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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

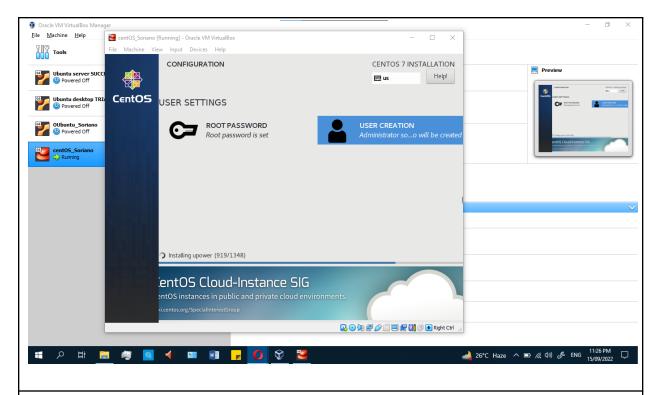
2. Discussion:

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?

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 I don't have to enter the correct passphrase or password because it was not prompted. 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."

SCREENSHOTS:

```
GNU nano 6.2
[remote_servers]
192.168.56.104
192.168.56.105
192.168.56.106
```

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.

```
GNU nano 5.4

---
- 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"
```

```
GNU nano 6.2
                               install_apache
hosts: all
become: true
- 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"
```

It is successful, and can be reached.

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
    stae: 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 5.4
hosts: all
become: true
tasks:
- name: update repository index
    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"
- name: update repository index
  dnf:
    update cache: yes
  when: andible distribution == "CentOS"
```

```
install_apache.yml *
GNU nano 6.2
   name: apache2
 when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"
- name: add PHP support for apache
 apt:
   name: libapache2-mod-php
 when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"
- name: update repository index
 dnf:
 when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"
- name: install apache2 package
   name: apache2
   state: latest
 when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"
- name: add PHP support for apache
 dnf:
   name: libapache2-mod-php
   state: latest
 when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"
```

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From cryptography.exceptions import InvalidSignature

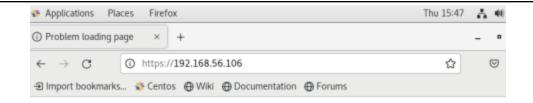
COME password:

ARNING]: No inventory was parsed, only implicit localhost is available

ARNING]: provided hosts list is empty, only localhost is available. Note that the implicit localhost does not match 'all'
iano1@cloudshell:~/CPE232 Soriano$
skipping: [192.168.56.104]
skipping: [192.168.56.105]
changed: [192.168.56.106]
skipping: [192.168.56.104]
skipping: [192.168.56.105]
failed=0
                                                               unreachable=0
             rescued=0 lgnored=0
                                                                                      failed=0
                                                               unreachable=0
               rescued=0 ignored=0
                                                                unreachable=0
                                                                                      failed=0
                rescued=0
                                 ianored=0
```

Also successful

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.



Unable to connect

Firefox can't establish a connection to the server at 192.168.56.106.

- . The site could be temporarily unavailable or too busy. Try again in a few moments.
- · If you are unable to load any pages, check your computer's network connection.
- If your computer or network is protected by a firewall or proxy, make sure that Firefox is permitted to access the Web.

Try Again

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.

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

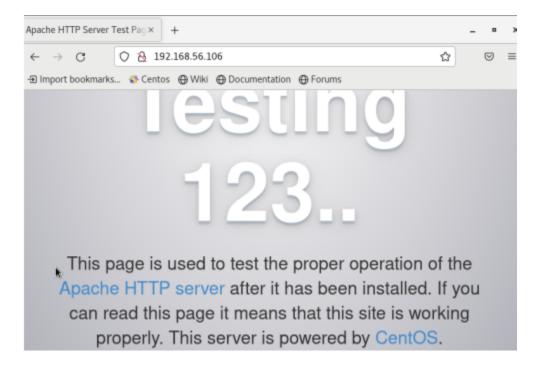
(The result should be a success)

```
centossoriano@cloudshell:~$ systemctl status httpd
System has not been booted with systemd as init system (PID 1). Can't operate.
Failed to connect to bus: Host is down
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System has not been booted with systemd as init system (PID 1). Can't operate.
Failed to connect to bus: Host is down
centossoriano@cloudshell:~$ sudo systemctl start httpd
System has not been booted with systemd as init system (PID 1). Can't operate.
Failed to connect to bus: Host is down
centossoriano@cloudshell:~$ sudo firewall-cmd --add-port=80/tcp
sudo: firewall-cmd: command not found
centossoriano@cloudshell:~$
```

```
httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server
Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/httpd.service; disabled; vendor preset: disabled)
Active: inactive (dead)
Docs: man:httpd(8)
man:apachectl(8)
```

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)

SCREENSHOT:



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.

```
GNU nano 5.4
hosts: all
become: true
tasks:
- name: update repository index Ubuntu
    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:
    name:
      - httpd
      - php
    state: latest
  when: andible distribution == "CentOS"
```

```
GNU nano 6.2
                               install apache.yml
hosts: all
become: true
- 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:
```

SCREENSHOT:

```
home/qgsorianol/.local/lib/python2.7/site-packages/ansible/parsing/vault/_init__.py:44: CryptographyDeprecationWarning: Python 2 is no longer supported by core team. Support for it is now deprecated in cryptography, and will be removed in the next release.

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           in Mission on inventory was parsed, only implicit localhost is available
ING]: No inventory was parsed, only implicit localhost is available. Note that the implicit localhost does not match 'all'
TASK [install apache2 and php packages for Ubuntu] *****************************
 ok: [192.168.56.105]
ok: [192.168.56.104]
TASK [update repository index for CentOS] ************************
 skipping: [192.168.56.105]
ok: [192.168.56.106]
TASK [install apache and php packages for CentOS] ************************
 skipping: [192.168.56.104]
skipping: [192.168.56.105]
unreachable=0
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         failed=0
  skipped=2 rescued=0 ignored=0
                                                                                                                                                                                                   unreachable=0
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         failed=0
                                                rescued=0 ignored=0
                                                                                                                                                 changed=0
                                                                                                                                                                                                     unreachable=0
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         failed=0
                                                                                                     ignored=0
```

The execution of the command is good. Both of the servers have changed into centOS

2. Edit the playbook install_apache.yml again. In task 2.1, we consolidated the plays into one play. This time we can actually consolidated 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
  when: ansible distribution == "CentOS"
```

Make sure to save the file and exit.

SCREENSHOT:

```
GNU nano 6.2
                                install apache.yml *
hosts: all
become: true
- 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 apache2 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.

Commands are good and there are no errors encountered.

3. 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 <code>install_apache.yml</code> 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
```

SCREENSHOT:

There was an error encountered.

4. 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.

SCREENSHOT:

```
Inventory *

[remote_servers]

[192.168.56.104 apache_package=apache2 php_package=libapache2-mod-php
[192.168.56.105 apache_package=apache2 php_package=libapache2-mod-php
[192.168.56.106 apache_package=httpd php_package=php
```

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

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

SCREENSHOT:

```
nstall_apache.yml
BECOME password:
changed=0
                    unreachable=0
                           failed=0
skipped=0 rescued=0
          ignored=0
                    unreachable=0
                           failed=0
              changed=0
skipped=0 rescued=0 ignored=0
                    unreachable=0
                           failed=0
              changed=0
skipped=0 rescued=0 ignored=0
```

After some editing in the commands/codes, it is now successful.

Reflections:

Answer the following:

- 1. Why do you think refactoring of playbook codes is important?
 - Refactoring playbook codes is crucial since it makes it possible to it was shorter and simpler to memorize, which made it easier for the programmer. It additionally aids in accelerating the development of the code.
- 2. When do we use the "when" command in playbook?
 - The playbook's "when" command is used to control a variable's outcome. Additionally, it is utilized to establish connections with any ansible host regardless of the OS type.

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