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| Activity 10: Install, Configure, and | Manage Log Monitoring tools        |

## 1. Objectives

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

### 2. Discussion

Log monitoring software scans and monitors log files generated by servers, applications, and networks. By detecting and alerting users to patterns in these log files, log monitoring software helps solve performance and security issues. System administrators use log monitoring software to detect common important events indicated by log files.

Log monitoring software helps maintain IT infrastructure performance and pinpoints issues to prevent downtime and mitigate risks. These tools will often integrate with IT alerting software, log analysis software, and other IT issue resolution products to more aptly flesh out the IT infrastructure maintenance ecosystem.

To qualify for inclusion in the Log Monitoring category, a product must:

- Monitor the log files generated by servers, applications, or networks
- Alert users when important events are detected
- Provide reporting capabilities for log files

### **Elastic Stack**

ELK suite stands for Elasticsearch, Kibana, Beats, and Logstash (also known as the ELK Stack). Source: https://www.elastic.co/elastic-stack

The Elastic Stack is a group of open source products from Elastic designed to help users take data from any type of source and in any format, and search, analyze and visualize that data in real time. The product group was formerly known as the ELK Stack for the core products in the group -- Elasticsearch, Logstash and Kibana -- but has been rebranded as the Elastic Stack. A fourth product, Beats, was subsequently added to the stack. The Elastic Stack can be deployed on premises or made available as software as a service (SaaS). Elasticsearch supports Amazon Web Services (AWS), Google Cloud Platform and Microsoft Azure.

## GrayLog

Graylog is a powerful platform that allows for easy log management of both structured and unstructured data along with debugging applications.

It is based on Elasticsearch, MongoDB, and Scala. Graylog has a main server, which receives data from its clients installed on different servers, and a web interface, which visualizes the data and allows to work with logs aggregated by the main server.

We use Graylog primarily as the stash for the logs of the web applications we build. However, it is also effective when working with raw strings (i.e. syslog): the tool parses it into the structured data we need. It also allows advanced custom search in the logs using structured queries. In other words, when integrated properly with a web app, Graylog helps engineers to analyze the system behavior on almost per code line basis.

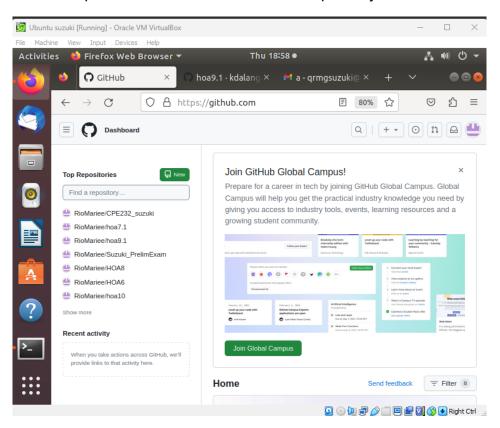
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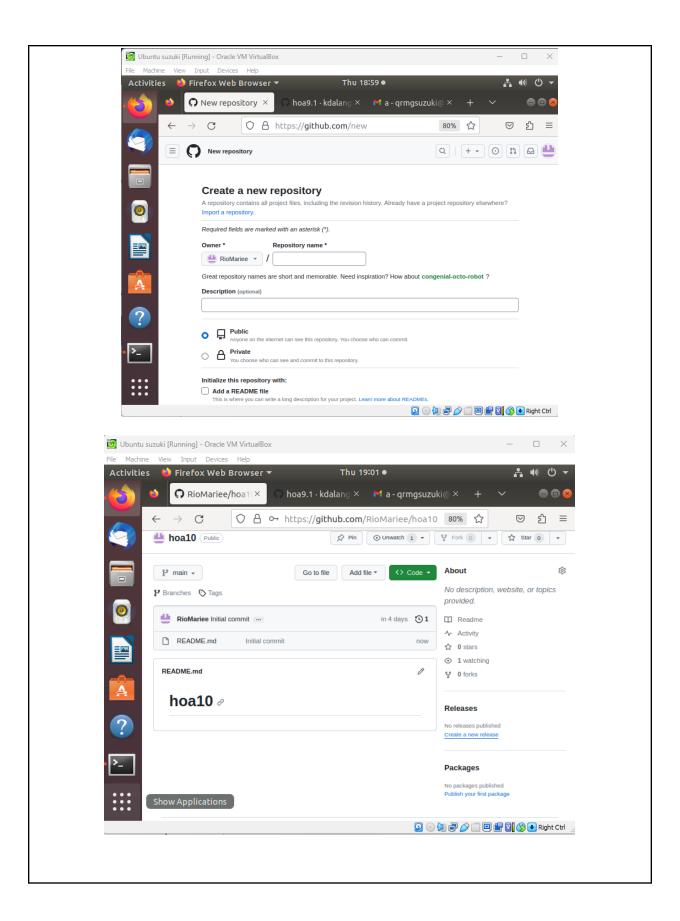
#### 3. Tasks

- 1. Create a playbook that:
  - a. Install and configure Elastic Stack in separate hosts (Elastic Search, Kibana, Logstash)
- 2. Apply the concept of creating roles.
- 3. 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.)
- 4. Show an output of the installed Elastic Stack for both Ubuntu and CentOS.
- 5. Make sure to create a new repository in GitHub for this activity.

