

1.3 Why Ansible



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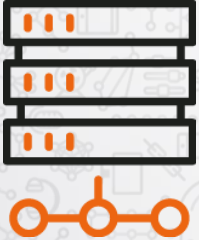
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▶ Has most network vendor support

▶ RedHat = Established Brand

▶ Big community and momentum

▶ Not just for Networks



Being Popular is Good

ANSIBLE NAMED A TOP 10 OPEN SOURCE PROJECT BY OPENSOURCE.COM

December 16, 2014 by [Dan London](#)

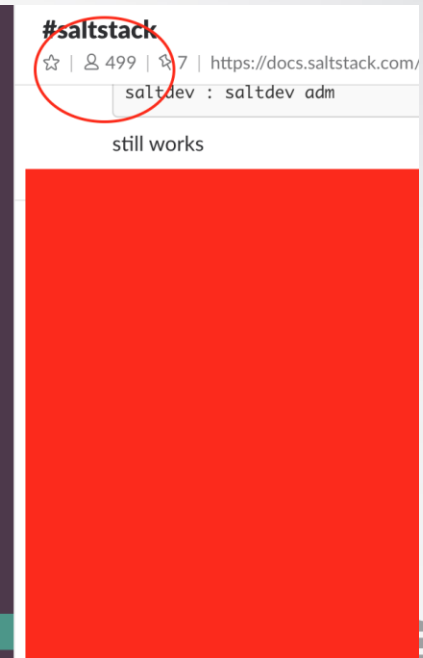
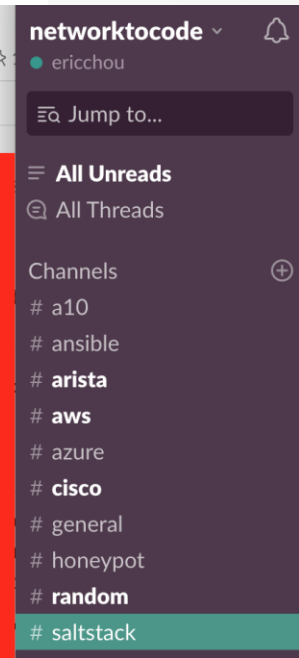
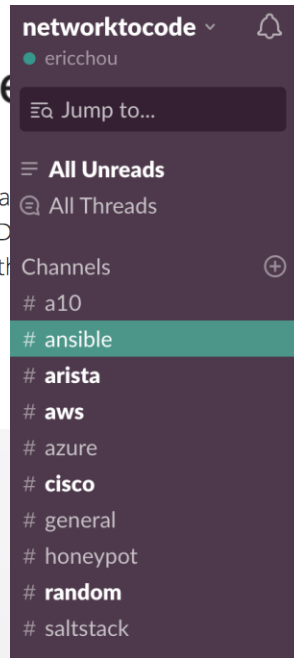


2014 Top 10 Open Source Projects

We are pleased to announce that Ansible has been named one of the **2014** top 10 open source projects by Opensource.com. Be sure to watch Michael D. Lee's interview with Michael Dehaene, Ansible's creator. Infrastructure should be boring, read his interview with about one of his favorite Star Trek quotes.

View the full list [here](#).

Credit: <https://www.ansible.com/>



Next: What is new in version 2?



Course Objectives

Introduce Ansible from Beginning
“Up and Running” with Network Devices
Save Time + Be More Productive



Course Overview

- ▶ Hands-On, Lab-Based
- ▶ Installation to Up and Running
- ▶ Variables, Inventory, Playbooks, etc.
- ▶ Demonstration with Cisco, Arista, Juniper devices
- ▶ Write your own Module

Come Join me to save time and be more
productive as Network Engineers!

OSPF Configuration Workflow

- ▶ Configure Basic OSPF
- ▶ Verifying OSPF Adjacencies
- ▶ Verifying the OSPF Database

Tracking Topology Changes

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- Sequence number is used to:
 - track new vs old LSAs
- Age is used to:
 - Keep information new
 - Withdraw old information
 - Periodic flooding occurs after 30 minutes
 - “paranoid” update
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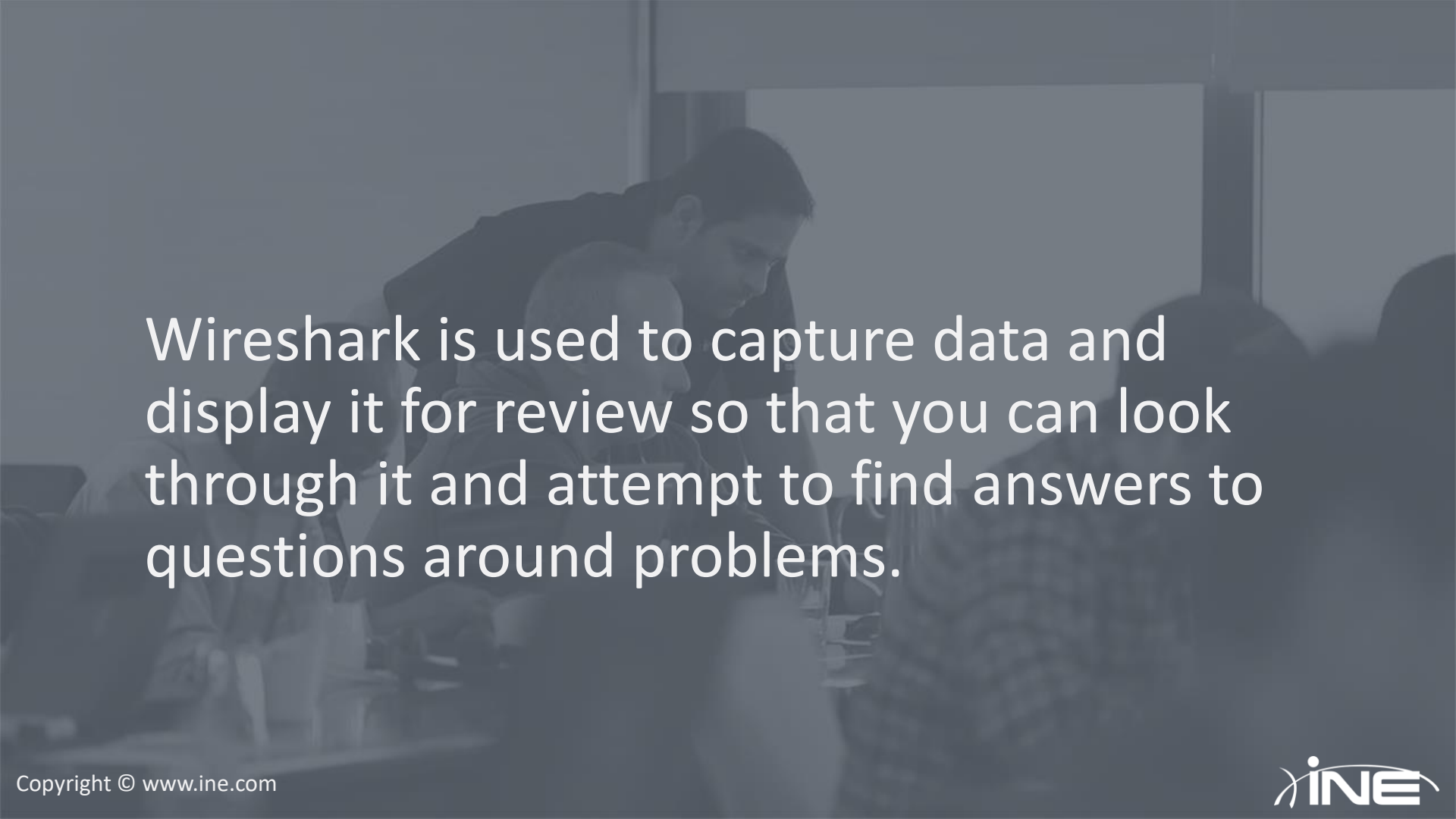
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Wireshark is used to capture data and display it for review so that you can look through it and attempt to find answers to questions around problems.