

ANSIBLE – LAB 2

TASK-1 => TAGS:

- Write simple playbook file
- Add two tasks (apt update – apt install nginx)
- Add tags to first task: update
- Add tags to second task: install
- Run only the (apt update) task
- Example: ansible-playbook my-playbook.yml --tags update
- Add one task with “tags: always” and run the previous command again

```
[ahamdi@localhost ~/ansible/lab2/ubuntu-container]$ ssh-copy-id -i ~/.ssh/key iti@172.17.0.2
/usr/bin/ssh-copy-id: INFO: Source of key(s) to be installed: "/home/ahamdi/.ssh/key.pub"
/usr/bin/ssh-copy-id: INFO: attempting to log in with the new key(s), to filter out any that are already installed
/usr/bin/ssh-copy-id: INFO: 1 key(s) remain to be installed -- if you are prompted now it is to install the new keys
iti@172.17.0.2's password:

Number of key(s) added: 1

Now try logging into the machine, with:  "ssh 'iti@172.17.0.2'"
and check to make sure that only the key(s) you wanted were added.
```

```
[ahamdi@localhost ~/ansible/lab2/ubuntu-container]$ ansible all -i inventory --private-key ~/.ssh/key -u iti -m ping
BECOME password:
172.17.0.2 | SUCCESS => {
  "ansible_facts": {
    "discovered_interpreter_python": "/usr/bin/python3"
  },
  "changed": false,
  "ping": "pong"
}
```

```
[ahamdi@localhost ~/ansible/lab2/ubuntu-container]$ ansible-playbook my_playbook.yml --tags update
BECOME password:

PLAY [Update and Install Nginx & Curl] *****

TASK [Gathering Facts] *****
ok: [172.17.0.2]

TASK [apt Update] *****
ok: [172.17.0.2]

PLAY RECAP *****
172.17.0.2      : ok=2    changed=0    unreachable=0    failed=0    skipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0
```

```

1  - name: Update and Install Nginx & Curl
2    hosts: web_servers
3    tasks:
4      - name: apt Update
5        tags: update
6        ansible.builtin.apt:
7          update_cache: yes
8
9
10     - name: Install the latest version of nginx
11       tags: install
12       ansible.builtin.apt:
13         name: nginx
14         state: latest
15
16     - name: install curl
17       tags: always
18       ansible.builtin.apt:
19         name: curl
20         state: latest
21

```

```

● [ahamdi@localhost ~/ansible/lab2/ubuntu-container]$ ansible-playbook my_playbook.yml --tags update
BECOME password:

PLAY [Update and Install Nginx & Curl] *****

TASK [Gathering Facts] *****
ok: [172.17.0.2]

TASK [apt Update] *****
ok: [172.17.0.2]

TASK [install curl] *****
ok: [172.17.0.2]

PLAY RECAP *****
172.17.0.2      : ok=3    changed=0    unreachable=0    failed=0    skipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0

```

TASK-2 => VARIABLES:

Define these variables (package_name, package_version)

- on playbook level

```
- name: Update and Install '{{ package_name }}' & Curl
  hosts: web_servers
  vars:
    package_name: nginx
    package_version: latest
  tasks:
    - name: apt Update
      tags: update
      ansible.builtin.apt:
        update_cache: yes

    - name: Install '{{ package_version }}' version of '{{ package_name }}'
      tags: install
      ansible.builtin.apt:
        name: "{{ package_name }}"
        state: "{{ package_version }}"

    - name: install curl
      tags: always
      ansible.builtin.apt:
        name: curl
        state: latest
```

```
● [ahamdi@localhost ~/ansible/lab2/ubuntu-container]$ ansible-playbook my_playbook.yml
BECOME password:

PLAY [Update and Install 'nginx' & Curl] *****

TASK [Gathering Facts] *****
ok: [172.17.0.2]

TASK [apt Update] *****
ok: [172.17.0.2]

TASK [Install 'latest' version of 'nginx'] *****
changed: [172.17.0.2]

TASK [install curl] *****
ok: [172.17.0.2]

PLAY RECAP *****
172.17.0.2          : ok=4    changed=1    unreachable=0    failed=0    skipped=0    rescued=0
```