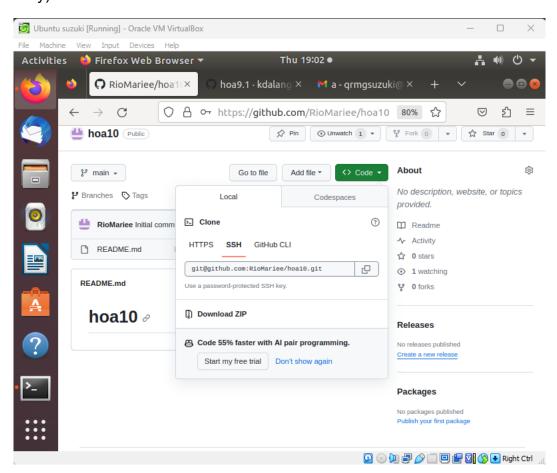
# 4. Output (screenshots and explanations)

**Step 1.** First thing first, we will create a new repository for this activity. To create a new repository, we will go to git hub.com and sign in our account. On the left side you will see the list of repositories and click create new repository and name it "hoa10".

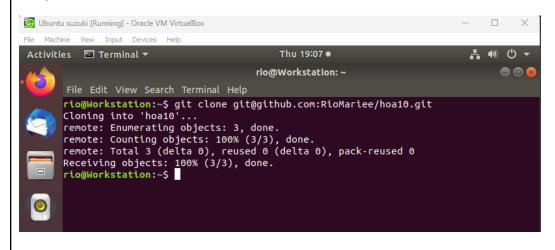




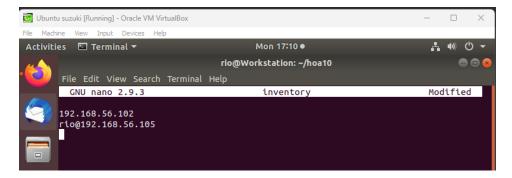
**Step 2.** Next step we will copy the link of the created new repository by clicking the code and select "ssh" then click the copy button. After copying the ssh we will now paste it in the Ubuntu terminal together with the command "git clone (ssh of the repository)".



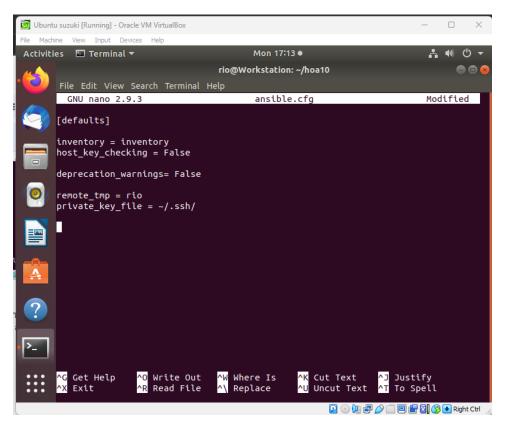
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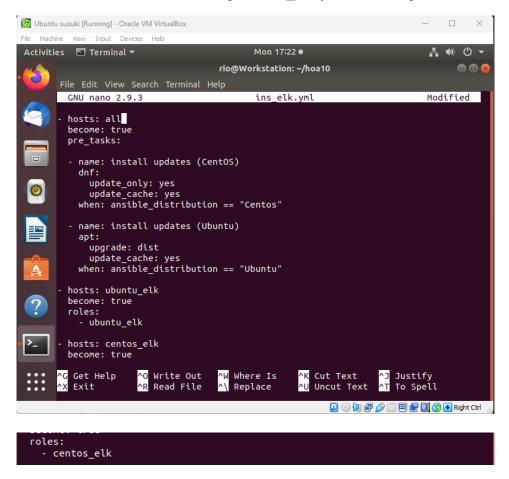
**Step 3.** After cloning the repository we will now enter the repository we created in Ubuntu and create the inventory using the command "sudo nano inventory" and put the ip address of the centos and the server 1 ip address, and don't forget to save it.



**Step 4.** After creating the inventory we will now also create the ansible.cfg. The contents of the ansible.cfg will remain the same just like in the previous activities. Press ctrl+z then press y to confirm the save settings.



**Step 5.** Next we will create the ins\_elk.yml, this will contain the updates needed for both Ubuntu and CentOS. After creating the ins\_elk.yml don't forget to save it.



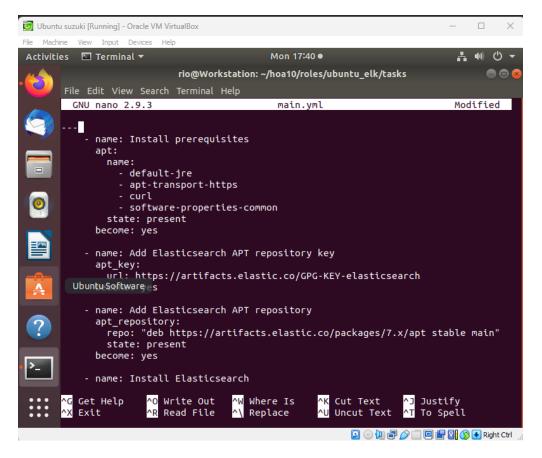
**Step 6.** After we created the ins\_elk.yml, we will now create a tree consisting of roles and centos\_elk and ubuntu\_elk under each of them will be the tasks and the main.yml. to create the tree we will use the command "mkdir (name of the directory)" and the command "cd (name of the created new directory)" to change directory, and "cd .." to go back.

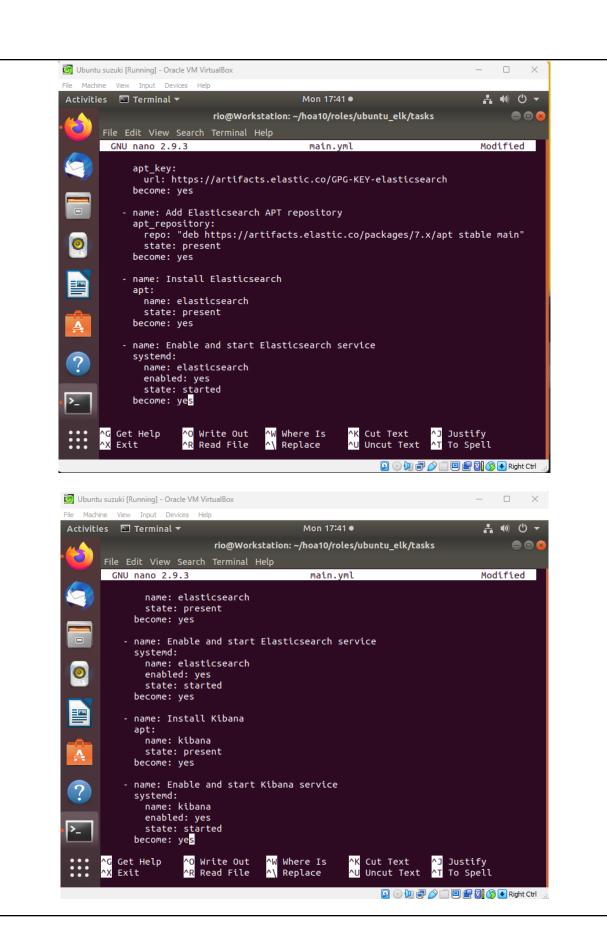
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rio@Workstation:~/hoa10$ mkdir roles
rio@Workstation:~/hoa10$ cd roles
rio@Workstation:~/hoa10/roles$ mkdir centos_elk
rio@Workstation:~/hoa10/roles$ cd centos_elk
rio@Workstation:~/hoa10/roles/centos_elk$ mkdir tasks
rio@Workstation:~/hoa10/roles/centos_elk$ cd tasks
rio@Workstation:~/hoa10/roles/centos_elk/tasks$ cd ...
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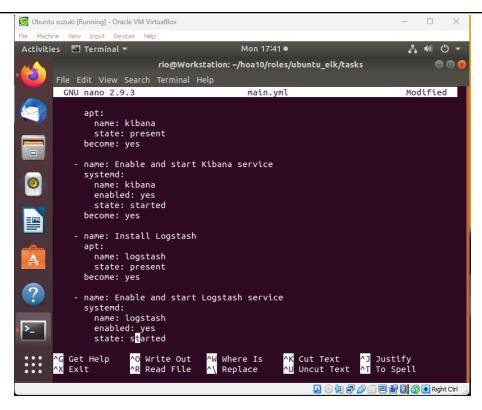
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rio@Workstation:~/hoa10/roles$ cd ubuntu_elk
rio@Workstation:~/hoa10/roles/ubuntu_elk$ mkdir tasks
rio@Workstation:~/hoa10/roles/ubuntu_elk$ cd tasks
rio@Workstation:~/hoa10/roles/ubuntu_elk/tasks$ sudo nano main.yml
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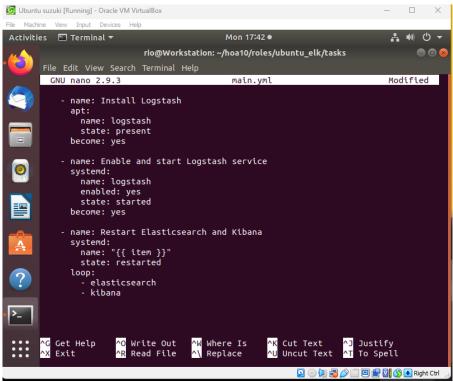
**Step 7.** After creating the ubuntu\_elk and the centos\_elk, we will now create the main.yml under the ubuntu\_elk and centos\_elk. Also, don't forget to save your work.

