
Terrascript

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1.1 About

Python-Terrascript is a Python package for generating Terraform configurations in JSON format.

Creating Terraform through a Python script offers a degree of flexibility superior to writing Terraform configurations by hand.

- Control structures like `if/else`, `for/continue/break` or `try/except/finally`.
- More string methods.
- Python functions may be used as an alternative to [Terraform Modules](#).
- Access to the Python Standard Library and third-party packages.

The file [PROVIDERS.md](#) lists all currently supported Terraform providers.

1.2 Installing Terrascript

Terrascript is available from the Python Package Repository [PyPi](#) or alternatively from its [Github](#) repository.

1.2.1 Installing Terrascript from PyPi

It is easiest to install Terrascript directly from the Python Package Index.

```
$ python3 -m pip install terrascript
```

1.2.2 Installing Terrascript from Github

Terrascript can also be installed from its [Github](#) repository.

```
$ git clone https://github.com/mjuenema/python-terrascript.git
$ cd python-terrascript/
$ git fetch
$ git fetch --tags
```

The master branch should be identical to the version on PyPi.

```
$ git checkout master
$ python3 setup.py install
```

The develop branch includes the latest changes but may not always be in a stable state. Do not use the develop branch unless you want to submit a merge request on github.

```
$ git checkout develop
$ python3 setup.py install
```

1.3 Compatibility

1.3.1 Terraform releases

‘Terraform 0.13’ added the **‘required providers’** block together with tighter integration with the [Terraform Provider Registry](#). Terrascript 0.10.x reflects this change and is *not backwards compatible* with earlier Terraform releases.

[Terraform 0.12](#) introduced some changes to how it deals with configuration files in JSON format. This is reflected in Terrascript by currently having separate releases for Terraform 0.12 and Terraform 0.11. Earlier releases of Terraform are not supported.

Ter-raform	Ter-rascript	Notes
0.13.x	0.10.x	Introduced namespaces, many more providers, supports Terraform 0.13 only
0.13.x	0.9.x	Cleanup efforts and bug fixes, dropping support for Python <3.6, supporting Terraform 0.13.x
0.12.x	0.8.x	Terrascript 0.8 are a (almost) complete rewrite
0.12.x	0.7.x	Never released
0.11.x	0.6.x	Last releases to support Terraform 0.11 and earlier

Terrascript supports Python 3.6 and later.

1.3.2 Module layout

Python-Terrascript's top-level directory layout is structured into providers, resources and data sources.

```
import terrascript
import terrascript.provider
import terrascript.resource
import terrascript.data
```

This is then further structured into *namespaces* to reflect the changes in Terraform 0.13. Below are examples for importing the modules for the

Amazon Web Services Provider which is maintained by Hashicorp.

```
import terrascript.provider.hashicorp.aws
import terrascript.resource.hashicorp.aws
import terrascript.data.hashicorp.aws
```

1.4 A first example

The following example has been taken from the official Terraform documentation for the [AWS Provider](#) and then converted into a Python script that generates the equivalent configuration in JSON syntax.

First the original Terraform HCL format, which since Terraform 0.13 must include a `required_providers` block inside the `terraform` block.

```
terraform {
  required_providers {
    aws = {
      source = "hashicorp/aws"
      version = "3.36.0"
    }
  }
}

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

resource "aws_vpc" "example" {
  cidr_block = "10.0.0.0/16"
}
```

The Terrascript code would look like this. The `required_providers` argument is supplied as a nested dictionary. In this example only the

Amazon Web Services Provider is used, which is maintained by Hashicorp.

```
import terrascript
import terrascript.provider.hashicorp.aws
import terrascript.resource.hashicorp.aws

config = terrascript.Terrascript()

# The ``required_providers`` argument is supplied as a nested dictionary.
config += terrascript.Terraform(required_providers={'aws': {'source': 'hashicorp/aws',
```

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```
                                'version': '3.36.0' }
                                })

# The provider is a module and a class:  ***.***
config += terrascript.provider.hashicorp.aws.aws(region='us-east-1')
config += terrascript.resource.hashicorp.aws.aws_vpc('example', cidr_block='10.0.0.0/
↪16')

with open('config.tf.json', 'wt') as fp:
    fp.write(str(config))
```

The content of `config.tf.json` is shown below. It is equivalent to the original HCL format.

```
{
  "terraform": {
    "required_providers": {
      "aws": {
        "source": "hashicorp/aws",
        "version": "3.36.0"
      }
    }
  },
  "provider": {
    "aws": [
      {
        "region": "us-east-1"
      }
    ]
  },
  "resource": {
    "aws_vpc": {
      "example": {
        "cidr_block": "10.0.0.0/16"
      }
    }
  }
}
```

Terrascript does not verify that the generated JSON code is a valid Terraform configuration. This is a deliberate design decision and is explained in the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#)

1.5 Links

- [Terraform](#).
- [Terraform Provider Registry](#).
- [Documentation for Python-Terrascript](#).
- [Github](#) page of Python-Terrascript.
- [Terraform JSON](#) syntax.

This section explains the different Terrascript Python classes that can be used to generate a Terraform configuration. Since release 0.8.0 all Terrascript classes are available by importing just four modules.

```
import terrascript
import terrascript.provider
import terrascript.resource
import terrascript.data
```

Note: The old layout, e.g. `import terrascript.aws.r` is still available for backward compatibility but its use is discouraged.

2.1 Provider

Providers can be found in the `terrascript.provider` module, with one class for each provider. Terrascript supports most Terraform providers. The full list can be found in [List of Providers](#).

HCL

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

provider "aws" {
  alias   = "west"
  region = "us-west-1"
}
```

Python

```
import terrascript
import terrascript.provider

config = terrascript.Terrascript()

# Amazon Web Service with aliases
config += terrascript.provider.aws(alias="east", region="us-east-1")
config += terrascript.provider.aws(alias="west", region="us-west-1")
```

JSON

```
{
  "provider": {
    "aws": [
      {
        "alias": "east",
        "region": "us-east-1"
      },
      {
        "alias": "west",
        "region": "us-west-1"
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

2.2 Resource

Resources can be found in the `terrascript.resource` module. The example below shows the original HCL syntax for creating an AWS S3 bucket and the equivalent Python code.

HCL

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

resource "aws_s3_bucket" "mybucket" {
  bucket = "mybucket"
  acl    = "private"
  tags = {
    Name           = "My bucket"
    Environment    = "Dev"
  }
}
```

Python

And here is the same as a Python script. The first argument to `terrascript.resource.aws_s3_bucket()` is the Terraform label under which it can be referenced later. Note how the `tags` is a dictionary as in the HCL syntax.

```
import terrascript
import terrascript.provider.hashicorp.aws
import terrascript.resource.hashicorp.aws
```

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```

config = terrascript.Terrascript()

# AWS provider
config += terrascript.provider.hashicorp.aws.aws(region="us-east-1")

# Add an AWS S3 bucket resource
config += terrascript.resource.hashicorp.aws.aws_s3_bucket(
    "mybucket",
    bucket="mybucket",
    acl="private",
    tags={"Name": "My bucket", "Environment": "Dev"},
)

```

JSON

```

{
  "provider": {
    "aws": [
      {
        "region": "us-east-1",
        "version": "3.60.0",
        "source": "https://github.com/hashicorp/terraform-provider-aws"
      }
    ]
  },
  "resource": {
    "aws_s3_bucket": {
      "mybucket": {
        "bucket": "mybucket",
        "acl": "private",
        "tags": {
          "Name": "My bucket",
          "Environment": "Dev"
        }
      }
    }
  }
}

```

2.3 Data Source

Data Sources are located in the `terrascript.data` module. The example creates a Google Compute Instance based on the Debian-9 image. First the Terrascript HCL syntax.

```

provider "google" {
  credentials = "${file("account.json")}"
  project     = "myproject"
  region      = "us-central1"
}

data "google_compute_image" "debian9" {
  family = "debian-9"
  project = "debian-cloud"
}

```

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```

resource "google_compute_instance" "myinstance" {
  name          = "test"
  machine_type  = "n1-standard-1"
  zone          = "us-central1-a"
  boot_disk {
    initialize_params {
      image = data.google_compute_image.debian9.self_link
    }
  }
  network_interface {
    network = "default"
    access_config {
      // Ephemeral IP
    }
  }
}

```

And the same as Python code.

```

import terrascript
import terrascript.provider
import terrascript.resource
import terrascript.data

config = terrascript.Terrascript()

# Google Cloud Compute provider
config += terrascript.provider.google(
    credentials='${file("account.json")}', project="myproject", region="us-central1"
)

# Google Compute Image (Debian 9) data source
config += terrascript.data.google_compute_image("image", family="debian-9")

# Add Google Compute Instance resource
config += terrascript.resource.google_compute_instance(
    "myinstance",
    name="myinstance",
    machine_type="n1-standard-1",
    zone="us-central1-a",
    boot_disk={
        "initialize_params": {"image": "data.google_compute_image.image.self_link"}
    },
    network_interface={"network": "default", "access_config": {}},
)

```

The example above is mostly a one-to-one adaptation of the HCL syntax. Let's make some changes to show how generating Terraform configurations through Python-Terrascript may help.

- Define the Google Compute Image family and Google Compute Instance machine type at the beginning of the script so they are easier to change.
- Reference an instance of the Python-Terrascript class `terrascript.data.google_compute_image()` as the boot disk image.

```

IMAGE_FAMILY = "debian-9"
MACHINE_TYPE = "n1-standard-1"

import terrascript
import terrascript.provider
import terrascript.resource
import terrascript.data

config = terrascript.Terrascript()

# Google Cloud Compute provider
config += terrascript.provider.google(
    credentials='${file("account.json")}', project="myproject", region="us-central1"
)

# Google Compute Image (Debian 9) data source
image = terrascript.data.google_compute_image("image", family=IMAGE_FAMILY)
config += image

# Add Google Compute Instance resource
config += terrascript.resource.google_compute_instance(
    "myinstance",
    name="myinstance",
    machine_type=MACHINE_TYPE,
    zone="us-central1-a",
    boot_disk={"initialize_params": {"image": image.self_link}},
    network_interface={"network": "default", "access_config": {}},
)

```

2.4 Variable

The `terrascript.Variable` class can be used to define variables that can be referenced later. Python-Terrascript automatically takes care of converting a reference to a Python variable into the correct Terraform JSON syntax.

HCL

```

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

variable "image_id" {
    type = string
}

resource "aws_instance" "example" {
    instance_type = "t2.micro"
    ami           = var.image_id
}

```

Python

```

import terrascript
import terrascript.provider
import terrascript.resource

```

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```

config = terrascript.Terrascript()

# AWS provider
config += terrascript.provider.aws(region="us-east-1")

# Define Variable and add to config
v = terrascript.Variable("image_id", type="string")
config += v

# AWS EC2 instance referencing the variable.
config += terrascript.resource.aws_instance(
    "example",
    instance_type="t2.micro",
    ami=v,
)

```

JSON

In the output the reference to the `image_id` has been converted from a reference to a Python variable `ami=v` to the correct Terraform JSON syntax of `${var.image_id}`.

