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1. Objectives:

- 1.1 Use commands that makes changes to remote machines
- 1.2Use playbook in automating ansible commands

2. Discussion:

Provide screenshots for each task.

Elevated Ad hoc commands

So far, we have not performed ansible commands that makes changes to the remote servers. We manage to gather facts and connect to the remote machines, but we still did not make changes on those machines. In this activity, we will learn to use commands that would install, update, and upgrade packages in the remote machines. We will also create a playbook that will be used for automations.

Playbooks record and execute Ansible's configuration, deployment, and orchestration functions. They can describe a policy you want your remote systems to enforce, or a set of steps in a general IT process. If Ansible modules are the tools in your workshop, playbooks are your instruction manuals, and your inventory of hosts are your raw material. At a basic level, playbooks can be used to manage configurations of and deployments to remote machines. At a more advanced level, they can sequence multitier rollouts involving rolling updates, and can delegate actions to other hosts, interacting with monitoring servers and load balancers along the way. You can check this documentation if you want to learn more about playbooks. Working with playbooks—Ansible Documentation

Task 1: Run elevated ad hoc commands

1. Locally, we use the command sudo apt update when we want to download package information from all configured resources. The sources often defined in /etc/apt/sources.list file and other files located in /etc/apt/sources.list.d/ directory. So, when you run update command, it downloads the package information from the Internet. It is useful to get info on an updated version of packages or their dependencies. We can only run an apt update command in a remote machine. Issue the following command:

ansible all -m apt -a update_cache=true

What is the result of the command? Is it successful? No, the result of the command displayed an error and permission denied.

Try editing the command and add something that would elevate the privilege. Issue the command ansible all -m apt -a update_cache=true --become --ask-become-pass. Enter the sudo password when prompted. You will notice now that the output of this command is a success. The update_cache=true is the same thing as running sudo apt update. The --become command elevate the privileges and the --ask-become-pass asks for the password. For now, even if we only have changed the packaged index, we were able to change something on the remote server.

You may notice after the second command was executed, the status is CHANGED compared to the first command, which is FAILED.

2. Let's try to install VIM, which is an almost compatible version of the UNIX editor Vi. To do this, we will just changed the module part in 1.1 instruction. Here is the command: ansible all -m apt -a name=vim-nox --become --ask-become-pass. The command would take some time after typing the password because the local machine instructed the remote servers to actually install the package.

```
jmaducal@workstation: ~/HOA4.1_CPE232_ADUCAL
 jmaducal@workstation:~/HOA4.1_CPE232_ADUCAL$ ansible all -m apt -a name=vim-nox
  --become --ask-become-pass
BECOME password:
 "cache_updated": false,
"changed": false
  erver1 | CHANGED => {
    "ansible_facts": {
         "cache_update_time": 1663159757,
"cache_updated": false,
"changed": true,
  ebrick ruby-xmlrpc ruby3.ó\n rubygems-integration vim-nox vim-runtime\n0 up
ded, 15 newly installed, 0 to remove and 24 not upgraded.\nNeed to get 17.5
                                 jmaducal@workstation: ~/HOA4.1_CPE232_ADUCAL Q = - - - ×
           "Get:15 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy/universe amd64 vim-nox a 2:8.2.3995-1ubuntu2 [1926 kB]",
"Fetched 17.5 MB in 19s (916 kB/s)",
"Selecting previously unselected package fonts-lato.",
"(Reading database ... ",
"(Reading database ... 5%",
"(Reading database ... 10%",
"(Reading database ... 15%",
"(Reading database ... 20%",
"(Reading database ... 25%",
"(Reading database ... 25%",
"(Reading database ... 35%",
"(Reading database ... 35%",
"(Reading database ... 35%",
"(Reading database ... 45%",
"(Reading database ... 45%",
"(Reading database ... 55%",
"(Reading database ... 65%",
"(Reading database ... 65%",
"(Reading database ... 76%",
"(Reading database ... 76%",
"(Reading database ... 76%",
"(Reading database ... 76%",
                      (Reading database ... 199337 files and directories currently installed
                   "Preparing to unpack .../00-fonts-lato_2.0-2.1_all.deb ...",
```

```
jmaducal@workstation: ~/HOA4.1_CPE232_ADUCAL Q = -
  server2 | CHANGED => {
    "ansible_facts": {
                   cache update time": 1663159730,
                 "cache_updated": false,
"changed": true,
"changed": true,
    "stderr": "",
    "stdeort": "Reading package lists...\nBuilding dependency tree...\nReading s
tate information...\nThe following additional packages will be installed:\n fo
nts-lato javascript-common libjs-jquery liblua5.2-0 libruby3.0 rake ruby\n rub
y-net-telnet ruby-rubygems ruby-webrick ruby-xmlrpc ruby3.0\n rubygems-integra
tion vim-runtime\nSuggested packages:\n ri ruby-dev bundler cscope vim-doc\nTh
e following NEW packages will be installed:\n fonts-lato javascript-common lib
js-jquery liblua5.2-0 libruby3.0 rake ruby\n ruby-net-telnet ruby-rubygems rub
y-webrick ruby-xmlrpc ruby3.0\n rubygems-integration vim-nox vim-runtime\n0 up
graded, 15 newly installed, 0 to remove and 32 not upgraded.\nNeed to get 17.5
MB of archives.\nAfter this operation, 76.3 MB of additional disk space will be
used.\nGet:1 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy/main amd64 fonts-lato all
2.0-2.1 [2696 kB]\nGet:2 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy/main amd64 fonts-lato all
2.0-2.1 [2696 kB]\nGet:4 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy/main amd64 fonts-lato all
    t:5 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy/main amd64 rubygems-integration all
1.18 [5336 B]\nGet:6 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/main amd64
                                                             jmaducal@workstation: ~/HOA4.1_CPE232_ADUCAL Q = - • ×
    d64 2:8.2.3995-1ubuntu2 [1926 kB]",
"Fetched 17.5 MB in 1min 5s (269 kB/s)",
"Selecting previously unselected package fonts-lato.",
                                   "(Reading database ...
"(Reading database ...
                                    (Reading database ... 5%",
                                      (Reading database ...
                                      (Reading database ...
                                     (Reading database ... 40%)
(Reading database ... 45%)
                                     (Reading database ...
(Reading database ...
                                     (Reading database ... 60%"
(Reading database ... 65%"
(Reading database ... 75%"
(Reading database ... 75%"
                                  "Preparing to unpack .../00-fonts-lato_2.0-2.1_all.deb ...", "Unpacking fonts-lato (2.0-2.1) ...",
```

2.1 Verify that you have installed the package in the remote servers. Issue the command *which vim* and the command *apt search vim-nox* respectively. Was the command successful? YES

```
jmaducal@workstation: ~/HOA4.1_CPE232_ADUCAL Q = - @ X
jmaducal@workstation: ~/HOA4.1_CPE232_ADUCAL$ which vim
/usr/bin/vim
jmaducal@workstation: ~/HOA4.1_CPE232_ADUCAL$ apt search vim-nox
Sorting... Done
Full Text Search... Done
/im-nox/jammy,now 2:8.2.3995-1ubuntu2 amd64 [installed]
Vi IMproved - enhanced vi editor - with scripting languages support
/im-tiny/jammy,now 2:8.2.3995-1ubuntu2 amd64 [installed,automatic]
Vi IMproved - enhanced vi editor - compact version
jmaducal@workstation: ~/HOA4.1_CPE232_ADUCAL$
```

2.2 Check the logs in the servers using the following commands: *cd /var/log*. After this, issue the command *ls*, go to the folder *apt* and open history.log. Describe what you see in the history.log.

Server 1

```
jmaducal@server1: /var/log/apt
  maducal@server1:~$ cd /var/log
  maducal@server1:/var/log$ ls
olternatives.log dist-upgrade
                                                                          kern.log.1
 alternatives.log
 alternatives.log.1 dmesg
                                       dmesg.0
                                                                          lastlog
 auth.log
 auth.log.1
                                                                          syslog
                                       dpkg.log
                                                                          syslog.1
 poot.log
                                       dpkg.log.1
 ooot.log.1
                                        faillog
 ooot.log.2
                                                                          ubuntu-advantage.log
 ooot.log.3
                                        fontconfig.log
                                                                          ubuntu-advantage-timer.log
 ooot.log.4
                                                                          ubuntu-advantage-timer.log.1
 poot.log.5
                                        gpu-manager.log ufw.log
 ootstrap.log
                                                                          wtmp
 otmp
 otmp.1
                                        kern.log
  maducal@server1:/var/log$ cd apt
  maducal@server1:/var/log/apt$ ls
                         history.log
                                                                                       term.log term.log.1.gz
  maducal@server1:/var/log/apt$ cat history.log
Start-Date: 2022-09-14 10:15:19
Commandline: /usr/bin/unattended-upgrade
Remove: linux-headers-5.15.0-25-generic:amd64 (5.15.0-25.25)
End-Date: 2022-09-14 10:15:19
Start-Date: 2022-09-14 10:15:23
Commandline: /usr/bin/unattended-upgrade
Remove: linux-headers-5.15.0-25:amd64 (5.15.0-25.25)
End-Date: 2022-09-14 10:15:25
Start-Date: 2022-09-14 20:52:40
Commandline: /usr/bin/apt-get -y -o Dpkg::Options::=--force-confdef -o Dpkg::Options::=--force-confold install vim-nox
tions::=--force-confold install vim-nox
Requested-By: jmaducal (1000)
Install: fonts-lato:amd64 (2.0-2.1, automatic), liblua5.2-0:amd64 (5.2.4-2, automatic), ruby-net-telnet:amd64 (0.1.1-2, automatic), rubygems-integration:amd64 (1.18, automatic), libruby3.0:amd64 (3.0.2-7ubuntu2.1, automatic), rake:amd64 (13.0.6-2, automatic), vim-nox:amd64 (2:8.2.3995-1ubuntu2), ruby:amd64 (1:3.0-e xp1, automatic), vim-runtime:amd64 (2:8.2.3995-1ubuntu2, automatic), ruby3.0:amd64 (3.0.2-7ubuntu2.1, automatic), libjs-jquery:amd64 (3.6.0+dfsg+~3.5.13-1, automatic), ruby-rubygems:amd64 (3.3.5-2, automatic), javascript-common:amd64 (11+nmu1, automatic), ruby-xmlrpc:amd64 (0.3.2-1ubuntu0.1, automatic), ruby-webric k:amd64 (1.7.0-3, automatic)
k:amd64 (1.7.0-3, automatic)
End-Date: 2022-09-14 20:52:53
```

In history.log, It shows the updates and upgrades of the packages to the new version of ubuntu system for Server 1.

