Advantages

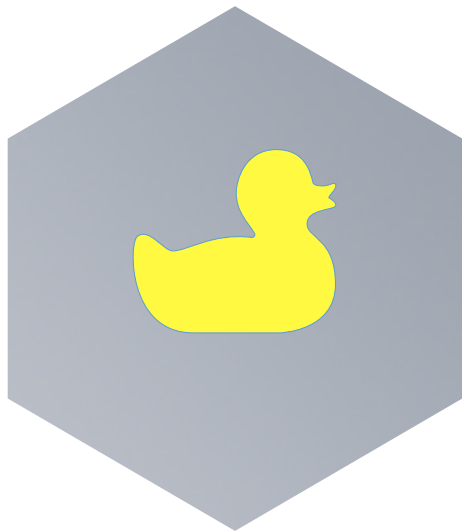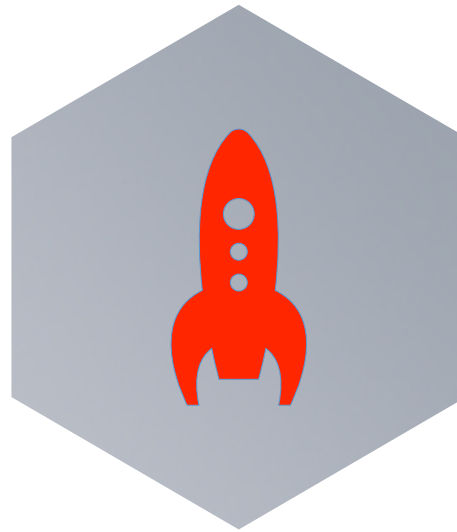### SIMPLE

- Human readable text
- System abstraction
- Top to bottom tasks
- Minimal requirements
- Easy to audit
- Easy to share

POWERFUL

- API equal to CLI
- Batteries included
- Parallel execution
- Multi-tier orchestration
- Pluggable and embeddable
- Works with lots of stuff
- Really scalable

SECURE

- Codified knowledge
- Reproducable systems
- Equivalent environments
- Encrypted variables
- Secure transport
- Idempotency
- No daemons

Using ansible as a remote

Ad-hoc ansible

```
$ ansible all -a 'df -h /var'
www.example.com | CHANGED | rc=0 >>
Filesystem                   1K-blocks    Used Available Use% Mounted on
/dev/mapper/rootvg-VarLV      6281216 1044244   5236972  17% /var

api.example.com | CHANGED | rc=0 >>
Filesystem                   1K-blocks    Used Available Use% Mounted on
/dev/mapper/rootvg-VarLV      6281216 1046540   5234676  17% /var

db.example.com | CHANGED | rc=0 >>
Filesystem                   1K-blocks    Used Available Use% Mounted on
/dev/mapper/rootvg-VarLV      4184064 2642860   1541204  64% /var

logs.example.com | CHANGED | rc=0 >>
Filesystem                   1K-blocks    Used Available Use% Mounted on
/dev/mapper/rootvg-VarLV      4184064 1034356   3149708  25% /var

jump.example.com | CHANGED | rc=0 >>
Filesystem                   1K-blocks    Used Available Use% Mounted on
/dev/mapper/rootvg-VarLV      4184064 1036208   3147856  25% /var
$
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