```

{
  "provider": {
    "aws": [
      {
        "region": "us-east-1"
      }
    ]
  },
  "variable": {
    "image_id": {
      "type": "string"
    }
  },
  "resource": {
    "aws_instance": {
      "example": {
        "instance_type": "t2.micro",
        "ami": "${var.image_id}"
      }
    }
  }
}

```

2.5 Output

Output is implemented as the `terrascript.Output` class.

HCL

```

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

variable "image_id" {

```

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```

    type = string
}

resource "aws_instance" "example" {
    instance_type = "t2.micro"
    ami          = var.image_id
}

output "instance_ip_addr" {
    value          = aws_instance.server.private_ip
    description    = "The private IP address of the instance."
}

```

Python

```

import terrascript
import terrascript.provider
import terrascript.resource

config = terrascript.Terrascript()

# AWS provider
config += terrascript.provider.aws(region="us-east-1")

# Define Variable and add to config
v = terrascript.Variable("image_id", type="string")
config += v

# Define AWS EC2 instance and add to config
i = terrascript.resource.aws_instance("example", instance_type="t2.micro", ami=v)
config += i

# Output the instance's private IP
config += terrascript.Output(
    "instance_ip_addr",
    value=i.private_ip,
    description="The private IP address of the instance.",
)

```

JSON

```

{
  "provider": {
    "aws": [
      {
        "region": "us-east-1"
      }
    ]
  },
  "variable": {
    "image_id": {
      "type": "string"
    }
  },
  "resource": {
    "aws_instance": {
      "example": {

```

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```

        "instance_type": "t2.micro",
        "ami": "${var.image_id}"
    }
}
},
"output": {
    "instance_ip_addr": {
        "value": "aws_instance.example.private_ip",
        "description": "The private IP address of the instance."
    }
}
}
}

```

2.6 Module

Calls to other Terraform modules are implemented through the `terrascript.Module` class.

HCL

```

module "ec2_cluster" {
    source          = "terraform-aws-modules/ec2-instance/aws"
    version        = "~> 2.0"

    name            = "my-cluster"
    instance_count  = 5

    ami             = "ami-ebd02392"
    instance_type   = "t2.micro"
    key_name        = "user1"
    monitoring      = true
    vpc_security_group_ids = ["sg-12345678"]
    subnet_id       = "subnet-eddcddzz4"
}

```

Python

```

"""Terrascript module example based on https://registry.terraform.io/modules/
↳ terraform-aws-modules/ec2-instance/aws"""

import terrascript
import terrascript.provider

config = terrascript.Terrascript()

# AWS provider
config += terrascript.provider.aws(region="us-east-1")

# AWS EC2 module
config += terrascript.Module(
    "ec2_cluster",
    source="terraform-aws-modules/ec2-instance/aws",
    version="~> 2.0",
    name="my-cluster",
    instance_count=5,

```

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```

ami="ami-ebd02392",
instance_type="t2.micro",
key_name="user1",
monitoring=True,
vpc_security_group_ids=["sg-12345678"],
subnet_id="subnet-eddcddzz4",
)

```

JSON

```

{
  "provider": {
    "aws": [
      {
        "region": "us-east-1"
      }
    ]
  },
  "module": {
    "ec2_cluster": {
      "source": "terraform-aws-modules/ec2-instance/aws",
      "version": "~> 2.0",
      "name": "my-cluster",
      "instance_count": 5,
      "ami": "ami-ebd02392",
      "instance_type": "t2.micro",
      "key_name": "user1",
      "monitoring": true,
      "vpc_security_group_ids": [
        "sg-12345678"
      ],
      "subnet_id": "subnet-eddcddzz4"
    }
  }
}

```

2.7 Backend

HCL

```

terraform {
  backend "local" {
    path = "example_app/terraform_state"
  }
}

```

Python

```

import terrascript

config = terrascript.Terrascript()

backend = terrascript.Backend(
    "local",

```

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```
    path="example_app/terraform_state",
)

config += terrascript.Terraform(backend=backend)
```

JSON

```
{
  "terraform": {
    "backend": {
      "local": {
        "path": "example_app/terraform_state"
      }
    }
  }
}
```

2.8 Connection

2.9 Locals

Terraform local values are not supported. Use Python variables instead.

Python

```
import terrascript
import terrascript.provider
import terrascript.resource

config = terrascript.Terrascript()

# AWS provider
config += terrascript.provider.aws(region="us-east-1")

# Local values as Python variables
tags = {"service_name": "forum", "owner": "Community Team"}

# Resource with two provisioners
config += terrascript.resource.aws_instance(
    "instance1",
    instance_type="t2.micro",
    ami="ami-4bf3d731",
    tags=tags,
)
```

JSON

```
{
  "provider": {
    "aws": [
      {
        "region": "us-east-1"
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

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```

    ]
  },
  "resource": {
    "aws_instance": {
      "instance1": {
        "instance_type": "t2.micro",
        "ami": "ami-4bf3d731",
        "tags": {
          "service_name": "forum",
          "owner": "Community Team"
        }
      }
    }
  }
}

```

2.10 Provisioner

One or multiple provisioners can be added to a Terraform resource. Multiple provisioners must be added as a Python list, a single provisioner can be either on its own or inside a list.

The example adds one “create” and one “destroy” provisioner.

Python

```

import terrascript
import terrascript.provider
import terrascript.resource

config = terrascript.Terrascript()

# AWS provider
config += terrascript.provider.aws(region="us-east-1")

# Provisioners
create = terrascript.Provisioner("local-exec", command="echo 'Create'")
destroy = terrascript.Provisioner(
    "local-exec",
    when="destroy",
    command="echo 'Destroy'",
)

# Resource with two provisioners
config += terrascript.resource.aws_instance(
    "instance1",
    instance_type="t2.micro",
    ami="ami-4bf3d731",
    provisioner=[
        create,
        destroy,
    ],
)

```

JSON

```
{
  "provider": {
    "aws": [
      {
        "region": "us-east-1"
      }
    ]
  },
  "resource": {
    "aws_instance": {
      "instance1": {
        "instance_type": "t2.micro",
        "ami": "ami-4bf3d731",
        "provisioner": [
          {
            "local-exec": {
              "command": "echo 'Create'"
            }
          },
          {
            "local-exec": {
              "when": "destroy",
              "command": "echo 'Destroy'"
            }
          }
        ]
      }
    }
  }
}
```

This document lists the *Terraform* providers that are currently supported by *Terrascript*.

- *Official providers*
- *Partner providers*
- *Community providers*
- *Unsupported providers*

3.1 Official providers

Official providers can be imported with or without namespace.

```
# With namespace
import provider.hashicorp.aws
import resource.hashicorp.aws
import data.hashicorp.aws

# Without namespace
import provider.aws
import resource.aws
import data.aws
```

Terrascript currently supports the following official *Terraform* providers.

- `ad` (hashicorp/ad/0.4.3)
- `alicloud` (hashicorp/alicloud/1.136.0)
- `archive` (hashicorp/archive/2.2.0)
- `aws` (hashicorp/aws/3.60.0)
- `azuread` (hashicorp/azuread/2.4.0)

- [azurerm](#) (hashicorp/azurerm/2.78.0)
- [azurestack](#) (hashicorp/azurestack/0.10.0)
- [boundary](#) (hashicorp/boundary/1.0.5)
- [ciscoasa](#) (hashicorp/ciscoasa/1.2.0)
- [cloudinit](#) (hashicorp/cloudinit/2.2.0)
- [consul](#) (hashicorp/consul/2.13.0)
- [dns](#) (hashicorp/dns/3.2.1)
- [external](#) (hashicorp/external/2.1.0)
- [fakewebservices](#) (hashicorp/fakewebservices/0.2.1)
- [github](#) (hashicorp/github/4.15.1)
- [google](#) (hashicorp/google/3.85.0)
- [google-beta](#) (hashicorp/google-beta/3.85.0)
- [googleworkspace](#) (hashicorp/googleworkspace/0.4.1)
- [hcp](#) (hashicorp/hcp/0.17.0)
- [hcs](#) (hashicorp/hcs/0.5.0)
- [helm](#) (hashicorp/helm/2.3.0)
- [http](#) (hashicorp/http/2.1.0)
- [kubernetes](#) (hashicorp/kubernetes/2.5.0)
- [kubernetes-alpha](#) (hashicorp/kubernetes-alpha/0.6.0)
- [local](#) (hashicorp/local/2.1.0)
- [nomad](#) (hashicorp/nomad/1.4.15)
- [null](#) (hashicorp/null/3.1.0)
- [oci](#) (hashicorp/oci/4.45.0)
- [opc](#) (hashicorp/opc/1.4.1)
- [oraclepaas](#) (hashicorp/oraclepaas/1.5.3)
- [random](#) (hashicorp/random/3.1.0)
- [template](#) (hashicorp/template/2.2.0)
- [terraform](#) (hashicorp/terraform/1.0.2)
- [tfe](#) (hashicorp/tfe/0.26.1)
- [time](#) (hashicorp/time/0.7.2)
- [tls](#) (hashicorp/tls/3.1.0)
- [vault](#) (hashicorp/vault/2.24.0)
- [vsphere](#) (hashicorp/vsphere/2.0.2)

3.2 Partner providers

Partner providers can be imported with or without namespace.

```
# With namespace
import provider.akamai.akamai
import resource.akamai.akamai
import data.akamai.akamai

# Without namespace
import provider.akamai
import resource.akamai
import data.akamai
```

Terrascript currently supports the following partner *Terraform* providers.

- `akamai` (akamai/akamai/1.7.0)
- `alicloud` (aliyun/alicloud/1.136.0)
- `amixr` (alertmixer/amixr/0.2.3)
- `avi` (vmware/avi/21.1.1)
- `aviatrix` (AviatrixSystems/aviatrix/2.20.0)
- `azurecaf` (aztfmod/azurecaf/1.2.6)
- `bigip` (F5Networks/bigip/1.11.1)
- `brightbox` (brightbox/brightbox/2.0.6)
- `circonus` (circonus-labs/circonus/0.12.2)
- `cloudflare` (cloudflare/cloudflare/3.1.0)
- `cloudsmith` (cloudsmith-io/cloudsmith/0.0.6)
- `databricks` (databrickslabs/databricks/0.3.7)
- `datadog` (DataDog/datadog/3.4.0)
- `digitalocean` (digitalocean/digitalocean/2.12.0)
- `exoscale` (exoscale/exoscale/0.29.0)
- `fastly` (fastly/fastly/0.35.0)
- `fortimanager` (fortinetdev/fortimanager/1.3.4)
- `fortios` (fortinetdev/fortios/1.13.1)
- `gridscale` (gridscale/gridscale/1.13.0)
- `hcloud` (hetznercloud/hcloud/1.31.1)
- `heroku` (heroku/heroku/4.6.0)
- `launchdarkly` (launchdarkly/launchdarkly/2.0.1)
- `linode` (linode/linode/1.21.0)
- `mongodbatlas` (mongodb/mongodbatlas/1.0.1)
- `ncloud` (NaverCloudPlatform/ncloud/2.1.2)
- `netapp-cloudmanager` (NetApp/netapp-cloudmanager/21.9.2)

- [netapp-elementsw](#) (NetApp/netapp-elementsw/20.11.0)
- [netapp-gcp](#) (NetApp/netapp-gcp/21.9.0)
- [newrelic](#) (newrelic/newrelic/2.25.0)
- [ns1](#) (ns1-terraform/ns1/1.12.1)
- [nsxt](#) (vmware/nsxt/3.2.4)
- [oktaasa](#) (oktadeveloper/oktaasa/1.0.1)
- [onelogin](#) (onelogin/onelogin/0.1.23)
- [pagerduty](#) (PagerDuty/pagerduty/1.11.0)
- [pnap](#) (phoenixnap/pnap/0.8.0)
- [rancher2](#) (rancher/rancher2/1.20.0)
- [rke](#) (rancher/rke/1.2.3)
- [scaleway](#) (scaleway/scaleway/2.1.0)
- [sdm](#) (strongdm/sdm/1.0.28)
- [sematext](#) (sematext/sematext/0.4.0)
- [signalfx](#) (splunk-terraform/signalfx/6.7.7)
- [stackpath](#) (stackpath/stackpath/1.3.3)
- [sumologic](#) (SumoLogic/sumologic/2.10.0)
- [tencentcloud](#) (tencentcloudstack/tencentcloud/1.59.4)
- [transloadit](#) (transloadit/transloadit/0.4.0)
- [triton](#) (joyent/triton/0.8.2)
- [turbot](#) (turbot/turbot/1.8.2)
- [vcd](#) (vmware/vcd/3.3.1)
- [vmc](#) (vmware/vmc/1.7.0)
- [vra](#) (vmware/vra/0.3.11)
- [vra7](#) (vmware/vra7/3.0.2)
- [vultr](#) (vultr/vultr/2.4.2)
- [wavefront](#) (vmware/wavefront/3.0.0)

3.3 Community providers

Community providers must be imported with namespace.

```
# With namespace
import provider.innovationnorway.git
```

Terrascript currently supports the following community *Terraform* providers.

- [activedirectory](#) (PortOfPortland/activedirectory/0.5.1-pre)
- [ad](#) (techBeck03/ad/0.4.3-patch)

- [airtable](#) (paultyng/airtable/0.1.0)
- [ansiblevault](#) (MeilleursAgents/ansiblevault/2.2.0)
- [appdynamics](#) (HarryEMartland/appdynamics/0.1.0)
- [artifactory](#) (cappyzawa/artifactory/2.2.15)
- [asana](#) (davidji99/asana/0.1.2)
- [awslambda](#) (dedunumax/awslambda/1.0.6)
- [awsx](#) (phzietsman/awsx/1.0.0)
- [awx](#) (mrcrilly/awx/0.1.2)
- [azure-preview](#) (innovationnorway/azure-preview/0.1.0-alpha.3)
- [azuredevops](#) (ellisdon-oss/azuredevops/0.0.2)
- [berglas](#) (sethvargo/berglas/0.2.0)
- [bitbucketserver](#) (gavinbunney/bitbucketserver/1.5.0)
- [bless](#) (chanzuckerberg/bless/0.5.0)
- [cheesecake](#) (joerx/cheesecake/0.2.3)
- [christmas-tree](#) (cappyzawa/christmas-tree/0.5.2)
- [circleci](#) (TomTucka/circleci/0.4.0)
- [cloudknox](#) (cloudknox/cloudknox/0.6.0)
- [concourse](#) (cappyzawa/concourse/0.1.2)
- [confluentcloud](#) (Mongey/confluentcloud/0.0.12)
- [cosmic](#) (MissionCriticalCloud/cosmic/0.5.0)
- [cronitor](#) (nauxliu/cronitor/1.0.8)
- [ct](#) (poseidon/ct/0.9.0)
- [dbussecretservice](#) (abergmeier/dbussecretservice/0.0.6)
- [dmsnitch](#) (plukevdh/dmsnitch/0.1.2)
- [dns](#) (someara/dns/2.3.0-pre)
- [dnsimple](#) (bgpat/dnsimple/0.5.1)
- [domeneshop](#) (innovationnorway/domeneshop/0.1.0)
- [ecloud](#) (ukfast/ecloud/2.0.0)
- [eksctl](#) (mumoshu/eksctl/0.16.2)
- [elasticsearch](#) (phillbaker/elasticsearch/2.0.0-beta.1)
- [errorcheck](#) (jb-abbadie/errorcheck/2.0.4)
- [esxi](#) (josenk/esxi/1.8.3)
- [exasol](#) (abergmeier/exasol/0.0.23)
- [filesystem](#) (sethvargo/filesystem/0.2.0)
- [fortiadc](#) (Ouest-France/fortiadc/0.3.2)
- [freeipa](#) (camptocamp/freeipa/0.7.0)

- [geoserver](#) (camptocamp/geoserver/0.0.3)
- [git](#) (innovationnorway/git/0.1.3)
- [git](#) (paultyng/git/0.1.0)
- [gpg](#) (invidian/gpg/0.3.0)
- [graylog](#) (terraform-provider-graylog/graylog/1.0.4)
- [grid5000](#) (pmorillon/grid5000/0.0.7)
- [gsuite](#) (DeviaVir/gsuite/0.1.62)
- [gsuite](#) (paultyng/gsuite/0.2.2)
- [guacamole](#) (techBeck03/guacamole/1.2.7)
- [harbor](#) (Ouest-France/harbor/0.2.0)
- [hashicups](#) (hashicorp/hashicups/0.3.1)
- [hdns](#) (alxrem/hdns/0.2.0)
- [hellosign](#) (Mongey/hellosign/0.0.2)
- [helmfile](#) (mumoshu/helmfile/0.14.1)
- [herokux](#) (davidji99/herokux/0.30.3)
- [hetznerdns](#) (timohirt/hetznerdns/1.1.1)
- [honeycombio](#) (kvrhdn/honeycombio/0.1.4)
- [hsdp](#) (philips-software/hsdp/0.20.5)
- [idm](#) (DTherHtun/idm/0.0.2)
- [infoblox](#) (techBeck03/infoblox/2.0.7)
- [iptables](#) (jeremmfr/iptables/1.2.0)
- [itop](#) (Ouest-France/itop/0.6.1)
- [javascript](#) (apparentlymart/javascript/0.0.1)
- [jenkins](#) (taiidani/jenkins/0.9.0)
- [jetstream](#) (nats-io/jetstream/0.0.26)
- [jsonnet](#) (alxrem/jsonnet/1.0.3)
- [junos](#) (jeremmfr/junos/1.20.0)
- [jwt](#) (camptocamp/jwt/0.0.3)
- [k8s](#) (banzaicloud/k8s/0.9.1)
- [kafka](#) (Mongey/kafka/0.4.1)
- [kafka-connect](#) (Mongey/kafka-connect/0.2.3)
- [kibana](#) (mayjak/kibana/0.7.1)
- [kind](#) (unicell/kind/0.0.2-u2)
- [kubectrl](#) (gavinbunney/kubectrl/1.11.3)
- [kubectrl](#) (mumoshu/kubectrl/0.2.0)
- [kubeflowpipelines](#) (datarootsio/kubeflowpipelines/0.0.10)

- [lastpass](#) (nrkno/lastpass/0.5.3)
- [ldap](#) (Ouest-France/ldap/0.7.2)
- [libvirt](#) (invidian/libvirt/0.6.10-rc1)
- [loadbalancer](#) (ukfast/loadbalancer/1.0.0-alpha1)
- [lvslb](#) (jeremmfr/lvslb/1.1.0)
- [lvsnetwork](#) (jeremmfr/lvsnetwork/1.2.0)
- [matchbox](#) (poseidon/matchbox/0.4.1)
- [middesk](#) (Mongey/middesk/0.0.2)
- [mikrotik](#) (ddelnano/mikrotik/0.8.0)
- [msgraph](#) (yaegashi/msgraph/0.0.5)
- [mssql](#) (drarko/mssql/0.0.4)
- [netbox](#) (e-breuninger/netbox/0.2.4)
- [netbox](#) (innovationnorway/netbox/0.1.0-alpha.2)
- [njalla](#) (Sighery/njalla/0.9.1)
- [nomadutility](#) (AdrienneCohea/nomadutility/0.0.14)
- [null](#) (mildred/null/1.1.0)
- [okta](#) (chanzuckerberg/okta/3.10.3)
- [oktafork](#) (gavinbunney/oktafork/3.12.9)
- [openshift](#) (llongui/openshift/1.1.0)
- [opnsense](#) (kradalby/opnsense/0.0.2-pre)
- [opsgenie](#) (opsgenie/opsgenie/0.6.5)
- [orion](#) (stobias123/orion/0.3.2)
- [outlook](#) (magodo/outlook/0.0.4)
- [ovh](#) (invidian/ovh/0.9.3)
- [petstore](#) (DTherHtun/petstore/1.0.1)
- [phpipam](#) (Ouest-France/phpipam/0.6.0)
- [pingaccess](#) (iwarapter/pingaccess/0.8.0)
- [pingdom](#) (nauxliu/pingdom/1.1.2)
- [pingfederate](#) (iwarapter/pingfederate/0.0.21)
- [po](#) (greg-gajda/po/1.0.0)
- [postgresql](#) (cyrilgdn/postgresql/1.14.0)
- [puppetca](#) (camptocamp/puppetca/1.3.0)
- [puppetdb](#) (camptocamp/puppetdb/1.2.0)
- [pypi](#) (jeffwecan/pypi/0.0.9)
- [qingcloud](#) (shaowenchen/qingcloud/1.2.6)
- [rabbitmq](#) (cyrilgdn/rabbitmq/1.6.0)

- [rancher](#) (eLobeto/rancher/1.5.1)
- [restapi](#) (gavinbunney/restapi/1.15.4)
- [rollbar](#) (davidji99/rollbar/1.5.1)
- [sakuracloud](#) (saccloud/sakuracloud/2.12.0)
- [scaffolding](#) (iwarapter/scaffolding/0.0.1)
- [scaffolding](#) (unicell/scaffolding/0.0.2)
- [selectel](#) (selectel/selectel/3.6.2)
- [sendgrid](#) (davidji99/sendgrid/0.1.1)
- [sendgrid](#) (Trois-Six/sendgrid/0.1.6)
- [sentry](#) (jianyuan/sentry/0.6.0)
- [seq](#) (innovationnorway/seq/0.1.0-alpha.5)
- [shell](#) (scottwinkler/shell/1.7.7)
- [shellescape](#) (bgpat/shellescape/0.0.2)
- [snowflake](#) (chanzuckerberg/snowflake/0.25.19)
- [sops](#) (carlpett/sops/0.6.3)
- [spinnaker](#) (mercari/spinnaker/0.3.0)
- [split](#) (davidji99/split/0.2.0)
- [sql](#) (paultyng/sql/0.4.0)
- [sshcommand](#) (invidian/sshcommand/0.2.2)
- [statuspage](#) (yannh/statuspage/0.1.7)
- [stdlib](#) (invidian/stdlib/0.1.1)
- [sys](#) (mildred/sys/1.3.25)
- [systemd](#) (mildred/systemd/0.0.1)
- [teamcity](#) (jeffwecan/teamcity/1.0.1-jeffwecan-fork)
- [testing](#) (apparentlymart/testing/0.0.2)
- [tfvars](#) (innovationnorway/tfvars/0.0.1)
- [tls](#) (invidian/tls/2.2.1)
- [tls](#) (someara/tls/2.3.0-pre)
- [tozny](#) (tozny/tozny/0.14.0)
- [transip](#) (aequitas/transip/0.1.11)
- [travis](#) (bgpat/travis/0.1.6)
- [twitter](#) (paultyng/twitter/0.1.0)
- [ucloud](#) (ucloud/ucloud/1.29.0)
- [ucodecov](#) (at-wat/ucodecov/0.1.2)
- [ultradns](#) (davidji99/ultradns/2.1.0)
- [unifi](#) (paultyng/unifi/0.34.0)

- [uptimerobot](#) (invidian/uptimerobot/0.5.1-gb83a310)
- [utravis](#) (kamatama41/utravis/0.5.0)
- [vault](#) (cyrilgdn/vault/2.23.1)
- [vault](#) (jeffwecan/vault/2.11.0-withsleep)
- [vaultutility](#) (AdrienneCohea/vaultutility/0.0.3)
- [vinylDNS](#) (vinylDNS/vinylDNS/0.9.5)
- [virtualbox](#) (terra-farm/virtualbox/0.2.2-alpha.1)
- [vsphere](#) (techBeck03/vsphere/1.24.3-patch)
- [windns](#) (PortOfPortland/windns/0.5.3)
- [xenorchestra](#) (terra-farm/xenorchestra/0.21.0)
- [zerotier](#) (bltavares/zerotier/0.3.0)

3.4 Unsupported providers

The following providers are not supported.

- [aiven](#) (juniorz/aiven/0.1.0) - Failed to initialise provider
- [appd](#) (maskerade/appd/0.0.5) - Failed to initialise provider
- [flexkube](#) (invidian/flexkube/0.3.3) - Failed to initialise provider
- [googlecalendar](#) (sethvargo/googlecalendar/0.3.1) - Failed to initialise provider
- [grafana](#) (58231/grafana/0.0.2) - 58231 is not a valid Python identifier
- [ipam](#) (beauknowssoftware/ipam/0.2.6) - Failed to initialise provider
- [k8s](#) (mingfang/k8s/1.0.2) - Failed to process provider
- [kind1](#) (unicell/kind1/0.0.2-u2) - Failed to initialise provider
- [lxd](#) (arren-ru/lxd/1.4.0) - Failed to initialise provider
- [null](#) (paultyng/null/0.1.1) - Failed to initialise provider
- [null](#) (ptyng/null/0.1.1) - Failed to initialise provider
- [okta](#) (gavinbunney/okta/3.12.7) - Failed to initialise provider
- [okta](#) (oktadeveloper/okta/3.13.13) - Failed to initialise provider
- [pass](#) (camptocamp/pass/2.0.0) - pass is a Python keyword
- [safedns](#) (ukfast/safedns/1.1.2) - Failed to process provider
- [shakenfist](#) (shakenfist/shakenfist/0.2.5) - Failed to initialise provider
- [unofficial-travis](#) (kamatama41/unofficial-travis/0.5.0) - Failed to initialise provider
- [vmworkstation](#) (elsudano/vmworkstation/0.2.3) - Failed to process provider
- [zerotier](#) (someara/zerotier/0.1.47) - Failed to initialise provider

Terraform JSON format

The following sections show the JSON output Python-Terrascript generates for the different Terraform elements.

4.1 Resource

Resources are coded as nested dictionaries. The top-level key is the type of the resource. The second-level key is the name of a resource instance.

Example:

- Two `aws_instance` resources named `instance1` and `instance2`
- One `aws_subnet` resource named `subnet1`.

```
{
  "resource": {
    "aws_instance": {
      "instance1": {
        "instance_type": "t2.micro"
      },
      "instance2": {
        "instance_type": "t2.micro"
      }
    },
    "aws_subnet": {
      "subnet1": {
        "availability_zone": "usa-west-2a"
      }
    }
  }
}
```

4.2 Provider

A Terraform configuration contains one or more provider sections. Unlike resources and data sources providers don't have a name and are distinguished by their `alias` attribute instead. Therefore multiple instances of the same provider type are encoded as a list.

Example:

- Two `aws` providers with aliases `aws1` and `aws2`.
- One `google` provider with alias `google1`.

```
{
  "provider": {
    "aws": [
      {
        "region": "us-east-1",
        "alias": "aws1"
      },
      {
        "region": "us-east-2",
        "alias": "aws2"
      }
    ],
    "google": [
      {
        "region": "us-central-1",
        "alias": "google1"
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

4.3 Variable

Variables are encoded as a dictionary whose keys are the names of the variables.

Example:

- Two variables names `image_id` and `availability_zone_names`.

```
{
  "variable": {
    "image_id": {
      "type": "string"
    },
    "availability_zone_names": {
      "type": "list(string)",
      "default": [
        "us-west-1a",
        "us-west-1b"
      ]
    }
  }
}
```

4.4 Variable references

When using a variable as a attribute value for a object, a reference are used.

