

S503 – Ansible on Z 101

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What is Ansible?

Ansible is a provisioning, configuration management and application deployment tool.

Tagline: “Turn tough tasks into repeatable playbooks”.

Rather than managing one system at a time, Ansible models your IT infrastructure by describing how all your systems inter-relate.



Common usage of Ansible

- System provisioning
- Installing applications
- Managing users
- Updating certificates
- Continuous delivery
- Configuration management

Why is Ansible so popular?

Ansible is extremely popular across many enterprises. For example, it's now the top cloud configuration tool and is heavily used on-prem too.

- Generically applicable to lots of scenarios
- Easy to write automation
- Opportunity to standardize enterprise automation strategy
- Makes configuration as code more realistic
- Thousands of community developed extensions

Ansible architecture

Control node
(not z/OS)



SSH

Python modules

z/OS

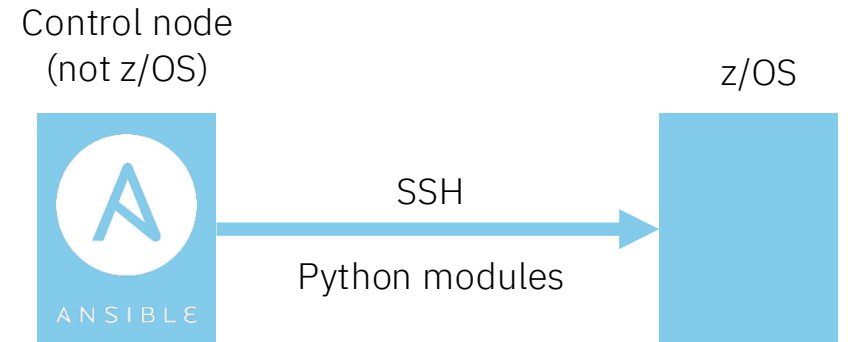


Ansible Glossary

- **Ansible** –The runtime that executes your automation. A Python application.
- **Ansible Playbook** - The ‘script’ that implements your automation. A dialect of YAML
- **Ansible Collection** – An extension to Ansible, installed using the ansible-galaxy CLI tool
- **Ansible Galaxy** – An online repository of 3000+ community developed Ansible extensions
- **Ansible Automation Platform** – An ecosystem of technologies to support your Ansible Automation strategy (a Red Hat offering)

Ansible the Runtime

ansible



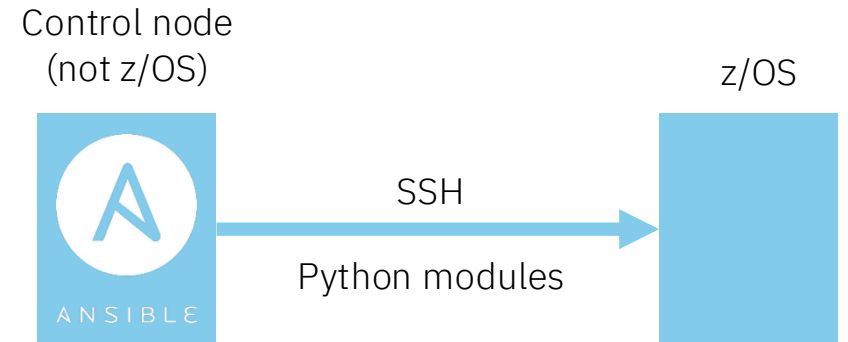
Ansible is a Python application which runs on the control node, and orchestrates automated processes on the managed nodes

Going to demonstrate how to set up Ansible for developing automation for z/OS, with a “Hello, world!” example

It’s one-time set-up (for everyone)

There are better ways of making your automation available to everyone (which we’ll come on to later)

Windows

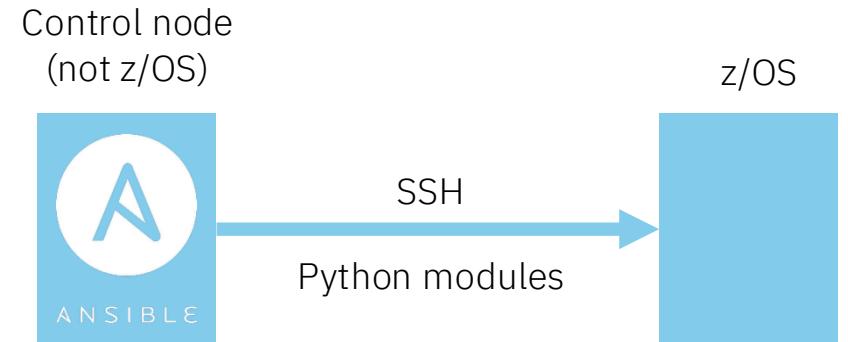


Ansible is native to Unix-like operating systems

This means Ansible doesn't run natively in Windows

If you're using Windows and want to do this, you'll need to use WSL

Python



Installation instructions for Python will vary depending on which platform you're using

I prefer to use pyenv to manage different versions of the Python runtime

Latest version of Ansible requires \geq Python 3.10

Installing Ansible

Ansible is installed from the online Python package repository PyPI (Python Package Index)

When you install Python, it comes with a CLI tool for installing packages, `pip`

ansible-core 2.17.2

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ansible runtime

ansible 10.2.0

Jul 16, 2024

Radically simple IT automation

ansible runtime and ~85
community collections

```
pip install ansible-core
```

Installing Ansible

```
PROBLEMS  OUTPUT  TERMINAL  PORTS  DEBUG CONSOLE
zsh + v [ ] [ ] ...
z-ansible-demo
pip install ansible-core
Collecting ansible-core
  Using cached ansible_core-2.17.2-py3-none-any.whl.metadata (6.9 kB)
Collecting jinja2>=3.0.0 (from ansible-core)
  Using cached jinja2-3.1.4-py3-none-any.whl.metadata (2.6 kB)
Collecting PyYAML>=5.1 (from ansible-core)
  Using cached PyYAML-6.0.1-cp312-cp312-macosx_10_9_x86_64.whl.metadata (2.1 kB)
Collecting cryptography (from ansible-core)
  Using cached cryptography-43.0.0-cp39-abi3-macosx_10_9_universal2.whl.metadata (5.4 kB)
Collecting packaging (from ansible-core)
  Using cached packaging-24.1-py3-none-any.whl.metadata (3.2 kB)
Collecting resolvelib<1.1.0,>=0.5.3 (from ansible-core)
  Using cached resolvelib-1.0.1-py2.py3-none-any.whl.metadata (4.0 kB)
Collecting MarkupSafe>=2.0 (from jinja2->ansible-core)
  Using cached MarkupSafe-2.1.5-cp312-cp312-macosx_10_9_x86_64.whl.metadata (3.0 kB)
Collecting cffi>=1.12 (from cryptography->ansible-core)
  Using cached cffi-1.16.0-cp312-cp312-macosx_10_9_x86_64.whl.metadata (1.5 kB)
Collecting pycparser (from cffi>=1.12->cryptography->ansible-core)
  Using cached pycparser-2.22-py3-none-any.whl.metadata (943 bytes)
Downloading ansible_core-2.17.2-py3-none-any.whl (2.2 MB)
  2.2/2.2 MB 3.5 MB/s eta 0:00:00
Downloading jinja2-3.1.4-py3-none-any.whl (133 kB)
  133.3/133.3 kB 1.4 MB/s eta 0:00:00
Using cached PyYAML-6.0.1-cp312-cp312-macosx_10_9_x86_64.whl (178 kB)
Using cached resolvelib-1.0.1-py2.py3-none-any.whl (17 kB)
Downloading cryptography-43.0.0-cp39-abi3-macosx_10_9_universal2.whl (6.2 MB)
  6.2/6.2 MB 1.2 MB/s eta 0:00:00
Downloading packaging-24.1-py3-none-any.whl (53 kB)
  54.0/54.0 kB 897.0 kB/s eta 0:00:00
Using cached cffi-1.16.0-cp312-cp312-macosx_10_9_x86_64.whl (183 kB)
Using cached MarkupSafe-2.1.5-cp312-cp312-macosx_10_9_x86_64.whl (14 kB)
Using cached pycparser-2.22-py3-none-any.whl (117 kB)
Installing collected packages: resolvelib, PyYAML, pycparser, packaging, MarkupSafe, jinja2, cffi, cryptography, ansible-core
Successfully installed MarkupSafe-2.1.5 PyYAML-6.0.1 ansible-core-2.17.2 cffi-1.16.0 cryptography-43.0.0 jinja2-3.1.4 packaging-24.1 pycparser-2.22 resolvelib-1.0.1

[notice] A new release of pip is available: 24.0 -> 24.2
[notice] To update, run: pip install --upgrade pip
```

VS Code

zos_subsystems > cics > provisioning > full_provision.yml

Andrew Hughes, 2 months ago | 2 authors (Ledina Hido-Evans and one other)

```
1 ---
2 - name: Provision CICS Data sets and start the region
3   hosts: all
4   gather_facts: false
5   vars_files: "{{ playbook_dir }}/host_vars/variables.yml"
6   environment: "{{ environment_vars }}"
7
8   vars:
9     | applid: APPLID
10
11  module_defaults:
12    group/ibm.ibm_zos_cics.region:
13      state: initial
14      cics_data_sets:
15        template: "CTS610.CICS740.<< lib_name >>"
16        edfbld: "CTS610.CICS740.LTC.DEFAULT"
17        Create and remove the CICS auxiliary temporary storage data set
18
19      Description
20      • Create and remove the auxiliary temporary storage data set used by a CICS® region.
21      • You can use this module when provisioning or de-provisioning a CICS region.
22      • Use the option to specify the intended state for the auxiliary temporary storage data set. For example, use = to create an auxiliary
23      temporary storage data set if it doesn't exist.
24
25  task
26    - ibm.ibm_zos_cics.aux_temp_storage:
```



Ansible v24.8.3

Red Hat redhat.com

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Ansible language support

Disable

Uninstall

Switch to Pre-Release Version



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Ansible VS Code Extension by Red Hat

This extension adds language support for Ansible to [Visual Studio Code](#) and [OpenVSX](#) compatible editors by leveraging [ansible-language-server](#).

Language association to yaml files

The extension works only when a document is assigned `ansible` language. The following method is used to assign `ansible` language to the document opened by the extension:

Without file inspection

- yaml files under `/playbooks` dir.
- files with the following double extension: `.ansible.yaml` or `.ansible.yml`.
- notable yaml names recognized by ansible like `site.yaml` or `site.yml`
- yaml files having playbook in their filename: `*playbook*.yaml` or `*playbook*.yml`

Additionally, in VS Code, you can add persistent file association for language to `settings.json` file like this:

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Playbooks

Ansible playbooks are YAML files

Each playbook:

- Selects a set of hosts from your inventory (coming up)
- Can set some variables
- Runs a list of tasks against those target systems

```
---  
- name: "Say Hello world"  
  
  gather_facts: false  
  hosts: all  
  
  environment: "{{ z_environment_vars }}"  
  
  tasks:  
    - name: "Say hello world"  
      ansible.builtin.command:  
        cmd: echo "Hello, world!"
```

Running our first playbook

Ansible comes with a set of CLI tools for running your automation

```
ansible-playbook -i  
<inventory> <playbook>
```

We're going to use the `ansible-playbook` command to execute our new playbook

Running First Playbook

```
z-ansible-demo ansible-playbook -i snippets/inventory1.yaml snippets/first-playbook.yaml -vv
zsh: /usr/local/bin/ansible-playbook: bad interpreter: /usr/local/opt/python@3.9/bin/python3.9: no such file or directory
ansible-playbook [core 2.17.2]
  config file = /Users/stewf/.ansible.cfg
  configured module search path = ['/Users/stewf/.ansible/plugins/modules', '/usr/share/ansible/plugins/modules']
  ansible python module location = /Users/stewf/repos/z-ansible-demo/venv/lib/python3.12/site-packages/ansible
  ansible collection location = /Users/stewf/.ansible/collections:/usr/share/ansible/collections
  executable location = /Users/stewf/repos/z-ansible-demo/venv/bin/ansible-playbook
  python version = 3.12.2 (main, Apr 30 2024, 05:51:17) [Clang 15.0.0 (clang-1500.3.9.4)] (/Users/stewf/repos/z-ansible-demo/venv/bin/python)
  jinja version = 3.1.4
  libyaml = True
Using /Users/stewf/.ansible.cfg as config file
Skipping callback 'default', as we already have a stdout callback.
Skipping callback 'minimal', as we already have a stdout callback.
Skipping callback 'oneline', as we already have a stdout callback.

PLAYBOOK: first-playbook.yaml *****
1 plays in snippets/first-playbook.yaml

PLAY [Say Hello world] *****

TASK [Say hello world] *****
task path: /Users/stewf/repos/z-ansible-demo/snippets/first-playbook.yaml:8
changed: [mv28] => changed=true
  cmd:
  - echo
  - Hello, world!
  delta: '0:00:00.020322'
  end: '2024-08-05 11:26:01.566945'
  msg: ''
  rc: 0
  start: '2024-08-05 11:26:01.546623'
  stderr: ''
  stderr_lines: <omitted>
  stdout: Hello, world!
  stdout_lines: <omitted>

PLAY RECAP *****
mv28                : ok=1    changed=1    unreachable=0    failed=0    skipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0
```

Inventory

How to tell Ansible about the remote systems you're targeting

You can also set per-host variables in your inventory

Some variables are built-in (like `ansible_python_interpreter`)

We'll also set some custom variables

```
all:
  hosts:
    mv28:
      ansible_host: winmvs28.hursley.ibm.com
      ansible_user: stewf
      ansible_port: 22
      ansible_python_interpreter: /python/v3114/pyz/bin/python

      z_environment_vars:
        _BPXK_AUTOCVT: "ON"
        _CEE_RUNOPTS: "FILETAG(AUTOCVT,AUTOTAG) POSIX(ON)"
        _TAG_REDIR_ERR: "txt"
        _TAG_REDIR_IN: "txt"
        _TAG_REDIR_OUT: "txt"
        LANG: "C"
        PYTHONSTDINENCODING: "cp1047"
```


A note on code pages

Ansible core isn't "Z" aware so needs a bit of instruction to accommodate EBCDIC code pages

We'll set up a variable in our inventory which contains the magic environment variables we need

Note: This doesn't actually set the environment variables, we have to do that in our playbooks!

```
all:
  hosts:
    mv28:
      ansible_host: winmvs28.hursley.ibm.com
      ansible_user: stewf
      ansible_port: 22
      ansible_python_interpreter: /python/v3114/pyz/bin/python

      z_environment_vars:
        _BPXK_AUTOCVT: "ON"
        _CEE_RUNOPTS: "FILETAG(AUTOCVT,AUTOTAG) POSIX(ON)"
        _TAG_REDIR_ERR: "txt"
        _TAG_REDIR_IN: "txt"
        _TAG_REDIR_OUT: "txt"
        LANG: "C"
```

SSH

Last thing to do before we can run playbooks is set up authentication

Ansible does support password authentication, but it's HIGHLY recommended to set up passwordless cryptographic key based authentication

Generate a key locally

```
ssh-keygen -t rsa -f ~/.ssh/stewf-zos -C  
stewf-zos -b 2048
```

Copy to z/OS

```
ssh-copy-id -f -i stewf-zos  
winmvs2c.hursley.ibm.com
```

~/.ssh/authorized_keys

ssh-copy-id copies your public key to a file in your z/OS user directory

~/.ssh/authorized_keys

```
~:>cat ~/.ssh/authorized_keys  
ssh-rsa <text-encoded-key> stewf-zos
```

Holders of the private keys associated with these public keys will be able to authenticate as your user, so make sure you know what's in there

There are stringent permission requirements on the ~/.ssh directory to make sure other users on the shared system can modify this file

z/OS functionality







z/OS extensions for Ansible are distributed on Ansible Galaxy (galaxy.ansible.com)

They provide additional Ansible tasks (amongst other things) which extend Ansible to be able to manage z/OS resources

ibm_zos_core provides foundational capabilities e.g. submit a job, allocate data sets etc

Name	Type	Description
zos_data_set	module	Manage data sets
zos_ping	module	Ping z/OS and check dependencies.
zos_encode	module	Perform encoding operations.
zos_mount	module	Mount a z/OS file system.
zos_job_output	module	Display job output
zos_operator_action_query	module	Display messages requiring action
zos_find	module	Find matching data sets
zos_mvs_raw	module	Run a z/OS program.
zos_backup_restore	module	Backup and restore data sets and volumes
zos_unarchive	module	Unarchive files and data sets in z/OS.
zos_lineinfile	module	Manage textual data on z/OS
zos_copy	module	Copy data to z/OS
zos_volume_init	module	Initialize volumes or minidisks.
zos_apf	module	Add or remove libraries to Authorized Program Facility (APF)

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IBM z/OS® Core		ibm_zos_core Provided by ibm 23 Modules 0 Roles 26 Plugins 0 Dependencies mvs z data_set 9 more	401,000	Downloads
IBM z/OS® CICS®		ibm_zos_cics Provided by ibm 15 Modules 0 Roles 35 Plugins 0 Dependencies z zos cics 4 more	23,000	Downloads
IBM z/OS® IMS™		ibm_zos_ims Provided by ibm 8 Modules 0 Roles 9 Plugins 1 Dependency mvs zos_ims z 11 more	54,000	Downloads
IBM z/OS® Management Facility (z/OSMF)		ibm_zosmf Provided by ibm 3 Modules 13 Roles 4 Plugins 0 Dependencies mvs liberty_provisioning_template z	13,500	Downloads
IBM Z® Hardware Management Console		ibm_zhmc Provided by ibm 28 Modules 0 Roles 1 Plugin 0 Dependencies z hmc ibm 2 more	114,000	Downloads
IBM Z® System Automation		ibm_zos_sysauto Provided by ibm 0 Modules 2 Roles 0 Plugins 0 Dependencies z zos ibm 6 more	4,100	Downloads

Collectively

- 83 Modules
- 15 Roles

Installing collections

Ansible comes with a separate CLI tool for managing installation of collections called `ansible-galaxy`

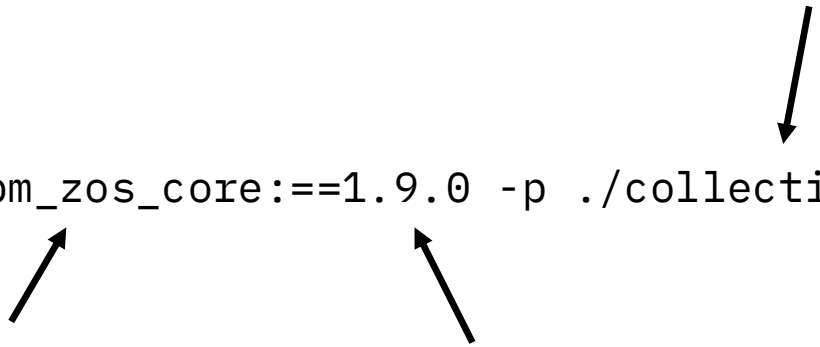
We'll use it to install the `ibm_zos_core` collection

```
ansible-galaxy collection install ibm.ibm_zos_core:==1.9.0 -p ./collections
```

