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# TerraProvider

Terraform Provider  
for Microsoft 365

Admin less,  
**automate** more.

**Terraform**

your Microsoft 365!

# Which problem are we trying to solve?

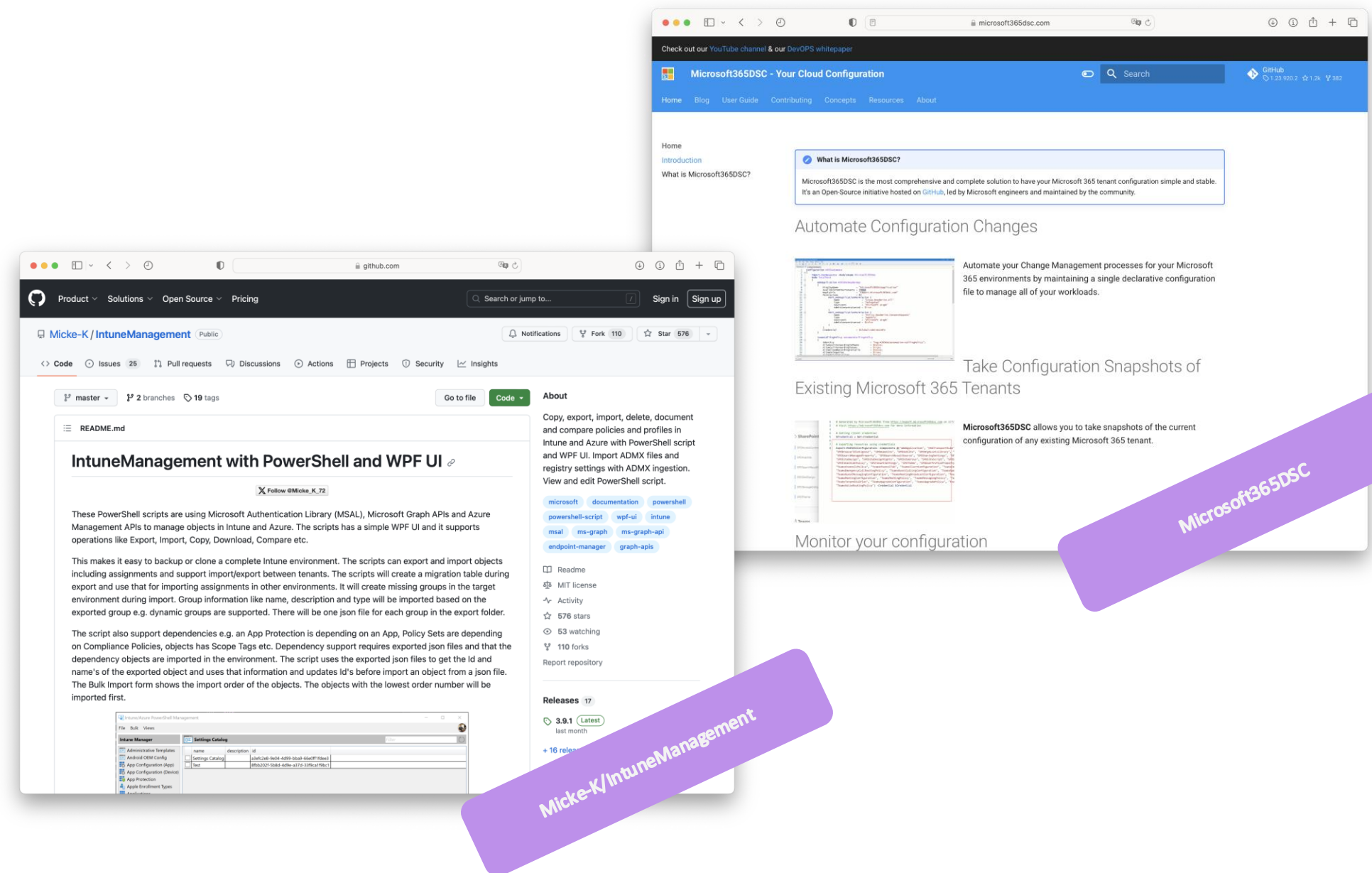
- Microsoft 365 tenant (especially **Intune**) configuration is a complex beast
- If you are alone and have just one tenant, you may be ok with 'clicks in portals', but ...
- If you are a **team of admins**, have **multiple tenants** (staging/production | MSP) to manage, **'clicks in portals' is not a scalable option.**
  - documentation
  - change tracking / versioning
  - auditing
  - detect manual changes
  - disaster recovery
  - blueprint tenant creation / automation



# There are already solutions for this problem



- The general idea is called or **Configuration-as-Code**  
(or Desired State Configuration / Infrastructure-as-Code)
- If you search for it, you'll find an amount of community projects
- Some are kind of creative, some are kind of professional including DevOps integration



