

IaC + CloudSaver Tag Manager

IaC is good. IaC enhanced with CloudSaver Tag Manager is game-changing.

While there are benefits to managing cloud resources via IaC, managing cloud tags via IaC alone comes with a number of challenges. Below is a short side-by-side comparison of IaC tagging vs IaC + Tag Manager tagging.

IAC TAGGING CHALLENGES	IAC + TAG MANAGER BENEFITS
1 Requires a well-defined tagging strategy to implement and manage cloud tagging holistically	Tagging strategies can be “discovered” and implemented in real-time, and over time with Tag Manager’s searching, filtering, and real-time, native tagging capabilities
2 Requires deep understanding of cloud infrastructure to effectively manage IaC tags	Tag Manager centralizes cloud resource metadata and spend data so users without extensive infrastructure knowledge can manage cloud tags
3 Requires costly resources (Cloud engineers, DevOps engineers) to manage IaC templates and scripts	Users with no coding experience, and a basic understanding of their cloud environment, can leverage Tag Manager’s familiar UI to effectively manage tags at scale
4 Requires cloud tags to be updated within specific CI/CD release windows that may not align with FinOps, or Finance reporting timelines	Tags can be updated outside of standard IaC CI/CD release schedules to ensure FinOps and Finance reporting is always up to date
5 Requires centralized IaC template and script management to ensure consistent tagging	Tag view and edit roles and permissions can be narrowly defined to ensure appropriate user access and controls
6 IaC doesn’t provide an easy way to assess accuracy of IaC tags	Tag Intelligence dashboards provide real-time tag health reports, allowing users to pinpoint and remediate tagging gaps in seconds
7 IaC doesn’t provide a method for tagging legacy resources, or resources created outside of an IaC pipeline (M&A cloud resources)	Robust, no-code tag automation enables users to quickly and effectively, tag legacy resources or resources created outside of an IaC pipeline