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Activity 8: Install, Configure, and Manage Availability Monitoring tools

1. Objectives

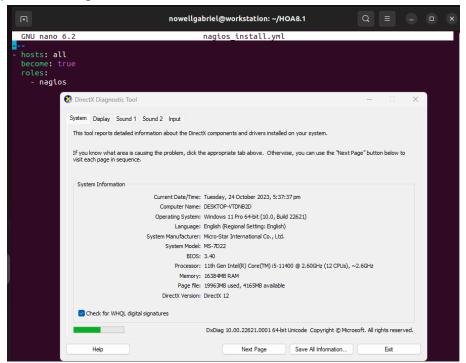
Create and design a workflow that installs, configure and manage enterprise monitoring tools using Ansible as an Infrastructure as Code (IaC) tool.

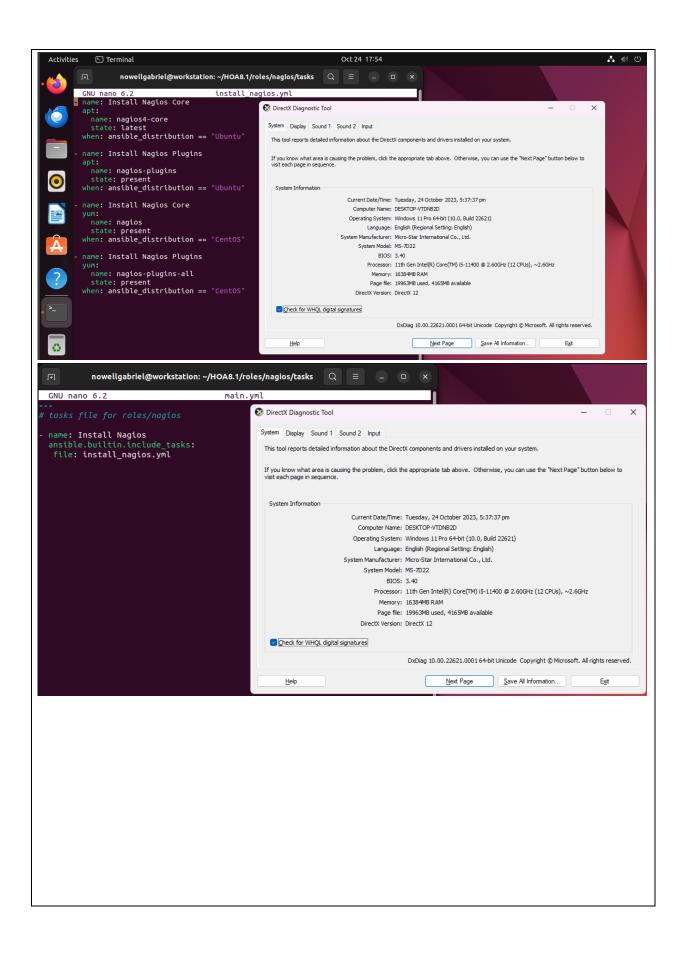
2. Discussion

Availability monitoring is a type of monitoring tool that we use if the certain workload is up or reachable on our end. Site downtime can lead to loss of revenue, reputational damage and severe distress. Availability monitoring prevents adverse situations by checking the uptime of infrastructure components such as servers and apps and notifying the webmaster of problems before they impact on business.

