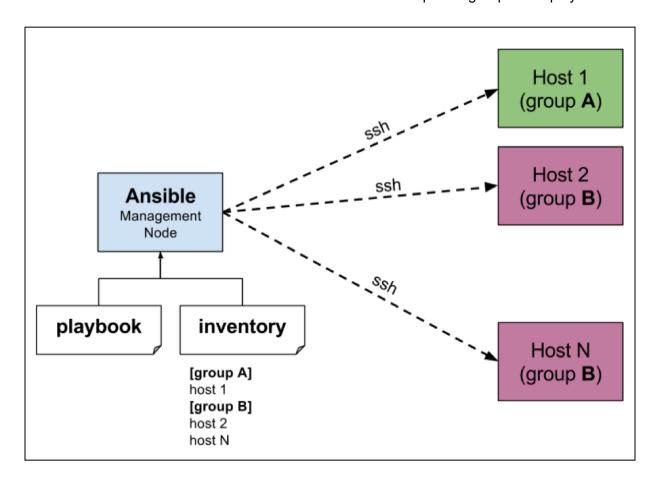
Create multi-cloud golden image pipelines with HCP Packer and Terraform Cloud

• Integrate with existing workflows

Automate infrastructure deployments through existing CI/CD workflows.

Ansible Overview

- Ansible is an IT automation tool. It can configure systems, deploy software, and orchestrate more advanced IT tasks such as continuous deployments or zero downtime rolling updates.
- Ansible is completely agentless and works by connecting nodes primarily through SSH.
- Ansible pushes small programs, called Ansible modules, on the nodes and removes them when finished.
- Ansible manages inventory in simple text files called hosts file.
- Ansible uses the hosts file to control the actions on a specific group in the playbooks.

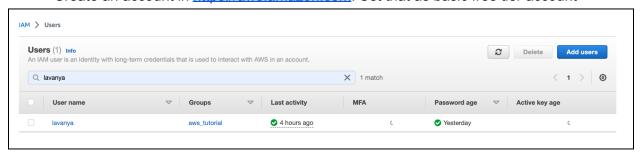


Tasks Lists

- Setup AWS account
- Launch an EC2 instance from AWS web console
- Connect to the EC2 Ubuntu instance from local machine
- Install Terraform
- Launch an Ubuntu EC2 instance using Terraform(Ansible node)
- Install Ansible
- Install Java, Maven, Jenkins in the ansible node using ansible-playbook

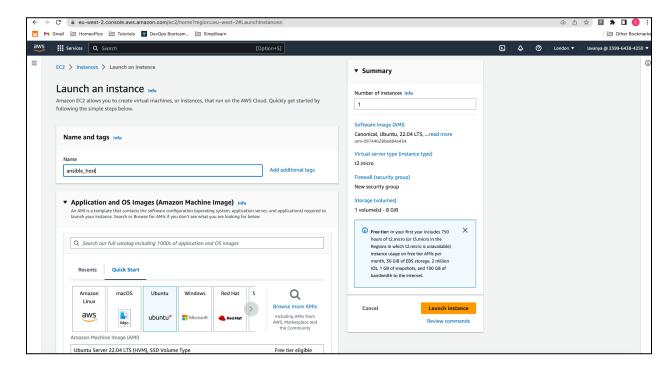
Setup AWS account

• Create an account in https://aws.amazon.com. Set that as basic free tier account

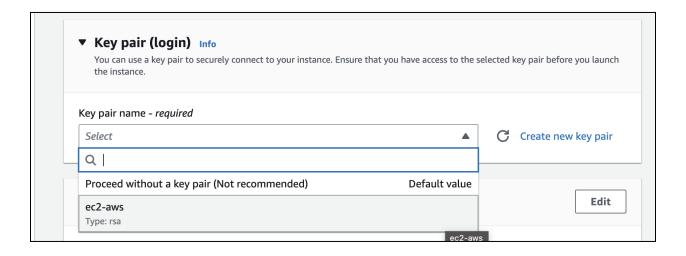


Launch an EC2 instance from AWS web console

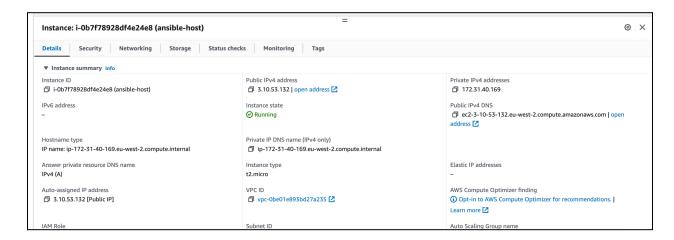
 Create an EC2 instance using Ubuntu AMI from AWS web console. Terraform and Ansible will be installed in this node



