

Automation Controller(Formerly known as Ansible Tower)

1. Graphical tool to work with Ansible
2. Easy based on Browser
3. Schedule your play's to run as specific time
4. Logs of plays run
5. RBAC

Control Node/Workstation (Linux/Unix Only)
yum install ansible ansible-navigator python -y

Inventory

Static [static file with system name/IP
(yam/ini)]
Dynamic [Active Directory, LDAP, Satellite
CMDB, Openstack,AWS,VMWare,
VirtualBox] via python script

Push a Task to Managed Hosts

1. Ad-Hoc Command (Development/Testing) One time NOT reusable
ansible hostname -m Module_name -a 'option1=value1 option2=value2'
2. Playbook (Production) Reusable as many time
ansible-playbook play1.yml

Playbook:
vim play1.yml
-name: Playbook Purpose
hosts: list_host
tasks:
-name: Install httpd
ansible.builtin.dnf:
name: httpd
state: present
-name: Create user
cisco.ios.ioc_user:
name: user1
password: redhat123

INVENTORY:
Default File: /etc/ansible/hosts [root permission]
Custom File: YOUR_CUSTOM_PATH

ANSIBLE Configuration File:
Default File: /etc/ansible/ansible.cfg Level 1
user file(Home Dir): ~/.ansible.cfg Level 2
Project specific: .ansible.cfg Level 3
Define Env Variable: ANSIBLE_CONFIG #~/tmp/ansible.config Level 4

1. Copy module.py from Control Node to Managed Host (Temp Folder)
2. Change permission of module.py to executable via chmod u+x module.py
3. Check & Execute using "python3 module.py" and make changes(if not DESIRED)
4. Remove Module which was copied (rm -rf Module_path)

Container Image1
collection cisco v1
collection mysql v1
python2.7

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## Default Settings
## ssh.py is plugin
ansible_connection: ssh
ansible_port: 22
ansible_user: student (variable file)
# remote_user=devops (ansible.cfg)
ansible_password: redhat (SSH_KEY) [--ask-pass for Ad-hoc]
ask-pass
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Container Image2
cisco v2
postgresql
python 3.6

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# winrm.py is plugin
ansible_connection: winrm
ansible_port: 5986
ansible_user: devops (remote_user)
ansible_password: redhat (SSH_KEY)

ansible_connection: network_cli(cisco,arista)netconf(juniper)
ansible_port: 22 (Depend)
ansible_user: student (remote_user)
ansible_password: student (SSH_KEY to login)
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Idempotent Modules/Behaviour
Desired State (OK, Changed, Fatal, Ignoring)
Check, if the Managed Hosts has already those configs?
If Yes, Nothing Happen
If No, Configs Changed Done

1. In Network Device Case which doesn't have python:
1. Copy Module.py from Control Node to Itself(CN) (Temp Folder)
2. Check & Execute and create commands if changes required
3. Push Commands to Device and Remove Module which was copied (rm -rf Module_path)

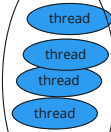
Managed Hosts/Nodes

Python Installed Linux
[privilege escalation]
become: true
become_user: root
become_method: sudo/su
become_ask_pass: true/false

PowerShell Installed Windows
become: true
become_user: administrator
become_method: runas
become_ask_pass: true/false

Python May/May Not Network Device
Cisco XE/Juniper/Arista
become: true
become_user: admin
become_method: enable
become_ask_pass: true/false

Cloud



Execution

Image 2
python 3.6

Execution Machine

OLD Way:
ansible-playbook play.yml -i inventory --ask-become-pass
New Way:
ansible-navigator run linux.yml --inventory gabriel_inventory --eei hub.lab.example.com/ee-supported-rhel8 --pull-policy missing
-e 'ansible_become_password=redhat ansible_password=redhat' -m stdout