

ANSIBLE

- Ansible is an open-source configuration management tool
- Used for configuration management
- Can solve wide range of automation challenges
- Written by Michael DeHaan
- In 2015 red hat acquired Ansible

Advantage of Ansible

- Easy to learn
- Written in python
- Easy installation and configuration steps
- No need to install ansible on slave
- Highly scaable

Popularity of Ansible



Apple



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Intel



Percussion



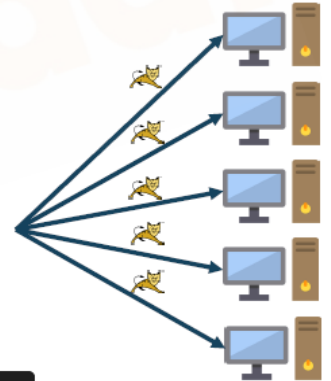
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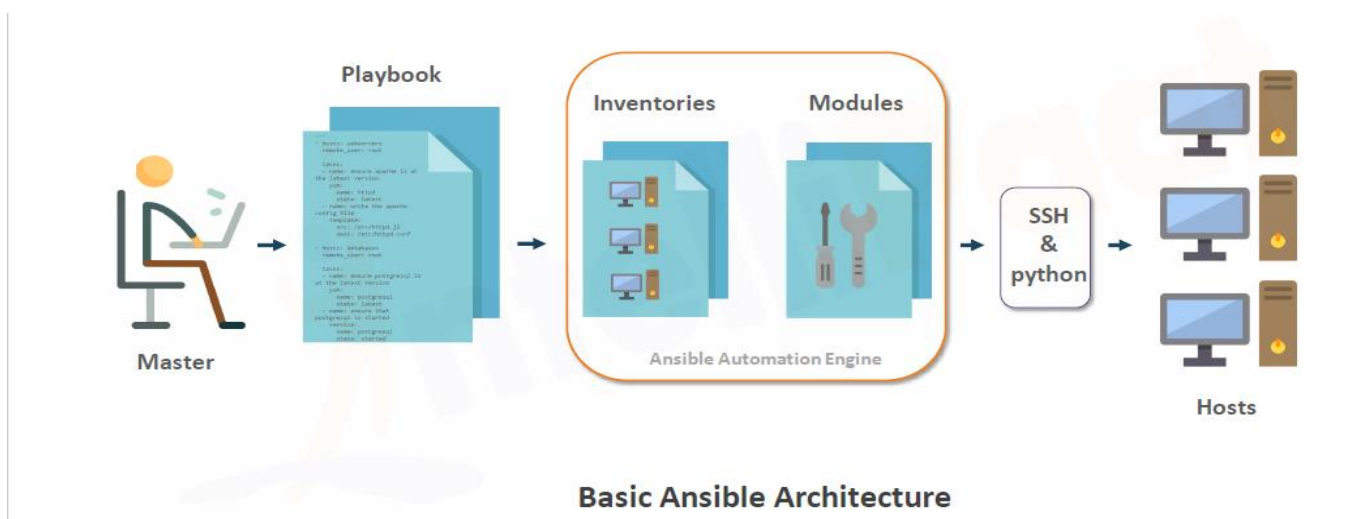
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Ansible Architecture – Master

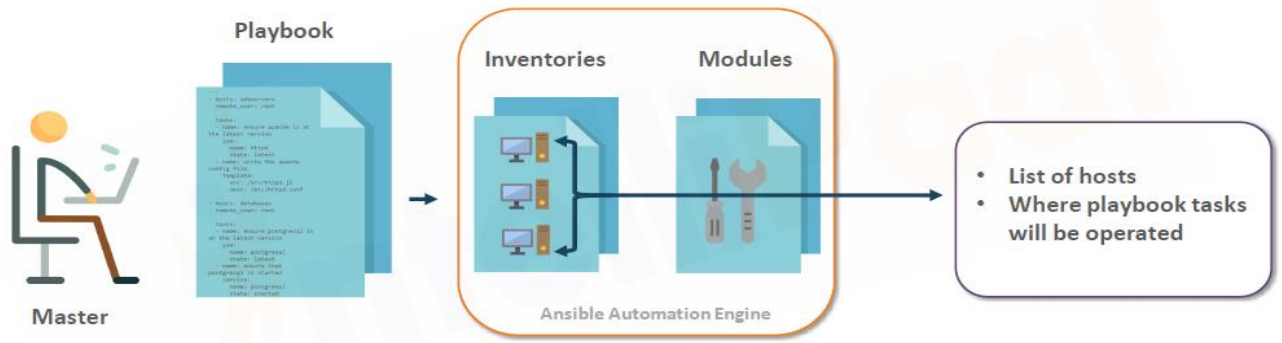
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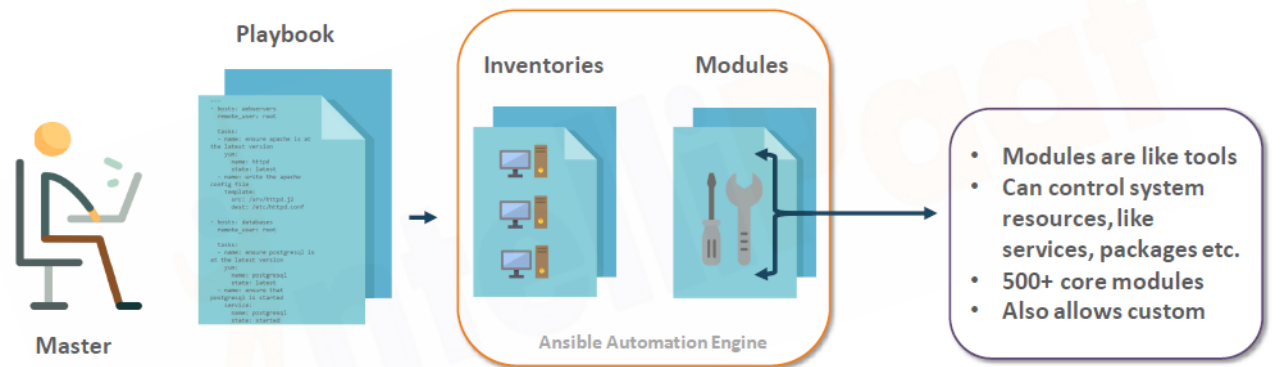
Ansible Architecture- Hosts



Ansible Architectue – Inventories



Ansible Architecture – modules



Types of Configuration Management Tools

Pull Configuration

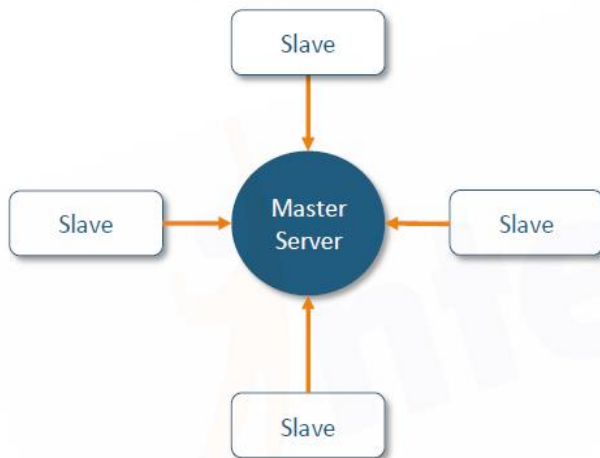


Push Configuration



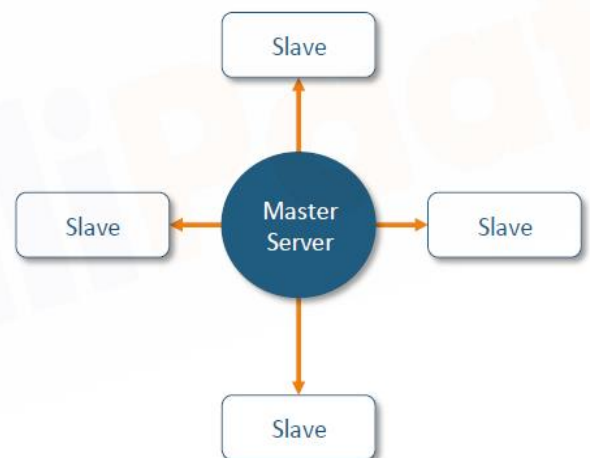
Between deference push configuration and pull configuration

