Runbook for Terraform

A. Installing Terraform

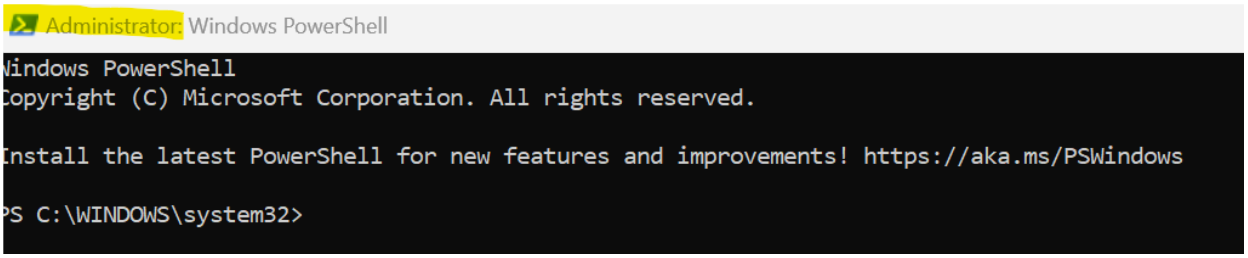
There exist two options to installing terraform. You can choose to install terraform using package managers such as **Chocolatey** for Windows, **Brew** for macOS or you can choose to install terraform using Binary files (manual process). Here's the official link with the installation guide to terraform [Install Terraform | Terraform | HashiCorp Developer]

1. **Installation option with package Managers**

❖ **Windows users**

Step1. Install chocolatey (Chocolatey Software | Installing Chocolatey)

- Open Powershell as an administrator (Navigate to your search menu on windows and search for **Powershell** >> Right click on **Windows Powershell** >> select **Run as administrator** >> when propted to allowthis app make changes to your computer, select **YES >>** This will open powershell as an adminas seen in the screenshot below)



- Run the following commands (Note the third command should be run as one)

- Get-ExecutionPolicy
- Set-ExecutionPolicy AllSigned
- Set-ExecutionPolicy Bypass -Scope Process -Force; [System.Net.ServicePointManager]::SecurityProtocol = [System.Net.ServicePointManager]::SecurityProtocol -bor 3072; iex ((New-Object System.Net.WebClient).DownloadString('https://community.chocolatey.org/install.ps1'))

- Wait a few seconds for the command to complete
- Type **choco** and confirm it is installed as seen in the screenshot below

```
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> choco
Chocolatey v1.2.1
Please run 'choco -?' or 'choco <command> -?' for help menu.
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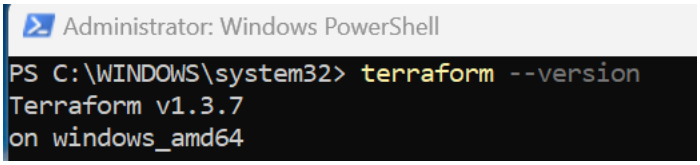
Step2. Install terraform by running the following commands:

- **Choco install terraform**
- Type **terraform - -version** to confirm it is installed



❖ **Installation for macOS users**

Step1. Install brew ([Homebrew — The Missing Package Manager for macOS (or Linux)](https://brew.sh/)**)**

- Open Terminal and type the following commands:
  - /bin/bash -c "$(curl -fsSL https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Homebrew/install/HEAD/install.sh)"
  - Type your admin password for your mac laptop if prompted (note that you won't see your keystrokes in the Terminal window — it's a security measure)
  - (echo; echo 'eval "$(/opt/homebrew/bin/brew shellenv)"') >> /Users/gen/.zprofile
  - eval "$(/opt/homebrew/bin/brew shellenv)"
  - Check if brew is installed by typing **brew**

Step2. Install terraform

- Run the following commands on your terminal
  - brew tap hashicorp/tap
  - brew install hashicorp/tap/terraform
  - check if terraform is installed by typing **terraform -help** on your terminal

```
$ terraform -help
Usage: terraform [-version] [-help] <command> [args]

The available commands for execution are listed below.
The most common, useful commands are shown first, followed by
less common or more advanced commands. If you're just getting
started with Terraform, stick with the common commands. For the
other commands, please read the help and docs before usage.
##...
```
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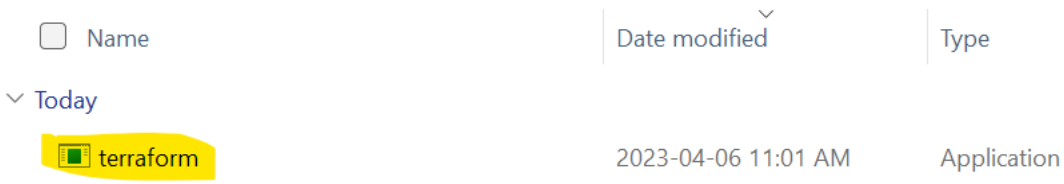
2. **Manual Installation option** (Please only use this option if you did not succeed with the package manager option above)

❖ **Windows users**

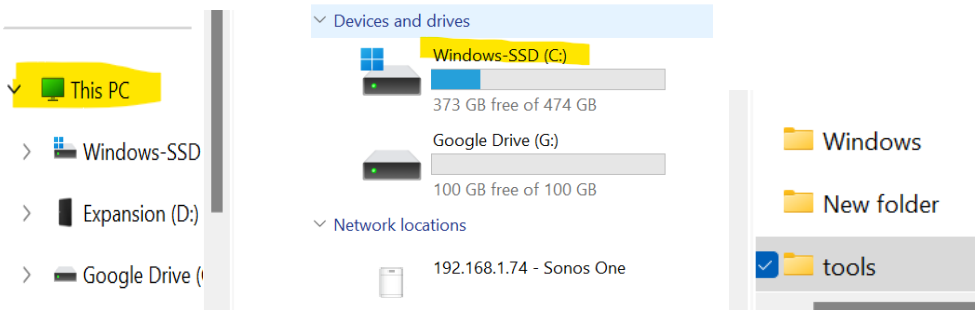
Step1. Here is the link to download the binary files for the different OS [Install | Terraform | HashiCorp Developer]

- Follow the link and choose the **Windows** option
- Under the **Binary download for Windows** click **Download** on the **386** option. This will download the binary file for terraform.
- Navigate to **file explorer** in your **Downloads** folder on your computer and you will see the zipped file you just download

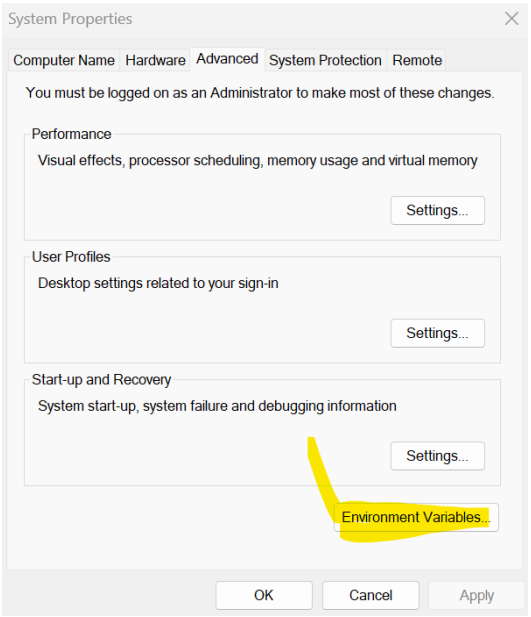
- Right click on the **zipped file** and select **Extract all** and click on **extract,** copy the **terraform** file that displays after extract is complete

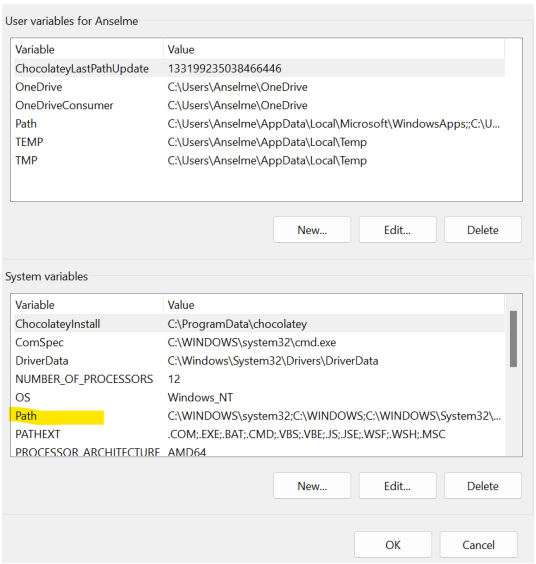


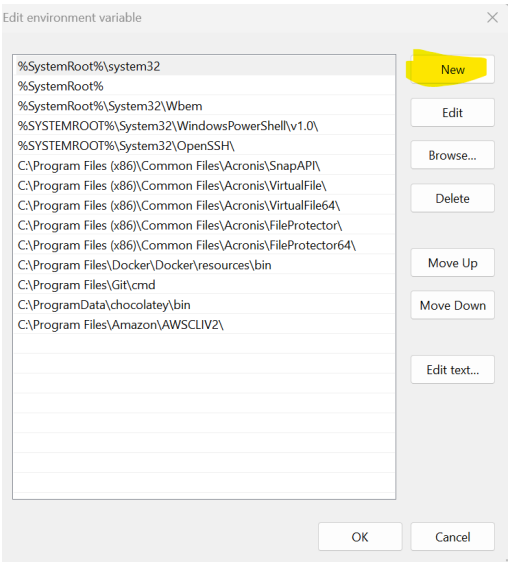
- Click This PC on your computer >> double click on drive C (c:) >> Create a folder and name it **tools >>** paste the terraform file copied earlier into this tools folder

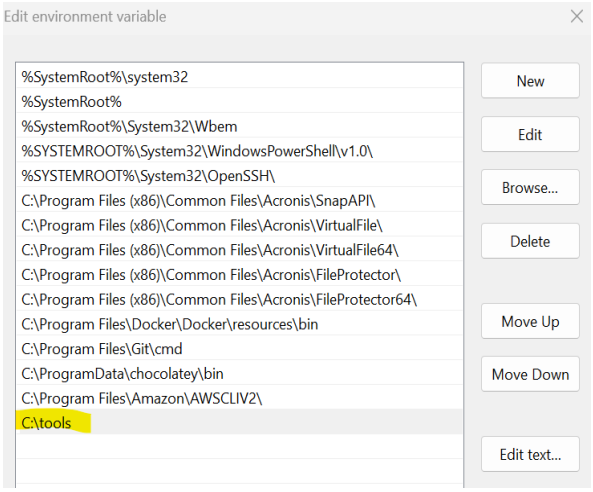


- On your windows search menu, search for **Edit the System Environment Variables** and click on it when it pops up on the search menu
- Click on Environment variables at the next prompt>> double click on **Path >>** select **New >>** Paste **C:\tools** in path section (as seen in the fourth screenshot below) and click **Ok , Ok and OK**
- Then type **terraform** on your terminal to confirm terraform has been installed successfully







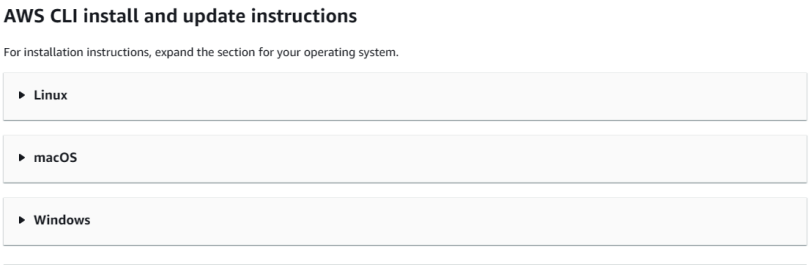


B. Install AWS CLI

Step1. Open link below for installation guide

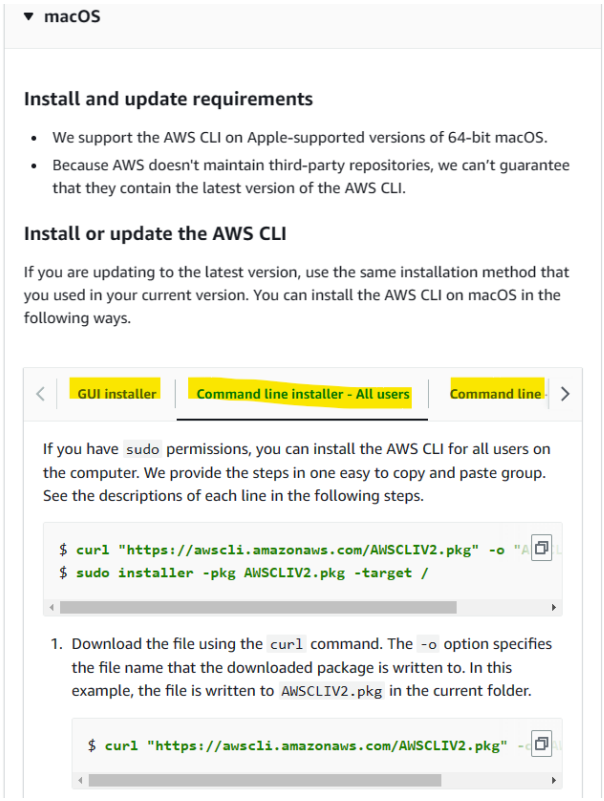
https://docs.aws.amazon.com/cli/latest/userguide/getting-started-install.html

Step2. Select the OS of your personal computer



1. **For macOS users**

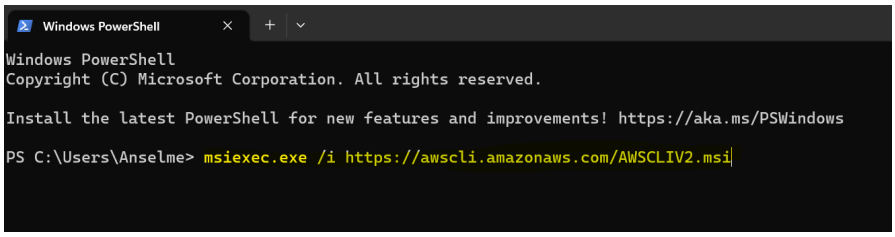
Step3. Select the macOS installing option and select the installation method and follow the guide



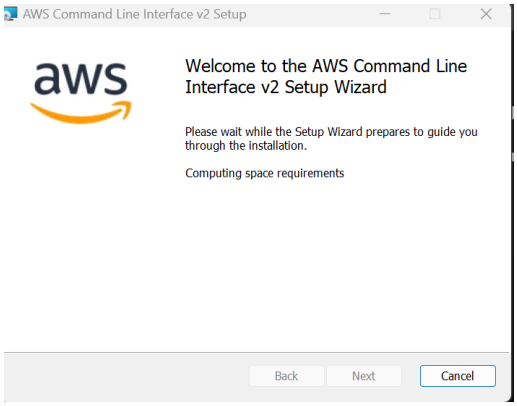
2. For Windows Users

Step3. open the powershell terminal and run the following commands

- msiexec.exe /i https://awscli.amazonaws.com/AWSCLIV2.msi



- You will see the AWS CLi installation wizard display and just follow the prompts with next until you install and finish

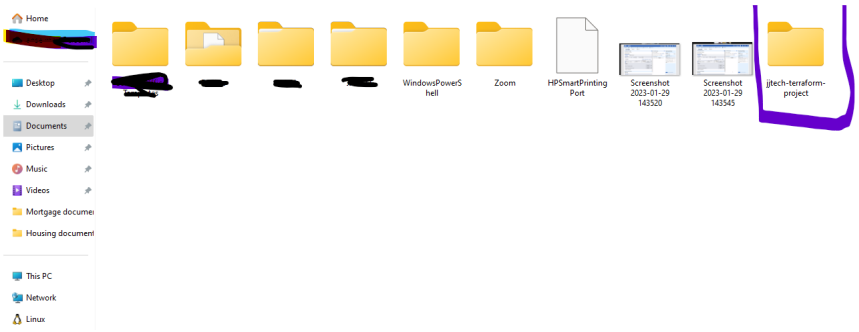


- To confirm that you have the aws cli installed, run **aws - -version** and you should see an output similar to the screenshot below.

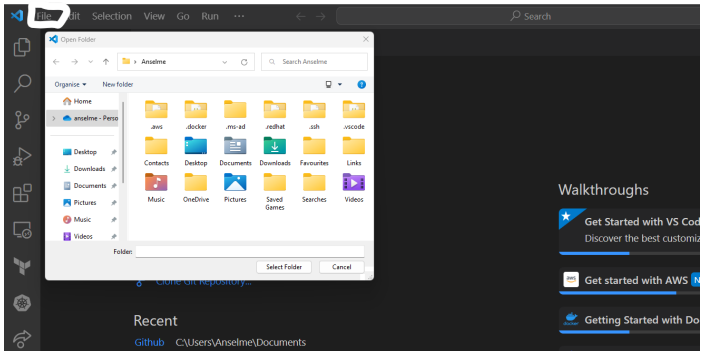
```
PS C:\Users\Anselme> aws --version
aws-cli/2.9.22 Python/3.9.11 Windows/10 exe/AMD64 prompt/off
PS C:\Users\Anselme>
```

C. Integrating VS CODE with Github

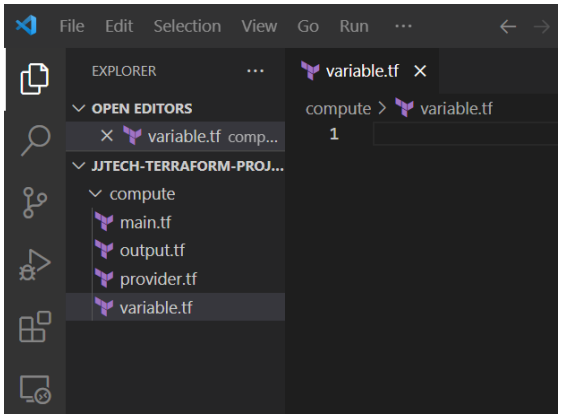
1. Navigate to windows explorer and in Documents directory, create a folder called **jjtech-terraform-projects**



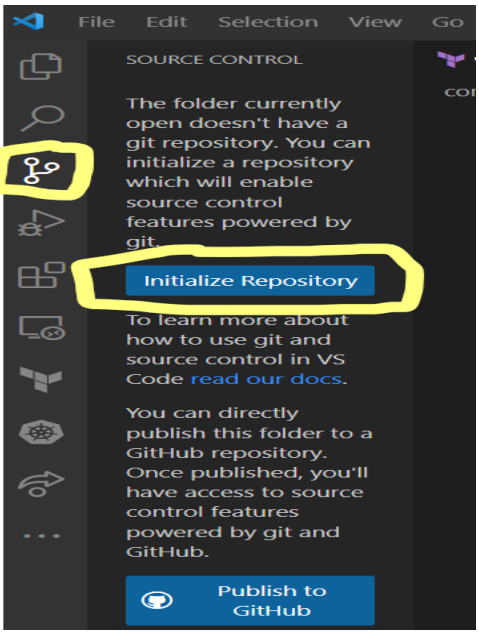
2. Open VSCODE IDE, navigate to file section and click on open folder



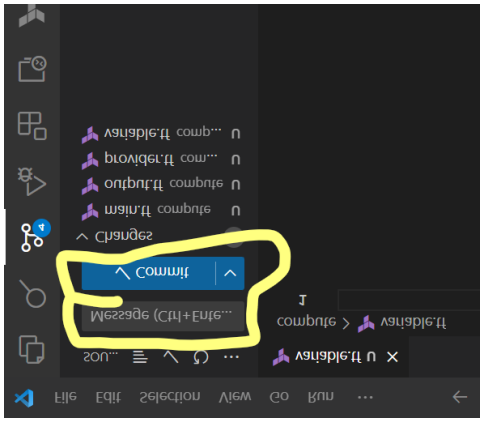
3. Open jjtech-terraform-projects created above
4. Create a Sub-folder called compute. Then create the following files:
   - provider.tf
   - main.tf
   - variable.tf
   - output.tf



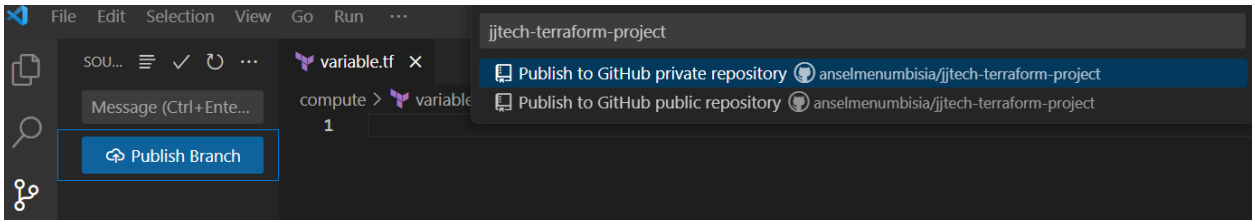
5. Click on the **source control** icon on the left section of VSCODE and click on **initialise Repository.** If prompted to login into Github**,** follow prompts for login and enter username and password.



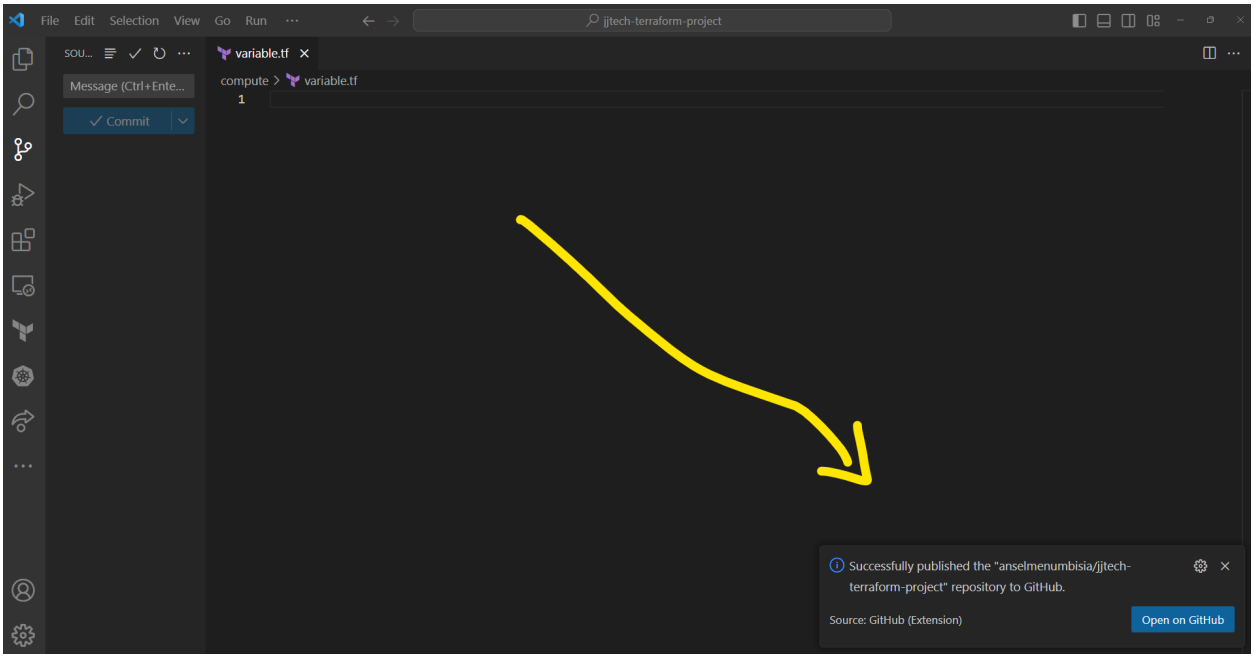
6. If repository was successfully initialised, you should see the following screen



7. Stage all changes by clicking on the + symbol next to **Changes**. (hover your cursor aroud **Changes** to view the + symbol). Once all changes are staged, fill in your first commit message and click on **Commit**.
8. Click **Publish Branch**. Pay attention to the repository name that will be created (You can modify the name). Click publish to github public repository and wait …



9. You will notice a message at the bottom right corner of your screen to confirm that the repository has been successfully published.



10. You can now open github to confirm that the repository was successfully created

D. Runbook Terraform provisioners

Local-Exec Provisioners:

In the example below, we create an EC2 instance in AWS. It makes use of a local-exec provisioner to save the private_ip address of the instance which is created in a text file called **private_ip.txt**, creates a folder called **Test** and moves the **private_ip.txt** file into the folder **Test**. This provisioner executes in the same working directory where **terraform apply** is run once the provisioning is successful.

1. Create a file and name it local-exec.tf
2. Copy and paste the terraform resource block for ec2 instance below
3. Run terraform apply and check to confirm that the task was accomplished.
4. Run terraform destroy and also confirm that the second provisioner is run and that the **destruction.txt** file is created with the message **"Destruction successful"**

