EXPERIMENT 1

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Lab Exercise: Introduction to Vagrant and Vagrantfile

This exercise will guide them through setting up a virtual environment using Vagrant, configuring the environment via a Vagrantfile, and managing the virtual machines (VMs) with basic Vagrant commands.

Objective:

- Learn how to set up and configure virtual environments using Vagrant.
- Understand the structure and components of a Vagrantfile.
- Gain hands-on experience in managing virtual machines using Vagrant commands.

Prerequisites:

- Basic knowledge of virtualization concepts.
- Familiarity with command-line interfaces.
- Installation of Vagrant and VirtualBox (or any other supported provider) on your local machine.

Step-by-Step Exercise:

1. Setting Up the Environment:

Install Vagrant:

- Download and install Vagrant from the official website.
- Ensure you have VirtualBox installed as it is a commonly used provider with Vagrant.
- Verify Installation:
- Open a terminal or command prompt.
- Run the following commands to verify the installation:

```
vagrant --version

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| (base) → ~ vagrant --version
| Vagrant 2.4.1 | (base) → ~ |
```

2. Creating a New Vagrant Project:

- Create a Project Directory:
- In your terminal, create a new directory for your Vagrant project and navigate into it:

```
mkdir vagrant_lab
cd vagrant_lab
```

Initialize Vagrant:

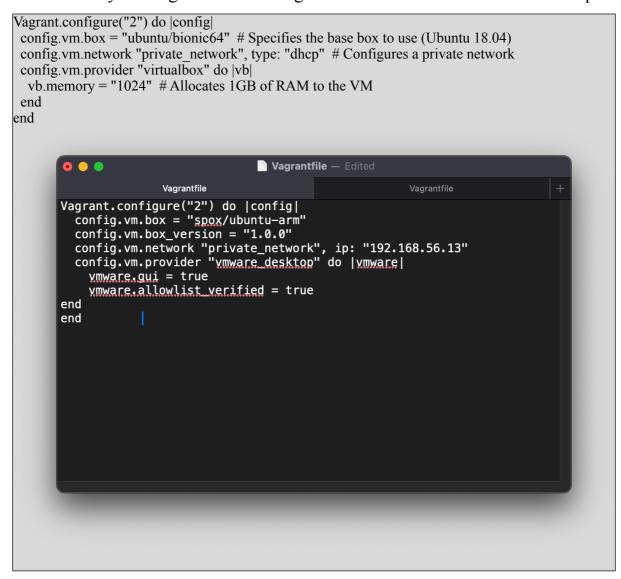
• Run the following command to initialize a new Vagrantfile in your project directory:

This command will generate a Vagrantfile in the current directory.

3. Understanding the Vagrantfile:

- Open the Vagrantfile:
- Open the Vagrantfile in a text editor of your choice.
- The Vagrantfile is a Ruby-based configuration file used to define the virtual environment.
- Basic Vagrantfile Configuration:

• Modify the Vagrantfile to configure a basic virtual machine. For example:



4. Launching and Managing the VM:

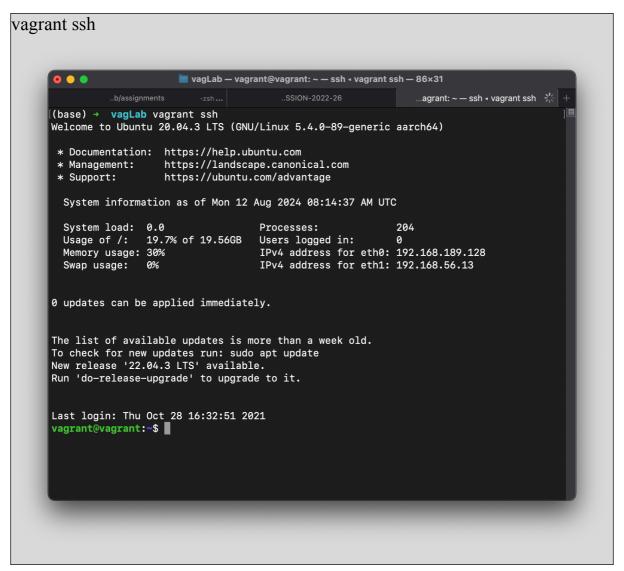
Start the VM:

In the terminal, start the VM using the following command:

```
vagrant up
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                                                                             ..esktop/vagLab
       `vagrantup.com` for more information on using Vagrant.
       ((base) → vagLab vi Vagrantfile
((base) → vagLab open Vagrantfile
       (base) → vagLab
       (base) → vagLab vagrant up
      Bringing machine 'default' up with 'vmware_desktop' provider...
      ==> default: Cloning VMware VM: 'spox/ubuntu-arm'. This can take some time...
      ==> default: Checking if box 'spox/ubuntu-arm' version '1.0.0' is up to date...
      ==> default: Verifying vmnet devices are healthy...
      ==> default: Preparing network adapters...
       ==> default: Starting the VMware VM...
      ==> default: Waiting for the VM to receive an address...
==> default: Forwarding ports...
           default: -- 22 => 2222
       ==> default: Waiting for machine to boot. This may take a few minutes...
           default: SSH address: 127.0.0.1:2222
           default: SSH username: vagrant
           default: SSH auth method: private key
           default:
           default: Vagrant insecure key detected. Vagrant will automatically replace
           default: this with a newly generated keypair for better security.
           default:
           default: Inserting generated public key within guest...
           default: Removing insecure key from the guest if it's present...
           default: Key inserted! Disconnecting and reconnecting using new SSH key...
       ==> default: Machine booted and ready!
       ==> default: Configuring network adapters within the VM...
       ==> default: Waiting for HGFS to become available...
       ==> default: Enabling and configuring shared folders...
          default: -- /Users/bhavesh/Desktop/vagLab: /vagrant
       (base) → vagLab
```

Vagrant will download the specified box (if not already downloaded) and launch the VM.

- SSH into the VM:
- Connect to the running VM using SSH:



- This command will log you into the VM's shell.
- Exploring the VM:
- Inside the VM, explore the filesystem, install packages, and run commands to understand the environment.
- Stop the VM:
- Exit the SSH session by typing exit.
- Stop the VM with the following command:

```
vagrant halt
[vagrant@vagrant:~$ exit
logout
[(base) → vagLab vagrant halt
==> default: Attempting graceful shutdown of VM...
==> default: Stopping the VMware VM...
(base) → vagLab
```

Destroy the VM (optional):

To remove the VM completely, use the following command:

```
vagrant destroy

[vagrant@vagrant:~$ exit
  logout
[(base) → vagLab vagrant destroy
      default: Are you sure you want to destroy the 'default' VM? [y/N] y
==> default: Stopping the VMware VM...
==> default: Deleting the VM...
(base) → vagLab
```

This will remove all traces of the VM, including any data stored on it.

Explore the benefits of using Vagrant for development and testing environments.

Submission:

- Submit a brief report including the Vagrantfile you configured, screenshots of the running VM, and the output of any commands run within the VM
- Reflect on the learning experience and any challenges faced during the exercise.

This lab exercise provides a hands-on introduction to Vagrant, focusing on creating and managing virtual environments through a Vagrantfile. It offers both foundational learning and opportunities to explore more advanced features.

My Views:

Vagrant is tool which automates the building of Virtual Machines.