Automation with Ansible



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Custom Facts

- The default task for any playbook is setup.
- ➤ This task gathers a whole host of facts (gather_facts) about the remote machine/s
 - > Like
 - > IP addresses, disks, OS version...
- > These are called facts.
- > We can also add our own custom facts that Ansible can go and fetch for us.



Use of Custom Facts

Use of Custom Facts:

- > To define user required facts for particular host.
- > Ex: I need to find httpd, tomcat, weblogic or any server version on all hosts.
- > Let me take here example as git version.



How to create Custom Facts?

Steps to Create Custom Facts:

- > Step1: Create /etc/ansible/facts.d on remote nodes.
- Step2: Inside of facts.d place one ore more custom facts files. (facts file extension should be *.fact)
- > Step3: The output of *.fact file should be JSON.
- > Step4: The *.fact file should have execution permission.