```
resource "aws_instance" "web" {
  ami           =  var.ami
  instance_type = var.instance_type[2]
  key_name = "jenkinskp"

provisioner "local-exec" {
    when = create
    command = "echo 'This is my private IP ${self.private_ip}'>> private_ip.txt && mkdir Test
&& mv private_ip.txt Test"
}

provisioner "local-exec" {
    when = destroy
    command = "echo 'Destruction successful'>> destruction.txt"
}


}
```

File Provisioners:

In this example, we want to copy the provider.tf file existing in our terraform directory to the home directory of ec2 when the instance is created. For this, we need to configure elements for the connection block such as security group and ssh key

1. Create a file in your terraform directory and name it file-provisioner.tf

2. Copy the code below and paste
3. Navigate to your aws console and create a keypair and name it **httpkp**
4. Copy the private key file (**httpkp.pem**) that was downloaded into your terraform directory
5. Apply your code
6. Ssh into ec2 instance to confirm that the provider.tf was successfully copy in the home directory of ec2 user.

```
resource "aws_security_group" "http_access" {
 name        = "http_access"
 description = "Allow HTTP inbound traffic"

 ingress {
  description = "HTTP Access"
  from_port   = 80
  to_port     = 80
  protocol    = "tcp"
  cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
 }

 ingress {
  description = "SSH Access"
  from_port   = 22
  to_port     = 22
  protocol    = "tcp"
  cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
 }

 egress {
  from_port   = 0
```

```
  to_port     = 0
  protocol    = "-1"
  cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
 }

 tags = {
  Name = "http_access"
 }
}


resource "aws_instance" "web" {
 ami           =  var.ami
 instance_type = var.instance_type[2]
 vpc_security_group_ids = [aws_security_group.http_access.id]
 key_name = "httpkp"

provisioner "file" {
   source = "./provider.tf"
   destination = "/home/ec2-user/provider.tf"
}
connection {
 host = self.public_ip
 type = "ssh"
 user = "ec2-user"
 private_key = file("./httpkp.pem")

}



}
```

Remote-exec provisioners;

The example below performs a simple task of installing and starting nginx on the EC2 instance that is created by Terraform. Once the EC2 instance creation is successful, Terraform's remote-exec provisioner logs in to the instance via SSH using the connection block and executes the commands specified in the inline attribute array.

1. Create a file and name it remote-exec-provisioner.tf
2. Copy the code below and paste it into the file
3. Create a a file called shell file in your terraform directory and name it nginx.sh and paste the shell script below:

```
#!/bin/bash
sudo yum update -y
sudo amazon-linux-extras install nginx1 -y
sudo systemctl enable nginx
sudo systemctl start nginx
```

4. Navigate to your aws console and create a keypair and name it **httpkp**
5. Copy the private key file (**httpkp.pem**) that was downloaded into your terraform directory
6. Apply your terraform script
7. Navigate to your AWS management console and get the public IP address of your instance
8. Paste the IP address copied on the browser and confirm you have a welcome to Nginx messgae

```
resource "aws_security_group" "http_access" {
 name        = "http_access"
 description = "Allow HTTP inbound traffic"
```

```
 ingress {
  description = "HTTP Access"
  from_port   = 80
  to_port     = 80
  protocol    = "tcp"
  cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
 }

 ingress {
  description = "SSH Access"
  from_port   = 22
  to_port     = 22
  protocol    = "tcp"
  cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
 }

 egress {
  from_port   = 0
  to_port     = 0
  protocol    = "-1"
  cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
 }

 tags = {
  Name = "http_access"
 }
}


resource "aws_instance" "web" {
 ami           =  var.ami
 vpc_security_group_ids = [aws_security_group.http_access.id]
```

```
  instance_type = var.instance_type[2]
  key_name = "httpkp"

provisioner "file" {
    source = "./nginx.sh"
    destination = "/home/ec2-user/nginx.sh"
}

provisioner "remote-exec" {
    #script = "./nginx.sh"
    inline = [
      "chmod 777 ./nginx.sh",
      "./nginx.sh"
    ]

}
connection {
  host = self.public_ip
  type = "ssh"
  user = "ec2-user"
  private_key = file("./httpkp.pem")

}



}
```

C. Deploying Terraform script using Gitlab CI/CD

Overview:

In this tutorial, we will integrate **Terraform** with **GitLab CI/CD** and create various resources on **AWS.**

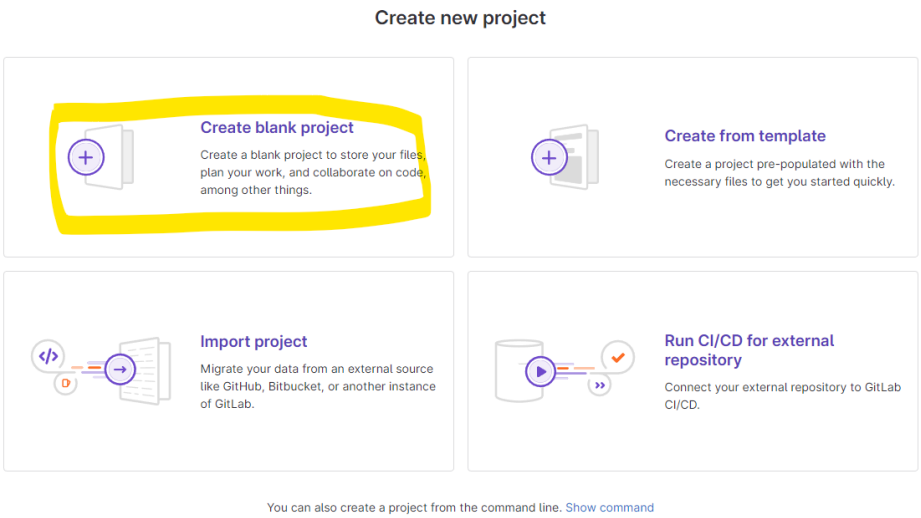
Prerequisite:

- **AWS & GitLab Account**
- Basic understanding of **AWS**, **Terraform** & **GitLab CI/CD**
- An **access key** & **secret key** created in the **AWS**

Lets, start with the configuration of the project:

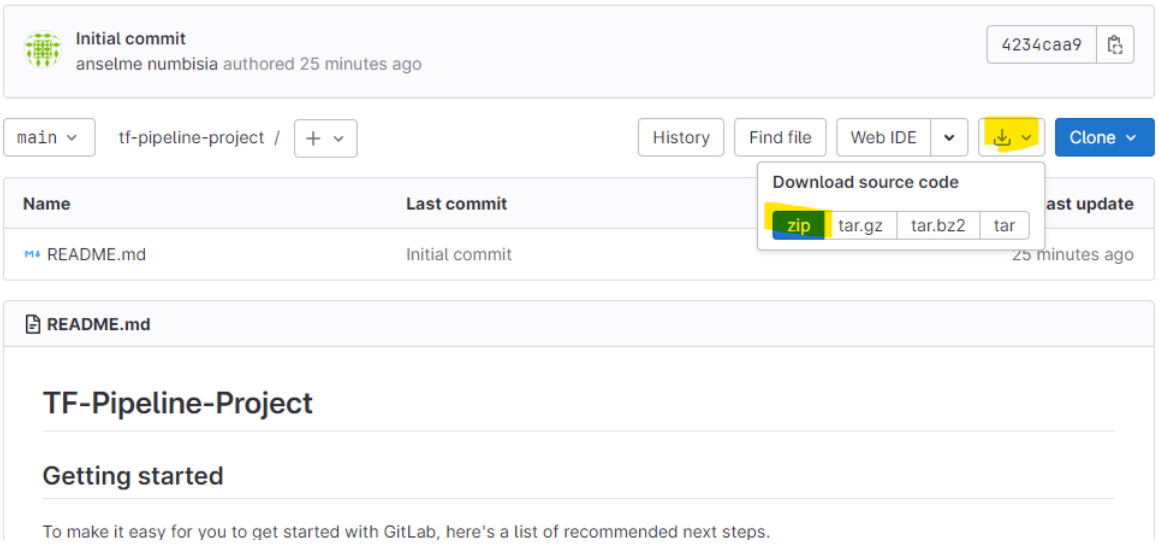
Step1. Create a gitlab project

- Sign in to gitlab account. **Click on Create New Project, Create blank project** and fill out the information as required.



Step2. Create your terraform configuration file for resource creation. Get the sample code from [here]

- Download the source code from the repository



- Next add a remote repository pointing to your own gitlab repository by running the command

- git init

- git remote add <remote name> <url> of your repository

- git status

- git add .

- git commit -m “initial pipeline commit”

- git push <remote name> master

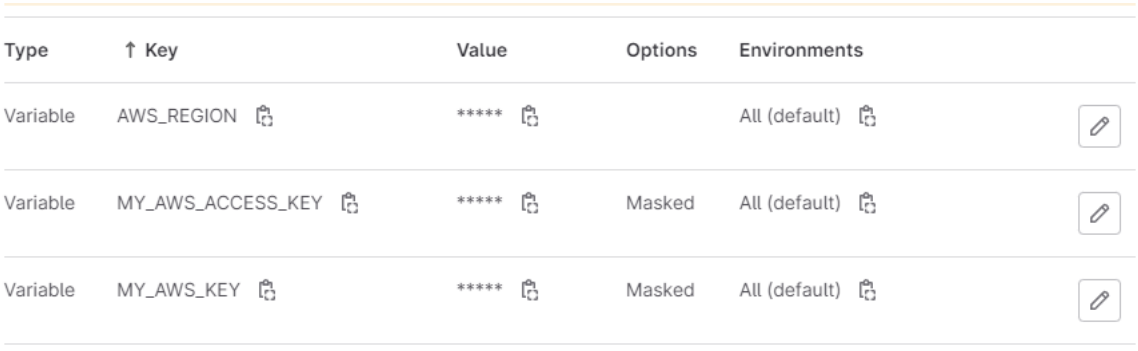
- When prompted for credentials, select password, then enter username and password

Step3. Create Environmental variables in Gitlab to store your AWS credentials

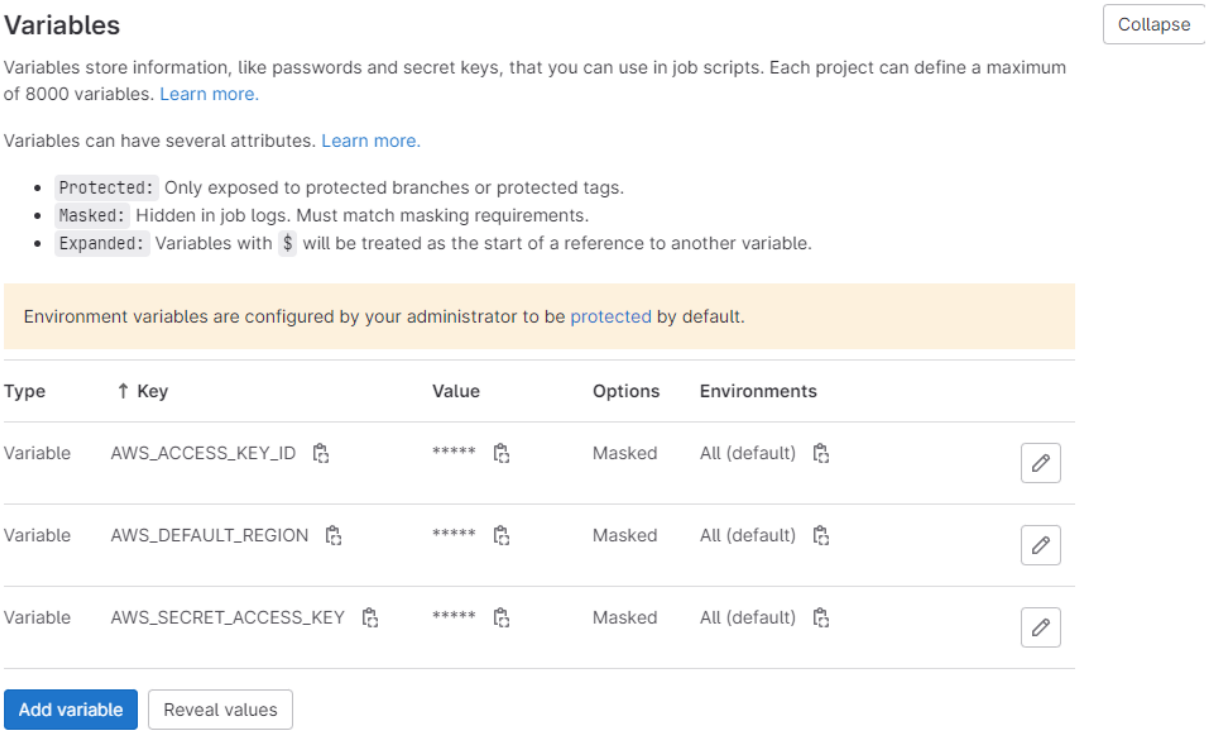
- In order to create the resources in the AWS account, we must need to have the **AWS Access Key** & **AWS Secret Key**

- Now, we need to store the **AWS Access Key** & **AWS Secret Key** in the secrets section of the repository

- Go to **settings** -> **CI/CD** -> **Variables** and click on **Expand** Under the variable section create the below variables and store your `AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID` & `AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY`**.** To easily get these values from your cli, run the command **notepad ~/.aws/credentials** from your cli.



Type	↑ Key	Value	Options	Environments	
Variable	AWS_REGION	*****		All (default)	
Variable	MY_AWS_ACCESS_KEY	*****	Masked	All (default)	
Variable	MY_AWS_KEY	*****	Masked	All (default)	



Step 4:- Create a **workflow** file

- Now in order to create the terraform resources automatically, we need to create a workflow file
- Create **.gitlab-ci.yml** file and add the below code to it
- The below job will run on every **push** and **pull request** that happens on the **main** branch. In the build section, I have specified the image name and commands in the script section.

```yaml
image:
  name: hashicorp/terraform
  entrypoint: [""]


variables:
  AWS_DEFAULT_REGION: ${AWS_REGION}
  AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID: ${AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID}
  AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY : ${AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY}

before_script:
  - rm -rf .terraform
  - terraform --version
  - terraform init -reconfigure

stages:
  - format
  - validate
  - plan
  - apply
  - destroy

format:
  stage: format
  script:
    - terraform fmt

validate:
  stage: validate
  script:
    - terraform validate
```

```
  dependencies:
    - format

plan:
  stage: plan
  script:
    - terraform plan -out "planfile"
  artifacts:
    paths:
      - planfile
  dependencies:
    - validate

apply:
  stage: apply
  allow_failure: true
  script:
    - terraform apply -auto-approve -input=false "planfile"
  dependencies:
    - plan
  when: manual

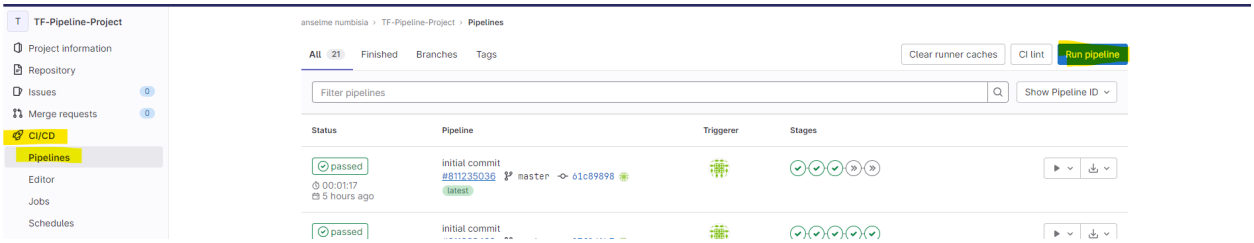
destroy:
  stage: destroy
  script:
    - terraform destroy --auto-approve
   dependencies:
     - apply
  when: manual
```

Step5. Push your source code to gitlab and navigate to CI/CD >> Pipeline and you should see a running pipeline job with the different stages.

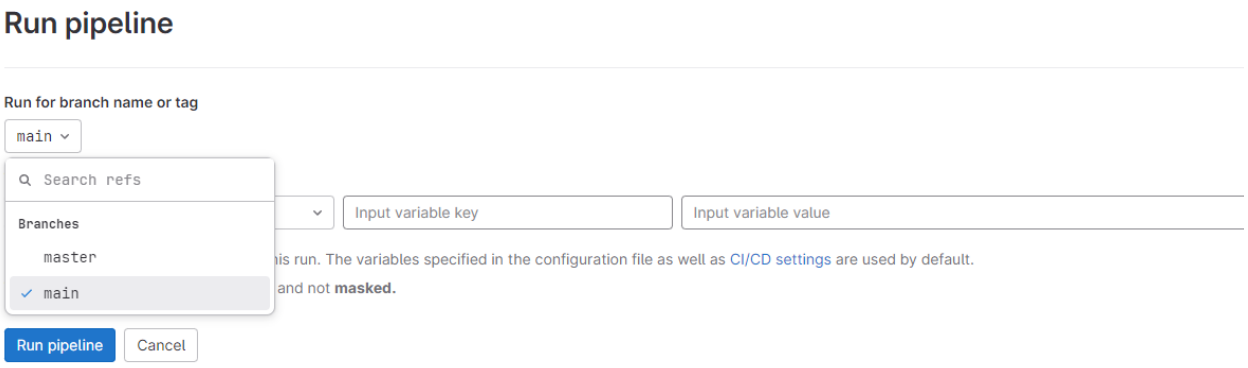
Step6. If prompted to validate account with credit card, proceed to clicking on **Validate Account**

Step6. The default pipeline runs from the main branch. To modify this

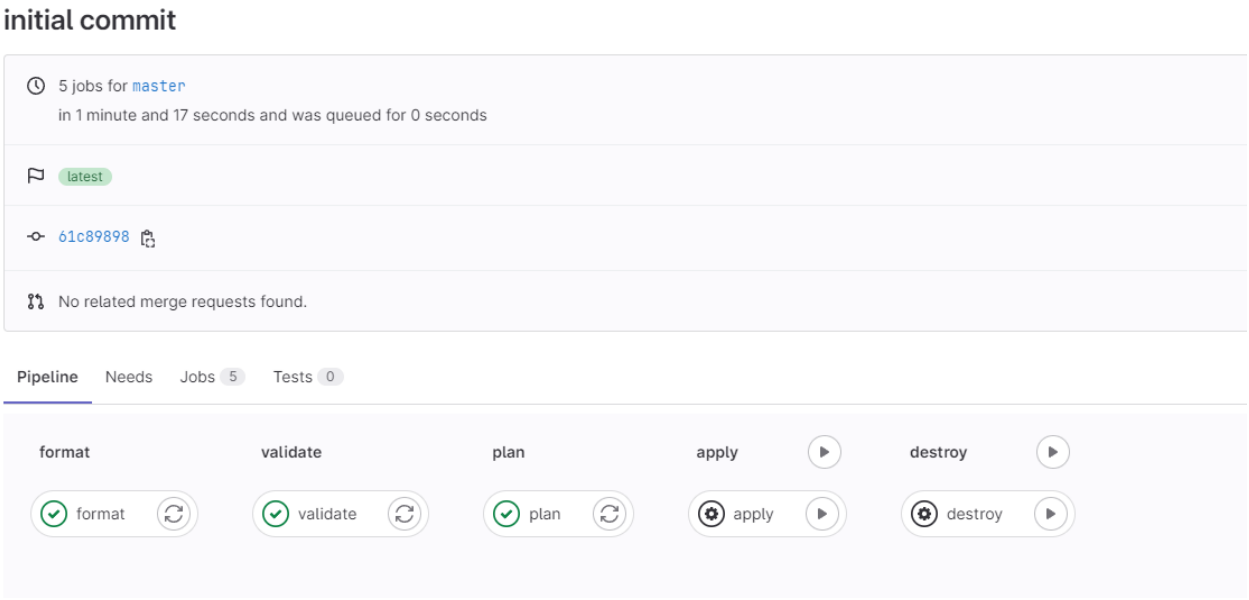
- click on **Build** >> **Pipeline** >> and click **Run Pipeline** on far right end



- on the **Run Pipeline page**, change the branch from **main** to **master** and click **Run pipeline.** This should trigger a new pipeline job



- You should now see the pipeline running



- You can manually validate the apply stage and after resources create, you can then run the destroy stage as well manually.

D. Deploying AWS Resources using Terraform and Jenkins Pipeline

Overview:

Jenkins Pipeline

Jenkins is a self-contained, open source automation server used to automate tasks associated with building, testing, and delivering/deploying software. Jenkins Pipeline implements continuous deliver pipelines into Jenkins through use of plugins and a Jenkinsfile. The Jenkinsfile can be Declarative or Scripted and contains a list of steps for the pipeline to follow.

Prerequisites

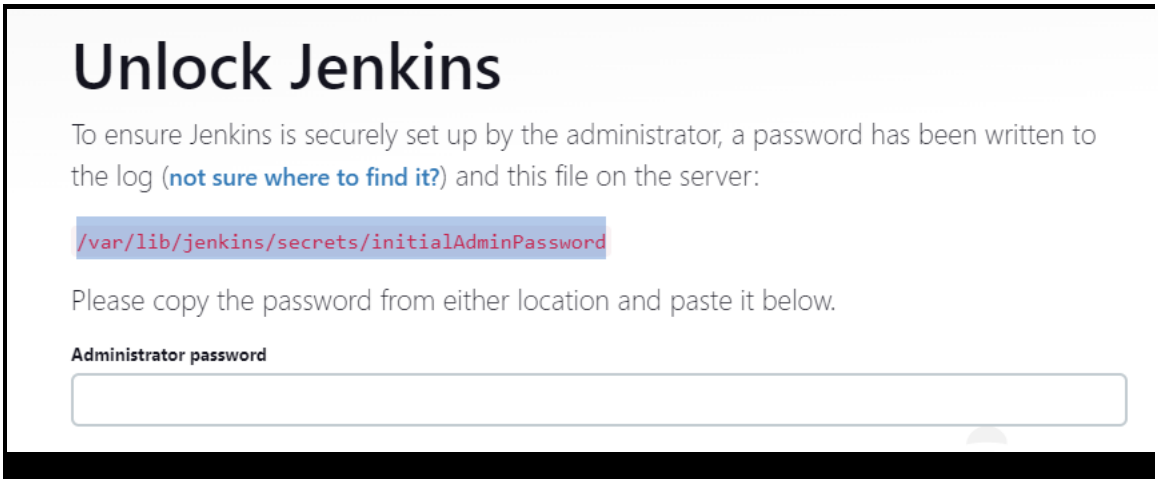
- Gitlab Account
- AWS CLI
- Install Terraform
- AWS Account
- AWS user with Admin permissions
- Preferred IDE (I used VSCode)

Getting started

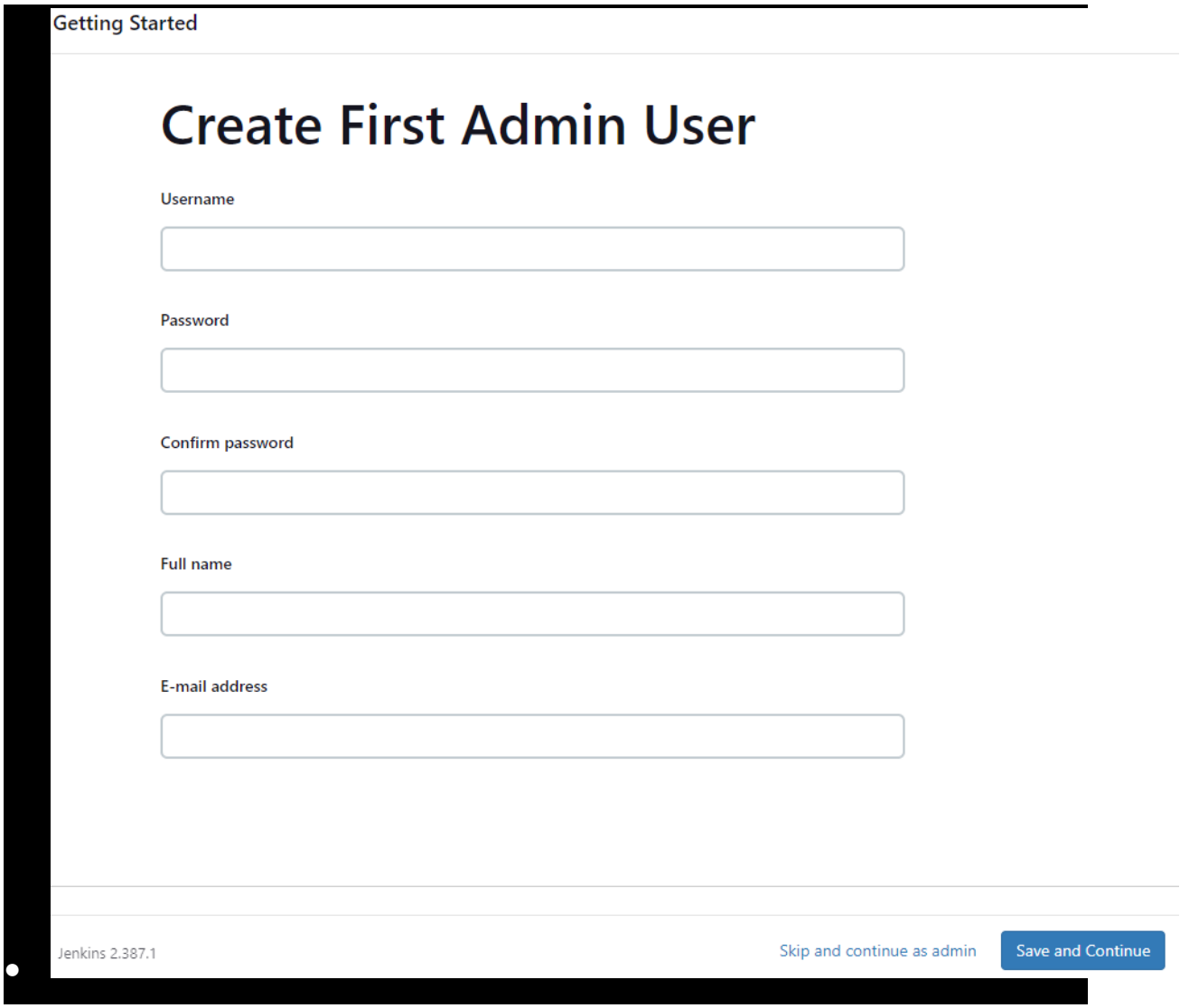
1. Install Jenkins

- Create an **Amazon Linux 2 VM** instance and call it "Jenkins"

- Instance type: t2.micro
- Security Group (Open): 8080 and 22 to 0.0.0.0/0
- Key pair: Select or create a new keypair
- **Attach Jenkins server with IAM role having "AdministratorAccess"**
- User data (Copy the following user data): https://github.com/cvamsikrishna11/devops-fully-automated/blob/installations/jenkins-maven-ansible-setup.sh
- Launch Instance
- After launching this Jenkins server, attach a tag as **Key=Application, value=Jenkins**
- **Copy the public IP of your Jenkins server and run with on a browser and add :8080 example x.x.x.x:8080**
- **When prompted for the password, Ssh into your Jenkins server and run the command** **sudo cat** /var/lib/jenkins/secrets/initialAdminPassword Get the password and paste in required box



- **Click on install suggested plugins**
- **Fill out the form to create first time admin user and follow the prompts at the bottom right corner to access Jenkins.**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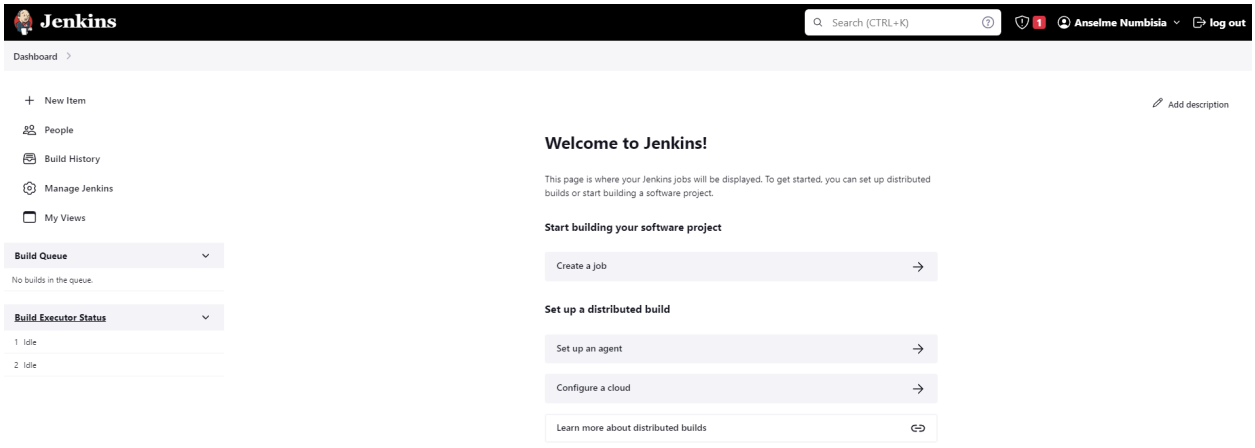
Password
Confirm password
Full name
E-mail address
Jenkins 2.387.1
Skip and continue as admin
Save and Continue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Build Queue
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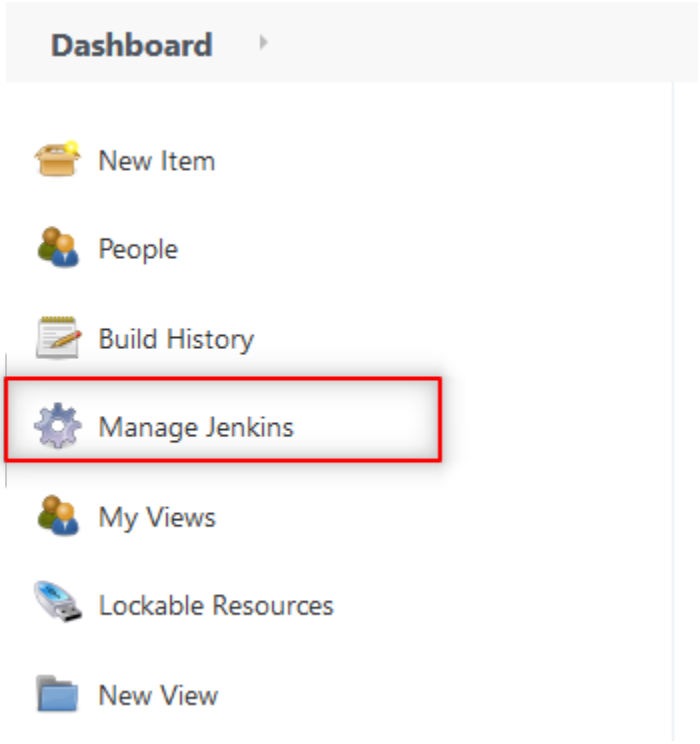
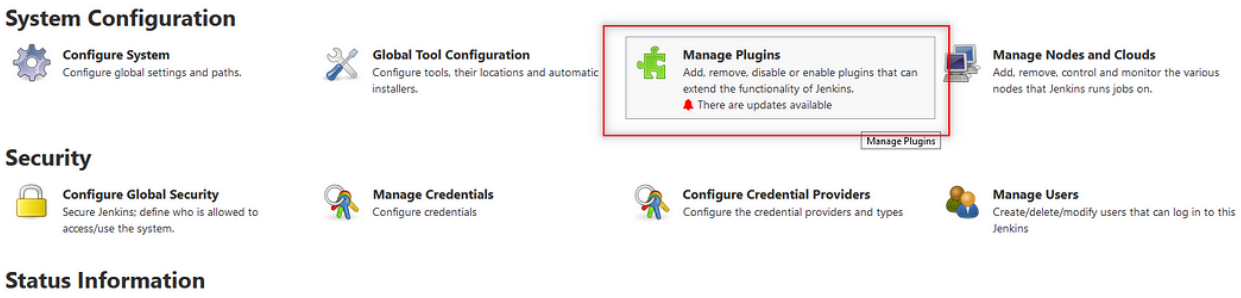
Build Executor Status
1 Idle
2 Idle
Add description
Welcome to Jenkins!
This page is where your Jenkins jobs will be displayed. To get started, you can set up distributed builds or start building a software project.
Start building your software project
Create a job
Set up a distributed build
Set up an agent
Configure a cloud
Learn more about distributed builds

2. Install/configure terraform and gitlab plugins in Jenkins

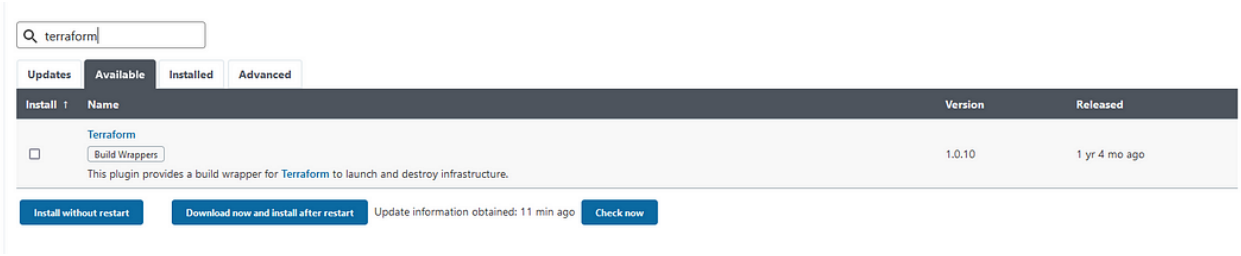
   a. Click **Manage Jenkins** from left hand navigation.



b. Select **Manage Plugins** from **System Configuration** section.

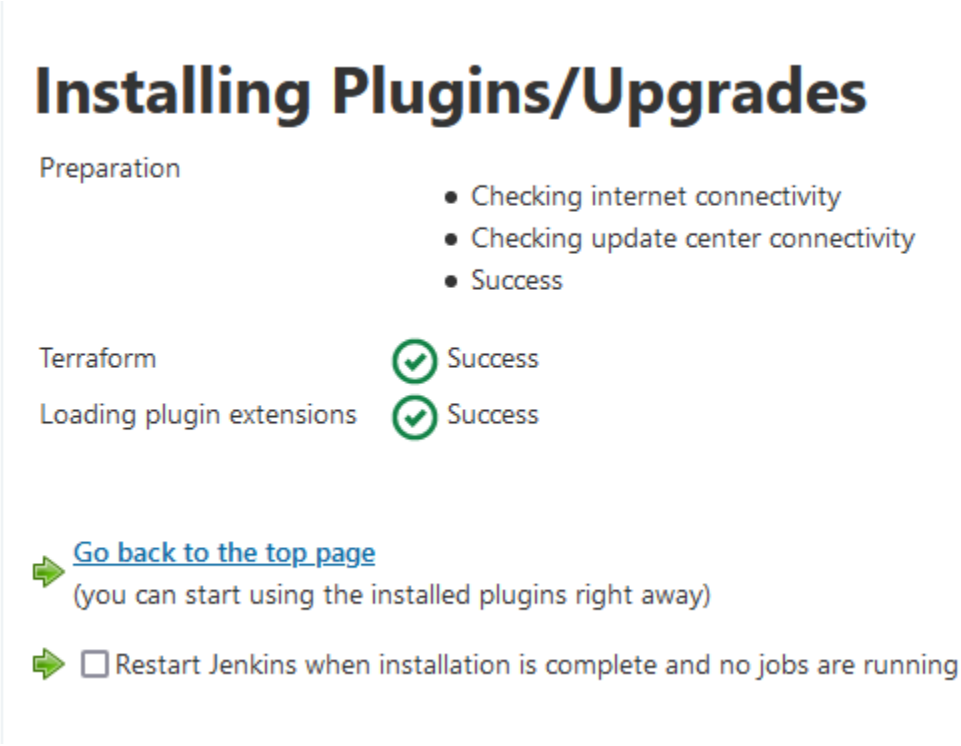


   c. Click the **Available** tab and search **Terraform** and then **gitlab**



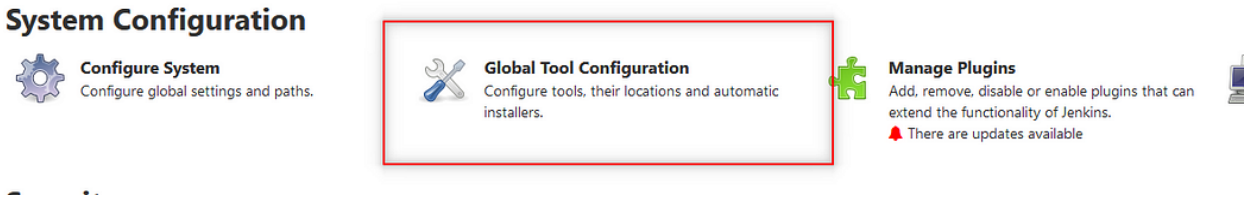
d. Select **Terraform** and then **Gitlab** and click **Install without restart**.

e. Restart Jenkins by running <Jenkinsurl:8080>, when prompted to restart, click **YES**



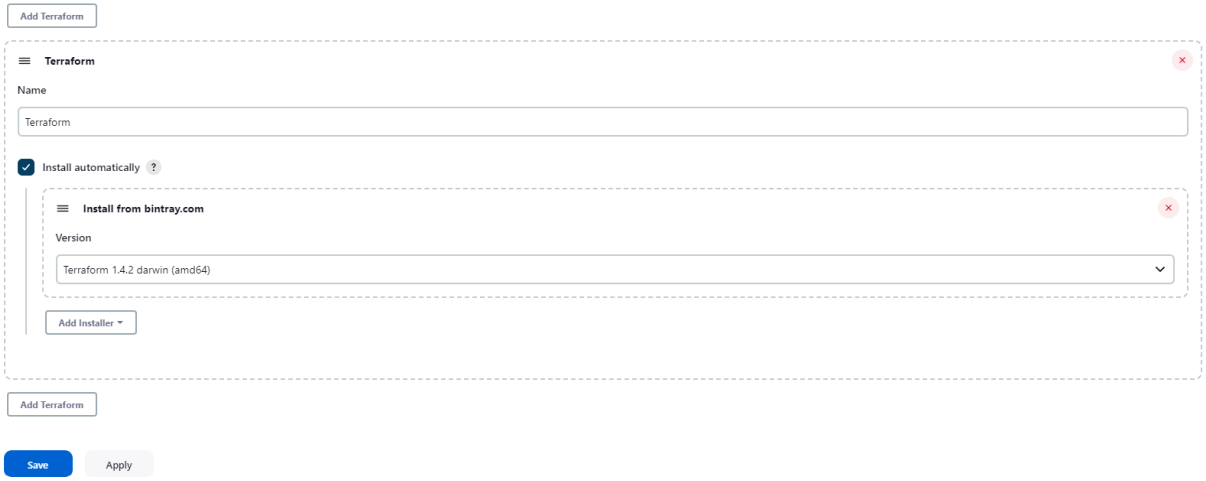
f. Click **Manage Jenkins** from left hand navigation.

g. Click **Tool** from **System configuration** section

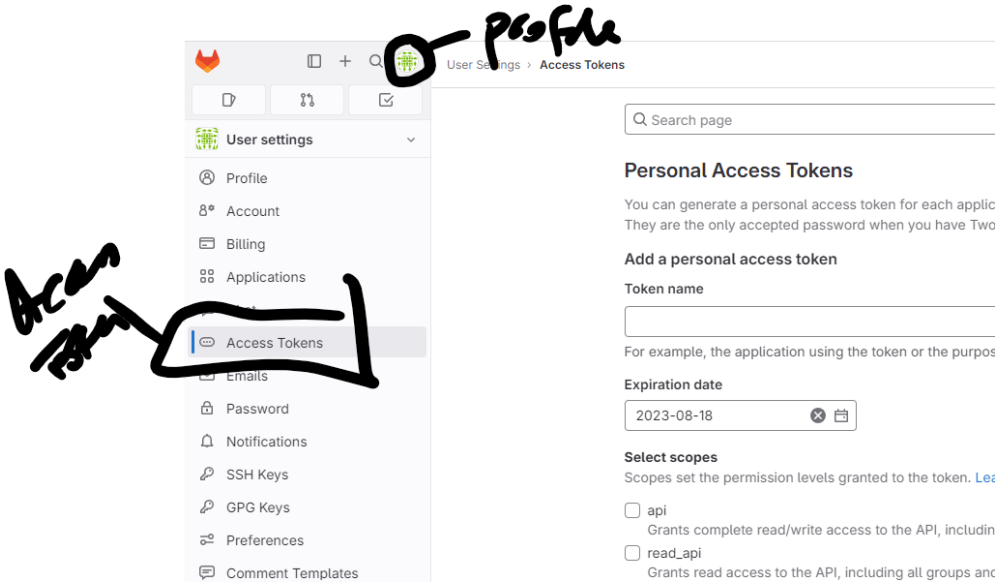


h. Scroll down to the **Terraform** section and click **Add Terraform**.

i. Enter a **Name** of your choice. I'm going to use "Terraform" to make things simple. Ensure **install automatically** is checked. Save and apply.

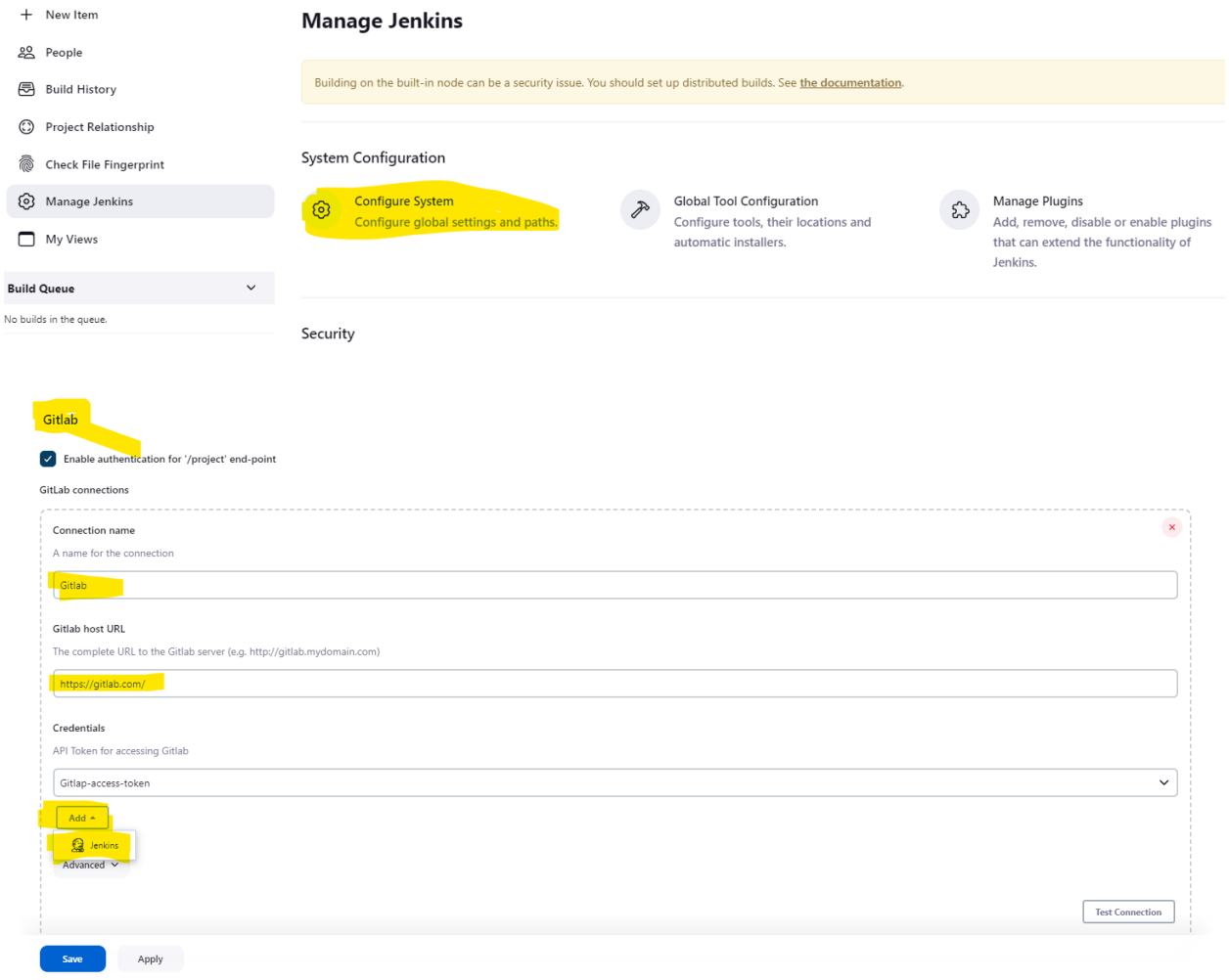


j. Create Gitlab token >> Navigate to Gitlab >> Click on profile logo >> the Access toke >>fill name, expiration>>select a role (guest)>> select al scopes>>create project access token>>Copy token and save in secure location.



k. For gitlab configuration, Navigate to **Manage Jenkins** >> then **Systems** and lookout for **Gitlab >>** provide a name for the connection**,** for **Gitlab host URL**

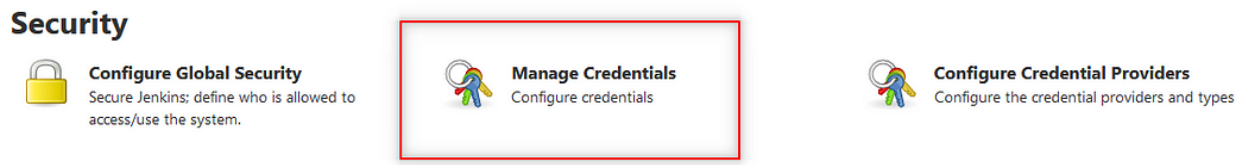
use **https://gitlab.com** >> for **Credentials**, click on **Add** and then **Jenkins**. For **kind** select **Gitlab API Token >>** provide the gitlabtoken **>>** for **ID** enter any name **e.g gitlab-creds >>** add the credential by clicking on the **add** section **>> Select credential from none to credential created >>** click on **test connection** and ensure to have a **success message** >> Once complete, **save** and then **apply**



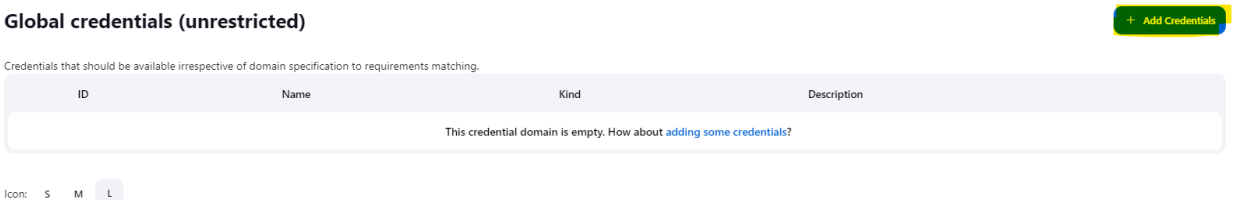
3. Manage Credentials on Jenkins (Only add these AWS creds if you have not attached an IAM role with admin access to the Jenkins server)

a. Click **Manage Jenkins**.

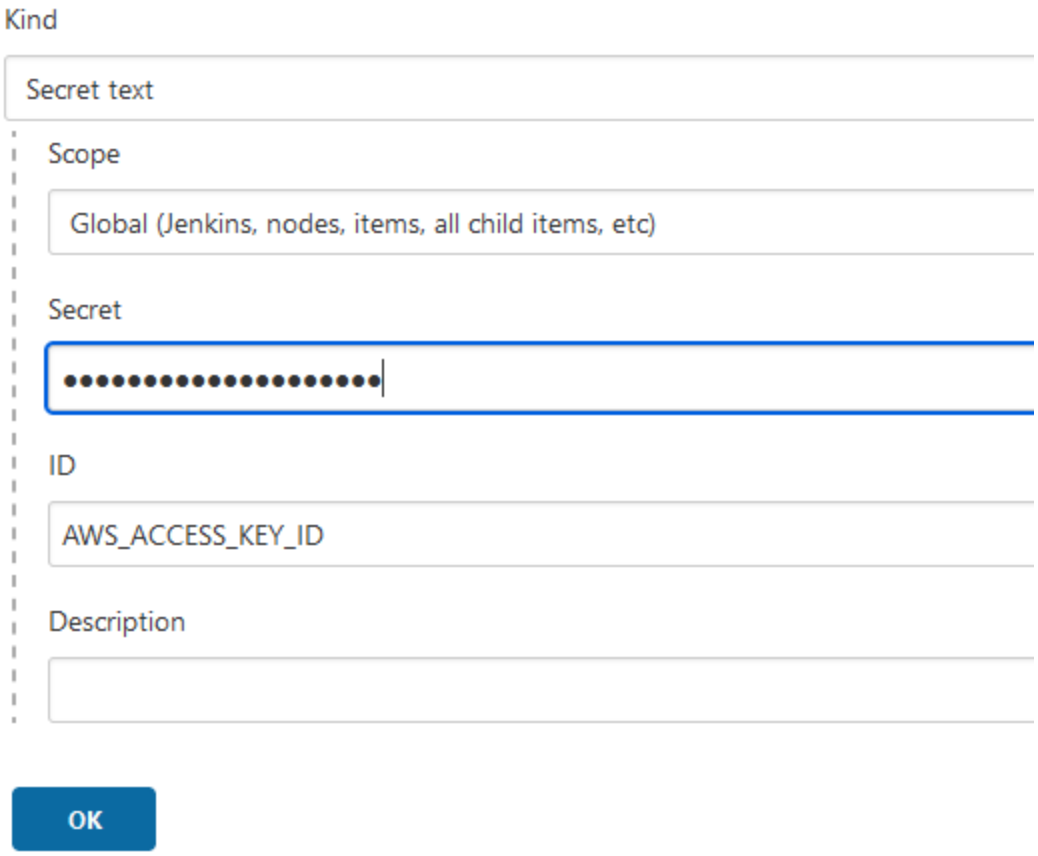
b. Click **Manage Credentials** in the **Security** section.



c. Click on **systems** >> Global credentials (unrestricted) >> and add credentials on the top right corner

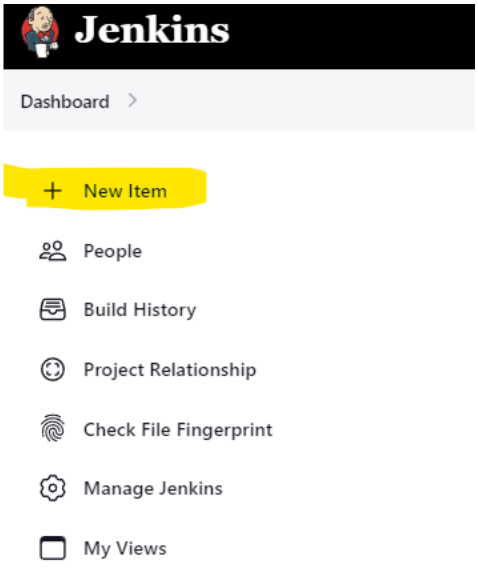


d. For **Kind** select **Secret text**. For **ID** type "**AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID**". For **Secret** paste your **Access Key** for your user. Then click **OK**

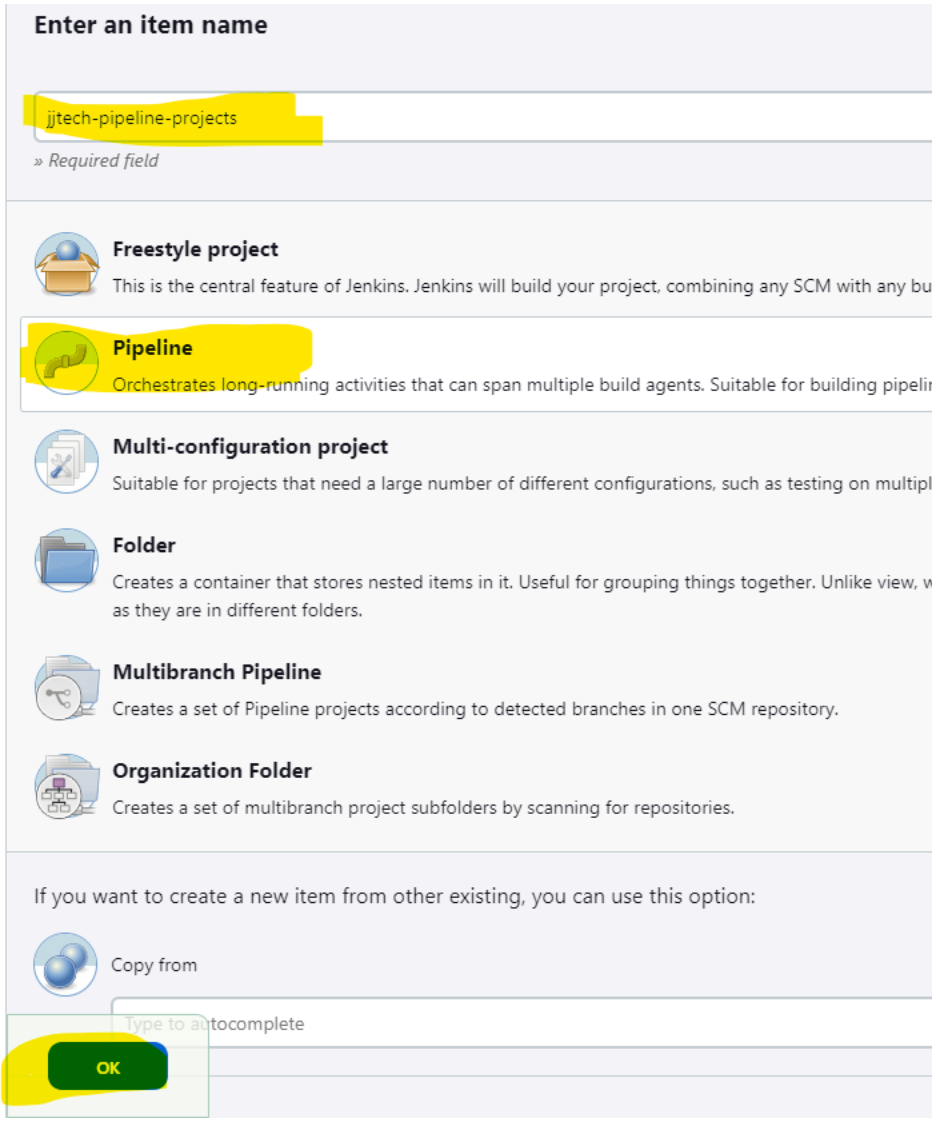


e. Repeat previous step for your "**AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY**"

4. Create pipeline job
    a. Navigate back to the Jenkins dashboard and click on **New Item**



b. Enter an item name (name of the pipeline project you want to create) >> choose **Pipeline** in the job fields and click **OK.**



c. Navigate down to **Pipeline and** click on **Pipeline script** and select **Pipeline script from SCM**

d. Enter the following

- **SCM:** Git

- **Repository URL:** Your gitlab repo where you have the jenkinsfile (same as link from clone in gitlab)

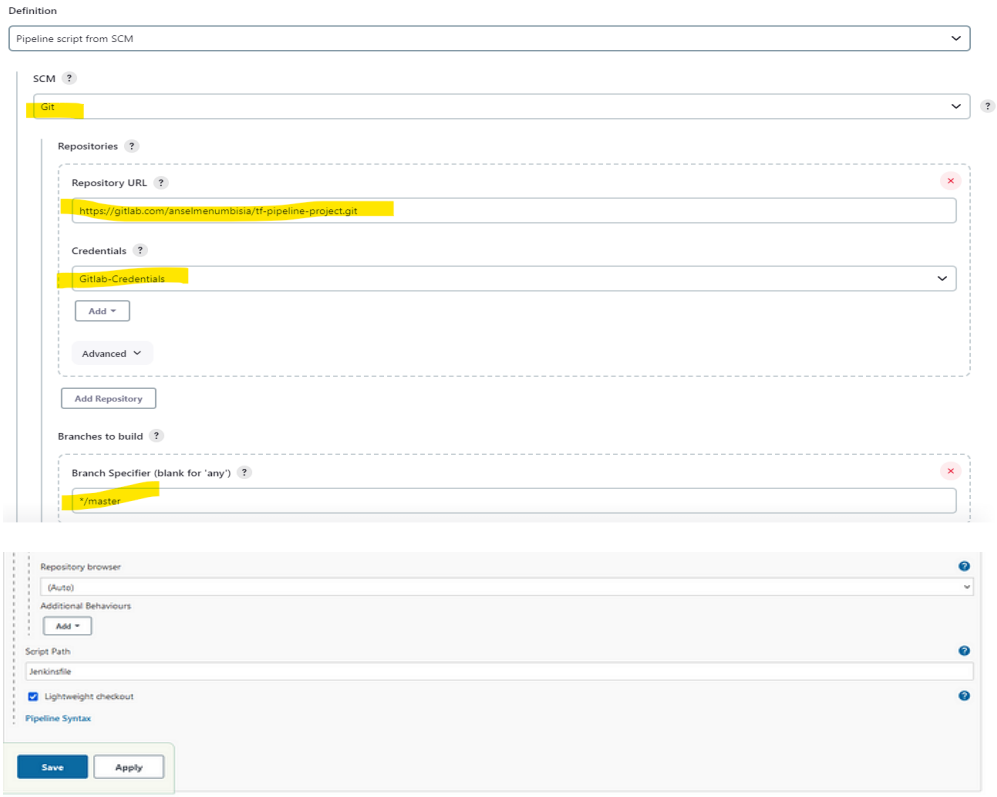
- **Branch:** your primary branch e.g master

- **credentials:** select your gitlab credential created in the previous step. This is not required if your repo is public

- **Repository browser:** Auto

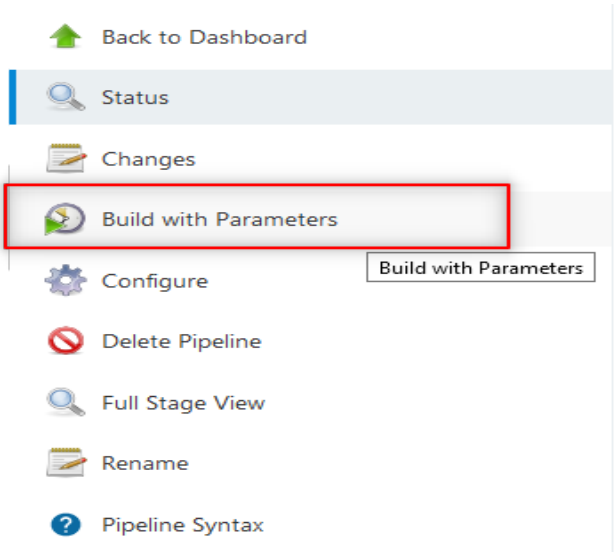
- **Script Path:** "jenkinsfile"

- click **save**

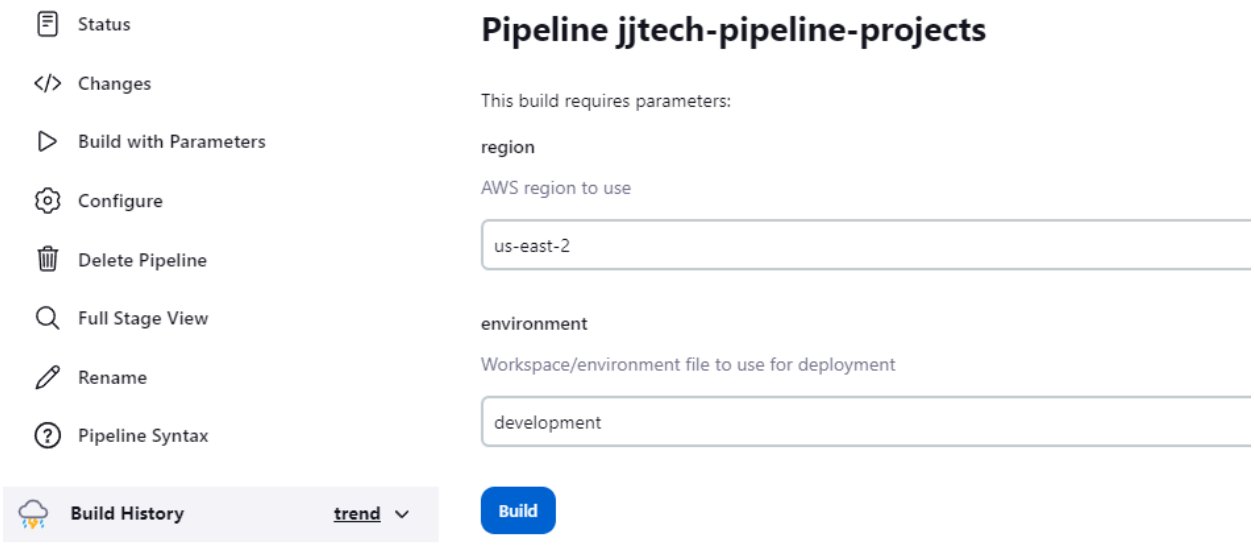


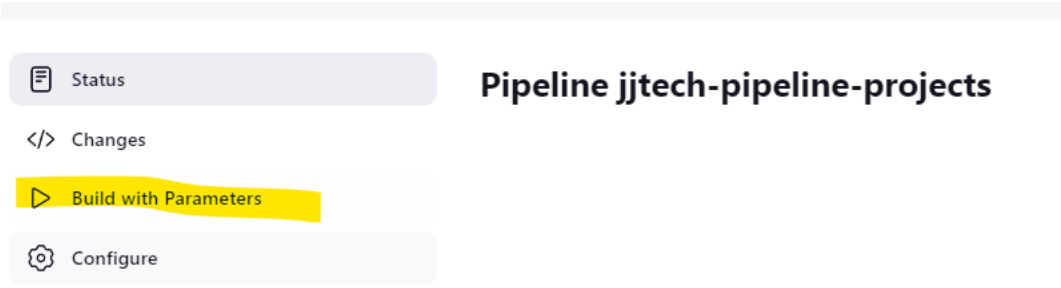
5. Run Jenkins Pipeline

a. Select **Build with Parameters** from the left navigation.

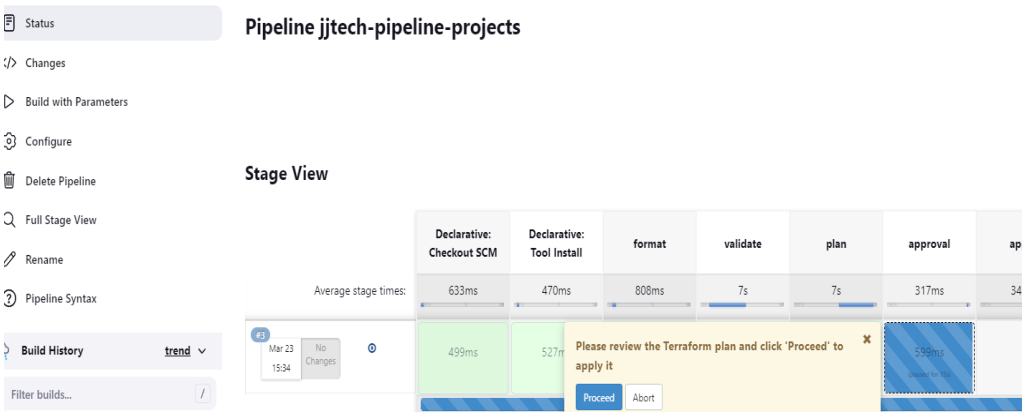


b. For the **environment** parameter type the name you want to use for your Workspace. The default is "**development**". For the **region**, fill in the name of the region where you want to deploy the resources. Click on **Build**



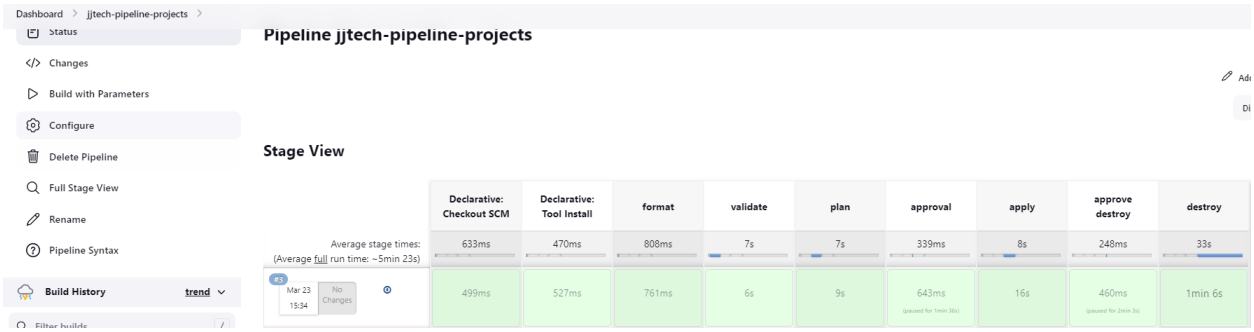


c. Now you should see the steps of the pipeline begin and the time it takes to complete each stage. The pipeline will pause on after the **Plan** step and prompt for a manual approval to proceed. Click on proceed to continue the pipeline.



d. Pipeline apply phase is now complete . Navigate to aws console to confirm resource creation

e. Proceed to validate the pipeline to destroy the resources provisioned

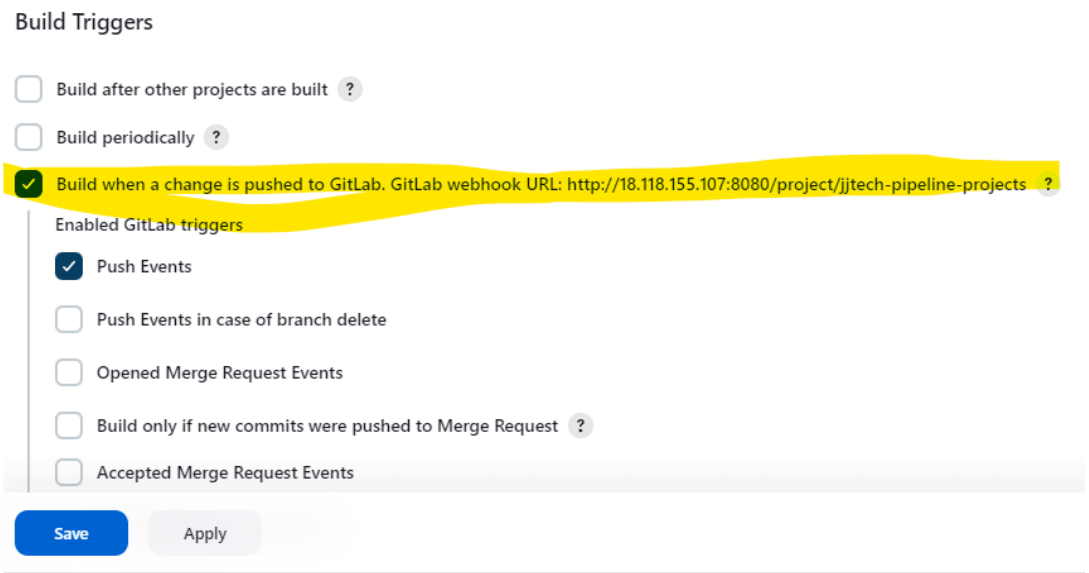


f. Verify that the resources have been destroyed.

6. **Trigger build based on push event on the gitlab repo. Integration tutorial [here]**

   a. **In Jenkins**

- **Step 1:** Go the the "Dashboard >> **Click on the Jenkins project >> click on configure**" of your Jenkins project.
- **Step 2:** Go to the "***Build Triggers***" section.
- **Step 3:** Under the "***Build when a change is pushed to Gitlab***" checkbox, click the "***advanced***" button.

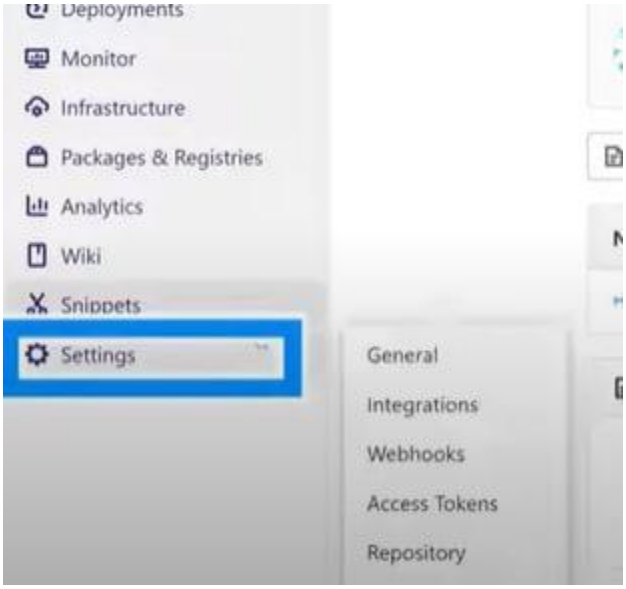


- **Step 4:** Scroll down and Click the "***Generate***" button under the "***Secret Token***" field.

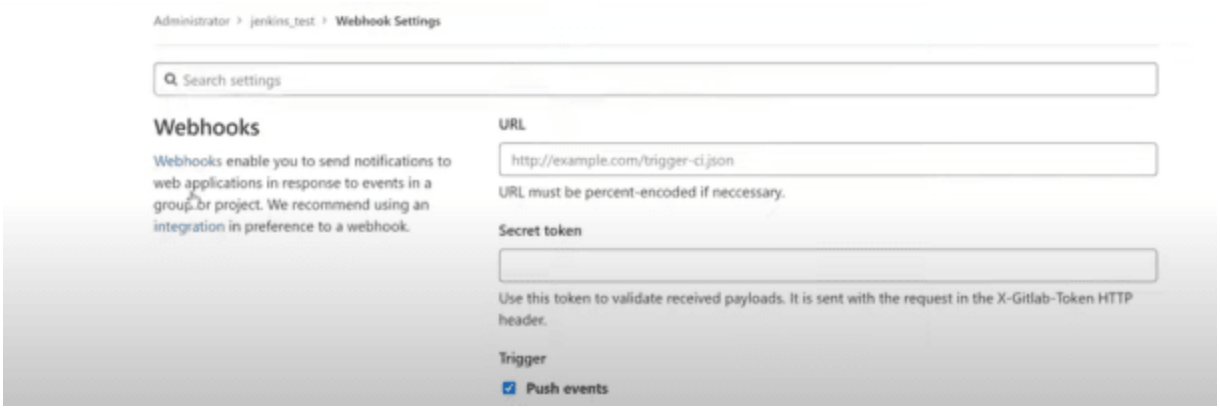
- **Step 5:** Copy the resulting token, and **save** the job configuration.

b. Webhook Integration

- **Step 1: Navigate to gitlab.** In the left navigation pane, select the "***Settings***" option. Then click on the "***Webhooks***" option.



- **Step 2:** Now, in the Integration settings window, under the "***Integrations***" section, select the "***Webhook***" hyperlink.
- **Step 3:** In the "***Webhook Settings***" window, under the "***Webhooks***" section, paste the webhook URL (such as ***https://JENKINS_URL/project/YOUR_JOB***) which you have copied in Jenkins server.



- **Step 4:** Paste the secret token which you have generated in the Jenkins server and check the **Push events** and click **Add webhook** at the bottom.
- **Step 5:** Scroll down to the webhook created and click on **Test** connection. Select **push events** and you should see **Hook executed successfully: HTTP 200**

c. Make changes to your source code, then push to the gitlab repo.

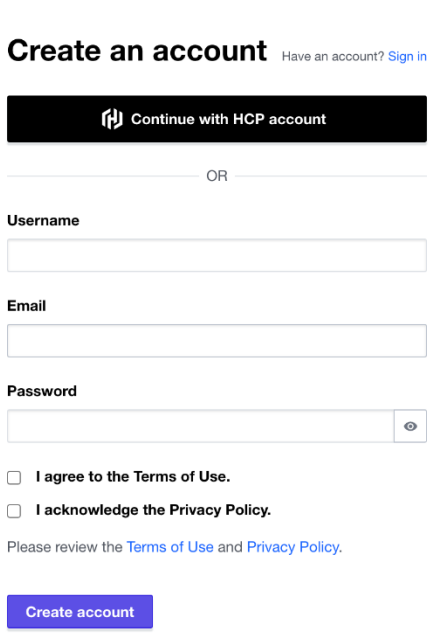
d. Navigate back to Jenkins and notice that a pipeline job is triggered.

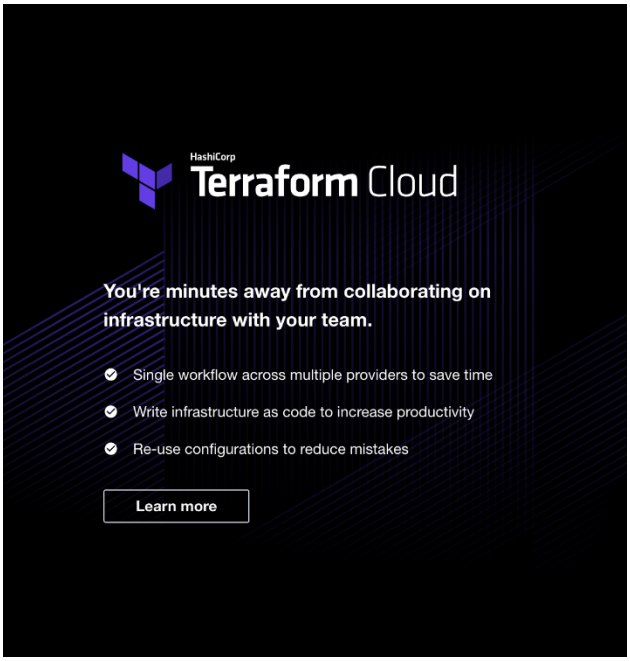
E. Terraform Cloud

CLI-Driven Workflow

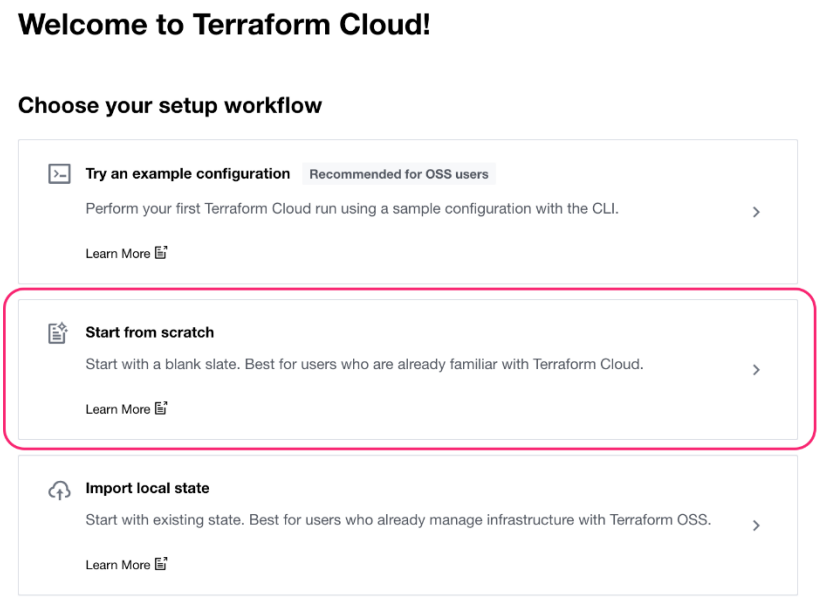
1. Create Terraform Cloud account

- Visit https://app.terraform.io/signup/account and follow the prompts to create a free Terraform Cloud account.

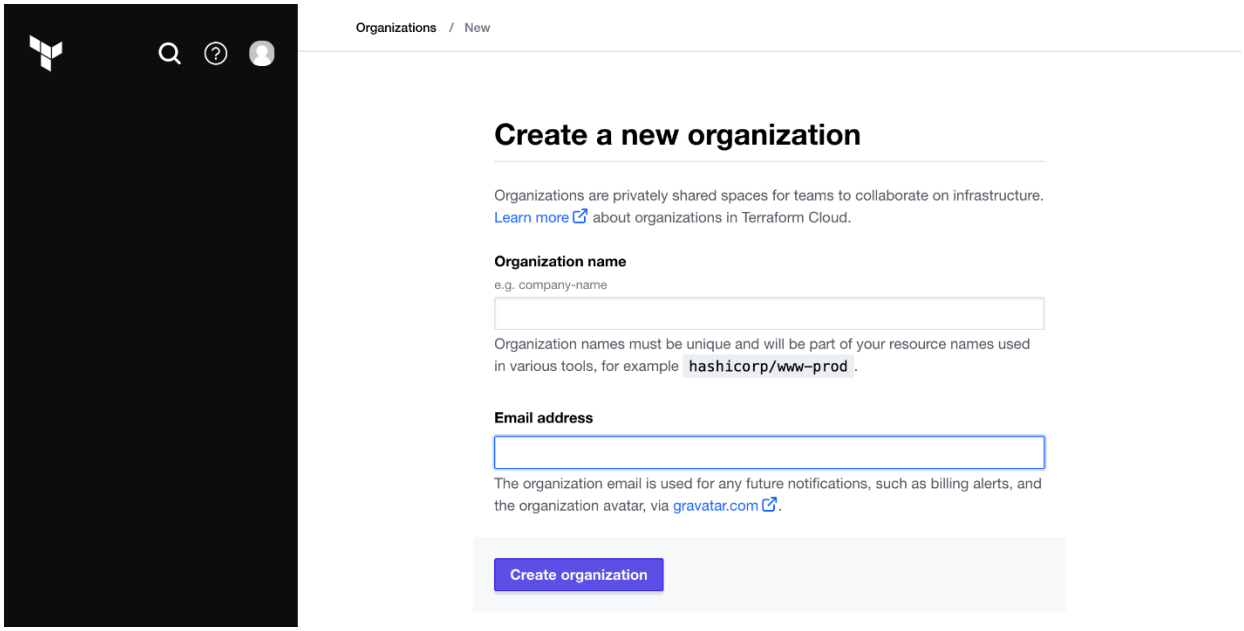




- **step2**. When you sign up, you will receive an email asking you to confirm your email address. Confirm your email address before moving on. When you click the link to confirm your email address, the Terraform Cloud UI will ask which setup workflow you would like use. Select **Start from scratch**.



Step3. create a new organization. Creating organizations of up to 5 users is free, and the members you add to the organization will be able to collaborate on your workspaces and share private modules and providers.



2. Log in to Terraform Cloud from the CLI

Terraform Cloud runs Terraform operations and stores state remotely, so you can use Terraform without worrying about the stability of your local machine, or the security of your state file.

To use Terraform Cloud from the command line, you must log in. Logging in allows you to trigger remote plans and runs, migrate state to the cloud, and perform other remote operations on configurations with Terraform Cloud

Step1. run the **terraform login** subcommand. Respond **yes** to the prompt to confirm that you want to authenticate. A browser window will automatically open to the Terraform Cloud login screen. Enter a token name in the web UI, or leave the default name, terraform login.

```
$ terraform login
Terraform will request an API token for app.terraform.io using your browser.

If login is successful, Terraform will store the token in plain text in
the following file for use by subsequent commands:
    /Users/redacted/.terraform.d/credentials.tfrc.json

Do you want to proceed?
  Only 'yes' will be accepted to confirm.

  Enter a value: yes
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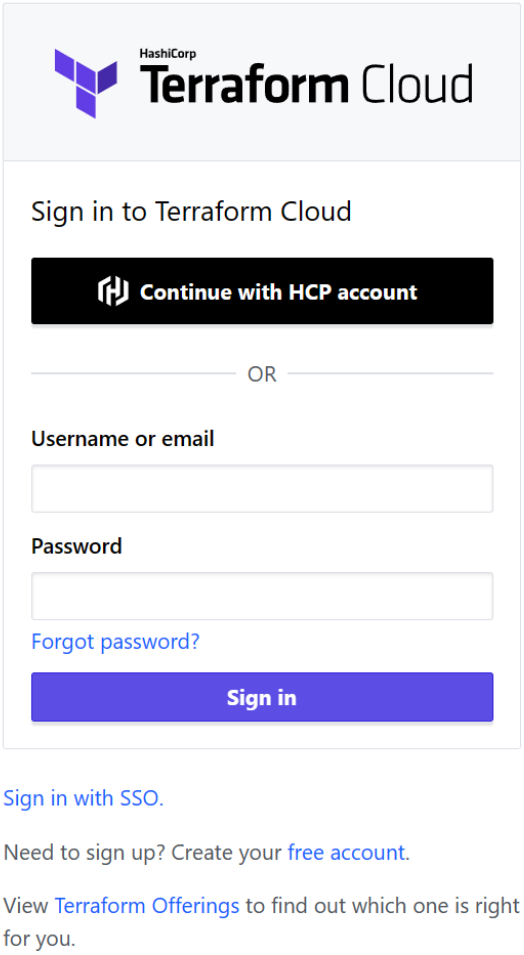
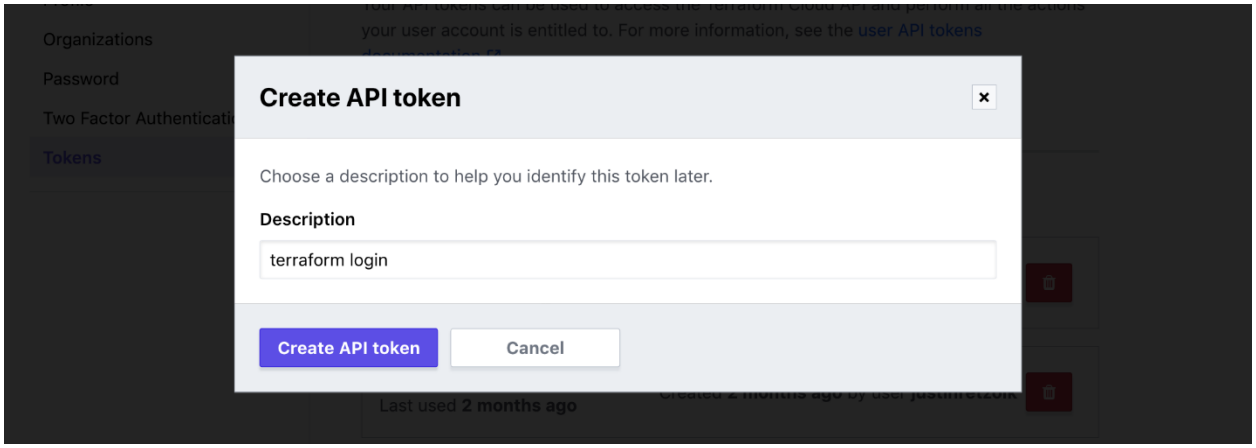
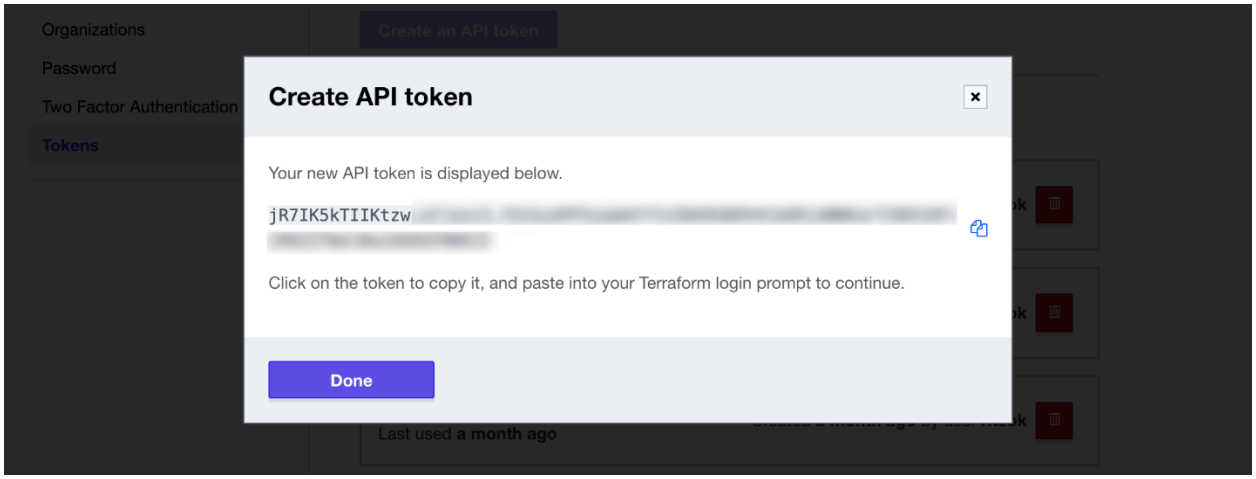


Step2. Click **Create API token** to generate the authentication token. Save a copy of the token in a secure location. It provides access to your Terraform Cloud organization. Terraform will also store your token locally at the file path specified in the command output





Step3. When the Terraform CLI prompts you, paste the user token exactly once into your terminal. Terraform will hide the token for security when you paste it into your terminal. Press **Enter** to complete the authentication process.

```
Generate a token using your browser, and copy-paste it into this prompt.

Terraform will store the token in plain text in the following file
for use by subsequent commands:
    /Users/redacted/.terraform.d/credentials.tfrc.json

Token for app.terraform.io:
  Enter a value:

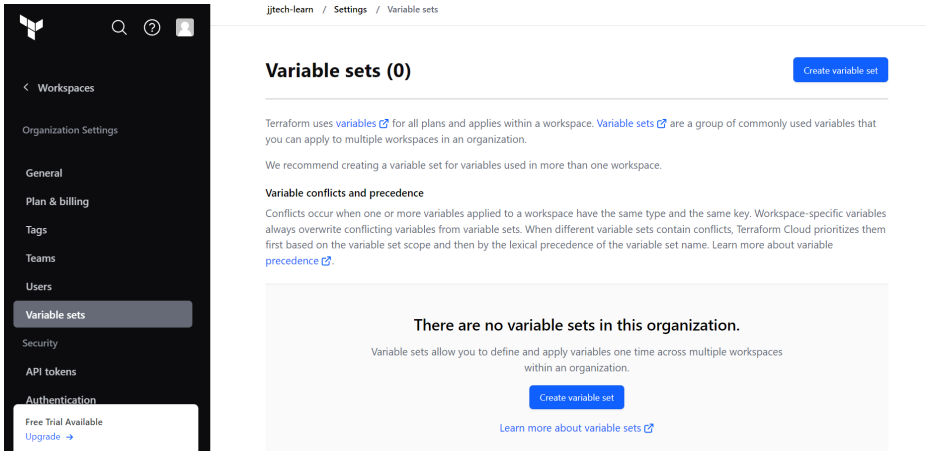

Retrieved token for user redacted

Welcome to Terraform Cloud!
```

3. Creating variable sets

Variable sets allow you to avoid redefining the same variables across workspaces, so you can standardize common configurations throughout your organization. One common use case for variable sets is for provider credentials. By defining a variable set for your credentials, you can easily reuse the same variables across multiple workspaces and efficiently and securely rotate your credentials. We will create a variable set for our AWS credentials.

Step1. Navigate to terraform cloud >> click on settings >> Variable sets



Step2. Click **Create Variable sets**

- Name: (provide name)

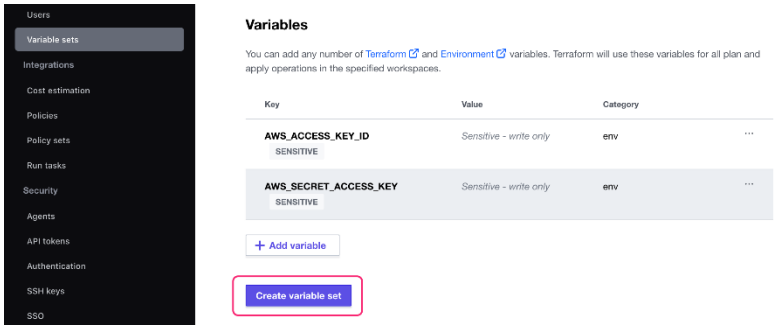
- Description:

- Workspaces: Apply to all workspaces in this organisation

Step3. Click **+Add Variable**. Select the **Environment variable** option. Set the key to AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID and the value to your AWS **Access Key ID**. Mark it as **Sensitive** and click **Add variable**.

Step4. Click **+ Add Variable** again. Define another environment variable named AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY and set it to your AWS **Secret access key**. Mark it as **Sensitive** and click **Add variable**.

Step4. Click **create Variable sets**



4. Create Workspace

Step1. Navigate to vscode where you have your configuration file and configure **provider.tf** file to add configuration for **terraform cloud.** This cloud block specifies which Terraform Cloud organization and workspace to use for the operations in this working directory. When using the CLI-driven Terraform Cloud workflow, running terraform init on configuration with a cloud block creates the Terraform Cloud workspace specified in the block, if it does not already exist.

```
terraform {
 cloud {
```

```
  organization = "Provide name of TFC Organisation"
  workspaces {
    name = "pass name of a workspace to plan to create"
  }
 }
 required_version = ">= 1.1.0"
 required_providers {
  aws = {
    source  = "hashicorp/aws"
    version = "4.55.0"
  }

 }
}
```

Step2. Run **terraform init**

```
$ terraform init
Initializing Terraform Cloud...

Initializing provider plugins...
- Finding hashicorp/aws versions matching "~> 3.28.0"...
- Installing hashicorp/aws v3.28.0...
- Installed hashicorp/aws v3.28.0 (signed by HashiCorp)

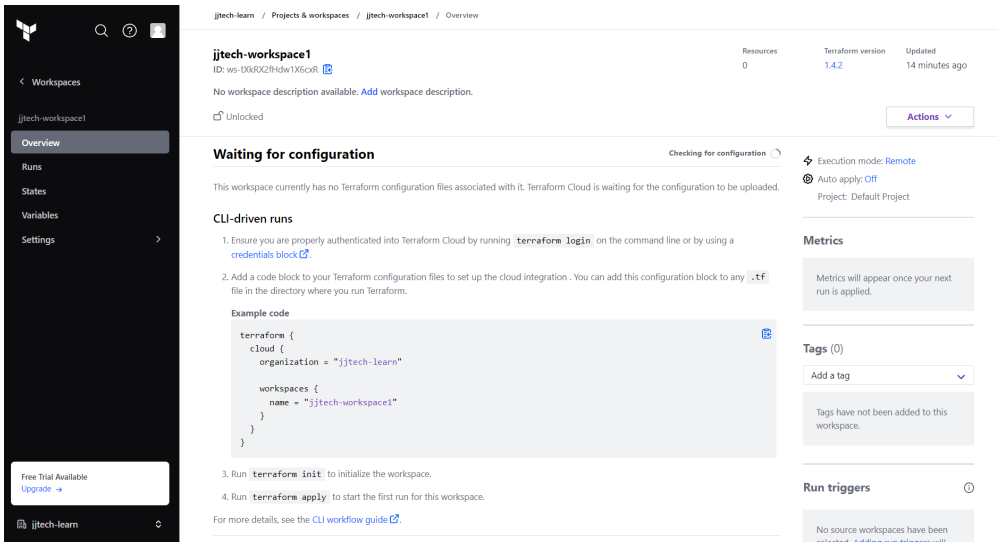
Terraform has created a lock file .terraform.lock.hcl to record the provider
selections it made above. Include this file in your version control repository
so that Terraform can guarantee to make the same selections by default when
you run "terraform init" in the future.

Terraform Cloud has been successfully initialized!

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

If you ever set or change modules or Terraform Settings, run "terraform init"
again to reinitialize your working directory.
```

As part of the initialization process, Terraform created the new **jjtech-workspace1** workspace in our Terraform Cloud organization, configured for CLI-driven runs.

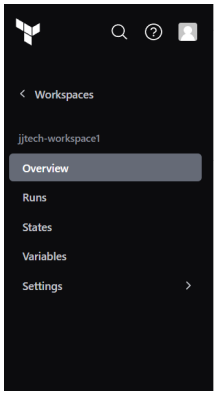


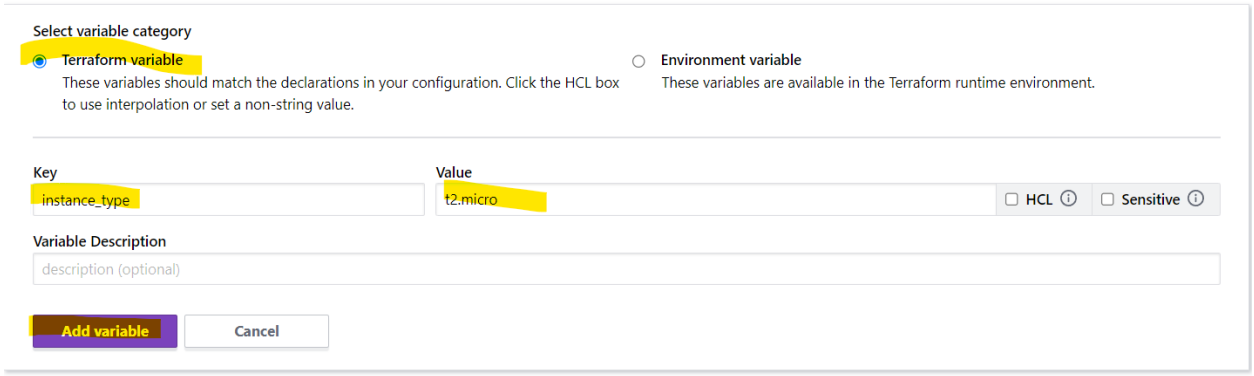
5. Create Infrastructure

You now have a Terraform Cloud workspace configured to use AWS credentials defined in a Terraform Cloud variable set. You can further configure your workspace using workspace-specific variables.

Step1. Navigate to your TFC and create a variable for your instance type and other variables as passed in your cli configuration file.

- click variables >> Under **Worskspace Variables**, click **Add variable >>** select **Terraform variable** and add **Key and Value** for the variable and **Add variable**.





Step2. Navigate back to visual and run terraform apply to provision the infrastructure. Terraform will apply the run on TFC.

```
$ terraform apply
Running apply in Terraform Cloud. Output will stream here. Pressing Ctrl-C
will cancel the remote apply if it's still pending. If the apply started it
will stop streaming the logs, but will not stop the apply running remotely.

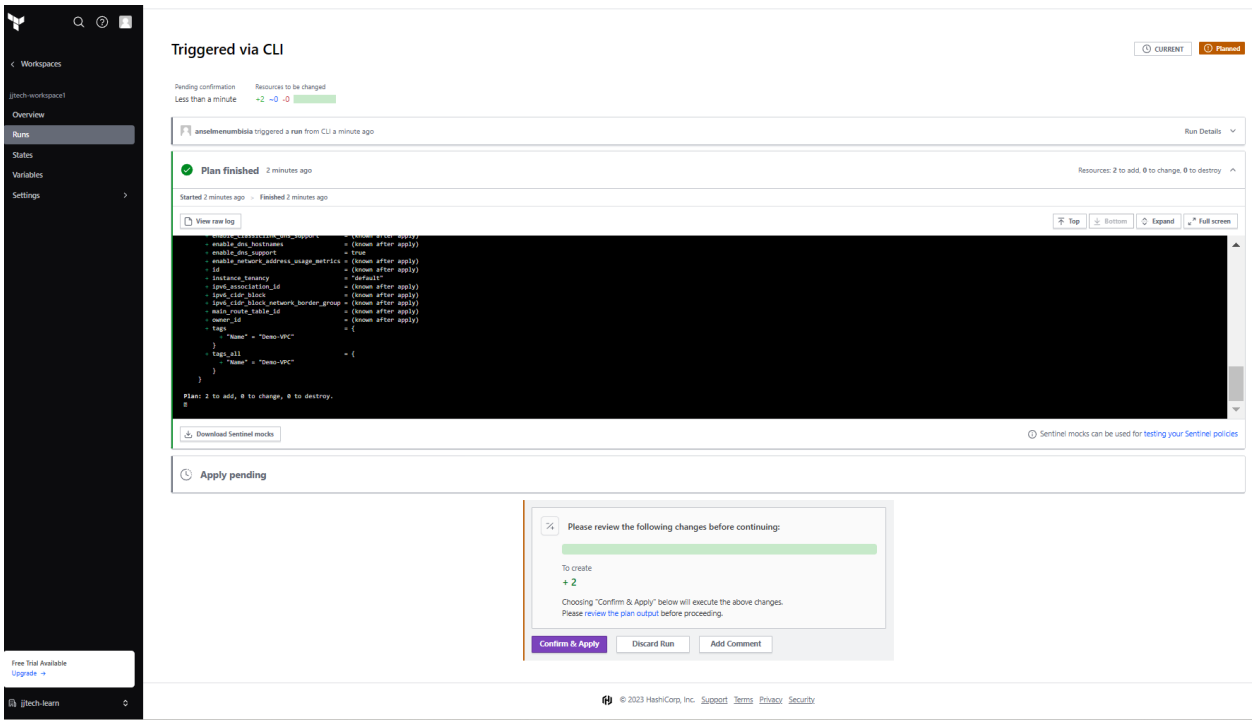
Preparing the remote apply...

To view this run in a browser, visit:
https://app.terraform.io/app/jjtech-learn/jjtech-workspace1/runs/run-KGveaCa3cSsPFwRX

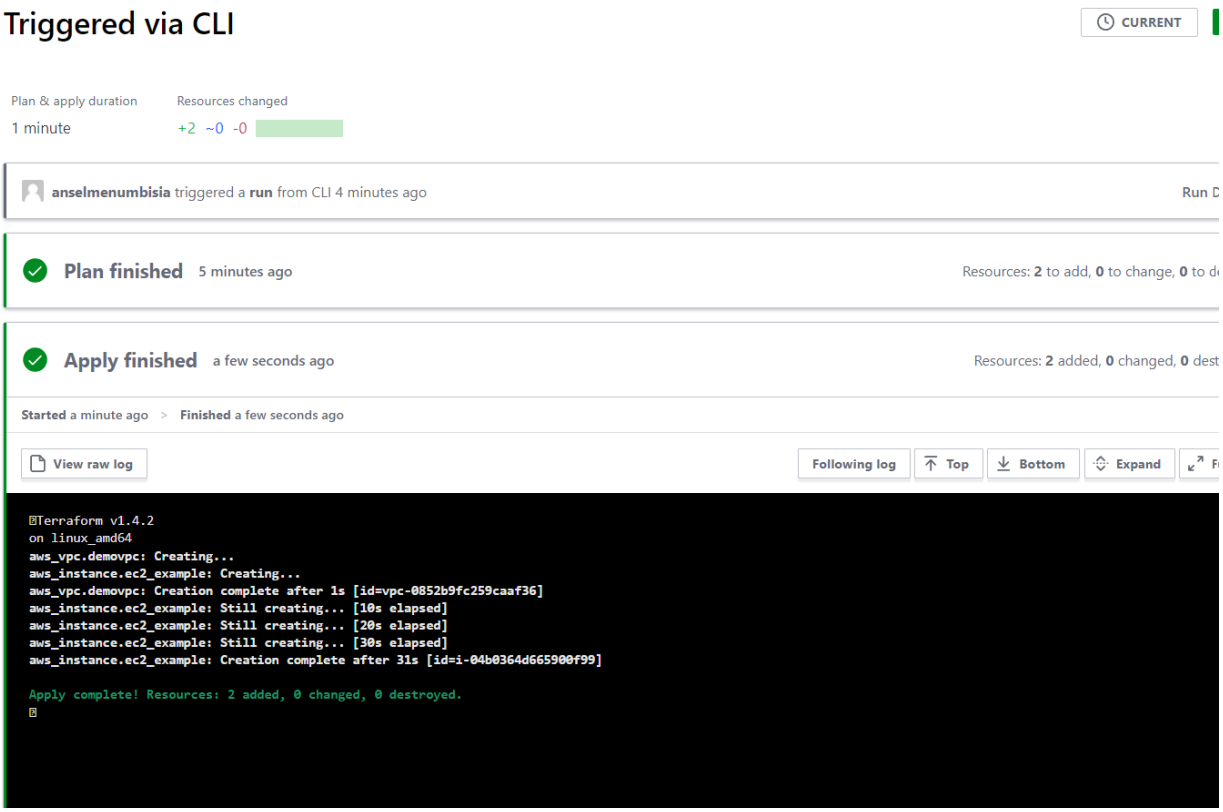
Waiting for the plan to start...
```

Step3. Terraform will trigger your run in Terraform Cloud and stream the output to your terminal. Alternatively, you can follow and manage the run in the Terraform Cloud UI.

Navigate to the run URL that Terraform displays in your command output.



Step4. Confirm and **apply** to trigger the apply from TFC.



Step5. Navigate back to your cli and run **terraform destroy** and follow **from step 2** to destroy the resources created.

VCS driven Workflow

In addition to the CLI-driven workflow, Terraform Cloud offers a Version Control (VCS)-driven workflow that automatically triggers runs based on changes to your VCS repositories. The CLI-driven workflow allows you to quickly iterate on your configuration and work locally, while the VCS-driven workflow enables collaboration within teams by establishing your shared repositories as the source of truth for infrastructure configuration.

You will configure a VCS integration for your organization, connect your workspace to a VCS repository, and trigger a speculative plan based on a pull request. Then, you will merge the pull request to automatically apply changes to your infrastructure using Terraform Cloud.

1. **Create a new Gitlab Project**

- Navigate to Gitlab and create a new project >> copy the URL of the project
- Navigate to your vscode and switch to the directory where you have your terraform source code
- Run **git init** to initialise the directory
- Run **git remote add origin YOUR_REMOTE URL** copied from above
- Ensure you do not have a **terraform cloud** block in your terraform file (provider.tf), if yes, comment it out. When using the VCS-driven workflow for Terraform Cloud, you do not need to define the cloud block in your configuration.

```
terraform {
 # cloud {
 #   organization = "jjtech-learn"
 #   workspaces {
 #     name = "jjtech-workspace1"
 #   }
 # }
 # required_version = ">= 1.1.0"
 required_providers {
   aws = {
     source  = "hashicorp/aws"
     version = "4.55.0"
   }

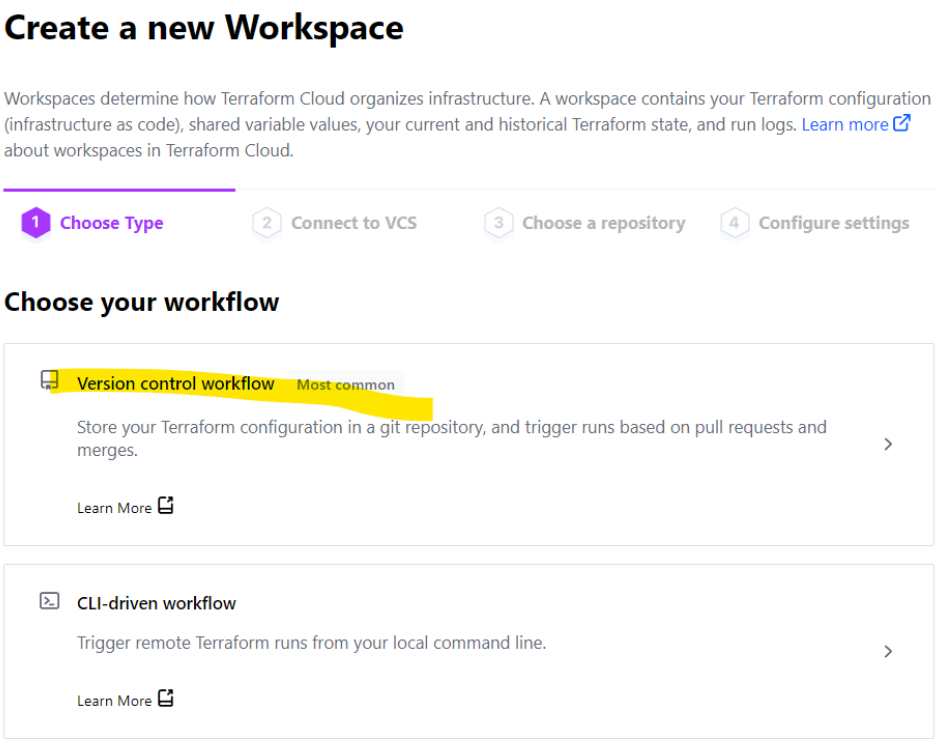
 }
}
```

- Now add your changes with **git add .**

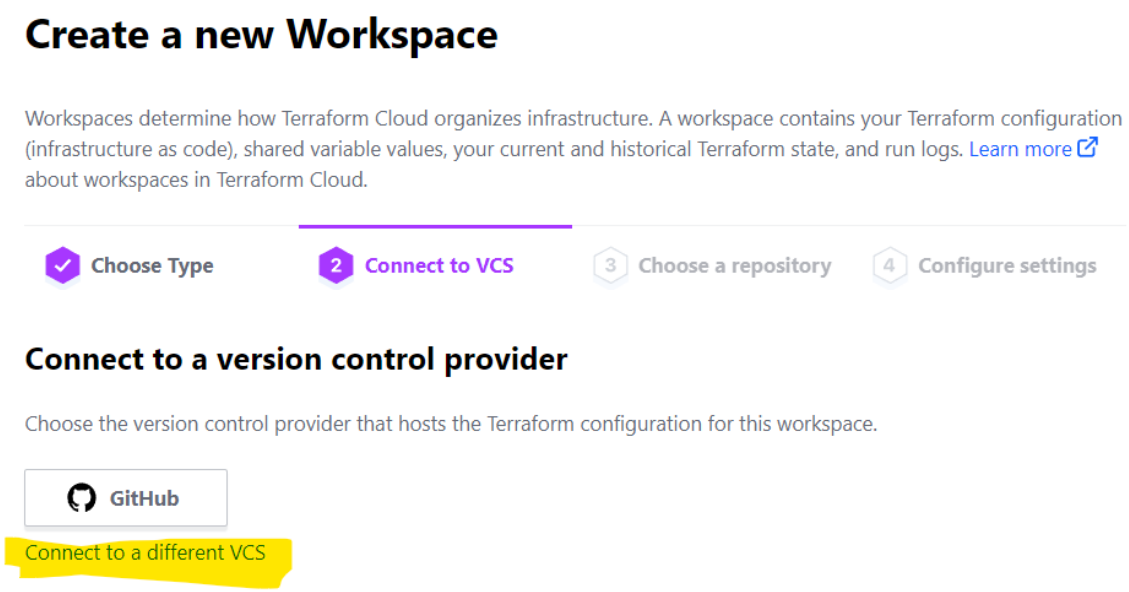
- Commit changes with **git commit -m “message here”**
- Push configuration to new project repo **git push origin master**

2. Enable VCS integration

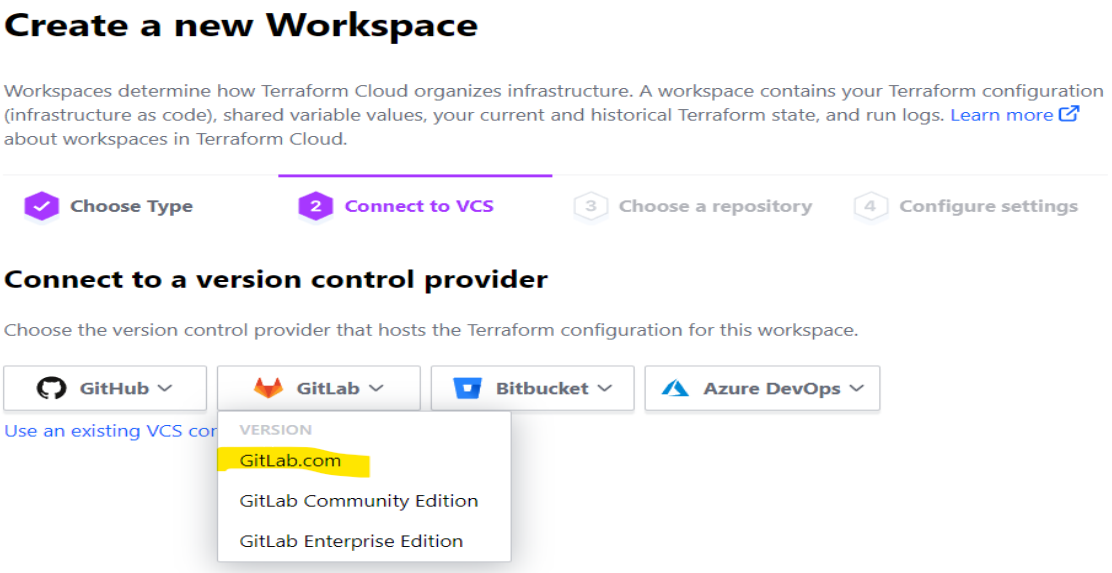
- Navigate to your terraform cloud account
- Create a new workspace and select **Version Control Workflow**



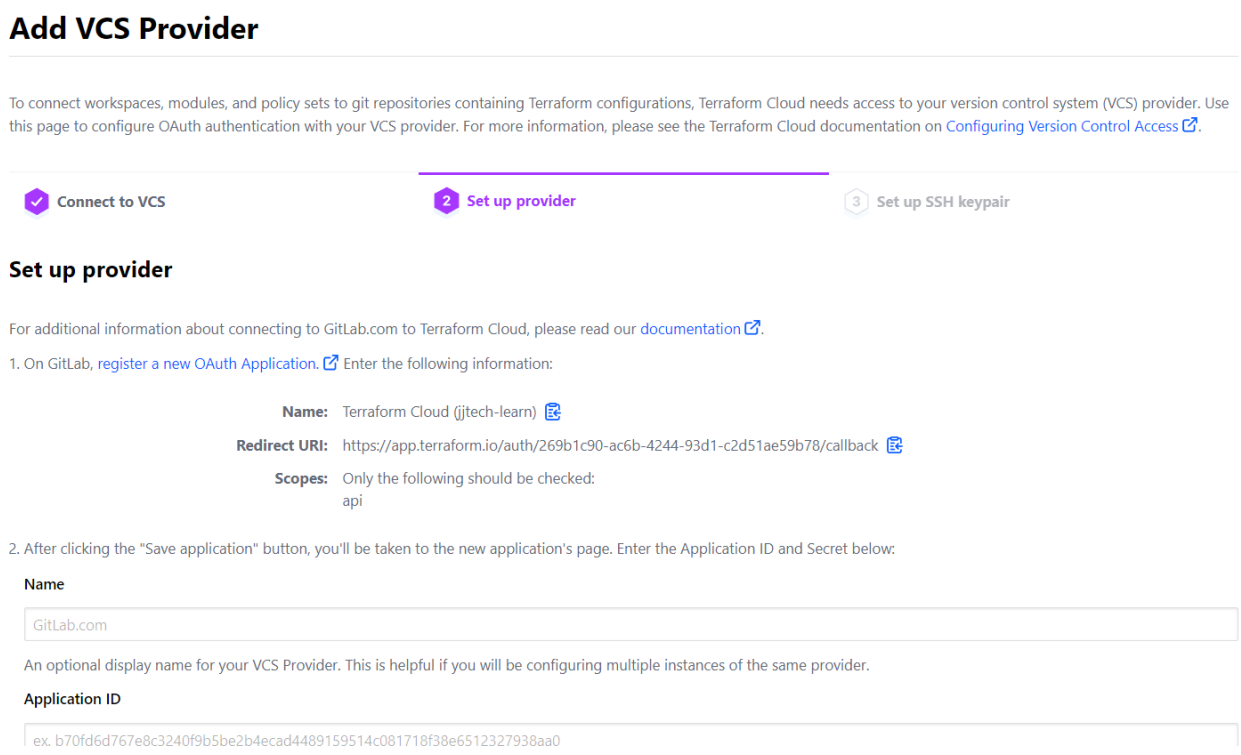
- Under connect to a version control provider, click on **connect to a different VCS** as the only option displayed is **github**



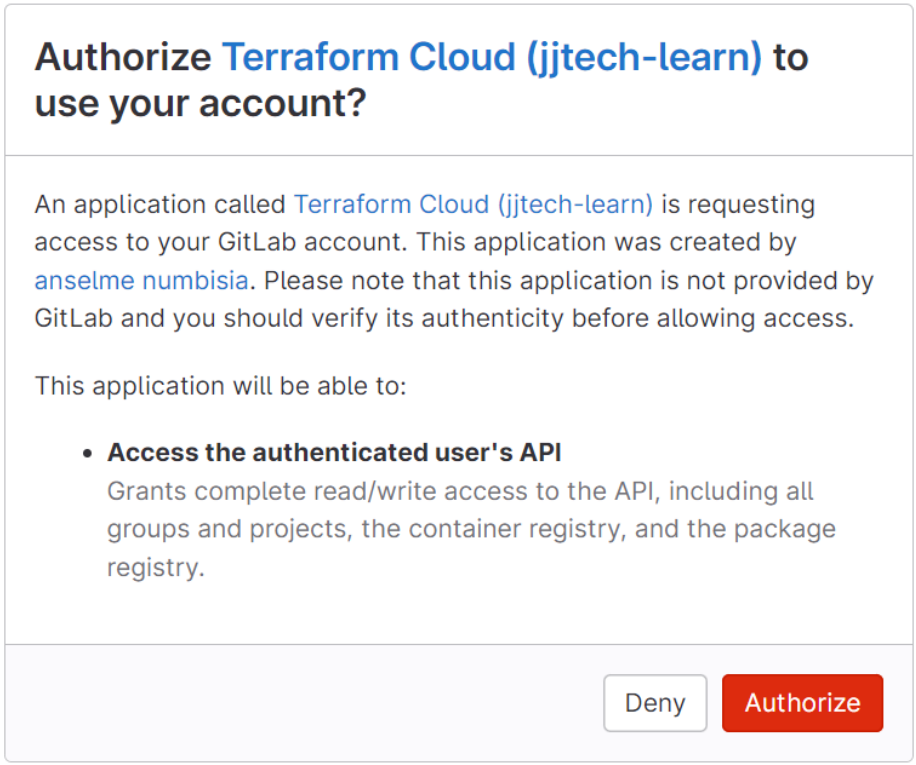
- On the dropdown for gitlab, select gitlab.com



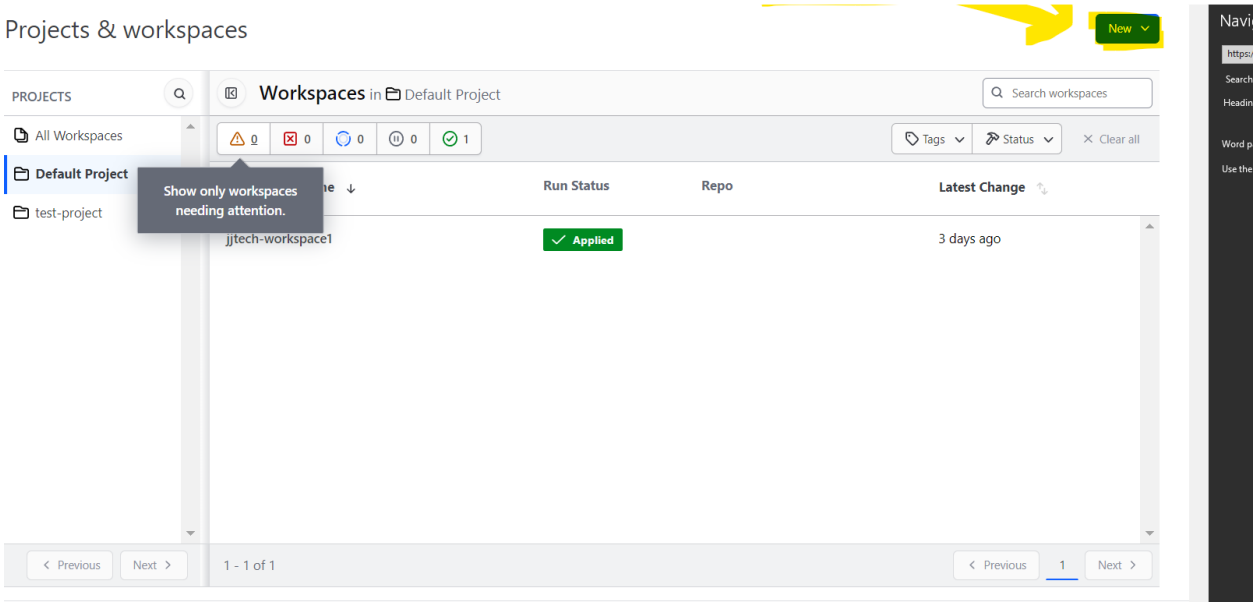
- Follow the instructions in the next prompt from 1 nad 2.



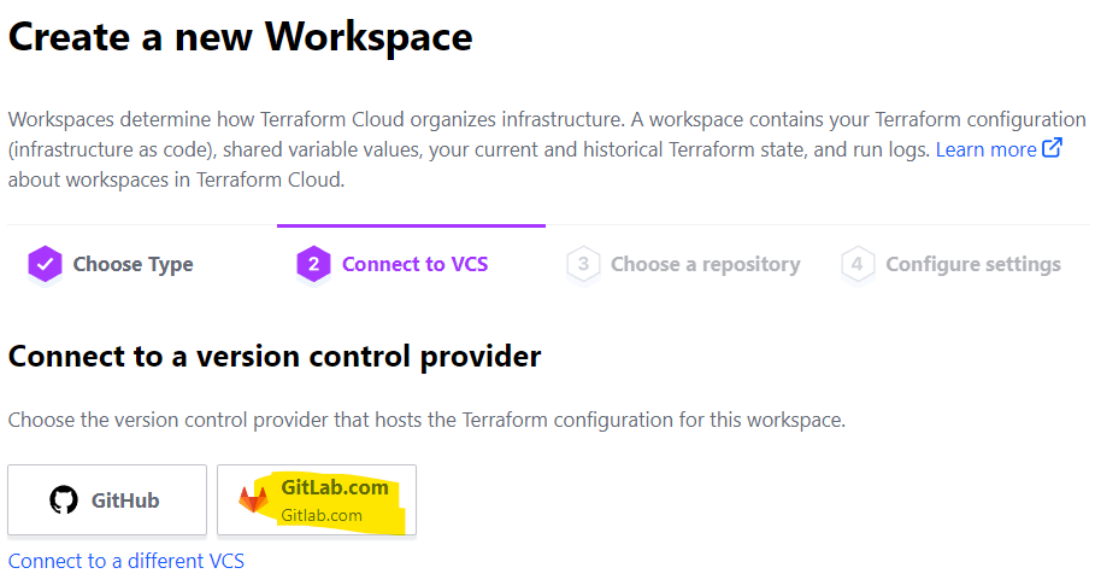
- After filling out the required information, Click on **connect and continue**
- When prompted to authorise Terraform cloud access to gitlab**,** select **Authorize**



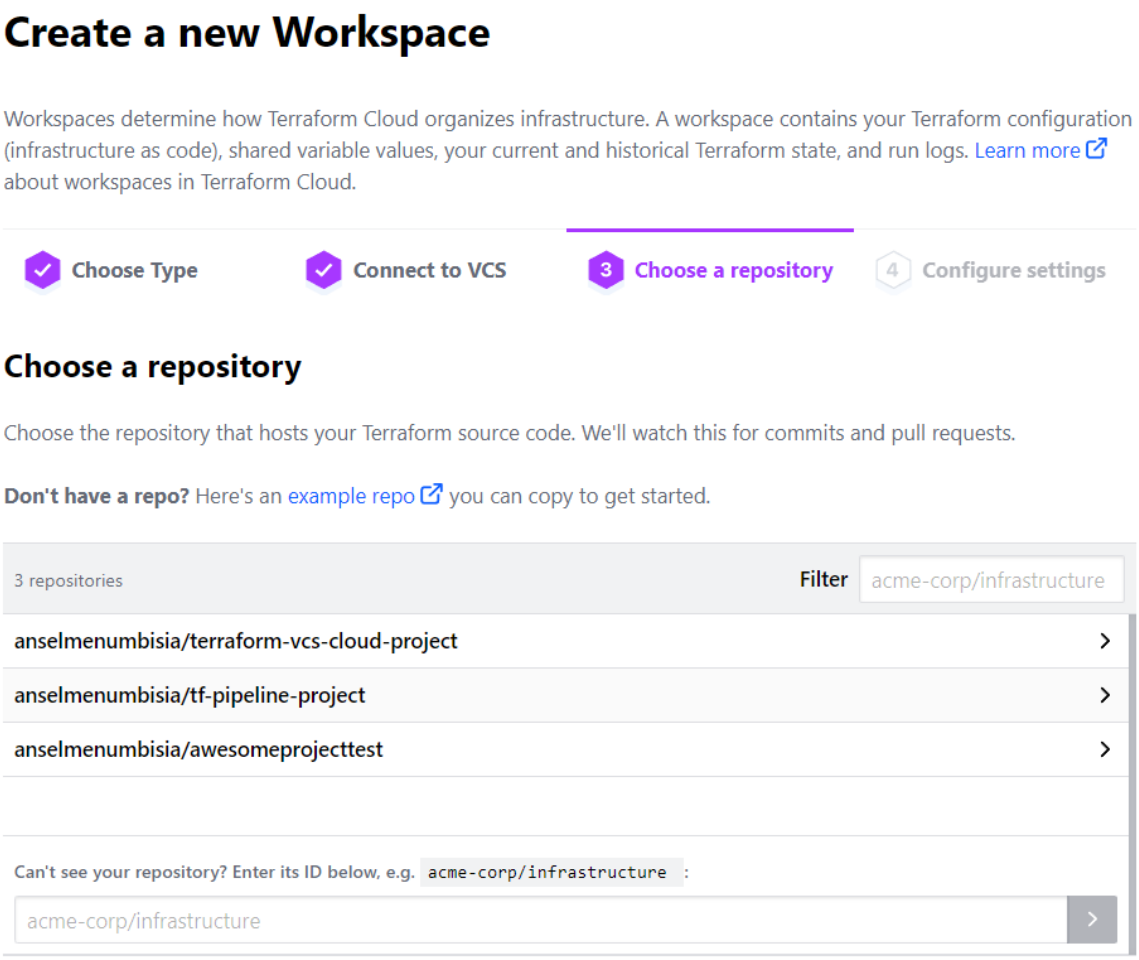
- On the next page for SSH, scroll down and click on **skip and finish** as we do not need to configure ssh access. You can follow instrictions from this page to set up ssh keys
- After configuring your provider, navigate back to workspaces in terraform cloud and create a new workspace by clicking on **New**, then **Workkspace**



