1. Introduction to Terraform

What is Terraform?

- Overview of Infrastructure as Code (IaC)
- Benefits of using Terraform for managing cloud infrastructure
- Understanding the Terraform workflow (Write, Plan, Apply, Destroy)

Terraform vs Other IaC Tools

- Terraform vs CloudFormation
- Terraform vs Ansible
- Terraform vs Puppet and Chef

Installing Terraform

- Installing Terraform on various platforms (Linux, macOS, Windows)
- Verifying installation (terraform version)
- Setting up Terraform CLI and environment

2. Terraform Basics

Terraform Configuration Files

- Overview of Terraform configuration files (.tf files)
- Understanding the basic structure of a Terraform configuration (Provider, Resources, Outputs)
- Basic configuration syntax and language
- Using HCL (HashiCorp Configuration Language)

Terraform Providers

- Introduction to Providers in Terraform
- Understanding Provider configuration (e.g., AWS, Azure, Google Cloud)

Setting up and configuring a Provider (e.g., AWS Access Keys)

Resources in Terraform

- Defining resources (e.g., EC2, S3, VPC, subnets)
- Creating and managing resources with Terraform
- Modifying existing resources using Terraform (terraform apply)

3. Terraform Variables and Outputs

Using Variables

- Declaring variables in Terraform (variable block)
- Types of variables (strings, integers, lists, maps)
- Default values and variable validation
- Passing variable values (var, var-file)

Output Values

- Defining and using output variables (output block)
- Outputting resource attributes (e.g., public IP, instance ID)
- Using outputs to pass data between modules and configurations

4. Terraform State and Remote Backends

Understanding Terraform State

- What is Terraform state and why is it important?
- The role of the .tfstate file
- Local state vs remote state
- Managing and securing Terraform state files

• Working with Remote Backends

- Setting up remote backends (e.g., AWS S3, Azure Blob Storage)
- Configuring remote state with versioning and locking

- Using backend configuration for state storage
- Benefits of using remote backends (team collaboration, state consistency)

5. Terraform Modules

Introduction to Modules

- What are modules in Terraform?
- Creating and organizing reusable Terraform modules
- Using modules from the Terraform Registry
- Importing and using local and remote modules

Module Inputs and Outputs

- Defining and passing variables to modules
- Output values from modules
- Best practices for organizing and structuring modules

Terraform Module Structure

- Folder structure for a Terraform module
- Best practices for writing reusable and maintainable modules

6. Terraform Provisioners and Taints

Provisioners

- What are provisioners and how are they used?
- Types of provisioners: local-exec, remote-exec, file
- When to use provisioners vs when to avoid them
- Example: Using remote-exec for configuring an EC2 instance

Tainting Resources

- What is tainting in Terraform?
- Manually tainting resources using terraform taint

Understanding the impact of tainting and how it affects resource lifecycle

7. Terraform Cloud and Workspaces

Introduction to Terraform Cloud

- What is Terraform Cloud and how it differs from local execution?
- Setting up a Terraform Cloud account and organization
- Using Terraform Cloud for remote runs, collaboration, and team workflows

Terraform Workspaces

- What are workspaces in Terraform?
- Creating and using workspaces for managing different environments (development, staging, production)
- Switching between workspaces and managing state files across environments

8. Advanced Terraform Features

• Terraform Graphs

- Visualizing infrastructure relationships with terraform graph
- Understanding resource dependencies in large infrastructures

Working with Data Sources

- Using Terraform data sources to fetch data from external systems
- Example: Fetching existing resources from AWS (e.g., VPCs, AMIs)

Terraform CLI and Automation

- Automating Terraform runs using CI/CD tools (e.g., Jenkins
- Integrating Terraform into automated workflows for provisioning
- Using Terraform with pipelines for continuous deployment and infrastructure management

Advanced Topics

• Terraform Enterprise

- Introduction to Terraform Enterprise and its benefits over Terraform Cloud
- Managing Terraform workspaces, policies, and teams in Terraform Enterprise

• Integrating Terraform with Service Meshes

- Managing service mesh infrastructure (e.g., Istio) with Terraform
- Using Terraform for service mesh configurations and deployments