

Lab 11: Ansible Dynamic Inventories • Objective: Set up Ansible dynamic inventories to automatically discover and manage infrastructure. Use Ansible Galaxy role to install Apache.

Ansible Dynamic Inventories is a feature that allows Ansible to automatically discover hosts from external sources like AWS, Azure, Google Cloud, etc.

Vim ansible.cfg

To manage configuration related ansible such as (inventory,private_key)

```
[defaults]
inventory = ./aws_ec2.yml
remote_user = ubuntu
private_key = ./ahmed.pem
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```

Vim aws_ec2.yml

plugin: **amazon.aws.aws_ec2**: Tells Ansible to use the AWS EC2 plugin for dynamic inventory.

regions: Specifies the AWS region (**us-east-1**) where EC2 instances are located.

filters: Filters EC2 instances based on the tag **Name** with value **involve**.

keyed_groups: Groups EC2 instances by their **Name** tag, and prefixes the group names with **tag**.

```
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plugin: amazon.aws.aws_ec2
regions:
  - us-east-1 # Add your target AWS region
filters:
  "tag:Name": involve # Filter EC2 instances based on tags
keyed_groups:
  - key: tags.Name
    prefix: tag
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```

Vim playbook.yml

This playbook automatically installs Apache on all EC2 instances (with the tag `Name=involve`) in the specified AWS region, using the `geerlingguy.apache` Ansible role.

```
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- name: Install Apache on Dynamic Inventory Hosts
  hosts: tag_involve
  become: yes
  roles:
    - geerlingguy.apache
```

Command (Run playbook)

```
ahmed@ahmed-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/lab5/lab5.1$ ansible-playbook -i aws_ec2.yml playbook.yml --private-key=ahmed.pem -u ubuntu
```

```
PLAY [Install Apache on Dynamic Inventory Hosts] >
```

Instance

name	instance id	instance state	instance type	status check	Alarm status	Availability zone	Public IPv4 DNS
involve	i-08a10154985be6219	Running	t2.micro	2/2 checks passed	View alarms +	us-east-1b	ec2-3-87-201-167.com...

Output

```
ec2-3-87-201-167.compute-1.amazonaws.com : ok=16    changed=6    u
=0    ignored=0

ahmed@ahmed-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/lab5/lab5.1$ ansible all -i aws_ec2.yml -m command -a "systemctl
status apache2" --private-key=ahmed.pem -u ubuntu
ec2-3-87-201-167.compute-1.amazonaws.com | CHANGED | rc=0 >>
  apache2.service - The Apache HTTP Server
    Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/apache2.service; enabled; preset: enabled)
    Active: active (running) since Wed 2024-12-04 19:52:11 UTC; 3min 32s ago
    Docs: https://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.4/
    Process: 2670 ExecStart=/usr/sbin/apachectl start (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
    Main PID: 2673 (apache2)
    Tasks: 55 (limit: 1130)
    Memory: 6.2M (peak: 6.4M)
    CPU: 41ms
    CGroup: /system.slice/apache2.service
            └─2673 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
              └─2675 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
                └─2676 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start

Dec 04 19:52:11 ip-172-31-91-209 systemd[1]: Starting apache2.service - The Apache HTTP Server...
Dec 04 19:52:11 ip-172-31-91-209 systemd[1]: Started apache2.service - The Apache HTTP Server.
```