

#ANSIBLEAUTOMATES

Ansible Usage

Richard Henshall, Ansible Product Manager
Philip Cornelius, Ansible Specialist @smapjb



ANSIBLE

What are we talking about today?

What you can Automate

Where you can Automate

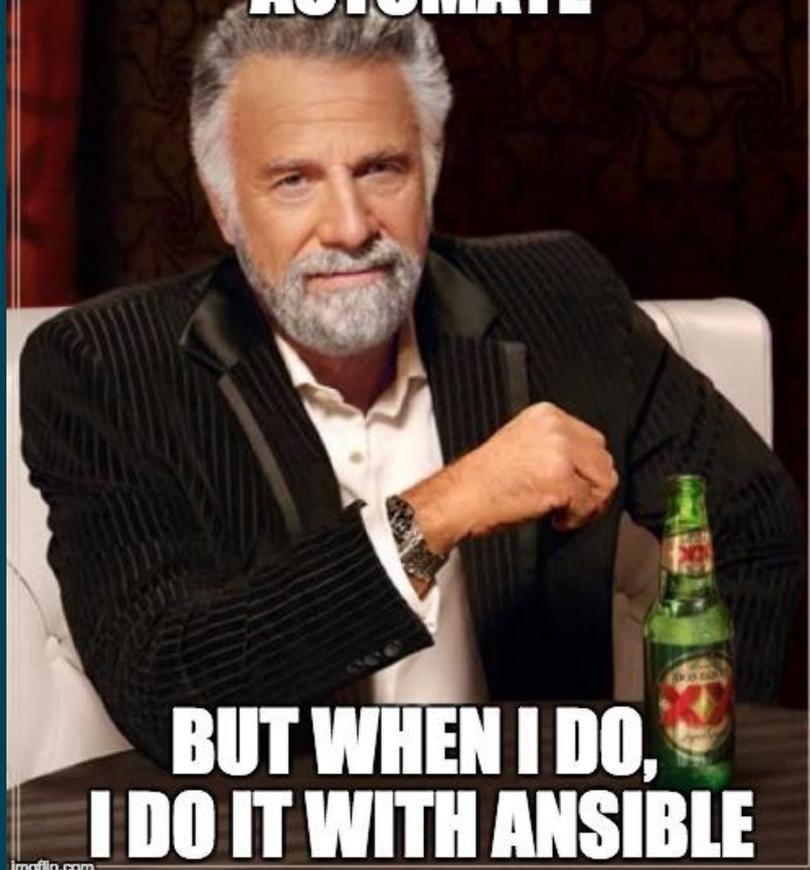
How you should Automate

ANSIBLE

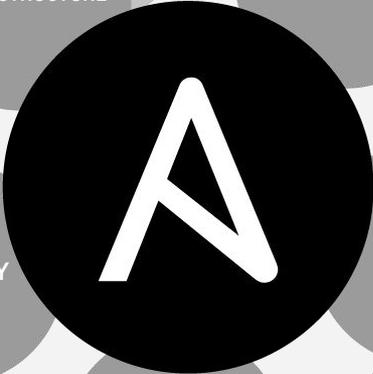


ALL THE THINGS

**I DON'T ALWAYS
AUTOMATE**



**BUT WHEN I DO,
I DO IT WITH ANSIBLE**



INFRASTRUCTURE

NETWORK

SECURITY

DEVOPS

CLOUD

Stacki

VMware

Windows

RHEL

Netapp

Cumulus

F5

OpenSwitch

Juniper

Arista

A10

Palo Alto

Cisco

Big Switch

Dell

Splunk

Palo Alto

Snort

F5

Check Point

HipChat

Sendgrid

Jabber

Email

RocketChat

Twilio

Slack

IRC

Google

Linode

Docker

Digital Ocean

Century Link

OpenStack

AWS

Azure

Cloud Scale

Rackspace

The purpose of Automation

*“This is what Ansible was written to do: **Manage complex multi-tier deployments.**”*

We don't just stop at configuration management or application deployment. To really do orchestration, you must do all of those well AND be an outstanding workflow engine. Real world app stacks involve lots of different classes of systems all working in concert.”

Michael DeHaan

Ansible project founder

APPLICATION
DEPLOYMENT

MULTI-TIER
ORCHESTRATION



CONFIGURATION
MANAGEMENT

PROVISIONING

APPLICATION
DEPLOYMENT

MULTI-TIER
ORCHESTRATION

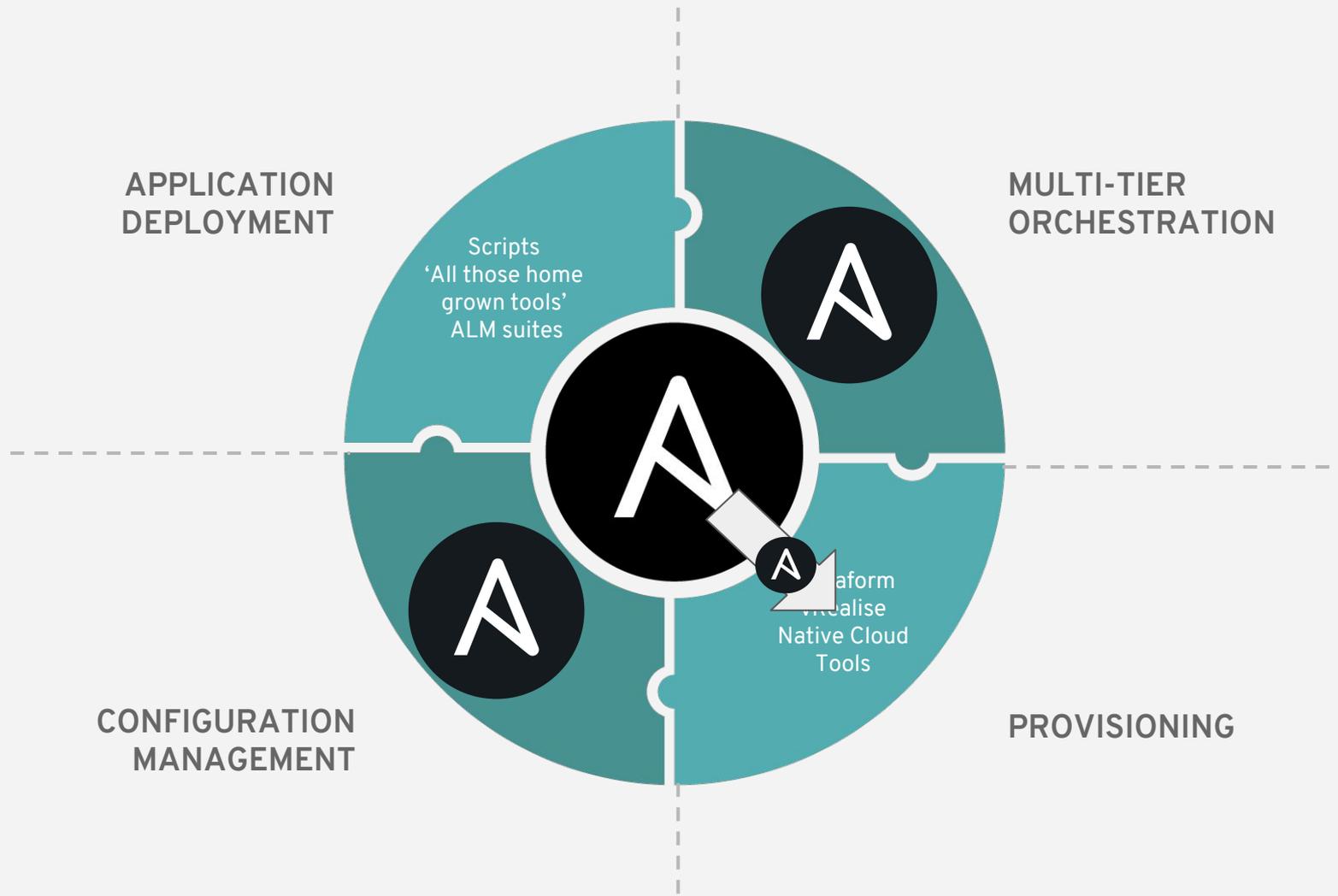
Scripts
'All those home
grown tools'
ALM suites



Platform
Virtualise
Native Cloud
Tools

CONFIGURATION
MANAGEMENT

PROVISIONING



Using Ansible for Everything

What are you trying to do?

PROVISIONING

**CONFIG
MANAGEMENT**

ORCHESTRATION

APP DEPLOYMENT

**CONTINUOUS
DELIVERY**

**SECURITY/
COMPLIANCE**

Provisioning

- Operating Systems
- Servers
- Virtual Machines
- Cloud IaaS and PaaS
- Databases
- SaaS Services
- Storage
- Physical Network
- SDNs
- VLANs
- Load Balancers
- Other?



