ANSIBLE

Ansible is an open-source automation tool used for **IT configuration management**, **deployment**, **orchestration**, **and automation**. It is designed to simplify complex processes and reduce manual effort by automating repetitive tasks.

Ansible Used in DevOps

Ansible is widely used in **DevOps** due to the following reasons:

1. Infrastructure as Code (IaC):

 Ansible allows you to define your infrastructure and configurations in code, enabling version control and repeatability.

2. Agentless Architecture:

 Unlike other configuration management tools, Ansible does not require an agent to be installed on the target systems. It communicates over SSH or WinRM.

3. Simple YAML Syntax:

 Ansible uses YAML for its playbooks, which is human-readable and easy to learn, even for non-programmers.

4. Cross-Platform:

 Ansible supports multiple operating systems, including Linux, Windows, and macOS.

5. Automation Across the Lifecycle:

 It automates tasks like configuration management, application deployment, and orchestration of services.

How Ansible Works

1. Key Components:

Control Node:

■ The machine where Ansible is installed and executed. It manages the target systems.

Managed Nodes:

■ The systems (servers, VMs, etc.) that Ansible manages. They are typically referred to as hosts.

o Inventory:

A file that lists the managed nodes (hosts). It can be static or dynamic.

Modules:

■ Predefined scripts that Ansible uses to perform tasks like installing packages, copying files, and managing services.

Playbooks:

YAML files containing a series of tasks to be executed on the managed nodes.

Ad-hoc Commands:

One-time commands to quickly execute a task on a managed node.

2. Workflow:

• Step 1: Define Inventory

List the IPs or hostnames of target systems in an inventory file.

• Step 2: Write a Playbook

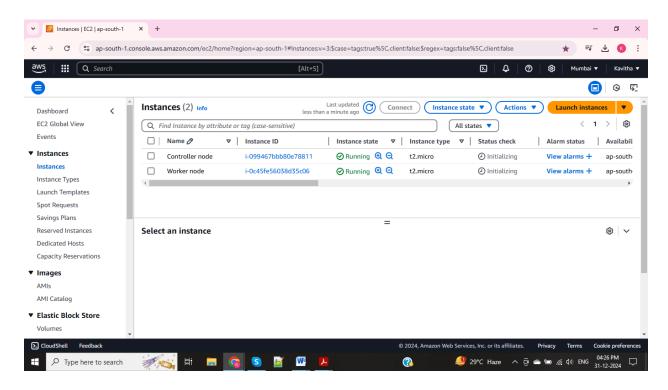
Create a YAML file defining the tasks to perform.

• Step 3: Execute

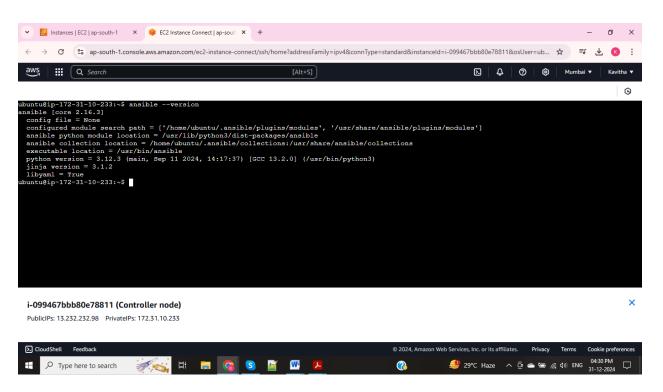
Run the playbook using the ansible-playbook command.

Deploying NGINX on a slave server using an Ansible playbook:

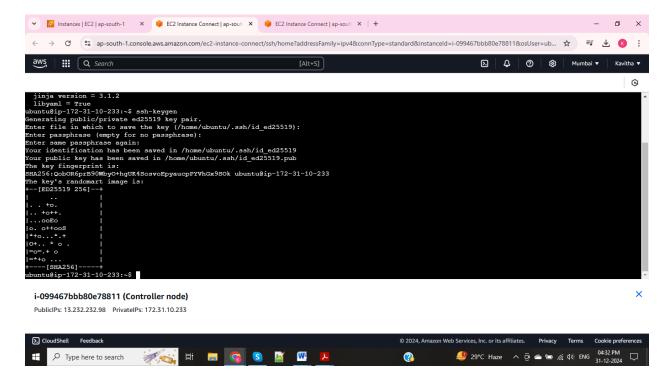
Created a EC2 instance named as Controller node and worker node



