

Issue	Typical Error Message	Root Cause
SSH connection failure	UNREACHABLE! Permission denied	Wrong user / key / port
Python missing on target	/usr/bin/python not found	Minimal OS / container
Sudo privilege failure	Missing sudo password	No privilege escalation
YAML syntax error	mapping values are not allowed here	Indentation / tabs
Variables undefined	var_name' is undefined	Wrong scope / precedence
Package install fails	No package matching found	Repo/cache outdated
Service not restarting	Playbook success but app broken	No handler triggered
Always shows changed	Every run = changed	Using shell instead of module
No hosts matched	skipping: no hosts matched	Wrong inventory group
Variables not rendered in file	Config copied but not replaced	Used copy not template