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Activity 8: Install, Configure, and Manage Availability Monitoring tools	

## 1. Objectives

Create and design a workflow that installs, configure and manage enterprise monitoring tools using Ansible as an Infrastructure as Code (IaC) tool.

## 2. Discussion

Availability monitoring is a type of monitoring tool that we use if the certain workload is up or reachable on our end. Site downtime can lead to loss of revenue, reputational damage and severe distress. Availability monitoring prevents adverse situations by checking the uptime of infrastructure components such as servers and apps and notifying the webmaster of problems before they impact on business.

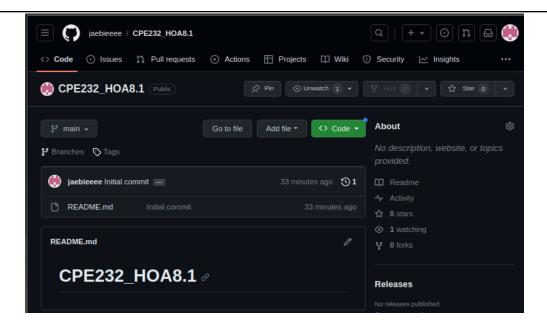
#### 3. Tasks

- 1. Create a playbook that installs Nagios in both Ubuntu and CentOS. Apply the concept of creating roles.
- 2. Describe how you did step 1. (Provide screenshots and explanations in your report. Make your report detailed such that it will look like a manual.)
- 3. Show an output of the installed Nagios for both Ubuntu and CentOS.
- 4. Make sure to create a new repository in GitHub for this activity.

## 4. Output (screenshots and explanations)

#### Task 1: Create a File

1. Create a new repository for this Hands-On Activity.



2. Clone the repository to the local machine.

```
jai@workstation:~$ git clone git@github.com:jaebieeee/CPE232_HOA8.1.git
Cloning into 'CPE232_HOA8.1'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 3, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (3/3), done.
remote: Total 3 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0
Receiving objects: 100% (3/3), done.
jai@workstation:~$ ls
CPE232_HOA6.1 CPE232_Maculada Downloads Music Templates
CPE232_HOA7.1 Desktop examples.desktop Pictures Videos
CPE232_HOA8.1 Documents Maculada_PrelimExam Public
jai@workstation:~$ cd CPE232_HOA8.1
```

3. Create the ansible.cfg and inventory file (*must include one Ubuntu and CentOS*)

```
jai@workstation: ~/CPE232_HOA8.1

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GNU nano 2.9.3 inventory

[ubuntu_nagios]
192.168.56.103

[centos_nagios]
192.168.56.105
```

```
[defaults]
inventory = inventory
host_key_checking = False

deprecation_warnings = False

remote_user = jai
private_key_file = ~/.ssh/
```

# Task 2: Create Playbook for Installing Nagios in Ubuntu and CentOS

1. Create a playbook and name it install\_nagios.yml.

```
jai@workstation: ~/CPE232_HOA8.1
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
 GNU nano 2.9.3
                                           install_nagios.yml
 hosts: all
 become: true
pre_tasks:
    - name: dnf and epel installation
     yum:
       name:
         - epel-release
         - dnf
     when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"
    - name: dpkg in ubuntu
     shell: |
       dpkg --configure -a
     when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"
    - name: install updates (CentOS)
       update_cache: yes
       update_only: yes
     when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"
    - name: install updates (Ubuntu)
       upgrade: dist
       update_cache: yes
```

hosts: ubuntu\_nagios

become: true roles:

ubuntu\_nagios

hosts: centos\_nagios

become: true roles:

centos\_nagios

# **Code explanation:**

It checks if the target system is CentOS, and if so, it instlls two packages which are the "epel-release" and "dnf" using the "dnf" module. This is very useful for managing software on CentOS systems.

name: dnf and epel installation yum: name: epel-release

dnf

when: ansible\_distribution == "CentOS"

dpkg -- configure -a command is used to repair any broken or pending package installations. It only runs when the target system is running Ubuntu which makes it useful for maintaining packages onUbuntu servers.

 name: dpkg in ubuntu shell: | dpkg --configure -a when: ansible\_distribution == "Ubuntu"

It refreshes the package cache (update cache) as well as updtes only the installed packages (update only). This task runs when the trget system is CentOS in order to make sure thatCentOS servers stay updated wth the latest package updates.

 name: install updates (CentOS) dnf: update\_cache: yes update\_only: yes

when: ansible\_distribution == "CentOS"

It upgrades all packages to their latest versions (upgrade: dist) and refreshes the package cache (update cache). This  name: install updates (Ubuntu) apt: upgrade: dist update\_cache: yes

task runs only when the target system is Ubuntu in order to make sure tht Ubuntu servers are kept updated with the latest package updates.