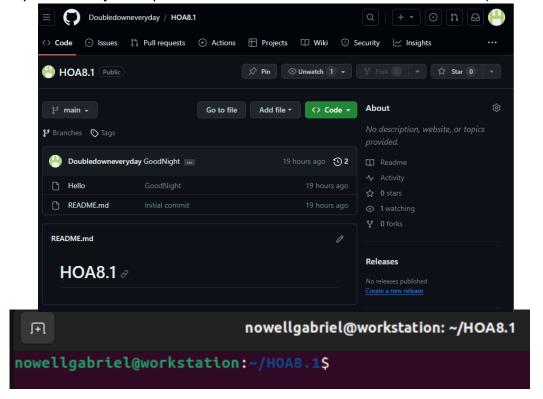
3. Tasks

1. Create a playbook that installs Nagios in both Ubuntu and CentOS. Apply the concept of creating roles.

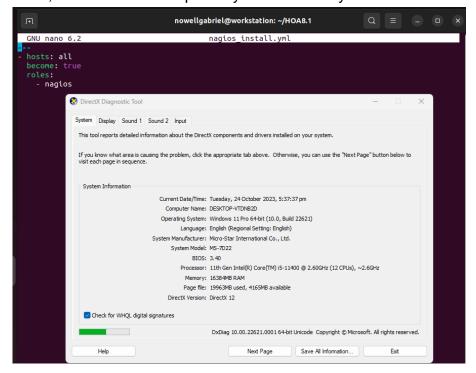


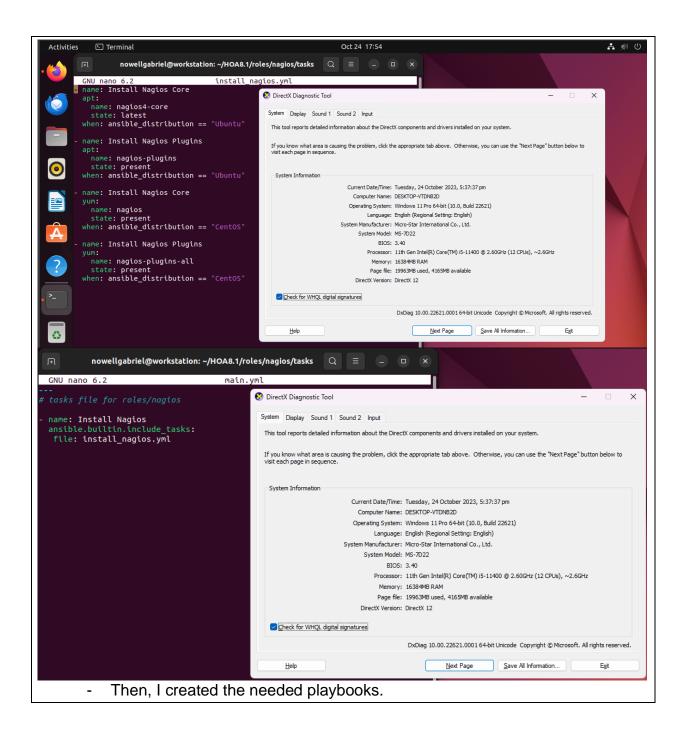


2. Describe how you did step 1. (Provide screenshots and explanations in your report. Make your report detailed such that it will look like a manual.)



First, I created a new repository for this activity.

