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| ANSIBLE CORE | ANSIBLE TOWER | USECASE |
| CLI | WEB BASED UI | We can easily manage through the dashboard provided |
| Playbooks are to be run using command | We can run/test playbooks using push button | Non-privileged users can safely deploy entire apps with push button |
| It solves the problem of automating and orchestrating, doesn’t provide efficient security | Role based access control for providing more security | We can create teams, roles, add users and grant permissions accordingly |
| No guarantee of execution parameters or integrity of playbook as designed. | Execution history | We can know what changes are made by whom |
| No abstraction of remote host or cloud credentials from user | Secure credential storage | The credentials are not disclosed to the user |
| We cant run multiple playbooks | We can maintain Workflow | We can chain any number of playbooks |
| We can schedule certain tasks using CRON module. | We can schedule jobs | We can setup occasional tasks such as backups. |
| Inventories are to be managed through hosts file | Inventories can be graphically managed | We can specify set of inventories under inventories section in UI |
| We can define templates | We can define templates | We can edit certain details such as database credentials etc |
| For creating playbooks CLI is preferable | For executing them as naïve user web based UI is preferable | We can execute playbooks using push button |
| Audit trail is not available | Audit trail | We can aggregate the logs |
| Ideal for small teams | Ideal for large teams | It can be easily managed through the UI and security can be ensured through role based access. |