

infrastructure as code with Terraform



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**With Great Automation
Comes Great Responsibility**

**Write and execute code
to define, deploy and update
infrastructure**

the path of a startup

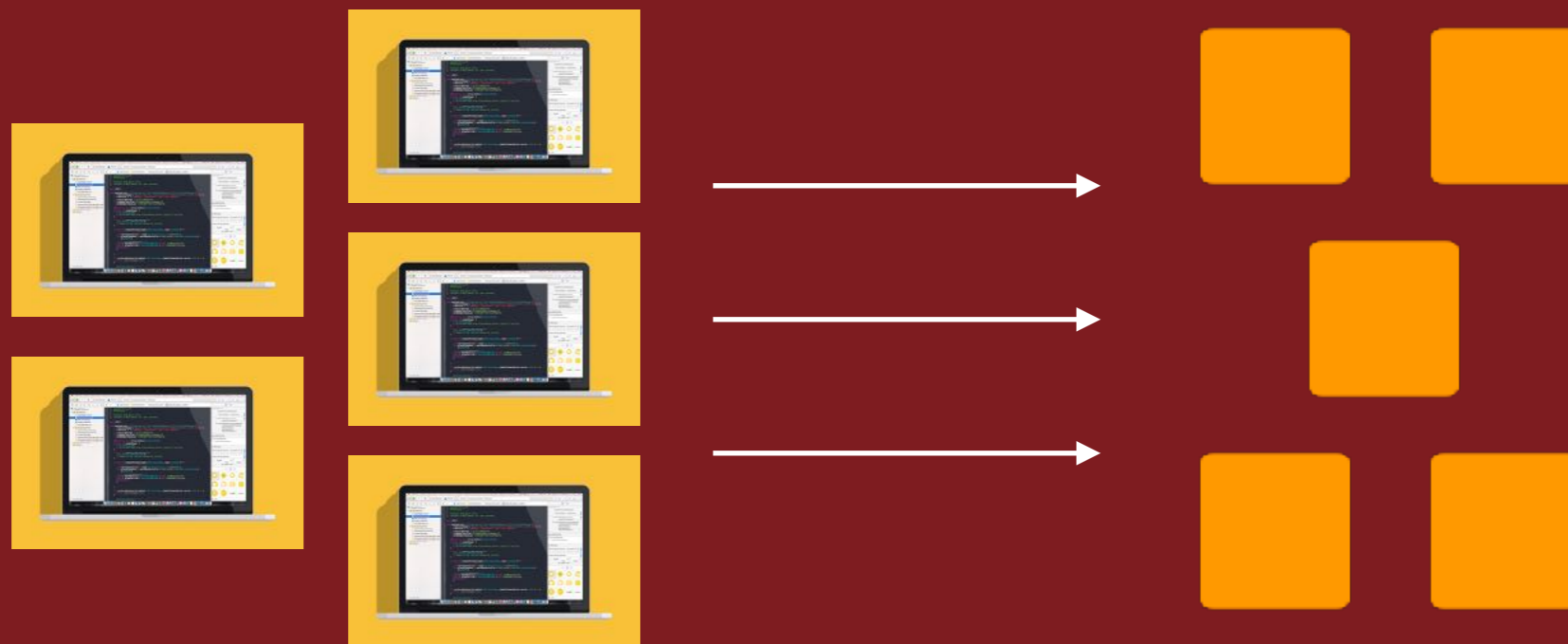
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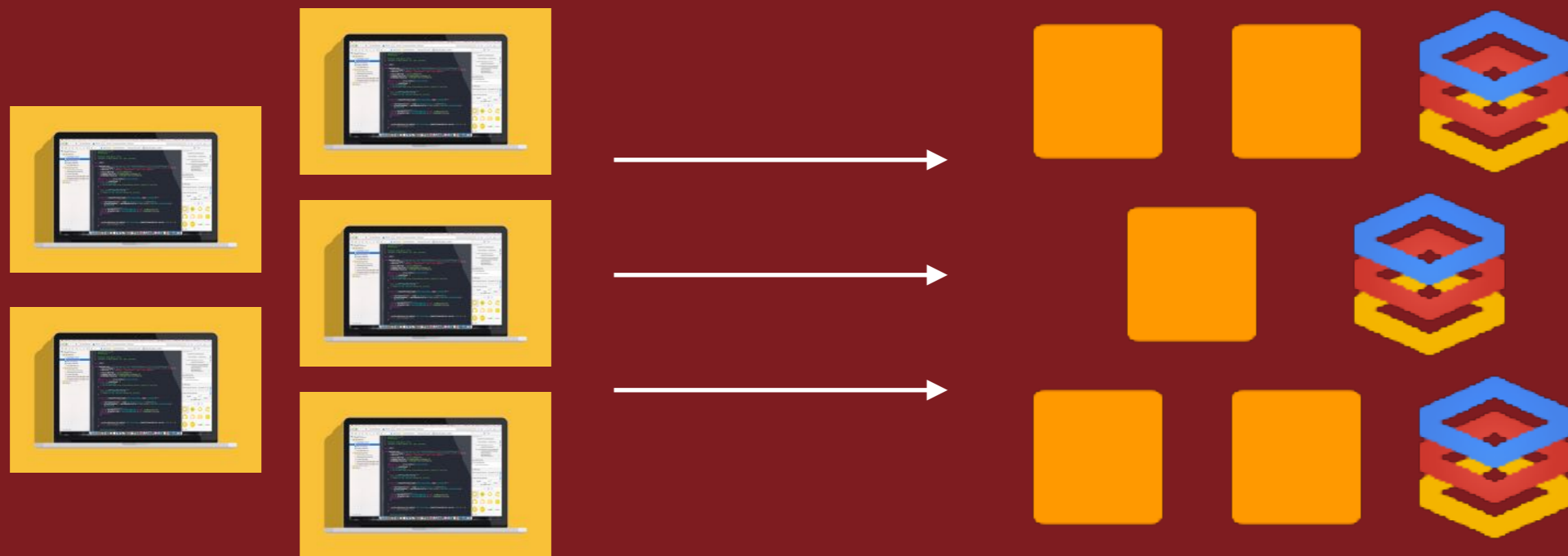
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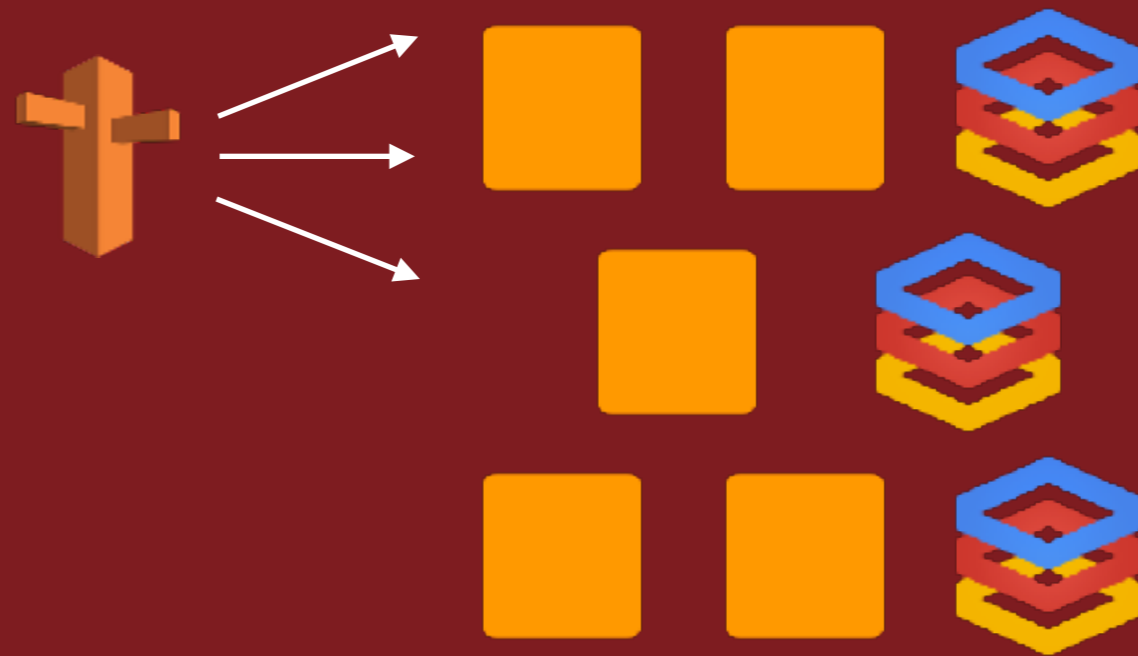
