

Question 4: Install and Configure Nginx

Develop an Ansible playbook to automate the installation and configuration of the Nginx web server on a remote machine. The playbook should ensure that:

- Nginx is installed and configured.
- The Nginx service is enabled and running.
- A custom index.html page is deployed.
- Port 80 is opened to allow HTTP traffic.
- The playbook executes successfully and ensures proper configuration.

Task Requirements:

1. Install Ansible on the Control Machine

- Check if Ansible is installed.
- If not installed, install it using the appropriate method for the operating system.

2. Configure the Ansible Inventory File

- Create an inventory file (`inventory.ini`) that includes the details of the remote machine where Nginx will be installed.

3. Create the Ansible Playbook (`install_nginx.yml`)

- The playbook should:
 - Update the package lists before installing Nginx.
 - Install the Nginx web server package.
 - Ensure the **Nginx service is enabled and running** after installation.
 - Deploy a **custom index.html** file to replace the default page.

- Open **port 80** in the firewall to allow HTTP traffic.
- Verify that the Nginx service is running and accessible.

4. Execute the Playbook

- Run the Ansible playbook on the remote machine.

5. Verify the Nginx Installation

- Confirm that Nginx is running on the remote machine.
- Access the **custom index page** via a web browser to check if the deployment was successful.