DEMO

Configuration Management

- Managing file content
- Configuration Templating
- System and Service state
- Package Management
- Lifecycle Management

Application Deployment



DEMO

bit.ly/auto_abba

Orchestration

The Power of the Human Workflow



DEMO

Continuous Delivery

Pipelines

- Jenkins
- Bamboo
- TeamCity

Tool Chains

All things 'ALM'

Security/Compliance

The act of securing your environment

The act of automating your security technology



DEMO

A bit about Culture...

...the Ansible Way



Approaches to Automation

TRADITIONAL

Automation within the team

CENTRAL

Automation by a team

DISTRIBUTED

Automation as a practice

The Ansible Way

**CROSS
PLATFORM**

**HUMAN
READABLE
DESCRIPTION OF
APPLICATION**

**ENABLE
REUSE**

**VERSION
CONTROLLED**

**ENVIRONMENT
TRANSPARENCY**

**ORCHESTRATION
PLAYS WELL
WITH OTHERS**

The Ansible Way

**CROSS
PLATFORM**

**HUMAN
READABLE
DESCRIPTION OF
APPLICATION**

**ENABLE
REUSE**

**VERSION
CONTROLLED**

**ENVIRONMENT
TRANSPARENCY**

**ORCHESTRATION
PLAYS WELL
WITH OTHERS**

Cross Platform

Agentless support for all Linux and Windows variants, physical, virtual, cloud and network devices

Do this...

Provisioning

Configuration
Management

Application
Deployment

Orchestration

Continuous
Delivery

Security and
Compliance

On these...

Firewalls

Load Balancers

Middleware

Applications

Containers

Servers

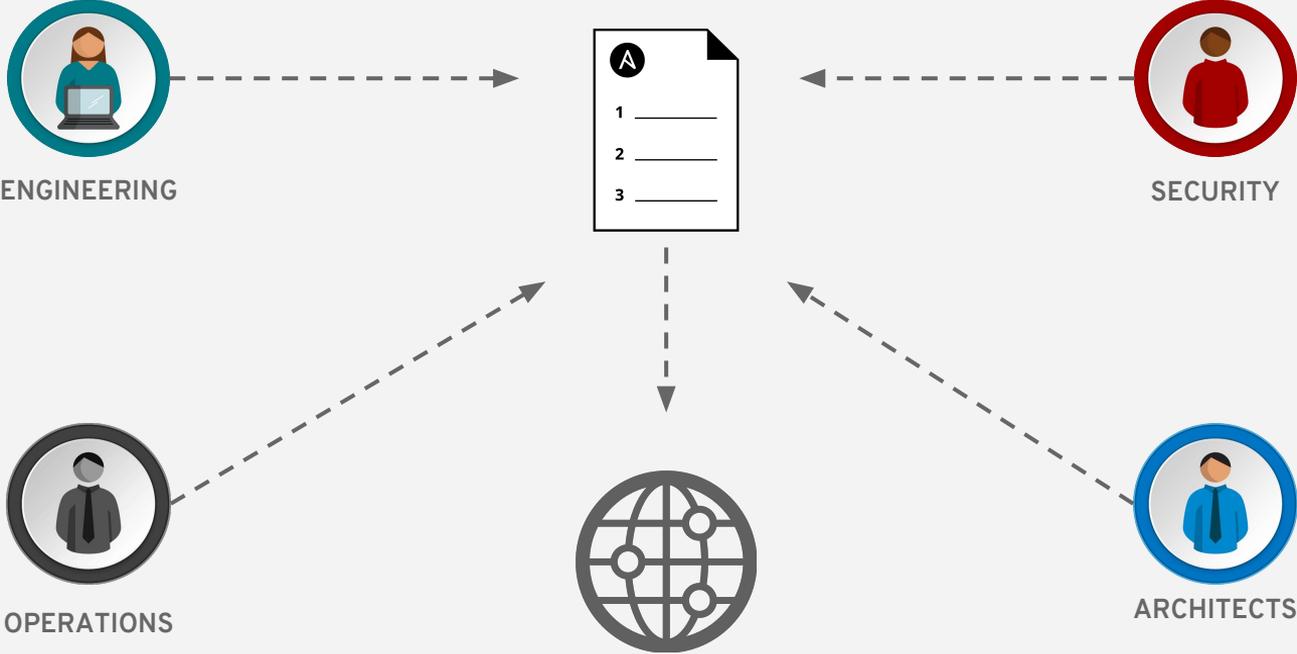
Infrastructure

Storage

Network
Devices

And more...

