CREATE VM ENGINE MACHINE WITH TERRAFORM

1. Downloading, installing and configuring Terraform

It's necessary to download the stable package of Terraform, then it's moved to /usr/local/bin. Introduce the following commands into the Cloud Shell Terminal.

```
wget -q
https://releases.hashicorp.com/terraform/0.13.4/terraform_0.13.4_linux_amd64.zip
unzip terraform_0.11.6_linux_amd64.zip

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sergiobenito@cloudshell:~ (phonic-botany-288716) $ wget -q https://releases.hashicorp.com/terraform/0.13.4/terraform_0.13.4_linux_amd64.zip
sergiobenito@cloudshell:~ (phonic-botany-288716) $ unzip terraform_0.13.4_linux_amd64.zip
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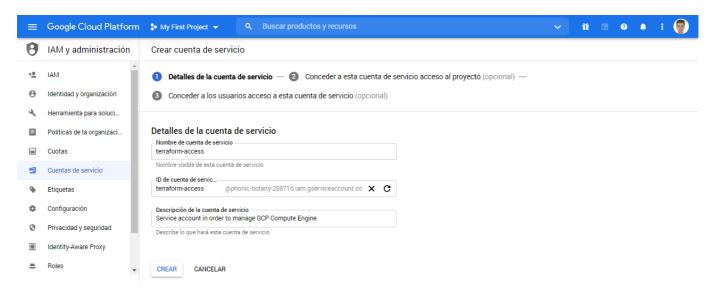
When Terraform package is uncompressed, you can move it and check its version.

```
sudo mv terraform /usr/local/bin/terraform
terraform version

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sergiobenito@cloudshell:~ (phonic-botany-288716) $ terraform version
Terraform v0.13.4
sergiobenito@cloudshell:~ (phonic-botany-288716) $ ∏
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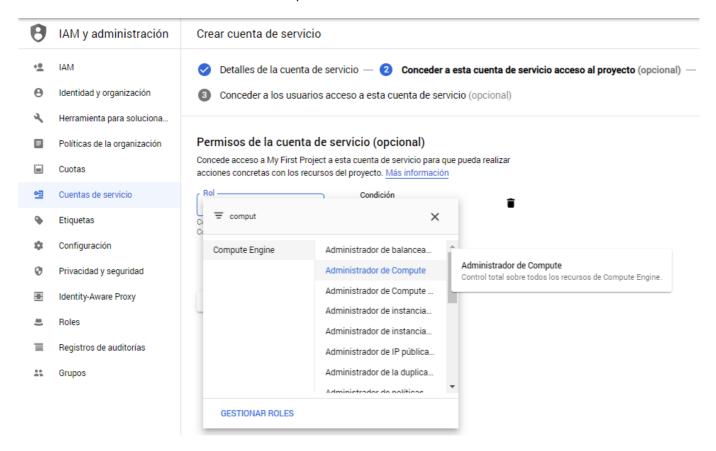
2. Configure the Service Account on GCP

In order to allow Terraform to create virtual machines, it has been created a service account which gives specific resources to a group or user.



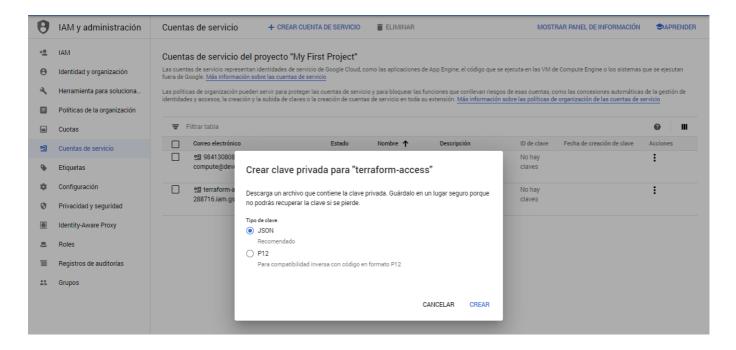
In IAM & Admin menu and then Service accounts it's possible to create and setting the specific roles for one service account.

For this case, it's needed to add the role Compute Admin.



Then, it's possible to create the JSON key, in this step is very important to configure .gitignore file to avoid to upload the credentials.json to the repository due to be a private key.





3. Configure Terraform files

Now, its the moment when it's going to create the config files of Terraform.

