ANSIBLE

INSTALLATION OF ANSIBLE :

- sudo apt-add-repository ppa:ansible/ansible
- sudo apt update
- sudo apt install ansible

MANAGING INFRASTRUCTURE :

- inventory file or Host file at `/etc/ansible/hosts`
- Creating a group with the syntax : “[servers]” and assign the public ip’s of the host with the variable “ansible_host”

Command : sudo vim /etc/ansible/hosts

Edit the vim file and add the the below info and save it

```
server_1 ansible_host=18.222.230.164
server_2 ansible_host=3.19.56.117
server_3 ansible_host=3.17.207.226
```

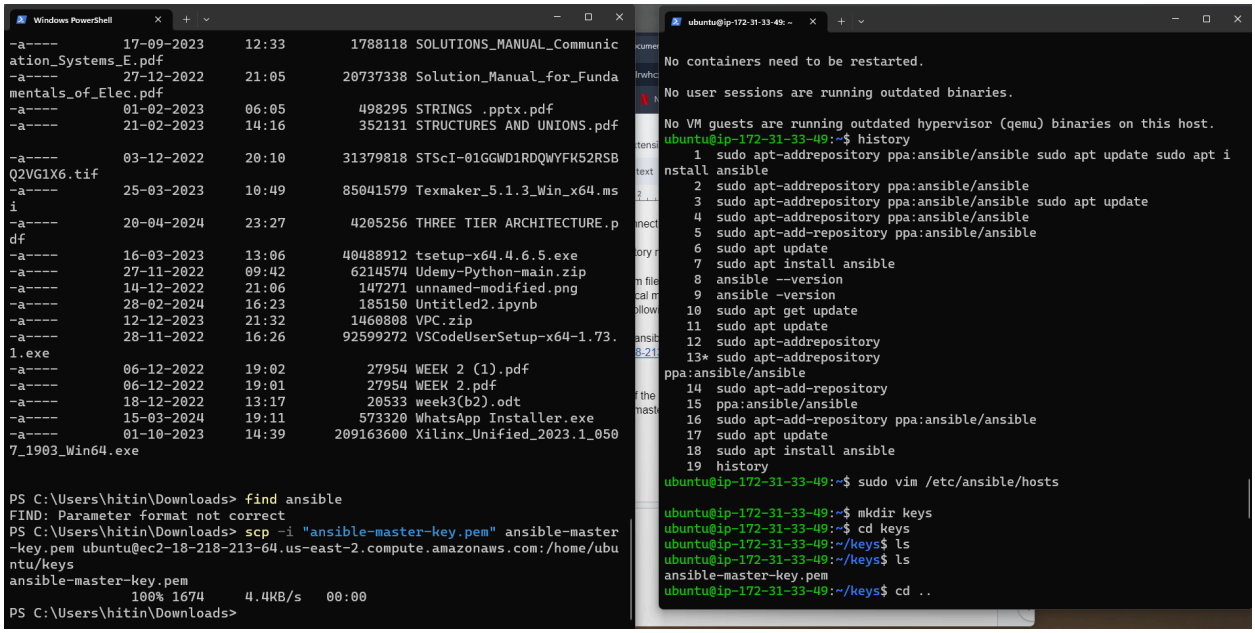
- Now we need a connection with the master and it’s nodes(3 nodes)

  Let’s create a directory name keys in our master instance.

  Navigate to the .pem file on your local machine and type the command to send the file from your local machine to a master machine which is in AWS (EC-2 instance) with the following command

  Command : scp -i "ansible-master-key.pem" ansible-master-key.pem ubuntu@ec2-18-218-213-64.us-east-2.compute.amazonaws.com:/home/ubuntu/keys

  And with the help of the above command we should see the private key(.pem file) on the ansible master instance.



PERMISSION OF PRIVATE-KEY USAGE TO HOSTS:

- Edit the host file at etc/ansible/hosts with the command

  ansible_ssh_private_key_file=/home/ubuntu/keys/ansible-master-key.pem

  And the python version used is “python3” and the ansible_user is ubuntu

```
# Ex 2: A collection of hosts belonging to the 'webservers'
group:

[servers]
server_1 ansible_host=18.222.230.164
server_2 ansible_host=3.19.56.117
server_3 ansible_host=3.17.207.226

[servers:vars]
ansible_python_interpreter=/usr/bin/python3
ansible_user=ubuntu
ansible_ssh_private_key_file=/home/ubuntu/keys/ansible-maste
r-key.pem
```

