

Start a New Script

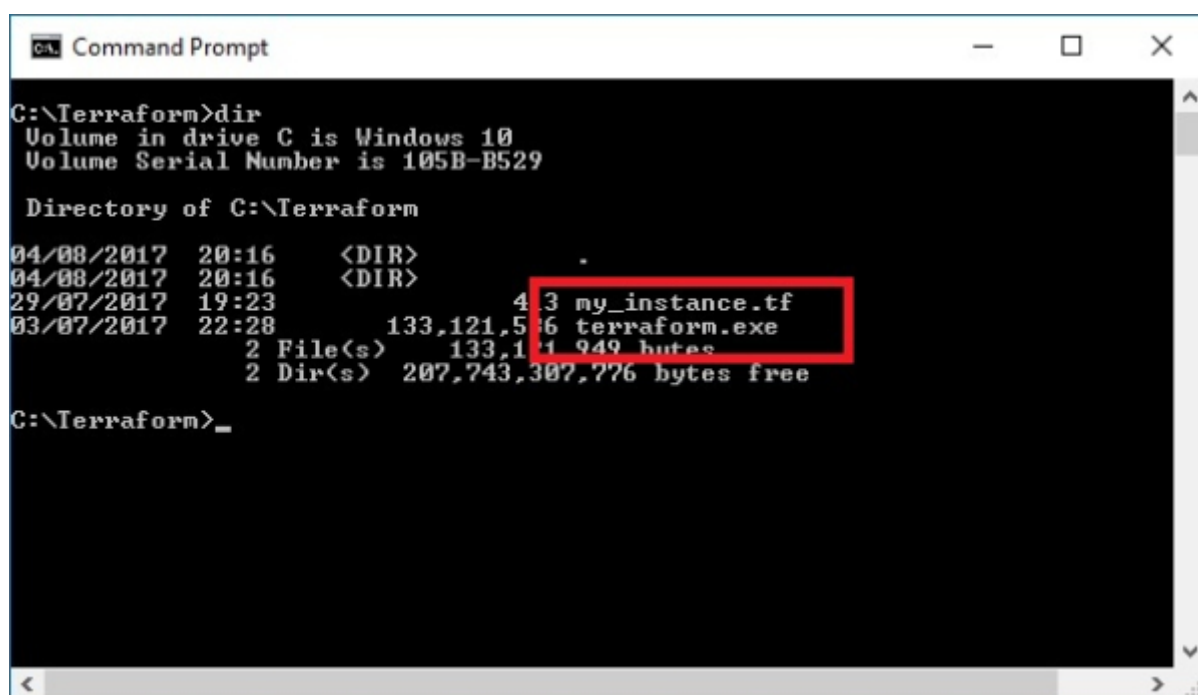
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As Terraform is a very small file (by todays standards) I generally create a new folder, and put the Terraform.exe executable in to that folder. I then keep Terraform and my script in that folder, creating a new folder containing a copy of Terraform for each script.

This is useful as Terraform creates other files to do with your scripts, and having lots of these in a single folder can be quite frustrating.

For this example, please do the following:

1. Create a new folder
2. Copy the Terraform.exe in to your new folder
3. Create a new file in your preferred text editor and save it as "my_instance.tf"



Paste the following text in to your "my_instance.tf" file and save it.

<sxh> provider "aws" {

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access_key = "XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX"
secret_key = "XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX"
region = "xxxxxxx"
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}

resource "aws_instance" "simple_example" {

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ami = "ami-xxxxxxx"
instance_type = "xxxxxxx"
key_name = "xxxxxxx"
security_groups= ["xxxxxxx"]
tags {
  Name = "terraform-instance"
}
```

} </sxh>

We will change the details as we work through the sections of this guide.

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