How I Provision My MacBook with Ansible

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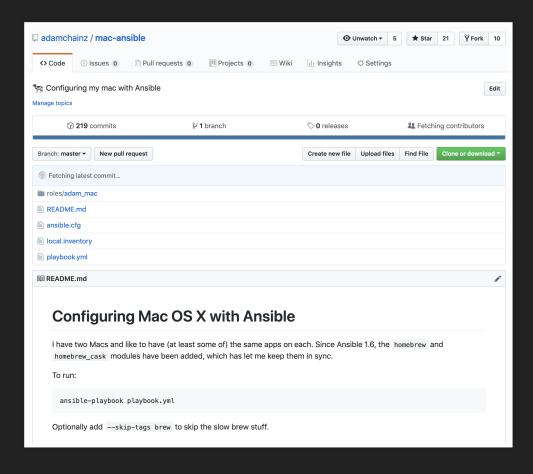- @adamchainz on GitHub
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Survey

- Server fire?
- Laptop fire?
- Mac users?

Story

- Learned Ansible late 2013
- New job April 2014: both home and work MacBooks
- Paid off well: two fresh starts this past year alone

github.com/adamchainz/mac-ansible

Project

- Forked or copied by many friends
- Run myself every week from calendar alert

What It Does

- Single playbook applies single role to localhost
- Installs: `homebrew`, `homebrew_cask`, `pip`, ...
- Settings: dotfiles symlinked from repo, or whole other repos
- Crons: a few, e.g. remove temporary Python files

What It Doesn't Do

- Installing homebrew, Python, Ansible, git
- Configuring macOS - `osx_defaults`
- Mac App Store - `mas` tool
- Dotfiles passwords

Alternatives

- Jeff Geerling's Playbook
- Boxen 💀
- Shell script

macOS Working Group

github.com/ansible/community/wiki/macos

Thank you!

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