How to test a collection PR

Reviewers and issue authors can verify a PR fixes the reported bug by testing the PR locally.

- Prepare your environment
- Test the Pull Request

Prepare your environment

We assume that you use Linux as a work environment (you can use a virtual machine as well) and have git installed.

1. ref. Install Ansible <installation_guide>` or ansible-core.

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Create the following directories in your home directory:

```
mkdir -p ~/ansible_collections/NAMESPACE/COLLECTION_NAME
```

For example, if the collection is community.general:

```
mkdir -p ~/ansible_collections/community/general
```

If the collection is ansible.posix:

```
mkdir -p ~/ansible_collections/ansible/posix
```

3. Clone the forked repository from the author profile to the created path:

```
git clone https://github.com/AUTHOR_ACC/COLLECTION_REPO.git ~/ansible_collections/NAMESPACE/COLLECTION_
```

4. Go to the cloned repository.

```
cd ~/ansible collections/NAMESPACE/COLLECTION NAME
```

Checkout the PR branch (it can be retrieved from the PR's page):

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git checkout pr_branch
```

Test the Pull Request

1. Include ~/ansible_collections in COLLECTIONS_PATHS. See ref: COLLECTIONS_PATHS` for details.

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- 2. Run your playbook using the PR branch and verify the PR fixed the bug.
- 3. Give feedback on the pull request or the linked issue(s).