Assignment 4 - Question 1: Analysis and Integration of Database Automation Tools

1.1 Overview and Key Features

GitHub Actions

GitHub Actions is a powerful CI/CD tool provided by GitHub. It allows developers to automate their workflows with simple YAML configuration files directly in their repositories.

Key Features:
- Integrated with GitHub repositories
- Supports matrix builds across different OS and languages
- Triggers based on Git events (push, pull request, etc.)
- Marketplace for reusable Actions
- Native support for secrets and environment variables

Flyway

Flyway is a lightweight, open-source database migration tool. It is ideal for implementing version control in database development and integrating database changes in CI/CD pipelines.

Key Features:
- Version control for database schemas
- Supports SQL and Java-based migrations
- Works with many databases (MySQL, PostgreSQL, Oracle, etc.)
- Command-line interface and integration with build tools
- Repeatable, undo, and baseline migrations support

Comparison Table

Criteria	GitHub Actions	Flyway
Ease of Use	Easy with YAML workflow syntax	Straightforward CLI and SQL-based
CI/CD Integration	Native GitHub support	Requires scripting or manual trigger
Supported Databases	N/A (not a DB tool)	MySQL, PostgreSQL, Oracle, SQL Server, etc.

1.2 Integration Strategy

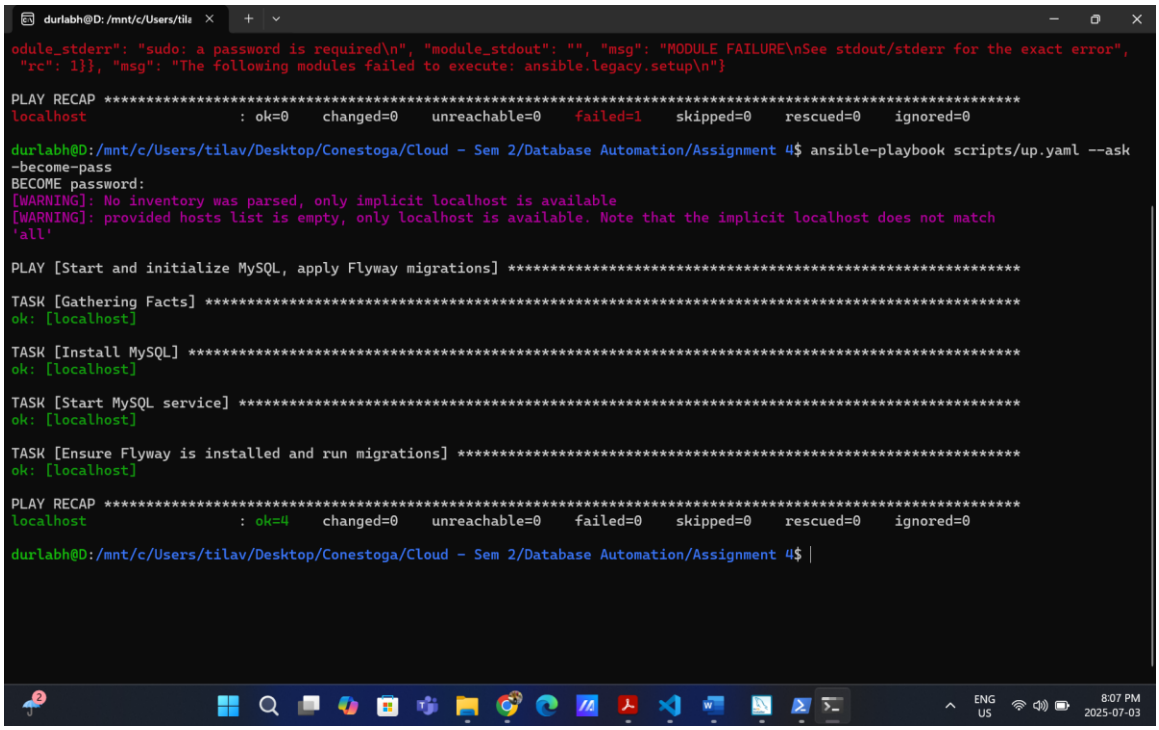
To integrate GitHub Actions and Flyway into a CI/CD pipeline:

1. Define a GitHub Actions workflow file (e.g., `.github/workflows/db-deploy.yml`).
2. Configure the job to run on push/PR to the main branch.
3. Include a step that installs Flyway CLI.
4. Set up Flyway with environment variables for DB credentials.
5. Use a Flyway command to apply migrations (`flyway migrate`).
6. Add a step to run `dbtests.py` to validate schema changes.

This ensures database changes are automated, tested, and version-controlled along with code deployments.

- ❖ **Screenshots:**

- Run Ansible Playbook:



- dbtests.py showing validation passed: