Ansible – Configuration Management System



What is Ansible?.

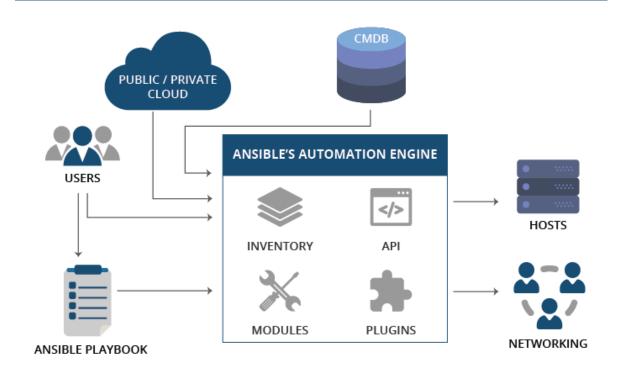
- Ansible is a lightweight, open source IT automation tool
- Has an Agentless architecture
- Nodes do not require to install and run background daemons
- Reduces the pressure on the network

Why Ansible?.

- Provisioning
- Configuration management
- Continuous delivery
- Application deployment
- Security compliance
- Can be done through scripts(Time consuming,Coding skills,Maintenance)
- Powerful
- Agentless
- Simple

Ansible Architecture

ANSIBLE ARCHITECTURE





Ansible Foundation

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- Configuration management
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Why Ansible?.

- Yaml
- Ansible Inventory
- Ansible Playbook
- Ansible Modules
- Ansible Variables
- Conditionals
- Loops
- Ansible Role

Yaml

- Yaml is a text based format
- Configuration file in Ansible written in Yaml

Xml

Json

```
{
    Servers: [
        {
            name: Server1,
            owner: John,
            created: 12232012,
            status: active,
        }
    ]
}
```

Yaml

```
Servers:
- name: Server1
owner: John
created: 12232012
status: active
```



Key value pair Array/List

Fruit: Apple

Vegetable: Carrot

Liquid: Water Meat: Chicken

Fruits:

- Orange
- Apple
- Banana

Vegetables:

- Carrot
- Cauliflower
- Tomato

Dictionary/Map

Banana:

Calories: 105

Fat: 0.4 g

Carbs: 27 g

Grapes:

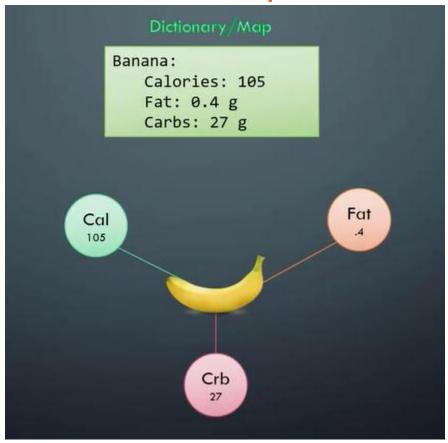
Calories: 62

Fat: 0.3 g

Carbs: 16 g

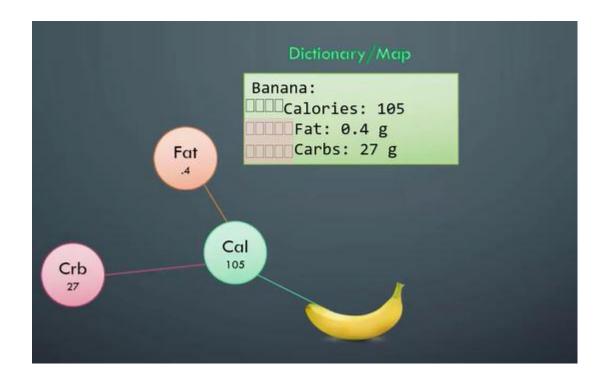


Yaml - Spaces





Yaml - Spaces



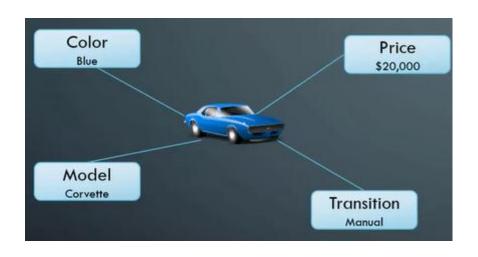
Equal no. of spaces

Yaml - Advanced

Key Value / Dictionary / Lists

```
Fruits:
- Banana:
- Calories: 105
- Fat: 0.4 g
- Carbs: 27 g

- Grape:
- Calories: 62
- Fat: 0.3 g
- Carbs: 16 g
```



Dictionary

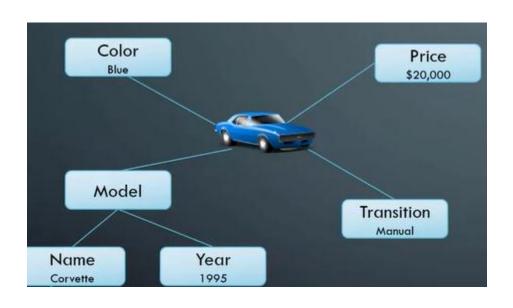
Color: Blue

Model: Corvette

Transition: Manual

Price: \$20,000





Dictionary In Dictionary

Color: Blue

Model:

Name: Corvette

Year: 1995

Transition: Manual

Price: \$20,000





List Of String

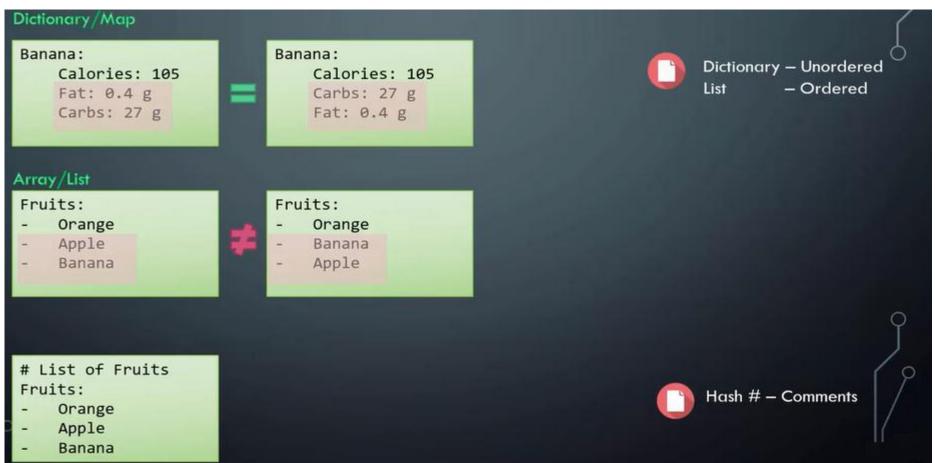
- Blue Corvette
- Grey Corvette
- Red Corvette
- Green Corvette
- Blue Corvette
- Black Corvette



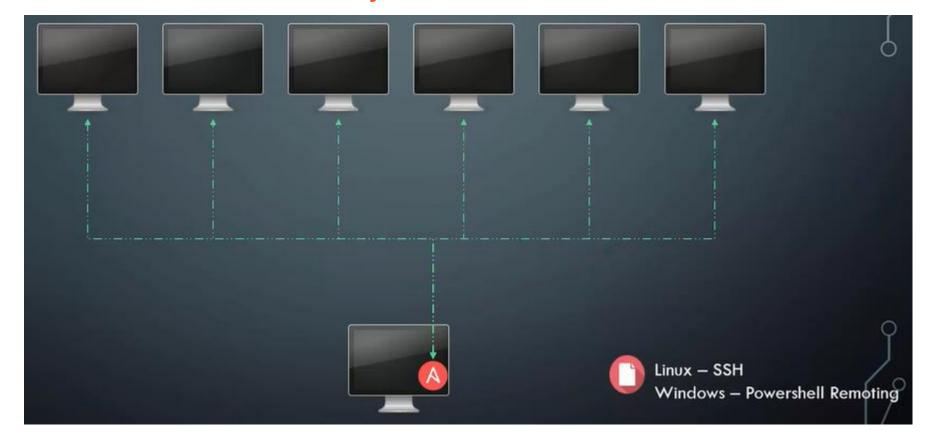
List Of Dictionary

Color: Blue Model: Name: Corvette Model: 1995 Transition: Manual Price: \$20,000 - Color: Grey Model: Name: Corvette Model: 1995 Transition: Manual Price: \$22,000 - Color: Red Model: Name: Corvette Model: 1995 Transition: Automatic Price: \$20,000 - Color: Green Model: Name: Corvette Model: 1995 Transition: Manual Price: \$23,000 - Color: Blue Model: Name: Corvette Model: 1995 Transition: Manual Price: \$20,000

Yaml – Notes



Inventory- Server Info File



Inventory - Structure



#Sample Inventory File

Server1.company.com Server2.company.com

More on Inventory

```
web ansible_host=server1.company.com
db ansible_host=server2.company.com
mail ansible_host=server3.company.com
web2 ansible_host=server4.company.com
```



Inventory Parameters:

- ansible_connection ssh/winrm/localhost
- ansible_port 22/5986
- ansible_user root/administrator
- ansible_ssh_pass Password

Ansible Playbooks

We define what we want Ansible to do
Set of instruction we provide to Ansible to do its magic
Can be simple of can be complex as per requirement

#Simple Ansible Playbook

- Run command1 on server1
- Run command2 on server2
- Run command3 on server3
- Run command4 on server4
- Run command5 on server5
- Run command6 on server6
- Run command7 on server7
- Run command8 on server8
- Run command9 on server9
- Restarting Server1
- Restarting Server2
- Restarting Server3
- Restarting Server4
- Restarting Server5
- Restarting Server6
- Restarting Server7

#Complex Ansible Playbook

- Deploy 50 VMs on Public Cloud
- Deploy 50 VMs on Private Cloud
- Provision Storage to all VMs
- Setup Network Configuration on Private VMs
- Setup Cluster Configuration
- Configure Web server on 20 Public VMs
- Configure DB server on 20 Private VMs
- Setup Loadbalancing between web server VMs
- Setup Monitoring components
- Install and Configure backup clients on VMs
- Update CMDB database with new VM Information

