

# MULTI CLOUD AS CODE WITH ANSIBLE & TOWER

Enterprise Grade Automation

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# AUTOMATE ~~REPEAT~~ IT

# AGENDA - TOOLING THE DEVOPS PRACTICE



- What is Ansible ?
- What is Ansible Tower ?
- Do you DevOps ?
- Demo
  - Demo: Multi-cloud Automation
- Network Automation

# WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH ANSIBLE

Automate the deployment and management of your entire IT footprint.

## Do this...

Orchestration

Configuration  
Management

Application  
Deployment

Provisioning

Continuous  
Delivery

Security and  
Compliance

## On these...

Firewalls

Load Balancers

Applications

Containers

Clouds

Servers

Infrastructure

Storage

Network Devices

And more...

# WHY ANSIBLE?

ANSIBLE



## SIMPLE

Human readable automation  
No special coding skills needed  
Tasks executed in order  
Usable by every team  
**Get productive quickly**



## POWERFUL

App deployment  
Configuration management  
Workflow orchestration  
Network automation  
**Orchestrate the app lifecycle**



## AGENTLESS

Agentless architecture  
Uses OpenSSH & WinRM  
No agents to exploit or update  
Get started immediately  
**More efficient & more secure**





**31,000+**

Stars on GitHub

**1900+**

Ansible Modules

**500,000+**

Downloads / month

# HOW DOES ANSIBLE WORK ?

## → SIMPLE

YAML playbooks

## → POWERFULL

Automate Everything

## → AGENTLESS

SSH, WinRM, Python, Powershell

## → MULTI-CLOUD

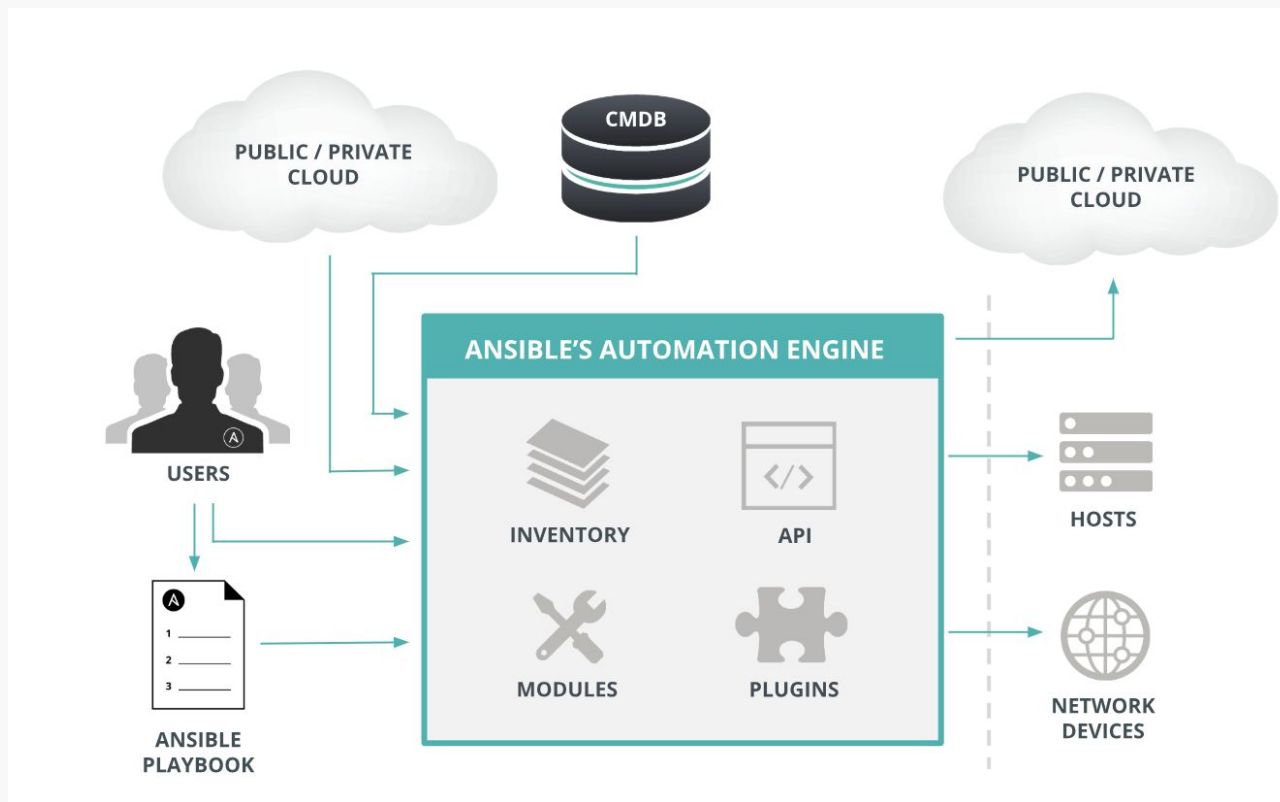
Modules for AWS, Azure, GCP, OpenStack...