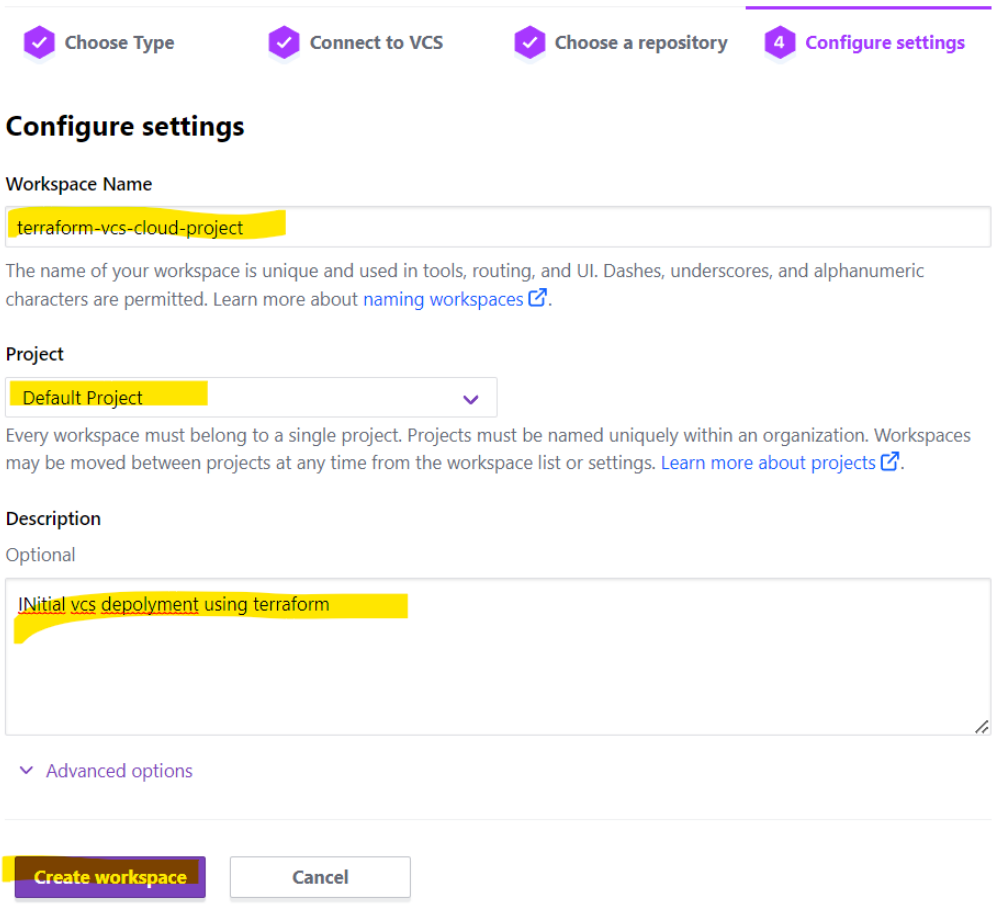
- In the next step select **Version control workflow >>** under **connect to a version control provider,** select **gitlab**



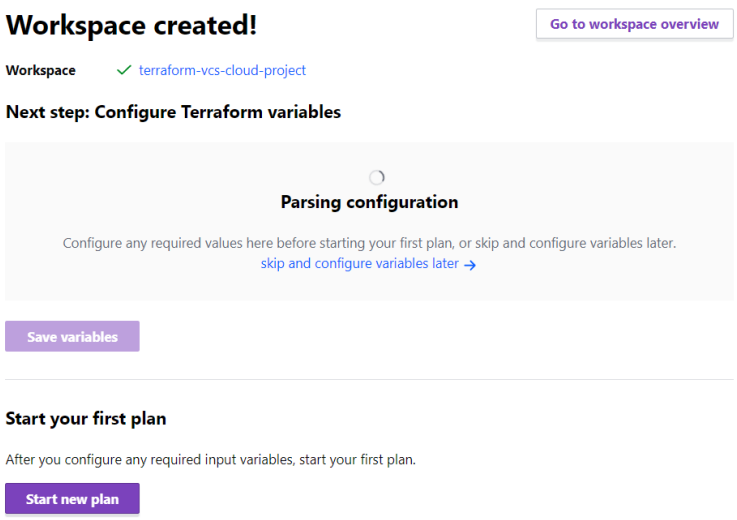
- Choose the repository where your terraform project is found



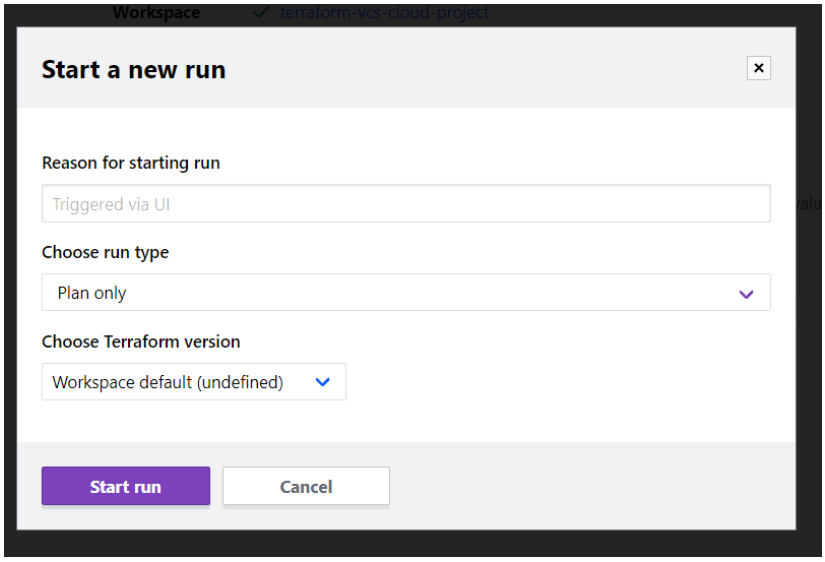
- Provide a Workspace name
- Select **default Project** in **Project section**
- Provide a description



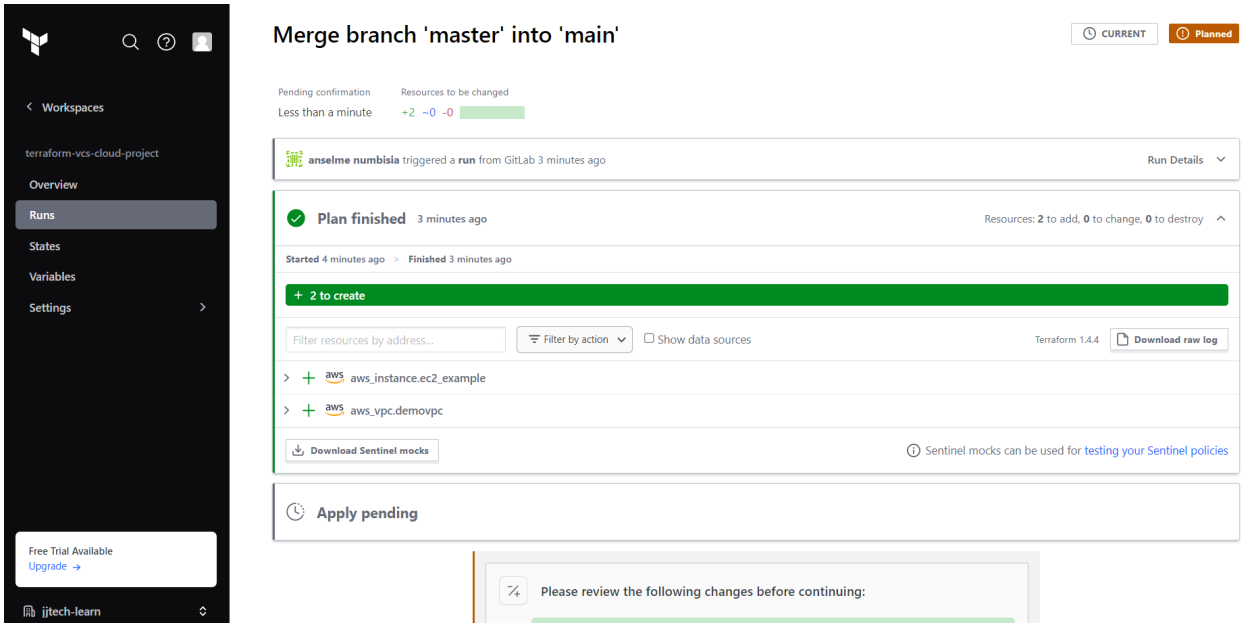
- Then create workspace.



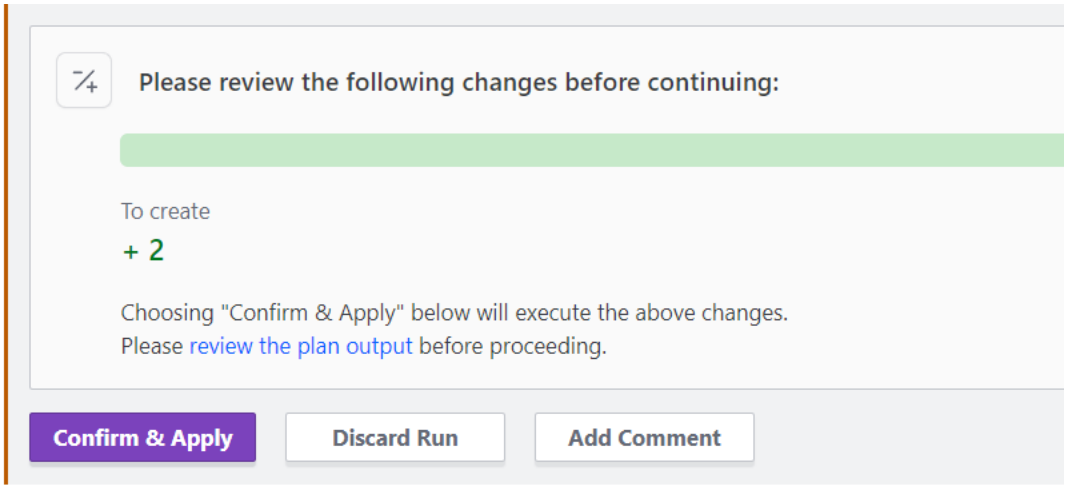
- Click on **start a new plan** >> provide reason for starting run >> under **Choose type run**, select **Plan only >> start run**



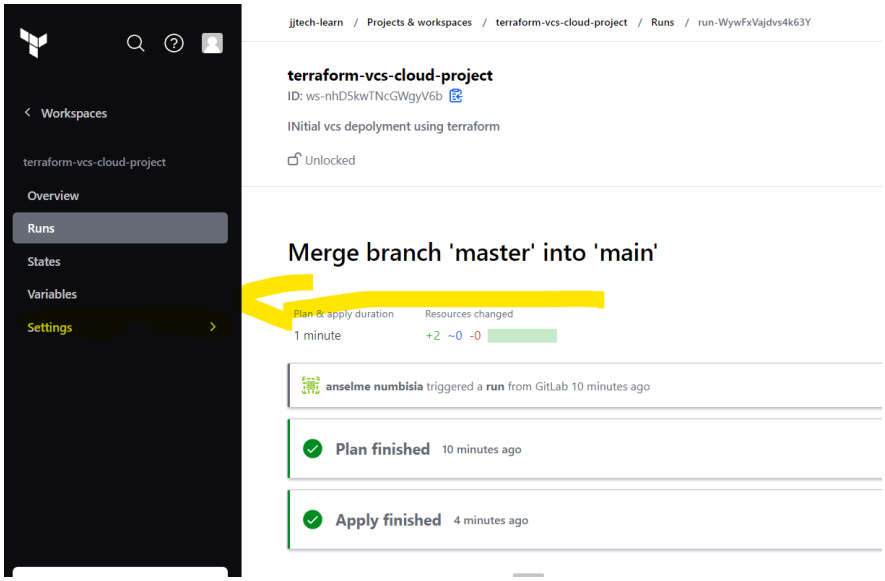
- Observe how plan is triggered. If failed, Navigate back to gitlab and crate a merge request from master to main branch and once merge request is approved, terraform cloud triggers plan



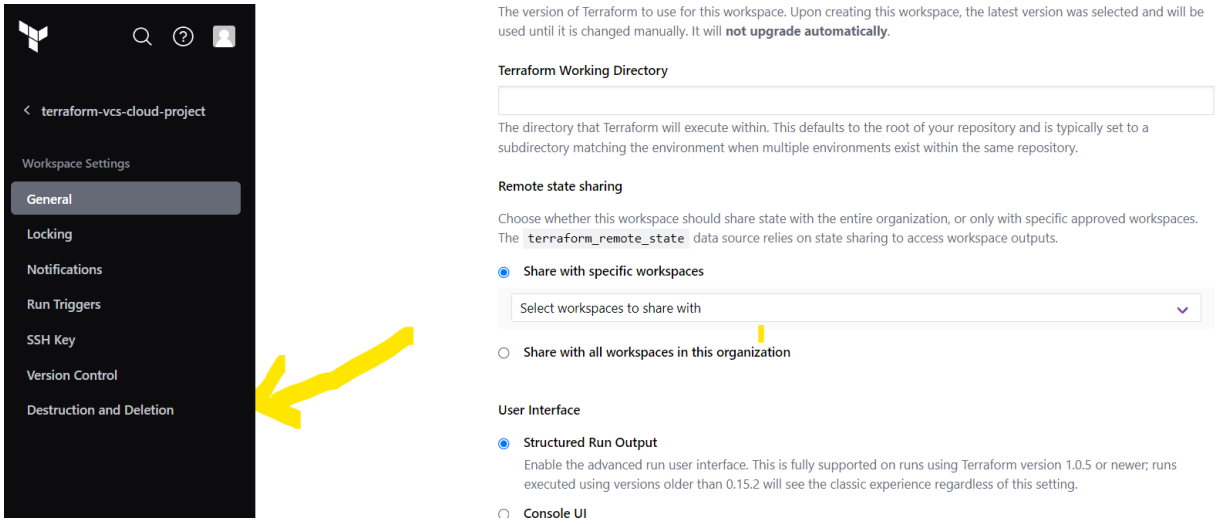
- If plan is Ok, click on **confirm and apply**



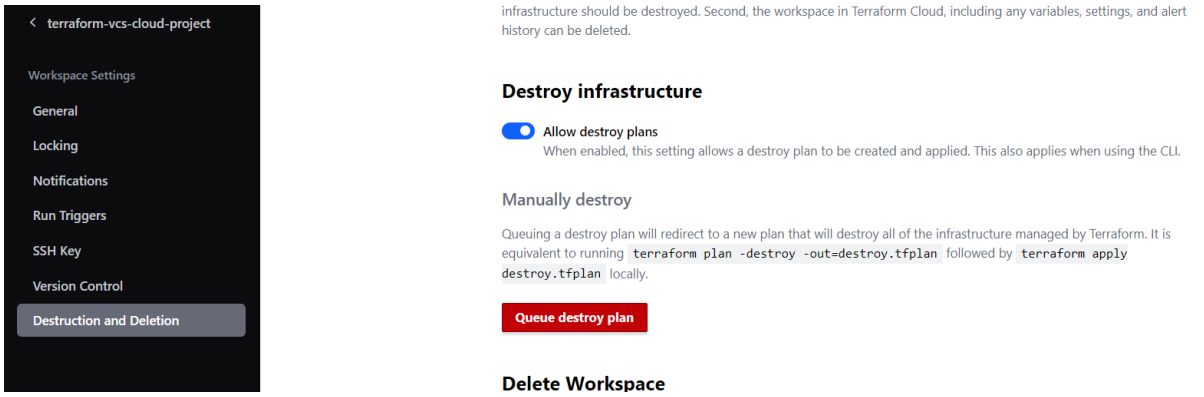
- To destroy the infrastructure, naviaget to the setttings tab of your terraform cloud workspace



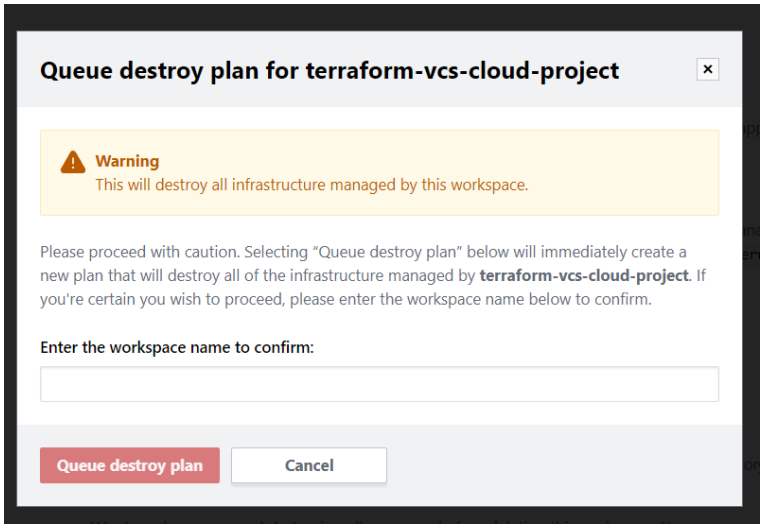
- In the next page, click on Destruction and Deletion in the next tab



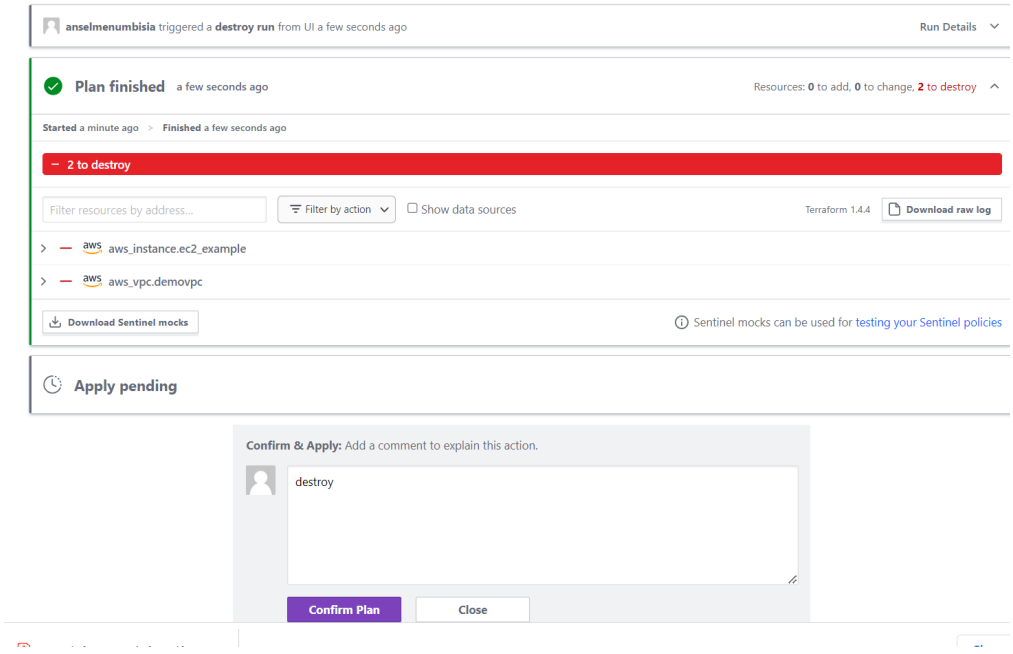
- Select Queue destroy plan



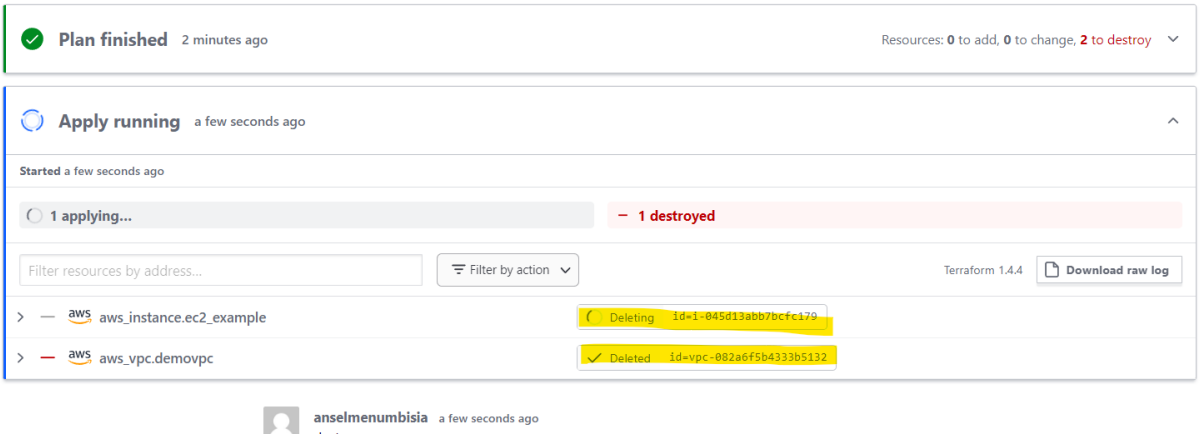
- On the next prompt , enter the workspace name and click **queue destroy plan**



- Approve the destroy and click on **Confirm plan** to destroy



- Resources are getting deleted


Plan finished 2 minutes ago
Resources: 0 to add, 0 to change, 2 to destroy
Apply running a few seconds ago
Started a few seconds ago
1 applying...
1 destroyed
Filter resources by address...
Filter by action
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