Lab6. Terraform Pipelining

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Start Lab

- 1. Ensure you have completed Lab0 before attempting this lab.
- 2. In the IDE terminal pane, enter the following commands...

cd ~/environment/awslabs/06

3. This shifts your current working directory to awslabs/labs/06. *Ensure all IDE* commands are executed in this directory

Task1: Create an S3 Bucket for Remote State

- 1. Switch to the AWS Console.
- 2. Search for and then navigate to the S3 service. Click on Create bucket
- 3. Ensure you are focussed on the Oregon (us-west-2) region
- 4. Name your bucket **jenkins-state-<your-name>**. Every bucket name must be globally unique; therefore you may get a message indicating that a bucket

- already exists with your chosen name. If so, then simply append a random number after your name. Record the name of this bucket in your session-info file against *Jenkins-state-bucket*
- 5. Leaving all settings at their default values, scroll down and select Create bucket.

Task2. Create a Github account and repository

- 1. Sign up to Github using a personal email address that is not currently associated with Github...
 - a. Navigate to https://github.com/
 - b. Enter a personal email address and select "Sign up for Github"...



c. Enter a password and a unique username of your choice..



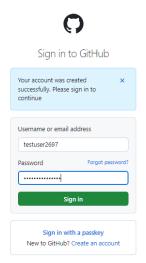
- d. Record and save your chosen **username** and **password** in your session-info file for safekeeping.
- e. Complete the challenge to prove you are a human...



f. An email will sent containing your launch code. Retrieve this and enter it..



g. You will then be prompted to log into github using your new account..



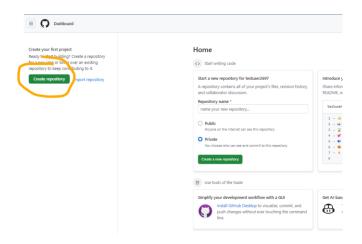
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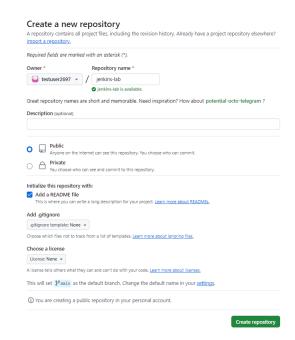
i. When asked to select a subscription, select "Continue for free"...



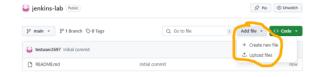
- 2. Create a public repository ...
 - a. Click on New ...



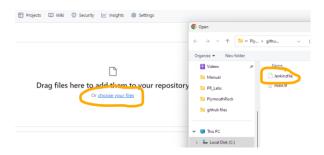
 Enter a Repository name of your choice. Ensure **Public** is selected and check the 'Add a **README file**' option. Then click on **Create** repository...



c. Click on Add file, Upload file..



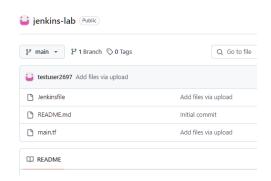
d. Select the file **Jenkinsfile** from the **lab6** folder of your student bundle files that you downloaded at the start of the course



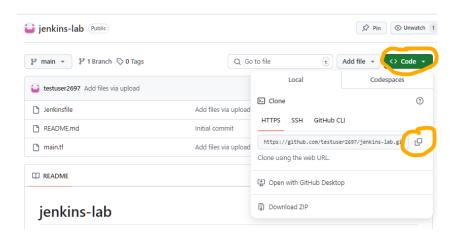
e. Click on Commit changes..



- f. Repeat the previous 2 steps to upload the **main.tf** file from the Lab6 folder
- g. The 2 files should now be listed..