Playbook – A single YAML file



- Play Defines a set of activities (tasks) to be run on hosts
 - Task An action to be performed on the host
 - Execute a command
 - Run a script
 - Install a package
 - Shutdown/Restart

```
#Simple Ansible Playbook1.yml
```

name: Play 1
hosts: localhost

tasks:

- name: Execute command 'date' command: date
- name: Execute script on server script: test_script.sh
- name: Install httpd service yum:

name: httpd state: present

- name: Start web server

service:

name: httpd state: started

Ansible Playbooks

```
#Simple Ansible Playbook1.yml
   name: Play 1
   hosts: localhost
   tasks:
      - name: Execute command 'date'
        command: date
      - name: Execute script on server
        script: test_script.sh
  name: Play 2
  hosts: localhost
 tasks:
    - name: Install web service
      yum:
         name: httpd
         state: present
    - name: Start web server
      service:
         name: httpd
         state: started
```

Ansible Playbooks - Host

```
#Simple Ansible Playbook1.yml
                                                             #Sample Inventory File
 name: Play 1
                                                             localhost
 hosts: localhost
 tasks:
                                                             Server1.company.com
    - name: Execute command 'date'
                                                             Server2.company.com
      command: date
    - name: Execute script on server
                                                             [mail]
      script: test script.sh
                                                             Server3.company.com
                                                             Server4.company.com
    - name: Install httpd service
      yum:
                                                             [db]
         name: httpd
                                                             Server5.company.com
         state: present
                                                             Server6.company.com
    - name: Start web server
      service:
                                                             [web]
         name: httpd
                                                             Server7.company.com
         state: started
                                                             Server8.company.com
```



Ansible Playbooks - Module

Different action run by a task is called Module

```
#Simple Ansible Playbook1.yml
 name: Play 1
 hosts: localhost
 tasks:
    - name: Execute command 'date'
      command: date
    - name: Execute script on server
      script: test_script.sh
    - name: Install httpd service
      yum:
         name: httpd
         state: present
    - name: Start web server
      service:
         name: httpd
         state: started
```



Ansible Playbooks - Run

- Execute Ansible Playbook
- Syntax: ansible-playbook <playbook file name>



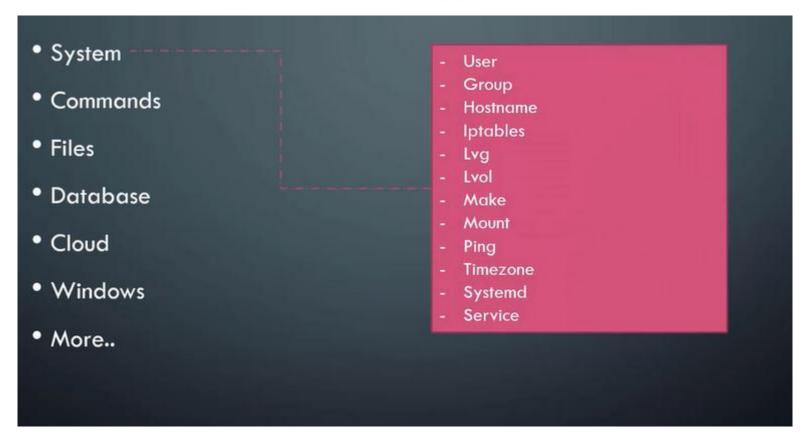
ansible-playbook playbook.yml



ansible-playbook --help

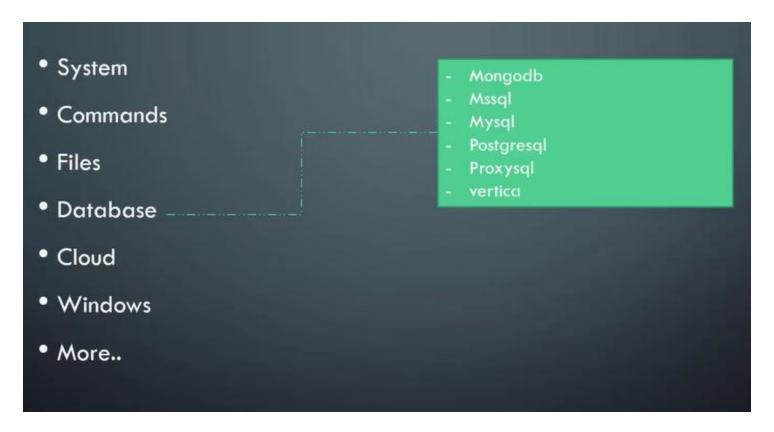


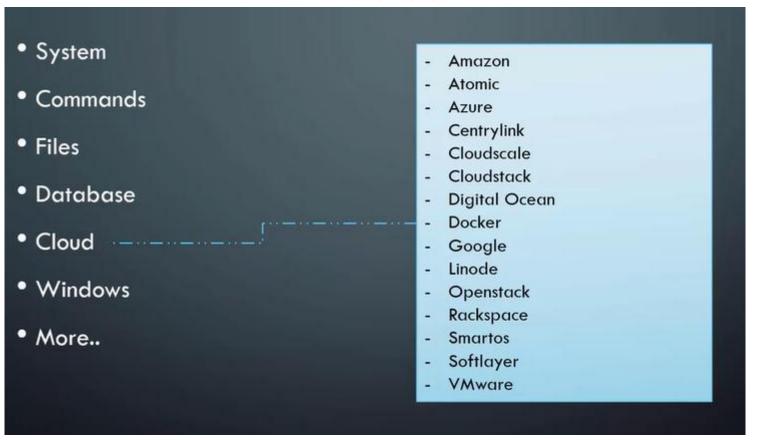
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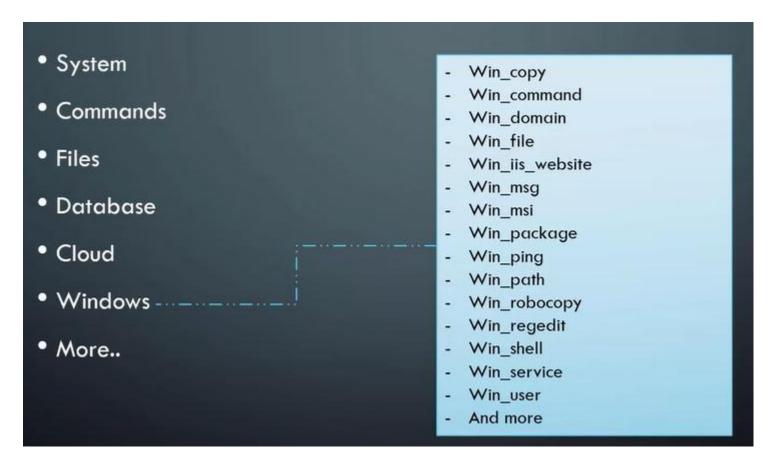


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Modules - Command

parameter	comments	#Simple Ansible Playbook1.yml
chdir	cd into this directory before running the command	- name: Play 1
creates	a filename or (since 2.0) glob pattern, when it already exists, this step will not be run.	hosts: localhost tasks:
executable	change the shell used to execute the command. Should be an absolute path to the executable.	- name: Execute command 'date' command: date
free_form	the command module takes a free form command to run. There is no parameter actually named 'free form'. See the examples!	- name: Display resolv.conf contents command: cat /etc/resolv.conf
removes	a filename or (since 2.0) glob pattern, when it does not exist, this step will not be run.	- name: Display resolv.conf contents command: cat resolv.conf chdir=/etc
warn (added in 1.8)	if command warnings are on in ansible.cfg, do not warn about this particular line if set to no/false.	- name: Display resolv.conf contents command: mkdir /folder creates=/folder



Modules - Service

 Manage Services – Start, Stop, Restart #Sample Ansible Playbook1.yml #Sample Ansible Playbook1.yml name: Start Services in order name: Start Services in order hosts: localhost hosts: localhost tasks: tasks: - name: Start the database service - name: Start the database service service: name=postgresql state=started service: name: postgresql state: started - name: Start the httpd service service: name=httpd state=started

IDEMPOTENCY

Why "started" and not "start"

"Start" the service httpd

"Started" the service httpc

Ensure service httpd is started

If httpd is not already started => start it
If httpd is already started, =>do nothing

Idempotency

An operation is idempotent if the result of performing it once is exactly the same as the result of performing it repeatedly without any intervening actions.

Modules - LineInFile

• Search for a line in a file and replace it or add it if it doesn't exist.

```
#Sample /etc/resolv.conf
                                                       nameserver 10.1.250.10
nameserver 10.1.250.1
nameserver 10.1.250.2
#Sample Ansible Playbook1.yml
                                                     #Sample script
  name: Add DNS server to resolv.conf
                                                     echo "nameserver 10.1.250.10" >> /etc/resolv.conf
  hosts: localhost
 tasks:
         - lineinfile:
              path: /etc/resolv.conf
              line: 'nameserver 10.1.250.10'
                                                     #Sample /etc/resolv.conf
#Sample /etc/resolv.conf
                                                     nameserver 10.1.250.1
                                                     nameserver 10.1.250.2
nameserver 10.1.250.1
                                                     nameserver 10.1.250.10
nameserver 10.1.250.2
                                                     nameserver 10.1.250.10
nameserver 10.1.250.10
                                                     nameserver 10.1.250.10
```

Variables

- Stores information that varies with each host
- Inventory

```
#Sample Inventory File

Web1 ansible_host=server1.company.com ansible_connection=ssh ansible_shh_pass=P@ssW

db ansible_host=server2.company.com ansible_connection=winrm ansible_shh_pass=P@s

Web2 ansible_host=server3.company.com ansible_connection=ssh ansible_shh_pass=P@ssW
```

Playbook

```
#Sample Ansible Playbook1.yml
-
   name: Add DNS server to resolv.conf
   hosts: localhost
   vars:
        dns_server: 10.1.250.10
   tasks:
        - lineinfile:
            path: /etc/resolv.conf
            line: 'nameserver 10.1.250.10'
```

Variable files

```
#Sample Variable_file.yml
variable1: value1
variable2: value2
```

Variables – In Use

```
#Sample Ansible Playbook1.yml
                                                    #Sample Inventory File
  name: Set Firewall Configurations
                                                    Web http_port=
                                                                        snmp_port=
                                                                                          inter_ip_range=
  hosts: web
  tasks:
     - firewalld:
         service: https
         permanent: true
         state: enabled
    - firewalld:
         port:8081/tcp
         permanent: true
         state: disabled
      firewalld:
         port: 161-162/udp
         permanent: true
         state: disabled
     - firewalld:
         source: 192.0.2.0/24
         Zone: internal
         state: enabled
```



```
#Sample Ansible Playbook1.yml
                                                    #Sample Inventory File
  name: Set Firewall Configurations
                                                    Web http port=8081 snmp port=161-162 inter ip range=192.0.2.0
  hosts: web
 tasks:
     - firewalld:
                                                    #Sample variable File - web.yml
         service: https
         permanent: true
                                                    http port: 8081
         state: enabled
                                                    snmp port: 161-162
      firewalld:
                                                    inter ip range: 192.0.2.0
         port: '{{ http port }}'/tcp
         permanent: true
         state: disabled
      firewalld:
         port: '{{ snmp port }}'/udp
         permanent: true
                                                                         {{
                                                                                   }}
         state: disabled
                                                                     Jinja2 Templating
      firewalld:
         source: '{{ inter_ip_range }}'/24
         Zone: internal
                                                                   source: {{ inter_ip_range }}
         state: enabled
                                                                   source: '{{ inter ip range }}'
                                                                   source: SomeThing{{ inter_ip_range }}SomeThing
```

Conditional

```
#Sample Inventory File

web1 ansible_host=web1.company.com ansible_connection=ssh ansible_shh_pass=P@ssW
db ansible_host=db.company.com ansible_connection=winrm ansible_shh_pass=P@s
web2 ansible_host=web3.company.com ansible_connection=ssh ansible_shh_pass=P@ssW

[all_servers] # Group
web1
db
web2
```

Conditional

```
#Sample Inventory File

web1 ansible_host=web1.company.com ansible_connection=ssh ansible_shh_pass=P@ssW

db ansible_host=db.company.com ansible_connection=winrm ansible_shh_pass=P@s

web2 ansible_host=web3.company.com ansible_connection=ssh ansible_shh_pass=P@ssW

[all_servers] # Group

web1

db

web2
```

```
#Sample Inventory File
...
...
[db_servers] # Group
db

[web_servers] # Group
web1
web2
```

```
#Sample Ansible Playbook1.yml
-
  name: Start db services
  hosts: db_servers
  tasks:
    - service: name=mysql state=started
-
  name: Start web services
  hosts: web_servers
  tasks:
    - service: name=httpd state=started
```

Register And When

```
#Sample Ansible Playbook1.yml
  name: Check status of service and email if its down
  hosts: localhost
  tasks:
         command: service httpd status
         mail:
              to: Admins <system.admins@company.com>
              subject: Service Alert
              body: 'Service {{ ansible_hostname }} is down.'
         when:
```



Register And When

```
#Sample Ansible Playbook1.yml
  name: Check status of service and email if its down
  hosts: localhost
  tasks:
         command: service httpd status
         register: command_output
         mail:
              to: Admins <system.admins@company.com>
              subject: Service Alert
              body: 'Service {{ ansible_hostname }} is down.'
         when: command_output.stdout.find('down') != -1
```



Loops

```
#Sample Ansible Playbook1.yml
  name: Install Packages
  hosts: localhost
  tasks:
         yum: name=httpd
                                state=present
         yum: name=binutils state=present
         yum: name=glibc state=present
         yum: name=ksh state=present
         yum: name=libaio state=present
         yum: name=libXext state=present
         yum: name=gcc state=present
         yum: name=make state=present
         yum: name=sysstat state=present
         yum: name=unixODBC state=present
         yum: name=mongodb state=present
         yum: name=nodejs state=present
         yum: name=grunt state=present
```

Loops

```
#Sample Ansible Playbook1.yml
 name: Install Packages
 hosts: localhost
 tasks:
         yum: name='{{ item }}' state=present
         with_items:
                  httpd
                  binutils
                  glibc
                  ksh
                  libaio
                  libXext
                  gcc
                  make
                  sysstat
                  unixODBC
                  mongodb
                  nodejs
                  grunt
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Ansible - Roles



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Include

setup_application.yml (1500 Lines)	provision_vms.yml (500 Lines)	setup_application.yml (5 Lines)
# Provision VMs name: Provision VMs on Cloud hosts: localhost tasks: - vmeare:	# Provision VMs name: Provision VMs on Cloud hosts: localhost tasks: vmeare:	# Setup Application - include provision_vms.yml - include install_dependencies.yml - include configure_web_server.yml - include setup_start_application.yml
# Install Required Dependencies name: Install Required dependencies hosts: localhost tasks: yum:	install dependencies.yml (500 Lines) # Install Required Dependencies name: Install Required dependencies hosts: localhost tasks: yum:	- include <playbook name=""></playbook>
# Configure Web Server name: Configure Web Server hosts: localhost tasks: apache: # Setup and Start Application	configure web server.yml (500 Lines) # Configure Web Server name: Configure Web Server hosts: localhost tasks: - apache:	
name: Setup and Start Application hosts: localhost tasks: service:	# Setup_start_application.yml (500 Lines) # Setup and Start Application name: Setup and Start Application hosts: localhost tasks: service:	

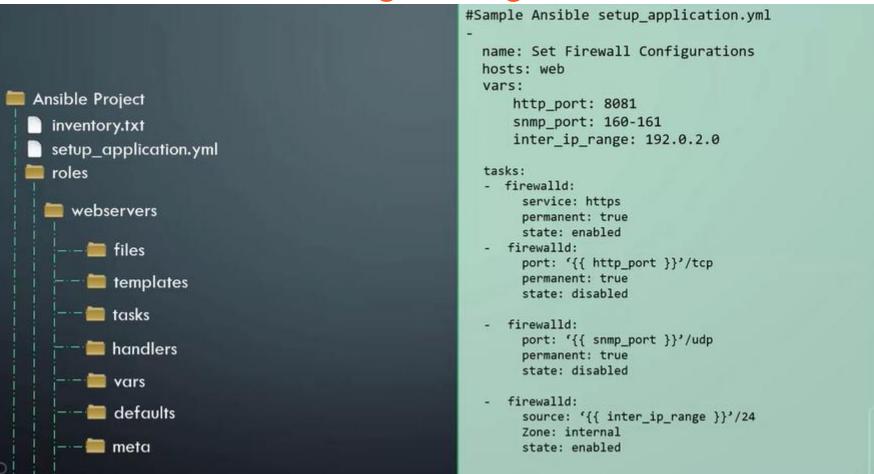
Include Task And Vars

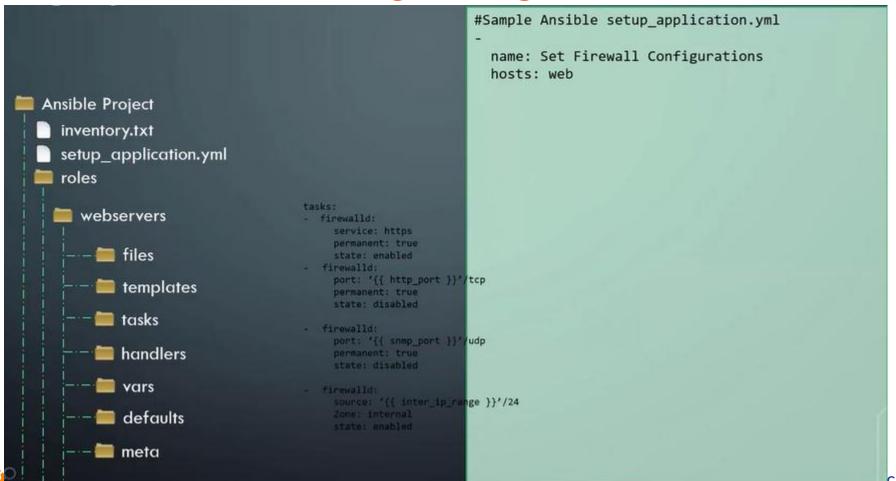
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#Sample Ansible Playbook1.yml
  name: Set Firewall Configurations
  hosts: web
  vars
      http port: 8081
      snmp port: 160-161
      inter ip range: 192.0.2.0
  tasks:
     firewalld:
         service: https
        permanent: true
        state: enabled
     firewalld:
         port: '{{ http_port }}'/tcp
        permanent: true
         state: disabled
      firewalld:
        port: '{{ snmp_port }}'/udp
        permanent: true
         state: disabled
     firewalld:
         source: '{{ inter_ip_range }}'/24
         Zone: internal
         state: enabled
```

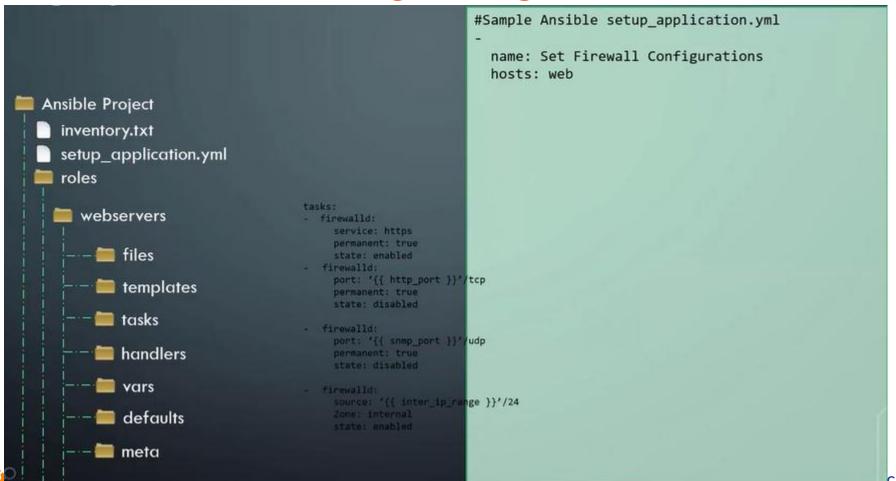
Include Task And Vars

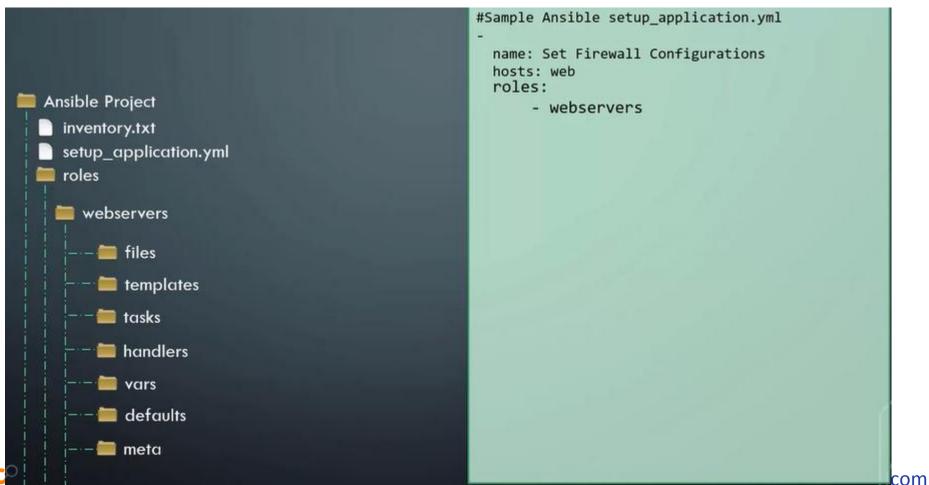
```
# Sample Tasks File tasks.yml
#Sample Ansible Playbook1.yml
                                                                    - firewalld:
  name: Set Firewall Configurations
                                                                         service: https
                                                                         permanent: true
  hosts: web
                                                                         state: enabled
  vars files:
                                                                    - firewalld:
            - variables.yml
                                                                         port: '{{ http_port }}'/tcp
                                                                         permanent: true
                                                                         state: disabled
  tasks:
                                                                    - firewalld:
   include: tasks.yml
                                                                         port: '{{ snmp_port }}'/udp
                                                                         permanent: true
                                                                         state: disabled
                                                                    - firewalld:
                                                                         source: '{{ inter_ip_range }}'/24
                                                                         Zone: internal
                                                                         state: enabled
                                                                       # Sample Vars File variables.yml
                                                                   http port: 8081
                                                                   snmp port: 160-161
                                                                   inter ip range: 192.0.2.0
```

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Temples - filters

```
Substitute
The name is \{\{ my\_name \}\} => The name is Bond
                                                                                Upper
The name is {{ my_name | upper }} => The name is BOND
                                                                                Lower
                                                                                Title
The name is {{ my_name | lower }} => The name is bond
                                                                                replace
                                                                               default
The name is \{\{ my\_name \mid title \}\} => The name is Bond
The name is {{ my_name | replace ("Bond", "Bourne") }} => The name is Bourne
The name is {{ first_name | default("James") }} {{ my_name }} => The name is James Bond
```

Jinja2 – filters List and Set

```
{{ [1, 2, 3] | min }}
                                             => 1
                                                                            min
                                                                            max
{{ [1, 2, 3] | max }}
                                             => 3
                                                                            unique
{{ [1, 2, 3, 2] | unique }}
                                             =>1, 2, 3
                                                                            union
                                                                            intersect
{{ [1, 2, 3, 4] | union([4, 5])}}
                                             => 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
                                                                            random
{{ [1, 2, 3, 4] | intersect([4, 5])}}
                                             => 4
{{ 100 | random }}
                                             => Random number
```

Jinja2 – filters For File

```
{{ "/etc/hosts" | basename }}
                                                     => hosts
{{ "c:\windows\hosts" | win_basename }}
                                                     => hosts
                                                    => ["c:", "\windows\hosts"]
{{ "c:\windows\hosts" | win_splitdrive }}
{{ "c:\windows\hosts" | win_splitdrive | first }}
                                                    => "c:"
{{ "c:\windows\hosts" | win_splitdrive | last }}
                                                    => "\windows\hosts"
```

Ansible Vault

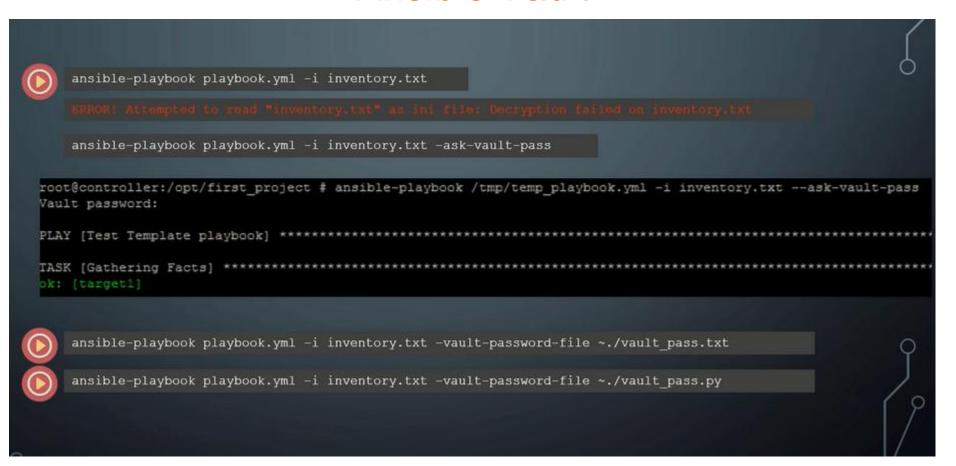
- A feature of ansible that allows us to keep sensitive data
- Such as passwords or keys in encrypted files, rather than as plaintext
- Ansible Vault can encrypt any structured data file used by Ansible
- Reduces the pressure on the network

Ansible Vault

```
# Inventory File - inventory.txt
                ansible ssh pass=PasswOrd ansible host=192.168.1.1
db server
web_server ansible ssh pass=PasswOrd ansible host=192.168.1.2
     ansible-vault encrypt inventory.txt
$ANSIBLE VAULT; 1.1; AES256
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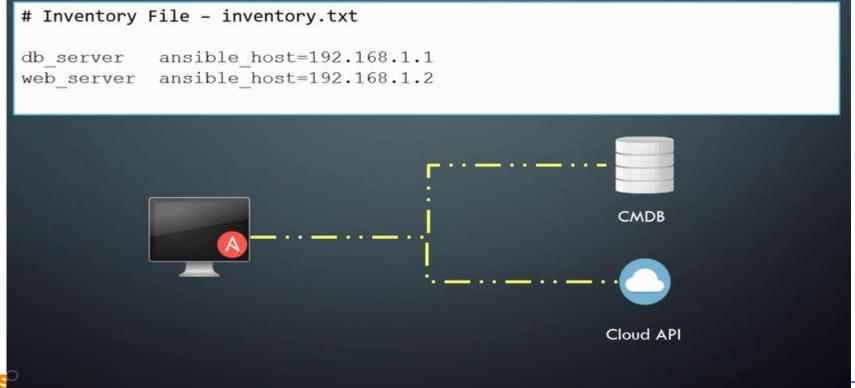
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Dynamic Inventory

• Inventory information that Ansible retrieves programmatically when ansible playbook is run as oppose to us defining in static text file



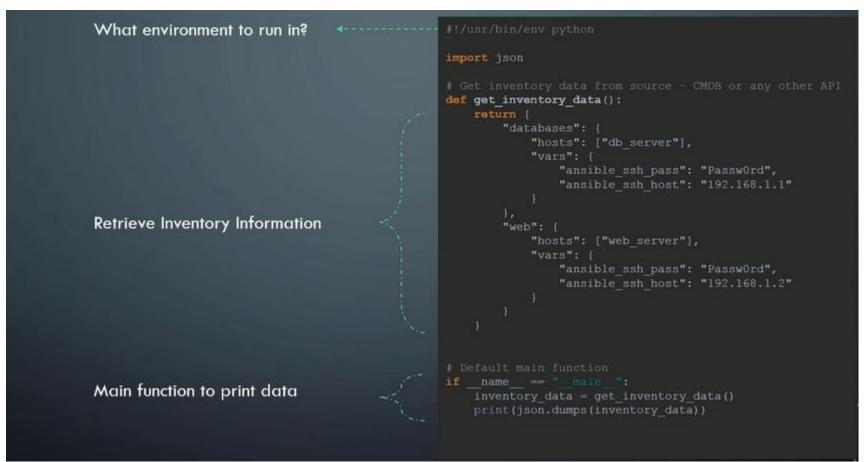
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Dynamic Inventory

```
# Inventory File - inventory.txt
db server
              ansible host=192.168.1.1
web server
              ansible host=192.168.1.2
   ansible-playbook playbook.yml -i inventory.txt
   ansible-playbook playbook.yml -i inventory.py
```

```
import json
def get inventory data():
        "databases": (
                "ansible ssh pass": "PasswOrd",
        "web":
            "hosts": ["web server"],
                "ansible ssh pass": "PasswOrd",
   print(json.dumps(inventory data))
```

Dynamic Inventory



Custom Modules

```
#Sample Ansible Playbook1.yml

name: Debug Something
hosts: target1
tasks:
- debug: msg='This is test message'

TASK [debug]
ok: [target1] => (
"msg": ""This is test message""
}

#Sample Ansible Playbook1.yml

name: Debug Something
hosts: target1
tasks:
- custom_debug: msg='This is test message'

TASK [debug]
ok: [target1] => (
"msg": ""Sat 29 Jul 17:13:33 BST 2017 - This is test message""
}
```



CODE

Import JSON

Import AnsibleModule

Instantiate AnsibleModule

```
#Sample Ansible Playbook1.yml
-
name: Debug Something
hosts: target1
tasks:
    - custom_debug:
         msg: 'This is test message'
```

```
import simplejson as json
def main():
                dict(required=True, type='str')
```