

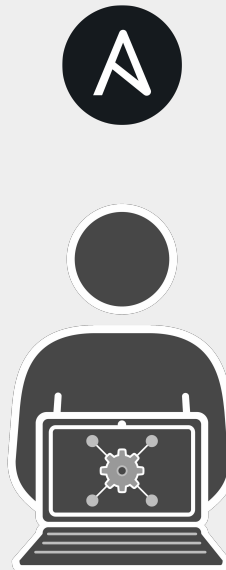


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# Automation for all

Ansible technical introduction and overview



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

# Teams are automating...



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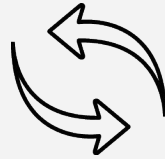
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# Why Ansible?



## 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**

# What can I do using 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

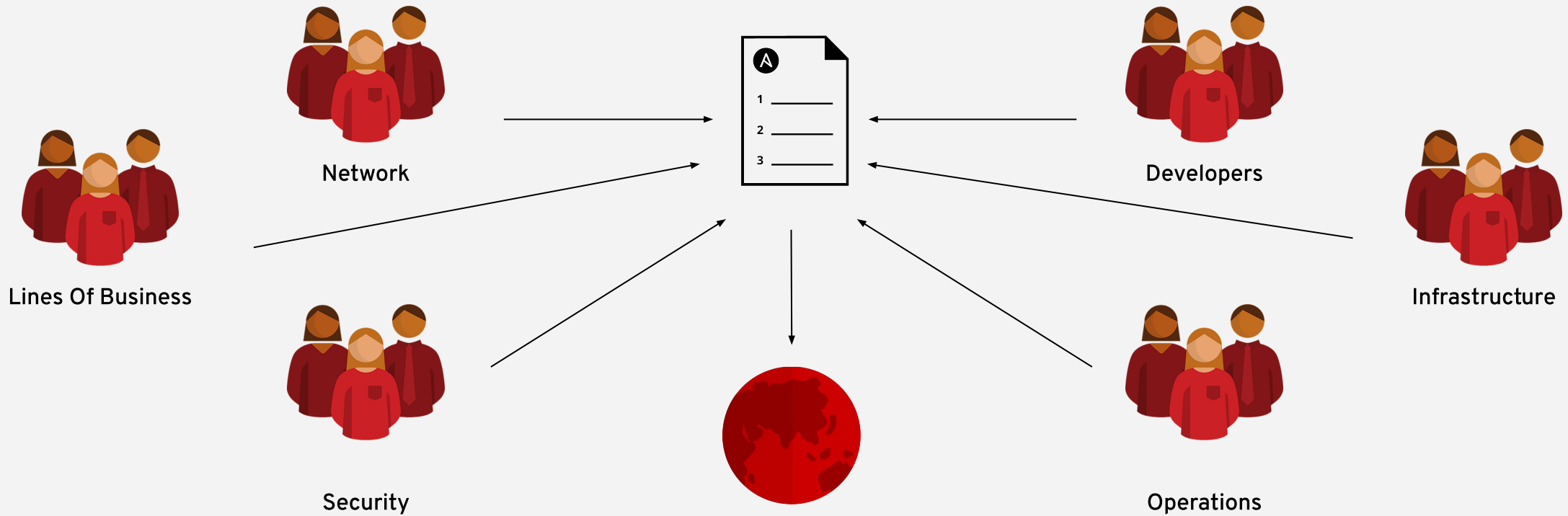
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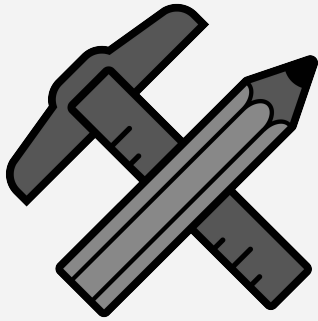
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And more...

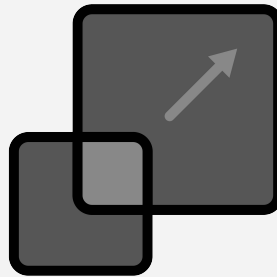
# When automation crosses teams, you need an automation platform



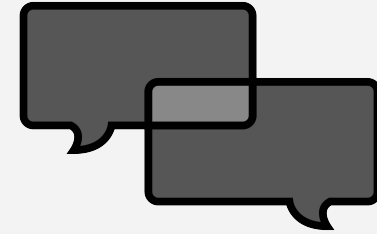
# A platform can help you



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**Ansible Tower:** Operate & control at scale

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**Ansible Engine:** Universal language of automation

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# Ansible automates technologies you use

Time to automate is measured in minutes, 50+ **certified** platforms

## Cloud

**AWS**  
**Azure**  
Digital Ocean  
**Google**  
OpenStack  
Rackspace  
+more

**Red Hat**  
**Products**  
RHEL  
**Satellite**  
**Insights**  
+more

## Virt & Container

Docker  
Kubernetes  
OpenStack  
OpenShift  
VMware  
+more

**Storage**  
**Infinidat**  
**Netapp**  
**Pure Storage**  
+more

## Windows

ACLs  
Files  
Packages  
IIS  
Registry  
Shares  
Services  
Configs  
Users  
Domains  
Updates  
+more

## Network

**Arista**  
**Aruba**  
Bigswitch  
**Cisco**  
Ericsson  
**F5**  
**FRR**  
**Juniper**  
Meraki  
**OpenvSwitch**  
Ruckus  
**VyOS**  
+more

## Security

**Checkpoint**  
**Cisco**  
**CyberArk**  
**F5**  
**Fortinet**  
**Juniper**  
**IBM**  
Palo Alto  
Snort  
+more

## Monitoring

**Dynatrace**  
Datadog  
LogicMonitor  
**New Relic**  
Sensu  
+more

**Devops**  
Jira  
GitHub  
Vagrant  
Jenkins  
Slack  
+more

# Red Hat Ansible Tower

by the numbers:

**94%** Reduction in recovery time following a security incident

**84%** Savings by deploying workloads to generic systems appliances using Ansible Tower

**67%** Reduction in man hours required for customer deliveries

Financial summary:

**146%**

ROI on Ansible Tower

**< 3 MONTHS**

Payback on Ansible Tower



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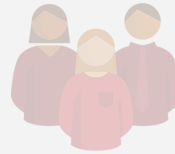
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# Red Hat Ansible Engine

## Cross platform

Agentless support for all major OS variants, physical, virtual, cloud and network devices.

## Human readable

Perfectly describe and document every aspect of your application environment.

## Perfect description of application

Every change can be made by Playbooks, ensuring everyone is on the same page.

## Version controlled

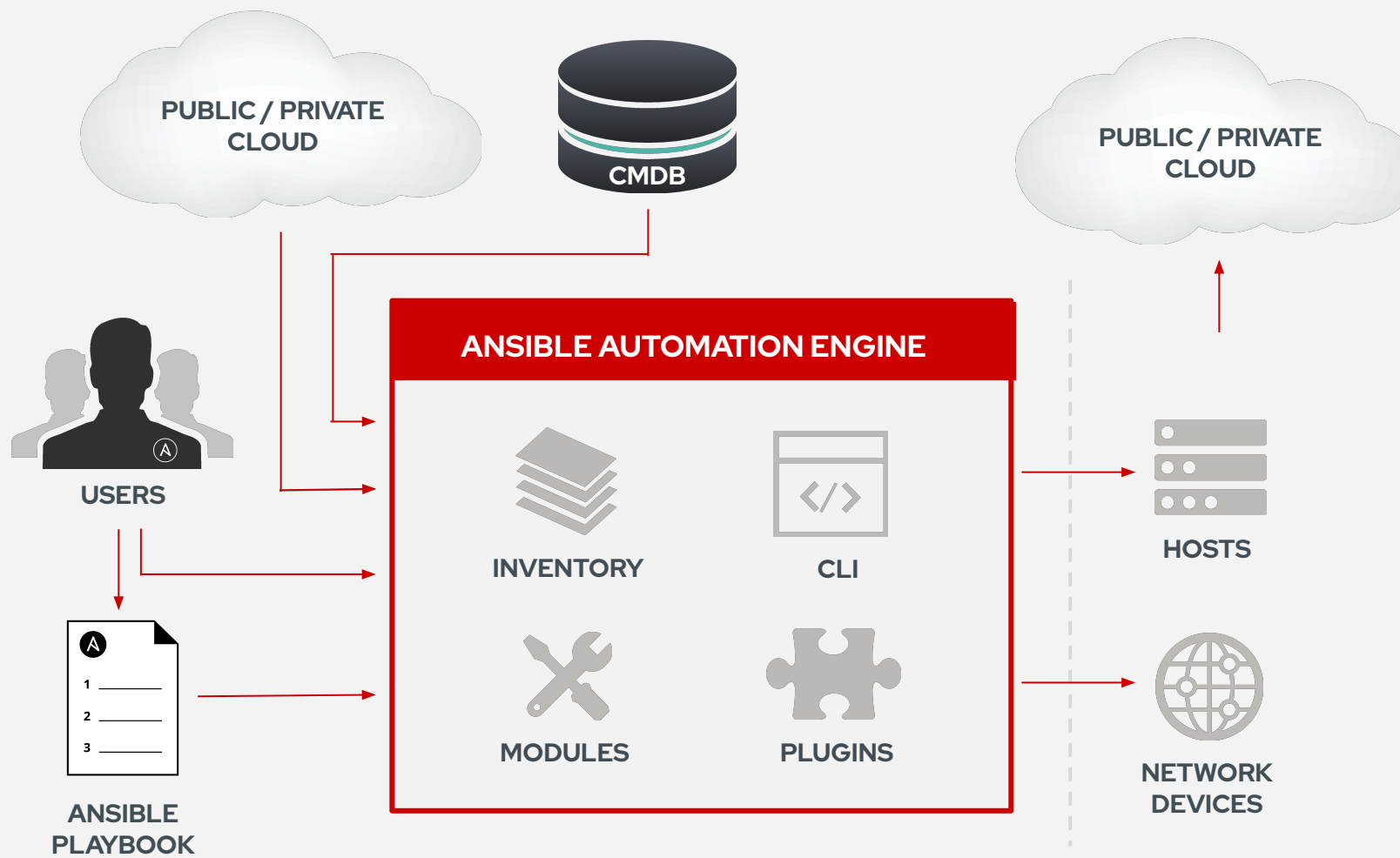
Playbooks are plain-text. Treat them like code in your existing version control.

