**Controller Machine:** The Controller machine is responsible for provisioning the servers that are being managed. It is the machine where Ansible is installed.

**Inventory:** An inventory is an initialization file that has details about the different servers you are managing.

**Playbook:** It is a code file written in the YAML format. A playbook basically contains the tasks that need to be executed or automated.

**Task:** Each task represents a single procedure that needs to be executed, e.g. Install a library.

**Module:** A module is a set of tasks that can be executed. Ansible has 100s of built-in modules, but you can also create custom ones.

**Role:** An Ansible role is a pre-defined way for organizing playbooks and other files in order to facilitate sharing and reusing portions of provisioning.

**Play:** A task executed from start to finish or the execution of a playbook is called a play.

**Facts:** Facts are global variables that store details about the system, like network interfaces or operating system.

**Handlers:** Are used to trigger the status of a service, such as restarting or stopping a service.