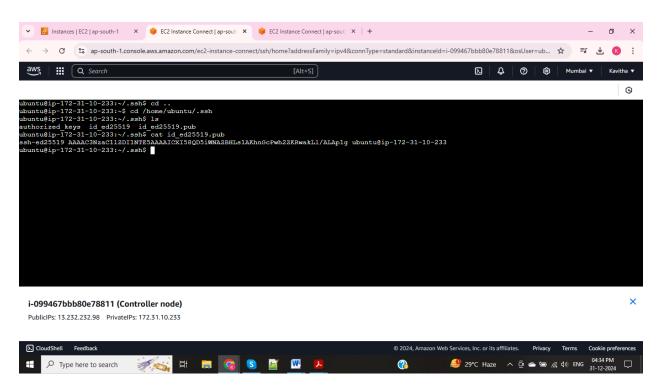
In Controller node installed ansible



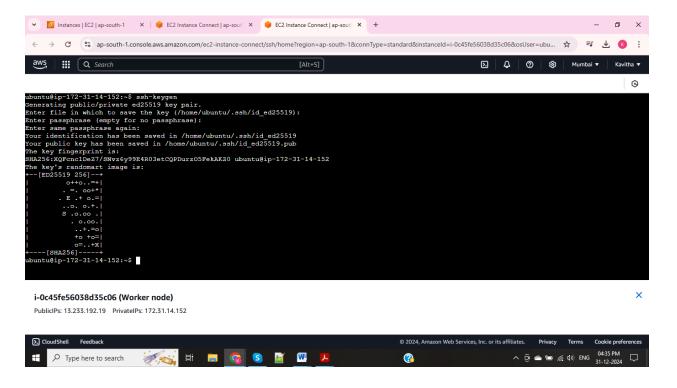
Created a ssh-keygen in ansible server for Passwordless Authentication



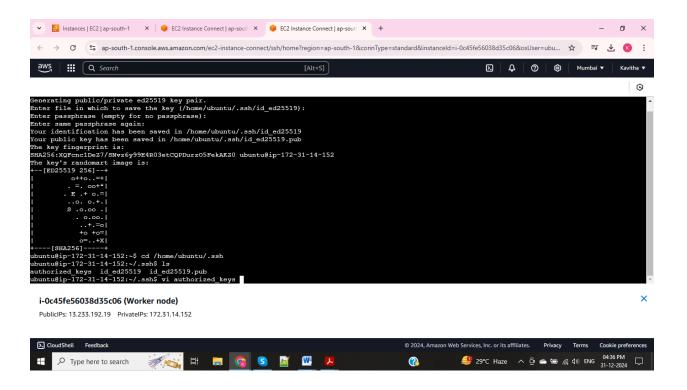
To view the public key use "cat" --> Copy the key and it has to be pasted in slave server



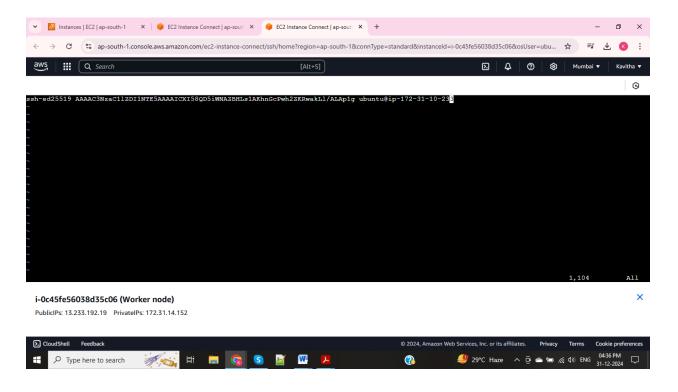
Connected the slave server and key created in this server also



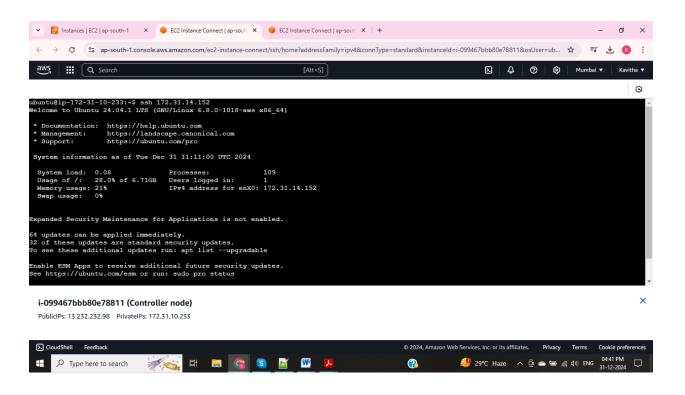
Editing the **authorized_keys** file on a server is typically done to configure **passwordless Authentication SSH access**.



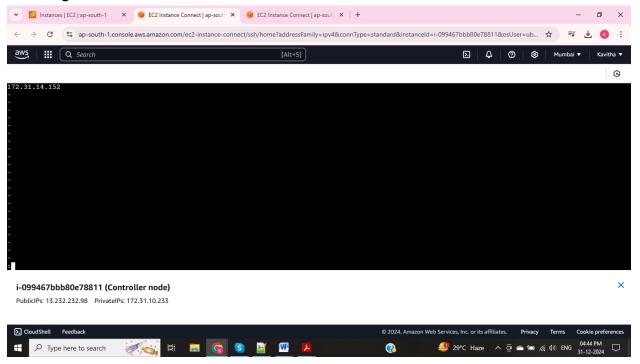
Enable Passwordless SSH for Automation.



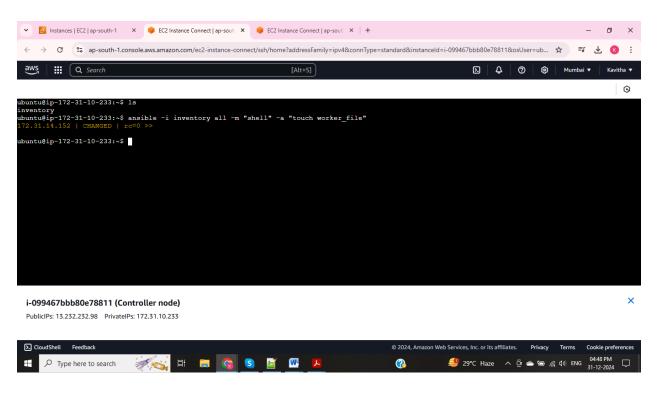
Logged into ansible server and checking the slave server was working: ssh 172.31.14.152



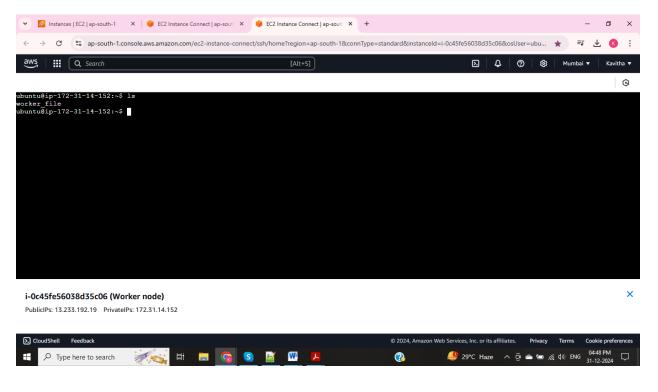
Creating a INVENTORY FILE for Ansible will interact with slave servers



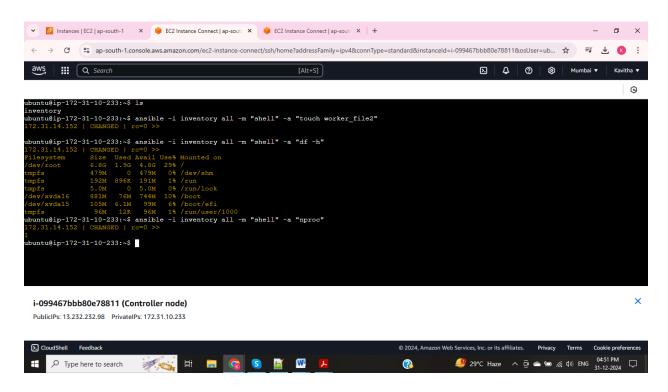
In **Ansible**, **ad-hoc commands** are simple, one-line commands used to quickly perform tasks on remote systems without creating a full **playbook**. These commands are executed from the command line and are ideal for short, repetitive tasks or one-off operations.



Checking adhoc commands are working and the output shows in slave server



Execute some adhoc commands



In **Ansible**, a **playbook** is a YAML file that defines a series of tasks to be executed on managed hosts. It provides a more structured, repeatable, and reusable way to automate configuration management, application deployment, and other IT tasks compared to ad-hoc commands.

Using ansible playbook YAML file created to install nginx and start nginx service

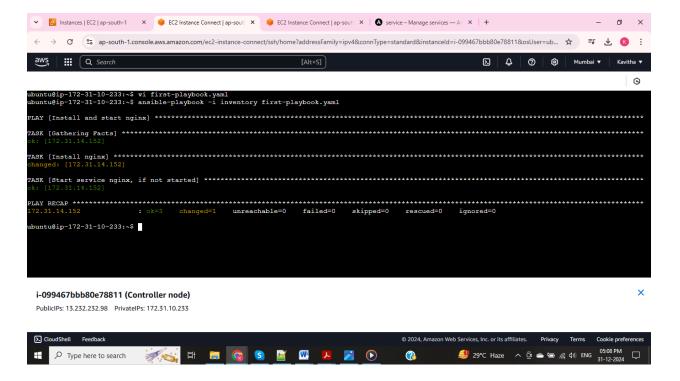
```
- name: Install and start nginx
hosts: all
become: true

tasks:
    - name: Install nginx
    apt:
        name: nginx
    state: present

- name: Start service nginx, if not started
service:
    name: nginx
    state: started
```

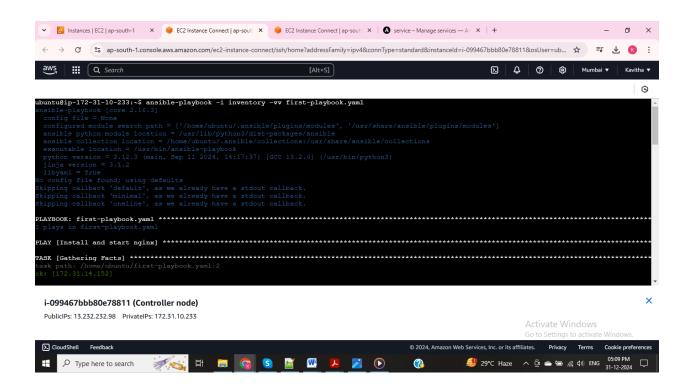
To run and check the playbook with the help of this command:

ansible-playbook -i inventory first-playbook.yaml and success output

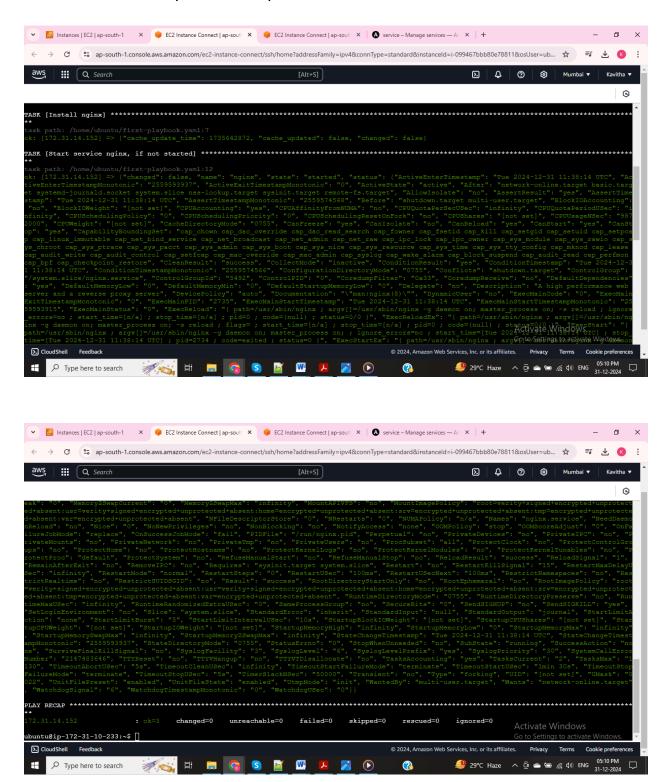


For checking the output of playbook in slave server use: sudo systemctl status nginx

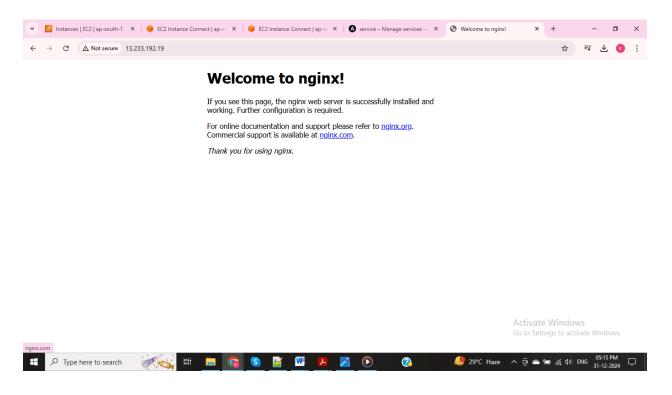
Verbosity refers to the level of detail provided in the output logs when running a playbook or command. It controls how much information Ansible displays during execution, helping users to debug or understand the process better. Verbosity can be set using the -v, -vv, -vvv, and -vvvv flags, with each level providing more detailed information.



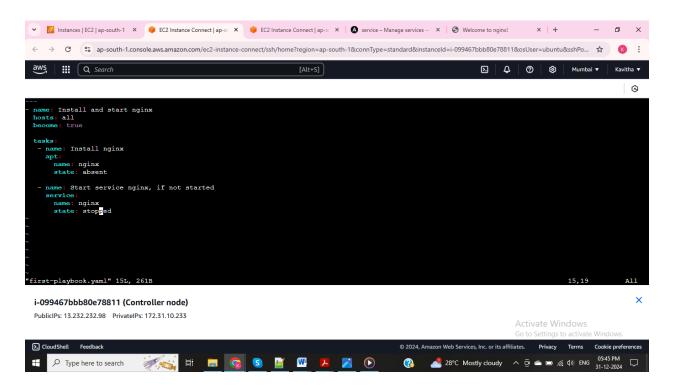
I used **-vv** (**More verbose**): In addition to the basic output, shows additional details, such as the parameters passed to tasks.



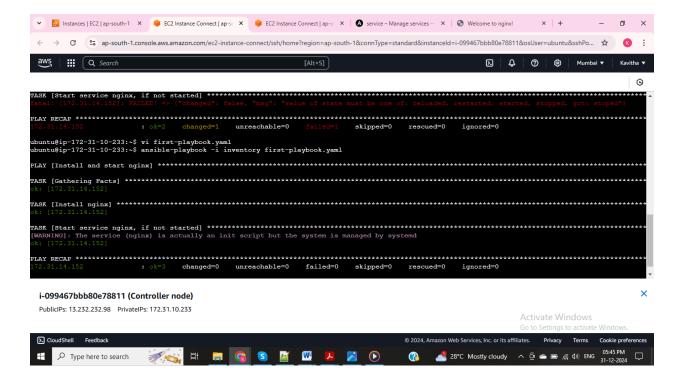
Nginx is running in slave server to view the output use its public IP address