Input: Ubuntu\_elk main.yml contents:









## Input: contents of centos elk main.yml. 😈 Ubuntu suzuki [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox Activities □ Terminal ▼ Mon 17:50 ● ± •0 ∪ rio@Workstation: ~/hoa10/roles/centos\_elk/tasks GNU nano 2.9.3 main.yml Modified name: Install prerequisites yum: name: - java-1.8.0-openjdk - epel-release - which state: present become: yes name: Add Elasticsearch RPM repository shell: rpm --import https://artifacts.elastic.co/GPG-KEY-elasticsearch - name: Add Elasticsearch YUM repository copy: content: | [elasticsearch-7.x] name=Elasticsearch repository for 7.x packages baseurl=https://artifacts.elastic.co/packages/7.x/yum gpgcheck=1 gpgkey=https://artifacts.elastic.co/GPG-KEY-elasticsearch enabled=1 ^O Write Out ^R Read File ^W Where Is ^\ Replace ^G Get Help ^X Exit 🖸 💿 📵 🗗 🤌 🔲 톋 🚰 🔯 🚫 💽 Right Ctrl Ubuntu suzuki [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox Machine View Input Devices Help Activities ☐ Terminal ▼ 上 🜒 🖰 🕶 rio@Workstation: ~/hoa10/roles/centos\_elk/tasks Modified GNU nano 2.9.3 main.vml shell: rpm --import https://artifacts.elastic.co/GPG-KEY-elasticsearch - name: Add Elasticsearch YUM repository content: | [elasticsearch-7.x] name=Elasticsearch repository for 7.x packages baseurl=https://artifacts.elastic.co/packages/7.x/yum gpgkey=https://artifacts.elastic.co/GPG-KEY-elasticsearch enabled=1autorefresh=1 type=rpm-md dest: /etc/yum.repos.d/elasticsearch.repo become: yes - name: Install Elasticsearch

name: elasticsearch state: present become: yes

^O Write Out ^R Read File

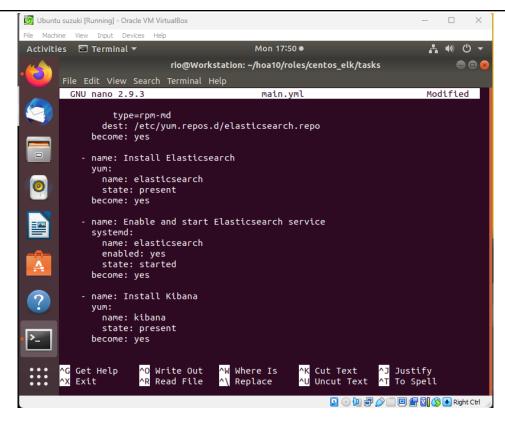
^G Get Help ^X Exit

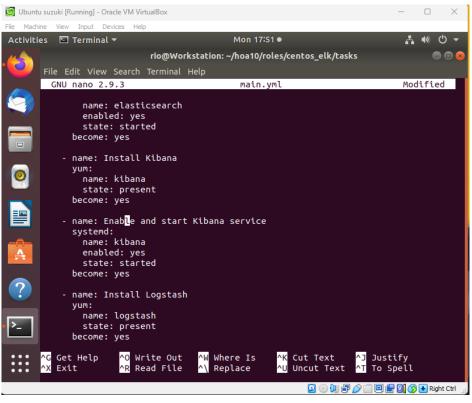
name: Enable and start Elasticsearch service

