

Terraform



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Introduction

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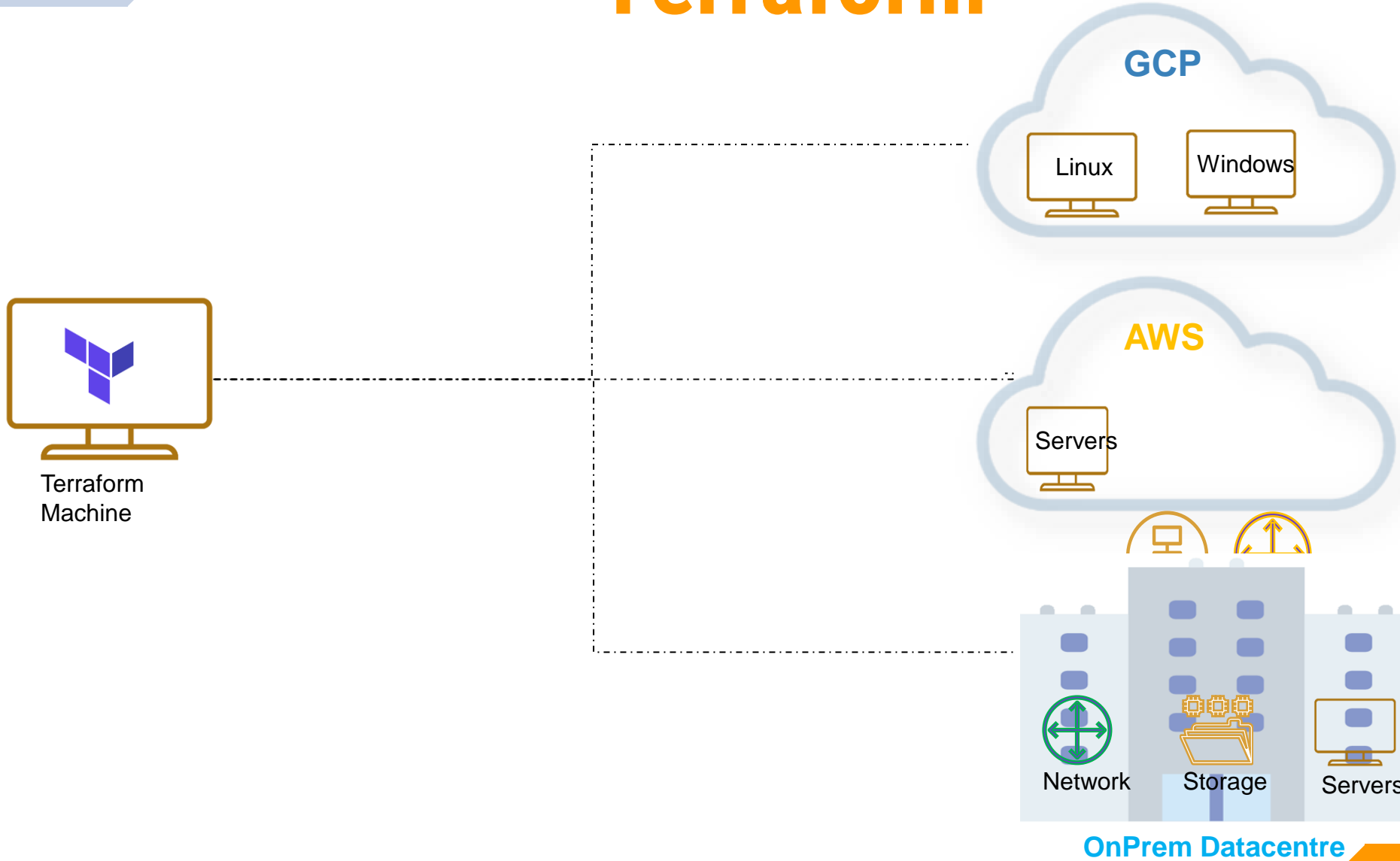
Background – Development / Infrastructure / Database / Network

Experience on AWS Cloud and Terraform



What is Orchestration?

