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Activity 7: Managing Files and Creating Roles in Ansible

1. Objectives:

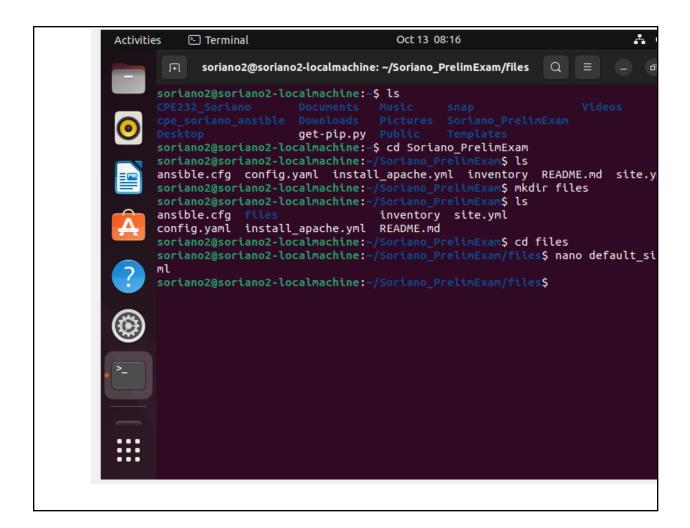
- 1.1 Manage files in remote servers
- 1.2 Implement roles in ansible

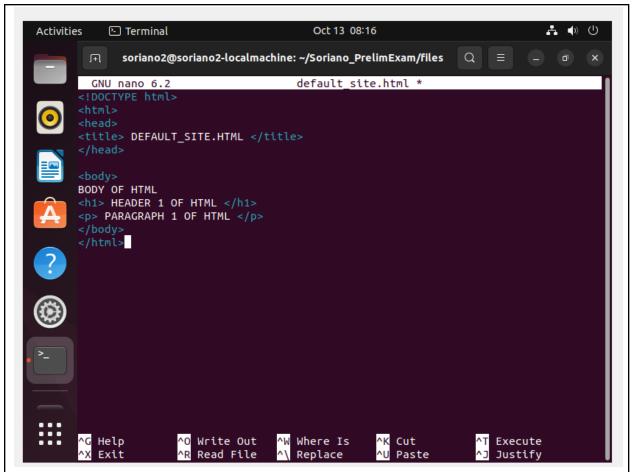
2. Discussion:

In this activity, we look at the concept of copying a file to a server. We are going to create a file into our git repository and use Ansible to grab that file and put it into a particular place so that we could do things like customize a default website, or maybe install a default configuration file. We will also implement roles to consolidate plays.

Task 1: Create a file and copy it to remote servers

1. Using the previous directory we created, create a directory, and named it "files." Create a file inside that directory and name it "default_site.html." Edit the file and put basic HTML syntax. Any content will do, as long as it will display text later. Save the file and exit.





- This shows the creation of the new directory named "files" and the creation of the new file "default_site.html". This also shows the basic syntax of the html file.
- 2. Edit the *site.yml* file and just below the *web_servers* play, create a new file to copy the default html file for site:
 - name: copy default html file for site

tags: apache, apache2, httpd

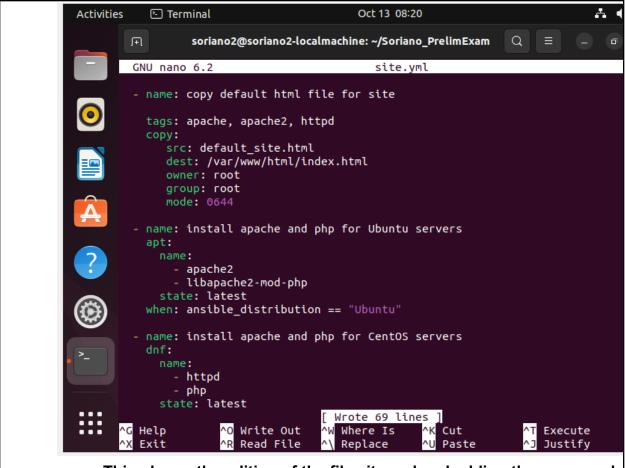
copy:

src: default site.html

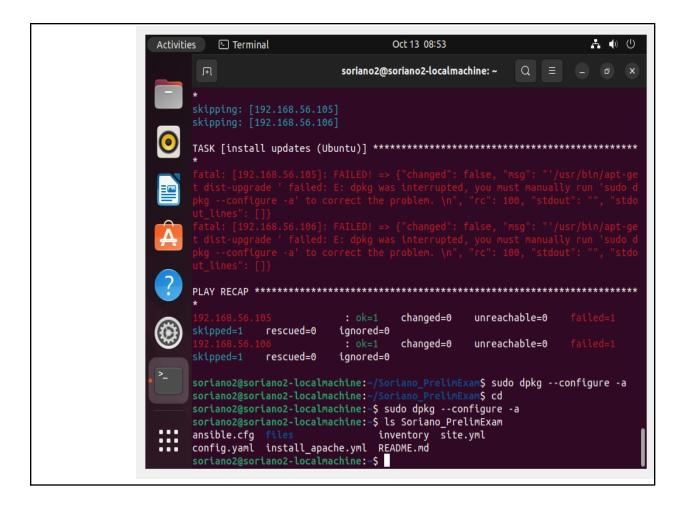
dest: /var/www/html/index.html

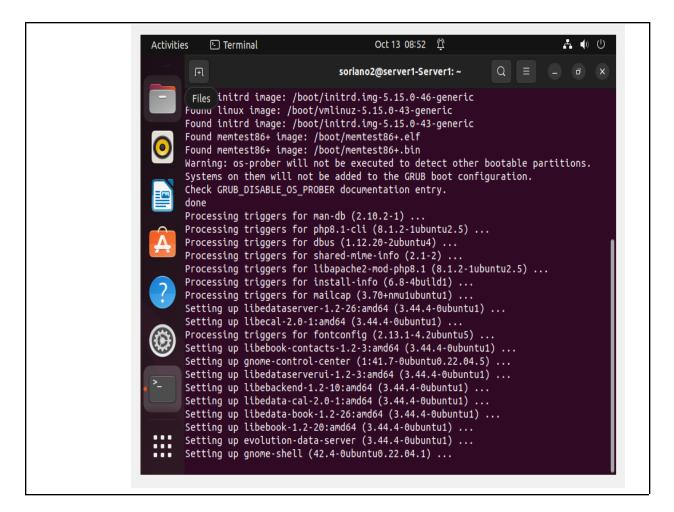
owner: root group: root mode: 0644

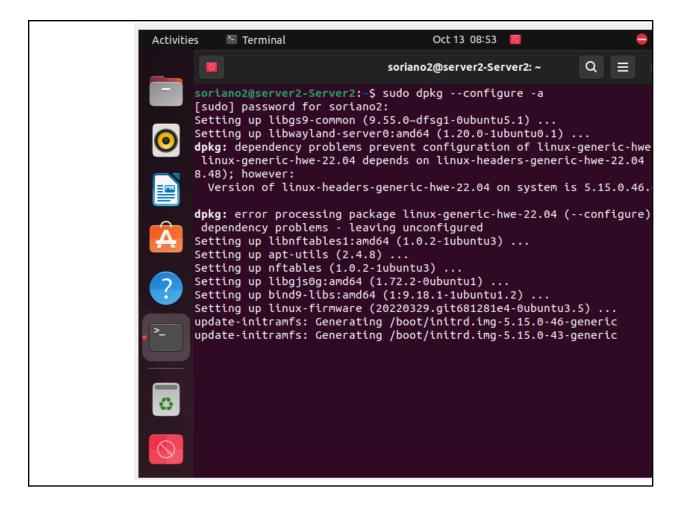
3. Run the playbook *site.yml*. Describe the changes.

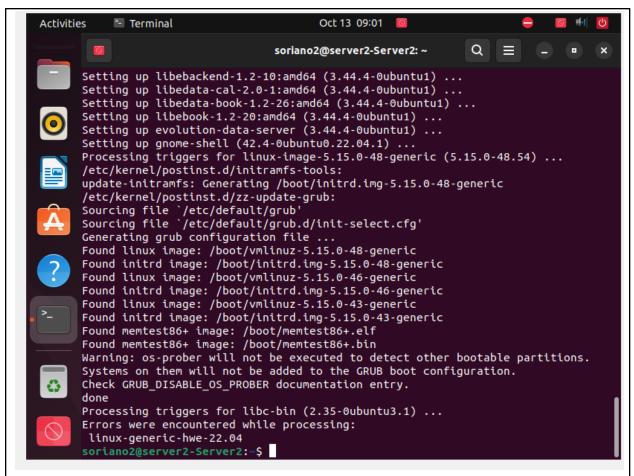


- This shows the editing of the file site.yml and adding the command named "copy default html file for site".

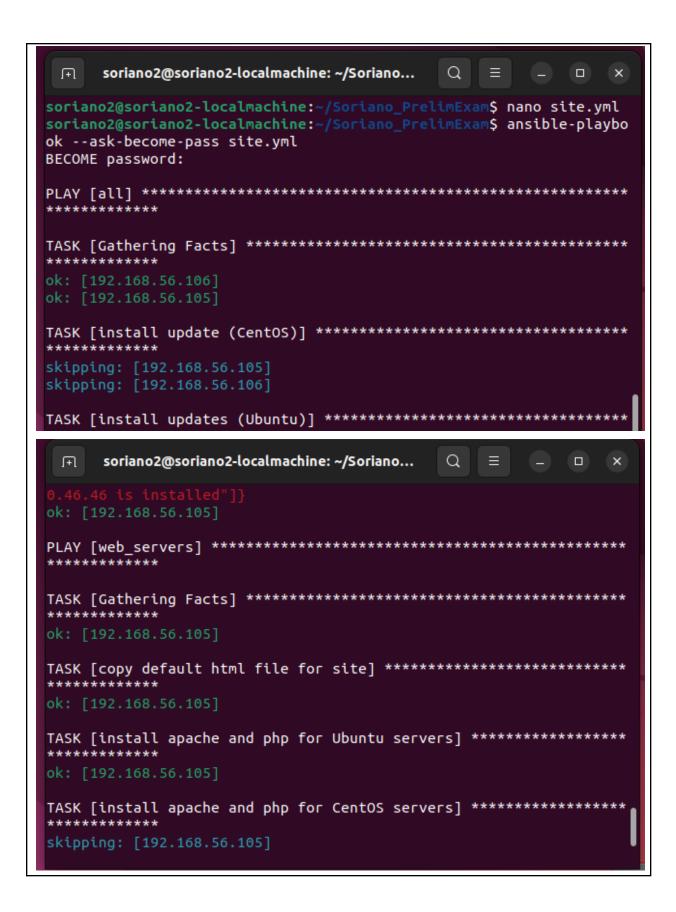


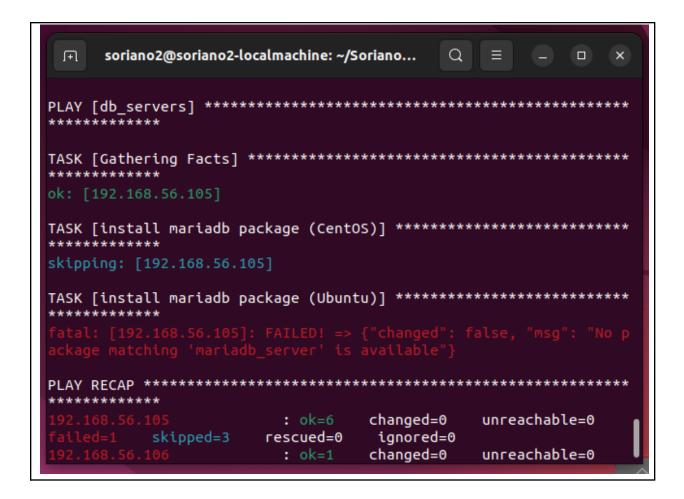






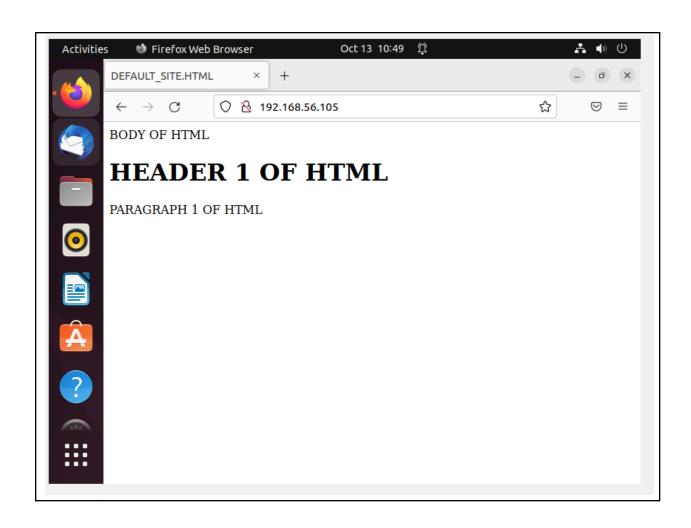
- The command of running the playbook has run into some errors which can be seen on the screenshot above. The said error has been resolved by running the command "sudo dpkg -configure -a" and "sudo apt -fix-broken install" on both of the servers 1 and 2.

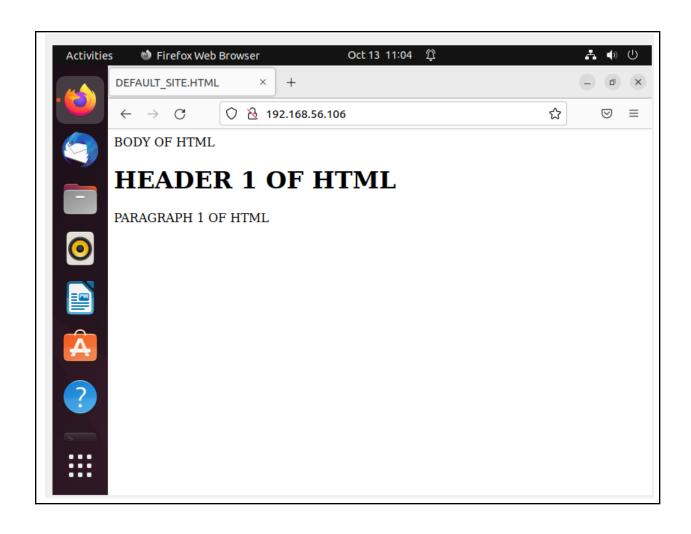


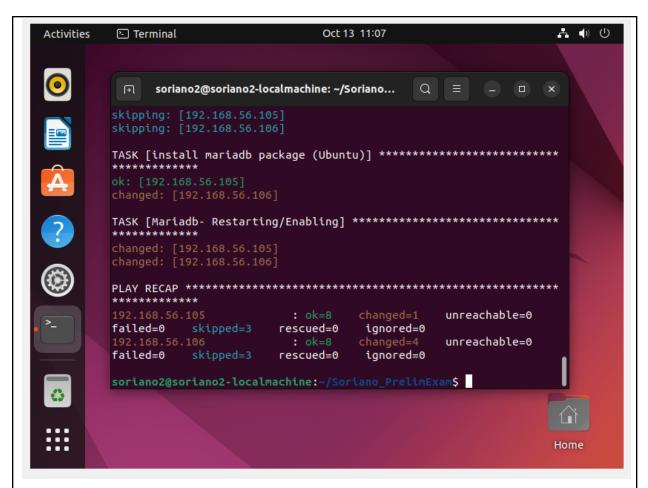


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ok: [192.168.56.105]
TASK [install mariadb package (CentOS)] *********************
skipping: [192.168.56.105]
TASK [install mariadb package (Ubuntu)] ********************
changed=0
                                   unreachable=0
       skipped=3
                          ignored=0
                rescued=0
                          changed=0
                                  unreachable=0
       skipped=1 rescued=0
                          ignored=0
soriano2@soriano2-localmachine:~/Soriano_PrelimExam$
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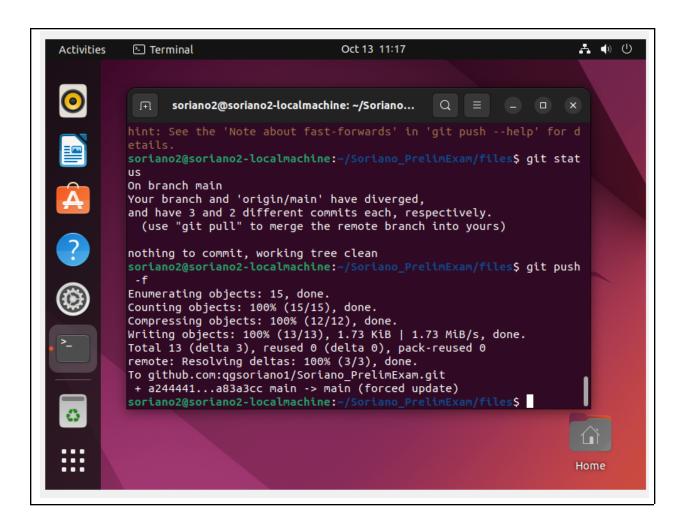
- The running of the playbook is good because of the correct commands. Only the commands for the CentOS is having an error because I didn't use CentOS, I used another Ubuntu as server 2 instead.
- 4. Go to the remote servers (*web_servers*) listed in your inventory. Use cat command to check if the index.html is the same as the local repository file (*default_site.html*). Do both for Ubuntu and CentOS servers. On the CentOS server, go to the browser and type its IP address. Describe the output.







- These screenshots show that the typing of the appropriate ip addresses in their browsers will result in the created html file earlier. The two ip addresses with successful execution in the browser are 192.168.56.105 and 192.168.56.106. There were some errors encountered but it was resolved properly. The screenshot is proof that there are no unreachable and failed tasks to do.
- 5. Sync your local repository with GitHub and describe the changes.



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| | ansible.cfg | last commit PrelimExam at 12:13pm | 21 days ago |
| | config.yaml | last commit PrelimExam at 12:13pm | 21 days ago |
| | install_apache.yml | last commit PrelimExam at 12:13pm | 21 days ago |
| | inventory | commit on oct 13, 2022 11:08am | 12 minutes ago |
| | site.yml | commit on oct 13, 2022 11:08am | 12 minutes ago |
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- These screenshots show that the uploading of the files in the repository is good and successful.

Task 2: Download a file and extract it to a remote server

1. Edit the site.yml. Just before the web_servers play, create a new play:

hosts: workstations

become: true

tasks:

- name: install unzip

package:

name: unzip

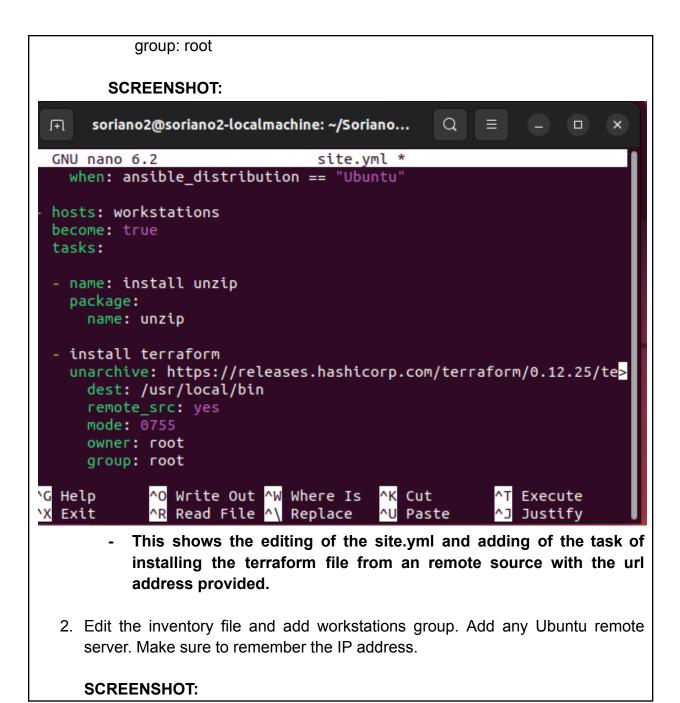
- name: install terraform

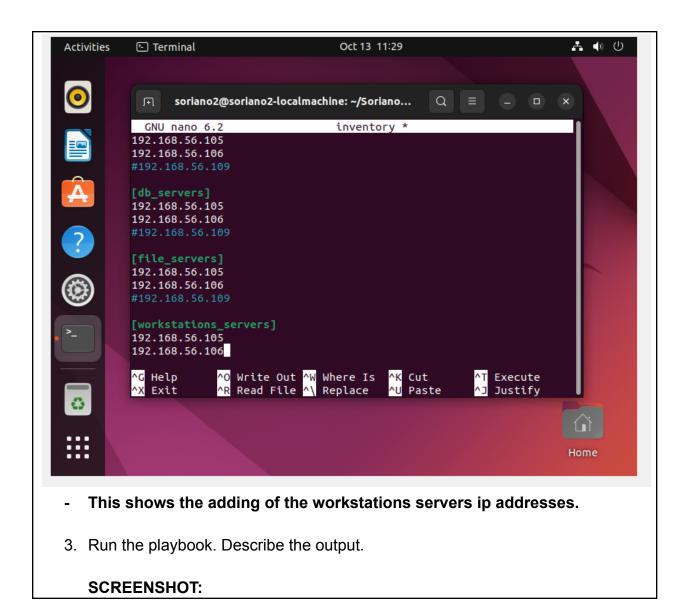
unarchive:

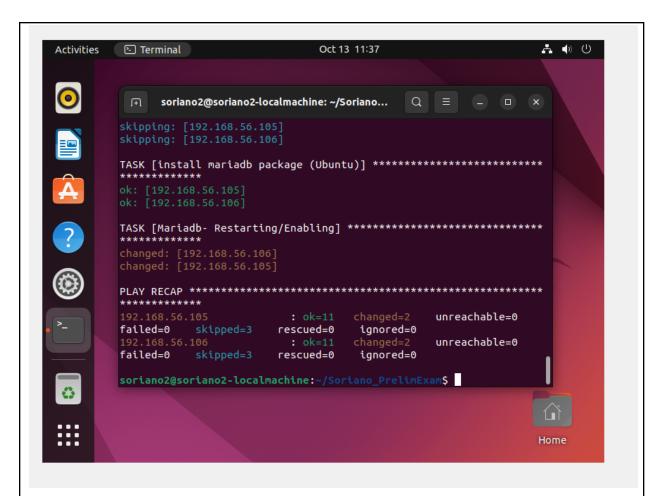
src:

https://releases.hashicorp.com/terraform/0.12.28/terraform_0.12.28_linux_a md64.zip

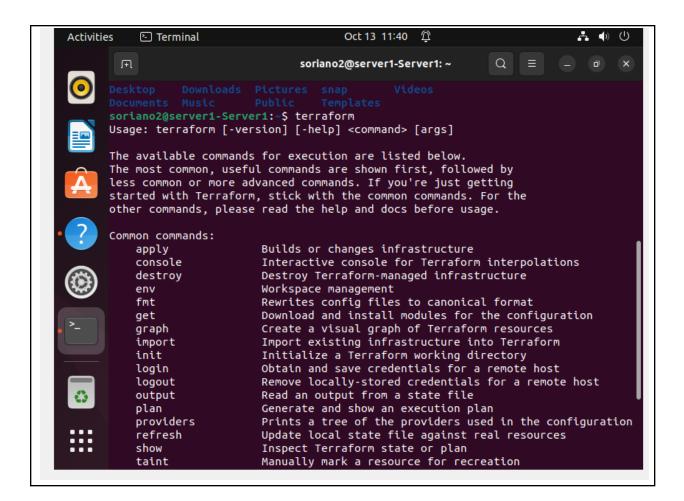
dest: /usr/local/bin remote_src: yes mode: 0755 owner: root

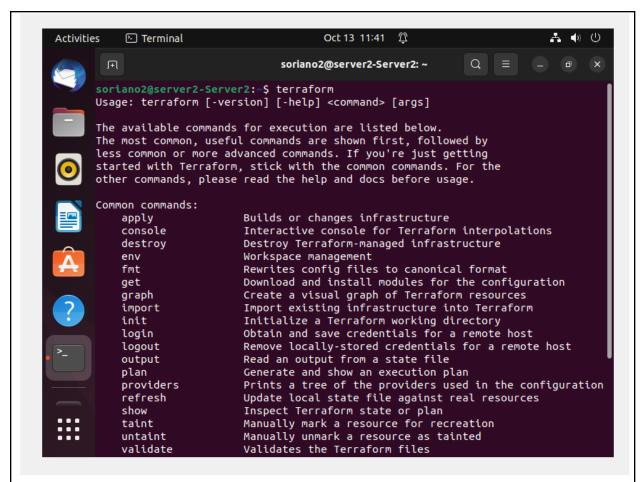






- This shows the successful running of the ansible file site.yml. There were errors encountered during the process but the errors were soon resolved.
- 4. On the Ubuntu remote workstation, type terraform to verify installation of terraform. Describe the output.





- These images show the successful installation of terraform in each of the specified servers.

