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Terraform Provider
for Microsoft 365

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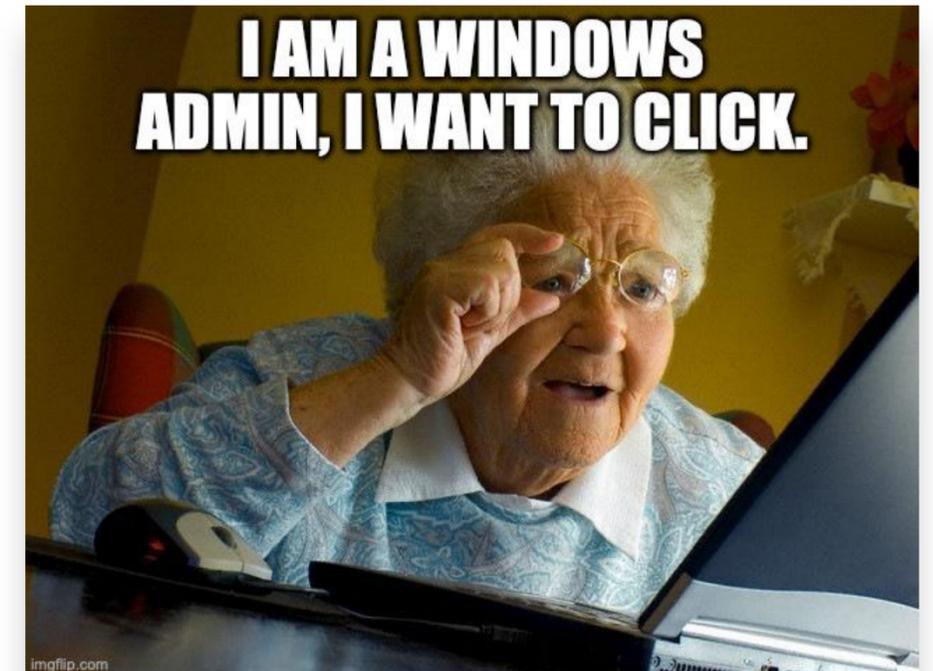
automate more.

Terraform

your Microsoft 365!