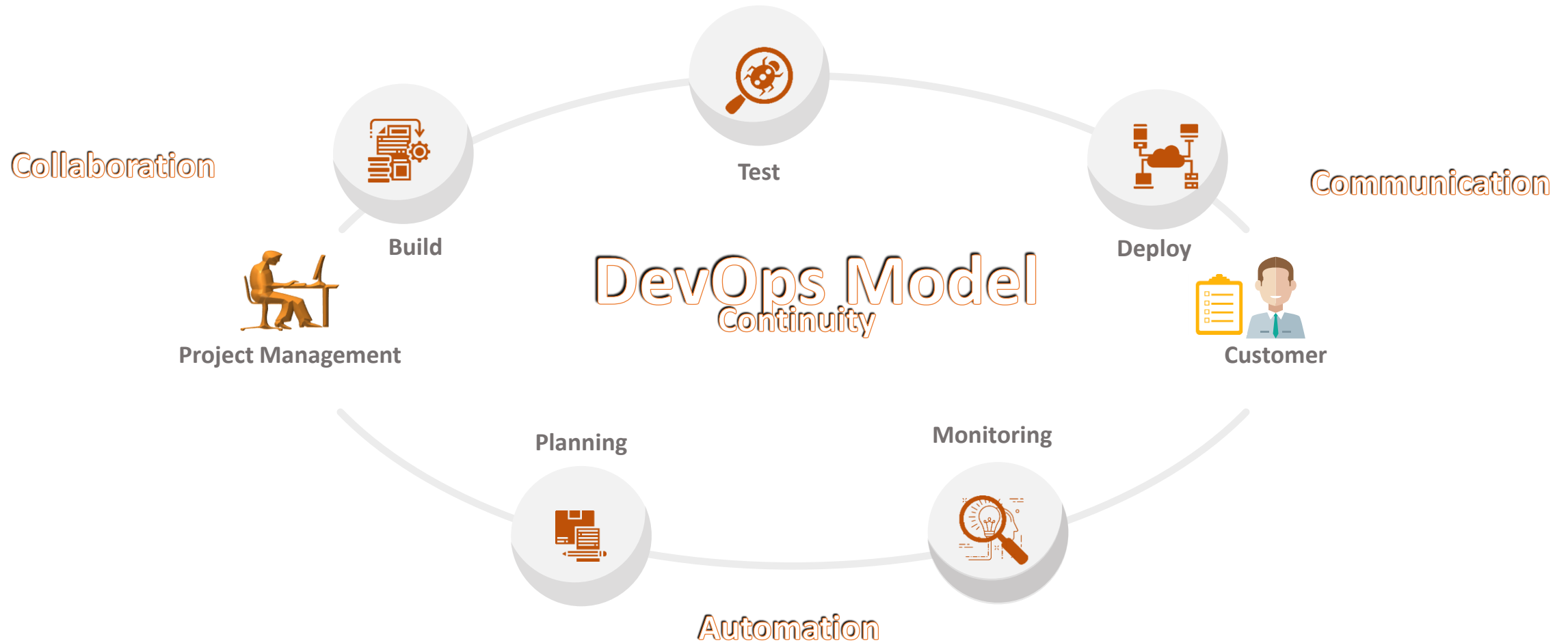
Terraform



GUI vs CLI vs IAC

- **GUI (Graphical User Interface)**
 - ✓ Best for end user experience
 - ✓ Easy management
 - ✓ **Bad for Automation**
 - ✓ **Not helpful for Administrators**
- **CLI (Command Line Interface)**
 - Best for Admin Experience
 - Easy management for Admin level tasks
 - **Bad for end user experience**
 - **Bad for maintaining desired state and consistency**
- **IaC (Infrastructure as Code)**
 - Best for Admin Experience
 - Easy management for Admin tasks
 - Easy to understand for end users too
 - Can easily maintain consistency and desired state
 - Infrastructure is written in files, so can be versioned

DevOps



DevOps in Action

Continuous Feedback

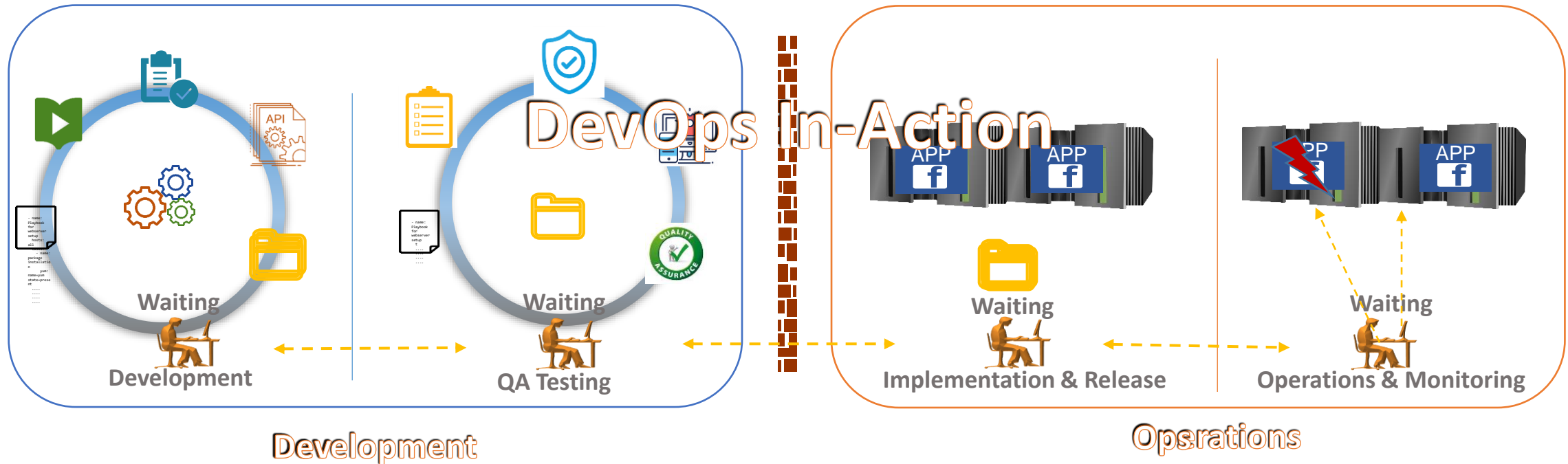
Continuous Improvement

Continuous Planning

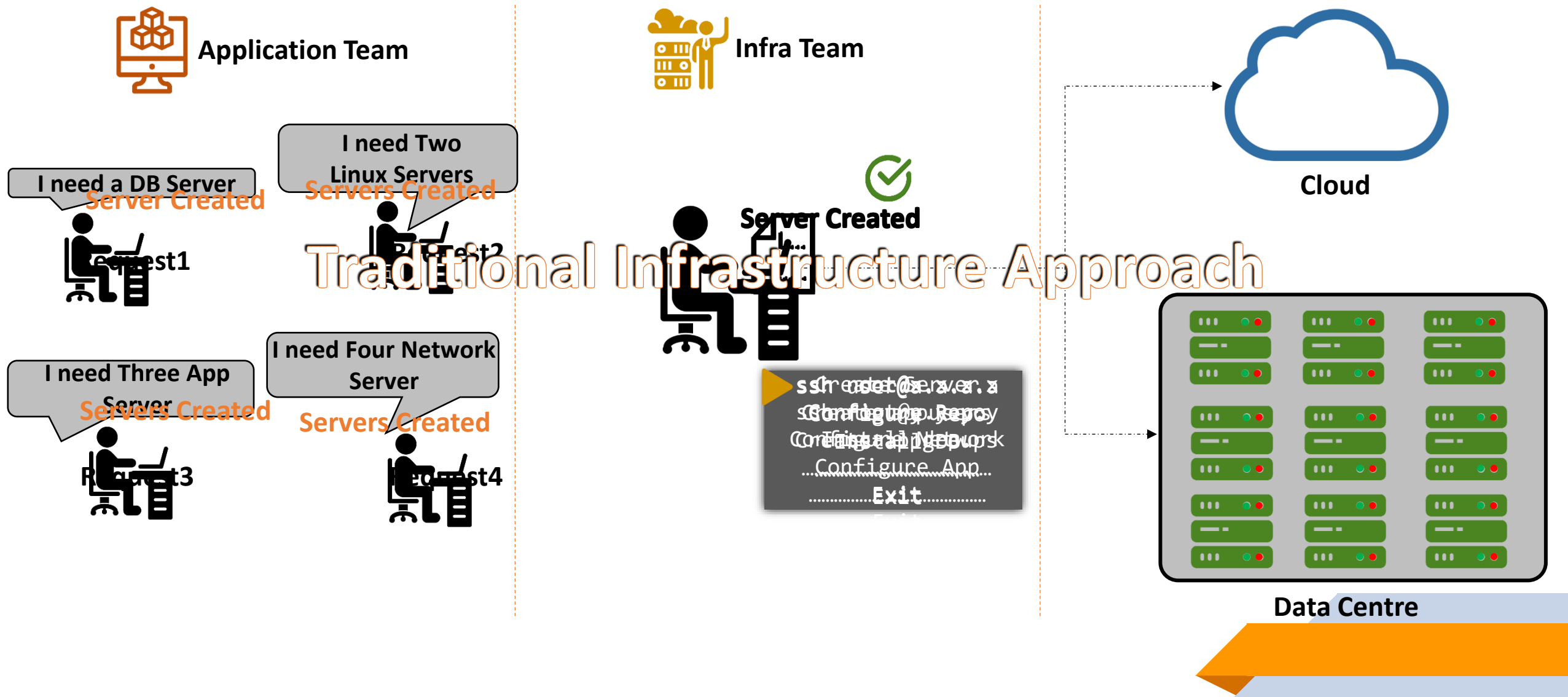
Continuous Delivery

Continuous Deployment

Continuous Monitoring



Why DevOps IaC





Application Team

I need DB Server

Server Created



need Three Linux Servers

Servers Created



need Two Linux Servers

Servers Created



need Four Linux Servers

Servers Created



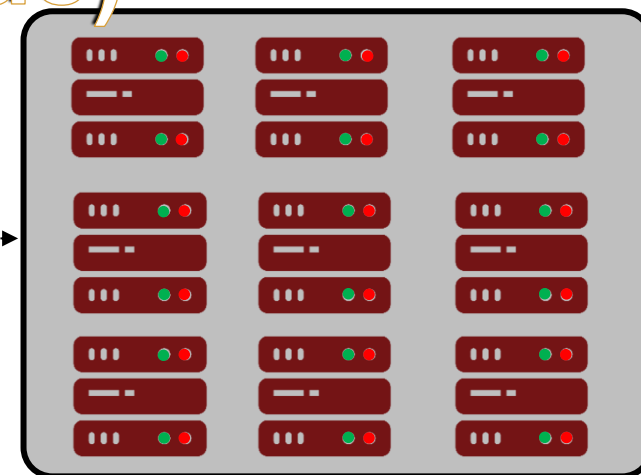
Infra Team

```
File is: main.tf
provider "aws" {
  region = "us-east-1"
}
resource "aws_instance" "requestfour" {
  count = "4"
  ami = "ami-0301261bd1c1e8b2a"
  instance_type = "t2.micro"
  tags = {
    Name = "DevOpsInAction"
  }
}
output "myawsserver" {
  value =
"${aws_instance.myawsserver.public_ip}"
}
```

IaC is Managing Infrastructure in files rather than manually configuring resources in a user interface



Cloud



Data Centre

Terraform

Terraform is an easy-to-use IT Orchestration & Automation Software for System Administrators & DevOps Engineers.

- It is the infrastructure as code offering from Hashicorp.
- It is a tool for building, changing, and managing infrastructure in a safe, repeatable way.
- Configuration language called the HashiCorp Configuration Language (HCL) is used to configure the Infrastructure.
- Compatible with almost all major public and private Cloud service provider

Terraform



Infrastructure as
code (IAC)



July 2014, HashiCorp

What is Terraform?



Opensource /
Enterprise



HCL (Hashicorp
Configuration
Language)

Terraform

Feature & Advantages



Easy
Installation



Declarative in
Nature



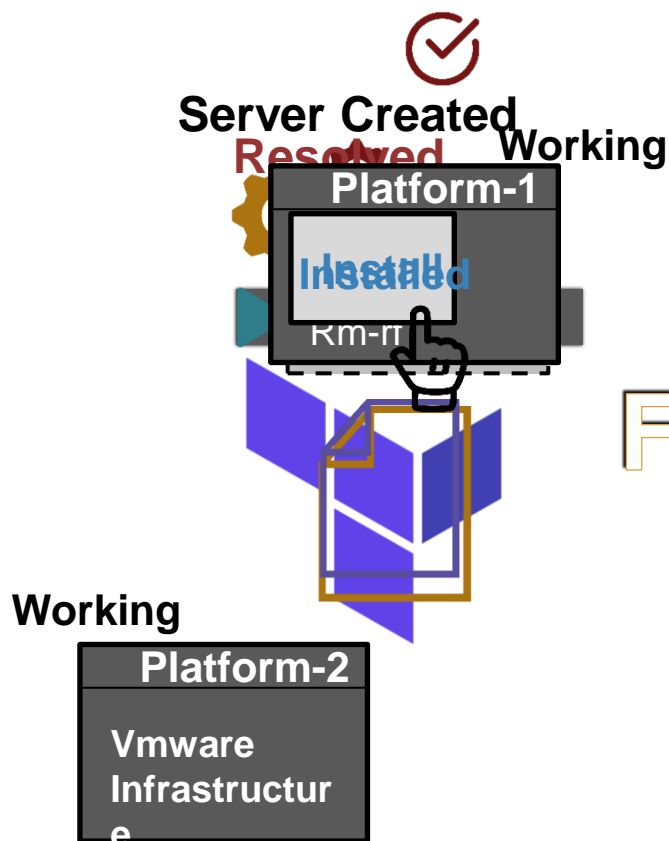
Intelligent
Dependency
Resolver



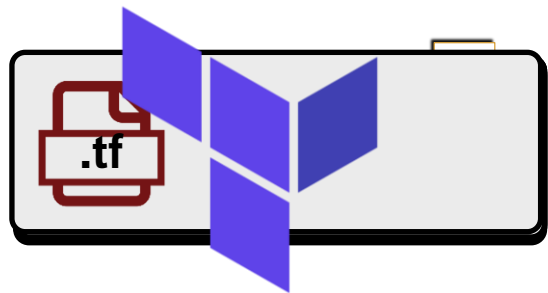
Platform Agnostic



Simple and
easy to use



Terraform



Terraform Terminologies

Providers

Variables

Resources

Provisioners

DataSources

Outputs

Modules

**File extension
.tf**

Terraform

main.tf

```
provider "aws" {  
  region = "us-east-1"  
}
```

Provider Block

```
resource "aws_instance" "myserver" {  
  ami = "ami-030ff268bd7b4e8b5"  
  instance_type = "t2.micro"  
  tags = {  
    Name = "DevOpsInAction"  
  }  
}
```

Terraform File (Sample Code)

Resource Block

```
output "myserveroutputs" {  
  description = "Display Servers Public IP"  
  value = "${aws_instance.myserver.public_ip}"  
}
```

Output
Block

Why Terraform?

- Infrastructure as Code – Write stuff in files, Version it, share it and collaborate with team on same.
- Declarative in Nature
- Automated provisioning
- Clearly mapped Resource Dependencies
- Can plan before you apply
- Consistent
- Compatible with multiple providers and infra can be combined on multiple providers
- 50+ list of official and verified providers
- Approx. 2500+ Modules readily available to work with
- Both Community and Enterprise versions available
- A best fit in DevOps IaC model

Why Terraform?

- **Platform Agnostic** – Manage Heterogeneous Environment
- **Perfect State Management** – Maintains the state and Refreshes the state before each apply action.

