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Activity 5: Consolidating Playbook plays

1. Objectives:

- 1.1 Use **when** command in playbook for different OS distributions
- 1.2 Apply refactoring techniques in cleaning up the playbook codes

2. Discussion:

We are going to look at a way that we can differentiate a playbook by a host in terms of which distribution the host is running. It's very common in most Linux shops to run multiple distributions, for example, Ubuntu shop or Debian shop and you need a different distribution for a one off-case or perhaps you want to run plays only on certain distributions.

It is a best practice in ansible when you are working in a collaborative environment to use the command git pull. git pull is a Git command used to update the local version of a repository from a remote. By default, git pull does two things. Updates the current local working branch (currently checked out branch) and updates the remote-tracking branches for all other branches. git pull essentially pulls down any changes that may have happened since the last time you worked on the repository.

Requirement:

In this activity, you will need to create a CentOS VM. Likewise, you need to activate the second adapter to a host-only adapter after the installations. Take note of the IP address of the CentOS VM. Make sure to use the command **ssh-copy-id** to copy the public key to CentOS. Verify if you can successfully SSH to CentOS VM.

Task 1: Use when command for different distributions

1. In the local machine, make sure you are in the local repository directory (**CPE232_yourname**). Issue the command git pull. When prompted, enter the correct passphrase or password. Describe what happened when you issue this command. Did something happen? Why?

```
roldan@workstation:~/CPE232_Roldan$ git pull
Already up to date.
roldan@workstation:~/CPE232_Roldan$ █
```

2. Edit the inventory file and add the IP address of the Centos VM. Issue the command we used to execute the playbook (the one we used in the last activity): `ansible-playbook --ask-become-pass install_apache.yml`. After executing this command, you may notice that it did not become successful in the Centos VM. You can see that the Centos VM has failed=1. Only the two remote servers have been changed. The reason is that Centos VM does not support "apt" as the package manager. The default package manager for Centos is "yum."

3. Edit the `install_apache.yml` file and insert the lines shown below.

```
---
- hosts: all
  become: true
  tasks:

    - name: update repository index
      apt:
        update_cache: yes
      when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"

    - name: install apache2 package
      apt:
        name: apache2
      when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"

    - name: add PHP support for apache
      apt:
        name: libapache2-mod-php
      when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"
```

Make sure to save the file and exit.

```
Sep 12 11:11
roldan@workstation: ~/CPE232_Roldan/HOAS

GNU nano 7.2                               install_apache.yaml *

---[redacted]
- hosts: all
  become: true
  tasks:

    - name: update repository index
      apt:
        update_cache: yes
      when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"

    - name: install apache2 package
      apt:
        name: apache2
      when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"

    - name: add PHP support for apache
      apt:
        name: libapache2-mod-php
      when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"
```

Run `ansible-playbook --ask-become-pass install_apache.yml` and describe the result.

```
Sep 12 11:11
roldan@workstation: ~/CPE232_Roldan/HOAS

GNU nano 7.2                               install_apache.yaml *

---[redacted]
- hosts: all
  become: true
  tasks:

    - name: update repository index
      apt:
        update_cache: yes
      when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"

    - name: install apache2 package
      apt:
        name: apache2
      when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"

    - name: add PHP support for apache
      apt:
        name: libapache2-mod-php
      when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"
```

```
[C]: [ERROR]: user interrupted execution
roldan@workstation:~/CPE232_Roldan/HOA5$ sudo nano inventory.yaml
roldan@workstation:~/CPE232_Roldan/HOA5$ ansible-playbook --ask-become-pass install_apache.yml
BECOME password:

PLAY [all] ****
TASK [Gathering Facts] ****
ok: [server1]
ok: [centos-server]

TASK [update repository index] ****
skipping: [centos-server]
changed: [server1]

TASK [install apache2 package] ****
skipping: [centos-server]
ok: [server1]

TASK [add PHP support for apache] ****
skipping: [centos-server]
ok: [server1]

PLAY RECAP ****
centos-server : ok=1    changed=0    unreachable=0    failed=0    skipped=
3    rescued=0   ignored=0
server1      : ok=4    changed=1    unreachable=0    failed=0    skipped=
0    rescued=0   ignored=0

roldan@workstation:~/CPE232_Roldan/HOA5$ S
```

If you have a mix of Debian and Ubuntu servers, you can change the configuration of your playbook like this.

- name: update repository index
- apt:
 - update_cache: yes
 - when: ansible_distribution in ["Debian", "Ubuntu"]

Note: This will work also if you try. Notice the changes are highlighted.

4. Edit the *install_apache.yml* file and insert the lines shown below.

```
---
```

```
- hosts: all
  become: true
  tasks:

    - name: update repository index
      apt:
        update_cache: yes
      when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"

    - name: install apache2 package
      apt:
        name: apache2
        state: latest
      when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"

    - name: add PHP support for apache
      apt:
        name: libapache2-mod-php
        state: latest
      when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"

    - name: update repository index
      dnf:
        update_cache: yes
      when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"

    - name: install apache2 package
      dnf:
        name: httpd
        state: latest
      when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"

    - name: add PHP support for apache
      dnf:
        name: php
        state: latest
      when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"
```

Make sure to save and exit.