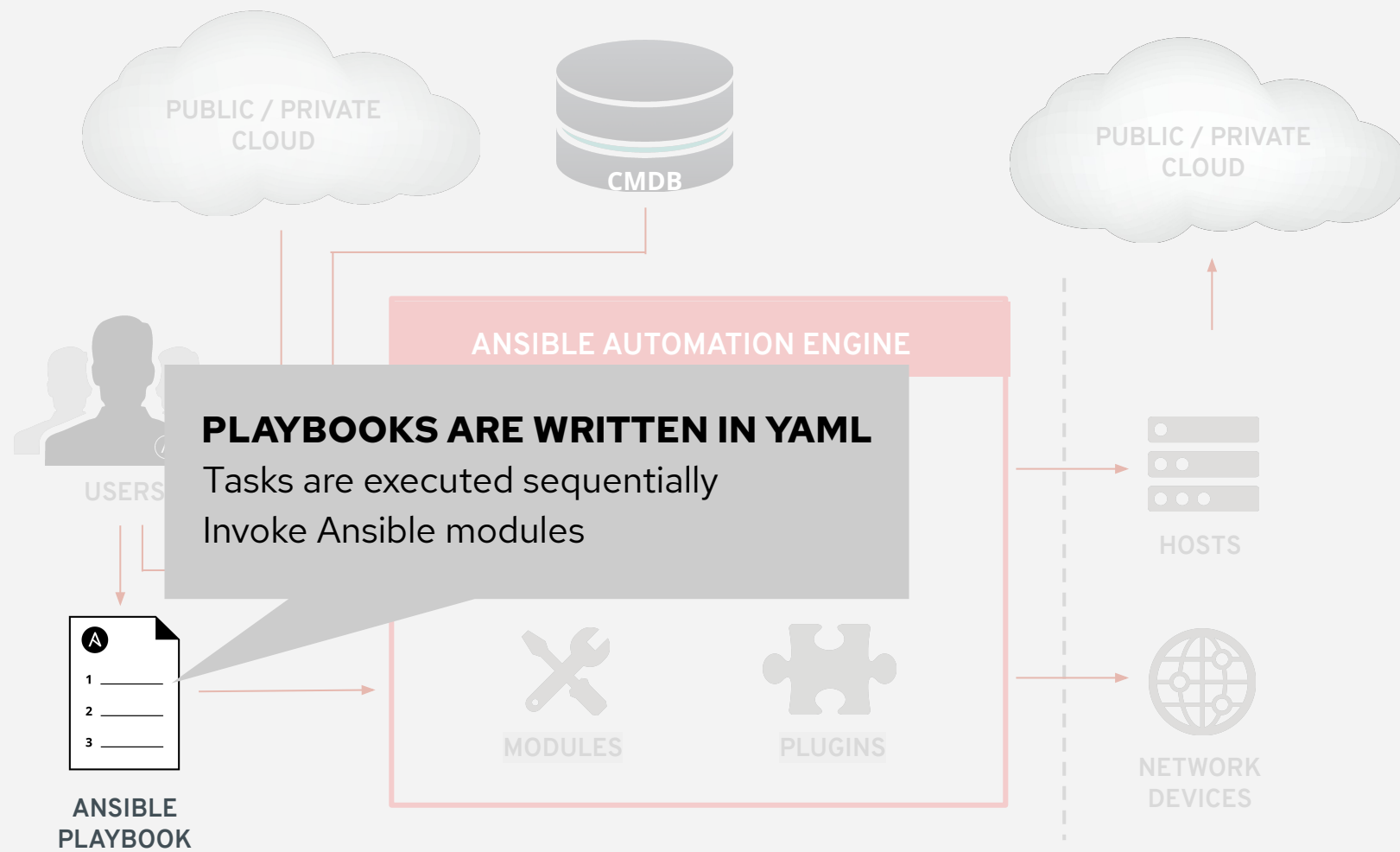
## Dynamic inventories

Capture all the servers 100% of the time, regardless of infrastructure, location, etc.

