| **Option** | **Long Form** | **Description** |
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| -i | --inventory | Specify the inventory host file or directory (e.g., -i hosts.ini) |
| -l | --limit | Restrict operations to the specified host/group (e.g., -l web01) |
| -u | --user | SSH username to connect as |
| -k | --ask-pass | Prompt for SSH password |
| --private-key | — | Use a specific SSH private key file |
| -b | --become | Run operations with sudo (become) |
| -K | --ask-become-pass | Prompt for privilege escalation password |
| -e | --extra-vars | Pass extra variables (e.g., -e "env=prod") |
| --tags | — | Run only tasks tagged with specified value(s) |
| --skip-tags | — | Skip tasks with specified tag(s) |
| --check | — | Perform a dry run (no changes made) |
| --diff | — | Show differences when changed |
| -v | — | Increase verbosity (-v, -vv, -vvv, -vvvv for more detail) |
| --syntax-check | — | Check playbook syntax without executing |
| --list-hosts | — | Show which hosts would be affected |
| --start-at-task | — | Start playbook at a specific task name |
| -C | Same as --check | Dry run mode for previewing changes |