Terraform: AWS UserData

➤ In AWS, user have option to pass user data to the instance at launch.

➤ User data can be used to perform common automated configuration tasks and even run scripts after the instance starts.

➤ User can pass two types of user data to Amazon EC2: shell scripts and cloud-init directives.

➤ User data shell scripts must start with the `#!` characters and the path to the interpreter you want to read the script (commonly **/bin/bash**).

➤ Scripts entered as user data are executed as the `root` user, so do not use the **sudo** command in the script.

➤ By default, user data scripts and cloud-init directives run only during the first boot cycle when an EC2 instance is launched.

➤ If user stop an instance, modify the user data, and start the instance, the new user data is not executed automatically.

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