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Setting up a Windows Host

This document discusses the setup that is required before Ansible can communicate with a Microsoft Windows host.

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Host Requirements

For Ansible to communicate to a Windows host and use Windows modules, the Windows host must meet the following requirements:

- Ansible's supported Windows versions generally match those under current and extended support from Microsoft. Supported desktop OSs include Windows 7, 8.1, and 10, and supported server OSs are Windows Server 2008, 2008 R2, 2012, 2012 R2, and 2016.
- Ansible requires PowerShell 3.0 or newer and at least .NET 4.0 to be installed on the Windows host.
- A WinRM listener should be created and activated. More details for this can be found below.

> ❗ **Note**
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> While these are the base requirements for Ansible connectivity, some Ansible modules have additional requirements, such as a newer OS or PowerShell version. Please consult this