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Practical No. 9

Aim: To implement continuous deployment using Ansible/chef.

Introduction:

In the world of software development, continuous integration and continuous delivery (CI/CD) pipelines have become essential for efficient and rapid code delivery. CI/CD pipelines automate the process of building, testing, and deploying software, enabling faster product delivery to customers while minimizing manual intervention. In this blog,we will explore the stages of a CI/CD pipeline and demonstrate how to set up these stages using Ansible Playbook.

Goal of this ansible playbook:

The goal of the Ansible playbook mentioned in this blog is to automate the stages of the CI/CD pipeline using the principles of continuous integration and continuous delivery. By leveraging Ansible, we aim to achieve the following:

1. Install Required Software:
   The playbook will ensure that the necessary software, such as openjdk-8-jdk, git, maven, tomcat9, and tomcat9-admin, is installed on all relevant hosts.
2. Continuous Download and Continuous Build:
   The playbook will download the development code from a specified Git repository, create an artifact from the code,and fetch the artifact to the Ansible controller machine.
3. Continuous Deployment and Continuous Testing:
   The playbook will deploy the artifact into the Tomcat server on the QA server, download Selenium scripts from a specified Git repository, execute the Selenium scripts, and perform continuous testing.
4. Continuous Delivery:
   Finally, the playbook will deploy the artifact into the Tomcat server on the production server, enabling continuous delivery of the application.

By automating these stages with Ansible, we can achieve faster and more reliable software delivery, reduce manual intervention, and ensure consistent deployments across different environments.

CI/CD stages

A typical CI/CD pipeline includes the following stages. These stages make up the development lifecycle and workflow from source code to production:

Source:

1. Triggered when a developer commits code changes to a source code repository
2. Common triggers include scheduled or user-initiated workflows
3. Popular repository tools like GitHub and SVN are used

Build:

1. Creation and compilation of source code
2. Compiler gathers code features and dependencies, establishes links, and compiles into a new build
3. Quick detection and resolution of issues or conflicts in the build

Test:

1. Automated testing to validate code accuracy and ensure quality
2. Functional and unit testing for new features and functions
3. Integration and regression testing to ensure stability of existing features
4. Feedback loop for issue analysis and rectification in subsequent builds

Deliver:

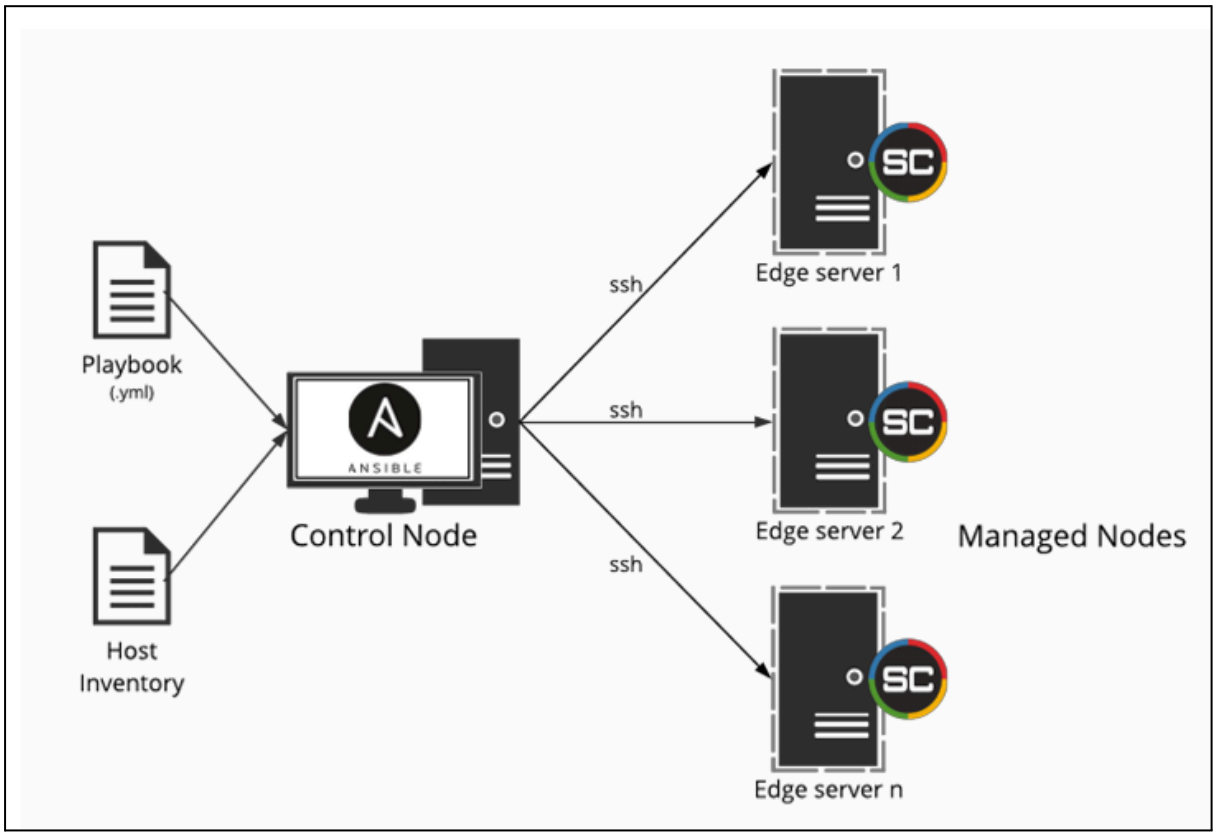
1. Approval of codebase from testing stage
2. Delivery to a runtime environment for integration, quality assurance, and pre production
3. Functional and performance testing conducted on the application

Deploy:

1. Deployment of code changes to the production environment
2. Orchestration of software releases by DevOps teams
3. Flexibility to schedule code deployments or target specific user groups
4. Rollback mechanism in case of issues

These above stages are created by using Ansible

Setting Up the Ansible Environment



Installing Ansible

1. Update the apt repository
   sudo apt-get update
2. Install software-properties-common
   sudo apt-get install -y software-properties-common
3. Add the latest version of Ansible to apt repository
   sudo apt-add-repository ppa:ansible/ansible
4. Install Ansible
   sudo apt-get install -y ansible
5. Update your ansible inventory hosts
   sudo vim /etc/ansible/host

   [webserver]
   172.31.30.86

   [appserver]
   172.31.92.137

[dbserver]

172.31.86.213

6. To check the version of Ansible

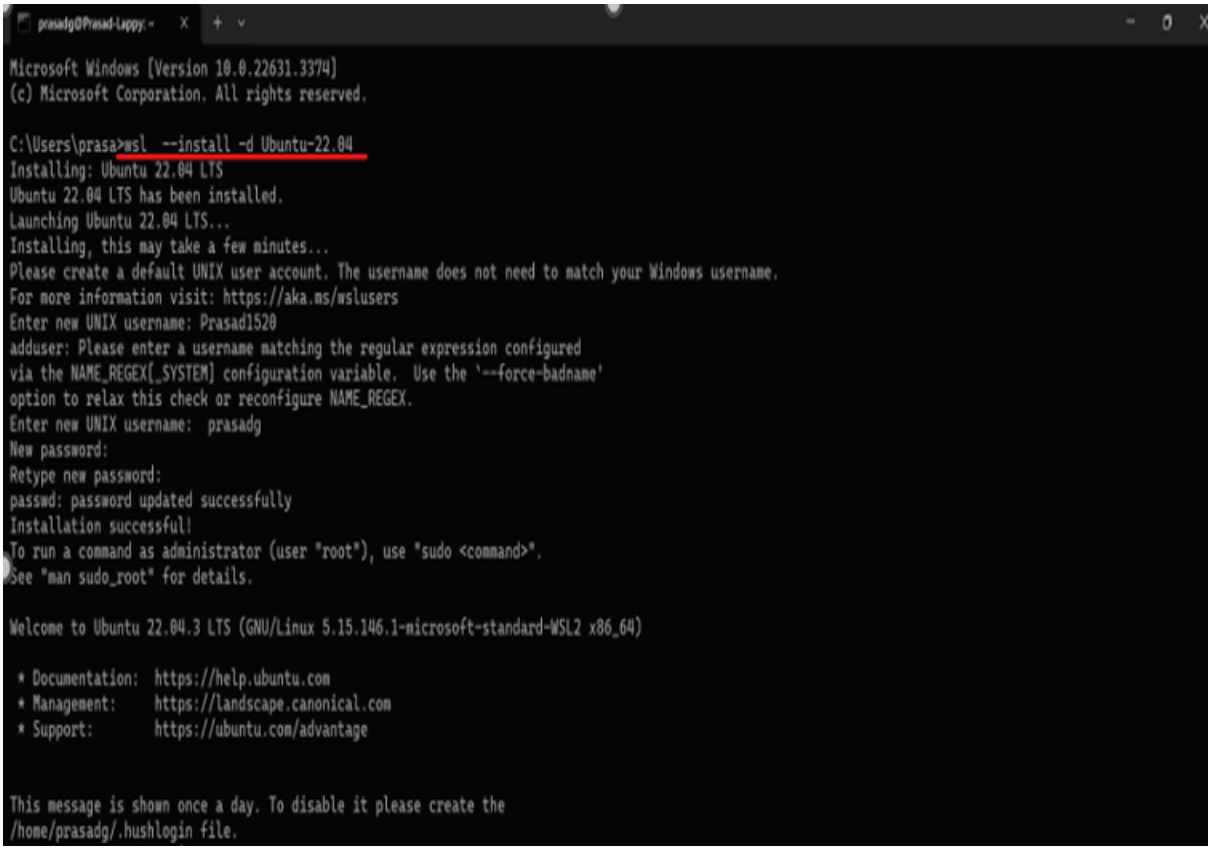
   ansible –version

Steps:

Step 1: To perform and install the ansible we need a linux server so to work on the linux server we will download the “Ubuntu 22.04” either from the command prompt or from the Microsoft store.

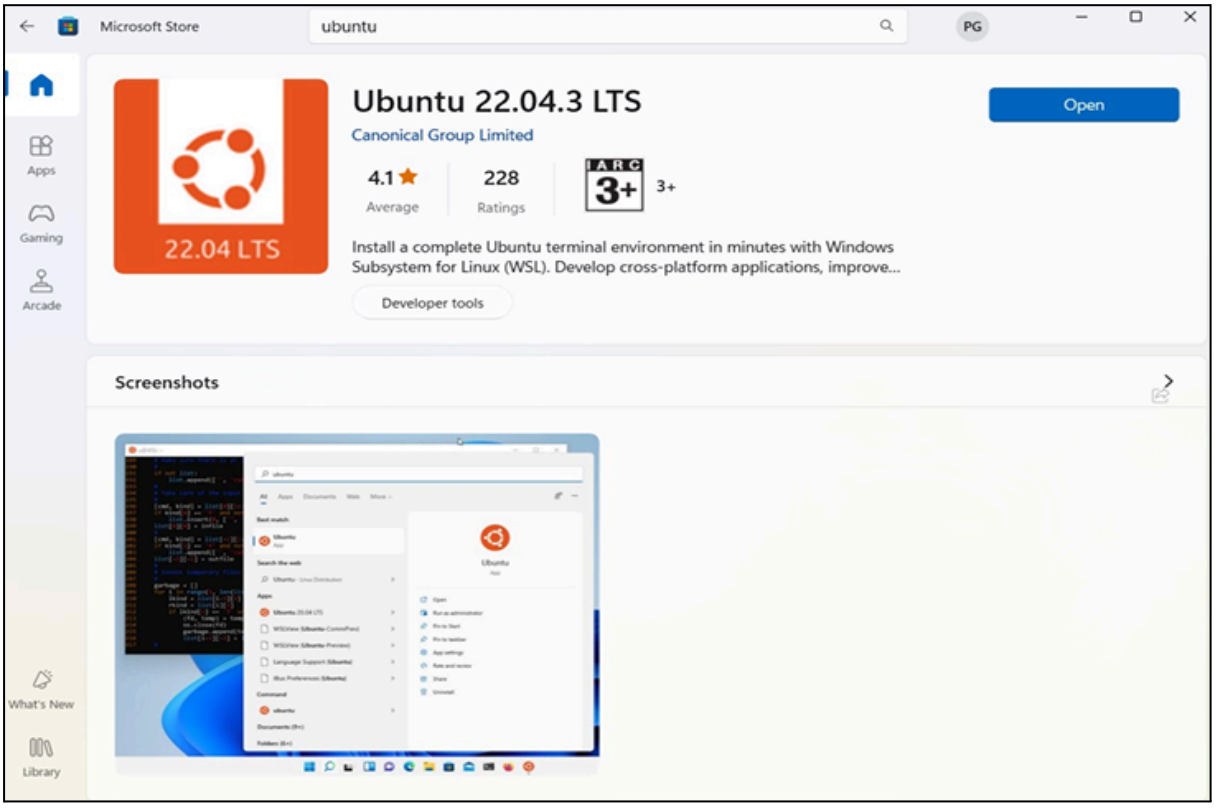
Command prompt:

Run Command = wsl –install -d Ubuntu-22.04



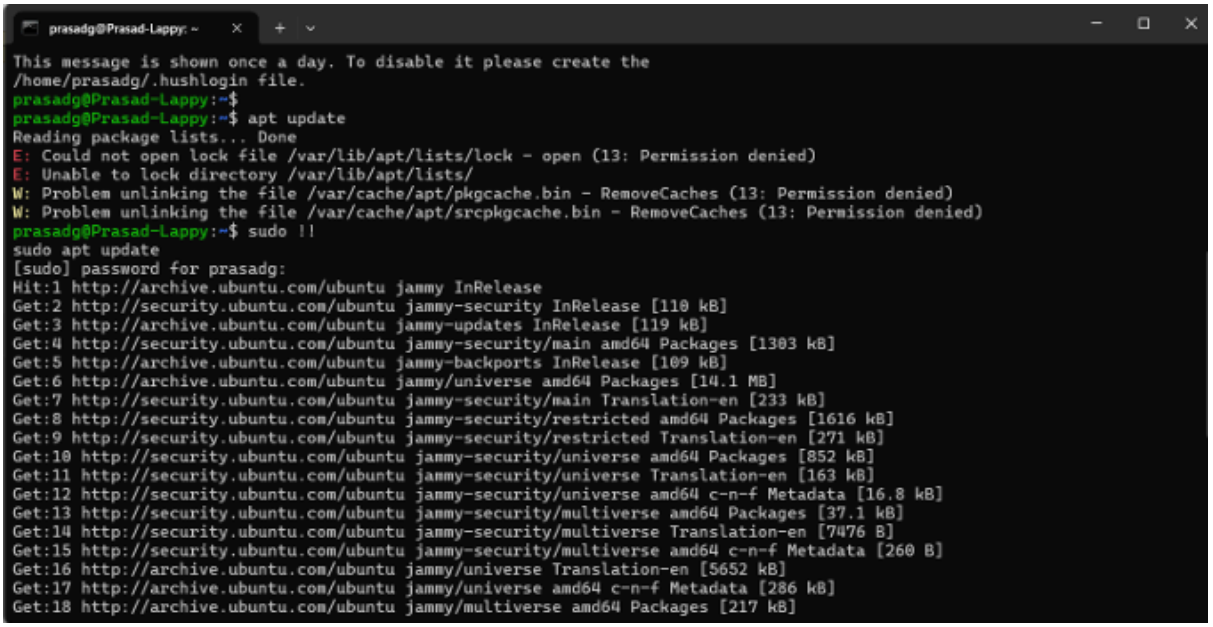
Through Microsoft store:

Open the Microsoft store and search for unbuntu and then click on install.



Step 2: Once the installation is successful, open the ubuntu command line and perform below commands.

1. apt update (used to update the list of available packages)
2. sudo !! (re-run the previous command with sudo privileges)



Step 3: We need to install the python before installing ansible as it is one of the pre-requisites.

Command: sudo apt install python3 (Installation)
Command: python3 –-version (To Check the version)

```
prasadg@Prasad-Lappy:~$ sudo apt install python3
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
python3 is already the newest version (3.10.6-1~22.04).
python3 set to manually installed.
0 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 98 not upgraded.
prasadg@Prasad-Lappy:~$ python3 --version
Python 3.10.12
prasadg@Prasad-Lappy:~$
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Step4: Use below command to update the ansible packages available in linux

```
prasadg@Prasad-Lappy:~$
prasadg@Prasad-Lappy:~$ sudo apt update && sudo apt install software-properties-common && sudo add-apt-repository --yes --update ppa:ansible/ansible
Hit:1 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-security InRelease
Hit:2 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy InRelease
Hit:3 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates InRelease
Hit:4 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-backports InRelease
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
98 packages can be upgraded. Run 'apt list --upgradable' to see them.
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
  python3-software-properties
The following packages will be upgraded:
  python3-software-properties software-properties-common
2 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 96 not upgraded.
Need to get 42.9 kB of archives.
After this operation, 0 B of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue? [Y/n] Y
Get:1 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/main amd64 software-properties-common all 0.99.22.9 [14.1 kB]
Get:2 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/main amd64 python3-software-properties all 0.99.22.9 [28.8 kB]
Fetched 42.9 kB in 1s (51.6 kB/s)
(Reading database ... 24288 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack .../software-properties-common_0.99.22.9_all.deb ...
Unpacking software-properties-common (0.99.22.9) over (0.99.22.8) ...
Preparing to unpack .../python3-software-properties_0.99.22.9_all.deb ...
Unpacking python3-software-properties (0.99.22.9) over (0.99.22.8) ...
Setting up python3-software-properties (0.99.22.9) ...
Setting up software-properties-common (0.99.22.9) ...
Processing triggers for man-db (2.10.2-1) ...
Processing triggers for dbus (1.12.20-2ubuntu4.1) ...
Repository: 'deb https://ppa.launchpadcontent.net/ansible/ansible/ubuntu/ jammy main'
Description:
Ansible is a radically simple IT automation platform that makes your applications and systems easier to deploy. Avoid writing scripts or custom code to depl
oy and update your applications- automate in a language that approaches plain English, using SSH, with no agents to install on remote systems.

http://ansible.com/

If you face any issues while installing Ansible PPA, file an issue here:
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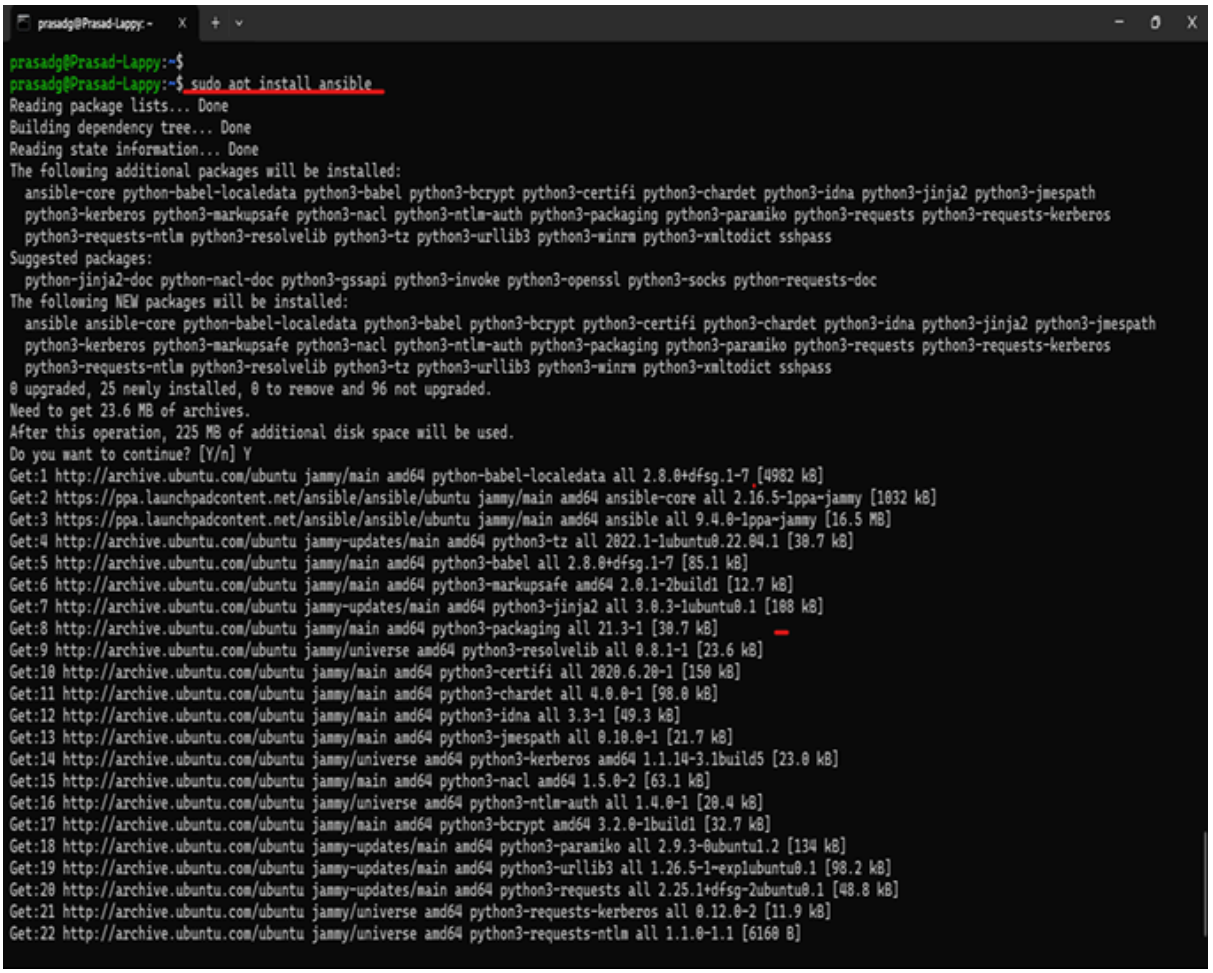
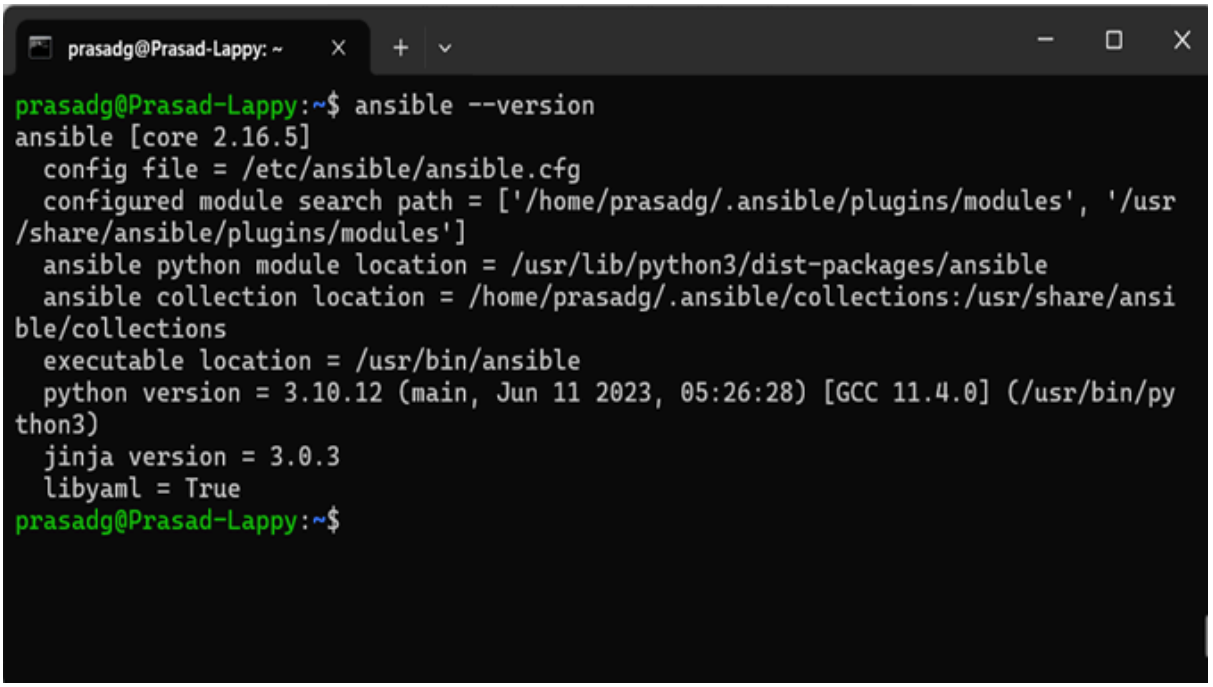
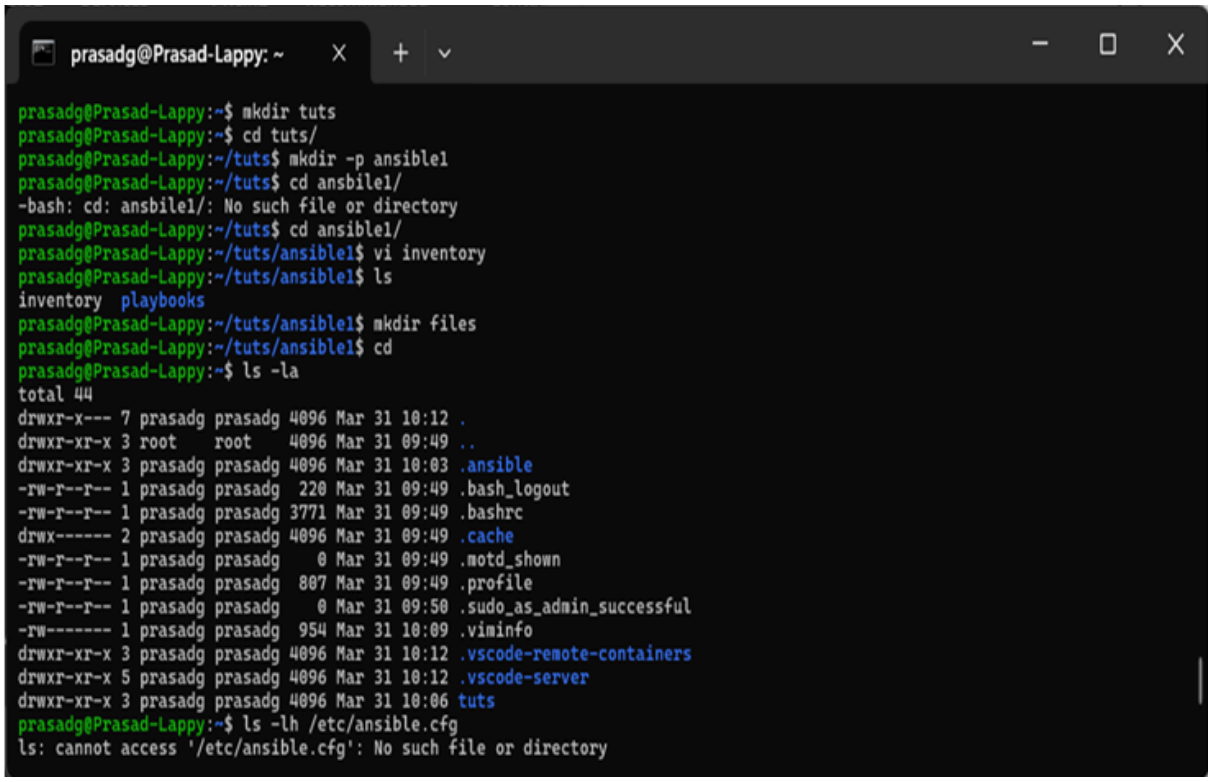
Step 5: Install ansible with below commands.



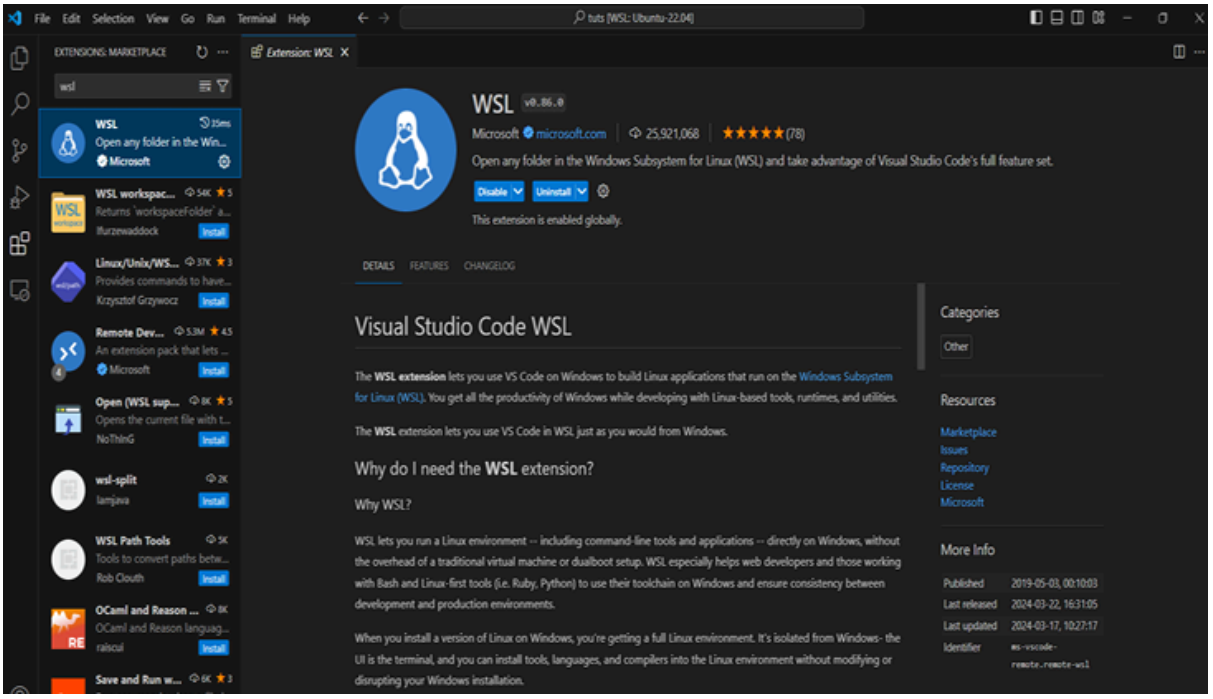
Step 6: Check the ansible version.



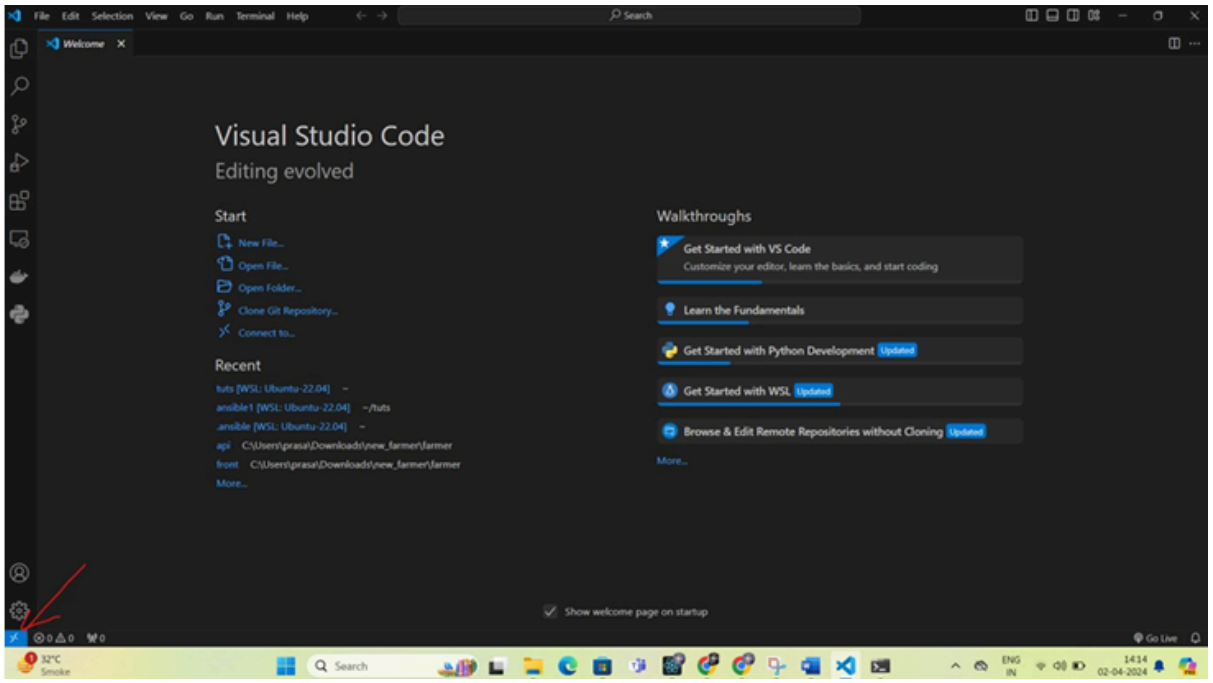
Step 7: Create a new directory and follow the below steps to create new files.