- on inventory level

```
ubuntu-container > ≡ inventory
1  [web_servers]
2  172.17.0.2
3
4
5  [web_servers:vars]
6  package_name=nginx
7  package_version=latest
8
9
```

```
• [ahamdi@localhost ~/ansible/lab2/ubuntu-container]$ ansible-playbook my_playbook.yml
BECOME password:

PLAY [Update and Install '{{ package_name }}' & Curl] *****

TASK [Gathering Facts] *****
ok: [172.17.0.2]

TASK [apt Update] *****
ok: [172.17.0.2]

TASK [Install 'latest' version of 'ssh'] *****
ok: [172.17.0.2]

TASK [install curl] *****
ok: [172.17.0.2]

PLAY RECAP *****
172.17.0.2      : ok=4    changed=0    unreachable=0    failed=0    skipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0
```

```
1  - name: Update and Install '{{ package_name }}' & Curl
2    hosts: web_servers
3    vars:
4      # package_name: nginx
5      # package_version: latest
6    tasks:
7      - name: apt Update
8        tags: update
9        ansible.builtin.apt:
10         update_cache: yes
11
12
13      - name: Install '{{ package_version }}' version of '{{ package_name }}'
14        tags: install
15        ansible.builtin.apt:
16         name: "{{ package_name }}"
17         state: "{{ package_version }}"
18
19      - name: install curl
20        tags: always
21        ansible.builtin.apt:
22         name: curl
23         state: latest
24
```

- on command line level

```
• [ahamdi@localhost ~/ansible/lab2/ubuntu-container]$ ansible-playbook my_playbook.yml -e "package_name=ssh version=latest"
BECOME password:
```

```
• [ahamdi@localhost ~/ansible/lab2/ubuntu-container]$ ansible-playbook my_playbook.yml -e "package_name=ssh version=latest"
BECOME password:

PLAY [Update and Install 'ssh' & Curl] *****

TASK [Gathering Facts] *****
ok: [172.17.0.2]

TASK [apt Update] *****
ok: [172.17.0.2]

TASK [Install 'latest' version of 'ssh'] *****
ok: [172.17.0.2]

TASK [install curl] *****
ok: [172.17.0.2]

PLAY RECAP *****
172.17.0.2          : ok=4    changed=0    unreachable=0    failed=0    skipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0
```

```
- name: Update and Install '{{ package_name }}' & Curl
  hosts: web_servers
  vars:
    package_name: nginx
    package_version: latest
  tasks:
    - name: apt Update
      tags: update
      ansible.builtin.apt:
        update_cache: yes

    - name: Install '{{ package_version }}' version of '{{ package_name }}'
      tags: install
      ansible.builtin.apt:
        name: "{{ package_name }}"
        state: "{{ package_version }}"

    - name: install curl
      tags: always
      ansible.builtin.apt:
        name: curl
        state: latest
```

Use apt module with the package name and version from your variables

TASK-3 => LOOPS:

- Loop over a list of packages and install latest versions.

```
- name: Mu PLaY with loops
  hosts: web_servers
  tasks:
    - name: my task with loops
      ansible.builtin.apt:
        name: "{{ item }}"
        state: latest
      loop:
        - nginx
        - ssh
        - curl
```

```
● [ahamdi@localhost ~/ansible/lab2/ubuntu-container]$ ansible-playbook my_playbook.yml
BECOME password:

PLAY [Mu PLaY with loops] *****

TASK [Gathering Facts] *****
ok: [172.17.0.2]

TASK [my task with loops] *****
ok: [172.17.0.2] => (item=nginx)
ok: [172.17.0.2] => (item=ssh)
ok: [172.17.0.2] => (item=curl)

PLAY RECAP *****
172.17.0.2          : ok=2    changed=0    unreachable=0    failed=0    skipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0
```

- Loop over a list of packages and perform different actions as per input.

```
- name: my play with loops
  hosts: web_servers
  tasks:
    - name: my task with loops
      ansible.builtin.apt:
        name: "{{ item.package_name }}"
        state: "{{ item.package_state }}"
      loop:
        - { package_name: "nginx", package_state: "present" }
        - { package_name: "ssh", package_state: "latest" }
        - { package_name: "curl", package_state: "absent" }
```

```
[ahamdi@localhost ~/ansible/lab2/ubuntu-container]$ ansible-playbook my_playbook.yml
BECOME password:

PLAY [my play with loops] *****

TASK [Gathering Facts] *****
ok: [172.17.0.2]

TASK [my task with loops] *****
ok: [172.17.0.2] => (item={'package_name': 'nginx', 'package_state': 'present'})
ok: [172.17.0.2] => (item={'package_name': 'ssh', 'package_state': 'latest'})
changed: [172.17.0.2] => (item={'package_name': 'curl', 'package_state': 'absent'})

PLAY RECAP *****
172.17.0.2          : ok=2    changed=1    unreachable=0    failed=0    skipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0
```

