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Activity 7: Managing Files and Creating Roles in Ansible

1. Objectives:

- 1.1 Manage files in remote servers
- 1.2 Implement roles in ansible

2. Discussion:

In this activity, we look at the concept of copying a file to a server. We are going to create a file into our git repository and use Ansible to grab that file and put it into a particular place so that we could do things like customize a default website, or maybe install a default configuration file. We will also implement roles to consolidate plays.

Task 1: Create a file and copy it to remote servers

1. Using the previous directory we created, create a directory, and named it "**files**." Create a file inside that directory and name it "**default_site.html**." Edit the file and put basic HTML syntax. Any content will do, as long as it will display text later. Save the file and exit.

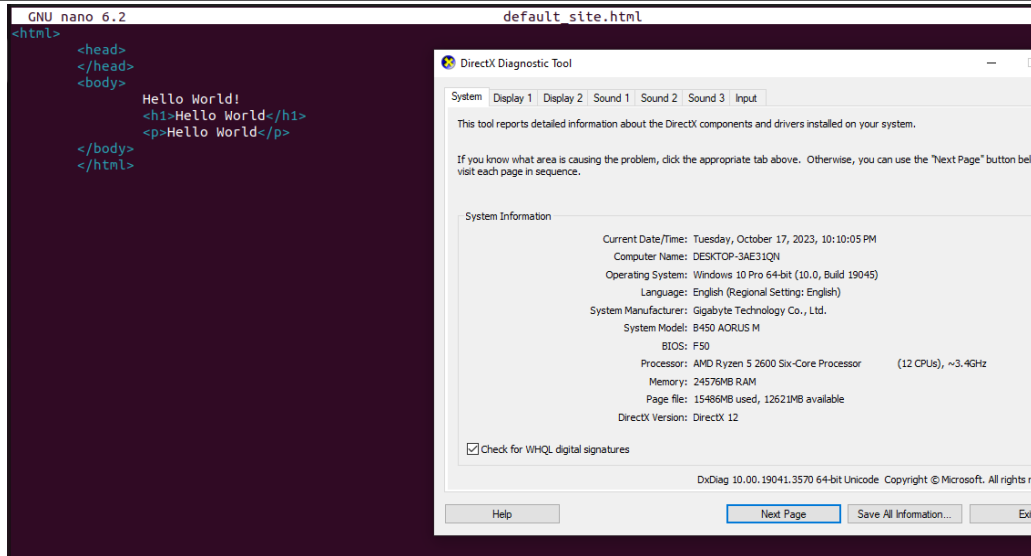
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ponayo@Workstation:~$ cd CPE232_Ponayo
ponayo@Workstation:~/CPE232_Ponayo$ mkdir files
ponayo@Workstation:~/CPE232_Ponayo$ ls
ansible.cfg  ansible.txt  files  hosts  install_apache.sh
ponayo@Workstation:~/CPE232_Ponayo$ cd files
ponayo@Workstation:~/CPE232_Ponayo/files$ sudo nano default_site.html
[sudo] password for ponayo:
ponayo@Workstation:~/CPE232_Ponayo/files$ ls
default_site.html
ponayo@Workstation:~/CPE232_Ponayo/files$ cd
ponayo@Workstation:~/CPE232_Ponayo$ cd files
ponayo@Workstation:~/CPE232_Ponayo$ cd files
ponayo@Workstation:~/CPE232_Ponayo/files$ cd -
/home/ponayo/CPE232_Ponayo

```

System Information

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Computer Name: DESKTOP-3AE31Q9N
Operating System: Windows 10 Pro 64-bit (10.0, Build 19045)
Language: English (Regional Setting: English)
System Manufacturer: Gigabyte Technology Co., Ltd.
System Model: B450 AORUS M
BIOS: F50
Processor: AMD Ryzen 5 2600 Six-Core Processor (12 CPUs), ~3.5 GHz
Memory: 24576MB RAM
Page file: 15486MB used, 12621MB available



2. Edit the *site.yml* file and just below the *web_servers* play, create a new file to copy the default html file for site:

- name: copy default html file for site

tags: apache, apache2, httpd

copy:

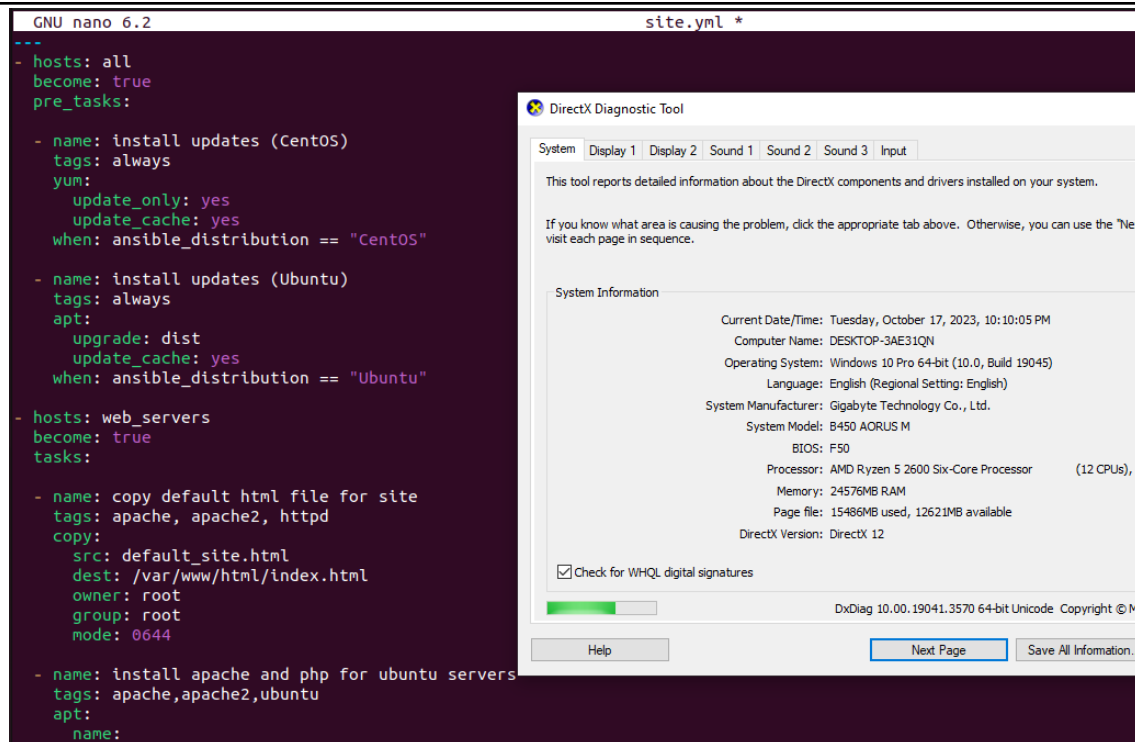
src: default_site.html

dest: /var/www/html/index.html

owner: root

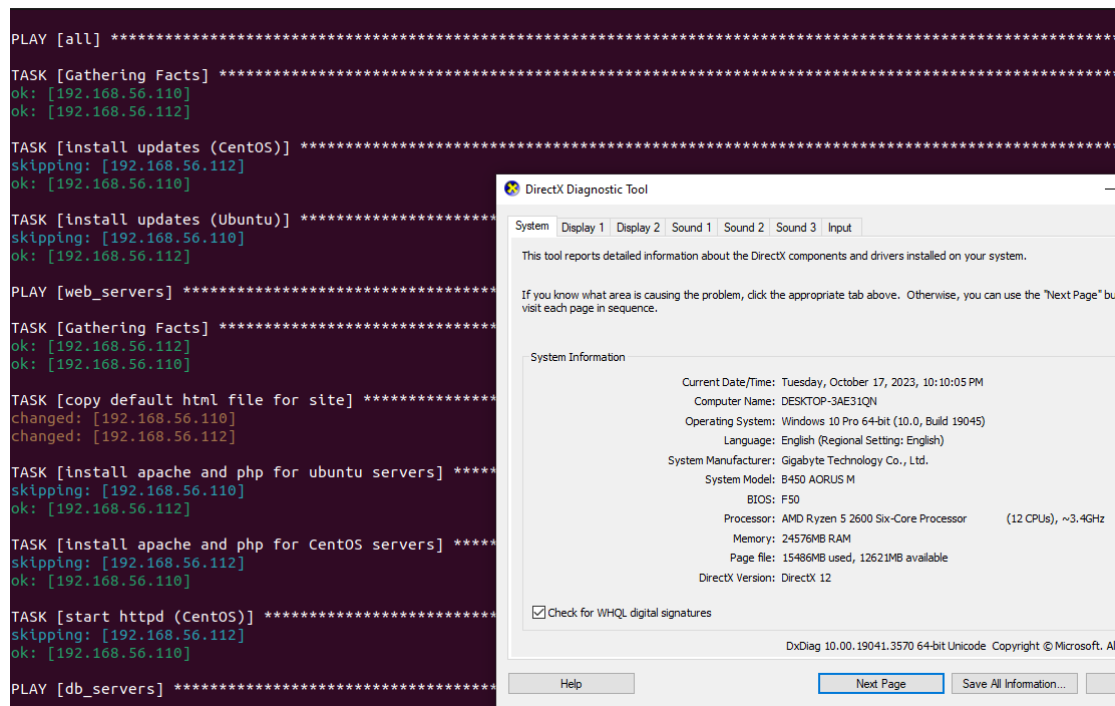
group: root

mode: 0644



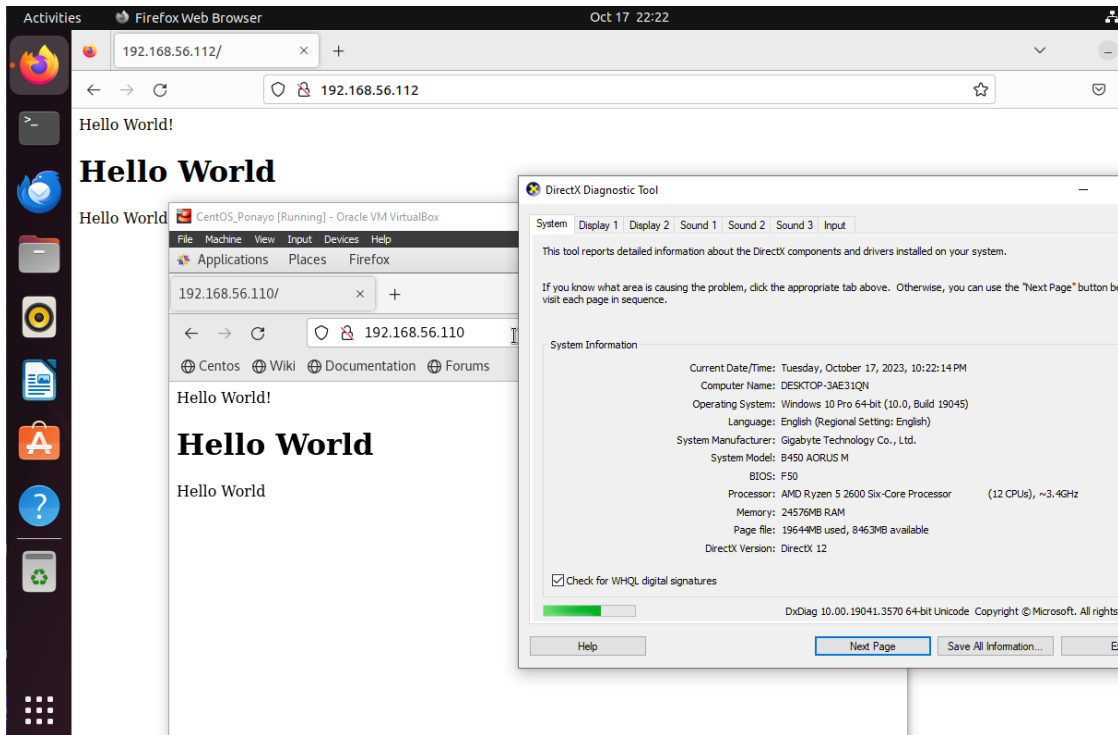
3. Run the playbook `site.yml`. Describe the changes.

After running the `site.yml` it was successfully copy the default html file for site because of the script.

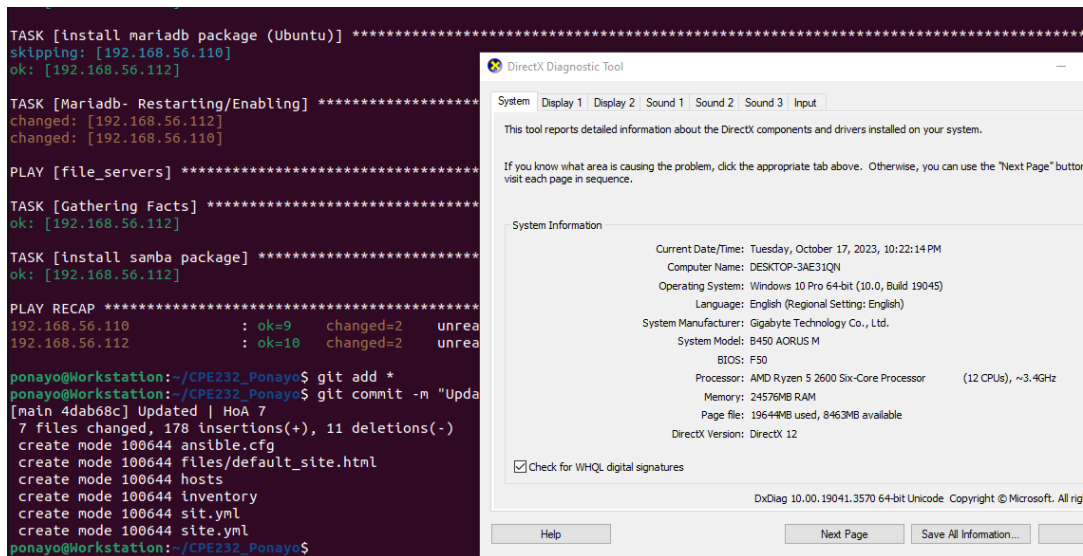


4. Go to the remote servers (`web_servers`) listed in your inventory. Use `cat` command to check if the `index.html` is the same as the local repository file

(default_site.html). Do both for Ubuntu and CentOS servers. On the CentOS server, go to the browser and type its IP address. Describe the output.



5. Sync your local repository with GitHub and describe the changes.



Task 2: Download a file and extract it to a remote server

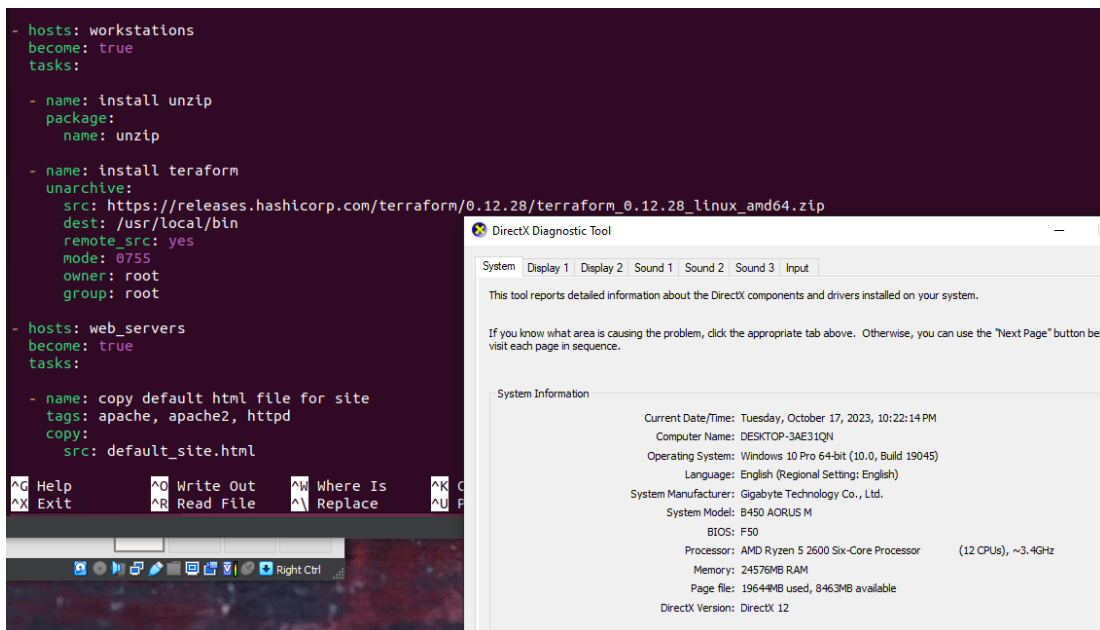
1. Edit the site.yml. Just before the web_servers play, create a new play:
 - hosts: workstations
 - become: true
 - tasks:

- name: install unzip
package:
name: unzip
- name: install terraform
unarchive:

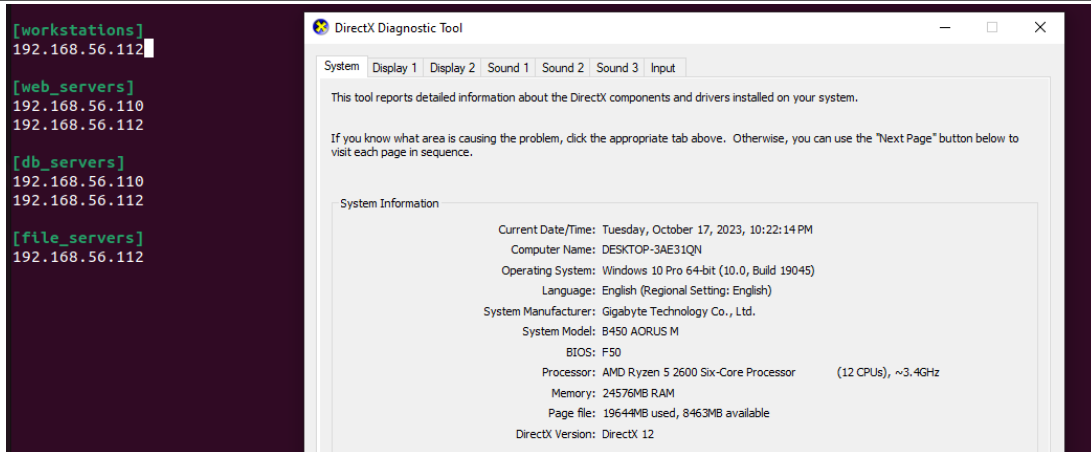
src:

https://releases.hashicorp.com/terraform/0.12.28/terraform_0.12.28_linux_amd64.zip

dest: /usr/local/bin
remote_src: yes
mode: 0755
owner: root
group: root

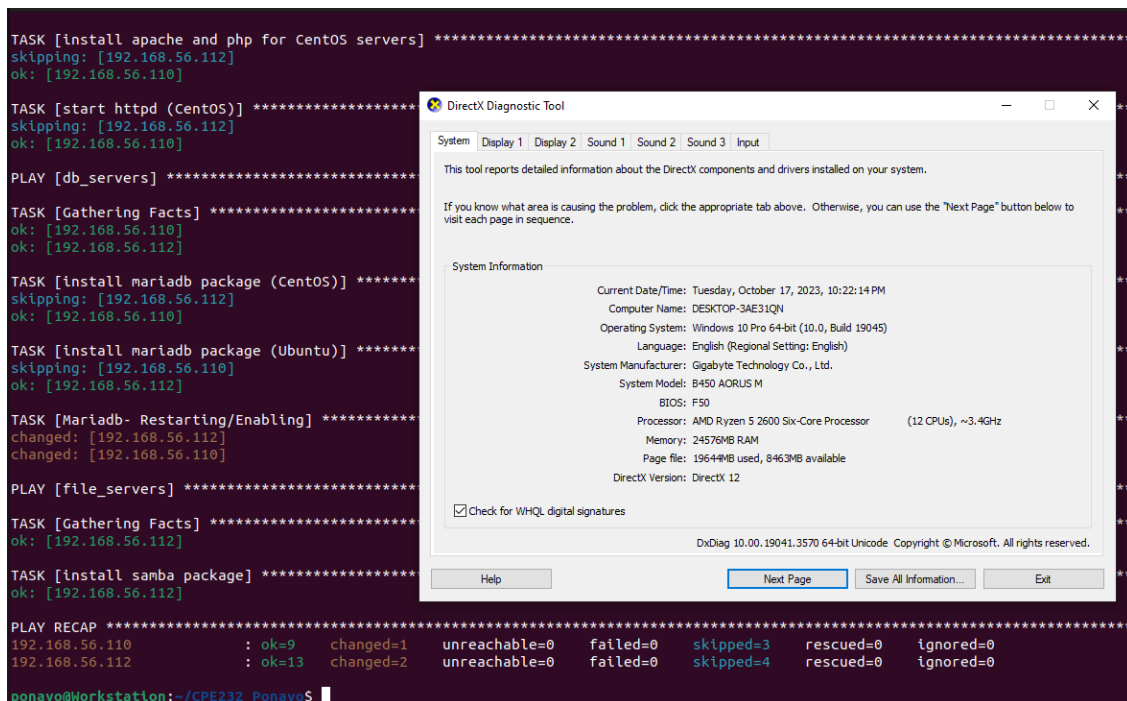


2. Edit the inventory file and add workstations group. Add any Ubuntu remote server. Make sure to remember the IP address.



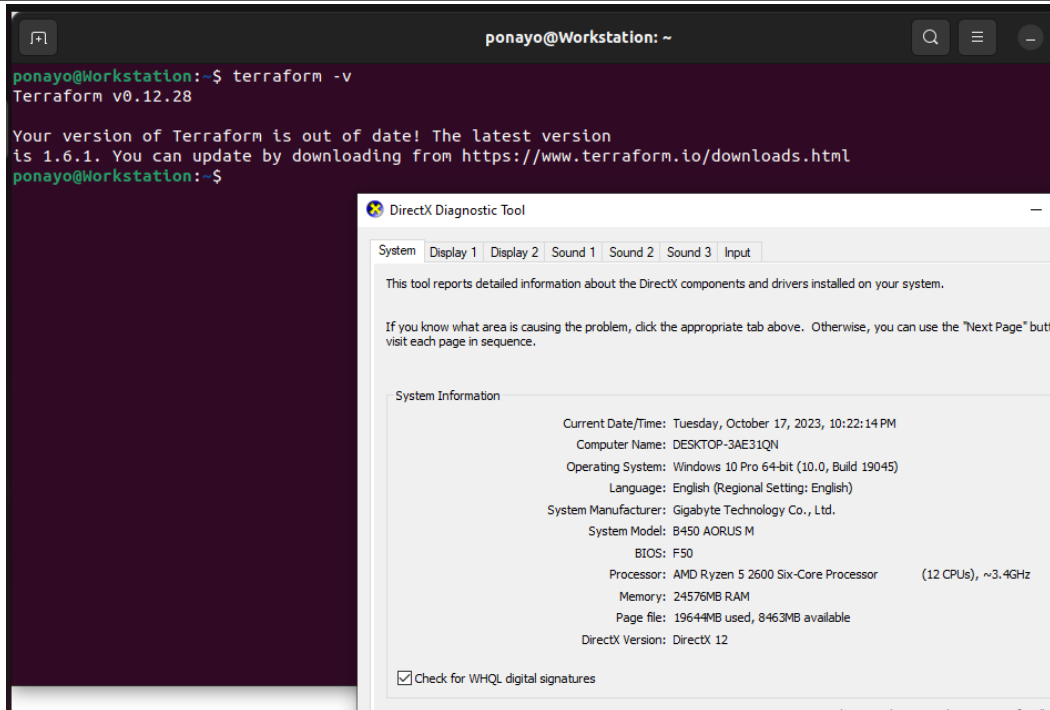
3. Run the playbook. Describe the output.

After running again the site with the changes in inventory. It was successfully run since the ip address that i input in the inventory is the right ip address.



4. On the Ubuntu remote workstation, type terraform to verify installation of terraform. Describe the output.

By checking the terraform in the remote workstation. The output was “the version of terraform is in latest version” which means it was a successful installation..



Task 3: Create roles

1. Edit the site.yml. Configure roles as follows: (make sure to create a copy of the old site.yml file because you will be copying the specific plays for all groups)

```
---
- hosts: all
  become: true
  pre_tasks:

    - name: update repository index (CentOS)
      tags: always
      dnf:
        update_cache: yes
        changed_when: false
        when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"
    - name: install updates (Ubuntu)
      tags: always
      apt:
        update_cache: yes
        changed_when: false
        when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"

- hosts: all
  become: true
  roles:
    - base

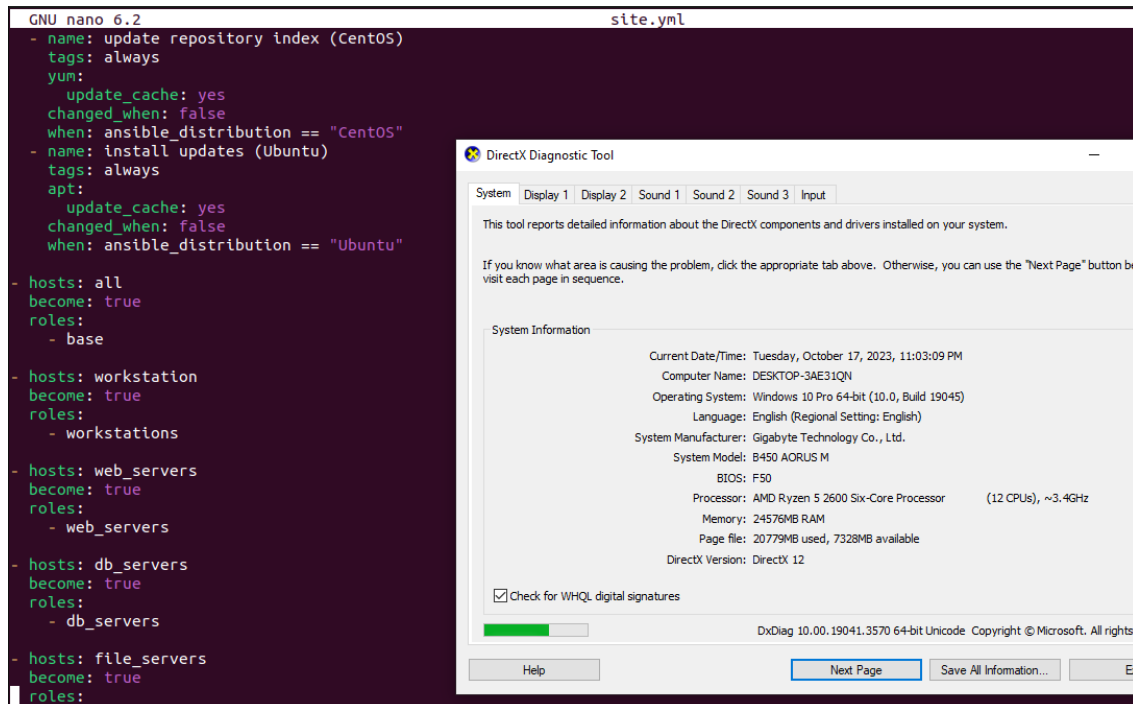
- hosts: workstations
  become: true
  roles:
    - workstations

- hosts: web_servers
  become: true
  roles:
    - web_servers

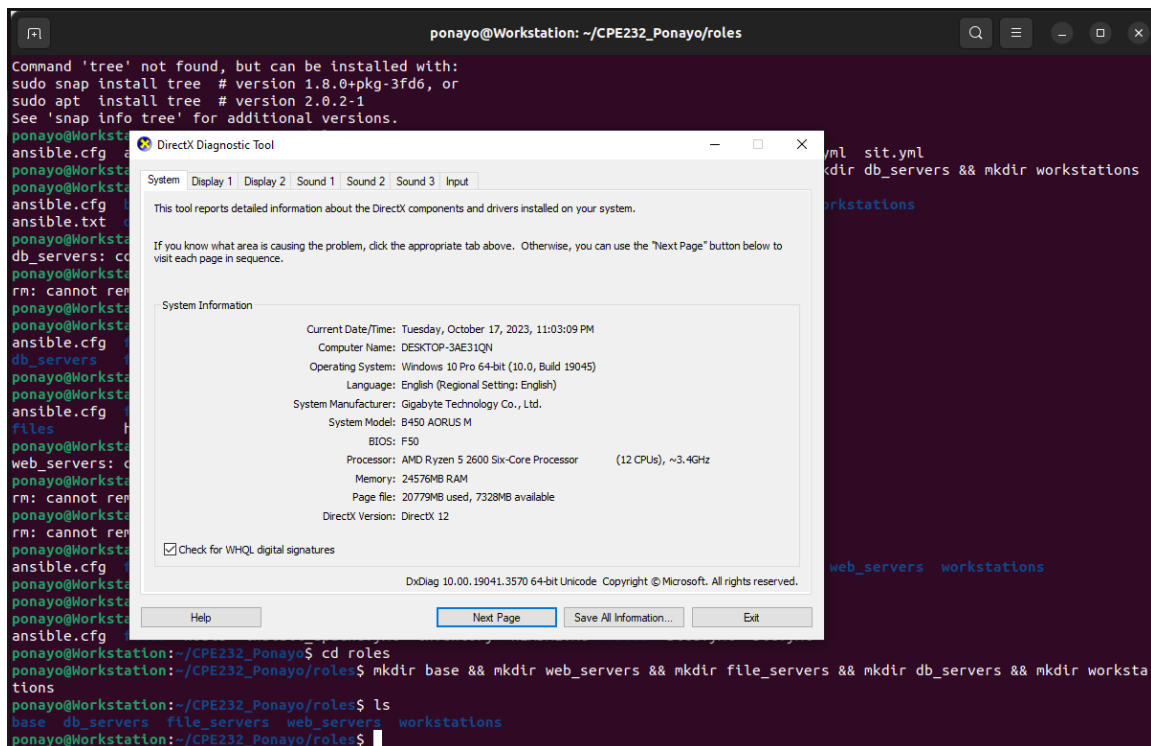
- hosts: db_servers
  become: true
  roles:
    - db_servers

- hosts: file_servers
  become: true
  roles:
    - file_servers
```


Save the file and exit.



2. Under the same directory, create a new directory and name it roles. Enter the roles directory and create new directories: base, web_servers, file_servers, db_servers and workstations. For each directory, create a directory and name it tasks.



3. Go to tasks for all directory and create a file. Name it main.yml. In each of the tasks for all directories, copy and paste the code from the old site.yml file. Show all contents of main.yml files for all tasks.

base:

The terminal window shows the contents of main.yml for the base directory. The file is edited in nano 6.2. The content is as follows:

```
--
- hosts: all
  become: true
  pre_tasks:
    - name: install updates (CentOS)
      tags: always
      yum:
        update_only: yes
        update_cache: yes
      when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"
    - name: install updates (Ubuntu)
      tags: always
      apt:
        upgrade: dist
        update_cache: yes
      when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"
  - hosts: workstations
    become: true
    tasks:
      - name: install unzip
        package:
          name: unzip
      - name: install terraform
        unarchive:
          src: https://releases.hashicorp.com/terraform_1.0.11/terraform_1.0.11_linux_amd64.zip
          dest: /usr/local/bin
          remote_src: yes
          mode: 0755
          owner: root
          group: root
```

The DirectX Diagnostic Tool window is open, showing system information. The tabs are System, Display 1, Display 2, Sound 1, Sound 2, Sound 3, and Input. The System Information tab is selected, showing the following details:

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- BIOS: F50
- Processor: AMD Ryzen 5 2600 Six-Core Processor (12 CPUs), ~3.4GHz
- Memory: 24576MB RAM
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- DirectX Version: DirectX 12

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db_servers:

The terminal window shows the contents of main.yml for the db_servers directory. The file is edited in nano 6.2. The content is as follows:

```
--
- hosts: all
  become: true
  pre_tasks:
    - name: install updates (CentOS)
      tags: always
      yum:
        update_only: yes
        update_cache: yes
      when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"
    - name: install updates (Ubuntu)
      tags: always
      apt:
        upgrade: dist
        update_cache: yes
      when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"
  - hosts: workstations
    become: true
    tasks:
      - name: install unzip
        package:
          name: unzip
      - name: install terraform
        unarchive:
          src: https://releases.hashicorp.com/terraform_1.0.11/terraform_1.0.11_linux_amd64.zip
          dest: /usr/local/bin
          remote_src: yes
          mode: 0755
          owner: root
          group: root
```

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file_servers:

```
ponayo@Workstation: ~/CPE232_Ponayo/roles/file_servers
GNU nano 6.2 main.yml
--
- hosts: all
  become: true
  pre_tasks:

  - name: install updates (CentOS)
    tags: always
    yum:
      update_only: yes
      update_cache: yes
      when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"

  - name: install updates (Ubuntu)
    tags: always
    apt:
      upgrade: dist
      update_cache: yes
      when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"

- hosts: workstations
  become: true
  tasks:

  - name: install unzip
    package:
      name: unzip

  - name: install terraform
    unarchive:
      src: https://releases.hashicorp.com/terraform/1.0.11/terraform_1.0.11_linux_amd64.zip
      dest: /usr/local/bin
      remote_src: yes
      mode: 0755
      owner: root
      group: root
```

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web_servers:

```
ponayo@Workstation: ~/CPE232_Ponayo/roles/web_servers
GNU nano 6.2 main.yml
--
- hosts: all
  become: true
  pre_tasks:

  - name: install updates (CentOS)
    tags: always
    yum:
      update_only: yes
      update_cache: yes
      when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"

  - name: install updates (Ubuntu)
    tags: always
    apt:
      upgrade: dist
      update_cache: yes
      when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"

- hosts: workstations
  become: true
  tasks:

  - name: install unzip
    package:
      name: unzip

  - name: install terraform
    unarchive:
      src: https://releases.hashicorp.com/terraform/1.0.11/terraform_1.0.11_linux_amd64.zip
      dest: /usr/local/bin
      remote_src: yes
      mode: 0755
      owner: root
      group: root
```

workstations:

The terminal window shows the following Ansible playbook content:

```
GNU nano 6.2 main.yml
---
- hosts: all
  become: true
  pre_tasks:

  - name: install updates (CentOS)
    tags: always
    yum:
      update_only: yes
      update_cache: yes
    when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"

  - name: install updates (Ubuntu)
    tags: always
    apt:
      upgrade: dist
      update_cache: yes
    when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"

- hosts: workstations
  become: true
  tasks:

  - name: install unzip
    package:
      name: unzip

  - name: install terraform
    unarchive:
      src: https://releases.hashicorp.com/terraform_1.0.11/terraform_1.0.11_linux_amd64.zip
      dest: /usr/local/bin
      remote_src: yes
      mode: 0755
      owner: root
      group: root
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4. Run the site.yml playbook and describe the output.

The terminal window shows the following Ansible playbook output:

```
ponayo@Workstation: ~/CPE232_Ponayo$ ansible-playbook -i inventory --ask-become-pass site.yml
BECOME password:

PLAY [all] *****

TASK [Gathering Facts] *****
ok: [192.168.56.110]
ok: [192.168.56.112]

TASK [update repository index (CentOS)] *****
skipping: [192.168.56.110]
ok: [192.168.56.112]

TASK [install updates (Ubuntu)] *****
skipping: [192.168.56.110]
ok: [192.168.56.112]

PLAY [all] *****

TASK [Gathering Facts] *****
ok: [192.168.56.110]
ok: [192.168.56.112]

PLAY [workstations] *****

TASK [Gathering Facts] *****
ok: [192.168.56.112]

PLAY [web_servers] *****

TASK [Gathering Facts] *****
ok: [192.168.56.112]
ok: [192.168.56.112]

PLAY [db_servers] *****

TASK [Gathering Facts] *****
ok: [192.168.56.112]
ok: [192.168.56.112]
```

The DirectX Diagnostic Tool window displays the same system information as in the previous screenshot.

Reflections:

Answer the following:

1. What is the importance of creating roles?

There are a lot of importance in creating roles, one of them is to ensure compliance with regulations. There are regulations that require certain tasks to be performed by people with specific qualifications. By making or creating a role, can help us to ensure that these regulations are being followed. And also by creating a role, it can help to improve efficiency, productivity, and etc.

2. What is the importance of managing files?

I think there are a lot of importance of managing files and one of them is to improve collaboration. When you're sharing a file with others it is important to maintain and manage them. By creating or making a system that can manage files, can help to ensure that everyone is using the same version of a file that changes are tracked