

Ansible Network Automation

Introduction to Ansible for network engineers and operators

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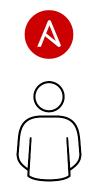


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What are we going to talk about

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Silos	Networking	Tower		
Playbooks	Playbooks	etc		





Automation happens when one person meets a problem they never want to solve again



Introduction

Topics Covered:

- Why Network Automation?
- How Ansible Network Automation works



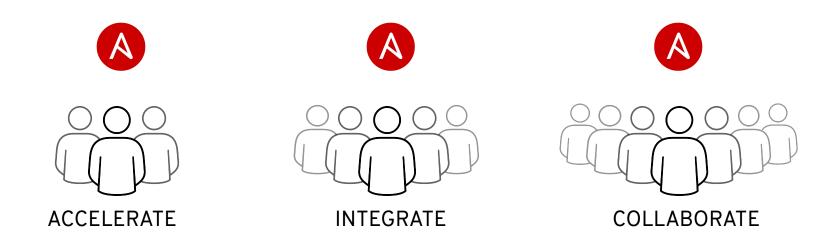


of networks are still driven manually via CLI

Source: Gartner, Look Beyond Network Vendors for Innovation. January 2018

THE WORLD IS AUTOMATING

Those who succeed in automation will win



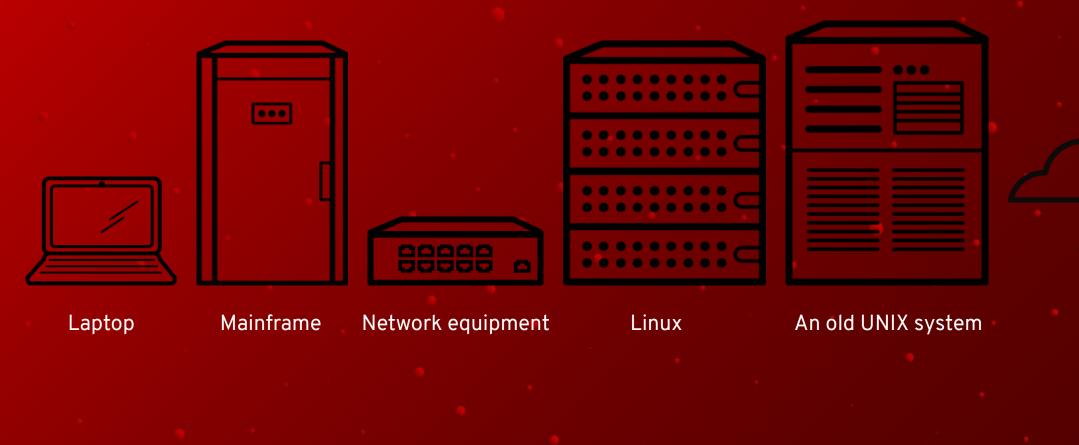


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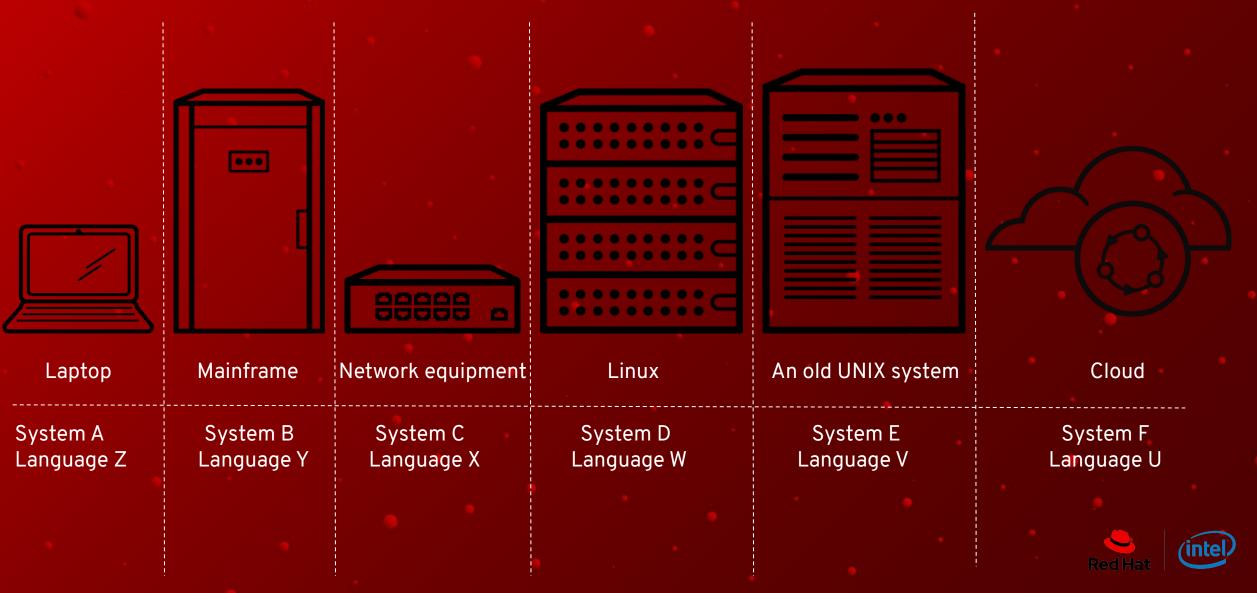
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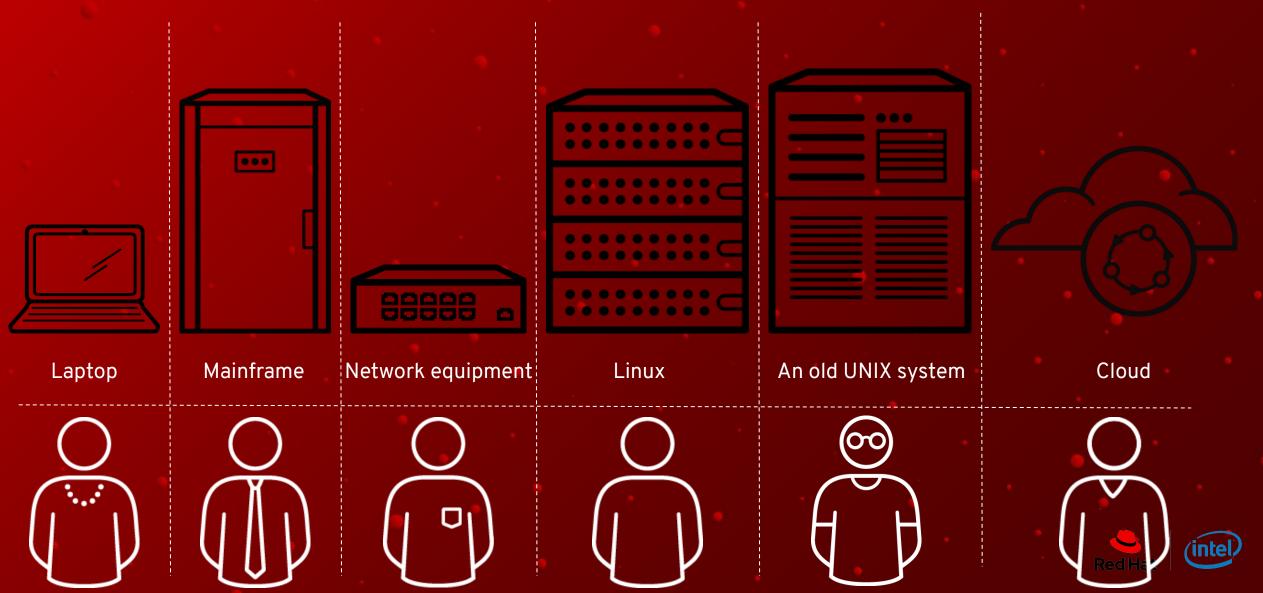
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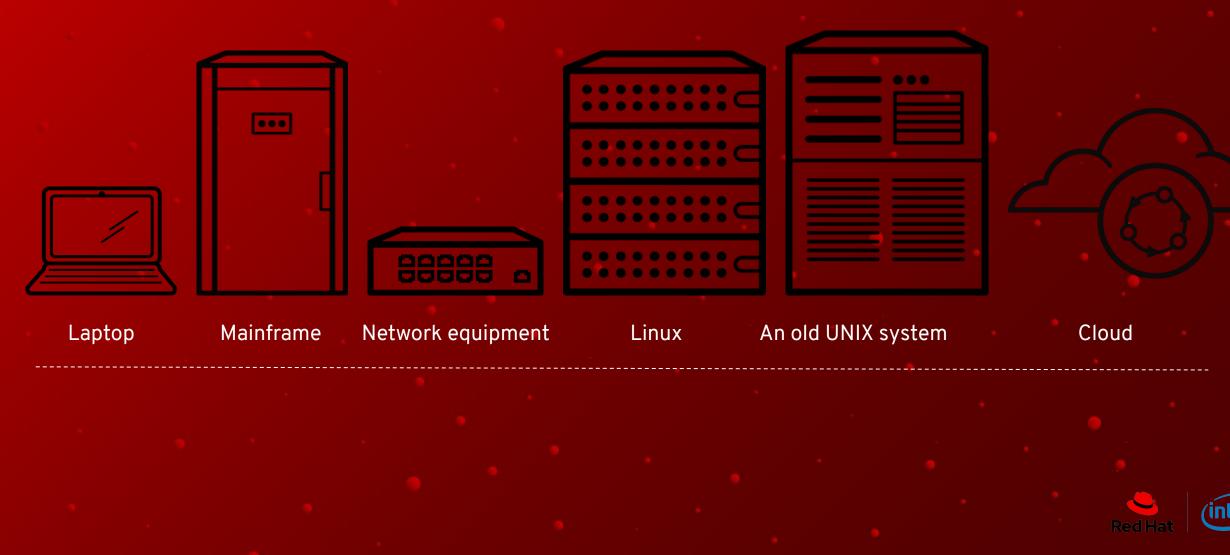
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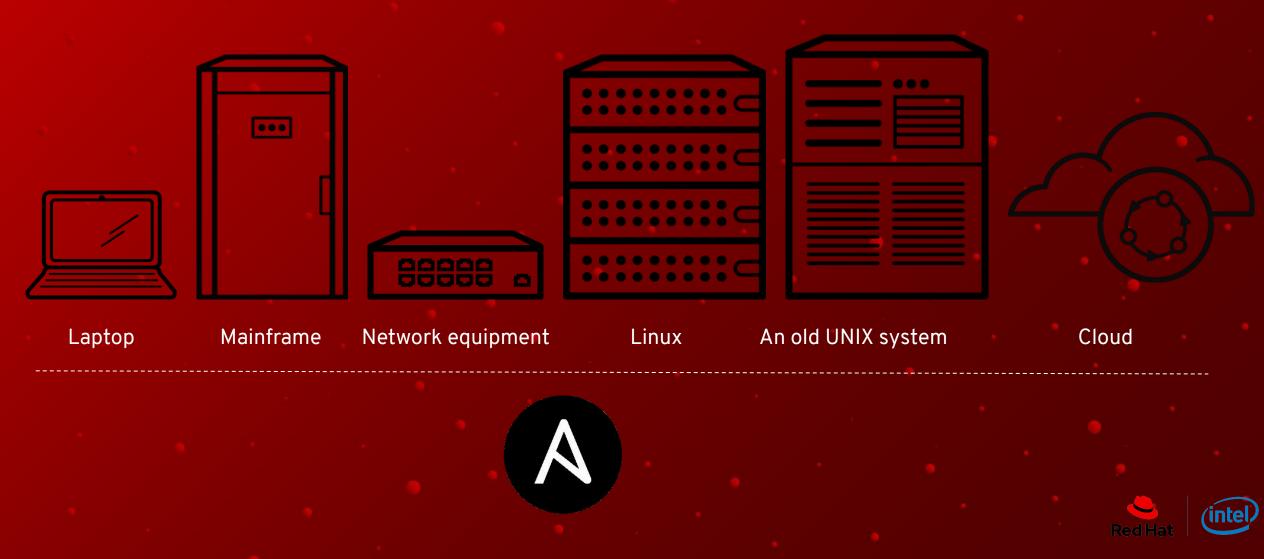
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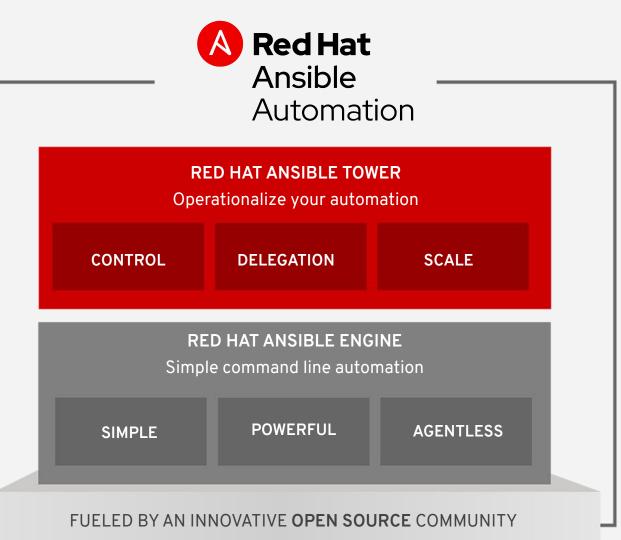
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What is Ansible Automation?

