

TEKLINKS

Code Camp

Lab 2: Ansible

Prep

- Download Vagrant and install - <https://www.vagrantup.com/downloads.html>
- Download Virtualbox and install <https://www.virtualbox.org/wiki/Downloads>

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- Download the repo by GIT or Zip file - top right button of the repo

<https://github.com/jasonbarbee/TekLinksCodeCamp-Jan-2017>

- Unzip and cd to the vagrant-code-camp folder
- issue command `vagrant up` - give it 10 minutes.
- Then run `vagrant ssh` to open a SSH to the machine
- Change to the lab directory - `cd /vagrant/Ansible`

Cloud Routers

Using VyOS - Vyatta - open source free router similar to Cisco.

Running a single instance in AWS EC2 instance for this lab.

Start building a playbook

- Verital and Spacing is VERY important.
- Open a text editor, and build a new file - called get-facts.yml
- This file does not have any tasks, but it is a start.

```
---  
- name: VyOS Gather Facts  
  hosts: all  
  connection: local  
  
  vars:  
    version: ""  
    ansible_net_version: ""  
    cli:  
      host: "{{ inventory_hostname }}"  
      username: "{{ username }}"  
      password: "{{ password }}"  
      transport: cli
```

Add a Task to gather all router facts

```
tasks:
  - name: collect all facts from the device
    vyos_facts:
      gather_subset: all
      provider: "{{ cli }}"
    register: result

  - name: debug stuff
    debug:
      var: result.ansible_facts
```

The first task collects the data, the second task dumps the data variable.
The second debug prints the array of data that the first task gathered.

Basic Ansible Fact Gathering

```
ansible-playbook -i inventory get-facts.yml
```

You should get ansible output from a test Vyatta router running in AWS EC2 Instance.

The data is broken out into JSON format, which you can parse out using other tools.

Next - simple show version

Add a task to the bottom to show version.

```
- name: Show version
  vyos_command:
    commands:
      - show version
  provider: "{{ cli }}"
```

Run it and see what the data looks like

```
ansible-playbook -i inventory get-facts.yml
```


Send a message to Cisco Spark!

Update your inventory file with your Spark Auth Token and your Customer Name.¹

```
- name: Cisco Spark - Text Message to a Room
  cisco_spark:
    recipient_type: roomId
    recipient_id: "{{ roomId }}"
    message_type: text
    personal_token: "{{ bottoken }}"
    message: "Your Name : Found Device - {{ result.ansible_facts.ansible_net_hostname }}"
```

¹ This module is pending final commitment to the next version, but I have loaded it on the Code Camp box.

Backup configs and make a change

This is a good time to make a new file, copy the header and provider variables, then use this as your task. Name it backup-change.yml and try to run it.

- **name:** backup and load config commands from vyos.cfg
vyos_config:
 src: vyos.cfg
 backup: yes
 provider: "{{ cli }}"
- **name:** configure the remote device with example CLI
vyos_config:
 backup: yes
 lines:
 - set system host-name AWS-CodeCamp-{yourname}
 provider: "{{ cli }}"

Ansible can play with AWS too...

AWS - Basic EC2 Inventory List

A user linked to my account credentials are included in the repo.

Run

```
ansible-playbook -i inventory aws-facts.yml
```

to see my AWS inventory running for this Lab.

```
- name: Gather EC2 facts
  ec2_remote_facts:
    aws_access_key: "{{ AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID }}"
    aws_secret_key: "{{ AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY }}"
    region: "{{ EC2_REGION }}"
  register: ec2_facts

- name: Debug
  debug:
    msg: "{{ ec2_facts }}"
```

Followup Resources

Great resources to read up on
Network To Code Ansible Plugin

<https://github.com/networktocode/ntc-ansible>

Python for Network Engineers

<https://pynet.twb-tech.com/>

NAPALM for Ansible

<https://pynet.twb-tech.com/blog/automation/napalm-ios.html>