How to configure the vmware_rest collection

Introduction

The vcenter_rest modules need to be authenticated. There are two different

Environment variables

> **Note**
>
> This solution requires that you call the modules from the local machine.

You need to export some environment variables in your shell before you call the modules.

```
$ export VMWARE_HOST=vcenter.test
$ export VMWARE_USER=myvcenter-user
$ export VMWARE_password=mypassword
$ ansible-playbook my-playbook.yaml
```

Module parameters

All the vcenter_rest modules accept the following arguments:

- `vcenter_host`
- `vcenter_username`
- `vcenter_password`

Ignore SSL certificate error

It's common to run a test environment without a proper SSL certificate configuration.

To ignore the SSL error, you can use the `vcenter_validate_certs: no` argument or `export VMWARE_VALIDATE_CERTS=no` to set the environment variable.