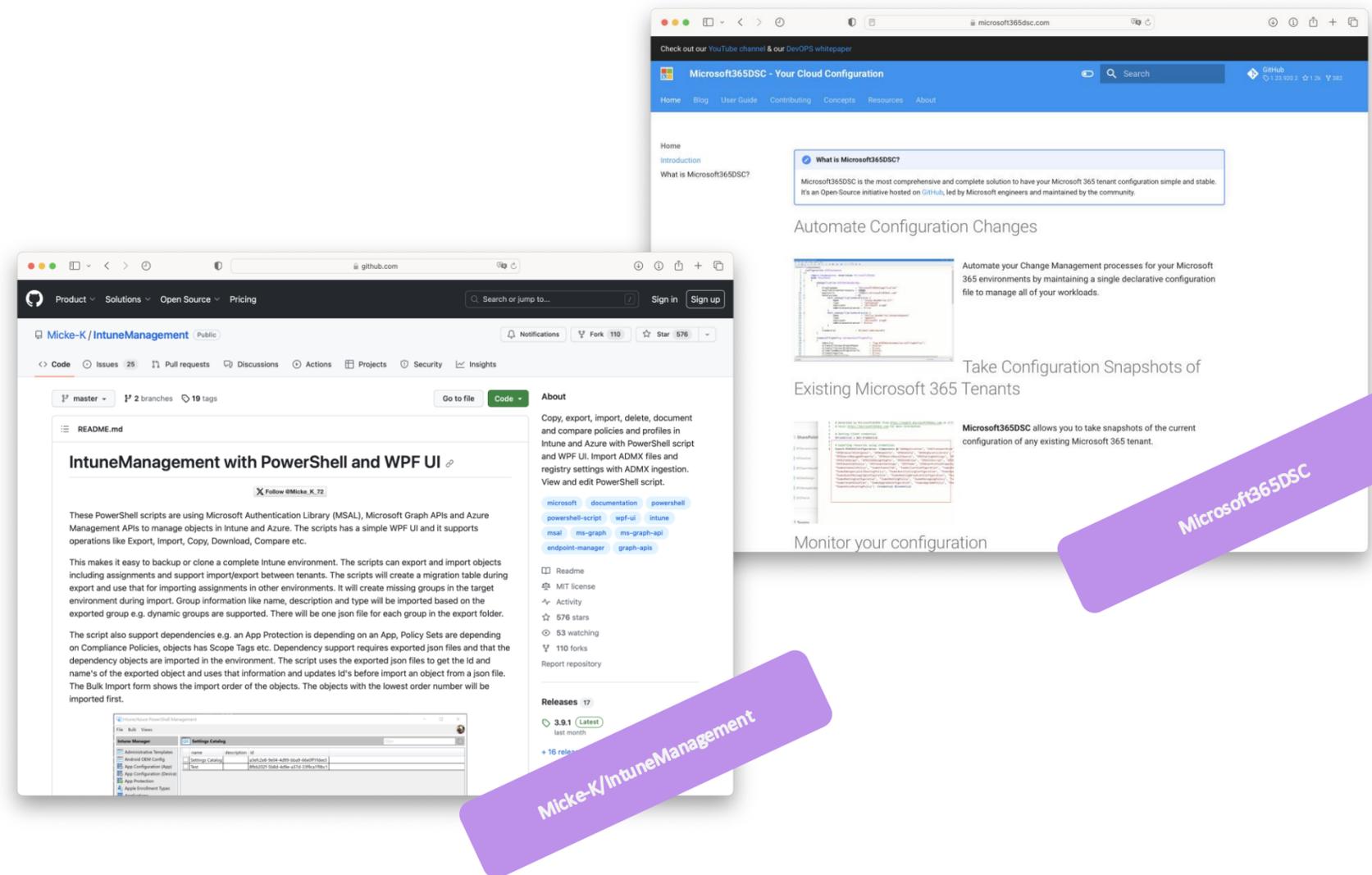
Which problem are we trying to solve?

