

Ansible part II

Configuration management tool

Setup: Setting up to work with Ansible

1. Create 3 Linux VMs in AWS
2. 2 VMs as Managed nodes
3. 1 VM as Control node

I have created 3 machines:

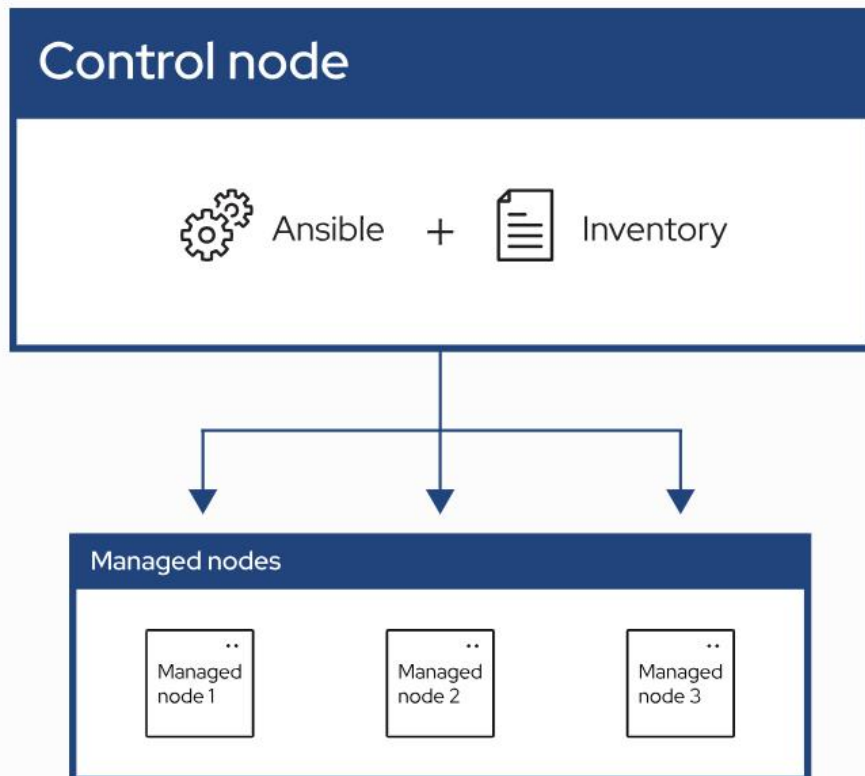
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<input type="checkbox"/>	AnsibleVM	i-0d1704f5a9b20bc67	✅ Running	🔍 🔍	t2.micro	🕒 Initializing	View all
<input type="checkbox"/>	AnsibleVM	i-03c611e5a7b03053b	✅ Running	🔍 🔍	t2.micro	🕒 Initializing	View all
<input type="checkbox"/>	AnsibleVM	i-0079b27ec6e3e196d	✅ Running	🔍 🔍	t2.micro	🕒 Initializing	View all
<input type="checkbox"/>	AnsibleVM	i-003rah780he9847d2	⏹ Terminated	🔍 🔍	t2.micro	–	View all

Rename VMs

<input type="checkbox"/>	TerraformEC2	i-0f3b562c215e434b7	⏹ Stopped	🔍 🔍	t2.micro	–	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ControlNode	i-0d1704f5a9b20bc67	✅ Running	🔍 🔍	t2.micro	🕒 Initializing	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ManagedNode2	i-03c611e5a7b03053b	✅ Running	🔍 🔍	t2.micro	🕒 Initializing	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ManagedNode1	i-0079b27ec6e3e196d	✅ Running	🔍 🔍	t2.micro	🕒 Initializing	

Getting started with Ansible

Ansible automates the management of remote systems and controls their desired state.



As shown in the preceding figure, most Ansible environments have three main components:

Control node

A system on which Ansible is installed. You run Ansible commands such as `ansible` or `ansible-inventory` on a control node.

Inventory

A list of managed nodes that are logically organized. You create an inventory on the control node to describe host deployments to Ansible.

Managed node

A remote system, or host, that Ansible controls.

Setup User and Configure user in Sudoers file and update

SSHD config file in all 3 VMs

a. Create User (All 3 VMs)

```
sudo useradd ansible
```

```
sudo passwd ansible
```

b. Configure user in sudoers file

i. `sudo visudo`

c. `ansible ALL = (ALL), NoPasswd: ALL`

d. Update SSHD config file: `sudo vi /etc/ssh/sshd_config`

e. Install Ansible in ControlNode: Switch to Ansible user `sudo su ansible`

i. `cd ~`

f. Install Python

i. `sudo yum install python3 -y`

g. To check Python version

i. `python3 --version`

h. Install pip (Python package manager)

i. `sudo yum -y install python3-pip`

i. Install Ansible using Python PIP

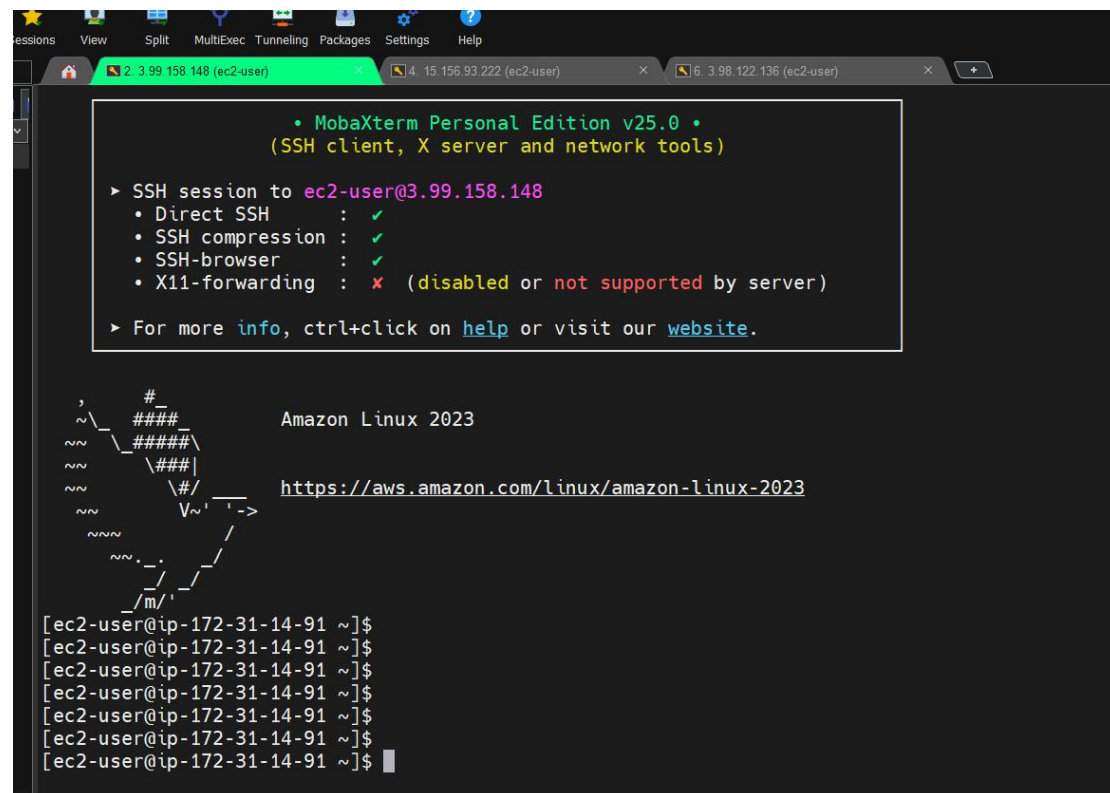
`pip3 install ansible --user`

j. Verify Ansible version

- i. `ansible --version`
- k. Create Ansible folder under /etc
 - i. `sudo mkdir /etc/ansible`
- l. Generate SSH key in our Control Node & copy SSH key into Managed Nodes
- m. Switch to Ansible user
 - a) `sudo su ansible`
- n. Generate SSH key
 - a) `ssh-keygen` (just push enter-enter-enter) don't write anything
- o. Copy it to Managed Nodes as Ansible user
 - i. `ssh-copy-id ansible@<ManagedNode-PrivateIP>`
- p. Update Host inventory in Ansible server
 - i. `sudo vi /etc/ansible/hosts`
- q. Test connectivity
 - i. `ansible webservers -m ping`

Create user ansible in all 3 VMs: `sudo useradd ansible`

Green tab is the control node others are managed nodes



In the Control Node

Retype new password:
passwd: all authentication tokens updated successfully.

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sudo useradd ansible

sudo passwd ansible

s. Configure user in sudoers file

i. sudo visudo

t. ansible ALL = (ALL), NoPasswd: ALL

u. Update SSHD config file: sudo vi /etc/ssh/sshd_config

Install Ansible in Control Node

Open sudoers file:

[ec2-user@ip-172-31-5-77 ~]\$ sudo visudo

Scroll down and say

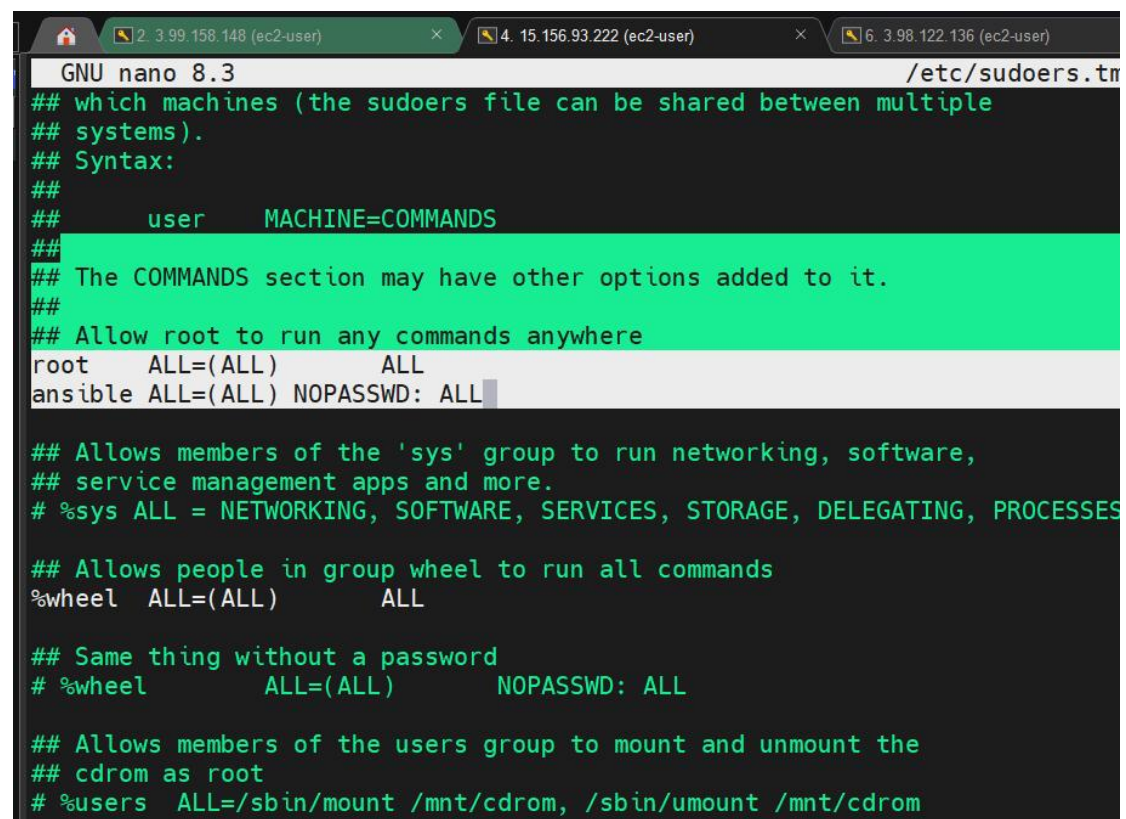
The COMMANDS section may have other options added to it.

##

Allow root to run any commands anywhere

root ALL=(ALL) ALL

ansible ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: ALL



```
GNU nano 8.3 /etc/sudoers.tr
## which machines (the sudoers file can be shared between multiple
## systems).
## Syntax:
##
##      user    MACHINE=COMMANDS
##
## The COMMANDS section may have other options added to it.
##
## Allow root to run any commands anywhere
root    ALL=(ALL)        ALL
ansible ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: ALL

## Allows members of the 'sys' group to run networking, software,
## service management apps and more.
# %sys ALL = NETWORKING, SOFTWARE, SERVICES, STORAGE, DELEGATING, PROCESSES

## Allows people in group wheel to run all commands
%wheel  ALL=(ALL)        ALL

## Same thing without a password
# %wheel    ALL=(ALL)        NOPASSWD: ALL

## Allows members of the users group to mount and unmount the
## cdrom as root
# %users    ALL=/sbin/mount /mnt/cdrom, /sbin/umount /mnt/cdrom
```

Ctrl + X --> push Y, enter

DO the same things in all 3 VMs

ansible ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: ALL

Next:

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ sudo vi /etc/ssh/sshd_config
```

Change PermitEmptyPasswords to yes

- # Explicitly disable PasswordAuthentication. By presetting it, we
- # avoid the cloud-init set_passwords module modifying sshd_config and
- # restarting sshd in the default instance launch configuration.

PasswordAuthentication yes

PermitEmptyPasswords yes

PubkeyAuthentication yes

```
# For this to work you will also need host keys in /etc/ssh/ssh_known_hos
#HostbasedAuthentication no
# Change to yes if you don't trust ~/.ssh/known_hosts for
# HostbasedAuthentication
#IgnoreUserKnownHosts no
# Don't read the user's ~/.rhosts and ~/.shosts files
#IgnoreRhosts yes

# Explicitly disable PasswordAuthentication. By presetting it, we
# avoid the cloud-init set_passwords module modifying sshd_config and
# restarting sshd in the default instance launch configuration.
PasswordAuthentication no
PermitEmptyPasswords yes
```

```
#IgnoreRhosts yes

# Explicitly disable PasswordAuthentication. By presetting it, we
# avoid the cloud-init set_passwords module modifying sshd_config and
# restarting sshd in the default instance launch configuration.
PasswordAuthentication yes
PermitEmptyPasswords yes

# Change to no to disable s/key passwords
#KbdInteractiveAuthentication yes

# Kerberos options
#KerberosAuthentication no
#KerberosOrLocalPasswd yes
#KerberosTicketCleanup yes
#KerberosGetAFSToken no
```

Same step please do in other machines as well

Restart sshd service in all 3 VMs

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ sudo service sshd restart
```

Redirecting to /bin/systemctl restart sshd.service

Install Ansible in Control Node

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ sudo yum install python3 -y
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ sudo yum install python3 -y
```

Amazon Linux 2023 Kernel Livepatch repository

140 kB/s | 15 kB

00:00

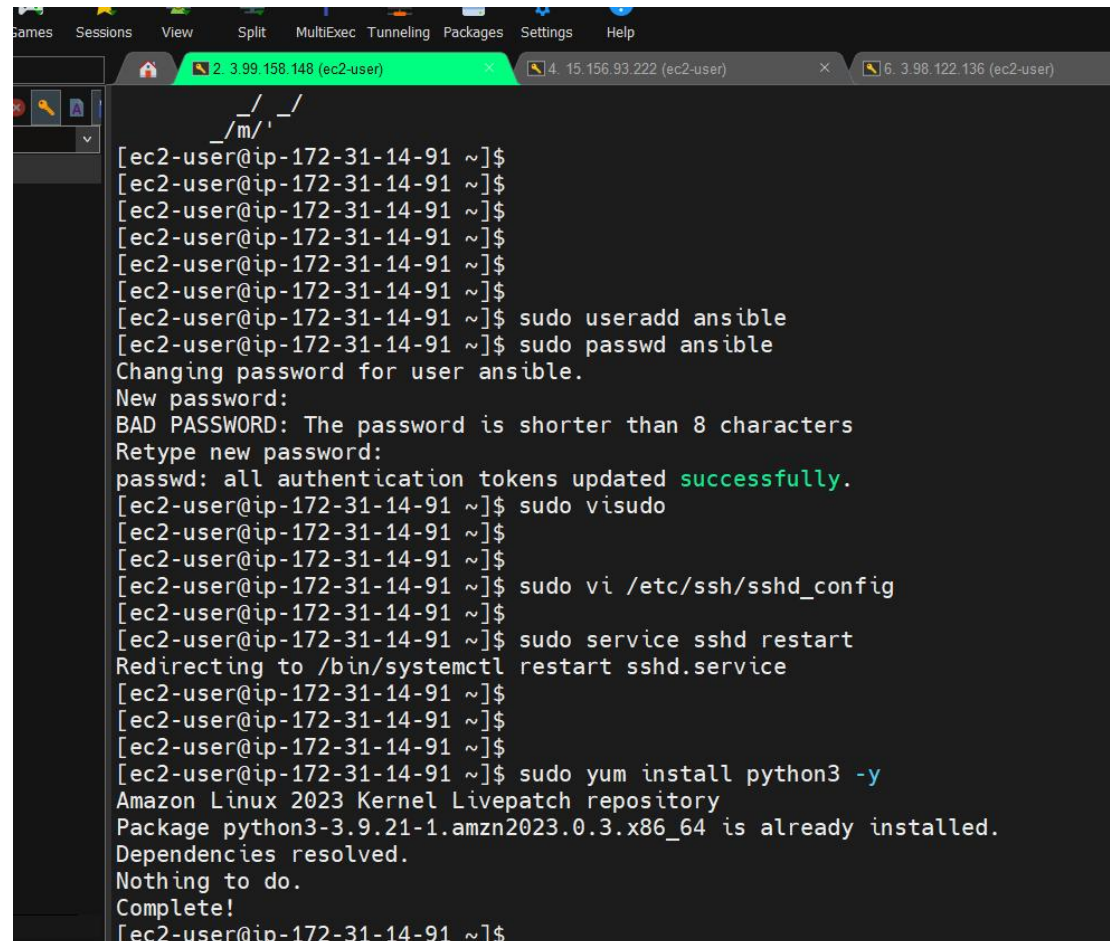
Package python3-3.9.21-1.amzn2023.0.3.x86_64 is already installed.

Dependencies resolved.

Nothing to do.

Complete!

Installed Python for Ansible only in Control Node