## Orchestration plays well with others

Orchestration plays well with others: ServiceNow, Infoblox, AWS, Terraform, Cisco ACI and more





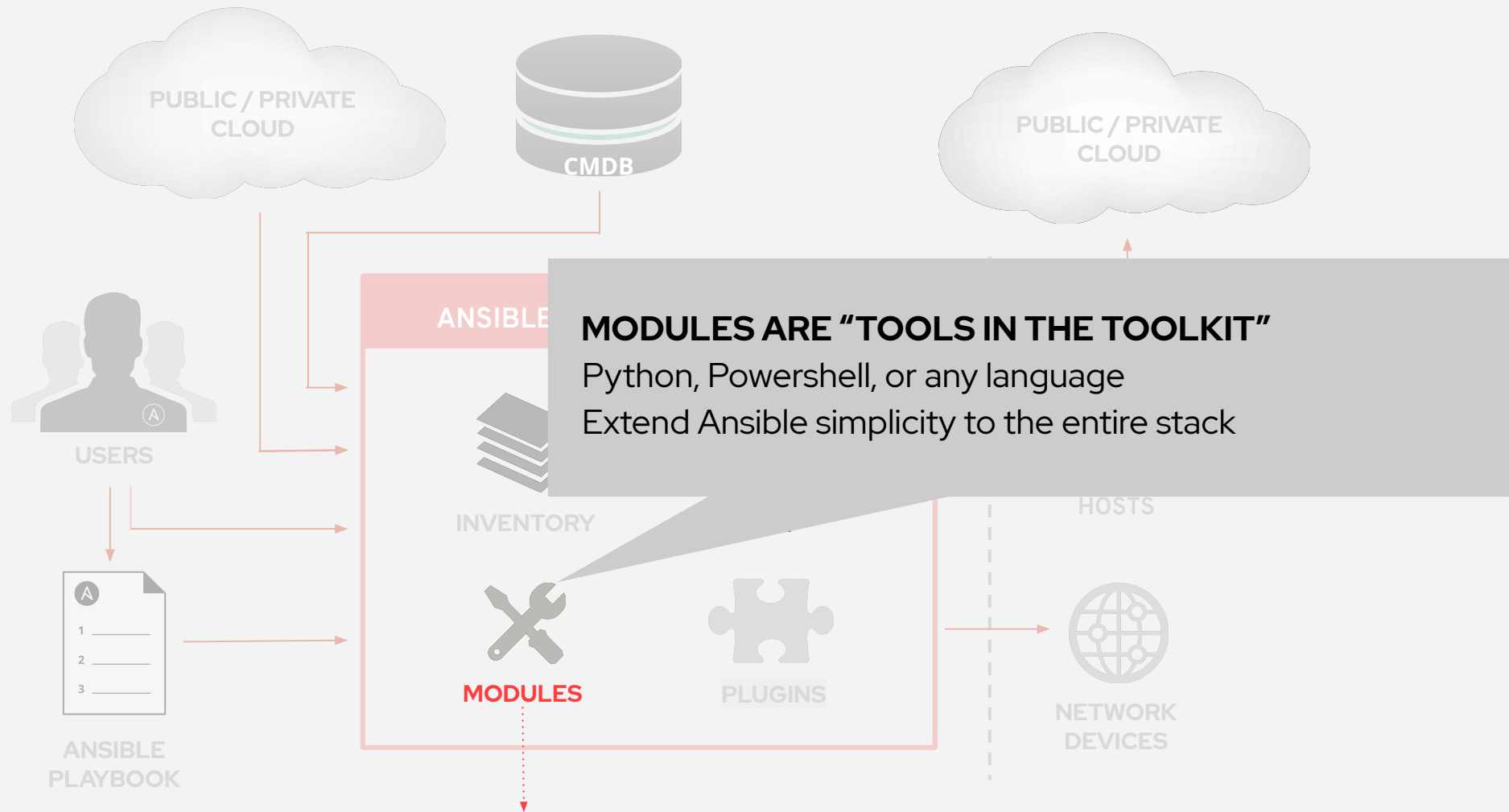
```
---
