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Packer & HCP Vault Better Together

GitHub | AWS Secrets | Vault Management



Problem Statement



- Secrets Management für CI CD/GitHub Actions
- Secrets sind verteilt in Repos und Pipelines
- AWS Secrets sind statisch
- GitHub Auth Engine für Vault nicht ausreichend
- Zero Trust
- Einfaches Management von Vault

Introduction

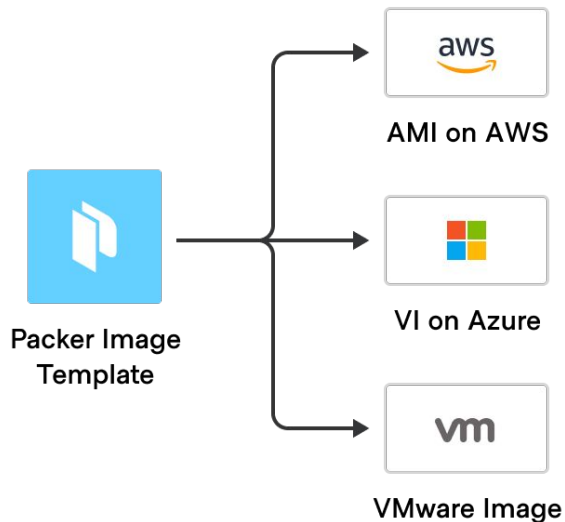
HashiCorp Vault



Introduction



Packer



- **Easy to read and write:** Leverages HCL2, making it easier to use alongside Terraform
- **Extensible:** Use one language to manage images across clouds and integrate with other configuration tools
- **Open source:** Use existing community templates, or write your own



Creating a Golden Image Pipeline with HCP Packer & Terraform Cloud

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[Creating a Golden Image Pipeline with HCP Packer & Terraform Cloud Demo](#)

Wie lösen wir es?



① hashicorp-guide-vault-github-oidc.de



Die Website ist nicht erreichbar

Prüfe, ob „www.hashicorp-guide-vault-github-oidc.de“ einen Tippfehler enthält.

DNS_PROBE_FINISHED_NXDOMAIN

Neu laden

GitHub Doku



- [GitHub OIDC](#)
- HashiCorp Vault support?

The screenshot shows the GitHub Docs interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with a navigation menu. The main content area on the right has a dark background with white text. The breadcrumb trail at the top of the main area reads: 'GitHub Actions / Deployment / Security hardening your deployments / Configuring OpenID Connect in HashiCorp Vault'. The page title is 'Configuring OpenID Connect in HashiCorp Vault'. Below the title is a subtitle: 'Use OpenID Connect within your workflows to authenticate with HashiCorp Vault.' The 'Overview' section explains that OpenID Connect (OIDC) allows GitHub Actions workflows to authenticate with HashiCorp Vault to retrieve secrets. It also mentions that the guide demonstrates how to use this configuration in the [hashicorp/vault-action](#) to retrieve secrets from HashiCorp Vault. The 'Prerequisites' section lists two items: 1. To learn the basic concepts of how GitHub uses OpenID Connect (OIDC), and its architecture and benefits, see ["About security hardening with OpenID Connect."](#) 2. Before proceeding, you must plan your security strategy to ensure that access tokens are only allocated in a predictable way. To control how your cloud provider issues access tokens, you must define at least one condition, so that untrusted repositories can't request access tokens for your cloud resources. For more information, see ["Configuring the OIDC trust with the cloud."](#) The 'Adding the identity provider to HashiCorp Vault' section states that to use OIDC with HashiCorp Vault, you will need to add a trust configuration for the GitHub OIDC provider. For more information, see the HashiCorp Vault [documentation](#). It also mentions that to configure your Vault server to accept JSON Web Tokens (JWT) for authentication:

GitHub Docs

- Examples
- Using workflows
- Using jobs
- Managing workflow runs
- Build and test
- Deployment
 - About deployments
 - Deploying to your cloud provider
 - Security hardening your deployments
 - About security hardening with OpenID Connect
 - Configuring OpenID Connect in Amazon Web Services
 - Configuring OpenID Connect in Azure
 - Configuring OpenID Connect in Google Cloud Platform
 - Configuring OpenID Connect in HashiCorp Vault**
 - Configuring OpenID Connect in cloud providers
 - Using OpenID Connect with reusable workflows
 - Targeting different environments
 - Managing your deployments
 - Deploying Xcode applications

GitHub Actions / Deployment / Security hardening your deployments / Configuring OpenID Connect in HashiCorp Vault

Configuring OpenID Connect in HashiCorp Vault

Use OpenID Connect within your workflows to authenticate with HashiCorp Vault.

Overview

OpenID Connect (OIDC) allows your GitHub Actions workflows to authenticate with a HashiCorp Vault to retrieve secrets.

This guide gives an overview of how to configure HashiCorp Vault to trust GitHub's OIDC as a federated identity, and demonstrates how to use this configuration in the [hashicorp/vault-action](#) action to retrieve secrets from HashiCorp Vault.

Prerequisites

- To learn the basic concepts of how GitHub uses OpenID Connect (OIDC), and its architecture and benefits, see ["About security hardening with OpenID Connect."](#)
- Before proceeding, you must plan your security strategy to ensure that access tokens are only allocated in a predictable way. To control how your cloud provider issues access tokens, you must define at least one condition, so that untrusted repositories can't request access tokens for your cloud resources. For more information, see ["Configuring the OIDC trust with the cloud."](#)

Adding the identity provider to HashiCorp Vault

To use OIDC with HashiCorp Vault, you will need to add a trust configuration for the GitHub OIDC provider. For more information, see the HashiCorp Vault [documentation](#).

To configure your Vault server to accept JSON Web Tokens (JWT) for authentication:

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OIDC Authentication

This section covers the setup and use of OIDC roles. If a JWT is to be provided directly, refer to the [JWT Authentication](#) section below. Basic familiarity with [OIDC concepts](#) is assumed. The Authorization Code flow makes use of the Proof Key for Code Exchange (PKCE) extension.

Vault includes two built-in OIDC login flows: the Vault UI, and the CLI using a `vault login`.

Redirect URIs

An important part of OIDC role configuration is properly setting redirect URIs. This must be done both in Vault and with the OIDC provider, and these configurations must align. The redirect URIs are specified for a role with the `allowed_redirect_uris` parameter. There are different redirect URIs to configure the Vault UI and CLI flows, so one or both will need to be set up depending on the installation.

CLI

If you plan to support authentication via `vault login -method=oidc`, a localhost redirect URI must be set. This can usually be: `http://localhost:8250/oidc/callback`. Logins via the CLI may specify a different host and/or listening port if needed, and a URI with this host/port must match one of the configured redirected URIs. These same "localhost" URIs must be added to the provider as well.

Vault UI

Vault OIDC: <https://www.vaultproject.io/docs/auth/jwt>

Was muss konfiguriert werden?



[Pricing](#) [Documentation](#)

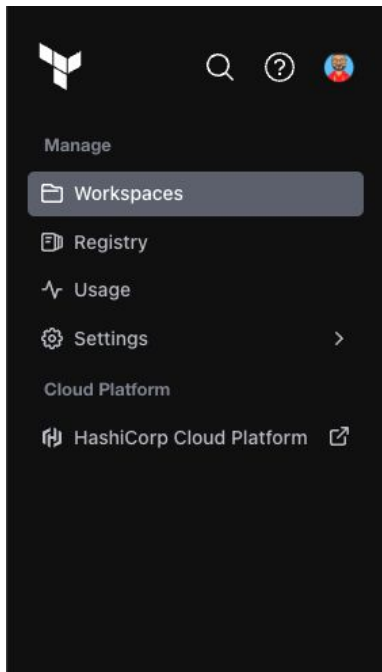
Secure applications and protect sensitive data.