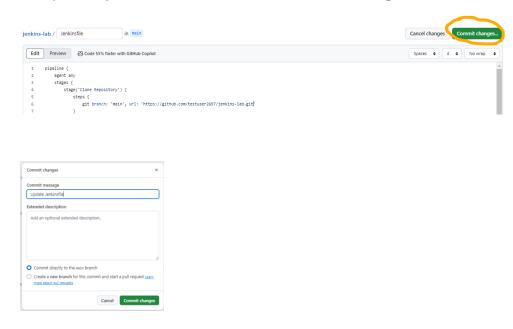
h. Copy the URL of your repository to your clipboard...



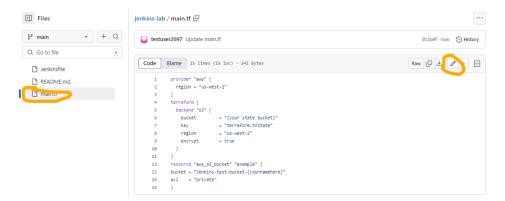
- Record this URL in your session-info file against Repo-URL
- j. Click on the file **Jenkinsfile** and then click on the **edit** icon to open the file for editing...



k. On line 6, replace **(your github repo url here)**, including the braces, with your **Repo-URL** and then click on **Commit changes** twice...



l. Click on main.tf and then open it for edits...

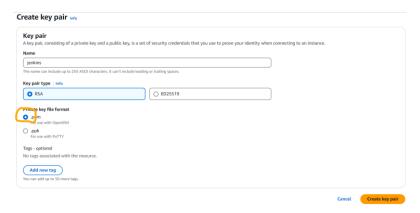


m. On line 6, replace **{your state bucket}**, including the braces, with the name of the bucket you created in Task1 (recorded as **Jenkins-state-bucket** in your session-info file). This is where your statefile will be created when you initialize Terraform

- n. On line 13, replace **{younamehere},** including the braces, with your name followed by 2 random digits (to guarantee uniqueness). This will be the name of the bucket that Terraform will create when we run a Jenkins pipeline.
- o. Commit these changes as before.
- p. Leave the Github tab open as we will return to it later.

Task3. Create EC2 instance for Jenkins

 Use the AWS console to navigate to EC2 and then create and download a .pem key-pair file named jenkins



2. Launch an Ubuntu EC2 instance with the following specifications:

Region: Oregon (us-west-2)

Name: JenkinsServer

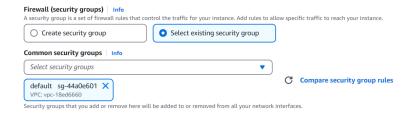
Image: Select **Ubuntu** from Quick Start..



Instance type: t2.small

Key pair: select jenkins

Network Settings (Firewall): Select the **default** security group



Select "Launch Instance" to create and start the instance

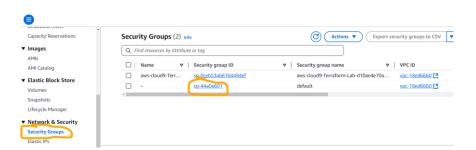
Task4. Modify the default security group

We are going to allow all inbound traffic from your Cloud9 instance terminal IP address and your local machine's IP address. We will also allow all inbound TCP port 8080 traffic to communicate with Jenkins. (**Note**: In production environments the firewall rules would be more restrictive)

1. Identify your Cloud9 IDE terminal address. Here it is 172.31.2.242 (**replace hyphens with periods**), yours will be different (hover over the address if it is slightly obscured)...



- 2. Record this in your session-info as IDE IP, in this example it is 172.31.2.242
- 3. In the **EC2** dashboard, scroll down, select **Security Groups** and open the default Security group...



- 4. Select Edit inbound rules
- 5. Select to Add rule ...

Type: All traffic

Source: My IP

6. Click Add rule to add a second rule ...

Type: All traffic

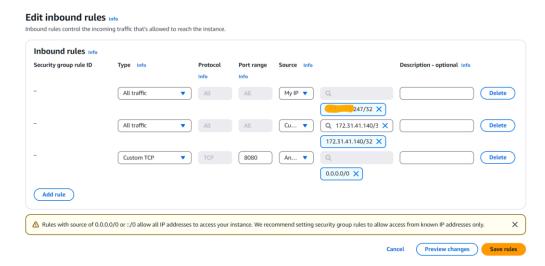
Source: Select **Custom** and enter the IP address of your IDE followed by "/32"...

7. Click Add rule to add a third rule ...

Type: Custom TCP

Port range: 8080

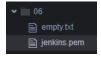
Source: Anywhere-IPv4



8. Take note of the advisory regarding allowing all IP addresses. As mentioned, in production environments, the firewall rules would be more precise. Save the newly created rules

Task5. Connect to the Instance

1. In the IDE; Use Explorer to navigate to and select the awslabs/06 folder. Then upload the **jenkins.pem** key-pair file from your local machine to this folder. (File, Upload Local Files)..

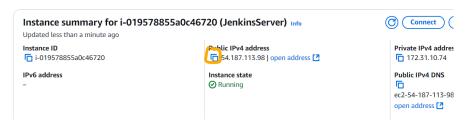


2. Set the correct permissions for the file:

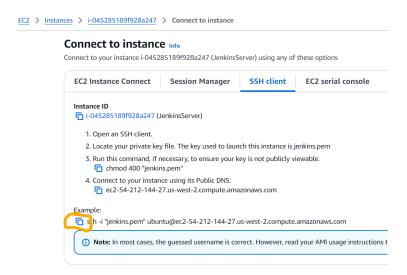
chmod 400 jenkins.pem

- 3. Connect to the JenkinsServer EC2 instance from the IDE using SSH;
 - a. Navigate to your **EC2** instances in the console.

- b. Click on the **instance Id** of **JenkinsServer** to display the instance summary
- c. Make a note of the Public IP address allocated to your instance. Record this in your session-info file as **Jenkins Public IP**...



- d. Click on the Connect option
- e. Select the SSH client tab
- f. Copy the Example connection string and paste it into your IDE...



g. When prompted to continue with the connection, type yes

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awsstudent:~/environment $ ssh -i "jenkins.pem" ubuntu@ec2-34-221-77-233.us-west-2.compute.amazonaws.com
The authenticity of host 'ec2-34-221-77-233.us-west-2.compute.amazonaws.com (172.31.4.208)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:tRUrYNT1fAhP0IixOygudGmQ4HF9nUoCyR8nnMc8n14.
This key is not known by any other names
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added 'ec2-34-221-77-233.us-west-2.compute.amazonaws.com' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.
Welcome to Ubuntu 24.04.1 LTS (GNU/Linux 6.8.0-1016-aws x86_64)
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Task6. Install Jenkins

 You are now connected to the Jenkins instance from your IDE. Run the following commands one at a time to update the system and install the Jenkins software (reduced font size for 4th and 5th commands is to avoid wordwrap issues in PDF)...

sudo apt update

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sudo apt install -y openjdk-17-jdk

curl -fsSL https://pkg.jenkins.io/debian-stable/jenkins.io-2023.key | sudo tee /usr/share/keyrings/jenkins-keyring.asc > /dev/null
echo deb [signed-by=/usr/share/keyrings/jenkins-keyring.asc] https://pkg.jenkins.io/debian-stable binary/ | sudo tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/jenkins.list > /dev/null
sudo apt update
sudo apt install -y jenkins
sudo systemctl start jenkins
sudo systemctl enable jenkins
sudo apt-get update
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Task7. Grant Jenkins Sudo Access

sudo apt-get install -y unzip

1. In your IDE ssh session; edit the sudoers file:

sudo visudo

2. Use your down key to move to the end of the file and then paste in the following line:

jenkins ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: /bin/mv

3. Save and exit. (Press "Ctrl+x", then "y" when prompted to save changes and then press enter)

Task8. Configure Jenkins

1. Obtain the initial admin password for Jenkins:

sudo cat /var/lib/jenkins/secrets/initialAdminPassword

2. Open Jenkins in a new browser tab using the IP address recorded in your session-info file

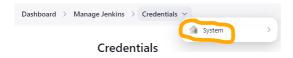
http://Jenkins Public IP:8080

- 3. Copy and paste the admin password from the IDE into the **Unlock Jenkins** screen the click on Continue
- 4. Select "Install suggested plugins"
- 5. On the "Create First Admin User" screen; Select "Skip and continue as admin"

- 6. Click "Save and Finish" to complete the Jenkins configuration.
- 7. Click "Start using Jenkins"

Task9. Add AWS Credentials to Jenkins

- In order to use Terraform on Jenkins to interact with AWS, we must supply it
 with credentials to use. In your **Jenkins** browser session; Navigate to **Manage**Jenkins > Credentials.
- 2. On the breadcrumb menu; click on the **Credentials** dropdown and then select **System** ...



3. Click on "Global credentials (unrestricted)" ...



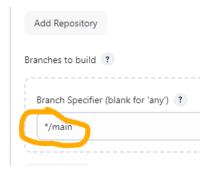
- 4. Click on "Add Credentials"
- 5. For Username: Enter the **Access key ID** generated for your lab user. (This and the Secret Access key required next, can be found in your **session-info** file)
- 6. For Password: Enter the **Secret Access key** generated for your lab user
- 7. For ID: enter aws user
- 8. Select "Create"



Task10. Configure Pipeline Job

- 1. Select "+ New Item" from the Jenkins dashboard
- 2. Enter "Terraform Pipeline" as the item name
- 3. Select "Pipeline" as the item type
- 4. Click "OK"
- 5. On the **General** page displayed next, scroll down to the **Pipeline** section. Use the dropdown list to change the **Definition** from "**Pipeline script**" to "**Pipeline script from SCM**"
- 6. Select "Git" from the SCM dropdown list
- 7. In the **Repository URL**: Enter **your** Github repository URL, recorded in your session-info file as **Repo-URL**
- 8. In "Branches to build," "Branch Specifier;" change from */master to */main

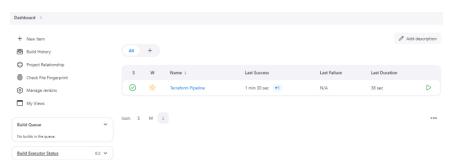




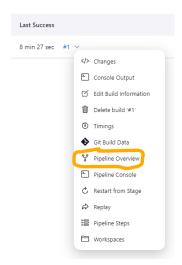
- 9. Click "Save"
- 10. Click "Build Now"

Task11. Verify pipeline run and explore Jenkins

1. In Jenkins, return to the Dashboard. A record of the pipeline will be displayed showing run success and failure. Refresh the page until a result of the pipeline run is displayed...



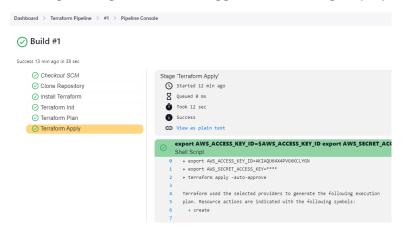
2. Select the drop-down menu against #1 and choose Pipeline Overview..



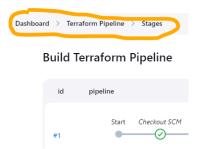
3. The stages of the pipeline are shown, with ticks (or crosses) indicating success or failure at that stage...



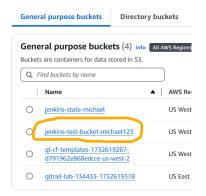
4. Examine the console logs generated by each stage by selecting the stage and clicking in the green area to toggle on/off the log display...



5. Spend a little time exploring the Jenkins interface, using the bread-crumb menu to navigate around, and finally return to the main Dashboard...



