



Configuration Management. Lecture 3.



ANSIBLE and more ansible

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ANSIBLE. Roles

Roles provide a framework for fully independent, or interdependent collections of variables, tasks, files, templates, and modules.

In Ansible, the ***role is the primary mechanism for breaking a playbook into multiple files***. This simplifies writing complex playbooks, and it makes them easier to reuse. The breaking of playbook allows you to logically break the playbook into reusable components.

Each role is basically limited to a particular functionality or desired output, with all the necessary steps to provide that result either within that role itself or in other roles listed as dependencies.

Roles are not playbooks. Roles are small functionality which can be independently used but have to be used within playbooks. There is no way to directly execute a role. Roles have no explicit setting for which host the role will apply to.

Top-level playbooks are the bridge holding the hosts from your inventory file to roles that should be applied to those hosts.

https://www.tutorialspoint.com/ansible/ansible_quick_guide.htm

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```
quick connect...
student@ubuntu16srvr:~$ pwd
/home/student
student@ubuntu16srvr:~$ mkdir roles
student@ubuntu16srvr:~$ cd roles
student@ubuntu16srvr:~/roles$ ansible-galaxy init deploy_apache
- Role deploy_apache was created successfully
student@ubuntu16srvr:~/roles$ ls -la
total 12
drwxrwxr-x 3 student student 4096 Oct 15 12:26 .
drwxr-xr-x 5 student student 4096 Oct 15 12:24 ..
drwxrwxr-x 10 student student 4096 Oct 15 12:26 deploy_apache
student@ubuntu16srvr:~/roles$ tree
The program 'tree' is currently not installed. You can install it by typing:
sudo apt install tree
student@ubuntu16srvr:~/roles$ sudo apt install tree
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following NEW packages will be installed:
tree
0 upgraded, 1 newly installed, 0 to remove and 199 not upgraded.
Need to get 40.6 kB of archives.
After this operation, 138 kB of additional disk space will be used.
Get:1 http://ua.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu xenial/universe amd64 tree amd64 1.7.0-3 [40.6 kB]
Fetched 40.6 kB in 0s (190 kB/s)
Selecting previously unselected package tree.
(Reading database ... 67885 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack .../tree_1.7.0-3_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking tree (1.7.0-3) ...
Processing triggers for man-db (2.7.5-1) ...
Setting up tree (1.7.0-3) ...
student@ubuntu16srvr:~/roles$ tree
|-- deploy_apache
|   |-- defaults
|   |   |-- main.yml
|   |-- files
|   |-- handlers
|   |   |-- main.yml
|   |-- meta
|   |   |-- main.yml
|   |-- README.md
|   |-- tasks
|   |   |-- main.yml
|   |-- templates
|   |-- tests
|   |   |-- inventory
|   |   |-- test.yml
|   |-- vars
|   |   |-- main.yml
9 directories, 8 files
student@ubuntu16srvr:~/roles$
```

We have got the clean directory structure with the ***ansible-galaxy*** command. Each directory must contain a ***main.yml*** file, which contains the relevant content.

tasks - contains the main list of tasks to be executed by the role.

handlers - contains handlers, which may be used by this role or even anywhere outside this role.

defaults - default variables for the role.

vars - other variables for the role. Vars has the higher priority than defaults.

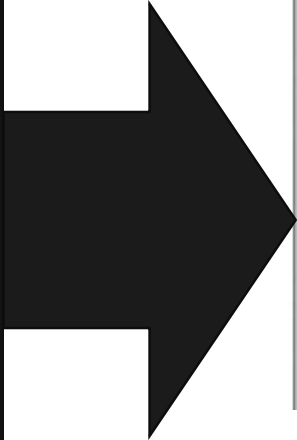
files - contains files required to transfer or deployed to the target machines via this role.

templates - contains templates which can be deployed via this role.

meta - defines some data / information about this role (author, dependency, versions, examples, etc.)

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```
1 ---
2 - name: Install Apache Web Server on AMI Linux. Upload web page example
3   hosts: all
4   become: yes
5
6
7   vars:
8     source_dir: ./MyWebSite
9     destin_dir: /var/www/html
10
11
12   tasks:
13
14     - name: Check Linux distro
15       debug: var=ansible_os_family
16
17     - block: # For RedHat
18
19       - name: Install Apache Web Server on RedHat Family
20         yum: name=httpd state=latest
21
22       - name: Start Apache and enable it during boot
23         service: name=httpd state=started enabled=yes
24
25       when: ansible_os_family == "RedHat"
26
27     - block: #For Debian
28
29       - name: Install Apache Web Server on Debian Family
30         apt: update_cache=yes name=apache2 state=latest
31
32       - name: Start Apache and enable it during boot
33         service: name=apache2 state=started enabled=yes
34
35       when: ansible_os_family == "Debian"
36
37
38     - name: Copy dir "MyWebServer" to target server
39       copy: src={{ source_dir }}/{{ item }} dest={{ destin_dir }} mode=0555
40       loop:
41         - "index.html"
42         - "photo.jpg"
43
44     notify:
45       - Restart Apache RedHat
46       - Restart Apache Debian
47
48   handlers:
49
50     - name: Restart Apache RedHat
51       service: name=httpd state=restarted
52       when: ansible_os_family == "RedHat"
53
54     - name: Restart Apache Debian
55       service: name=apache2 state=restarted
56       when: ansible_os_family == "Debian"
```



```
--- deploy_apache
--- defaults
|   |-- main.yml
--- files
--- handlers
|   |-- main.yml
--- meta
|   |-- main.yml
--- README.md
--- tasks
|   |-- main.yml
--- templates
--- tests
|   |-- inventory
|   |-- test.yml
--- vars
|   |-- main.yml
```

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```
GNU nano 2.5.3 File: ...tudent/roles/deploy_apache/vars/main.yml Modified
---
# vars file for deploy_apache
destin_dir: /var/www/html
---
```

```
student@ubuntu16srvr:~/roles/deploy_apache/files$ ls -la
total 400
drwxrwxr-x 2 student student 4096 Oct 15 13:01 .
drwxrwxr-x 10 student student 4096 Oct 15 12:26 ..
-rw-rw-r-- 1 student student 199691 Oct 15 13:00 index.html
-rw-rw-r-- 1 student student 199691 Oct 15 13:00 photo.jpg
student@ubuntu16srvr:~/roles/deploy_apache/files$
```

```
AG Get Help  AG Write Out  AW Where Is  AR Cut Text  AJ Justify
AX Exit      AR Read File  AN Replace  AU Uncut Text  AT To Spell
```

```
GNU nano 2.5.3 File: playbook5.yml
---
- name: Install Apache Web Server on AMI Linux. Upload web page example
  hosts: all
  become: yes

  vars:
    source_dir: ./MyWebSite
    destin_dir: /var/www/html

  tasks:

    - name: Check Linux distro
      debug: var=ansible_os_family

    - block: # For RedHat

      - name: Install Apache Web Server on Red Hat Family
        yum: name=httpd state=latest

      - name: Start Apache and enable it during boot
        service: name=httpd state=started enabled=yes

      when: ansible_os_family == "RedHat"

    - block: #For Debian

      - name: Install Apache Web Server on Debian Family
        apt: update_cache=yes name=apache2 state=latest

      - name: Start Apache and enable it during boot
        service: name=apache2 state=started enabled=yes

      when: ansible_os_family == "Debian"

    - name: Copy dir "MyWebServer" to target server
      copy: src={{ source_dir }}/{{ item }} dest={{ destin_dir }} mode=0555
      loop:
        - "index.html"
        - "photo.jpg"
      notify:
        - Restart Apache RedHat
        - Restart Apache Debian

  handlers:

    - name: Restart Apache RedHat
      service: name=httpd state=restarted
      when: ansible_os_family == "RedHat"

