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ANSIBLE

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**Introduction into
Ansible**

What is Ansible?

Tasks



**Functionality of
Ansible**



Key terms



Comparison



**Advantages and
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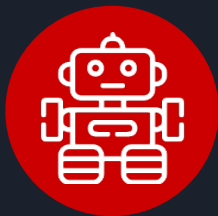


Practical Example



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WHAT IS ANSIBLE?



Open-source
automation



YAML-based
syntax



Utilizes Playbooks to
define tasks and
configurations



Playbooks configure
systems and deploy
applications

TASKS



Configuration management



Cloud provisioning



Creating and managing DBs



Application orchestration



OS level updates

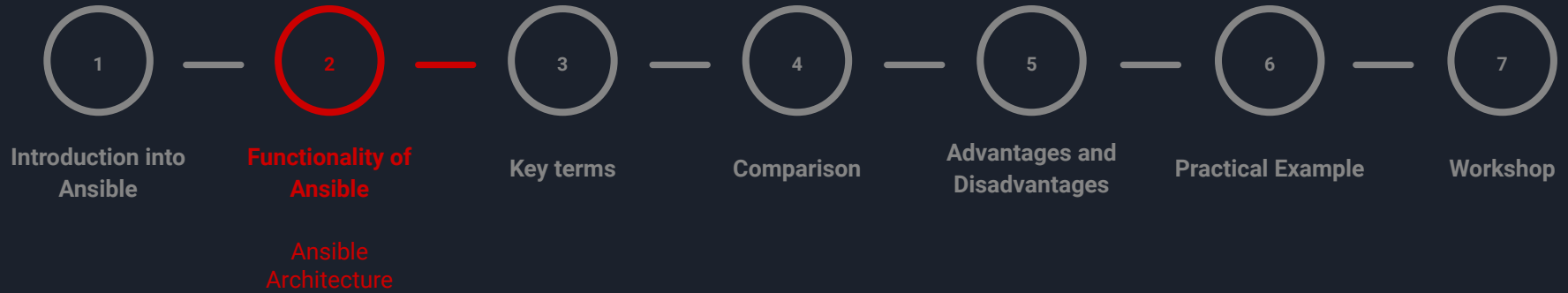


Application deployment



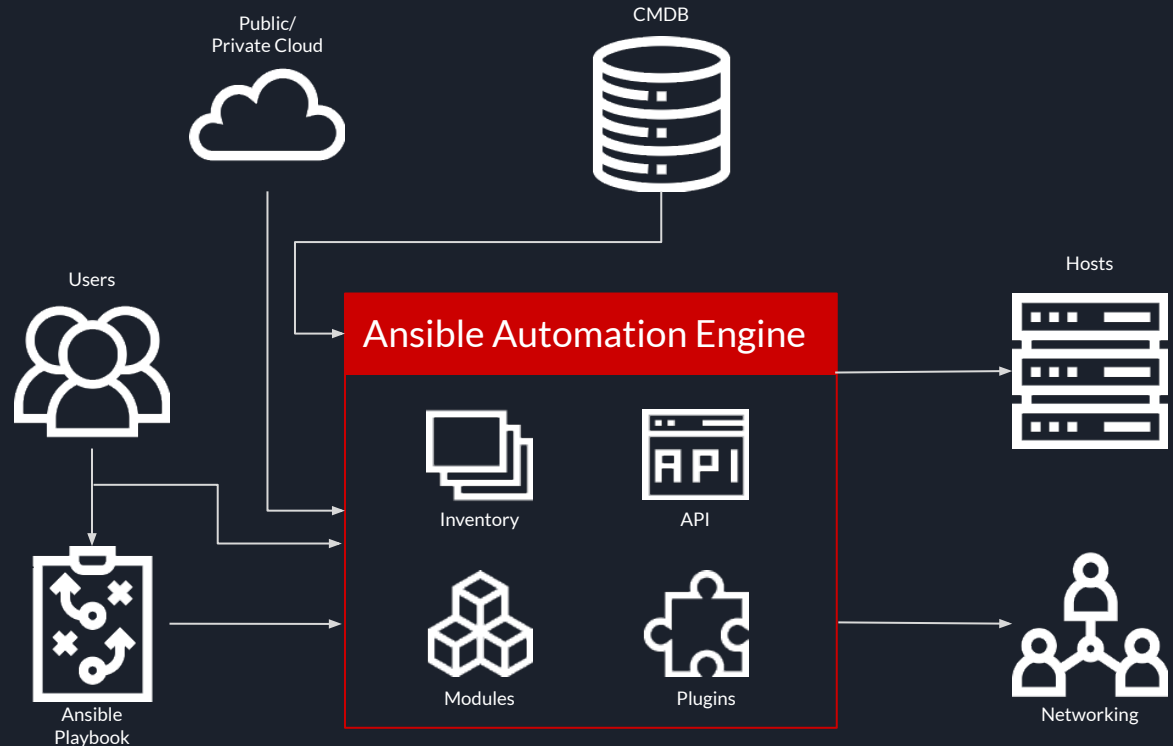


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ANSIBLE ARCHITECTURE

- **Playbooks** define tasks and configurations
- **Tasks** are individual actions within Playbooks
- **Inventory** lists all managed systems
- **Modules** are reusable automation actions
- **Communication** via SSH or WinRM





