

Configuration Management

This is process of configuring remote servers from one point of control.

Advantages

1) Provisioning of servers

The applications that should be installed on server can be done very quickly from a single centralized location.

2) Idempotent

Configuration management tools are used to bring the server to a particular state, called as desired state. If a server already in the desired state, configuration management tools will not reconfigure that server.

Note: Configuration management tools cannot be used for installing OS from the scratch.

They can be used only for managing the applications on top of the OS.

Configuration management tools - Ansible, chef, puppet, salt etc

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Ansible -- It is a open source configuration management tool, created using Python.

Main machine in which ansible is installed, is called as controller.

Remote servers that Ansible configures, are called as managed nodes.

Ansible uses agent less policy for configures remote servers ie Ansible is installed only on 1 machine, and we do not require any client side software to be installed on the remote servers.

Ansible performs configuration management through password less ssh.

what are ansible tags?

If you have a large playbook, it may be useful to run only specific parts of it instead of running the entire playbook. You can do this with Ansible tags. Using tags to execute or skip selected tasks is a two-step process:

====>Add tags to your tasks, either individually or with tag inheritance from a block, play, role, or import.

====>Select or skip tags when you run your playbook.

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Create 4 Servers (Ubuntu 18)

1 is controller

3 are managed nodes

Name the instances as

Controller

Server1

Server2

Server3

Ubuntu machines default come with Python3

Ansible supports Python2

We need to downgrade the machines from python3 to Python2

Connect server1

Check the version

```
$ python3 --version
```

To Install Python2

```
$ sudo apt-get update
```

```
$ sudo apt-get dist-upgrade ( It will point to older apt repository where python2 is available)
```

```
$ sudo apt-get install -y python2.7 python-pip
```

```
$ sudo apt-get install python3-pip
```

Now check the version of python

```
$ python --version
```

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```

Establish password less ssh connection

```
$ sudo passwd ubuntu
```

(lets give the password as ubuntu only)

```
$ sudo vim /etc/ssh/sshd_config
```

change

PasswordAuthentication yes

Save and QUIT

```
$ sudo service ssh restart
```

```
$ exit
```

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```

Repeat the same steps in server2 and server3

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```

Now, Connect to controller

Even in controller also python2 version should be available

(So, run the same commands)

```
$ sudo apt-get update
```

```
$ sudo apt-get dist-upgrade
```

```
$ sudo apt-get install -y python2.7 python-pip
```

Now check the version of python

```
$ python --version
```

```
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```

Now , We need to generate ssh connections

```
$ ssh-keygen
```

Now copy the key to managed nodes

```
$ ssh-copy-id ubuntu@172.31.0.98 ( private Ip of server1 )
```

```
$ ssh-copy-id ubuntu@172.31.1.183 ( private Ip of server2 )
```

```
$ ssh-copy-id ubuntu@172.31.14.179 ( private Ip of server3 )
```

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```

Installing ansible now

Connect to controller.

```
$ sudo apt-get install software-properties-common
```

(software-properties-common , is a base package which is required to install ansible)

```
$ sudo apt-add-repository ppa:ansible/ansible
```

```
$ sudo apt-get update
```

```
$ sudo apt-get install -y ansible
```

```
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```

To check the version of ansible

```
$ ansible --version
```

```
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```

Write the ip address of nodes in the inventory file

```
$ cd /etc/ansible
```

```
$ ls
```

```
$ sudo vim hosts
```

insert the private ip addresss of 3 servers

save and quit

```
$ ls -la ( to see the list in the current machine )
```

```
$ ansible all -a 'ls -la' ( you will get the list of the files in all managed nodes )
```

Difference between Docker and Ansible??

Docker container is implemented with host OS software including process, chroot, cgroup, network and so on to utilize independent environment directly on host OS. On the other hand, Ansible is a configuration management tool. ...

This tool just manages to automate installation and configuration to all the servers

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what is Module???

Modules (also referred to as “task plugins” or “library plugins”) can be used from the command line or in a playbook task. Ansible executes each module, usually on the remote managed node, and collects return values.

in ansible we can configure the servers in 2-ways i.e by using

- 1) adhoc commands
- 2) playbooks

adhoc commands

In Ansible ad hoc command uses the /usr/bin/ansible command-line tool to automate a single task on one or more managed nodes. ad hoc commands are quick and easy, but they are not reusable

what are the Important modules in ansible ?

- 1) command - This module is used for executing basic linux commands on managed nodes.
- 2) shell - This module is used to execute commands which involved redirection and piping and to execute shell scripts on managed nodes.
- 3) ping -- This module is used to check if the remote server is pingable or not.
- 4) user -- This module is used for user management like create user, setting password, assign home directory etc
- 5) copy -- This module is used to copy the files and folders from controller to managed nodes
- 6) fetch -- This module is used to copy files and folder from managed nodes to controller
- 7) file -- This module is used for creating or deleting files and folders on managed nodes.
- 8) stat -- Used to capture detailed information about files and folders present in managed nodes.
- 9) debug -- Used to display output of any module
- 10) apt -- Used for performing package management on managed nodes ie installing softwares / upgrading repositories etc . It works on ubuntu, debain flavours of linux.
- 11) yum -- similar to apt module. It works on Red hat linux, centos etc
- 12) git -- used to perform git version controlling on managed nodes
- 13) replace -- This is used to replace specific text in configuration file with some other text.
- 14) service -- used for starting / stoping / restarting services on managed nodes.
- 15) include -- Used for calling child play books from parent play book
- 16) uri -- useful in checking if remote url is reachable or not.
- 17) docker_container -- used to execute docker commands related to container management on managed nodes
- 18) docker_image -- used to execute commands related to docker images on managed nodes.
- 19) docker_login -- used to login to docker hub from managed nodes.
- 20) setup -- used to capturing system information related to the managed nodes.

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\$ ansible all -i /etc/ansible/hosts -m command -a 'free'

\$ ansible all -i /etc/ansible/hosts -m command -a 'touch file1'

To check the file which is created

```
$ ssh 172.31.2.173 ( this command will go that machine )
```

```
$ ls
```

```
$ exit ( to come back to controller )
```

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To install docker in all managed nodes

```
$ ansible all -i /etc/ansible/hosts -m shell -a 'curl -fsSL https://get.docker.com -o get-docker.sh'
```

```
$ ansible all -i /etc/ansible/hosts -m shell -a 'sh get-docker.sh'
```

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To check docker is installed or not

```
$ ssh 172.31.2.173
```

```
$ docker --version
```

```
$ exit ( to come back to controller )
```

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Notes:

Ansible performs remote configurations in 2 ways

1) using adhoc commands

2) using play books

Syntax of adhoc commands

```
$ ansible all/group_name/ipaddress -i path_of_inventory_file -m modulename -a 'arguments'
```

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Ansible command module to check the memory info on all managed nodes

```
$ ansible all -i /etc/ansible/hosts -m command -a 'free'
```

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To open the default inventory file

```
$ sudo vim /etc/ansible/hosts
```

(Observation: 3 ip address are available)

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Now, I copy the first two IP address (in a new notepad file)

quit the inventory file

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Create my own inventory file

```
$ vim myinventory
```

go to insert mode

paste two ip address

save and quit

```
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```

To check the inventory file

```
$ cat myinventory
```

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```

```
$ ansible all -i myinventory -m command -a 'free'
```

Observation: free command works on only two machines

```
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```

If you do not mention the inventory file, it takes default inventory file.

ex:

```
$ ansible all -m command -a 'free'
```

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```

command module is the default module in ansible

```
$ ansible all -a 'free'
```

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```

Note:

The default inventory file is /etc/ansible/hosts and when using this inventory file, we need not use -i option.

ex:

```
$ ansible all -m command -a 'free'
```

The default module is command. When using command module we need not use -m option

ex:

```
$ ansible all -a 'free'
```

Shell Module

```
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```

ansible command to execute `ls -la` and store the output into `file1` on all the managed nodes.

```
$ ansible all -m shell -a 'ls -la > file2'
```

To check the file which is created

```
$ ssh 172.31.12.239
```

```
$ ls
```

```
$ exit ( to come back to controller )
```

```
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```

command to install docker on all managed nodes

```
$ ansible all -m shell -a 'curl -fsSL https://get.docker.com -o get-docker.sh'
```

```
$ ansible all -m shell -a 'sh get-docker.sh'
```

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```

User Module:

(From controller)

To create new user

```
$ sudo useradd sai
```

```
$ vim /etc/passwd ( User will be created in this file )
```

To set the password

```
$ sudo passwd sai ( sai is the username)
```

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```

Now, i want to create user in all managed nodes

```
$ ansible all -m user -a 'name=anu password=sunil'
```

(we get error : permission denied)

```
$ ansible all -m user -a 'name=anu password=sunil' -b ( become , for higher privileges on managed nodes )
```

```
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```

To check if user is create or not

```
$ ssh 172.31.12.239
```

```
$ vim /etc/passwd
```

```
$ exit
```

```
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```

Command to create user and set home directory, user id, default working shell etc

Another example

```
$ ansible all -m user -a 'name=Ravi password=freefree uid=1234 comment="A regular user" home=/home/ubuntu/
```

Ravi shell=/bin/bash' -b

To check for the new user

```
$ ssh 172.31.44.218
```

```
$ vim /etc/passwd
```

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Install git in all managed nodes

```
$ ansible all -m apt -a 'name=git state=present' -b
```

Observation:

We get "changed": false

(That means git is already installed on it. The command has no effect in the nodes)

Now , run the below command

```
$ ansible all -m apt -a 'name=git state=absent' -b
```

(absent means - uninstall)

output, we get in yellow color

(scroll up) we get "changed":true

(The command is effected the instance)

Now if we run the below command (with present option)

```
$ ansible all -m apt -a 'name=git state=present' -b
```

we get "changed":true

Notes:

apt module -- This is used for package management.

1) ansible all -m apt -a 'name=git state=present' -b

state=present is for installation

state=latest for upgradation

state=absent for uninstallation

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I wan to update apt-repositoty and install tomcat8

```
ansible all -m apt -a 'name=tomcat8 state=present update_cache=yes' -b
```


The above command will update apt repository and install tomcat8
To update apt-repository on managed nodes `update_cache=yes` is used

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File module

This is used to create files and folder on managed nodes

```
ansible all -m file -a 'name=/tmp/file5 state=touch'
```

To check the file which is create

```
$ ssh 172.31.12.239
$ cd /tmp
$ ls
$ exit
```

TO create a directory

```
ansible all -m file -a 'name=/tmp/dir1 state=directory'
```

To check the directory

```
$ ssh 172.31.39.33
$ cd /tmp
$ ls
$ exit
```

To delete the file

```
ansible all -m file -a 'name=/tmp/file5 state=absent'
```

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Notes:

Command to create a file on all managed nodes

```
ansible all -m file -a 'name=/tmp/file1 state=touch'
```

`state=touch` is to create files

`state=directory` is to create directory

`state=absent` is for deleting file/directory

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Now,

To know the current user

```
$ whoami
$ ansible all -m file -a 'name=file1 state=touch'
```

Now go to managed nodes and check the permission of the file

```
$ ssh 172.31.12.239
$ ls -l file1
```

Observe the permissions are `rw-rw-r--`

Permission Types: For files and directories, there are 4 types of permissions.

- 1) r --> Read
- 2) w --> Write
- 3) x --> Execute
- 4) - --> No Permission

Numeric Permissions:

We can specify permissions by using octal number.

Octal means base-8 and allowed digits are 0 to 7

- 0 --> 000 --> No Permission
- 1 --> 001 --> Execute Permission
- 2 --> 010 --> Write Permission
- 3 --> 011 --> Write and execute Permissions
- 4 --> 100 --> Read Permission
- 5 --> 101 --> Read and execute Permissions
- 6 --> 110 --> Read and write Permission
- 7 --> 111 --> Read, Write and execute Permissions

Note:

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- 4 --> Read Permission
 - 2 --> Write Permission
 - 1 --> Execute Permission

It is more easy to remember

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- 5 --> 4+1 --> r-x
 - 3 --> 2+1 --> -wx
 - 6 --> 4+2 --> rw-
 - 7 --> 4+2+1 --> rwx

Now, I want to change the permissions from controller

\$ exit (will come back to controller)

\$ ansible all -m file -a 'name=file1 state=touch owner=Anu group=Ravi mode=700' -b

The above command will execute only if Anu user and Ravi group is available in all nodes.

Notes:

File module can be used to change the ownership, group ownership and permissions on the file.

Copy Module

This is used for copying the files from controller into managed nodes.

We know in the file /etc/passwd we have all the information about users

Now I want to copy the file into all nodes

\$ ansible all -m copy -a 'src=/etc/passwd dest=/tmp'

To check the file which is copies

```
$ ssh 172.31.12.239
$ cd /tmp
$ ls
$ exit
```

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Scenario:

I want to create tomcat users file in controller and copy the file in all the nodes

```
$ sudo vim tomcat-users.xml
```

Go to Insert mode

```
<tomcat-users>
  <user username="training" password="freefree" roles="manager-script"/>
</tomcat-users>
```

```
:wq
```

```
$ ansible all -m copy -a 'src=tomcat-users.xml dest=/etc/tomcat8' -b
```

To check the file

```
$ ssh 172.31.12.239
$ cd /etc/tomcat8
$ ls
```

Open that file to check the contents

```
$ sudo cat tomcat-users.xml
```

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Ansible command to copy /etc/passwd file to all the managed nodes

```
$ ansible all -m copy -a 'src=/etc/passwd dest=/tmp'
```

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Create a tomcat-users.xml file on controller and copy it into all managed nodes into default location of tomcat ie /etc/tomcat8

```
$ sudo vim tomcat-users.xml
```

Go to Insert mode

```
<tomcat-users>
  <user username="training" password="freefree" roles="manager-script"/>
</tomcat-users>
```

```
:wq
```

```
$ ansible all -m copy -a 'src=tomcat-users.xml dest=/etc/tomcat8' -b
```

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Create a file on the controller machine

```
$ cat > newfile1
```

aaaa

bbbbbb

cccc

dddd

Ctrl+d

```
$ ls -l newfile1
```

we get the permissions

```
rw-rw-r--
```

When we copy the file we have the same permissions

```
$ ansible all -m copy -a 'src=newfile1 dest=/home/ubuntu'
```

To get managed node and check the permissions on the file. It remains the same

```
$ ssh 172.31.39.33
```

```
$ ls -l newfile1
```

```
$ exit
```

Command to copy with changes permissions

```
$ ansible all -m copy -a 'src=newfile1 dest=/home/ubuntu owner=root group=root mode=760' -b
```

Now, go to node and check the permissions

```
$ ssh 172.31.35.79
```

```
$ ls -l newfile1
```

```
$ exit
```

Notes:

Copy module is used to change the ownership, group ownership and permissions of the files that are copied to managed nodes.

```
$ ansible all -m copy -a 'src=newfile1 dest=/home/ubuntu owner=root group=root mode=760' -b
```

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To copy the file, by replacing the old content with new content

```
$ ansible all -m copy -a 'content="sunil\n" dest=newfile1' -b
```

Go to managed node and check the content

```
$ ssh 172.31.11.96
```

```
$ sudo cat newfile1
```

```
$ exit
```

Notes: Copy module can also send content into the file

```
$ ansible all -m copy -a 'content="sunil\n" dest=newfile1' -b
```

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Fetch Module (opposite of copy module)

Go to managed node

```
$ ssh 172-31-35-79
```

```
$ cd /etc/tomcat8
```

```
$ ls
```

There is server.xml file

I want to get the file (server.xml) from node to controller

```
$ exit ( come back to controller )
```

```
$ ansible all -m fetch -a 'src=/etc/tomcat8/server.xml dest=/tmp' -b
```

Now to got tmp folder

```
$ cd /tmp
```

```
$ ls
```

You will find three folders. The names of the folders are IP address of managed nodes

```
$ cd 172.31.35.102
```

```
$ ls
```

```
$ cd etc
```

```
$ ls
```

```
$ cd tomcat8
```

```
$ ls
```

Notes:

Fetch module is used to copy files from managed nodes to controller.

Command to copy tomcat-server.xml file from all managed nodes into /tmp folder on the controller.

```
$ ansible all -m fetch -a 'src=/etc/tomcat8/server.xml dest=/tmp' -b
```

Git Modules

This is used to perform git version controlling on the managed nodes.

```
ansible all -m git -a 'repo=https://github.com/sunildevops77/repo1.git dest=/tmp/mygit' -b
```

The above command will download the files in all managed nodes.

Go to managed node and check

```
$ ssh 172.31.35.79
```

```
$ cd /tmp
```

```
$ ls
```

```
$ cd mygit
```

```
$ ls
```

```
$ exit
```

Notes:

Ansible command to clone remote git repository into all managed nodes

```
ansible all -m git -a 'repo=https://github.com/sunildevops77/rep1.git dest=/tmp/mygit' -b
```

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Service Module

This is used for starting/ stoping / restarting the services.

Ansible command to restart tomcat8 on all managed nodes

```
$ ansible all -m service -a 'name=tomcat8 state=restarted' -b
```

state=restarted is for restarting a service

state=stopped is for stopping a running service

state=started is for starting a stopped service

Replace module

Go to managed node

```
$ ssh 172.31.36.52
```

```
$ cd /etc/tomcat8/
```

```
$ ls
```

```
$ sudo vim server.xml
```

Look for connector port , to see the port number in which it is running. (line 74)

Now, we want to change the port number on all managed nodes, in this scenario we use replace module.

Quit the server.xml file

```
$ exit ( to come back to controller )
```

```
$ ansible all -m replace -a 'regexp=8080 replace=9090 path=/etc/tomcat8/server.xml' -b
```

Lets check tomcat is respoding on 9090 port in managed node

Get public DNS from aws

```
ec2-13-251-114-207.ap-southeast-1.compute.amazonaws.com
```

```
ec2-13-234-48-168.ap-south-1.compute.amazonaws.com
```

Open Browser

```
URL --- ec2-13-251-114-207.ap-southeast-1.compute.amazonaws.com:9090
```

We will not get the page, becuase we need to restart the service

```
$ ansible all -m service -a 'name=tomcat8 state=restarted' -b
```

Now, try the above URL --- it Works!!

replace module

This is used for replacing a specific string with other string.

Ex:

Ansible command to change the port number of tomcat from 8080 to 9090

```
$ ansible all -m replace -a 'regexp=8080 replace=9090 path=/etc/tomcat8/server.xml' -b
```

uri module

I want to check facebook is reachable for not in all managed nodes.

```
$ ansible all -m uri -a 'url=http://facebook.com'
```

In the output (green color) status - 200

Give a invalid url , we get status as -1

Ex:

```
$ ansible all -m uri -a 'url=http://hgyi9cb.com'
```

Now, I want to stop tomcat in all managed nodes (Just repeat)

```
$ ansible all -m service -a 'name=tomcat8 state=stopped' -b
```

Notes:

url module is used to check if the url is reachable or not.

Command to check if facebook.com is reachable on all managed nodes.

```
$ ansible all -m uri -a 'url=http://facebook.com status=200'
```

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Lets have an example of all modules

Requirement: I want to install tomcat all manages nodes , then i want to copy users.xml in all managed nodes, I want to change port number of tomcat , then i want to restart the service, finally i want to check url is reachable or not.

1st we need to unintall tomcat in all managed nodes.

```
$ ansible all -m apt -a 'name=tomcat8 state=absent purge=yes' -b
```

\$ ansible all -m apt -a 'name=tomcat8 state=present' -b

```
$ ansible all -m copy -a 'src=tomcat-users.xml dest=/etc/tomcat8' -b
```

```
$ ansible all -m replace -a 'regexp=8080 replace=9090 path=/etc/tomcat8/server.xml' -b
```

```
$ ansible all -m service -a 'name=tomcat8 state=restarted' -b
```

To check tomcat is running individually on all servers,
take the private ip of all nodes

172.31.11.96

172.31.6.207

172.31.12.138

```
$ ansible all -m uri -a 'url=http://172.31.11.96:9090'
```

It returns status as 200

Similarly check the other two nodes

```
$ ansible all -m uri -a 'url=http://172.31.6.207:9090'
```

```
$ ansible all -m uri -a 'url=http://172.31.12.138:9090'
```

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Notes:

Requirement.

I want to install tomcat all modules. Copy tomcat-users.xml in all managed nodes.

Change port number of tomcat from 8080 to 9090. Restart the tomcat8 service.

Finally i want to check url is reachable or not.

```
$ ansible all -m apt -a 'name=tomcat8 state=present' -b
```

```
$ ansible all -m copy -a 'src=tomcat-users.xml dest=/etc/tomcat8' -b
```

```
$ ansible all -m replace -a 'regexp=8080 replace=9090 path=/etc/tomcat8/server.xml' -b
```

```
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```

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take the private ip of all nodes

172.31.11.96

172.31.6.207

172.31.12.138

```
$ ansible all -m uri -a 'url=http://172.31.11.96:9090 status=200'
```

It returns status as 200

Similarly check the other two nodes

```
$ ansible all -m uri -a 'url=http://172.31.6.207:9090 status=200'
```

```
$ ansible all -m uri -a 'url=http://172.31.12.138:9090 status=200'
```

what is Play books

Notes:

Adhoc commands are capable of working only on one module and one set of arguments.

When we want to perform complex configuration management activities,
adhoc commands will be difficult to manage.

In such scenarios, we use play books.

Play book is combination of plays.

Each play is designed to do some activity on the managed nodes.

These plays are created to work on single host or a group of hosts or all the hosts.

The main advantage of play books is reusability.

Play books are created using yaml files.

```
$ mkdir playbooks
```

```
$ cd playbooks
```

```
$ vim playbook1.yml
```

```
INSERT mode
```



```
---
```



```
- name: Install git and clone a remote repository
hosts: all
tasks:
  - name: Install git
    apt:
      name: git
      state: present
      update_cache: yes
  - name: clone remote git repository
    git:
      repo: https://github.com/sunilkumark11/git-9am-batch.git
      dest: /home/ubuntu/newgit
...
```

To check the syntax:

```
$ ansible-playbook playbook1.yml --syntax-check
```

(Do not use tab when creating yml file)

To run the playbook

```
$ ansible-playbook playbook1.yml -b
```

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```

Play books

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INSERT mode
```

```
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```

```
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hosts: all
tasks:
  - name: Install git
```

```

apt:
  name: git
  state: present
  update_cache: yes
- name: clone remote git repository
  git:
    repo: https://github.com/sunilkumark11/git-9am-batch.git
    dest: /home/ubuntu/newgit
...

```

To check the syntax:
\$ ansible-playbook playbook1.yml --syntax-check

(Do not use tab when creating yml file)

To run the playbook
\$ ansible-playbook playbook1.yml -b

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2nd example on playbook

Create user on all managed nodes and I want to copy passwd file.

\$ vim playbook2.yml

```

- name: Create user and copy passwd file
  hosts: all
  tasks:
    - name: User creation
      user:
        name: kiran
        password: sunilsunil
        uid: 6779
        home: /home/kiran
    - name: Copy password into users home dir
      copy:
        src: /etc/passwd
        dest: /home/kiran
...

```

...

*****important point*****

in the above playbook when we are creating the user it is not a good practice like to give the password directly. we have to encrypt the password is the good practice by making use of command called (openssl passwd) after that it will ask the password to encrypt

----->openssl passwd

then it will ask the password like----->password:

after entering the password it will ask once again for verification like----->verifying - password:

after validating the password it will encrypt the password, this encrypted password we can use inside the playbook f

or the security purpose.

Save and quit
\$

Check the syntax:
\$ ansible-playbook playbook2.yml --syntax-check

To run
\$ ansible-playbook playbook2.yml -b

TO check user is created in managed nodes:
\$ ssh 172.31.2.173
\$ vim /etc/passwd

To check if passwd file is copied to /home/kiran
\$ cd /home/kiran
\$ ls
\$ exit

Ex 3: Playbook to configure tomcat8 (earlier example)

1st uninstall tomcat
\$ ansible all -m apt -a 'name=tomcat8 state=absent purge=yes' -b

\$ vim playbook3.yml

```
- name: Configure tomcat8
  hosts: all
  tasks:
    - name: Install tomcat8
      apt:
        name: tomcat8
        state: present
    - name: copy tomcat-users.xml file
      copy:
        src: /home/ubuntu/tomcat-users.xml
        dest: /etc/tomcat8
    - name: change port of tomcat from 8080 to 9090
      replace:
        regexp: 8080
        replace: 9090
        path: /etc/tomcat8/server.xml
    - name: restart tomcat8
      service:
        name: tomcat8
        state: restarted
```

```
- name: check url response of server 1
  uri:
    url: http://172.31.7.134:9090
- name: check url response of server 2
  uri:
    url: http://172.31.3.46:9090
```

...

```
$ ansible-playbook playbook3.yml --syntax-check
$ ansible-playbook playbook3.yml -b
```

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Requirment:

Install apache2 in all managed nodes, Place our own content in default homepage

```
$ cd playbooks
$ vim playbook4.yml
```

```
- name: configuring apache2
  hosts: all
  tasks:
    - name: Install apache2
      apt:
        name: apache2
        state: present
```

Save and quit

```
$ ansible-playbook playbook4.yml -b
```

```
To check apache2 is installed
$ ssh 172.31.12.239
```

(Homepage of apache2 is present in /var/www/html)

```
$ cd /var/www/html
$ ls
```

we get index.html (this html file is default homepage of apache)

Editing the index.html page

This is possible using copy module.

```
$ exit
$ vim playbook4.yml
```

```
- name: configuring apache2
  hosts: all
  tasks:
    - name: Install apache2
```

```
apt:
  name: apache2
  state: present
- name: Edit index.html file
  copy:
    content: "Welcome to Playbooks\n"
    dest: /var/www/html/index.html
```

save and quit

```
$ ansible-playbook playbook4.yml -b
```

```
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```

How to open url in terminal?

by using elinks

Ex:

```
$ elinks http://google.com
```

We get error (elinks not found)

Let's install elinks

```
$ sudo apt-get install -y elinks
```

Now run the command

```
$ elinks http://google.com
```

Now we want to look at index.html file in managed nodes

```
$ elinks http://15.207.99.5
```

After editing the index.html file, i need to restart the service and check the url response

```
$ vim playbook4.yml
```

```
---
```

```
- name: configuring apache2
  hosts: all
  tasks:
    - name: Install apache2
      apt:
        name: apache2
        state: present
    - name: Edit index.html file
      copy:
        content: "Welcome to playbooks\n"
        dest: /var/www/html/index.html
    - name: Restart apache2
      service:
        name: apache2
        state: restarted
    - name: check url response of server1
      uri:
        url: http://172.31.7.134
        status: 200
```

```
- name: check url response of server2
  uri:
    url: http://172.31.3.46
    status: 200
- name: check url response of server3
  uri:
    url: http://172.31.2.140
    status: 200
```

...

```
ansible-playbook playbook4.yml -b
```

Notes:

Ex: Ansible playbook for configure apache2

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Creating reusable playbooks using variables

3 Types of variables

- 1) Global scope variables (highest priority) - we pass values from command prompt
- 2) Host scope variables
- 3) play scope variables (least priority)

Ex of Global scope variables

```
$ vim playbook5.yml
```

```
- name: Install software packages
  hosts: all
  tasks:
    - name: Install/uninstall/update etc
      apt:
        name: tree
        state: present
        update_cache: yes
```

...

If we run the above play book 10 times, what happens? tree package will install 10 times.
The above play book is not reusable.

we make small changes to the above code

```
$ vim playbook5.yml
```

```
- name: Install software packages
  hosts: all
  tasks:
    - name: Install/uninstall/update etc
      apt:
```

```
name: "{{a}}"
state: "{{b}}"
update_cache: "{{c}}"
...

```

To run the playbook by passing values to the variables

```
$ ansible-playbook playbook5.yml --extra-vars "a=git b=absent c=no" -b
```

(The above command will uninstall git from all nodes)

Run the same playbook with different values

```
$ ansible-playbook playbook5.yml --extra-vars "a=tree b=present c=no" -b
```

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Before going to host scope variables,
lets discuss play scope variables

Playscope variables are defined within the playbook and they can effect only in one single play.

Ex:

```
$ vim playbook7.yml
```

```
---
- name: Using play scope variable
  hosts: all
  vars:
    - a: tomcat8
    - b: present
    - c: no
  tasks:
    - name: Install tomcat8
      apt:
        name: "{{a}}"
        state: "{{b}}"
        update_cache: "{{c}}"
...

```

```
$ ansible-playbook playbook7.yml -b
```

(It will install tomcat8)

We can run by using extra vars from command line

```
$ ansible-playbook playbook7.yml --extra-vars "a=tree b=present c=no" -b
```

The above command will install tree because global scope variables have higher priority

Notes:

Playscope variables

These variables are defined at level of individual plays and they can effect only one play.

Ex:

```
---
- name: Using play scope variable
  hosts: all
  vars:
    - a: tomcat8
    - b: present
    - c: no
  tasks:
    - name: Install tomcat8
      apt:
        name: "{{a}}"
        state: "{{b}}"
        update_cache: "{{c}}"
...
```

Note: The above playbook works like a template, who's default behaviour is to install tomcat8

But, we can by pass that behaviour and make it work in some other software by passing the variables as extra vars

```
$ ansible-playbook playbook7.yml -b --extra-vars "a=tree b=present c=no" -b
```

The above command will install tree because global scope variables have higher priority

Notes:

Playscope variables

These variables are defined at level of individual plays and they can effect only one play.

Ex:

```
---
- name: Using play scope variable
  hosts: all
  vars:
    - a: tomcat8
    - b: present
    - c: no
  tasks:
    - name: Install tomcat8
      apt:
```



```
name: "{{a}}"
state: "{{b}}"
update_cache: "{{c}}"
```

...

Note: The above playbook works like a template, who's default behaviour is to install tomcat8
But, we can pass that behaviour and make it work in some other software by passing the variables as extra vars

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Today we will discuss about host scope variables

Lets create one more managed node.

So, we will have 1 controller 4 nodes.

In step 6 -- Add rule -- All Traffic -- Anywhere

Check the version in the new node

```
$ python3 --version
```

We need to downgrade the machines from python3 to Python2

To downgrade

```
$ sudo apt-get update
```

```
$ sudo apt-get dist-upgrade ( It will point to older apt repository where python2 is available)
```

```
$ sudo apt-get install -y python2.7 python-pip
```

Now check the version of python

```
$ python --version
```

Establish password less ssh connection

```
$ sudo passwd ubuntu
```

(lets give the password as ubuntu only)

```
$ sudo vim /etc/ssh/sshd_config
```

change

PasswordAuthentication yes

Save and QUIT

```
$ sudo service ssh restart
```

```
$ exit
```

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Now, Connect to controller

Now , We need to generate ssh connections

```
$ ssh-keygen
```

Now copy the key to managed nodes

```
$ ssh-copy-id ubuntu@172.31.6.241 ( private Ip of server4 )
```

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Now, we need to add the information of managed nodes in the inventory file.

Location of inventory file /etc/ansible

```
$ cd /etc/ansible
```

```
$ ls
```

```
$ sudo vim hosts
```

insert the private ip addresss of 4th server

save and quit

```
$ ansible all -a 'ls -la' ( you will get the list of the files in all managed nodes )
```

```
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```

We can do grouping using [groupname]

Ex:

To do grouping

```
$ sudo vim hosts
```

```
[webserver]
```

```
172.31.11.96
```

```
172.31.6.207
```

```
[appserver]
```

```
172.31.12.138
```

```
[dbserver]
```

```
172.31.31.161
```

```
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```

```
$ ansible appserver -a 'free' ( It runs on one machine 172.31.12.138)
```

```
$ ansible webserver -a 'free' ( It runs on two machines )
```

```
$ ansible all -a 'free'
```

```
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```

We can perform grouping on groups

```
$ sudo vim hosts
```

```
[webserver]
```

```
172.31.11.96
```

```
172.31.6.207
```

```
[appserver]
```

```
172.31.12.138
```

```
[dbserver]
```

```
172.31.31.161
```

```
[india:children]
```

```
webserver
```

```
dbserver
```

```
$ ansible india -a 'free'
```

Grouping in inventory file

```
$ sudo vim /etc/ansible/hosts
```

```
[webserver]
172.31.11.96
172.31.6.207
[appserver]
172.31.12.138
[dbserver]
172.31.31.161
[india:children]
webserver
dbserver
```

Host scope variables

These variables are classified into 2 types

- 1) Variables to work on group of hosts
- 2) Variables to work on single hosts

Variables to work on group of hosts

These variables are designed to work on group of hosts.

They are defined in a folder called `group_vars`

This `group_vars` folder should be present in the same folder where all the playbooks are present.

In this `group_vars` folder, we should create a file whose name is same as `group_name` in Inventory file.

In this file we create variables.

Variable which works on group of hosts

```
$ cd ( enter)
$ cd playbooks
$ ls
```

Variables which work in group of hosts are divided into two types

- 1) Variables which work in group of machines
- 2) Variables which work on one machine

Variables which work in group of machines

```
playbooks$ mkdir group_vars
```

Note: `group_vars` folder should be present in the same location of playbook files.

```
$ cd group_vars
$ vim webserver
```

```
a: Prakash
b: logiclabs
c: /home/Prakash
d: 67809
e: /bin/bash
```

Save and Quit

```
$ cd ..
playbooks$ vim playbook8.yml
```

```
---
- name: Using host scope variables
  hosts: webserver
  tasks:
    - name: User creation
      user:
        name: "{{a}}"
        password: "{{b}}"
        home: "{{c}}"
        uid: "{{d}}"
        shell: "{{e}}"
...
save and quit
```

TO run the playbook
\$ ansible-playbook playbook8.yml -b (It runs on two machines)

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Lets add few more variables

```
$ cd group_vars
$ vim webserver
```

```
a: Prakash
b: durgasoft
c: /home/Prakash
d: 67809
e: /bin/bash
f: tree
g: present
h: no
```

save and quit

```
$ cd ..
$ vim playbook9.yml
```

```
---
- name: Using host scope variables
```

```
hosts: webserver
tasks:
- name: Install software
  apt:
    name: "{{f}}"
    state: "{{g}}"
    update_cache: "{{h}}"
...
```

```
$ ansible-playbook  playbook9.yml -b
```

```
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Variables to work on single hosts
```

Variables to work on single hosts

These variables are designed on single machine.

They are created in folder called host_vars

This host_vars folder should be created in the same location of where the playbooks are present.

```
playbooks$ mkdir host_vars
$ cd host_vars
$ vim 172.31.6.241      ( 172.31.6.241 private Ip of server4 )
```

```
a: firewalld
b: present
c: yes
```

save and quit

```
$ cd ..
$ vim playbook10.yml
```

```
---
- name: Use host scope variables
  hosts: 172.31.6.241
  tasks:
  - name: Install firewall
    apt:
      name: "{{a}}"
      state: "{{b}}"
      update_cache: "{{c}}"
...
```

save and quit

```
$ ansible-playbook  playbook10.yml -b
```

```
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```

Implementing loops

Notes: Modules in ansible can be executed multiple times using loops.

```
$ vim playbook11.yml
```

```
- name: Install software packages
  hosts: webserver
  tasks:
    - name: Install software
      apt:
        name: "{{item}}"
        state: present
        update_cache: no
      with_items:
        - tree
        - git
        - default-jdk
        - apache2
    ...
```

```
$ ansible-playbook playbook11.yml -b
```

Ex: Playbook to install different s/w packages

```
$ vim playbook11.yml
```

```
- name: Install software packages
  hosts: webserver
  tasks:
    - name: Install software
      apt:
        name: "{{item}}"
        state: present
        update_cache: no
      with_items:
        - tree
        - git
        - default-jdk
        - apache2
    ...
```

```
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```

Requirement:

Tree needs to be installed

Git needs to be uninstalled

jdk needs to be updated

apache needs to be installed and update cache

```
$ cd playbooks
```

```
$ vim playbook12.yml
```

```

---
- name: Install software packages
  hosts: webserver
  tasks:
    - name: Install software
      apt:
        name: "{{item.a}}"
        state: "{{item.b}}"
        update_cache: "{{item.c}}"
      with_items:
        - {a: tree,b: present,c: no}
        - {a: git,b: absent,c: no}
        - {a: default-jdk,b: absent,c: no}
        - {a: apache2,b: present,c: yes}

```

...
save and quit

\$ ansible-playbook playbook12.yml -b

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Ex: For working on multiple modules with multiple with_items.

Requirement: To create multiple users and files/directories in user's home directories.

\$ vim playbook13.yml

```

- name: Create users and create files/dir in users home dir
  hosts: all
  tasks:
    - name: Create multiple users
      user:
        name: "{{item.a}}"
        password: "{{item.b}}"
        home: "{{item.c}}"
      with_items:
        - {a: Farhan,b: durgasoft,c: /home/Farhan}
        - {a: Ravi,b: durgasoft,c: /home/ubuntu/Ravi}
    - name: creating files and directories in users home dir
      file:
        name: "{{item.a}}"
        state: "{{item.b}}"
      with_items:
        - {a: /home/Farhan/file1,b: touch}
        - {a: /home/ubuntu/Ravi/dir1,b: directory}

```

...

save and quit

\$ ansible-playbook playbook13.yml -b

To check , user is created or not?

\$ ssh 172.31.11.96

\$ vim /etc/passwd

TO check files and dir are created or not

\$ cd /home/Farhan

\$ ls (we can see the file)

\$ cd

\$ pwd

\$ cd Ravi

\$ ls (we can see the dir)

\$ exit

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Handlers

Handler is a piece of code which is executed, if some other module is executed successfully and it has made some changes.

Handlers are always executed only after all the tasks are executed.

Handlers are executed in the order that are mentioned in the handler section, and not in the order they are called in the tasks section.

Even if handler is called multiple times in the tasks section, it will be executed only once.

Requirement:

\$ vim playbook14.yml

- name: Configure apache2 using handlers

hosts: all

tasks:

- name: Install apache2

apt:

name: apache2

state: present

- name: Edit index.html file

copy:

content: "Logiclabs\n"

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

notify: Restart apache2

handlers:

- name: Restart apache2

service:

name: apache2

state: restarted

...


```
$ ansible-playbook playbook14.yml -b
```

Note:

As editing the index.html file is successful, handler is executed.

If you re run the playbook, handler is not executed.

```
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```

Error Handling

```
-----
```

If any module fails in ansible, the execution of the playbook terminates over there.

When we know that certain module might fail, and still we want to continue playbook execution, we can use error handling.

The section of code which might generate an error should be given in block section.

If it generates an error, the control comes to rescue section.

Always section is executed every time, irrespective of whether the block is successful or failure.

```
-----
```

```
$ vim playbook15.yml
```

```
---
```

```
- name: Error handling
  hosts: all
  tasks:
    - block:
        - name: Install apache1
          apt:
            name: apache1
            state: present
      rescue:
        - name: Install apache2
          apt:
            name: apache2
            state: present
      always:
        - name: Check url response
          uri:
            url: "{{item}}"
          with_items:
            - http://172.31.7.134
            - http://172.31.3.46
            - http://172.31.2.140
            - http://172.31.6.241
```

```
...
```

```
$ ansible-playbook playbook15.yml -b
```

```
=====
```

Ansible Vault

Ansible Vault is for security , if we have any confidential information in that playbook we can restrict the people to accessing by using the command called Ansible Vault

if our-requirement is to ---->restrict people from executing/seeing the playbook by making use of command called Ansible Vault

Ansible Vault encrypts the playbook with a password

and it will ask to setup a password

only who knows the password can execute it other's can not execute it

when we are executeing the playbook , it decrypts and executes on the fly ,so here we no need to decrypt explicitly

And also we can change the password according to the requirement by making use of keyword called rekey

syntax for encrypting the playbook

ansible-vault encrypt playbookname.yml

--->it will ask the password

after that if we open the playbook ---->the content in the playbook is in encrypted form

we can execute the palybook by making use of command

syntax:

ansible-playbook playbookname.yml --ask-vault-pass

then it will ask the password

after that it will execute

here if our requirement is to decrypt the playbook

syntax

ansible-vault decrypt playbookname.yml

after that it will ask the password----->and if the password is correct ----->it will decrypt

changing the password to the playbook

ansible-vault rekey playbookname.yml

example:

ansible-vault encrypt sample.yml ----->to encrypt

ansible-vault decrypt sample.yml ----->to decrypt

ansible-vault rekey sample.yml ----->changing the password to the yaml file

ansible-playbook sample.yml --ask-vault-pass -----> to execute

what is roles ??

Roles automatically load related vars, files, tasks, handlers, and other Ansible artifacts based on a known file structure. After you group your content in roles, you can easily reuse them and share them with other users.

first we have to create the playbook ---->under playbook we can create the roles
ex: playbookroles.yml

-hosts: webservers
roles:
- role123
-role456

in ----->/etc/ansible we can find the directory roles, in----->/etc/ansible/roles ----->
we can create the directories called role123 and role456 ----->inside these roles we can create the following directories
1)tasks
2)vars
3)defaults
4)templates
5)files
6)handlers

under every directory we can create the file called main.yml

firstly under tasks main.yml will be executed based on the values/variable we are given in the main.yml
remaining directories main.yml files will be executed

variable precedence

playbook have the high/first precedence
vars have the second precedence
defaults have the last precedence

here we can define the variables in playbook,vars and defaults

if we are given the variables in all playbook,vars and defaults it will take the playbook variables what we are mentioning

if we give the variable in vars and defaults it will take the values inside the vars because vars have the high precedence

if we are given the variable values only in the defaults it will execute
