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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

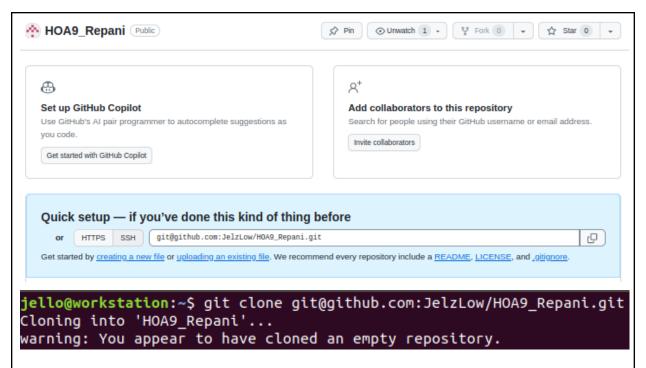
Cacti is a complete network graphing solution designed to harness the power of RRDTool's data storage and graphing functionality. Cacti provides a fast poller, advanced graph templating, multiple data acquisition methods, and user management features out of the box. All of this is wrapped in an intuitive, 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)

The first step is to create a new repository for Hands on Activity 9 and then clone this into the workstation



We then copy the ansible.cfg and inventory files from the previous activities to the new repository

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jello@workstation:~/HOA8_Repani$ ls\
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bash: ls/: No such file or directory
jello@workstation:~/HOA8_Repani$ ls
ansible.cfg inventory main.yml nagios_test.yml nagios.yml roles
jello@workstation:~/HOA8_Repani$ cp ansible.cfg ~/HOA9_Repani
jello@workstation:~/HOA8_Repani$ cp inventory ~/HOA9_Repani
jello@workstation:~/HOA8_Repani$
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We edit the inventory file using sudo nano and remove the interpreter python part since it is not needed in this activity.

The roles directory is then created with the similar structure to the previous activities

The prometheus.yml file is created. This is the command that will update the systems and call on the main.yml files in their respective roles.

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jello@workstation: ~/HOA9_Repani
                                                                            File Edit View Search Terminal Help
 GNU nano 2.9.3
                                                                      Modified
                                   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 updates (Ubuntu)
   apt:
     upgrade: dist
     update_cache: yes
   when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"
 hosts: ubuntu
 become: true
 roles:
   - ubuntu
 hosts: centos
 become: true
 roles:
   - centos
```

Next we will have to edit the main.yml in the centos tasks. The tasks contains the installation of Prometheus, configuring of prometheus, changing the ownership of the files, configuring the service file, reloading the system service and then lastly running the prometheus.

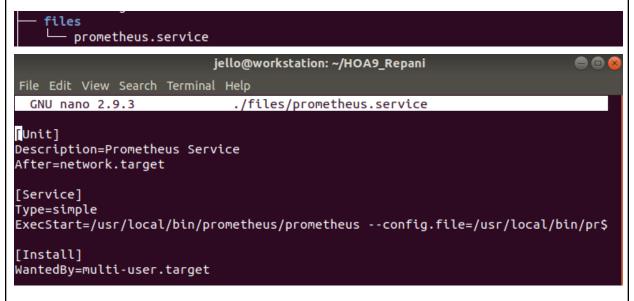
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jello@workstation: ~/HOA9_Repani
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
 GNU nano 2.9.3
                                                                      Modified
                            ./roles/centos/tasks/main.yml
 - name: Prometheus PATH directory
   file:
     path: ~/prometheus
     state: directory
 - name: Creating directory for Prometheus files
   file:
     path:

    /etc/prometheus

        - /var/lib/prometheus
     mode: 0777
     state: directory
 - name: Install Prometheus (CentOS)
   unarchive:
     src: https://github.com/prometheus/prometheus/releases/download/v2.8.1/p$
     dest: ~/prometheus
     remote_src: yes
     mode: 0777
     owner: root
     group: root
   name: Install Prometheus (CentOS)
   unarchive:
     src: https://github.com/prometheus/prometheus/releases/download/v2.8.1/p$
     dest: ~/prometheus
     remote_src: yes
     mode: 0777
     owner: root
     group: root
 - name: Configuring Prometheus
   shell: |
     cd ~/prometheus/prometheus*
     cp -r . /usr/local/bin/prometheus
 - name: Prometheus config file duplicate
   copy:
     src: prometheus.service
     dest: /etc/systemd/system
     mode: 7777
     owner: root
     group: root
```

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    name: Prometheus Start/Enable Check
    service:
        name: prometheus.service
        state: restarted
        enabled: true
    name: httpd Start/Enable Check
        service:
        name: httpd
        state: restarted
        enabled: true
```

In order to make the main.yml playbook for the CentOS work, we will need to a files directory in the repository containing a file named prometheus.service. This file contains commands which would enable the playbook to callback on the prometheus service in order to function

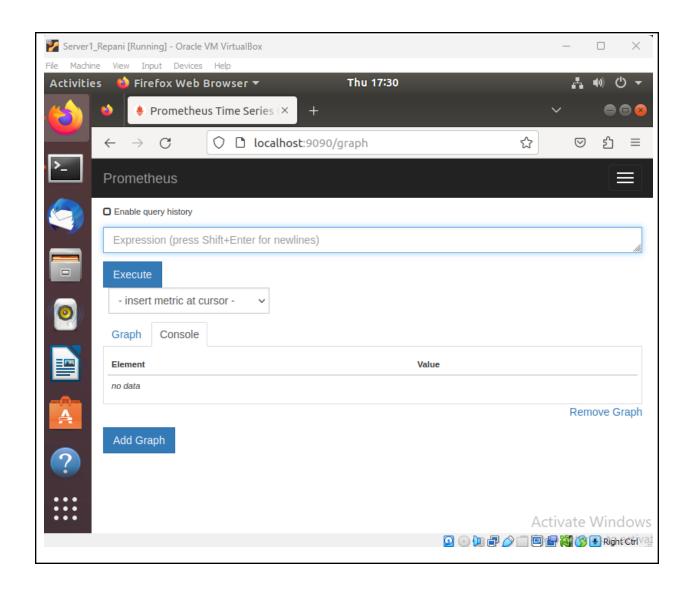


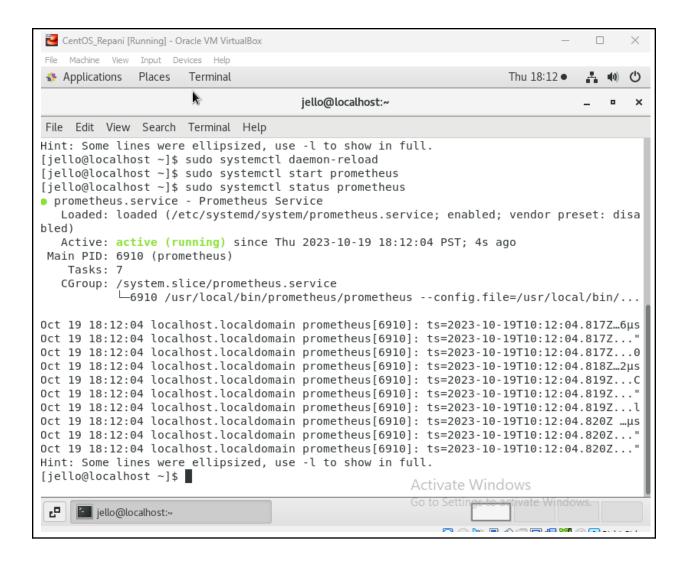
The ubuntu main.yml file on the other hand is way simpler compared to the centos one since it only needs a few syntax in order to run. It will install the prometheus and

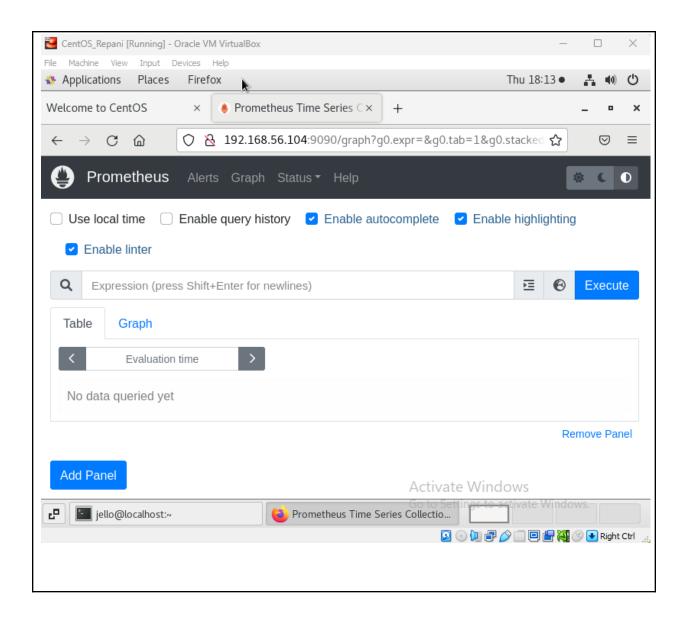
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start check the prometheus service before finally running the service.
                jello@workstation: ~/HOA9_Repani
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
 GNU nano 2.9.3
                 ./roles/ubuntu/tasks/main.yml
                                           Modified
 name: Install Prometheus (Ubuntu)
  name: prometheus
  state: latest
 name: Prometheus Start/Enable Check service
 service:
  name: prometheus
  state: restarted
  enabled: true
 name: Apache Start/Enable Check
 service:
  name: prometheus
  state: restarted
  enabled: true
Running the playbook prometheus.yml
jello@workstation:~/HOA9_Repani$ ansible-playbook --ask-become-pass prometheus.
vml
BECOME password:
ok: [192.168.56.104]
TASK [install updates (Ubuntu)] *********************************
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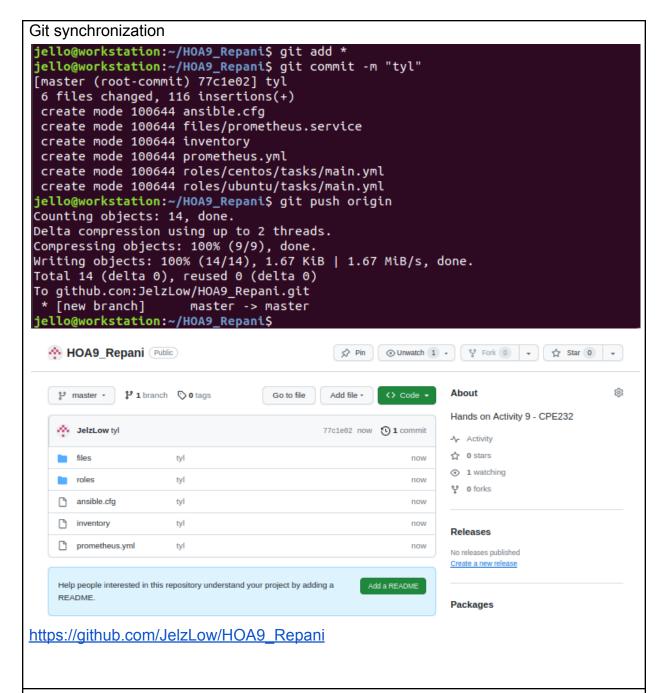
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TASK [ubuntu : Prometheus Start/Enable Check service] *******************
changed: [192.168.56.102]
changed: [192.168.56.102]
ok: [192.168.56.104]
TASK [centos : Creating directory for Prometheus files] ******************
changed: [192.168.56.104]
changed: [192.168.56.104]
TASK [centos : Prometheus Start/Enable Check] ***********************************
changed: [192.168.56.104]
changed: [192.168.56.104]
failed=0
192.168.56.102
              changed=2 unreachable=0
skipped=1 rescued=0 ignored=0
192.168.56.104
               changed=4 unreachable=0
                           failed=0
skipped=2 rescued=0 ignored=0
```