GNU nano 7.2

roldan@workstation: ~/CPE232_Roldan/HOAS

```
install_apache.yml
```

- hosts: all
become: true
tasks:

- name: update repository index
apt:
 update_cache: yes
when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"

Terminal : install apache2 package
apt:
 name: apache2
 state: latest
when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"

- name: add PHP support for apache
apt:
 name: libapache2-mod-php
 state: latest
when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"

- name: update repository index
dnf:
 update_cache: yes
when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"

^G Help **^O** Write Out **^W** Where Is **^K** Cut **^T** Execute **^C** Location
^X Exit **^R** Read File **^** Replace **^U** Paste **^J** Justify **^/** Go To Line

```
GNU nano 7.2                               install_apache.yml *
name: apache2
state: latest
when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"

- name: add PHP support for apache
  apt:
    name: libapache2-mod-php
    state: latest
  when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"

- name: update repository index
  dnf:
    update_cache: yes
  when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"

- name: install apache2 package
  dnf:
    name: httpd
    state: latest
  when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"

- name: add PHP support for apache
  dnf:
    name: php
    state: latest
  when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"
S

^G Help      ^O Write Out  ^W Where Is   ^K Cut        ^T Execute   ^C Location
^X Exit     ^R Read File  ^\ Replace    ^U Paste     ^J Justify   ^/ Go To Line
```

Run *ansible-playbook --ask-become-pass install_apache.yml* and describe the result.

```
[+] roldan@workstation:~/CPE232_Roldan/H0A5
TASK [update repository index] ****
skipping: [centos-server]
changed: [server1]

TASK [install apache2 package] ****
skipping: [centos-server]
ok: [server1]

TASK [add PHP support for apache] ****
skipping: [centos-server]
ok: [server1]

TASK [update repository index] ****
skipping: [server1]
ok: [centos-server]

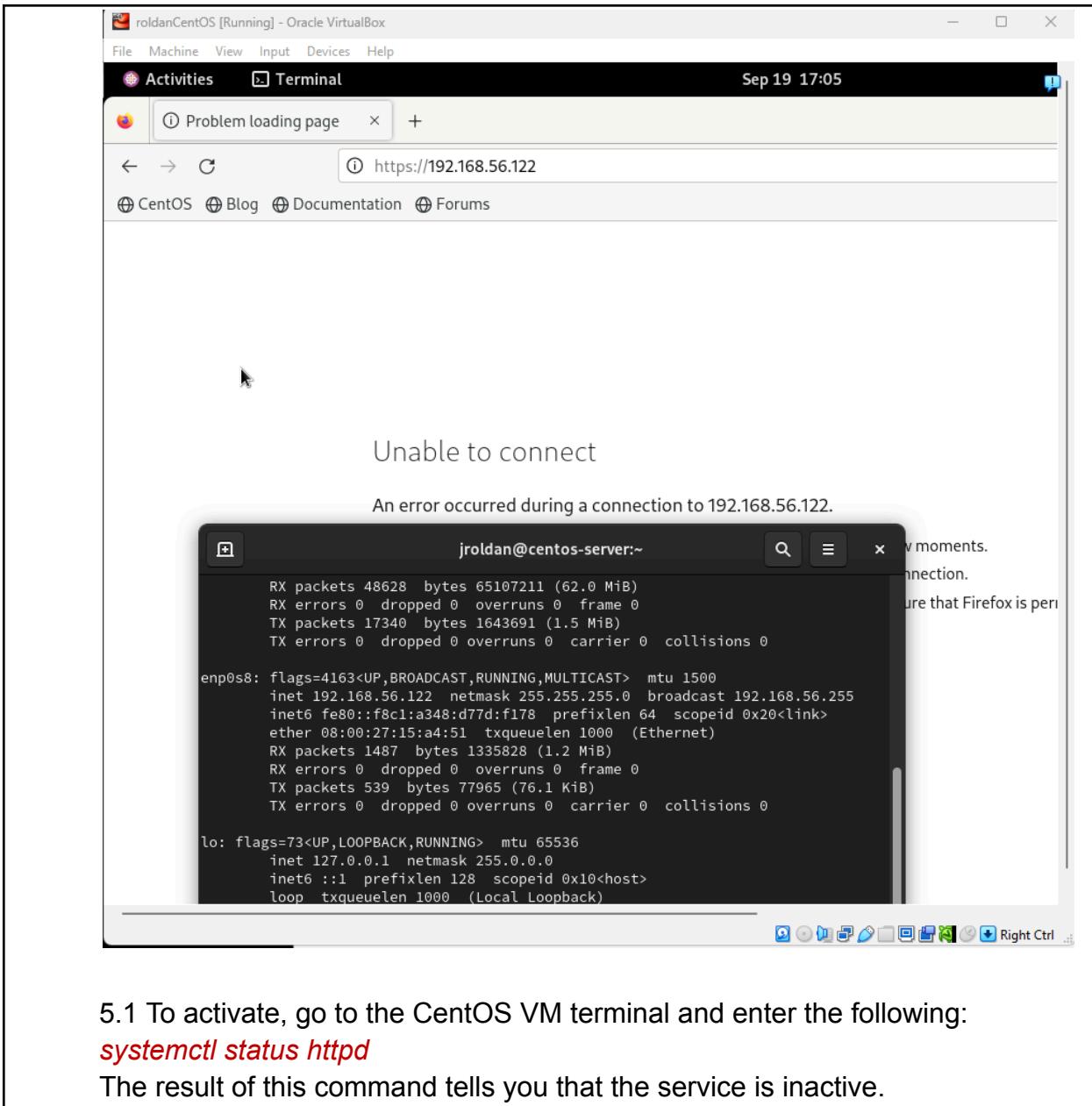
TASK [install apache2 package] ****
skipping: [server1]
changed: [centos-server]

TASK [add PHP support for apache] ****
skipping: [server1]
changed: [centos-server]

PLAY RECAP ****
centos-server : ok=4    changed=2    unreachable=0    failed=0    skipped=3
               rescued=0   ignored=0
server1      : ok=4    changed=1    unreachable=0    failed=0    skipped=3
               rescued=0   ignored=0

roldan@workstation:~/CPE232_Roldan/H0A5$
```

