Ansible CLI cheatsheet

This page shows one or more examples of each Ansible command line utility with some common flags added and a link to the full documentation for the command. This page offers a quick reminder of some common use cases only - it may be out of date or incomplete or both. For canonical documentation, follow the links to the CLI pages.

- ansible-playbook

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ansible-playbook -i /path/to/my_inventory_file -u my_connection_user -k /path/to/my_ssh_key -f 3 -T 30 -t my_tag -m /path/to/my_mo
```

Loads `my_playbook.yml` from the current working directory and:

- `-i` - uses `my_inventory_file` in the path provided for :ref:`inventory <intro_inventory>` to match the :ref:`pattern <intro_patterns>`.

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- `-u` - connects :ref:`over SSH <connections>` as `my_connection_user`.

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- `-k` - uses `my_ssh_key` in the path provided for SSH authentication.
- `-f` - allocates 3 :ref:`forks <playbooks_strategies>`.

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- `-T` - sets a 30-second timeout.
- `-t` - runs only tasks marked with the :ref:`tag <tags>` `my_tag`.

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- `-m` - loads :ref:`local modules <developing_locally>` from `/path/to/my/modules`.

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- `-b` - executes with elevated privileges (uses :ref:`become <become>`).

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- `-K` - prompts the user for the become password.

See :ref:`ansible-playbook` for detailed documentation.

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