

# Probing Ansible Bonds with Molecule Tests

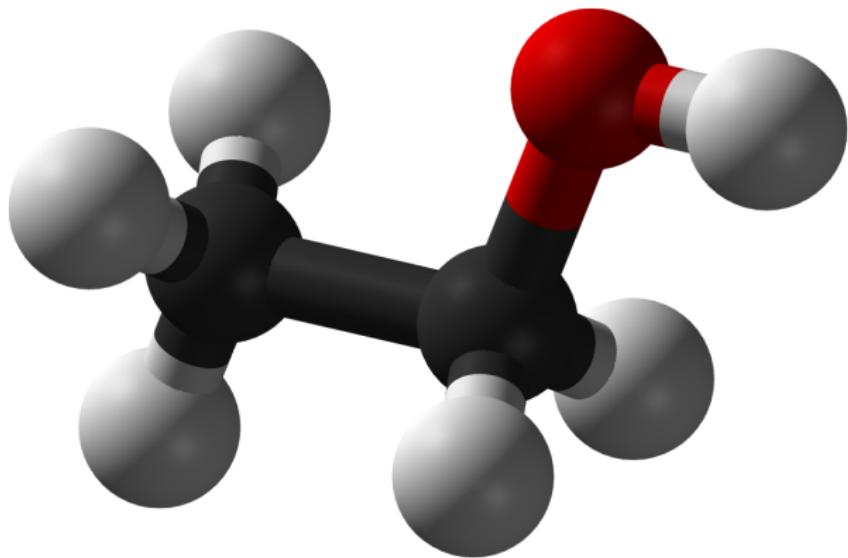


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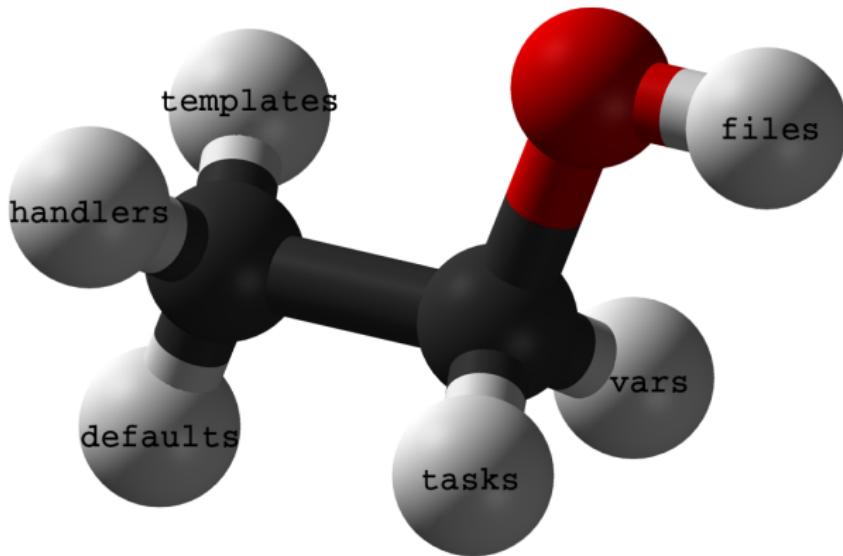
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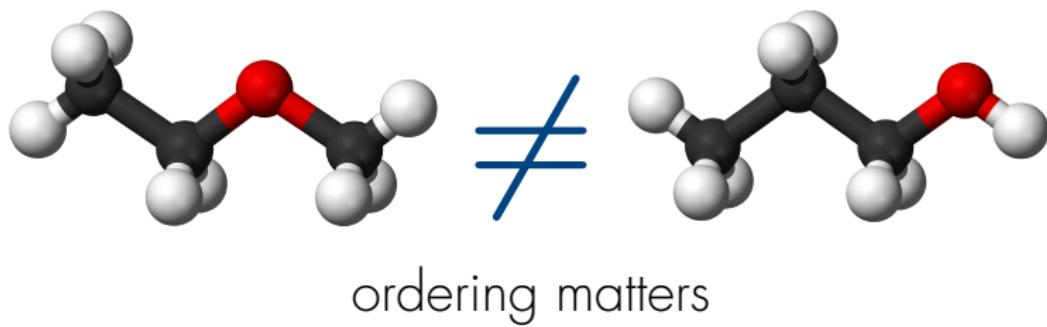
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# Building Blocks

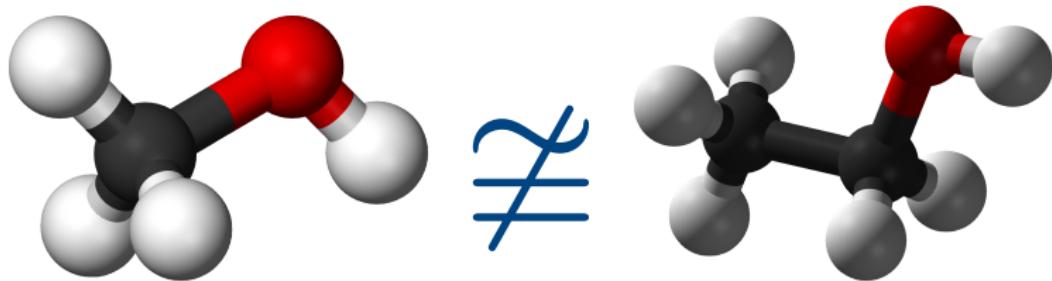
Modules are already tested. Why should i test roles?



# More than just a Bunch of Atoms



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mind the additional side effects!

# A Role

```
nginx_sysinfo
├── defaults
│   └── main.yaml
├── files
│   └── stylesheet.css
├── handlers
│   └── main.yaml
├── tasks
│   └── main.yaml
├── templates
│   └── index.html.j2
└── vars
    └── main.yaml
```

```
$mkvirtualenv --python=python3.6 molecule  
(molecule)$ pip install molecule  
(molecule)$ molecule init --scenario
```

# A Role

```
nginx_sysinfo
├── [...]
└── .yamllint
└── molecule
    └── default
        ├── Dockerfile.j2
        ├── INSTALL.rst
        ├── molecule.yml
        ├── playbook.yml
        └── tests
            └── test_default.py
```

# Molecule Config File



```
# config file for tests
# molecule/default/molecule.yml
driver:
  name: docker
platforms:
  - name: centos7
    image: centos:7
  - name: debian10
    image: debian:10
```

```
(molecule)$ molecule matrix [-s default] test
default
    lint
    dependency
    destroy
    create
    prepare
    converge
    idempotence
    verify
    destroy
```

```
---
```

```
# molecule/default/molecule.yml
```

```
driver:
```

```
    name: docker
```

```
lint:
```

```
    name: yamllint
```

```
platforms:
```

```
    - name: centos7
```

```
        image: centos:7
```

```
    - name: debian10
```

```
        image: debian:10
```

# yaml ≠ yaml



```
# some yaml file of the role
# we want this to fail
foo: bar
foo2: bar
foo3:
- bar1
- bar2
foo4:
- de
- no
foo5: False
foo6: Yes
```

# yaml ≠ yaml



```
--- # this looks better
foo: bar
foo2: bar
foo3:
  - bar1
  - bar2
foo4:
  - de
  - no
foo5: false
foo6: true
```

edited .yamllint in role dir (added my molecule)

```
rules:  
  document-start: enable  
  indentation: {spaces: 2, indent-sequences: consistent}  
  truthy: enable  
  ignore: |  
    .gitlab-ci.yml
```

```
(molecule)$ molecule matrix [-s default] test
default
    lint # ✓
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    prepare
    converge
    idempotence
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```

# Does my Role have Dependencies?



```
---
# molecule/default/molecule.yml
dependency:
  name: galaxy
driver:
  name: docker
lint:
  name: yamllint
platforms:
  - name: centos7
    image: centos:7
  - name: debian10
    image: debian:10
```

# Requirements File



```
---
# molecule/default/requirements.yml
- src: geerlingguy.*
```

# Get Dependencies



```
(molecule)$ molecule dependency
--> Test matrix

    default
        dependency

--> Scenario: 'default'
--> Action: 'dependency'
    - changing role geerlingguy.ntp from 1.6.4 to unspecified
    - downloading role 'ntp', owned by geerlingguy
    - downloading role from https://github.com/geerlingguy/...
    - extracting geerlingguy.ntp [...]
    - geerlingguy.ntp (1.6.4) was installed successfully
Dependency completed successfully.
```

# Alternatives to Galaxy?



- ▶ gilt - A GIT layering tool.

```
---
dependency:
  name: gilt
---
# gilt config file
- git: https://github.com/blueboxgroup/ursula.git
  version: master
  files:
    - src: roles/logging
      dst: roles/blueboxgroup.logging/
```

- ▶ shell - An Unix tool

```
---
dependency:
  name: shell
  command: curl | bash
```

# Use Dependencies?



Patience please

```
(molecule)$ matrix [-s default] test
default
  lint # ✓
  dependency # ✓
  destroy
  create
  prepare
  converge
  idempotence
  verify
  destroy
```

# Create, Converge, Destroy, Prepare



## The Ansible provisioner

```
---
# molecule/default/molecule.yml
[...]
provisioner:
  name: ansible
  lint:
    name: ansible-lint
options:
  vvv: true
playbooks:
  create: create.yml
  converge: playbook.yml
  destroy: destroy.yml
  prepare: prepare.yml
```

# Create Matrix



Prepare infrastructure to run role

```
(molecule)$ molecule matrix [-s default] create  
--> Test matrix
```

```
default  
dependency  
create  
prepare
```

# Steps for Creating



- ▶ Consider adjusting Dockerfile.j2
- ▶ Write prepare playbook

```
---
- hosts: all
  #roles:
  # - geerlingguy.ntp
  tasks:
    - name: Install curl
      become: true
      package:
        name: curl
```

- ▶ Done

Docker/Vagrant: create, destroy, prepare are bundled

Prepare infrastructure to run role

```
(molecule)$ molecule matrix [-s default] converge
```

```
default
dependency
create
prepare
converge
```

# Converge Playbook



Prepare infrastructure to run role

```
---
- name: Converge
  hosts: all
  roles:
    - role: nginx_sysinfo
```

# Converge Playbook



Since playbook names are defaulted

```
---
# molecule/default/molecule.yml
[...]
provisioner:
  name: ansible
  lint:
    name: ansible-lint
#playbooks:
#  #create: create.yml
#  #prepare: prepare.yml
```

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(molecule)$ molecule matrix [-s default] test
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  lint # ✓
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  prepare # ✓
  converge # ✓
  idempotence
  verify
  destroy # ✓
```

- ▶ Rerun converge
- ▶ all tasks unchanged? ✓

Careful: failure is not always a sign of wrong

# Remove step from test sequence?



```
---
```

```
# molecule/default/molecule.yml
```

```
[...]
```

```
scenario:
```

```
    test_sequence:
```

```
        - lint
```

```
        - dependency
```

```
        - destroy
```

```
        - create
```

```
        - prepare
```

```
        - converge
```

```
#- idempotence
```

```
        - verify
```

```
        - cleanup
```

```
        - destroy
```

# Rescue Idempotence



sometimes changes are more equal than others

```
---
- name: apt-get update
  apt:
    update_cache: true
    changed_when: false
```

```
(molecule)$ molecule matrix [-s default] test
default
  lint # ✓
  dependency # ✓
  destroy # ✓
  create # ✓
  prepare # ✓
  converge # ✓
  idempotence # ✓
  verify
  destroy # ✓
```

Test the results of your role. Default python testinfra + flake8 linter

```
---
#molecule/default/molecule.yml
[...]
verifier:
    name: testinfra
    lint:
        name: flake8
```

# Verify with Testinfra



```
#molecule/default/test/test_default.py
import os
from testinfra.utils import ansible_runner

testinfra_hosts = ansible_runner.AnsibleRunner(
    os.environ['MOLECULE_INVENTORY_FILE']
).get_hosts('all')

def test_nginx_is_installed(host):
    nginx = host.package("nginx")
    assert nginx.is_installed
```

# Verify with Ansible



```
---
#molecule/default/molecule.yml
[...]
verifier:
  name: ansible
  lint:
    name: ansible-lint
```

Create verify.yml in default dir

```
(molecule)$ molecule matrix [-s default] test
default
    lint # ✓
    dependency # ✓
    destroy # ✓
    create # ✓
    prepare # ✓
    converge # ✓
    idempotence # ✓
    verify # ✓
    destroy # ✓
```

Run single steps of test sequence?

# Run Molecule Steps



```
$ molecule [--scenario-name default] <sequence_step>
$ molecule lint # lint
$ molecule create # only create infra
$ molecule list # list created infra
$ molecule converge # run role
$ molecule login # connect with instance to debug
$ molecule verify # only run testinfra/ansible tests
$ molecule destroy # destroy infra
$ molecule test [--destroy=never]
# run all of the above (keep infra)
```

# Role results



## Network information

Hostname	localhost.localdomain
IPv4 addresses	192.168.121.25
IPv6 addresses	fe80::5054:ff:fea2:17c5
Default IPv4 interface -- macaddress	52:54:00:a2:17:c5
Default IPv4 interface -- network	192.168.121.0
Default IPv4 interface -- mtu	1500
Default IPv4 interface -- broadcast	192.168.121.255
Default IPv4 interface -- alias	eth0
Default IPv4 interface -- netmask	255.255.255.0
Default IPv4 interface -- address	192.168.121.25
Default IPv4 interface -- interface	eth0
Default IPv4 interface -- type	ether
Default IPv4 interface -- gateway	192.168.121.1
Hostname	localhost
FQDN	localhost.localdomain

# Role results



- ▶ What about more info?

## Role results



# Roles are parameterizable



```
{% if full_info %}  
<table>  
  <tr> <th colspan='2'>OS Facts</th> </tr>  
  <tr>  
    <td>This system is running on</td>  
    <td>{{ ansible_distribution }}</td>  
  </tr>  
  [...]  
</table>  
{% endif %}
```

# Scenarios test different Situations



Our role supports an option to include more (sensitive) information.

```
(molecule)$ molecule init scenario -s full
```

```
full
├── Dockerfile.j2
├── molecule.yml
├── playbook.yml
└── tests
    └── test_default.py
```

# Don't repeat yourself



Usually only some aspects are different.

```
$ cd full
$ ln -sf ../default/molecule.yml
$ ln -sf ../default/Dockerfile.j2
$ ln -sf ../default/prepare.yml
$ cp ../default/playbook.yml .
```

# Converge in Scenario "full"



```
# playbook.yml
---
- name: Converge
  hosts: all
  vars:
    full_info: true # test with non default option
  roles:
    - role: nginx_sysinfo
```

# Verify Scenario "full"



```
$ rm tests/*
$ ln -sf ../default/tests/test_common.py tests/
$ cp ../default/tests/test_content_default.py \
  tests/test_content_full.py
```

```
# tests/test_content_full.py
[...]
def test_nginx_serving_content(host):
    assert host.addr("localhost").port(80).is_reachable
    result = host.check_output("curl localhost:80")
    assert "IPv4 addresses" in result
    assert "AppArmor" in result
    assert "Environment variables" in result
```

# Run Scenario Test



```
# Test non default scenario  
(molecule)$ molecule test -s full
```

```
# Test all scenarios in parallel  
(molecule)$ molecule test --all --parallel
```

# Use different Driver



```
(molecule)$ pip install 'molecule[hetznercloud]'  
(molecule)$ molecule scenario init hetzner_default \  
--driver-name hetznercloud
```

```
hetzner_default  
├── create.yml  
├── destroy.yml  
├── molecule.yml  
├── playbook.yml  
├── prepare.yml  
└── tests  
    └── test_default.py
```

# Use different Driver

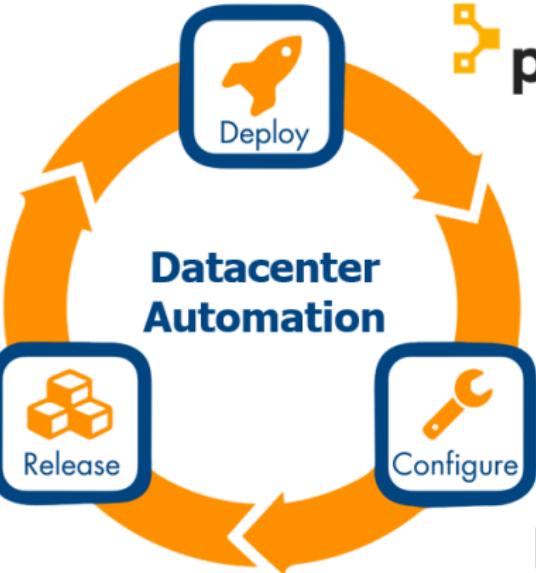


```
# molecule.yml
---
[...]
driver:
  name: hetznercloud
.platform_base: &platform_base
  server_type: cx11
platforms:
  - <<: *platform_base
    name: centos7
    image: centos-7
  - <<: *platform_base
    name: debian10
    image: debian-10
```

# There is more ...



- ▶ even more driver: DigitalOcean, Podman, Vagrant, LXC, EC2,...
- ▶ Test-Driven-Development → make red green
- ▶ systemd in docker? → RTFM: examples
- ▶ use CI/CD → RTFM: examples



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# Questions?



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