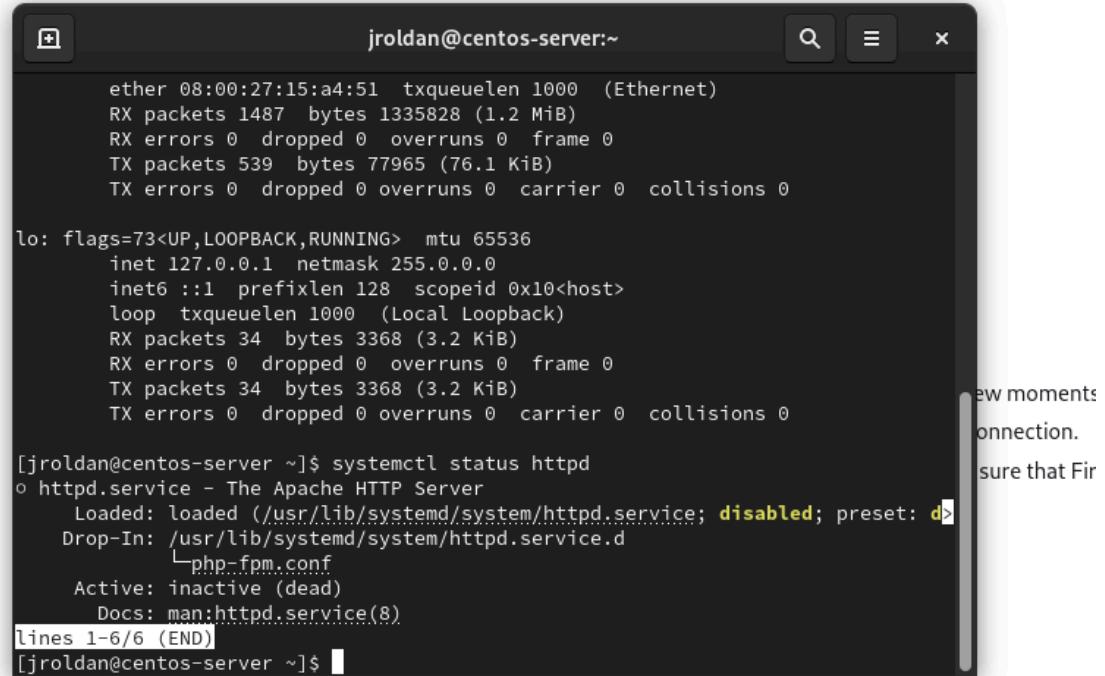
5. To verify the installations, go to CentOS VM and type its IP address on the browser. Was it successful? The answer is no. It's because the httpd service or the Apache HTTP server in the CentOS is not yet active. Thus, you need to activate it first.



5.1 To activate, go to the CentOS VM terminal and enter the following:

systemctl status httpd

The result of this command tells you that the service is inactive.



```
jroldan@centos-server:~
```

```
ether 08:00:27:15:a4:51 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
RX packets 1487 bytes 1335828 (1.2 MiB)
RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
TX packets 539 bytes 77965 (76.1 KiB)
TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
RX packets 34 bytes 3368 (3.2 KiB)
RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
TX packets 34 bytes 3368 (3.2 KiB)
TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

[jroldan@centos-server ~]$ systemctl status httpd
● httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/httpd.service; disabled; preset: d>
   Drop-In: /usr/lib/systemd/system/httpd.service.d
     └─php-fpm.conf
     Active: inactive (dead)
       Docs: man:httpd.service(8)
lines 1-6/6 (END)
[jroldan@centos-server ~]$
```

5.2 Issue the following command to start the service:

sudo systemctl start httpd

(When prompted, enter the sudo password)

sudo firewall-cmd --add-port=80/tcp

(The result should be a success)

```
jroldan@centos-server:~ TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0  
lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536  
      inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0  
      inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>  
      loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)  
      RX packets 34 bytes 3368 (3.2 KiB)  
      RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0  
      TX packets 34 bytes 3368 (3.2 KiB)  
      TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0  
[jroldan@centos-server ~]$ systemctl status httpd  
● httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server  
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/httpd.service; disabled; preset: disabled)  
   Drop-In: /usr/lib/systemd/system/httpd.service.d  
             └─php-fpm.conf  
   Active: inactive (dead)  
     Docs: man:httpd.service(8)  
lines 1-6/6 (END)  
[jroldan@centos-server ~]$ sudo systemctl start httpd  
[sudo] password for jroldan:  
[jroldan@centos-server ~]$ sudo firewall-cmd --add-port=80/tcp  
success  
[jroldan@centos-server ~]$
```

5.3 To verify the service is already running, go to CentOS VM and type its IP address on the browser. Was it successful? (Screenshot the browser)

The screenshot shows a Firefox browser window titled "HTTP Server Test Page" running on a CentOS system. The address bar displays the URL `192.168.56.122`. The page content includes the CentOS logo and the heading "HTTP Server Test Page". A message states: "This page is used to test the proper operation of the HTTP server after it has been installed. If you see this page it means that this site is working properly. This server is powered by CentOS." Below this, there are two sections: "If you are a member of the general public:" and "If you are the website:". The "public" section says: "The website you just visited is either experiencing problems or is undergoing routine maintenance." The "website" section says: "You may now add content to this page until you do so, people visiting this page will see your content." At the bottom of the page, there is a note for "systems using the Apache web server".

Task 2: Refactoring playbook

This time, we want to make sure that our playbook is efficient and that the codes are easier to read. This will also makes run ansible more quickly if it has to execute fewer tasks to do the same thing.

1. Edit the playbook `install_apache.yml`. Currently, we have three tasks targeting our Ubuntu machines and 3 tasks targeting our CentOS machine. Right now, we try to consolidate some tasks that are typically the same. For example, we can consolidate two plays that install packages. We can do that by creating a list of installation packages as shown below:

```
---
- hosts: all
  become: true
  tasks:

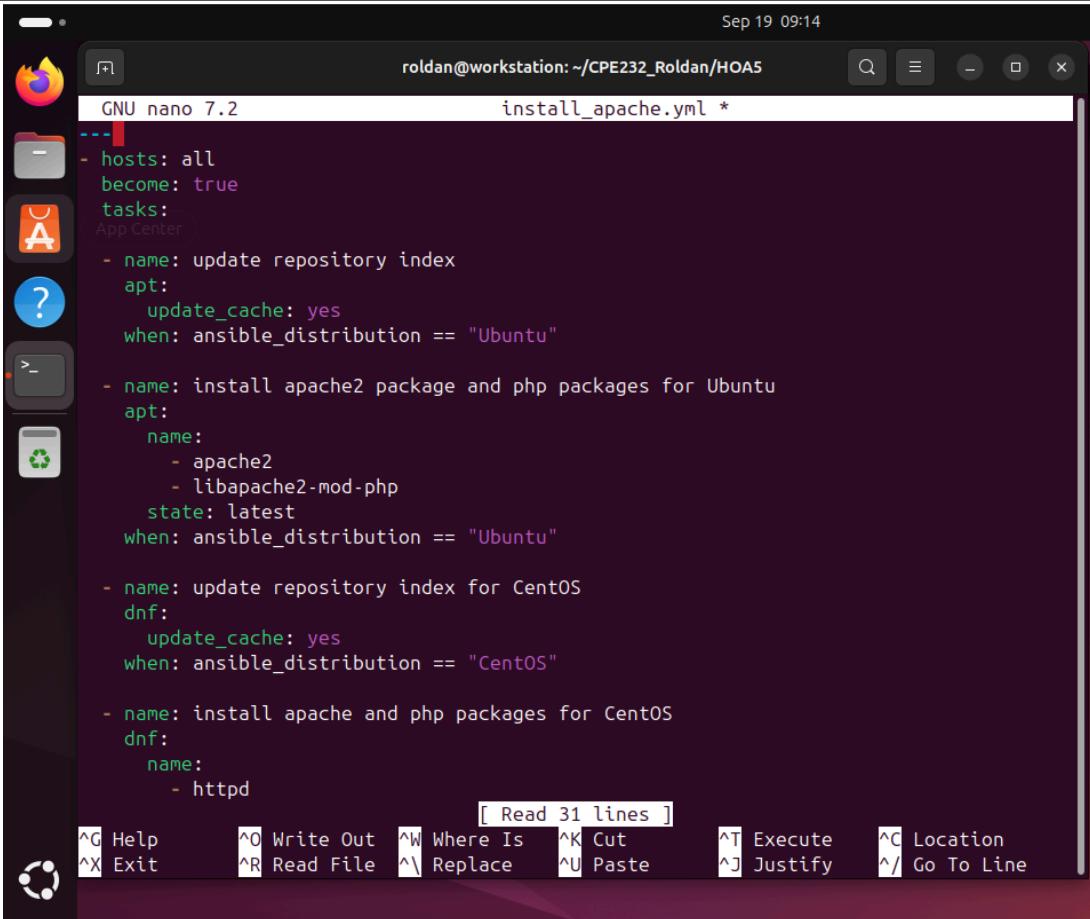
    - name: update repository index Ubuntu
      apt:
        update_cache: yes
      when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"

    - name: install apache2 and php packages for Ubuntu
      apt:
        name:
          - apache2
          - libapache2-mod-php
        state: latest
      when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"

    - name: update repository index for CentOS
      dnf:
        update_cache: yes
      when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"

    - name: install apache and php packages for CentOS
      dnf:
        name:
          - httpd
          - php
        state: latest
      when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"
```

Make sure to save the file and exit.



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "GNU nano 7.2" with the file "install_apache.yml" open. The terminal is running on a Linux system, indicated by the prompt "roldan@workstation:~/CPE232_Roldan/HOAS". The terminal window has a dark background with light-colored text. The file content is an Ansible playbook:

```
hosts: all
become: true
tasks:
- name: update repository index
  apt:
    update_cache: yes
    when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"

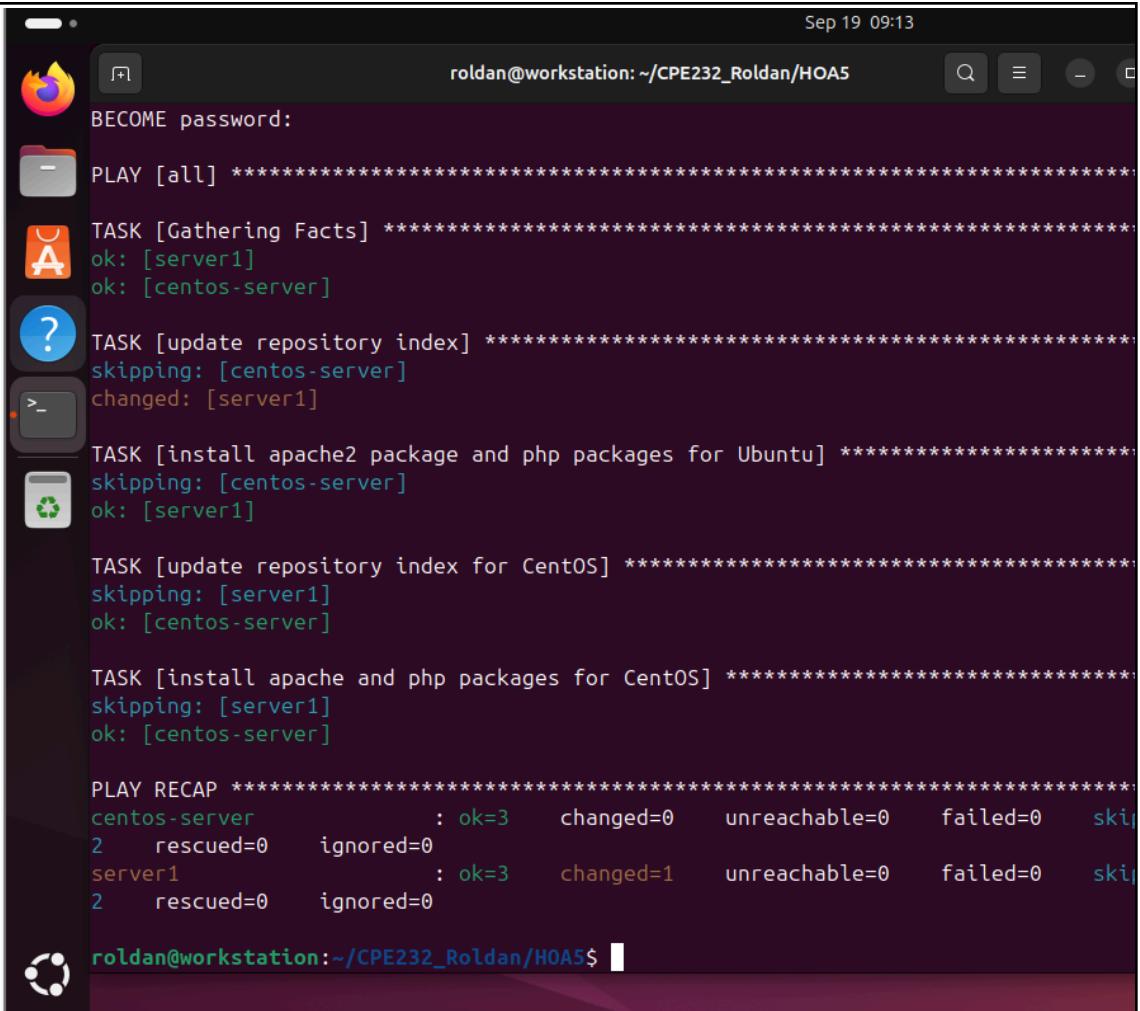
- name: install apache2 package and php packages for Ubuntu
  apt:
    name:
      - apache2
      - libapache2-mod-php
    state: latest
    when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"

- name: update repository index for CentOS
  dnf:
    update_cache: yes
    when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"

- name: install apache and php packages for CentOS
  dnf:
    name:
      - httpd
```

```
- php
  state: latest
when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"
```

Run `ansible-playbook --ask-become-pass install_apache.yml` and describe the result.