- 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

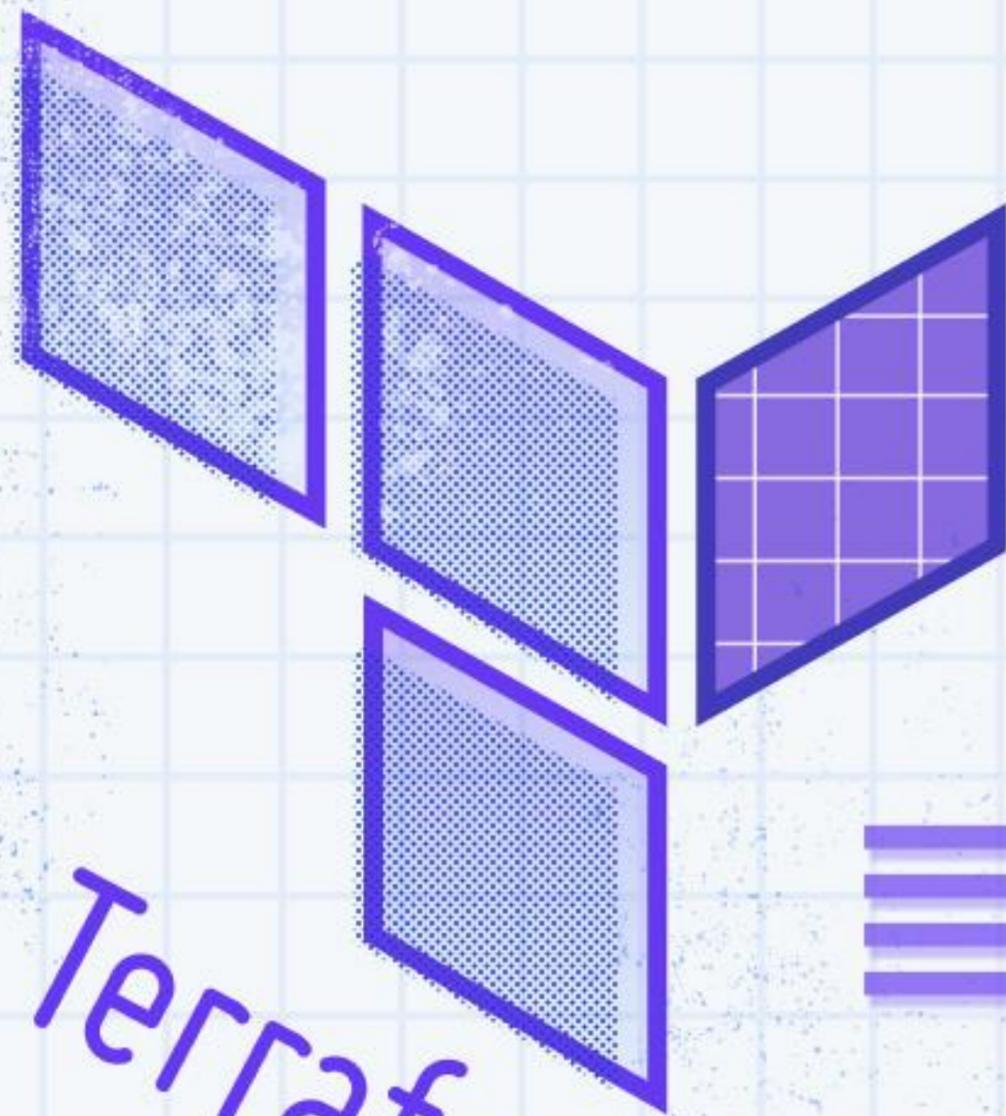
- The general idea is called or **Configuration-as-Code** (or Desired State Configuration / Infrastructure-as-Code)
- If you search for it, you'll find an amount of community projects
- Some are kind of creative, some are kind of professional including DevOps integration



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?**



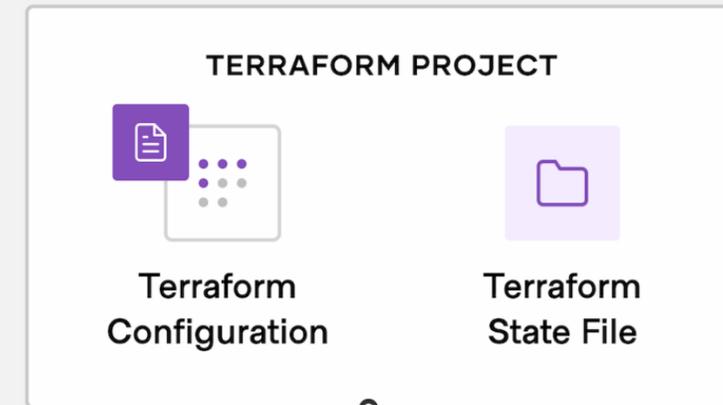


Terraform

Terraform Basics

Write

Define infrastructure in configuration files



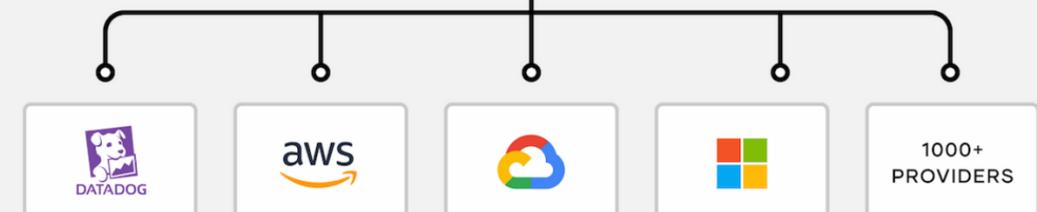
Plan

Review the changes Terraform will make to your infrastructure

```
$ terraform plan
...
Terraform will perform
the following actions
```

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?

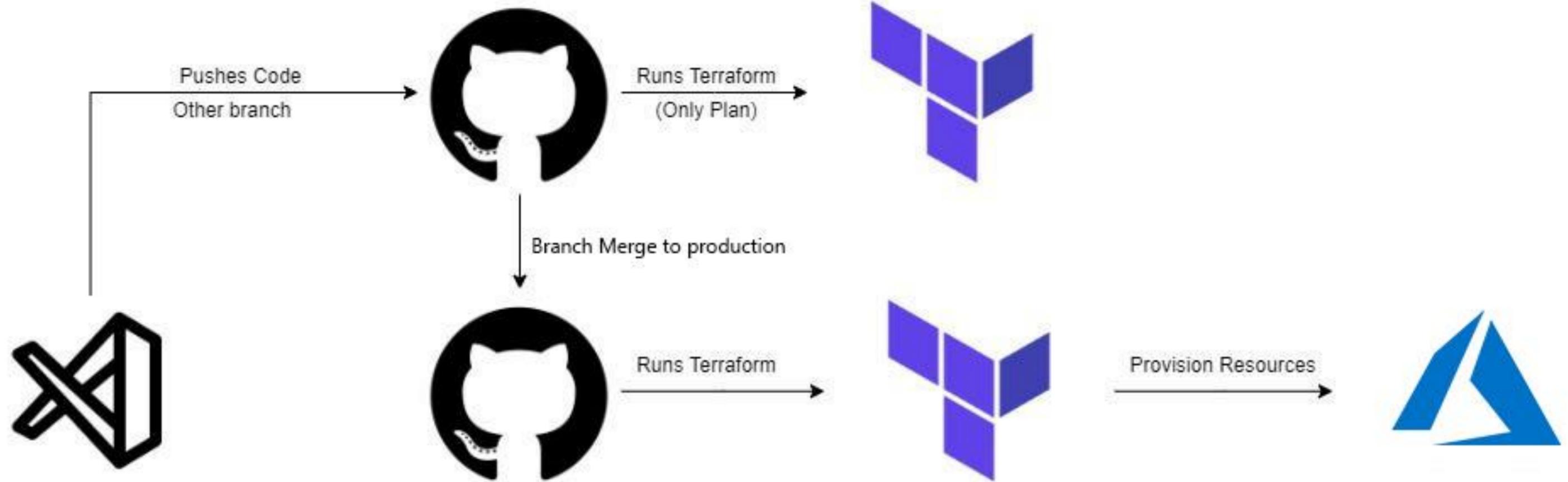


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IT admins and #PowerShell
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Basic Terraform Lifecycle



Terraform Provider & Provider Registry



A grid of various Terraform providers is shown. A circular callout highlights the 'Azure Active Directory' provider, which is listed as 'by: hashicorp'. Other providers visible in the grid include:

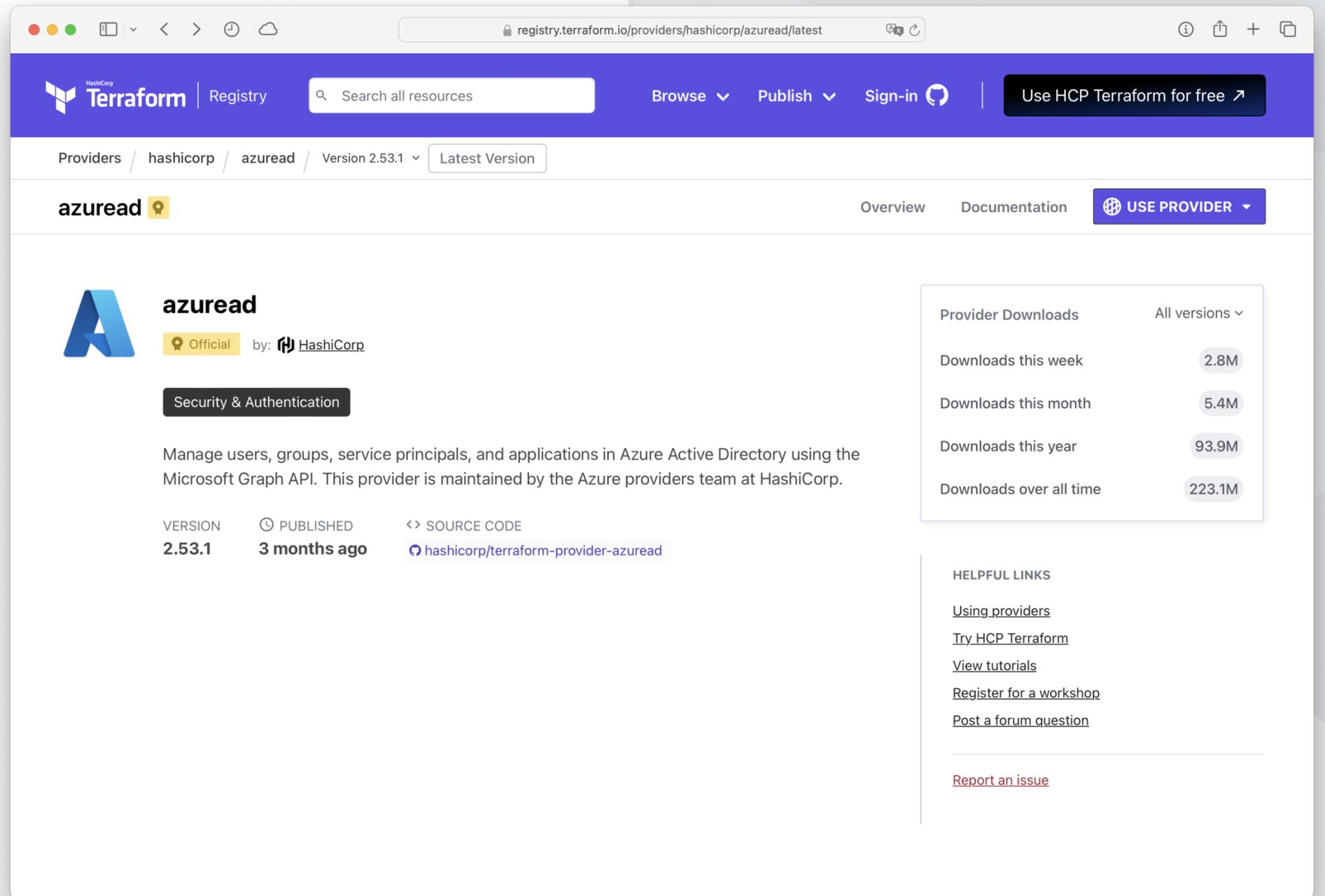
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- Cloudinit
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- Azure Stack
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- Active Directory
- Google Beta
- Google Workspace
- DNS
- ec
- signalfx
- rollbar
- statuscake
- dynatrace
- splunk

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.)



The screenshot shows the Terraform Registry page for the `azuread` provider. The page is titled "azuread" and is maintained by HashiCorp. It features a navigation bar with "Providers", "hashicorp", and "azuread" selected, along with a search bar and a "Use HCP Terraform for free" button. The main content area displays the provider's logo, name, and description: "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, there are links for "VERSION 2.53.1", "PUBLISHED 3 months ago", and "SOURCE CODE hashicorp/terraform-provider-azuread". A sidebar on the right shows "Provider Downloads" 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, there are "HELPFUL LINKS" including "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 published by Microsoft, a partner of HashiCorp. The current version is `2.7.0-preview`, published "a month ago". The source code is available at `https://github.com/microsoft/terraform-provider-power-platform`.

The page also displays download statistics for the 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 are provided at the bottom of the page:

- [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 categorized as "Cloud Automation" and is published by "terraprovider". The current version is 0.13.0, published 3 days ago. The source code is available at [terraprovider/terraform-provider-microsoft365wp](https://github.com/terraprovider/terraform-provider-microsoft365wp). A table on the right shows provider downloads: 112 this week, 141 this month, 141 this year, and 141 over all time. A "HELPFUL LINKS" section includes links for "Using providers", "Try HCP Terraform", "View tutorials", "Register for a workshop", "Post a forum question", and "Report an issue".

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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

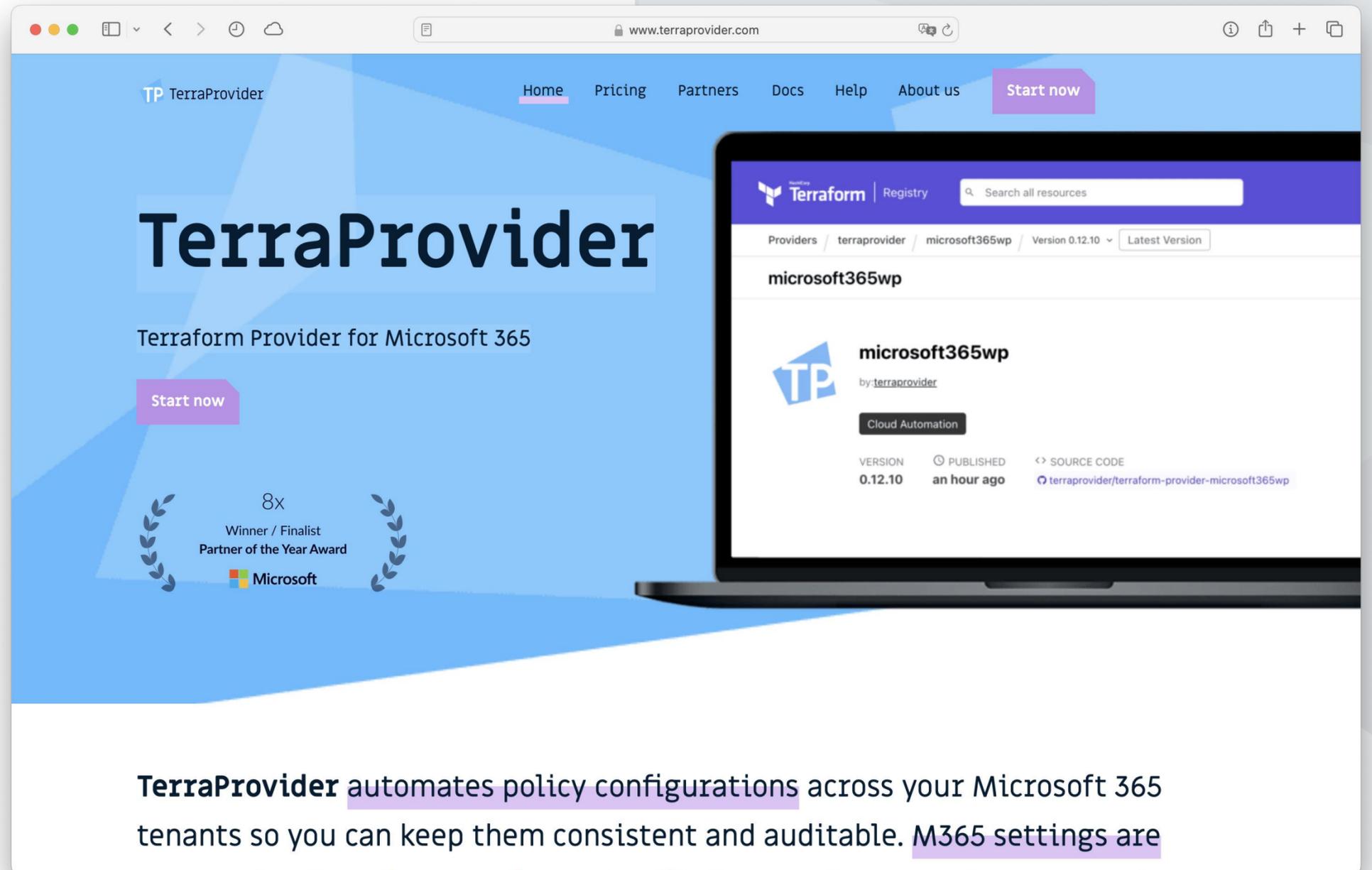
The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for `terraform-provider-microsoft365wp`. The repository is public and has 2 stars, 0 forks, and 1 watcher. The main branch is selected, showing 1 branch and 7 tags. The repository contains the following files and folders:

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
<code>go.sum</code>	v0.12.5	2 weeks ago
<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

The repository description states: "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." The repository also includes a `README` and a `License`.

