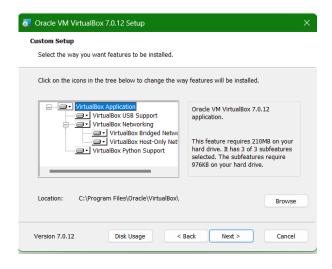
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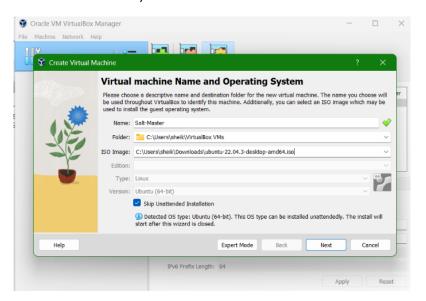
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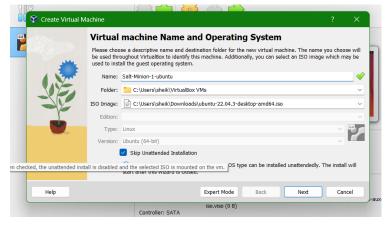
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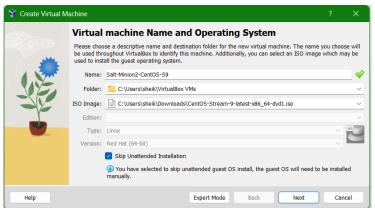


Step2) Inside this Oracle VirtualBox I will launch:

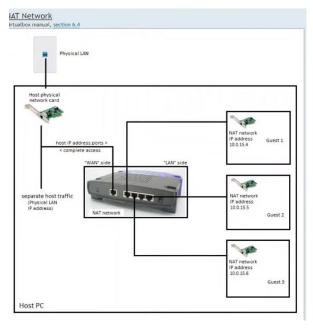
- → Vm-1 (Salt Master)
- → Vm-2 (Minion-1 with Ubuntu as OS)
- → Vm-3 (Minion-3 with CentOS as OS)

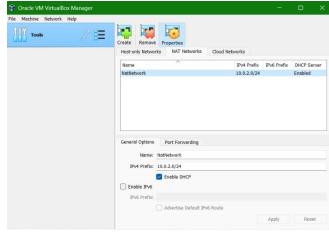




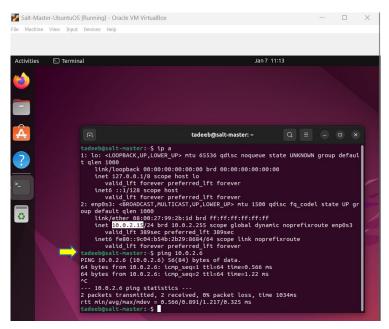


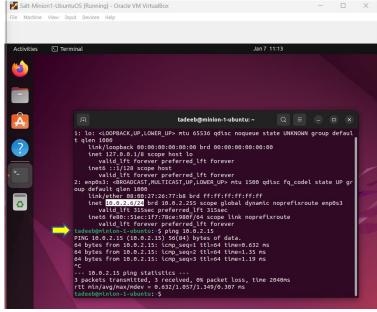
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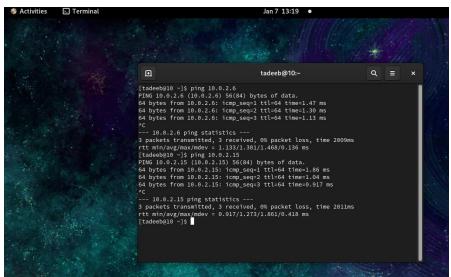




We can see machines are in same LAN.

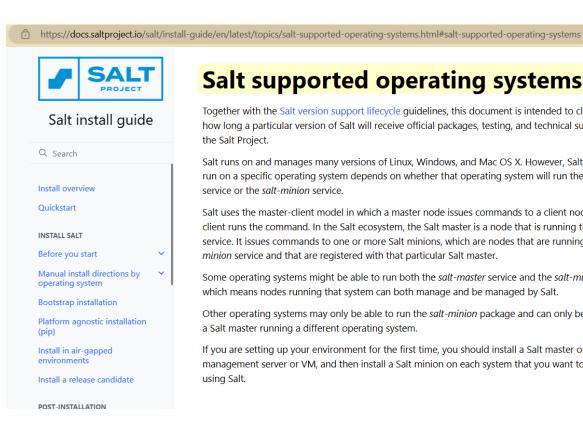






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Step4) Before installing Salt. I just checked pre-requisites.



Salt supported operating systems

Together with the Salt version support lifecycle quidelines, this document is intended to clearly define how long a particular version of Salt will receive official packages, testing, and technical support from the Salt Project.

Salt runs on and manages many versions of Linux, Windows, and Mac OS X. However, Salt's ability to run on a specific operating system depends on whether that operating system will run the salt-master service or the salt-minion service.

Salt uses the master-client model in which a master node issues commands to a client node and the client runs the command. In the Salt ecosystem, the Salt master is a node that is running the salt-master service. It issues commands to one or more Salt minions, which are nodes that are running the saltminion service and that are registered with that particular Salt master.

Some operating systems might be able to run both the salt-master service and the salt-minion service, which means nodes running that system can both manage and be managed by Salt.

Other operating systems may only be able to run the salt-minion package and can only be managed by a Salt master running a different operating system.

If you are setting up your environment for the first time, you should install a Salt master on a dedicated management server or VM, and then install a Salt minion on each system that you want to manage using Salt.

Overview of supported operating systems

				Full or	
	Arch	Master	Minion	Reasonable-effort	Tested
AlmaLinux 8	x86_64, aarch64 / arm64	Yes	Yes	Full	Yes
AlmaLinux 9	x86_64, aarch64 / arm64	Yes	Yes	Full	Yes
Amazon Linux 2	x86_64, aarch64 / arm64		Yes	Full	Yes
Amazon Linux 2023	x86_64, aarch64 / arm64		Yes	Full	Yes
Arch Linux (latest)	x86_64, aarch64	Yes	Yes	Reasonable	Yes
CentOS 7	x86_64, aarch64 / arm64	Yes	Yes	Full	Yes
CentOS Stream 8	x86_64, aarch64 / arm64	Yes	Yes	Full	
CentOS Stream 9	x86_64, aarch64 / arm64	Yes	Yes	Full	
Debian 10	amd64, arm64	Yes	Yes	Full	Yes
Debian 11	amd64, arm64	Yes	Yes	Full	Yes
Debian 12	amd64, arm64	Yes	Yes	Full	Yes
Fedora 37	x86_64, aarch64 / arm64	Yes	Yes	Full	Yes
Fedora 38	x86_64, aarch64 / arm64	Yes	Yes	Full	Yes
FreeBSD 12.4		Yes	Yes	Reasonable	
FreeBSD 13.1		Yes	Yes	Reasonable	
macOS 12	x86_64		Yes	Full	
macOS 13	x86_64		Yes	Full	
macOS 13	arm64		Yes	Full	
openSUSE Leap 15.4		Yes	Yes	Reasonable	
Oracle Linux 7, 8, 9	x86_64, aarch64 / arm64	Yes	Yes	Full	D
Photon OS 3	x86_64, aarch64 / arm64	Yes	Yes	Full	
Photon OS 4	x86_64, aarch64 / arm64	Yes	Yes	Full	
Photon OS 5	x86_64, aarch64 / arm64	Yes	Yes	Full	
RedHat 7	x86_64, aarch64 / arm64	Yes	Yes	Full	Yes
RedHat 8	x86_64, aarch64 / arm64	Yes	Yes	Full	Yes
RedHat 9	x86_64, aarch64 / arm64	Yes	Yes	Full	Yes
SLES 12 SP5		Yes	Yes	Full	
SLES 15 SP4		Yes	Yes	Full	
Ubuntu 20.04	amd64, arm64	Yes	Yes	Full	Yes
Ubuntu 22.04	amd64, arm64	Yes	Yes	Full	Yes
Windows Desktop 10	x86, AMD64		Yes	Full	
Windows Desktop 11	x86, AMD64		Yes	Full	
Windows 2016	x86, AMD64		Yes	Full	Yes
Windows 2019	x86, AMD64		Yes	Full	Yes
Windows 2022	x86, AMD64		Yes	Full	Yes



