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Activity 9: Install, Configure, and Manage Performance Monitoring tools	

1. Objectives

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

2. Discussion

Performance monitoring is a type of monitoring tool that identifies current resource consumption of the workload, in this page we will discuss multiple performance monitoring tool.

Prometheus

Prometheus fundamentally stores all data as timeseries: streams of timestamped values belonging to the same metric and the same set of labeled dimensions. Besides stored time series, Prometheus may generate temporary derived time series as the result of queries. Source: Prometheus - Monitoring system & time series database

Cacti

Cacti is a complete network graphing solution designed to harness the power of RRDTool's data storage and graphing functionality. Cacti provides a fast poller, advanced graph templating, multiple data acquisition methods, and user management features out of the box. All of this is wrapped in an intuitive, easy to use interface that makes sense for LAN-sized installations up to complex networks with thousands of devices. Source: Cacti® - The Complete RRDTool-based Graphing Solution

3. Tasks

- 1. Create a playbook that installs Prometheus in both Ubuntu and CentOS. Apply the concept of creating roles.
- 2. 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.)
- 3. Show an output of the installed Prometheus for both Ubuntu and CentOS.
- 4. Make sure to create a new repository in GitHub for this activity.
- 4. Output (screenshots and explanations)

inventory:

```
192.168.56.103 ansible python interpreter=/usr/bin/python3
192.168.56.105 ansible ssh user=root ansible_ssh_pass=99Castillo03523 ansible_python_interpreter=/usr/bin/python
```

ansible.cfg:

```
[defaults]
inventory = /etc/ansible/hosts
host_key_checking = False

decreation_warnings = False

remote_user = joshua
private_ket_file = ~/.ssh/
```

i created directories tree consisting of this:

```
joshua@ManagedNode:~/HOA9$ cd roles
joshua@ManagedNode:~/HOA9/roles$ tree

centos
    tasks
    main.yml
    ubuntu
    tasks
    main.yml

directories, 2 files
joshua@ManagedNode:~/HOA9/roles$
```

after creating the sub directories shown above, I created commands for main.yml for each role.

install_prometheus.yml

```
- hosts: all
 become: true
 pre_tasks:
 - name: DPKG in Ubuntu Server
   shell:
    when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"
  - name: Update in Ubuntu Server
    apt:
     update_cache: yes
     upgrade: yes
   when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"
  - name: Install epel-release and dnf
    dnf:
     name:
      - dnf
    when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"
  - name: Update CentOS Server
    dnf:
     update_cache: yes
     name:
     state: latest
    when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"
- hosts: ubuntu
  become: true
  roles:
- hosts: centos
  become: true
  roles:
```

roles/ubuntu/tasks/main.yml:

```
- name: Create directory
 tags: dir
  path: ~/prometheus
state: directory
- name: Download Prometheus
unarchive:
  dest: ~/prometheus
  remote_src: yes
  mode: 0777
  group: root
- name: Add executables of Prometheus in a path
tags: exe
shell: |
name: Copy Prometheus file
 tags: file
 сору:
  dest: /etc/systemd/system/
  owner: root
  group: root
  mode: 777
name: Start HTTPD
 tags: httpd
 service:
  name: prometheus
  state: restarted
   enabled: true
```

roles/centos/tasks/main.yml:

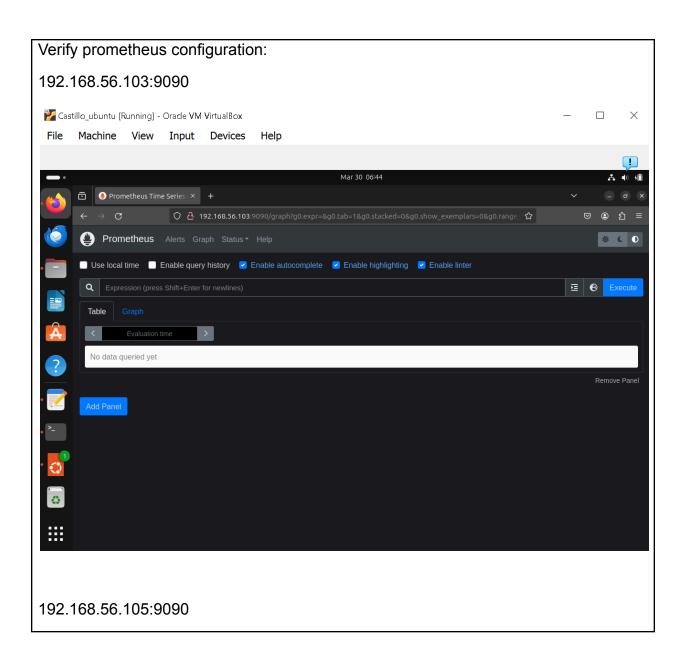
```
name: Create directory
 file:
   path: ~/prometheus
   state: directory
- name: Download Prometheus
 unarchive:
   dest: ~/prometheus
   remote_src: yes
   group: root
- name: Add executables of Prometheus in a path
 tags: exe
 shell: |
- name: Copy Prometheus file
   src: prometheus.service
   dest: /etc/systemd/system/
   owner: root
   group: root
   mode: 777
- name: Start HTTPD
 tags: httpd
   name: prometheus
   state: restarted
   enabled: true
```

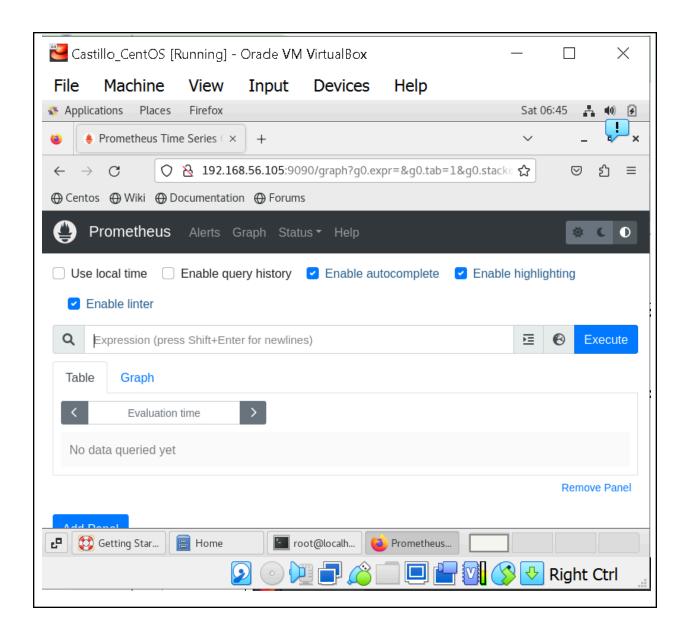
```
Output:
oshua@ManagedNode:~/HOA9$ ansible-playbook --ask-become-pass install_prometheus.yml
BECOME password:
skipping: [192.168.56.105]
ok: [192.168.56.103]
skipping: [192.168.56.103]
ok: [192.168.56.105]
skipping: [192.168.56.103]
ok: [192.168.56.105]
: ok=9 changed=3 unreachable=0 failed=0 skipped=2 rescued=0 
: ok=9 changed=2 unreachable=0 failed=0 skipped=2 rescued=0
                 ianored=0
68.56.103
                 ignored=0
joshua@ManagedNode:~/HOA9$ nano /etc/ansible/hosts
```

Explanation:

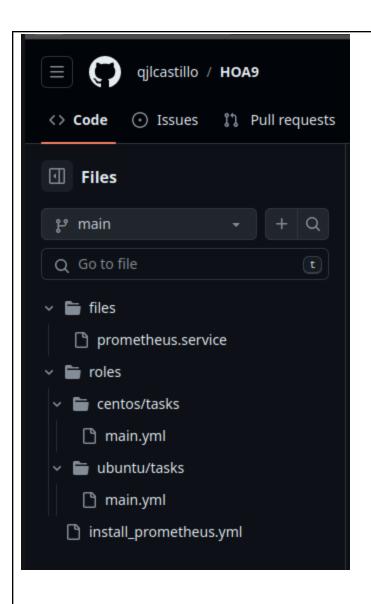
Explanation: The provided Ansible playbook executed with the following results:

- Two hosts were involved in the playbook execution, with IP addresses 192.168.56.103 (Ubuntu) and 192.168.56.105 (CentOS).
- The "Gathering Facts" task collected information about both hosts, which completed successfully.
- The summary at the end of the playbook execution shows that for the host 192.168.56.103, seven tasks were successful (ok), two tasks resulted in changes (changed), and there were no failures, unreachable hosts, or skipped tasks.
- For the host 192.168.56.105, seven task was successful (ok), no tasks resulted in changes (changed=0), two tasks were skipped, and there were no failures, unreachable hosts, or other issues.





```
add the configurations to github repository:
Changes to be committed:
  (use "git rm --cached <file>..." to unstage)
joshua@ManagedNode:~/HOA9$ git push
error: src refspec refs/heads/main does not match any
joshua@ManagedNode:~/HOA9$ git commit -m "HOA9"
[main (root-commit) 814b3fe] HOA9
 4 files changed, 123 insertions(+)
 create mode 100644 files/prometheus.service
 create mode 100644 install_prometheus.yml
 create mode 100644 roles/centos/tasks/main.yml
 create mode 100644 roles/ubuntu/tasks/main.yml
joshua@ManagedNode:~/HOA9$ git push
Enumerating objects: 12, done.
Counting objects: 100% (12/12), done.
Delta compression using up to 2 threads
Compressing objects: 100% (7/7), done.
Writing objects: 100% (12/12), 1.36 KiB | 1.36 MiB/s, done.
Total 12 (delta 1), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0
```



Reflections:
Answer the following:
1. What are the benefits of having a performance monitoring tool?
Having an availability monitoring tool like prometheus provides several significant
benefits for organizations. It enables proactive monitoring, allowing businesses to
identify and address issues before they impact operations or users. By
continuously checking the availability and performance of systems, services, and
network devices, prometheus helps ensure high uptime and reliability.
Conclusions:
In this Activity, we explored the process of installing, configuring, and managing
availability monitoring tools. Specifically, we focused on prometheus as an example of
such a tool.
By effectively installing, configuring, and managing availability monitoring tools like
prometheus, organizations can enhance system reliability, reduce downtime, improve

incident response, and ensure optimal performance. These tools contribute to better customer satisfaction, productivity, and overall business success.		
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