TerraProvider License + Community Edition

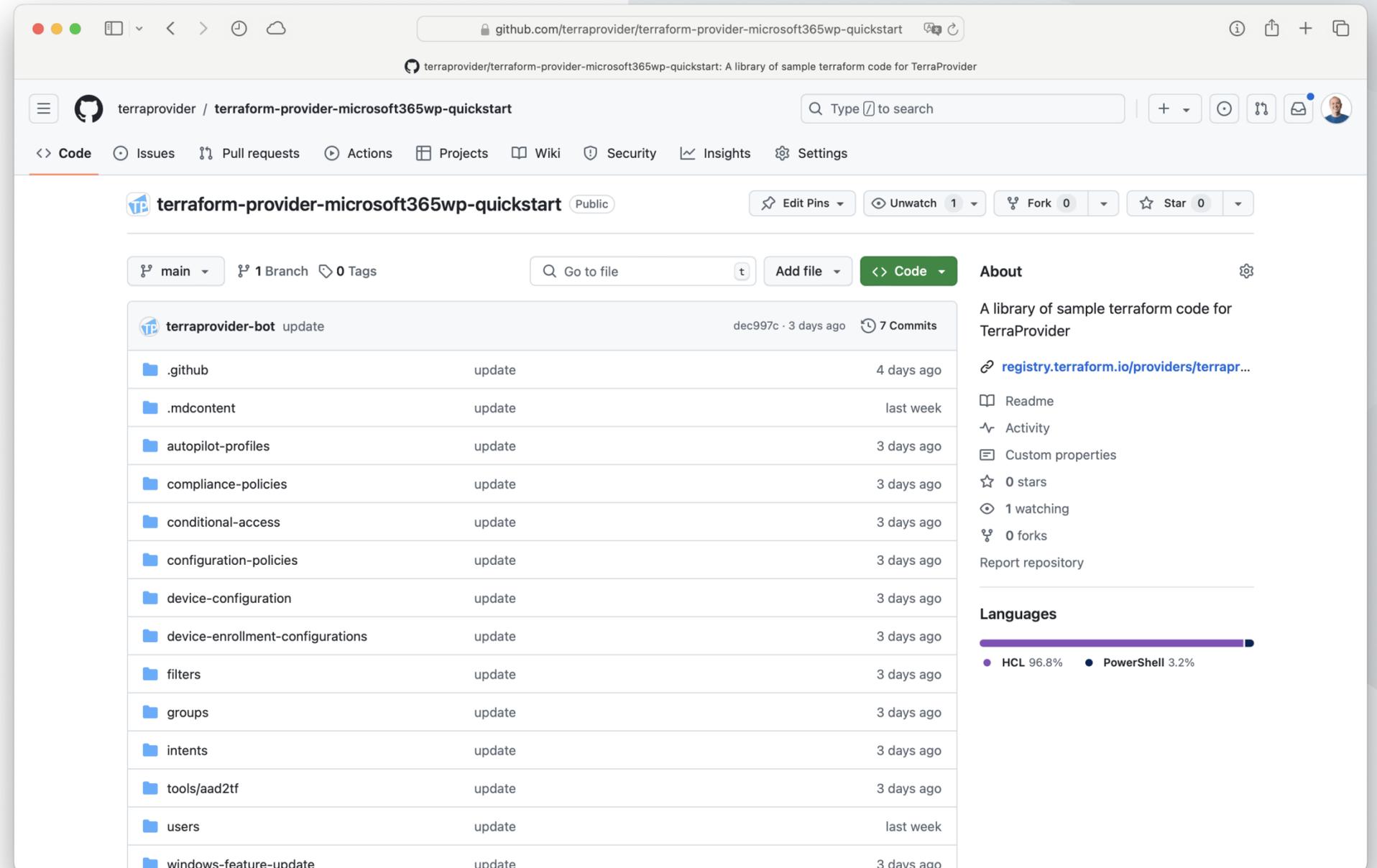
Community Edition is **free** for non-productive use **and for all tenants with less than 100 users.**