Pull Configuration



Changes are pulled

Push Configuration



Changes are pushed

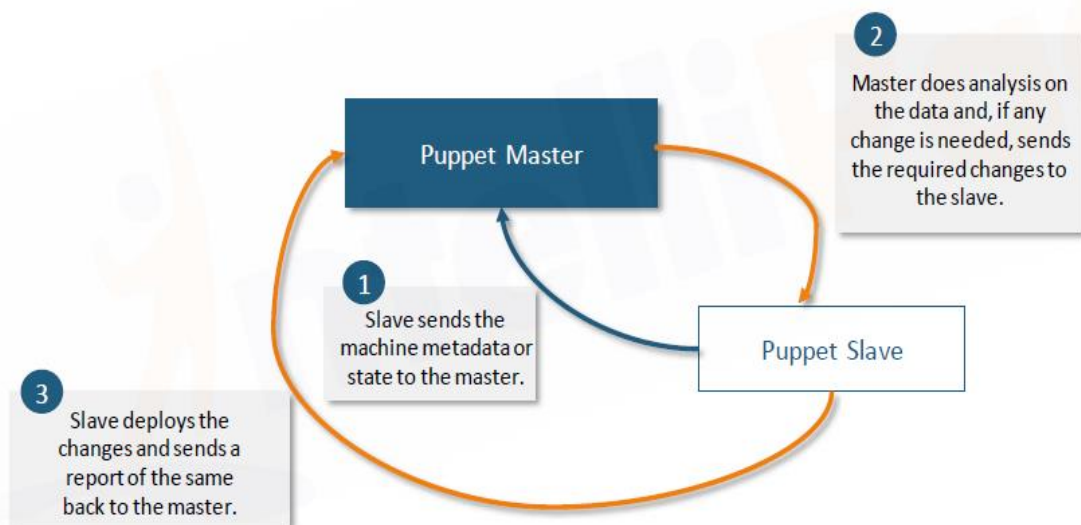
What is Puppet

Puppet is an open-source software configuration management tool .

Feature of Puppet

- Large User Base
- Big Open-source Community
- Documetion
- Platform Support

Puppet Architecture



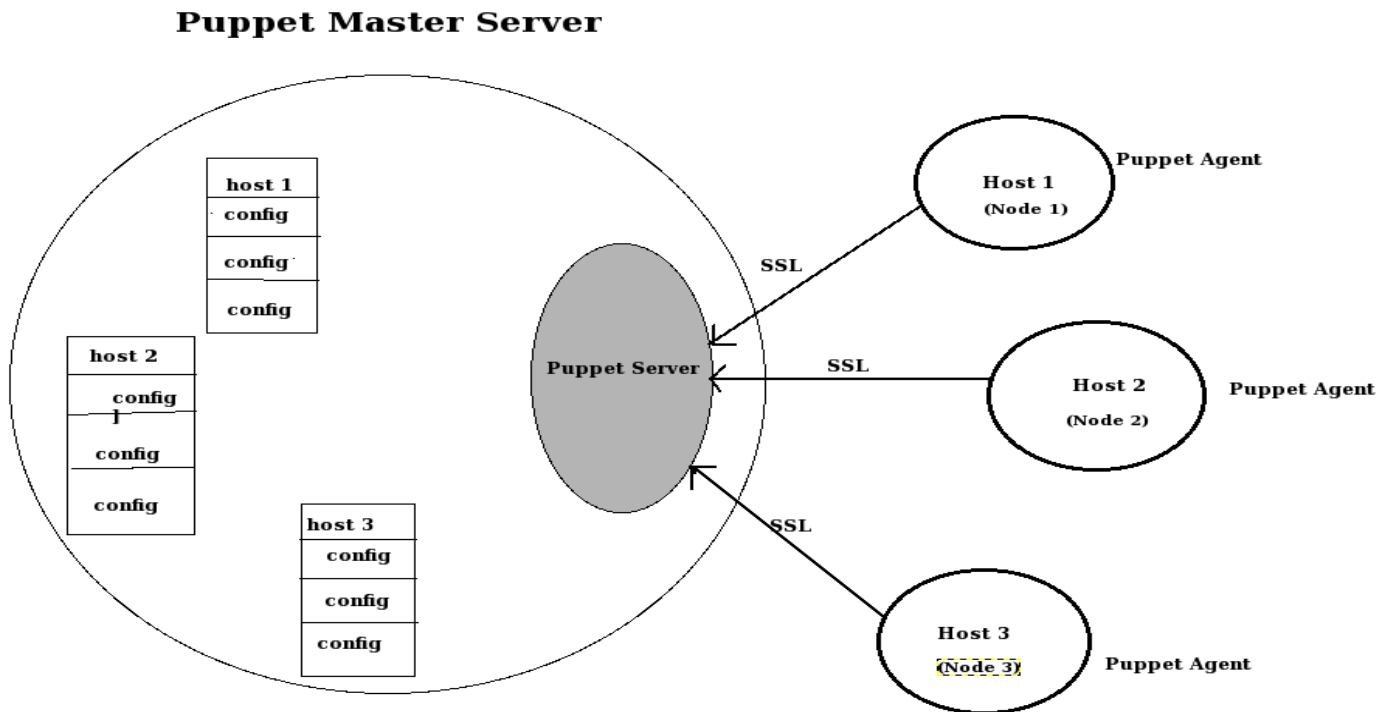
Puppet Architecture :- SSL Connection (Secure Socket Layer)

Because Puppet nodes have to ineract with the master , all the information which is communicated between the master node and slaves nodes are encrypted using SSL certificates .

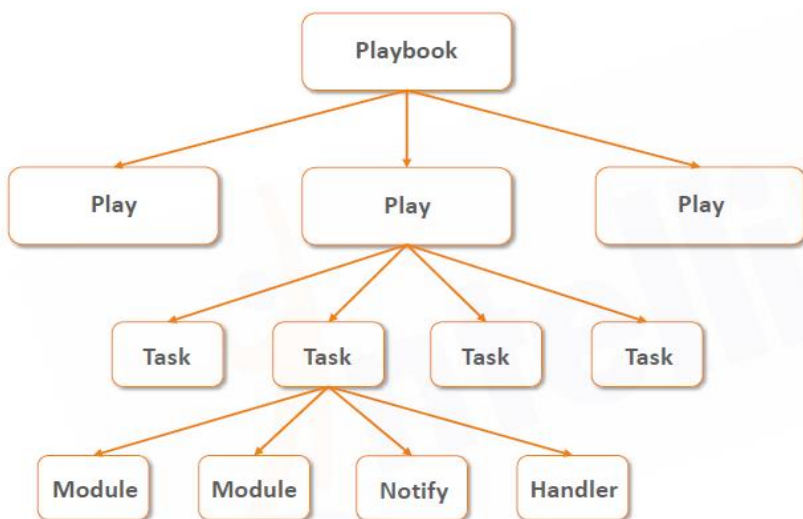
The certificate signing process is as follows .



How does work Puppet



Ansible Playbook Structure



- ★ Playbook have number of plays
- ★ Play contains tasks
- ★ Tasks calls core or custom modules
- ★ Handler gets triggered from notify and executed at the end only once.

Ansible Playbook



Create Ansible Playbook- Example

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1 Execute a command in host1