HCP Vault provides all of the power and security of Vault, without the complexity and overhead of managing it yourself. Access Vault's best-in-class secrets management and encryption capabilities instantly and onboard applications and teams easily

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The screenshot displays the HashiCorp Vault Cloud Dashboard. On the left is a dark sidebar with navigation options: Search or jump to..., Cloud Dashboard, Resources (Consul, Packer, Vault), Manage (Access Control, Virtual Networks), and the HashiCorp logo. The main content area shows the 'Vault' section with '3 clusters'. A '+ Create cluster' button is in the top right. Below is a table of clusters:

Cluster ID	Status	Tier	Version	HVN	Region
vault-cluster-dev	Running	Development	v1.8.5	hvn-test 172.25.16.0/20	AWS (us-west-2)
vault-cluster-standard	Running	Starter/Small	v1.8.5	hvn-test 172.25.16.0/20	AWS (us-west-2)
vault-cluster-prod	Creating...	Standard/Medium	v1.8.5	hvn-test 172.25.16.0/20	AWS (us-west-2)



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Workspaces Matching 2 of 9 total [Clear filters](#)

All 9	Needs Attention 0	Errored 2	Running 0	On Hold 0	Success 4
<input type="text" value="Search by name"/>	<input type="text" value="Q"/>	Drift	1 Tag	Status	Sort
WORKSPACE NAME			RUN STATUS		
vault-config			Applied		
vault					
vault-management			Applied		
vault					

```
resource "vault_jwt_auth_backend" "github_actions" {  
  description      = "This is GitHub Actions JWT"  
  path             = "jwt"  
  oidc_discovery_url = "https://token.actions.githubusercontent.com"  
  bound_issuer     = "https://token.actions.githubusercontent.com"  
  default_role     = "github-actions"  
  namespace       = data.terraform_remote_state.vault_infra.outputs.namespace  
}
```

```
resource "vault_jwt_auth_backend_role" "github_actions"{
  backend      = vault_jwt_auth_backend.github_actions.path
  role_name    = "github-actions"
  token_policies = ["vault-actions"]

  bound_claims_type = "glob"
  bound_claims = {
    sub : "repo:hashicorp-dach/tf-vault-packer:ref:refs/*"
  }

  bound_audiences = ["https://github.com/hashicorp-dach"]

  user_claim = "workflow"
  role_type  = "jwt"
  token_ttl  = "1800"

  namespace = data.terraform_remote_state.vault_infra.outputs.namespace
}
```

```
resource "vault_aws_secret_backend" "aws" {  
  access_key = var.AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID  
  secret_key = var.AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY  
  region     = "eu-central-1"  
  namespace  = data.terraform_remote_state.vault_infra.outputs.namespace  
}
```



Terraform Cloud

```
resource "vault_aws_secret_backend_role" "role" {  
  backend      = vault_aws_secret_backend.aws.path  
  name         = "github-actions-aws"  
  credential_type = "iam_user"  
  namespace    = data.terraform_remote_state.vault_infra.outputs.namespace  
  
  policy_document = <<EOT  
{  
  "Version": "2012-10-17",  
  "Statement": [  
    {  
      "Effect": "Allow",  
      "Action": "ec2:*",  
      "Resource": "*"   
    }  
  ]  
}
```

Last Step

GitHub Konfiguration?



GitHub

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GitHub Actions

Notes & Lessons Learned



- AWS Credential Management nach Least Privilege Ansatz
- AWS IAM oder AWS STS credentials werden unterschiedlich für die Pipeline verarbeitet bzw. zur Verfügung gestellt. “AWS Consistency”
- AWS Secrets Engine: Konfigurieren und anschließend Secrets rotieren.
- Vault mithilfe von Terraform managen
- GitHub Repo zum selber probieren: <https://github.com/lomar92/tf-vault-packer>



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