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| Activity 4: Running Elevated Ad hoc Commands | |
| 1. Objectives: 1.1 Use commands that makes changes to remote machines 1.2 Use playbook in automating ansible commands | |
| 2. Discussion: <i>Provide screenshots for each task.</i> Elevated Ad hoc commands So far, we have not performed ansible commands that makes changes to the remote servers. We manage to gather facts and connect to the remote machines, but we still did not make changes on those machines. In this activity, we will learn to use commands that would install, update, and upgrade packages in the remote machines. We will also create a playbook that will be used for automations. Playbooks record and execute Ansible 's configuration, deployment, and orchestration functions. They can describe a policy you want your remote systems to enforce, or a set of steps in a general IT process. If Ansible modules are the tools in your workshop, playbooks are your instruction manuals, and your inventory of hosts are your raw material. At a basic level, playbooks can be used to manage configurations of and deployments to remote machines. At a more advanced level, they can sequence multi-tier rollouts involving rolling updates, and can delegate actions to other hosts, interacting with monitoring servers and load balancers along the way. You can check this documentation if you want to learn more about playbooks. Working with playbooks — Ansible Documentation | |
| Task 1: Run elevated ad hoc commands 1. Locally, we use the command <i>sudo apt update</i> when we want to download package information from all configured resources. The sources often defined in <i>/etc/apt/sources.list</i> file and other files located in <i>/etc/apt/sources.list.d/</i> directory. So, when you run update command, it downloads the package information from the Internet. It is useful to get info on an updated version of packages or their dependencies. We can only run an apt update command in a remote machine. Issue the following command: | |

ansible all -m apt -a update_cache=true

```
bencito@workstation:~/CPE232_Bencito$ ansible all -m apt -a update_cache=true
The authenticity of host '192.168.56.101 (192.168.56.101)' can't be established
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:jkkT3ayyRxDd0BKDLTDniVcl1FYCtaBC7wG2K70rXU8.
This host key is known by the following other names/addresses:
  ~/.ssh/known_hosts:1: [hashed name]
  ~/.ssh/known_hosts:4: [hashed name]
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? 192.168.56
.103 | UNREACHABLE! => {
  "changed": false,
  "msg": "Failed to connect to the host via ssh: ssh: connect to host 192.168
.56.103 port 22: No route to host",
  "unreachable": true
}
192.168.56.101 | UNREACHABLE! => {
  "changed": false,
  "msg": "Failed to connect to the host via ssh: Host key verification failed
.",
  "unreachable": true
}
bencito@workstation:~/CPE232_Bencito$
```

What is the result of the command? Is it successful?

It's not successful because it's not unreachable

Try editing the command and add something that would elevate the privilege. Issue the command *ansible all -m apt -a update_cache=true --become --ask-become-pass*. Enter the sudo password when prompted. You will notice now that the output of this command is a success. The *update_cache=true* is the same thing as running *sudo apt update*. The *--become* command elevate the privileges and the *--ask-become-pass* asks for the password. For now, even if we only have changed the packaged index, we were able to change something on the remote server.

Only Server 1 open and Updated

```
bencito@workstation:~/CPE232_Bencito$ ansible all -m apt -a update_cache=true -
-become --ask-become-pass
BECOME password:

192.168.56.101 | CHANGED => {
  "ansible_facts": {
    "discovered_interpreter_python": "/usr/bin/python3"
  },
  "cache_update_time": 1662996910,
  "cache_updated": true,
  "changed": true
}
192.168.56.103 | FAILED! => {
  "ansible_facts": {
    "discovered_interpreter_python": "/usr/bin/python3"
  },
  "changed": false,
  "msg": "Failed to update apt cache: W:Updating from such a repository can't
be done securely, and is therefore disabled by default., W:See apt-secure(8) m
anpage for repository creation and user configuration details., E:The repositor
y 'http://ph.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy Release' no longer has a Release f
ile., W:Updating from such a repository can't be done securely, and is therefor
e disabled by default., W:See apt-secure(8) manpage for repository creation and
user configuration details., E:The repository 'http://ph.archive.ubuntu.com/ub
untu jammy-updates Release' no longer has a Release file., W:Updating from such
a repository can't be done securely, and is therefore disabled by default., W:
See apt-secure(8) manpage for repository creation and user configuration detail
s., E:The repository 'http://ph.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-backports Relea
se' no longer has a Release file."
```

Only server 2 open

```
bencito@workstation:~/CPE232_Bencito$ ansible all -m apt -a update_cache=true -
-become --ask-become-pass
BECOME password:
192.168.56.103 | CHANGED => {
  "ansible_facts": {
    "discovered_interpreter_python": "/usr/bin/python3"
  },
  "cache_update_time": 1662998289,
  "cache_updated": true,
  "changed": true
}
192.168.56.101 | UNREACHABLE! => {
  "changed": false,
  "msg": "Failed to connect to the host via ssh: ssh: connect to host 192.168
.56.101 port 22: Connection timed out",
  "unreachable": true
}
bencito@workstation:~/CPE232_Bencito$
```

You may notice after the second command was executed, the status is CHANGED compared to the first command, which is FAILED.

Yes, the first is not working.

- Let's try to install VIM, which is an almost compatible version of the UNIX editor Vi. To do this, we will just changed the module part in 1.1 instruction. Here is the command: *ansible all -m apt -a name=vim-nox --become --ask-become-pass*. The command would take some time after typing the password because the local machine instructed the remote servers to actually install the package.

Server 1 only

```
bencito@workstation:~/CPE232_Bencito$ ansible all -m apt -a name=vim-nox --beco
me --ask-become-pass
BECOME password:
192.168.56.103 | UNREACHABLE! => {
  "changed": false,
  "msg": "Failed to connect to the host via ssh: ssh: connect to host 192.168
.56.103 port 22: No route to host",
  "unreachable": true
}
192.168.56.101 | CHANGED => {
  "ansible_facts": {
    "discovered_interpreter_python": "/usr/bin/python3"
  },
  "cache_update_time": 1662996910,
  "cache_updated": false,
  "changed": true,
  "stderr": "",
  "stderr_lines": [],
  "stdout": "Reading package lists...\nBuilding dependency tree...\nReading s
tate information...\nThe following additional packages will be installed:\n fo
nts-lato javascript-common libjs-jquery liblua5.2-0 libruby3.0 rake ruby\n rub
y-net-telnet ruby-rubygems ruby-webrick ruby-xmlrpc ruby3.0\n rubygems-integra
tion vim-runtime\nSuggested packages:\n apache2 | lighttpd | httpd ri ruby-dev
bundler cscope vim-doc\nThe following NEW packages will be installed:\n fonts
-lato javascript-common libjs-jquery liblua5.2-0 libruby3.0 rake ruby\n ruby-n
et-telnet ruby-rubygems ruby-webrick ruby-xmlrpc ruby3.0\n rubygems-integratio
n vim-nox vim-runtime\n0 upgraded, 15 newly installed, 0 to remove and 28 not u
```

Server 2 only

```

bencito@workstation:~/CPE232_Bencito$ ansible all -m apt -a name=vim-nox --beco
me --ask-become-pass
BECOME password:
192.168.56.101 | UNREACHABLE! => {
  "changed": false,
  "msg": "Failed to connect to the host via ssh: ssh: connect to host 192.168
.56.101 port 22: Connection timed out",
  "unreachable": true
}
192.168.56.103 | CHANGED => {
  "ansible_facts": {
    "discovered_interpreter_python": "/usr/bin/python3"
  },
  "cache_update_time": 1662998289,
  "cache_updated": false,
  "changed": true,
  "stderr": "",
  "stderr_lines": [],
  "stdout": "Reading package lists...\nBuilding dependency tree...\nReading s
tate information...\nThe following packages were automatically installed and ar
e no longer required:\n linux-headers-5.15.0-43 linux-headers-5.15.0-43-generi
c\n linux-image-5.15.0-43-generic linux-modules-5.15.0-43-generic\n linux-mod
ules-extra-5.15.0-43-generic\nUse 'sudo apt autoremove' to remove them.\nThe fo
llowing additional packages will be installed:\n fonts-lato javascript-common
libjs-jquery liblua5.2-0 libruby3.0 rake ruby\n ruby-net-telnet ruby-rubygems
ruby-webrick ruby-xmlrpc ruby3.0\n rubygems-integration vim-runtime\nSuggested
 packages:\n apache2 | lighttpd | httpd ri ruby-dev bundler cscope vim-doc\nTh
e following NEW packages will be installed:\n fonts-lato javascript-common lib

```

- 2.1 Verify that you have installed the package in the remote servers. Issue the command *which vim* and the command *apt search vim-nox* respectively. Was the command successful?

```

bencito@workstation:~/CPE232_Bencito$ which vim
bencito@workstation:~/CPE232_Bencito$ apt search vim-nox
Sorting... Done
Full Text Search... Done
vim-nox/jammy 2:8.2.3995-1ubuntu2 amd64
  Vi IMproved - enhanced vi editor - with scripting languages support

vim-tiny/jammy,now 2:8.2.3995-1ubuntu2 amd64 [installed,automatic]
  Vi IMproved - enhanced vi editor - compact version

bencito@workstation:~/CPE232_Bencito$

```

Yes, It's successful

- 2.2 Check the logs in the servers using the following commands: *cd /var/log*. After this, issue the command *ls*, go to the folder *apt* and open *history.log*. Describe what you see in the *history.log*.

```

bencito@workstation:~/CPE232_Bencito$ cd /var/log
bencito@workstation:/var/log$ ls
alternatives.log      dmesg                kern.log.2.gz
alternatives.log.1    dmesg.0              lastlog
apt                   dmesg.1.gz           openvpn
auth.log              dmesg.2.gz           private
auth.log.1            dmesg.3.gz           speech-dispatcher
auth.log.2.gz          dmesg.4.gz           syslog
boot.log              dpkg.log              syslog.1
boot.log.1            dpkg.log.1            syslog.2.gz
boot.log.2            faillog               ubuntu-advantage.log
boot.log.3            fontconfig.log         ubuntu-advantage-timer.log
boot.log.4            gdm3                  ubuntu-advantage-timer.log.1
boot.log.5            gpu-manager.log        ufw.log
bootstrap.log         hp                     ufw.log.1
btmtp                 installer              unattended-upgrades
btmtp.1               journal                wtmp
cups                  kern.log
dist-upgrade           kern.log.1
bencito@workstation:/var/log$ apt
apt 2.4.7 (amd64)
Usage: apt [options] command

```

3. This time, we will install a package called snapd. Snap is pre-installed in Ubuntu system. However, our goal is to create a command that checks for the latest installation package.

3.1 Issue the command: *ansible all -m apt -a name=snapd --become --ask-become-pass*

```
bencito@workstation:~/CPE232_Bencito$ ansible all -m apt -a name=snapd --become
--ask-become-pass
BECOME password:
192.168.56.103 | SUCCESS => {
  "ansible_facts": {
    "discovered_interpreter_python": "/usr/bin/python3"
  },
  "cache_update_time": 1662998289,
  "cache_updated": false,
  "changed": false
}
192.168.56.101 | SUCCESS => {
  "ansible_facts": {
    "discovered_interpreter_python": "/usr/bin/python3"
  },
  "cache_update_time": 1662996910,
  "cache_updated": false,
  "changed": false
}
bencito@workstation:~/CPE232_Bencito$
```

Can you describe the result of this command? Is it a success? Did it change anything in the remote servers?

The command was successful but there is no any changes.

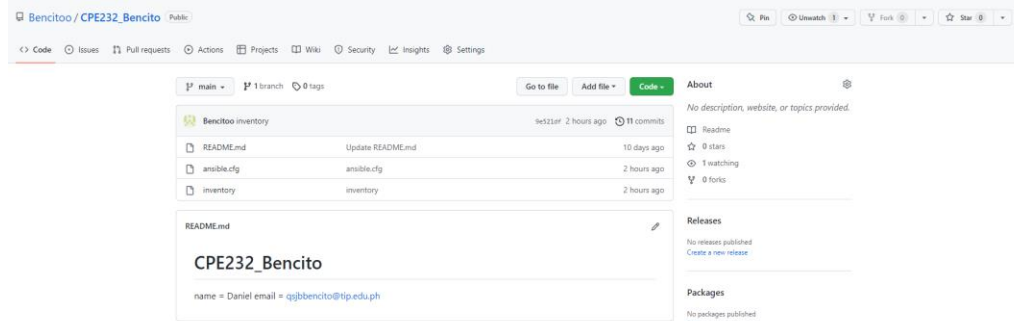
3.2 Now, try to issue this command: *ansible all -m apt -a "name=snapd state=latest" --become --ask-become-pass*

```
bencito@workstation:~/CPE232_Bencito$ ansible all -m apt -a "name=snapd state=latest" --become --ask-become-pass
BECOME password:
192.168.56.101 | SUCCESS => {
  "ansible_facts": {
    "discovered_interpreter_python": "/usr/bin/python3"
  },
  "cache_update_time": 1662996910,
  "cache_updated": false,
  "changed": false
}
192.168.56.103 | SUCCESS => {
  "ansible_facts": {
    "discovered_interpreter_python": "/usr/bin/python3"
  },
  "cache_update_time": 1662998289,
  "cache_updated": false,
  "changed": false
}
bencito@workstation:~/CPE232_Bencito$
```