## → CROSS PLATFORM

Windows, Linux, Unix, Network...

## → EVERYTHING AS CODE

Full SCM integration





# ANSIBLE WINDOWS AUTOMATION

Use Ansible to deploy and manage Windows systems and applications.

**70+**

Windows Modules

**350+**

Powershell DSC  
resources

[ansible.com/windows](https://ansible.com/windows)



# ANSIBLE NETWORK AUTOMATION

Use Ansible to manage, validate, and continuously track heterogeneous network device configurations and deployments.

Network modules are included as part of the Ansible distribution.

**40**

Networking platforms

**570+**

Networking Modules

**[ansible.com/networking](https://ansible.com/networking)**

# ANSIBLE SHIPS WITH OVER 1900 MODULES

ANSIBLE

## CLOUD

AWS  
Azure  
CenturyLink  
CloudScale  
Digital Ocean  
Docker  
Google  
Linode  
OpenStack  
Rackspace  
**And more...**

## VIRT AND CONTAINER

Docker  
VMware  
RHEV  
OpenStack  
OpenShift  
Atomic  
CloudStack  
**And more...**

## WINDOWS

ACLs  
Files  
Commands  
Packages  
IIS  
Regedits  
Shell  
Shares  
Services  
DSC  
Users  
Domains  
**And more...**

## NETWORK

Arista  
A10  
Cumulus  
Big Switch  
Cisco  
Cumulus  
Dell  
F5  
Juniper  
Palo Alto  
OpenSwitch  
**And more...**

## NOTIFY

HipChat  
IRC  
Jabber  
Email  
RocketChat  
Sendgrid  
Slack  
Twilio  
**And more...**