Bringing Teams together



The Ansible Way

CROSS
PLATFORM

HUMAN
READABLE
DESCRIPTION OF
APPLICATION

ENABLE
REUSE

VERSION
CONTROLLED

ENVIRONMENT
TRANSPARENCY

ORCHESTRATION
PLAYS WELL
WITH OTHERS

Playbooks

- `name:` Create lab instances in AWS
`hosts:` localhost
`connection:` local
`become:` no
`gather_facts:` no
`roles:`
 - `manage_ec2_instances`
- `name:` Configure common options on managed nodes and control nodes
`hosts:` "managed_nodes:control_nodes"
`become:` yes
`roles:`
 - `user_accounts`
 - `common`

https://github.com/ansible/lightbulb/blob/master/tools/aws_lab_setup/provision_lab.yml

Playbooks

- name: Add hosts to groups

add_host:

```
name: "{{ item.invocation.module_args.instance_tags.Name }}"
```

```
ansible_host: "{{ item.tagged_instances[0].public_ip }}"
```

```
ansible_user: "{{ ec2_login_names[item.item.1.type] }}"
```

```
ansible_port: "{{ ssh_port | default('22') }}"
```

```
groups: lab_hosts,managed_nodes
```

```
with_items: "{{ instances.results }}"
```

```
when: "'ansible' not in item.invocation.module_args.instance_tags.Name"
```

```
changed_when: no
```

```
tags:
```

- always

- provision

The Ansible Way

**CROSS
PLATFORM**

**HUMAN
READABLE
DESCRIPTION OF
APPLICATION**

**ENABLE
REUSE**

**VERSION
CONTROLLED**

**ENVIRONMENT
TRANSPARENCY**

**ORCHESTRATION
PLAYS WELL
WITH OTHERS**

Galaxy

Home Search Community

Galaxy About Help Documentation Login

Search

Keyword Best Match

957 Results Active filters: Tag: networking X Clear All Filters



hosts role

Manages /etc/hosts and /etc/hostname with templates.

networking system

877734 Downloads 13 Stars 3 Watchers 0 Forks

Last Imported NA Best Match 0.3728



sshd role

OpenSSH SSH daemon configuration

centos debian freebsd networking openbsd redhat server sshd system ubuntu

69859 Downloads 98 Stars 10 Watchers 64 Forks

Last Imported 2 months ago Best Match 0.3671



firewall role

Simple iptables firewall for most Unix-like systems.

firewall iptables networking security system tcp

64160 Downloads 229 Stars 28 Watchers 107 Forks

Last Imported 5 days ago Best Match 0.3669



junos role

Network build automation of Junos devices.

juniper junos networking

56638 Downloads 197 Stars 71 Watchers 117 Forks

Last Imported 5 months ago Best Match 0.3665



sftp-server role

Setup chrooted SFTP service on top of OpenSSH

networking system

30409 Downloads 48 Stars 6 Watchers 33 Forks

Last Imported 7 months ago Best Match 0.3647

Popular Tags

system	5,236
development	2,620
web	2,225
monitoring	1,167
networking	958
database	911
cloud	849
packaging	713
docker	607
ubuntu	587

Popular Platforms

Ubuntu	70,328
EL	13,055
Debian	26,780
Fedora	16,948
GenericLinux	718
opensuse	2,300
GenericUNIX	462

Ansible Tower - RBAC

The screenshot shows the Ansible Tower web interface. The top navigation bar includes the 'TOWER' logo, a user profile for 'simon', and icons for help, settings, and power. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with categories: Dashboard, Jobs, Schedules, My View, RESOURCES (Templates, Credentials, Projects, Inventories, Inventory Scripts), and ACCESS (Organizations, Users, Teams). The main content area is titled 'TEAMS' and shows a list of 11 teams. At the top of the list is a search bar and a 'KEY' button. A green '+' button is located in the top right corner of the list area. The table below lists the teams with their names and organizations, and provides edit and delete actions for each.

NAME	ORGANIZATION	ACTIONS
Amazon Inventory Team	Default	
Azure Inventory Team	Default	
Cloud Operations	Default	
PhillyApp Admin Team	Default	
PhillyApp Audit	Default	
PhillyApp Developers Team	Default	
PhillyApp Release Team	Default	

The Ansible Way

CROSS
PLATFORM

HUMAN
READABLE
DESCRIPTION OF
APPLICATION

ENABLE
REUSE

VERSION
CONTROLLED

ENVIRONMENT
TRANSPARENCY

ORCHESTRATION
PLAYS WELL
WITH OTHERS

Source Code Control

The screenshot displays the GitHub repository for Ansible. At the top, it shows the repository name 'ansible / ansible' and statistics: 2,053 watches, 33,675 stars, and 13,424 forks. Below this, navigation tabs include 'Code', 'Issues 3,885', 'Pull requests 1,740', 'Projects 24', and 'Insights'. A descriptive paragraph states: 'Ansible is a radically simple IT automation platform that makes your applications and systems easier to deploy. Avoid writing scripts or custom code to deploy and update your applications — automate in a language that approaches plain English, using SSH, with no agents to install on remote systems. <https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/> <https://www.ansible.com/>'. Below the description are tags for 'python' and 'ansible'. Further down, repository statistics are shown: 40,862 commits, 40 branches, 241 releases, 3,954 contributors, and GPL-3.0 license. A navigation bar includes 'Branch: devel', 'New pull request', and buttons for 'Create new file', 'Upload files', 'Find file', and 'Clone or download'. The main content area shows a list of recent commits, with the most recent by 'sdodsley and ansibot' updating the Pure Storage FlashArray volume module. The commit list includes folders like .github, bin, changelogs, contrib, docs, examples, hacking, lib/ansible, licenses, packaging, and test, along with various files and their commit dates.

ansible / ansible Watch 2,053 Star 33,675 Fork 13,424

Code Issues 3,885 Pull requests 1,740 Projects 24 Insights

Ansible is a radically simple IT automation platform that makes your applications and systems easier to deploy. Avoid writing scripts or custom code to deploy and update your applications — automate in a language that approaches plain English, using SSH, with no agents to install on remote systems. <https://docs.ansible.com/ansible/> <https://www.ansible.com/>

python ansible

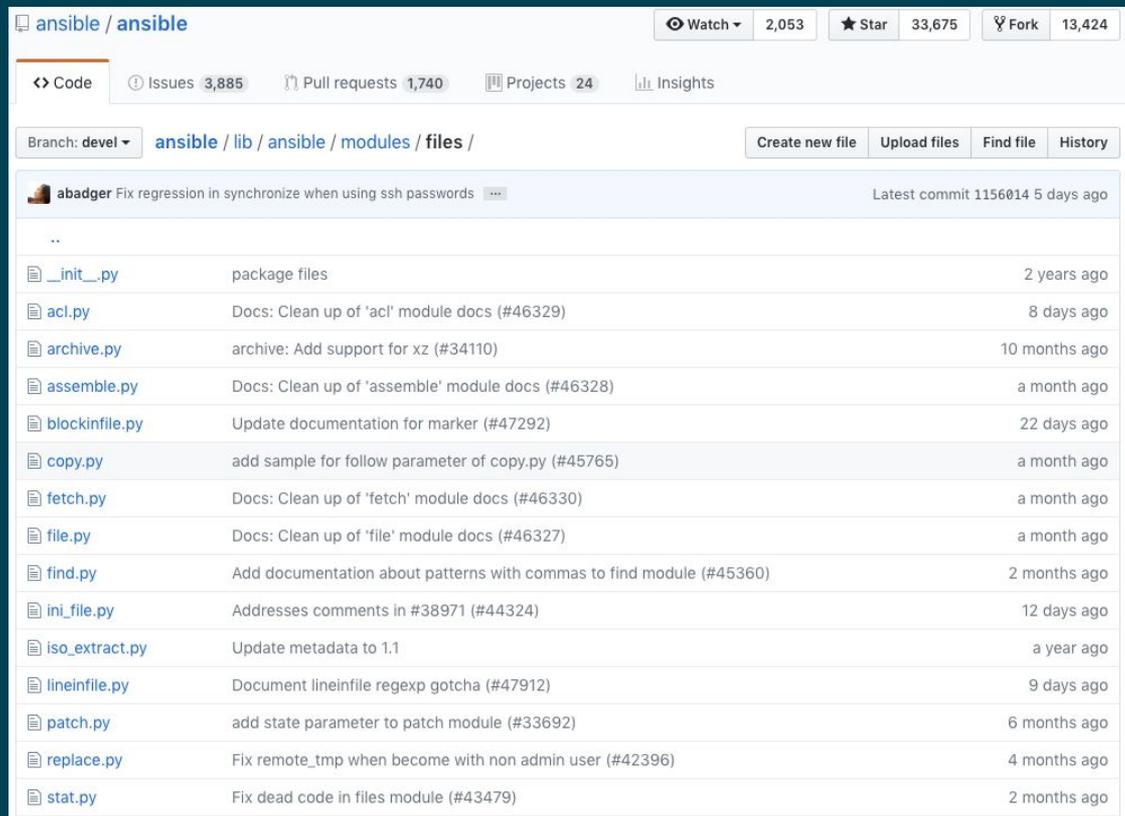
40,862 commits 40 branches 241 releases 3,954 contributors GPL-3.0