Server 2

```
jmaducal@server2: /var/log/apt
 maducal@server2:~$ cd /var/log
 jmaducal@server2:/var/log$ ls
                                                kern.log.1
alternatives.log
alternatives.log.1
                                                lastlog
                          dmesg
apport.log
                          dmesa.0
apport.log.1
auth.log
                                                syslog
auth.log.1
                                                syslog.1
                          dpkg.log
                          dpkg.log.1
faillog
                                                ubuntu-advantage.log
boot.log
boot.log.1
                                                ubuntu-advantage-timer.log
                          fontconfig.log
                                               ubuntu-advantage-timer.log.1
boot.log.2
boot.log.3
                                                ufw.log
boot.log.4
                          gpu-manager.log ufw.log.1
boot.log.5
bootstrap.log
btmp
                                               wtmp
btmp.1
                          kern.loa
 jmaducal@server2:/var/log$ cd apt
 jmaducal@server2:/var/log/apt$ ls
                history.log
                                                         term.log term.log.1.gz
jmaducal@server2:/var/log/apt$ cat history.log
Start-Date: 2022-09-14 10:29:08
Commandline: /usr/bin/unattended-upgrade
Upgrade: libgdk-pixbuf2.0-common:amd64 (2.42.8+dfsg-1, 2.42.8+dfsg-1ubuntu0.1)
End-Date: 2022-09-14 10:29:08
Start-Date: 2022-09-14 10:29:12
Commandline: /usr/bin/unattended-upgrade
Upgrade: libgdk-pixbuf-2.0-0:amd64 (2.42.8+dfsg-1, 2.42.8+dfsg-1ubuntu0.1)
End-Date: 2022-09-14 10:29:13
Start-Date: 2022-09-14 20:53:26
Commandline: /usr/bin/apt-get -y -o Dpkg::Options::=--force-confdef -o Dpkg::Op
tions::=--force-confold install vim-nox
Requested-By: jmaducal (1000)
Install: fonts-lato:amd64 (2.0-2.1, automatic), liblua5.2-0:amd64 (5.2.4-2, automatic), ruby-net-telnet:amd64 (0.1.1-2, automatic), rubygems-integration:amd64 (1.18, automatic), libruby3.0:amd64 (3.0.2-7ubuntu2.1, automatic), rake:amd64 (13.0.6-2, automatic), vim-nox:amd64 (2:8.2.3995-1ubuntu2), ruby:amd64 (1:3.0~e
xp1, automatic), vim-runtime:amd64 (2:8.2.3995-1ubuntu2, automatic), ruby3.0:amd64 (3.0.2-7ubuntu2.1, automatic), libjs-jquery:amd64 (3.6.0+dfsg+~3.5.13-1, automatic), ruby-rubygems:amd64 (3.3.5-2, automatic), javascript-common:amd64 (11
+nmu1, automatic), ruby-xmlrpc:amd64 (0.3.2-1ubuntu0.1, automatic), ruby-webric
k:amd64 (1.7.0-3, automatic)
End-Date: 2022-09-14 20:53:39
```

In history.log, It shows the updates and upgrades of the packages to the new version of ubuntu system for Server 2.

- 3. This time, we will install a package called snapd. Snap is pre-installed in Ubuntu system. However, our goal is to create a command that checks for the latest installation package.
 - 3.1 Issue the command: ansible all -m apt -a name=snapd --become --ask-become-pass

Can you describe the result of this command? Is it a success? Did it change anything in the remote servers? It shows success, the command does not change anything in servers. I understand that the goal of the command is only to check for the installation package.

3.2 Now, try to issue this command: ansible all -m apt -a "name=snapd state=latest" --become --ask-become-pass

Describe the output of this command. Notice how we added the command state=latest and placed them in double quotations.

By adding the command state=latest it will check for the latest installation package.

4. At this point, make sure to commit all changes to GitHub.

```
jmaducal@workstation: ~/HOA4.1_CPE232_ADUCAL
jmaducal@workstation:~/HOA4.1_CPE232_ADUCAL$ sudo nano README.md
jmaducal@workstation:~/HOA4.1_CPE232_ADUCAL$ git status
On branch main
Your branch is up to date with 'origin/main'.
Changes not staged for commit:
(use "git add <file>..." to update what will be committed)
(use "git restore <file>..." to discard changes in working directory)
no changes added to commit (use "git add" and/or "git commit -a")
jmaducal@workstation:~/HOA4.1_CPE232_ADUCAL$ git add README.md
jmaducal@workstation:~/HOA4.1_CPE232_ADUCAL$ git commit -m "HOA 4.1 Task 1"
[main 0d6ccdf] HOA 4.1 Task 1
 1 file changed, 28 insertions(+), 1 deletion(-)
 rewrite README.md (100%)
                                        4.1_CPE232_ADUCAL$ git push origin main
Enumerating objects: 5, done.
Counting objects: 100% (5/5), done.
Compressing objects: 100% (2/2), done.
Writing objects: 100% (3/3), 613 bytes | 613.00 KiB/s, done.
Total 3 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0
To github.com:jmaducal12/HOA4.1_CPE232_ADUCAL.git
 ceafc13..0d6ccdf main -> main
maducal@workstation:~/H0A4.1 CPE
     HOA 4.1 Task 1
     ال main
         John Mark Aducal committed 1 minute ago
      If this commit is yours, make sure qjmsaducal@tip.ed.ph is associated with your account.
   Showing 1 changed file with 28 additions and 1 deletion.
```

```
y 29 ■■■■□ README.md 「□
   ... @@ -1 +1,28 @@
    - # HOA4.1_CPE232_ADUCAL
1 + # HOA4.1_CPE232_ADUCAL
      2 + Codes use for HOA 4.1 Ansible basics
      3 + for installing ansible:
      4 + sudo apt install ansible -y
     5 + To update cache in remote servers:
      6 + ansible all -m apt -a update cache=true
      7 + ansible all -m apt -a update_cache=true --become --ask-become-pass
     9 + for local machine to instruct servers to install packages:
     10 + ansible all -m a name=vim-nox --become --ask-become-pass
    11 + which vim
     12 + apt seach vim-nox
    13 -
     14 + for checking servers history log/installation logs:
    15 + cd /var/log
    16 + 1s
    17 + cd apt
    18 + cat history.log
    19 .
     20 + to check for latest installation package:
     21 + ansible all -m apt -a name=snapd --become --ask-become-pass
     22 + ansible all -m apt -a "name=snapd state=latest" --become --ask-become-pass
     24 + to commit all changes to GitHub:
     25 + git status
     26 + git add README.md
     27 + git commit -m "HOA 4.1 Task 1"
     28 + git push origin main
```

Task 2: Writing our First Playbook

1. With ad hoc commands, we can simplify the administration of remote servers. For example, we can install updates, packages, and applications, etc. However, the real strength of ansible comes from its playbooks. When we write a playbook, we can define the state that we want our servers to be in and the place or commands that ansible will carry out to bring to that state. You can use an editor to create a playbook. Before we proceed, make sure that you are in the directory of the repository that we use in the previous activities (CPE232_yourname). Issue the command nano install_apache.yml. This will create a playbook file called install_apache.yml. The .yml is the basic standard extension for playbook files.

When the editor appears, type the following:

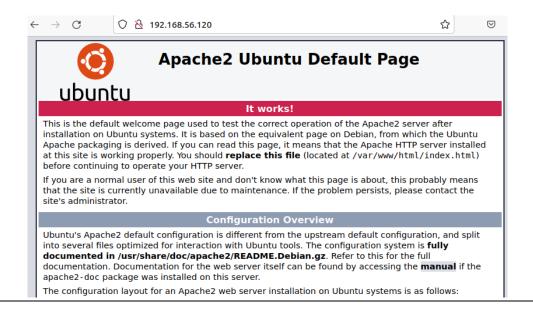
Make sure to save the file. Take note also of the alignments of the texts.

2. Run the yml file using the command: ansible-playbook --ask-become-pass install_apache.yml. Describe the result of this command.