Ansible Automation is the enterprise **framework** for automating across IT operations.

Ansible Engine runs Ansible Playbooks, the automation **language** that can perfectly describe an IT application infrastructure.

Ansible Tower allows you **scale** IT automation, manage complex deployments and speed productivity.





WHY ANSIBLE? (for networks)



SIMPLE

For operators, not developers

Download and go

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Existing knowledge reuse

POWERFUL

Connect via Plugins Easy platform enablement Leverage Linux tools



AGENTLESS

Ideal for network gear No agents to exploit or update

Standards-based SSH



ANSIBLE NETWORK AUTOMATION

65+ Network Platforms 1000+

Network Modules 15*

Galaxy Network Roles

ansible.com/for/networks galaxy.ansible.com/ansible-network

*Roles developed and maintained by Ansible Network Engineering



"Ansible for Network Automation" Documentation

A Documentation	ANSIBLEFEST PRODUCTS COMMUNITY WEBINARS & TRAINING BLOG							
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FALLATION, UPGRADE & CONFIGURATION	Ansible Network modules extend the benefits of simple, powerful, agentless automation to network administrators and teams. Ansible Network modules can configure your network stack, test and validate existing network state, and discover and correct network configuration drift.							
stallation Guide nsible Porting Guides IG ANSIBLE	If you're new to Ansible, or new to using Ansible for network management, start with Getting Started with Ansible for Network Automation. If you are already familiar with network automation with Ansible, see Advanced Topics with Ansible for Network Automation.							
rer Guide	For documentation on using a particular network module, consult the list of all network modules. Some network modules are maintained by the Ansible community - here's a list of network modules maintained by the Ansible Network Team.							
sible Community Guide NDING ANSIBLE	Getting Started with Ansible for Network Automation Basic Concepts Control Node							
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http://bit.ly/AnsibleNetwork



What can I do using Ansible?

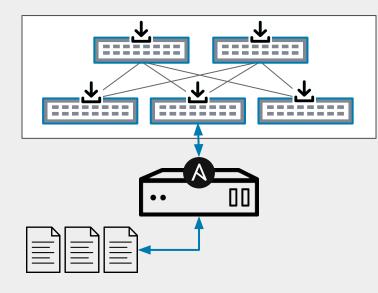
Automate the deployment and management of your entire IT footprint.

Do this...

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Firewalls	Load Balancers	Applications	Containers	Clouds
Servers	Infrastructure	Storage	Network Devices	And more

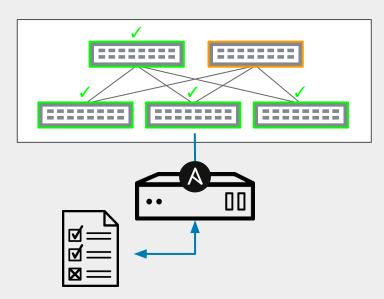


Common use cases



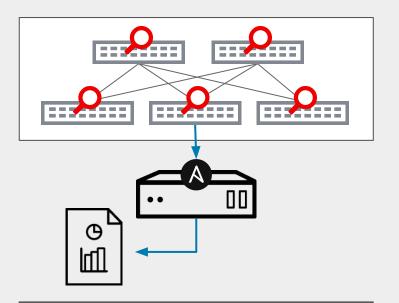
Backup and Restore

- Schedule backups
- Restore from any timestamp
- Build workflows that rollback



Configuration Compliance

- Check configuration standards
- Track configuration drift
- Enforce configuration policy

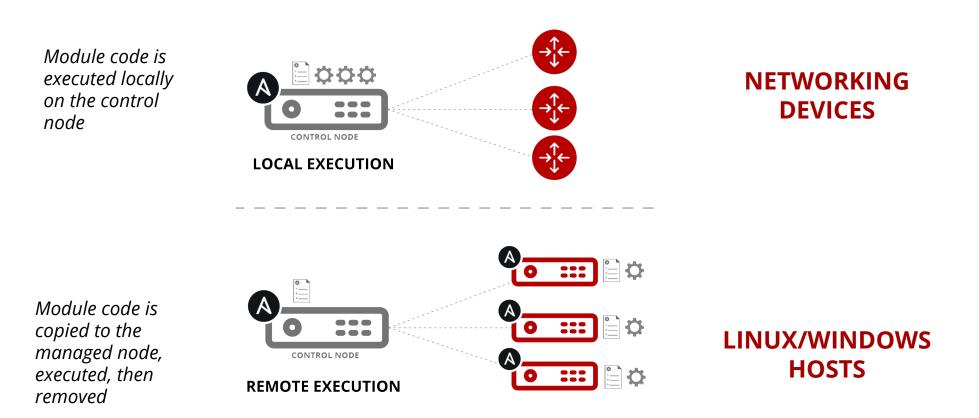


Dynamic Documentation

- Build reports
- Grab software versions, MTU, interfaces status
- Audit system services and other common config



How Ansible Network Automation works





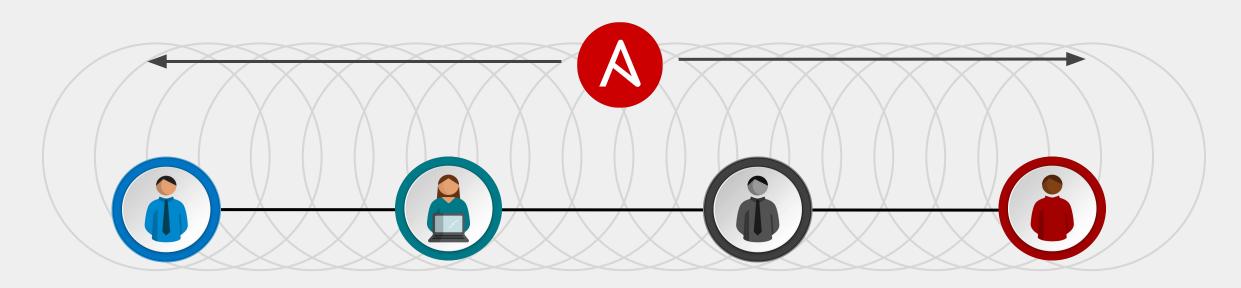
Ansible automates technologies you use

Time to automate is measured in minutes

Cloud	Virt & Container	Windows	Network	Devops	Monitoring
AWS Azure Digital Ocean Google OpenStack Rackspace +more Operating	Docker VMware RHV OpenStack OpenShift +more	ACLs Files Packages IIS Regedits Shares Services Configs Users	Arista A10 Cumulus Bigswitch Cisco Cumulus Dell F5 Juniper	Jira GitHub Vagrant Jenkins Bamboo Atlassian Subversion Slack Hipchat	Dynatrace Airbrake BigPanda Datadog LogicMonitor Nagios New Relic PagerDuty Sensu
<mark>Systems</mark> Rhel And Linux Unix Windows	Netapp Red Hat Storage Infinidat +more	Domains +more	Palo Alto OpenSwitch +more	+more	StackDriver Zabbix +more

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ANSIBLE IS THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE

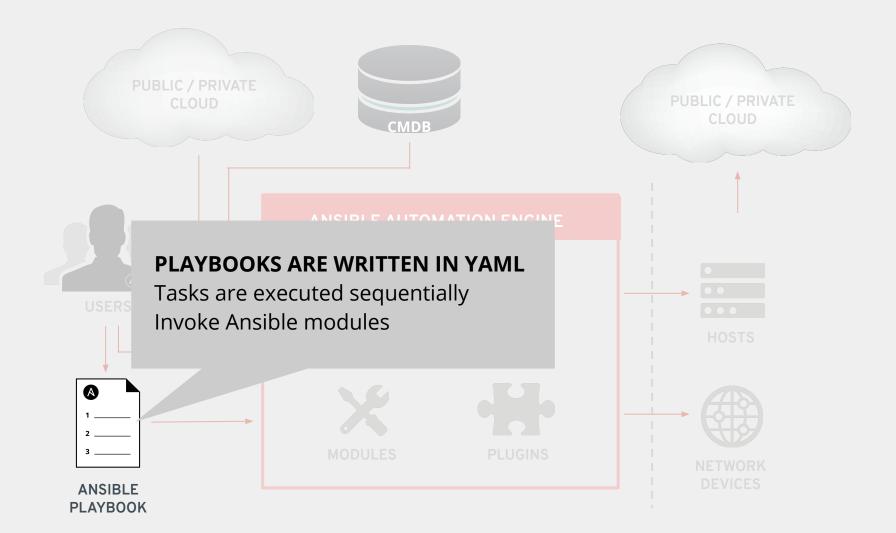


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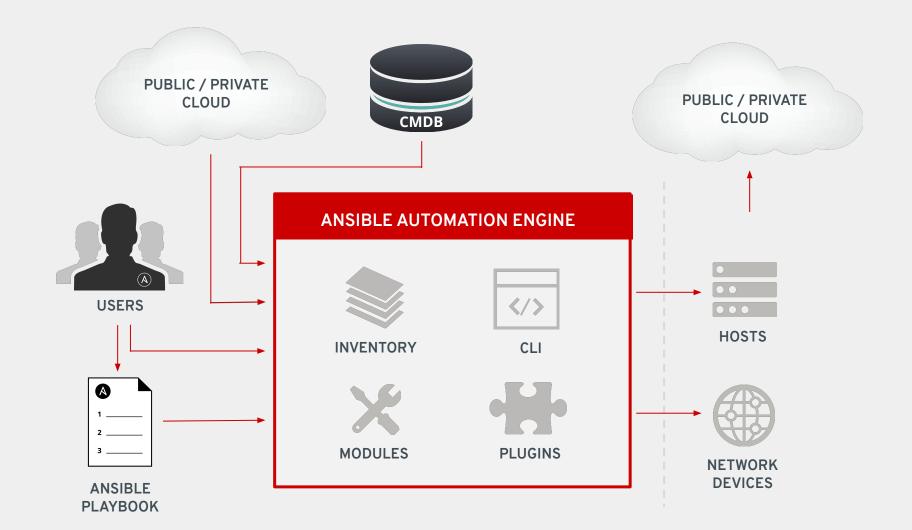
DEV

QA/SECURITY

IT OPERATIONS









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- name: install and start apache
    hosts: web
    become: yes
    vars:
    http_port: 80
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tasks:

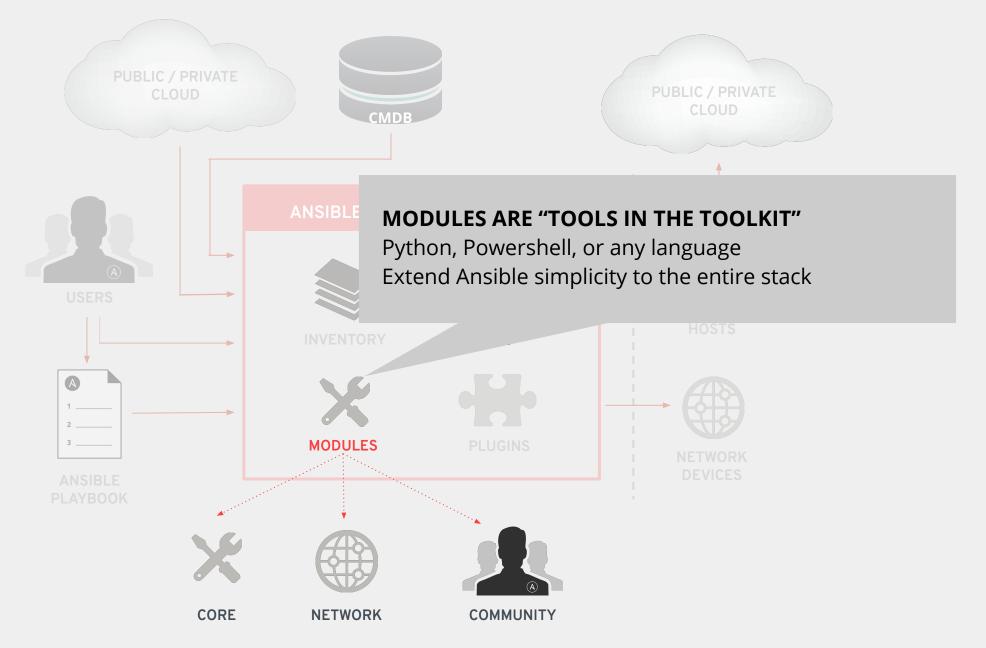
- name: httpd package is present
yum:
 name: httpd
 state: latest

- name: latest index.html file is present
copy:
 src: files/index.html
 dest: /var/www/html/

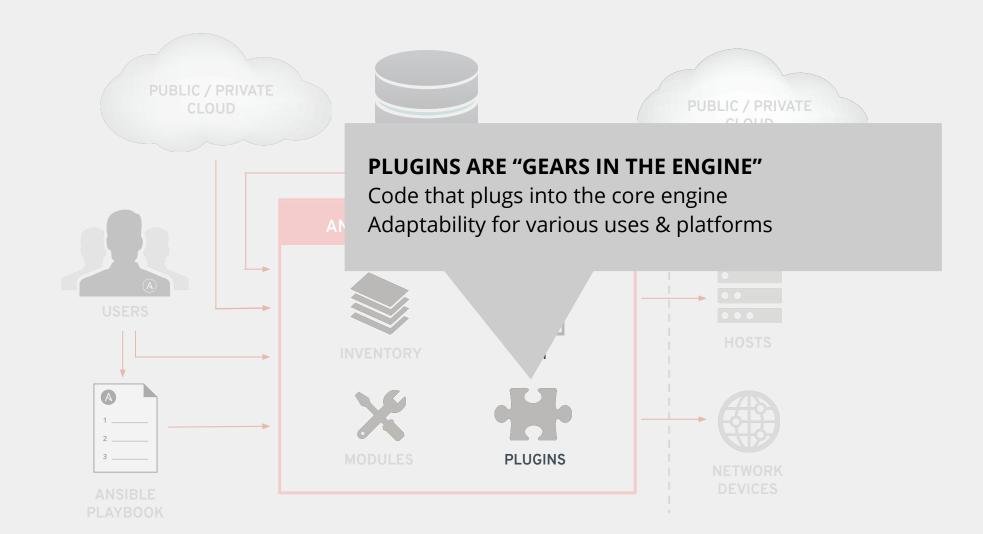
- name: httpd is started
 service:

name: httpd
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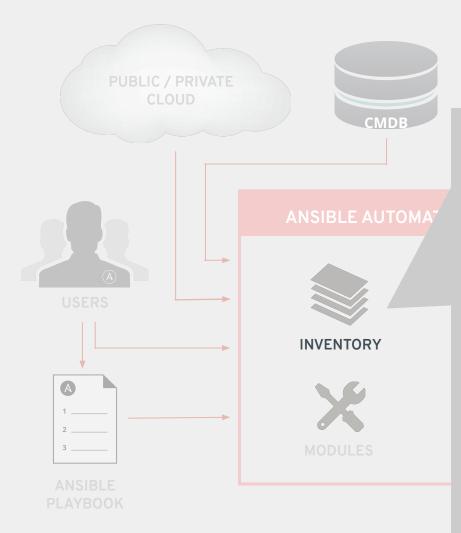














INVENTORY

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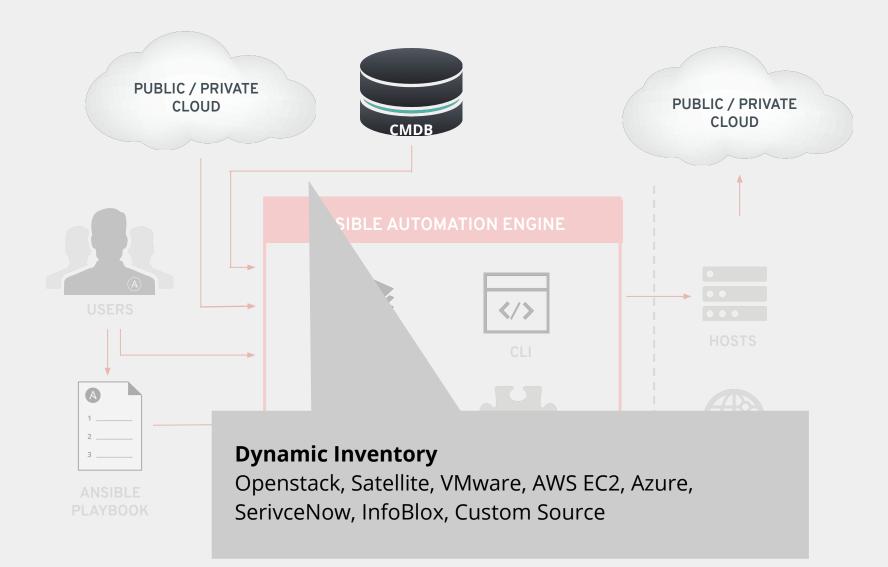
[db]
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[switches] leaf01.internal.com leaf02.internal.com

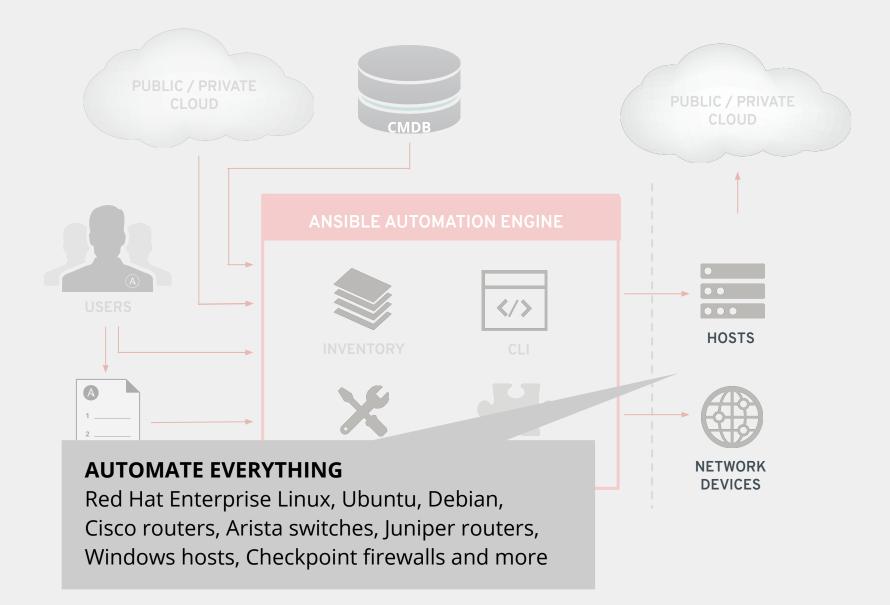
[firewalls]
checkpoint01.internal.com

[lb]
f5-01.internal.com











AUTOMATION FOR EVERYONE: NETWORK ENGINEERS

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- hosts: cisco
gather_facts: false
connection: network_cli
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tasks:
```

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- name: show command for cisco
cli_command:
    command: show ip int br
register: result
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- name: display result to terminal window
debug:
 var: result.stdout lines



AUTOMATION FOR EVERYONE: PLAYBOOK RESULTS

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"VirtualPortGroup0	192.168.35.101	YES TFTP	up	up'	,					
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[student3@ansible_network_setup]\$										



AUTOMATION FOR EVERYONE: NETWORK ENGINEERS

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- hosts: juniper
gather_facts: false
connection: network cli
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tasks:
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- name: show command for juniper
cli_command:
    command: show interfaces terse em1
register: result
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- name: display result to terminal window
debug:
    var: result.stdout lines
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AUTOMATION FOR EVERYONE: PLAYBOOK RESULTS

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                                   failed=0
rtr4
[student3@ansible network_setup]$
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A Sample Ansible Playbook

name: deploy vlans hosts: cisco gather_facts: no

tasks:

 name: ensure vlans exist nxos_vlan: vlan_id: 100 admin_state: up name: WEB

- Playbook is a list of plays.
- Each play is a list of tasks.
- Tasks invoke modules.
- A playbook can contain more than one play.





USE CASE: Cloud automation



- name: openstack playbook

hosts: localhost

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connection: local
```

tasks:

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- name: launch an instance
os_server:
    name: vml
    cloud: mordred
    region_name: ams01
    image: Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.4
    flavor_ram: 4096
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Tower Introduction

Topics Covered:

- What is Ansible Tower?
- Job Templates
 - Inventory
 - Credentials
 - \circ Projects

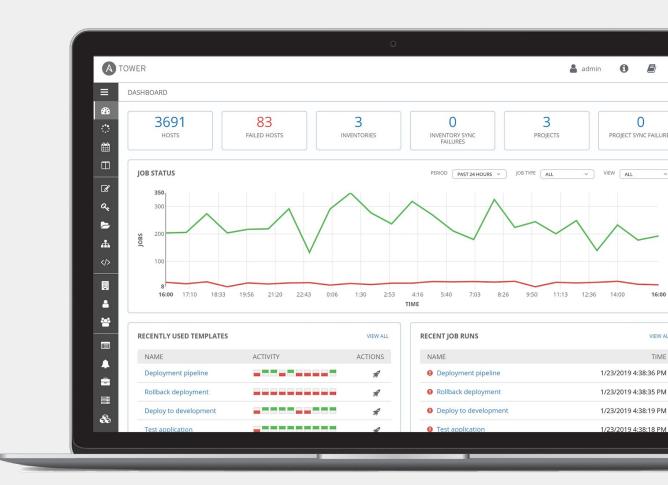




What is Ansible Tower?

Ansible Tower is a UI and RESTful API allowing you to scale IT automation, manage complex deployments and speed productivity.

- Role-based access control
- Deploy entire applications with push-button deployment access
- All automations are centrally logged
- Powerful workflows match your IT processes





Red Hat Ansible Tower

RBAC

Allow restricting playbook access to authorized users. One team can use playbooks in check mode (read-only) while others have full administrative abilities.

Push button

An intuitive user interface experience makes it easy for novice users to execute playbooks you allow them access to.

RESTful API

With an API first mentality every feature and function of Tower can be API driven. Allow seamless integration with other tools like ServiceNow and Infoblox.

Workflows

Ansible Tower's multi-playbook workflows chain any number of playbooks, regardless of whether they use different inventories, run as different users, run at once or utilize different credentials.

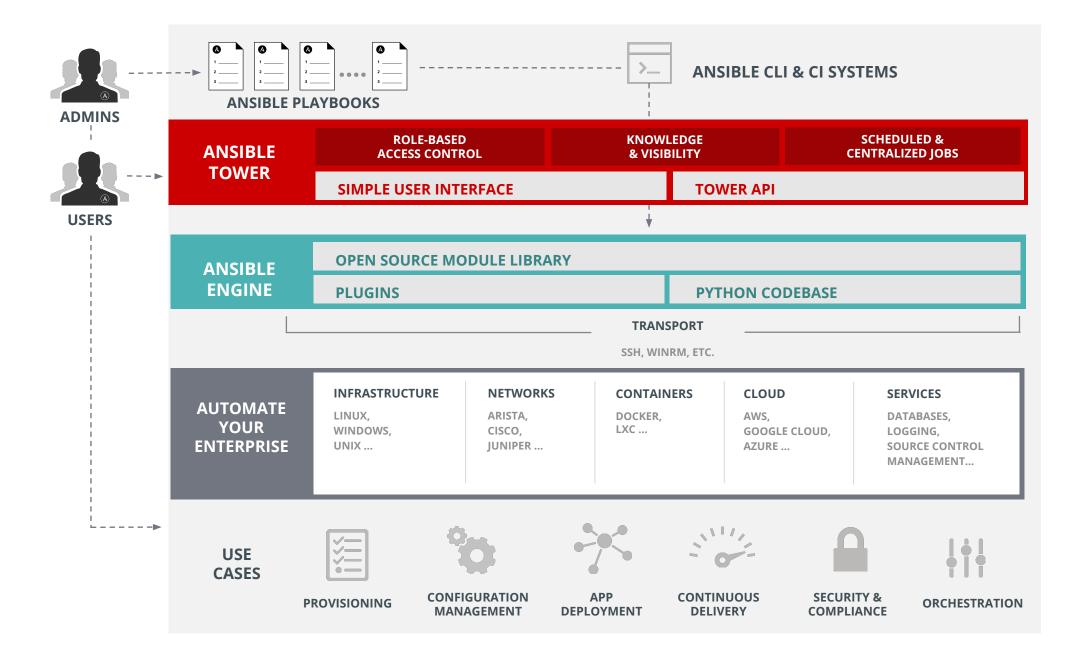
Enterprise integrations

Integrate with enterprise authentication like TACACS+, RADIUS, Azure AD. Setup token authentication with OAuth 2. Setup notifications with PagerDuty, Slack and Twilio.

Centralized logging

All automation activity is securely logged. Who ran it, how they customized it, what it did, where it happened - all securely stored and viewable later, or exported through Ansible Tower's API.

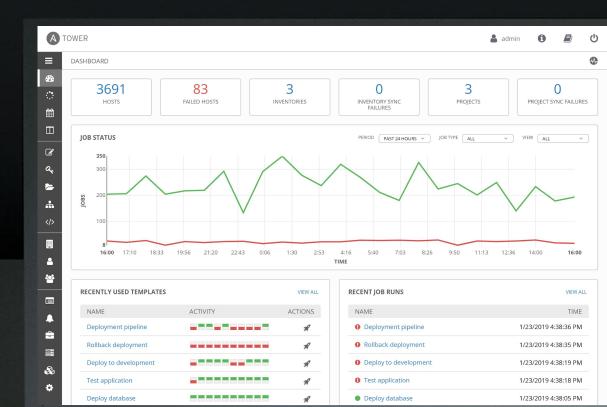






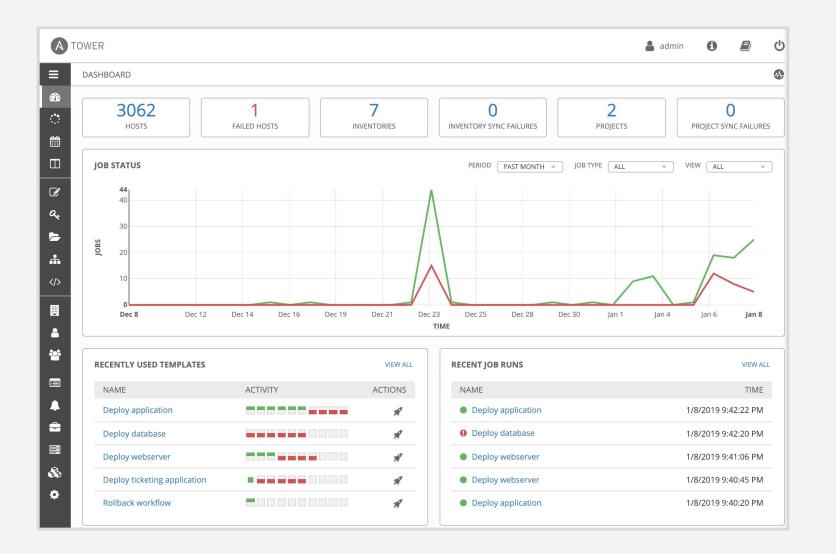
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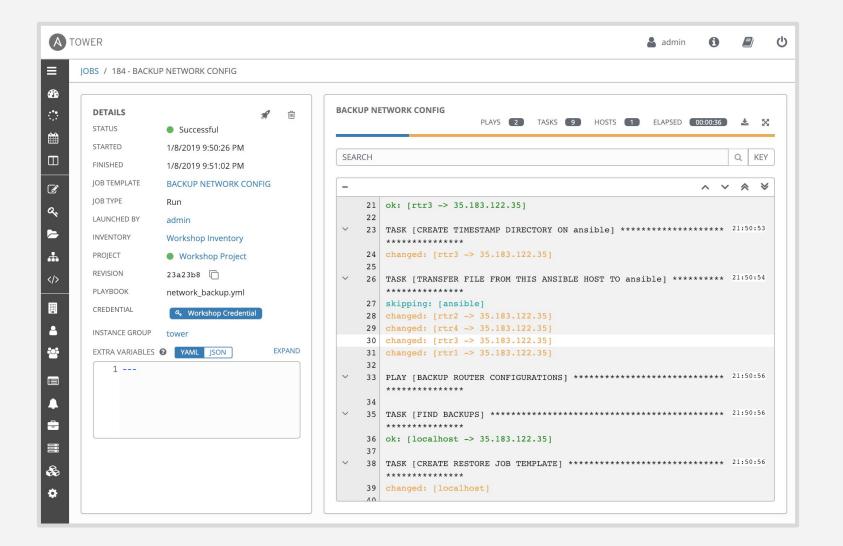


ANSIBLE TOWER FEATURES: YOUR ANSIBLE DASHBOARD





ANSIBLE TOWER FEATURES: JOB STATUS UPDATE





ANSIBLE TOWER FEATURES: ACTIVITY STREAM

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ANSIBLE TOWER FEATURES: MANAGE AND TRACK YOUR INVENTORY

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ANSIBLE TOWER FEATURES: SCHEDULE JOBS

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ANSIBLE TOWER FEATURES: EXTERNAL LOGGING

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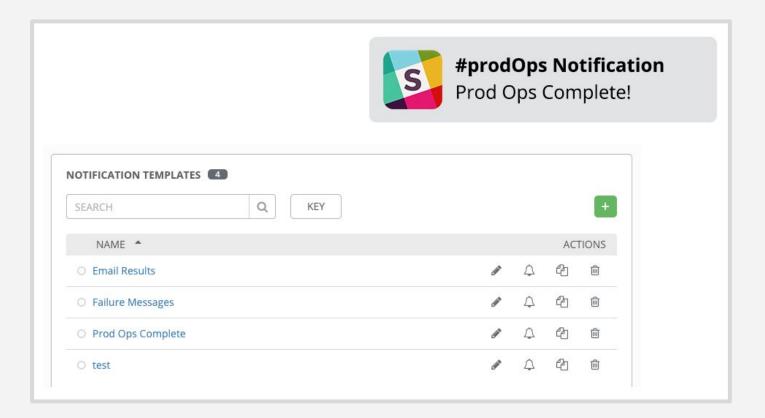


ANSIBLE TOWER FEATURES: ROLE BASED ACCESS CONTROL

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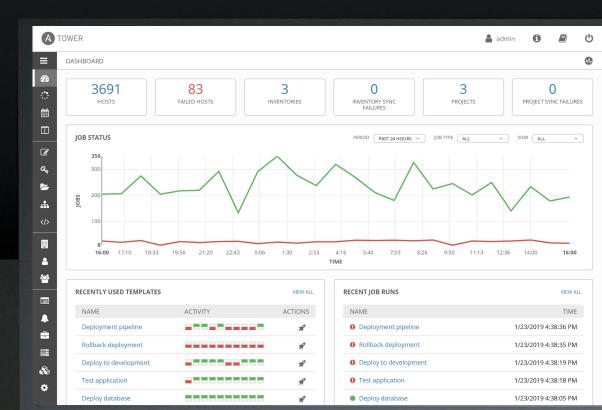






FEATURE OVERVIEW:

Delegation





ANSIBLE TOWER FEATURES: ROLE BASED ACCESS CONTROL

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ANSIBLE TOWER FEATURES: SELF-SERVICE I.T.

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ANSIBLE TOWER FEATURES: REMOTE COMMAND EXECUTION

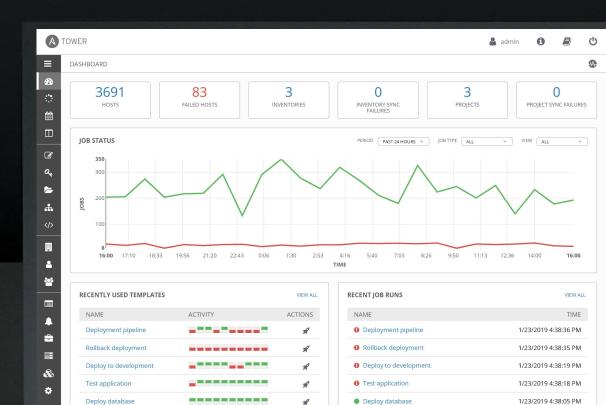
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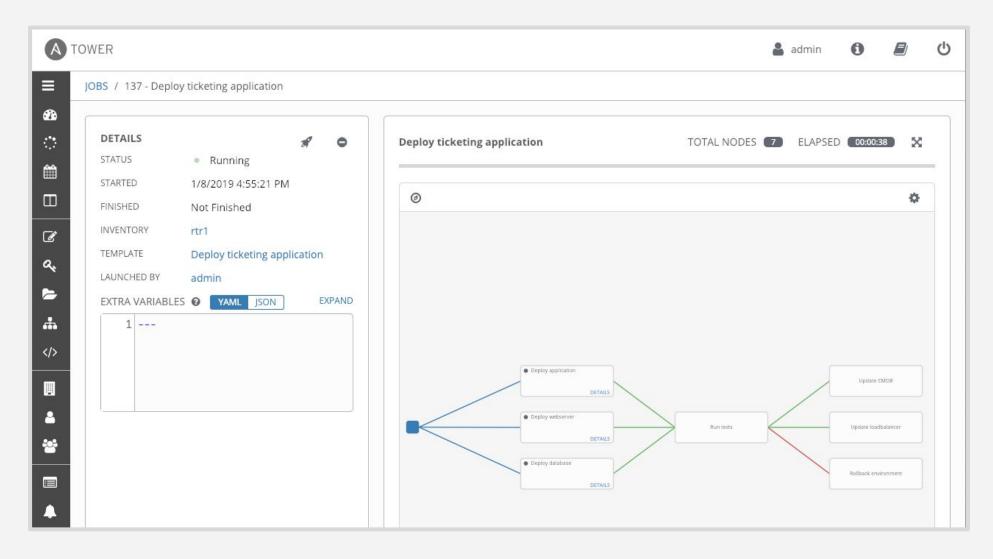
FEATURE OVERVIEW:

Scale





ANSIBLE TOWER FEATURES: CREATE AUTOMATION WORKFLOWS





ANSIBLE TOWER FEATURES: SCALE OUT CLUSTERING

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dev INSTANCES	RUNNING JOBS 9	TOTAL JOBS (89 USED CAPACITY	61.8%
prod INSTANCES 4	RUNNING JOBS 6	TOTAL JOBS (26 USED CAPACITY	27.3%
test INSTANCES 3	RUNNING JOBS 6	TOTAL JOBS (44 USED CAPACITY	55.8%
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Red Hat Ansible Tower

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ANSIBLE	Modules	Plugins	Galaxy	Command Line	Playbooks	
CORE						



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