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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

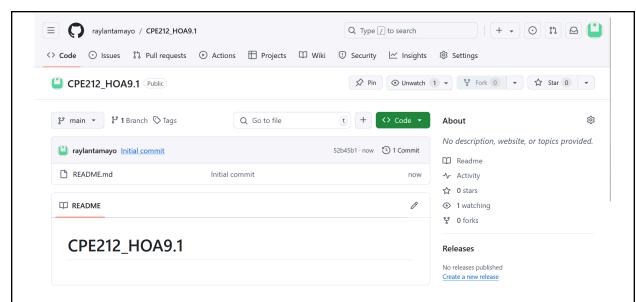
3. Tasks

- 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

Task 1: Create a File

1. Create a new repository for this activity.



2. Clone the repository to the local machine.

```
tamayo@workstation: ~/CPE212_HOA9.1
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tamayo@workstation:~$ git clone git@github.com:raylantamayo/CPE212_HOA9.1.git
Cloning into 'CPE212_HOA9.1'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 3, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (3/3), done.
remote: Total 3 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0 (from 0)
Receiving objects: 100% (3/3), done.
tamayo@workstation:~$ ls
                                                              Videos
CPE212_HOA6.1 Desktop
                                 HOA7
                                           site.retry
CPE212_HOA8.1 Documents
                                 Music
                                           sysad2
CPE212_HOA9.1 Downloads
                                 Pictures Tamayo_PrelimExam
CPE232_Tamayo examples.desktop Public
                                           Templates
tamayo@workstation:~$ cd CPE212_HOA9.1
tamayo@workstation:~/CPE212_HOA9.1$
```

3. Create the ansible.cfg and inventory file (must include one Ubuntu and CentOS)

```
tamayo@workstation: ~/CPE212_HOA9.1

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GNU nano 2.9.3 inventory

[ubuntu_prometheus]
192.168.56.128

[centos_prometheus]
192.168.56.130
```

Task 2: Create Playbook for Installing Prometheus in Ubuntu and CentOS

1. Create a playbook and name it install prometheus.yml.

```
tamayo@workstation: ~/CPE212_HOA9.1
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
GNU nano 2.9.3
                               install prometheus.yml
 hosts: all
 become: true
 pre_tasks:
 - name: install updates (CentOS)
     update_only: yes
     update_cache: yes
   when: ansible distribution == "CentOS"
 - name: install wget (CentOS)
   dnf:
     name: wget
     state: latest
   when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"
 - name: install updates (Ubuntu)
   apt:
     upgrade: dist
     update_cache: yes
   when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"
```

```
    hosts: ubuntu_prometheus
        become: true
        roles:
            - ubuntu_prometheus
    hosts: centos_prometheus
        become: true
        roles:
            - centos_prometheus
```

Code Explanation

This code snippet is an Ansible task that updates only the packages on a CentOS system. It uses the dnf package manager to refresh the package cache and apply any available updates, but only if the operating system is identified as CentOS. Essentially, it's a way to ensure that a CentOS machine is kept up-to-date without installing new packages.

```
- name: install updates (CentOS)
  dnf:
    update_only: yes
    update_cache: yes
  when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"
```

This code installs the latest version of the wget tool on a CentOS system. It uses the dnf package manager and only runs if the system is identified as CentOS. Essentially, it ensures that wget is up to date on that specific operating system.

```
- name: install wget (CentOS)
  dnf:
    name: wget
    state: latest
  when: ansible_distribution == "CentOS"
```

This code installs updates on an Ubuntu system. It uses the apt package manager to upgrade all packages to their latest versions and refreshes the package cache. It only runs if the system is recognized as Ubuntu, ensuring the system is kept up to date.

```
    name: install updates (Ubuntu)
        apt:
            upgrade: dist
            update_cache: yes
            when: ansible_distribution == "Ubuntu"
```

This code defines two groups of hosts: one for Ubuntu systems and one for CentOS systems. It uses the become: true option to grant administrative privileges for executing tasks, and it applies specific roles (ubuntu_prometheus and centos_prometheus) to each group, allowing for tailored configurations or installations on both types of systems.

```
    hosts: ubuntu_prometheus become: true roles:

            ubuntu_prometheus

    hosts: centos_prometheus become: true roles:

            centos_prometheus
```

Task 3: Create Roles

 Create a new directory and name its roles. Enter the roles directory and create new directories: centos_prometheus and ubuntu_prometheus. For each directory, create a directory and name it tasks.

```
tamayo@workstation:~/CPE212_HOA9.1$ mkdir roles
tamayo@workstation:~/CPE212_HOA9.1$ cd roles
tamayo@workstation:~/CPE212_HOA9.1/roles$ mkdir ubuntu_prometheus
tamayo@workstation:~/CPE212_HOA9.1/roles$ cd ubuntu_prometheus
tamayo@workstation:~/CPE212_HOA9.1/roles/ubuntu_prometheus$ mkdir tasks
tamayo@workstation:~/CPE212_HOA9.1/roles/ubuntu_prometheus$ cd ..
tamayo@workstation:~/CPE212_HOA9.1/roles$ mkdir centos_prometheus
tamayo@workstation:~/CPE212_HOA9.1/roles$ cd centos_prometheus
tamayo@workstation:~/CPE212_HOA9.1/roles$ cd centos_prometheus$ mkdir tasks
tamayo@workstation:~/CPE212_HOA9.1/roles/centos_prometheus$ cd ..
tamayo@workstation:~/CPE212_HOA9.1/roles$
```

```
tamayo@workstation:~/CPE212_HOA9.1$ tree
.
— ansible.cfg
— install_prometheus.yml
— inventory
— README.md
— roles
— centos_prometheus
— tasks
— ubuntu_prometheus
— tasks
5 directories, 4 files
```

2. In each of the tasks for the two directory (centos_prometheus and ubuntu prometheus), create another file and name it main.yml

```
tamayo@workstation:~/CPE212_HOA9.1/roles$ cd ubuntu_prometheus
tamayo@workstation:~/CPE212_HOA9.1/roles/ubuntu_prometheus$ cd tasks
tamayo@workstation:~/CPE212_HOA9.1/roles/ubuntu_prometheus/tasks$ touch main.ym
l
```

```
tamayo@workstation:~/CPE212_HOA9.1/roles$ cd centos_prometheus
tamayo@workstation:~/CPE212_HOA9.1/roles/centos_prometheus$ cd tasks
tamayo@workstation:~/CPE212_HOA9.1/roles/centos_prometheus/tasks$ touch main.ym
l
```

```
tamayo@workstation:~/CPE212_HOA9.1/roles$ tree

centos_prometheus
tasks
main.yml
ubuntu_prometheus
tasks
main.yml

directories, 2 files
```

3. Copy the code to the main.yml of the Ubuntu subdirectory.

```
tamayo@workstation: ~/CPE212_HOA9.1/roles/ubuntu_prometheus/tasks
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
 GNU nano 2.9.3
                                       main.yml
- name: install Prometheus (Ubuntu)
  apt:
     name: prometheus
     state: latest
- name: Prometheus Start/Enable Check
  service:
    name: prometheus
    state: restarted
    enabled: true
- name: Apache Start/Enable Check
  service:
    name: prometheus
    state: restarted
    enabled: true
```

4. Copy the code to the main.yml of the CentOS subdirectory.

```
tamayo@workstation: ~/CPE212_HOA9.1/roles/centos_prometheus/tasks
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
                                      main.yml
                                                                      Modified
 name: Creating a directory (where the downloaded files will be stored)
 tags: directory
 file:
   path: ~/prometheus
   state: directory
 name: Downloading and extracting Prometheus
 tags: source
 unarchive:
   src: https://github.com/prometheus/prometheus/releases/download/v2.8.1/pro$
   dest: ~/prometheus
   remote_src: yes
   mode: 0777
   owner: root
   group: root
 name: Stopping the service
 service:
   name: prometheus
   state: stopped
 name: Adding the Prometheus executables to a PATH
 tags: executables
```

```
shell: |
    cd ~/prometheus/prometheus*
    cp -r . /usr/local/bin/prometheus

- name: Copying the Prometheus service file
    tags: servicefile
    copy:
        src: prometheus.service
        dest: /etc/systemd/system/
        owner: root
        group: root
        mode: 777
```

```
    name: Making sure that Prometheus is started and enabled
tags: serviceon
service:
name: prometheus
state: restarted
enabled: true
```

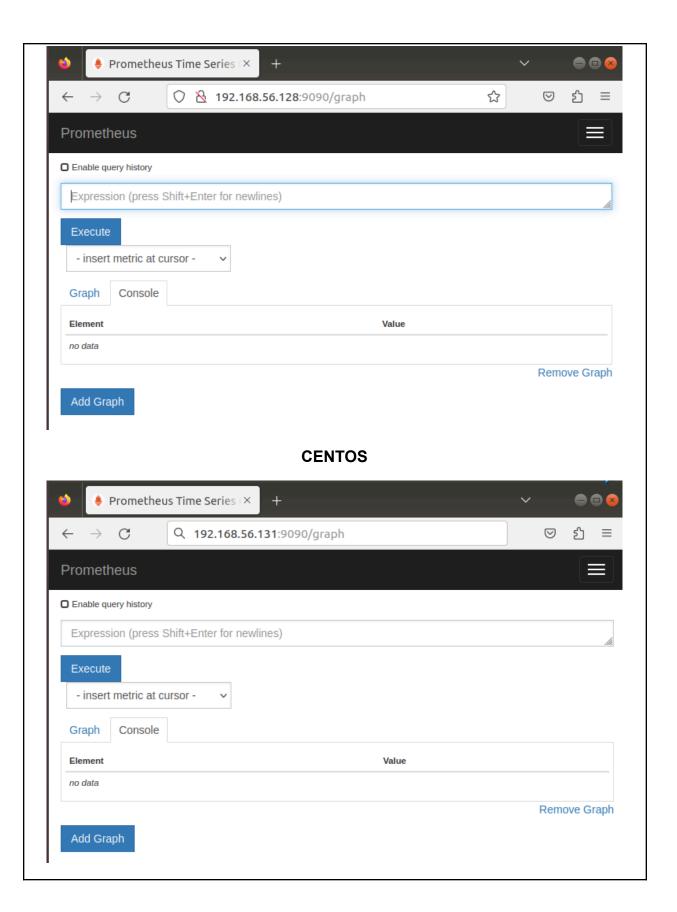
Task 4: Run and Verify

 Run the command ansible-playbook - - ask-become-pass install_prometheus.yml to completely install Nagios in both Ubuntu server and CentOS.

```
tamayo@workstation: ~/CPE212_HOA9.1
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
tamayo@workstation:~/CPE212_HOA9.1$ ansible-playbook --ask-become-pass install_
prometheus.yml
SUDO password:
ok: [192.168.56.130]
ok: [192.168.56.128]
TASK [install updates (CentOS)] **********************************
skipping: [192.168.56.130]
skipping: [192.168.56.128]
TASK [ubuntu_prometheus : install Prometheus (Ubuntu)] *******************
```

2. Show the screenshot of the Nagios in both Server and CentOS, by simply typing its ip address in the web browser and :9090.

UBUNTU



3. Upload it in the github.

```
tamayo@workstation:~/CPE212_HOA9.1$ git add .
tamayo@workstation:~/CPE212_HOA9.1$ git commit -m "HOA 9.1"
[main 501beb1] HOA 9.1
 7 files changed, 114 insertions(+)
 create mode 100644 ansible.cfg
 create mode 100644 "d\0330Masd\0330M\0330M\0330M\0330M\
 create mode 100644 install prometheus.retry
 create mode 100644 install prometheus.yml
 create mode 100644 inventory
 create mode 100644 roles/centos_prometheus/tasks/main.yml
 create mode 100644 roles/ubuntu_prometheus/tasks/main.yml
tamayo@workstation:~/CPE212 HOA9.1$ git status
On branch main
Your branch is ahead of 'origin/main' by 1 commit.
  (use "git push" to publish your local commits)
nothing to commit, working tree clean
tamayo@workstation:~/CPE212_HOA9.1$ git push origin
Counting objects: 14, done.
Delta compression using up to 2 threads.
Compressing objects: 100% (9/9), done.
Writing objects: 100% (14/14), 1.95 KiB | 1.95 MiB/s, done.
Total 14 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0)
To github.com:raylantamayo/CPE212 HOA9.1.git
   52b45b1..501beb1 main -> main
```

GITHUB LINK: https://github.com/raylantamayo/CPE212 HOA9.1.git

Reflections:

Answer the following:

1. What are the benefits of having a performance monitoring tool?

Having a performance monitoring tool through Ansible offers several benefits. First, it automates the setup and management of monitoring systems, saving time and reducing human error. Second, it provides real-time insights into how your systems are performing, allowing you to quickly spot and fix issues before they escalate. Additionally, it helps ensure that your applications are running smoothly, which leads to a better experience for users. Overall, it makes it easier to keep everything running efficiently and reliably.

Conclusions:

In this activity, I learned how to use Ansible to install and manage performance monitoring tools like Prometheus on both Ubuntu and CentOS systems. By creating roles, I streamlined the installation process, making it easier to apply the same setup across different environments. I discovered the importance of performance monitoring in keeping systems running smoothly and being able to quickly identify issues. This hands-on experience also emphasized the benefits of using Infrastructure as Code, as it automates tasks and reduces the chances of errors. Overall, I gained practical skills in automation and a better understanding of how to monitor system performance effectively.