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Lab: Terraform State Command

The terraform state command is used for advanced state management. As your Terraform usage becomes more advanced, there are some cases where you may need to modify the Terraform state. Rather than modify the state directly, the terraform state commands can be used in many cases instead.

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Task 1: Deploy Infrastructure Using Terraform

If you have not already deployed your infrastructure from a previous lab create the following Terraform configuration files.

terraform.tf

```
terraform {
  required_version = ">= 1.0.0"
  required_providers {
    aws = {
     source = "hashicorp/aws"
   http = {
     source = "hashicorp/http"
     version = "2.1.0"
    random = {
     source = "hashicorp/random"
     version = "3.0.0"
    local = {
     source = "hashicorp/local"
     version = "2.1.0"
   tls = {
     source = "hashicorp/tls"
     version = "3.1.0"
```





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```
}
```

main.tf

```
Name: IaC Buildout for Terraform Associate Exam
Description: AWS Infrastructure Buildout
Contributors: Bryan and Gabe
*/
provider "aws" {
 region = "us-east-1"
 default_tags {
   tags = {
     Environment = terraform.workspace
     Owner = "TF Hands On Lab"
     Project = "Infrastructure as Code"
     Terraform = "true"
   }
 }
}
#Retrieve the list of AZs in the current AWS region
data "aws_availability_zones" "available" {}
data "aws_region" "current" {}
#Define the VPC
resource "aws_vpc" "vpc" {
 cidr_block = var.vpc_cidr
 tags = {
   Name = var.vpc_name
   Environment = "demo_environment"
   Terraform = "true"
 }
}
#Deploy the private subnets
resource "aws_subnet" "private_subnets" {
 availability_zone = tolist(data.aws_availability_zones.available.names)[
    each.value]
 tags = {
           = each.key
  Terraform = "true"
```





```
}
#Deploy the public subnets
resource "aws_subnet" "public_subnets" {
 for_each
                        = var.public_subnets
 vpc_id
                        = aws_vpc.vpc.id
 cidr_block
                         = cidrsubnet(var.vpc_cidr, 8, each.value + 100)
                       = tolist(data.aws_availability_zones.available.
 availability_zone
     names)[each.value]
 map_public_ip_on_launch = true
 tags = {
           = each.key
   Name
   Terraform = "true"
 }
}
#Create route tables for public and private subnets
resource "aws_route_table" "public_route_table" {
 vpc_id = aws_vpc.vpc.id
 route {
   cidr_block = "0.0.0.0/0"
   gateway_id = aws_internet_gateway.internet_gateway.id
   #nat_gateway_id = aws_nat_gateway.id
 tags = {
           = "demo_public_rtb"
   Name
   Terraform = "true"
 }
}
resource "aws_route_table" "private_route_table" {
 vpc_id = aws_vpc.vpc.id
 route {
   cidr_block = "0.0.0.0/0"
   # gateway_id = aws_internet_gateway.id
   nat_gateway_id = aws_nat_gateway.nat_gateway.id
 tags = {
           = "demo_private_rtb"
   Name
   Terraform = "true"
 }
}
#Create route table associations
resource "aws_route_table_association" "public" {
```





