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# ANSIBLE and more ansible

- Roles
- Troubleshooting
- Vault

Roles provide a framework for fully independent, or interdependent collections of variables, tasks, files, templates, and modules.

In Ansible, the *role is the primary mechanism for breaking a playbook into multiple files*. This simplifies writing complex playbooks, and it makes them easier to reuse. The breaking of playbook allows you to logically break the playbook into reusable components.

Each role is basically limited to a particular functionality or desired output, with all the necessary steps to provide that result either within that role itself or in other roles listed as dependencies.

Roles are not playbooks. Roles are small functionality which can be independently used but have to be used within playbooks. There is no way to directly execute a role. Roles have no explicit setting for which host the role will apply to.

Top-level playbooks are the bridge holding the hosts from your inventory file to roles that should be applied to those hosts.

https://www.tutorialspoint.com/ansible/ansible\_quick\_guide.htm

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student@ubuntu16srvr:~$ pwd
/home/student
student@ubuntu16srvr:~$ mkdir roles
student@ubuntu16srvr:~$ cd roles
student@ubuntul6srvr:~/roles$ ansible-galaxy init deploy_apache
 Role deploy_apache was created successfully
student@ubuntu16srvr:~/roles$ ls -la
total 12
drwxrwxr-x 3 student student 4096 Oct 15 12:26
 lrwxr-xr-x 5 student student 4096 Oct 15 12:24
drwxrwxr-x 10 student student 4096 Oct 15 12:26 deploy apache
student@ubuntu16srvr:~/roles$ tree
The program 'tree' is currently not installed. You can install it by typing:
sudo apt install tree
student@ubuntu16srvr:~/roles$ sudo apt install tree
Reading package lists... Done
 uilding dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following NEW packages will be installed:
 upgraded, 1 newly installed, 0 to remove and 199 not upgraded.
 leed to get 40.6 kB of archives.
After this operation, 138 kB of additional disk space will be used.
Get:1 http://ua.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu xenial/universe amd64 tree amd64 1.7.0-3 [40.6 kB]
Fetched 40.6 kB in 0s (190 kB/s)
Selecting previously unselected package tree.
(Reading database ... 67885 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack .../tree_1.7.0-3_amd64.deb ...
Inpacking tree (1.7.0-3) ...
Processing triggers for man-db (2.7.5-1) ...
Setting up tree (1.7.0-3) ...
student@ubuntu16srvr:~/roles$ tree
    | -- main.yml
     -- main.yml
     -- main.yml
    --- README.md
      -- main.yml
     - inventory
       test.vml
       -- main.vml
 directories, 8 files
student@ubuntu16srvr:~/roles$
```

We have got the clean directory structure with the *ansible-galaxy* command. Each directory must contain a *main.yml* file, which contains the relevant content.

*tasks* - contains the main list of tasks to be executed by the role.

**handlers** - contains handlers, which may be used by this role or even anywhere outside this role.

*defaults* - default variables for the role.

*vars* - other variables for the role. Vars has the higher priority than defaults.

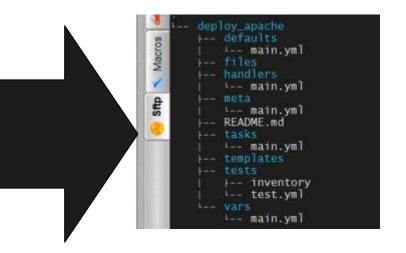
*files* - contains files required to transfer or deployed to the target machines via this role.

**templates** - contains templates which can be deployed via this role.

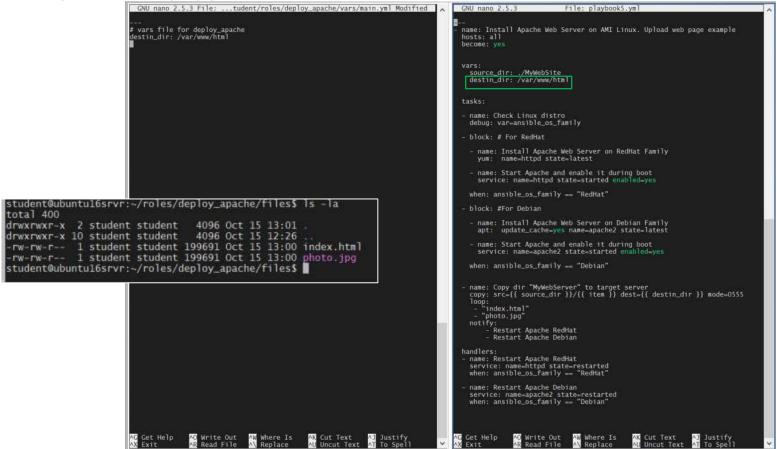
**meta** - defines some data / information about this role (author, dependency, versions, examples, etc,.)



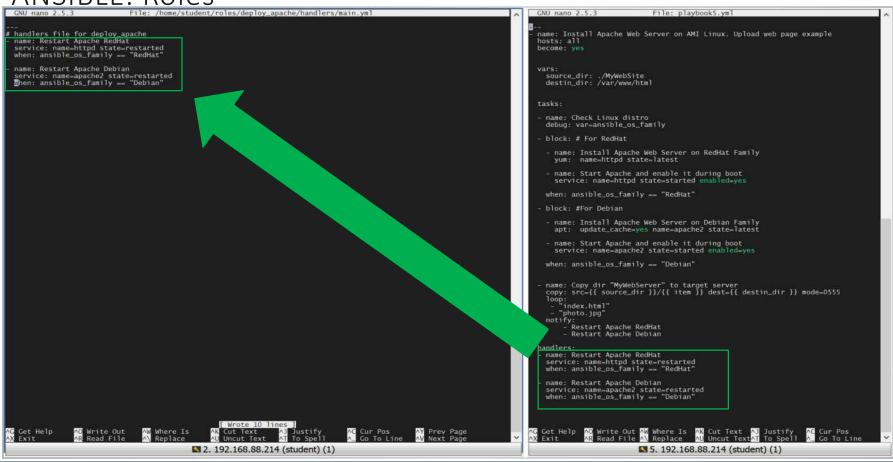
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=- name: Install Apache Web Server on AMI Linux. Upload web page example
   hosts: all
   become: yes
     source_dir: ./MyWebSite
     destin_dir: /var/www/html
   tasks:
   - name: Check Linux distro
     debug: var=ansible os family
   - block: # For RedHat
     - name: Install Apache Web Server on RedHat Family
       vum: name=httpd state=latest
     - name: Start Apache and enable it during boot
       service: name=httpd state=started enabled=ves
     when: ansible_os_family == "RedHat"
   - block: #For Debian
     - name: Install Apache Web Server on Debian Family
       apt: update cache=yes name=apache2 state=latest
       name: Start Apache and enable it during boot
       service: name-apache2 state-started enabled-yes
     when: ansible os family == "Debian"
   - name: Copy dir "MyWebServer" to target server
     copy: src={{ source dir }}/{{ item }} dest={{ destin dir }} mode=0555
    loop:
      - "index.html"
      - "photo.jpg"
      - Restart Apache RedHat
      - Restart Apache Debian
   handlers:
   - name: Restart Apache RedHat
     service: name=httpd state=restarted
     when: ansible_os_family == "RedHat"
   - name: Restart Apache Debian
     service: name=apache2 state=restarted
     when: ansible_os_family == "Debian"
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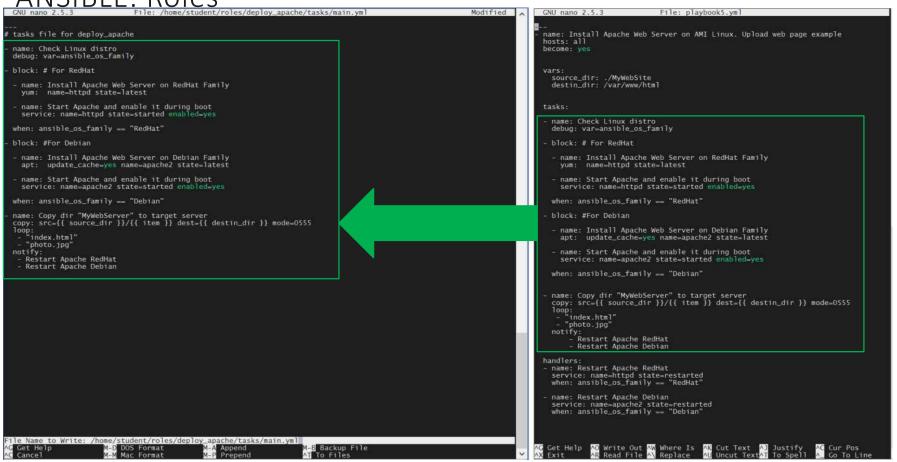














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\textbf{\su} $\text{industry:-\subseteq ansible all -m ping} \\
\text{inux3 | SUCCESS -> {
    "ansible_facts": {
    "changed": false,
    "ping": "pong"
} \\
\text{inux1 | SUCCESS -> {
    "ansible_facts": {
    "discovered_interpreter_python": "/usr/bin/python3" |
    "changed": false,
    "ping": "pong"
} \\
\text{student@ubuntu16srvr:-\$}$
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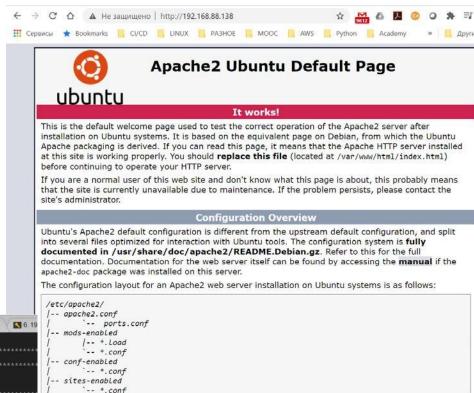
CNU nano 2.5.3

File

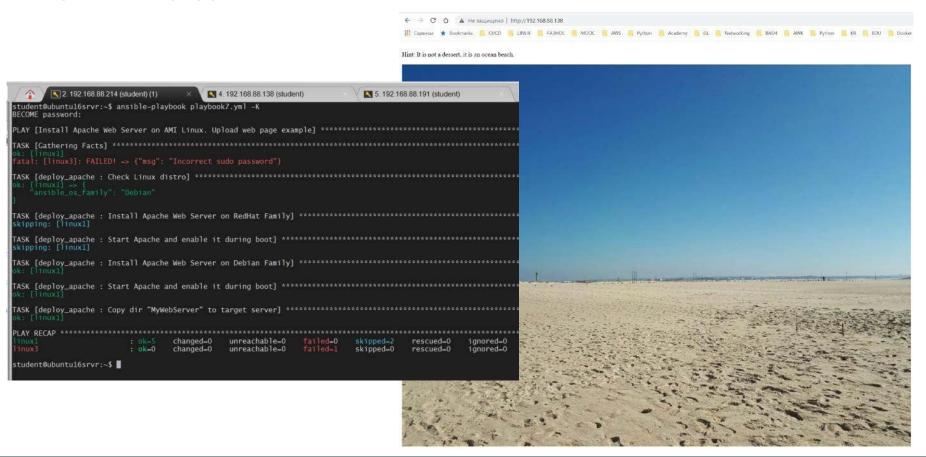
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- name: Install Apache Web Server on AMI Linux. Upload web page example hosts: all become: yes

roles:
- role: deploy_apache
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# ANSIBLE. Troubleshooting

The most common strategies for debugging Ansible playbooks are using the modules given below:

### **Debug** and **Register**

These two are the modules available in Ansible. For debugging purpose, we need to use the two modules judiciously.

### Use **Verbosity**

With the Ansible command, one can provide the verbosity level. You can run the commands with verbosity level one (-v) or two (-vv).

# ANSIBLE. Troubleshooting -- Example

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- name: Print the gateway for each host when defined
 ansible.builtin.debug:
  msg: System {{ inventory hostname }} has gateway {{ ansible default ipv4.gateway }}
 when: ansible default ipv4.gateway is defined
- name: Get uptime information
 ansible.builtin.shell: /usr/bin/uptime
 register: result
- name: Print return information from the previous task
 ansible.builtin.debug:
  var: result
  verbosity: 2
- name: Display all variables/facts known for a host
 ansible.builtin.debug:
  var: hostvars[inventory hostname]
  verbosity: 4
- name: Prints two lines of messages, but only if there is an environment value set
 ansible.builtin.debug:
  msg:
  - "Provisioning based on YOUR KEY which is: {{ lookup('env', 'YOUR KEY') }}"
  - "These servers were built using the password of '{{ password used }}'. Please retain this for later use."
```



### ANSIBLE. Troubleshooting

When you are testing new plays or debugging playbooks, you may need to run the same play multiple times. To make this more efficient, Ansible offers two alternative ways to execute a playbook: **start-at-task** and **step mode.** 

#### start-at-task

To start executing your playbook at a particular task (usually the task that failed on the previous run), use the --start-at-task option:

- --list-tasks
- --tags "nginx.config,php-fpm.config"

tag:

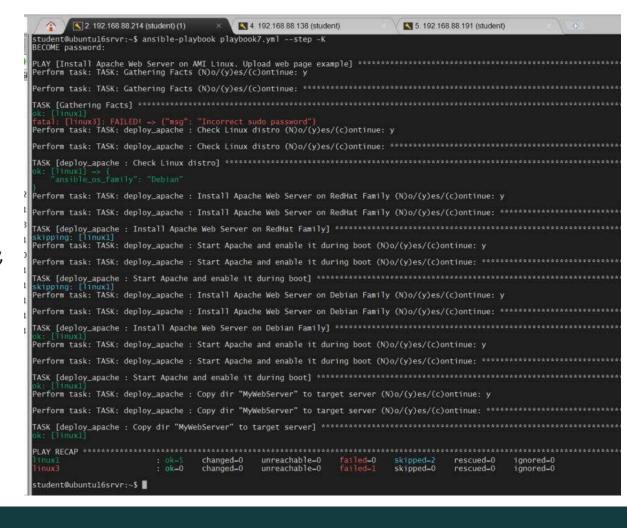
- nginx

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                                     5. 192.168.88.191 (student)
student@ubuntul6srvr:~$ ansible-playbook playbook7.yml --start-at-task="Install Apache Web Server on RedHat Family'
fatal: [linux3]: FAILED! -> {"msg": "Incorrect sudo password"}
TASK [deploy_apache : Install Apache Web Server on RedHat Family] *********************************
TASK [deploy_apache : Install Apache Web Server on Debian Family] ********************
ignored-0
                       unreachable=0
                                           rescued=0
                                                 ignored-0
student@ubuntu16srvr:~$
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### Step mode

To execute a playbook interactively, use *--step*:





### **Encrypting content with Ansible Vault**

Ansible Vault encrypts variables and files so you can protect sensitive content such as passwords or keys rather than leaving it visible as plaintext in playbooks or roles.

To use Ansible Vault you need one or more passwords to encrypt and decrypt content. If you store your vault passwords in a third-party tool such as a secret manager, you need a script to access them.

Use the passwords with the *ansible-vault* command-line tool to *create* and *view* encrypted variables, *create* encrypted files, *encrypt* existing files, or *edit*, *re-key*, or *decrypt* files. You can then place encrypted content under source control and share it more safely.

### Managing vault passwords

Managing your encrypted content is easier if you develop a strategy for managing your vault passwords. A vault password can be any string you choose. There is no special command to create a vault password. However, you need to keep track of your vault passwords. Each time you encrypt a variable or file with *Ansible Vault*, you must provide a password. When you use an encrypted variable or file in a command or playbook, you must provide the same password that was used to encrypt it. To develop a strategy for managing vault passwords, start with two questions:

Do you want to encrypt all your content with the same password, or use different passwords for different needs?

Where do you want to store your password or passwords?



#### Choosing between a single password and multiple passwords

If you have a small team or few sensitive values, you can use a single password for everything you encrypt with Ansible Vault. Store your vault password securely in a file or a secret manager as described below.

If you have a larger team or many sensitive values, you can use multiple passwords. For example, you can use different passwords for *different users* or *different levels* of access. Depending on your needs, you might want a different password for each encrypted *file*, for each *directory*, or for each *environment*.

For example, you might have a playbook that includes two vars files, one for the dev environment and one for the production environment, encrypted with two different passwords. When you run the playbook, select the correct vault password for the environment you are targeting, using a vault ID.

#### Managing multiple passwords with vault IDs

If you use multiple vault passwords, you can differentiate one password from another with vault IDs. You use the vault ID in three ways:

- -Pass it with **--vault-id** to the ansible-vault command when you create encrypted content
- Include it wherever you store the password for that vault ID (see Storing and accessing vault passwords)
- -Pass it with **--vault-id** to the ansible-playbook command when you run a playbook that uses content you encrypted with that vault ID

Once you have a strategy for managing and storing vault passwords, you can start encrypting content. You can encrypt two types of content with Ansible Vault: variables and files. Encrypted content always includes the !vault tag, which tells Ansible and YAML that the content needs to be decrypted, and a | character, which allows multi-line strings. Encrypted content created with --vault-id also contains the vault ID label.

This table shows the main differences between encrypted variables and encrypted files.

	Encrypted variables	Encrypted files
How much is encrypted?	Variables within a plaintext file	The entire file
When is it decrypted?	On demand, only when needed	Whenever loaded or referenced
What can be encrypted?	Only variables	Any structured data file

Q&A

