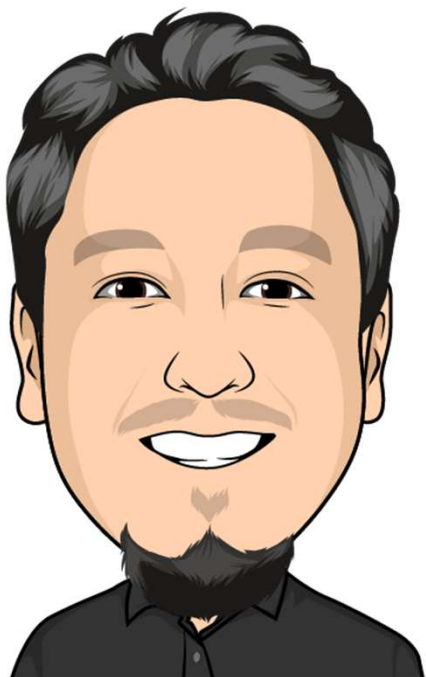


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**ARM, Bicep, knees
and toes!
Infrastructure as
code for beginners.**



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Agenda

- Who is this talk for?
- Infrastructure as Code
- Azure Resource Manager
- Tool overview
 - ARM templates
 - Bicep
 - Terraform



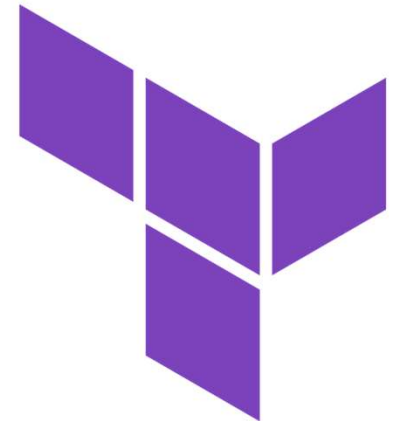
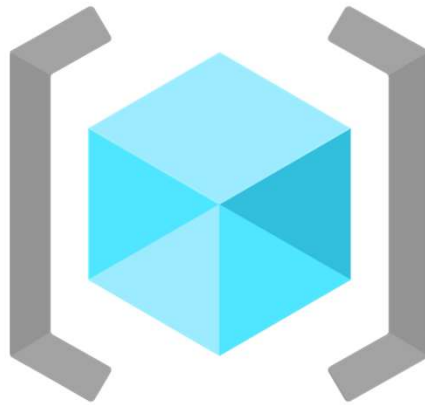
Who is this talk for?

- People completely new to IaC.
- Little experience with ARM templates.
- New to Bicep.
- New to Terraform.



Infrastructure as Code

- Deploy infrastructure in an automated, consistent and repeatable manner.

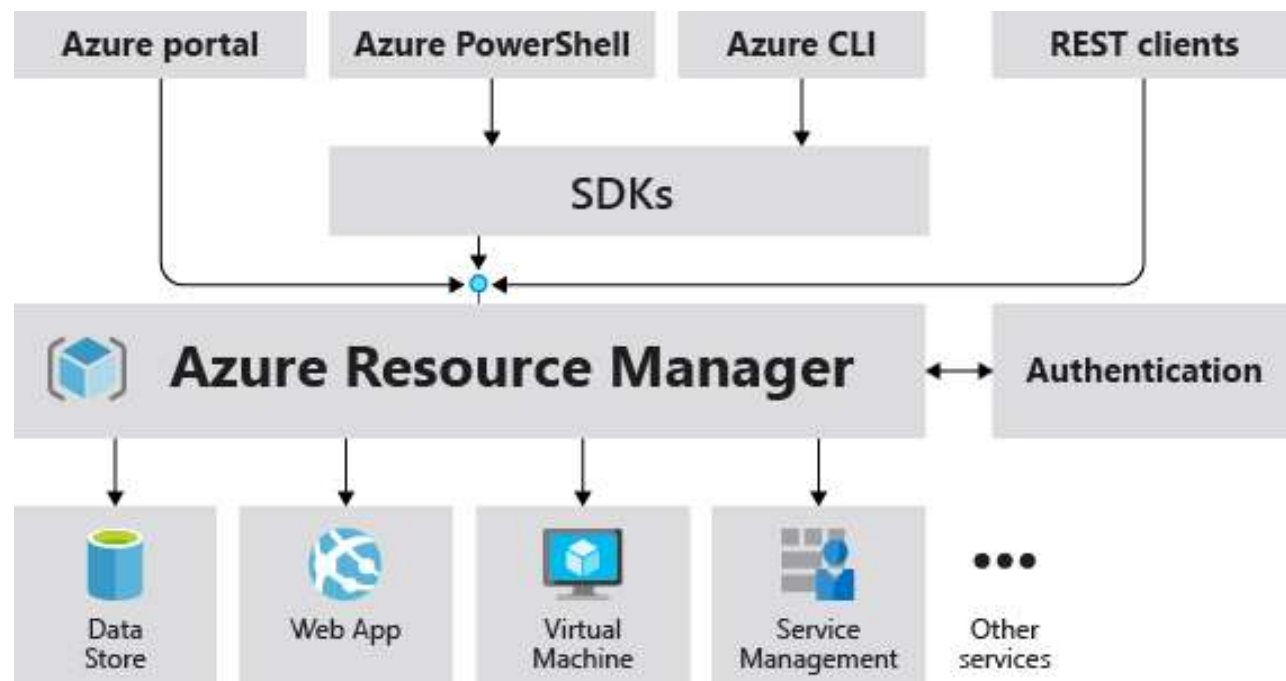


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Azure Resource Manager

- API provisioning engine built into Azure.



Azure Resource Manager benefits

- Manage infrastructure through templates.
- Deploy resources in a consistent state.
- Define dependencies between resources.
- Apply tags to resources to organize them.
- Apply access control.





ARM templates

ARM templates

- JSON format with declarative syntax.
- Defines infrastructure and configuration.



ARM Template format

JSON Copy

```
{
  "$schema": "https://schema.management.azure.com/schemas/2019-04-01/deploymentTemplate.json",
  "contentVersion": "",
  "apiProfile": "",
  "parameters": { },
  "variables": { },
  "functions": [ ],
  "resources": [ ],
  "outputs": { }
}
```



```
{
  "$schema": "https://schema.management.azure.com/schemas/2019-04-01/deploymentTemplate.json#",
  "contentVersion": "1.0.0.0",
  "metadata": {
    "_generator": {
      "name": "bicep",
      "version": "0.5.6.12127",
      "templateHash": "2173262573838896712"
    }
  },
```

Select or create a parameter file...

```
"parameters": {
  "configStoreName": {
    "type": "string",
    "defaultValue": "AppConfigDemoDevUp",
    "metadata": {
      "description": "Specifies the name of the App Configuration store."
    }
  },
  "location": {
    "type": "string",
    "defaultValue": "[resourceGroup().location]",
    "metadata": {
      "description": "Specifies the Azure location where the app configuration store should be created."
    }
  },
  "keyValueNames": {
    "type": "array",
    "defaultValue": [
      "FontColor$Development",
      "FontColor$Production",
      "Sentinel"
    ],
    "metadata": {
      "description": "Specifies the names of the key-value resources. The name is a combination of key and label with $ as a separator."
    }
  }
},
}
```





ARM DEMO

“ Let this code compile,

In not an hour, but a little while.

Allow this application to run with speed and zest,

as this will keep users glued to my test.

If my code blows up in my face,

do it with style and grace.

And last but not least, when all is said and run,

let thy requirements have been correctly done.

<https://www.rambli.com/2016/06/the-prayer-of-the-demo-gods/>





Bicep


Bicep

- Domain specific language that aims to drastically simplify authoring experience.
- Transparent abstraction over ARM templates.



Bicep format

Bicep

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```
targetScope = '<scope>'

@<decorator>(<argument>)
param <parameter-name> <parameter-data-type> = <default-value>

var <variable-name> = <variable-value>

resource <resource-symbolic-name> '<resource-type>@<api-version>' = {
  <resource-properties>
}

module <module-symbolic-name> '<path-to-file>' = {
  name: '<linked-deployment-name>'
  params: {
    <parameter-names-and-values>
  }
}

output <output-name> <output-data-type> = <output-value>
```



Bicep example

Bicep

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```
@minLength(3)
@maxLength(11)
param storagePrefix string

param storageSKU string = 'Standard_LRS'
param location string = resourceGroup().location

var uniqueStorageName = '${storagePrefix}${uniqueString(resourceGroup().id)}'

resource stg 'Microsoft.Storage/storageAccounts@2019-04-01' = {
  name: uniqueStorageName
  location: location
  sku: {
    name: storageSKU
  }
  kind: 'StorageV2'
  properties: {
    supportsHttpsTrafficOnly: true
  }
}

module webModule './webApp.bicep' = {
  name: 'webDeploy'
  params: {
    skuName: 's1'
    location: location
  }
}

output storageEndpoint object = stg.properties.primaryEndpoints
```



Modules

- Allow you to use reference other bicep AND ARM template files.
- Import modules from private or public registries.



