

General overview

Definitions: jump_box = provisioner VM; ansible container = control container node

Definitions: webserver = Web1 and Web2 VM's running in ansible container

Definitions: ELK-SERVER = Elk VM part of vNet Elk; user = source computer

Setup ansible container control node and webserver VMs 1 & 2 within jump_box provisioner VM

All VMs started and running in Azure

Use sudo for docker commands unless you are root

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In Azure

Network Security Group>Give your computer's public IP from any of your ports permission to ssh to jump_box private IP only to port 22;

Network Security Group>Give ansible control container node within jump_box permission to ssh into Web1 & Web2 private IP's only to port 22;

In Git Bash

Create ansible container control node

ssh into jump_box;

! You are now user: jump_box !

This link provides commands for the instructions that follow resulting in new user: ansible control container node

 [install-launch-start-attach-ansible](#)

Install docker.io;

Pull ansible container

List out ansible container (note name of container);

Run ansible container;

Start ansible container;

Attach ansible container;

! You are now user: ansible container !

This link gives commands for following instructions: [generate_ssh_cmds](#)

Generate ssh key;

cat public ssh key and copy;

In Azure

Prohibited: ssh from jump_box to webserver

Allowed: ssh from ansible control container node within jump_box to webserver internal IP

only to port 22

VM reset password>Give Web1 & 2 access to public ssh key; paste public ssh key;

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# In Git Bash
# As user: ansible container
Test ssh key: test\_ssh;
nano to configure files: /etc/ansible/ansible.cfg (allow <admin username> as remote user with
SSH connection) & /etc/ansible/hosts (allow Web1 & 2 private IPs with python3 interpreter);
ping newly added webserver VMs with this command: $ ansible all -m ping;
Run ansible playbook to configure ansible container: ansible\_playbook\_ansible;
Test connection for each webserver VM (ssh <admin name>@<webserver1 or 2 internal IP>;
then $ curl localhost/setup.php for each VM)
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General access

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# In Git Bash
ssh <admin username>@<jump_box public IP>;
# ! You are now user: jump_box !
# This is a link to commands for the following instruction that result in connecting the jump_box
# with the ansible container: list-start-attach-ansible
List out local container(s)
Start ansible container
Attach ansible container
# ! You are now user: ansible container !
ssh <admin username>@Web1 or 2
# ! You are now user: <admin user>@Web1 or 2 !
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Add Load Balancer to vNet with jump_box and webserver VMs to regulate inbound/outbound traffic;

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# needed

# Add security rule to forward port 80 from Load Balancer to vNet; webserver VMs will have
# HTTP access;
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At any point a new VM can be added behind the Load Balancer by following in Azure: Virtual
Machine>(add VM and configure availability options: availability set and availability set: [name
of vNet availability set])>Networking>(suggested configuration: public IP: none, NIC:
advanced, configure network security group: [choose name of vNet security group] and Load
Balancing: no (because VM should now be part of an availability set));
Update /etc/ansible/hosts with any newly added VM with it's internal IP;
Configure any new VMs added to the vNet by running the ansible playbook:
[ansible_playbook_ansible](#)

In Azure

Load Balancers>Add load balancer (with same resource group as vNet & static public IP)>Add
health probe (suggested configuration TCP/80/5/2)

Load Balancers>Backend pools>Add backend pool (add webserver names and internal IP
addresses add name of vNet with jump_box and webserver)

Load Balancers>Frontend IP Configuration>[name of load balancer]>PentestLBR>(suggested
configuration: IPv4/TCP/80/80/session persistence = Client IP and protocol)

Network Security Group>[name of vNet security group]>inbound security rules>(suggested
configuration: Source: your external IPv4 address, source port ranges: * , destination:
VirtualNetwork, destination port ranges: 80, Protocol: Any, and Action: Allow)

Network Security Group>[name of vNet security group]>inbound security rules>(remove default
deny all rule)

Test connection: from user browser enter http://<insert Load Balancer public IP>/setup.php

Create vNet for ELK server

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needed

In Azure

Virtual Network>Create VM ELK-SERVER in region different from jump_box;