Terraform state is the source of truth. If a change is made or a resource is appended to a configuration, Terraform compares those changes with the state file to determine what changes result in a new resource or resource modifications.

- **Confidence:** Due to easily repeatable operations and a planning phase to allow users to ensure the actions taken by Terraform will not cause disruption in their environment.

Terraform and its Peers

- Chef
- Puppet
- SaltStack
- Ansible
- CloudFormation
- Terraform
- Kubernetes



Terraform and its Peers

Many tools available in Market. Few things to consider, before selecting any tool:

- Configuration Management vs Orchestration
- Mutable Infrastructure vs Immutable Infrastructure
- Procedural vs Declarative

Terraform and its Peers

| | Chef | Puppet | Ansible | SaltStack | CloudFormation | Terraform |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Code | Open source | Open source | Open source | Open source | Closed source | Open source |
| Cloud | All | All | All | All | AWS only | All |
| Type | Config Mgmt | Config Mgmt | Config Mgmt | Config Mgmt | Orchestration | Orchestration |
| Infrastructure | Mutable | Mutable | Mutable | Mutable | Immutable | Immutable |
| Language | Procedural | Declarative | Declarative | Declarative | Declarative | Declarative |
| Architecture | Client/Server | Client/Server | Client-Only | Client/Server | Client-Only | Client-Only |



Knowledge Checks

- What is Configuration Management?
- What is Orchestration?
- List a few available configuration Management tools.
- What are the Advantages of Terraform?

Summary: Terraform

Terraform is an easy-to-use IT Orchestration & Automation, Software for System Administrators & DevOps Engineers.

- Terraform is a tool for building, changing, and versioning infrastructure safely and efficiently.
- Terraform can manage existing and popular service providers as well as custom in-house solutions.
- Maintain Desired State
- Highly scalable and can create a complete datacenters in minutes
- Agentless solution
- Declaration in nature than Procedural
- Uses Providers API to provision the Infrastructure
- Terraform creates a dependency graph to determine the correct order of operations.

AWS Elastic Compute Cloud

- Amazon EC2 stands for Elastic Compute Cloud, and is the Primary AWS web service.
- Provides Resizable compute capacity
- Reduces the time required to obtain and boot new server instances to minutes
- There are two key concepts to Launch instances in AWS:
 - Instance Type
 - AMI
- EC2 Facts:
 - Scale capacity as your computing requirements change
 - Pay only for capacity that you actually use
 - Choose Linux or Windows OS as per need. You have to Manage the OS and Security of same.
 - Deploy across AWS Regions and Availability Zones for reliability/HA

AWS EC2

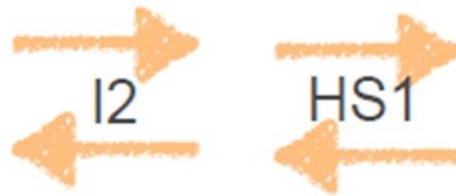
General
purpose



Compute
optimized



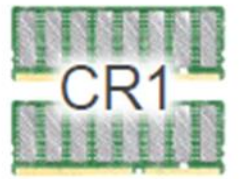
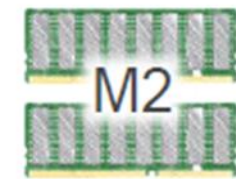
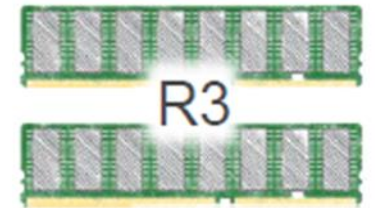
Storage and IO
optimized



GPU
enabled



Memory
optimized



EC2 Security Group

Security Group is a Virtual Firewall Protection.


AWS allows you to control traffic in and out of your instances through virtual firewalls called security groups.

Security groups allow you to control traffic based on port, protocol, and source(inbound)/destination(outbound).

Security groups are associated with instances when they are launched. Every instance must have at least one security group. Though they can have more.

A security group is default deny.

LAB 1



AWS Accounts Include 12 Months of Free Tier Access

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Visit aws.amazon.com/free for full offer terms

Create an AWS account

Email address

Password

Confirm password

AWS account name ⓘ

Continue

[Sign in to an existing AWS account](#)

After creating the account

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at, suite, unit, building, floor, etc

Province or region

Code

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Select a Support Plan

AWS offers a selection of support plans to meet your needs. Choose the plan that best aligns with your AWS usage. [Learn more](#)



Basic Plan

Free

- Included with all accounts
- 24x7 self-service access to AWS resources
- For account and billing issues only
- Access to Personal Health Dashboard & Trusted Advisor



Developer Plan

From \$29/month

- For early adoption, testing and development
- Email access to AWS Support during business hours
- 1 primary contact can open an unlimited number of support cases
- 12-hour response time for nonproduction systems

Need Enterprise level support?

Installation of Terraform on AWS Env.



Terraform Fundamentals

Providers

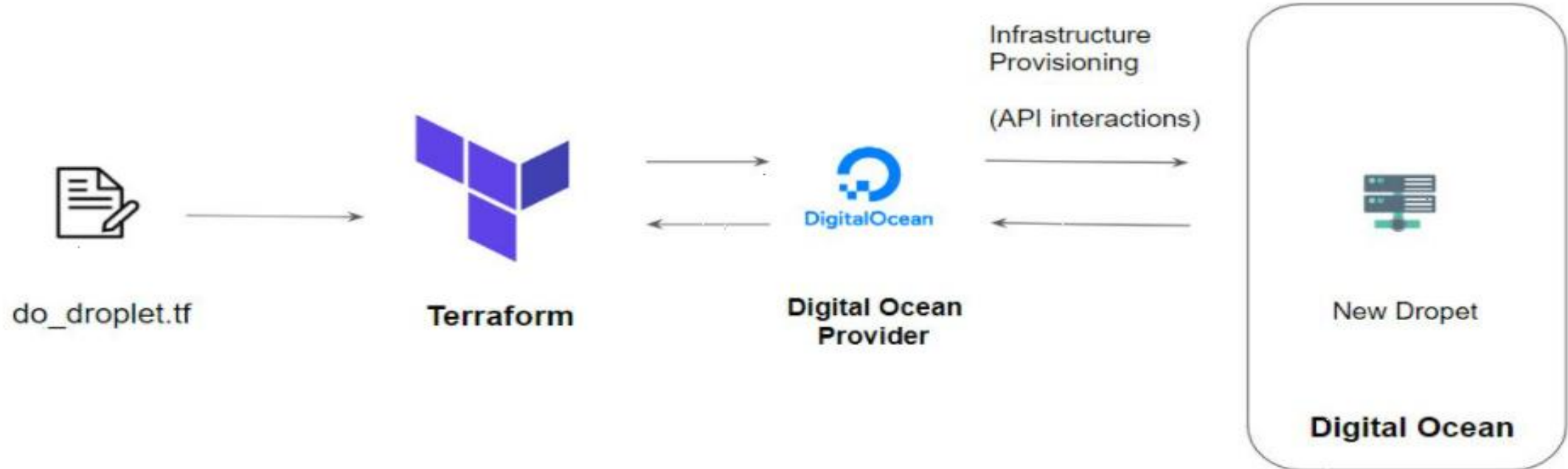
A provider is responsible for understanding API interactions and exposing resources over to a particular cloud service provider. Most providers configure a specific infrastructure platform (either cloud or self-hosted).

