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Activity 9: Install, Configure, and Manage Performance Monitoring tools	

1. Objectives

Create and design a workflow that installs, configure and manage enterprise performance tools using Ansible as an Infrastructure as Code (IaC) tool.

2. Discussion

Performance monitoring is a type of monitoring tool that identifies current resource consumption of the workload, in this page we will discuss multiple performance monitoring tool.

Prometheus

Prometheus fundamentally stores all data as timeseries: streams of timestamped values belonging to the same metric and the same set of labeled dimensions. Besides stored time series, Prometheus may generate temporary derived time series as the result of queries. Source: Prometheus - Monitoring system & time series database

Cacti

Cacti is a complete network graphing solution designed to harness the power of RRDTool's data storage and graphing functionality. Cacti provides a fast poller, advanced graph templating, multiple data acquisition methods, and user management features out of the box. All of this is wrapped in an intuitive, easy to use interface that makes sense for LAN-sized installations up to complex networks with thousands of devices. Source: Cacti® - The Complete RRDTool-based Graphing Solution

3. Tasks

- 1. Create a playbook that installs Prometheus in both Ubuntu and CentOS. Apply the concept of creating roles.
- 2. Describe how you did step 1. (Provide screenshots and explanations in your report. Make your report detailed such that it will look like a manual.)
- 3. Show an output of the installed Prometheus for both Ubuntu and CentOS.
- 4. Make sure to create a new repository in GitHub for this activity.
- 4. Output (screenshots and explanations)

PART 1: creating repository ☆ Pin GABIANO_Mod9 (Public) Unwatch 1 ▼ ழ main → Go to file Add file ▼ <> Code • 🗜 Branches 🔘 Tags CLGabiano Initial commit ... now 🕙 1 README.md Initial commit README.md GABIANO Mod9 @ I

fig 1: create activity 9 repository.

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leonard@workstation:~/GABIANO_Mod9$ tree

ansible.cfg
install_prometheus.yml
inventory
README.md
roles
centos_prometheus
tasks
main.yml
ubuntu_prometheus
tasks
main.yml
s directories, 6 files
leonard@workstation:~/GABIANO_Mod9$
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fig 2: files ansible.cfg, inventory created among directories.

PART 2: creating files for playbooks

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GNU nano 2.9.3
                                                   install_prometheus.yml
hosts: all
become: true
pre_tasks:
- name: install updates (CentOS)
  dnf:
    update_only: yes
    update_cache: yes
  when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"
- name: install wget (CentOS)
  dnf:
   name: wget
state: latest
  when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"
- name: install updates (Ubuntu)
  apt:
   upgrade: dist
    update_cache: yes
  when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"
hosts: ubuntu_prometheus
become: true
roles:
  - ubuntu_prometheus
hosts: centos_prometheus
become: true
roles:
  - centos_prometheus
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fig 3: playbook "install_prometheus.yml

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GNU nano 2.9.3

main.yml

name: Creating a directory (where the downloaded files will be stored)
tags: directory
file:
    path: ~/prometheus
    state: directory

name: Downloading and extracting Prometheus
tags: source
unarchive:
    src: https://github.com/prometheus/prometheus/releases/download/v2.8.1/prometheus-2.8.1.linux-amd64.tar.gz
    dest: ~/prometheus
    remote_src: yes
    node: 0777
    owner: root
    group: root

name: Adding the Prometheus executables to a PATH
tags: executables
shell: |
    cd ~/prometheus/prometheus*
    cp -r . /usr/local/bin/prometheus

name: Copying the Prometheus service file
tags: servicefile
copy:
    src: prometheus.service
    dest: /etc/systend/systen/
    owner: root
    group: root
    node: 777
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- name: Making sure that Prometheus is started and enabled
tags: serviceon
service:
name: prometheus
state: restarted
enabled: true
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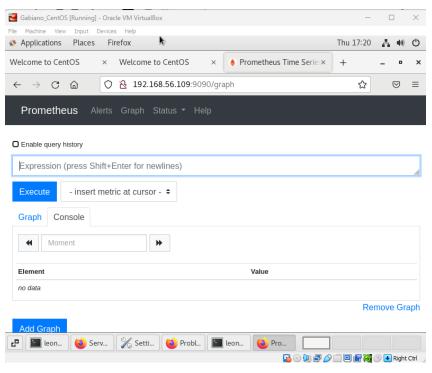
fig 4: main.yml of centos_prometheus

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- name: install Prometheus (Ubuntu)
- apt:
- name: prometheus
- state: latest

- name: Prometheus Start/Enable Check
- service:
- name: prometheus
- state: restarted
- enabled: true
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fig 5: main.yml of ubuntu_prometheus

PART 3: Installation Verification SERVERT [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox File Machine Very Input Devices Help Activities Firefox Web Browser Mon 18:53 Fi



CentOS

https://github.com/CLGabiano/GABIANO Mod9.git

Reflections:

Answer the following:

1. What are the benefits of having a performance monitoring tool?

A performance monitoring tool provides real-time insights into system health, enabling proactive issue detection and resolution, thus minimizing downtime and improving overall system reliability. Additionally, it helps optimize resource utilization, leading to cost savings and enhanced user experience.

Conclusions:

In conclusion, we designed an Ansible workflow to install, configure, and manage performance monitoring tools, specifically Prometheus, for both Ubuntu and CentOS. We organized the playbook using roles for modularity and ease of maintenance. By following the step-by-step process, we successfully installed Prometheus on both Ubuntu and CentOS, ensuring effective performance monitoring.