

Automating documentation workflows with Ansible

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We're going to talk about how Ansible can **remove complexity** from documentation workflows and **increase velocity** of writing teams.

This presentation focuses on the specific example of converting between plain-text markup languages but Ansible is great for lots of use cases.

- Orchestrating multiple source repositories.
- Generating reports that describe system state and configuration.
- Automating system test and verification steps.

Why Ansible?

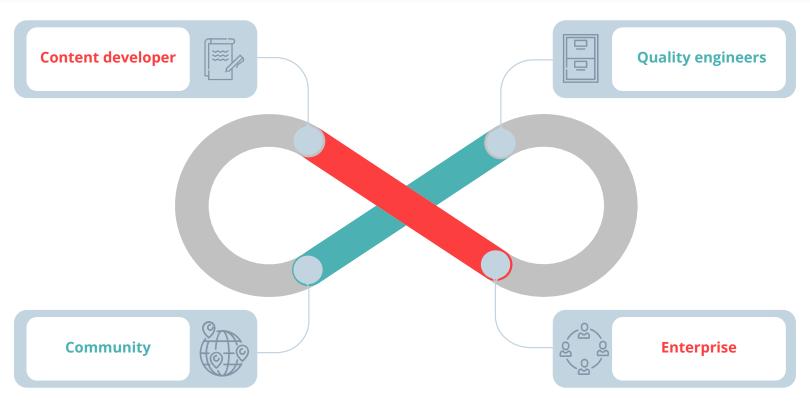


- Awesome tooling.
- Easy to see changes.
- Consistent, reliable automation.

The Zen of Ansible, by Timothy Appnel

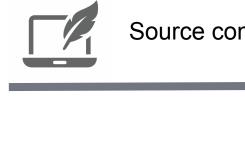
Collaborative documentation workflows





Additional workflows impact velocity





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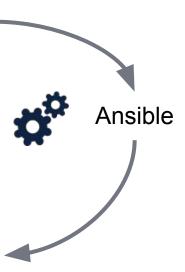


Automation eliminates redundant effort





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Playbooks



- Automation blueprints in YAML format.
- Code that reads like documentation.

```
- name: Playbooks define automation jobs as a series of tasks.
hosts: localhost
vars:
tasks:
- name: The first step in this automation job.
ansible.module.name:
    parameter: my_value
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Demo time



\$ ansible-playbook markdown_to_asciidoc.yaml



https://github.com/oraNod/ansible-conversion-playbooks/

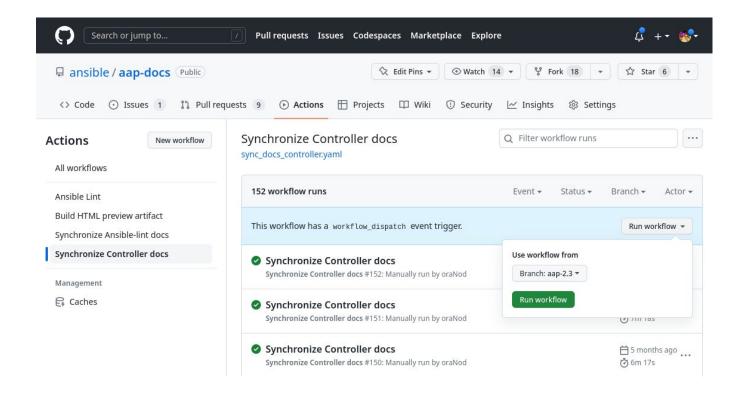
Ansible rocks with CI/CD workflows













Questions?



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