

Terraform

Terraform - A more versatile tool than you thought

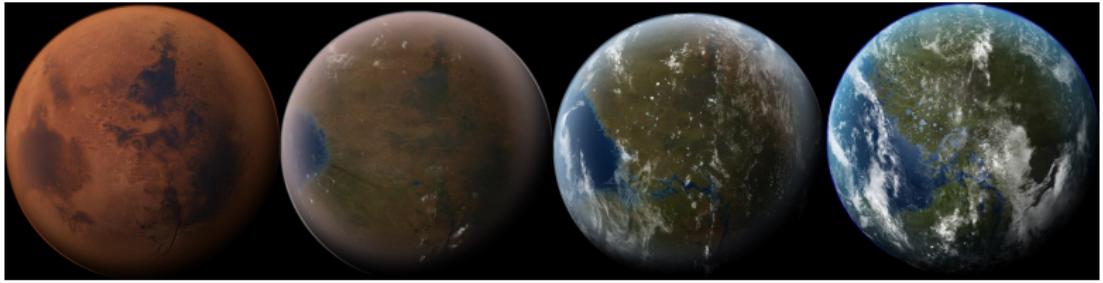


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Terraforming - General description



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- ▶ Infrastructure-as-code
- ▶ Hashicorp (Vagrant, Vault, Packer)

Terraform - Short introduction



- ▶ Codified API-calls in declarative configuration files
- ▶ Open-Source

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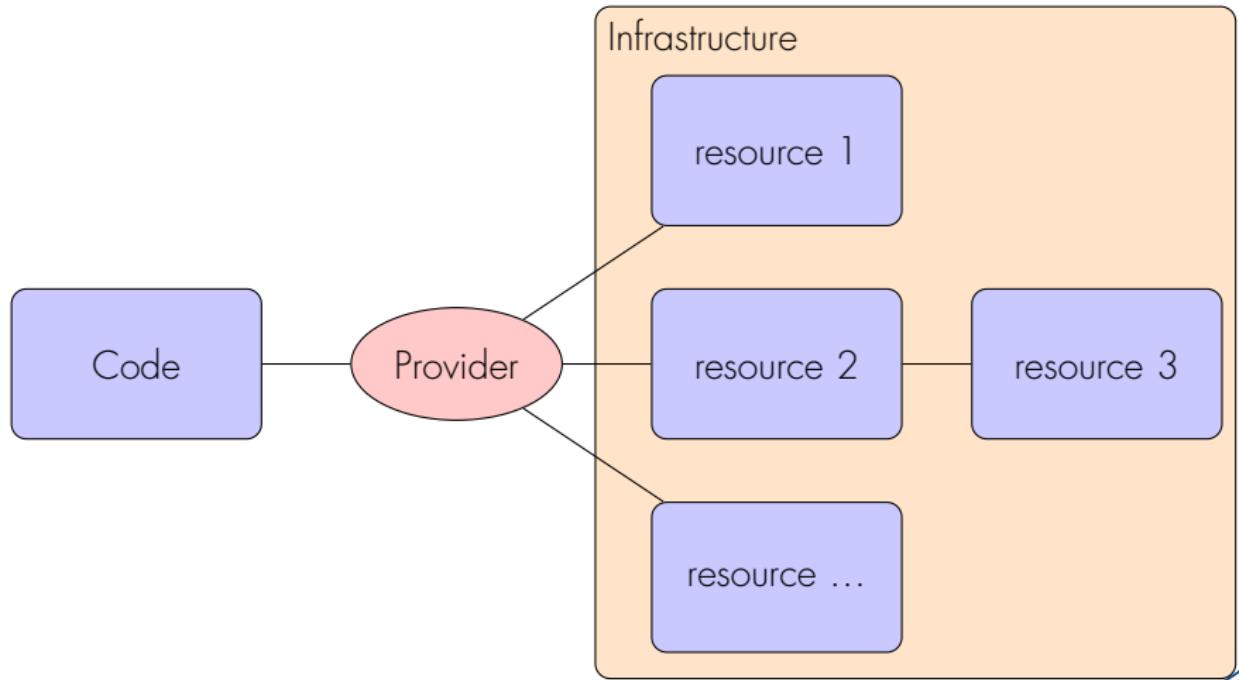
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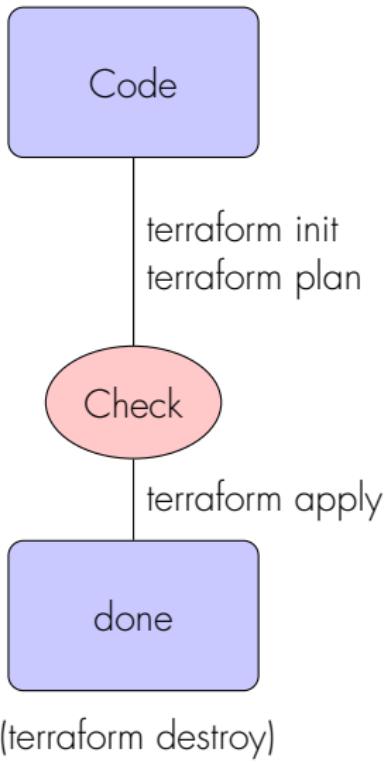
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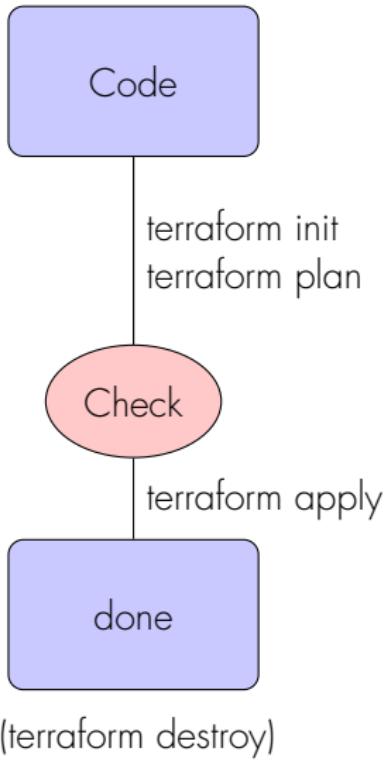
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variables.tf :

```
variable "region" {  
    description = "Region to be used"  
}
```