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

  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
        state: started
```



# ANSIBLE TOWER

## ENTERPRISE SCALE AUTOMATION

# ENTERPRISE GRADE ANSIBLE WITH ANSIBLE TOWER

Ansible Tower is an **enterprise framework** for controlling, securing and managing your Ansible automation — with a **UI and RESTful API**.

- **Role-based access control** keeps environments secure, and teams efficient.
- Non-privileged users can **safely deploy** entire applications with **push-button deployment** access.
- All Ansible automations are **centrally logged**, ensuring **complete auditability** and compliance.



# INDUSTRIAL SCALE AUTOMATION

## **Role Based Access Control & LDAP Integration**

Define roles over Tenants, Templates, Inventaires, Credentials, Projects

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## **Easy Scale Out**

Tower Instance Groups enable scaling out & fine grain control of the automation workload

## **Automate Remote Areas**

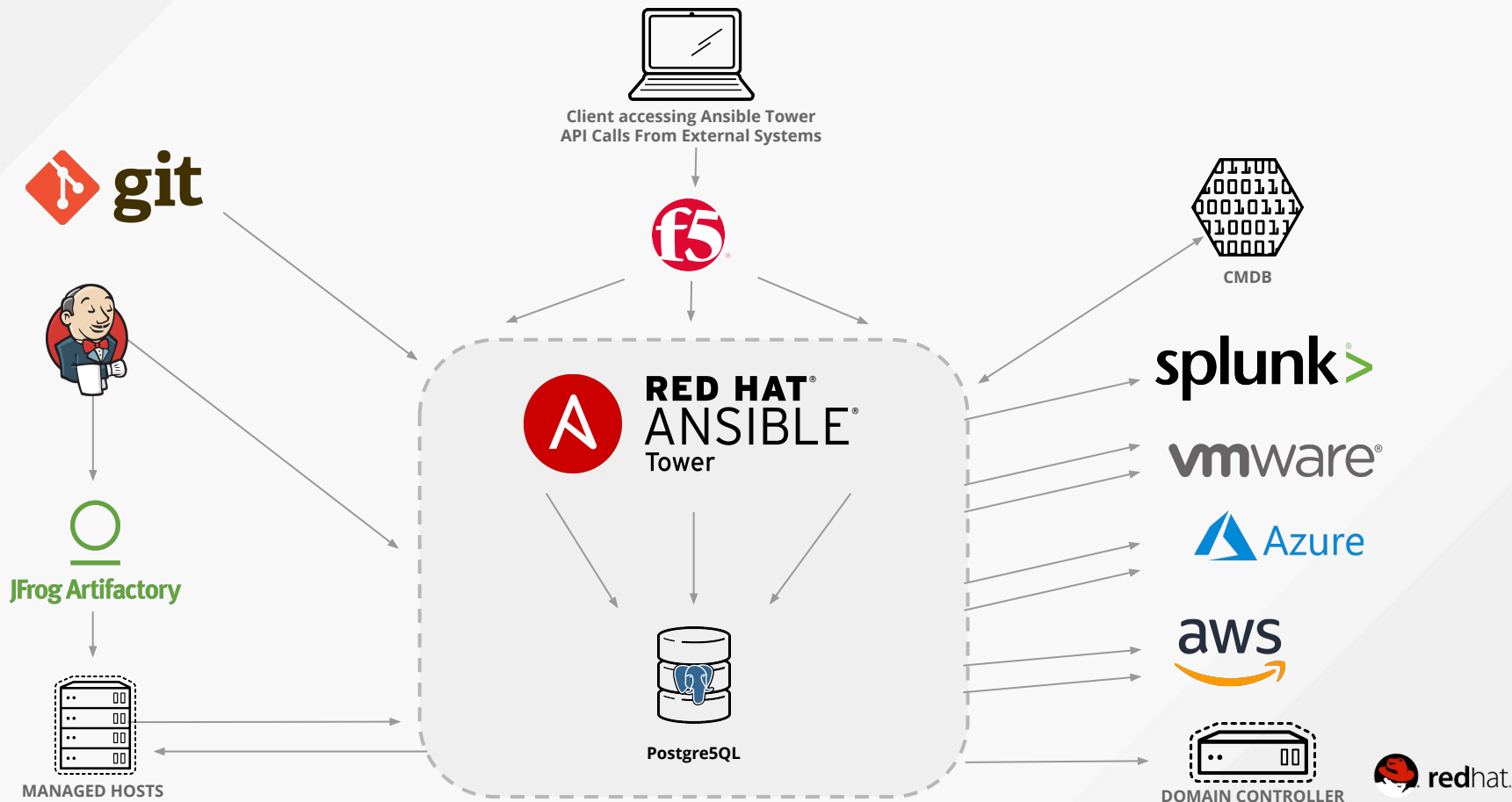
Tower Isolated Nodes make it easy to run your automation over remote or secured zones

## **REST API**

Easily integrate automation in your existing enterprise workflows & processes

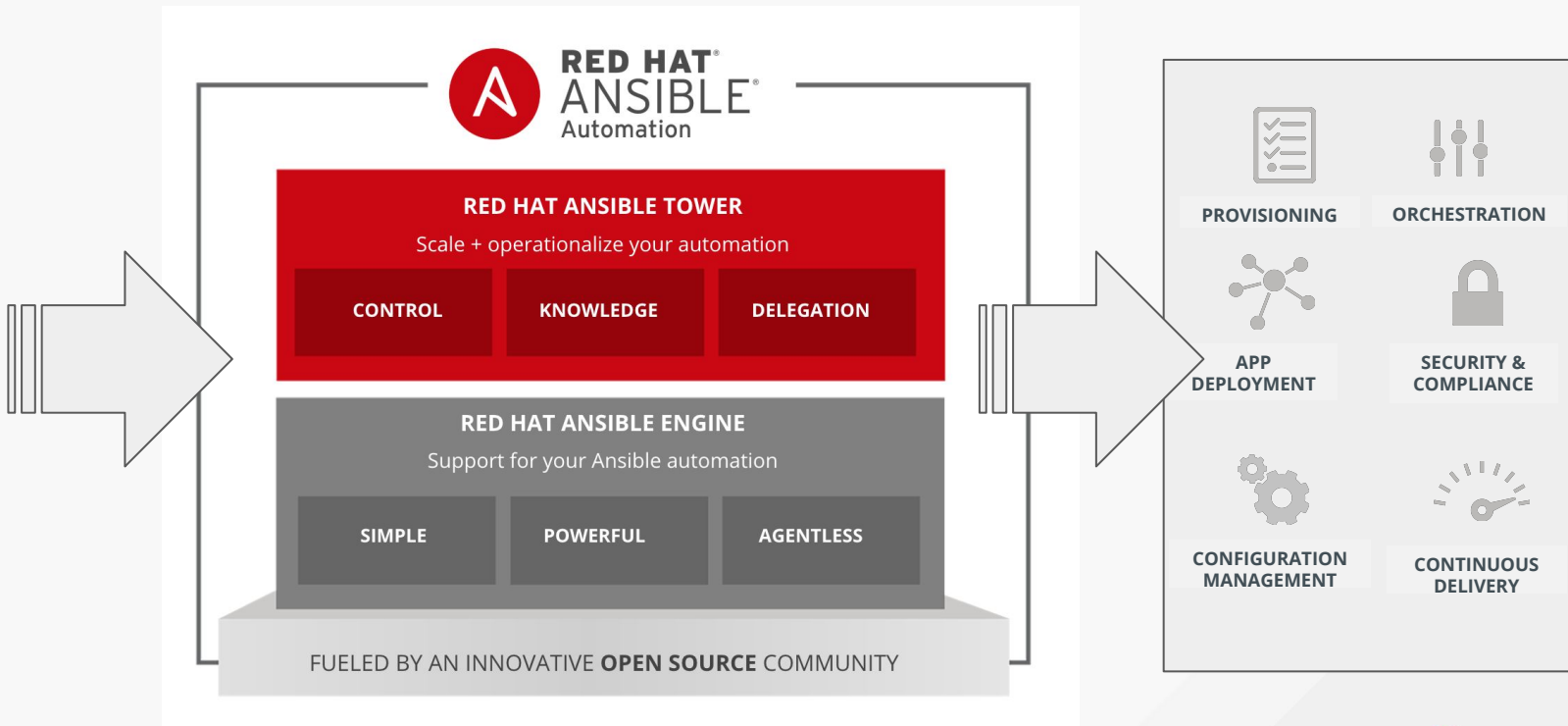
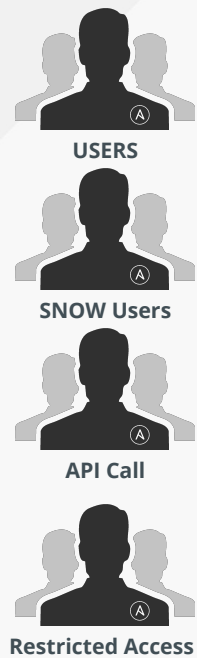


# API DRIVEN ECOSYSTEM INTEGRATION



# AUTOMATION API

USERS CONSUME A CENTRALIZED AUTOMATION SERVICE





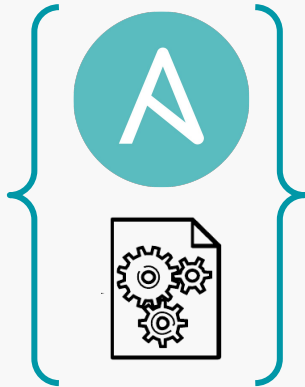
# ANSIBLE TOWER

## THE DEVOPS CATALYST

# INFRASTRUCTURE AS CODE



**SPECIFICATIONS**



**IMPLEMENTATION**



**DESIRED INTENT**

The IaC approach promotes **formalized, standardized, and automated operational processes**—and dictates that these operational processes are **documented as configuration files or programming code**.

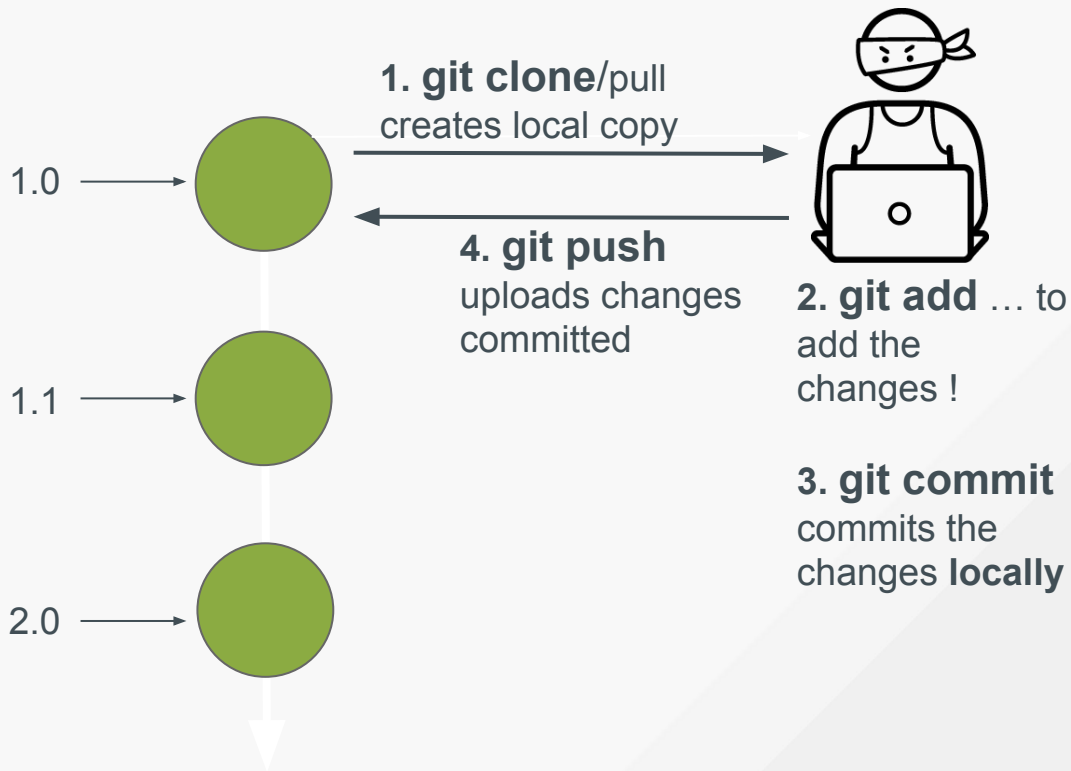
By treating infrastructure as code, IT organizations can automate management tasks while **using the best practices of software development, including code review and version control**.

This approach mitigates management complexity by breaking down a task into smaller, more manageable processes, controlling the execution of code, and effortlessly maintaining up-to-date documentation.

The IaC approach also reduces operational risks by allowing multiple subject matter experts to **peer review the code** and by saving all the previous revisions of a codified infrastructure, enabling previous versions to be restored in case of mistakes. Ultimately, the IaC approach mitigates human errors by enforcing an **automated execution** of the management task performed on the IT infrastructure.

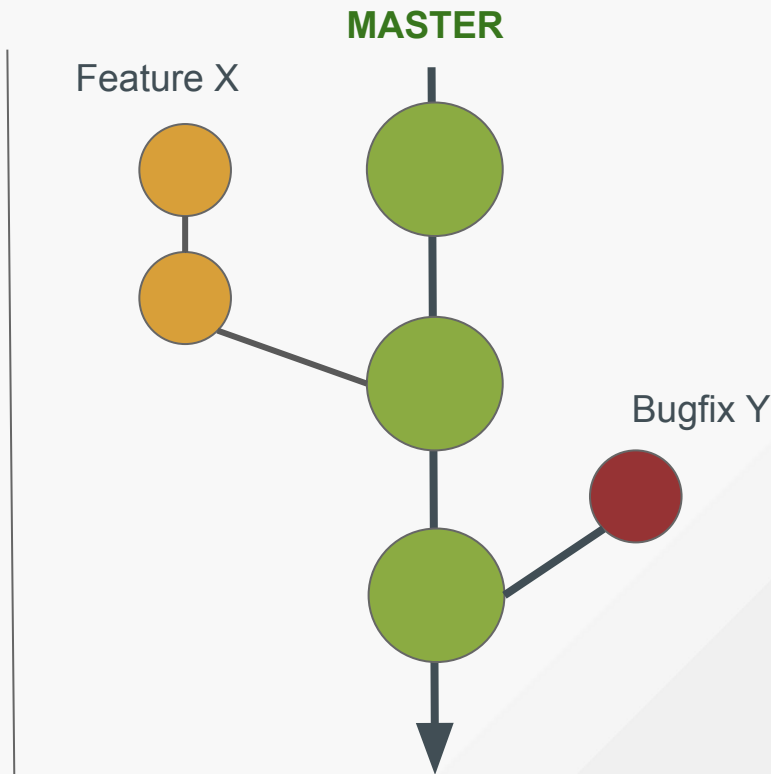
# GITHUB WORKFLOW

1. A **git repository** stores files
2. **Access controls** are specific to repositories
3. **All changes** to all files are tracked
4. To change a file you first make a local copy of the repository, then change the file locally, commit the change locally and then tell git to copy this local change to the repository.



# KEEP MASTER RELEASABLE

1. **Does not require** GitHub, the workflow model is just called that
2. A very simple workflow
3. **Master** branch is always possible to **release**
4. **Branches** are where you develop and test new features and bugfixes.
5. **Yes**, you need to **test**. If you do not test your Ansible code you cannot **keep the master branch releasable !**





# DEMO

## 1. Multi-Cloud

## Automation

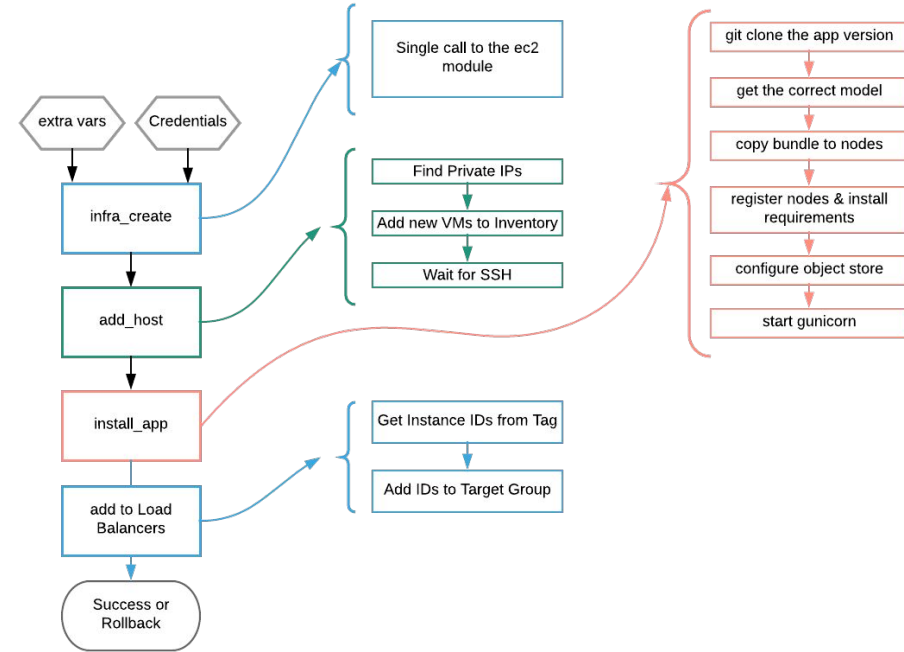
- Automate a load balanced web application deployment
- Ship across multiple infrastructure targets
- Manage different application versions (A/B Testing)
- Deploy with a single API call

## 2. Continuous Delivery

- Integrate Tower Automation with a Jenkins pipeline
- Provide a test infrastructure that is always the image of production

# Demo Application 1

- RHEL attached to a Load Balancer
- Simple image categorization: is it a car ? Or a cat ?
- Python Gunicorn serving a Flask webapp based on Keras (tensorflow)
- Object backend for images





## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.ansible.com/tower>

<https://www.ansible.com/tower-editions>

<https://www.ansible.com/tower-trial>