Ansible Playbooks

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- Plain-text **YAML** files that defines a set of activities (tasks) to be run on hosts.
- Human and machine readable.
- Can be used to build and configure entire application environments.

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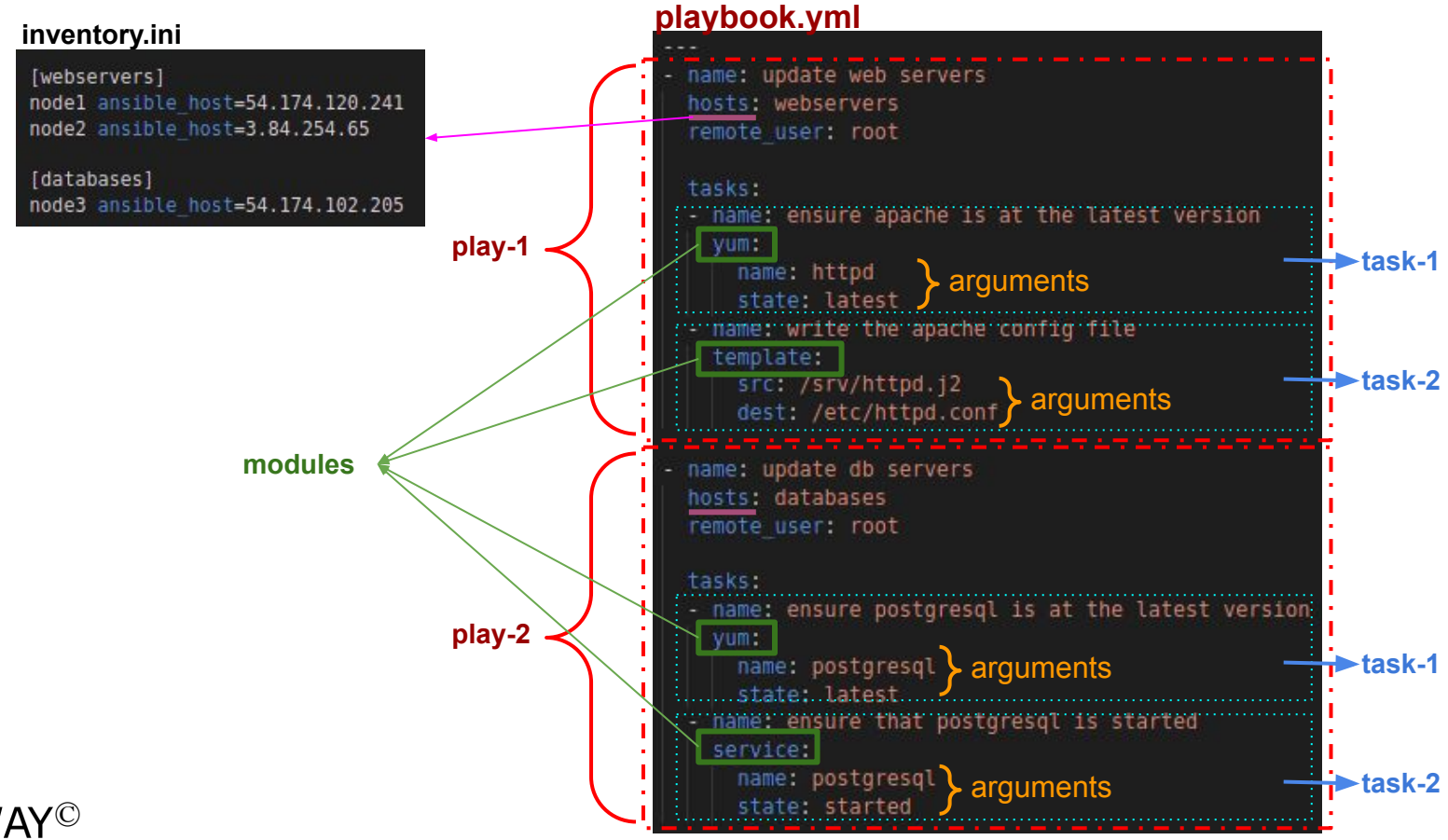
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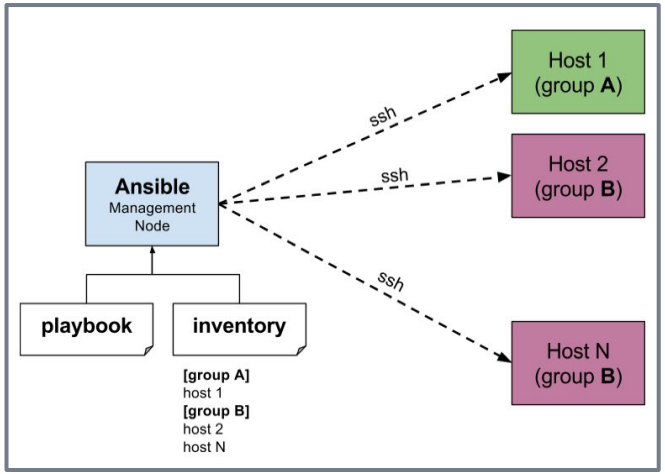
2 Hosts and Users

Hosts and Users

- For each play in a playbook, you get to choose which machines in your infrastructure to target and what remote user to complete the steps (called tasks) as.
- The host defined in the inventory file must match the host used in the playbook and all connection information for the host is retrieved from the inventory file.

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Inventory File

Inventory File

- Ansible works against multiple managed nodes or “hosts” in your infrastructure at the same time, using a list or group of lists know as **inventory.**
- The default location for inventory is a file called **/etc/ansible/hosts.**
- You can specify a different inventory file at the command line using the **-i < path >** option.

inventory.ini

```
54.174.120.241

mail.example.com

[webservers]
node1 ansible_host=54.174.120.241 ansible_user=root ansible_ssh_pass=PQabc
node2 ansible_host=3.84.254.65    ansible_user=ec2-user

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[dev]
node1
node3

[newyork]
node2
node3
```

4 Tasks

Tasks

- Each play contains a list of tasks. Tasks are executed in order, one at a time, against all machines matched by the host pattern, before moving on to the next task.
- The goal of each task is to execute a module, with very specific arguments. Variables can be used in arguments to modules.

```
# Simple Ansible Playbook1.yml

-
 name: Play 1
 hosts: localhost
 tasks:
    - name: Execute comand “date”
      command: date

    - name: Execute script on server
      script: test.sh

    - name: Install httpd package
      yum:
          name: httpd
          state: present

    - name: Start web server
      service:
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```

5 Modules

Modules

- **Modules** (also referred to as “task plugins” or “library plugins”) are discrete units of code that can be used from the command line or in a playbook task.
- Ansible executes each module, usually on the remote target node, and collects return values.
- Modules should be **idempotent**, and should avoid making any changes if they detect that the current state matches the desired final state.

playbook.yml

```
-
  name: Play 1
  hosts: localhost
  tasks:
   - name: Execute command ‘date’
     command: date

   - name: Execute script on server
     script: test_script.sh

   - name: Install httpd service
     yum:
      name: httpd
      state: present

   - name: Start web server
     service:
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```

6 Handlers

Handlers

Handlers are lists of tasks, not really any different from regular tasks, that are referenced by a globally unique name, and are notified by notifiers. If nothing notifies a handler, it will not run.

```
- hosts: webservers1
  user: root
  tasks:
  - name: test copy
    copy: src=/root/a.txt dest=/mnt
    notify: test handlers
  handlers:
  - name: test handlers
    shell: echo "abcd" >> /mnt/a.txt
~
```

7 Variables

Variables

- **Variables** are used to store values that varies with different items.

```
[webservers]
web1 ansible_host=3.85.110.235 ansible_user=ec2-user ansible_shh_pass=P@abcd
web2 ansible_host=3.88.62.253 ansible_user=ec2-user ansible_shh_pass=P@1234

[dbservers]
db1 ansible_host=3.85.110.235 ansible_user=ec2-user ansible_shh_pass=P@Defne
```

Playbook.yml

```
-
  name: Add DNS server to resolv.conf
  hosts: webservers
  vars:
    dns_server: 10.1.250.10

  tasks:
    -lineinfile:
      path: /etc/resolv.conf
      line:'nameserver {{ dns_server }}'
```

OR

```
#Sample variable file - web.yml

dns_server: 10.1.250.10
```

8 Conditionals

Conditionals

```yaml
- name: Install NGNIX
  hosts: webservers
  tasks:
  - name: Install NGNIX on Redhat
    yum:
      name: ngnix
      state: present
    when: ansible_os_family == "RedHat"

  - name: Install NGINIX on Debian
    apt:
      name: nginx
      state: present
    when: ansible_os_family == "Debian" and ansible_distribution_version == "16.04"
```

9 Loops

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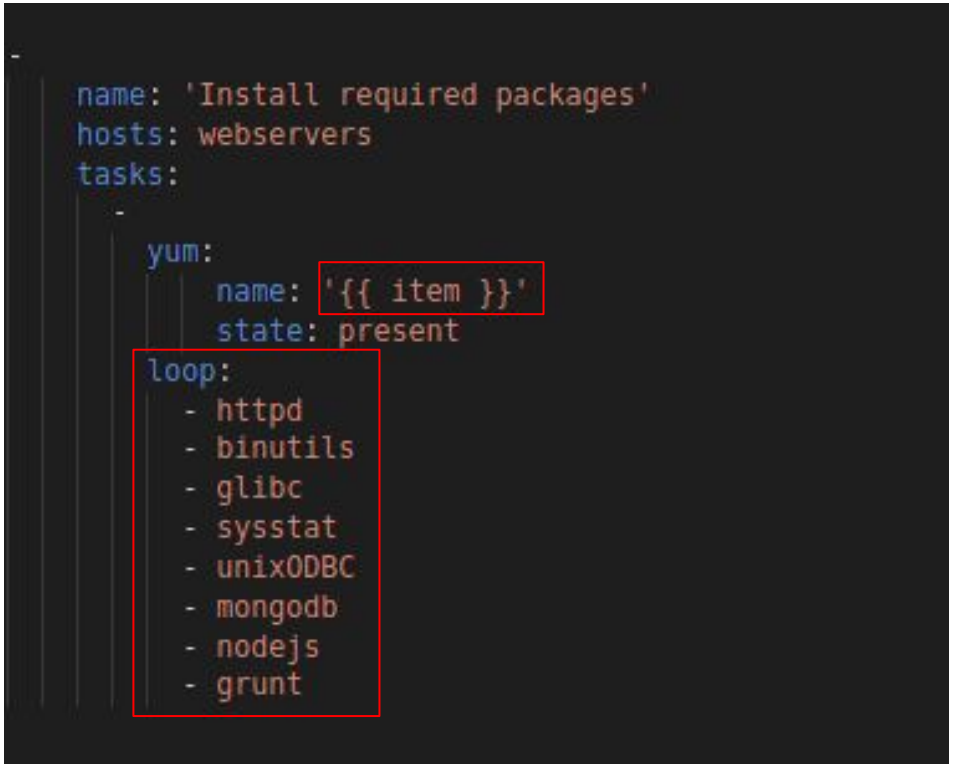

```yaml
-
  name: 'Install required packages'
  hosts: webservers
  tasks:
    -
      yum:
        name: '{{ item }}'
        state: present
      loop:
        - httpd
        - binutils
        - glibc
        - sysstat
        - unixODBC
        - mongodb
        - nodejs
        - grunt
```

THANKS!

Any questions?

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