```
depends_on = [aws_subnet.public_subnets]
  route_table_id = aws_route_table.public_route_table.id
 for_each = aws_subnet.public_subnets
              = each.value.id
 subnet_id
}
resource "aws_route_table_association" "private" {
 depends_on = [aws_subnet.private_subnets]
 route_table_id = aws_route_table.private_route_table.id
 }
#Create Internet Gateway
resource "aws_internet_gateway" "internet_gateway" {
 vpc_id = aws_vpc.vpc.id
 tags = {
   Name = "demo_igw"
 }
}
#Create EIP for NAT Gateway
resource "aws_eip" "nat_gateway_eip" {
      = true
 vpc
 depends_on = [aws_internet_gateway.internet_gateway]
 tags = {
   Name = "demo_igw_eip"
 }
}
#Create NAT Gateway
resource "aws_nat_gateway" "nat_gateway" {
 depends_on = [aws_subnet.public_subnets]
 allocation_id = aws_eip.nat_gateway_eip.id
             = aws_subnet.public_subnets["public_subnet_1"].id
 subnet_id
 tags = {
   Name = "demo_nat_gateway"
}
# Terraform Data Block - To Lookup Latest Ubuntu 20.04 AMI Image
data "aws_ami" "ubuntu" {
 most_recent = true
 filter {
         = "name"
   values = ["ubuntu/images/hvm-ssd/ubuntu-focal-20.04-amd64-server-*"]
  }
```





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filter {
   name = "virtualization-type"
   values = ["hvm"]
 }
 owners = ["099720109477"]
}
# Terraform Resource Block - To Build EC2 instance in Public Subnet
resource "aws_instance" "web_server" {
                = data.aws_ami.ubuntu.id
 instance_type = "t2.micro"
 subnet_id = aws_subnet.public_subnets["public_subnet_1"].id
 security_groups = [aws_security_group.vpc-ping.id, aws_security_group.
    ingress-ssh.id, aws_security_group.vpc-web.id]
 key_name
                 = aws_key_pair.generated.key_name
 connection {
               = "ubuntu"
   user
   private_key = tls_private_key.generated.private_key_pem
             = self.public_ip
 }
 associate_public_ip_address = true
 tags = {
   Name = "Web EC2 Server"
 provisioner "local-exec" {
   command = "chmod 600 ${local_file.private_key_pem.filename}"
 provisioner "remote-exec" {
   inline = [
     "git clone https://github.com/hashicorp/demo-terraform-101",
     "cp -a demo-terraform-101/. /tmp/",
     "sudo sh /tmp/assets/setup-web.sh",
   ]
 }
}
# Terraform Resource Block - Security Group to Allow Ping Traffic
resource "aws_security_group" "vpc-ping" {
 name = "vpc-ping"
 vpc_id
            = aws_vpc.vpc.id
 description = "ICMP for Ping Access"
 ingress {
   description = "Allow ICMP Traffic"
   from_port = -1
             = -1
   to_port
   protocol = "icmp"
```





```
cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
 }
  egress {
   description = "Allow all ip and ports outboun"
   from_port = 0
   to_port = 0
protocol = "-1"
   cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
}
# Terraform Data Block - Lookup Ubuntu 16.04
data "aws_ami" "ubuntu_16_04" {
 most_recent = true
 filter {
   name = "name"
   values = ["ubuntu/images/hvm-ssd/ubuntu-xenial-16.04-amd64-server-*"]
 owners = ["099720109477"]
}
data "aws_ami" "windows_2019" {
 most_recent = true
 filter {
   name = "name"
   values = ["Windows_Server-2019-English-Full-Base-*"]
 filter {
   name = "virtualization-type"
   values = ["hvm"]
 }
 owners = ["801119661308"] # Canonical
}
resource "tls_private_key" "generated" {
  algorithm = "RSA"
resource "local_file" "private_key_pem" {
 content = tls_private_key.generated.private_key_pem
  filename = "MyAWSKey.pem"
}
resource "aws_key_pair" "generated" {
 key_name = "MyAWSKey"
 public_key = tls_private_key.generated.public_key_openssh
```





```
lifecycle {
    ignore_changes = [key_name]
  }
}
# Security Groups
resource "aws_security_group" "ingress-ssh" {
 name = "allow-all-ssh"
  vpc_id = aws_vpc.vpc.id
  ingress {
    cidr_blocks = [
     "0.0.0.0/0"
    from_port = 22
    to_port = 22
    protocol = "tcp"
  }
  // Terraform removes the default rule
  egress {
   from_port = 0
    to_port = 0
protocol = "-1"
    cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
  }
}
# Create Security Group - Web Traffic
resource "aws_security_group" "vpc-web" {
 name = "vpc-web-${terraform.workspace}"
vpc_id = aws_vpc.vpc.id
  description = "Web Traffic"
  ingress {
   description = "Allow Port 80"
   from_port = 80
   to_port = 80
protocol = "tcp"
    cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
  ingress {
   description = "Allow Port 443"
    from_port = 443
   to_port = 443
protocol = "tcp"
    cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
  egress {
```





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```
description = "Allow all ip and ports outbound"
  from_port = 0
  to_port = 0
  protocol = "-1"
  cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
}
```

variables.tf

```
variable "aws_region" {
 type = string
  default = "us-east-1"
variable "vpc_name" {
 type = string
  default = "demo_vpc"
}
variable "vpc_cidr" {
  type = string
  default = "10.0.0.0/16"
}
variable "private_subnets" {
  default = {
    "private_subnet_1" = 1
    "private_subnet_2" = 2
    "private_subnet_3" = 3
  }
}
variable "public_subnets" {
  default = {
    "public_subnet_1" = 1
    "public_subnet_2" = 2
    "public_subnet_3" = 3
  }
}
```

Save your files and issue a terrraform init and terraform apply to build out the infrastructure.

```
terraform init
terraform apply
```

```
Plan: 25 to add, 0 to change, 0 to destroy.
```





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```
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
```

Task 2: Utilize the terraform show command to show state information

You can issue a terraform show to see the resources that were created by Terraform.

```
terraform show
```

```
# aws_eip.nat_gateway_eip:
resource "aws_eip" "nat_gateway_eip" {
   domain
                        = "vpc"
                        = "eipalloc-0260c99a3a7a12677"
   id
   network_border_group = "us-east-1"
   public_dns = "ec2-3-92-117-57.compute-1.amazonaws.com"
                       = "3.92.117.57"
   public_ip
   public_ipv4_pool = "amazon"
...Redacted for brevity...
# tls_private_key.generated:
resource "tls_private_key" "generated" {
   algorithm
                              = "RSA"
                              = "P224"
   ecdsa_curve
                              = "999595a596d4b949afefcc27746a9c32b3582667
   id
   private_key_pem = (sensitive value)
   public_key_fingerprint_md5 = "8e:c1:c9:5c:05:85:62:b4:bb:fc:2e:45:5a:
       b9:93:4a"
                              = <<-EOT
   public_key_openssh
       ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAABAQDLwvogPirs6RgzNkh68RK+Nq//
           Pqi1fucmSQfzv2N71ofzaxl4KiaNabCzWqVfUVQZGUoJ2Ype8Lvv0383QUlgBZxZQjIMbBcAsr5l6
           +jEkFY1tPQdhN43tLrlRsMhaKtbM3aiXMaNJdGNlEIvNsu948+
           yn4ROtnUmvpvmKms147RAToEm/2Yw2VK+Fi3C/BXLlBv7A0+1i+
           ZMtxcRQ1GCTqvel12TsWxctPcR9LzzxeDBH8AnAjfAXf1E4eLvqALuE7Ap/
           yRv0g+zn60d1y7DtN25E9rC60ovV8EFWgjuWBVP64JSDw3v60BGsn6FU3
   EOT
   public_key_pem
                              = <<-EOT
       ----BEGIN PUBLIC KEY----
       MIIBIjANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQEFAAOCAQ8AMIIBCgKCAQEAy8L6ID4q70kYMzZIevES
       vjav/z6otX7nJkkH879je9aH82sZeComjWmws1qlX1FUGRlKCdmKXvC779N/N0FJ
       YAWcWUIyDGwXALK+ZeratVRmdBDetrh4vXWHEtVH/oxJBWNbT0HYTeN7S65UbDIW
       irWzN2olzGjSXRjZRCLzbLvePPsp+ETrZ1Jr6b5iprNeO0QE6BJv9mMNlSvhYtwv
```





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You will note that there is a lot of information Terraform stores about all the resources it manages within it's state file. To view and manage these resources in an easier way we will use the terraform state command.

Task 3: Utilize the terraform state command to show state information

You can issue a terraform state to see the options for performing more granualar operations related to the resources stored within Terraform state.

```
terraform state
```

```
Usage: terraform [global options] state <subcommand> [options] [args]
 This command has subcommands for advanced state management.
 These subcommands can be used to slice and dice the Terraform state.
 This is sometimes necessary in advanced cases. For your safety, all
  state management commands that modify the state create a timestamped
 backup of the state prior to making modifications.
 The structure and output of the commands is specifically tailored to
     work
 well with the common Unix utilities such as grep, awk, etc. We recommend
 using those tools to perform more advanced state tasks.
Subcommands:
                        List resources in the state
    list
                        Move an item in the state
    mν
    pull
                        Pull current state and output to stdout
    push
                        Update remote state from a local state file
    replace-provider
                        Replace provider in the state
                        Remove instances from the state
    rm
```



show

Show a resource in the state



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Task 4: Utilize the terraform state command to list resource information

You can issue a terraform state list in either workspace to see the resources that each of the workspaces is managing.

```
terraform state list
```

```
data.aws_ami.ubuntu
data.aws_ami.ubuntu_16_04
data.aws_ami.windows_2019
data.aws_availability_zones.available
data.aws_region.current
aws_eip.nat_gateway_eip
aws_instance.web_server
aws_internet_gateway.internet_gateway
aws_key_pair.generated
aws_nat_gateway.nat_gateway
aws_route_table.private_route_table
aws_route_table.public_route_table
aws_route_table_association.private["private_subnet_1"]
aws_route_table_association.private["private_subnet_2"]
aws_route_table_association.private["private_subnet_3"]
aws_route_table_association.public["public_subnet_1"]
aws_route_table_association.public["public_subnet_2"]
aws_route_table_association.public["public_subnet_3"]
aws_security_group.ingress-ssh
aws_security_group.vpc-ping
aws_security_group.vpc-web
aws_subnet.private_subnets["private_subnet_1"]
aws_subnet.private_subnets["private_subnet_2"]
aws_subnet.private_subnets["private_subnet_3"]
aws_subnet.public_subnets["public_subnet_1"]
aws_subnet.public_subnets["public_subnet_2"]
aws_subnet.public_subnets["public_subnet_3"]
aws_vpc.vpc
local_file.private_key_pem
tls_private_key.generated
```

Task 5: Utilize the terraform state command to show resource information

You can issue a terraform state show in either workspace to see the resources that each of the workspaces is managing.

```
terraform state show aws_instance.web_server
```





```
# aws_instance.web_server:
resource "aws_instance" "web_server" {
                                           = "ami-083654bd07b5da81d"
    ami
    arn
                                           = "arn:aws:ec2:us-east
       -1:508140242758:instance/i-0f87913a4b4da9db5"
    associate_public_ip_address
                                           = true
                                           = "us-east-1b"
    availability_zone
    cpu_core_count
                                          = 1
    cpu_threads_per_core
                                          = 1
                                          = false
    disable_api_termination
    ebs_optimized
                                          = false
    get_password_data
                                          = false
    hibernation
                                          = false
                                           = "i-0f87913a4b4da9db5"
    instance_initiated_shutdown_behavior = "stop"
                                           = "running"
    instance state
    instance_type
                                           = "t2.micro"
    ipv6_address_count
                                           = 0
    ipv6_addresses
                                           = []
                                          = "MyAWSKey"
    key_name
    monitoring
    primary_network_interface_id
                                         = "eni-04039cf0944805906"
    private_dns
                                          = "ip-10-0-101-91.ec2.internal"
                                          = "10.0.101.91"
    private_ip
                                          = "3.236.193.131"
    public_ip
    secondary_private_ips
                                          = []
    security_groups
                                           = T
        "sg-003059856f83334c0",
        "sg-0986589e4d7cdc719",
        "sg-0b9c402b6331dcb1e",
    source_dest_check
                                           = true
    subnet_id
                                           = "subnet-0ea34d249acab1fdb"
    tags
        "Name" = "Web EC2 Server"
    }
                                           = {
    tags_all
        "Environment" = "default"
        "Name" = "Web EC2 Server"
"Owner" = "TF Hands On Lab"
        "Owner" = "IF Hands On Lab"
"Project" = "Infrastructure as Code"
        "Terraform" = "true"
    }
                                           = "default"
    tenancy
    vpc_security_group_ids
                                           = [
        "sg-003059856f83334c0",
        "sg-0986589e4d7cdc719",
        "sg-0b9c402b6331dcb1e",
```





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```
capacity_reservation_specification {
       capacity_reservation_preference = "open"
   }
   credit_specification {
       cpu_credits = "standard"
   enclave_options {
       enabled = false
   metadata_options {
                                  = "enabled"
       http_endpoint
       http_put_response_hop_limit = 1
       http_tokens
                                  = "optional"
   }
   root_block_device {
       delete_on_termination = true
       device_name = "/dev/sda1"
                            = false
       encrypted
                            = 100
       iops
                            = {}
       tags
       throughput
                           = 0
       volume_id
                           = "vol-04c74f0003ac59c4c"
                            = 8
       volume_size
                            = "gp2"
       volume_type
   }
}
```

The terraform state command can also be used to manipulate state information. Rather than modify the state directly, the terraform state commands can be used in many cases instead. This includes moving, replacing, and overwriting resources and state information.

Note: Modifying state information directly is typically not required and should only be used in advanced cases. For your safety, all state management commands that modify the state create a timestamped backup of the state prior to making modifications. Exercise caution.

The output and command-line structure of the state subcommands is designed to be usable with Unix command-line tools such as grep, awk, and similar PowerShell commands.





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Reference

Terraform State Command

