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Activity 10: Install, Configure, and Manage Log Monitoring tools	

# 1. Objectives

Create and design a workflow that installs, configure and manage enterprise log monitoring tools using Ansible as an Infrastructure as Code (IaC) tool.

#### 2. Discussion

Log monitoring software scans and monitors log files generated by servers, applications, and networks. By detecting and alerting users to patterns in these log files, log monitoring software helps solve performance and security issues. System administrators use log monitoring software to detect common important events indicated by log files.

Log monitoring software helps maintain IT infrastructure performance and pinpoints issues to prevent downtime and mitigate risks. These tools will often integrate with IT alerting software, log analysis software, and other IT issue resolution products to more aptly flesh out the IT infrastructure maintenance ecosystem.

To qualify for inclusion in the Log Monitoring category, a product must:

- Monitor the log files generated by servers, applications, or networks
- Alert users when important events are detected
- Provide reporting capabilities for log files

#### **Elastic Stack**

ELK suite stands for Elasticsearch, Kibana, Beats, and Logstash (also known as the ELK Stack). Source: https://www.elastic.co/elastic-stack

The Elastic Stack is a group of open source products from Elastic designed to help users take data from any type of source and in any format, and search, analyze and visualize that data in real time. The product group was formerly known as the ELK Stack for the core products in the group -- Elasticsearch, Logstash and Kibana -- but has been rebranded as the Elastic Stack. A fourth product, Beats, was subsequently added to the stack. The Elastic Stack can be deployed on premises or made available as software as a service (SaaS). Elasticsearch supports Amazon Web Services (AWS), Google Cloud Platform and Microsoft Azure.

## GrayLog

Graylog is a powerful platform that allows for easy log management of both structured and unstructured data along with debugging applications.

It is based on Elasticsearch, MongoDB, and Scala. Graylog has a main server, which receives data from its clients installed on different servers, and a web interface, which visualizes the data and allows to work with logs aggregated by the main server.

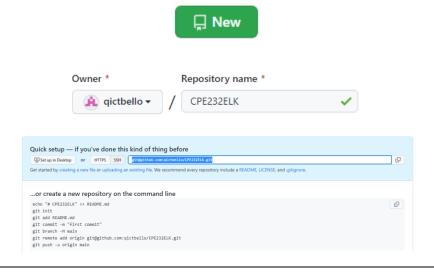
We use Graylog primarily as the stash for the logs of the web applications we build. However, it is also effective when working with raw strings (i.e. syslog): the tool parses it into the structured data we need. It also allows advanced custom search in the logs using structured queries. In other words, when integrated properly with a web app, Graylog helps engineers to analyze the system behavior on almost per code line basis.

Source: https://www.graylog.org/products/open-source

### 3. Tasks

- 1. Create a playbook that:
  - a. Install and configure Elastic Stack in separate hosts (Elastic Search, Kibana, Logstash)
- 2. Apply the concept of creating roles.
- 3. Describe how you did step 1. (Provide screenshots and explanations in your report. Make your report detailed such that it will look like a manual.)
- 4. Show an output of the installed Elastic Stack for both Ubuntu and CentOS.
- 5. Make sure to create a new repository in GitHub for this activity.
- 4. Output (screenshots and explanations)

First we need to create a repository we will name it CPE232ELK



After creating the repository, we will git clone it in our control node or workstation

```
ubuntuhost@workstation:~$ git clone git@github.com:qictbello/CPE232ELK.git
Cloning into 'CPE232ELK'...
warning: You appear to have cloned an empty repository.
ubuntuhost@workstation:~$ cd CPE232ELK/
ubuntuhost@workstation:~/CPE232ELK$
```

We will create the inventory for the Ip of both servers we also put separate host for them, and we will create ansible config

```
ubuntuhost@workstation:~/CPE232ELK$ nano inventory ubuntuhost@workstation:~/CPE232ELK$ nano ansible.cfg ubuntuhost@workstation:~/CPE232ELK$
```

```
GNU nano 6.2 inventory *
[ubuntu]
server1
[centos]
servercent
```

```
GNU nano 6.2 ansible.cfg *

[defaults]
inventory = inventory
private_key_file = ~/.ssh/ansible
```

After creating both needed file we will create the installation tasks for each host we will name it centoselk and ubuntuelk both will have the installation of the 3 tools

```
ubuntuhost@workstation:~/CPE232ELK$ mkdir roles
ubuntuhost@workstation:~/CPE232ELK$ cd roles/
ubuntuhost@workstation:~/CPE232ELK/roles$ mkdir centoselk
ubuntuhost@workstation:~/CPE232ELK/roles$ mkdir ubuntuelk
ubuntuhost@workstation:~/CPE232ELK/roles$ cd centoselk/
ubuntuhost@workstation:~/CPE232ELK/roles/centoselk$ mkdir tasks
ubuntuhost@workstation:~/CPE232ELK/roles/centoselk$ cd ..
ubuntuhost@workstation:~/CPE232ELK/roles$ cd ubuntuelk/
ubuntuhost@workstation:~/CPE232ELK/roles/ubuntuelk$ mkdir tasks
ubuntuhost@workstation:~/CPE232ELK/roles/ubuntuelk$ cd tasks/
ubuntuhost@workstation:~/CPE232ELK/roles/ubuntuelk$ cd tasks/
ubuntuhost@workstation:~/CPE232ELK/roles/ubuntuelk/tasks$
```

We will create tasks for ubuntu first then cd to centoselk to create tasks for centos this tasks will install all three tools and configure/modify them to run.

```
main.yml *
GNU nano 6.2
 name: Install ELK Prereq Ubuntu
     - openjdk-11-jdk
        apt-transport-https
      - curl
     - gpgv
- gpgsm
     - gnupg-l10n
   - gnupg
- gnupg
- dirmngr
state: latest
 name: Get PGP Key Ubuntu
 apt_key:
    unl: https://artifacts.elastic.co/GPG-KEY-elasticsearch
   state: present
 name: Install Elasticsearch repository into sources list Ubuntu
 apt_repository:
    repo: deb https://artifacts.elastic.co/packages/7.x/apt stable main
name: Install Elasticsearch Ubuntu
   name: elasticsearch
  state: latest
update_cache: yes
name: Configure Elasticsearch change cluster name Ubuntu
lineinfile:
  dest: /etc/elasticsearch/elasticsearch.yml
line: "cluster.name: demo-elk"
state: present
name: Configure Elasticsearch give cluster descriptive name Ubuntu
  dest: /etc/elasticsearch/elasticsearch.yml
line: "node.name: elk-1"
state: present
name: Configure Elasticsearch Add network.host Ubuntu
  dest: /etc/elasticsearch/elasticsearch.yml
line: "network.host: 0.0.0.0"
state: present
name: Configure Elasticsearch Add http.port Ubuntu
  dest: /etc/elasticsearch/elasticsearch.yml
line: "http.port: 9200"
state: present
name: Configure Elasticsearch Add discovery.type Ubuntu
  dest: /etc/elasticsearch/elasticsearch.yml
line: "discovery.type: single-node"
state: present
```

```
name: Install Logstash (Ubuntu)
apt:
  name: logstash
  state: latest
  update_cache: yes
name: Run daemon-reload for logstash Ubuntu
systemd: daemon_reload=yes
name: Enable service logstash Ubuntu
systemd:
  name: logstash
  enabled: yes
name: ensure logstash is running Ubuntu
systemd: state=started name=logstash
name: Install Kibana Ubuntu
apt:
  name: kibana
  state: latest
  update_cache: yes
name: Configure Kibana Add server.port Ubuntu
lineinfile:
  dest: /etc/kibana/kibana.yml
line: "server.port: 5601"
state: present
```

```
name: Configure Kibana Add server.host Ubuntu
lineinfile:
 dest: /etc/kibana/kibana.yml
line: 'server.host: "0.0.0.0"'
  state: present
name: Configure Kibana Add server.name Ubuntu
 dest: /etc/kibana/kibana.yml
line: 'server.name: "demo-kibana"'
  state: present
name: Configure Kibana Add elasticsearch.hosts Ubuntu
  dest: /etc/kibana/kibana.yml
line: 'elasticsearch.hosts: ["http://0.0.0.0:9200"]'
  state: present
name: Run daemon-reload for kibana Ubuntu
systemd: daemon_reload=yes
name: Enable service Kibana Ubuntu
 name: kibana
name: Start Elasticsearch service
shell: systemctl start elasticsearch
```

 name: Start Kibana shell: systemctl start kibana

Then we will create tasks for centos installation same as ubuntu but for centos

```
- name: Install ELK Prereq CentOs
   name:
      - java-11-openjdk
      - curl
      - gnupg
   state: latest
 name: install elasticsearch rpm key CentOs
  rpm_key:
   key: https://artifacts.elastic.co/GPG-KEY-elasticsearch
   state: present
 become: true
 name: install elasticsearch 7.x rpm repository
 yum_repository:
   name: Elastic 7.X repo
   baseurl: https://artifacts.elastic.co/packages/7.x/yum
   gpgcheck: true
   gpgkey: https://artifacts.elastic.co/GPG-KEY-elasticsearch
   description: Elastic 7.X Repo
 become: true
 name: Install Elasticsearch CentOs
   name: elasticsearch
   state: latest
   update_cache: yes
```

```
name: Configure Elasticsearch change cluster name CentOs
lineinfile:
  dest: /etc/elasticsearch/elasticsearch.yml
line: "cluster.name: demo-elk"
state: present
name: Configure Elasticsearch give cluster descriptive name CentOs
lineinfile:
   dest: /etc/elasticsearch/elasticsearch.yml
   state: present
name: Configure Elasticsearch Add network.host CentOs
lineinfile:
   dest: /etc/elasticsearch/elasticsearch.yml
   state: present
name: Configure Elasticsearch Add http.port CentOs
lineinfile:
  dest: /etc/elasticsearch/elasticsearch.yml
line: "http.port: 9200"
state: present
name: Configure Elasticsearch Add discovery.type CentOs
lineinfile:
   dest: /etc/elasticsearch/elasticsearch.yml
line: "discovery.type: single-node"
 state: present
```

```
name: Install Logstash CentOs
  name: logstash
  state: latest
  update_cache: yes
name: Run daemon-reload for logstash for CentOs
systemd: daemon_reload=yes
name: Enable service logstash for CentOs
systemd:
  name: logstash
  enabled: yes
name: ensure logstash is running for CentOs
systemd: state=started name=logstash
name: Install Kibana for CentOs
  name: kibana
  state: latest
  update_cache: yes
name: Configure Kibana Add server.port for CentOs
lineinfile:
  dest: /etc/kibana/kibana.yml
  state: present
```

```
name: Configure Kibana Add server.host for CentOs
lineinfile:
  dest: /etc/kibana/kibana.yml
line: 'server.host: "0.0.0.0"'
state: present
name: Configure Kibana Add server.name for CentOs
lineinfile:
  dest: /etc/kibana/kibana.yml
line: 'server.name: "demo-kibana"'
  state: present
name: Configure Kibana Add elasticsearch.hosts for CentOs
lineinfile:
  dest: /etc/kibana/kibana.yml
  state: present
name: Run daemon-reload for kibana for CentOs
systemd: daemon_reload=yes
name: Enable service Kibana for CentOs
systemd:
  name: kibana
  enabled: yes
name: Start Elasticsearch for CentOS
shell: systemctl start elasticsearch
```

```
name: Start Kibana for CentOS
shell: systemctl start kibana
```

Both tasks will install, configure, modify, and start the tools. After creating role task, we will create elk.yml to run the ansible playbook

```
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:
     upgrade: dist
    update_cache: yes
   changed_when: false
   when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"
 name: install unzip
   package:
     name: unzip
hosts: ubuntu
become: true
roles:
  - ubuntuelk
```

```
hosts: centos
  - centoselk
hosts: all
become: true
tasks:
  name: install apache and php for Ubuntu servers
   tags: apache, apache2, ubuntu
   apt:
     name:
       - apache2
       - libapache2-mod-php
     state: latest
   when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"
- name: install apache and php for CentOS servers
   tags: apache, apache2, centos

    httpd

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

