





1. Introduction to Ansible







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What is Ansible?

 Ansible is an automation tool, used for tasks such as configuration management, application deployment and provisioning.

 Ansible allows you to create machines, describe how these machines should be configured and/or what actions should be taken on them.





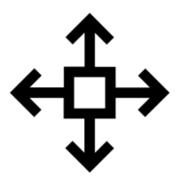
What is Ansible?



Provisioning



Configuration Management



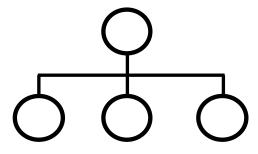
Application Deployment



Continuous Delivery



Security & Compliance



Orchestration





Why Ansible?



Ansible uses an extraordinarily **simple** syntax written in YAML.



Ansible has **powerful** features that can enable you to model even the most complex IT workflows (infrastructure, networks, OS and services)





Why Ansible?



It is completely **agentless**, there are **no agents/software** or additional firewall ports that you need to install on the client systems

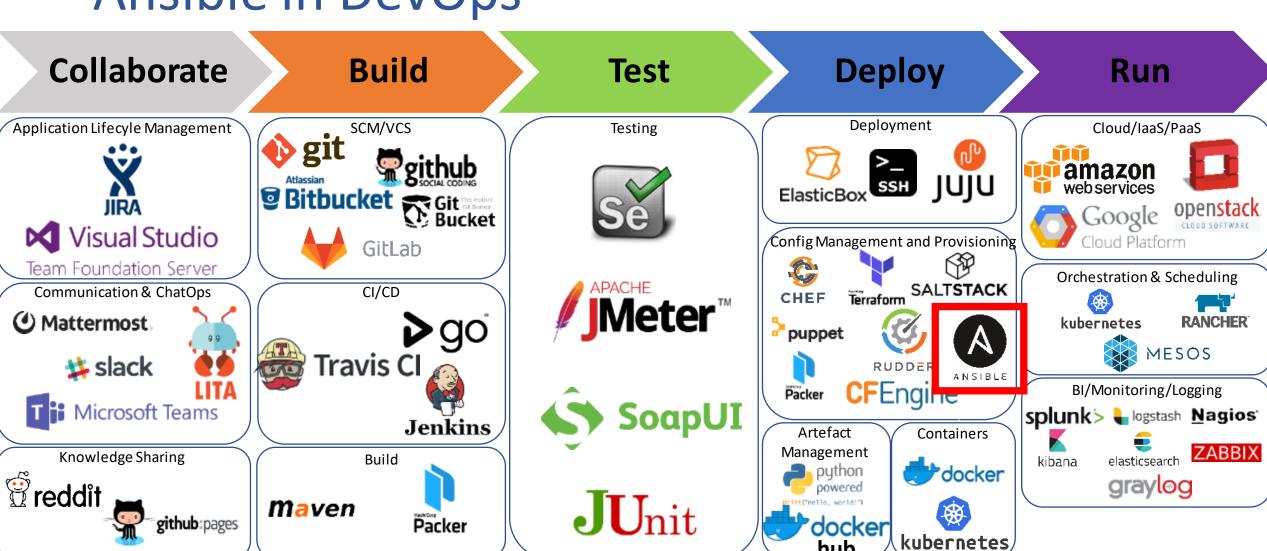


No extra software on your servers means more resources for your applications.





Ansible in DevOps







MONITORING

Dynatrace

Airbrake

BigPanda

Datadog

Nagios

Sensu

Zabbix

+more

New Relic

PagerDuty

StackDriver

LogicMonitor

What Ansible Automates

VIRT &

CLOUD DEVOPS WINDOWS NETWORK CONTAINER AWS Jira Arista **ACLs** Docker Azure A10 GitHub Files **VMware** Digital Cumulus Vagrant **Packages RHV** Ocean **Jenkins** Bigswitch IIS OpenStack Google Cisco Bamboo Regedits OpenShift OpenStack Cumulus Atlassian Shares +more Rackspace Subversion Dell Services +more Slack F5 Configs **STORAGE OPERATING** Hipchat Users Juniper **SYSTEMS** NetApp Palo Alto +more **Domains** RHEL and Red Hat OpenSwitch +more Linux Storage +more UNIX Infinidat Windows +more +more





Ansible History

• The term "ansible" was coined by Ursula K. Le Guin in her 1966 novel Rocannon's World, and refers to fictional instantaneous communication system.

• The Ansible tool was developed by Michael DeHaan, the author of the provisioning server application Cobbler.







Ansible History

- Ansible, Inc. (originally AnsibleWorks, Inc.) was the company set up to commercially support and sponsor Ansible.
- Red Hat acquired Ansible in October 2015.
- Ansible is included as part of the Fedora distribution of Linux, owned by Red Hat.
- Is also available for Red Hat Enterprise Linux, CentOS, Debian, Scientific Linux, Oracle Linux via Extra Packages for Enterprise Linux (EPEL) and Ubuntu as well as for other operating systems.







Installing Ansible

1. Installing prerequisites

```
student:~$ sudo apt update
student:~$ sudo apt -y install software-properties-common
```

2. Add Ansible official repository

```
student:~$ sudo apt-add-repository ppa:ansible/ansible
[...]
http://ansible.com/
More info: https://launchpad.net/~ansible/+archive/ubuntu/ansible
Press [ENTER] to continue or Ctrl-c to cancel adding it.
[...]
Fetched 17.0 kB in 1s (17.6 kB/s)
Reading package lists... Done
```





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3. Install Ansible

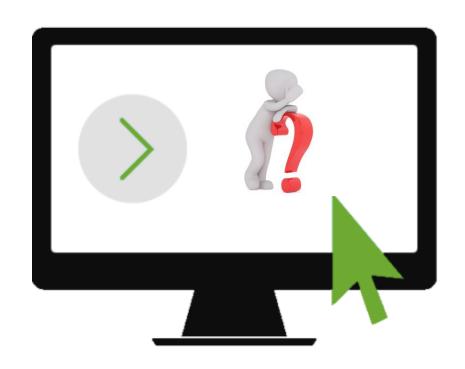
```
student:~$ sudo apt install ansible -y
```

4. Check Ansible version

```
student:~$ ansible --version
ansible 2.9.1
  config file = /etc/ansible/ansible.cfg
  configured module search path = [u'/home/student/.ansible/plugins/modules',
u'/usr/share/ansible/plugins/modules']
  ansible python module location = /usr/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/ansible
  executable location = /usr/bin/ansible
  python version = 2.7.15+ (default, Jan 1 2040, 17:39:04) [GCC 7.4.0]
```













Lab 1: Installing Ansible





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