It uses roles and the playbook first installs in Ubuntu and then in CentOS which allws Nagios monitoring on both. The "become: true" option grants administrative privileges to execute tasks.

 hosts: ubuntu\_nagios become: true roles:

ubuntu\_nagios

 hosts: centos\_nagios become: true

roles:

- centos\_nagios

2. Save the file and exit.

#### Task 3: Create Roles

1. Create a new directory and name its roles. Enter the roles directory and create new directories: centos\_nagios and ubuntu\_nagios. For each directory, create a directory and name it tasks.

```
jai@workstation:~/CPE232_HOA8.1/roles$ mkdir ubuntu_nagios
jai@workstation:~/CPE232_HOA8.1/roles$ cd ubuntu_nagios
jai@workstation:~/CPE232_HOA8.1/roles/ubuntu_nagios$ mkdir tasks
jai@workstation:~/CPE232_HOA8.1/roles$ ubuntu_nagios$ cd ..
jai@workstation:~/CPE232_HOA8.1/roles$ mkdir centos_nagios
jai@workstation:~/CPE232_HOA8.1/roles$ cd centos_nagios
jai@workstation:~/CPE232_HOA8.1/roles$/centos_nagios$ mkdir tasks
```

```
jai@workstation:~/CPE232_HOA8.1$ tree

_____ ansible.cfg
_____ install_nagios.yml
____ inventory
___ README.md
____ roles
_____ centos_nagios
_____ tasks
_____ ubuntu_nagios
_____ tasks
```

2. In each of the tasks for the two directory (*centos\_nagios and ubuntu\_nagios*), create another file and name it main.yml.

```
jai@workstation:~/CPE232_HOA8.1/roles$ cd_ubuntu_nagios
jai@workstation:~/CPE232_HOA8.1/roles/ubuntu_nagios$ cd tasks
jai@workstation:~/CPE232_HOA8.1/roles/ubuntu_nagios/tasks$ touch main.yml
jai@workstation:~/CPE232_HOA8.1/roles$ cd centos_nagios
jai@workstation:~/CPE232_HOA8.1/roles/centos_nagios$ cd tasks
jai@workstation:~/CPE232_HOA8.1/roles/centos_nagios/tasks$ touch main.yml
              jai@workstation:~/CPE232_HOA8.1$ tree
                 - ansible.cfg
                  install nagios.yml
                  inventory
                  README.md
                  roles
                      centos_nagios
                         – tasks
                              - main.yml
                      ubuntu_nagios
                          - tasks
                             — main.yml
```

3. Copy the code to the main.yml of the Ubuntu subdirectory.

# Fl

dest: ~/nagios

## jai@workstation: ~/CPE232\_HOA8.1/roles/ubuntu\_nagios/tasks

```
main.yml
GNU nano 6.2
name: nagios libraries and dependencies (Ubuntu) tags: ubuntu, dependencies, libraries
     - autoconf
- libc6
     - gcc
- make
    - wget
- unzip
     - apache2
    - php
- libapache2-mod-php
- libgd-dev
     - openssl
- libssl-dev
     - gawk
     - dc
     - build-essential
     - snmp
- libnet-snmp-perl
     gettextpython3
   - python3-pip
state: latest
name: passlib package
  name: passlib
name: nagios directory PATH
  path: ~/nagios
  state: directory
name: downloading nagios
   src: https://github.com/NagiosEnterprises/nagioscore/archive/nagios-4.4.6.tar.gz
```

```
remote_src: yes
  owner: root
  group: root
name: downloading nagios plugins
  src: https://github.com/nagios-plugins/nagios-plugins/archive/release-2.3.3.tar.gz
  dest: ~/nagios
  remote_src: yes
  mode: 0777
  owner: root
  group: root
name: install, compile, adding users and groups
  cd ~/nagios/nagioscore-*
  sudo ./configure --with-httpd-conf=/etc/apache2/sites-enabled
  sudo make all
   sudo make install-groups-users
  sudo usermod -a -G nagios www-data
  sudo make install
   sudo make install-daemoninit
  sudo make install-commandmode
  sudo make install-config
  sudo make install-webconf
   suda 2200mod sewrite
Software Updater
name: compile and install plugins
shell: |
  cd ~/nagios/nagios-plugins*
  ./tools/setup
  ./configure
  make
  make install
name: adding users to nagios
community.general.htpasswd:
```

```
path: /usr/local/nagios/etc/htpasswd.users
    name: admin

- name: Nagios Start/Enable Check
    service:
    name: nagios
    state: restarted
    enabled: true

- name: Apache/httpd Start/Enable check
    service:
    name: apache2
    state: restarted
    enabled: true
```

4. Copy the code to the main.yml of the CentOS subdirectory.

```
jai@workstation: ~/CPE232_HOA8.1/roles/centos_nagios/tasks
J∓l
Files no 6.2
                                                       main.yml
name: Installing nagios dependecies and libraries
tags: dependecies, libraries
dnf:
  name:
    - gcc
- glibc
    - glibc-common
    - perl
    - httpd
    - php
    - wget
    - gd
    - gd-devel
    - openssl-devel
    - gcc
    - glibc
    - glibc-common
    - make
    - gettext
    - automake
    - autoconf
    - wget
    - openssl-devel
    - net-snmp
    - net-snmp-utils
    - python2-pip
  state: latest
name: Install passlib python package
  name: passlib
name: Creating a directory (where the downloaded files will be stored)
  path: ~/nagios
  state: directory
```

```
name: Downloading and extracting Nagios
unarchive:
  src: https://github.com/NagiosEnterprises/nagioscore/archive/nagios-4.4.6.tar.gz
  dest: ~/nagios
  remote_src: yes
  mode: 0777
  owner: root
  group: root
name: Compiling, installing, and adding users and groups in nagios
shell:
  cd ~/nagios/nagioscore-**
  ./configure
  make all
  make install-groups-users
  usermod -a -G nagios apache
  make install
  make install-daemoninit
  make install-commandmode
  make install-config
  make install-webconf
name: Downloading and extracting Nagios plugins
unarchive:
  src: https://github.com/nagios-plugins/nagios-plugins/archive/release-2.3.3.tar.gz
  dest: ~/nagios
  remote_src: yes
  mode: 0777
  owner: root
VBox GAs 7.0.6
name: Compiling and installing plugins
 shell: |
  cd ~/nagios/nagios-plugins*
   ./tools/setup
    ./toots/setup
    ./configure
    make
    make install
- name: Add a user to a password file and ensure permissions are set
  community.general.htpasswd:
    path: /usr/local/nagios/etc/htpasswd.users
    name: admin
    password: admin

    name: Making sure that nagios is started and enabled

 Software Updater
    state: restarted
    enabled: true

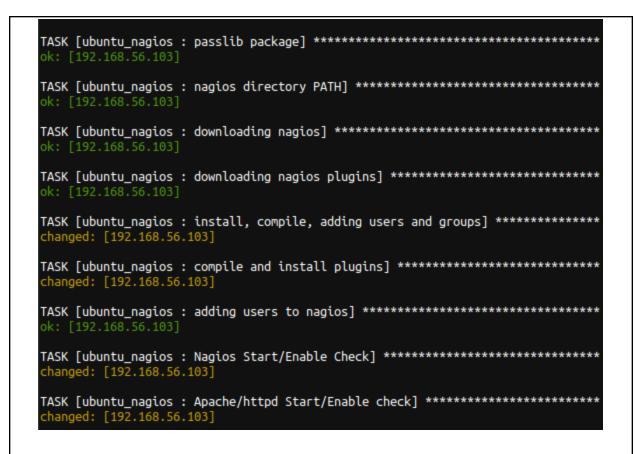
    name: Making sure that httpd is started and enabled

  service:
    name: httpd
    state: restarted
    enabled: true
```

# Task 4: Run and Verify

1. Run the command ansible-playbook - - ask-become-pass install\_nagios.yml to completely install Nagios in both Ubuntu server and CentOS.

