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Using Ansible for your Windows Configuration Management



Introduction

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Agenda

- What is DevOps (not)?
- Why is xPlatform important?
 - Who does it?
- Ansible
- How to execute PowerShell from Linux
- How to use PowerShell in Ansible
- How to write Ansible modules



What is DevOps (not)?

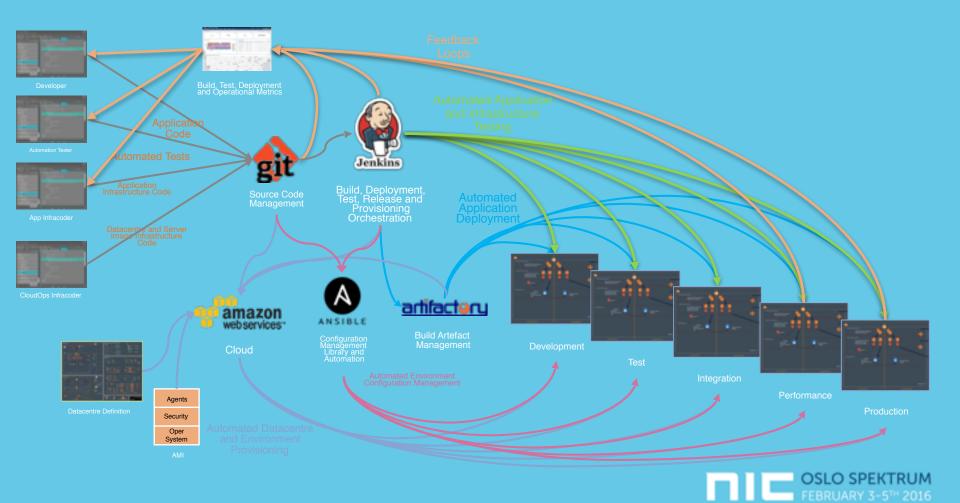
- It's a mindset that gets applied to your team(s).
 - If you've got a "DevOps team", you are maybe doing it wrong. :-(
- It helps making your teams more agile.
- Not a product!!!!!!!!!!! (you don't engineer DevOps)
- Not a silver bullet!



Why is xPlatform important?

- Why is it hard?
 - Linux != Windows and Windows != Linux
- Why is it important?
 - Environments today are very heterogeneous
 - Applications have frontends on Windows and backends on Linux
- One tool to rule them all





Ansible

- Configuration Management Tool
- Python
- Management Host Linux
- Target Hosts
 - Linux and Windows
 - Modules for all sorts of Cloud Providers available
- Agentless
 - Pull mode still possible
- YAML



```
- name: Create temporary deploy Directory
   win file:
    path: "C:\\deploy"
    state: "directory"
- name: Download dotNet 4 5 Full Download.exe
   win get url:
   dest: "C:\\deploy\\dotNet 4 5 Full Download.exe"
   url: https://webserver/dotnet.exe
   force: no
- name: Install dotNet 4.5
   win dotnet:
   src: "C:\\deploy\\dotNet 4 5 Full Download.exe"
   version: '4'
```



DEMO



Thank you!

```
PS C:\Users\vagrant> class speaker
   [string]$firstname
   [string]$lastname
   [int]Sage
   [string]Semail
   [string]Surl
   [string]$twitter
   speaker (
       [string]$firstname,
       [string]$lastname,
        [int]Sage,
       [string]Semail,
       [string]Surl.
       [string]$twitter
       $this.firstname = $firstname
       Sthis, lastname = $lastname
       Sthis.age = Sage
       Sthis.email - Semail
       Sthis.url = Surl
       Sthis.twitter = Stwitter
PS C:\Users\vagrant> [speaker]::new('David',"0'Brien", 30, 'me@david-obrien.net', 'http://www.david-obrien.net', '@david_obrien')
firstname : David
lastname : O'Brien
age
          : 30
email 1
          : me@david-obrien.net
          : http://www.david-obrien.net
ur1
twitter : @david_obrien
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