What is Ansible?

* Open Source

* Agentless

* Idempotent

* Thing Doer

Community

SSH/API

Multiple Safe

Conf, Code, Maint, ...



What is Ansible Like?

- * Opinionated
- * Platform
- * Ecosystem

- * Managed Nodes
- * Control Node
- * Inventory
- * Playbook
- * Module
- * Task
- * Role
- * Collection

Directory Layout

The top level of the directory would contain files and directories like so:

```
production
                          # inventory file for production servers
staging
                          # inventory file for staging environment
group_vars/
   group1.yml
                          # here we assign variables to particular groups
  group2.yml
host_vars/
  hostname1.yml
                          # here we assign variables to particular systems
  hostname2.yml
                          # if any custom modules, put them here (optional)
library/
                          # if any custom module_utils to support modules, put them here (optional)
module_utils/
                          # if any custom filter plugins, put them here (optional)
filter_plugins/
site.yml
                          # master playbook
                          # playbook for webserver tier
webservers.yml
                          # playbook for dbserver tier
dbservers.yml
roles/
                          # this hierarchy represents a "role"
    common/
        tasks/
                          # <-- tasks file can include smaller files if warranted
            main.yml
        handlers/
            main.yml
                          # <-- handlers file
        templates/
                          # <-- files for use with the template resource
           ntp.conf.j2
                          # <---- templates end in .j2
        files/
                          # <-- files for use with the copy resource
            bar.txt
                          # <-- script files for use with the script resource
            foo.sh
        vars/
                          # <-- variables associated with this role</pre>
            main.yml
       defaults/
                          # <-- default lower priority variables for this role</p>
            main.yml
        meta/
                          # <-- role dependencies
            main.yml
        library/
                          # roles can also include custom modules
                          # roles can also include custom module_utils
        module_utils/
        lookup_plugins/
                          # or other types of plugins, like lookup in this case
                          # same kind of structure as "common" was above, done for the webtier role
    webtier/
    monitoring/
                          # ""
    fooapp/
```