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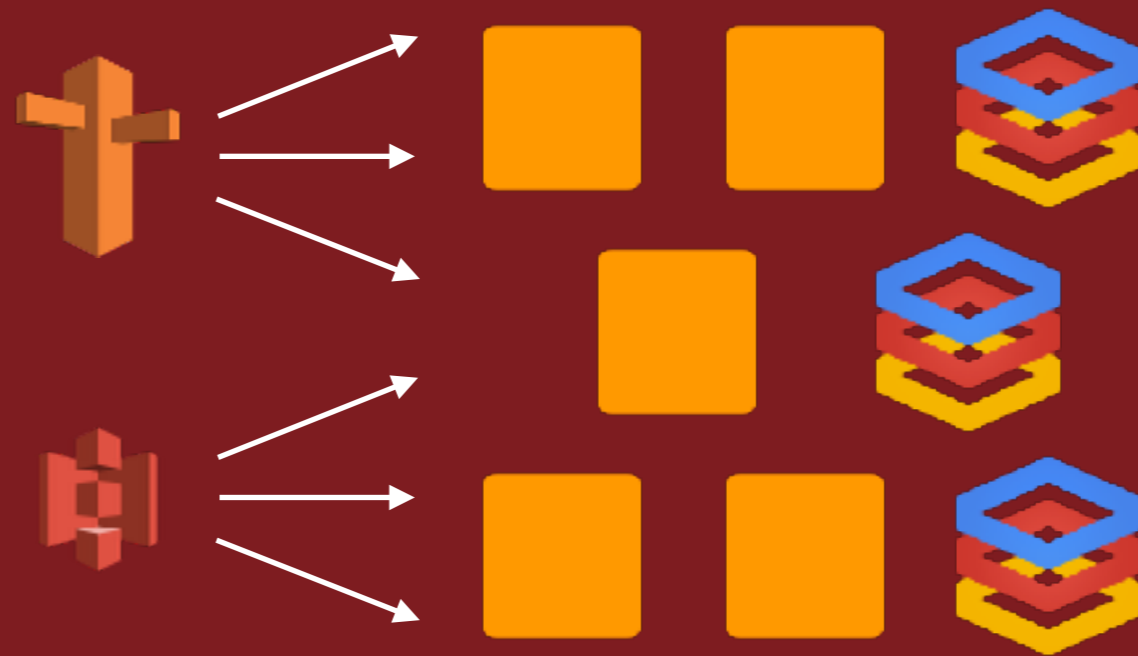
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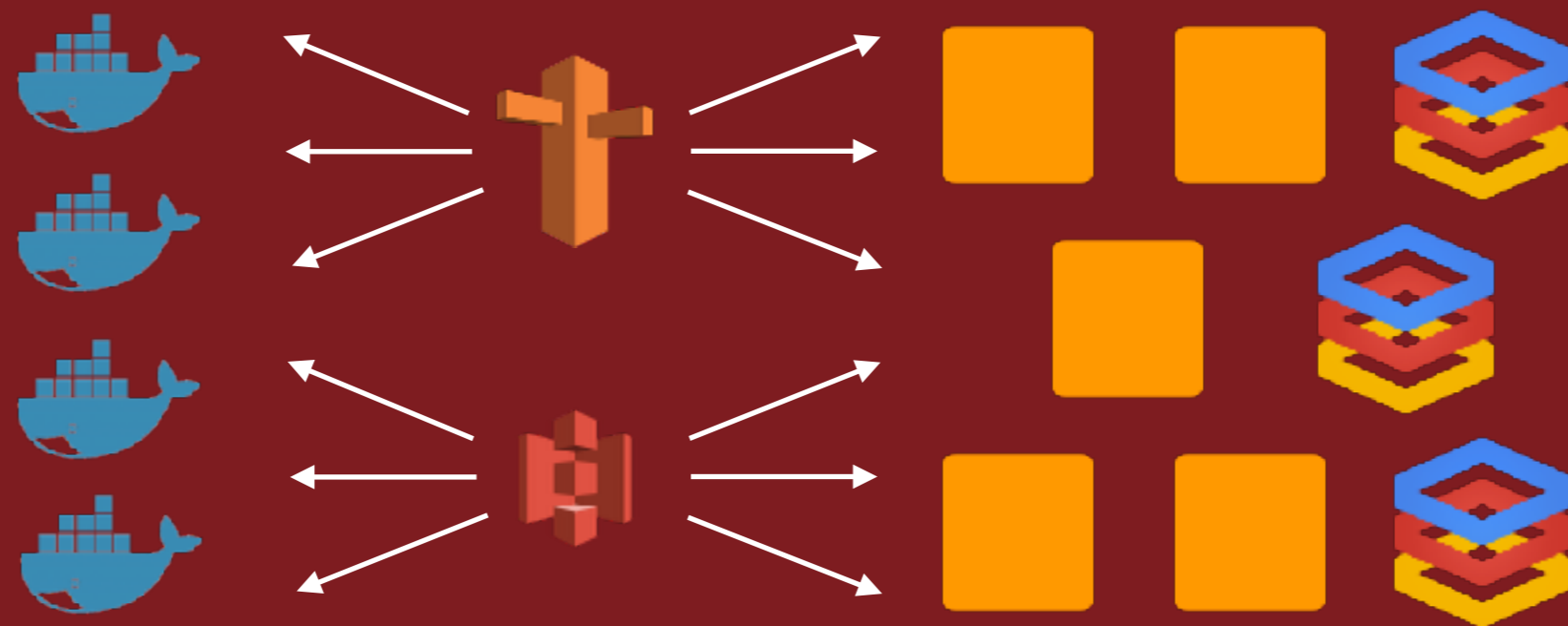
Day 5, let's use a Cloud DNS