Conditional (if)

- Allow you to deploy resources only when condition is met.

Bicep

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```
param deployZone bool

resource dnsZone 'Microsoft.Network/dnszones@2018-05-01' = if (deployZone) {
  name: 'myZone'
  location: 'global'
}
```



Loops

- Define multiple copies of:
 - Resources
 - Modules
 - Variables
 - Properties
 - Outputs



Loop over index

Bicep

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```
[for <index> in range(<startIndex>, <numberOfElements>): {  
    ...  
}]
```



Loop over items

Bicep


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```
[for <item> in <collection>: {  
  ...  
}]
```



Loop over dictionary items

Bicep

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```
[for <item> in items(<object>): {  
  ...  
}]
```



Loop over integer index and items

Bicep

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```
[for (<item>, <index>) in <collection>: {  
    ...  
}]
```



Loop over items with conditional

Bicep

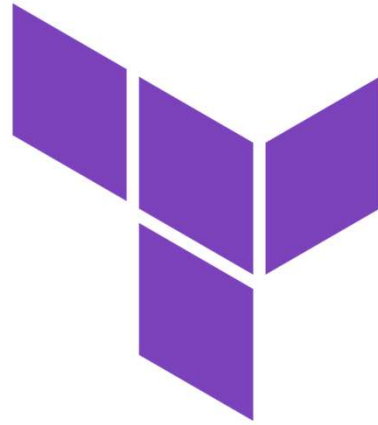
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```
[for <item> in <collection>: if(<condition>) {  
  ...  
}]
```





BICEP DEMO



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Terraform

Terraform

Terraform.

- Open source IaC tool for provisioning and managing infrastructure.
- HCL syntax.
- Can provision resources to multiple cloud providers.



Terraform providers.


- Plugins used to interact with cloud providers, SaaS providers and other APIs.
 - Azure
 - AWS
 - Google Cloud



Terraform syntax.

- Arguments.

```
image_id = "abc123"
```

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- Blocks.

```
resource "aws_instance" "example" {  
  ami = "abc123"  
  
  network_interface {  
    # ...  
  }  
}
```

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Terraform state.

- Terraform stores infrastructure state in a separate file.

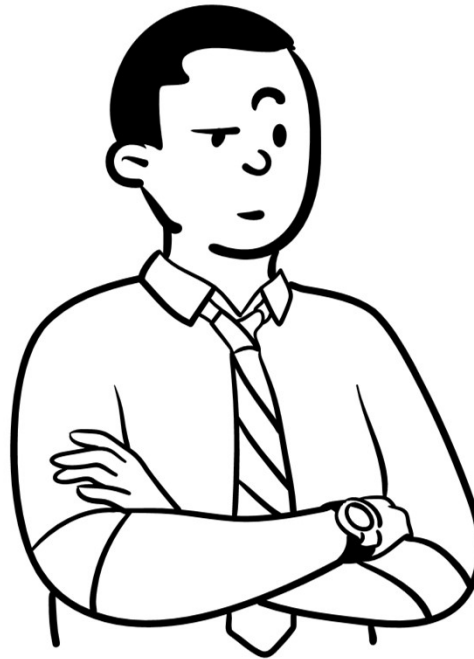




The background image shows a workspace with a laptop in the foreground displaying code in a text editor. The code includes HTML and CSS snippets. In the background, there is a larger monitor showing a website, a desk lamp, a small potted plant, a white mug, and a pair of headphones. A large blue diagonal overlay covers the bottom half of the image, featuring the text 'TERRAFORM DEMO' in white.

TERRAFORM DEMO

Which one should I use?



Terraform.

- Resources not in Azure (including on-prem).
- Mix of cloud providers.
- More accessible for developers.



Bicep.

- Resources in Azure only.
- Share templates via registries.
- More accessible to developers.



ARM.

- Resources in Azure only.
- Do not want to learn new language.
- Team has experience with ARM templates.





Questions?

Useful links.

- <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/templates/>.
- <https://github.com/Azure/azure-quickstart-templates>
- <https://github.com/Azure/bicep>.
- <https://github.com/hashicorp/terraform-provider-azurerm/tree/main/examples>.





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