- Let try pinging the servers/instances from ansible-master

Command : ansible servers -m ping

Output :

```
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? server_1 | UNRE
ACHABLE! => {
    "changed": false,
    "msg": "Failed to connect to the host via ssh: @@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@
@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@\r\n@         WARNING: UNPROTECTED PRIVATE KEY FILE!
    @\r\n@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@\r\nPermissions
0664 for '/home/ubuntu/keys/ansible-master-key.pem' are too open.\r\nIt is required
that your private key files are NOT accessible by others.\r\nThis private key will b
e ignored.\r\nLoad key \"/home/ubuntu/keys/ansible-master-key.pem\": bad permissions
\r\nubuntu@18.222.230.164: Permission denied (publickey).",
    "unreachable": true
}

server_2 | UNREACHABLE! => {
    "changed": false,
    "msg": "Failed to connect to the host via ssh: Host key verification failed.",
    "unreachable": true
}

server_3 | UNREACHABLE! => {
    "changed": false,
    "msg": "Failed to connect to the host via ssh: Host key verification failed.",
    "unreachable": true
}
```

Server-1 error : Incorrect file permission

SOL : chmod 600 /home/ubuntu/keys/ansible-master-key.pem

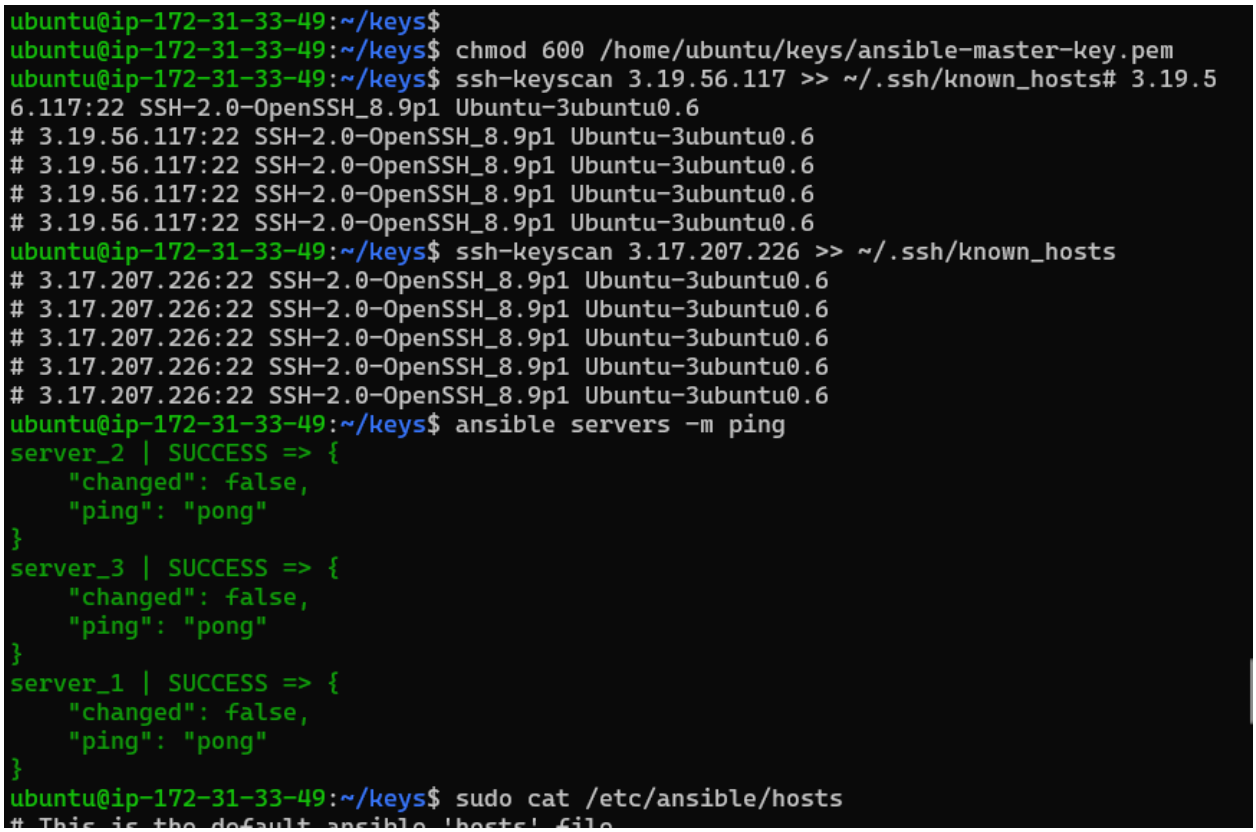
Server2 & 3 error : Host key verification failed

SOL : Host key verification ensures that the server you're connecting to is the expected one.
Let's manually add the host key for server2&3 to ~/.ssh/known_hosts

ssh-keyscan 3.19.56.117 >> ~/.ssh/known_hosts – for server2
ssh-keyscan 3.17.207.226 >> ~/.ssh/known_hosts – for server3

The ssh-keyscan command fetches the host key/s associated with IP addresses

Output : ansible servers -m ping



From the above image we can see that ping is successful this time.

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-33-49:~/keys$ ansible servers -a "free -h"
server_1 | CHANGED | rc=0 >>
               total        used        free      shared  buff/cache   available
Mem:           949Mi       187Mi       109Mi       0.0Ki       652Mi       602Mi
Swap:             0B          0B          0B
server_3 | CHANGED | rc=0 >>
               total        used        free      shared  buff/cache   available
Mem:           949Mi       165Mi       446Mi       0.0Ki       337Mi       625Mi
Swap:             0B          0B          0B
server_2 | CHANGED | rc=0 >>
               total        used        free      shared  buff/cache   available
Mem:           949Mi       168Mi       425Mi       0.0Ki       355Mi       624Mi
Swap:             0B          0B          0B
ubuntu@ip-172-31-33-49:~/keys$
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```

- Let’s move one of the server to a new-group

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# Ex 2: A collection of hosts belonging to the 'webservers' group
:

[servers]
server_1 ansible_host=18.222.230.164
server_2 ansible_host=3.19.56.117

[prd]
server_3 ansible_host=3.17.207.226

[all:vars]
ansible_python_interpreter=/usr/bin/python3
ansible_user=ubuntu
ansible_ssh_private_key_file=/home/ubuntu/keys/ansible-master-key
.pem
```

Command to check which server belong to which group and its functions/properties :

ansible-inventory --list

PLAYBOOK : Playbooks are YAML files that define a set of tasks and configurations to be executed on target hosts.

Tasks: Tasks are the individual units of work in Ansible. It represent actions to be performed on target hosts.

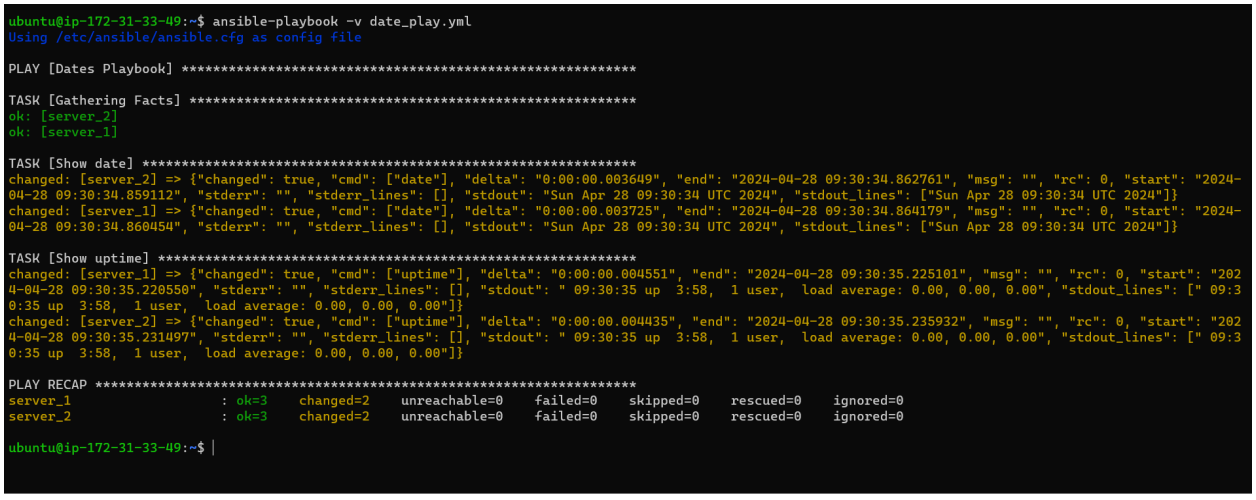
- Let’s create a playbook where we display the date and the uptime

Create a .yml file and the code is

```
-
  name: Dates Playbook
  hosts: servers
  tasks:
    - name: Show date
      command: date

    - name: Show uptime
      command: uptime
```

Command for running a ansible playbook is
ansible-playbook date_play.yml — where date_play.yml is playbook name



- Let install nginx and start nginx from ansible

Create a .yml file and the code is

```
-
  name: Install Nginx and start it
  hosts: servers    #group-name
  become: yes    # like a root user
  tasks:
    - name: Install Nginx
      apt:
       name: nginx
       state: latest

    - name: Start Nginx
      service:
        name: nginx
        state: started   #
        enabled: yes   # Nginx service is running and set to start automatically
```

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-33-49:~/playbooks$ ansible-playbook install_nginx_pla
y.yml

PLAY [Install Nginx and start it] ***********************************
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TASK [Gathering Facts] **********************************************
**********
ok: [server_2]
ok: [server_1]

TASK [Install Nginx] ************************************************
**********
ok: [server_2]
ok: [server_1]

TASK [Start Nginx] **************************************************
**********
ok: [server_2]
ok: [server_1]

PLAY RECAP **********************************************************
**********
server_1                   : ok=3    changed=0    unreachable=0    fai
led=0    skipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0
server_2                   : ok=3    changed=0    unreachable=0    fai
led=0    skipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0

ubuntu@ip-172-31-33-49:~/playbooks$
```