Day 6, let's use a Cloud Storage



Day 7, Docker is cool! We need to use containers



and...
this is how you get

IAAC/Why?

from a

basic cloud infrastructure

to a

complex cloud infrastructure

(in just 7 days)

how to?

- ▶ **keep track of your inventory**
- ▶ **manage changes**
- ▶ **control the lifecycle of your resource**
- ▶ **manage different resource among different cloud provider**

IAAC/Why?



terraform

iaac allow us to:

- ▶ **avoid human errors in infrastructure creation**
- ▶ **avoid repetitive, time consuming tasks**
- ▶ **version control and code review**
- ▶ **knowledge sharing**

so it's like
ansible...puppet...chef?

IAAC/Why?

NO

configuration management:

- ▶ designed to install and manage software
- ▶ do not know the actual state of the infrastructure
- ▶ build for mutable infrastructure



during a scale out



- ec2:
count: 10
image: ami-v1
instance_type: t2.micro



```
resource "aws_instance" "example" {  
  count = 10  
  ami = "ami-v1"  
  instance_type = "t2.micro"  
}
```

n° of instances	n° of instances
10	10

during a scale out



- ec2:

count: ~~10~~ 15

image: ami-v1

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}
```

n° of
instances

n° of
instances

25

15

why not Cloud Formation?



multi-provider support



and..

- ▶ **generates an execution plan**
- ▶ **possible to write custom plugin**
- ▶ **use of HCL language**
- ▶ **open source**
- ▶ **saves current state of infrastructure**

creating an ec2 instance

```
resource "aws_instance" "web" {  
  ami          = "ami-fff61890"  
  instance_type = "t1.small"  
}
```

creating an ec2 instance

```
resource "resource_type" "resource_name" {  
  param_name = "param_value"  
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}
```

the path of a startup
with **Terraform**

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```
resource "aws_instance" "web" {  
  ami          = "ami-fff61890"  
  instance_type = "t2.small"  
}
```

```
resource "aws_instance" "backoffice" {  
  ami          = "ami-fff61890"  
  instance_type = "t2.medium"  
}
```

Day 3, let's hire more developers



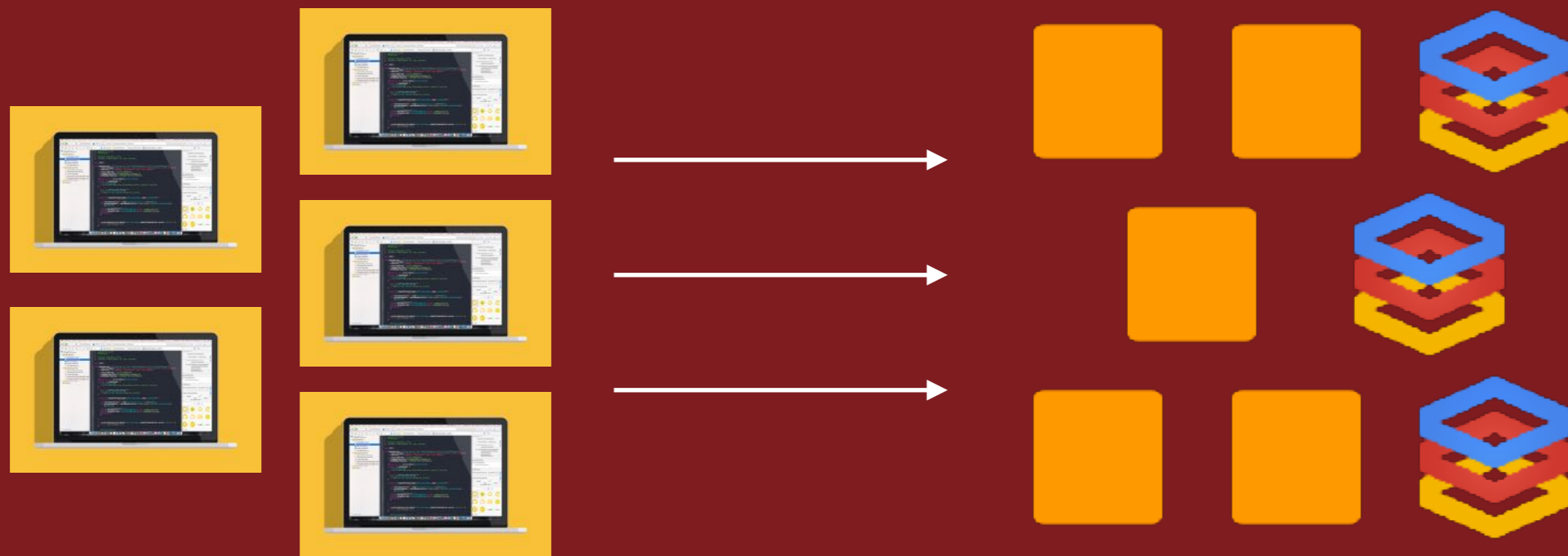
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```
git init  
git add my_infrastructure.tf  
git commit -m "first commit"  
git push origin master
```

Day 3, let's hire more developers

```
git clone  
vim my_infrastructure.tf  
#add more instances  
git add my_infrastructure.tf  
git commit -m "add more instances"  
git push origin master
```

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```
resource "google_compute_instance" "default" {  
  name          = "stage"  
  machine_type  = "n1-standard-1"  
  zone         = "europe-west1-b"  
}
```

and so on...

under the hood

Configure your provider

```
provider "aws" {  
  access_key      = "ACCESS_KEY"  
  secret_key     = "SECRET_KEY"  
  region         = "eu-central-1"  
}
```

Create your infrastructure as code

```
resource "aws_instance" "web" {  
  ami          = "ami-fff61890"  
  instance_type = "t2.small"  
}
```

Plan your infrastructure

\$ terraform plan

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- ▶ **it will generate a .tfstate**
- ▶ **tfstate file will store the last state of the infrastructure**

Apply your infrastructure

```
$ terraform apply
```

```
aws_instance.web: Creating...
```

```
ami: "" => "ami-fff61890"
```

```
instance_type: "" => "t2.small"
```

```
aws_instance.web: Creation complete
```

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

Show your infrastructure

`$ terraform show`

Read and print the tfstate file

Show your infrastructure

aws_instance.web:

id = i-0f69bd4ff0a5879ed

ami = ami-88ca94e8

associate_public_ip_address = true

availability_zone = us-west-1a

ephemeral_block_device.# = 0

instance_state = running

instance_type = t2.small

private_dns = ip-172-31-30-80.us-west-1.compute.internal

private_ip = 172.31.30.80

public_dns = ec2-52-53-227-74.us-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com

public_ip = 52.53.227.74

Update your infrastructure

```
resource "aws_instance" "web" {  
  ami          = "ami-fff61890"  
  instance_type = "t2.small"  
}
```


Update your infrastructure

```
resource "aws_instance" "web" {  
  ami          = "ami-fff61890"  
  # instance_type = "t2.small"  
  instance_type = "t2.medium"  
}
```

Plan your update

`$ terraform plan`

Generate an execution plan

Plan your update

```
$ terraform plan
```

```
aws_instance.web: Refreshing state... (ID: i-0f69bd4ff0a5879ed)
```

```
data.aws_availability_zones.available: Refreshing state...
```

```
-/+ aws_instance.web
```

```
  instance_state:      "running" => "<computed>"
```

```
  instance_type:      "t2.small" => "t2.medium" (forces new  
resource)
```

tfstate

1. Read local tfstate

2. Compare with current status

3. Generate an execution plan

tfplan

Apply your infrastructure

`$ terraform apply`

1. Apply the execution plan
2. Update the tfstate

Destroy your infrastructure

```
$ terraform plan -destroy
```

Generate an execution plan for the
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data.aws_availability_zones.available: Refreshing state...  
- aws_instance.web
```

Destroy your infrastructure

```
$ terraform destroy
```

Apply the destroy execution plan

Destroy your infrastructure

```
$ terraform destroy
```

```
aws_instance.web: Destroying...
```

```
aws_instance.web: Destruction complete
```

```
Destroy complete! Resources: 1 destroyed.
```

demo

2016 DevOps Report *

- ▶ **24x faster to recover from failure**
- ▶ **50% less time to find issues**
- ▶ **200x more deploys**
- ▶ **2.2x engineer happiness**



References

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thx