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Proof of Prometheus installed
jello@server1:~$ sudo systemctl status prometheus
[sudo] password for jello:
prometheus.service - Monitoring system and time series database
   Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/prometheus.service; enabled; vendor pres
   Active: active (running) since Thu 2023-10-19 16:52:39 PST: 14min ago
     Docs: https://prometheus.io/docs/introduction/overview/
 Main PID: 7853 (prometheus)
    Tasks: 8 (limit: 4656)
   CGroup: /system.slice/prometheus.service
            -7853 /usr/bin/prometheus
Oct 19 16:52:39 server1 prometheus[7853]: level=info ts=2023-10-19T08:52:39.488
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Oct 19 16:52:39 server1 prometheus[7853]: level=info ts=2023-10-19T08:52:39.536
[1]+ Stopped
                              sudo systemctl status prometheus
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Reflections:

Answer the following:

- 1. What are the benefits of having a performance monitoring tool?
 - The benefit of having a performance monitoring tool is that we are able to accurately assess how the machine works by looking at its performance. Through this we can determine the condition of the machine whether its performance is within the expected level, making it efficient, or if it is working slower than it should be.

Conclusions:

Hands on activity 9 is about the installation, configuration, and management of performance monitoring tools in our Ubuntu and CentOS servers. The specific performance monitoring tool installed is Prometheus. This is done with the use of an ansible playbook implementing the roles folder for efficient and clean use of codes for the different roles, in this case Ubuntu and CentOS servers. This activity is very challenging because there are a lot of errors encountered when installing Prometheus on CentOS while it went smoothly for Ubuntu.

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