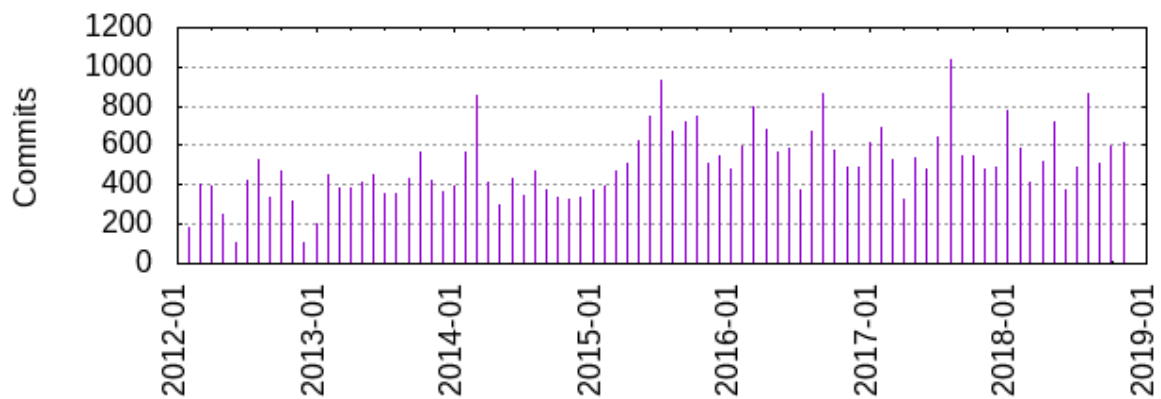
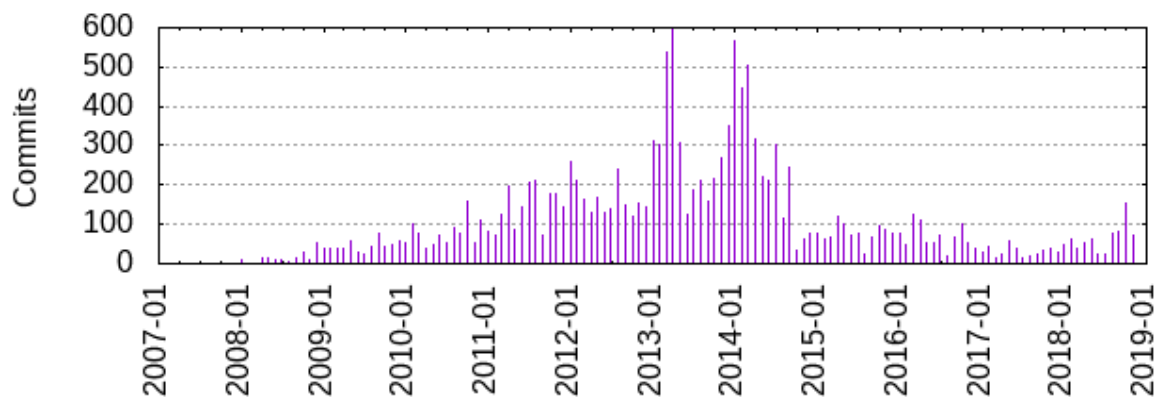


Number of commits for Ansible in the past 7 years, month-wise



Number of commits for CFEngine in the past 12 years, month-wise



Deduction: From the above statistics, we can see that though CFEngine is much older than Ansible, the popularity of Ansible is quite constant throughout the years.

The major reason for Ansible being a popular choice among the users is due to the fact that Ansible does not use any agents. All master-agent communications are mostly handled via SSH commands.

On the other hand, CFEngine fails to be a choice among programmers because of its lack of marketing and exposure. Also, its DSL and general management strategy is clumsy compared to other modern tools such as Chef and Puppet.

CFEngine was late to commercialize and the increase in the number of commits during 2013-14 is due to the release of CFEngine Enterprise during 2009 and the funding by FERD Capital in February 2011.