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Check your network ports

In order for the Salt master to communicate with the Salt minion, the Salt master needs to allow inbound connections. Check your network ports and firewall settings to ensure that the master can receive messages through the network.

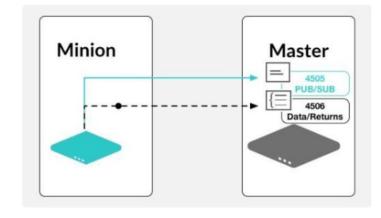
Note

Although the standard Salt configuration model is the master/client model, minions do not necessarily have to have a master to be managed. See Install overview for more information about alternative installation and configuration options.

About Salt network ports

The Salt master-to-minion communication model only requires inbound connections into the Salt master. Connections are established from the minion and never from the master.

Port	Туре	Description
4505	Event Publisher/Subscriber port (publish jobs/events)	Constant inquiring connection
4506	Data payloads and minion returns (file services/return data)	Connects only to deliver data



Step5) Install Salt on Master and minions:

I used these 2 links below from official Salt website only:

Salt install guide (saltproject.io)

Bootstrap installation - Salt install guide (saltproject.io)

Step6) Just start Master and minion services and do necessary changes in minion machines /etc/hosts file so that they can find Master.

FINDING THE SALT MASTER

When a minion starts, by default it searches for a system that resolves to the salt hostname on the network. If found, the minion initiates the handshake and key authentication process with the Salt master. This means that the easiest configuration approach is to set internal DNS to resolve the name salt back to the Salt Master IP.

Otherwise, the minion configuration file will need to be edited so that the configuration option master points to the DNS name or the IP of the Salt Master:

```
Tadeeb@salt-master:- Q ≡ - □ X

Salt-master.service
Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/salt-master.service; enabled; vendor pactive: active (running) since Sun 2024-01-07 10:59:34 IST; 16min ago
Docs: man:salt-master(1)
file://usr/share/doc/salt/html/contents.html
https://docs.saltproject.io/en/latest/contents.html
https://docs.saltproject.io/en/latest/contents.html
Main PID: 676 (/opt/saltstack/)
Tasks: 31 (limit: 4599)
Memory: 272.4M
CPU: 27.2075
CGroup: /system.slice/salt-master.service
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```

Step7) Accepting Minions keys from master

When the minion is started, it will generate an id value, unless it has been generated on a previous run and cached (in /etc/salt/minion_id by default). This is the name by which the minion will attempt to authenticate to the master. The following steps are attempted, in order to try to find a value that is not localhost:

```
Now that the minion is started, it will generate cryptographic keys and attempt to connect to the master. The next step is to venture back to the master server and accept the new minion's public key.

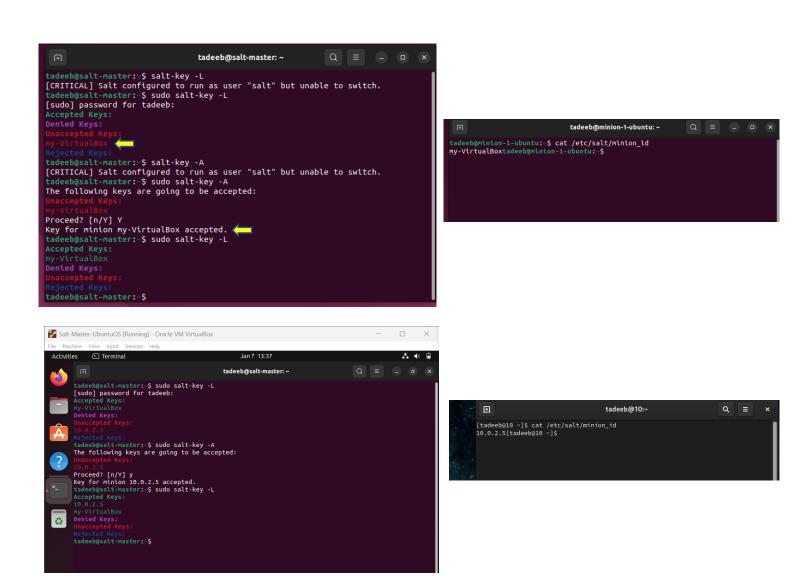
USING SALT-KEY

Salt authenticates minions using public-key encryption and authentication. For a minion to start accepting commands from the master, the minion keys need to be accepted by the master.

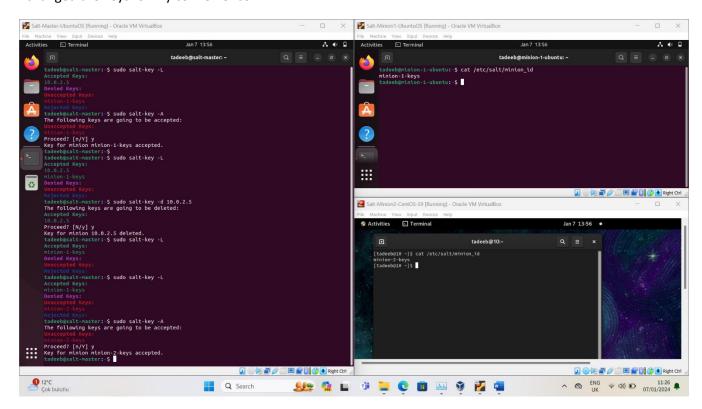
The salt-key command is used to manage all of the keys on the master. To list the keys that are on the master:

salt-key -L

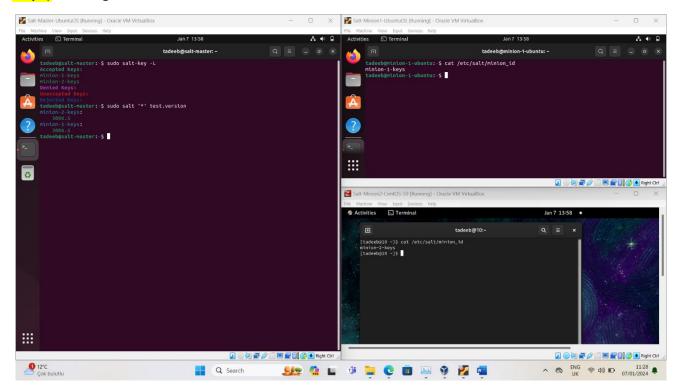
The keys that have been rejected, accepted, and pending acceptance are listed. The easiest way to accept the minion key is to accept all pending keys:
```



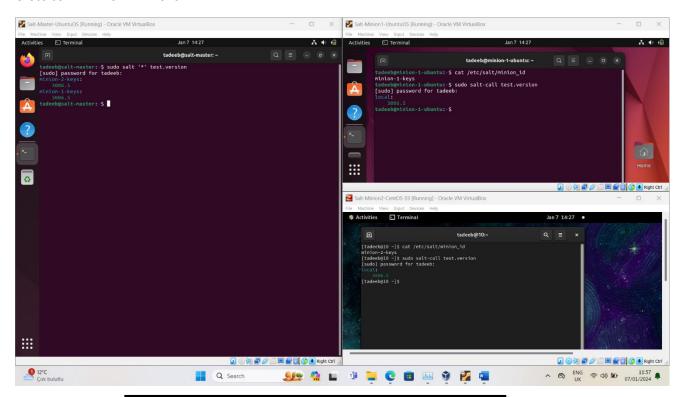
I changed the keys for my convenience:



Step8) Checking whether our Minions are connected with master or not:



Cross confirm from minions:



USING SALT-CALL

The salt-call command was originally developed for aiding in the development of new Salt modules. Since then, many applications have been developed for running any Salt module locally on a minion. These range from the original intent of salt-call, development assistance, to gathering more verbose output from calls like state.apply.

When initially creating your state tree, it is generally recommended to invoke $\[state.apply \]$ directly from the minion with $\[salt-call \]$, rather than remotely from the master. This displays far more information about the execution than calling it remotely. For even more verbosity, increase the loglevel using the $\[-1 \]$ argument:

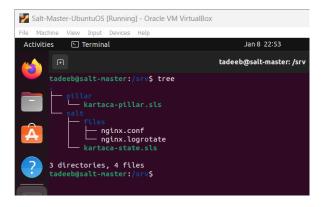
salt-call -1 debug state.apply

The main difference between using salt and using salt-call is that salt-call is run from the minion, and it only runs the selected function on that minion. By contrast, salt is run from the master, and requires you to specify the minions on which to run the command using salt's targeting system.

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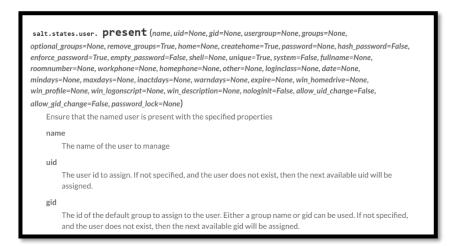
Step9) Performing the given task:

Directory Structure:



On both servers:

 Create a user named kartaca with user and group ID 2023, home directory, default shell, password carthage2023. (Keep the user password information on the pillar data, not the state file.)/home/krt/bin/bash



 Give sudo privileges to the Carthage user and this user can run his command on Ubuntu and his command on Centos without entering a password.sudo aptsudo yum

```
salt.states.file. append (name, text=None, makedirs=False, source=None, source_hash=None, template='jinja', sources=None, source_hashes=None, defaults=None, context=None, ignore_whitespace=True)

Ensure that some text appears at the end of a file.

The text will not be appended if it already exists in the file. A single string of text or a list of strings may be appended.

name

The location of the file to append to.

text

The text to be appended, which can be a single string or a list of strings.

makedirs

If the file is located in a path without a parent directory, then the state will fail. If makedirs is set to True,
```

Set the server timezone to Istanbul.

```
salt.states.timezone. system (name, utc=True)

Set the timezone for the system.

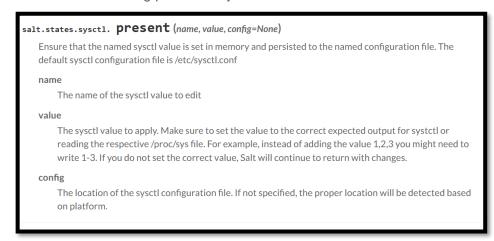
name

The name of the timezone to use (e.g.: America/Denver)

utc

Whether or not to set the hardware clock to UTC (default is True)
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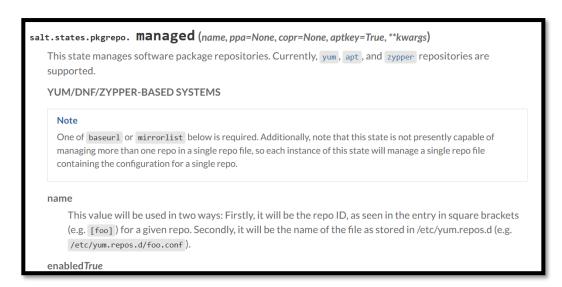
Enable IP Forwarding permanently.



 Install the necessary packages to be able to run the, commands from the terminal.htop tcp traceroute ping dig iostat mtr



 Add the Hashicorp repo to the system with the information at https://www.hashicorp.com/official-packaging-guide and install the v1.6.4 version of the Terraform package.



 For each IP address in the 192.168.168.128/28 IP block, add the host record to the file to resolve the kartaca.local address. Make this change with the for loop in the Salt state file./etc/hosts

```
salt.states.host. present (name, ip, comment=", clean=False)

Ensures that the named host is present with the given ip

name

The host to assign an ip to

ip

The ip addr(s) to apply to the host. Can be a single IP or a list of IP addresses.

comment

A comment to include for the host entry

New in version 3001.

clean

Remove any entries which don't match those configured in the ip option. Default is False.

New in version 2018.3.4.
```

Step10)

On the Centos server:

- Install Nginx web server.
- Configure the Nginx service to start automatically every time the server restarts.

salt.states.pkg. installed (name, version=None, refresh=None, fromrepo=None, skip_verify=False, skip_suggestions=False, pkgs=None, sources=None, allow_updates=False, pkg_verify=False, normalize=True, ignore_epoch=None, reinstall=False, update_holds=False, **kwargs)

Ensure that the package is installed, and that it is the correct version (if specified).

```
salt.states.service. running (name, enable=None, sig=None, init_delay=None, **kwargs)

Ensure that the service is running

name

The name of the init or rc script used to manage the service

enable

Set the service to be enabled at boot time, True sets the service to be enabled, False sets the named service to be disabled. The default is None, which does not enable or disable anything.
```

 Install the necessary PHP packages to run WordPress on the server, make the necessary Nginx/PHP configurations.

salt.states.pkg. installed (name, version=None, refresh=None, fromrepo=None, skip_verify=False, skip_suggestions=False, pkgs=None, sources=None, allow_updates=False, pkg_verify=False, normalize=True, ignore_epoch=None, reinstall=False, update_holds=False, **kwargs)

Ensure that the package is installed, and that it is the correct version (if specified).

 <u>Download</u> the WordPress archive file from https://wordpress.org/download to its directory./tmp

 $salt.states.cmd. \ \ \textbf{run} \ (name, cwd=None, root=None, runas=None, shell=None, env=None, prepend_path=None, stateful=False, output_loglevel='debug', hide_output=False, timeout=None, ignore_timeout=False, use_vt=False, success_retcodes=None, success_stdout=None, success_stderr=None, **kwargs)$

Run a command if certain circumstances are met. Use cmd.wait if you want to use the watch requisite.

Unzip the WordPress archive file to its directory./var/www/wordpress2023

salt.states.cmd. **run** (name, cwd=None, root=None, runas=None, shell=None, env=None, prepend_path=None, stateful=False, output_loglevel='debug', hide_output=False, timeout=None, ignore_timeout=False, use_vt=False, success_retcodes=None, success_stdout=None, success_stderr=None, **kwargs)

Run a command if certain circumstances are met. Use cmd.wait if you want to use the watch requisite.

 Configure the Nginx service to reload each time the contents of the /etc/nginx/nginx.conf file are updated.

salt.states.cmd. **Pun** (name, cwd=None, root=None, runas=None, shell=None, env=None, prepend_path=None, stateful=False, output_loglevel='debug', hide_output=False, timeout=None, ignore_timeout=False, use_vt=False, success_retcodes=None, success_stdout=None, success_stderr=None, **kwargs)

Run a command if certain circumstances are met. Use cmd.wait if you want to use the watch requisite.

- wp-config.php Enter the MySQL database and user information you created on the Ubuntu server in the database information in the file.
- wp-config.php Fill in the file by pulling the necessary secrets and keys for WordPress from the https://api.wordpress.org/secret-key/1.1/salt/ address.

salt.states.cmd. **Pun** (name, cwd=None, root=None, runas=None, shell=None, env=None, prepend_path=None, stateful=False, output_loglevel='debug', hide_output=False, timeout=None, ignore_timeout=False, use_vt=False, success_retcodes=None, success_stdout=None, success_stderr=None, **kwargs)

Run a command if certain circumstances are met. Use cmd.wait if you want to use the watch requisite.

{{ pillar['mysql']['db_name'] }} will be replaced with the value of db_name from the pillar file.

{{ pillar['mysql']['db_user'] }} will be replaced with the value of db_user from the pillar file. {{ pillar['mysql']['db_password'] }} will be replaced with the value of db_password from the pillar file.

In the sed command, database_name_here, username_here, and password_here are just placeholders. They need to match the placeholders used in your wp-config.php file that you want to replace

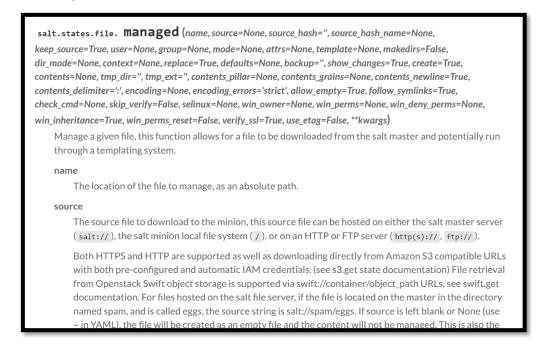
The /g at the end of the substitution expression stands for "global." It tells sed to replace all occurrences of the pattern in each line, not just the first occurrence.

Create a self-signed SSL certificate and include it in the Nginx configuration.

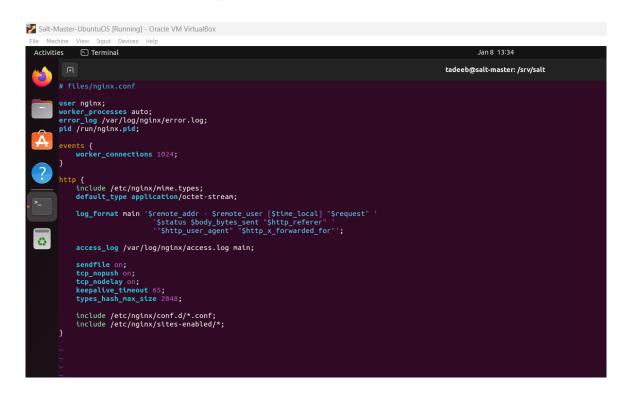
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Run a command if certain circumstances are met. Use cmd.wait if you want to use the watch requisite.

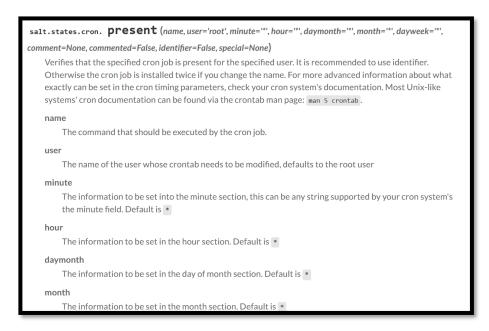
• Manage the Nginx configuration with Salt, each time Salt state is applied, the file on the server is updated from the file in the files directory, which is in the same directory as the Salt state file./etc/nginx/nginx.confnginx.conf



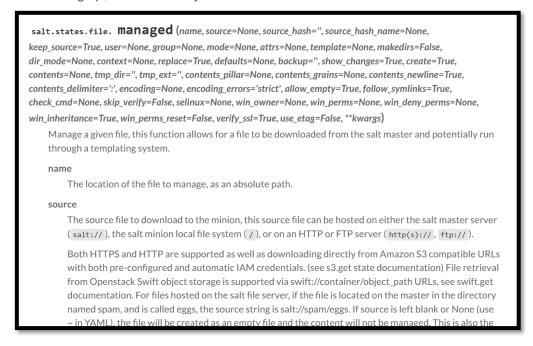
I added this file at /srv/salt/files/nginx.conf:

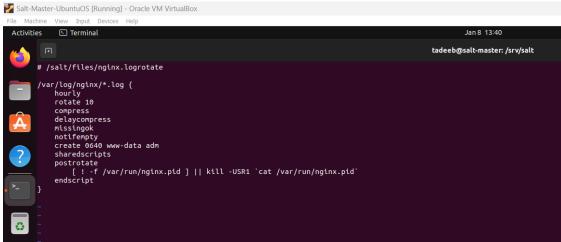


 Create a cron that will stop and restart the Nginx service on the first day of each month.



• Make a *logroate* configuration that will rotate nginx logs hourly, compress rotated log files with gzip, and store only the last 10 files.





On the Ubuntu server:

• Set up a MySQL database.

salt.states.pkg. installed (name, version=None, refresh=None, fromrepo=None, skip_verify=False, skip_suggestions=False, pkgs=None, sources=None, allow_updates=False, pkg_verify=False, normalize=True, ignore_epoch=None, reinstall=False, update_holds=False, **kwargs)

Ensure that the package is installed, and that it is the correct version (if specified).

• Configure the MySQL service to start automatically when the server restarts.

```
Ensure that the service is running

name

The name of the init or rc script used to manage the service

enable

Set the service to be enabled at boot time, True sets the service to be enabled, False sets the named service to be disabled. The default is None, which does not enable or disable anything.
```

Create a database and user on MySQL for WordPress installation, define the
necessary database privileges for the user you created. (Get the required
information for the database name, user, and password from the pillar data, not from
the Salt state file.)

```
salt.states.mysql_database. present (name, character_set=None, collate=None, **connection_args)

Ensure that the named database is present with the specified properties

name

The name of the database to manage
```

```
salt.states.mysql_user. present (name, host='localhost', password=None, password_hash=None, allow_passwordless=False, unix_socket=False, password_column=None, auth_plugin='mysql_native_password', 
**connection_args)

Ensure that the named user is present with the specified properties. A passwordless user can be configured by omitting password and password_hash , and setting allow_passwordless to True .

name

The name of the user to manage

host

Host for which this user/password combo applies

password

The password to use for this user. Will take precedence over the password_hash option if both are specified.
```

```
salt.states.mysql_grants. present (name, grant=None, database=None, user=None, host='localhost', grant_option=False, escape=True, revoke_first=False, ssl_option=False, **connection_args)

Ensure that the grant is present with the specified properties

name

The name (key) of the grant to add

grant

The grant priv_type (i.e. select, insert, update OR all privileges)

database

The database priv_level (i.e. db.tbl OR db.*)

user

The user to apply the grant to

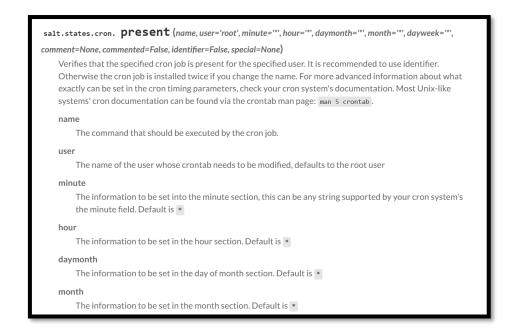
host

The network/host that the grant should apply to

grant_option

Adds the WITH GRANT OPTION to the defined grant. Default is False
```

 Prepare a cron that will index the MySQL database dump every night at 02:00. /backup



Testing:

NOTE: The whole code file is uploaded on my github.

I did testing and 80% of my code is working, rest 20% is issue in last part i.e. MySql modules.