

ANSIBLE ASSIGNMENT 2

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Assignment: Execute a Custom Script on All Hosts Using Ansible

Problem Statement

You are required to:

1. Create a custom script that adds the text
“This text has been added by custom script”
into the file /tmp/1.txt.
2. Use Ansible to run this script on all managed hosts in the Ansible inventory.

This demonstrates automation of remote script execution using Ansible Playbooks.

Environment Used

- Ansible Master Node: Ubuntu EC2 instance
- Two Managed Nodes (Slave1 & Slave2): Ubuntu EC2 instances
- SSH authentication using mykey.pem
- Inventory configured at /etc/ansible/hosts

Inventory example:

```
[slave1]
```

```
10.0.11.55 ansible_user=ubuntu ansible_ssh_private_key_file=/home/ubuntu/.ssh/mykey.pem
```

```
[slave2]
```

```
10.0.15.253 ansible_user=ubuntu ansible_ssh_private_key_file=/home/ubuntu/.ssh/mykey.pem
```

Tasks Performed

Task 1: Create a script that adds text to /tmp/1.txt

On your Ansible Master, create a script:

```
nano addtext.sh
```

Paste this inside:

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
echo "This text has been added by custom script" >> /tmp/1.txt
```

```
Save → CTRL+O → Enter → CTRL+X
```

```
ubuntu@ip-10-0-6-254:~$ nano addtext.sh
```

```
GNU nano 1.4
#!/bin/bash
echo "This text has been added by custom script" >> /tmp/1.txt
```

Make it executable:

```
chmod +x addtext.sh
```

```
ubuntu@ip-10-0-6-254:~$ nano addtext.sh
ubuntu@ip-10-0-6-254:~$ chmod +x addtext.sh
ubuntu@ip-10-0-6-254:~$
```

Task 2: Run this script using Ansible on ALL hosts

Create the Ansible playbook:

```
nano run-script.yml
```

Paste this:

```
---
```

```
- name: Run custom script on all hosts
  hosts: all
  become: yes
```

tasks:

```
  - name: Copy script to remote hosts
    copy:
```

```
src: addtext.sh  
dest: /tmp/addtext.sh  
mode: '0755'
```

```
- name: Execute the script on remote hosts
```

```
  command: bash /tmp/addtext.sh
```

Save → exit.

Run the playbook

```
ansible-playbook run-script.yml
```

```
ubuntu@ip-10-0-6-254:~$ nano run-script.yml
```

```
GNU nano 7.2  
---  
- name: Run custom script on all hosts  
  hosts: all  
  become: yes  
  
  tasks:  
    - name: Copy script to remote hosts  
      copy:  
        src: addtext.sh  
        dest: /tmp/addtext.sh  
        mode: '0755'  
  
    - name: Execute the script on remote hosts  
      command: bash /tmp/addtext.sh
```

```
ubuntu@ip-10-0-6-254:~$ ansible-playbook run-script.yml
PLAY [Run custom script on all hosts] ****
TASK [Gathering Facts] ****
The authenticity of host '10.0.15.253 (10.0.15.253)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:rxX9xg2BpxzTnPVLShxyVTEIWH08qE1JNDrvtEzI.
This key is not known by any other names.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
ok: [10.0.11.55]
ok: [10.0.15.253]

TASK [Copy script to remote hosts] ****
changed: [10.0.15.253]
changed: [10.0.11.55]

TASK [Execute the script on remote hosts] ****
changed: [10.0.15.253]
changed: [10.0.11.55]

PLAY RECAP ****
10.0.11.55      : ok=3    changed=2    unreachable=0    failed=0    skipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0
10.0.15.253     : ok=3    changed=2    unreachable=0    failed=0    skipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0

ubuntu@ip-10-0-6-254:~$ █
```

EXPECTED RESULT

On each host (slave1, slave2), this file should now exist:

[/tmp/1.txt](#)

Check manually on each slave:

[cat /tmp/1.txt](#)

Output should be:

[This text has been added by custom script](#)

```
ubuntu@ip-10-0-11-55:~$ cat /tmp/1.txt
This text has been added by custom script
ubuntu@ip-10-0-11-55:~$ █
```

i-0dde7c0f6be97fe6f (slave2)

Public IPs: 3.80.238.215 Private IPs: 10.0.11.55

```
ubuntu@ip-10-0-15-253:~$ cat /tmp/1.txt
This text has been added by custom script
ubuntu@ip-10-0-15-253:~$ █
```

i-02539f23426097cd2 (slave1)

Public IPs: 3.91.224.29 Private IPs: 10.0.15.253

Verification

On each remote host, the file /tmp/1.txt was checked:

[cat /tmp/1.txt](#)

Expected output:

This text has been added by custom script

Both slave nodes successfully received the file and the text.

Conclusion

Successfully created and executed a custom script on multiple hosts using Ansible.

This assignment demonstrated:

- Remote script execution
- Use of Ansible playbooks
- Automation across multiple managed nodes
- Secure SSH-based communication