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Terraform

Xerris Bootcamp Series

Terraform Workshop



Terraform 101

Simple AWS – S3 example

- Create a new folder called /terraform/s3.
- Create a file called main.tf
- main.tf acts as the **modules** entry point.
- Define the AWS Provider.
- Define your S3 Bucket.

Terraform Modules

- Contained within a folder
- Starts with main.tf
- Modules allow for component reuse across Terraform



Amazon S3



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Defining the required provider

- Each module needs to define the required module.
- Version number is subject to change as Terraform releases more versions.

```
terraform {  
  required_providers {  
    aws = {  
      source = "hashicorp/aws"  
      version = "~> 3.27"  
    }  
  }  
  required_version = ">= 0.14.9"  
}
```



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Defining the provider

- The provider defines which cloud provider you want to use
- Region indicates which AWS region you are targeting.
- **profile** indicates which profile in your .aws setup you are targeting.

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



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- Define the S3 resource
- Ensure the bucket name is unique.
 - Must be globally unique across all of AWS

```
resource "aws_s3_bucket" "my-bucket"  
{  
    bucket = "{globally unique bucket name}"  
    acl = "private"  
    tags = {  
        Name = "My bucket"  
        Environment = "Dev"  
    }  
}
```



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Connecting to your AWS Account

- There are a few ways to connect to your AWS Account

- Add **the** profile tag to your provider block

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

- Using environment variables on the command line

```
export AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID="yyy"  
export AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY="xxx"  
export AWS_REGION=us-west-2
```

- Using AWS_PROFILE environment variable
export AWS_PROFILE="home"



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Deploying Your Resources

- **terraform init**
 - Initializes your module by installing the appropriate cloud provider
- **terraform plan**
 - Looks at your 'current state' and creates a plan to update to your 'desired state'.
- **terraform apply**
 - Applies your module to your profile.
- **terraform destroy**
 - Tears down your 'stack' when you are done with it.



Terraform Variables

- Allows you to parameterize your terraform code
- **var.tf** – file to hold all your variables
- **terraform.tfvars** – file that contains the values for your variables
 - Not usually checked into source control
 - Will be different between AWS environments (DEV, QA, PROD)
- **-var {var_name}={var_value}** – allows you to provide variables values to the terraform CLI.
- **-var-file {path to tfvar file}**

```
variable "site_bucket_name" {  
    type = string  
}
```

```
terraform plan -var site_bucket_name=xerris-academy-  
static-site
```


Securing Your Bucket

Adding Bucket Policy

- Adding a bucket policy to allow for read-only access to our S3 static site bucket

IAM – Identity Access Management

- How AWS secures resources.
- **Users** – defines users of AWS
- **Roles** – defines roles users can assume
- **Policies** – defines policies that can be attached to user or roles
- By default All resources are denied access.

Securing your Bucket

Creating a Policy

- Using the **bucket_policy** resource
- Define the action(s) you are going to allow:
s3:GetObject
- Define the AWS resources to apply this policy to
- Define the principals to attach this policy to.

Creating The Policy

```
data "aws_iam_policy_document"  
  "bucket_policy" {  
    statement {  
      sid = "AllowReadFromAll"  
      actions = [  
        "s3:GetObject",  
      ]  
      resources = [  
        "arn:aws:s3:::${var.site_bucket_name}/*",  
      ]  
      principals {  
        type = "*"   
        identifiers = ["*"]  
      }  
    }  
  }  
}
```



Terraform tfvars File

- *A **tfvar** file can provide values for all your variables*
- *Usually used when defining all variables for an environment (Dev, Stage, Prod)*
- *Could be checked into source control for CI/CD pipelines*
- *Should NEVER contain API keys, secrets or any other sensitive information*



Terraform Backend State

- Terraform tracks the state of your stack.

terraform.tfstate

- Contains the current state of your environment.
- Should not be stored within in source control
- Issues when in a multi-developer environment.

AWS S3 Backend

- Terraform supports using AWS S3 as the state 'backend'

```
backend "s3" {  
    bucket = "xerris-academy-website-tfstate-greg"  
    key = "terraform.tfstate"  
    region = "us-west-2"  
}
```



Terraform Backend State

AWS S3 Backend

- *Create the S3 bucket for your state*
- *Grant permissions to your CI/CD account to this S3 bucket*
- *Use the **backend** resource as shown earlier*
- *Execute*
 - *terraform init* – *initializes the bucket*
 - *terraform plan* – *same as before*
 - *terraform apply* – *same as before.*
- *Now your tfstate is within a shared S3 bucket*



Terraform Outputs

- Allows you to output properties from the resources created during the deploy step
- Can be the ARN (Amazon Resource Name) of any resource created
- Can be connection strings from AWS Aurora or AWS RDS databases created

```
output bucket-arn {  
    value = aws_s3_bucket.my-first-s3-bucket.arn  
}
```

```
terraform plan -var site_bucket_name=xerris-  
academy-static-site
```



Terraform Workshop

- *Build a simple Terraform example with an S3 bucket*
 - *Define the provider*
 - *Use environment variables for authentication*
 - *Add a security policy to the bucket*
 - *Create a vars file to capture the bucket-name*
 - *Create a dev.tfvars file and invoke using that file from the command line*
 - *Implement an S3 backend for the tfstate*