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Activity 8: Install, Configure, and Manage Availability Monitoring tools	

1. Objectives

Create and design a workflow that installs, configure and manage enterprise monitoring tools using Ansible as an Infrastructure as Code (IaC) tool.

2. Discussion

Availability monitoring is a type of monitoring tool that we use if the certain workload is up or reachable on our end. Site downtime can lead to loss of revenue, reputational damage and severe distress. Availability monitoring prevents adverse situations by checking the uptime of infrastructure components such as servers and apps and notifying the webmaster of problems before they impact on business.

3. Tasks

- 1. Create a playbook that installs Nagios 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 Nagios for both Ubuntu and CentOS.
- 4. Make sure to create a new repository in GitHub for this activity.

4. Output

```
jmado@workstation:~$ git clone git@github.com:jmado-biscoff/Activity-8---Install-Configure-and-Manage-Availability-Monitoring-Tools.
Cloning into 'Activity-8---Install-Configure-and-Manage-Availability-Monitoring-Tools'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 3, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (3/3), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (2/2), done.
remote: Total 3 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0 (from 0)
Receiving objects: 100% (3/3), done.
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                                                                                                                install_apache.yml Public
 imado@workstation:~S
```

Clone Github repository to local workstation

```
GNU nano 6.2 [server1_ubuntu]
192.168.56.109
[server2_ubuntu]
192.168.56.108
[server3_centos]
192.168.56.110
```

inventory.yaml configuration

```
jmado@workstation:~/Activity-8---Install-Configure-and-Manage-Availability-Monitoring-Tools/roles$ mkdir base server1_ubuntu server2
_ubuntu server3_centos
jmado@workstation:~/Activity-8---Install-Configure-and-Manage-Availability-Monitoring-Tools/roles$ ls
base server1_ubuntu server2_ubuntu server3_centos
jmado@workstation:~/Activity-8---Install-Configure-and-Manage-Availability-Monitoring-Tools/roles$
```

roles directory creation

```
GNU nano 6.2
                                                                execute.yml *
- name: update repository index (CentOS)
 tags: update,always
 update_cache: yes
changed_when: false
 when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"
- name: install updates (Ubuntu)
 tags: update,always
 changed_when: false
 when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"
hosts: all
 - base
hosts: server1_ubuntu
 - server1_ubuntu
hosts: server2_ubuntu
  - server2_ubuntu
hosts: server3_centos
```

```
roles:
- server3_centos
```

execute.yml playbook

```
GNU nano 6.2

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

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

base tasks.yml

```
GNU nano 6.2

- name: Install Nagios (server1_ubuntu)
tags: nagios, server1
apt:
    name:
    - nagios4
    - nagios4-core
    - apache2
    update_chache: yes
    state: present
when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"
```

server1_ubuntu tasks.yml

```
GNU nano 6.2

- name: Install Nagios (server2_ubuntu)
tags: nagios, server1
apt:
    name:
    - nagios4
    - nagios4-core
    - apache2
    update_chache: yes
    state: present
    when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"
```

server2_ubuntu tasks.yml

```
GNU nano 6.2

- name: install nagios (server3_centos)
dnf:
    name:
    - nagios
    - nagios-plugins-all
    - httpd
    state: present
when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"
```

server3_centos tasks.yml

```
jmado@workstation:-/Activity-8---Install-Configure-and-Manage-Availability-Monitoring-Tools$ ansible-playbook --ask-become-pass exec
ute.yml
BECOME password:
: ok=4 changed=0 unreachable=0 failed=0 skipped=1 rescued=0 ignored=0
      changed=0
        unreachable=0
           failed=0
               rescued=0
      changed=0
        unreachable=0 failed=0
               rescued=0 ignored=0
```

playbook execution

```
julius-de-omampo@server1:~$ nagios4 --version
Nagios Core 4.4.6
Copyright (c) 2009-present Nagios Core Development Team and Community Contributo
Copyright (c) 1999-2009 Ethan Galstad
Last Modified: 2020-04-28
License: GPL
Website: https://www.nagios.org
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along with this program; if not, write to the Free Software
Foundation, Inc., 675 Mass Ave, Cambridge, MA 02139, USA.
```

Reflections:

Answer the following:

1. What are the benefits of having an availability monitoring tool?

Using Nagios4 for availability monitoring offers real-time issue detection and minimizes downtime by sending automated alerts when problems arise. It monitors system performance, tracks uptime and resource usage, and provides historical data for reporting and capacity planning. Nagios4 helps maintain SLA compliance, optimize infrastructure, and enhance security by identifying anomalies. With its centralized management, Nagios4 simplifies monitoring across large networks, ensuring reliable system performance and efficient operations.

Conclusions:

Using a playbook to deploy Nagios4 automates the installation and configuration process, ensuring a consistent and efficient setup across multiple systems. By leveraging Ansible, administrators can streamline the deployment of Nagios4, reducing manual errors and saving time. This approach simplifies the management of large-scale monitoring environments, allowing for quick scalability, centralized monitoring, and improved system reliability, all while maintaining the flexibility and power of Nagios4's monitoring capabilities.