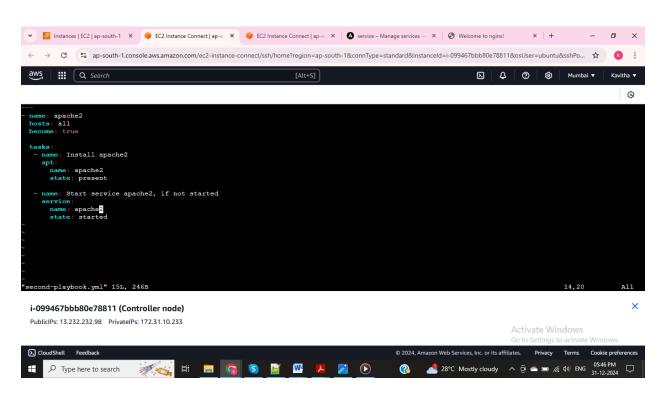
Now, Edited the first playbook to stop the nginx application



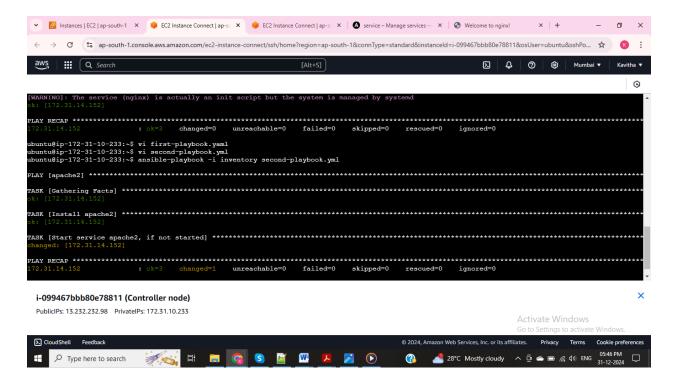
Ansible-playbook is running successfully and nginx application is stopped



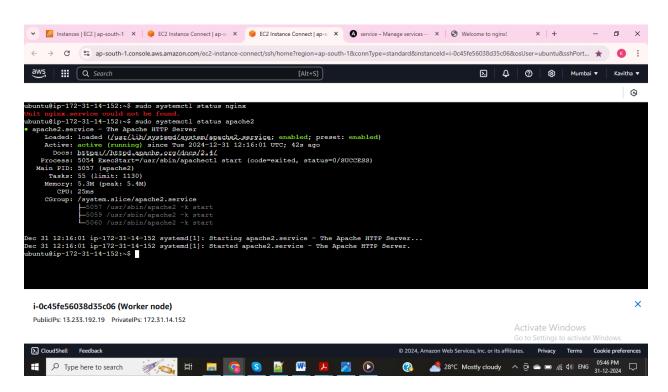
Creating the another playbook to check second application is working in same slave server



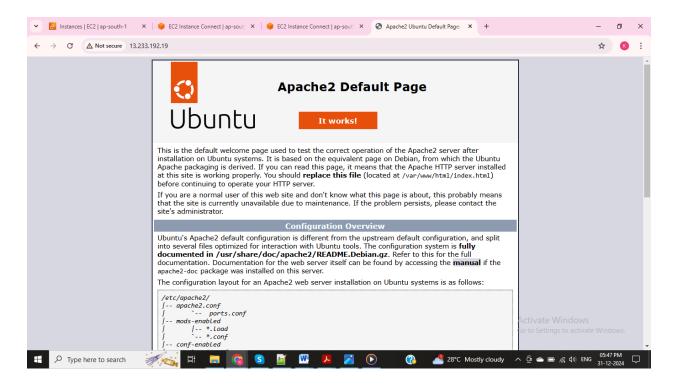
Ansible-playbook -i inventory second-playbook.yaml is success



The output for stopped the previous application NGINX and running the current application APACHE2 and its status is active



OUTPUT: Apache2 is running in Slave server



Commands used in Ansible server:

- 1. sudo apt update
- 2. sudo apt install ansible
- 3. Ansible --version
- 4. ssh-keygen
- 5. cd /home/ubuntu/.ssh
- 6. cat (public key number)
- 7. ssh (slave server private IP address)
- 8. exit (from slave server)

Ad-hoc commands:

- 1. ansible -i inventory all -m "shell" -a "touch slave file"
- 2. ansible -i inventory all -m "shell" -a "df -h"
- 3. ansible -i inventory all -m "shell" -a "nproc"

Ansible playbook commands:

- 1. vi first-playbook.yaml
- 2. ansible-playbook -i inventory first-playbook.yaml
- 3. Ansible-playbook -i inventory -v first-playbook.yaml