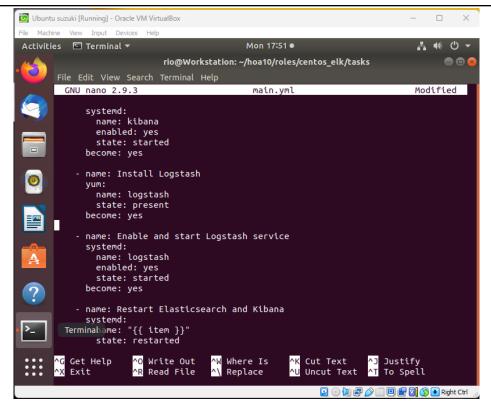
^W Where Is ^\ Replace

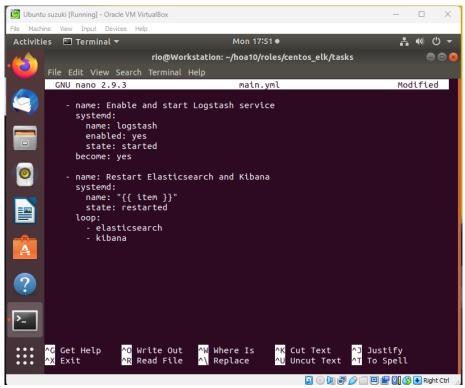
^K Cut Text ^U Uncut Text

^J Justify ^T To Spell 







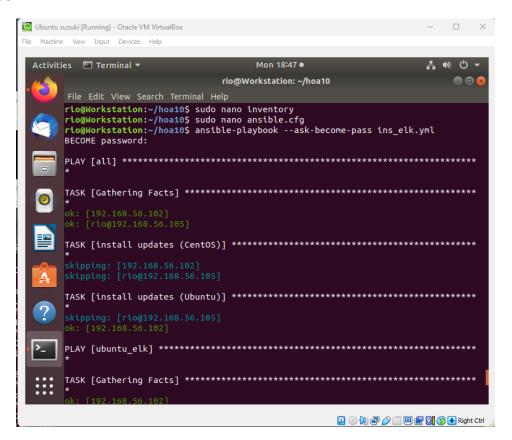


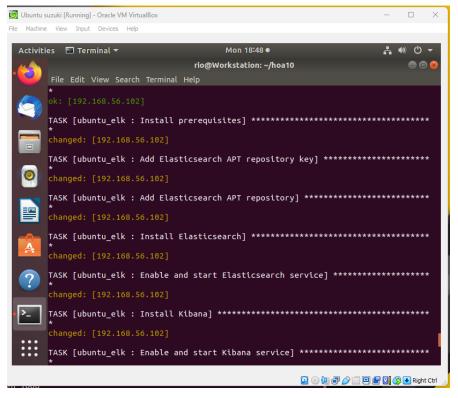
**Step 8.** After creating the main.yml of the activities we will now issue the command "tree" to double check if we did the tree right. To exit the directory you are currently in use the command "cd ..".

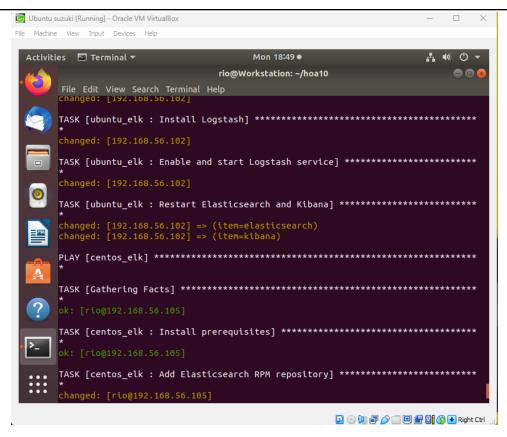
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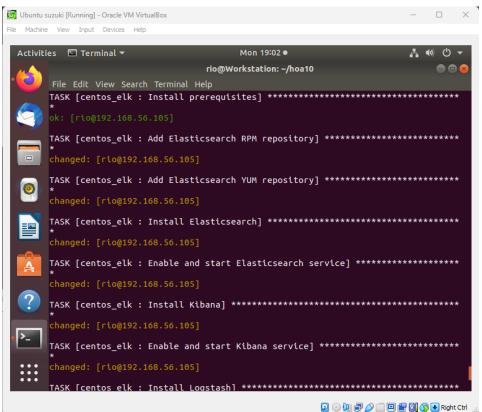
**Step 9.** Now run the command "Ansible-playbook –ask-become-pass ins\_elk" and enter your workstation password this will run the commands we have in the ins\_elk and if it has no error then the command is right and working.

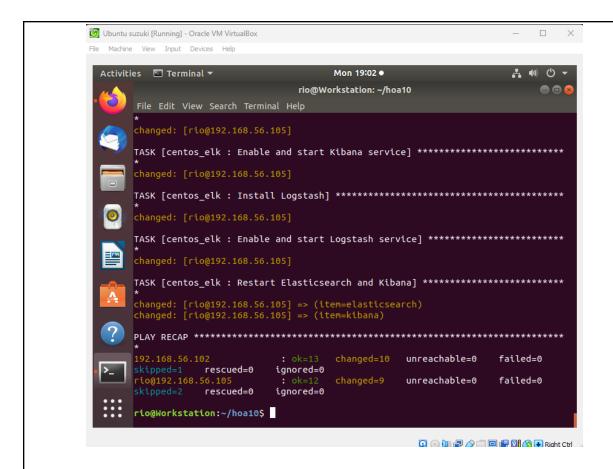
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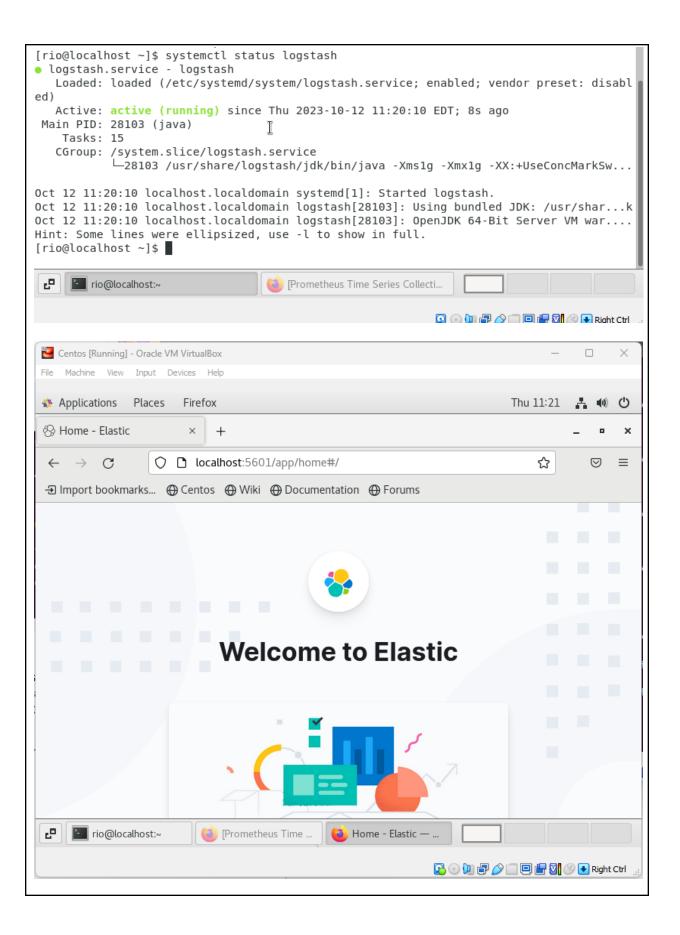