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```
1 - name: Example Ansible Playbook
2   hosts: web_servers
3
4   vars:
5     nginx_version: "1.18.4"
6
7   tasks:
8     - name: Ensure Nginx is installed
9       apt:
10         name: "nginx-{{ nginx_version }}"
11         state: present
12
13     - name: Configure Nginx
14       template:
15         src: nginx.conf.j2
16         dest: /etc/nginx/nginx.conf
17       notify: Restart Nginx
18
19   handlers:
20     - name: Restart Nginx
21       service:
22         name: nginx
23         state: restarted
24
```

Playbook

Host definition

Variable definition

Play

Task name

Task

Module name

Arguments

Handler



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COMPARISON

	Puppet (2005)	Chef (2009)	Ansible (2012)
Configuration	Puppet DSL	Ruby-based Recipes	YAML-based Playbooks
Scalability	High	Scales well with larger systems	High
Availability	Puppet Agent	Chef Client	Agentless
Programming Language	Ruby	Ruby/ Erlang	Python
Implementation	Puppet Agent on managed nodes	Chef Client on managed nodes	SSH and Python on managed nodes
Ease of use	Moderate	Requires more initial setup	Easy
Orchestration	Limited	Limited	Strong support



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ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES

ADVANTAGES

- Simplicity
- Scalability
- Extensibility
- Idempotency
- Agentlessness
- Large and Active Community
- Wide Platform Support
- Orchestration Capabilities
- Integration with Cloud Services

- Learning curve
- SSH-based communication
- Limited Built-in Error Handling
- Lack of Formal Windows Support for Controller
- Performance for Large Scale Deployments
- Limited Graphical Interface
- Security Concerns

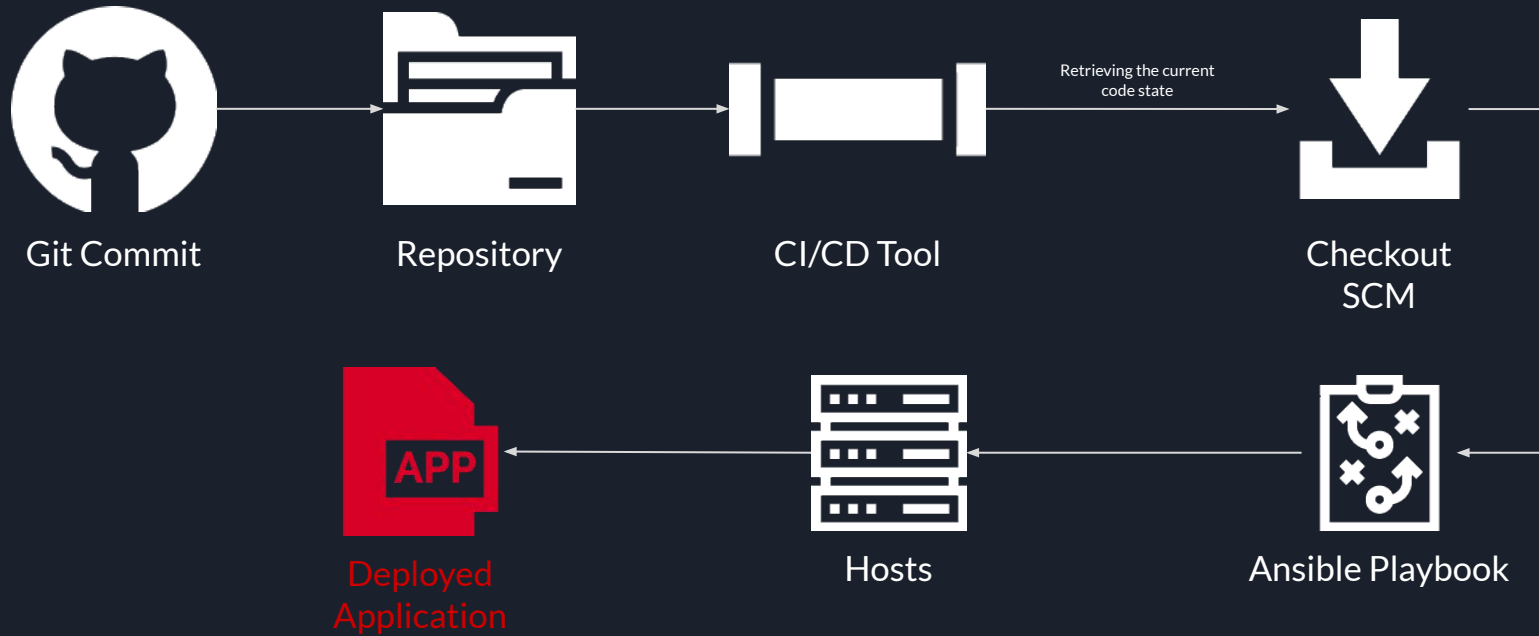
DISADVANTAGES



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EXAMPLE





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