# **Ansible Minecraft Role**

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This role installs Minecraft or Spigot and configures it to run under systemd or Supervisor. Its recomendet to use the systemd process managment.

#### Note:

For all steps (Development, starting the Server and executing tests) the User must accept the Minecraft EULA, by own configured property!

by example setting a envierment property like export mc\_accept\_eula=true

This Documentation shoud be describe how you use and develop this Ansible Role. You find a list of possible role configurations at *Role variables*.

# **ANSIBLE-MINECRAFT**

This is a fork from the https://github.com/devops-coop/ansible-minecraft/ Project, thanks for the basement!!!



This role installs Minecraft or Spigot and configures it to run under systemd or Supervisor.

# **1.1 Features**

- · supports vanilla Minecraft and Spigot
- supports Debian >9, Ubuntu 14.04, Ubuntu 16.04, Ubuntu 18.04, CentOS 7, Fedora 29
- safely stops the server using stop when running under systemd
- uses Docker and Molecule to run integration tests
- manages user ACLs
- manages Bukkit/Spigot Plugins
- manages server.properties
- · hooks: include arbitrary tasks at specific stages during execution

### 1.1.1 Out of Role Scop

- · executing backups and recovery
- · healthy checks like Minecraft-Region-Fixer
- · handle utility services like filebeat or prometheus
- install additional Tools like rcon-cli.

All of this is needet but not a part of this role!, you will find examples at `nolte/minecraft-infrastructure <https://github.com/nolte/minecraft-infrastructure>`\_.

# 1.2 Usage

By default this role will be install a Vanilla Minecraft Server.

### 1.2.1 Install

ansible-galaxy install nolte.minecraft

or add this to your requirements.yml

```
- name: nolte.minecraft
version: v5.0.11
```

and execute ansible-galaxy install -r requirements.yml

### 1.2.2 Use

```
- hosts: minecraft
roles:
    - { role: nolte.minecraft, minecraft_whitelist: ["jeb_", "dinnerbone"]}
```

# **1.3 Requirements**

- Python 2.7 on the Ansible control machine to generate user ACLs
- Ansible 2.7.0+ on the control machine to fetch the Minecraft version

# 1.4 Contributing

The best way to contribute is to use this role to deploy your own Minecraft server! We really appreciate bug reports from the wild.

If you'd like to help with the project itself, here are some other ways you can contribute:

- Add support for additional servers like Cuberite.
- Write integration tests for Minecraft- or Spigot-specific configuration.
- · Share useful hooks.
- Fixing Typos ...

# 1.5 License

Apache 2.0

# 1.6 Disclaimer

For execute a automatical installation you must accept the Minecraft EULA. Be aware that by using this role, you implicitly accept the same EULA. You can handle the acception by using a Environment Property like: export mc\_accept\_eula=true the default is false for disagree.

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# ADVANCED USAGE

# 2.1 Configure the Role

This role shoud fix two Problems, firstly Configure the Server and secondly Install Plugins.

# 2.1.1 Configure the Server

This Role will be install by default a vanilla server to the configured *Server Directory*. You will find a full list of configuration attributes on *Role variables*.

#### Example

```
- hosts: minecraft
roles:
    - { role: nolte.minecraft, minecraft_whitelist: ["jeb_", "dinnerbone"]}
```

### 2.1.2 Install Plugins

The plugins will installed to the Configured *Plugins Location* into a Release subfolder like plugins/releases/ {pluginsets}/\*.jar and finaly link to plugins/shared.

The plugins/shared Directory will be linked to server/shared/plugins all Plugin Runtime-data of your server will be stored under plugins/shared, see *FileSystem Structure*.

#### Listing 1: Example Plugin Source Config file

```
minecraft_plugins_set_version: "minimal"
minecraft_plugin_sets:
minimal:
vault:
src: https://media.forgecdn.net/files/2615/750/Vault.jar
permissionsEx:
src: https://media.forgecdn.net/files/909/154/PermissionsEx-1.23.4.jar
dest: PermissionsEx.jar
config:
    - src: "{{ playbook_dir }}/molecule/resources/playbooks/templates/
config_permissionex.yml.j2"
    dest: PermissionsEx/config.yml
multiverseCore:
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```
src: https://ci.onarandombox.com/job/Multiverse-Core/lastSuccessfulBuild
dest: Multiverse-Core.jar
type: "jenkins_latest"
jenkins_artefact_path: "/artifact/target"
force: true
validate_certs: false
tne:
src: https://github.com/TheNewEconomy/TNE-Bukkit/releases/download/0.1.1.
→8/TNE-0.1.1.8.zip
type: "archive"
```

#### **Configure Plugin Download Source**

Directly Download a \*.jar from a Webserver, like media.forgecdn.net.

type (optional) default direct jar

"jenkins\_latest" used for load the latest successful build.

"archive" used for load and unpack some Archive from remote.

**src** The Download Source from the Plugin.

dest (optional) The local jar name, like PermissionsEx.jar

force (optional) overwrite allways existing plugins, (default: false).

validate\_certs (optional) If false, SSL certificates will not be validated, look (Ansible Doc, validate\_certs)
 (default: true).

#### jenkins\_artefact\_path (optional)

system group Minecraft runs as (default: /artifact/target)
only usable with type: "jenkins\_latest"

#### config(optional)

To automatical configure a plugin create a Jinja templatefile at your Playbook templates folder, and add a config: entry.

The dest: path is relative to the plugins/shared folder.

Listing 2: You can set a list of dict`s like:

```
config:
- src: "{{ playbook_dir }}/templates/config_permissionex.yml.j2"
    dest: PermissionsEx/config.yml
...
```

### 2.2 Role variables

The following variable defaults are defined in defaults/main.yml.

minecraft\_version Minecraft version to install (default: latest)

Examples:

```
minecraft_version: latest
minecraft_version: 1.10
minecraft_version: 1.9.1
minecraft_version: 16w21a
```

minecraft\_eula\_accept accept the Minecraft eula License, must accepted by the Role User (default: false)

```
minecraft_url Minecraft download URL (default: https://s3.amazonaws.com/Minecraft.
Download/versions)
```

**minecraft\_user** system user Minecraft runs as (default: {{ minecraft\_server }})

minecraft\_group system group Minecraft runs as (default: {{ minecraft\_server }})

minecraft\_basedir directory base variable for the Minecraft installation (default: /opt/minecraft)

```
minecraft_home directory to install Minecraft Server to (default: {{minecraft_basedir}}/server)
```

```
minecraft_max_memory Java max memory (-Xmx) to allocate (default: 1024M)
```

minecraft\_initial\_memory Java initial memory (-Xms) to allocate (default: 1024M)

minecraft\_service\_name systemd service name or Supervisor program name (default: minecraft)

```
minecraft_supervisor_name DEPRECATED: Supervisor program name (default: {{
    minecraft_service_name }})
```

```
minecraft_whitelist list of Minecraft usernames to whitelist (default: [])
```

minecraft\_ops list of Minecraft usernames to make server ops (default: [])

minecraft\_banned\_players list of Minecraft usernames to ban (default: [])

- minecraft\_banned\_ips list of IP addresses to ban (default: [])
- minecraft\_server\_properties dictionary of server.properties entries (e.g. server-port: 25565) to
   set (default: { })

minecraft\_server choose between minecraft or spigot (default: minecraft)

minecraft\_server\_java\_ops additional java ops like remote debug -Xdebug -Xnoagent
 -Djava.compiler=NONE -Xrunjdwp:transport=dt\_socket,server=y,suspend=n,
 address=5005 (default: none)

minecraft\_java\_external\_managed used for skipping the java installation tasks from this role, for handle
 Java by external scripts/roles (default: false)

### 2.2.1 Logging

minecraft\_external\_log\_conf (optional) type Dict handle a external Log4j2 Config used RollingRandomAccessFileAppender, controlling LogRotate, Maximal LogFile Size, and maximum keeped logs.

Examples:

```
minecraft_external_log_conf:
    conf_file: log4j2.xml
    template: log4j2.xml.j2
    fileName: /var/log/minecraft/server.log
    filePattern: /var/log/minecraft/server_%d{yyyy-MM-dd}.log.gz
    rollover: 5
    sizeBased: 10MB
```

### 2.2.2 Hooks and run stages

ansible-minecraft organizes execution into a number of run stages:

#### setup

- install prerequisites (e.g., Java)
- create Minecraft user and group

#### download

- fetch the latest version of from the launcher API
- · download Minecraft

#### install

- symlink version to minecraft\_server.jar
- · agree to EULA

#### acl

• configure server ACLs (whitelist, banned players, etc.)

#### configure

• set server.properties

#### start

• (re)start server

You can execute custom tasks before or after specific stages. Simply specify a task include file using the relevant role variable:

```
- hosts: minecraft
roles:
    role: devops-coop.minecraft
    minecraft_hook_before_start: "{{ playbook_dir }}/download-world-from-s3.yml"
```

The available hooks are:

minecraft\_hook\_before\_setup run before setup tasks
minecraft\_hook\_after\_setup run after setup tasks
minecraft\_hook\_before\_download run before download tasks
minecraft\_hook\_after\_download run after download tasks
minecraft\_hook\_before\_install run before install tasks
minecraft\_hook\_after\_install run after install tasks
minecraft\_hook\_before\_start run before start tasks
minecraft\_hook\_after\_start run after start tasks

# 2.3 Maintenance

### 2.3.1 Usefull commands

command	description
sudo service spigot restart	server restart
<pre>tail -f /opt/minecraft/server/shared/logs/latest.log</pre>	show current logs

### 2.3.2 Version updates

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### 2.3.3 FileSystem Structure

```
[vagrant@localhost minecraft]$ tree -L 4
   plugins
      - current -> /opt/minecraft/plugins/releases/minimal
       releases
        L___ minimal
             — Multiverse.jar
              — PermissionsEx.jar

    report-jenkinsbuild.yml

    report-permissionsEx.yml

              - report-vault.yml
              - TNE.jar
              — Vault.jar
       shared
         — Multiverse.jar -> /opt/minecraft/plugins/releases/minimal/Multiverse.jar
          - PermissionsEx
           L____ config.yml
          — PermissionsEx.jar -> /opt/minecraft/plugins/releases/minimal/
→PermissionsEx.jar

    TheNewEconomy

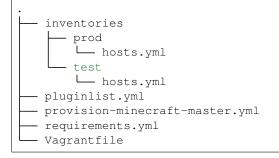
          - TNE.jar -> /opt/minecraft/plugins/releases/minimal/TNE.jar
         - Vault.jar -> /opt/minecraft/plugins/releases/minimal/Vault.jar
  - server
```

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For First usage of the Role crate a Ansible Playbook Project, with a structure like this:



(The Vagrantfile is only for a local TestEnv needet)

List this role under the requirements.yml file.

```
- name: nolte.minecraft
version: 5.0.11
...
```

**Warning:** Please when you host the Minecraft Server at the internet configure somethink like firewalld for a minimal portection, and don`t publish the rcon.port to the public space!!

### THREE

# DEVELOPMENT

This section shoud be descripe how the development process (coding, testing, releasing and publishing) works.

# 3.1 Building

As build script we use Tox, so it's easy to execute the different kind of build commands like, generate docs or execute tests.

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#### **Possible Tox Envs**

env	Description		
docs	generates the sphinx documentation page (generated to .tox/docs/tmp/html/)		
default	Eault Execute an Molecule tests for the classic vanilla Minecraft server (Tested CentOS7, Ubuntu1604,		
	Ubuntu18,DebianJessie)		
spigot	Execute the Molecule tests for a spigot server.		

### 3.1.1 Versioning

This project follows semantic versioning.

In the context of semantic versioning, consider the role contract to be defined by the role variables.

- Changes that require user intervention will increase the **major** version. This includes changing the default value of a role variable.
- Changes that do not require user intervention, but add backwards-compatible features, will increase the **minor** version.
- Bug fixes will increase the **patch** version.

#### **Handling Version**

For handle the version number in the different files we use the bumpversion tool. The updateable files are listed at .bumpversion.cfg placed in the project root directory.

#### Update project minor version

Call bumpversion on the commandline like:

```
bumpversion minor
```

for update the **minor** version of this project.

### 3.1.2 Releasing

# 3.2 Testing

Testing can be done using the provided Vagrantfile or by installing Docker and use Molecule locally.

For execute the molecule test you can use the Docker Image described at Molecule page.

```
docker run --rm -it \
    -v $(pwd):/tmp/$(basename "${PWD}"):ro \
    -v /var/run/docker.sock:/var/run/docker.sock \
    -e mc_accept_eula=${mc_accept_eula} \
    -w /tmp/$(basename "${PWD}") \
    retr0h/molecule:latest \
    sudo molecule test --all
```

after execute drink a pot of tee, coffee or some beer, all molecule scenarios will be run more than 40 minute

### 3.2.1 Testing with Molecule

The Tests are impemented with Molecule

molecule test -s spigot

#### **Molecule Tips**

For the development and debugging it is easyer and faster to execute the Molecule sequenzes step by step. First you must start the container with molecule create, after the containers started, you can execute the Role/Playbook molecule converge.

Now, when all the steps are finished, you can execute the Integration Tests with molecule verify

Note: For Debugging the role take a look into the container with docker exec -t -i centos7 /bin/bash

### 3.2.2 Testing with Vagrant

This role includes a Vagrantfile used for Exploratory testing. If you want to use this vagrant machine follow this steps:

1. Install Vagrant and VirtualBox.

1.1. Accept the Minecraft EULA with setting a Environment Property like: export mc\_accept\_eula=true 2. Run vagrant up from the same directory as the Vagrantfile in this repository.

Note: Now, you can start the game and conntecting again our server e.g. localhost: 25565 and test the changes.

3. for manual lookups you can connect over SSH into the VM with: vagrant ssh

Note: If the Vagrant box allways exists, you can reexecute the Playbook with vagrant rsync && vagrant provision

# 3.3 Used Public Services

For the Development we use a set of plublic services:

GitHub for SoureCode and issue Tracking.

TravisCI for simple tests execution an Ansible galaxy update notification.

CircleCI for complex workflows, like releasing and publishing documentation.

# 3.4 Branch Modell

As Branchmodel we use a mix of Gitflow and pull-requests. Gitflow is used for the Release Process, the master branch present the latest Published Release. PullRequests are used for integrate external changes and feature branches into the develop branch.

The develop branch contains the latest unrelesed version from the role, mostly stable ;) New features will be develop in feature branches like feature/integrate-cuberite, it's not recommendet to use this on PRODUCTION!!!.

The master present the latest published release.

For the Continuous Integration we use Travis CI as service.

### FOUR

# STRUCTURE

A finished installation can be looks like:

