

Ansible Architecture

Control Node/Workstation (Linux/Unix Only)

yum install ansible python -y

Python Installed

Inventory

Static [static file with system name/IP]
(yaml/ini)

Dynamic [Active Directory, LDAP, Satellite
CMDB, Openstack,AWS] via python script

Push a Task(Module with values) to Managed Hosts

1. Ad-Hoc Command (Development/Testing) One time NOT reusable
ansible hostname -m Module_name -a 'option1=value1 option2=value2'
2. Playbook (Production) Reusable as many time
ansible-playbook play1.yml

Playbook:

vim play1.yml

- name: Playbook Purpose

hosts: list_host

tasks:

- name: Install httpd

Module_name:

Module_options:

- name: Create user

Module_name:

Module_options:

INVENTORY:

Default File: /etc/ansible/hosts

Custom File: YOUR_CUSTOM_PATH

ANSIBLE Configuration File:

Default File: /etc/ansible/ansible.cfg Level 1

User file(Home Dir): ~/.ansible.cfg Level 2

Project specific: ./ansible.cfg Level 3

Define Env Variable: ANSIBLE_CONFIG #=/tmp/ansible.config Level 4

1. Copy module.py from Control Node to Managed Host (Temp Folder)
2. Change permission of module.py to executable via chmod u+x module.py
3. Check & Execute using python and make changes (Desired State) Idempotent Behaviour
4. Remove Module which was copied (rm -rf Module_path)

DEFAULT if Nothing explicitly Mentioned ##
ansible_connection: ssh
ansible_port: 22 (depend)
ansible_user: devops # remote_user=devops
ansible_password: redhat (SSH_KEY)

ansible_connection: winrm
ansible_port: 5986
ansible_user: devops (remote_user)
ansible_password: redhat (SSH_KEY)

ansible_connection: network_cli/netconf
ansible_port: 22 (Depend)
ansible_user: admin (remote_user)
ansible_password: student (SSH_KEY)

Idempotent Modules/Behaviour

Desired State (OK, Changed, Fatal, ignoring)

Check if the Managed Hosts has already those configs ?

If Yes, Nothing Happen

If No, Config Changed Done

In Network Device Case which doesn't have python(Normally):

1. Copy Module.py from Control Node to Itself(CN) (Temp Folder)
2. chmod u+x on the module copied on Control Node
3. Check & Execute and create commands if changes required
4. Push Commands to Device and (On Control Node) Remove Module which was copied from localhost (Control Node) (rm -rf Module_path)

Ansible is AgentLess

Managed Hosts/Nodes

Python Installed

Linux

devops user as root via sudo/su

become: true
become_user: root
become_method: sudo/su
become_ask_pass: true/false

PowerShell installed

Windows

become: true
become_user: administrator
become_method: runas
become_ask_pass: true/false

Python May/May Not

Network Device

become: true
become_user: admin
become_method: enable
become_ask_pass: true/false

Cloud