    - name: Restart Apache Debian
      service: name=apache2 state=restarted
      when: ansible_os_family == "Debian"

---
AG Get Help  AG Write Out  AW Where Is  AR Cut Text  AJ Justify
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```

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```
GNU nano 2.5.3 File: /home/student/roles/deploy_apache/handlers/main.yml
---
# handlers file for deploy_apache
- name: Restart Apache RedHat
  service: name=httpd state=restarted
  when: ansible_os_family == "RedHat"

- name: Restart Apache Debian
  service: name=apache2 state=restarted
  when: ansible_os_family == "Debian"
```

Wrote 10 lines

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```
GNU nano 2.5.3 File: playbook5.yml
---
- name: Install Apache Web Server on AMI Linux. Upload web page example
  hosts: all
  become: yes

  vars:
    source_dir: ./MyWebSite
    destin_dir: /var/www/html

  tasks:

  - name: Check Linux distro
    debug: var=ansible_os_family

  - block: # For RedHat

    - name: Install Apache Web Server on RedHat Family
      yum: name=httpd state=latest

    - name: Start Apache and enable it during boot
      service: name=httpd state=started enabled=yes
      when: ansible_os_family == "RedHat"

  - block: #For Debian

    - name: Install Apache Web Server on Debian Family
      apt: update_cache=yes name=apache2 state=latest

    - name: Start Apache and enable it during boot
      service: name=apache2 state=started enabled=yes
      when: ansible_os_family == "Debian"

  - name: Copy dir "MyWebServer" to target server
    copy: src={{ source_dir }}/{{ item }} dest={{ destin_dir }} mode=0555
    loop:
      - "index.html"
      - "photo.jpg"
    notify:
      - Restart Apache RedHat
      - Restart Apache Debian

  handlers:
  - name: Restart Apache RedHat
    service: name=httpd state=restarted
    when: ansible_os_family == "RedHat"

  - name: Restart Apache Debian
    service: name=apache2 state=restarted
    when: ansible_os_family == "Debian"
```

5. 192.168.88.214 (student) (1)

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```
GNU nano 2.5.3 File: /home/student/roles/deploy_apache/tasks/main.yml Modified
---
# tasks file for deploy_apache
- name: Check Linux distro
  debug: var=ansible_os_family

- block: # For RedHat
  - name: Install Apache Web Server on RedHat Family
    yum: name=httpd state=latest

  - name: Start Apache and enable it during boot
    service: name=httpd state=started enabled=yes

  when: ansible_os_family == "RedHat"

- block: #For Debian
  - name: Install Apache Web Server on Debian Family
    apt: update_cache=yes name=apache2 state=latest

  - name: Start Apache and enable it during boot
    service: name=apache2 state=started enabled=yes

  when: ansible_os_family == "Debian"

- name: Copy dir "MyWebServer" to target server
  copy: src={{ source_dir }}/{{ item }} dest={{ destin_dir }} mode=0555
  loop:
    - "index.html"
    - "photo.jpg"
  notify:
    - Restart Apache RedHat
    - Restart Apache Debian
```



```
GNU nano 2.5.3 File: playbook5.yml
---
- name: Install Apache Web Server on AMI Linux. Upload web page example
  hosts: all
  become: yes

  vars:
    source_dir: ./MyWebSite
    destin_dir: /var/www/html

  tasks:

  - name: Check Linux distro
    debug: var=ansible_os_family

  - block: # For RedHat
    - name: Install Apache Web Server on RedHat Family
      yum: name=httpd state=latest

    - name: Start Apache and enable it during boot
      service: name=httpd state=started enabled=yes

    when: ansible_os_family == "RedHat"

  - block: #For Debian
    - name: Install Apache Web Server on Debian Family
      apt: update_cache=yes name=apache2 state=latest

    - name: Start Apache and enable it during boot
      service: name=apache2 state=started enabled=yes

    when: ansible_os_family == "Debian"

  - name: Copy dir "MyWebServer" to target server
    copy: src={{ source_dir }}/{{ item }} dest={{ destin_dir }} mode=0555
    loop:
      - "index.html"
      - "photo.jpg"
    notify:
      - Restart Apache RedHat
      - Restart Apache Debian

  handlers:
    - name: Restart Apache RedHat
      service: name=httpd state=restarted
      when: ansible_os_family == "RedHat"

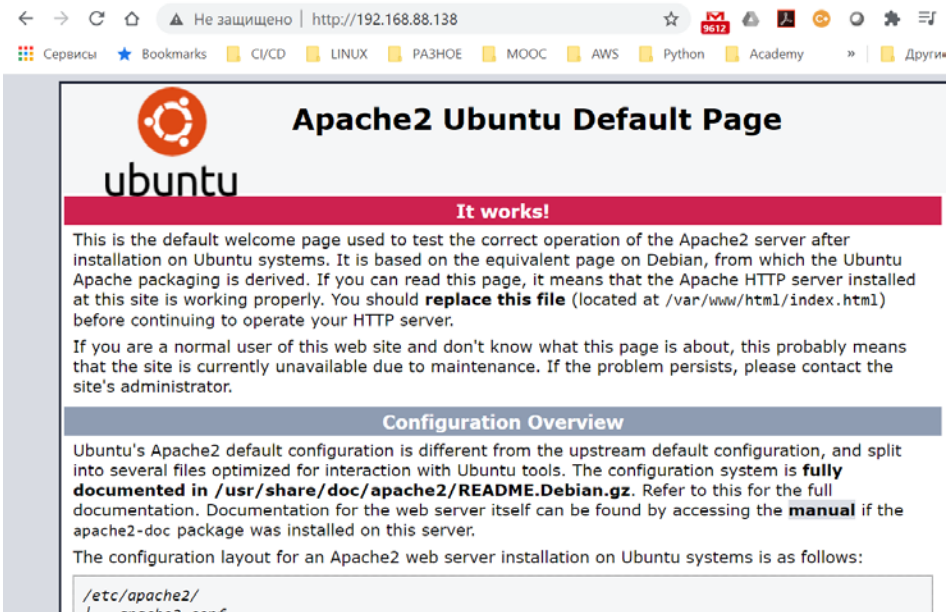
    - name: Restart Apache Debian
      service: name=apache2 state=restarted
      when: ansible_os_family == "Debian"
```


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```
2. 192.168.88.214 (student) (1) 5. 192.168.88.214 (student) (1)
student@ubuntu16srvr:~$ ansible all -m ping
linux3 | SUCCESS => {
  "ansible_facts": {
    "discovered_interpreter_python": "/usr/bin/python"
  },
  "changed": false,
  "ping": "pong"
}
linux1 | SUCCESS => {
  "ansible_facts": {
    "discovered_interpreter_python": "/usr/bin/python3"
  },
  "changed": false,
  "ping": "pong"
}
student@ubuntu16srvr:~$
```

```
2. 192.168.88.214 (student) (1) 5. 192.168.88.214 (student) (1)
GNU nano 2.5.3 File
--
- name: Install Apache Web Server on AMI Linux. Upload web page example
  hosts: all
  become: yes
  roles:
    - role: deploy_apache
```

```
2. 192.168.88.214 (student) (1) 5. 192.168.88.214 (student) (1) 4. 192.168.88.138 (student) 6. 19
student@ubuntu16srvr:~$ ansible-playbook playbook7.yml
PLAY [Install] Apache Web Server on AMI Linux. Upload web page example] *****
TASK [Gathering Facts] *****
fatal: [linux1]: FAILED! => {"msg": "Missing sudo password"}
fatal: [linux3]: FAILED! => {"msg": "Missing sudo password"}
PLAY RECAP *****
linux1      : ok=0    changed=0    unreachable=0    failed=1    skipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0
linux3      : ok=0    changed=0    unreachable=0    failed=1    skipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0
student@ubuntu16srvr:~$
```



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```
student@ubuntu16srvr:~$ ansible-playbook playbook7.yml -K
BECOME password:

PLAY [Install Apache Web Server on AMI Linux. Upload web page example] *****

TASK [Gathering Facts] *****
ok: [linux1]
fatal: [linux3]: FAILED! => {"msg": "Incorrect sudo password"}

TASK [deploy_apache : Check Linux distro] *****
ok: [linux1] => {
  "ansible_os_family": "Debian"
}

TASK [deploy_apache : Install Apache Web Server on RedHat Family] *****
skipping: [linux1]

TASK [deploy_apache : Start Apache and enable it during boot] *****
skipping: [linux1]

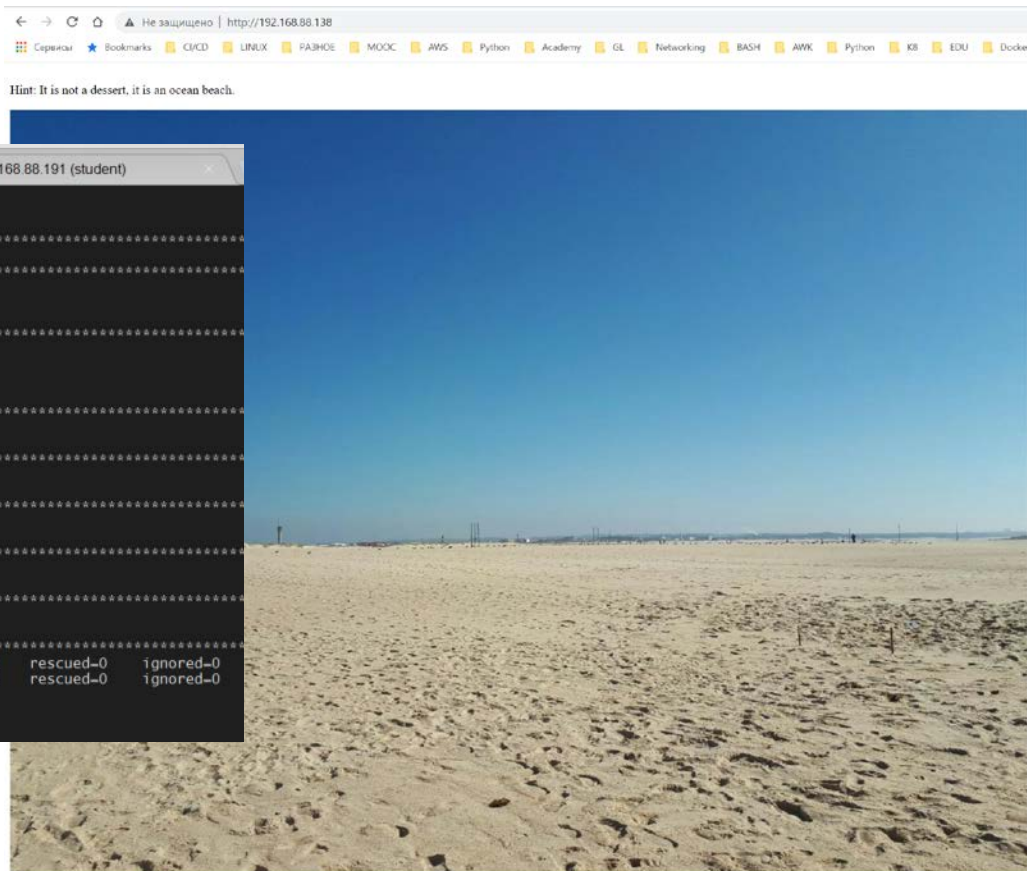
TASK [deploy_apache : Install Apache Web Server on Debian Family] *****
ok: [linux1]

TASK [deploy_apache : Start Apache and enable it during boot] *****
ok: [linux1]

TASK [deploy_apache : Copy dir "MyWebServer" to target server] *****
ok: [linux1]

PLAY RECAP *****
linux1 : ok=5    changed=0    unreachable=0    failed=0    skipped=2    rescued=0    ignored=0
linux3 : ok=0    changed=0    unreachable=0    failed=1    skipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0

student@ubuntu16srvr:~$
```



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The most common strategies for debugging Ansible playbooks are using the modules given below:

Debug and ***Register***

These two are the modules available in Ansible. For debugging purpose, we need to use the two modules judiciously.

Use ***Verbosity***

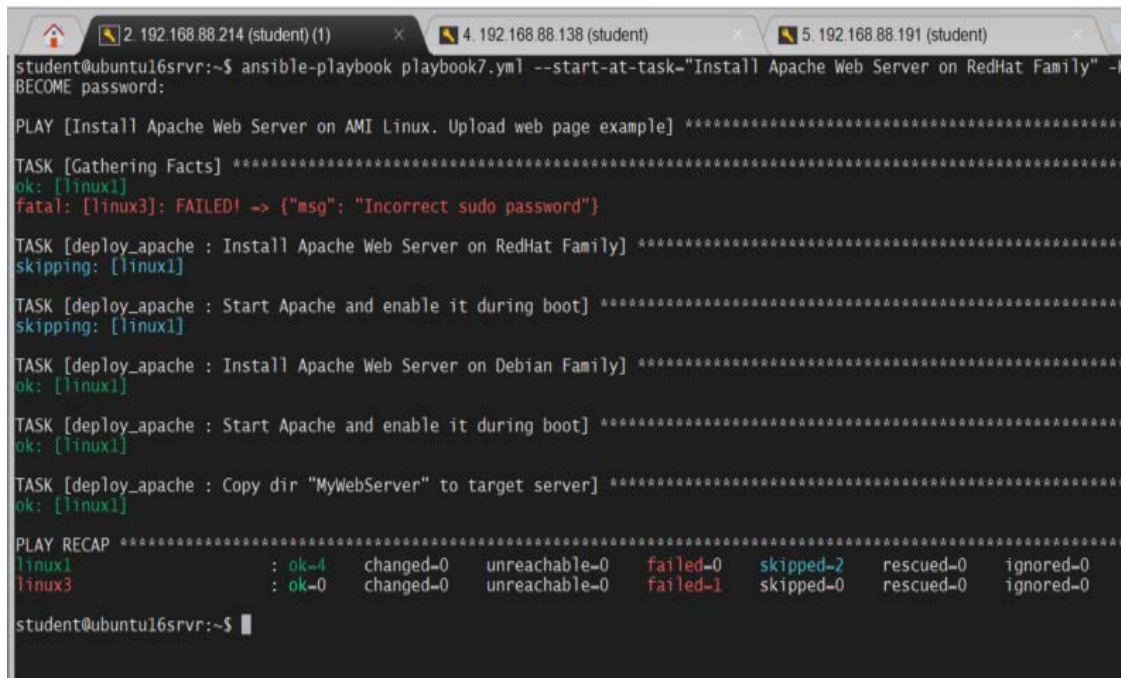
With the Ansible command, one can provide the verbosity level. You can run the commands with verbosity level one (-v) or two (-vv).

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When you are testing new plays or debugging playbooks, you may need to run the same play multiple times. To make this more efficient, Ansible offers two alternative ways to execute a playbook: ***start-at-task*** and ***step mode***.

start-at-task

To start executing your playbook at a particular task (usually the task that failed on the previous run), use the ***--start-at-task*** option:



The screenshot shows a terminal window with three tabs: '2. 192.168.88.214 (student) (1)', '4. 192.168.88.138 (student)', and '5. 192.168.88.191 (student)'. The command executed is `student@ubuntu16srvr:~$ ansible-playbook playbook7.yml --start-at-task="Install Apache Web Server on RedHat Family" -K`. The output shows the playbook starting at the specified task. The first task, '[Gathering Facts]', is successful for all hosts. The second task, '[deploy_apache : Install Apache Web Server on RedHat Family]', fails for 'linux3' with the message 'Incorrect sudo password'. The third task, '[deploy_apache : Start Apache and enable it during boot]', is skipped for all hosts. The fourth task, '[deploy_apache : Install Apache Web Server on Debian Family]', is successful for all hosts. The fifth task, '[deploy_apache : Start Apache and enable it during boot]', is successful for all hosts. The sixth task, '[deploy_apache : Copy dir "MyWebServer" to target server]', is successful for all hosts. The final output shows a recap of the results for each host.

```
student@ubuntu16srvr:~$ ansible-playbook playbook7.yml --start-at-task="Install Apache Web Server on RedHat Family" -K
BECOME password:

PLAY [Install Apache Web Server on AMI Linux. Upload web page example] *****

TASK [Gathering Facts] *****
ok: [linux1]
fatal: [linux3]: FAILED! => {"msg": "Incorrect sudo password"}

TASK [deploy_apache : Install Apache Web Server on RedHat Family] *****
skipping: [linux1]

TASK [deploy_apache : Start Apache and enable it during boot] *****
skipping: [linux1]

TASK [deploy_apache : Install Apache Web Server on Debian Family] *****
ok: [linux1]

TASK [deploy_apache : Start Apache and enable it during boot] *****
ok: [linux1]

TASK [deploy_apache : Copy dir "MyWebServer" to target server] *****
ok: [linux1]

PLAY RECAP *****
linux1                : ok=4    changed=0    unreachable=0    failed=0    skipped=2    rescued=0    ignored=0
linux3                : ok=0    changed=0    unreachable=0    failed=1    skipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0

student@ubuntu16srvr:~$
```

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Step mode

To execute a playbook interactively, use **--step**:

```
student@ubuntu16srvr:~$ ansible-playbook playbook7.yml --step -K
BECOME password:

PLAY [Install Apache Web Server on AMI Linux. Upload web page example] *****
Perform task: TASK: Gathering Facts (N)o/(y)es/(c)ontinue: y

Perform task: TASK: Gathering Facts (N)o/(y)es/(c)ontinue: *****

TASK [Gathering Facts] *****
ok: [linux1]
fatal: [linux3]: FAILED! -> {"msg": "Incorrect sudo password"}
Perform task: TASK: deploy_apache : Check Linux distro (N)o/(y)es/(c)ontinue: y

Perform task: TASK: deploy_apache : Check Linux distro (N)o/(y)es/(c)ontinue: *****

TASK [deploy_apache : Check Linux distro] *****
ok: [linux1] -> {
  "ansible_os_family": "Debian"
}
Perform task: TASK: deploy_apache : Install Apache Web Server on RedHat Family (N)o/(y)es/(c)ontinue: y

Perform task: TASK: deploy_apache : Install Apache Web Server on RedHat Family (N)o/(y)es/(c)ontinue: *****

TASK [deploy_apache : Install Apache Web Server on RedHat Family] *****
skipping: [linux1]
Perform task: TASK: deploy_apache : Start Apache and enable it during boot (N)o/(y)es/(c)ontinue: y

Perform task: TASK: deploy_apache : Start Apache and enable it during boot (N)o/(y)es/(c)ontinue: *****

TASK [deploy_apache : Start Apache and enable it during boot] *****
skipping: [linux1]
Perform task: TASK: deploy_apache : Install Apache Web Server on Debian Family (N)o/(y)es/(c)ontinue: y

Perform task: TASK: deploy_apache : Install Apache Web Server on Debian Family (N)o/(y)es/(c)ontinue: *****

TASK [deploy_apache : Install Apache Web Server on Debian Family] *****
ok: [linux1]
Perform task: TASK: deploy_apache : Start Apache and enable it during boot (N)o/(y)es/(c)ontinue: y

