



Lab: Execute changes to infrastructure with Terraform `terraform apply`

The `terraform apply` command executes the actions proposed in a Terraform plan.

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Task 1: Apply a Terraform Plan

The most straightforward way to use `terraform apply` is to run it without any arguments at all, in which case it will automatically create a new execution plan (as if you had run `terraform plan`) and then prompt you to approve that plan, before taking the indicated actions.

Make an update the `Environment` tag of the `vpc` resource

```
resource "aws_vpc" "vpc" {  
  cidr_block = var.vpc_cidr  
  
  tags = {  
    Name      = var.vpc_name  
    Environment = "stage"  
    Terraform  = "true"  
  }  
}
```

```
terraform apply
```

Review the new execution plan and approve it.

```
Terraform will perform the following actions:  
# aws_vpc.vpc will be updated in-place  
~ resource "aws_vpc" "vpc" {  
  id = "vpc-08b492b03641cb916"  
  ~ tags = {  
    ~ "Environment" = "demo_environment" -> "stage"  
    # (2 unchanged elements hidden)  
  }  
  ~ tags_all = {  
    ~ "Environment" = "demo_environment" -> "stage"  
    # (4 unchanged elements hidden)
```





```
}  
# (14 unchanged attributes hidden)  
}
```

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_vpc.vpc: Modifying... [id=vpc-08b492b03641cb916]  
aws_vpc.vpc: Modifications complete after 1s [id=vpc-08b492b03641cb916]
```

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

Task 2: Auto Approve Execution of an Apply

Make another update the `Environment` tag of the `vpc` resource

```
resource "aws_vpc" "vpc" {  
  
  cidr_block = var.vpc_cidr  
  
  tags = {  
    Name      = var.vpc_name  
    Environment = "QA"  
    Terraform  = "true"  
  }  
}
```

```
terraform apply -auto-approve
```

Terraform will perform the following actions:

```
# aws_vpc.vpc will be updated in-place  
~ resource "aws_vpc" "vpc" {  
  id = "vpc-08b492b03641cb916"  
  ~ tags = {  
    ~ "Environment" = "stage" -> "QA"  
    # (2 unchanged elements hidden)  
  }  
  ~ tags_all = {  
    ~ "Environment" = "stage" -> "QA"
```





```
    # (4 unchanged elements hidden)
  }
  # (14 unchanged attributes hidden)
}
```

```
Plan: 0 to add, 1 to change, 0 to destroy.
aws_vpc.vpc: Modifying... [id=vpc-08b492b03641cb916]
aws_vpc.vpc: Modifications complete after 1s [id=vpc-08b492b03641cb916]

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

Note that there is no prompt for approval of the plan with this execution. This is ideal for automated pipelines and workflows but should be used with caution.

Task 3: Execute a saved Terraform Plan

Make another update the `Environment` tag of the `vpc` resource

```
resource "aws_vpc" "vpc" {
  cidr_block = var.vpc_cidr

  tags = {
    Name           = var.vpc_name
    Environment    = "test-dev"
    Terraform      = "true"
  }
}
```

```
terraform plan -out=myplan
```

```
terraform apply myplan
```

```
aws_vpc.vpc: Modifying... [id=vpc-08b492b03641cb916]
aws_vpc.vpc: Modifications complete after 2s [id=vpc-08b492b03641cb916]

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