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

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Terraform Registry page for the `microsoft365wp` provider. The page is titled "microsoft365wp" and is part of the "Terraform Registry" navigation. The breadcrumb trail is "Providers / terraprovider / microsoft365wp / Version 0.13.0 / Latest Version". The main content area is titled "MICROSOFT365WP DOCUMENTATION" and includes a search filter. The left sidebar lists navigation options: "microsoft365wp provider", "Guides", "Authentication", "Licensing", "Support", "Resources", and "Data Sources". The main content area is divided into sections: "Overview", "Authenticating to Microsoft EntraID", and "Features and Bug Requests". The "Overview" section states: "The Terraform Provider for Microsoft 365 can be used to configure policies and configurations in Microsoft EntraID and Intune using Microsoft's Graph API." The "Authenticating to Microsoft EntraID" section has a sub-section "Authenticating using a Service Principal with a Client Secret". The "Features and Bug Requests" section states: "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." The right sidebar contains a "ON THIS PAGE" section with links to "Authenticating to Microsoft EntraID", "Features and Bug Requests", and "Schema", along with a "Report an issue" link.

registry.terraform.io/providers/terraprovider/microsoft365wp/latest/docs

Terraform Registry

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Overview

The Terraform Provider for Microsoft 365 can be used to configure policies and configurations in Microsoft EntraID and Intune using Microsoft's Graph API.

Authenticating to Microsoft EntraID

[Authenticating using a Service Principal with a Client Secret](#)

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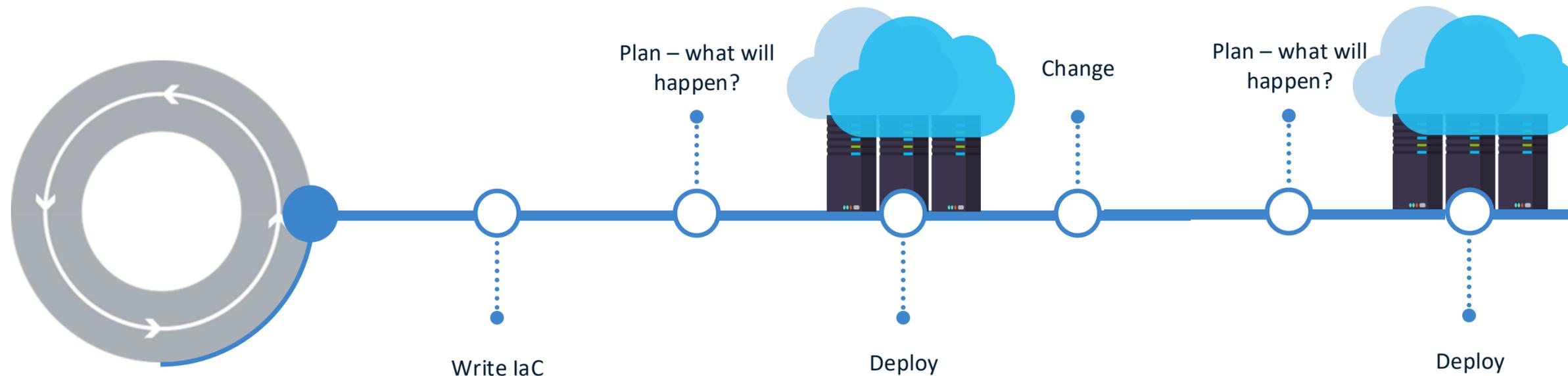
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Summary: Infrastructure as Code

- 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?