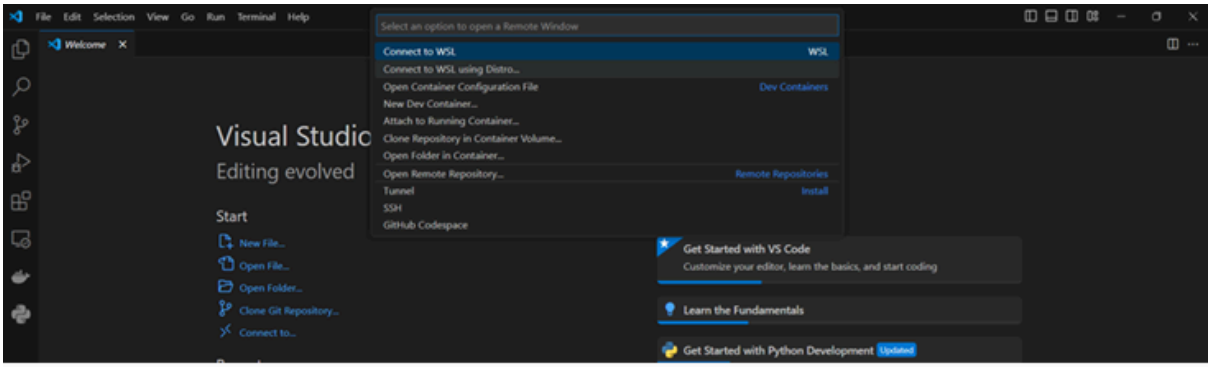
Step 8: To create a playbook and other files we will use vscode. Open the vscode and install the extension for WSL.

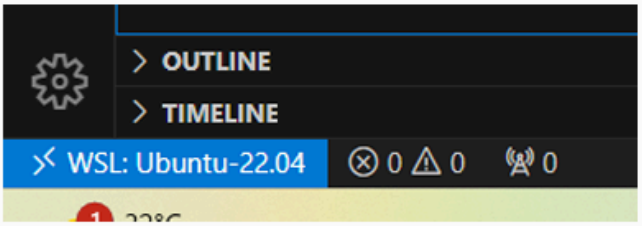


Step 9 : Connect to the ubuntu server through vscode.

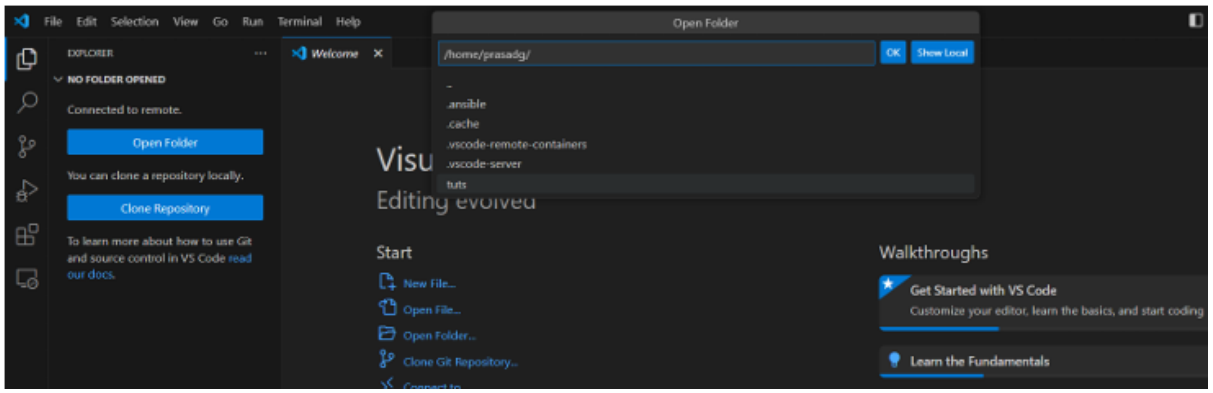


Click on “Connect to WSL using Distro” then select the name of your ubuntu server.





Step 10: Once connected click on the open folder. And select the directory which we created earlier.



Step 11: Create a folder name Inventory and create a file named “Inventory.ini”

Code:

[webservers]

web1.example.com

web2.example.com

[dbservers]

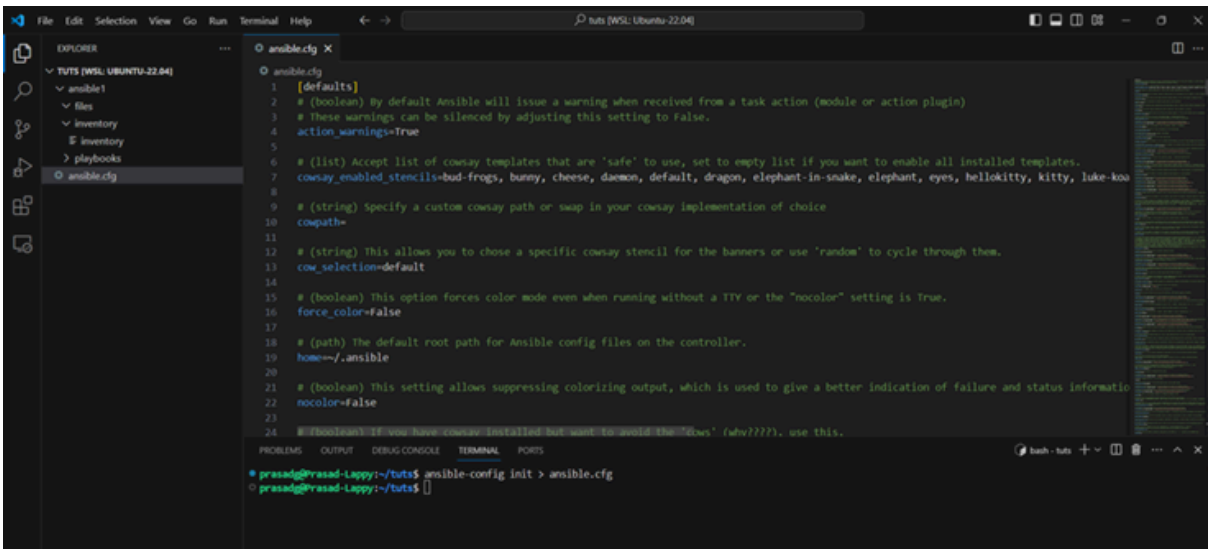
one.example.com

two.example.com

three.example.com

Step 12: Create a ansible configuration file with below command

$ ansible-config init > ansible.cfg



Step 13: Create a Ansible Playbook with .yml extension

```
--- - name: Update web servers
  hosts: webservers
  remote_user: root

  tasks:
  - name: Ensure apache is at the latest version
    ansible.builtin.yum:
      name: httpd
      state: latest

  - name: Write the apache config file
    ansible.builtin.template:
      src: /srv/httpd.j2
      dest: /etc/httpd.conf
- name: Update db servers
  hosts: databases
  remote_user: root

  tasks:
  - name: Ensure postgresql is at the latest version
    ansible.builtin.yum:
      name: postgresql
      state: latest

  - name: Ensure that postgresql is started
    ansible.builtin.service:
      name: postgresql
      state: started
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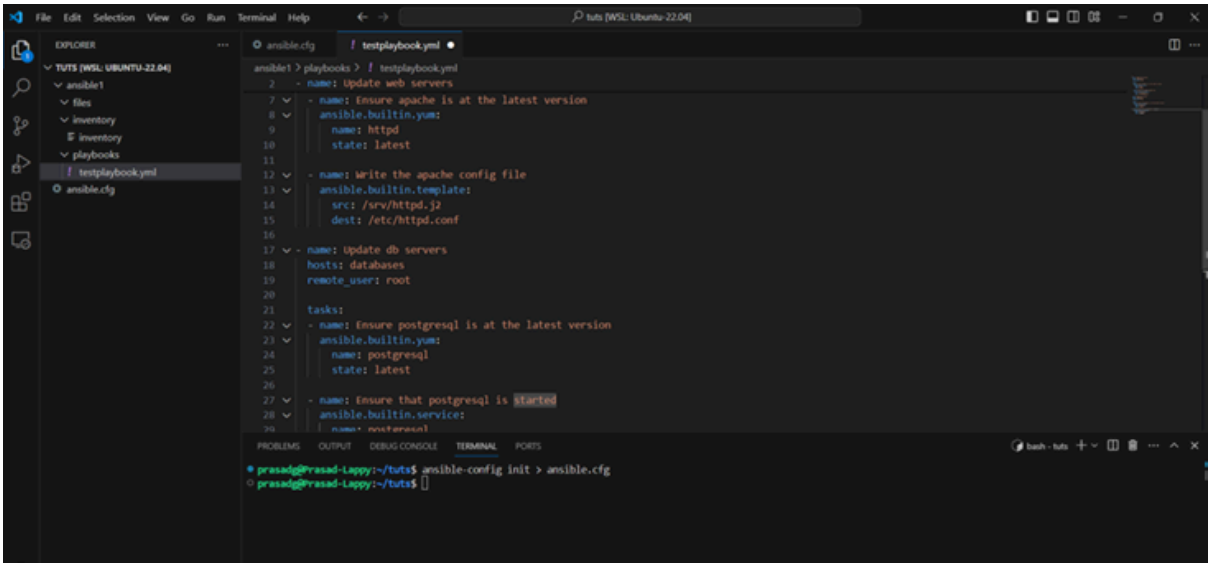

Conclusion: In this practical we learned about the Ansible tool and how to create a playbook in it.