

PreExam:

- They will provide 6vm's:

control.realmX.example.com → workstation.lab.example.com

node1.realmX.example.com → servera.lab.example.com

node2.realmX.example.com → serverb.lab.example.com

node3.realmX.example.com → serverc.lab.example.com

node4.realmX.example.com → serverd.lab.example.com

node5.realmX.example.com

- username:root, password:redhat

- username:admin, password:redhat

note1. don't change 'root' or 'admin' password.

note2. no need to create ssh-keygen for access, its pre-defined

note3. SELinux is in enforcing mode and firewalld is disabled/stop on whole managed hosts.

Q1. Install and configure Ansible on the control-node control.realmX.example.com as follows:

- * Install the required packages

- * Create a static inventory file called /home/admin/ansible/inventory as follows:

node1.realmX.example.com is a member of the dev host group

node2.realmX.example.com is a member of the test host group

node3.realmX.example.com & node4.realmX.example.com are members of the prod host group

node5.realmX.example.com is a member of the balancers host group.

prod group is a member of the webservers host group

- * Create a configuration file called ansible.cfg as follows:

- The host inventory file /home/admin/ansible/inventory is defined

- The location of roles used in playbooks is defined as /home/admin/ansible/roles

S1.

through physical host, login to workstation.lab.example.com with user root.

```
# ssh root@workstation.lab.lab.example.com
```

```
# hostname
```

```
workstation.lab.example.com
```

```
# yum install platform-python* ansible vim* -y
```

```
# su - admin
```

```
# pwd
```

```
/home/admin/
```

```
# vim .vimrc
```

```
# mkdir -p ansible/roles
```

```
# cd ansible
```

```
# vim inventory
```

```
[dev]
```

```
servera.lab.example.com
```

```
[test]
```

```
serverb.example.com
```

```
[prod]
```

```
serverc.example.com
```

```
serverd.example.com
```

```
[balancer]
```

```
serverd.lab.example.com
```

```
[webservers]
```

```
serverc.example.com
```

```
serverd.example.com
```

```
!wq
```

```
# vim ansible.cfg
```

```
[defaults]
```

```
inventory = ./inventory
```

```
role_path = ./roles
```

```
become = true
```

```
remote_user = admin
```

```
[privilege_escalation]
```

```
become = true
```

```
become_method = sudo
```

```
become_user = root
```

```
become_ask_pass = false
```

```
!wq
```

```
# ansible all --list-hosts
```

Q2. Create and run an Ansible ad-hoc command.

As a system administrator, you will need to install software on the managed nodes.

Create a shell script called yum-pack.sh that runs an Ansible ad-hoc command to create yum-repository on each of the managed nodes as follows:

- repository1

1. The name of the repository is **EX407**
2. The description is **"Ex407 Description"**
3. The base URL is http://content.example.com/rhel8.0/x86_64/dvd/BaseOS/
4. GPG signature checking is **enabled**
5. The GPG key URL is http://content.example.com/rhel8.0/x86_64/dvd/RPM-GPG-KEY-redhat-release
6. The repository is **enabled**

- repository2

1. The name of the repository is **EXX407**
2. The description is **"Exx407 Description"**
3. The base URL is http://content.example.com/rhel8.0/x86_64/dvd/AppStream/
4. GPG signature checking is **enabled**
5. The GPG key URL is http://content.example.com/rhel8.0/x86_64/dvd/RPM-GPG-KEY-redhat-release
6. The repository is **enabled**

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```
# pwd
/home/admin/ansible
# vim yum-pack.sh
#!/bin/bash
ansible all -m yum_repository -a 'file=BaseOs name=EX407 description=Ex407
baseurl=http://content.example.com/rhel8.0/x86\_64/dvd/BaseOS/ gpgcheck=yes
gpgkey=http://content.example.com/rhel8.0/x86\_64/dvd/RPM-GPG-KEY-redhat-release enabled=yes'

