

# HashiCorp

## Exam Questions Terraform-Associate-003

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#### NEW QUESTION 1

You have to initialize a Terraform backend before it can be configured.

- A. True
- B. False

**Answer: B**

#### Explanation:

You can configure a backend in your Terraform code before initializing it. Initializing a backend will store the state file remotely and enable features like locking and workspaces. References = [Terraform Backends]

#### NEW QUESTION 2

You've used Terraform to deploy a virtual machine and a database. You want to replace this virtual machine instance with an identical one without affecting the database. What is the best way to achieve this using Terraform?

- A. Use the terraform state rm command to remove the VM from state file
- B. Use the terraform taint command targeting the VMs then run terraform plan and terraform apply
- C. Use the terraform apply command targeting the VM resources only
- D. Delete the Terraform VM resources from your Terraform code then run terraform plan and terraform apply

**Answer: B**

#### Explanation:

The terraform taint command marks a resource as tainted, which means it will be destroyed and recreated on the next apply. This way, you can replace the VM instance without affecting the database or other resources. References = [Terraform Taint]

#### NEW QUESTION 3

How does Terraform determine dependencies between resources?

- A. Terraform requires resource dependencies to be defined as modules and sourced in order
- B. Terraform automatically builds a resource graph based on resources provisioners, special meta-parameters, and the state file (if present)
- C. Terraform requires resources in a configuration to be listed in the order they will be created to determine dependencies
- D. Terraform requires all dependencies between resources to be specified using the depends\_on parameter

**Answer: B**

#### Explanation:

This is how Terraform determines dependencies between resources, by using the references between them in the configuration files and other factors that affect the order of operations.

#### NEW QUESTION 4

You must initialize your working directory before running terraform validate.

- A. True
- B. False

**Answer: A**

#### Explanation:

You must initialize your working directory before running terraform validate, as it will ensure that all the required plugins and modules are installed and configured properly. If you skip this step, you may encounter errors or inconsistencies when validating your configuration files.

#### NEW QUESTION 5

Why would you use the -replace flag for terraform apply?

- A. You want Terraform to ignore a resource on the next apply
- B. You want Terraform to destroy all the infrastructure in your workspace
- C. You want to force Terraform to destroy a resource on the next apply
- D. You want to force Terraform to destroy and recreate a resource on the next apply

**Answer: D**

#### Explanation:

The -replace flag is used with the terraform apply command when there is a need to explicitly force Terraform to destroy and then recreate a specific resource during the next apply. This can be necessary in situations where a simple update is insufficient or when a resource must be re-provisioned to pick up certain changes.

#### NEW QUESTION 6

When should you use the force-unlock command?

- A. You have a high priority change
- B. Automatic unlocking failed
- C. apply failed due to a state lock

D. You see a status message that you cannot acquire the lock

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

You should use the force-unlock command when automatic unlocking failed. Terraform will lock your state for all operations that could write state, such as plan, apply, or destroy. This prevents others from acquiring the lock and potentially corrupting your state. State locking happens automatically on all operations that could write state and you won't see any message that it is happening. If state locking fails, Terraform will not continue. You can disable state locking for most commands with the -lock flag but it is not recommended. If acquiring the lock is taking longer than expected, Terraform will output a status message. If Terraform doesn't output a message, state locking is still occurring if your backend supports it. Terraform has a force-unlock command to manually unlock the state if unlocking failed. Be very careful with this command. If you unlock the state when someone else is holding the lock it could cause multiple writers. Force unlock should only be used to unlock your own lock in the situation where automatic unlocking failed. To protect you, the force-unlock command requires a unique lock ID. Terraform will output this lock ID if unlocking fails. This lock ID acts as a nonce, ensuring that locks and unlocks target the correct lock. The other situations are not valid reasons to use the force-unlock command. You should not use the force-unlock command if you have a high priority change, if apply failed due to a state lock, or if you see a status message that you cannot acquire the lock. These situations indicate that someone else is holding the lock and you should wait for them to finish their operation or contact them to resolve the issue. Using the force-unlock command in these cases could result in data loss or inconsistency. References = [State Locking], [Command: force-unlock]

**NEW QUESTION 7**

terraform validate confirms that your infrastructure matches the Terraform state file.

- A. True
- B. False

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

terraform validate does not confirm that your infrastructure matches the Terraform state file. It only checks whether the configuration files in a directory are syntactically valid and internally consistent<sup>3</sup>. To confirm that your infrastructure matches the Terraform state file, you need to use terraform plan or terraform apply with the -refresh- only option.

**NEW QUESTION 8**

In Terraform HCL, an object type of object({name=string, age=number}) would match this value.

A)

```
{
  name = "John"
  age  = fifty two
}
```

B)

```
{
  name = "John"
  age  = 52
}
```

C)

```
{
  name = John
  age  = "52"
}
```

D)



- A. Option A
- B. Option B
- C. Option C
- D. Option D

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 9

Which command should you run to check if all code in a Terraform configuration that references multiple modules is properly formatted without making changes?

- A. terraform fmt -write=false
- B. terraform fmt -list -recursive
- C. terraform fmt -check -recursive
- D. terraform fmt -check

**Answer:** C

#### Explanation:

This command will check if all code in a Terraform configuration that references multiple modules is properly formatted without making changes, and will return a non-zero exit code if any files need formatting. The other commands will either make changes, list the files that need formatting, or not check the modules.

#### NEW QUESTION 10

Your DevOps team is currently using the local backend for your Terraform configuration. You would like to move to a remote backend to store the state file in a central location. Which of the following backends would not work?

- A. Artifactory
- B. Amazon S3
- C. Terraform Cloud
- D. Git

**Answer:** D

#### Explanation:

This is not a valid backend for Terraform, as it does not support locking or versioning of state files<sup>4</sup>. The other options are valid backends that can store state files in a central location.

#### NEW QUESTION 10

Only the user that generated a plan may apply it.

- A. True
- B. False

**Answer:** B

#### Explanation:

Any user with permission to apply a plan can apply it, not only the user that generated it. This allows for collaboration and delegation of tasks among team members.

#### NEW QUESTION 13

What are some benefits of using Sentinel with Terraform Cloud/Terraform Cloud? Choose three correct answers.

- A. You can restrict specific resource configurations, such as disallowing the use of CIDR=0.0.0.0/0.
- B. You can check out and check in cloud access keys
- C. Sentinel Policies can be written in HashiCorp Configuration Language (HCL)
- D. Policy-as-code can enforce security best practices
- E. You can enforce a list of approved AWS AMLs

**Answer:** ADE

#### Explanation:

Sentinel is a policy-as-code framework that allows you to define and enforce rules on your Terraform configurations, states, and plans<sup>1</sup>. Some of the benefits of using Sentinel with Terraform Cloud/Terraform Enterprise are:

- You can restrict specific resource configurations, such as disallowing the use of CIDR=0.0.0.0/0, which would open up your network to the entire internet. This can help you prevent misconfigurations or security vulnerabilities in your infrastructure<sup>2</sup>.
- Policy-as-code can enforce security best practices, such as requiring encryption, authentication, or compliance standards. This can help you protect your data

and meet regulatory requirements<sup>3</sup>.

•You can enforce a list of approved AWS AMIs, which are pre-configured images that contain the operating system and software you need to run your applications. This can help you ensure consistency, reliability, and performance across your infrastructure<sup>4</sup>. References =

- 1: Terraform and Sentinel | Sentinel | HashiCorp Developer
- 2: Terraform Learning Resources: Getting Started with Sentinel in Terraform Cloud
- 3: Exploring the Power of HashiCorp Terraform, Sentinel, Terraform Cloud ??
- 4: Using New Sentinel Features in Terraform Cloud – Medium

#### NEW QUESTION 15

You should run terraform fmt to rewrite all Terraform configurations within the current working directory to conform to Terraform-style conventions.

- A. True
- B. False

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

You should run terraform fmt to rewrite all Terraform configurations within the current working directory to conform to Terraform-style conventions. This command applies a subset of the Terraform language style conventions, along with other minor adjustments for readability. It is recommended to use this command to ensure consistency of style across different Terraform codebases. The command is optional, opinionated, and has no customization options, but it can help you and your team understand the code more quickly and easily. References = : Command: fmt : Using Terraform fmt Command to Format Your Terraform Code

#### NEW QUESTION 18

As a developer, you want to ensure your plugins are up to date with the latest versions. Which Terraform command should you use?

- A. terraform refresh -upgrade
- B. terraform apply -upgrade
- C. terraform init -upgrade
- D. terraform providers -upgrade

**Answer:** C

#### Explanation:

This command will upgrade the plugins to the latest acceptable version within the version constraints specified in the configuration. The other commands do not have an - upgrade option.

#### NEW QUESTION 22

You add a new resource to an existing Terraform configuration, but do not update the version constraint in the configuration. The existing and new resources use the same provider. The working contains a .terraform.lock, hc1 file.

How will Terraform choose which version of the provider to use?

- A. Terraform will use the version recorded in your lock file
- B. Terraform will use the latest version of the provider for the new resource and the version recorded in the lock file to manage existing resources
- C. Terraform will check your state file to determine the provider version to use
- D. Terraform will use the latest version of the provider available at the time you provision your new resource

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

This is how Terraform chooses which version of the provider to use, when you add a new resource to an existing Terraform configuration, but do not update the version constraint in the configuration. The lock file records the exact version of each provider that was installed in your working directory, and ensures that Terraform will always use the same provider versions until you run terraform init -upgrade to update them.

#### NEW QUESTION 23

What feature stops multiple users from operating on the Terraform state at the same time?

- A. State locking
- B. Version control
- C. Provider constraints
- D. Remote backends

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

State locking prevents other users from modifying the state file while a Terraform operation is in progress. This prevents conflicts and data loss<sup>1</sup>.

#### NEW QUESTION 28

A module can always refer to all variables declared in its parent module.

- A. True
- B. False

**Answer:** B

#### Explanation:

A module cannot always refer to all variables declared in its parent module, as it needs to explicitly declare input variables and assign values to them from the parent module??s arguments. A module cannot access the parent module??s variables directly, unless they are passed as input arguments.

**NEW QUESTION 31**

Setting the TF\_LOG environment variable to DEBUG causes debug messages to be logged into stdout.

- A. True
- B. False

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

Setting the TF\_LOG environment variable to DEBUG causes debug messages to be logged into stdout, along with other log levels such as TRACE, INFO, WARN, and ERROR. This can be useful for troubleshooting or debugging purposes.

**NEW QUESTION 32**

Which of the following is not a valid string function in Terraform?

- A. choaf
- B. join
- C. Split
- D. slice

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

This is not a valid string function in Terraform. The other options are valid string functions that can manipulate strings in various ways.

**NEW QUESTION 33**

Which configuration consistency errors does terraform validate report?

- A. Terraform module isn't the latest version
- B. Differences between local and remote state
- C. Declaring a resource identifier more than once
- D. A mix of spaces and tabs in configuration files

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

Terraform validate reports configuration consistency errors, such as declaring a resource identifier more than once. This means that the same resource type and name combination is used for multiple resource blocks, which is not allowed in Terraform. For example, resource "aws\_instance" "example" {...} cannot be used more than once in the same configuration. Terraform validate does not report errors related to module versions, state differences, or formatting issues, as these are not relevant for checking the configuration syntax and structure. References = [Validate Configuration], [Resource Syntax]

**NEW QUESTION 35**

In a Terraform Cloud workspace linked to a version control repository speculative plan run start automatically commit changes to version control.

- A. True
- B. False

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

When you use a remote backend that needs authentication, HashiCorp recommends that you:

**NEW QUESTION 40**

How could you reference an attribute from the vsphere\_datacenter data source for use with the datacenter\_id argument within the vsphere\_folder resource in the following configuration?

```
data "vsphere_datacenter" "dc" {}

resource "vsphere_folder" "parent" {
  path = "Production"
  type = "vm"
  datacenter_id = _____
}
```

- A. Data.vsphere\_datacenter.DC.id
- B. Vsphere\_datacenter.dc.id



- C. Data,dc,id
- D. Data.vsphere\_datacenter,dc

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

The correct way to reference an attribute from the vsphere\_datacenter data source for use with the datacenter\_id argument within the vsphere\_folder resource in the following configuration is data.vsphere\_datacenter.dc.id. This follows the syntax for accessing data source attributes, which is data.TYPE.NAME.ATTRIBUTE. In this case, the data source type is vsphere\_datacenter, the data source name is dc, and the attribute we want to access is id. The other options are incorrect because they either use the wrong syntax, the wrong punctuation, or the wrong case. References = [Data Source: vsphere\_datacenter], [Data Source: vsphere\_folder], [Expressions: Data Source References]

**NEW QUESTION 41**

You have deployed a new webapp with a public IP address on a cloud provider. However, you did not create any outputs for your code. What is the best method to quickly find the IP address of the resource you deployed?

- A. In a new folder, use the terraform\_remote\_state data source to load in the state file, then write an output for each resource that you find the state file
- B. Run terraform state list to find the name of the resource, then terraform state show to find the attributes including public IP address
- C. Run terraform output ip\_address to view the result
- D. Run terraform destroy then terraform apply and look for the IP address in stdout

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

This is a quick way to inspect the state file and find the information you need without modifying anything<sup>5</sup>. The other options are either incorrect or inefficient.

**NEW QUESTION 44**

Which of these are secure options for storing secrets for connecting to a Terraform remote backend? Choose two correct answers.

- A. A variable file
- B. Defined in Environment variables
- C. Inside the backend block within the Terraform configuration
- D. Defined in a connection configuration outside of Terraform

**Answer:** BD

**Explanation:**

Environment variables and connection configurations outside of Terraform are secure options for storing secrets for connecting to a Terraform remote backend. Environment variables can be used to set values for input variables that contain secrets, such as backend access keys or tokens. Terraform will read environment variables that start with TF\_VAR\_ and match the name of an input variable. For example, if you have an input variable called backend\_token, you can set its value with the environment variable TF\_VAR\_backend\_token1. Connection configurations outside of Terraform are files or scripts that provide credentials or other information for Terraform to connect to a remote backend. For example, you can use a credentials file for the S3 backend<sup>2</sup>, or a shell script for the HTTP backend<sup>3</sup>. These files or scripts are not part of the Terraform configuration and can be stored securely in a separate location. The other options are not secure for storing secrets. A variable file is a file that contains values for input variables. Variable files are usually stored in the same directory as the Terraform configuration or in a version control system. This exposes the secrets to anyone who can access the files or the repository. You should not store secrets in variable files<sup>1</sup>. Inside the backend block within the Terraform configuration is where you specify the type and settings of the remote backend. The backend block is part of the Terraform configuration and is usually stored in a version control system. This exposes the secrets to anyone who can access the configuration or the repository. You should not store secrets in the backend block<sup>4</sup>. References = [Terraform Input Variables]<sup>1</sup>, [Backend Type: s3]<sup>2</sup>, [Backend Type: http]<sup>3</sup>, [Backend Configuration]<sup>4</sup>

**NEW QUESTION 49**

Which of the following are advantages of using infrastructure as code (IaC) instead of provisioning with a graphical user interface (GUI)? Choose two correct answers.

- A. Prevents manual modifications to your resources
- B. Lets you version, reuse, and share infrastructure configuration
- C. Secures your credentials
- D. Provisions the same resources at a lower cost
- E. Reduces risk of operator error

**Answer:** BE

**Explanation:**

Infrastructure as code (IaC) is a way of managing and provisioning cloud infrastructure using programming techniques instead of manual processes<sup>1</sup>. IaC has many advantages over using a graphical user interface (GUI) for provisioning infrastructure, such as:

- Versioning: IaC allows you to store your infrastructure configuration in a version control system, such as Git, and track changes over time. This enables you to roll back to previous versions, compare differences, and collaborate with other developers<sup>2</sup>.
- Reusability: IaC allows you to create reusable modules and templates that can be applied to different environments, such as development, testing, and production. This reduces duplication, improves consistency, and speeds up deployment<sup>3</sup>.
- Sharing: IaC allows you to share your infrastructure configuration with other developers, teams, or organizations, and leverage existing code from open source repositories or registries. This fosters best practices, innovation, and standardization<sup>4</sup>.
- Risk reduction: IaC reduces the risk of human error, configuration drift, and security breaches that can occur when provisioning infrastructure manually or using a GUI. IaC also enables you to perform automated testing, validation, and compliance checks on your infrastructure before deploying it<sup>5</sup>. References =

- 1: What is Infrastructure as Code? Explained for Beginners - freeCodeCamp.org
- 2: The benefits of Infrastructure as Code - Microsoft Community Hub
- 3: Infrastructure as Code : Best Practices, Benefits & Examples - Spacelift
- 4: 5 Benefits of Infrastructure as Code (IaC) for Modern Businesses in the Cloud
- 5: The 7 Biggest Benefits of Infrastructure as Code - DuploCloud

**NEW QUESTION 54**

You are using a networking module in your Terraform configuration with the name label my-network. In your main configuration you have the following code:

```
output "net_id" {  
  value = module.my_network.vnet_id  
}
```

When you run terraform validate, you get the following error:

```
Error: Reference to undeclared output value  
  
on main.tf line 12, in output "net_id":  
12:   value = module.my_network.vnet_id
```

What must you do to successfully retrieve this value from your networking module?

- A. Change the reference value to my-network,outputs,vmet\_id
- B. Define the attribute vmet\_id as a variable in the networking modeule
- C. Define the attribute vnet\_id as an output in the networking module
- D. Change the reference value module.my,network,outputs,vnet\_id

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

This is what you must do to successfully retrieve this value from your networking module, as it will expose the attribute as an output value that can be referenced by other modules or resources. The error message indicates that the networking module does not have an output value named vnet\_id, which causes the reference to fail.

**NEW QUESTION 57**

What does state locking accomplish?

- A. Prevent accidental Prevent accident deletion of the state file
- B. Blocks Terraform commands from modifying, the state file
- C. Copies the state file from memory to disk
- D. Encrypts any credentials stored within the state file

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

This is what state locking accomplishes, by preventing other users from modifying the state file while a Terraform operation is in progress. This prevents conflicts and data loss.

**NEW QUESTION 58**

You have a Terraform configuration that defines a single virtual machine with no references to it, You have run terraform apply to create the resource, and then removed the resource definition from your Terraform configuration file.

What will happen you run terraform apply in the working directory again?

- A. Terraform will remove the virtual machine from the state file, but the resource will still exist
- B. Nothing
- C. Terraform will error
- D. Terraform will destroy the virtual machine

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

This is what will happen if you run terraform apply in the working directory again, after removing the resource definition from your Terraform configuration file. Terraform will detect that there is a resource in the state file that is not present in the configuration file, and will assume that you want to delete it.

**NEW QUESTION 59**

Which Terraform command checks that your configuration syntax is correct?

- A. terraform validate
- B. terraform init
- C. terraform show
- D. terraform fmt

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

The terraform validate command is used to check that your Terraform configuration files are syntactically valid and internally consistent. It is a useful command for ensuring your Terraform code is error-free before applying any changes to your infrastructure.

**NEW QUESTION 64**

Once you configure a new Terraform backend with a terraform code block, which command(s) should you use to migrate the state file?

- A. terraform destroy, then terraform apply
- B. terraform init
- C. terraform push
- D. terraform apply



**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

This command will initialize the new backend and prompt you to migrate the existing state file to the new location<sup>4</sup>. The other commands are not relevant for this task.

**NEW QUESTION 65**

Your security team scanned some Terraform workspaces and found secrets stored in plaintext in state files. How can you protect that data?

- A. Edit your state file to scrub out the sensitive data
- B. Always store your secrets in a secrets.tfvars file
- C. Delete the state file every time you run Terraform
- D. Store the state in an encrypted backend

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

This is a secure way to protect sensitive data in the state file, as it will be encrypted at rest and in transit<sup>2</sup>. The other options are not recommended, as they could lead to data loss, errors, or security breaches.

**NEW QUESTION 67**

What is the provider for this resource?

```
resource "aws_vpc" "main" {  
    name = "test"  
}
```

- A. Vpc
- B. Test
- C. Main
- D. aws

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

In the given Terraform configuration snippet: resource "aws\_vpc" "main" {  
name = "test"  
}

The provider for the resource aws\_vpc is aws. The provider is specified by the prefix of the resource type. In this case, aws\_vpc indicates that the resource type vpc is provided by the aws provider.

