

Terraform Function

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Functions

- Terraform includes a number of built-in functions that you can call from within an expression to transform and combine values.
- The general syntax for function calls is a function name followed by comma-separated arguments in parentheses
`max(5, 12, 9)`
- Terraform doesn't support user-defined functions.

Numeric Functions

- Max
- Min

```
variable "instance_count" {
  description = "Number of EC2 instances"
  type        = number
  default     = 3
}

variable "max_instance_count" {
  description = "Maximum number of EC2 instances allowed"
  type        = number
  default     = 5
}

resource "aws_instance" "example" {
  count          = min(var.instance_count, var.max_instance_count)
  instance_type = "t2.micro"
```

string

- Chomp
- Format
- Join
- Regex
- Replace
- Split

chomp

- chomp removes newline characters at the end of a string.
- This can be useful if, for example, the string was read from a file that has a newline character at the end.

```
> chomp("hello\n")  
hello  
> chomp("hello\r\n")  
hello  
> chomp("hello\n\n")  
hello
```

format

- The format function produces a string by formatting a number of other values according to a specification string. It is similar to the printf function in C, and other similar functions in other programming languages.

```
format(spec, values...)
```

```
> format("Hello, %s!", "Ander")
```

```
Hello, Ander!
```

```
> format("There are %d lights", 4)
```

```
There are 4 lights
```

Join

- join produces a string by concatenating all of the elements of the specified list of strings with the specified separator.

```
join(separator, list)
```

```
> join("-", ["foo", "bar", "baz"])
"foo-bar-baz"
> join(", ", ["foo", "bar", "baz"])
foo, bar, baz
> join(", ", ["foo"])
foo
```

regex

- regex applies a regular expression to a string and returns the matching substrings.

Sequence	Matches
<code>.</code>	Any character except newline
<code>[xyz]</code>	Any character listed between the brackets (<code>x</code> , <code>y</code> , and <code>z</code> in this example)
<code>[a-z]</code>	Any character between <code>a</code> and <code>z</code> , inclusive
<code>[^xyz]</code>	The opposite of <code>[xyz]</code>
<code>\d</code>	ASCII digits (0 through 9, inclusive)

replace

- replace searches a given string for another given substring, and replaces each occurrence with a given replacement string.

```
replace(string, substring, replacement)
```

```
> replace("1 + 2 + 3", "+", "-")
```

```
1 - 2 - 3
```

```
> replace("hello world", "/w.*d/", "everybody")
```

```
hello everybody
```

split

- split produces a list by dividing a given string at all occurrences of a given separator.

```
split(separator, string)
```

```
> split(",", "foo,bar,baz")
```

```
[
```

```
  "foo",
```

```
  "bar",
```

```
  "baz",
```

```
]
```

```
> split(",", "foo")
```

```
[
```

```
  "foo",
```

```
]
```

```
> split(" ", " ")
```

example

```
variable "instance_types" {
  type      = list(string)
  default   = ["t2.micro", "m5.large", "c5.xlarge"]
}

resource "aws_instance" "ec2_instances" {
  count      = length(var.instance_types)
  instance_type = element(var.instance_types, count.index)
  ami       = "ami-12345678"
  subnet_id = "subnet-12345678"

  # Additional resource configurations...
}
```

In the `aws_instance` resource block, we use the `count` argument and set it to the length of the `instance_types` list. This allows us to dynamically create multiple EC2 instances based on the length of the list.

The `instance_type` argument is set using the `element()` function. We pass in the `instance_types` list and the current index `count.index` to retrieve the corresponding instance type for each iteration of the resource creation.