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1. Prepare project directory structure:

```
root@node1:~# mkdir ansible-multitier
root@node1:~# cd ansible-multitier/
root@node1:~/ansible-multitier# touch inventory.ini
root@node1:~/ansible-multitier# touch load balancer.yml
root@node1:~/ansible-multitier# touch web servers.yml
root@node1:~/ansible-multitier# touch database.yml
root@node1:~/ansible-multitier# touch requirements.yml
root@node1:~/ansible-multitier# mkdir group vars
root@node1:~/ansible-multitier# cd group vars/
root@node1:~/ansible-multitier/group vars# touch all.yml
root@node1:~/ansible-multitier/group vars# cd ...
root@node1:~/ansible-multitier# tree
  - database.yml
    group vars
      all.yml
   inventory.ini
   load balancer.yml
    requirements.yml
   web servers.yml
1 directory, 6 files
```

Write inventory.ini file:

root@node1:~/ansible-multitier# vi inventory.ini

```
[loadbalancer]
vm1 ansible_host=192.168.100.215

[webservers]
vm2 ansible_host=192.168.100.216
vm3 ansible_host=192.168.100.217

[dbserver]
vm2 ansible_host=192.168.100.216
```

2. Download Roles with ansible-galaxy using "requirements.yml" file:

```
root@node1:~/ansible-multitier# vi requirements.yml
```

src: geerlingguy.nginxsrc: geerlingguy.mysql

root@node1:~/ansible-multitier# ansible-galaxy install -r requirements.yml
- downloading role 'nginx', owned by geerlingguy
- downloading role from https://github.com/geerlingguy/ansible-role-nginx/archive/3.2.0.tar.gz
- extracting geerlingguy.nginx to /root/.ansible/roles/geerlingguy.nginx
- geerlingguy.nginx (3.2.0) was installed successfully
- downloading role 'mysql', owned by geerlingguy
- downloading role from https://github.com/geerlingguy/ansible-role-mysql/archive/5.1.0.tar.gz
- extracting geerlingguy.mysql to /root/.ansible/roles/geerlingguy.mysql
- geerlingguy.mysql (5.1.0) was installed successfully

3. Write security credentials inside "group_vars/all.yml" file and encrypt using ansible-vault:

root@node1:~/ansible-multitier# vi group_vars/all.yml

root@node1:~/ansible-multitier# ansible-vault encrypt group_vars/all.yml New Vault password: Confirm New Vault password: Encryption successful

root@node1:~/ansible-multitier# cat group_vars/all.yml
\$ANSIBLE_VAULT;1.1;AES256
61313935623130626631646662366235626635313634613963396232346161383233366330313336
6239323564326635333564386635636539386437366539390a666164323434346565393736636663
373439333665613066623836362633639656337313736383563373430623738626437663666323035
6462396662383664660a3461323039643632313033663533363233316636313162323563353564
62623735626639653137376365326535333264663830653930616163326665303135303963346533
30376235653932326533383238396332363165393039656365363938396230393838656439366632
65323063643365346166306138346330636465653630633037306161636131363430303634373837
30656638383033363233

4. Write "load_balancer.yml" playbook:

root@node1:~/ansible-multitier# vi load balancer.yml

```
hosts: loadbalancer
become: true
roles:
  role: geerlingguy.nginx
    vars:
      nginx vhosts:
        - listen: "80"
          server name: " "
          extra parameters: |
            location / {
              proxy pass http://backend;
              proxy set header Host $host;
              proxy set header X-Real-IP $remote addr;
      nginx upstreams:
        - name: backend
          servers:
           - "192.168.100.216"
            - "192.168.100.217"
tasks:
  - name: Remove default nginx site
    file:
     path: /etc/nginx/sites-enabled/default
      state: absent
    notify: Reload nginx
handlers:
  - name: Reload nginx
    service:
     name: nginx
      state: reloaded
```

5. Write "web_servers.yml" playbook:

root@node1:~/ansible-multitier# vi web_servers.yml

```
hosts: webservers
  - name: Clean broken nginx.conf if it exists
     dest: /etc/nginx/nginx.conf
       user www-data;
        worker_processes auto;
        pid /run/nginx.pid;
        include /etc/nginx/modules-enabled/*.conf;
        events {
           worker connections 768;
        http {
            include /etc/nginx/mime.types;
            default_type application/octet-stream;
            sendfile on;
            keepalive_timeout 65;
            include /etc/nginx/conf.d/*.conf;
            include /etc/nginx/sites-enabled/*;
 - name: Install nginx
     name: nginx
     state: present
     update_cache: yes
 - name: Deploy static HTML app
   copy:
     dest: /var/www/html/index.html
 - name: Configure nginx default site
     dest: /etc/nginx/sites-available/default
        server
            listen 80 default_server;
            listen [::]:80 default_server;
            root /var/www/html;
            index index.html;
            server_name _;
            location / {
                try_files $uri $uri/ =404;
   notify: Reload nginx
 - name: Ensure nginx is running
   service:
     name: nginx
     state: started
     enabled: true
handlers:
  - name: Reload nginx
     name: nginx
     state: reloaded
```

6. Write "database.yml" playbook:

root@node1:~/ansible-multitier# vi database.yml

```
- hosts: dbserver
become: true
roles:
    - role: geerlingguy.mysql
    vars:
        mysql_root_password: "{{ db_password }}"
        mysql_databases:
        - name: "{{ db_name }}"
        mysql_users:
        - name: "{{ db_user }}"
        host: "192.168.100.%"
        password: "{{ db_password }}"
        priv: "{{ db_name }}.*:ALL"
```

7. Run playbooks in sequence using commands:

```
ansible-playbook -i inventory.ini load_balancer.yml--ask-vault-pass ansible-playbook -i inventory.ini web_servers.yml--ask-vault-pass ansible-playbook -i inventory.ini database.yml --ask-vault-pass
```

Tests:

1) Web Servers:

```
root@node1:~/ansible-multitier# curl http://192.168.100.216
<h1>Hello from vm2</h1>root@node1:~/ansible-multitier#
root@node1:~/ansible-multitier# curl http://192.168.100.217
<h1>Hello from vm3</h1>root@node1:~/ansible-multitier#
```

2) LoadBalancer:

```
root@node1:~/ansible-multitier# curl http://192.168.100.215
<h1>Hello from vm2</h1>root@node1:~/ansible-multitier#
root@node1:~/ansible-multitier# curl http://192.168.100.215
<h1>Hello from vm3</h1>root@node1:~/ansible-multitier#
```

3) DB: