



ANSIBLE COMPATIBILITY TESTING

WHAT TO EXPECT

// ansible - a short story

// functional testing with molecule

// compatibility testing - what's that?

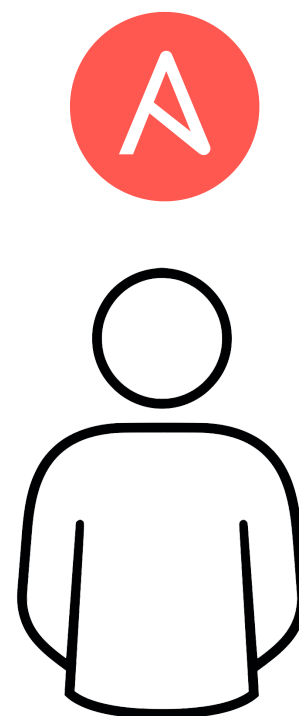
// compatibility testing for ansible

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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that can be revealed right in your browser

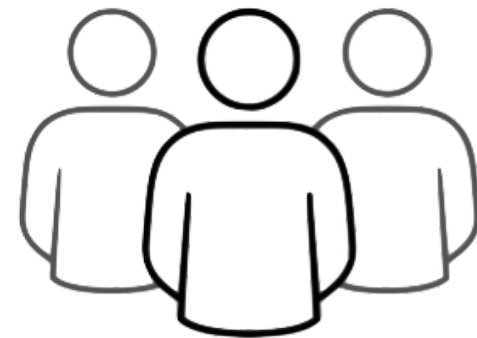
ANSIBLE

a short story

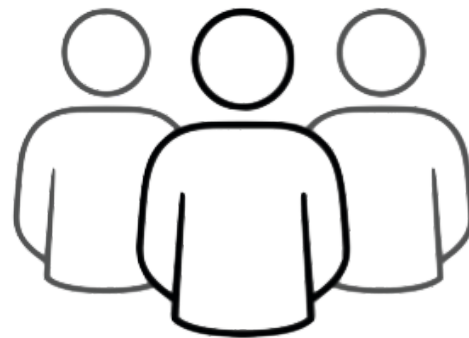


automation happens when you meet a problem
you never want to solve again

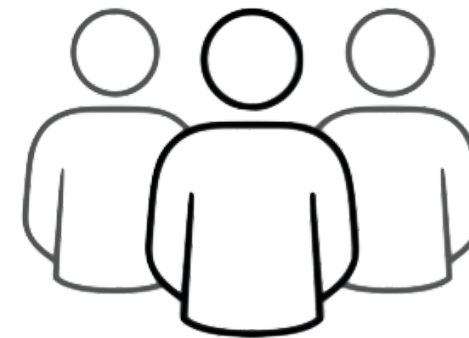
Congrats!
you established a new tool



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not all automation is created equal



RULES OF THE GAME

write ansible roles

// distinct purpose

// configurable

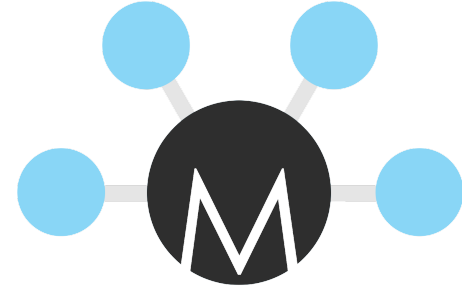
// test it

// reusable

// share it with the community

FUNCTIONAL TESTING

// check whether your code is working as expected



MOLECULE

Molecule encourages consistently
developed roles that are

// well-written

// easily understood

// maintainable

Molecule supports testing with multiple

- // instances

- // operating systems and distributions

- // virtualization providers

- // test frameworks

- // testing scenarios

simple tests with assertions in python

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# Example role
- name: create /tmp/hello-world.txt copy:
  dest: "/tmp/hello-world.txt" content: "hello world" tags:
- example
- example.hello-world
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# Tests
def test_file_exists(host):
    f = host.file('/tmp/hello-world.txt')
    assert f.exists

def test_file_content(host):
    content = host.file('/tmp/hello-world.txt').content
    assert b'hello world' in content
```


COMPATIBILITY TESTING

// check whether your code is capable of running on different

- hardware
- applications
- versions
- operating systems
- networks

version compatibility testing

// backward compatibility

// forward compatibility

PYTHON 2 IS OFFICIALLY END OF LIFE...

ARE YOU READY?

HOW TO SURVIVE

ansible + molecule x python 2.7 - production

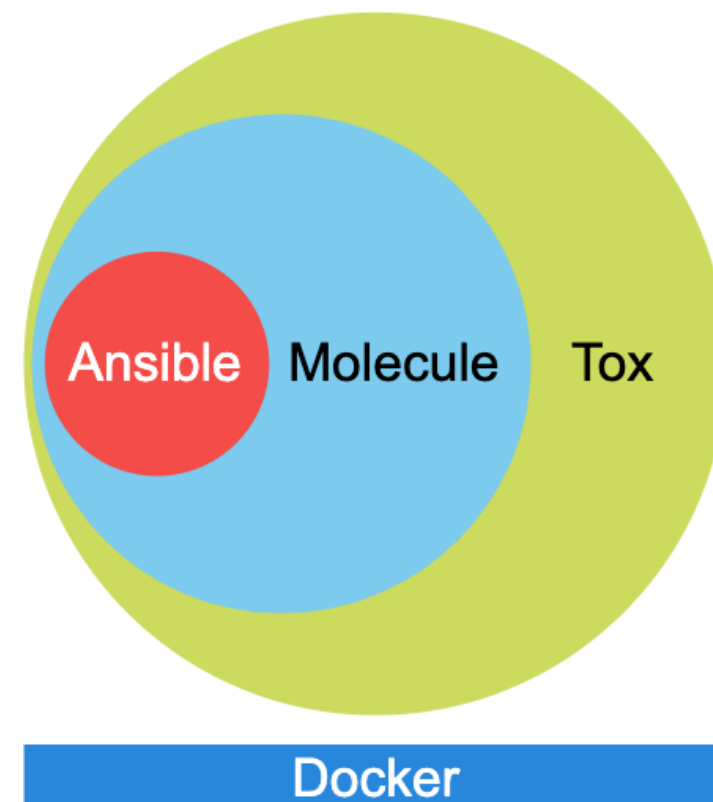
ansible + molecule x python 2.5 - backward compatibility
2.7 - production
3.8 - forward compatibility



// virtualenv management and test command line tool

// vision: standardize testing in Python

Survival Strategy



// automation via ansible

// functional tests via molecule

// multiple python versions via tox

// container as target environment

Why stop here?

// add various ansible versions

- can I safely update to a newer ansible version?
- which ansible version do I need at the very least?

// add multiple linux flavors

- verify that your role can run on RHEL 7 and RHEL 8
- Debian 9 and 10, Ubuntu 16.04 and 18.04, ...

Well, I couldn't stop myself...

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// ansible - latest, 2.9, 2.8
// OS
- alpine - latest, 3.10, 3.9, 3.8
- centos - latest, 8, 7
- clearlinux - latest
- debian - latest, 10, 9, 8
- fedora - latest, 31, 30, 29, 28
- opensuse - latest, 15,
- ubuntu - latest, 20.04, 19.04, 18.04, 16.04
// python - 3.x, 3.8, 3.7, 3.6
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COMPLETION TIME

7 hrs 27 min 2 sec

RECAP

// you meet a problem you never want to solve again

// you establish a new tool - congrats!

// it gets adopted

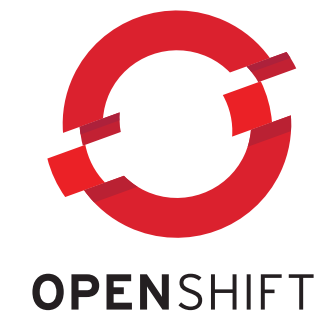
// jointly define the rules of the game

- create reusable ansible roles
- functional testing with molecule
- version compatibility testing
- choose purposeful compatibility scenarios

GEFARD WHO?

THAT'S US

- // office: vienna / linz
- // size: ~ 40 people
- // avg age: 31
- // we do what we love..
- custom software solution
- cloud transformation
- devOps automation



..and we are extremely good at it

THANK YOU

// slides: <https://gepardec.github.io/presentations/ansible-compatibility-testing>

// code: <https://github.com/gepardec/ansible-role-example>

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