

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) (yaml/.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.isis.user:
        name: user1
        password: redhat123
```

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

Container Image2

cisco v2
postgresql
python 3.6

Default Settings

```
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
```

```
ansible_connection: network_cli(cisco,arista)/netconf(juniper)
ansible_port: 22 (Depend)
ansible_user: student (remote_user)
ansible_password: student (SSH_KEY to login)
```

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

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



thread

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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