

***** ANSIBLE LOOPS:

- Ansible offers the **loop**, **with_<lookup>**, and **until** keywords to execute a task multiple time.
- Ansible supports iterating a task over a set of iteams using the loop keyword.

Examples: Changing ownership on several files and/or directories with the **file module**, creating multiple users with the **user module**, installing multiple packages using **apt or yum** module until a certain result is reached.

EXAMPLE: Playbook for starting HTTPD & FTP Services (without looping)

- hosts: webservers
 - become: true
 - become_user: root
 - tasks:
 - name: Apache is running
 - service:
 - name: httpd
 - state: started
 - name: FTP is running
 - service:
 - name: vsftpd
 - state: started

Using LOOP: Playbook for starting HTTPD & FTP Services

- hosts: webservers
 - become: true
 - become_user: root
 - tasks:
 - name: Apache & FTP are running
 - service:
 - name: "{{ item }}"
 - state: started
 - loop:
 - httpd
 - vsftpd
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Loops over a list of variables (Hashes):

Example1:

- hosts: webservers

become: true

become_user: root

vars:

my_services:

- httpd
- vsftpd

tasks:

- name: Apache & FTP are Running

service:

name: "{{ item }}"

state: started

loop: "{{ my_services }}"

Example2:

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- hosts: webservers
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become: true

tasks:

- name: User Exist

user:

name: "{{ item.name }}"

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groups: "{{ item.groups }}"
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loop:

- name: ram

groups: ayodhya

- name: ravan

groups: lanka

- name: sita

groups: nepal

#groupadd Ayodhya [Groups are exist in the agent]

#groupadd lanka

#groupadd nepal

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