Virtual Network>Settings>Peerings>Add peering to and from ELK-SERVER and jump_box
vNets;

In Git Bash

As user: ansible container

This is a link providing commands to ssh from jump_box to user ansible container:

[ssh-user2provisioner](#)

Cat public ssh key and copy

In Azure

Virtual Machine>Add new Ubuntu VM (image with >=4GiG) with name ELK-SERVER, public IP address, same region as vNet ELK-SERVER and paste the public ssh key (follow instructions below for copy of ssh key);

Network security group>[choose Elk server group]>inbound security rules>(suggested configuration: source: IP addresses, source IP address: [insert user public IP], source ports: * , destination: VirtualNetwork, destination port: 5601 (or whichever port ELK-SERVER is running on), protocol: any, and action: allow);

In Git Bash

As user: ansible container

nano to configure files: /etc/ansible/hosts (allow host/grup Elk private IP with python3 interpreter);

Test ssh from ansible control container to ELK-SERVER;

Create and run an ansible playbook to install Elk: [create launch ansible playbook elk cmds](#);

Add Filbeat to Elk monitoring for improved log monitoring of websevers 1 & 2 # containers

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needed

In user browser

Check ELK-SERVER is connected search: [http://\[ELK-SERVER public IP\]:5601/app/kibana](http://[ELK-SERVER public IP]:5601/app/kibana);
Install up-to-date Filebeat: in Kibana web page> Add Log Data>System Logs and choose DEB tab under Getting Started;

In Git Bash

As user: ansible container

Create filebeat configuration file: [filebeat configuration yml](#);

Create and run filebeat playbook: [filebeat playbook create+run yml](#);

In user browser

Verify installation: In Elk stack Kibana filebeat installation web page complete steps 1-5;

Install and configure metricbeat to specialize filebeat and Elk monitoring

In user browser

Search [http://\[ELK-SERVER public IP\]:5601/app/kibana](http://[ELK-SERVER public IP]:5601/app/kibana);
Install up-to-date metricbeat: Elk stack Kibana web page> Add Metric Data> Docker Metrics and
choose DEB tab under Getting Started;

In Git Bash

This link has commands to instructions below: [metricbeats install configuration](#)

Install Metricbeat;

Create Metricbeat configuration file;

Update Metricbeat;

In user browser

In Elk stack Kibana docker metrics web page

Validate metricbeat is enabled: complete step 5;

Edit /etc/ansible/ansible.cfg file by updating the following:

uncomment remote_user & set equal to remote_user = <admin name>;

In this project example: remote_user = RedAdmin;

Edit /etc/ansible/hosts file to add Elk group:

Updated configured section of /etc/ansible/hosts file appears as follows:

[webservers]

<Insert internal IP of Web1 VM> ansible_python_interpreter=/usr/bin/python3

<Insert internal IP of Web2 VM> ansible_python_interpreter=/usr/bin/python3

List the IP address of your ELK server

There should only be one IP address

[elk]

<Insert internal IP of ELK-SERVER> ansible_python_interpreter=/usr/bin/python3

This is a link for a pre-configured ansible playbook to configure the ansible container within

jump_box provisioner VM: [ansible_playbook_ansible](#)

Run ansible playbook with command: ansible-playbook <name of playbook>.yml

This yamil ansible playbook will: install docker.io, python3-pip, docker, cyberxsecurity/dvwa

(specific for this project)

container, publish port 80 on the container to port 80 on the host, and start docker service on

boot

The following is a link for a pre-configured ansible playbook for Elk installation:

[ansible_playbook_Elk](#)

Adding Filebeat to Elk monitoring

If curl command does not work then filebeat configuration file template:

https://github.com/the-Coding-Boot-Camp-at-UT/UTA-VIRT-CYBER-PT-09-2021-U-LOL/blob/master/1-Lesson-Plans/13-Elk-Stack-Project/Activities/Student_Day_2/Solved/config_files/filebeat-configuration.yml

nano /etc/ansible/files/filebeat-config.yml and copy and paste the above template

Configure filebeat-config.yml as follows: