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| Midterm Skills Exam: Install, Configure, and Manage Log Monitoring tools | |
| 1. Objectives | |
| Create and design a workflow that installs, configure and manage enterprise availability, performance and log monitoring tools using Ansible as an Infrastructure as Code (IaC) tool. | |
| 2. Instructions | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create a repository in your GitHub account and label it CPE_MIDEXAM_SURNAME. 2. Clone the repository and do the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1. Create an Ansible playbook that does the following with an input of a config.yaml file and arranged Inventory file: 2.2. Install and configure Elastic Stack in separate hosts (Elastic Search, Kibana, Logstash) • Install Nagios in one host 2.3. Install Grafana, Prometheus and Influxdb in separate hosts (Influxdb, Grafana, Prometheus) 2.4. Install Lamp Stack in separate hosts (Httpd + Php, Mariadb) 3. Document all your tasks using this document. Provide proofs of all the ansible playbooks codes and successful installations. 4. Document the push and commit from the local repository to GitHub. 5. Finally, paste also the link of your GitHub repository in the documentation. | |
| 3. Output (screenshots and explanations) | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creating repository in GitHub | |

The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for 'CPE_MIDEXAM_BACONG'. The repository is public and was created by 'moussecake22'. The 'Code' tab is selected. On the left, there's a 'Set up GitHub Copilot' section with a button to 'Get started with GitHub Copilot'. On the right, there's a 'Add collaborators to this repository' section with a 'Invite collaborators' button. Below these sections, there's a 'Quick setup — if you've done this kind of thing before' section with links for 'HTTPS', 'SSH', and 'git@github.com:moussecake22:CPE_MIDEXAM_BACONG.git'. It also provides instructions for creating a new file or uploading an existing one, mentioning README, LICENSE, and .gitignore. Further down, there's a command-line setup section with the following code:

```
echo "# CPE_MIDEXAM_BACONG" >> README.md
git init
git add README.md
```

I created a repository where I will be putting my tasks files etc.

2. Create playbook

```
cidee@workstation:~/CPE_MIDEXAM_BACONG$ ls
ansible.cfg  config.yaml  files  inventory.
```

created config.yaml where I'll be putting my prompt for Elastic Search

- Installing and configure Elastic Stack in separate hosts (Elastic Search, Kibana, Logstash) • Install Nagios in one host

```
None
---
- name: Install and configure Elasticsearch
  hosts: elasticsearch_host
  become: yes
  vars:
    elastic_version: "8.x"
  tasks:
```

```
- name: Install apt-transport-https
apt:
  name: apt-transport-https
  state: present
  update_cache: yes

- name: Add Elasticsearch GPG key
apt_key:
  url: https://artifacts.elastic.co/GPG-KEY-elasticsearch
  state: present

- name: Add Elasticsearch repository
apt_repository:
  repo: "deb https://artifacts.elastic.co/packages/{{ elastic_version }}/apt stable main"
  state: present

- name: Install Elasticsearch
apt:
  name: elasticsearch
  state: present
  update_cache: yes

- name: Enable and start Elasticsearch
systemd:
  name: elasticsearch
  enabled: yes
  state: started

- name: Configure Elasticsearch (example: network.host)
lineinfile:
  path: /etc/elasticsearch/elasticsearch.yml
  regexp: '^network.host:'
  line: 'network.host: 0.0.0.0'
  insertafter: EOF
  notify:
    - restart elasticsearch

handlers:
- name: restart elasticsearch
systemd:
  name: elasticsearch
  state: restarted

- name: Install and configure Kibana
hosts: kibana_host
become: yes
vars:
  elastic_version: "8.x"
  elasticsearch_host_ip: "<elasticsearch_ip>"
```

```
tasks:
  - name: Install apt-transport-https
    apt:
      name: apt-transport-https
      state: present
      update_cache: yes

  - name: Add Elasticsearch GPG key
    apt_key:
      url: https://artifacts.elastic.co/GPG-KEY-elasticsearch
      state: present

  - name: Add Kibana repository
    apt_repository:
      repo: "deb https://artifacts.elastic.co/packages/{{ elastic_version }}/apt stable main"
      state: present

  - name: Install Kibana
    apt:
      name: kibana
      state: present
      update_cache: yes

  - name: Configure Kibana to connect to Elasticsearch
    lineinfile:
      path: /etc/kibana/kibana.yml
      regexp: '^elasticsearch.hosts:'
      line: "elasticsearch.hosts: [\"http://{{ elasticsearch_host_ip }}:9200\"]"
      insertafter: EOF
      notify:
        - restart kibana

  - name: Enable and start Kibana
    systemd:
      name: kibana
      enabled: yes
      state: started

handlers:
  - name: restart kibana
    systemd:
      name: kibana
      state: restarted

  - name: Install and configure Logstash
    hosts: logstash_host
    become: yes
    vars:
```

```
elastic_version: "8.x"
elasticsearch_host_ip: "<elasticsearch_ip>"
tasks:
- name: Install apt-transport-https
  apt:
    name: apt-transport-https
    state: present
    update_cache: yes

- name: Add Elasticsearch GPG key
  apt_key:
    url: https://artifacts.elastic.co/GPG-KEY-elasticsearch
    state: present

- name: Add Logstash repository
  apt_repository:
    repo: "deb https://artifacts.elastic.co/packages/{{ elastic_version }}/apt stable main"
    state: present

- name: Install Logstash
  apt:
    name: logstash
    state: present
    update_cache: yes

- name: Create a basic Logstash pipeline config
  copy:
    dest: /etc/logstash/conf.d/logstash-simple.conf
    content: |
      input { stdin { } }
      output {
        elasticsearch {
          hosts => ["{{ elasticsearch_host_ip }}:9200"]
        }
        stdout { codec => rubydebug }
      }

- name: Enable and start Logstash
  systemd:
    name: logstash
    enabled: yes
    state: started
```

```

^ here
cidee@workstation:/CPE_MIDEXAM_BACONG$ ansible-playbook config.yaml -K
BECOME password:
ERROR! We were unable to read either as JSON nor YAML, these are the errors we got from each:
JSON: No JSON object could be decoded

Syntax Error while loading YAML.
  mapping values are not allowed in this context

The error appears to be in '/home/cidee/CPE_MIDEXAM_BACONG/config.yaml': line 36, column 45, but may
be elsewhere in the file depending on the exact syntax problem.

The offending line appears to be:

  - name: Configure Elasticsearch (example: network.host)
    ^ here

```

failed because I couldn't fix my destination on time and my prompt have some errors.

- **Installing Lamp Stack**

None

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---
- name: Install and configure LAMP stack on webserver
  hosts: web_servers
  become: true
  vars:
    mysql_root_password: "changeme"

  tasks:
    - name: Patching the system
      yum:
        name: "*"
        state: latest

    - name: Installing Apache
      yum:
        name: httpd
        state: present

    - name: Enabling httpd and start the service
      service:
        name: httpd
        state: started
        enabled: yes

    - name: Open firewall port
      firewalld:
        service: http
        permanent: true
        state: enabled

    - name: Installing MariaDB and required packages
      yum:
        name:

```

```
- mariadb-server
- python3-PyMySQL
- mariadb
state: present

- name: Installing MariaDB and required packages
yum:
name:
- mariadb-server
- python3-PyMySQL
- mariadb
state: present

- name: Start MariaDB service
service:
name: mariadb
state: started
enabled: yes

- name: Secure MySQL installation
mysql_user:
login_user: root
login_password: ""
user: root
password: "{{ mysql_root_password }}"
host: "{{ inventory_hostname }}"
check_implicit_admin: yes
update_password: always
login_unix_socket: /var/lib/mysql/mysql.sock

- name: Installing PHP and PHP-MySQL extension
yum:
name:
- php
- php-mysqlnd
state: present

- name: Copying the PHP file to the root directory of the webserver
copy:
src: /home/cidee/CPE_MIDEXAM_BACONG/index.php
dest: /car/www/html/index.php
```

```
cidee@workstation: ~/CPE_MIDEXAM_BACONG
ok: [server2]
ok: [centos]

PLAY [web_servers] ****
TASK [Gathering Facts] ****
ok: [centos]

TASK [install apache and php for Ubuntu servers] ****
skipping: [centos]

TASK [install apache and php for CentOS servers] ****
ok: [centos]

TASK [start httpd (CentOS)] ****
ok: [centos]

PLAY [db_servers] ****
TASK [Gathering Facts] ****
ok: [server2]
ok: [server1]
ok: [centos]

TASK [install mariadb package (CentOS)] ****
skipping: [server1]
skipping: [server2]
ok: [centos]

TASK [Mariadb- Restarting/Enabling] ****
fatal: [server2]: FAILED! => {"changed": false, "msg": "Could not find the requested service mariadb: host"}
fatal: [server1]: FAILED! => {"changed": false, "msg": "Could not find the requested service mariadb: host"}
changed: [centos]

TASK [install mariadb package (Ubuntu)] ****
skipping: [centos]

PLAY RECAP ****
centos          : ok=7    changed=1    unreachable=0    failed=0    skipped=2    rescued=0    ignored=0
server1         : ok=2    changed=0    unreachable=0    failed=1    skipped=1    rescued=0    ignored=0
server2         : ok=2    changed=0    unreachable=0    failed=1    skipped=1    rescued=0    ignored=0
server3         : ok=1    changed=0    unreachable=0    failed=0    skipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0
```

Created lamp.yaml for my prompt for Lamp Stack

4. Git Push

```
cidee@workstation:~/CPE_MIDEXAM_BACONG$ git add .
cidee@workstation:~/CPE_MIDEXAM_BACONG$ git commit -m .
[master (root-commit) 77bfd9e] .
 12 files changed, 891 insertions(+)
 create mode 100644 ansible.cfg
 create mode 100644 config.yaml
 create mode 100644 files/default_site.html
 create mode 100644 inventory.ini
 create mode 100644 lamp.yaml
 create mode 100644 lampy.yaml
 create mode 100644 playbook.yaml
 create mode 100644 roles/base/main.yaml
 create mode 100644 roles/db_servers/main.yaml
 create mode 100644 roles/file_servers/main.yaml
 create mode 100644 roles/web_servers/main.yaml
 create mode 100644 roles/workstations/main.yaml
cidee@workstation:~/CPE_MIDEXAM_BACONG$ git push origin main
error: src refspec main does not match any.
error: failed to push some refs to 'git@github.com:moussecake22/CPE_MIDEXAM_BACONG.git'
```

GitHub link:

https://github.com/moussecake22/CPE_MIDEXAM_BACONG.git

Conclusions: (link your conclusion from the objective)

This midterm exam challenged me a lot. I was unfortunately struggling while installing the required installations to do. Overall, It was very challenging activity and I hope to do better next time.