 Create a new SSH keypair. This will be used to connect to this instance from local machine



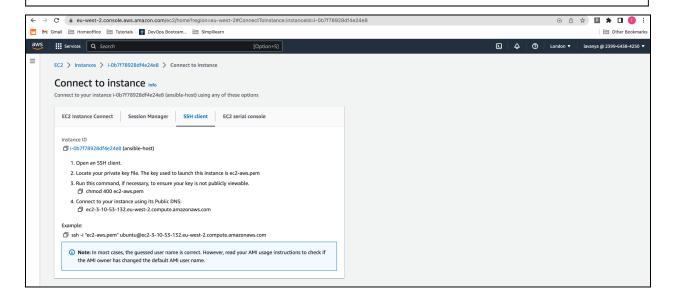
Select the other default configuration.



Connect to the EC2 Ubuntu instance from local machine

 Below command to be used to the connect to the instance created above. This command can be obtained from AWS console

sudo ssh -i "ec2-aws.pem" ubuntu@ec2-3-10-53-132.eu-west-2.compute.amazonaws.com -oHostKeyAlgorithms=+rsa-sha2-512



```
| lavanyagi-wangas-MacBook-Pro - % sudo ssh -i "ecz-aws.pem" ubuntujecz-3-18-53-132.eu-west-2.compute.amazonaws.com -oHostKeyAlgorithms+rsa-sha2-512
| Passunci:
| warnings: identity file ecz-aws.pem not accessible: No such file or directory. |
| welcome to Ubuntu 22.04.2 LTS (OBU/Linux 5-15.0-1831-aws x86_46) |
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Install Terraform

Below list of commands are used to install terraform on the EC2 Ubuntu instance. Obtained from https://developer.hashicorp.com/terraform/downloads?product_intent=terraform/

- wget -O- https://apt.releases.hashicorp.com/gpg | sudo gpg --dearmor -o /usr/share/keyrings/hashicorp-archive-keyring.gpg
- echo "deb [signed-by=/usr/share/keyrings/hashicorp-archive-keyring.gpg] https://apt.releases.hashicorp.com \$(lsb_release -cs) main" | sudo tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/hashicorp.list
- o sudo apt update && sudo apt install terraform

```
[ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-169:~$ terraform --version
Terraform v1.4.6
on linux_amd64
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-169:~$ ■
```

Launch an Ubuntu EC2 instance using Terraform

1. Create Terraform files

• Step 1: \$ nano creds.tf

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-169:~/sl_project$ nano creds.tf
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-169:~/sl_project$ cat creds.tf
provider "aws" {
   access_key = "AKIATPXX55P5GODOVNGQ"
   secret_key = "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"
   region = "eu-west-2"
}
```

• Step 2: \$ nano variables.tf

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-169:~/sl_project$ cat variables.tf
variable "key_name" {
   description = "SSH keys to connect to the instance"
   default = "ec2-aws"
variable "ami_id" {
    description = "ec2 ubuntu 22 image"
    default = "ami-09744628bed84e434"
variable "instance_type" {
    description = "ec2 instance type"
    default = "t2.micro"
variable "security_group" {
    description = "security group name"
    default
               = "sl_security_group"
variable "tag_name" {
    description = "ec2 instance tag name"
    default
               = "sl_ec2_instance"
```

• Step 3: \$ nano main.tf

```
[ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-169:~/sl_project$ cat main.tf
# create vpc
resource "aws_vpc" "main" {
  cidr_block = "172.16.0.0/16"
  instance_tenancy = "default"
  tags = {
    Name = "main"
}
# create security group
resource "aws_security_group" "sg-001"{
  name = var.security_group
  description = "security group for sl project"
  ingress{
    from_port = 8080
    to_port = 8080
    protocol = "tcp"
    cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
  ingress{
    from_port = 22
    to_port = 22
    protocol = "tcp"
cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
  egress{
    from_port = 0
    to_port = 65535
    protocol = "tcp"
    cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
  tags = {
    Name = var.security_group
# create ec2 isntance
resource "aws_instance" "ec2"{
  ami = var.ami_id
  key_name = var.key_name
  instance_type = var.instance_type
  vpc_security_group_ids = [aws_security_group.sg-001.id]
  tags = {
    Name = var.tag_name
# Create elastic IP address
resource "aws_eip" "eip" {
  vpc = true
  instance = aws_instance.ec2.id
  tags = {
    Name = "sl_elastic_ip"
```

2. Execute Terraform Commands

• Step 1: \$ terraform init

```
[ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-169:~/sl_project$ terraform init
Initializing the backend...
Initializing provider plugins...
- Finding latest version of hashicorp/aws...
- Installing hashicorp/aws v4.66.1...
- Installed hashicorp/aws v4.66.1 (signed by HashiCorp)
Terraform has created a lock file .terraform.lock.hcl to record the provider
selections it made above. Include this file in your version control repository
so that Terraform can guarantee to make the same selections by default when
you run "terraform init" in the future.
Terraform has been successfully initialized!
You may now begin working with Terraform. Try running "terraform plan" to see
any changes that are required for your infrastructure. All Terraform commands
should now work.
If you ever set or change modules or backend configuration for Terraform,
rerun this command to reinitialize your working directory. If you forget, other
commands will detect it and remind you to do so if necessary.
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-169:~/sl project$
```

• Step 2: \$ terraform plan

```
# aws_vpc.main will be created
  + resource "aws_vpc" "main" {
                                             = (known after apply)
     + arn
       cidr_block
                                             = "172.16.0.0/16"
       default_network_acl_id
                                             = (known after apply)
       default_route_table_id
                                             = (known after apply)
       default_security_group_id
                                             = (known after apply)
                                             = (known after apply)
     + dhcp_options_id
       enable_classiclink
                                             = (known after apply)
       enable_classiclink_dns_support
                                               (known after apply)
       enable_dns_hostnames
                                               (known after apply)
       enable_dns_support
                                             = true
       enable_network_address_usage_metrics = (known after apply)
       id
                                             = (known after apply)
       instance_tenancy
                                             = "default"
       ipv6_association_id
                                             = (known after apply)
       ipv6_cidr_block
                                             = (known after apply)
       ipv6_cidr_block_network_border_group = (known after apply)
                                            = (known after apply)
       main_route_table_id
       owner_id
                                             = (known after apply)
       tags
           "Name" = "main"
      + tags_all
                                             = {
            "Name" = "main"
Plan: 4 to add, 0 to change, 0 to destroy.
```

Step 3: \$ terraform apply

```
Plan: 2 to add, 0 to change, 0 to destroy.

Do you want to perform these actions?

Terraform will perform the actions described above.
Only 'yes' will be accepted to approve.

[Enter a value: yes

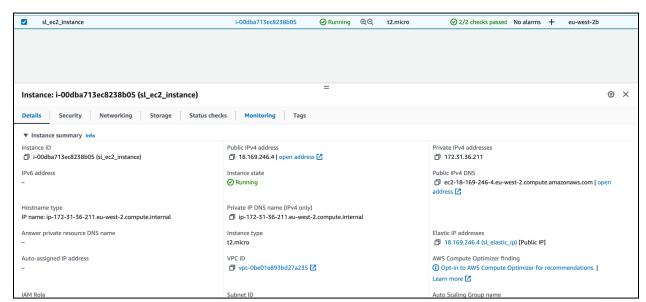
aws_instance.ec2: Creating...
aws_instance.ec2: Still creating... [10s elapsed]
aws_instance.ec2: Still creating... [20s elapsed]
aws_instance.ec2: Still creating... [30s elapsed]
aws_instance.ec2: Creation complete after 31s [id=i-098ca7d108f4c64b3]
aws_eip.eip: Creating...
aws_eip.eip: Creation complete after 1s [id=eipalloc-0229c36bad149c02e]

Apply complete! Resources: 2 added, 0 changed, 0 destroyed.
```

Step 4: \$ terraform state list

```
[ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-169:~/sl_project$ terraform state list
aws_eip.eip
aws_instance.ec2
aws_security_group.sg-001
aws_vpc.main
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-169:~/sl_project$
```

3. Check the new EC2 instance in AWS console



Setup Ansible Control Machine

1. Install ansible

Configure the PPA on the control machine(Ansible for Ubuntu builds are available in a PPA here) and to install ansible run these commands:

- \$ sudo apt-get install software-properties-common
- \$ sudo apt-add-repository ppa:ansible/ansible
- \$ sudo apt-get update
- \$ sudo apt-get install ansible

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-169:~/sl_project$ ansible --version
ansible [core 2.14.5]
  config file = /etc/ansible/ansible.cfg
  configured module search path = ['/home/ubuntu/.ansible/plugins/modules', '/usr/share/ansible/plugins/modules']
  ansible python module location = /usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/ansible
  ansible collection location = /home/ubuntu/.ansible/collections:/usr/share/ansible/collections
  executable location = /usr/bin/ansible
  python version = 3.10.6 (main, Mar 10 2023, 10:55:28) [GCC 11.3.0] (/usr/bin/python3)
  jinja version = 3.0.3
  libyaml = True
  ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-169:~/sl_project$
```

2. Install boto framework

Boto is a software development kit (SDK) designed to improve the use of the Python programming language in Amazon Web Services.

- \$ sudo apt update
- \$ sudo apt install python3-boto3
- \$ sudo apt install python3-pip
- \$ pip show boto3

```
[ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-169:~/sl_project$ pip show boto3
Name: boto3
Version: 1.20.34
Summary: The AWS SDK for Python
Home-page: https://github.com/boto/boto3
Author: Amazon Web Services
Author-email:
License: Apache License 2.0
Location: /usr/lib/python3/dist-packages
Requires:
Required-by:
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-169:~/sl_project$
```

Install Java, Maven, Jenkins in the ansible node using ansible-playbook

1. Setup ansible node

In order to make EC2 instance created using terraform as ansible node, perform the following steps

- Step 1: Create SSH keys in ansible host machine
 Use the below command to create SSH keypair to connect the ansible host machine with the EC2 instance(ansible node)
 - \$ ssh-keygen
- Step 2: Connect to the ansible node from local machine using the below command

sudo ssh -i "ec2-aws.pem" ubuntu@ec2-18-169-246-4.eu-west-2.compute.amazonaws.com -oHostKeyAlgorithms=+rsa-sha2-512

 Step 3: Copy the ansible_host public key to the ansible node ~/.ssh/authorised_keys file

 Step 4: Make an entry about the ansible node in the ansible host /etc/ansible/hosts file

```
[local]
localhost
[aws_ec2]
172.31.36.211 ansible_ssh_user=ubuntu ansible_ssh_private_key_file=~/.ssh/id-rsa ansible_python_interpreter=/usr/bin/python3
```

- Step 5: Verify the entries in ansible hosts file
 - \$ ansible –list all

```
[ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-169:~$ sudo vi /etc/ansible/hosts
[ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-169:~$ ansible --list all
  hosts (2):
     localhost
     172.31.36.211
  ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-169:~$
```

Step 6: Verify ansible host is able to ping the ansible node

```
[ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-169:~/.ssh$ ansible -m ping aws_ec2
172.31.36.211 | SUCCESS => {
    "changed": false,
    "ping": "pong"
}
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-169:~/.ssh$
```

- 2. Create ansible files
 - Step 1: Setup a role called jenkins_setup using ansible-galaxy on the ansible host
 - \$ ansible-galaxy init jenkins_setup

```
[ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-169:~$ cd jenkins_setup/
[ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-169:~/jenkins_setup$ ls -lrt
total 36
drwxrwxr-x 2 ubuntu ubuntu 4096 May 6 11:32 templates
drwxrwxr-x 2 ubuntu ubuntu 4096 May 6 11:32 files
-rw-rw-r-- 1 ubuntu ubuntu 1328 May 6 11:32 README.md
drwxrwxr-x 2 ubuntu ubuntu 4096 May 6 11:32 vars
drwxrwxr-x 2 ubuntu ubuntu 4096 May 6 11:32 tests
drwxrwxr-x 2 ubuntu ubuntu 4096 May 6 11:32 defaults
drwxrwxr-x 2 ubuntu ubuntu 4096 May 6 11:32 meta
drwxrwxr-x 2 ubuntu ubuntu 4096 May 6 11:32 handlers
drwxrwxr-x 2 ubuntu ubuntu 4096 May 6 13:45 tasks
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-169:~/jenkins_setup$
```

 Step 2: Create a task to install Java by creating java_install.yml under jenkins setup/tasks folder with the following contents

```
name: Update apt package become: true apt:
    update_cache: yes
name: Install Java 11 become: true apt:
    name: "{{java_package}}" state: present vars:
    java_package:
    - openjdk-11-jdk
```

 Step 3: Create a task to install Maven by creating maven_install.yml under jenkins_setup/tasks folder with the following contents

```
---
- name: Install maven
become: yes
apt:
    name: "{{maven_package}}"
    state: present
    vars:
    maven_package:
    - maven
```

```
[ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-169:~/jenkins_setup$ cat tasks/maven_install.yml
---
- name: Install maven
  become: yes
  apt:
    name: "{{maven_package}}"
    state: present
  vars:
    maven_package:
    - maven
...
```

 Step 4: Create a task to install jenkins by creating jenkins_install.yml under jenkins setup/tasks folder with the following contents

```
- name: Import jenkins key
 apt key:
  url: "https://pkg.jenkins.io/debian/jenkins.io-2023.key"
  state: present
 become: yes
- name: Add jenkins repository
 apt_repository:
  repo: 'deb https://pkg.jenkins.io/debian-stable binary/'
  state: present
 become: yes
- name: Install jenkins
 apt:
  name: jenkins
  update_cache: yes
 become: yes
- name: Check jenkins is running
 service:
  name: jenkins
  state: started
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-169:~/jenkins_setup$ cat tasks/jenkins_install.yml
  name: Import jenkins key
  apt_key:
    url: "https://pkg.jenkins.io/debian/jenkins.io-2023.key"
    state: present
  become: yes
  name: Add jenkins repository
  apt_repository:
    repo: 'deb https://pkg.jenkins.io/debian-stable binary/'
    state: present
  become: yes
  name: Install jenkins
    name: jenkins
    update_cache: yes
  become: yes
  name: Check jenkins is running
    name: jenkins
    state: started
```

 Step 5: Include all the above tasks in the main.yaml under jenkins_setup/tasks folder with the following contents

tasks file for jenkins_setup
- include_tasks: java_install.yml
- include_tasks: maven_install.yml
- include_tasks: jenkins_install.yml

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-169:~/jenkins_setup$ cat tasks/main.yml
---
# tasks file for jenkins_setup
- include_tasks: java_install.yml
- include_tasks: maven_install.yml
- include_tasks: jenkins_install.yml
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-169:~/jenkins_setup$
```

Step 6: Create the playbook and add the jenkins_setup role to it

hosts: aws_ec2
name: Install java, maven, jenkins server on ec2
become: yes
roles:
 - jenkins_setup

```
[ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-169:~$ cat jenkins_playbook.yml
---
   - hosts: aws_ec2
   name: Install java, maven, jenkins server on ec2
   become: yes
   roles:
        - jenkins_setup
```

3. Run the playbook

Run the following command to run the jenkins_playbook.yml so that Java, Maven, Jenkins would be installed in the ansible node

\$ ansible-playbook jenkins_playbook.yml

```
[ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-169:~$ ansible-playbook jenkins_playbook.yml
included: /home/ubuntu/jenkins_setup/tasks/java_install.yml for 172.31.36.211
ok: [172.31.36.211]
included: /home/ubuntu/jenkins_setup/tasks/maven_install.yml for 172.31.36.211
ok: [172.31.36.211]
included: /home/ubuntu/jenkins_setup/tasks/jenkins_install.yml for 172.31.36.211
changed: [172.31.36.211]
changed: [172.31.36.211]
changed: [172.31.36.211]
ok: [172.31.36.211]
172.31.36.211
      : ok=11 changed=4 unreachable=0 failed=0 skipped=0 rescued=0 ignored=0
```

4. Check the installations in ansible node

Enter public ip address or public dns name with port no 8080 of ansible host in the browser to see Jenkins up and running.

http://18.169.246.4:8080/