3.1. provider.tf

Create a file named as provider.tf which will contain the configuration needed for provisioning a resource on GCP.

```
# Specify the provider (GCP, AWS, Azure)
provider "google" {
    credentials = "${file("credentials.json")}"
    project = "phonic-botany-288716"
    region = "europe-west1"
}
```

3.2. instance.tf

This file contains the resource's configuration of each machine that user wants to create. It has several sections:

- resource "google_compute_instance" "default": Describe the information about the virtual machine, such as type of image, network interface or even the initial script that will going to be executed when bootstrapping.
- resource "google_compute_firewall" "http-server": This section describes the information about the firewall or the access allowed to specific port and its protocol.

For example:

```
resource "google_compute_instance" "default" {
    name = "name-instance"
```

```
description = "This template is used to create app server instances."
  machine_type = "e2-medium"
              = "europe-west1-b"
  zone
  tags = ["http-server"]
  boot_disk {
    initialize params {
      size = "15"
     type = "pd-standard"
     image = "ubuntu-os-cloud/ubuntu-1804-lts"
    }
  }
  network_interface {
    network = "default"
    access config {
     // Ephemeral IP
  }
  metadata = {
    name = "superset"
  }
  metadata_startup_script = file("./start_terraform.sh")
}
resource "google_compute_firewall" "http-server" {
  name = "default-allow-http-terraform"
  network = "default"
 allow {
   protocol = "tcp"
    ports = ["80"]
 }
 // Allow traffic from everywhere to instances with an http-server tag
 source_ranges = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
 target_tags = ["http-server"]
}
output "ip" {
 value =
"${google_compute_instance.default.network_interface.0.access_config.0.nat_ip}"
```

3.3. Create startup script

In a file like start.sh you can define the shell commands which you want to run inside compute engine after creation. It's not mandatory but it's very interesting for example when you have to re-create instance after

being deleted.

For example, it's set the commands to install Docker.

```
#! /bin/bash
curl -fsSL https://download.docker.com/linux/ubuntu/gpg | sudo apt-key add -
sudo add-apt-repository "deb [arch=amd64] https://download.docker.com/linux/ubuntu
bionic stable"
sudo apt update

apt-cache policy docker-ce
sudo apt install docker-ce
sudo usermod -aG docker ${USER}
```

If it's wanted to run, for example, a *Python* command sequence instead of *Bash*, it's necessary to add to the file the following line at the start of the script:

```
#! /usr/bin/python
```

When the instance was created, you can check that the script has been run with the following command:

```
sudo journalctl -u google-startup-scripts.service
```

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But if you don't want to use the command and see the specific file, you can read it in the following files:

• CentOS y RHEL: /var/log/messages

• Debian: /var/log/daemon.log

• Ubuntu: /var/log/syslog

• SLES: /var/log/messages

4. Resources creation

After the creation the previous files, it's ready to run a set of *Terraform* commands for resource creation.

1. **Terraform init**: This command initializes the terraform inside a folder and creates .terraform directory.

terraform init

```
Initializing the backend...

Initializing provider plugins...
- Checking for available provider plugins...
- Downloading plugin for provider "google" (hashicorp/google) 3.41.0...

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, it is recommended to add version = "..." constraints to the corresponding provider blocks in configuration, with the constraint strings suggested below.

* provider.google: version = "~> 3.41"

Terraform has been successfully initialized!

You may now begin working with Terraform. Try running "terraform plan" to see any changes that are required for your infrastructure. All Terraform commands should now work.

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. sergiobenito@cloudshell:~ (phonic-botany-288716) $ []
```

2. Terraform plan (optional): This command is used to create an execution plan. This command from

terraform plan

```
sergiobenito@cloudshell: ~ (phonic-botany-288716) $ 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:
  # google compute firewall.http-server will be created
     resource "google_compute_firewall" "http-server" {
         creation timestamp = (known after apply)
        + destination_ranges = (known after apply)
        + direction = (known after apply)

+ enable_logging = (known after apply)

+ id = (known after apply)
                                  = "default-allow-http-terraform"
        + name
                               = "default"
        + network
                                  = 1000
= (known after apply)
        + priority
        + project = (known after apply)
+ self_link = (known after apply)
+ source_ranges = [
              1
        + target_tags
                                   = [
                "http-server",
          1
          allow {
             + ports
                    "80",
              + protocol = "tcp"
          }
  # google compute instance.default will be created
     resource "google_compute_instance" "default" {
        + can_ip_forward = false

+ cpu_platform = (known after apply)

+ current_status = (known after apply)

+ deletion_protection = false

+ description = "This template is used to create app server instances."
        - deletion_protection

- description = "This template is u

- guest_accelerator = (known after apply)

- id = (known after apply)

- instance_id = (known after apply)

+ label_fingerprint = (known after apply)
```

3. **Terraform apply**: This command is used to apply the changes required to reach the desired state of the configuration, it will apply the pre-determined set of actions generated by terraform plan command.

```
terraform apply
```

After the successful execution of these commands, we will see terraform.tfstate and terraform.tfstate.backup files in your folder. These files save the state of resources which will help update or destroy infrastructure in future. Don't delete these files and keep it safe.

```
sergiobenito@cloudshell:~ (phonic-botany-288716) $ terraform apply
An execution plan has been generated and is shown below.
Resource actions are indicated with the following symbols:
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       + direction = (known after apply)
+ enable_logging = (known after apply)
+ id = (known after apply)
+ name = "default-allow-http-terraform"
       + network
+ priority
                          = "default"
= 1000
= (known after apply)
       + self_link = (known after apply)
+ source_ranges = [
            + "0.0.0.0/0",
       + target tags
           + "http-server",
       + allow {
            + ports
                         = [
                 + "80",
             + protocol = "tcp"
  # google compute instance.default will be created
   + resource "google_compute_instance" "default" {
       + can ip forward = false

+ cpu platform = (known after apply)

+ current_status = (known after apply)

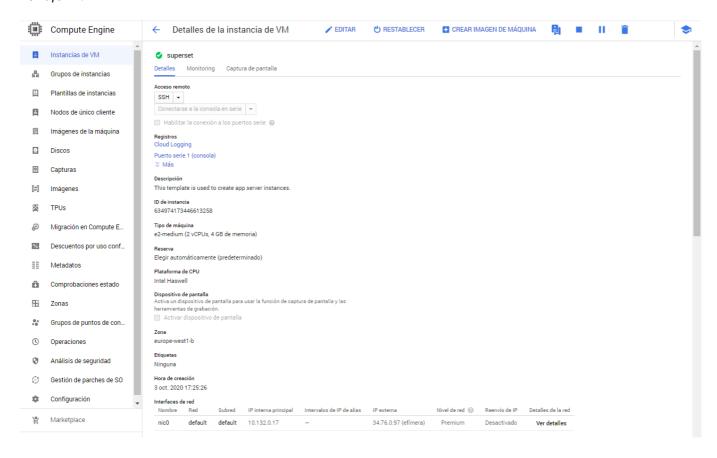
+ deletion_protection = false
       + description = "This template is u
+ guest_accelerator = (known after apply)
                                      = "This template is used to create app server instances."
       = (known after apply)
       + id
       + metadata
                                       = {
             + "name" = "superset"
       + metadata_fingerprint = (known after apply)
+ metadata_startup_script = "echo hi > /test.txt"
+ min_cpu_platform = (known after apply)
```

You have to set *yes* in order to create the specific resources.

```
boot_disk {
          + auto delete
                                         = true
          + device_name
                                        = (known after apply)
          + disk_encryption_key_sha256 = (known after apply)
           + kms_key_self_link = (known after apply)
          + mode
                                         = "READ_WRITE"
                                         = (known after apply)
           + source
          + initialize_params {
              + image = "ubuntu-os-cloud/ubuntu-1804-lts"
               + labels = (known after apply)
              + size = (known after apply)
               + type = (known after apply)
            }
        }
      + network_interface {
          + name
+ network
                                 = (known after apply)
                                = "default"
          + network_ip
+ subnetwork
                               = (known after apply)
= (known after apply)
          + subnetwork
          + subnetwork_project = (known after apply)
          + access config {
                               = (known after apply)
              + nat ip
               + network tier = (known after apply)
        }
      + scheduling {
          + automatic_restart = (known after apply)
+ on_host_maintenance = (known after apply)
                                = (known after apply)
          + preemptible
          + node affinities {
              + key = (known after apply)
              + operator = (known after apply)
+ values = (known after apply)
        }
      + scratch disk {
           + interface = "SCSI"
Plan: 2 to add, 0 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
```

Then if everything was ok, the resources are created.

Now, you can go to your *VM Engine* console and you will see the instances which have been created by *Terraform*.



5. Useful links

- Create your first Compute Engine(VM) in GCP using Terraform
- Ejecuta secuencias de comandos de inicio
- HashiCorp Learn Build Infraestructure
- How to Use Terraform to Create a Virtual Machine in Google Cloud Platform
- How to Use Terraform with Google Cloud Platform?
- Terraform google_compute_instance_template