The screenshot shows a terminal window with a dark background and light-colored text. At the top right, it says "Sep 19 09:13". The title bar reads "roldan@workstation: ~/CPE232_Roldan/HOA5". The terminal content is as follows:

```
BECOME password:  
PLAY [all] *****  
TASK [Gathering Facts] *****  
ok: [server1]  
ok: [centos-server]  
TASK [update repository index] *****  
skipping: [centos-server]  
changed: [server1]  
TASK [install apache2 package and php packages for Ubuntu] *****  
skipping: [centos-server]  
ok: [server1]  
TASK [update repository index for CentOS] *****  
skipping: [server1]  
ok: [centos-server]  
TASK [install apache and php packages for CentOS] *****  
skipping: [server1]  
ok: [centos-server]  
PLAY RECAP *****  
centos-server : ok=3    changed=0    unreachable=0    failed=0    skip=2  
server1      : ok=3    changed=1    unreachable=0    failed=0    skip=2
```

The bottom of the terminal shows the prompt "roldan@workstation:~/CPE232_Roldan/HOA5\$".

2. Edit the playbook *install_apache.yml* again. In task 2.1, we consolidated the plays into one play. This time we can actually consolidate everything in just 2 plays. This can be done by removing the update repository play and putting the command *update_cache: yes* below the command *state: latest*. See below for reference:

```

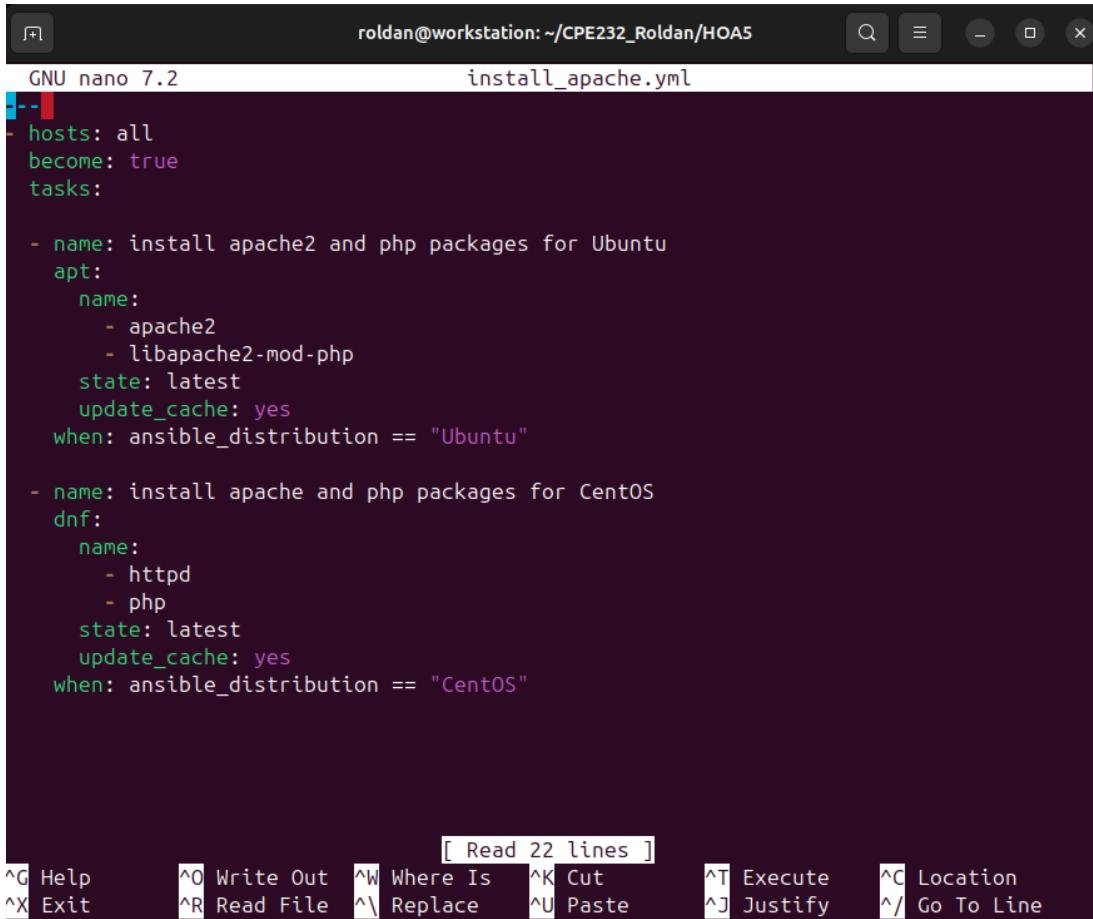
---
- hosts: all
  become: true
  tasks:

    - name: install apache2 and php packages for Ubuntu
      apt:
        name:
          - apache2
          - libapache2-mod-php
        state: latest
        update_cache: yes
      when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"

    - name: install apache and php packages for CentOS
      dnf:
        name:
          - httpd
          - php
        state: latest
        update_cache: yes
      when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"

```

Make sure to save the file and exit.



```

GNU nano 7.2                               install_apache.yml
[+]
roldan@workstation: ~/CPE232_Roldan/HOAS
[ Read 22 lines ]
^G Help      ^O Write Out   ^W Where Is   ^K Cut       ^T Execute   ^C Location
^X Exit      ^R Read File   ^\ Replace    ^U Paste     ^J Justify   ^/ Go To Line

```

```

---
- hosts: all
  become: true
  tasks:

    - name: install apache2 and php packages for Ubuntu
      apt:
        name:
          - apache2
          - libapache2-mod-php
        state: latest
        update_cache: yes
      when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"

    - name: install apache and php packages for CentOS
      dnf:
        name:
          - httpd
          - php
        state: latest
        update_cache: yes
      when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"

```

Run `ansible-playbook --ask-become-pass install_apache.yml` and describe the result.

```
roldan@workstation:~/CPE232_Roldan/HOA5$ ansible-playbook --ask-become-pass install_apache.yml
BECOME password:

PLAY [all] *****

TASK [Gathering Facts] *****
ok: [server1]
ok: [centos-server]

TASK [install apache2 and php packages for Ubuntu] *****
skipping: [centos-server]
ok: [server1]

TASK [install apache and php packages for CentOS] *****
skipping: [server1]
ok: [centos-server]

PLAY RECAP *****
centos-server : ok=2    changed=0    unreachable=0    failed=0    skipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0
server1      : ok=2    changed=0    unreachable=0    failed=0    skipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0

roldan@workstation:~/CPE232_Roldan/HOA5$
```

- Finally, we can consolidate these 2 plays in just 1 play. This can be done by declaring variables that will represent the packages that we want to install. Basically, the `apache_package` and `php_package` are variables. The names are arbitrary, which means we can choose different names. We also take out the line when: `ansible_distribution`. Edit the playbook `install_apache.yml` again and make sure to follow the below image. Make sure to save the file and exit.

```
---
- hosts: all
  become: true
  tasks:

  - name: install apache and php
    apt:
      name:
        - "{{ apache_package }}"
        - "{{ php_package }}"
      state: latest
      update_cache: yes
```

The screenshot shows a terminal window with a dark background. At the top, it displays the command `roldan@workstation: ~/CPE232_Roldan/HOAS`. Below this, the title bar says `GNU nano 7.2` and `install_apache.yml *`. The main content area contains an Ansible YAML configuration file:

```
hosts: all
become: true
tasks:
  - name: install apache2 and php packages for Ubuntu
    apt:
      name:
        - "{{ apache_package }}"
        - "{{ php_package }}"
      state: latest
      update_cache: yes
```

At the bottom of the terminal window, there is a modal dialog box with the message `Save modified buffer?` and three options: `Y Yes`, `N No`, and `^C Cancel`.

Run `ansible-playbook --ask-become-pass install_apache.yml` and describe the result.

```
roldan@workstation:~/CPE232_Roldan/H0A5$ ansible-playbook --ask-become-pass install_apache.yml
BECOME password:

PLAY [all] ****
TASK [Gathering Facts] ****
ok: [server1]
ok: [centos-server]

TASK [install apache2 and php] ****
fatal: [server1]: FAILED! => {"msg": "The task includes an option with an undefined variable. The error was: 'apache_package' is undefined. 'apache_package' is undefined\n\nThe error appears to be in '/home/roldan/CPE232_Roldan/H0A5/install_apache.yml': line 6, column 5, but may\nbe elsewhere in the file depending on the exact syntax problem.\n\nThe offending line appears to be:\n\n - name: install apache2 and php\n      ^ here\n"}
fatal: [centos-server]: FAILED! => {"msg": "The task includes an option with an undefined variable. The error was: 'apache_package' is undefined. 'apache_package' is undefined\n\nThe error appears to be in '/home/roldan/CPE232_Roldan/H0A5/install_apache.yml': line 6, column 5, but may\nbe elsewhere in the file depending on the exact syntax problem.\n\nThe offending line appears to be:\n\n - name: install apache2 and php\n      ^ here\n"}

PLAY RECAP ****
centos-server : ok=1    changed=0    unreachable=0    failed=1    skipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0
server1      : ok=1    changed=0    unreachable=0    failed=1    skipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0

roldan@workstation:~/CPE232_Roldan/H0A5$
```

- Unfortunately, task 2.3 was not successful. It's because we need to change something in the inventory file so that the variables we declared will be in place. Edit the *inventory* file and follow the below configuration:

```
192.168.56.120 apache_package=apache2 php_package=libapache2-mod-php
192.168.56.121 apache_package=apache2 php_package=libapache2-mod-php
192.168.56.122 apache_package=httpd php_package/php
```

Make sure to save the *inventory* file and exit.

The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "GNU nano 7.2" with the file "inventory.yaml" open. The file contains the following YAML configuration:

```
[ubuntu_server]
server1 apache_package=apache2 php_package=libapache2-mod-php

[centos_server]
centos-server ansible_user=jroldan apache_package=httpd php_package/php
```

The terminal has a dark theme with a sidebar containing icons for file operations like Open, Save, Cut, Copy, Paste, and Delete. The bottom of the window shows a menu bar with keyboard shortcuts for various functions.