```
- name: start httpd CentOS
  tags: apache,centos,httpd
  service:
    name: httpd
    state: started
  when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"
```

We updated both servers and install unzip for our packages and run both tasks for specific host after running both task we required to update/install apache and php and run it, in order for our tools to run.

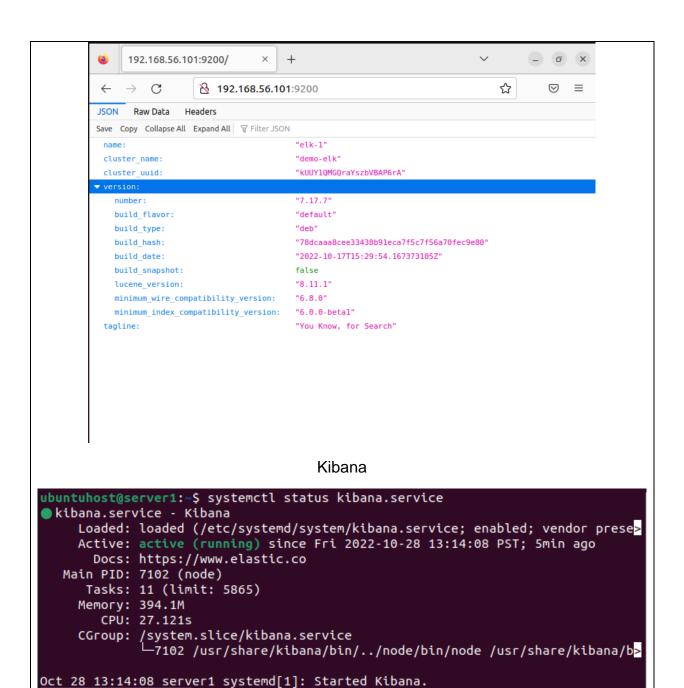
After running first time I got timeout but everything is successful, we will run the playbook again after adding timeout=900 in the config and also timeout in opening elastic search

TASK [ubuntuelk : Run daemon-reload for elasticsearch Ubuntu] ****************** ok: [server1]
TASK [ubuntuelk : Enable service Elasticsearch and ensure it is not masked Ubuntu] *** ok: [server1]
TASK [ubuntuelk : ensure elasticsearch is running Ubuntu] ********************** ok: [server1]
TASK [ubuntuelk : Install Logstash (Ubuntu)] *********************************** ok: [server1]
TASK [ubuntuelk : Run daemon-reload for logstash Ubuntu] ********************** ok: [server1]
TASK [ubuntuelk : Enable service logstash Ubuntu] ****************************** ok: [server1]
TASK [ubuntuelk : ensure logstash is running Ubuntu] *************************** ok: [server1]
TASK [ubuntuelk : Install Kibana Ubuntu] ************************************
TASK [ubuntuelk : Configure Kibana Add server.port Ubuntu] ********************* ok: [server1]
TASK [ubuntuelk : Configure Kibana Add server.host Ubuntu] ********************* ok: [server1]
TASK [ubuntuelk : Configure Kibana Add server.name Ubuntu] ********************* ok: [server1]

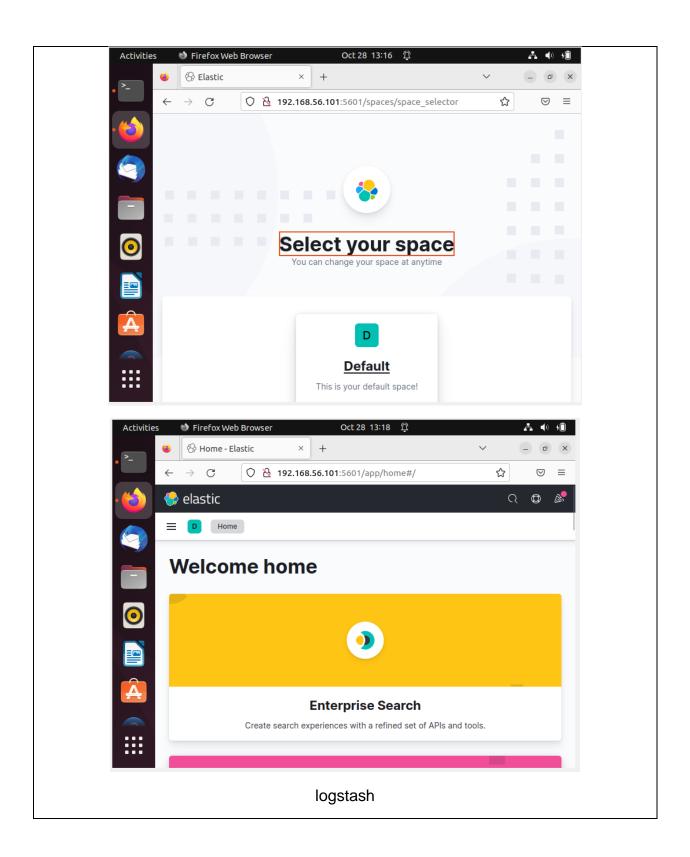
After tweaking timeouts we finally install all of the tools now we will check their output if they're running

#### **UBUNTU**

#### elasticsearch



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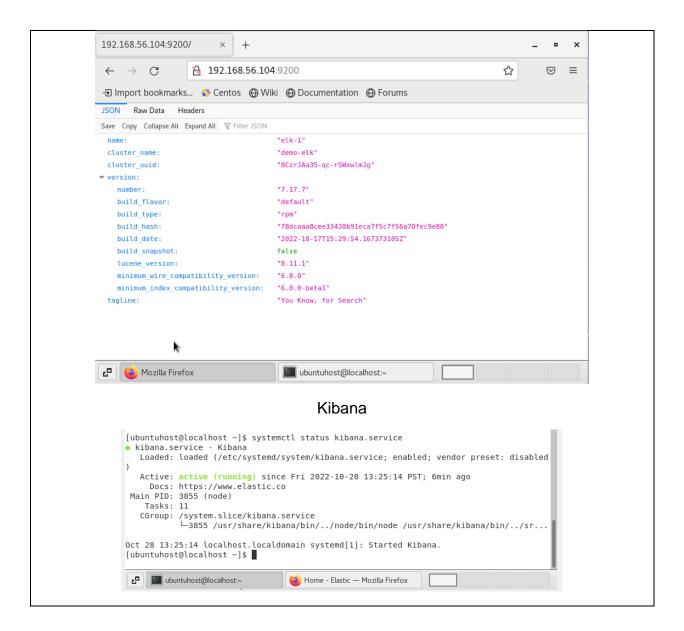


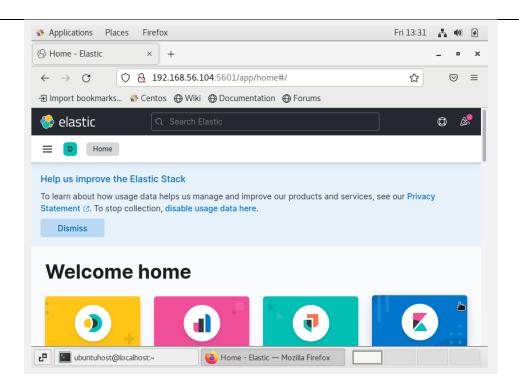
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                     3 192.168.56.101:9200/logstash
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JSON Raw Data Headers
Save Copy Collapse All Expand All Trilter JSON
error:
 ▼ root cause:
        type:
                         "index_not_found_exception"
                         "no such index [logstash]"
                        "index or alias"
        resource.type:
        resource.id:
                         "logstash"
                         "_na_"
        index_uuid:
                        "logstash"
        index:
                        "index_not_found_exception"
   type:
   reason:
                        "no such index [logstash]"
                        "index_or_alias"
   resource.type:
   resource.id:
                        "logstash"
                        "_na_"
   index_uuid:
                        "logstash"
   index:
 status:
```

```
ubuntuhost@server1:~$ systemctl status logstash.service
 logstash.service - logstash
       Loaded: loaded (/etc/systemd/system/logstash.service; enabled; vendor pre>
Active: active (running) since Fri 2022-10-28 13:19:17 PST; 50s ago
     Main PID: 7933 (java)
         Tasks: 21 (limit: 5865)
        Memory: 450.8M
            CPU: 44.668s
        CGroup: /system.slice/logstash.service
                      -7933 /usr/share/logstash/jdk/bin/java -Xms1g -Xmx1g -XX:+UseCon>
Oct 28 13:19:17 server1 systemd[1]: Started logstash.
Oct 28 13:19:17 server1 logstash[7933]: Using bundled JDK: /usr/share/logstash>
Oct 28 13:19:17 server1 logstash[7933]: OpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM warning: Opti
Oct 28 13:20:02 server1 logstash[7933]: Sending Logstash logs to /var/log/logs
Oct 28 13:20:03 server1 logstash[7933]: [2022-10-28T13:20:03,265][INFO ][logst Oct 28 13:20:03 server1 logstash[7933]: [2022-10-28T13:20:03,302][INFO ][logst
Oct 28 13:20:03 server1 logstash[7933]: [2022-10-28T13:20:03,312][INFO ][logst>
Oct 28 13:20:07 server1 logstash[7933]: [2022-10-28T13:20:07,600][INFO ][logst>
Oct 28 13:20:07 server1 logstash[7933]: [2022-10-28T13:20:07,621][ERROR][logst>
Oct 28 13:20:07 server1 logstash[7933]: [2022-10-28T13:20:07,632][INFO ][logst>
lines 1-20/20 (END)
```

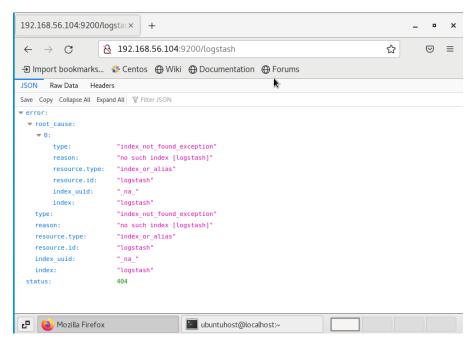
#### **CENTOS**

#### elasticsearch





# logstash



```
[ubuntuhost@localhost ~]$ systemctl status logstash.service

    logstash.service - logstash

   Loaded: loaded (/etc/systemd/system/logstash.service; enabled; vendor preset: disabl
   Active: active (running) since Fri 2022-10-28 12:41:52 PST; 10min ago
 Main PID: 8728 (java)
    Tasks: 21
   Oct 28 12:41:52 localhost.localdomain systemd[1]: Started logstash.
Oct 28 12:41:52 localhost.localdomain logstash[8728]: Using bundled JDK: /usr/share...k
Oct 28 12:41:52 localhost.localdomain logstash[8728]: OpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM warn...
Oct 28 12:42:34 localhost.localdomain logstash[8728]: Sending Logstash logs to /var...s Oct 28 12:42:34 localhost.localdomain logstash[8728]: [2022-10-28T12:42:34,921][INF...s
Oct 28 12:42:34 localhost.localdomain logstash[8728]: [2022-10-28T12:42:34,929][INF...}
Oct 28 12:42:34 localhost.localdomain logstash[8728]: [2022-10-28T12:42:34,933][INFO...
Oct 28 12:42:38 localhost.localdomain logstash[8728]: [2022-10-28T12:42:38,724][INF...}
Oct 28 12:42:38 localhost.localdomain logstash[8728]: [2022-10-28T12:42:38,755][ERR...
Oct 28 12:42:38 localhost.localdomain logstash[8728]: [2022-10-28T12:42:38,783][INF...}
Hint: Some lines were ellipsized, use -l to show in full. [ubuntuhost@localhost ~]$ \blacksquare \bot
```

# Git add commit and push to repository

```
ubuntuhost@workstation:~/CPE232ELK$ git add -A
ubuntuhost@workstation:~/CPE232ELK$ git commit -m "ELK"
git[main (root-commit) a1ab4f9] ELK
 5 files changed, 368 insertions(+)
 create mode 100644 ansible.cfg
 create mode 100644 elk.yml
 create mode 100644 inventory
 create mode 100644 roles/centoselk/tasks/main.yml
 create mode 100644 roles/ubuntuelk/tasks/main.yml
ubuntuhost@workstation:~/CPE232ELK$ git push
Enumerating objects: 12, done.
Counting objects: 100% (12/12), done.
Compressing objects: 100% (7/7), done.
Writing objects: 100% (12/12), 2.33 KiB | 793.00 KiB/s, done.
Total 12 (delta 1), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0
remote: Resolving deltas: 100% (1/1), done.
To github.com:qictbello/CPE232ELK.git
  [new branch]
                     main -> main
ubuntuhost@workstation:~/CPE232ELKS
```

## Reflections:

Answer the following:

1. What are the benefits of having log monitoring tool?

Having log monitoring tools will help us fix and debug servers easily, and it will be easily seen and debugged from this tool. They collect a log of errors, commands, and executions that control node users can read and write. The tool that we installed scans and monitors the logs that are being generated by the servers. They do detect and alert on these logs and will help the admin to solve the problem.

## **Conclusions:**

In conclusion, we installed log monitoring tools like elasticsearch, kibana, and logstash on both servers. We created roles for separate servers and spliced commands to work. We encountered many problems, especially in elasticsearch, kibana, and the timeout of ansible. This tool eats too much RAM. It makes it difficult for lower-end devices to conduct this activity, but luckily we did finish it smoothly. We can use these tools to monitor logs that detect and alert on problems that will help the admin of the servers debug or fix problems. I do enjoy this activity since I struggle with creating the commands and debugging the tools.