Collection name

Collection version

Playbook-adjacent collections dir



IBM z/OS Open Automation Utilities

Many of the Ansible collections for z/OS rely on a supporting library called zoau

Ansible modules execute in Unix System Services, so they need some help to access MVS resources (like data sets, jobs, operator commands)

zoau provides that help

It's a collection of USS CLI utilities for working with MVS resources

And a set of Python APIs in order to support Ansible

Examples:

```
dls -l "STEW.*"
```

```
/u/stewf:>dls -l "STEW.*"
STEWF.ISP25121.SPFL0G1.LIST      PS  VA      125 P2P623
STEWF.ISP33598.SPFL0G1.LIST      PS  VA      125 P2P10E
STEWF.ISP33598.SPFTEMP0.CNTL     PS  FB        80 P2P100
STEWF.ISP58906.SPFL0G1.LIST      PS  VA      125 P2P0CF
```

```
jls '/EXPAUTO'
```

```
/u/stewf:>jls '/EXPAUTO'
EXPAUTO  EXPAUTOY  JOB30874  CC      0000
EXPAUTO  EXPAUTOY  JOB30864  CC      0000
EXPAUTO  EXPAUTOY  JOB30744  CC      0000
EXPAUTO  EXPAUTOY  JOB30743  CC      0000
EXPAUTO  EXPAUTOY  JOB30742  CC      0000
EXPAUTO  EXPAUTOY  JOB30714  CC      0000
EXPAUTO  EXPAUTOY  JOB30701  CC      0000
```

Which ZOAU version to get?

There's quite a tight coupling between the version of the `ibm_zos_core` collection, and the version of ZOAU

The best reference for which versions are compatible is found on the integrated doc site [here](#)

Version	Control Node	Managed Node
1.14.x	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ansible-core >=2.15.x• Ansible >=8.0.x• AAP >=2.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• z/OS V2R5 - V3Rx• z/OS shell• z/OS OpenSSH• IBM Open Enterprise SDK for Python• IBM Z Open Automation Utilities >=1.3.4, <1.4.0
1.13.x	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ansible-core >=2.15.x• Ansible >=8.0.x• AAP >=2.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• z/OS V2R5 - V3Rx• z/OS shell• z/OS OpenSSH• IBM Open Enterprise SDK for Python• IBM Z Open Automation Utilities >=1.3.3, <1.4.0
1.12.x	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ansible-core >=2.15.x• Ansible >=8.0.x• AAP >=2.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• z/OS V2R5 - V3Rx• z/OS shell• z/OS OpenSSH• IBM Open Enterprise SDK for Python• IBM Z Open Automation Utilities >=1.3.2, <1.4.0
1.11.x	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ansible-core >=2.15.x• Ansible >=8.0.x• AAP >=2.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• z/OS V2R4 - V2Rx• z/OS shell• z/OS OpenSSH• IBM Open Enterprise SDK for Python• IBM Z Open Automation Utilities >=1.3.1, <1.4.0

IBM Open Enterprise Python + ZOAU Support

With z/OS 3.1, IBM Open Enterprise Python and ZOAU are now available to install with z/OS as no-charge products

They're available at no-cost license and no-cost S&S

i.e. they're bundled and supported with z/OS 3.1

See the [announcement](#)

z/OS Scenarios - DFHCSDUP

Let's try and automate a simple CICS scenario with the `ibm_zos_core` collection

We'll use the `zos_job_submit` module, to run the DFHCSDUP program to list the contents of a CSD group

We'll write a simple Jinja template to generate the right JCL

```
---
- name: First z/OS playbook

  gather_facts: false
  hosts: all

  environment: "{{ z_environment_vars }}"

  vars:
    csdup_group: DFH$EXBS
    dfhcscd: STEWF.RGNS.IYK2Z0E3.DFHCSD

  tasks:
    - name: "Run the job template"
      ibm.ibm_zos_core.zos_job_submit:
        location: LOCAL
        use_template: true
        src: csdup.j2
```

z/OS Scenarios

```
PROBLEMS  OUTPUT  TERMINAL  PORTS  DEBUG CONSOLE

- |
- | SUMMARY OF GROUPS                                UTILITY COMMAND:  LIST GROUP(DFH$EXBS)  OBJECTS'
- |
- | *****'
- |
- | GROUP NAME: DFH$EXBS    (IBM PROTECTED)'
- | _____'
- |
- | FILES:          EXMPCAT  EXMPCONF'
- | MAPSETS:        DFH0XS1  DFH0XS2  DFH0XS3'
- | PROGRAMS:        DFH0XCFG  DFH0XCMN  DFH0XGUI  DFH0XODE  DFH0XSDS  DFH0XSOD  DFH0XSSM  DFH0XVDS  DFH0XWOD'
- |
- | TRANSACTIONS:    ECFG      EGUI'
- | 1CICS RDO OFF-LINE UTILITY PROGRAM DFHCSDUP RELEASE:0740 PTF:HCI7400 .                TIME 02:54 DATE 24.219      PAGE 0002
- |
- | *****'
- |
- | OBJECTS IN GROUPS                                UTILITY COMMAND:  LIST GROUP(DFH$EXBS)  OBJECTS'
- |
- | *****'
- |
- | GROUP NAME: DFH$EXBS    (IBM PROTECTED)'
- | _____'
- |
- | FILE(EXMPCAT)          GROUP(DFH$EXBS)                24.157 00:27'
- |                        DESCRIPTION(CICS Example Application - Catalog File)'
- |                        VSAM-PARAMETERS'
- |
- |                        DSNNAME(HLQ.EXMPLAPP.EXMPCAT)'
- |                        RLSACCESS(NO)          LSRPOOLNUM(1)          READINTEG(UNCOMMITTED)'
- |                        DSNSHARING(ALLREQS)     STRINGS(1)            NSRGROUP()'
- | REMOTE-ATTRIBUTES'
- |                        REMOTESYSTEM()          REMOTENAME()'
- | REMOTE-AND-CFDATATABLE-PARAMETERS'
- |                        RECORDSIZE()           KEYLENGTH()'
- |
```

z/OS Scenarios – DFHCSDUP via zos_mvs_raw

The zos_mvs_raw module gives us a different option for executing z/OS programs – one without going via JES

We can convert the JCL template from the previous example into Ansible configuration, cutting out the templating entirely

```
---
- name: First z/OS playbook

  gather_facts: false
  hosts: all

  environment: "{{ z_environment_vars }}"

  vars:
    csdup_group: DFH$EXBS
    dfhcscd: STEWF.RGNS.IYK2Z0E3.DFHCSD

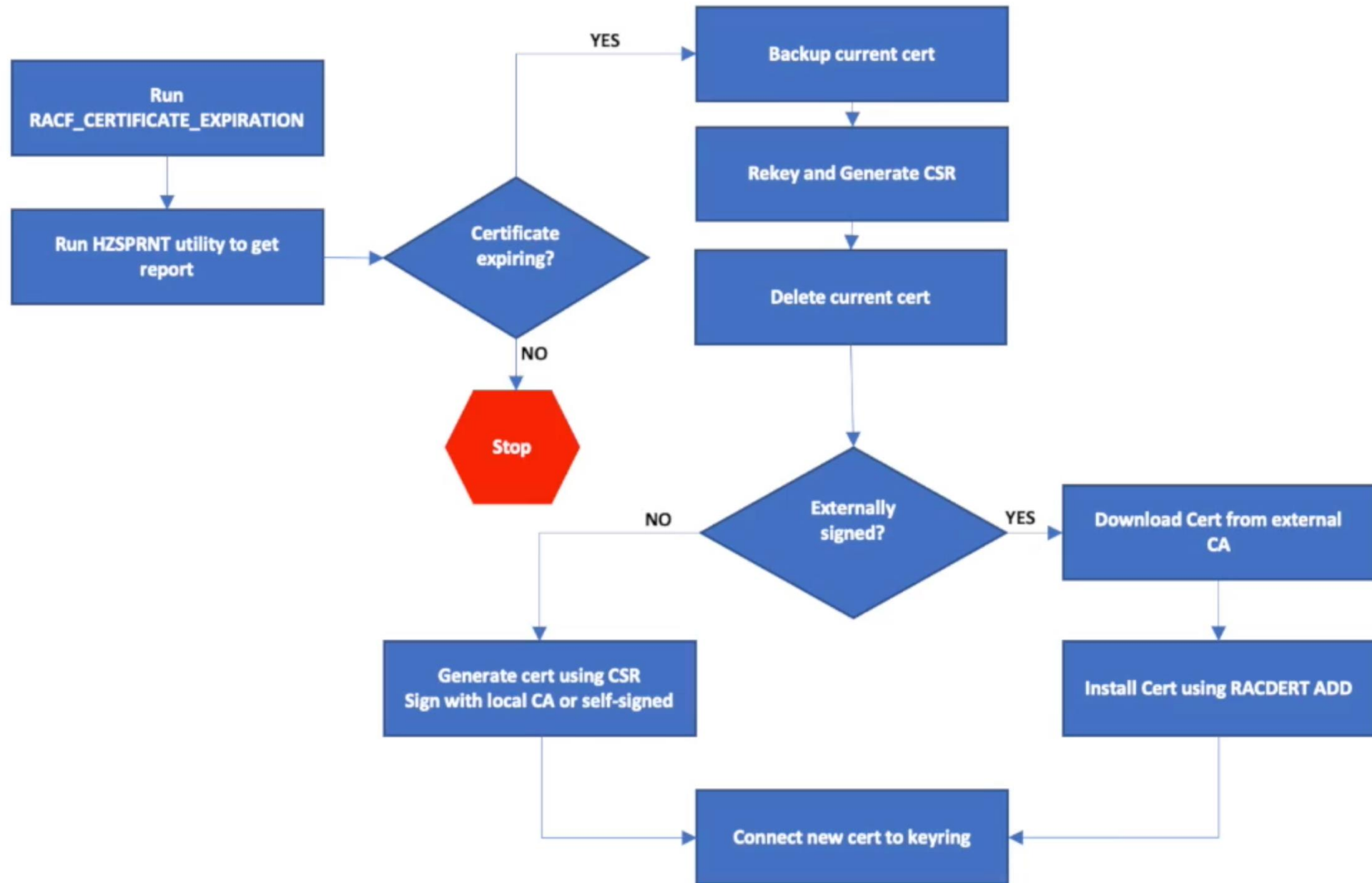
  tasks:
    - name: "Run the job template"
      ibm.ibm_zos_core.zos_mvs_raw:
        program_name: DFHCSDUP
        dds:
          - dd_data_set:
              dd_name: STEPLIB
              disposition: shr
              data_set_name: CTS610.CICS740.SDFHLOAD
          - dd_data_set:
              dd_name: DFHCSD
              disposition: shr
              data_set_name: "{{ dfhcscd }}"
          - dd_output:
              dd_name: SYSPRINT
              return_content:
                type: text
          - dd_input:
              dd_name: SYSIN
              content: " LIST GROUP({{ csdup_group }}) OBJECTS"
```

z/OS Scenarios – Certificate Renewal

The Ansible Z Sample Playbook GitHub repository is a shared samples repo for all the IBM Z collections for Ansible

There are documented examples there for working with e.g. `ibm_zos_core`, `ibm_zos_cics`, `ibm_zos_ims`, etc

Let's take a look at the certificate renewal sample



***** TOP OF DATA *****

CHECK (IBMRACF,RACF_CERTIFICATE_EXPIRATION)
SYSPLEX: XESDEV SYSTEM: EC01129A
START TIME: 05/19/2022 07:17:50.173343
CHECK DATE: 20111010 CHECK SEVERITY: MEDIUM
CHECK PARM: days(366)

Certificates Expiring within 366 Days

S	Cert Owner	Certificate Label	End Date	Trust	Rings
	CERTAUTH	Verisign Class 1 Individual CA	2008-05-12	No	0
	CERTAUTH	Thawte Personal Basic CA	2020-12-31	No	0
	CERTAUTH	Thawte Personal Freemail CA	2020-12-31	No	0
	CERTAUTH	Thawte Personal Premium CA	2020-12-31	No	0
E	CERTAUTH	zOSMFCA	2023-05-18	Yes	1
E	CERTAUTH	ANDY CA	2023-05-20	Yes	1
	CERTAUTH	Thawte Premium Server CA	2020-12-31	No	0
	CERTAUTH	Thawte Server CA	2020-12-31	No	0
E	ID (IZUSVR)	DefaultzOSMFCert.IZUDFLT	2023-05-18	Yes	1
	CERTAUTH	ICP-Brasil CA v1	2021-07-29	No	0
E	SITE	ANDY SITE	2022-06-16	Yes	1
	CERTAUTH	GTE CyberTrust Root CA	2006-02-23	No	0
E	ID (OMVSADM)	ANDY SSL	2022-06-16	Yes	1
	CERTAUTH	RSA Secure Server CA	2010-01-07	No	0
	CERTAUTH	GeoTrust Global CA	2022-05-21	No	0
	CERTAUTH	Entrust.net Secure Server CA	2006-01-01	No	0
	CERTAUTH	ICP-Brasil CA	2011-11-30	No	0
	CERTAUTH	Verisign International Svr CA	2011-10-24	No	0
	CERTAUTH	Verisign Class 1 Primary CA	2020-01-07	No	0
	CERTAUTH	Integrion CA	2017-05-20	No	0
	CERTAUTH	IBM World Registru CA	2017-05-20	No	0

z/OS Scenarios – Certificate Renewal

```
tasks:|
- name: Run health check via operator command.
  tags: search_and_renew, search, run_hc
  ibm.ibm_zos_core.zos_operator:
    cmd: "F HZSPROC,RUN,CHECK=(IBMRACF,RACF_CERTIFICATE_EXPIRATION)"

- name: Get sysname.
  tags: search_and_renew, search, search_hc
  ansible.builtin.command:
    cmd: sysvar SYSNAME
  changed_when: false
  register: sysname

- name: Submit job to pull health check report.
  tags: search_and_renew, search, search_hc
  ibm.ibm_zos_core.zos_job_submit:
    src: "{{ playbook_dir }}/templates/HZPRINT.jcl.j2"
    location: LOCAL
    wait_time_s: 60
  register: hc_job_output
```


Certificate Management playbook

There's a great video which explains the search_and_renew.yml playbook on [mediacenter](#)

The video also shows how to provide a piece of Ansible automation as-a-service with Ansible Automation Controller

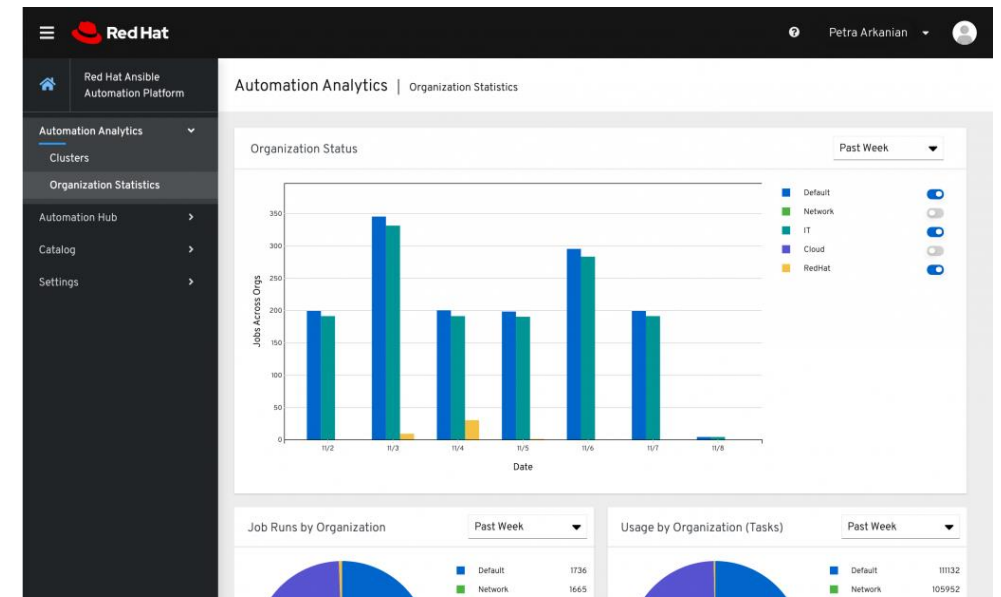
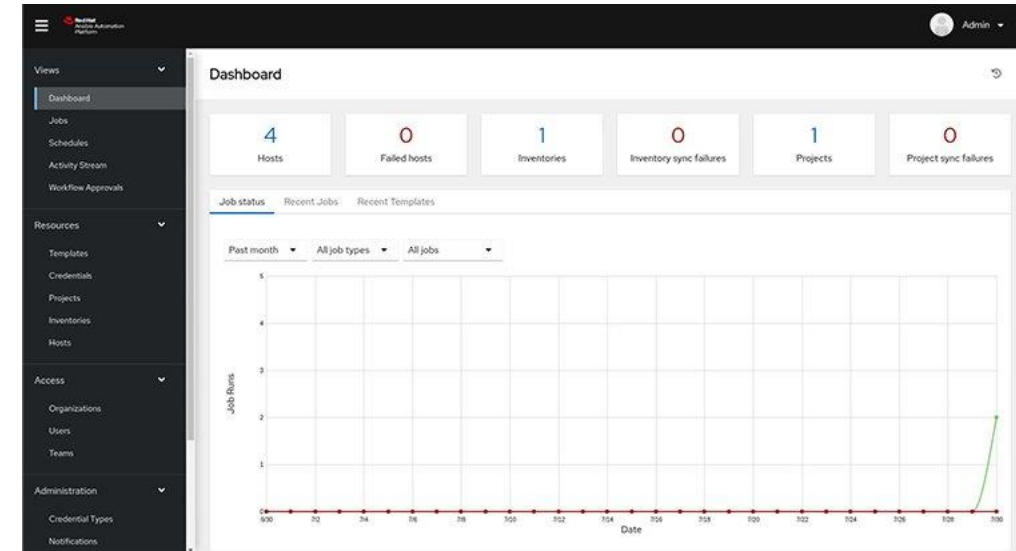
Check out the [sample](#) in the [Z Ansible Playbook Samples](#) repo

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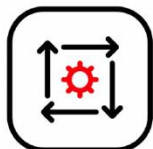
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Microsoft VS code plugin
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