Deploying PHP applications using Ansible, Ansible Vault and Ansistrano

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Things we'll be looking at









What is Ansible?

Ansible is open source software that automates software provisioning, configuration management, and application deployment.



What is Ansible?

- CLI tool
- Written in Python
- Configured with YAML
- Executes remote commands
- Installs software packages
- Performs deployment steps
- Batteries included



What is Ansible?

- Hosts
- Commands
- Playbooks
- Tasks
- Roles



Why Ansible?

- Familiar syntax
- Easily readable
- No server dependencies
- Easy to add to an existing project
- Includes relevant modules (e.g. Composer)



Hosts

hosts.ini

[dransible] 192.168.33.10

```
# hosts.yml

dransible:
  hosts:
  192.168.33.10:
```

Commands

ansible all -m ping

```
dransible | SUCCESS => {
    "ansible_facts": {
        "discovered_interpreter_python": "/usr/bin/python"
    },
    "changed": false,
    "ping": "pong"
}
```

ansible all -m command -a 'git pull --chdir=/app'

```
ansible all
-m git -a 'repo=https://
  github.com/opdavies/
  dransible dest=/app'
```

Tasks and Playbooks

```
# playbook.yml
- hosts: all
  vars:
    git_repo: https://github.com/opdavies/dransible
  tasks:
    - name: Update the code
      git:
        repo: '{{ git_repo }}'
        dest: /app
        version: master
        update: true
```

ansible-playbook ansible/playbook.yml -i hosts.yml

Roles

```
# requirements.yml
```

```
---
- src: geerlingguy.apache
- src: geerlingguy.composer
- src: geerlingguy.mysql
- src: geerlingguy.php
- src: geerlingguy.php
```

ansible-galaxy -r ansible/requirements.yml install

```
# playbook.yml
```

_ _ _

- hosts: all

roles:

- geerlingguy.apache
- geerlingguy.mysql
- geerlingguy.php
- geerlingguy.php-mysql
- geerlingguy.composer

Basic deployment

```
# ansible/provision.yml
tasks:
  - name: Create a database
    mysql_db:
      name: mydatabase
      state: present
  - name: Add the database user
    mysql_user:
      name: drupal
      password: secret
      priv: 'mydatabase.*:ALL'
      state: present
```

```
# ansible/deploy.yml
tasks:
  - name: Creating project directory
    file:
      path: /app
      state: directory
  - name: Uploading application
    synchronize:
      src: "{{ playbook_dir }}/../"
      dest: /app
  - name: Installing Composer dependencies
    composer:
      command: install
      working_dir: /app
```

Disadvantages

- Single point of failure
- No ability to roll back
- Sensitive data stored in plain text

Keeping secrets: Ansible Vault

ansible-vault create ansible/vault.yml

```
# ansible/vars/vault.yml
```

_ _ _

vault_database_name: mydatabase

vault_database_user: drupal

vault_database_password: secret

\$ANSIBLE VAULT; 1.1; AES256 39383133330a35636566623262353733373066363837393264616134613 32663432346662613438330a38643539343232376138613733373636343

```
# ansible/vars/vars.yml

---
database_name: "{{ vault_database_name }}"
database_user: "{{ vault_database_user }}"
database_password: "{{ vault_database_password }}"
```

```
# ansible/provision.yml

tasks:
    - name: Create a database
    mysql_db:
```

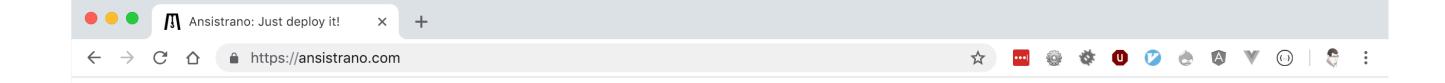
state: present

name: '{{ database_name }}'

ansible-vault edit ansible/vault.yml

ansible-playbook -i hosts.yml ansible/deploy.yml --ask-vault-pass

Better deployments



Ansistrano

ansistrano.deploy and **ansistrano.rollback** are Ansible Galaxy roles to easily manage the deployment process for scripting applications such as PHP, Python and Ruby. It's an Ansible port for Capistrano.

Wow! 943303 deployments so far!

Today, teams using Ansistrano have already deployed **812** times. When considering the whole month, the amount of deployments is **22145** and this year we've reached the **22145** deployments.

Ouch! 2601 rollbacks so far!

On the other hand, today teams rollbacked **0** times. That's **18** times considering the whole month and **18** if considering the whole year. Rollback vs. Deployment ratio is **0.28%**, nice! Keep the good work.

Deployments by weekday

Monday (18%)

Features

- Multiple release directories
- Shared paths and files
- Customisable
- Multiple deployment strategies
- Multi-stage environments
- Prune old releases
- Rollbacks

```
# ansible/requirements.yml
```

- ansistrano.deploy
- ansistrano.rollback

```
# ansible/deploy.yml
---
- hosts: all
roles:
    - ansistrano.deploy
```

```
# ansible/deploy.yml
  vars:
    project_deploy_dir: /var/www
    ansistrano_deploy_to: '{{ project_deploy dir }}'
    ansistrano_deploy_via: git
    ansistrano_git_branch: master
    ansistrano git repo: 'gitagithub.com:opdavies/dransible'
```

ansible-playbook -i hosts.yml ansible/deploy.yml

```
vagrant@dransible:/app$ ls -l
total 8
```

```
lrwxrwxrwx 1    26 Jul 19 00:15 current -> ./releases/20190719001241Z
drwxr-xr-x 5 4096 Jul 22 20:30 releases
drwxr-xr-x 4 4096 Jul 19 00:00 shared
```

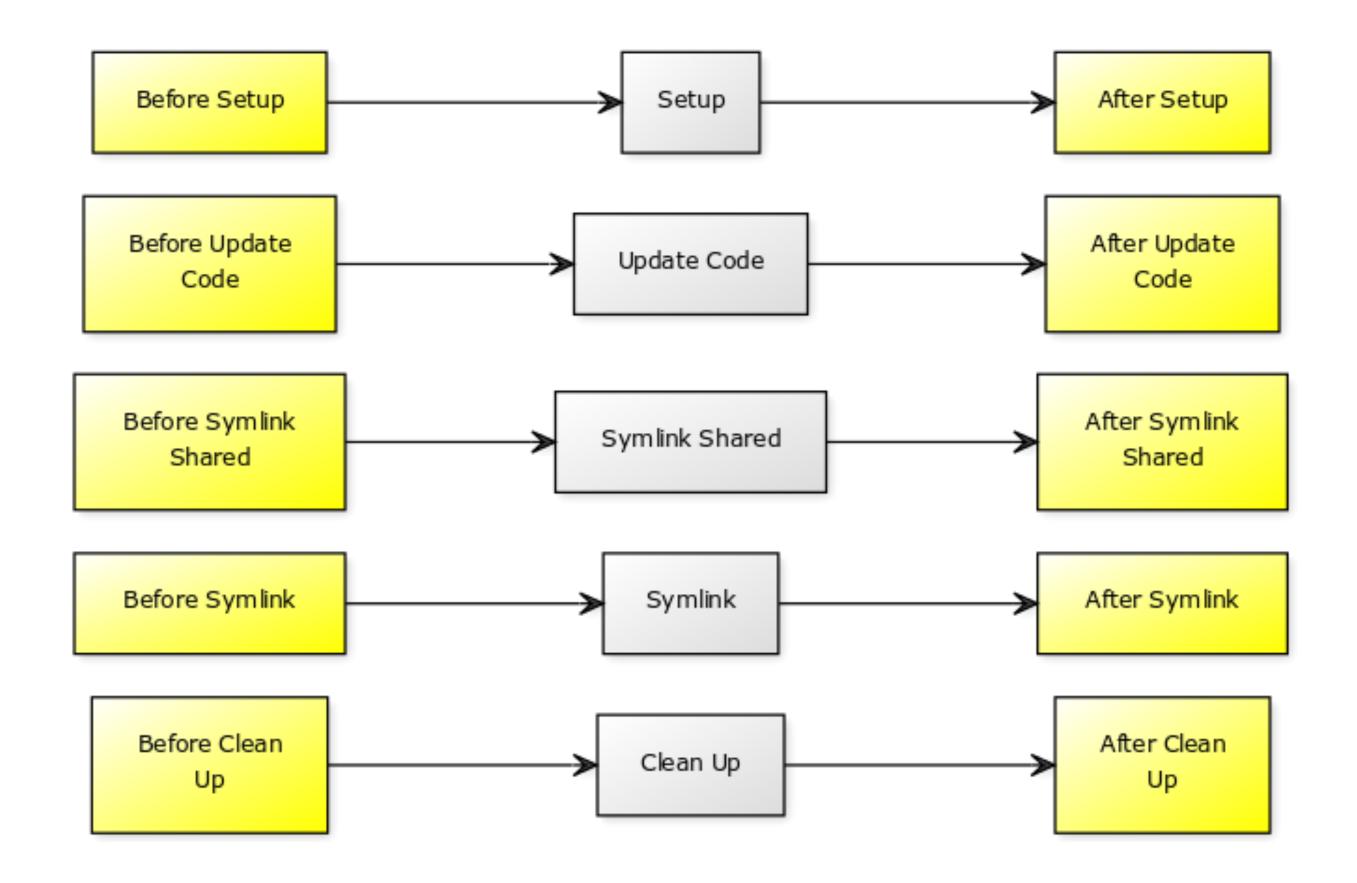
vagrant@dransible:/app/releases\$ ls -l
total 20

```
drwxr-xr-x 5 4096 Jul 22 20:30 .
drwxr-xr-x 4 4096 Jul 19 00:15 ..
drwxr-xr-x 10 4096 Jul 19 00:02 20190719000013Z
drwxr-xr-x 10 4096 Jul 19 00:14 20190719001241Z
drwxr-xr-x 9 4096 Jul 22 20:30 20190722203038Z
```

```
# ansible/rollback.yml
- hosts: all
  roles:
    - ansistrano.rollback
  vars:
    ansistrano_deploy_to: '{{ project_deploy_dir }}'
```

ansible-playbook -i hosts.yml ansible/rollback.yml

Customising Ansistrano: Build Hooks



```
# ansible/deploy.yml

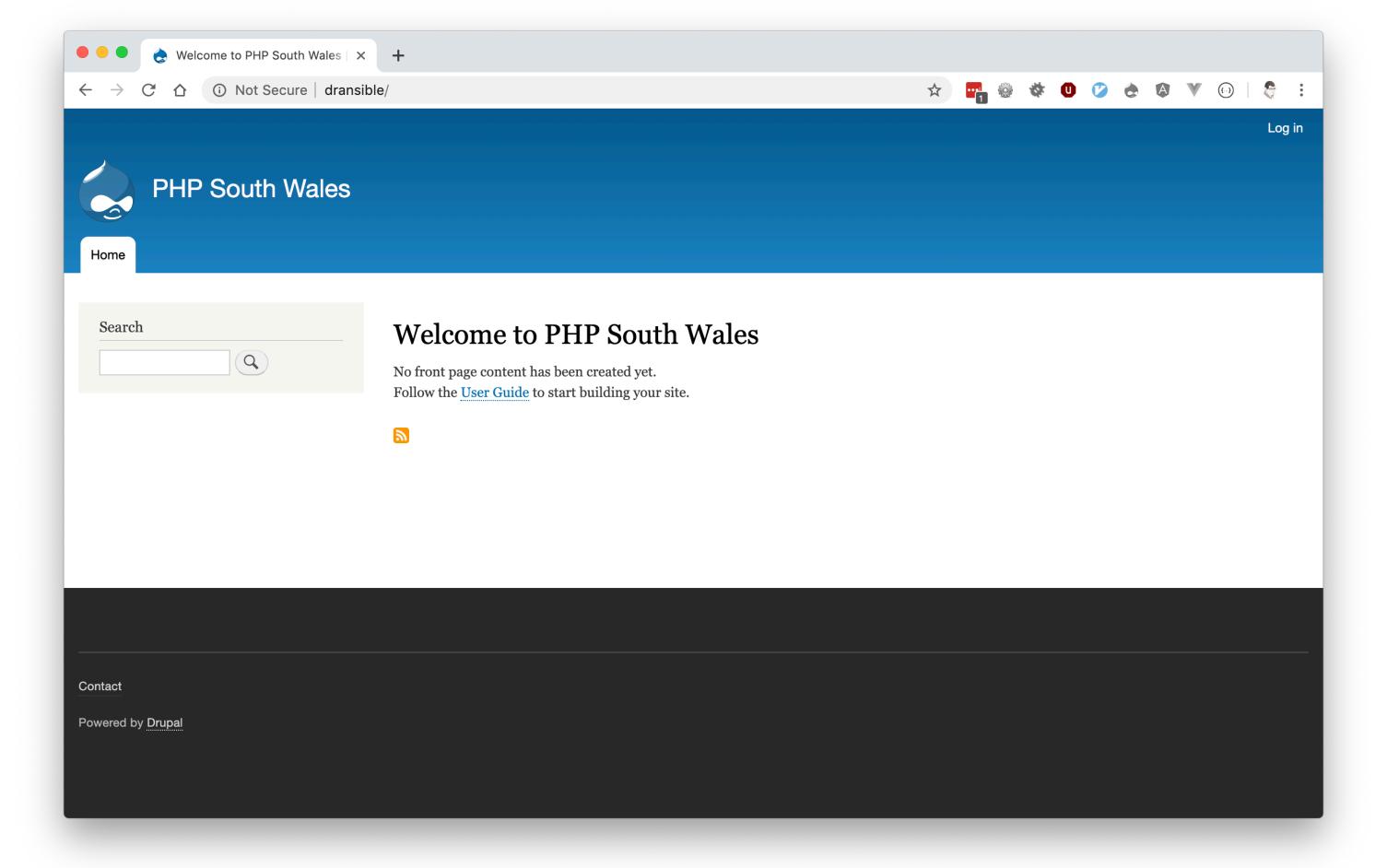
vars:
    ...
    ansistrano_after_symlink_shared_tasks_file: "{{ playbook_dir }}/deploy/after-symlink-shared.yml"
    ansistrano_after_symlink_tasks_file: "{{ playbook_dir }}/deploy/after-symlink.yml"
    ansistrano_after_update_code_tasks_file: "{{ playbook_dir }}/deploy/after-update-code.yml"

    release_web_path: "{{ ansistrano_release_path.stdout }}/web"
    release_drush_path: "{{ ansistrano_release_path.stdout }}/vendor/bin/drush"
```

```
# ansible/deploy/after-update-code.yml
---
- name: Install Composer dependencies
   composer:
      command: install
      working dir: '{{ ansistrano release path.stdout }}'
```

```
# ansible/deploy/after-symlink-shared.yml
---
- name: Run database updates
   command: '{{ release_drush_path }} --root {{ release_web_path }} updatedb'
```

```
# ansible/deploy/after-symlink.yml
---
- name: Clear Drupal cache
   command: '{{ release_drush_path }} --root {{ release_web_path }} cache-rebuild'
```



Demo

Questions?

Thanks!

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Managing data across deployments

```
# ansible/deploy.yml

vars:
    # ...
    ansistrano_shared_paths:
    - "{{ drupal_root }}/sites/default/files"
```

vagrant@dransible:/app/shared/web/sites/default/files\$ ls -la
total 28

```
drwxrwxrwx 6 4096 Jul 19 00:18 .
drwxr-xr-x 3 4096 Jul 19 00:00 ..
drwxrwxr-x 2 4096 Jul 22 21:24 css
-rwxrwxrwx 1 487 Jul 19 00:02 .htaccess
drwxrwxr-x 2 4096 Jul 19 00:19 js
drwxrwxrwx 3 4096 Jul 19 00:18 php
drwxrwxrwx 2 4096 Jul 19 00:03 styles
```

Generating Drupal settings files per deployment

```
# ansible/vars/vault.yml
---
vault_database_name: drupal
vault_database_user: drupal
vault_database_password: drupal
vault_hash_salt: dfgiy$fd2!34gsf2*34g74
```

```
# ansible/vars/vars.yml

---
database_name: "{{ vault_database_name }}"
database_password: "{{ vault_database_password }}"
database_user: "{{ vault_database_user }}"
hash_salt: "{{ vault_hash_salt }}"
```

```
# ansible/vars/vars.yml
drupal_settings:
  - drupal_root: /tmp/app
    sites:
      - name: default
        settings:
          databases:
            default:
              default:
                driver: mysql
                host: localhost
                database: '{{ database_name }}'
                username: '{{ database_user }}'
                password: '{{ database_password }}'
          hash_salt: '{{ hash_salt }}'
          config_directories:
            sync: ../config/sync
```

```
// templates/settings.php.j2
// {{ ansible managed }}
{% for key, values in item. 1. settings. databases. items() %}
{% for target, values in values.items() %}
$databases['{{ key }}']['{{ target }}'] = array(
  'driver' => '{{ values.driver|default('mysql') }}',
  'host' => '{{ values.host|default('localhost') }}',
  'database' => '{{ values.database }}',
  'username' => '{{ values.username }}',
  'password' => '{{ values.password }}',
{% endfor %}
{% endfor %}
{% if item.1.settings.base url is defined %}
$base_url = '{{ item.1.settings.base_url }}';
{% endif %}
```

```
- name: Remove settings.php
 file:
    path: '{{ ansistrano_release_path.stdout }}/web/sites/{{ item.1.name|default("default")}}/settings.php'
    state: absent
 with_subelements:
    - '{{ drupal_settings }}'
    - sites
- name: Link settings.php
 file:
    src: '/tmp/app/sites/{{ item.1.name|default("default")}}/settings.php'
    dest: '{{ ansistrano_release_path.stdout }}/web/sites/{{ item.1.name|default("default")}}/settings.php'
    state: link
 with_subelements:
    - '{{ drupal_settings }}'
    - sites
```