Task 3: Create roles

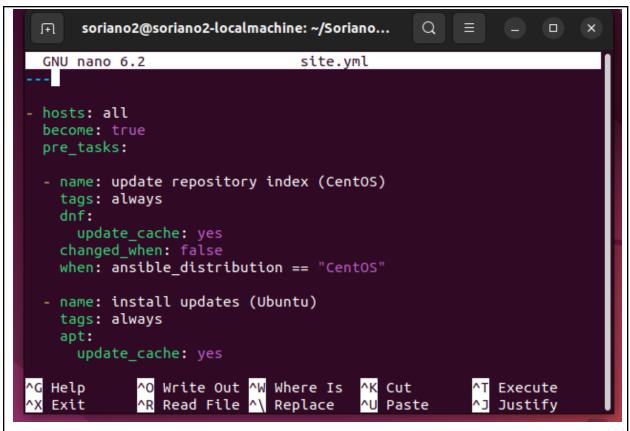
1. Edit the site.yml. Configure roles as follows: (make sure to create a copy of the old site.yml file because you will be copying the specific plays for all groups)

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hosts: all
become: true
pre_tasks:

    name: update repository index (CentOS)

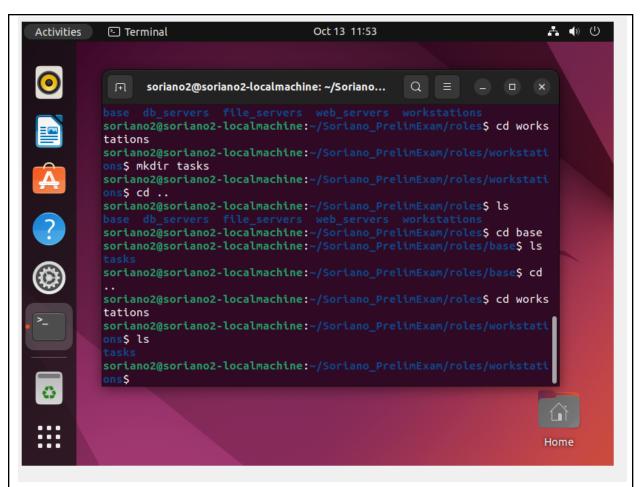
  tags: always
 dnf:
    update_cache: yes
  changed_when: false
  when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"
- name: install updates (Ubuntu)
  tags: always
 apt:
    update_cache: yes
  changed when: false
 when: ansible distribution == "Ubuntu"
hosts: all
become: true
roles:
  - base
hosts: workstations
become: true
roles:
  - workstations
hosts: web_servers
become: true
roles:
  web_servers
hosts: db_servers
become: true
roles:
  - db_servers
hosts: file_servers
become: true
roles:
  - file_servers
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Save the file and exit.

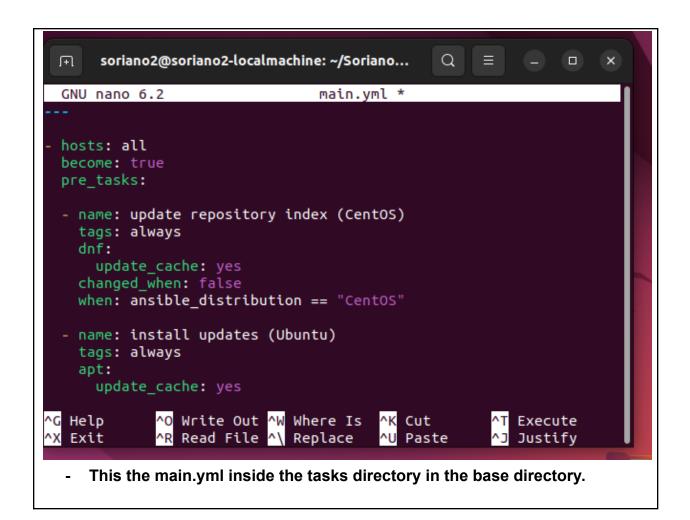


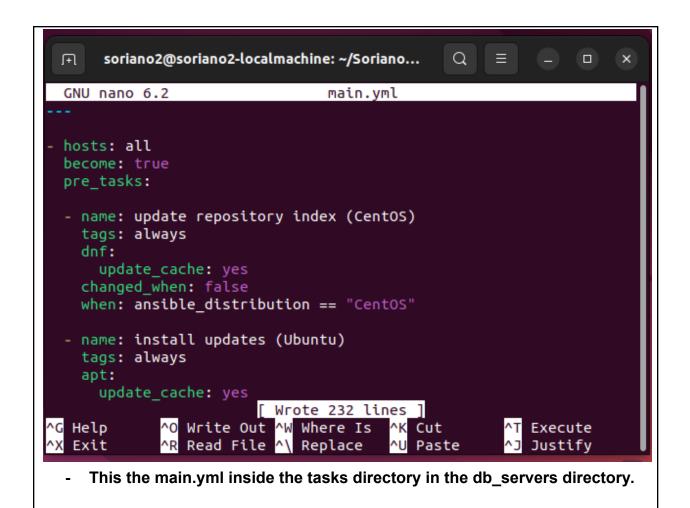
- This shows the adding of the roles on each of the group servers, and also the updating of the repository command.
- Under the same directory, create a new directory and name it roles. Enter the
 roles directory and create new directories: base, web_servers, file_servers,
 db_servers and workstations. For each directory, create a directory and name it
 tasks.

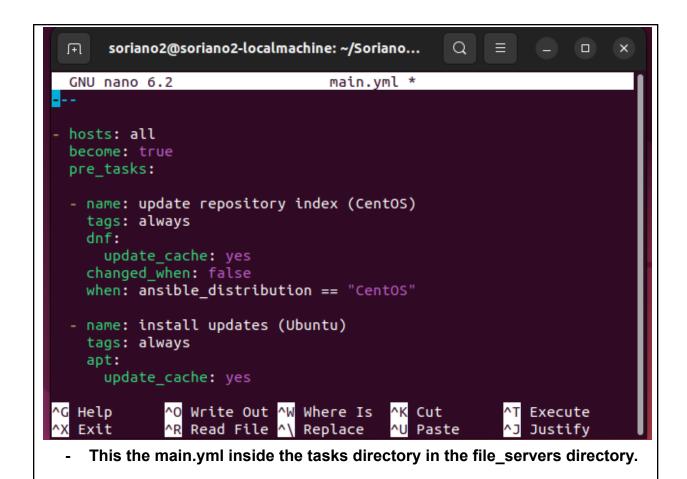
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ers$ cd ..
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soriano2@soriano2-localmachine:~/Soriano_PrelimExam/roles/web_serve
rs$ mkdir tasks
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rs$ cd ..
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ons$ cd ...
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soriano2@soriano2-localmachine:~/Soriano_PrelimExam/roles$
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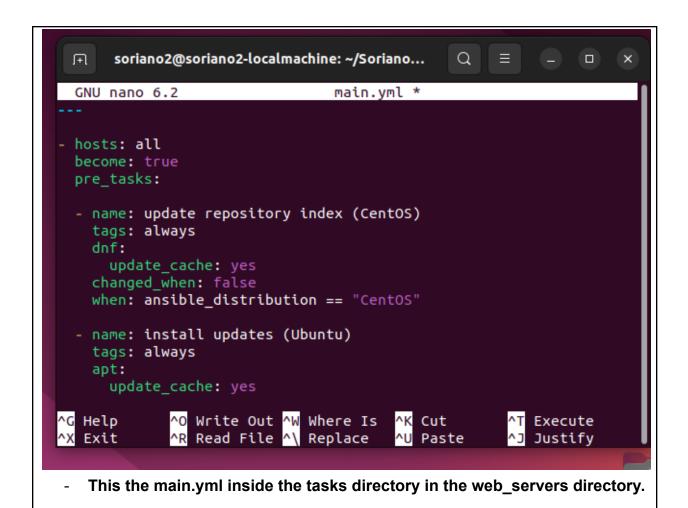


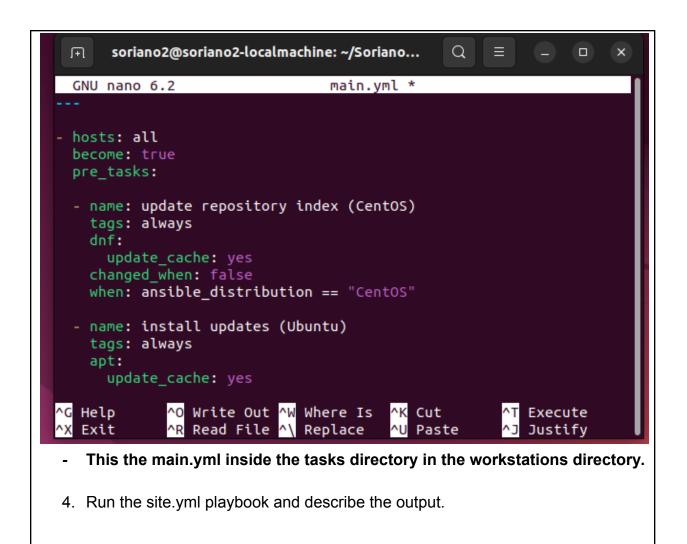
- This shows the creation of multiple directories under the directory Soriano_PrelimExam. The directories created are seen above, which is base, db_servers, file_servers, web_servers, and workstations directory. Each of these directory has a single directory inside them, which is name tasks.
- 3. Go to tasks for all directory and create a file. Name it main.yml. In each of the tasks for all directories, copy and paste the code from the old site.yml file. Show all contents of main.yml files for all tasks.

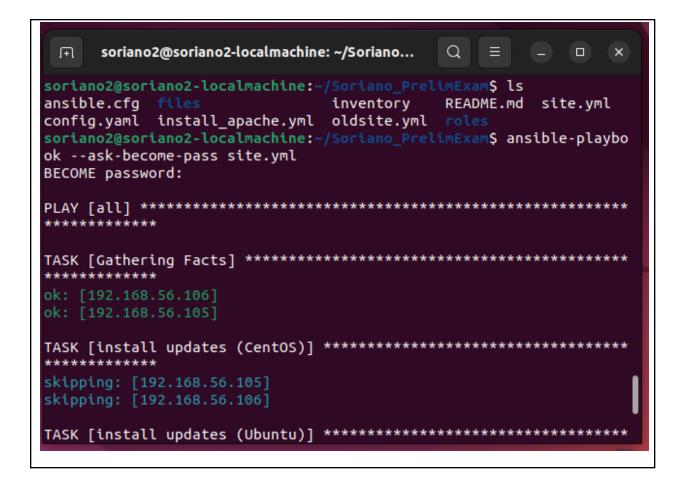


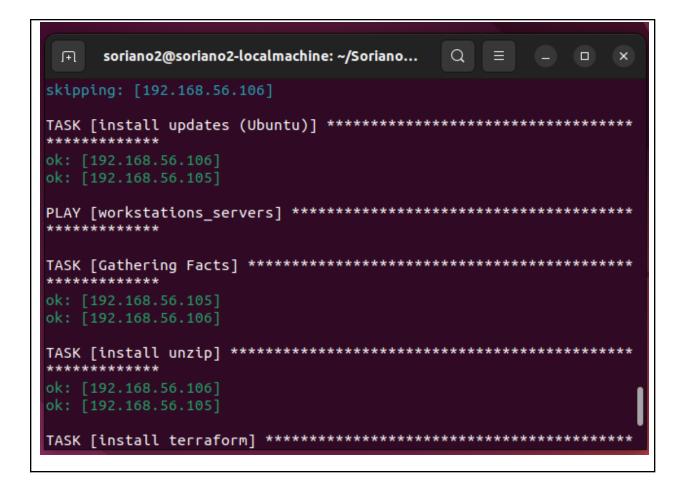


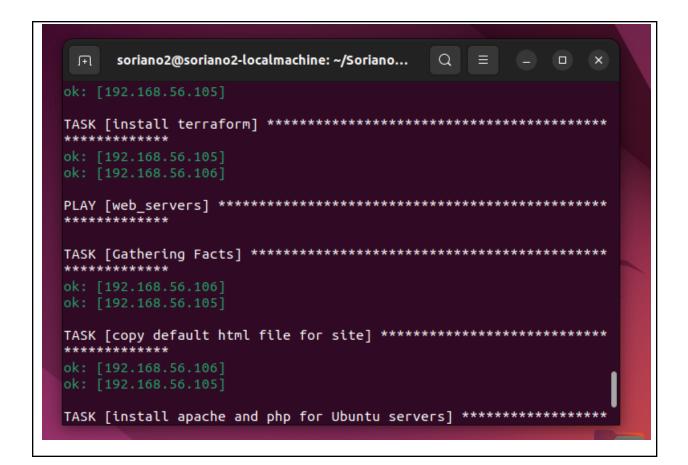


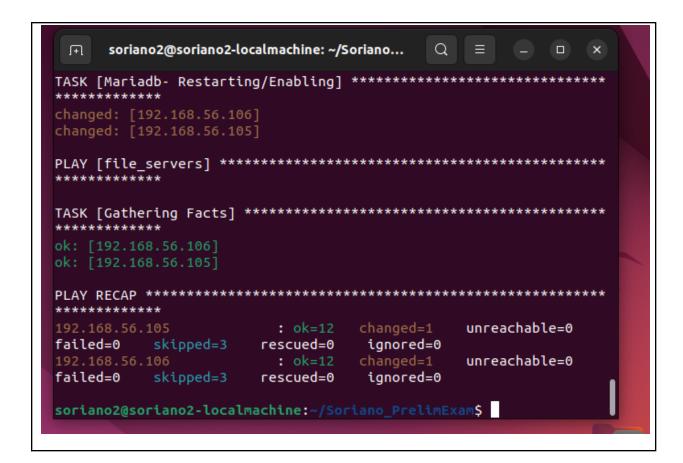


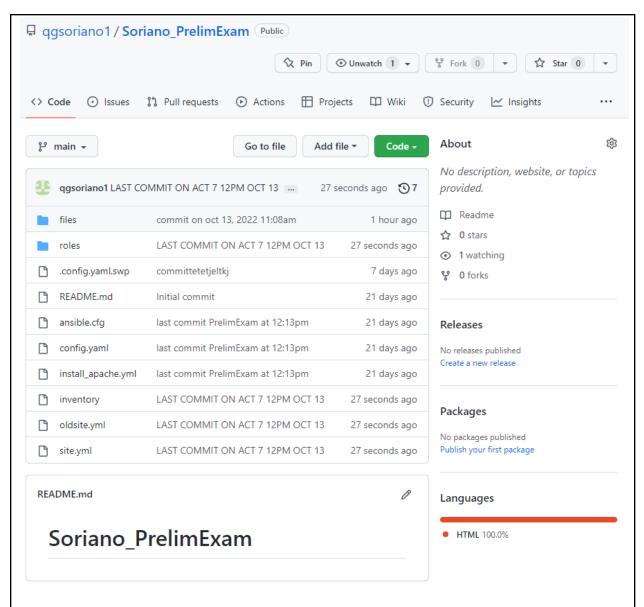












These images show the whole result of the last running of the site.yml. So far, so good. All of the encoded tasks inside the site.yml are properly running. Also the main.yml files inside each of the tasks directories are having the old codes of the site.yml. With this being said, this activity is successfully completed. The last image shows that the files are successfully uploaded to the repository which seen above with the comment "LAST COMMIT ON ACT 7 12PM OCT 13"

Reflections:

Answer the following:

- 1. What is the importance of creating roles?
 - The use of Ansible roles, which group and encapsulate related automation artifacts like configuration files, templates, tasks, and handlers, enables you to create reusable automation components. These components are simpler to reuse and share with others because roles isolate them.
- 2. What is the importance of managing files?
 - File organization strategies are crucial because they can keep your computer organized and make it simpler to find and access the files you require. You can free up space on your hard drive and keep your computer running smoothly by using a good file management strategy.