Describe the output of this command. Notice how we added the command *state=latest* and placed them in double quotations.

It's just the same, it just check if the snapd is updated.

4. At this point, make sure to commit all changes to GitHub.



Task 2: Writing our First Playbook

1. With ad hoc commands, we can simplify the administration of remote servers. For example, we can install updates, packages, and applications, etc. However, the real strength of ansible comes from its playbooks. When we write a playbook, we can define the state that we want our servers to be in and the place or commands that ansible will carry out to bring to that state. You can use an editor to create a playbook. Before we proceed, make sure that you are in the directory of the repository that we use in the previous activities (*CPE232_yourname*). Issue the command *nano install_apache.yml*. This will create a playbook file called *install_apache.yml*. The .yml is the basic standard extension for playbook files.

When the editor appears, type the following:

```
GNU nano 4.8      install_apache.yml
--
- hosts: all
  become: true
  tasks:

    - name: install apache2 package
      apt:
        name: apache2
```

Screenshot

```
GNU nano 6.2      install_apache.yml
--
- hosts: all
  become: true
  tasks:

    - name: install apache2 package
      apt:
        name: apache2
```

Make sure to save the file. Take note also of the alignments of the texts.

2. Run the yml file using the command: *ansible-playbook --ask-become-pass install_apache.yml*. Describe the result of this command.

```
bencito@workstation:~/CPE232_Bencito$ ansible-playbook --ask-become-pass install_apache.yml
BECOME password:

PLAY [all] *****
*

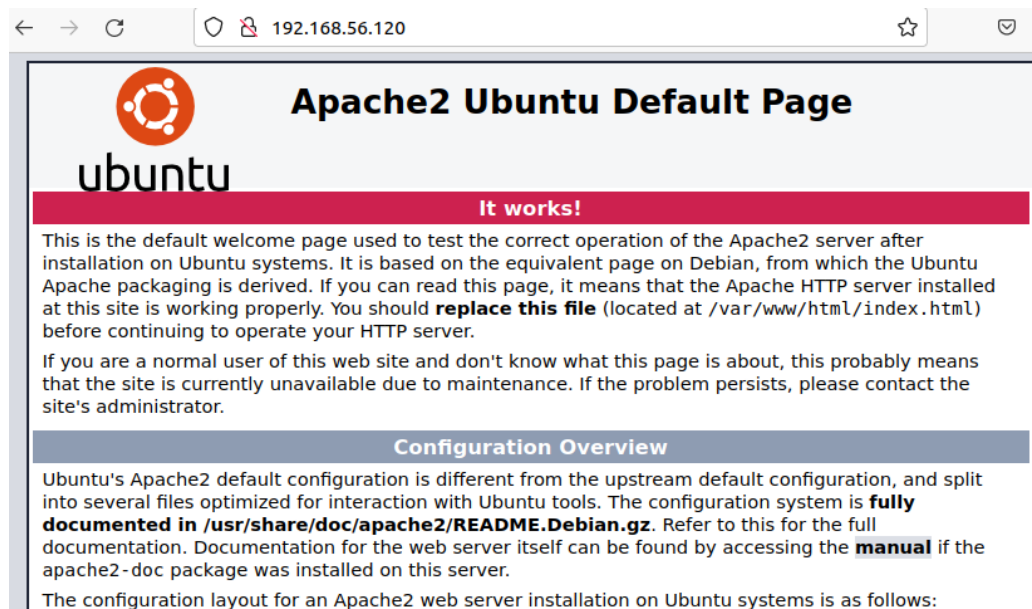
TASK [Gathering Facts] *****
*
ok: [192.168.56.103]
ok: [192.168.56.101]

TASK [install apache2 package] *****
*
changed: [192.168.56.101]
changed: [192.168.56.103]

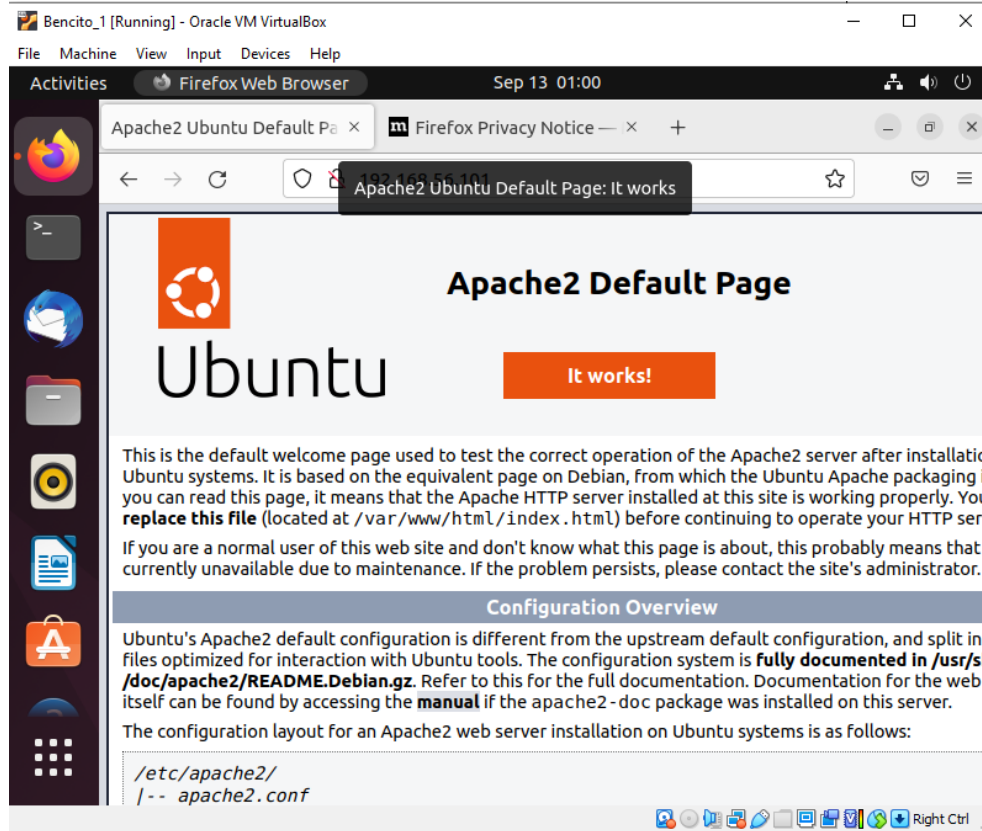
PLAY RECAP *****
*
192.168.56.101      : ok=2    changed=1    unreachable=0    failed=0
skipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0
192.168.56.103      : ok=2    changed=1    unreachable=0    failed=0
skipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0
bencito@workstation:~/CPE232_Bencito$
```

It successfully installed and there is no error found.

