

Module Checklist Configuration Management with Ansible

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Video Overview

Main Demo Project			
Git Project	https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/ansible-learn		

Othe	Other Repos used in this module		
Terraform Project	https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/feat ure/ansible		
Java Maven Project	https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/java-maven-app/-/tree/fea ture/ansible		
Nodejs Project	https://gitlab.com/devops-bootcamp3/simple-nodejs		
Java Mysql Project	https://gitlab.com/devops-bootcamp3/bootcamp-java -mysql/-/tree/ansible		

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Introduction to Ansible

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Install Ansible

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- Demo executed Install Ansible

Useful Links:

Installation Guide:
 https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/installation_guide/intro_installation.html

Setup Managed Servers

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- □ Demo executed Create Droplets on DigitalOcean

Ansible Inventory

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- Demo executed
 - Hosts file created
 - ☐ Pinged servers with Ansible command

Add EC2 Instances to Inventory

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- Demo executed



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Managing Host Key Checking

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- Demo executed
 - Added to known_hosts and authorized_keys
 - Disabled Host Key Checking



Introduction to Ansible Playbook

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- Demo executed
 - Written simple Playbook
 - Executed Playbook

Modules used:

- https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/collections/ansible/builtin/apt_module.ht
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- https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/collections/ansible/builtin/service_module.html
- Automatically executed by Ansible:
 https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/collections/ansible/builtin/gather_facts_module.html

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Ansible Modules Overview

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Useful Links:

- Modules Index for Ansible Version 2.9

https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/2.9/modules/modules_by_category.html

Ansible Collections

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Useful Links:

- Collection Index: https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/user_guide/collections_using.html
- Ansible Collections Version 2.10 Changes: https://github.com/ansible-collections/overview
- Ansible Galaxy: https://galaxy.ansible.com/
- Developing own Collections:

 https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/dev_quide/developing_collections.html

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Project: Automate Node App Deployment - Part 1

- Watched video
- Demo executed
 - Created DigitalOcean Droplet
 - Adjusted hosts file
 - ☐ Written Play "Install node and npm"
 - ☐ Written Play "Deploy nodejs app"



Useful Links:

- Node Project: https://gitlab.com/devops-bootcamp3/simple-nodejs

New Modules used:

- https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/collections/ansible/builtin/copy_module.html
- https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/collections/ansible/builtin/unarchive_module.html

Project: Automate Node App Deployment - Part 2

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- Demo executed
 - ☐ Written Play "Deploy nodejs app"

- https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/collections/community/general/npm_module.html
- https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/collections/ansible/builtin/command_module.html
- https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/user_quide/playbooks_async.html
- https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/collections/ansible/builtin/debug_module.html
- https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/collections/ansible/builtin/shell_module.html

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Project: Automate Node App Deployment - Part 3

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- Demo executed
 - ☐ Written Play "Create new linux user for node app"
 - Adjusted Play "Deploy nodejs app"

Useful Links:

 Privilege Escalation with become https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/user_guide/become.html

New Modules used:

- https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/collections/ansible/builtin/user_module.html

Variables in Ansible

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- Demo executed

Useful links:

- https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/user_quide/playbooks_variables.html

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Project: Automate Nexus Deployment - Part 1

- Watched video
- Demo executed
 - Created DigitalOcean Droplet
 - ☐ Adjusted hosts file
 - ☐ Written Play "Install java and net-tools"
 - ☐ Written Play "Download and unpack Nexus installer"



Useful Links:

Conditionals in Ansible:
 https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/user_guide/playbooks_conditionals.html

New Modules used:

- https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/collections/ansible/builtin/get_url_module.html
- https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/collections/ansible/builtin/find_module.html
- https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/2.10/collections/ansible/builtin/stat_module.html

Project: Automate Nexus Deployment - Part 2

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- □ Demo executed
 - Written Play "Create nexus user to own nexus folders"
 - ☐ Written Play "Start nexus with nexus user"
 - ☐ Written Play "Verify nexus running"

- https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/collections/ansible/builtin/group_module.html
- https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/collections/ansible/builtin/file_module.html
- https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/collections/ansible/builtin/blockinfile_module.html
- https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/collections/ansible/builtin/lineinfile_module.html
- https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/collections/ansible/builtin/pause_module.html

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Configure Git & Default Inventory Location

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- □ Demo executed

Project: Ansible & Docker - Part 1

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- Demo executed
 - Created EC2 Instance with Terraform
 - Adjusted hosts inventory file
 - ☐ Written Play "Install python3 and docker"
 - ☐ Written Play "Install docker-compose"
 - ☐ Written Play "Start docker daemon"
 - ☐ Written Play "Add ec2-user to docker group"
 - Refactored the Playbook

Useful Links:

- Git Repo from Terraform Module:
 https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/feature/deploy-to-ec2
- Install docker-compose:
 https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/java-maven-app/-/blob/feature/sshagent-terraform/terraform/e
 ntry-script.sh
- Jinja2 Templating Language: https://palletsprojects.com/p/jinja/

- https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/collections/ansible/builtin/yum_module.html
- https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/collections/ansible/builtin/pipe_lookup.html
- https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/collections/ansible/builtin/systemd_module.html
- https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/collections/ansible/builtin/meta_module.html



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Project: Ansible & Docker - Part 2

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- Demo executed
 - Adjusted 1st Play to "install docker python module"
 - ☐ Written Play "Test docker pull"
 - ☐ Written Play "Start docker containers"
 - Executed Playbook on new server
 - ☐ Created new user and adjusted plays to make the playbook more general-purpose



- You can use the docker-compose.yaml file from this project:
 https://gitlab.com/devops-bootcamp3/bootcamp-java-mysql/-/tree/ansible
- Interactive Prompts:
 https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/user_quide/playbooks_prompts.html

- https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/collections/community/docker/docker_image_mod_ule.html
- https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/collections/ansible/builtin/pip_module.html
- https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/collections/community/docker/docker_login_modul e.html
- https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/collections/community/docker/docker_compose_m odule.html



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Project: Ansible Integration in Terraform

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- Demo executed
 - Adjusted Terraform configuration file to execute ansible playbook
 - ☐ Created new Ansible Playbook for Terraform integration
 - ☐ Written Play "Wait for ssh connection"
 - ☐ Used"null_resource" in Terraform configuration file

Useful Links:

- Ansible part of the Terraform project:
 https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/feature/ansible
- TF Provisioner:
 https://www.terraform.io/docs/language/resources/provisioners/syntax.html
- TF Null Resource: https://registry.terraform.io/providers/hashicorp/null/latest/docs/resources/resource

New Modules used:

- https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/collections/ansible/builtin/wait_for_module.html

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Dynamic Inventory

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- Demo executed
 - ☐ Terraform Created EC2 Instances
 - ☐ Written plugin configuration for aws_ec2
 - ☐ Adjusted TF config for public DNS assignment
 - Adjusted Ansible playbook and ansible.cfg to use dynamic hosts from AWS
 - ☐ Added a 4th server and re-executed Ansible playbook
 - ☐ Targeted only specific servers in your AWS region (filter + keyed_groups)

Useful Links:

- Working with Dynamic Inventory:
 https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/user_quide/intro_dynamic_inventory.html
- Git Repo from Terraform Module:
 https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/feature/deploy-to-ec2
- Inventory Plugins:
 https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/plugins/inventory.html#inventory-plugins
- EC2 Inventory Source:
 https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/collections/amazon/aws/aws_ec2_inventory.html
- Ansible-inventory command:
 https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/cli/ansible-inventory.html



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Project: Automate Kubernetes Deployment

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- Demo executed
 - Terraform Created K8s cluster
 - ☐ Written Play "Deploy app in new namespace"
 - ☐ Set kubeconfig environment variable



Useful Links:

TF script for EKS creation: https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/terraform-learn/-/tree/feature/eks

New Modules used:

- https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/collections/community/kubernetes/k8s_module.ht ml

Project: Ansible Integration in Jenkins - Part 1

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- **□** Demo executed Preparation
 - Created Droplet on DO (for Ansible Control Node)
 - ☐ Configured Droplet as Ansible Control Node (Install Ansible etc.)
 - ☐ Created 2 EC2 Instances (for Ansible Managed Nodes)

Useful Links:

Java Maven App: https://gitlab.com/nanuchi/java-maven-app

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Project: Ansible Integration in Jenkins - Part 2

- Watched video
- Demo executed Jenkins Pipeline
 - Installed necessary Jenkins Plugins
 - Configured Credentials for DO Droplet (Private Key for Ansible Server & EC2 Managed Servers)
 - Written Jenkinsfile
 - Created Pipeline in Jenkins

Project: Ansible Integration in Jenkins - Part 3

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- Demo executed Optimizations

Ansible Roles

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- Demo executed
 - Created Roles
 - Used Roles in Playbook
 - Created EC2 servers with Terraform
 - Executed Ansible Playbook

Useful Links:

- Official Doc:
 - https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/user_quide/playbooks_reuse_roles.html
- Variable Precedence:
 - https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/latest/user_guide/playbooks_variables.html#variable-precedence-where-should-i-put-a-variable