# UBUNTU\_NAGIOS



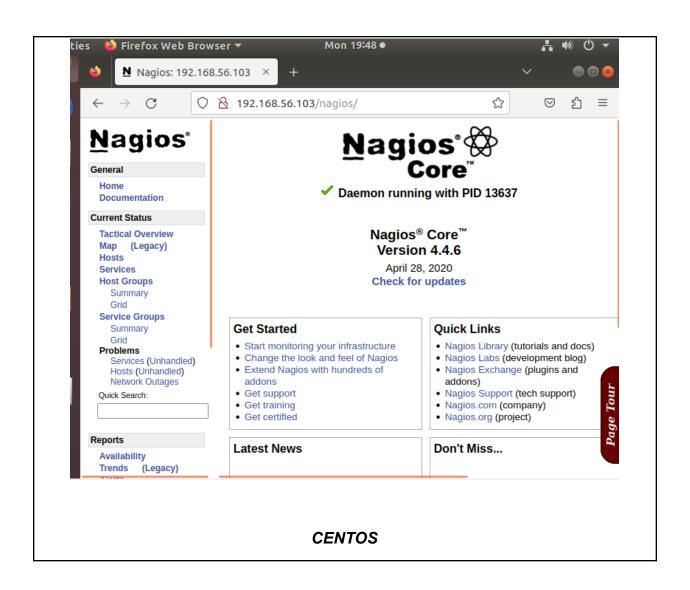
# **CENTOS NAGIOS**

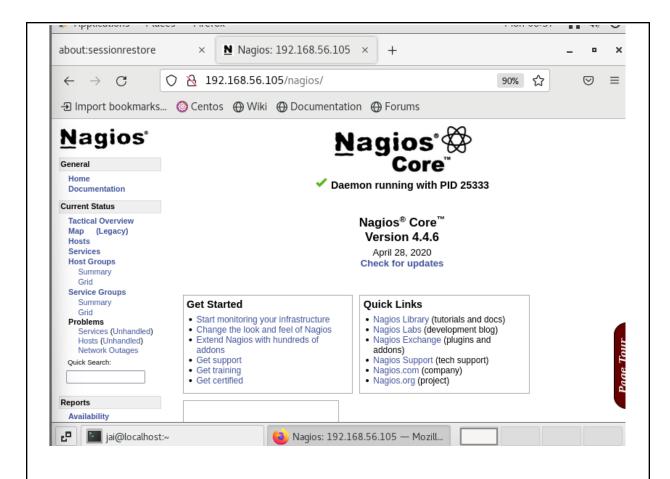
```
ok: [192.168.56.105]
TASK [centos_nagios : Installing nagios dependecies and libraries] ***********
changed: [192.168.56.105]
TASK [centos_nagios : Creating a directory (where the downloaded files will be stored)] ***
ok: [192.168.56.105]
TASK [centos_nagios : Compiling, installing, and adding users and groups in nagios] ***
changed: [192.168.56.105]
TASK [centos_nagios : Downloading and extracting Nagios plugins] **************
ok: [192.168.56.105]
changed: [192.168.56.105]
TASK [centos_nagios : Add a user to a password file and ensure permissions are set] ***
changed: [192.168.56.105]
TASK [centos_nagios : Making sure that nagios is started and enabled] *********
```

2. Show the screenshot of the Nagios in both Server 2 and CentOS, by simply typing its ip address in the web browser and /nagios.

#### **OUTPUT:**

#### SERVER2:





3. Upload it in the github.

```
jai@workstation:~/CPE232_HOA8.1$ git commit -m "HOA 8.1"
[main 8f2e38e] HOA 8.1
5 files changed, 241 insertions(+)
create mode 100644 ansible.cfg
create mode 100644 install_nagios.yml
create mode 100644 inventory
create mode 100644 roles/centos_nagios/tasks/main.yml
create mode 100644 roles/ubuntu_nagios/tasks/main.yml
jai@workstation:~/CPE232_HOA8.1$ git push origin
Warning: Permanently added the ECDSA host key for IP address '140.82.113.3' to the list of known host
s.
Counting objects: 12, done.
Delta compression using up to 2 threads.
Compressing objects: 100% (8/8), done.
Writing objects: 100% (12/12), 2.43 KiB | 2.43 MiB/s, done.
Total 12 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0)
To github.com:jaebieeeee/CPE232_HOA8.1git
    5d60530..8f2e38e main -> main
jai@workstation:~/CPE232_HOA8.1$
```

**GITHUB LINK:** <a href="https://github.com/jaebieeee/CPE232\_HOA8.1.git">https://github.com/jaebieeee/CPE232\_HOA8.1.git</a>

## Reflections:

Answer the following:

- 1. What are the benefits of having an availability monitoring tool?
  - The first benefit of this is that it immediately notifying the user when something goes wrong and in that way the user will be able to locate and resolve issues before they escalate. Aside form that, in terms of user's experience, availability monitoring tool assist in maintaining service reliability, which results in happier users and safeguards the reputation of the user's business.

### Conclusions:

After performing this activity, I can honestly say that so far, this was the hardest among all the Hands-On Activity that we did. I could say that no matter how well-detailed and good your code in your playbook is, if your PC has a "tantrum," then things will be more difficult since you will lose patience here by trying different ways to debug it. On the other hand, this activity made me realize that tere are many advantages to installing Nagios on both CentOS and Ubuntu. It offers thorough system monitoring and provides real-time information on network performance and application availability. With this, admnistrators are better equipped to identify problems early, avoid downtime, and guarantee a seamless user experience. Nagios is a crucial resource for businesses and organizations since it works well across all Linux distributions. To conclude all of these, this activity is quite challenging for me, but the happiness I felt once I accmplished everything without encountering any errors was priceless.