References:

? Terraform documentation on providers: Terraform Providers

**NEW QUESTION 70**

Terraform providers are part of the Terraform core binary.

- A. True
- B. False

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

Terraform providers are not part of the Terraform core binary. Providers are distributed separately from Terraform itself and have their own release cadence and version numbers. Providers are plugins that Terraform uses to interact with various APIs, such as cloud providers, SaaS providers, and other services. You can find and install providers from the Terraform Registry, which hosts providers for most major infrastructure platforms. You can also load providers from a local mirror or cache, or develop your own custom providers. To use a provider in your Terraform configuration, you need to declare it in the provider requirements block and optionally configure its settings in the provider

block. References = : Providers - Configuration Language | Terraform : Terraform Registry

- Providers Overview | Terraform

**NEW QUESTION 72**

A developer accidentally launched a VM (virtual machine) outside of the Terraform workflow and ended up with two servers with the same name. They don't know which VM Terraform manages but do have a list of all active VM IDs.

Which of the following methods could you use to discover which instance Terraform manages?

- A. Run terraform state list to find the names of all VMs, then run terraform state show for each of them to find which VM ID Terraform manages
- B. Update the code to include outputs for the ID of all VMs, then run terraform plan to view the outputs
- C. Run terraform taint/code on all the VMs to recreate them
- D. Use terraform refresh/code to find out which IDs are already part of state

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

The terraform state list command lists all resources that are managed by Terraform in the current state file<sup>1</sup>. The terraform state show command shows the attributes of a single resource in the state file<sup>2</sup>. By using these two commands, you can compare the VM IDs in your list with the ones in the state file and identify which one is managed by Terraform.

**NEW QUESTION 77**

When does Sentinel enforce policy logic during a Terraform Cloud run?

- A. Before the plan phase
- B. During the plan phase
- C. Before the apply phase
- D. After the apply phase

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

Sentinel policies are checked after the plan stage of a Terraform run, but before it can be confirmed or the terraform apply is executed<sup>3</sup>. This allows you to enforce rules on your infrastructure before it is created or modified.

**NEW QUESTION 82**

Multiple team members are collaborating on infrastructure using Terraform and want to format the\* Terraform code following standard Terraform-style convention. How should they ensure the code satisfies conventions?

- A. Terraform automatically formats configuration on terraform apply
- B. Run terraform validate prior to executing terraform plan or terraform apply
- C. Use terraform fmt
- D. Replace all tabs with spaces

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

The terraform fmt command is used to format Terraform configuration files to a canonical format and style. This ensures that all team members are using a consistent style, making the code easier to read and maintain. It automatically applies Terraform's standard formatting conventions to your configuration files, helping maintain consistency across the team's codebase.

References:

? Terraform documentation on terraform fmt: Terraform Fmt

**NEW QUESTION 87**

How can terraform plan aid in the development process?

- A. Initializes your working directory containing your Terraform configuration files
- B. Validates your expectations against the execution plan without permanently modifying state
- C. Formats your Terraform configuration files
- D. Reconciles Terraform's state against deployed resources and permanently modifies state using the current status of deployed resources

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

The terraform plan command is used to create an execution plan. It allows you to see what actions Terraform will take to reach the desired state defined in your configuration files. It evaluates the current state and configuration, showing a detailed outline of the resources that will be created, updated, or destroyed. This is a critical step in the development process as it helps you verify that the changes you are about to apply will perform as expected, without actually modifying any state or infrastructure.

References:

? Terraform documentation on terraform plan: Terraform Plan

**NEW QUESTION 88**

Which of the following should you put into the required\_providers block?

- A. version >= 3.1
- B. version = ??>= 3.1??
- C. version ~> 3.1

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

The required\_providers block is used to specify the provider versions that the configuration can work with. The version argument accepts a version constraint string, which must be enclosed in double quotes. The version constraint string can use operators such as >=, ~>, =, etc. to specify the minimum, maximum, or exact version of the provider. For example, version = ">= 3.1" means that the configuration can work with any provider version that is 3.1 or higher. References = [Provider Requirements] and [Version Constraints]

**NEW QUESTION 92**

What does Terraform not reference when running a terraform apply -refresh-only ?

- A. State file
- B. Credentials
- C. Cloud provider
- D. Terraform resource definitions in configuration files

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

When running a terraform apply -refresh-only, Terraform does not reference the configuration files, but only the state file, credentials, and cloud provider. The purpose of this command is to update the state file with the current status of the real resources, without making any changes to them<sup>1</sup>.

**NEW QUESTION 94**

You decide to move a Terraform state file to Amazon S3 from another location. You write the code below into a file called backend.tf.

```
terraform {  
  backend "s3" {  
    bucket = "my-tf-bucket"  
    region = "us-east-1"  
  }  
}
```

Which command will migrate your current state file to the new S3 remote backend?

- A. terraform state
- B. terraform init
- C. terraform push
- D. terraform refresh

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

This command will initialize the new backend and prompt you to migrate the existing state file to the new location<sup>3</sup>. The other commands are not relevant for this task.

**NEW QUESTION 95**

backends support state locking.

- A. All
- B. No
- C. Some
- D. Only local

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

Some backends support state locking, which prevents other users from modifying the state file while a Terraform operation is in progress. This prevents conflicts and data loss. Not all backends support this feature, and you can check the documentation for each backend type to see if it does.

**NEW QUESTION 96**

What is one disadvantage of using dynamic blocks in Terraform?

- A. Dynamic blocks can construct repeatable nested blocks
- B. Terraform will run more slowly
- C. They cannot be used to loop through a list of values
- D. They make configuration harder to read and understand

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

This is one disadvantage of using dynamic blocks in Terraform, as they can introduce complexity and reduce readability of the configuration. The other options are either advantages or incorrect statements.

**NEW QUESTION 101**

Which of the following commands would you use to access all of the attributes and details of a resource managed by Terraform?

- A. terraform state list ??provider\_type.name??
- B. terraform state show ??provider\_type.name??
- C. terraform get ??provider\_type.name??
- D. terraform state list

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

The terraform state show command allows you to access all of the attributes and details of a resource managed by Terraform. You can use the resource address (e.g. provider\_type.name) as an argument to show the information about a specific resource. The terraform state list command only shows the list of resources in the state, not their attributes. The terraform get command downloads and installs modules needed for the configuration. It does not show any information about resources. References = [Command: state show] and [Command: state list]

#### NEW QUESTION 106

Select the command that doesn't cause Terraform to refresh its state.

- A. Terraform destroy
- B. Terraform apply
- C. Terraform plan
- D. Terraform state list

**Answer:** D

#### Explanation:

This is the command that does not cause Terraform to refresh its state, as it only lists the resources that are currently managed by Terraform in the state file. The other commands will refresh the state file before performing their operations, unless you use the `-refresh=false` flag.

#### NEW QUESTION 109

Which of the following module source paths does not specify a remote module?

- A. Source = `module/consul`
- B. Source = `github.com:hasicrop/example`
- C. Source = `git@github.com:hasicrop/example.git`
- D. Source = `hasicrop/consul/aws`

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

The module source path that does not specify a remote module is `source = "module/consul"`. This specifies a local module, which is a module that is stored in a subdirectory of the current working directory. The other options are all examples of remote modules, which are modules that are stored outside of the current working directory and can be accessed by various protocols, such as Git, HTTP, or the Terraform Registry. Remote modules are useful for sharing and reusing code across different configurations and environments. References = [Module Sources], [Local Paths], [Terraform Registry], [Generic Git Repository], [GitHub]

#### NEW QUESTION 113

Which command must you first run before performing further Terraform operations in a working directory?

- A. `terraform import`
- B. `terraform workspace`
- C. `terraform plan`
- D. `terraform init`

**Answer:** D

#### Explanation:

`terraform init` is the first command that should be run after writing a new Terraform configuration or cloning an existing one from version control. It initializes a working directory containing Terraform configuration files and downloads any required providers and modules. The other commands are used for different purposes, such as importing existing resources, switching between workspaces, generating execution plans, etc.

#### NEW QUESTION 115

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