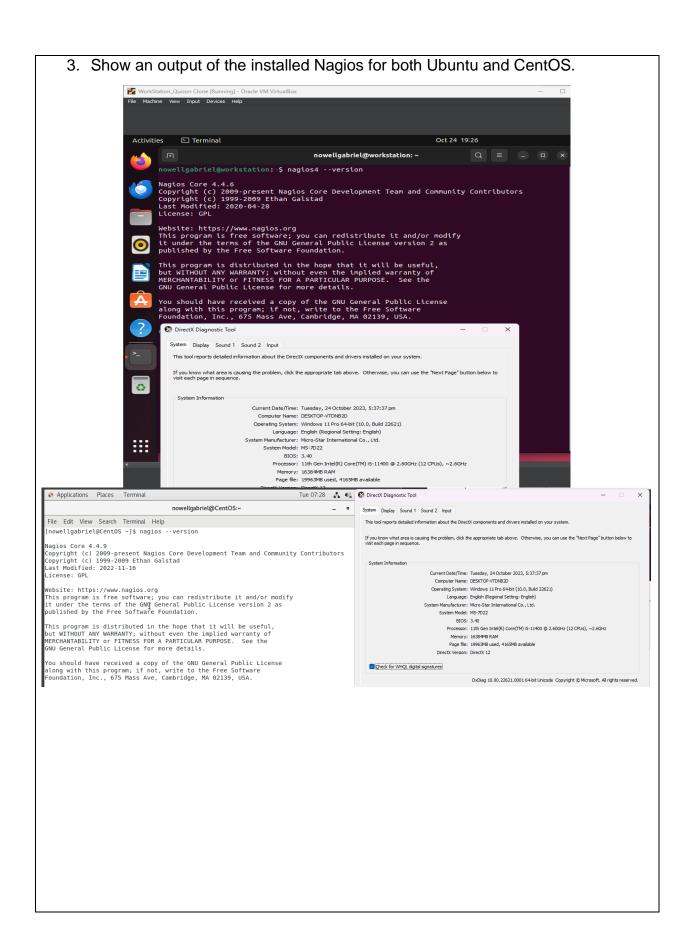


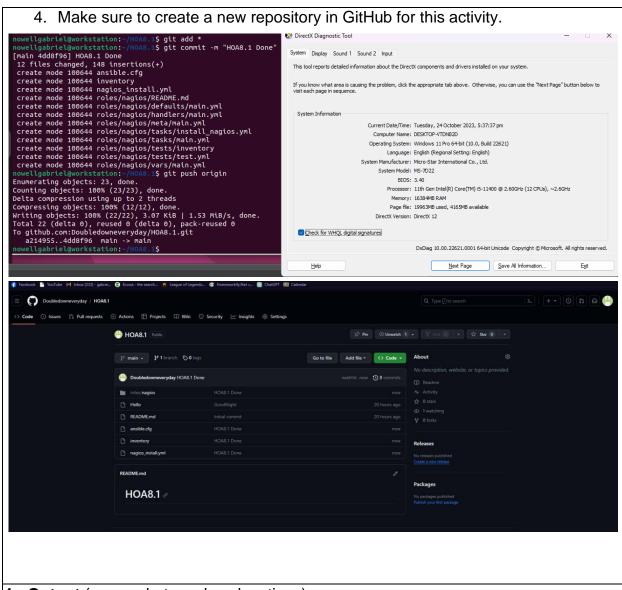


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nowellgabriel@workstation: ~/HOA8.1
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 GNU nano 6.2
                                              ansible.cfq
[defaults]
inventory = inventory
host key checking = False
deprecation_warnings = False
remote_user = nowellgabriel
private key file = ~/.ssh/
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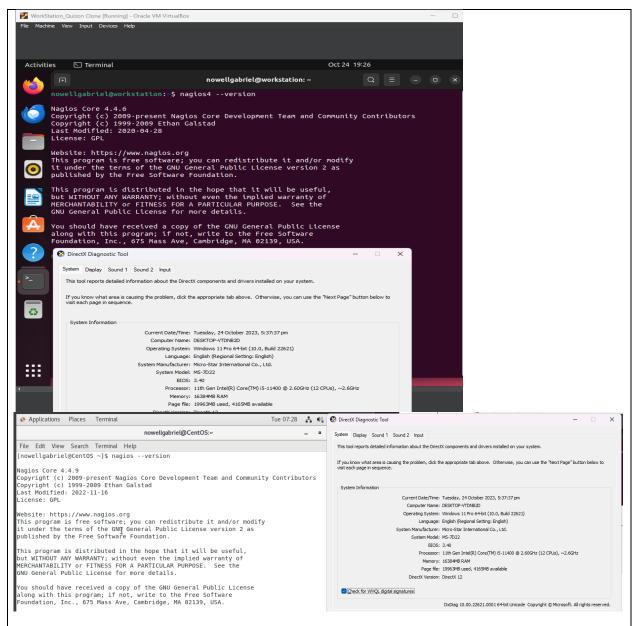
Then, I created the ansible.cfg and inventory files.

- This is the summary of the files and directories I created.





4. Output (screenshots and explanations)



- After playing the playbook, it successfully installed nagios on both servers. I observed that by using roles, I can create a more efficient way to run the commands. Using this method makes it easier to make changes without having to configure so many parts of the different files that I have created.

Reflections:

Answer the following:

1. What are the benefits of having an availability monitoring tool?

Availability monitoring tools ensure continuous online service and detect downtime. They enhance user experience, prevent revenue loss, build trust, and aid in performance optimization. They also support compliance, enable proactive issue resolution, and offer valuable historical data for analysis and capacity planning.

Conclusions:

In conclusion, designing a procedure for installing and managing enterprise monitoring tools using Ansible as an Infrastructure as Code tool is an appropriate strategic decision for efficient system management. Availability monitoring is crucial in minimizing revenue loss, maintaining reputation, and ensuring smooth operations through the early discovery and resolution of downtime issues. In order to protect business interests and customer satisfaction, it is crucial.