```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$  
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$  
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$  
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$  
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$  
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$  
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ sudo useradd ansible  
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ sudo passwd ansible  
Changing password for user ansible.  
New password:  
BAD PASSWORD: The password is shorter than 8 characters  
Retype new password:  
passwd: all authentication tokens updated successfully.  
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ sudo visudo  
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$  
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$  
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ sudo vi /etc/ssh/sshd_config  
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$  
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ sudo service sshd restart  
Redirecting to /bin/systemctl restart sshd.service  
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$  
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$  
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$  
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ sudo yum install python3 -y  
Amazon Linux 2023 Kernel Livepatch repository  
Package python3-3.9.21-1.amzn2023.0.3.x86_64 is already installed.  
Dependencies resolved.  
Nothing to do.  
Complete!  
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ sudo yum -y install python3-pip
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ pip3 install ansible --user
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ ansible --version
```

```
ansible [core 2.15.13]
```

```
config file = None
```

```
configured module search path = ['/home/ec2-user/.ansible/plugins/modules',  
'/usr/share/ansible/plugins/modules']
```

```
ansible python module location = /home/ec2-user/.local/lib/python3.9/site-packages/ansible
```

```
ansible collection location = /home/ec2-user/.ansible/collections:/usr/share/ansible/collections
```

```
executable location = /home/ec2-user/.local/bin/ansible
```

```
python version = 3.9.21 (main, Mar 19 2025, 00:00:00) [GCC 11.5.0 20240719 (Red Hat 11.5.0-5)]  
(/usr/bin/python3)
```

```
jinja version = 3.1.6
```

```
libyaml = True
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ sudo mkdir /etc/ansible
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ sudo su ansible
```

```
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ec2-user]$ ssh-keygen
```

Generating public/private rsa key pair.

Enter file in which to save the key (/home/ansible/.ssh/id_rsa):

Created directory '/home/ansible/.ssh'.

Enter passphrase (empty for no passphrase):

Enter same passphrase again:

Your identification has been saved in /home/ansible/.ssh/id_rsa

Your public key has been saved in /home/ansible/.ssh/id_rsa.pub

The key fingerprint is:

SHA256:mtPYPma50tFVNQLaiZ9uEacocm5Q0vxuNvmmYwu+Prw ansible@ip-172-31-14-91.ca-central-1.compute.internal

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ sudo su ansible
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ec2-user]$ ssh-keygen
Generating public/private rsa key pair.
Enter file in which to save the key (/home/ansible/.ssh/id_rsa):
Created directory '/home/ansible/.ssh'.
Enter passphrase (empty for no passphrase):
Enter same passphrase again:
Your identification has been saved in /home/ansible/.ssh/id_rsa
Your public key has been saved in /home/ansible/.ssh/id_rsa.pub
The key fingerprint is:
SHA256:mtPYPma50tFVNQLaiZ9uEacocm5Q0vxuNvmmYwu+Prw ansible@ip-172-31-14-91.ca-central-1.compute.internal
The key's randomart image is:
+---[RSA 3072]-----+
|
| .. o .
| o + . o .
| . + o + o
| o . o *
| o oS+ *
| =*+ + .
| *=oO o
| +=Xo+.
| .EB==.
|
+-----[SHA256]-----+
```

```
ssh-copy-id ansible@<ManagedNode-PrivateIP>
```

ManagedNode1 PrivateIP: 172.31.5.77

ManagedNode2 PrivateIP: 172.31.12.31

Run this in the Control Node

```
ssh-copy-id ansible@172.31.5.77
```

```
ssh-copy-id ansible@172.31.12.31
```

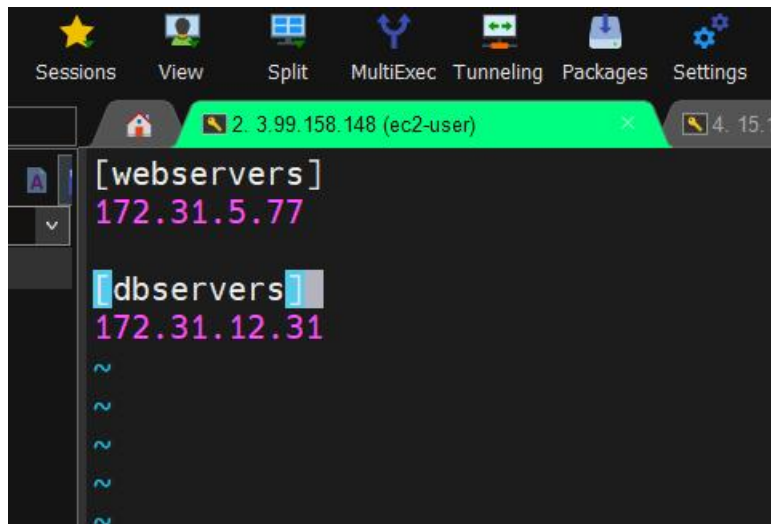
What's Host inventory? All Managed Nodes

Update Host inventory in Ansible server to add Managed Node Server details

```
sudo vi /etc/ansible/hosts
```

In Control Node

```
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ec2-user]$ sudo vi /etc/ansible/hosts
```

```
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ ssh-copy-id ansible@172.31.5.77
/usr/bin/ssh-copy-id: INFO: Source of key(s) to be installed: "/home/ansible/.ssh/id_rsa.pub"
/usr/bin/ssh-copy-id: INFO: attempting to log in with the new key(s), to filter out any that are already installed
/usr/bin/ssh-copy-id: INFO: 1 key(s) remain to be installed -- if you are prompted now it is to install the new keys
ansible@172.31.5.77's password:

Number of key(s) added: 1

Now try logging into the machine, with: "ssh 'ansible@172.31.5.77'"
and check to make sure that only the key(s) you wanted were added.
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$
```

```
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ ssh-copy-id ansible@172.31.5.77
/usr/bin/ssh-copy-id: INFO: Source of key(s) to be installed: "/home/ansible/.ssh/id_rsa.pub"
/usr/bin/ssh-copy-id: INFO: attempting to log in with the new key(s), to filter out any that are already installed
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ansible@172.31.5.77's password:

Number of key(s) added: 1

Now try logging into the machine, with: "ssh 'ansible@172.31.5.77'"
and check to make sure that only the key(s) you wanted were added.

[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ ssh-copy-id ansible@172.31.12.31
/usr/bin/ssh-copy-id: INFO: Source of key(s) to be installed: "/home/ansible/.ssh/id_rsa.pub"
/usr/bin/ssh-copy-id: INFO: attempting to log in with the new key(s), to filter out any that are already installed
/usr/bin/ssh-copy-id: INFO: 1 key(s) remain to be installed -- if you are prompted now it is to install the new keys
ansible@172.31.12.31's password:

Number of key(s) added: 1

Now try logging into the machine, with: "ssh 'ansible@172.31.12.31'"
and check to make sure that only the key(s) you wanted were added.

[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$
```

```
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ cat /etc/ansible/hosts
```

```
[webservers]
```

```
172.31.5.77
```

```
[dbservers]
```

```
172.31.12.31
```

```
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ cat /etc/ansible/hosts
[webserver]
172.31.5.77

[dbserver]
172.31.12.31
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$
```

We should get SUCCESS

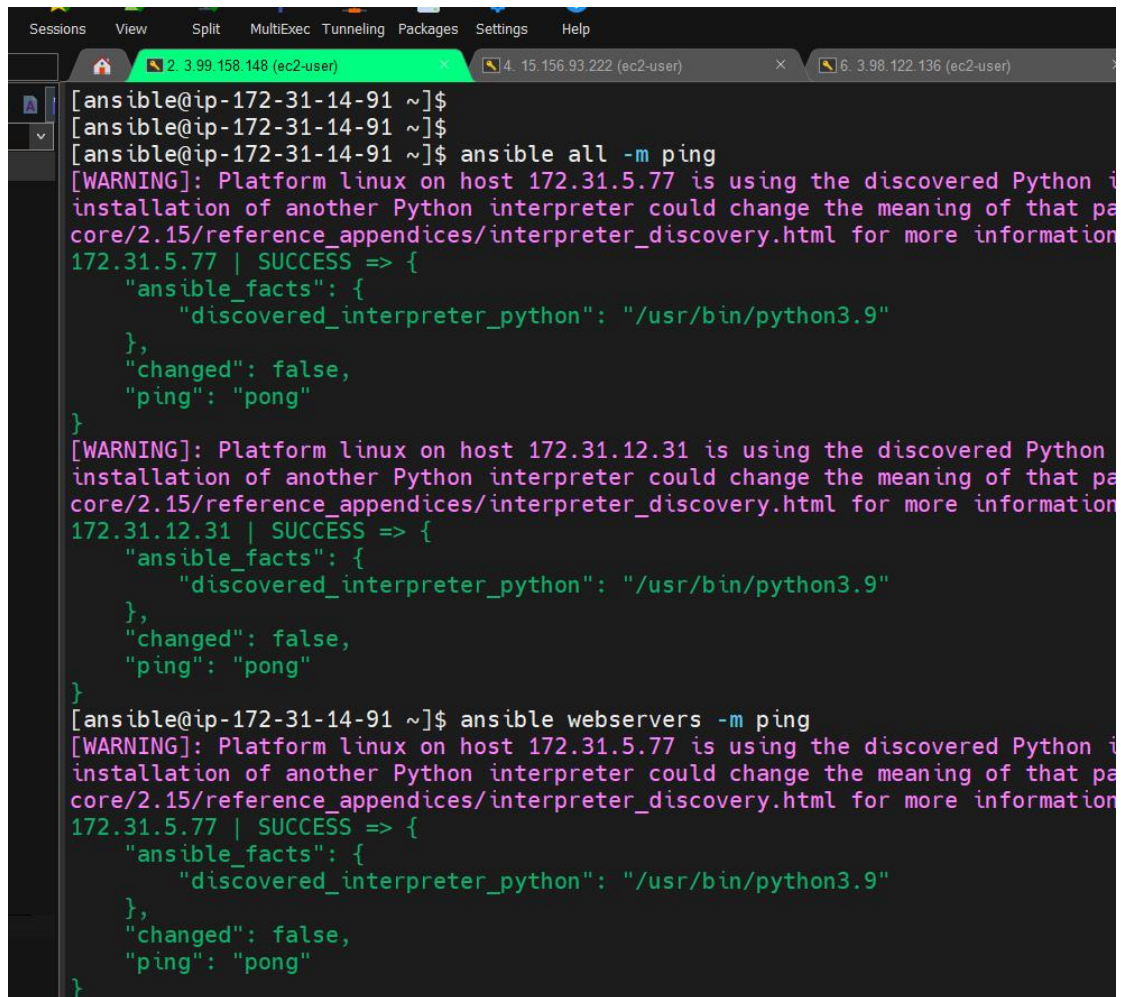
```
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ ansible all -m ping
```

```
[dbserver]
172.31.12.31
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ ansible all -m ping
[WARNING]: Platform linux on host 172.31.5.77 is using the discovered Python interpreter at /usr/bin/python3.9, but future
installation of another Python interpreter could change the meaning of that path. See https://docs.ansible.com/ansible-
core/2.15/reference_appendices/interpreter_discovery.html for more information.
172.31.5.77 | SUCCESS => {
  "ansible_facts": {
    "discovered_interpreter_python": "/usr/bin/python3.9"
  },
  "changed": false,
  "ping": "pong"
}
[WARNING]: Platform linux on host 172.31.12.31 is using the discovered Python interpreter at /usr/bin/python3.9, but future
installation of another Python interpreter could change the meaning of that path. See https://docs.ansible.com/ansible-
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172.31.12.31 | SUCCESS => {
  "ansible_facts": {
    "discovered_interpreter_python": "/usr/bin/python3.9"
  },
  "changed": false,
  "ping": "pong"
}
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$
```

```
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ ansible webserver -m ping
```

```
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ ansible webserver -m ping
[WARNING]: Platform linux on host 172.31.5.77 is using the discovered Python interpreter at /usr/bin/python3.9, but future
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  },
  "changed": false,
  "ping": "pong"
}
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$
```

Everything from Control Node



```
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$  
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$  
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ ansible all -m ping  
[WARNING]: Platform linux on host 172.31.5.77 is using the discovered Python i  
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    "ping": "pong"  
}  
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}  
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ ansible webserver -m ping  
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        "discovered_interpreter_python": "/usr/bin/python3.9"  
    },  
    "changed": false,  
    "ping": "pong"  
}
```

Ansible Ad-Hoc commands

Ansible [all/group-name/host-name/ip] -m <module> -a <args>

ansible all -m ping

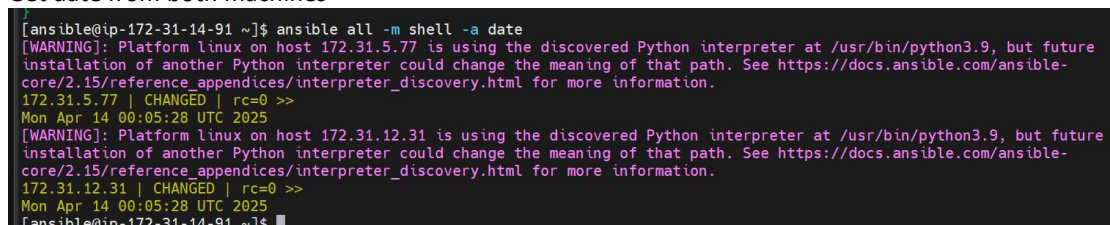
We have many modules in ansible to perform configuration management
ping, shell, yum, copy, service

ping module --> \$ ansible all -m ping, ansible webserver -m ping

shell module --> \$ ansible all -m shell -a date, \$ ansible all -m shell -a uptime

yum module --> \$ ansible webserver -b -m yum -a "name=git"

Get date from both machines



```
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ ansible all -m shell -a date  
[WARNING]: Platform linux on host 172.31.5.77 is using the discovered Python interpreter at /usr/bin/python3.9, but future  
installation of another Python interpreter could change the meaning of that path. See https://docs.ansible.com/ansible-  
core/2.15/reference_appendices/interpreter_discovery.html for more information.  
172.31.5.77 | CHANGED | rc=0 >>  
Mon Apr 14 00:05:28 UTC 2025  
[WARNING]: Platform linux on host 172.31.12.31 is using the discovered Python interpreter at /usr/bin/python3.9, but future  
installation of another Python interpreter could change the meaning of that path. See https://docs.ansible.com/ansible-  
core/2.15/reference_appendices/interpreter_discovery.html for more information.  
172.31.12.31 | CHANGED | rc=0 >>  
Mon Apr 14 00:05:28 UTC 2025  
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$
```

Manage machines remotely


```

}
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ ansible all -m shell -a date
[WARNING]: Platform linux on host 172.31.5.77 is using the discovered
installation of another Python interpreter could change the meaning of t
core/2.15/reference_appendices/interpreter_discovery.html for more infor
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172.31.12.31 | CHANGED | rc=0 >>
Mon Apr 14 00:05:28 UTC 2025
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$

```

ansible all -m shell -a uptime

```

[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ ansible all -m shell -a uptime
[WARNING]: Platform linux on host 172.31.5.77 is using the discovered
installation of another Python interpreter could change the meaning of t
core/2.15/reference_appendices/interpreter_discovery.html for more infor
172.31.5.77 | CHANGED | rc=0 >>
00:07:10 up 6:37, 3 users, load average: 0.00, 0.00, 0.00
[WARNING]: Platform linux on host 172.31.12.31 is using the discovered
installation of another Python interpreter could change the meaning of t
core/2.15/reference_appendices/interpreter_discovery.html for more infor
172.31.12.31 | CHANGED | rc=0 >>
00:07:10 up 6:37, 2 users, load average: 0.00, 0.00, 0.00
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$

```

[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]\$ ansible webserver -b -m yum -a "name=git"

```

[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ ansible webserver -b -m yum -a "name=git"
[WARNING]: Platform linux on host 172.31.5.77 is using the discovered Py
installation of another Python interpreter could change the meaning of t
core/2.15/reference_appendices/interpreter_discovery.html for more infor
172.31.5.77 | CHANGED => {
  "ansible_facts": {
    "discovered_interpreter_python": "/usr/bin/python3.9"
  },
  "changed": true,
  "msg": "",
  "rc": 0,
  "results": [
    "Installed: perl-Error-1:0.17029-5.amzn2023.0.2.noarch",
    "Installed: perl-File-Find-1.37-477.amzn2023.0.6.noarch",
    "Installed: perl-Git-2.47.1-1.amzn2023.0.2.noarch",
    "Installed: git-core-2.47.1-1.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64",
    "Installed: perl-TermReadKey-2.38-9.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64",
    "Installed: git-core-doc-2.47.1-1.amzn2023.0.2.noarch",
    "Installed: git-2.47.1-1.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64",
    "Installed: perl-lib-0.65-477.amzn2023.0.6.x86_64"
  ]
}
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$

```

Installed git-core-2.47.1 in the Amazon machine

Now I go into Managed VM1

Git is already installed remotely from Control Node

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[ansible@ip-172-31-5-77 ec2-user]$  
[ansible@ip-172-31-5-77 ec2-user]$ git -v  
git version 2.47.1  
[ansible@ip-172-31-5-77 ec2-user]$
```

Ansible Playbooks

Playbook is a YAML file, which contains one or more tasks

Using Playbook we define what tasks to be performed and where to be performed

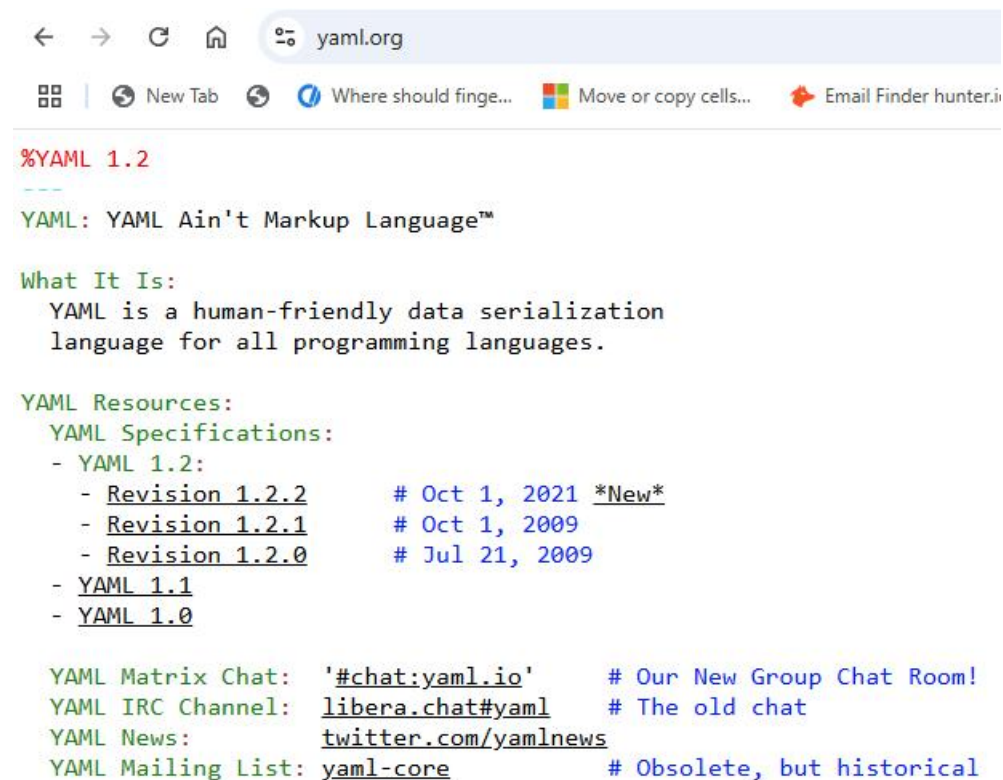
Example YML format

Student:

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Id: 5  
Name: Abc  
Gender: Male  
Hobbies:  
  - Cricket  
  - Chess  
  - VideoGame  
Address:  
  City: Cincinatti  
  Country: USA
```

Note: Ident spaces are the most important in yml file

Website: <https://yaml.org/> shows the syntax



The screenshot shows the YAML.org website. The browser address bar displays 'yaml.org'. The page content includes the title '%YAML 1.2', the tagline 'YAML: YAML Ain't Markup Language™', and a section 'What It Is:' describing YAML as a human-friendly data serialization language. Below this is a 'YAML Resources:' section with 'YAML Specifications:' listing revisions 1.2.2, 1.2.1, and 1.2.0, along with links to chat rooms (Matrix, IRC), news (Twitter), and a mailing list.

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%YAML 1.2  
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YAML: YAML Ain't Markup Language™  
  
What It Is:  
YAML is a human-friendly data serialization  
language for all programming languages.  
  
YAML Resources:  
YAML Specifications:  
- YAML 1.2:  
  - Revision 1.2.2      # Oct 1, 2021 *New*  
  - Revision 1.2.1      # Oct 1, 2009  
  - Revision 1.2.0      # Jul 21, 2009  
- YAML 1.1  
- YAML 1.0  
  
YAML Matrix Chat:  '#chat:yaml.io'      # Our New Group Chat Room!  
YAML IRC Channel:  libera.chat#yaml      # The old chat  
YAML News:         twitter.com/yamlnews  
YAML Mailing List: yaml-core          # Obsolete, but historical
```


For yaml syntax validation: <https://www.yamllint.com/>

```
'''
Student:
  Id: 5
  Name: Abc
  Gender: Male
  Hobbies:
    - Cricket
    - Chess
    - VideoGame
  Address:
    - City: Cincinatti
    - Country: USA
'''
```

YAML Lint

Paste in your YAML and click "Go" - we'll tell you if it's valid or not it.

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☒ Reformat (strips comments) ☒ Resolve aliases

YAML Lint

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Valid YAML!

Hit Go

Yaml stats with --- and ends with ...

Writing Playbooks

3 major sections: Host section, Variable section, Task section

Host section: Represents Target machines to execute tasks. This configuration depends on Ansible inventory file

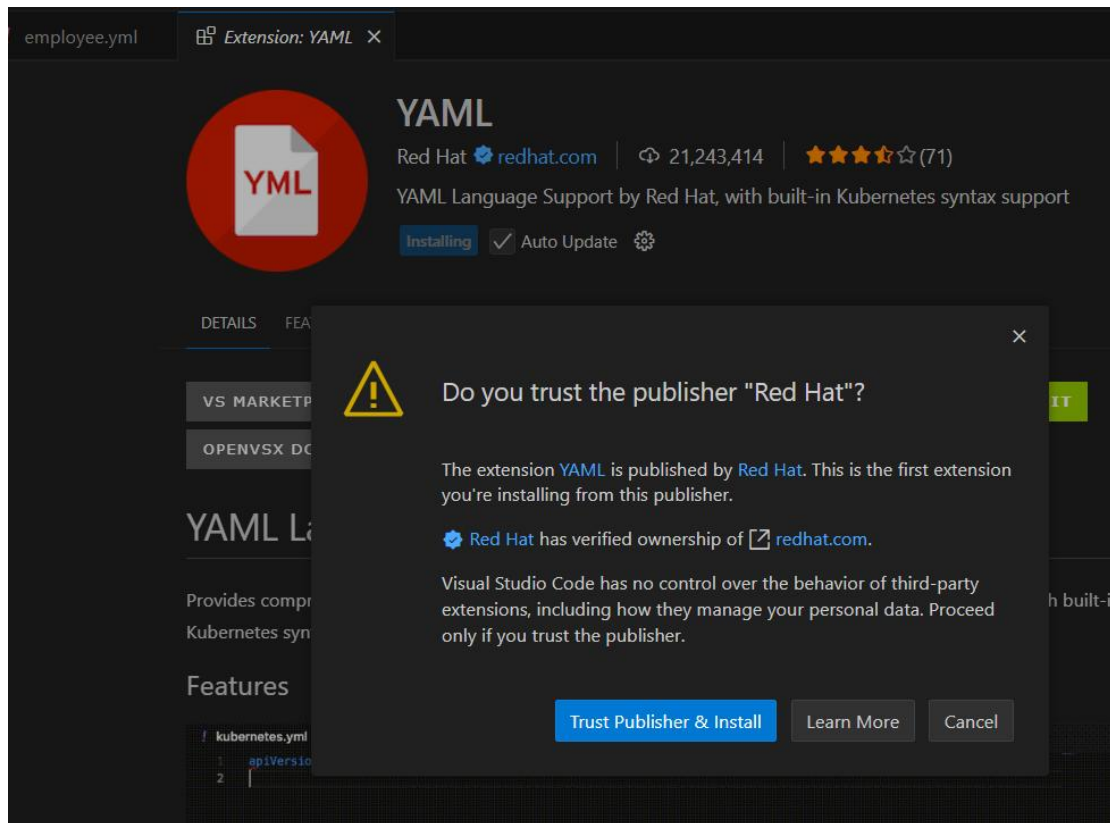
Variable section: used to declare variables in Playbook execution

Task section: defines what operations or tasks we want to perform using Ansible

\$ ansible-playbook <playbook-yml-filename>

Open VSCode

Install



employee:

id: 01

name: Abc

job:

experience: 5 years

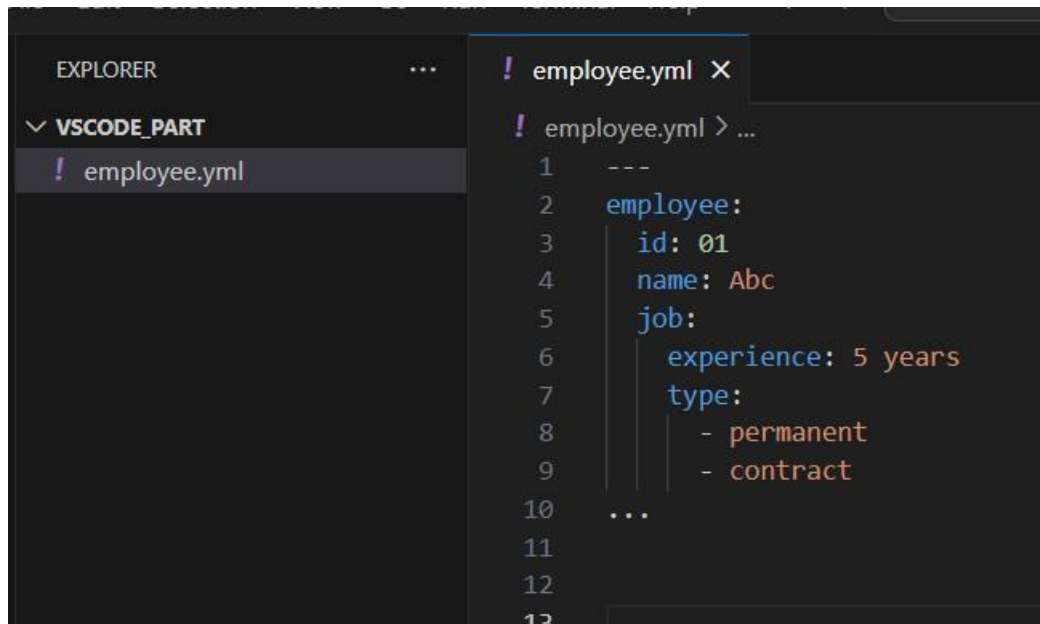
type:

- permanent

- contract

...

Create employee.yml



```
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employee:
  id: 01
  name: Abc
  job:
    experience: 5 years
    type:
      - permanent
      - contract
student:
  id: 5
  name: Xyz
  skills:
    - edit videos
    - graphic design
...

---
- hosts: all
  tasks:
    - name: Ping all the managed nodes
      ping:
        remote_user: ansible
...

Go to Control Node VM
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ vi 01-ping.yml
```

```
total 4
-rw-rw-r--. 1 ansible ansible 108 Apr 14 01:10 01-ping.yml
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ cat 01-ping.yml
---
- hosts: all
  tasks:
    - name: Ping all the managed nodes
      ping:
        remote_user: ansible
...
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$
```

[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]\$ ansible-playbook 01-ping.yml

```
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$
[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$ ansible-playbook 01-ping.yml

PLAY [all] *****

TASK [Gathering Facts] *****
[WARNING]: Platform linux on host 172.31.5.77 is using the discover
installation of another Python interpreter could change the meaning
core/2.15/reference_appendices/interpreter_discovery.html for more
ok: [172.31.5.77]
[WARNING]: Platform linux on host 172.31.12.31 is using the discover
installation of another Python interpreter could change the meaning
core/2.15/reference_appendices/interpreter_discovery.html for more
ok: [172.31.12.31]

TASK [Ping all the managed nodes] *****
ok: [172.31.5.77]
ok: [172.31.12.31]

PLAY RECAP *****
172.31.12.31      : ok=2    changed=0    unreachable=0
172.31.5.77      : ok=2    changed=0    unreachable=0

[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]$
```

[ansible@ip-172-31-14-91 ~]\$ ansible-playbook 01-ping.yml --syntax-check

playbook: 01-ping.yml