6. In the AWS console, navigate to the S3 service and verify the existence of your new storage bucket..

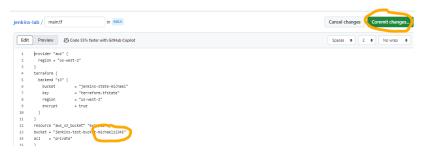


Task12. Updating the transformation pipeline

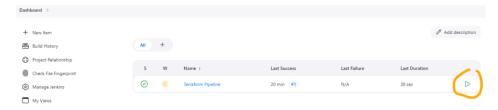
In a production environment developers would now check-out the contents of the Github repo to their local machine, make updates to the terraform files and then check them back into the repo for approval. Once approved these changes would be merged with the current files and deployed by triggering a new pipeline run. This can be done manually in Jenkins or automatically using Webhooks, whereby Github notifies Jenkins of the changed files, and the pipeline run starts automatically to deploy these changes.

In this task we will modify the terraform files directly in Github before manually triggering a new pipeline run in Jenkins. We will then set up Webhooks to show how changes in Github can automatically trigger the pipeline run.

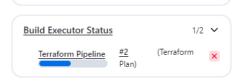
- 1. Return to your Github repository, logging back in if necessary.
- 2. Open main.tf for editing
- 3. Change the name of the bucket to be created by adding addition digits to the existing name. This will cause the original bucket to be deleted and a new one to be created. Commit this change..



4. Switch to Jenkins and click on the play icon to schedule a manual running of the pipeline..



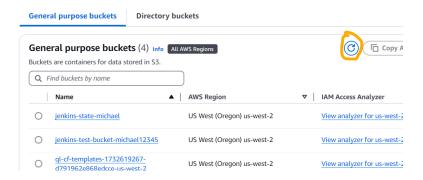
5. The build Executor Status will show the progress of the run..



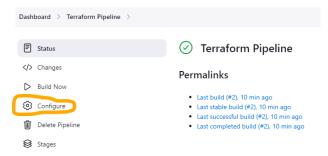
- 6. The success runs count should increase to #2 indicating successful manual running of the pipeline. (You may need to refresh the page)
- 7. Looking at the logs for the **Terraform Apply** phase we see that the old bucket was replaced as bucket names are immutable and cannot be changed...



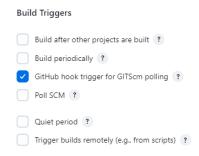
8. Switch to your console and, in S3, verify the deletion of the old bucket and the creation of a new one, refreshing the display if necessary..



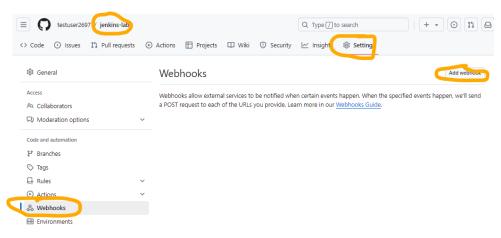
9. To configure automatic pipeline running; **In Jenkins**, configure the pipeline by first selecting it on the main dashboard and then choosing the "Configure" option..



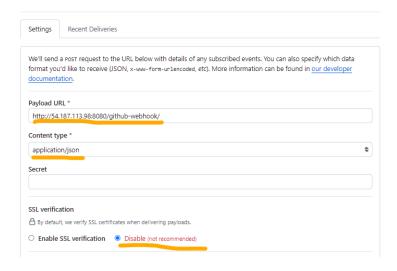
10. Scroll down to the **Build Triggers** section, select "**Github hook trigger for GITScm polling**" and click on **Save** ...



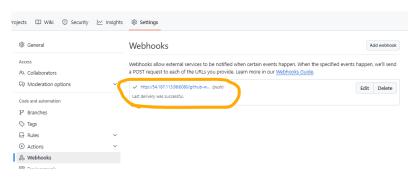
11. **Switch to Github**. Select the **Settings** for your repo. Scroll down and select **Webhooks**. Click on **Add webhook** (you may be prompted to re-authenticate at this point)...



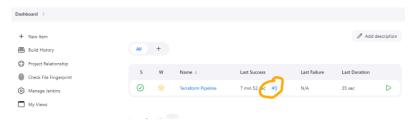
- 12. For **Payload URL**; enter **http://{Jenkins Public IP}:8080/github-webhook/** replacing (Jenkins Public IP} with the Public IP address of your Jenkins instance
- 13. For Content type; select application/json
- 14. Select to disable **SSL verification** for this lab environment.
- 15. Verify your settings as shown in example below (your IP will differ) before clicking on **Add webhook**..



- 16. Make another change to the name of your bucket in main.tf and commit the changes (refer to steps 2 and 3 above if you need guidance)
- 17. Re-visit your Webhooks setting and you should see confirmation that there was a successful push of the changes to Jenkins...



18. Switch to Jenkins. Return to the Dashboard and check that there is now a record of a third successful running of the pipeline...

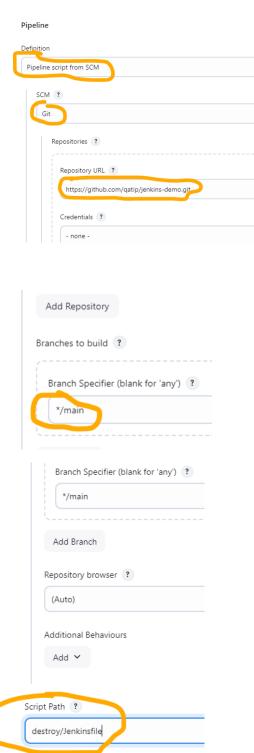


19. Switch to your AWS console, navigate to S3, refresh the display if necessary and verify the new bucket has been created.

Task13 (Time permitting). Configure Destroy Pipeline Job

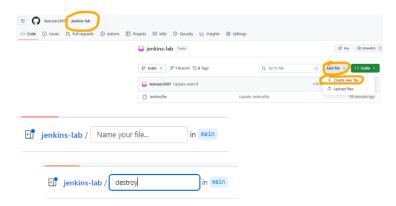
- 1. Select "+ New Item" from the Jenkins dashboard
- 2. Enter "Terraform Pipeline Destroy" as the item name
- 3. Select "Pipeline" as the item type
- 4. Click "OK"
- 5. On the General page displayed next, scroll down to the Pipeline section. Use the dropdown list to change the Definition from "Pipeline script" to "Pipeline script from SCM"
- 6. Select "Git" from the SCM dropdown list

- 7. In the **Repository URL**: Enter **your** Github repository URL, recorded in your session-info file as **Repo-URL**
- 8. In "Branches to build," "Branch Specifier;" change from */master to */main



- 9. Save the new pipeline but do not build it yet
- 10. Switch to your Github account

11. Create a new empty Jenkinsfile in a new folder "destroy"...



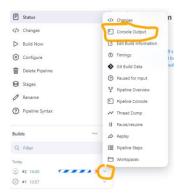
Note: Entering **destroy**/ will create the **destroy** folder



12. Use a text editor such as notepad to open **Jenkinsfile.txt** in your **Student Material/lab6_Files/destroy** folder and copy the contents into your new github file. Then commit the changes..



- 13. Switch back to Jenkins and **Build** the pipeline
- 14. This Jenkinsfile mandates that approval must be granted for the deletion to proceed.
- 15. Click on the pipeline and under **Builds**, select the running Terraform Pipeline Destroy job and select **Console Output**..



16. The run is waiting for approval to continue...

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Running in /var/lib/jenkins/workspace/Terraform Pipeline Destroy
[Pipeline] {
[Pipeline] input
Are you sure you want to destroy the resources?
Yes, Destroy or Abort
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. . .

- 17. Click on Yes to confirm the deletion
- 18. The destruction should now proceed. Switch to **S3** to verify the deletion of your test bucket.

*** Congratulations, you have completed the final lab of the course. Your instructor will end your lab environment for you which will destroy all AWS resources created. Destroy your Github repository at your own discretion or retain it for future use ***