terraform.tfvars :

```
region = "eu-central-1"
```

Code :

```
region = var.region
```

⇒ Can be combined with modules

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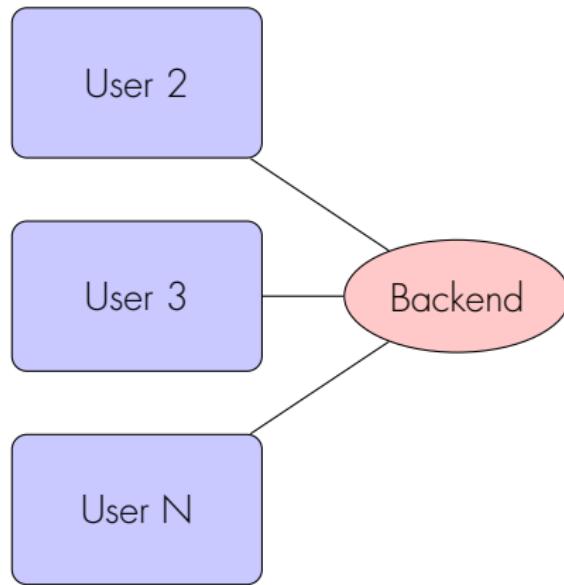
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Working together - Backends



Just create a VM with a static NGINX

Example AWS

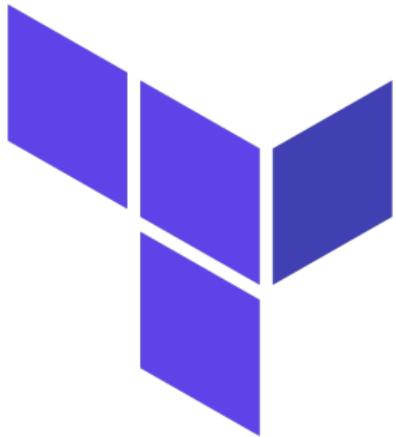


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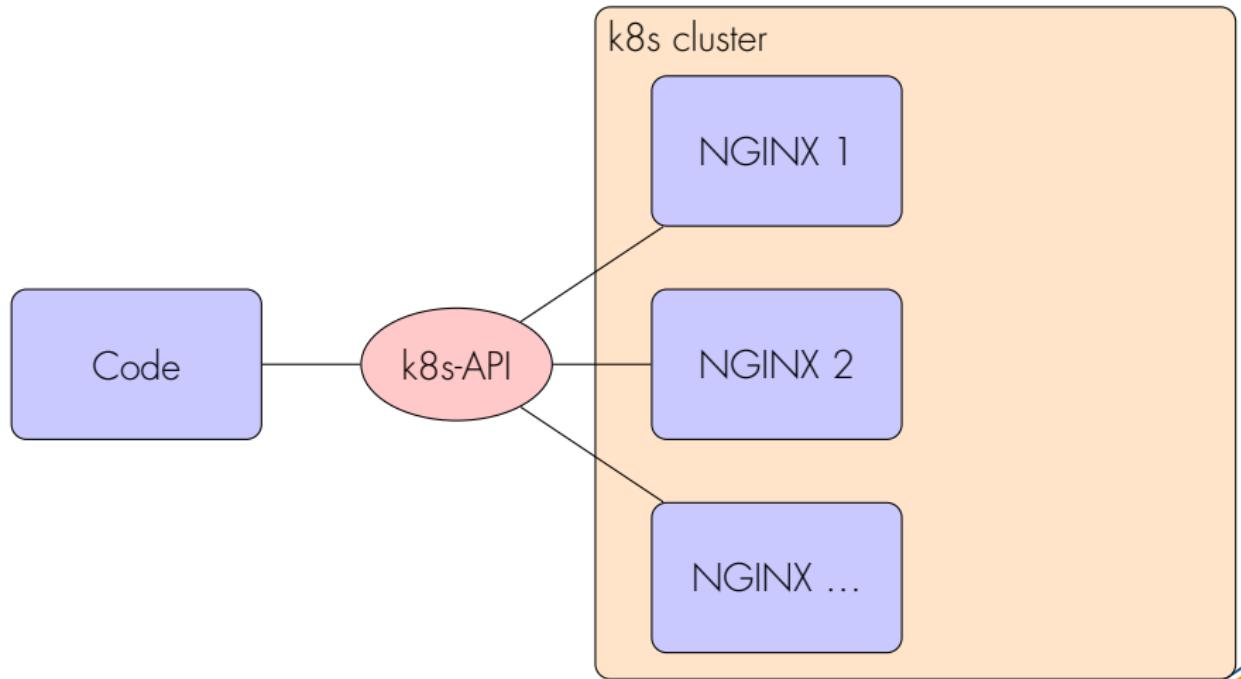
