

Platform Initialization

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Discussion

Platform Initialization is the controlled process of preparing the tools, providers, dependencies, configuration, credentials, and working state required to perform a [Deployment](#) on a selected [Deployment Platform](#).

The process may initialize Infrastructure as Code tooling, retrieve provider plugins, install provisioning collections, validate access credentials, prepare state storage, configure provider mirrors, and verify platform connectivity or local availability.

Platform Initialization occurs before infrastructure resources are created or changed. It establishes the execution context in which later deployment operations can proceed.

Within Crucible, Platform Initialization prepares the selected Infrastructure Repository and external tooling for the target provider and environment.

Definition

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Source

Generalized from infrastructure automation, provider initialization, deployment tooling, and platform-engineering usage and specialized for the Crucible architecture and operational model.

Note

Platform Initialization does not itself constitute Infrastructure Deployment. Initialization prepares the deployment context, while Infrastructure Deployment realizes or changes infrastructure resources.

A disconnected environment may require provider plugins, provisioning collections, and other initialization dependencies to be staged locally before Platform Initialization can succeed.

Example

Crucible initializes OpenTofu, installs the required Ansible collections, validates provider credentials, and prepares the selected Infrastructure Repository before deploying a Kubernetes platform.

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