Finally, we still have one more thing to change in our *install_apache.yml* file. In task 2.3, you may notice that the package is assign as *apt*, which will not run in CentOS. Replace the *apt* with *package*. Package is a module in ansible that is generic, which is going to use whatever package manager the underlying host or the target server uses. For Ubuntu it will automatically use *apt*, and for CentOS it will automatically use *dnf*. Make sure to save the file and exit. For more details about the ansible package, you may refer to this documentation: [ansible.builtin.package — Generic OS package manager — Ansible Documentation](#)

The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "GNU nano 7.2" with the file path "roldan@workstation: ~/CPE232_Roldan/HOAS". The current file is "install_apache.yml". The content of the file is:

```
hosts: all
become: true
tasks:
- name: install apache2 and php
  package:
    name:
      - "{{ apache_package }}"
      - "{{ php_package }}"
  state: latest
  update_cache: yes
```

At the bottom of the terminal, a modal dialog box is displayed, asking "Save modified buffer?". It contains three options: "Y Yes", "N No", and "^C Cancel".

Run `ansible-playbook --ask-become-pass install_apache.yml` and describe the result.

The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "roldan [Running] - Oracle VirtualBox". The terminal is running on a Linux system with a dark theme. The command being run is "ansible-playbook --ask-become-pass install_apache.yml". The output shows the playbook gathering facts and then installing Apache2 and PHP on two hosts: "server1" and "centos-server". The execution is successful, with 2 tasks completed on each host.

```
roldan@workstation:~/CPE232_Roldan/HOAS$ ^C
roldan@workstation:~/CPE232_Roldan/HOAS$ ansible-playbook --ask-become-pass install_apache.yml
BECOME password:

PLAY [all] *****
TASK [Gathering Facts] *****
ok: [server1]
ok: [centos-server]

TASK [install apache2 and php] *****
ok: [server1]
ok: [centos-server]

PLAY RECAP *****
centos-server          : ok=2    changed=0    unreachable=0    failed=0    s
kipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0
server1           : ok=2    changed=0    unreachable=0    failed=0    s
kipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0

roldan@workstation:~/CPE232_Roldan/HOAS$
```

Supplementary Activity:

1. Create a playbook that could do the previous tasks in Red Hat OS.

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roldan@workstation:~/CPE232_Roldan/HOA5$ nano redhat_version.yml
GNU nano 7.2
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- hosts: all  
become: true  
tasks:  
  
- name: install apache and php (RED HAT)  
  yum:  
    name:  
      - httpd  
      - php  
    state: latest  
    update_cache: yes  
when: ansible_distribution == "RedHat"
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roldan@workstation:~/CPE232_Roldan/HOA5$ ansible-playbook --ask-become-pass redhat_version.yml  
BECOME password:  
  
PLAY [all] *****  
  
TASK [Gathering Facts] *****  
ok: [server1]  
ok: [centos-server]  
  
TASK [install apache and php (RED HAT)] *****  
skipping: [server1]  
skipping: [centos-server]  
  
PLAY RECAP *****  
centos-server : ok=1    changed=0    unreachable=0    failed=0    s  
kipped=1    rescued=0   ignored=0  
server1     : ok=1    changed=0    unreachable=0    failed=0    s  
kipped=1    rescued=0   ignored=0  
  
roldan@workstation:~/CPE232_Roldan/HOA5$
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roldan@workstation:~/CPE232_Roldan/HOA5$ git add .
[App Center]
roldan@workstation:~/CPE232_Roldan/HOA5$ git commit -m "HOA5.1"
[main ca4567b] HOA5.1
 5 files changed, 36 insertions(+)
  create mode 100644 HOA5/ansible.cfg
  create mode 100644 HOA5/install_apache.yml
  create mode 100644 HOA5/inventory.yaml
  create mode 100644 HOA5/redhat_version.yml
  create mode 100644 HOA5/redhat_yaml
roldan@workstation:~/CPE232_Roldan/HOA5$ git push origin main
Enumerating objects: 9, done.
Counting objects: 100% (9/9), done.
Delta compression using up to 4 threads
Compressing objects: 100% (7/7), done.
Writing objects: 100% (8/8), 945 bytes | 472.00 KiB/s, done.
Total 8 (delta 1), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0
remote: Resolving deltas: 100% (1/1), completed with 1 local object.
To github.com:johnera98/CPE232_Roldan.git
  1471580..ca4567b  main -> main
roldan@workstation:~/CPE232_Roldan/HOA5$
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Reflections:

Answer the following:

1. Why do you think refactoring of playbook codes is important?
 - The refactoring of playbook code is valuable since it assists in maintaining the code to be clean, structured, and simple to comprehend. As refactoring your workspace means you can find what you want more easily and have a more productive time than getting distracted by mess, refactoring your playbook simplifies updating the playbook down the line. It is also useful in preventing mistakes by ensuring the code is made clearer and better, therefore not consuming time on removing problems that should have been avoided.
2. When do we use the “when” command in playbook?
 - When command We add conditions to tasks in a playbook through the use of the command when. It is as though you are saying, only do this, unless this particular situation is some other situation. To illustrate, in case you need to use specific servers or a specific value of a variable, when a variable equals a specific value, the when command can be used to heavily manage which task is run and it makes your playbook smarter and flexible.