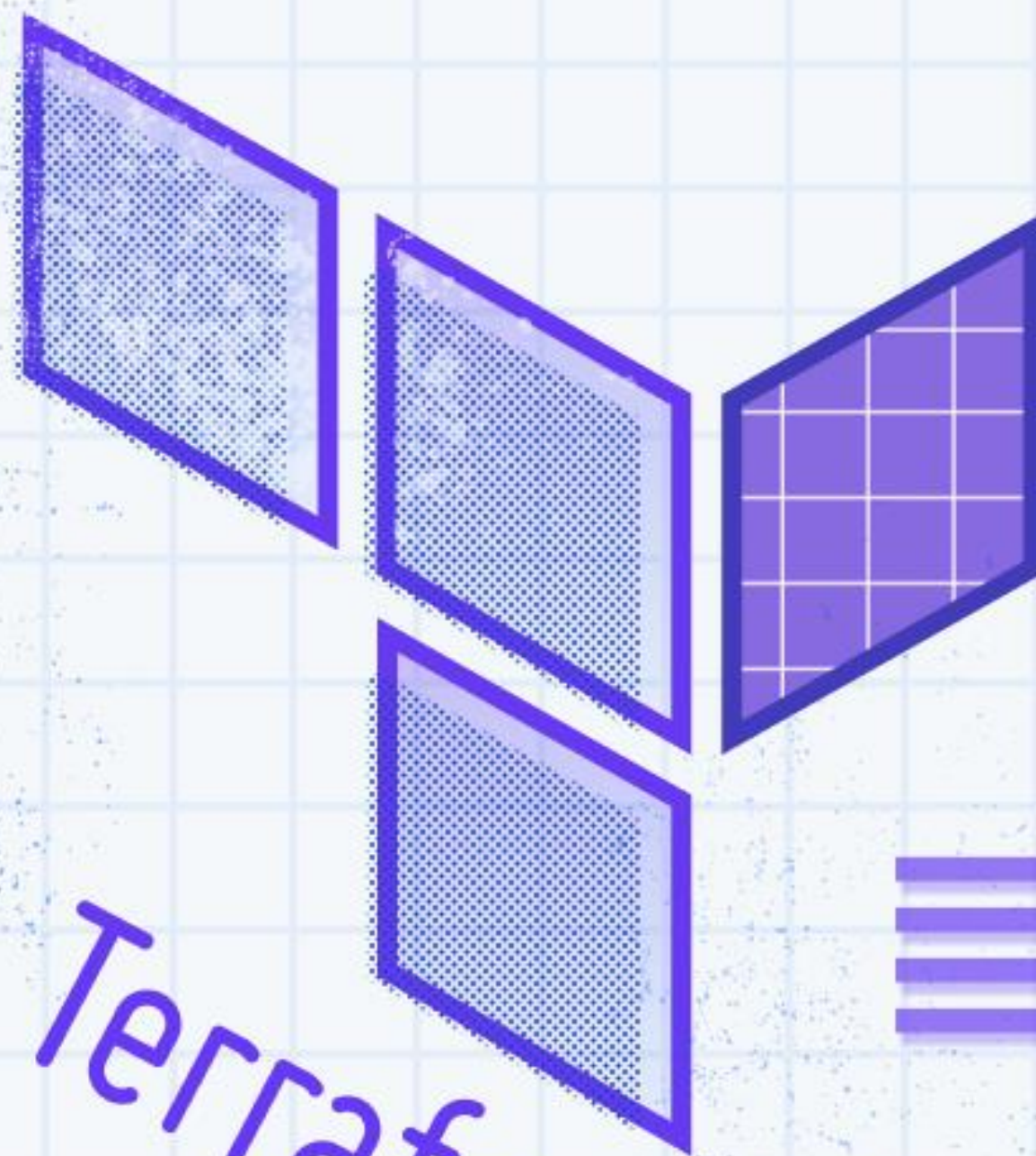


# Powershell? Nails everywhere...

- The **law of the instrument**, law of the hammer, ... is a cognitive bias that involves an over-reliance on a familiar tool. Abraham Maslow wrote in 1966, **"If the only tool you have is a hammer, it is tempting to treat everything as if it were a nail."**
- Don't get me wrong:  
We ❤️ Powershell – but **is it the right weapon for Configuration-as-Code?**
- Beside a lot of design considerations and caveats ...  
why not ignoring the hammer and check out which toolchain is used for **nearly 40% of worldwide cloud automation?**







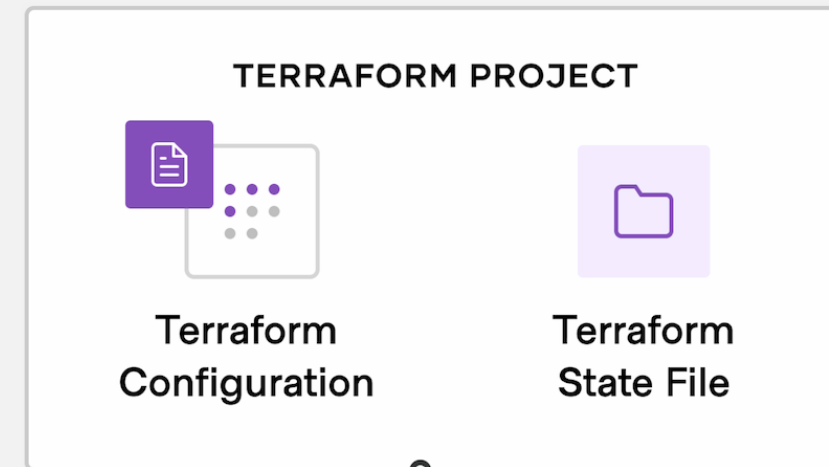
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# Terraform Basics

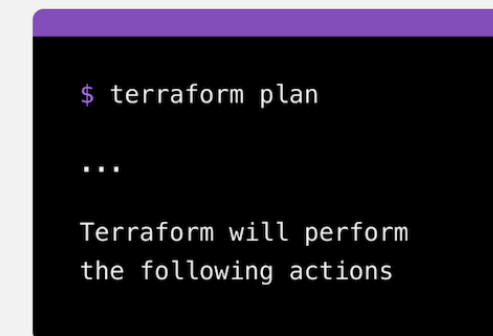
## Write

Define infrastructure in configuration files



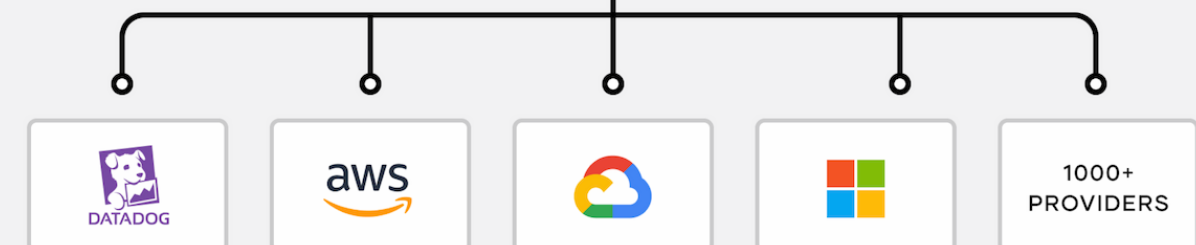
## Plan

Review the changes  
Terraform will make to  
your infrastructure



## Apply

Terraform provisions  
your infrastructure and  
updates the state file.





```
provider "azurerm" {  
  # AzureRM provider 2.x  
  version = "~>2.0"  
}  
  
# Create a resource group  
resource "azurerm_resource_group" "ninja" {  
  name      = "ninja-rg"  
  location = "North Central US"  
}  
  
# Create an Azure Storage Account  
resource "azurerm_storage_account" "ninjastorage" {  
  name                        = "ninjastorage"  
  resource_group_name        = azurerm_resource_group.ninja.name  
  location                   = azurerm_resource_group.ninja.location  
  account_tier                = "Standard"  
  account_replication_type    = "GRS"  
  
  tags = {  
    environment = "demo"  
  }  
}
```

# Terraform Configuration Language (.tf)

```
# Initialize Terraform
terraform init
```

```
# Example Output:
# Initializing the backend...
# Initializing provider plugins...
# Terraform has been successfully
initialized!
```

```
# Generate an execution plan
terraform plan
```

```
# Example Output:
# Refreshing Terraform state in-
memory prior to plan...
# ...
# Plan: 2 to add, 0 to change, 0 to
destroy.
```

```
# Apply the configuration
terraform apply
```

```
# Example Output:
# ...
# ...
# Apply complete! Resources: 2
added, 0 changed, 0 destroyed.
```

```
# Destroy resources (optional)
terraform destroy
```

```
# Example Output:
# ...
# ...
# ...
# Destroy complete! Resources: 2
destroyed.
```