Example: * Variable `image_id` are used as name for instance.

```
{
  "variable": {
    "image_id": {
      "type": "string"
    }
  },
  "resource": {
    "aws_instance": {
      "instance1": {
        "instance_type": "${var.image_id}"
      }
    }
  }
}
```

4.5 Output Values

Output values are encoded as a dictionary whose keys are the names of the value.

Example:

- Output values for two resources.

```
{
  "output": {
    "instance1_ip_addr": {
      "value": "instance1.server.private_ip"
    },
    "instance2_ip_addr": {
      "value": "instance2.server.private_ip"
    },
  }
}
```

4.6 Local Values

Local values are encoded as a dictionary whose keys are the names of the value.

Example:

```
{
  "locals": {
    "service_name": "forum",
    "owner": "Community Team",
    "Service": "local.service_name",
    "Owner": "local.owner"
  }
}
```

4.7 Modules

Module calls are dictionaries keyed by the name of the module and module arguments as values.

Note: In contrast to calling existing modules, creating modules is not supported by Python-Terrascript as Python functions could be used as an alternative.

Example:

- Calling module vpc.

```
{
  "module": {
    "vpc": {
      "source": "terraform-aws-modules/vpc/aws",
      "version": "2.9.0"
    }
  }
}
```

4.8 Data Sources

Data sources are coded as nested dictionaries. The top-level key is the type of the resource. The second-level key is the name of the data source.

Example:

- Two aws_ami data sources named ami1 and ami2.

```
{
  "data": {
    "aws_ami": {
      "ami1": {
        "most_recent": true
      },
      "ami2": {
        "most_recent": true
      },
    }
  }
}
```

4.9 Expressions

4.10 Functions

Functions are encoded as text. Example: "content": "file('hello_world.txt')".

4.11 Terraform Settings

Terraform settings are a simple dictionary although the values of settings may contain nested data structures.

Example:

- Terraform backend configuration.

```
{
  "terraform": {
    "backend": {
      "s3": {
        "bucket": "mybucket "
      }
    }
  }
}
```

Frequently Asked Questions

Questions I frequently asked myself ;-)

5.1 Why no error checking?

Python-Terrascript does not perform any error checking whatsoever! This was a deliberate design decision to keep the code simple. Therefore it is perfectly possible to generate JSON output that Terraform will later reject.

```
import terrascript
import terrascript.provider
import terrascript.resource

config = terrascript.Terrascript()

config += terrascript.provider.aws(region='us-east-1')

i = terrascript.resource.aws_instance('myinstance', foo='bar')
config += i

# AWS Instance resource does not have a `foo` argument but accepts it anyway.
assert i.foo == 'bar'
```

```
{
  "provider": {
    "aws": [
      {
        "region": "us-east-1"
      }
    ]
  },
  "resource": {
    "aws_instance": {
      "myinstance": {
```

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```
"foo": "bar"
  }
}
}
```

Terraform will reject the generated JSON as the `aws_instance` resource does not accept the `foo` argument.

At an early stage I contemplated parsing the Terraform Go source code and auto-create Python code that does indeed verify whether the generated JSON configuration is valid Terraform input. This attempt proved much too difficult so I abandoned that approach.

5.2 Why is provider XYZ not supported?

All provider specific code is auto-generated through the `tools/makecode.py` script based on the list of providers in `tools/providers.yml`. So if a provider is missing it simply has not yet been added to `tools/providers.yml`.

If you believe a provider is missing simply open a new [issue](#) or submit a pull request with the missing provider added to `tools/providers.yml`.

5.3 Why is there sometimes so little progress in this project?

Python-Terrascript is a hobby project which I can only work on in my very limited spare time.

Professionally I am a Systems and Network Engineer working on an Intelligent Transport Systems project. None of its infrastructure is in the Cloud, it's all very physically located on the freeways around Melbourne, Australia. Until someone writes Terraform modules for traffic cameras or vehicle sensors my manager simply wouldn't appreciate if I spent time on **Python-Terrascript** during work hours.

5.4 Is Python-Terrascript better than writing configurations by hand?

I regard **Python-Terrascript** as an *alternative* to writing Terraform configurations by hand. Whether it is better or not is for everyone to decide for themselves.

5.5 How can I contribute to the project?

There are various ways you can contribute to the development of **Python-Terrascript**.

- **Issues:** Do not hesitate to raise an [issue](#) if you believe you found a bug or simply have a question. As the maintainer of a small Github project it is amazingly satisfying to see that there are other people out there who find **Python-Terrascript** useful. Do not get discouraged if I don't respond immediately. As mentioned earlier I can only spend limited time on **Python-Terrascript**. You will hear from me eventually.
- **Pull Requests:** Yes, *Pull Requests* are welcome but please bear in mind that this is a *personal* project and not a community project. I promise to provide an explanation if should I reject a Pull Request.
- **Documentation:** Documentation can always be improved so any support (Issues, Pull Requests) is very welcome. The biggest problem with documentation is always what may be obvious to me may not be obvious to the reader at all. I also tend to be rather terse when writing documentation which is not a good thing.

- Examples: I would like to include a collection of real-world examples of how **Python-Terrascript** is used. So if you are willing to share your code please come forward.
- Drinks: Anyone willing to catch-up for a chat over coffee (hot chocolate in my case) or beer when they are in Melbourne?

5.6 Are there any alternatives to Python-Terrascript?

I know that there are comparable projects to **Python-Terrascript**. I just haven't managed to compile a list yet. Please stand-by for updates...

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