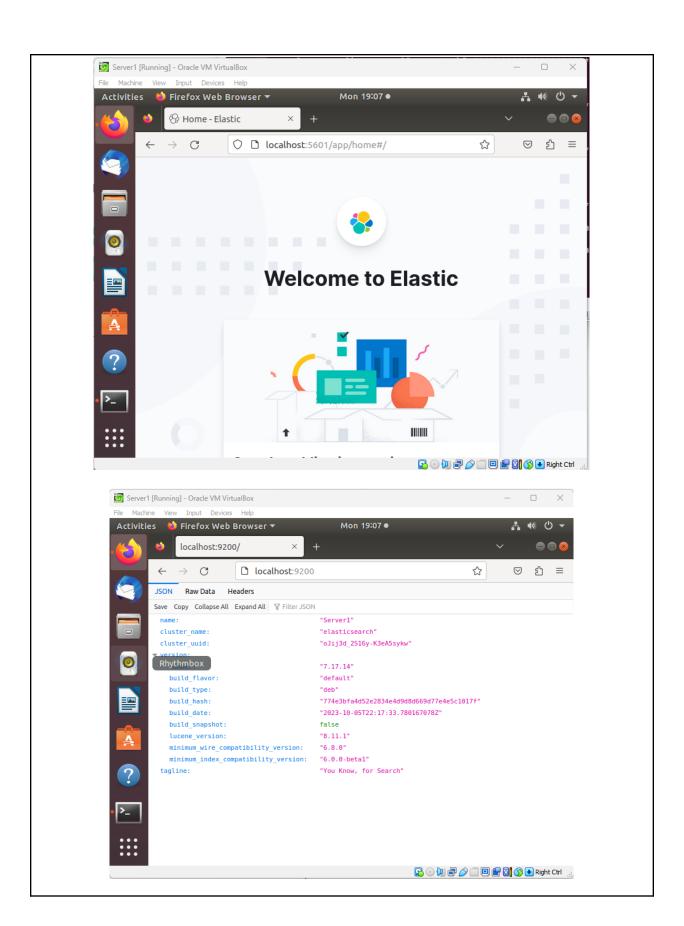


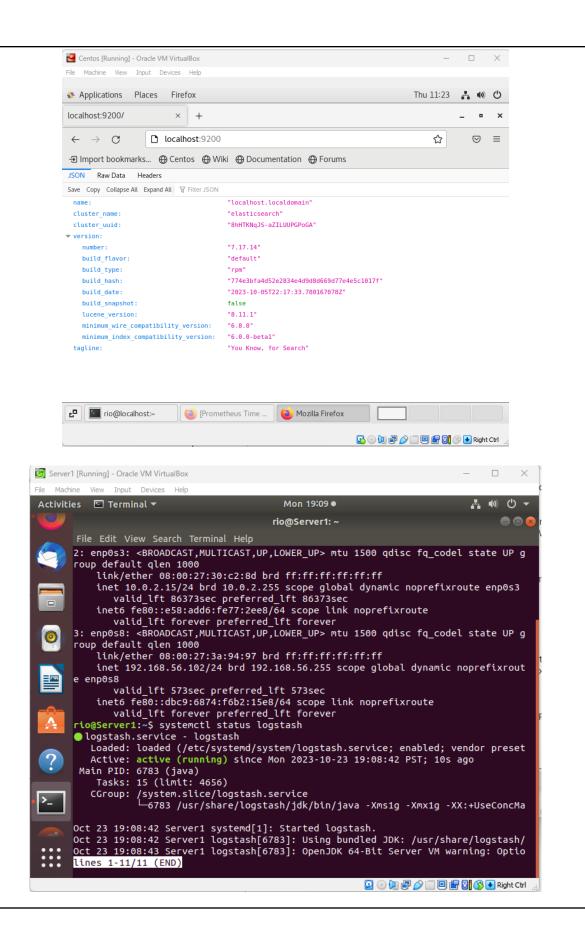


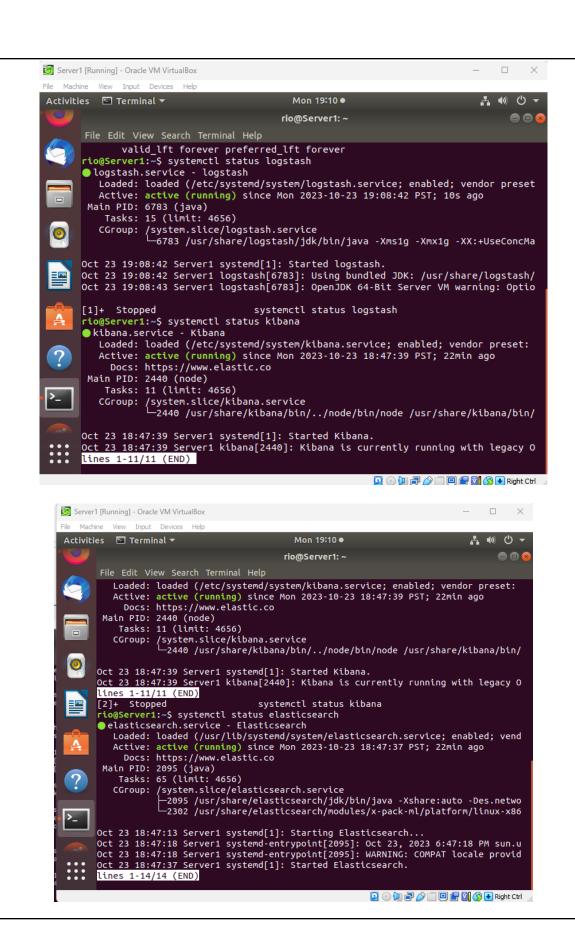
**Step 10.** We will now check the evidence of the successful installation using the firefox of the centos and ubuntu. To check if we have the successfully install the packages we will use the command "localhost:5601" it should redirect to

## **Output:**

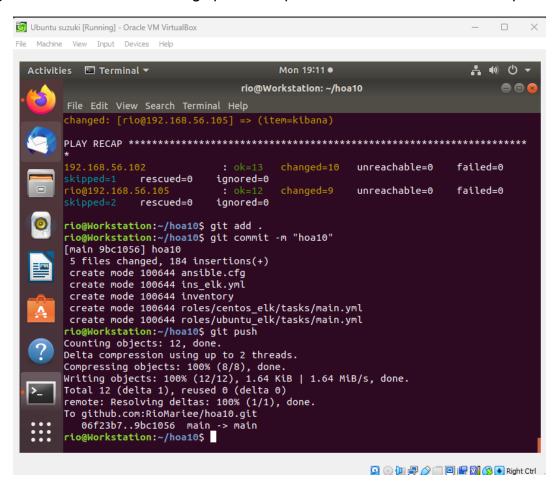




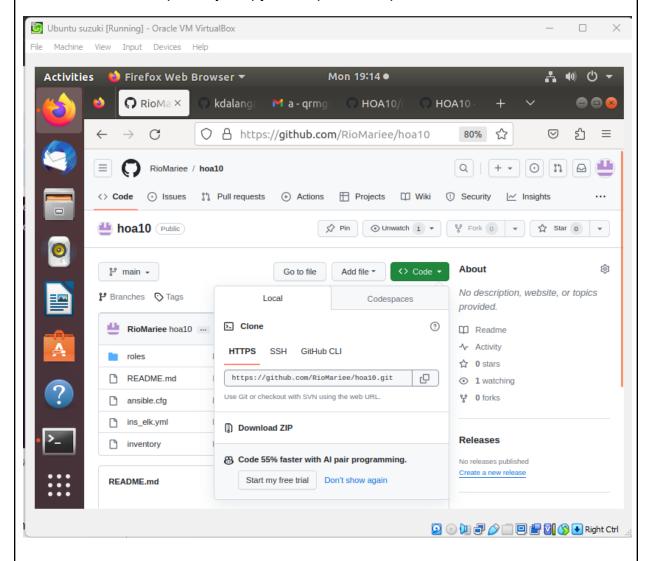




**Step 11.** After processing the ins\_elk we will now commit our repository so that the code will be uploaded and updated in the github. The command we will use is "git add ." "git commit -m"hoa10" and "git push" to upload the latest version of the repository.