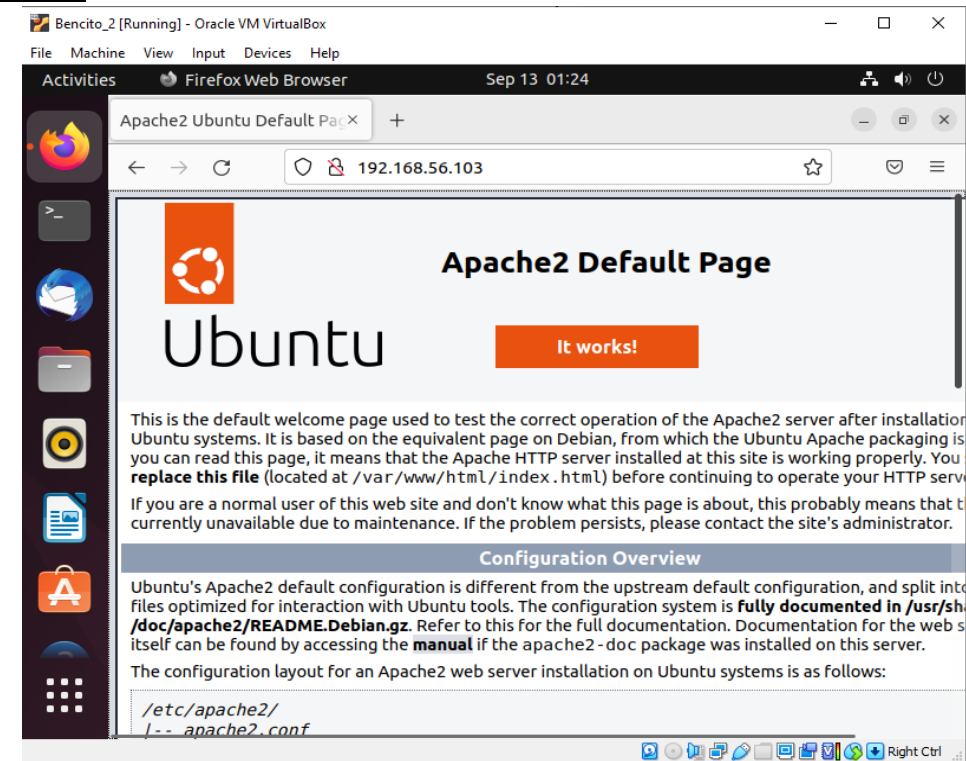
3. To verify that apache2 was installed automatically in the remote servers, go to the web browsers on each server and type its IP address. You should see something like this.



Server 1



Server 2



4. Try to edit the *install_apache.yml* and change the name of the package to any name that will not be recognized. What is the output?

The out will be error. Because the package will not read it.

5. This time, we are going to put additional task to our playbook. Edit the *install_apache.yml*. As you can see, we are now adding an additional command, which is the *update_cache*. This command updates existing package-indexes on a supporting distro but not upgrading installed-packages (utilities) that were being installed.

```
---
- hosts: all
  become: true
  tasks:

    - name: update repository index
      apt:
        update_cache: yes

    - name: install apache2 package
      apt:
        name: apache2
```

Save the changes to this file and exit.

6. Run the playbook and describe the output. Did the new command change anything on the remote servers?

```
l_apache.yml
BECOME password:

PLAY [all] *****
*

TASK [Gathering Facts] *****
*
ok: [192.168.56.103]
ok: [192.168.56.101]

TASK [update repository index] *****
*
changed: [192.168.56.103]
changed: [192.168.56.101]

TASK [install apache2 package] *****
*
ok: [192.168.56.101]
ok: [192.168.56.103]

PLAY RECAP *****
*
192.168.56.101      : ok=3    changed=1    unreachable=0    failed=0
skipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0
192.168.56.103      : ok=3    changed=1    unreachable=0    failed=0
skipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0
bencito@workstation:~/CPE232_Bencito$
```

There are changed on the repository index.

7. Edit again the *install_apache.yml*. This time, we are going to add a PHP support for the apache package we installed earlier.

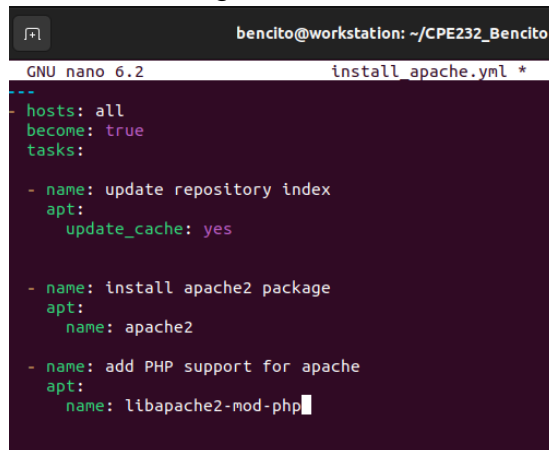
```
---
- hosts: all
  become: true
  tasks:

    - name: update repository index
      apt:
        update_cache: yes

    - name: install apache2 package
      apt:
        name: apache2

    - name: add PHP support for apache
      apt:
        name: libapache2-mod-php
```

Save the changes to this file and exit.



```
bencito@workstation: ~/CPE232_Bencito
GNU nano 6.2      install_apache.yml *
---
- hosts: all
  become: true
  tasks:

    - name: update repository index
      apt:
        update_cache: yes

    - name: install apache2 package
      apt:
        name: apache2

    - name: add PHP support for apache
      apt:
        name: libapache2-mod-php
```

8. Run the playbook and describe the output. Did the new command change anything on the remote servers?

```

bencito@workstation:~/CPE232_Bencito$ ansible-playbook --ask-become-pass instal
l_apache.yml
BECOME password:

PLAY [all] *****
*

TASK [Gathering Facts] *****
*
ok: [192.168.56.101]
ok: [192.168.56.103]

TASK [update repository index] *****
*
changed: [192.168.56.101]
changed: [192.168.56.103]

TASK [install apache2 package] *****
*
ok: [192.168.56.101]
ok: [192.168.56.103]

TASK [add PHP support for apache] *****
*
fatal: [192.168.56.103]: FAILED! => {"cache_update_time": 1663078621, "cache_up
dated": false, "changed": false, "msg": "'/usr/bin/apt-get -y -o \"Dpkg::Option
s::--force-confdef\" -o \"Dpkg::Options::--force-confold\"      install 'lib
apache2-mod-php=2:8.1+92ubuntu1' failed: E: dpkg was interrupted, you must man

```

```

changed: [192.168.56.101]

PLAY RECAP *****
*
192.168.56.101      : ok=4    changed=2    unreachable=0    failed=0
skipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0
192.168.56.103      : ok=3    changed=1    unreachable=0    failed=1
skipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0

bencito@workstation:~/CPE232_Bencito$

```

They have a one fail changes on the server 2. Because you need first to reconfigure it. On the server 1 all changes will be assigned without an error.

Server 2 fixed

```

*

TASK [Gathering Facts] *****
*
ok: [192.168.56.103]
fatal: [192.168.56.101]: UNREACHABLE! => {"changed": false, "msg": "Failed to c
onnect to the host via ssh: ssh: connect to host 192.168.56.101 port 22: No rou
te to host", "unreachable": true}

TASK [update repository index] *****
*
changed: [192.168.56.103]

TASK [install apache2 package] *****
*
ok: [192.168.56.103]

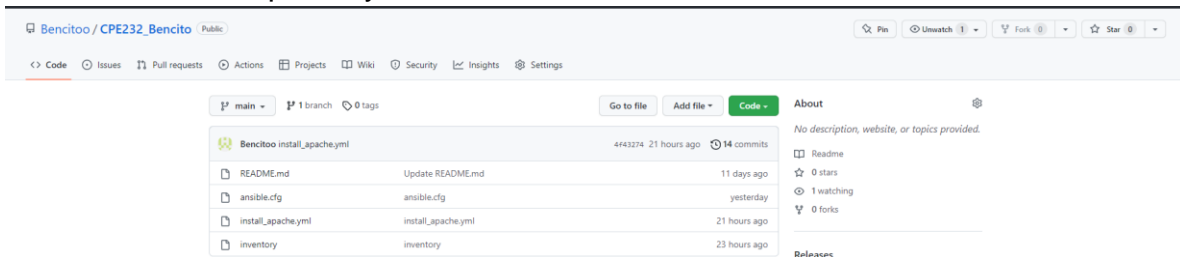
TASK [add PHP support for apache] *****
*
changed: [192.168.56.103]

PLAY RECAP *****
*
192.168.56.101      : ok=0    changed=0    unreachable=1    failed=0
skipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0
192.168.56.103      : ok=4    changed=2    unreachable=0    failed=0
skipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0

bencito@workstation:~/CPE232_Bencito$

```

9. Finally, make sure that we are in sync with GitHub. Provide the link of your GitHub repository.



Link: https://github.com/Bencitoo/CPE232_Bencito

Reflections:

Answer the following:

1. What is the importance of using a playbook?

The importance of the playbook was to make fastest the work on any server. For example, you don't need to install a software manually one by one on the pc. You just need to open it and connect to each other so that the you need to just create a playbook to install it.

2. Summarize what we have done on this activity.

When I'm doing this activity. When I see the file, I don't know what I'm going to do because of the error that I have encounter. But you just only need to create a file on the repository that connects to the github and your 2 clone servers. After doing that I try to run again the given commands on the file and it was successful, I just follow it and until I go to the task 2 that you need to create a playbook. It was easy for me to create a playbook because the given code is given you just need to input it on your repository and need to open the two servers to work the command. I just follow it and I have a little bit error but you just need to reconfigure it and re update the servers.

Honor Pledge:

I affirm that I shall not give or receive any unauthorized help on this assignment and that all work shall be my own.