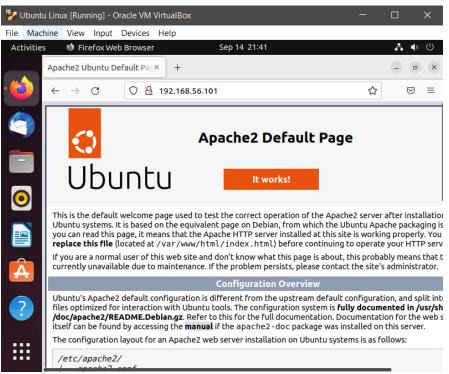
```
jmaducal@workstation: ~/CPE232_John-Mark-Aducal
jmaducal@workstation:~/CPE232_John-Mark-Aducal$ ansible-playbook --ask-become-p
ass install apache.yml
BECOME password:
ok: [server1]
ok: [server2]
ok: [localhost]
TASK [install apache2 package] ***********************************
ok: [server2]
ok: [localhost]
changed=0
                                  unreachable=0
                                              failed=0
skipped=0
        rescued=0
                  ignored=0
                         changed=0
                                  unreachable=0
                                              failed=0
skipped=0
        rescued=0
                  ignored=0
                         changed=0
                                  unreachable=0
                                              failed=0
server2
skipped=0
        rescued=0
                  ignored=0
```

I think the command is used to install apache2 package to local host and remote servers using the ansible playbook.

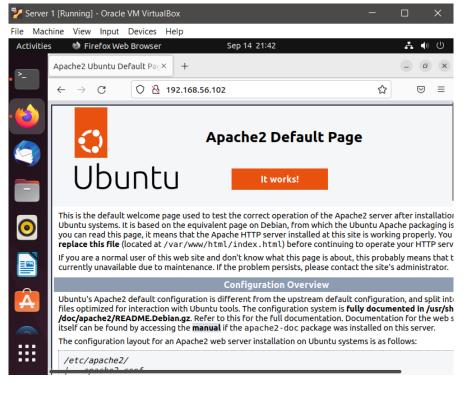
3. To verify that apache2 was installed automatically in the remote servers, go to the web browsers on each server and type its IP address. You should see something like this.



Localhost / Workstation



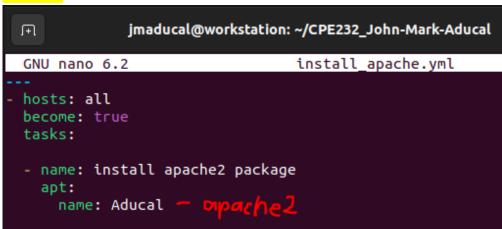
Server 1





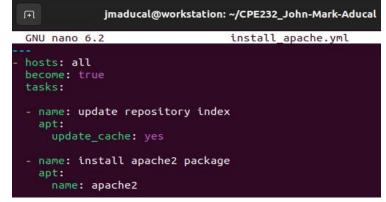
4. Try to edit the *install_apache.yml* and change the name of the package to any name that will not be recognized. What is the output?

It shows an error no package matching Aducal is available. that's why it's FAILED.



5. This time, we are going to put additional task to our playbook. Edit the install_apache.yml. As you can see, we are now adding an additional command, which is the update_cache. This command updates existing package-indexes on a supporting distro but not upgrading installed-packages (utilities) that were being installed.

```
hosts: all become: true tasks:
name: update repository index apt: update_cache: yes
name: install apache2 package apt: name: apache2
```



Save the changes to this file and exit.

6. Run the playbook and describe the output. Did the new command change anything on the remote servers? Yes, the new command will update the repository index.

```
jmaducal@workstation: ~/CPE232_John-Mark-Aducal
                                       Q ≡
jmaducal@workstation:~/CPE232_John-Mark-Aducal$ ansible-playbook --ask-become-p
ass install_apache.yml
BECOME password:
TASK [update repository index] ****************************
hanged: [server2]
hanged: [server1]
TASK [install apache2 package] ***********************************
unreachable=0
                                                  failed=0
skipped=0
         rescued=0
                   ignored=0
                                     unreachable=0
                                                  failed=0
server1
                   ignored=0
skipped=0
         rescued=0
                                     unreachable=0
server2
                   : ok=3
                                                  failed=0
skipped=0
         rescued=0
                   ignored=0
jmaducal@workstation:~/CPE232_John-Mark-Aducal$
```

7. Edit again the *install_apache.yml*. This time, we are going to add a PHP support for the apache package we installed earlier.

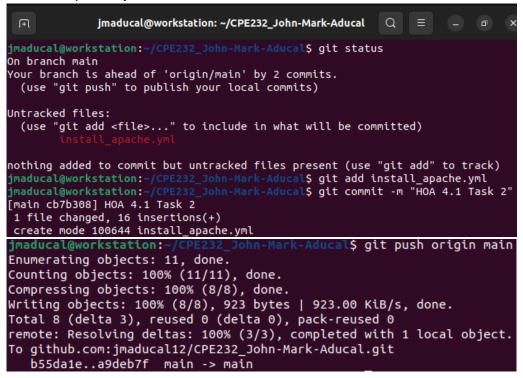
```
    hosts: all become: true tasks:
    name: update repository index apt: update_cache: yes
    name: install apache2 package apt: name: apache2
    name: add PHP support for apache apt: name: libapache2-mod-php
```

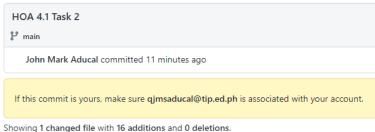
Save the changes to this file and exit.

8. Run the playbook and describe the output. Did the new command change anything on the remote servers? Yes, the new command will add PHP support for apache.

```
jmaducal@workstation: ~/CPE232_John-Mark-Aducal
                          Q ≡
jmaducal@workstation:~/CPE232_John-Mark-Aducal$ ansible-playbook --ask-become-p
ass install_apache.yml
BECOME password:
changed: [server2]
changed: [localhost]
changed: [server1]
unreachable=0
                              failed=0
skipped=0
     rescued=0 ignored=0
                       unreachable=0
                              failed=0
skipped=0 rescued=0
            ignored=0
                               failed=0
                       unreachable=0
skipped=0
      rescued=0
            ignored=0
```

9. Finally, make sure that we are in sync with GitHub. Provide the link of your GitHub repository.





√ 16 ■■■■■ install_apache.yml [□] ... @@ -0,0 +1,16 @@ 1 + ---2 + - hosts: all 3 + become: true 4 + tasks: 6 + - name: update repository index 7 + apt: 8 + update_cache: yes 9 + 10 + - name: install apache2 package 11 + 12 + name: apache2 13 + 14 + - name: add PHP support for apache 16 + name: libapache2-mod-php

GitHub repository Link:

https://github.com/jmaducal12/CPE232_John-Mark-Aducal.git

Reflections:

Answer the following:

 What is the importance of using a playbook? Ansible Playbooks provides powerful automation and yet It have a simple configuration management for deployments, installations and updates for remote servers and workstations. It is useful for student system administrator just like me, IT Professionals and DevSecOps.

2. Summarize what we have done on this activity.

In Task 1, I have learned how to execute ansible commands that would make update of cache in a remote servers and local host. To be able to execute the ansible command successfuly. It needs a privilege and –ask-become-pass ask for become password. Using the ansible command I can able to change something on the remote server and local host. Like for example installing packages and updating cache on remote servers using the local machine. Verifying the installed packages in remote servers and using the command to check for the latest installation packages. In Task 2, I have learned how to use ansible playbook first by creating a playbook (.yml) for playbook extension file. Writing some commands inside the playbook file for installing apache2 package in remote servers and localhost. And verifying if the apache2 package was successfully installed in remote servers by typing the IP Address of remote machines itself and It should display Apache2 Default page. To add another task in playbook by editing the playbook file. After executing the file with ansible command it will execute the new command and to update the remote servers. And lastly to commit all the changes and sync to GitHub.

Honor Pledge:

I affirm that I will not give or receive any unauthorized help on this activity and that all work will be my own.

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