Perform task: TASK: deploy_apache : Start Apache and enable it during boot (N)o/(y)es/(c)ontinue: *****

TASK [deploy_apache : Start Apache and enable it during boot] *****
ok: [linux1]
Perform task: TASK: deploy_apache : Copy dir "MyWebServer" to target server (N)o/(y)es/(c)ontinue: y

Perform task: TASK: deploy_apache : Copy dir "MyWebServer" to target server (N)o/(y)es/(c)ontinue: *****

TASK [deploy_apache : Copy dir "MyWebServer" to target server] *****
ok: [linux1]

PLAY RECAP *****
linux1                : ok=5    changed=0    unreachable=0    failed=0    skipped=2    rescued=0    ignored=0
linux3                : ok=0    changed=0    unreachable=0    failed=1    skipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0

student@ubuntu16srvr:~$
```

ANSIBLE. Vault

Encrypting content with Ansible Vault

Ansible Vault encrypts variables and files so you can protect sensitive content such as passwords or keys rather than leaving it visible as plaintext in playbooks or roles.

To use Ansible Vault you need one or more passwords to encrypt and decrypt content. If you store your vault passwords in a third-party tool such as a secret manager, you need a script to access them.

Use the passwords with the ***ansible-vault*** command-line tool to create and view encrypted variables, ***create*** encrypted files, ***encrypt*** existing files, or ***edit***, ***re-key***, or ***decrypt*** files. You can then place encrypted content under source control and share it more safely.

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Managing vault passwords

Managing your encrypted content is easier if you develop a strategy for managing your vault passwords. A vault password can be any string you choose. There is no special command to create a vault password. However, you need to keep track of your vault passwords. Each time you encrypt a variable or file with ***Ansible Vault***, you must provide a password. When you use an encrypted variable or file in a command or playbook, you must provide the same password that was used to encrypt it. To develop a strategy for managing vault passwords, start with two questions:

Do you want to encrypt all your content with the same password, or use different passwords for different needs?

Where do you want to store your password or passwords?

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Choosing between a single password and multiple passwords

If you have a small team or few sensitive values, you can use a single password for everything you encrypt with Ansible Vault. Store your vault password securely in a file or a secret manager as described below.

If you have a larger team or many sensitive values, you can use multiple passwords. For example, you can use different passwords for different users or different levels of access. Depending on your needs, you might want a different password for each encrypted file, for each directory, or for each environment. For example, you might have a playbook that includes two vars files, one for the dev environment and one for the production environment, encrypted with two different passwords. When you run the playbook, select the correct vault password for the environment you are targeting, using a vault ID.

Managing multiple passwords with vault IDs

If you use multiple vault passwords, you can differentiate one password from another with vault IDs. You use the vault ID in three ways:

- Pass it with **--vault-id** to the `ansible-vault` command when you create encrypted content
- Include it wherever you store the password for that vault ID (see Storing and accessing vault passwords)
- Pass it with **--vault-id** to the `ansible-playbook` command when you run a playbook that uses content you encrypted with that vault ID

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Once you have a strategy for managing and storing vault passwords, you can start encrypting content. You can encrypt two types of content with Ansible Vault: variables and files. Encrypted content always includes the `!vault` tag, which tells Ansible and YAML that the content needs to be decrypted, and a `|` character, which allows multi-line strings. Encrypted content created with `--vault-id` also contains the vault ID label. This table shows the main differences between encrypted variables and encrypted files.

	Encrypted variables	Encrypted files
How much is encrypted?	Variables within a plaintext file	The entire file
When is it decrypted?	On demand, only when needed	Whenever loaded or referenced
What can be encrypted?	Only variables	Any structured data file

Q&A

A world map is centered in the background, showing the outlines of continents. The map is rendered in a light blue/teal color against a darker blue gradient background. The text "Thank you!" is superimposed over the center of the map.

Thank you!