# Terraform Command Line

# Git?



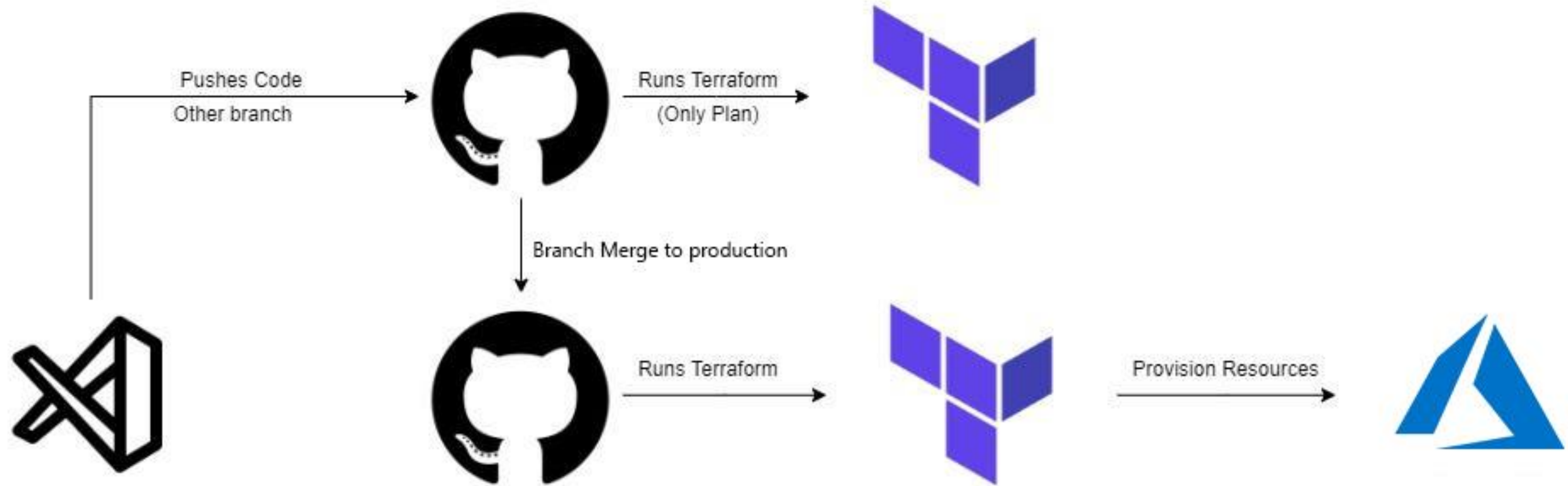
**Doug Finke** ✓  
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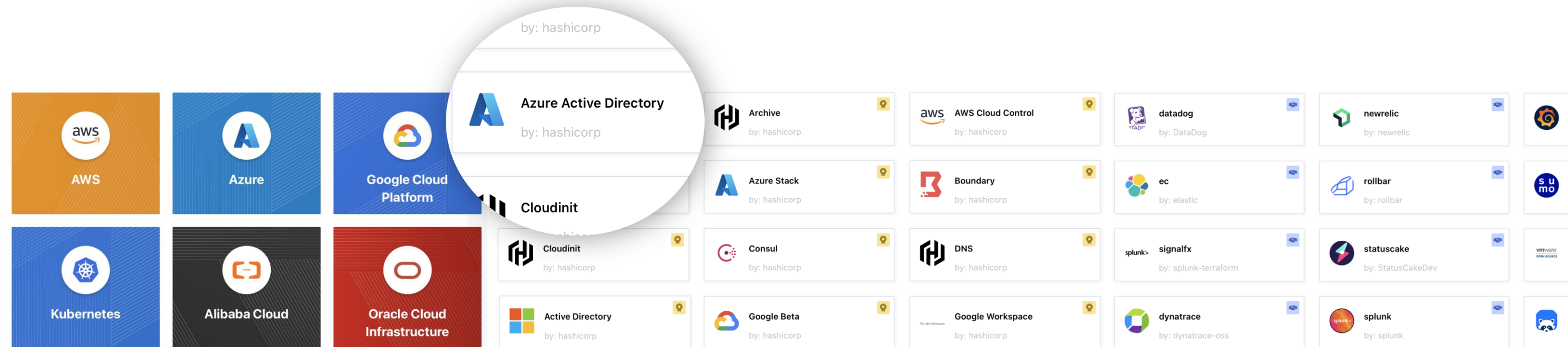
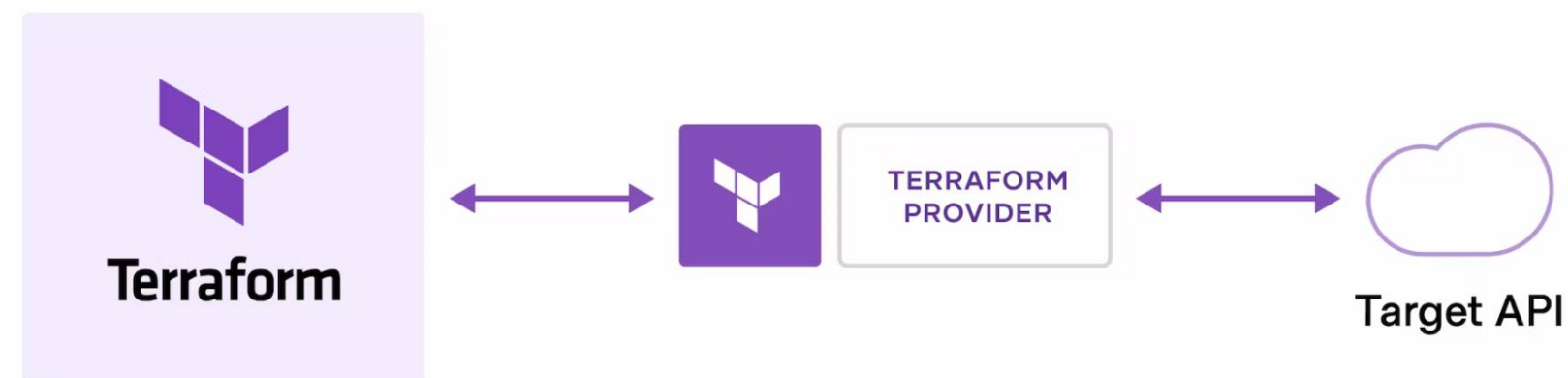




# Basic Terraform Lifecycle



# Terraform Provider & Provider Registry



Currently there are about **4.500** providers available in the HashiCorp Registry.

# Terraform Provider for Entra

## Side Story: Static vs Dynamic Configuration

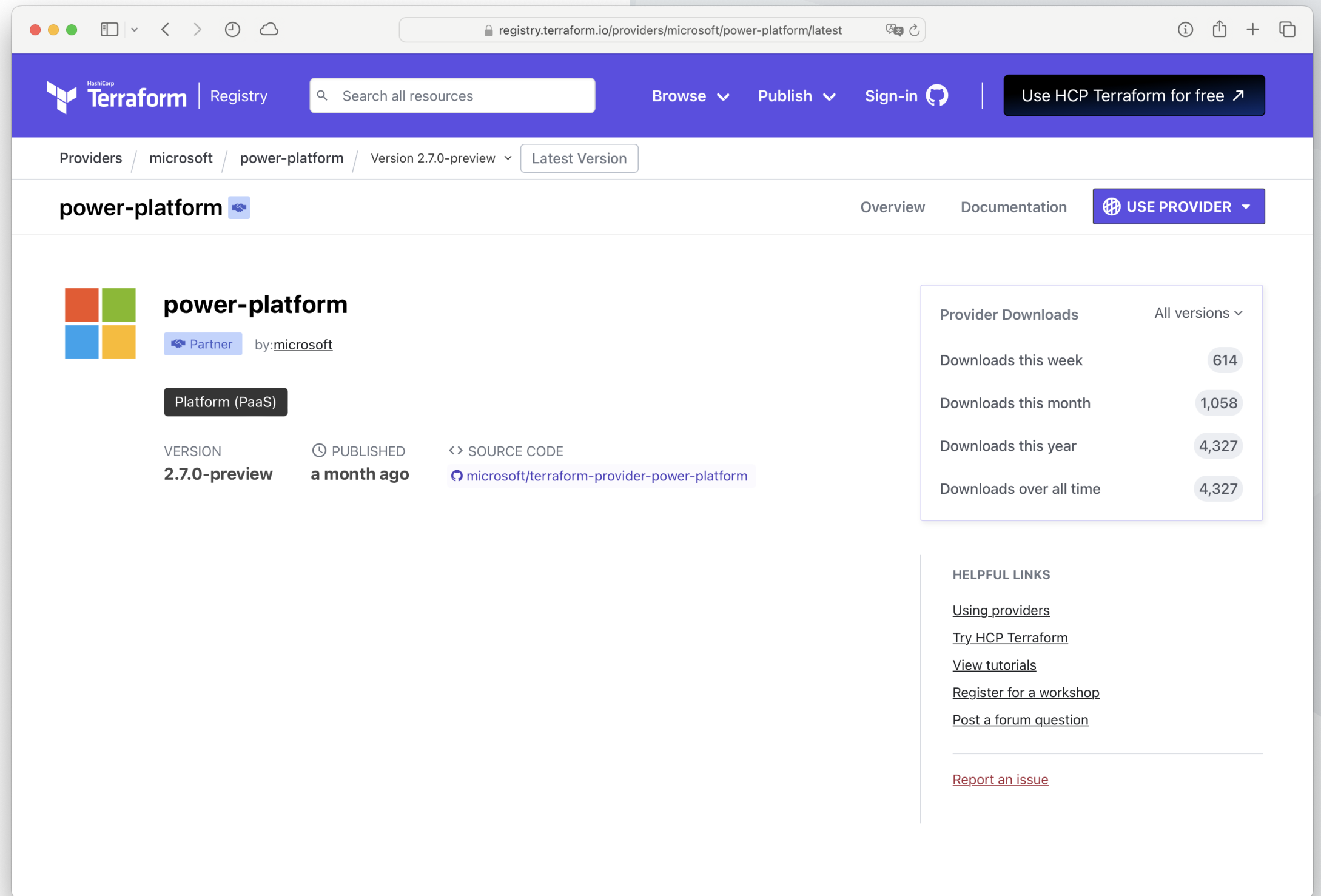
It is not a good idea to create groups for daily operations via TF. Conf-as-Code is primarily intended for fundamental configuration. That's why this provider exist (Azure Identities, etc.)




A screenshot of the Terraform Registry page for the 'azuread' provider. The page is displayed in a browser window with the URL 'registry.terraform.io/providers/hashicorp/azuread/latest'. The header is purple with the Terraform logo, a search bar, and navigation links like 'Browse', 'Publish', and 'Sign-in'. Below the header, the breadcrumb 'Providers / hashicorp / azuread' is shown, along with the version '2.53.1' and a 'Latest Version' button. The main content area features the 'azuread' provider name with a gold 'Official' badge, the HashiCorp logo, and a 'Security &amp; Authentication' tag. A description states: 'Manage users, groups, service principals, and applications in Azure Active Directory using the Microsoft Graph API. This provider is maintained by the Azure providers team at HashiCorp.' Below this, metadata includes 'VERSION 2.53.1', 'PUBLISHED 3 months ago', and a 'SOURCE CODE' link to 'hashicorp/terraform-provider-azuread'. On the right, a 'Provider Downloads' section shows statistics: 'Downloads this week' (2.8M), 'Downloads this month' (5.4M), 'Downloads this year' (93.9M), and 'Downloads over all time' (223.1M). At the bottom right, a 'HELPFUL LINKS' section contains links to 'Using providers', 'Try HCP Terraform', 'View tutorials', 'Register for a workshop', 'Post a forum question', and 'Report an issue'.



# Terraform Provider for Power Platform



The screenshot shows the Terraform Registry page for the `power-platform` provider. The page is titled "power-platform" and is categorized as "Platform (PaaS)". It is a partner provider by Microsoft. The current version is `2.7.0-preview`, published a month ago. The source code is available at `microsoft/terraform-provider-power-platform`. The page also displays download statistics for all versions, including downloads this week, month, year, and over all time. Helpful links are provided at the bottom.

**power-platform**  by: [microsoft](#)

Platform (PaaS)

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**Provider Downloads** All versions ▾

Downloads this week	614
Downloads this month	1,058
Downloads this year	4,327
Downloads over all time	4,327

**HELPFUL LINKS**

- [Using providers](#)
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# Terraform Provider for M365

The screenshot shows the Terraform Registry page for the `microsoft365wp` provider. The page is titled "microsoft365wp" and includes a "USE PROVIDER" button. The provider is identified as "by: terraprovider" and is categorized under "Cloud Automation". The current version is `0.13.0`, published "3 days ago". A link to the source code is provided: `terraprovider/terraform-provider-microsoft365wp`. On the right, a "Provider Downloads" section shows statistics for all versions, with 112 downloads this week, 141 this month, 141 this year, and 141 over all time. A "HELPFUL LINKS" section at the bottom provides links to documentation, tutorials, and a forum.

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# Provider Story – Some Background

- We have been searching for the **holy grail of automation** for years
- We and many customers have been working with Configuration as Code with Terraform on Azure and AWS for years
- The logical consequence: **we build a provider**
- **Problem:** The Microsoft Graph is constantly getting new functionalities, we would have to keep coding new features into the provider
- **Solution: We created a code generator for Graph**
- It took us more than two years, but we think we have all the graph structures and wild exceptions in the code generator
- Long Story Short: **We expect to build new releases every two to three weeks, covering new graph areas with high code quality.**



# TerraProvider = Source Available

The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for `terraform-provider-microsoft365wp` by `terraprovider`. The repository is public and has 2 stars, 0 forks, and 1 watcher. The main branch is `main` with 1 branch and 7 tags. The repository contains a list of files and folders, including `.github`, `docs`, `examples`, `workplace`, `CHANGELOG.md`, `LICENSE`, `README.md`, `go.mod`, `go.sum`, `main.go`, `terraform-registry-manifest.json`, and `tools.go`. The repository is described as a Terraform Provider for Microsoft 365, leveraging the Microsoft Graph API to enable Configuration as Code for Microsoft 365 environments. The repository is available at [terraprovider.com](https://terraprovider.com).

File/Folder	Version	Last Commit
<code>.github</code>	v0.12.5	2 weeks ago
<code>docs</code>	v0.13.0	5 days ago
<code>examples</code>	v0.13.0	5 days ago
<code>workplace</code>	v0.13.0	5 days ago
<code>CHANGELOG.md</code>	v0.13.0	5 days ago
<code>LICENSE</code>	v0.12.5	2 weeks ago
<code>README.md</code>	v0.12.5	2 weeks ago
<code>go.mod</code>	v0.12.5	2 weeks ago
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<code>main.go</code>	update	5 days ago
<code>terraform-registry-manifest.json</code>	v0.12.5	2 weeks ago
<code>tools.go</code>	update	last week

**About**

This repository provides a Terraform Provider for Microsoft 365, leveraging the Microsoft Graph API to enable Configuration as Code for Microsoft 365 environments. With this provider, you can automate the provisioning, management, and configuration of Entra, Intune and other aspects of M365.

[terraprovider.com](https://terraprovider.com)

`microsoft` `go` `terraform` `intune` `m365` `entra`

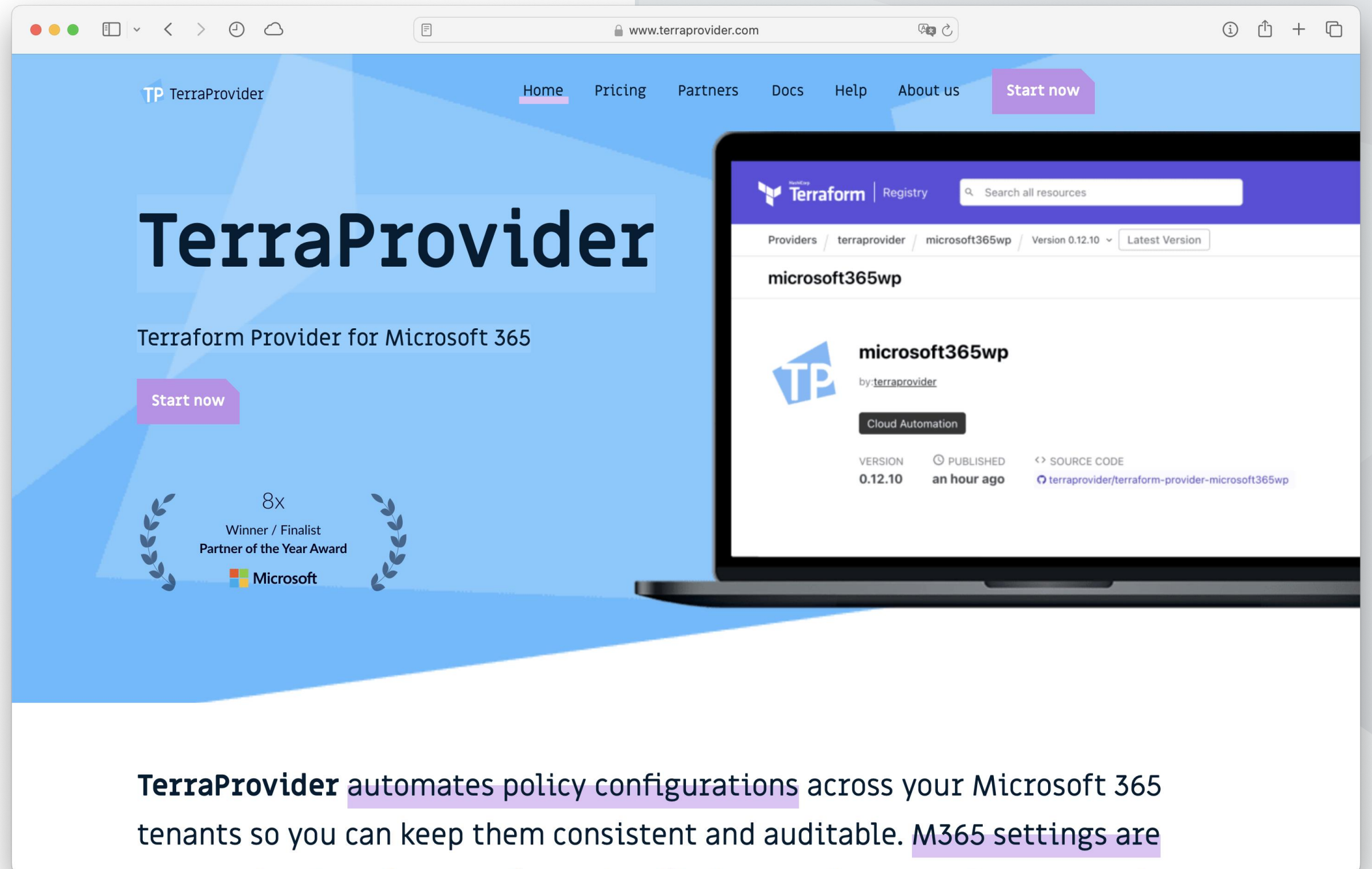
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**Releases** 7

`v0.13.0` (Latest)

# TerraProvider License + Community Edition

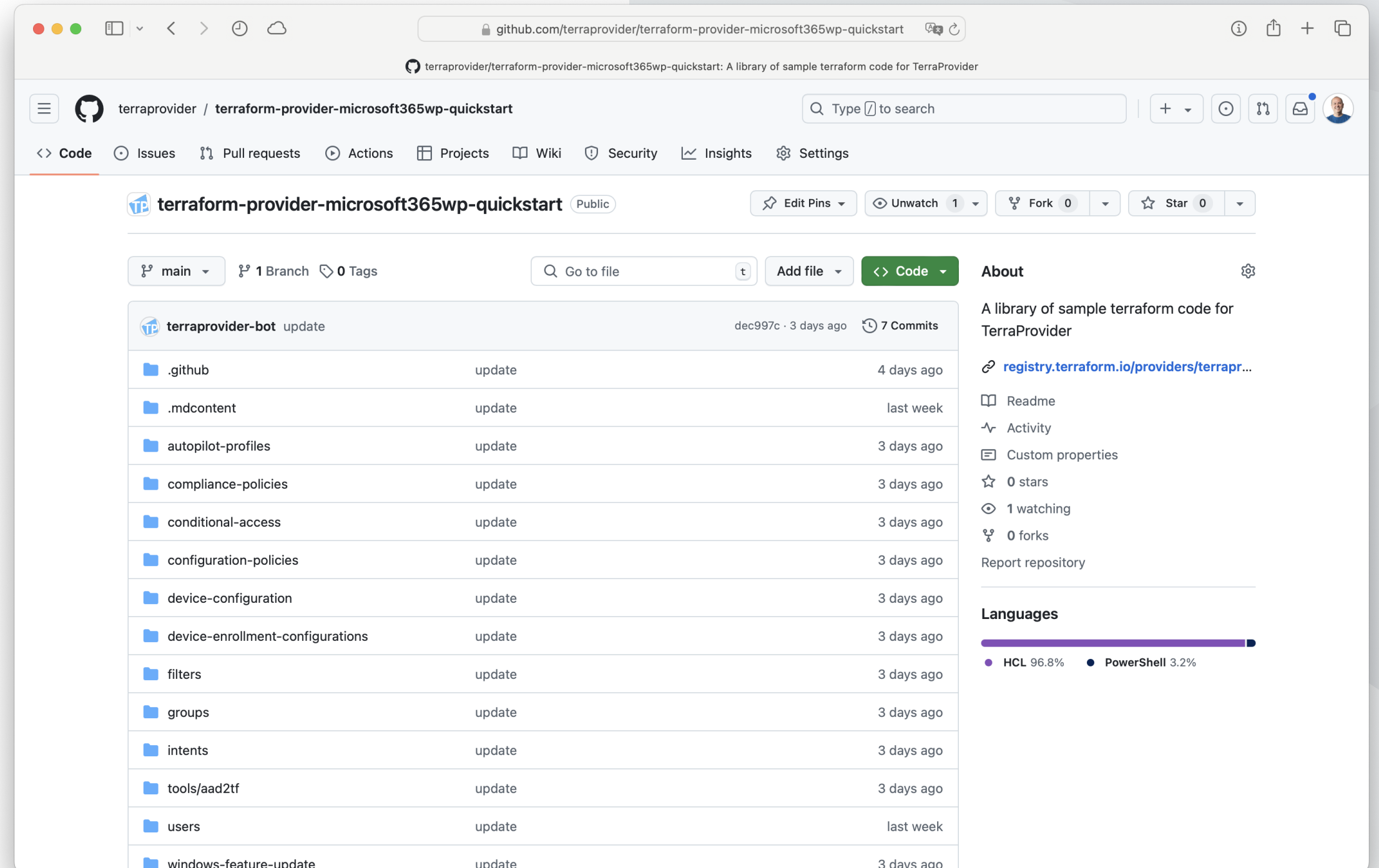
Community Edition is **free** for non-productive use **and for all tenants with less than 100 users**.



**TerraProvider** automates policy configurations across your Microsoft 365 tenants so you can keep them consistent and auditable. M365 settings are

# TerraProvider Quick Start Framework\*

\* Our Quick Start Framework is not just an immediately functional starter for a Tenant configuration. It also provides a **tool that translates existing tenant policies into Terraform code.**





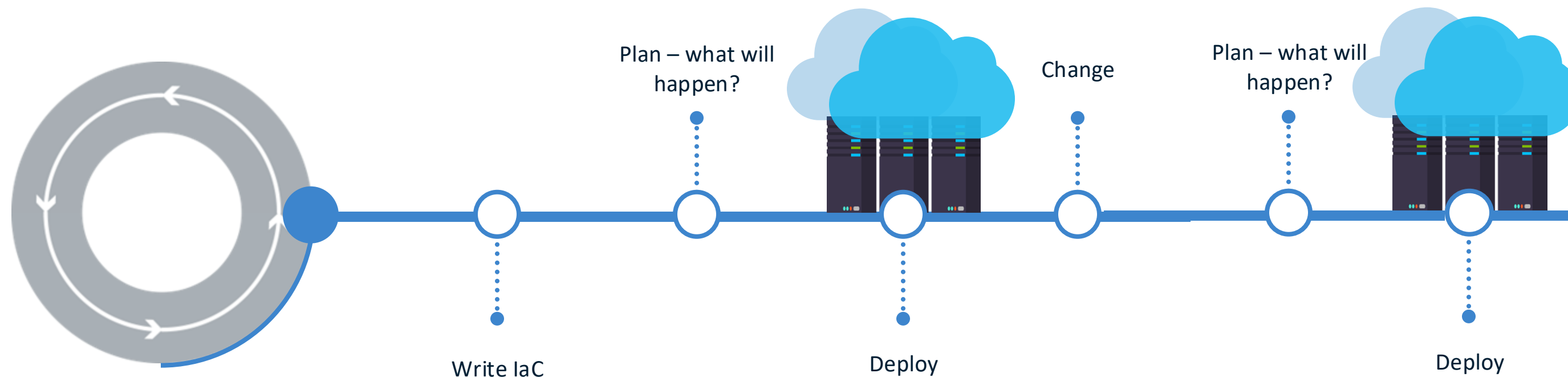
# TerraProvider Documentation



A screenshot of the Terraform Registry documentation page for the microsoft365wp provider. The page is displayed in a web browser window. The URL in the address bar is registry.terraform.io/providers/terraprovider/microsoft365wp/latest/docs. The page has a purple header with the Terraform logo, a search bar, and navigation links for Browse, Publish, and Sign-in. Below the header, there is a breadcrumb trail: Providers / terraprovider / microsoft365wp / Version 0.13.0. The main content area is titled 'microsoft365wp' and has tabs for Overview, Documentation, and a 'USE PROVIDER' button. The Overview tab is selected. On the left side of the Overview tab, there is a sidebar with a search bar and a list of links: microsoft365wp provider, Guides, Authentication, Licensing, Support, Resources, and Data Sources. The main content area of the Overview tab contains the following text: 'The Terraform Provider for Microsoft 365 can be used to configure policies and configurations in Microsoft EntraID and Intune using Microsoft's Graph API.' Below this, there is a section titled 'Authenticating to Microsoft EntraID' with a link 'Authenticating using a Service Principal with a Client Secret'. Another section titled 'Features and Bug Requests' contains the text: 'Bugs and feature requests can be reported on the GitHub issue tracker' and 'Please avoid "me too" or "+1" comments. Instead, use a thumbs up reaction on enhancement requests. Provider maintainers will often prioritise work based on the number of thumbs on an issue.' On the right side of the Overview tab, there is a section titled 'ON THIS PAGE' with links to 'Authenticating to Microsoft EntraID', 'Features and Bug Requests', and 'Schema'. At the bottom of this section, there is a link 'Report an issue'.

# Summary: Infrastructure as Code

- declarative description of the target infrastructure
- describe what you want in code (desired state configuration)
- write once - deploy many
- documentation of IT estate, standardized deployment model



# Thanks.

Questions?