Branch: devel New pull request Create new file Upload files Find file Clone or download

sdodsley and **ansibot** Update Pure Storage FlashArray volume module (#45225) Latest commit d58d58 9 hours ago

.github	Add msc test targets	17 hours ago
bin	Remove runtime usage of pkg_resources.	23 days ago
changelogs	Fix consistency issue in grafana_dashboard module. (#47459)	19 hours ago
contrib	Ansible Vault and Azure Key Vault vault password script (#44544)	4 days ago
docs	add note regarding (host,group)_vars directory lookup semantics (#48066)	21 hours ago
examples	Add 'auto' to documented default enabled inventory plugins (#46621)	a month ago
hacking	test-module: define ansible_version attribute	23 days ago
lib/ansible	Update Pure Storage FlashArray volume module (#45225)	9 hours ago
licenses	Create a short license for PSF and MIT. (#32212)	a year ago
packaging	Add Makefile to simplify upstream releases.	5 days ago
test	Removes f5-sdk from bigip_device_group_member (#48464)	11 hours ago
.cherry_picker.toml	Integrate cherry picker (#41403)	4 months ago
.coveragerc	AnsiballZ improvements	4 months ago
.gitattributes	2.6 changelog gen/version/root dir cleanup (#40421)	6 months ago

Source Code Control



The screenshot shows the GitHub repository for Ansible. At the top, the repository name is "ansible / ansible" with 2,053 watchers, 33,675 stars, and 13,424 forks. Below this, there are navigation links for Code, Issues (3,885), Pull requests (1,740), Projects (24), and Insights. The current branch is "level" and the path is "ansible / lib / ansible / modules / files /". There are buttons for "Create new file", "Upload files", "Find file", and "History". A commit by "abadger" is shown with the message "Fix regression in synchronize when using ssh passwords" and the latest commit hash "1156014" from 5 days ago. Below the commit, a list of files is displayed with their commit messages and dates.

File	Commit Message	Time
..		
__init__.py	package files	2 years ago
acl.py	Docs: Clean up of 'acl' module docs (#46329)	8 days ago
archive.py	archive: Add support for xz (#34110)	10 months ago
assemble.py	Docs: Clean up of 'assemble' module docs (#46328)	a month ago
blockinfile.py	Update documentation for marker (#47292)	22 days ago
copy.py	add sample for follow parameter of copy.py (#45765)	a month ago
fetch.py	Docs: Clean up of 'fetch' module docs (#46330)	a month ago
file.py	Docs: Clean up of 'file' module docs (#46327)	a month ago
find.py	Add documentation about patterns with commas to find module (#45360)	2 months ago
ini_file.py	Addresses comments in #38971 (#44324)	12 days ago
iso_extract.py	Update metadata to 1.1	a year ago
lineinfile.py	Document lineinfile regex gotcha (#47912)	9 days ago
patch.py	add state parameter to patch module (#33692)	6 months ago
replace.py	Fix remote_tmp when become with non admin user (#42396)	4 months ago
stat.py	Fix dead code in files module (#43479)	2 months ago

The Ansible Way

CROSS
PLATFORM

HUMAN
READABLE
DESCRIPTION OF
APPLICATION

ENABLE
REUSE

VERSION
CONTROLLED

ENVIRONMENT
TRANSPARENCY

ORCHESTRATION
PLAYS WELL
WITH OTHERS

The Ansible Way

CROSS
PLATFORM

HUMAN
READABLE
DESCRIPTION OF
APPLICATION

ENABLE
REUSE

VERSION
CONTROLLED

ENVIRONMENT
TRANSPARENCY

ORCHESTRATION
PLAYS WELL
WITH OTHERS

Conducting the Orchestra

- Puppet
- CloudFormation
- TerraForm
- Cisco ACI
- VMware vSphere
- Azure Resource Manager
- AWS Lambda
- GCP Platform Services
- Kubernetes

ANSIBLE IS THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE

