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🪠 Ansible Assignment: Basic Setup and Configuration

🎯 Objective

Practice Ansible fundamentals including:

- SSH setup

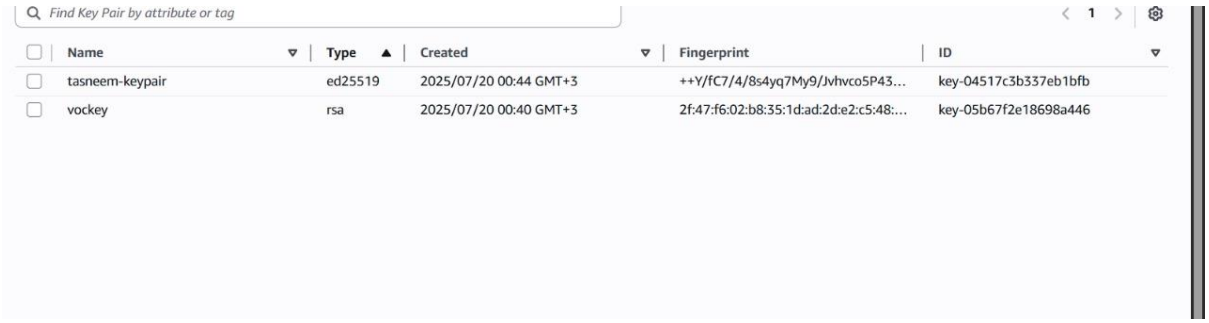
- User creation

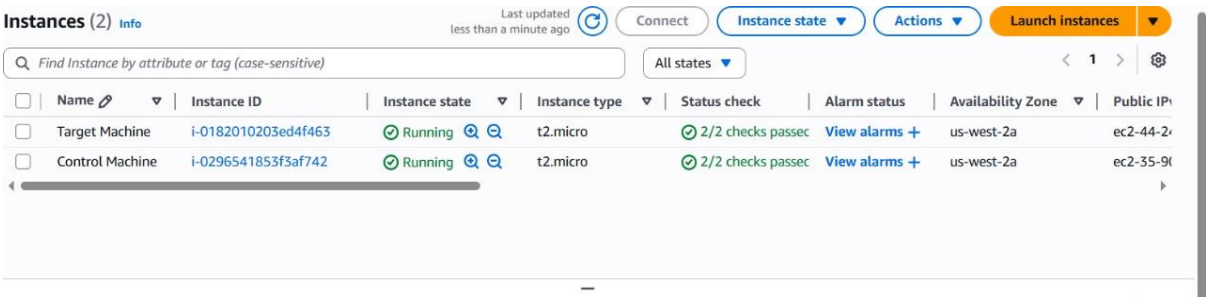
- Package installation

- File management

- Variables

- Facts gathering





scp -i tasneem-keypair.pem tasneem-keypair.pem ubuntu@35.90.207.147

ssh -i tasneem-keypair.pem ubuntu@44.244.59.107

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✅ Task Requirements

1. 🔐 Configure SSH Between Two Machines

- Set up **one control machine** (with Ansible) and **one target machine**.

- On the **control machine**, create a user called: `ansible_control`

- On the **target machine**, create a user called: `deploy`

- Ensure the control machine can SSH into the target machine using the user `deploy` **without typing a password** or typing **'yes' for confirmation**.

For control machine:

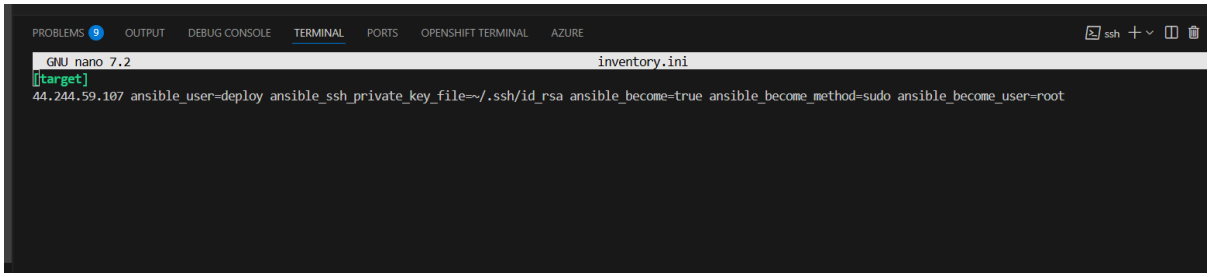
sudo adduser ansible_control

sudo usermod -aG sudo ansible_control

For target machine:

sudo adduser deploy

sudo usermod -aG sudo deploy



```
Password:
ansible_control@ip-172-31-45-121:/home/ubuntu$ ssh deploy@44.244.59.107
Welcome to Ubuntu 24.04.2 LTS (GNU/Linux 6.8.0-1029-aws x86_64)

 * Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com
 * Management:     https://landscape.canonical.com
 * Support:        https://ubuntu.com/pro

 System information as of Sat Jul 19 23:12:30 UTC 2025

  System load:  0.0               Processes:             119
  Usage of /:   29.5% of 6.71GB   Users logged in:       1
  Memory usage: 24%               IPv4 address for enX0: 172.31.41.161
  Swap usage:   0%

 * Ubuntu Pro delivers the most comprehensive open source security and
   compliance features.

   https://ubuntu.com/aws/pro
```

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2. 📦 Install Apache (Latest Version) on the Target Machine

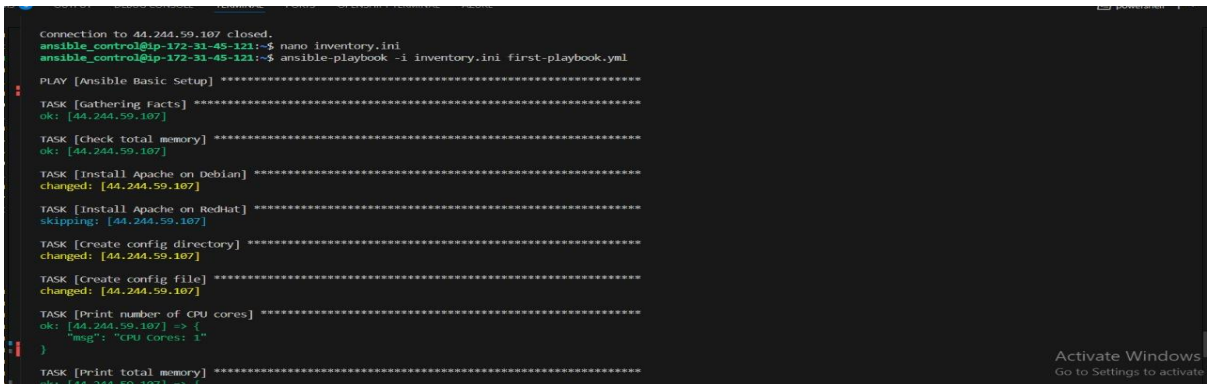
- Install `apache2` on Debian or `httpd` on RedHat.

- Use `when` condition based on `ansible_os_family`.

- Skip the install if total memory < 512MB using .

```yaml
- name: Install Apache on Debian
  apt:
    name: apache2
    state: present
    update_cache: true
  when: ansible_os_family == "Debian" and mem_mb >= 512

- name: Install Apache on RedHat
  yum:
    name: httpd
    state: present
  when: ansible_os_family == "RedHat" and mem_mb >= 512
```



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3. 📁 Create a Directory and Config File

- Create a directory: `/etc/demo_config`

- Inside it, create a file: `config`

- Add the line: `"Hello from control machine"`

🔧 Use variables for:

- The directory path

- The file name

- The message

```
become: true
vars:
  config_dir: /etc/demo_config
  config_file: config
  config_message: "Hello from control machine"
```

```
- name: Create config directory
  file:
    path: "{{ config_dir }}"
    state: directory
    mode: '0755'

- name: Create config file
  copy:
    dest: "{{ config_dir }}/{{ config_file }}"
    content: "{{ config_message }}"
    mode: '0644'
```

```
Connection to 44.244.59.107 closed.
ansible_control@ip-172-31-45-121:~$ nano inventory.ini
ansible_control@ip-172-31-45-121:~$ ansible-playbook -i inventory.ini first-playbook.yml

PLAY [Ansible Basic Setup] ************************************************************

TASK [Gathering Facts] ****************************************************************
ok: [44.244.59.107]

TASK [Check total memory] *************************************************************
ok: [44.244.59.107]

TASK [Install Apache on Debian] *******************************************************
changed: [44.244.59.107]

TASK [Install Apache on RedHat] *******************************************************
skipping: [44.244.59.107]

TASK [Create config directory] ********************************************************
changed: [44.244.59.107]

TASK [Create config file] *************************************************************
changed: [44.244.59.107]

TASK [Print number of CPU cores] ******************************************************
ok: [44.244.59.107] => {
    "msg": "CPU Cores: 1"
}

TASK [Print total memory] *************************************************************
```


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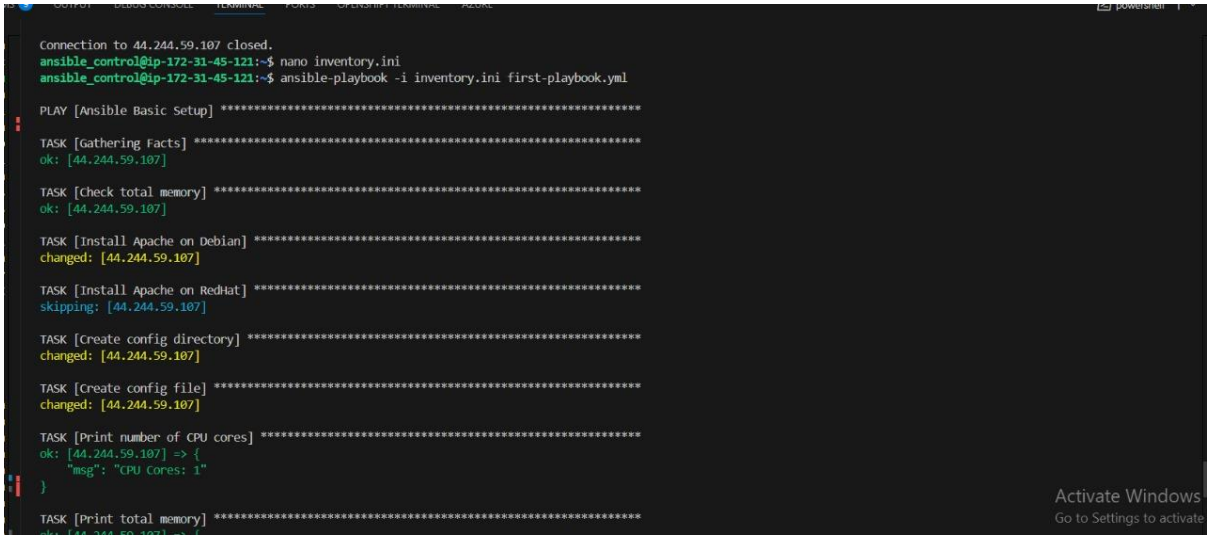
4. 🧠 Print System Facts

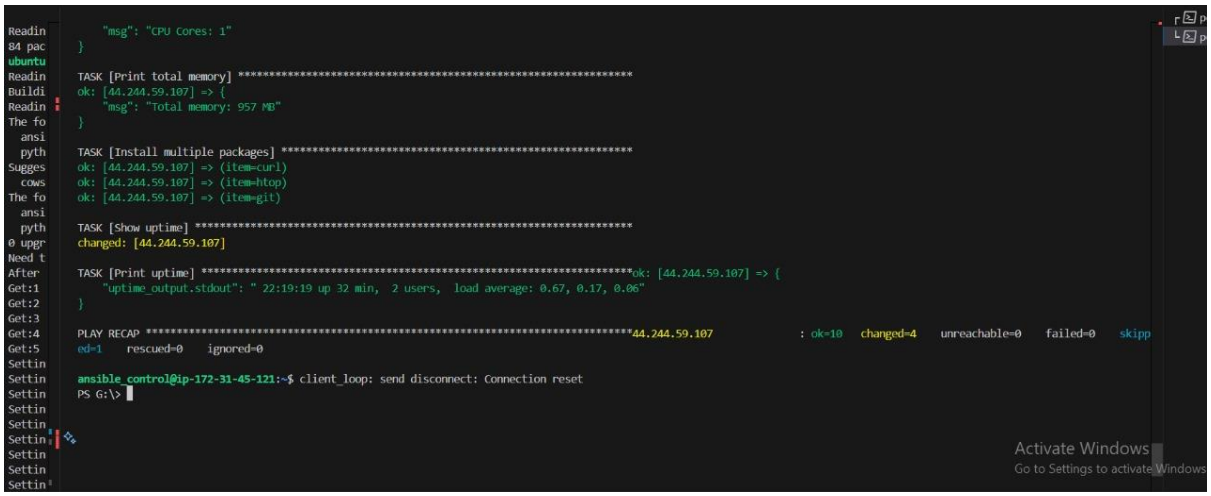
Use the `debug` module to print:

- 🧮 Number of CPU cores
- 🧠 Total memory in MB

```
tasks:

  - name: Check total memory
    ansible.builtin.set_fact:
      mem_mb: "{{ ansible_memtotal_mb }}"
```

```
      mode: '0644'

  - name: Print number of CPU cores
    debug:
      msg: "CPU Cores: {{ ansible_processor_cores }}"

  - name: Print total memory
    debug:
      msg: "Total memory: {{ mem_mb }} MB"
```





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5. 🔁 Install Multiple Packages Using Loop

Define Var:

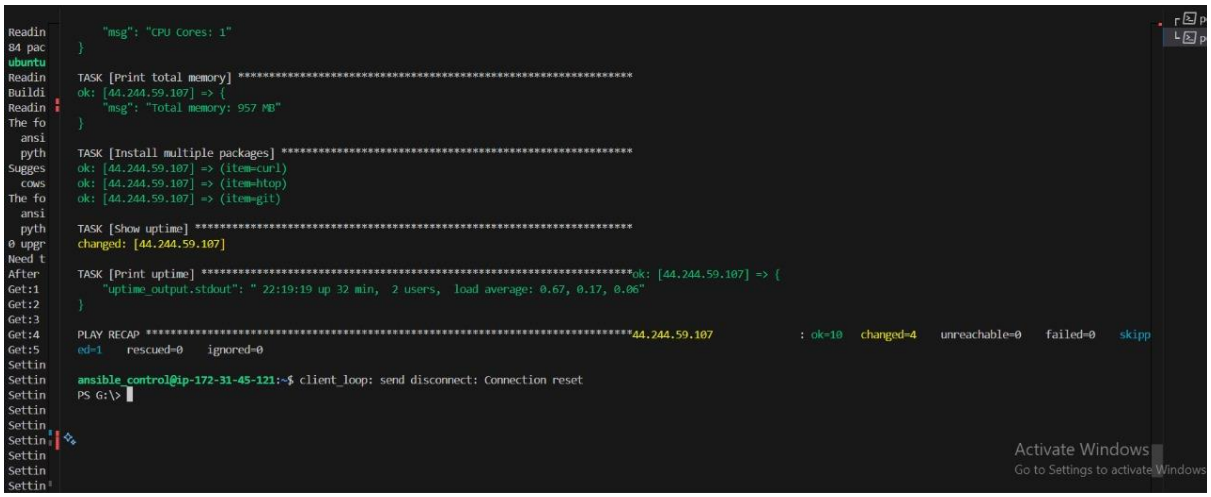
```yaml
packages:
  - curl
  - htop
  - git
```

```
config_file: config
config_message: "Hello from control machine"
packages:
  - curl
  - htop
  - git
```

```

Use `loop` to install each of them.

```
- name: Install multiple packages
  package:
    name: "{{ item }}"
    state: present
  loop: "{{ packages }}"
```

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### 6. ⏱️ Show Uptime

- Use the `command` module to run `uptime`.

- Print the output in terminal
```

```
loop: "{{ packages }}"

- name: Show uptime
  command: uptime
  register: uptime_output

- name: Print uptime
  debug:
    var: uptime_output.stdout
```