

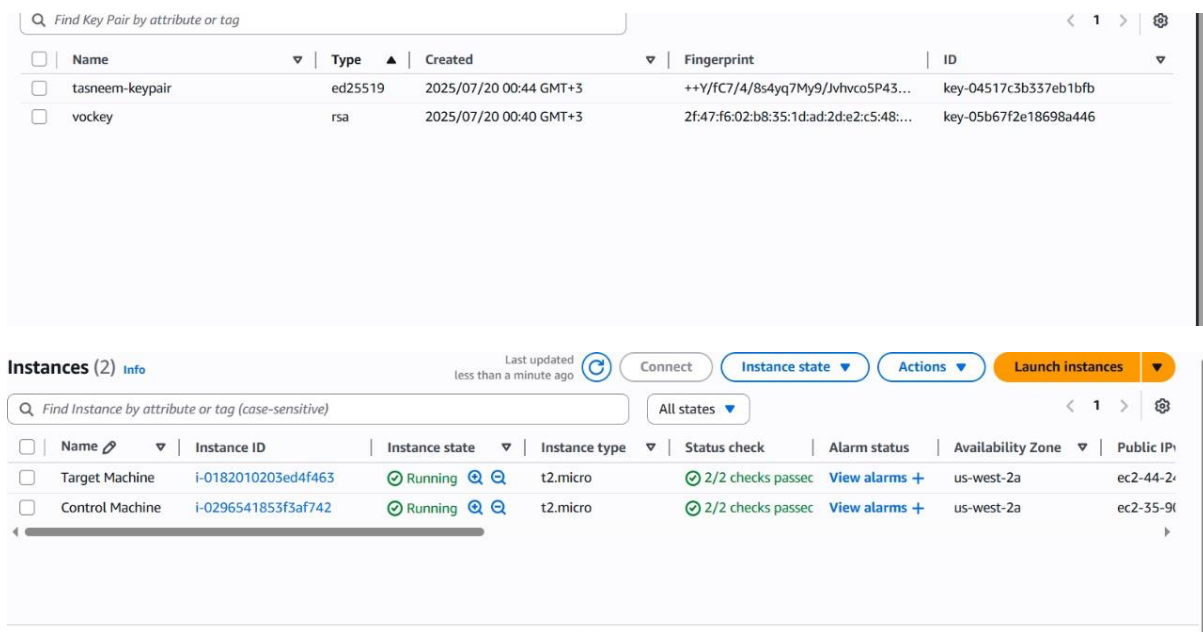
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Ansible Assignment: Basic Setup and Configuration

Objective

Practice Ansible fundamentals including:

- SSH setup
- User creation
- Package installation
- File management
- Variables
- Facts gathering



The screenshot displays two AWS console panels. The top panel, 'Key Pairs', shows a table with two entries: 'tasneem-keypair' (ed25519) and 'vockey' (rsa), both created on 2025/07/20. The bottom panel, 'Instances (2)', shows two running EC2 instances: 'Target Machine' and 'Control Machine', both using t2.micro instances in the us-west-2a availability zone. Both instances have passed status checks and have public IP addresses.

Name	Type	Created	Fingerprint	ID
tasneem-keypair	ed25519	2025/07/20 00:44 GMT+3	++Y/fC7/4/8s4yq7My9/Jvhvco5P43...	key-04517c3b337eb1bfb
vockey	rsa	2025/07/20 00:40 GMT+3	2f:47:f6:02:b8:35:1d:ad:2d:e2:c5:48:...	key-05b67f2e18698a446

Name	Instance ID	Instance state	Instance type	Status check	Alarm status	Availability Zone	Public IP
Target Machine	i-0182010203ed4f463	Running	t2.micro	2/2 checks passed	View alarms +	us-west-2a	ec2-44-2...
Control Machine	i-0296541853f3af742	Running	t2.micro	2/2 checks passed	View alarms +	us-west-2a	ec2-35-9...

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

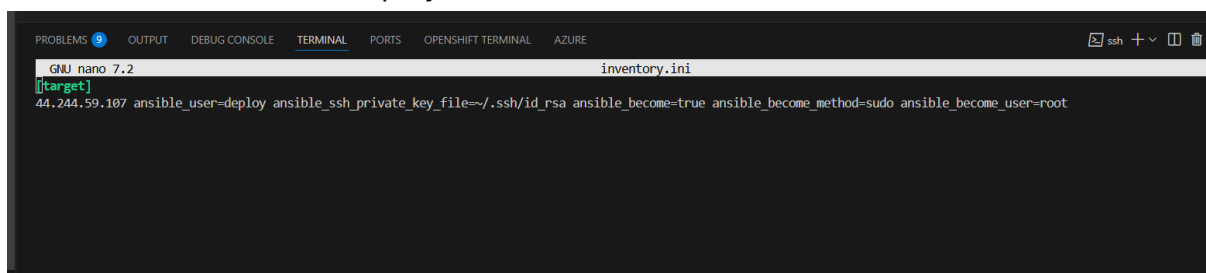
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sudo adduser ansible_control
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```
sudo usermod -aG sudo ansible_control
```

For target machine:

```
sudo adduser deploy
```

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sudo usermod -aG sudo deploy
```



```
PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL PORTS OPENSHELL TERMINAL AZURE
GUI nano 7.2 inventory.ini
[target]
44.244.59.187 ansible_user=deploy ansible_ssh_private_key_file=~/.ssh/id_rsa ansible_become=true ansible_become_method=sudo ansible_become_user=root
```

```

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

```

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.

```

- 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

```

```

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] *****

```

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'
```

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  "msg": "CPU Cores: 1"
}

TASK [Print total memory] *****
ok: [44.244.59.107] => {
  "msg": "Total memory: 16384 MB"
}
```

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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TASK [Print total memory] *****
ok: [44.244.59.107] => {
  "msg": "Total memory: 957 MB"
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TASK [Print total memory] *****
ok: [44.244.59.107] => {
  "msg": "Total memory: 957 MB"
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TASK [Install multiple packages] *****
ok: [44.244.59.107] => (item=curl)
ok: [44.244.59.107] => (item=htop)
ok: [44.244.59.107] => (item=git)

TASK [Show uptime] *****
changed: [44.244.59.107]

TASK [Print uptime] *****
ok: [44.244.59.107] => {
  "uptime_output.stdout": " 22:19:19 up 32 min,  2 users,  load average: 0.67, 0.17, 0.06"
}

PLAY RECAP *****
44.244.59.107      : ok=10  changed=4  unreachable=0  failed=0  skip=0

ansible_control@ip-172-31-45-121:~$ client_loop: send disconnect: Connection reset
PS G:\>
```

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.

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

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  }
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ed=1   rescued=0   ignored=0

ansible_control@ip-172-31-45-121:~$ client_loop: send disconnect: Connection reset
PS G:\>

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6. 🕒 Show Uptime

- Use the `command` module to run `uptime`.
- Print the output in terminal

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loop: {{ packages }}

- name: Show uptime
  command: uptime
  register: uptime_output

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

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Get:3       "uptime_output.stdout": " 22:19:19 up 32 min,  2 users,  load average: 0.67, 0.17, 0.06"
Get:4       }
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