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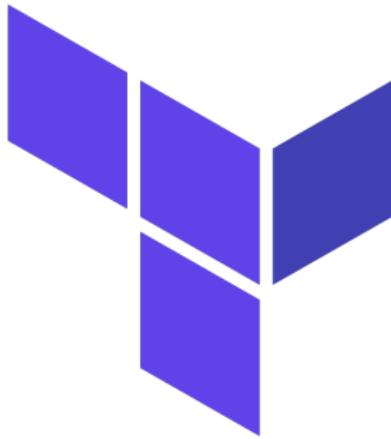
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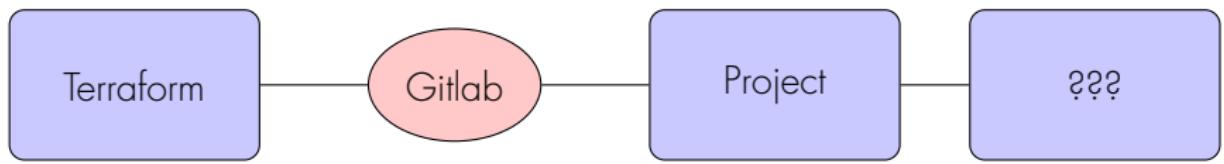
Terraform k8s - Schema



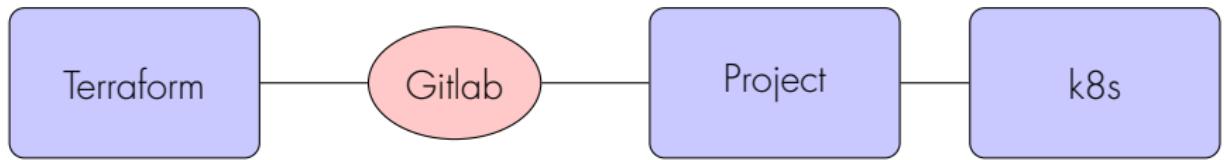
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Terraform, Gitlab and k8s



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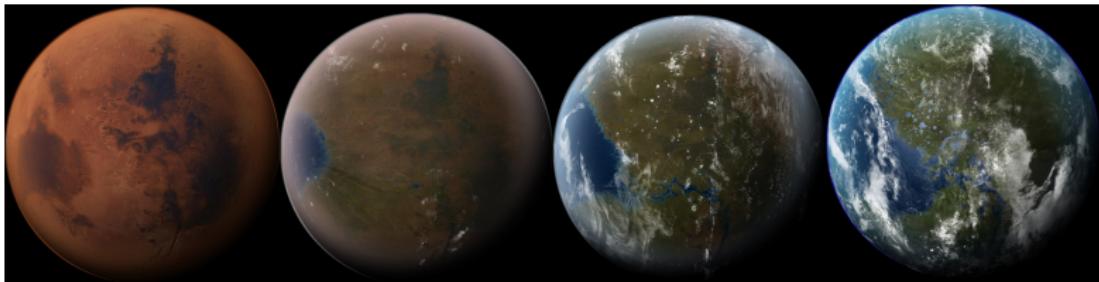
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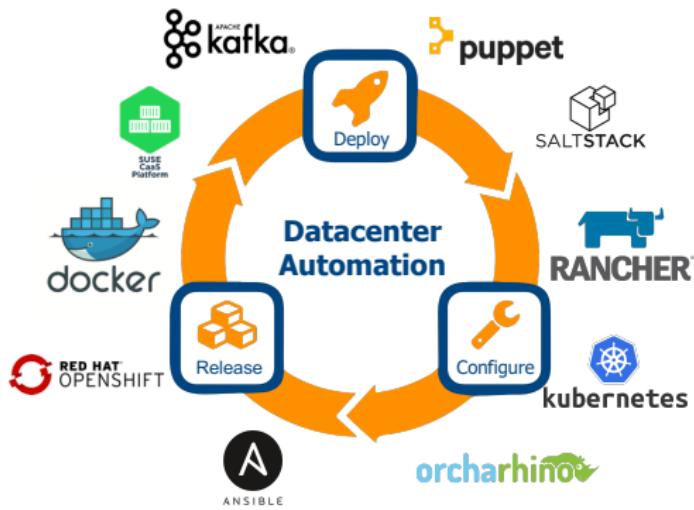
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