

Start a New Script

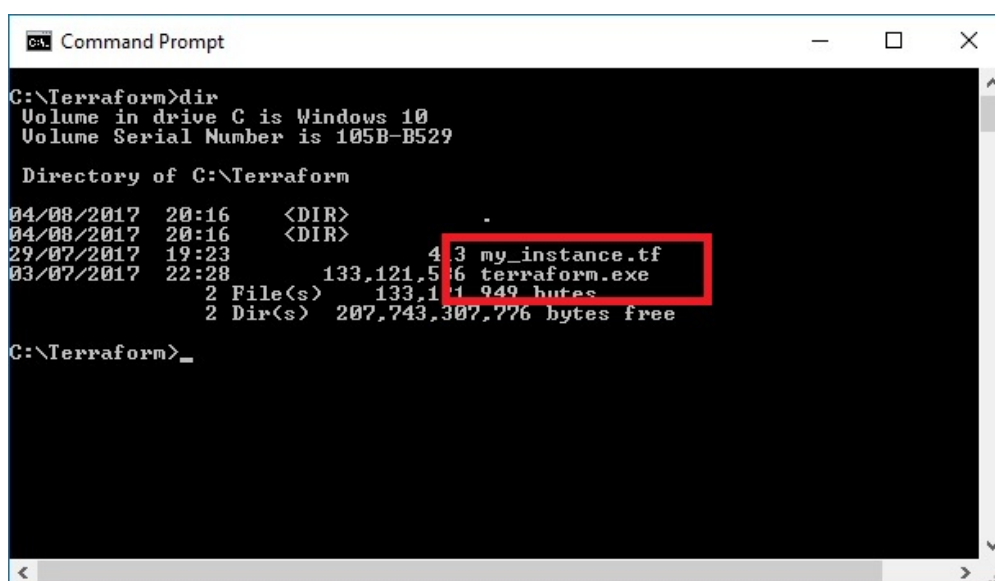
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As Terraform is a very small file (by todays standards) I generally create a new folder, and put the Terraform.exe executable in to that folder. I then keep Terraform and my script in that folder, creating a new folder containing a copy of Terraform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



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Command Prompt
C:\Terraform>dir
Volume in drive C is Windows 10
Volume Serial Number is 105B-B529

Directory of C:\Terraform

04/08/2017  20:16    <DIR>          .
04/08/2017  20:16    <DIR>          ..
29/07/2017  19:23             4,313 my_instance.tf
03/07/2017  22:28       133,121,506 terraform.exe
               2 File(s)       133,121,506 bytes
               2 Dir(s)  207,743,307,776 bytes free

C:\Terraform>
```

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 = "XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX"
    region = "xxxxxxx"
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}
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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"
    }
}
```

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</sxh>
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We will change the details as we work through the sections of this guide.

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