Ansible and Terraform Overview

DevOps and Security Lab 2

Why to use SCM and for what

Ansible is a popular Configuration Management Tool (CMT). It's a practice of tracking and controlling changes to a software system on **multiple** (nodes, localhosts, virtual machines...) at once and from single runner.

With SCM, we can:

- install software
- configure systems
- manage users, access
- manage instance settings and so on...

Ansible advantages

- yaml based
- agentless
- based on python
- great documentation and community support
- ansible collections
- easy to learn and start
- > flexibility
- just very popular

Ansible definitions

- > inventory: defines the target hosts configurations (where to run)
- ➤ roles: tasks, variables, files, templates... itself (what to run)
- playbooks: roles binding with inventory and roles variables redefinition (run particular role on the particular node (node groups) and modify the role variables according to the specific target nodes)

Ansible folders structure

We usually separate ansible yaml files to inventory/roles/playbooks folders. Try to follow to the same approach. Why it's useful?

playbooks

```
dev

k8s-dev

k8s-local

k8s-prod

k8s-prod-infra

local

main

predev

prod

stage1

stage2

test
```

roles

```
borgbackup
bots
cassandra
consul
consul-snapshot
- defectdojo-config
- docs-server
- elk
external-roles
- filebeat

    fortinet-adapter

geth
gh-action-runner
qo-ipfs
graph
harbor
influxdb
init
 iptables-management
```

inside role

Inside Ansible files

```
## wazuh-server Ansible role variables
wazuh deploy dir: "/opt/wazuh deploy"
wazuh deploy root ca cert path: "{{ wazuh deploy local path }}/ca/rootCA.pem"
wazuh deploy local path: "{{ playbook dir }}/files"
wazuh deploy root ca key path: "{{ wazuh deploy local path }}/ca/rootCA.key"
wazuh deploy auth certs local path: "{{ wazuh deploy local path }}/certs"
wazuh deploy nodes certs local path: "{{ role path }}/templates/config/wazuh indexer ssl certs"
wazuh deploy domain name: ""
wazuh deploy os uid: "1000"
 wazuh deploy os gid: "1000"
version: '3.7'
 wazuh.manager:
  image: wazuh/wazuh-manager:{{ wazuh deploy image tag }}
  hostname: wazuh.manager
  container name: {{ wazuh deploy manager container name }}
  restart: always
    memlock:
      soft: {{ wazuh deploy memlock soft }}
      hard: {{ wazuh deploy memlock hard }}
      soft: {{ wazuh deploy nofile soft }}
      hard: {{ wazuh deploy nofile hard }}
    - "{{ wazuh deploy manager port0 }}:{{ wazuh deploy manager port0 }}"
    - "{{ wazuh deploy manager port1 }}:{{ wazuh deploy manager port1 }}"
    - "{{ wazuh deploy manager port0 }}:{{ wazuh deploy manager port0 }}/udp"
    - "{{ wazuh deploy manager port2 }}:{{ wazuh deploy manager port2 }}"
    - INDEXER URL=https://wazuh.indexer:9200
    - INDEXER USERNAME={{ wazuh deploy indexer user name }}
    - INDEXER PASSWORD={{ wazuh deploy indexer user password }}
    - FILEBEAT SSL VERIFICATION MODE=full
    - SSL CERTIFICATE AUTHORITIES=/etc/ssl/root-ca.pem
    - SSL CERTIFICATE=/etc/ssl/filebeat.pem
    - SSL KEY=/etc/ssl/filebeat.kev
    - API USERNAME={{ wazuh deploy api user name }}
    - API PASSWORD={{ wazuh deploy api user password }}
{% if wazuh deploy docker labels common %}
```

{% for label, value in wazuh deploy docker labels common.items() %}

"{{ label }}": "{{ value }}"

"filebeat.fields.logtype": "system"

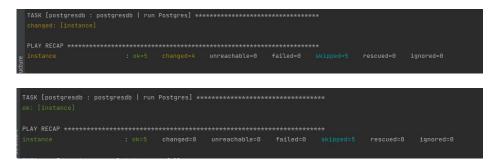
```
- name: wazuh-server | copy docker-compose template
     dest: "{{ wazuh deploy dir }}/{{ item.file }}"
     - { file: "docker-compose.yml", mode: "{{ wazuh deploy os mode }}" }
   name: wazuh-server | flush handlers before service start
   meta: flush handlers
   name: wazuh-server | start services
     project src: "{{ wazuh deploy dir }}"
     files: ["docker-compose.yml"]
 - name: wazuh-server | wait for indexer to be up
     url: "https://127.0.0.1:{{ wazuh deploy indexer port }}/"
     validate certs: no
     status code: [200, 401]
   register: wazuh indexer initialized
   until: wazuh indexer initialized.status in [200, 401]
   retries: 20
   when: not ansible check mode
tags: ["wazuh-server", "wazuh-server-deploy"]
```

```
- tag Name infra prod wazuh
 - add users
 - monitoring-agent
 - filebeat
 - wazuh-server
become: true
```

```
add users users:
 - "{{ add user devops team }}"
 - "{{ add user support team }}"
traefik version: 2.4.2
docker compose version: "1.29.2"
docker docker pip version: "5.0.3"
wazuh deploy ldap enabled: true
wazuh deploy ldap ssl enabled: true
```

Ansible basic principles

- apply the same settings/changes to the whole target node groups within the single playbook run
- > follow to idempotence principle (whether you run a playbook once or multiple times, the outcome should be the same)
- avoid to use shell commands in tasks and use ansible modules instead (why?)
- use variables precedence (order) for different playbooks (target node groups)
- do not hard code variables as much as possible
- avoid to use become: true if it's not necessary



Ansible useful tips

- run playbook: cd playbooks, ansible-playbooks playbooks/env/path_to_main_task_file.yaml
- run one role only: ansible-playbooks playbooks/env/path_to_main_task_file.yaml – tags wazuh-server
- run role on the particular host only: ansible-playbooks playbooks/env/path_to_main_task_file.yaml -limit <ansible host tag>
- run in check and diff modes: ansible-playbooks playbooks/env/path_to_main_task_file.yaml -diff -check
- run as root user password: ansible-playbooks playbooks/env/path_to_main_task_file.yaml -ask-become-pass

Terraform

A tool by HashiCorp to manage infrastructure (cloud instances, RDB, cloud accounts, DNS, network, GitHub, k8s and many other things...)

We usually work with Terraform modules. Terraform modules registry: https://registry.terraform.io

Steps:

- Import/create Terraform modules.
- 2. Change configs: modify variables, add extra 'data' modules or outputs.
- Initialize modules.
- See what is going to be changed/applied.
- 5. Apply Terraform configurations.



Terraform folders

Basic folder structure: main.tf, variables.tf, config.tf and outputs.tf

```
main.tf
    scw.tf
    sg.tf
    variables.tf

directory, 4 files
```

```
terraform {
  required version = ">= 0.13"
  required providers {
    scaleway = {
      source = "scaleway/scaleway"
      version = ">= 2.35.0"
    }
  }
  backend "s3" {
    bucket = "soramitsu-terraform-state"
    key = "dev/iroha2/terraform.tfstate"
    region = "eu-west-1"
  }
}
provider "scaleway" {
  zone = "fr-par-1"
  region = "fr-par"
```

```
module "instances_scaleway" {
   source = "../../modules/default_instance_scaleway"
   instances = {
      s1 = local.default_instance,
      s2 = local.default_instance,
      s3 = local.default_instance,
      s4 = local.default_instance,
      s5 = local.longevity_instance
}
project_name = local.main.project_name
env = local.main.env
public_zone = local.main.zone
```

```
default instance = {
 instance type
 project id
                     = local.main.project id
                     = "fr-par-1/81b9475d-e1b5-43c2-ac48-4c1a3b640686"
 opt size
 docker size
                     = local.main.group name
 monitoring services = "enable, exporters slim"
                   = scaleway instance security group.default instance.id
longevity instance = {
 instance type
                     = local.main.project id
                     = "fr-par-1/81b9475d-e1b5-43c2-ac48-4c1a3b640686"
 opt size
                    = local.main.group name
                    = scaleway instance security group.longevity instance.id
```

```
inbound_default_policy = "drop"
outbound_default_policy = "accept"

dynamic "inbound rule" {
   for_each = local.main.iroha_allowed_default_ports
   content {
    action = "accept"
    protocol = "TCP"
    port = inbound_rule.value
   }
}
```

Terraform commands

Firstly, go to Terraform folder:

- init modules: terraform init
- plan changes: terraform plan
- apply changes: terraform apply
- remove all configurations: terraform destroy
- list Terraform states: terraform state list