

HX Infrastructure Development Guide

Development Standards and Best Practices

This guide outlines the development standards, workflows, and best practices for contributing to the HX Infrastructure Ansible project.

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Development Environment Setup

Prerequisites

```
# Required software versions
ansible >= 2.15.0
python >= 3.8
git >= 2.25
docker >= 20.10 (for molecule testing)
```

Local Setup

```
# Clone repository
git clone https://github.com/hanax-ai/HX-Infrastructure-Ansible.git
cd HX-Infrastructure-Ansible

# Setup development environment
make dev-setup

# Install pre-commit hooks
pre-commit install

# Verify installation
make lint test
```

IDE Configuration

VS Code Settings

```
{
  "ansible.python.interpreterPath": "/usr/bin/python3",
  "ansible.validation.enabled": true,
  "ansible.validation.lint.enabled": true,
  "yaml.schemas": {
    "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ansible/ansible-lint/main/src/ansiblelint/schemas/ansible.json": [
      "playbooks/*.yaml",
      "roles/*/tasks/*.yaml",
      "roles/*/handlers/*.yaml"
    ]
  },
  "files.associations": {
    "*.yaml": "ansible",
    "*.yamll": "ansible"
  }
}
```

Recommended Extensions

- redhat.ansible
- redhat.vscode-yaml
- ms-python.python
- ms-vscode.vscode-json

Code Standards

YAML Formatting

```
---
# Document start required
# Use 2-space indentation
# Maximum line length: 120 characters
# Use explicit boolean values: true/false

- name: Example task with proper formatting
  ansible.builtin.package:
    name: "{{ package_name }}"
    state: present
  when: package_name is defined
  become: true
  tags:
    - packages
    - installation
```

Variable Naming Conventions

```
# Role variables (snake_case with role prefix)
hx_ca_trust_certificate_path: "/etc/ssl/certs"
hx_ca_trust_update_command: "update-ca-certificates"

# Group variables (descriptive names)
database_connection_string: "postgresql://user:pass@host:5432/db"
application_log_level: "INFO"

# Host variables (specific to host)
server_hostname: "web01.example.com"
server_ip_address: "192.168.1.100"
```

Task Structure

```
---
# tasks/main.yml - Standard task structure
- name: Include validation tasks
  ansible.builtin.include_tasks: validate.yml
  tags: [validation, always]

- name: Include preparation tasks
  ansible.builtin.include_tasks: prepare.yml
  tags: [preparation]

- name: Include installation tasks
  ansible.builtin.include_tasks: install.yml
  tags: [installation]

- name: Include configuration tasks
  ansible.builtin.include_tasks: configure.yml
  tags: [configuration]

- name: Include security tasks
  ansible.builtin.include_tasks: security.yml
  tags: [security]
```

Error Handling

```
- name: Example with comprehensive error handling
block:
  - name: Attempt primary action
    ansible.builtin.service:
      name: "{{ service_name }}"
      state: started
      register: service_result

  rescue:
    - name: Log error details
      ansible.builtin.debug:
        msg: "Failed to start {{ service_name }}: {{ ansible_failed_result.msg }}"

    - name: Attempt fallback action
      ansible.builtin.command:
        cmd: "systemctl reset-failed {{ service_name }}"
        changed_when: false

    - name: Retry primary action
      ansible.builtin.service:
        name: "{{ service_name }}"
        state: started

  always:
    - name: Verify service status
      ansible.builtin.service_facts:
        register: service_facts

    - name: Assert service is running
      ansible.builtin.assert:
        that:
          - "service_facts.ansible_facts.services[service_name + '.service'].state ==
'running'"
        fail_msg: "Service {{ service_name }} is not running"
```

Role Development

Standardized Role Structure

```
roles/hx_example_standardized/
├── README.md           # Role documentation
├── meta/
│   └── main.yml        # Role metadata and dependencies
├── defaults/
│   └── main.yml        # Default variables
├── vars/
│   └── main.yml        # Role variables
├── tasks/
│   ├── main.yml        # Main task entry point
│   ├── validate.yml    # Input validation
│   ├── prepare.yml     # Preparation tasks
│   ├── install.yml     # Installation tasks
│   ├── configure.yml   # Configuration tasks
│   └── security.yml    # Security hardening
├── handlers/
│   └── main.yml        # Event handlers
├── templates/
│   └── config.j2       # Jinja2 templates
├── files/
│   └── static_file.conf # Static files
├── tests/
│   ├── inventory       # Test inventory
│   └── test.yml        # Test playbook
```

Role Metadata Template

```
---
# meta/main.yml
galaxy_info:
  role_name: hx_example_standardized
  author: HX Infrastructure Team
  description: Standardized role for example service deployment
  company: Hanax AI
  license: MIT
  min_ansible_version: "2.15"

  platforms:
    - name: Ubuntu
      versions:
        - "20.04"
        - "22.04"
    - name: CentOS
      versions:
        - "8"
        - "9"
    - name: RedHat
      versions:
        - "8"
        - "9"

  galaxy_tags:
    - system
    - security
    - infrastructure
    - hx

dependencies:
  - role: common
    when: hx_example_use_common | default(true)

collections:
  - ansible.posix
  - community.general
```

Variable Documentation

```

---
# defaults/main.yml with comprehensive documentation

# Service Configuration
hx_example_service_name: "example-service" # Name of the service
hx_example_service_port: 8080               # Service listening port
hx_example_service_user: "example"          # Service user account
hx_example_service_group: "example"         # Service group

# Installation Options
hx_example_package_name: "example-package" # Package name to install
hx_example_package_version: "latest"        # Package version (latest/specific)
hx_example_install_method: "package"        # Installation method (package/source/
docker)

# Security Settings
hx_example_enable_ssl: true                 # Enable SSL/TLS
hx_example_ssl_cert_path: "/etc/ssl/certs/example.crt" # SSL certificate path
hx_example_ssl_key_path: "/etc/ssl/private/example.key" # SSL private key path
hx_example_firewall_enabled: true           # Enable firewall rules

# Performance Tuning
hx_example_max_connections: 1000           # Maximum concurrent connections
hx_example_worker_processes: "auto"        # Number of worker processes
hx_example_memory_limit: "512M"            # Memory limit

# Monitoring
hx_example_enable_monitoring: true          # Enable monitoring
hx_example_metrics_port: 9090              # Metrics endpoint port
hx_example_health_check_path: "/health"     # Health check endpoint

# Backup Configuration
hx_example_backup_enabled: false            # Enable automated backups
hx_example_backup_schedule: "0 2 * * *"    # Backup cron schedule
hx_example_backup_retention: 30            # Backup retention days

```

Testing Framework

Unit Testing with Molecule


```

---
# molecule/default/molecule.yml
dependency:
  name: galaxy
  options:
    requirements-file: requirements.yml

driver:
  name: docker

platforms:
- name: ubuntu-20.04
  image: ubuntu:20.04
  pre_build_image: true
  privileged: true
  volumes:
    - /sys/fs/cgroup:/sys/fs/cgroup:ro
  command: /lib/systemd/systemd

- name: ubuntu-22.04
  image: ubuntu:22.04
  pre_build_image: true
  privileged: true
  volumes:
    - /sys/fs/cgroup:/sys/fs/cgroup:ro
  command: /lib/systemd/systemd

provisioner:
  name: ansible
  config_options:
    defaults:
      callbacks_enabled: profile_tasks
      stdout_callback: yaml
  inventory:
    host_vars:
      ubuntu-20.04:
        hx_example_test_variable: "test_value_20"
      ubuntu-22.04:
        hx_example_test_variable: "test_value_22"

verifier:
  name: ansible

scenario:
  test_sequence:
    - dependency
    - lint
    - cleanup
    - destroy
    - syntax
    - create
    - prepare
    - converge
    - idempotence
    - side_effect
    - verify
    - cleanup
    - destroy

```

Test Playbooks

```
---
# molecule/default/converge.yml
- name: Converge
  hosts: all
  become: true
  gather_facts: true

  pre_tasks:
    - name: Update package cache (Ubuntu)
      ansible.builtin.apt:
        update_cache: true
        cache_valid_time: 3600
      when: ansible_os_family == "Debian"

    - name: Update package cache (RedHat)
      ansible.builtin.yum:
        update_cache: true
      when: ansible_os_family == "RedHat"

  roles:
    - role: hx_example_standardized
      vars:
        hx_example_service_port: 8080
        hx_example_enable_ssl: false
        hx_example_install_method: "package"
```

Verification Tests

```

---
# molecule/default/verify.yml
- name: Verify
  hosts: all
  gather_facts: false
  tasks:
    - name: Verify service is running
      ansible.builtin.service_facts:
        register: service_facts

    - name: Assert service is active
      ansible.builtin.assert:
        that:
          - "service_facts.ansible_facts.services['example-service.service'].state ==
'running'"
        fail_msg: "Service is not running"

    - name: Verify service is listening on correct port
      ansible.builtin.wait_for:
        port: 8080
        host: "{{ ansible_default_ipv4.address }}"
        timeout: 30
        register: port_check

    - name: Verify configuration file exists
      ansible.builtin.stat:
        path: "/etc/example/config.conf"
        register: config_file

    - name: Assert configuration file exists
      ansible.builtin.assert:
        that:
          - config_file.stat.exists
        fail_msg: "Configuration file not found"

    - name: Verify log file is created
      ansible.builtin.stat:
        path: "/var/log/example/service.log"
        register: log_file

    - name: Assert log file exists
      ansible.builtin.assert:
        that:
          - log_file.stat.exists
        fail_msg: "Log file not found"

```

Security Guidelines

Secrets Management

```
# Use Ansible Vault for sensitive data
# group_vars/all/vault.yml (encrypted)
$ANSIBLE_VAULT;1.1;AES256
66386439653...

# Reference in tasks
- name: Configure database connection
  ansible.builtin.template:
    src: database.conf.j2
    dest: /etc/app/database.conf
    mode: '0600'
    owner: app
    group: app
  vars:
    db_password: "{{ vault_database_password }}"
    no_log: true
```

Privilege Escalation

```
# Minimal privilege escalation
- name: Install package (requires root)
  ansible.builtin.package:
    name: "{{ package_name }}"
    state: present
  become: true
  become_user: root

# Service-specific user for application tasks
- name: Configure application
  ansible.builtin.template:
    src: app.conf.j2
    dest: /etc/app/app.conf
  become: true
  become_user: "{{ app_user }}"
```

Input Validation

```
# tasks/validate.yml
- name: Validate required variables are defined
  ansible.builtin.assert:
    that:
      - hx_example_service_name is defined
      - hx_example_service_name | length > 0
      - hx_example_service_port is defined
      - hx_example_service_port | int > 0
      - hx_example_service_port | int < 65536
    fail_msg: "Required variables are not properly defined"

- name: Validate SSL configuration
  ansible.builtin.assert:
    that:
      - hx_example_ssl_cert_path is defined
      - hx_example_ssl_key_path is defined
    fail_msg: "SSL certificate and key paths must be defined when SSL is enabled"
  when: hx_example_enable_ssl | default(false)

- name: Validate installation method
  ansible.builtin.assert:
    that:
      - hx_example_install_method in ['package', 'source', 'docker']
    fail_msg: "Installation method must be one of: package, source, docker"
```

Documentation Standards

Role Documentation Template

```
# Role Name: hx_example_standardized

## Description

Brief description of what this role does and its purpose in the HX infrastructure.

## Requirements

- Ansible 2.15+
- Target OS: Ubuntu 20.04+, CentOS 8+
- Required privileges: sudo access

## Role Variables

### Required Variables

| Variable | Type | Description | Example |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| `hx_example_service_name` | string | Name of the service | `"example-service" |
| `hx_example_service_port` | integer | Service port | `8080` |

### Optional Variables

| Variable | Type | Default | Description |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| `hx_example_enable_ssl` | boolean | `true` | Enable SSL/TLS |
| `hx_example_package_version` | string | `"latest"` | Package version |

## Dependencies

- `common` role (optional)
- `ansible.posix` collection
- `community.general` collection

## Example Playbook

```yaml
- hosts: servers
 roles:
 - role: hx_example_standardized
 vars:
 hx_example_service_port: 8080
 hx_example_enable_ssl: true
```

## Testing

```
Run molecule tests
cd roles/hx_example_standardized
molecule test

Run specific scenario
molecule test -s ubuntu-20.04
```

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```
Git Workflow
```

```
Branch Strategy
```

```
graph LR
 A[main] --> B[feature/new-role]
 A --> C[hotfix/security-fix]
 A --> D[release/v1.2.0]

 B --> E[Pull Request]
 C --> F[Pull Request]
 D --> G[Pull Request]

 E --> A
 F --> A
 G --> A
```

## Commit Message Format

```
type(scope): subject

body

footer
```

### Types:

- feat : New feature
- fix : Bug fix
- docs : Documentation changes
- style : Code style changes
- refactor : Code refactoring
- test : Test additions/modifications
- chore : Maintenance tasks

### Examples:

```
feat(roles): add hx_litellm_proxy_standardized role

- Implement LiteLLM proxy configuration
- Add SSL/TLS support
- Include health check endpoints
- Add comprehensive testing

Closes #123
```

## Pre-commit Hooks

```
.pre-commit-config.yaml
repos:
 - repo: https://github.com/pre-commit/pre-commit-hooks
 rev: v4.4.0
 hooks:
 - id: trailing-whitespace
 - id: end-of-file-fixer
 - id: check-yaml
 - id: check-added-large-files

 - repo: https://github.com/ansible/ansible-lint
 rev: v6.17.2
 hooks:
 - id: ansible-lint

 - repo: https://github.com/adrienverge/yamllint
 rev: v1.32.0
 hooks:
 - id: yamllint
```

## Code Review Process

### Review Checklist

#### Functionality

- [ ] Code accomplishes intended purpose
- [ ] All edge cases are handled
- [ ] Error handling is comprehensive
- [ ] Idempotency is maintained

#### Security

- [ ] No hardcoded secrets
- [ ] Proper privilege escalation
- [ ] Input validation implemented
- [ ] Secure defaults used

#### Quality

- [ ] Code follows style guidelines
- [ ] Documentation is complete
- [ ] Tests are comprehensive
- [ ] Performance considerations addressed

#### Ansible Best Practices

- [ ] Tasks are idempotent
- [ ] Proper use of modules
- [ ] Appropriate use of handlers
- [ ] Correct variable scoping

### Review Process

1. **Automated Checks:** CI/CD pipeline runs automatically
2. **Peer Review:** At least one team member reviews



3. **Security Review:** Security team reviews for sensitive changes
4. **Testing:** All tests must pass
5. **Documentation:** Documentation must be updated
6. **Approval:** Required approvals before merge

## CI/CD Integration

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### GitHub Actions Workflow

```

.github/workflows/ci.yml
name: CI/CD Pipeline

on:
 push:
 branches: [main, develop]
 pull_request:
 branches: [main]

jobs:
 lint:
 runs-on: ubuntu-latest
 steps:
 - uses: actions/checkout@v3

 - name: Set up Python
 uses: actions/setup-python@v4
 with:
 python-version: '3.9'

 - name: Install dependencies
 run: |
 pip install ansible-lint yamllint
 ansible-galaxy install -r requirements.yml

 - name: Run ansible-lint
 run: ansible-lint .

 - name: Run yamllint
 run: yamllint .

 security:
 runs-on: ubuntu-latest
 steps:
 - uses: actions/checkout@v3

 - name: Run security scan
 run: |
 make secrets-lint

 - name: Check for vulnerabilities
 run: |
 # Add vulnerability scanning tools
 echo "Security scan completed"

 test:
 runs-on: ubuntu-latest
 strategy:
 matrix:
 python-version: [3.8, 3.9, '3.10']

 steps:
 - uses: actions/checkout@v3

 - name: Set up Python ${ matrix.python-version }
 uses: actions/setup-python@v4
 with:
 python-version: ${ matrix.python-version }

 - name: Install dependencies
 run: |
 pip install molecule molecule-plugins[docker] pytest-testinfra

```

```
- name: Run molecule tests
 run: |
 cd roles/hx_ca_trust_standardized && molecule test
 cd ../hx_domain_join_standardized && molecule test
```

## Troubleshooting

### Common Issues

#### Ansible Lint Errors

```
Fix common lint issues
ansible-lint --fix .

Ignore specific rules
.ansible-lint
skip_list:
 - yamll[line-length]
 - name[casing]
```

#### Molecule Test Failures

```
Debug molecule tests
molecule --debug test

Keep containers for debugging
molecule test --destroy never

Connect to test container
molecule login -h instance-name
```

#### Variable Precedence Issues

```
Variable precedence (highest to lowest):
1. Extra vars (-e)
2. Task vars
3. Block vars
4. Role vars
5. Play vars
6. Host vars
7. Group vars
8. Role defaults

Use debug to check variable values
- name: Debug variable value
 ansible.builtin.debug:
 var: variable_name
```

## Performance Optimization

```
Optimize Ansible performance
[defaults]
forks = 50
pipelining = True
gathering = smart
fact_caching = jsonfile
fact_caching_connection = /tmp/ansible_facts_cache
fact_caching_timeout = 86400

Use async for long-running tasks
- name: Long running task
 ansible.builtin.command: /path/to/long/command
 async: 300
 poll: 10
```

## Debugging Techniques

```
Enable verbose output
ansible-playbook -vvv playbook.yml

Use debug module
- name: Debug variable
 ansible.builtin.debug:
 var: ansible_facts
 verbosity: 2

Use assert for validation
- name: Validate condition
 ansible.builtin.assert:
 that:
 - condition_to_check
 fail_msg: "Condition failed"
 success_msg: "Condition passed"
```

This development guide provides comprehensive standards and practices for contributing to the HX Infrastructure Ansible project, ensuring code quality, security, and maintainability.