Ansible-core 2.11

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 2.11.

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> Dates subject to change.

- 2021-02-12 Feature Freeze No new functionality (including modules/plugins) to any code
- 2021-03-02 Beta 1
- 2021-03-15 Beta 2 (if necessary)
- 2021-03-29 Release Candidate 1 (and `stable-2.11` branching from `devel`)
- 2021-04-12 Release Candidate 2 (if necessary)
- 2021-04-26 Release

Release Manager

> Ansible Core Team

Planned work

- Rename `ansible-base` to `ansible-core`.
- Improve UX of `ansible-galaxy collection` CLI, specifically as it relates to install and upgrade.
- Add new Role Argument Spec feature that will allow a role to define an argument spec to be used in validating variables used by the role.
- Bump the minimum Python version requirement for the controller to Python 3.8. There will be no breaking changes to this release, however `ansible-core` will only be packaged for Python 3.8+. `ansible-core==2.12` will include breaking changes requiring at least Python 3.8.
- Introduce split-controller testing in `ansible-test` to separate dependencies for the controller from dependencies on the target.