Ansible-core 2.13

Release Schedule

Expected

PRs must be raised well in advance of the dates below to have a chance of being included in this ansible-core release.

> **Note**
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> There is no Alpha phase in 2.13.

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> Dates subject to change.

Development Phase

The `milestone` branch will be advanced at the start date of each development phase.

- 2021-09-27 Development Phase 1
- 2021-12-13 Development Phase 2
- 2022-02-14 Development Phase 3

Release Phase

- 2022-03-28 Feature Freeze (and `stable-2.13` branching from `devel`) No new functionality (including modules/plugins) to any code
- 2022-04-11 Beta 1
- 2022-04-25 Beta 2 (if necessary)
- 2022-05-02 Release Candidate 1
- 2022-05-16 Release Candidate 2 (if necessary)
- 2022-05-23 Release

Release Manager

Ansible Core Team

Planned work

- `ansible-doc` extended dump support for devtools integration
- `ansible-galaxy` CLI collection verification, source, and trust
- `jinja2` 3.0+ dependency
- Consolidate template handling to always use `jinja2` native
- Drop Python 2.6 support for module execution
- Update the collection loader to Python 3.x loader API, due to removal of the Python 2 API in Python 3.12
- Modernize python packaging and installation

Delayed work

The following work has been delayed and retargeted for a future release

- Data Tagging
- Implement sidecar docs to support documenting filter/test plugins, as well as non Python modules