

Project Summary

Project Overview

Create Ansible scripts to read / update configuration and Status information on a Firewall Appliance (Cisco Firepower Threat Defense (FTD)) connecting via SSH. Developer does not need to know the FTD architecture – a Cisco Firepower Threat Defense (FTD) Subject Matter Expert (SME) is available to assist; SME is not a developer but understands the FTD Architecture / Configuration etc.

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- 1) Assist in Setting/upgrading Ansible on CentOS 7 from version 2.4.2 to 2.7.
- 2) Create Ansible Scripts based on the scenarios detailed below.
- 3) Ansible Scripts for only one appliance architecture will be required (Cisco Firepower Threat Defense (FTD) version 6.4).
- 4) The connection to the appliance uses SSH.

Resources

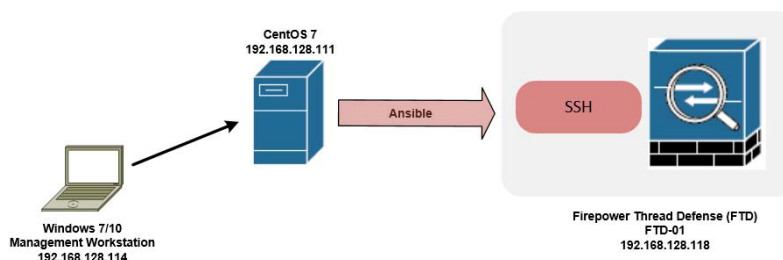
- Ansible for FirePower Threat Defense Documentation:

<https://developer.cisco.com/site/ftd-ansible/>

Test Environment Details

A test environment will be provided for testing.

- Host running CentOS 7 with Ansible 2.4.2 (will need to upgrade to 2.7) for testing.
- FTP Server to exchange files between Management Workstation and CentOS.
- Cisco FTD version 6.4 installed and configured.
- The topology shown below will be configured with TFTP/IP and all necessary initialization.



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1. Create Ansible Scripts to read / update information configuration and Status information from Cisco FTD using the SSH interface.
 - a. The script will read the current configuration of the “Central Manager” configured on the FTD.
 - b. The Script will display the following to the user.
 - i. If a manger exists, display the information of the manager that is currently configured on the system and display a message “Login into the FTD and delete the Configured Manager.”

- ii. If a Manger configuration does not exist display the following message, "No Manger is configured. Would you like to configure a manager (Y/N)?"
- iii. If the Answer is N, terminate the script and display the message "No manager configured due to user abort".
- iv. If the answer is Yes, prompt the user to enter the following information:
 1. Manager IP address (Example: 192.168.1.5)
 2. Secret Key (Example: cisco123)

Note: no validation or error checking is required.

- c. The commands on the FTD to view the configured Manger or add a Manager using an interactive SSH session are:

To view mangers:

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> show managers
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> configure manager add 192.168.128.11 cisco123
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Note: the IP address 192.168.128.11 and cisco123 will be the variables read by the script and configured on the Appliance.