2 Execute a script in host1

3 Execute a script in host2

4 Install nginx in host2

Play1

Play2

Creating Ansible Playbook- Example

```
---  
  
- hosts: host1  
  sudo: yes  
  name: Play 1  
  tasks:  
    - name: Execute command 'Date'  
      command: date  
    - name: Execute script on server  
      script: test_script.sh  
  
- hosts: host2  
  name: Play 2  
  sudo: yes  
  tasks:  
    - name: Execute script on server  
      script: test_script.sh  
    - name: Install nginx  
      apt: name=nginx state=latest
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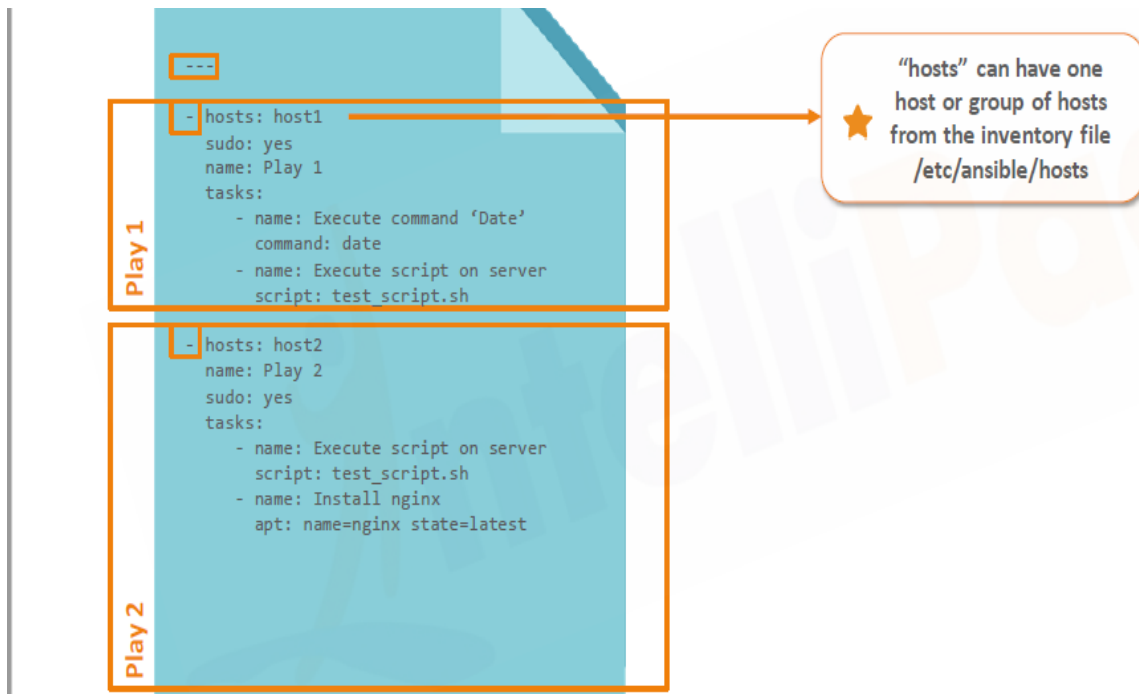
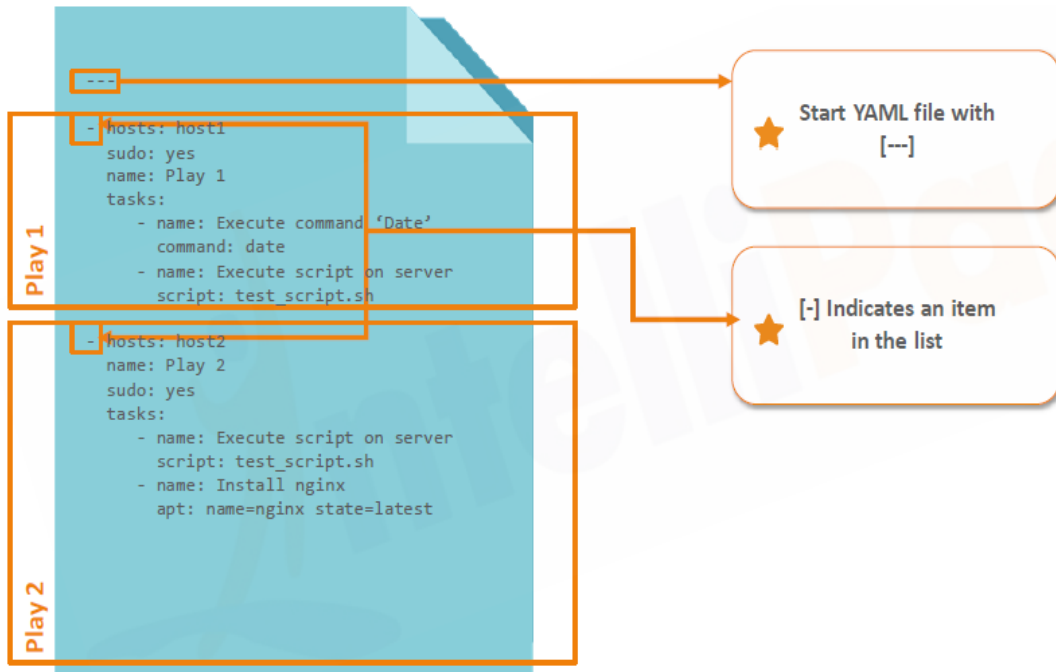
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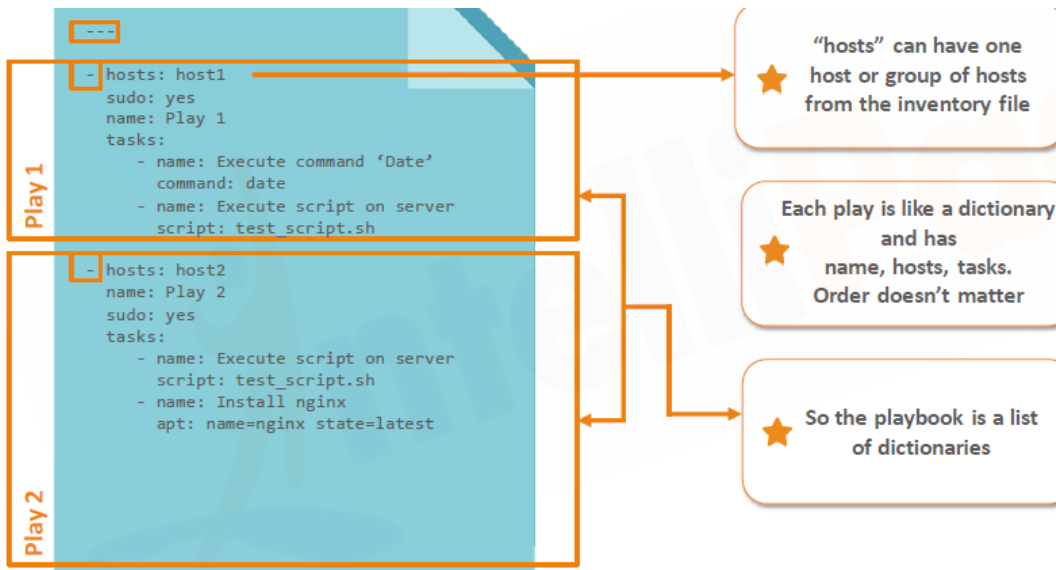
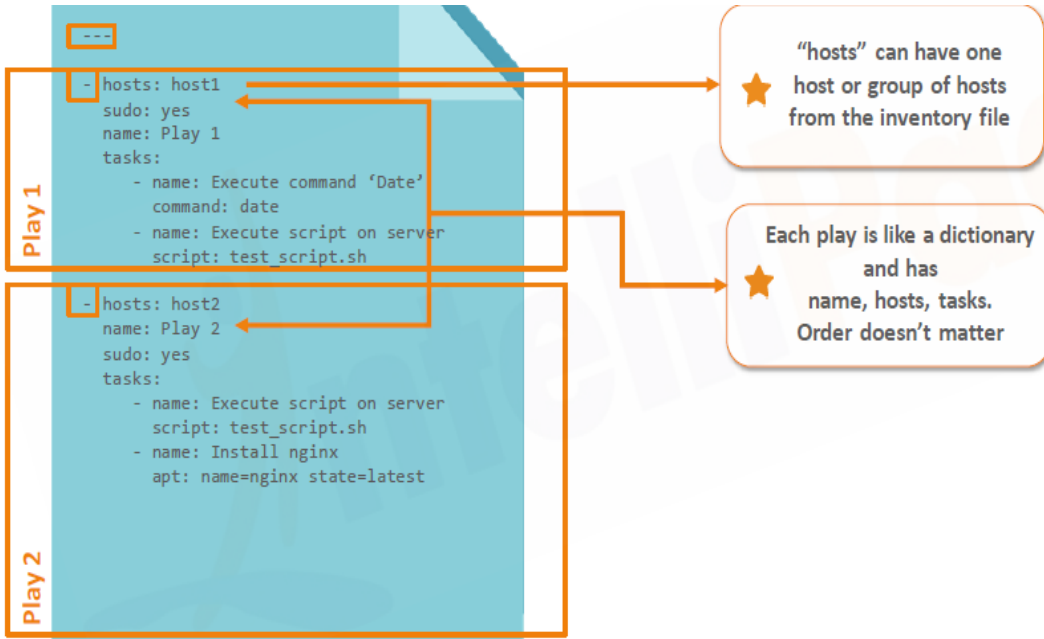
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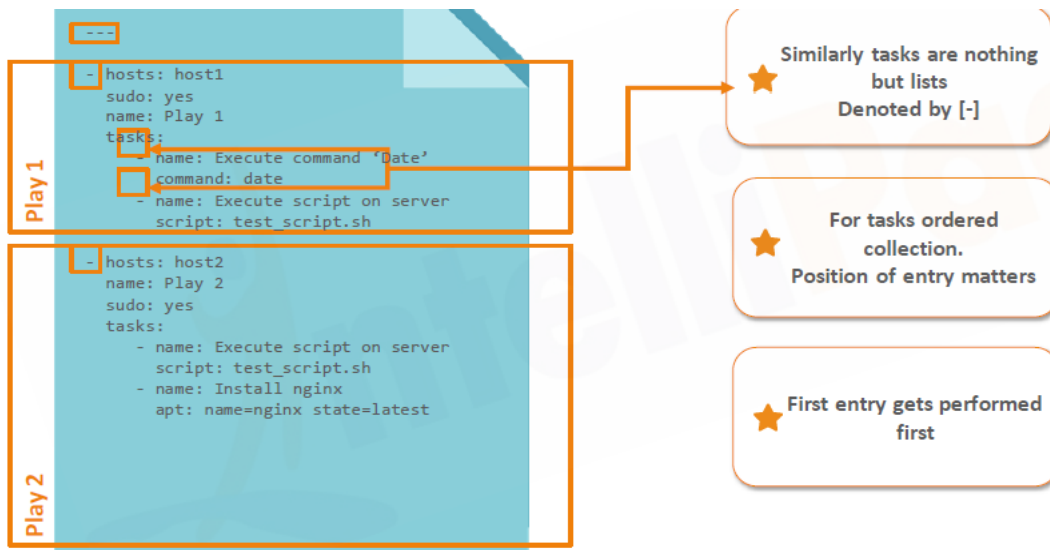
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Play 2

★ Start YAML file with
[---]



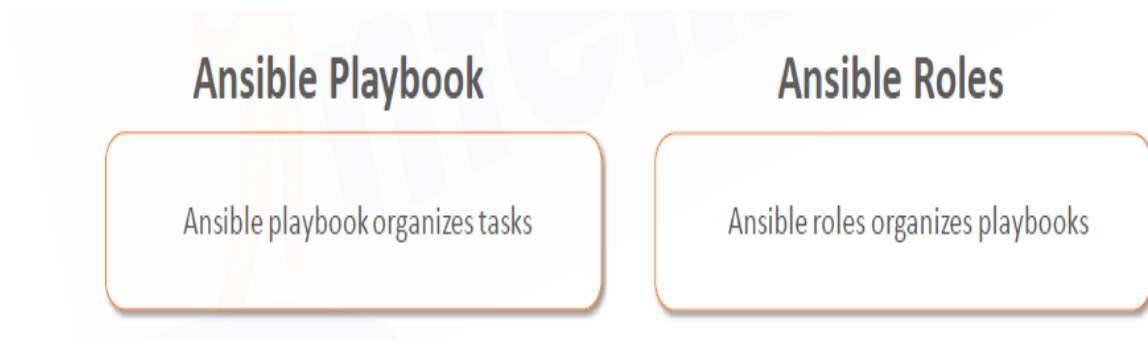




What is Ansible Roles

An ansible role is group of tasks, files , and handlers stored in a standardized structure .

Roles are small functionalities which can be use indenpendently used but only within playbook .



Why do we need Ansible Roles

- Roles simplifies writing complex playbooks
- Roles allow you to reuse common configuration steps between diifrent types of servers
- Roles are flexible and can be easily modified

Structure of Ansible Role

Structure of an ansible role consists of below given components

```
new_role
├── README.md
├── defaults
│   └── main.yml
├── files
├── handlers
│   └── main.yml
├── meta
│   └── main.yml
├── tasks
│   └── main.yml
├── templates
├── tests
│   ├── inventory
│   └── test.yml
└── vars
    └── main.yml
```

Structure of an Ansible Role

Defaults: Store data about the role, also store default variables.

Files: Store files that needs to be pushed to the remote machine.

Handlers: Tasks that get triggered from some actions.

Meta: Information about author, supported platforms and dependencies.

Tasks: Contains the main list of tasks to be executed by the role.

Templates: Contains templates which can be deployed via this role.

Handlers: Tasks that get triggered from some actions.

Vars: Stores variables with higher priority than default variables.
Difficult to override.