



Streamlining the Ansible creator experience with the Ansible Development tools

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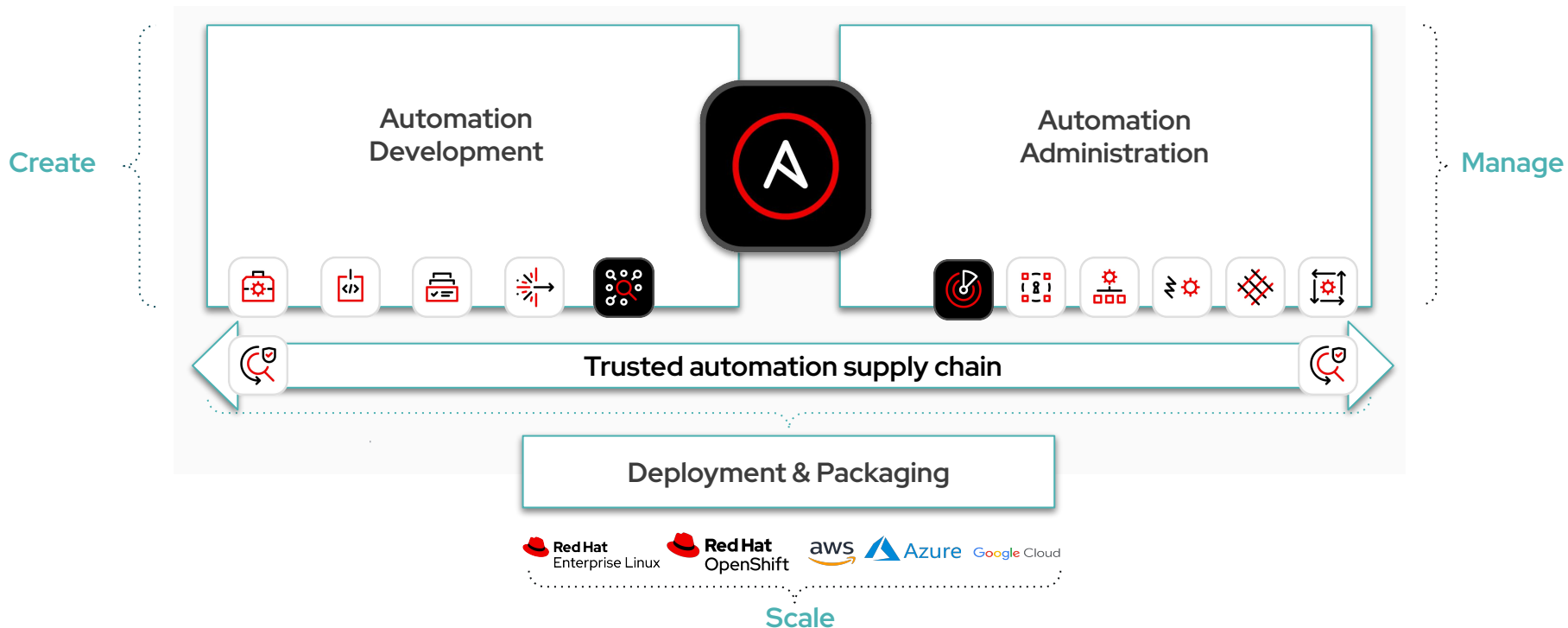
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- Why Ansible development tools (ADT)
- What is included in ADT?
- Enhanced capabilities of Ansible VS Code extension
- Working with Ansible development container
- Demo Time
- Roadmap



A unified solution for strategic automation





Enable your automation community of practice



Ansible content collections

Set automation projects into motion
Ready-made roles, modules, plug-ins,
and templates



Ansible development tools

Suite of supported components
Build, test, and deploy Ansible content



Ansible plugins for Red Hat Developer Hub

Curated learning paths, push-button content
creation, integrated development tools, and more
Educate new users and boost experienced users



Ansible development container

Includes Ansible development tools
Works with VS code integration, and
Ansible AI connect service



Ansible AI connect service

Collaboration with IBM to bring generative
AI to Ansible
Faster and easier Ansible content creation



Some of the Quotes from Ansible DevTools 2024 Survey

- Multiple Tools with no clear use case, everything does sort of the same.
- Too many options, sometimes lack of standards, especially hard for newcomers.
- How to structure an Ansible project?
- I'm new to coding overall and the ansible lint extension for vscode marks up a lot of errors even though it works. It's enjoying and I don't know how to interpret the feedback I get from the linter.



Supported and enterprise-grade components to enable creating, testing, and deployment of Ansible



Create

ansible-creator
Scaffold projects and content

ansible-navigator
Develop and troubleshoot with execution environments

Enhanced VS Code integration
Native graphical user interface to Ansible development tools

Ansible development environment
Build and manage virtual environments for content development

Test

Ansible Molecule
Functional test runner for collections, playbooks, and roles

ansible-lint
Identify and correct stylistic errors and anti-patterns

pytest-ansible
Added functions for module and plugin Python code unit testing

tox-ansible
Test collections under different Python interpreters and Ansible core versions

Deploy

ansible-builder
Build Ansible execution environments

ansible-sign
Sign and verify Ansible content





- Supports language specific features in editor
 - auto-completion
 - goto
 - syntax highlighting
 - diagnostics (validations)
- Supports working with execution environments
- Enhanced webviews to work with Ansible command lines tool (eg. ansible-creator, ansible-builder and so on)
- AI based code generation and explanation



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ANSIBLE DEVELOPMENT TOOLS

LAUNCH

- Getting Started
- Ansible code bot
- Documentation
- Settings

INITIALIZE

Initialize a new Ansible project

- Collection project
- Playbook project

ADD

Add resources to an existing Ansible project

- Collection plugin (NEW)
- Devcontainer (NEW)
- Devfile (NEW)
- Execution environment template (NEW)
- Playbook (NEW)
- Playbook template

WELCOME | Welcome | Ansible Development Tools

Create an Ansible environment

To access Ansible development tools, create an Ansible environment.

- Create an Ansible playbook
- Make sure you see the "Ansible" tag in the sta..
- Install the Ansible development package**
The Ansible development package contains all of the dependencies your environment needs to work with Ansible development tools.
[Install Ansible development package](#)
Alternatively, [switch to another environment](#) that has those installed.

[Mark Done](#)

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ANSIBLE LIGHTSPEED FEEDBACK



- Development containers, or dev containers, are containers that are specifically configured to provide a fully featured development environment.
- VS Code provides native integration for working with dev containers.
<https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=ms-vscode-remote.remote-containers>
- Ansible development container offers a powerful, consistent environment for Ansible development.
- Supports non-RHEL users (e.g. Windows systems) making it accessible to a broader audience.
<https://github.com/ansible/ansible-dev-tools/pkgs/container/community-ansible-dev-tools>



Demo Time

The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface with the Ansible extension page open in the marketplace. The left sidebar shows the Explorer view with the 'Extension: Ansible' folder selected. The main content area displays the extension details for 'Ansible' by Red Hat. The extension is described as adding language support for Ansible to Visual Studio Code and OpenVSX compatible editors. It includes sections for installation, marketplace statistics, and categories.

Ansible
Red Hat | redhat.com | 846,876 | 36 stars
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Ansible VS Code Extension by Red Hat

This extension adds language support for Ansible to Visual Studio Code and OpenVSX compatible editors by leveraging ansible-language-server.

Language association to yamll files

The extension works only when a document is assigned `ansible` language. The following method is used to assign `ansible` language to the document opened by the extension:

Without file inspection

- yamll files under `*/playbook*.dc`
- files with the following double extension: `.(ansible.yml)` or `.(ansible.yamll)`
- notable yamll names recognized by ansible like `site.yml` or `site.yamll`
- yamll files having playbook in their filename: `*playbook*.yml` or `*playbook*.yamll`

Additionally, in VS Code, you can add persistent file association for language to `settings.json` file like this:

```
{
  ...
}
```

Installation

Identifier	redhat.ansible
Version	25.1.0
Last	2025-01-09
Updated	06:50:23
Size	33.76MB

Marketplace

Published	2021-08-24, 10:01:54
Last	2025-01-08, 20:43:13
Released	20:43:13

Categories

- Programming Languages
- Linters

Resources

- Marketplace
- Issues



Ansible development tools (ADT)

Now

Creator add subcommand

Scaffolding content – action, filter, test, action, module etc – into an existing project.

Make Molecule collection aware

Optimize Molecule for collection testing use cases and improve upon “bolted on” functionality.

Near term

Enhance Ansible roles portability & maintainability

Optimize Ansible role management and adoption for scalable, effective automation.

Lint rules for roles in collections

Extend ansible-lint rules to promote putting roles in collections, better documentation, use arg_specs.

ADE Collection Dependency Functionality

Unified downloads of collection dependencies across multiple tools.

Long term

Revisit [role2collection](#) migration utility

Update and enhance tooling to assist in migrating standalone roles to collections.

Collection sanity testing function

Provide an alternative to ansible-test tooling.

Ansible content collections publishing function

Provide a supported means of publishing Ansible content collection to a private automation hub or Ansible Galaxy.

Creator generate subcommand

Generate API-based Ansible modules and plugins.

Podman Desktop extension

Provide a Podman Desktop extension of the ADT command line tools for “command line jockeys.”



Ansible VS Code Extension

Now

Continue Creator tool UI integration

Provides a Web UI to all the ansible-creator functions and options that is tied to the new welcome experience.

EE Builder Web UI

Provide a UI to enable developers to more easily build EEs in VS Code.

Near term

Content Browser

Display the docs for plugins, collections and roles within the extension in a webview.

EE UX

Provide an enhanced UX for learning, creating, testing, debugging and using EEs in AWX.

Initial EDA support

Begin introducing preliminary support for ansible-rulebook and EDA development with the possibility of more later.

Long term

Policy as Code Support

Provide feature and functionality to support Ansible policy-as-code (PoC) testing during development.



Anyone can contribute.
We are all community.

Join the forum to participate
in discussions and get help!



Want to contribute? Find out
how to get involved.





Thanks!

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