

Infrastructure as Code with Pulumi

Defining your infrastructure using programming languages

A quick bit about me

- Husband, father, Jeeper, all-around geek
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- Author (8 books so far)
- Former podcaster (The Full Stack Journey podcast)
- Have worked at Nicira/VMware, Heptio/VMware, Kong, and Pulumi

Why infrastructure as code (laC)?

- Enables easily repeatable, consistent deployments of infrastructure
- Used with version control, makes it possible to easily see **who** changed **what** in your infrastructure
- A form of documentation (doesn't replace good documentation, though!)
- Simplifies team collaboration (through code reviews, shared repositories, etc.)

Why programming languages for laC?

- Programming language knowledge is a reusable and broadly applicable skill
- There is a powerful ecosystem of supporting tools (IDE support, syntax highlighting, code completion, linting, code analysis)
- Native, intuitive support for logic/branching and looping

Why Pulumi for laC?

- Broad ecosystem of supported providers and platforms
- Broad range of supported languages (JavaScript, TypeScript, C#/F#/VB.NET, Go, Python, even YAML)
- No intermediate transpilation into another format;
 communicates with provider APIs directly
- Tools available to convert from other formats
- Pulumi AI can help with code generation

Some Pulumi terminology

- Project: A directory containing a Pulumi.yaml file
- Program: Code using Pulumi's SDKs to define infrastructure
- **Stack**: An independent instance (with its own state and its own configuration) of the infrastructure defined in the program
- Resource: The "things" that make up your cloud infrastructure
- Input or Output: An Input is a parameter to a resource; an Output is a property of a resource (asynchronous)

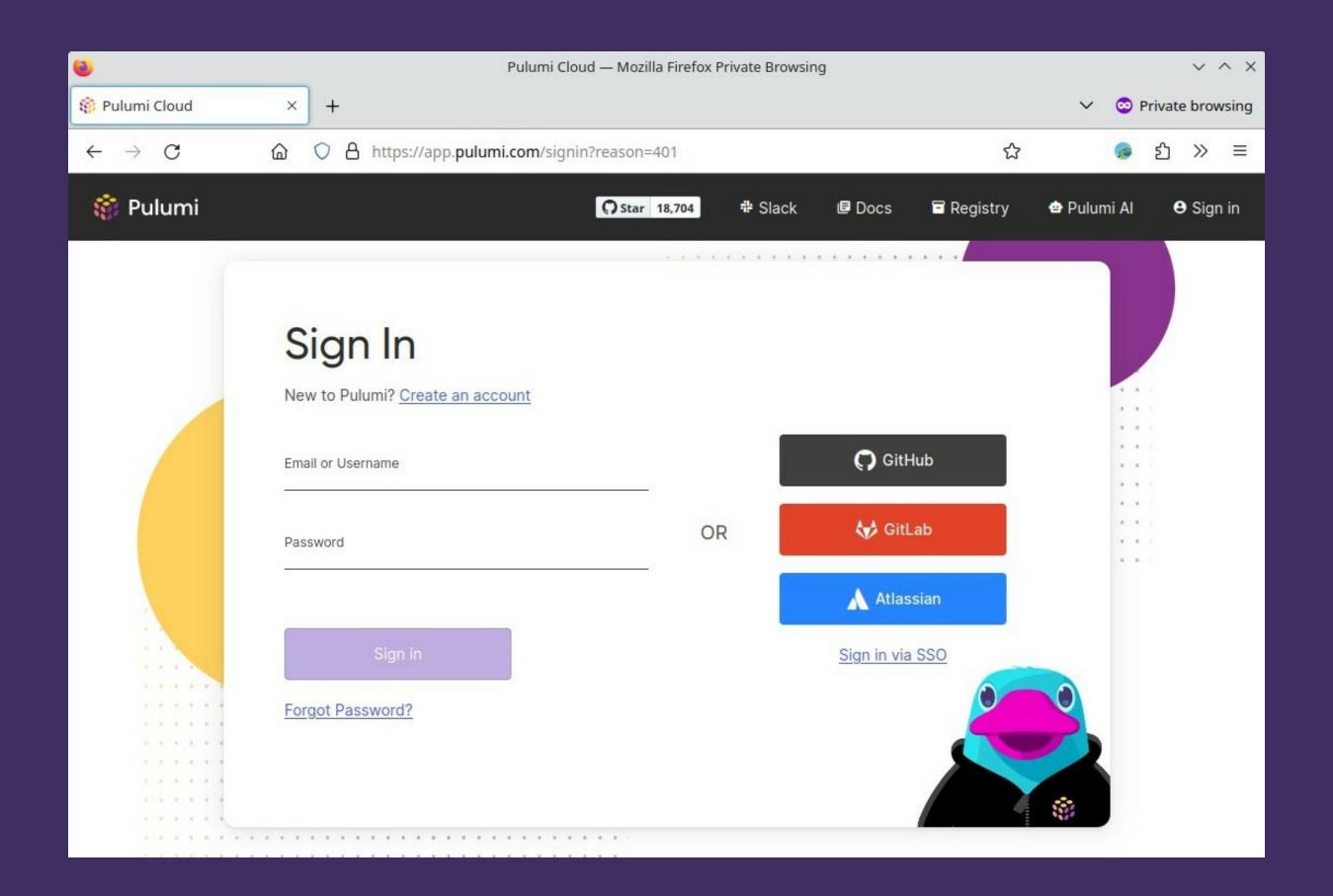
Demo time!

Pulumi Commands

- pulumi login: Logs you into a state backend
- pulumi preview: Runs the program and generates a preview of the changes
- pulumi up: Runs the program and declaratively makes the changes
- pulumi refresh: Updates Pulumi's state from the infrastructure
- pulumi destroy: Exactly what you think it does!

Pulumi Backends

- **Pulumi Cloud**: Pulumi's SaaS backend that offers state and secrets storage, "free forever" individual tier, paid tiers (free trials available) with features like Deployments (hosted CI/CD), RBAC, etc.
- Cloud object storage: Services like Amazon S3, Azure Blob Storage, or Google Cloud Storage
- Local: Fine for PoC but not recommended for production use



Back to the demo

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Thank you!

Sample code is available at https://github.com/scottslowe/2024-90dod-iac-pulumi