**Step 12.** We will get our repository link and paste it here. To get the repository link go to github.com and click the repository you want to have the link in this case we will choose the hoa10 repository. Copy the http link and paste it here in the document.



Github repository link: https://github.com/RioMariee/hoa10.git

### Reflections:

Answer the following:

- 1. What are the benefits of having a log monitoring tool?
  - Log monitoring tools bring a lot of benefits for organizations in keeping their IT systems secure. These tools secure by spotting and tackling potential cyber threats quickly. They also help in making sure the systems run smoothly and don't crash. In addition, they help keep everything legal by keeping good

records. Also, they don't just fix problems when they pop up, they stop problems from happening in the first place, which is a good practice of prevention. They're also really good at making sure we don't waste our money and tech resources. That's super important for being efficient and saving cash. Also, a log monitoring tool keeps an eye on what people are doing on the network. And if something bad happens, they put up a warning. So, these tools aren't just helpful; they're like our secret weapon for managing in the IT world. They make sure things run well, don't break the rules, and save us time and money.

#### Conclusions:

To conclude while figuring out how to set up and run the log-monitoring tools using Ansible. It is a super efficient package. This makes our network safe but also helps us to check all those log files. Also, it makes looking way easier and efficient which makes things easier for us. It also helps the network security to be more safer and you can get important log files from the monitoring tool we installed.

#### **Assessment Rubrics**

| Criteria   | Ratings   |                                |   |   |  |   |                            |   |   |  |   | Pts  |       |
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| SO 7 PI 1 Acquire and apply new knowledge from outside sources threshold: 4.8 pts              | pursuits exist and flourish outside pursuit classroom requirements,knowledge classro and/or experiences are pursued and/or                                    |                                |   | od   Educational interests and<br>rsuits exist and flourish outside<br>ssroom requirements,knowledge<br>d/or experiences are pursued<br>lependently |  | 4 pts<br>Satisfactory   Look<br>beyond classroom<br>requirements, showing<br>interest in pursuing<br>knowledge<br>independently |                            | 3 pts<br>Unsatisfactory   Begins<br>to look beyond<br>classroom requirements,<br>showing interest in<br>pursuing knowledge<br>independently |   | 2 pts<br>Poor   Relies<br>on classroom<br>instruction<br>only                |   | 1 pts Very Poor   No initiative or interest in acquiring new knowledge     | 6 pts |
| © SO 7 PI 2<br>Learn<br>independently.<br>threshold: 4.8 pts                                   | 6 pts Excellent   Completes an assigned task independently and practices continuous improvement   | assigne                        | Completes an<br>d task without<br>sion or guidance  | minin   | factory   Requires<br>nal guidance to<br>olete an assigned   | 3 pts<br>Unsatisfactory   R<br>detailed or step-b<br>instructions to co<br>task   |                            | tep   | 2 pts<br>Poor   Shows litt<br>interest to comp<br>task independen | le<br>lete a   | 1 pts<br>Very Poor   No interest<br>to complete a task<br>independently |  | 6 pts |
| SO 7 PI 3 Critical thinking in the broadest context of technological change threshold: 4.8 pts | 6 pts Excellent   Synthesizes and integrates information from a variety of sources; formulates a clear and precise perspective; draws appropriate conclusions | Good<br>infor<br>varie<br>form | 5 pts<br>Good   Evaluate<br>information from a<br>variety of sources;<br>formulates a clear and<br>precise perspective. |   | 4 pts Satisfactory   Analy; information from a of sources; formulat clear and precise perspective. |   | the gathered information t | Unsatisfactory   Apply  |   | Poor   Shows initiative<br>and attempt to develop<br>creative ideas to solve |   | pts<br>Very Poor   Gather<br>Information from a<br>variety of sources      | 6 pts |
| SO 7 PI 4 Creativity and adaptability to new and emerging technologies threshold: 4.8 pts      | Excellent   Ideas are combined in Goriginal and creative ways in line with the new and emerging technology trends to solve a problem or address pi            |                                | pts<br>sood   Ideas are creative<br>and adapt the new<br>nowledge to solve a<br>roblem or address an<br>sue             |   | 4 pts<br>Satisfactory  <br>creative in so<br>problem, or a<br>issue                                | lving a   | ving a some creative       |   | Poor   Shows<br>and attempt<br>creative idea                      |  |   | L pts  Very Poor   Ideas are copied or restated from the sources consulted |       |