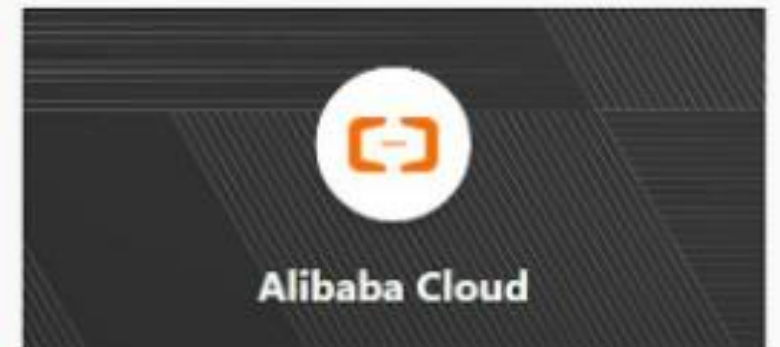
```
provider "aws" {  
  region    = "us-east-2"  
  access_key = "PUT-YOUR-ACCESS-KEY-HERE"  
  secret_key = "PUT-YOUR-SECRET-KEY-HERE"  
}
```

A provider is responsible for creating and managing resources.

<https://registry.terraform.io/browse/providers>

Overview of Provider Architecture :





Resources

- Resources are the most important element in the Terraform language. Each resource block describes one or more infrastructure objects, such as virtual networks, compute instances, etc
- ```
resource "aws_instance" "web" {
 ami = "ami-a1b2c3d4"
 instance_type = "t2.micro"
}
```

A resource block declares a resource of a given type ("aws\_instance") with a given local name ("web"). The name is used to refer to this resource from elsewhere in the same Terraform module but has no significance outside that module's scope.

The resource type and name together serve as an identifier for a given resource and so must be unique within a module.

Resource names must start with a letter or underscore, and may contain only letters, digits, underscores, and dashes.



# LAB 3: Creating first ec2 instance

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■ <https://registry.terraform.io/providers/hashicorp/aws/latest/docs/resources/instance>

# Configuration files

- Whatever you want to achieve(deploy) using terraform will be achieved with configuration files.
- Configuration files ends with .tf extension (tf.json for json version).
- Terraform uses its own configuration language, designed to allow concise descriptions of infrastructure.
- The Terraform language is declarative, describing an intended goal rather than the steps to reach that goal.
- A group of resources can be gathered into a module, which creates a larger unit of configuration.
- As Terraform's configuration language is declarative, the ordering of blocks is generally not significant. Terraform automatically processes resources in the correct order based on relationships defined between them in configuration

# Example

- You can write up the terraform code in hashicorp Language – HCL.
- Your configuration file will always end up with .tf extension

```
provider "aws" {
 region = "us-east-2"
 access_key = "PUT-YOUR-ACCESS-KEY-HERE"
 secret_key = "PUT-YOUR-SECRET-KEY-HERE"
}
```

```
resource "aws_instance" "myec2" {
 ami = "ami-082b5a644766e0e6f"
 instance_type = "t2.micro"
}
tags = {
 Name = "Techlanders-aws-ec2-instance"
}
}
```

# Terraform Workflow

## Few Steps to work with terraform:

- 1) Set the Scope - Confirm what resources need to be created for a given project.
- 2) Author - Create the configuration file in HCL based on the scoped parameters
- 3) Run `terraform init` to initialize the plugins and modules
- 4) Run `terraform validate` to validate the template
- 5) Do `terraform plan`
- 6) Run `terraform apply` to apply the changes

# Terraform validate

- Terraform validate will validate the terraform configuration file
- It'll through error for syntax issues:

```
[root@TechLanders aws]# terraform validate
Success! The configuration is valid.
```

```
[root@TechLanders aws]#
```

# Terraform init

- Terraform init will initialize the modules and plugins.
- If you ever set or change modules or backend configuration for Terraform, rerun this command to reinitialize your working directory.
- If you forget running init, terraform plan/apply will remind you about initialization.
- Terraform init will download the connection plugins from Repository “registry.terraform.io” under your current working directory/.terraform:

```
[root@TechLanders plugins]# pwd
/root/aws/.terraform/plugins
[root@TechLanders plugins]# ls -l
total 4
drwxr-xr-x. 3 root root 23 Aug 15 07:06 registry.terraform.io
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 136 Aug 15 07:06 selections.json
[root@TechLanders plugins]#
```
- Important concept:
  - Always make a best practice to initialize the terraform modules with versions. i.e.  
hashicorp/aws: version = "~> 3.2.0"

# Example

- Perform Terraform Init:

```
[root@TechLanders aws]# terraform init
```

Initializing the backend...

Initializing provider plugins...

- Finding latest version of hashicorp/aws...
- Installing hashicorp/aws v3.2.0...
- Installed hashicorp/aws v3.2.0 (signed by HashiCorp)

The following providers do not have any version constraints in configuration, so the latest version was installed.

To prevent automatic upgrades to new major versions that may contain breaking changes, we recommend adding version constraints in a `required_providers` block in your configuration, with the constraint strings suggested below.

```
* hashicorp/aws: version = "~> 3.2.0"
```

Terraform has been successfully initialized!

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.

```
[root@TechLanders aws]#
```

# Terraform plan

- terraform plan will create an execution plan and will update you what changes it going to make.
- It'll update you upfront what its gonna add, change or destroy.
- Terraform will automatically resolve the dependency between components- which to be created first and which in last.

```
[root@TechLanders aws]# terraform plan
```

Refreshing Terraform state in-memory prior to plan...

The refreshed state will be used to calculate this plan but will not be persisted to local or remote state storage.

An execution plan has been generated and is shown below. Resource actions are indicated with the following symbols:

+ create

Terraform will perform the following actions:

# aws\_instance.myserver will be created

+ resource "aws\_instance" "myserver" {

+ ami = "ami-06b35f67f1340a795"

+ arn = (known after apply)

Plan: 1 to add, 0 to change, 0 to destroy.



# Terraform apply

- Terraform apply will apply the changes.
- Before it applies changes, it'll showcase changes again and will ask to confirm to move ahead:

```
[root@TechLanders aws]# terraform apply
```

An execution plan has been generated and is shown below. Resource actions are indicated with the following symbols:

+ create

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.myserver: Creating...
```

```
aws_instance.myserver: Still creating... [10s elapsed]
```

```
aws_instance.myserver: Still creating... [20s elapsed]
```

```
aws_instance.myserver: Creation complete after 21s [id=i-0a63756c96d338801]
```

```
Apply complete! Resources: 1 added, 0 changed, 0 destroyed.
```

```
[root@TechLanders aws]#
```

# Terraform apply

- Terraform apply will create **tfstate** file to maintain the desired state:

```
[root@TechLanders aws]# ls -l
total 8
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 234 Aug 15 07:06 myinfra.tf
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 3209 Aug 15 08:02 terraform.tfstate
[root@TechLanders aws]# cat terraform.tfstate
{
 "version": 4,
 "terraform_version": "0.13.0",
 "serial": 1,
 "lineage": "7f7e0e15-95ef-d8fa-b1cd-12024aed5fa6",
 "outputs": {},
 "resources": [
 "provider": "provider[\"registry.terraform.io/hashicorp/aws\"]",
 "instances": [
 {
 "schema_version": 1,
 "attributes": {
 "ami": "ami-06b35f67f1340a795",
 "arn": "arn:aws:ec2:us-east-2:677729060277:instance/i-0a63756c96d338801",
```

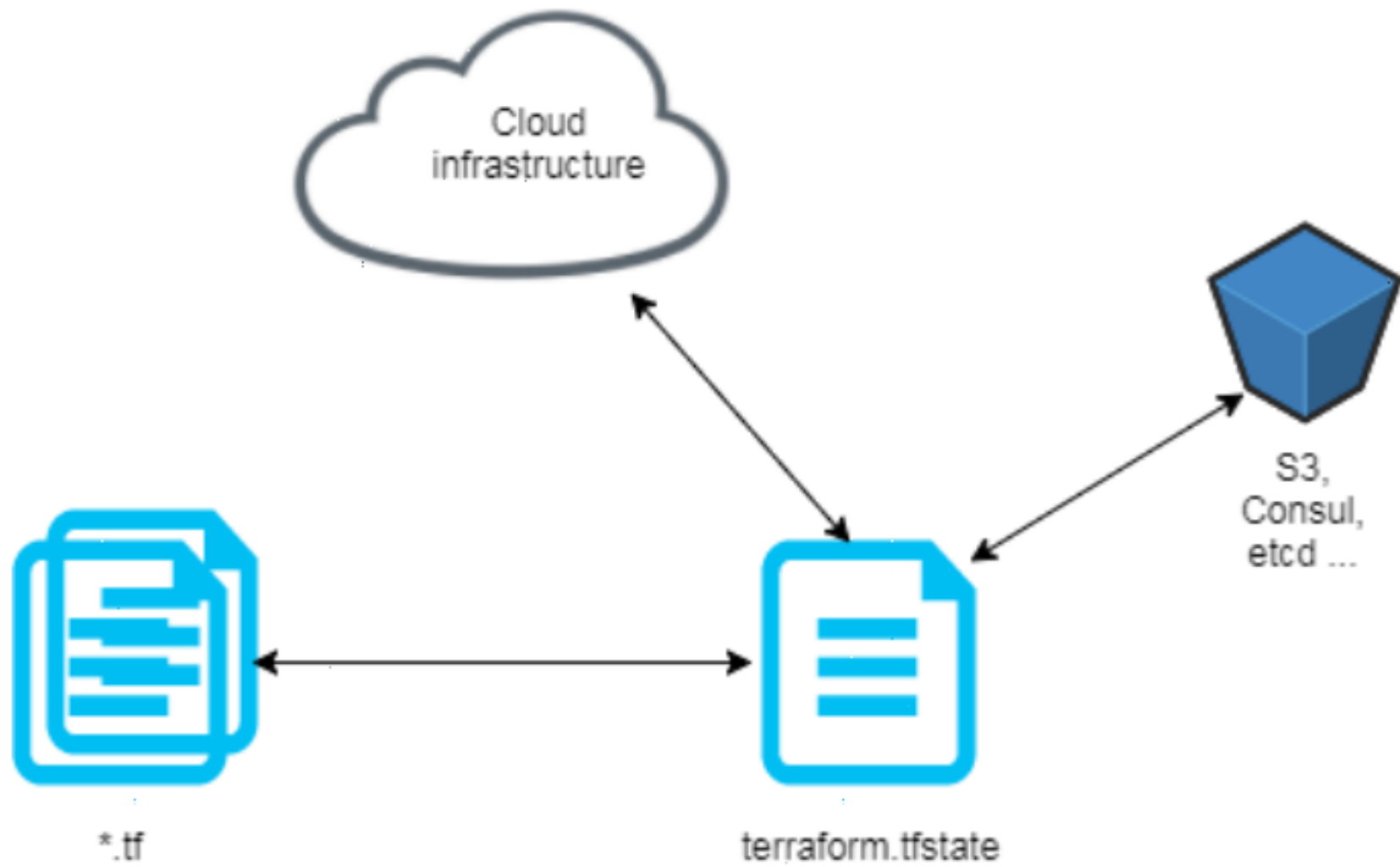
- Note: -auto-approve option can be given alongwith terraform apply to avoid the human intervention.

# Terraform show

- Terraform show will show the current state of the environment been created by your config file:

```
[root@ip-172-31-6-233 aws]# terraform show
aws_instance.myserver:
resource "aws_instance" "myserver" {
 ami = "ami-06b35f67f1340a795"
 arn = "arn:aws:ec2:us-east-2:677729060277:instance/i-0a63756c96d338801"
 associate_public_ip_address = true
 availability_zone = "us-east-2a"
 cpu_core_count = 1
 cpu_threads_per_core = 1


```



# Desired State Maintenance (DSC)

- Delete the newly created server and then check for the terraform plan

```
[root@TechLanders aws]# terraform plan
```

Refreshing Terraform state in-memory prior to plan...

The refreshed state will be used to calculate this plan, but will not be persisted to local or remote state storage.

```
aws_instance.myserver: Refreshing state... [id=i-0a63756c96d338801]
```

An execution plan has been generated and is shown below.

Resource actions are indicated with the following symbols:

+ create

Terraform will perform the following actions:

```
aws_instance.myserver will be created
```

```
+ resource "aws_instance" "myserver" {
```

- Run terraform apply command again and witness the provisioning of new server on console.

```
[root@TechLanders aws]# terraform apply
```

```
aws_instance.myserver: Refreshing state... [id=i-0a63756c96d338801]
```

An execution plan has been generated and is shown below.

Resource actions are indicated with the following symbols:

+ create

Terraform will perform the following actions:

```
aws_instance.myserver will be created
```

# Infrastructure as Code

- Modify your template file to change the instance size from t2.micro to t2.small and plan/apply the changes:

```
[root@TechLanders aws]# cat myinfra.tf
resource "aws_instance" "myserver" {
 ami = "ami-06b35f67f1340a795"
 instance_type = "t2.small"
}
[root@TechLanders aws]#
```

- Run terraform plan and apply again to check the differences

```
[root@TechLanders aws]# terraform apply
aws_instance.myserver: Refreshing state... [id=i-0a1f8a600cb968c7c]
An execution plan has been generated and is shown below.
Resource actions are indicated with the following symbols:
 ~ update in-place
Plan: 0 to add, 1 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.myserver: Modifying... [id=i-0a1f8a600cb968c7c]
```

# Refreshing the state

- In case the requirement is to just check for any updates been done in the running environment, we can run terraform refresh command:

```
C:\Users\gagandeep\Desktop\terraform>terraform refresh
```

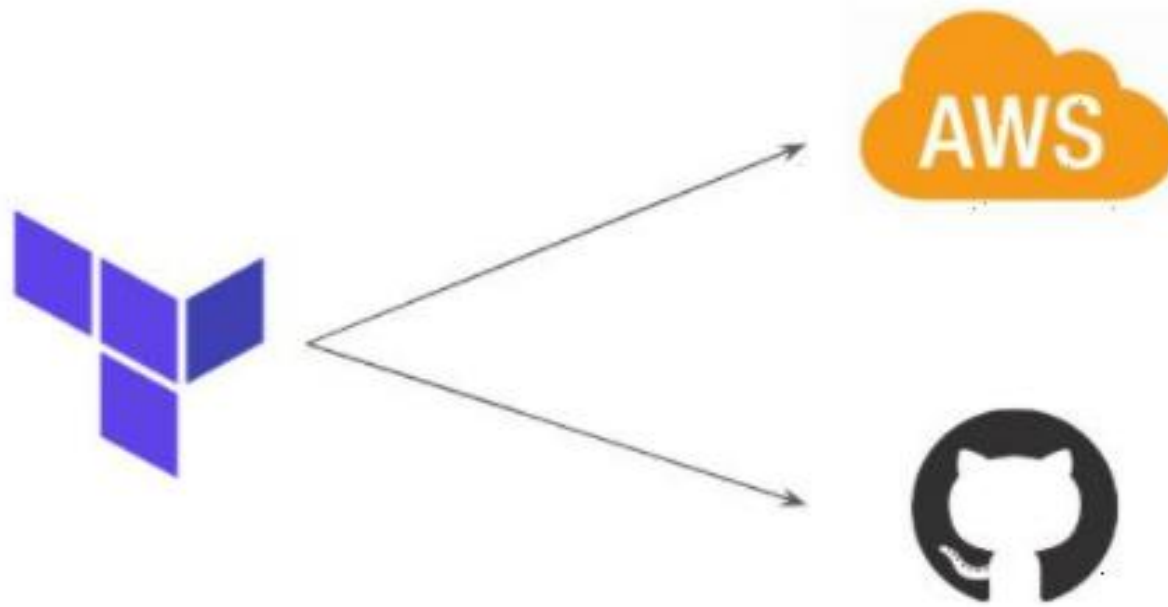
```
google_compute_network.vpc_network: Refreshing state... [id=projects/accenture-286519/global/networks/terraform-net3]
```

```
google_compute_address.vm_static_ip: Refreshing state... [id=projects/accenture-286519/regions/us-central1/addresses/terraform-static-ip1]
```

```
google_compute_instance.vm_instance1: Refreshing state... [id=projects/accenture-286519/zones/us-central1-b/instances/terraform-instance1]
```

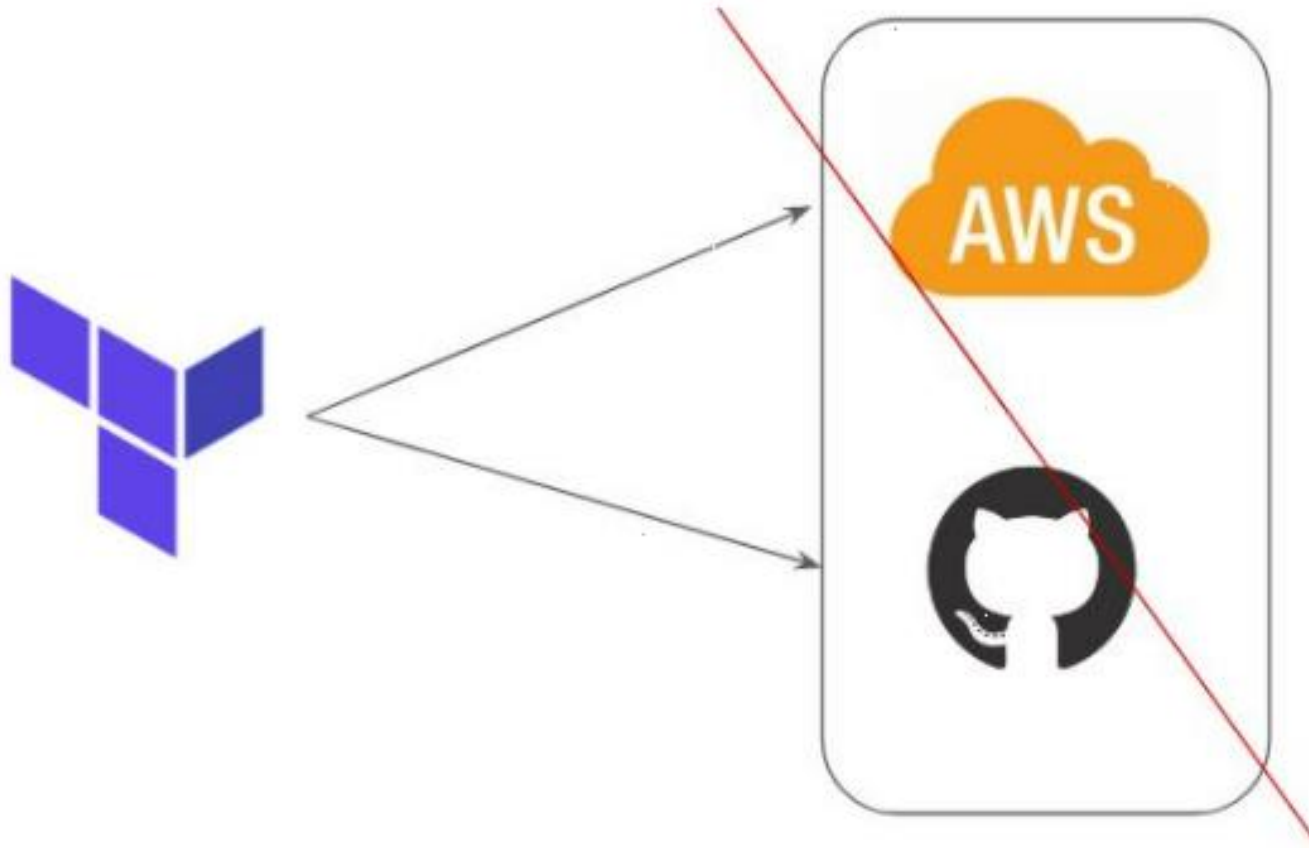
```
C:\Users\gagandeep\Desktop\terraform>
```

# Lab 4: Working with other providers ..





# Destroying Infra in one go :



# Destroying Infra in one go

- Terraform destroy will destroy the infrastructure in one go by using your tfstate file.

```
[root@TechLanders aws]# terraform destroy
```

```
aws_instance.myserver: Refreshing state... [id=i-0a1f8a600cb968c7c]
```

An execution plan has been generated and is shown below.

Resource actions are indicated with the following symbols:

- destroy

Terraform will perform the following actions:

- # aws\_instance.myserver will be destroyed

- resource "aws\_instance" "myserver" {
  - ami = "ami-06b35f67f1340a795"

Enter a value: yes

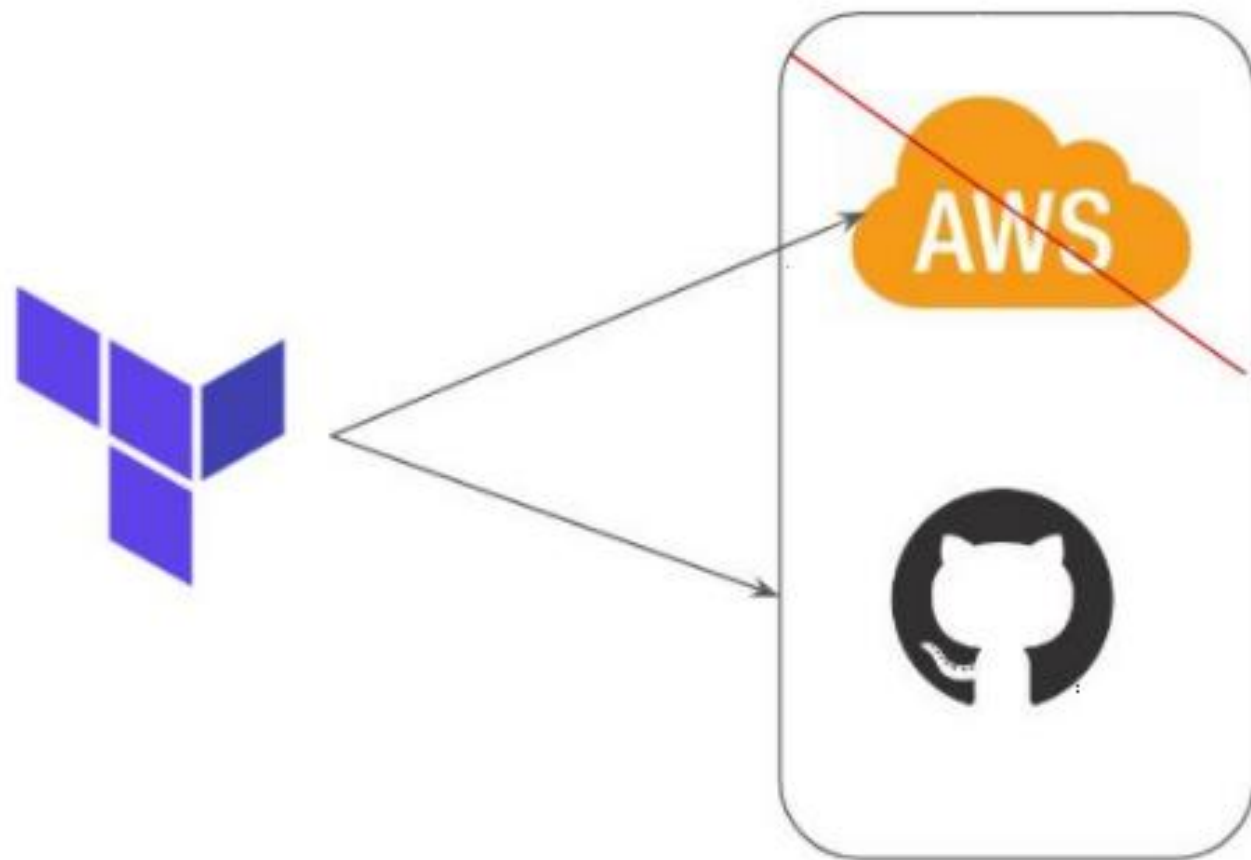
```
aws_instance.myserver: Destroying... [id=i-0a1f8a600cb968c7c]
```

```
aws_instance.myserver: Still destroying... [id=i-0a1f8a600cb968c7c, 10s elapsed]
```

```
aws_instance.myserver: Still destroying... [id=i-0a1f8a600cb968c7c, 20s elapsed]
```

```
aws_instance.myserver: Destruction complete after 29s
```

Destroy complete! Resources: 1 destroyed.



# Destroying Infra

- Terraform destroy can also delete selected resources given with `-target` option and can also be auto-approved with `-auto-approve` option. But it is always recommended to modify the configuration file instead of `-target`.

```
terraform destroy -target github_repository.repo
```

```
github_repository.repo: Refreshing state... [id=terraform-repo]
```

Terraform used the selected providers to generate the following execution plan. Resource actions are indicated with the following symbols:

- destroy

Terraform will perform the following actions:

```
github_repository.repo will be destroyed
```

```
- resource "github_repository" "repo" {
```

```
 - allow_auto_merge = false -> null
```

, which means that the result of this plan may not represent all of the changes requested by the current configuration.

The `-target` option is not for routine use and is provided only for exceptional situations such as recovering from errors or mistakes, or when Terraform specifically suggests to use it as part of an error message.

Note: Multiple `-target` options are supported as well.

**Lab 5 : Desired  
,current state and  
last known  
configuration ..**

Terraform tries to ensure that the deployed infrastructure is based on the desired state.

If there is a difference between the two, terraform plan presents a description of the changes necessary to achieve the desired state.



# **LAB 6: CHALLENGE WITH DESIRED AND CURRENT STATE ..**

Provider plugins are released separately from Terraform itself.

They have a different set of version numbers.



Version 1



Version 2