ansible all -m yum_repository -a 'file=AppStream name=EXX407 description=Exx407
baseurl=http://content.example.com/rhel8.0/x86\_64/dvd/AppStream/ gpgcheck=yes
gpgkey=http://content.example.com/rhel8.0/x86\_64/dvd/RPM-GPG-KEY-redhat-release enabled=yes'
!wq
# chmod +x yum-pack.sh
# bash yum-pack.sh
```

Q3. Create a playbook called `packages.yml` that:

- Installs the **php** and **mariadb** packages on hosts in the **dev**, **test**, and **prod** host groups.
- Installs the **Development Tools** package group on hosts in the **dev** host group.
- **Updates** all packages to the latest version on hosts in the **dev** host group.

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```
# pwd
home/admin/ansible/
# vim packages.yml
---
- name: Install the packages
  hosts: dev,test,prod
  vars:
    - php_pkg: php
    - mariadb_pkg: mariadb
  tasks:
    - name: install the packages
      yum:
        name:
          - "{{ php_pkg }}"
          - "{{ mariadb_pkg }}"
        state: latest
- name: install the devops tool packages
  hosts: dev
  tasks:
    - name: install devepment tools
      yum:
        name: "@Development Tools"
        state: latest
- name: upgrade all packages
  hosts: dev
  tasks:
    - name: upgrade all the packages
      yum:
        name: "*"
        state: latest
        exclude: kernel*

!wq
# ansible-playbook package.yml --syntax-check
# ansible-playbook package.yml
```

Q4. Install the RHEL system roles package and create a playbook called timesync.yml that:

- Runs over all managed hosts.
- Uses the timesync role.
- Configures the role to use the time server 192.168.10.254
- Configures the role to set the iburst parameter as enabled.

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```
# pwd
home/admin/ansible/
# sudo yum install rhel-system-roles.noarch -y
# cd roles/
# ansible-galaxy list
# cp -r /usr/share/ansible/roles/rhelsystem-roles.timesync .
# vim timesync.yml
---
- name:
  hosts: all
  vars:
    timesync_ntp_provider: chrony
    timesync_ntp_servers:
      - hostname: classroom.example.com → in exam its ip-address
        iburst: yes
    timezone: Asia/Kolkata
  roles:
    - rhel-system-roles.timesync
  tasks:
    - name:
      timezone:
        name: "{{timezone}}"

:wq!
# ansible-playbook timesync.yml --syntax-check
# ansible-playbook timesync.yml
```

Q5. Create a role called `apache` in `/home/admin/ansible/roles` with the following requirements:

- The `httpd` package is installed, enabled on boot, and started.
- The firewall is enabled and running with a rule to allow access to the web server.
- template file `index.html.j2` is used to create the file `/var/www/html/index.html` with the output:

Welcome to HOSTNAME on IPADDRESS

where **HOSTNAME** is the **fqdn** of the managed node and **IPADDRESS** is the **IP-Address** of the managed node.

note: you have to create `index.html.j2` file.

- Create a playbook called `httpd.yml` that uses this role and the playbook runs on hosts in the `webservers` host group.

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```
# pwd
/home/admin/ansible/roles/
# ansible-galaxy init apache
# vim apache/vars/main.yml
---
# vars file for apache
http_pkg: httpd
firewall_pkg: firewalld
http_srv: httpd
firewall_srv: firewalld
rule: http
webpage: /var/www/html/index.html
template: index.html.j2
:wq!
# vim apache/tasks/package.yml
---
- name:
  yum:
    name:
      - "{{http_pkg}}"
      - "{{firewall_pkg}}"
    state: latest
:wq!
# vim apache/tasks/service.yml
---
- name:
  service:
    name: "{{http_srv}}"
    enabled: true
    state: started
- name:
  service:
    name: "{{firewall_srv}}"
    enabled: true
    state: started
:wq!
# vim apache/tasks/firewall.yml
---
- name:
  firewalld:
    service: "{{rule}}"
    state: enabled
    permanent: true
    immediate: true
:wq!
```

```
# vim apache/tasks/webpage.yml
---
- name:
  template:
    src: "{{template}}"
    dest: "{{webpage}}"
  notify: restart_httpd
!wq
# vim apache/tasks/main.yml
---
# tasks file for apache
- import_tasks: package.yml
- import_tasks: service.yml
- import_tasks: firewall.yml
- import_tasks: webpage.yml
:wq!
# vim apache/templates/index.html.j2
Welcome to {{ansible_fqdn}} on {{ansible_default_ipv4.address}}
# vim apache/handlers/main.yml
---
# handlers file for apache
- name: restart_httpd
  service:
    name: http
    state: restarted
:wq!
# cd ..
# pwd
/home/admin/ansible/
# vim httpd.yml
---
- name:
  hosts: webservers
  roles:
    - ./roles/apache
:wq!
# ansible-playbook httpd.yml --syntax-check
# ansible-playbook httpd.yml
```

Q6. Use Ansible Galaxy with a requirements file called `/home/admin/ansible/roles/install.yml` to download and install roles to `/home/admin/ansible/roles` from the following URLs:

<http://classroom.example.com/role1.tar.gz> The name of this role should be balancer

<http://classroom.example.com/role2.tar.gz> The name of this role should be phphello

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```
# pwd
/home/admin/ansible/roles
# vim install.yml
---
- src: http://classroom.example.com/role1.tar.gz
  name: balancer
- src: http://classroom.example.com/role2.tar.gz
  name: phphello
:wq!
# pwd
/home/admin/ansible
# ansible-galaxy install -r roles/install.yml -p roles
```

Q7. Create a playbook called `balance.yml` as follows:

* The playbook contains a play that runs on hosts in balancers host group and uses the balancer role.

- This role configures a service to loadbalance webserver requests between hosts in the webserver host group.
- When implemented, browsing to hosts in the balancers host group (for example

`http://node5.example.com`) should produce the following output:

`Welcome to node3.example.com on 192.168.10.z`

- Reloading the browser should return output from the alternate web server:

`Welcome to node4.example.com on 192.168.10.a`

* The playbook contains a play that runs on hosts in webserver host group and uses the phphello role.

- When implemented, browsing to hosts in the webserver host group with the URL `/hello.php` should

produce the following output:

`Hello PHP World from FQDN`

- where FQDN is the fully qualified domain name of the host. For example, browsing to

`http://node3.example.com/hello.php`, should produce the following output:

`Hello PHP World from node3.example.com`

* Similarly, browsing to `http://node4.example.com/hello.php`, should produce the following output:

`Hello PHP World from node4.example.com`

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```
# pwd
/home/admin/ansible/
# vim balancer.yml
---
- name:
  hosts: webserver
  roles:
    - ./roles/phphello
- name:
  hosts: balancer
  roles:
    - ./roles/balancer
:wq!
# ansible-playbook balancer.yml --syntax-check
# ansible-playbook balancer.yml
```


Q8. Create a playbook called web.yml as follows:

- * The playbook runs on managed nodes in the dev host group
- * Create the directory /webdev with the following requirements:
 - membership in the apache group
 - regular permissions: owner=r+w+execute, group=r+w+execute, other=r+execute s.p=set group-id
- * Symbolically link /var/www/html/webdev to /webdev
- * Create the file /webdev/index.html with a single line of text that reads: "Development"
 - it should be available on <http://servera.lab.example.com/webdev/index.html>

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```
# pwd
/home/admin/ansible/
# vim web.yml
---
- name:
  hosts: dev
  tasks:
    - file:
      path: /webdev
      state: directory
      mode: 2775
      group: apache
    - name:
      file:
        src: /webdev
        dest: /var/www/html/webdev
        state: link
        force: yes
    - name:
      copy:
        dest: /webdev/index.html
        content: "Development"

:wq
# ansible-playbook web.yml --syntax-check
# ansible-playbook web.yml
```

Q9. Create an Ansible vault to store user passwords as follows:

- * The name of the vault is valut.yml
- * The vault contains two variables as follows:
 - dev_pass with value wakennym
 - mgr_pass with value rocky
- * The password to encrypt and decrypt the vault is atenorth
- * The password is stored in the file /home/admin/ansible/password.txt

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```
# pwd
/home/admin/ansible
# echo "atenorth" >password.txt
# chmod 600 password.txt
# ansible-vault create vault.yml --vault-password-file=password.txt
---
- dev_pass: wakennym
- mgr_pass: rocky
:wq
# cat vault.yml
$ANSIBLE_VAULT;1.1;AES256
36383862376164316436353665343765643331393433373564613762666531313034336438353662
3464346331346461306337633632393563643531376139610a343531326130663266613533633562
38623439316631306463623761343939373263333134353264333834353264343934373765643737
3535303630626666370a643663366634383863393338616661666632353139306436316430616334
65386134393363643133363738656130636532346431376265613066326162643437643064313863
6633333537303334333437646163343666666132316639376531
# ansible-vault view vault.yml
password:*****
---
- dev_pass: wakennym
- mgr_pass: rocky
#
```

Q10.Generate a hosts file:

* Download an initial template file hosts.j2 from <http://classroom.example.com/hosts.j2> to /home/admin/ansible/ Complete the template so that it can be used to generate a file with a line for each inventory host in the same format as /etc/hosts:

```
172.25.250.9 workstation.lab.example.com workstation
```

* Create a playbook called gen_hosts.yml that uses this template to generate the file /etc/myhosts on hosts in the dev host group.

* When completed, the file /etc/hosts on hosts in the dev host group should have a line for each managed host:

```
127.0.0.1 localhost localhost.localdomain localhost4 localhost4.localdomain4
```

```
::1 localhost localhost.localdomain localhost6 localhost6.localdomain6
```

```
172.25.250.10 servera.lab.example.com servera
```

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```
# pwd
/home/admin/ansible
# wget http://classroom.example.com/hosts.j2
# vim hosts.j2
127.0.0.1 localhost localhost.localdomain localhost4 localhost4.localdomain4
::1 localhost localhost.localdomain localhost6 localhost6.localdomain6
{% for host in groups['dev'] %}
{{ hostvars['servera.lab.example.com']['ansible_facts']['default_ipv4']['address'] }}
{{ hostvars['servera.lab.example.com']['ansible_facts']['fqdn'] }}
{{ hostvars['servera.lab.example.com']['ansible_facts']['hostname'] }}
{% endfor %}
:wq!
# vim gen_hosts.yml
---
- name:
  hosts: dev
  tasks:
    - name:
      template:
        src: hosts.j2
        dest: /etc/myhosts
:wq
# ansible-playbook gen_hosts.yml --syntax-check
# ansible-playbook gen_hosts.yml
```

Q11. Create a playbook called hwreport.yml that produces an output file called /root/hwreport.txt on all managed nodes with the following information:

- Inventory host name
- Total memory in MB
- BIOS version
- Size of disk device vda
- Size of disk device vdb

Each line of the output file contains a single key-value pair.

* Your playbook should:

- Download the file hwreport.empty from the URL <http://classroom.example.com/hwreport.empty> and save it as /root/hwreport.txt
- Modify with the correct values.

note: If a hardware item does not exist, the associated value should be set to **NONE**

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```
# pwd
/home/admin/ansible
# vim hwreport.yml
---
- name:
  hosts: all
  tasks:
    - name:
      get_url:
        url: http://classroom.example.com/hwreport.empty
        dest: /root/hwreport.txt
    - name:
      replace:
        regexp: "{{item.src}}"
        replace: "{{item.dest}}"
        dest: /root/hwreport.txt
      loop:
        - src: "hostname"
          dest: "{{ansible_fqdn}}"
        - src: "biosversion"
          dest: "{{ansible_bios_version}}"
        - src: "memory"
          dest: "{{ansible_memtotal_mb}}"
        - src: "vdasize"
          dest: "{{ansible_devices.vda.size}}"
        - src: "vdbsize"
          dest: "{{ansible_devices.vdb.size}}"
:wq
# ansible-playbook hwreport.yml --syntax-check
# ansible-playbook hwreport.yml
```

Q12.Modify file content.

Create a playbook called /home/admin/ansible/modify.yml as follows:

- * The playbook runs on all inventory hosts
- * The playbook replaces the contents of /etc/issue with a single line of text as follows:
 - On hosts in the dev host group, the line reads: "Development"
 - On hosts in the test host group, the line reads: "Test"
 - On hosts in the prod host group, the line reads: "Production"

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```
# pwd
/home/admin/ansible
# vim modify.yml
---
- name:
  hosts: all
  tasks:
    - name:
      copy:
        content: "Development"
        dest: /etc/issue
        when: inventory_hostname in groups['dev']
    - name:
      copy:
        content: "Test"
        dest: /etc/issue
        when: inventory_hostname in groups['test']
    - name:
      copy:
        content: "Production"
        dest: /etc/issue
        when: inventory_hostname in groups['prod']
:wq
# ansible-playbook modify.yml --syntax-check
# ansible-playbook modify.yml
```

Q13.Rekey an existing Ansible vault as follows:

- * Download Ansible vault from <http://classroom.example.com/secret.yml> to /home/admin/ansible/
- * The current vault password is **curabete**
- * The new vault password is **newvare**
- * The vault remains in an encrypted state with the new password

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```
# pwd
/home/admin/ansible/
# wget http://classroom.example.com/secret.yml
# ansible-vault view secret.yml
vault password: *****
# ansible-vault rekey secret.yml
vault password: *****
new vault password: *****
confirm new vault password: *****
# ansible-vault view secret.yml
```

Q14. Create user accounts

A list of users to be created can be found in the file called `user_list.yml` which you should download from http://classroom.example.com/user_list.yml and save to `/home/admin/ansible/`

* Using the password vault created elsewhere in this exam, create a playbook called `create_user.yml` that creates user accounts as follows:

* Users with a job description of developer should be:

- created on managed nodes in the dev and test host groups assigned the password from the `dev_pass` variable a member of supplementary group `devops`.

* Users with a job description of manager should be:

- created on managed nodes in the prod host group assigned the password from the `mgr_pass` variable a member of supplementary group `opsmgr`

* Passwords should use the SHA512 hash format. Your playbook should work using the vault password file created elsewhere in this exam.

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```
# pwd
/home/admin/ansible
# wget http://classroom.example.com/user_list.yml
# cat user_list.yml
# vim create_user.yml
---
- name:
  hosts: all
  vars_files:
    - ./user_list.yml
    - ./vault.yml
  tasks:
    - name:
      group:
        name: "{{item}}"
        state: present
      loop:
        - devops
        - opsmgr
    - name:
      user:
        name: "{{item.name}}"
        state: present
        groups: devops
        password: "{{dev_pass|password_hash ('sha512')}}"
      loop: "{{user}}"
      when: (inventory_hostname in groups['dev'] or inventory_hostname in groups['test']) and item.job ==
"developer"
    - name:
      user:
        name: "{{item.name}}"
        state: present
        groups: opsmgr
        password: "{{mgr_pass|password_hash ('sha512')}}"
      loop: "{{user}}"
      when: inventory_hostname in groups['prod'] and item.job == "manager"

:wq!
# ansible-vault create_user.yml --vault-password-file=password.txt --syntax-check
# ansible-vault create_user.yml --vault-password-file=password.txt
```

Q15. Create Logical volumes with lvm.yml in all nodes according to following requirements.

- * Create a new Logical volume named as 'data'
- * LV should be the member of 'research' Volume Group
- * LV size should be 1500M
- * It should be formatted with ext4 file-system.
 - If Volume Group does not exist then it should print the message "VG Not found"
 - If the VG can not accommodate 1500M size then it should print "LV Can not be created with following size", then the LV should be created with 800M of size.
 - Do not perform any mounting for this LV.

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```
# pwd
/home/admin/ansible
# vim lvm.yml
---
- name:
  hosts: all
  ignore_errors: yes
  tasks:
    - name:
      lvol:
        lv: data
        vg: research
        size: "1500"
    - name:
      filesystem:
        fstype: ext4
        dev: /dev/research/data
    - debug:
      msg: "VG Not found"
      when: ansible_lvm.vgs.research is not defined
    - debug:
      msg: "LV Can not be created with following size"
      when: ansible_lvm.vgs.research.size_g < "1.5"
    - name:
      lvol:
        lv: data
        vg: research
        size: "500"
      when: ansible_lvm.vgs.research.size_g < "1.5"
:wq!
# ansible-playbook lvm.yml --syntax-check
# ansible-playbook lvm.yml
```