

Ansible 2.7

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Release Schedule

Expected

- 2018-08-23 Core Freeze (Engine and Core Modules/Plugins)
- 2018-08-23 Alpha Release 1
- 2018-08-30 Community Freeze (Non-Core Modules/Plugins)
- 2018-08-30 Beta Release 1
- 2018-09-06 Release Candidate 1 (If needed)
- 2018-09-13 Release Candidate 2 (If needed)
- 2018-09-20 Release Candidate 3 (If needed)
- 2018-09-27 Release Candidate 4 (If needed)
- 2018-10-04 General Availability

Release Manager

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Cleaning Duty

- Drop Py2.6 for controllers [Docs PR #42971](#) and [issue #42972](#)
- Remove dependency on simplejson [issue #42761](#)

Engine Improvements

- Performance improvement invoking Python modules [pr #41749](#)
- Jinja native types will allow for users to render a Python native type. [pr #32738](#)

Core Modules

- Include feature changes and improvements
 - Create new argument `apply` that will allow for included tasks to inherit explicitly provided attributes. [pr #39236](#)
 - Create "private" functionality for allowing vars/default to be exposed outside of roles. [pr #41330](#)
- Provide a parameter for the `template` module to output to different encoding formats [pr #42171](#)
- `reboot` module for Linux hosts (@samdoran) [pr #35205](#)

Cloud Modules

General

- Cloud auth plugin [proposal #24](#)

AWS

- Inventory plugin for RDS [pr #41919](#)
- Count support for *ec2_instance*
- *aws_eks* module [pr #41183](#)
- Cloudformation stack sets support ([PR#41669](#))
- RDS instance and snapshot modules [pr #39994](#) [pr #43789](#)
- Diff mode improvements for cloud modules [pr #44533](#)

Azure

- Azure inventory plugin [issue #42769](#)

Network

General

- Refactor the APIs in cliconf ([issue #39056](#)) and netconf ([issue #39160](#)) plugins so that they have a uniform signature across supported network platforms. **done** ([PR #41846](#)) ([PR #43643](#)) ([PR #43837](#)) ([PR #43203](#)) ([PR #42300](#)) ([PR #44157](#))

Modules

- New `cli_config` module [issue #39228](#) **done** [PR #42413](#).
- New `cli_command` module [issue #39284](#)
- Refactor `netconf_config` module to add additional functionality. **done** [proposal #104](#) ([PR #44379](#))

Windows

General

- Added new connection plugin that uses PSRP as the connection protocol [pr #41729](#)

Modules

- Revamp Chocolatey to fix bugs and support offline installation [pr #43013](#).
- Add Chocolatey modules that can manage the following Chocolatey features
 - Sources [pr #42790](#)
 - Features [pr #42848](#)
 - Config [pr #42915](#)