TASK-4 => WHEN:

- Install nginx or apache2 depending on distribution
- Restart nginx service if distribution is ubuntu and variable value is true

```
- name: Install nginx or apache2 depending on distribution
hosts: all
vars:
  restart_nginx: true

tasks:
  - name: Install nginx on Ubuntu
    ansible.builtin.apt:
      name: nginx
      state: present
      when: ansible_facts['distribution'] == "Ubuntu"

  - name: Install apache2 on CentOS
    yum:
      name: httpd
      state: present
      when: ansible_facts['distribution'] == "CentOS"

  - name: Restart nginx service if distribution is Ubuntu and restart_nginx is true
    service:
      name: nginx
      state: restarted
      when:
        - ansible_facts['distribution'] == "Ubuntu"
        - restart_nginx | bool
```

```
• [ahamdi@localhost ~/ansible/lab2/ubuntu-container]$ ssh iti@172.17.0.2
Last login: Mon Feb  3 23:20:25 2025 from gateway
[iti@bf8c2cff4f12 ~]$ exit
logout
Connection to 172.17.0.2 closed.
• [ahamdi@localhost ~/ansible/lab2/ubuntu-container]$ ssh iti@172.17.0.3
Welcome to Ubuntu 24.04.1 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.14.0-554.el9.x86_64 x86_64)

 * Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com
 * Management:    https://landscape.canonical.com
 * Support:       https://ubuntu.com/pro
```

```
• [ahamdi@localhost ~/ansible/lab2/ubuntu-container]$ docker container ls
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE          COMMAND                  CREATED        STATUS        PORTS        NAMES
91cbd3ed0a85   ansible-lab2   "/bin/sh -c 'service..." 24 minutes ago Up 24 minutes           priceless_grothendieck
bf8c2cff4f12   testcentos     "/bin/sh -c '/usr/sb..." 2 hours ago   Up 2 hours           nervous_hopper
• [ahamdi@localhost ~/ansible/lab2/ubuntu-container]$
```



```
● [ahamdi@localhost ~/ansible/lab2/ubuntu-container]$ ansible web_servers -m ping
BECOME password:
172.17.0.3 | SUCCESS => {
  "ansible_facts": {
    "discovered_interpreter_python": "/usr/bin/python3"
  },
  "changed": false,
  "ping": "pong"
}
172.17.0.2 | SUCCESS => {
  "ansible_facts": {
    "discovered_interpreter_python": "/usr/bin/python"
  },
  "changed": false,
  "ping": "pong"
}
```

TASK-5 => REGISTER:

- View the value of your register variable using debug module

```
- name: my play with register
  hosts: web_servers
  tasks:
    - name: my task1 with register
      command: cat /etc/os-release
      register: my_result
    - name: my task2 with register
      debug:
        var: my_result
```

```
[ahamdi@localhost ~/ansible/lab2/ubuntu-container]$ ansible-playbook my_playbook.yml
BECOME password:

PLAY [my play with register] *****

TASK [Gathering Facts] *****
ok: [172.17.0.2]

TASK [my task1 with register] *****
changed: [172.17.0.2]

TASK [my task2 with register] *****
ok: [172.17.0.2] => {
  "my_result": {
    "changed": true,
    "cmd": [
      "cat",
      "/etc/os-release"
    ],
    "delta": "0:00:00.005225",
    "end": "2025-02-03 13:57:42.053465",
    "failed": false,
    "msg": "",
    "rc": 0,
```

```
    "LOGO=ubuntu-logo"
  }
}

PLAY RECAP *****
172.17.0.2 : ok=3 changed=1 unreachable=0 failed=0 skipped=0 rescued=0 ignored=0
```

- Restart service if the installation task was changed or was not failed

```
✓ - name: my play with register
  hosts: web_servers
  tasks:
✓ - name: my task1 with register
  command: cat /etc/os-release
  register: my_result
✓ - name: my task2 with register
  debug:
    var: my_result
  when: my_result.failed == false or my_result.changed == true
```

```
• [ahamdi@localhost ~/ansible/lab2/ubuntu-container]$ ansible-playbook my_playbook.yml
BECOME password:
```

```
PLAY [my play with register] *****

TASK [Gathering Facts] *****
ok: [172.17.0.2]

TASK [my task1 with register] *****
changed: [172.17.0.2]

TASK [my task2 with register] *****
ok: [172.17.0.2] => {
  "my_result": {
    "changed": true,
    "cmd": f
```