- name: install and start apache
  hosts: web
  become: yes

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

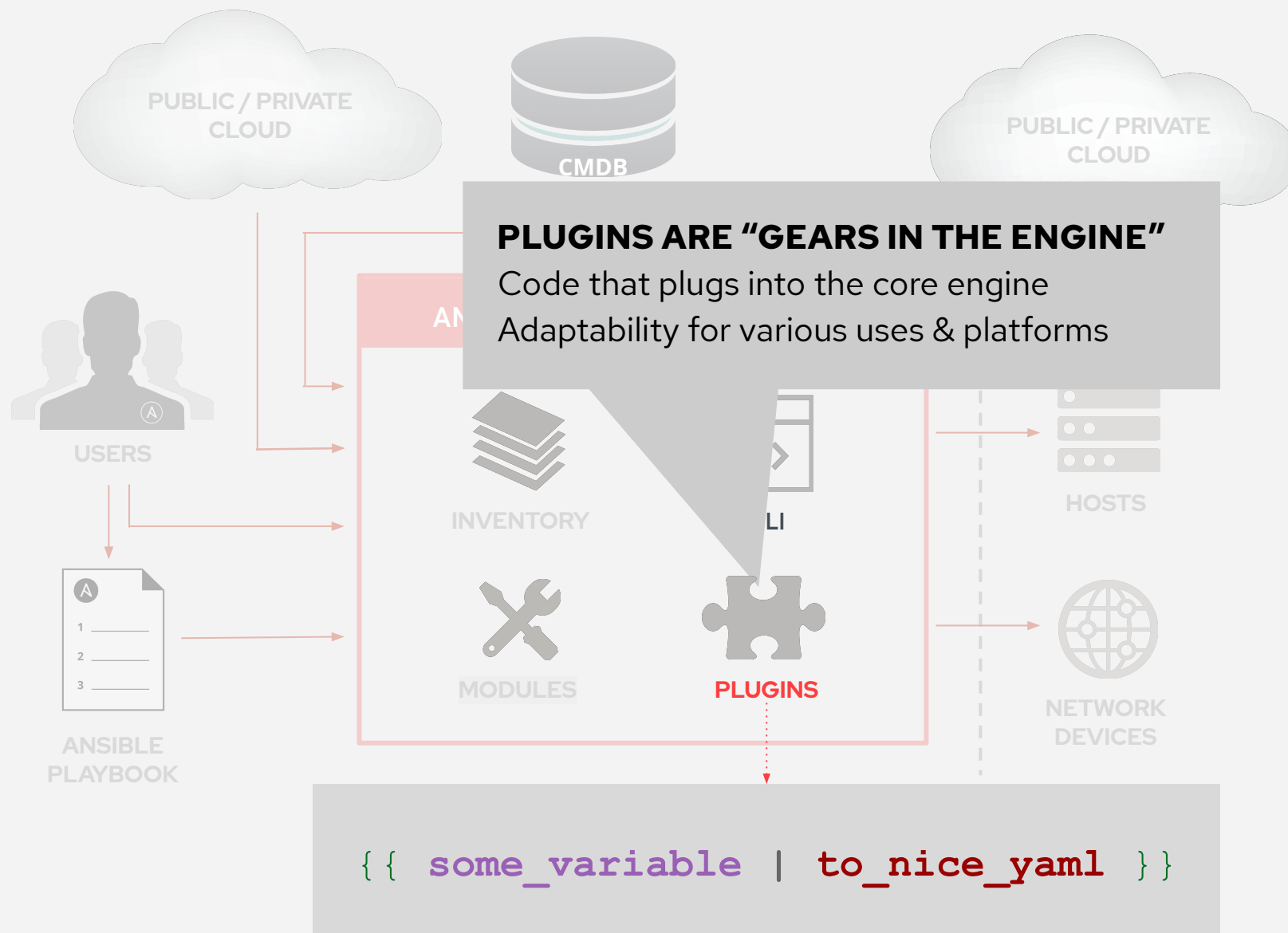
    - name: latest index.html file is present
      template:
        src: files/index.html
        dest: /var/www/html/

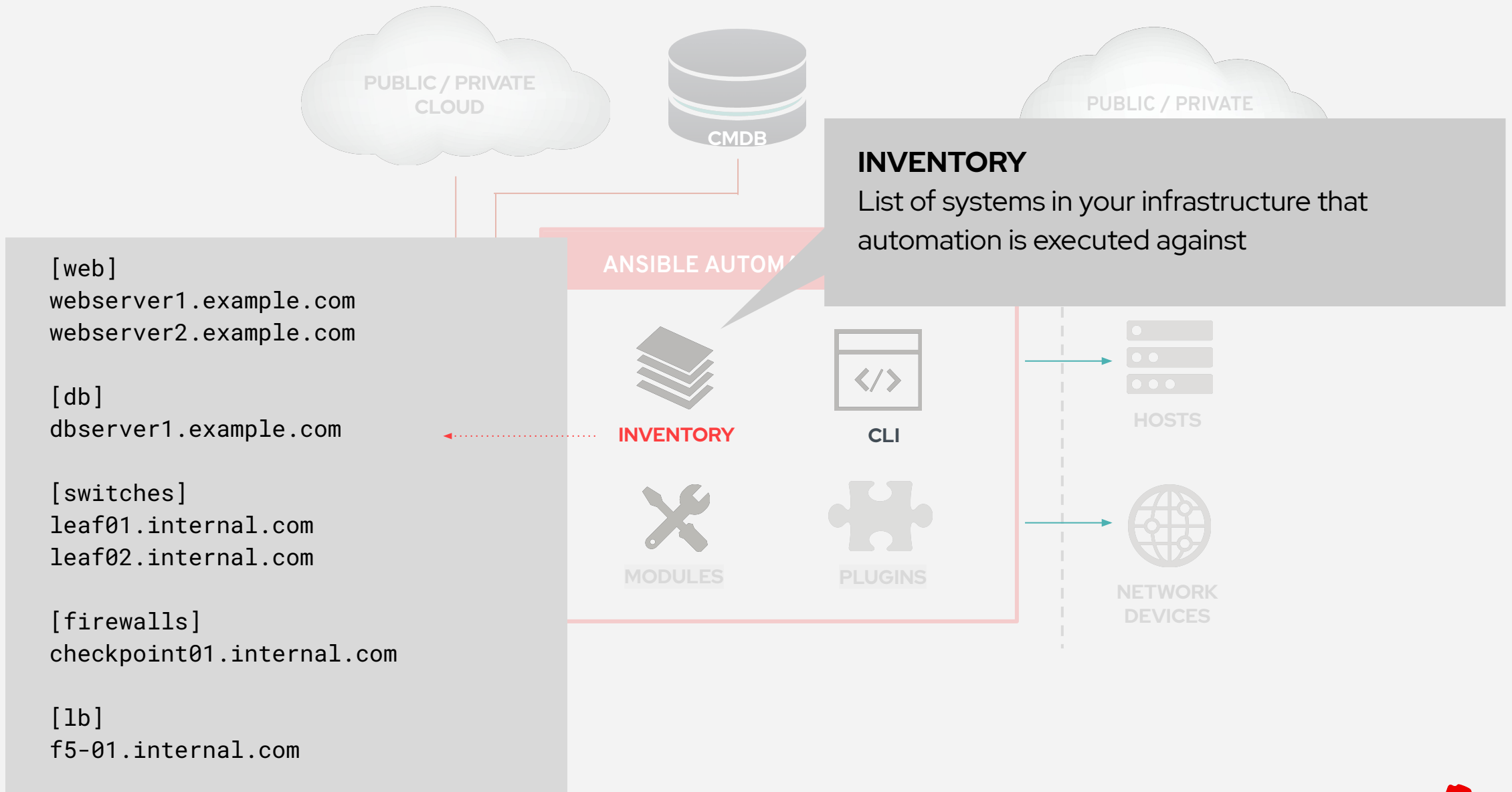
    - name: httpd is started
      service:
        name: httpd
        state: started
```

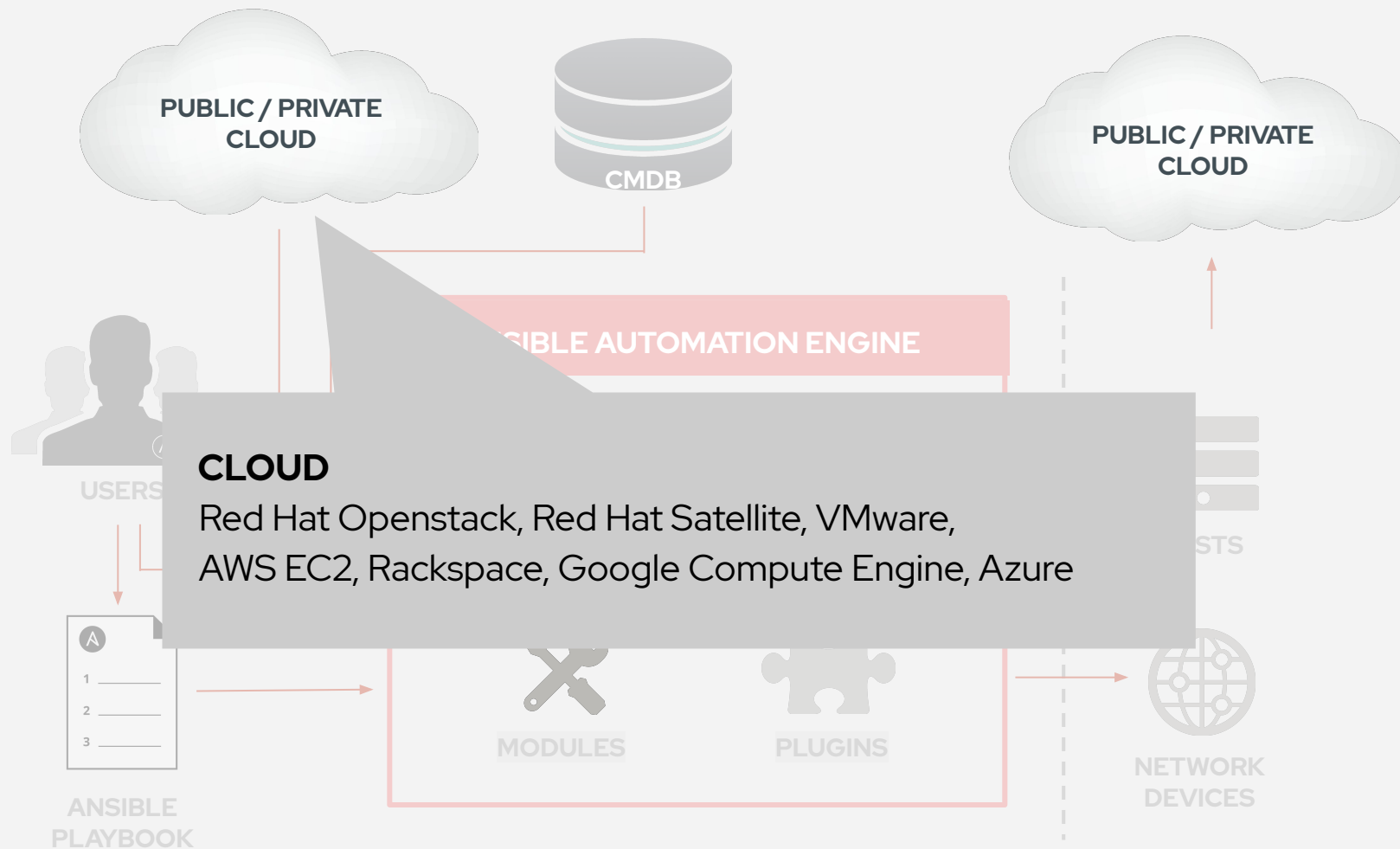


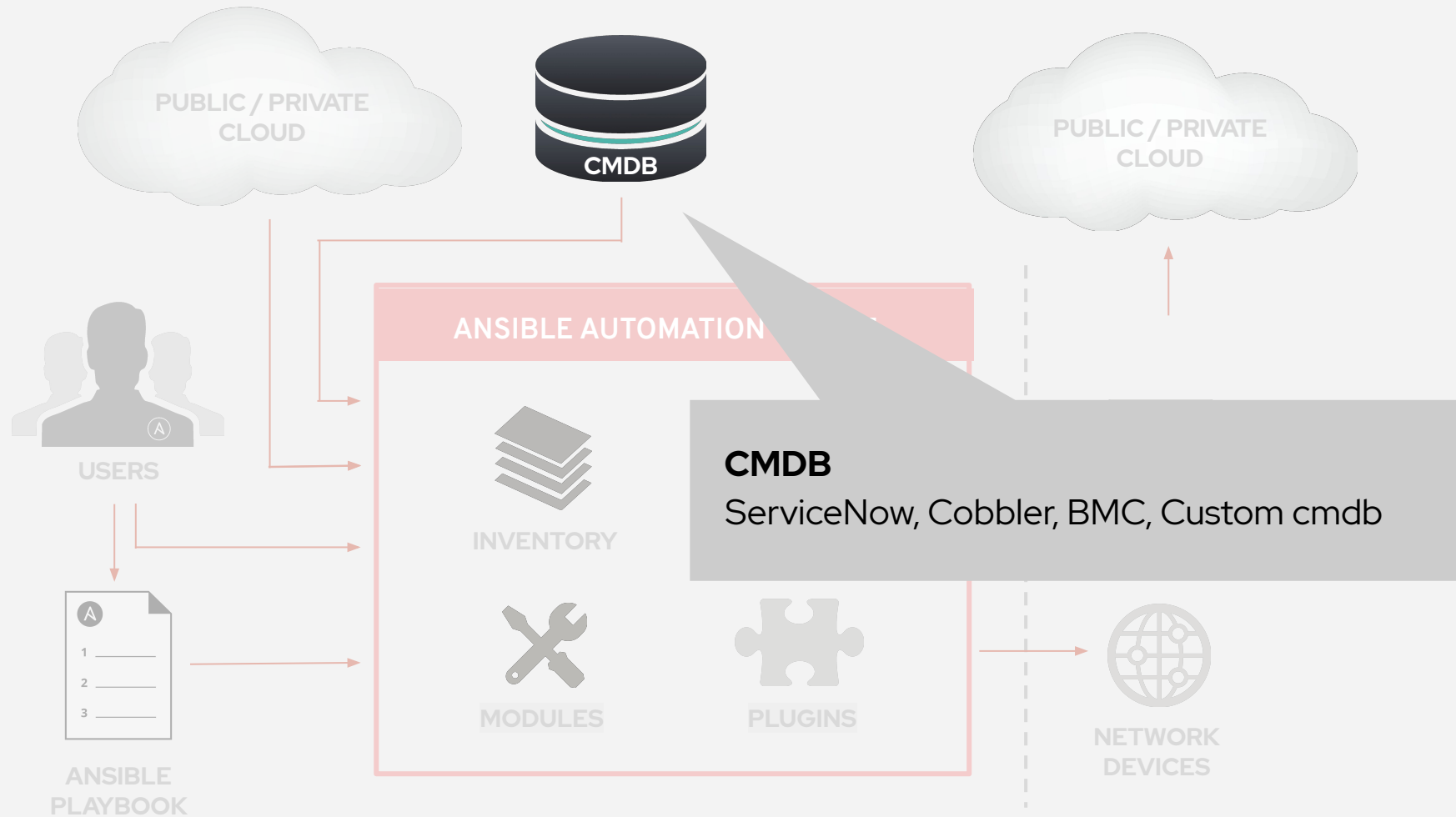


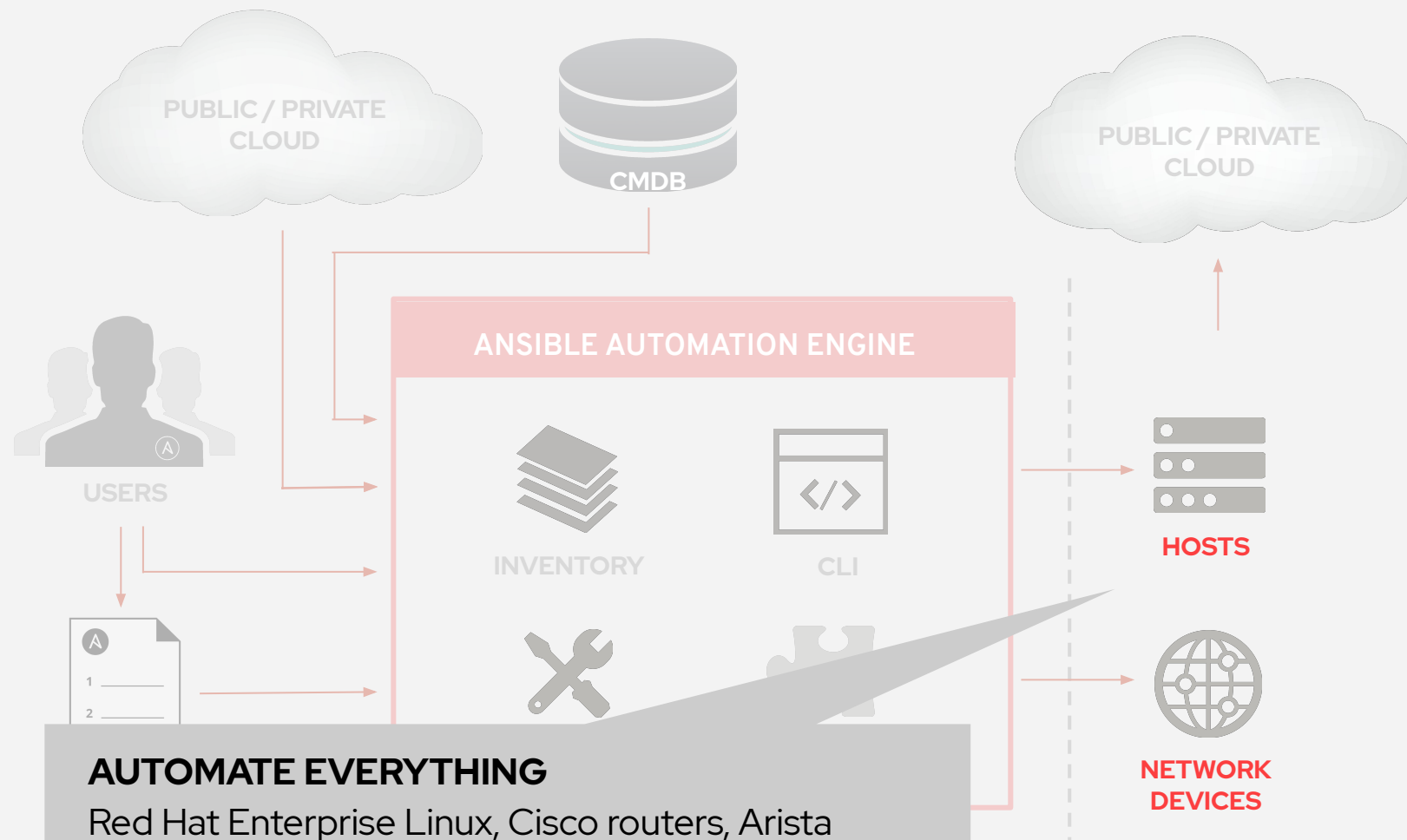
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## **AUTOMATE EVERYTHING**

Red Hat Enterprise Linux, Cisco routers, Arista switches, Juniper routers, Windows hosts, Check Point firewalls, NetApp storage, F5 load balancers and more



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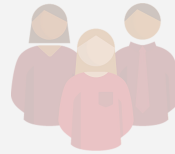
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# Red Hat Ansible Tower

## 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.

## RBAC

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

## Enterprise integrations

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

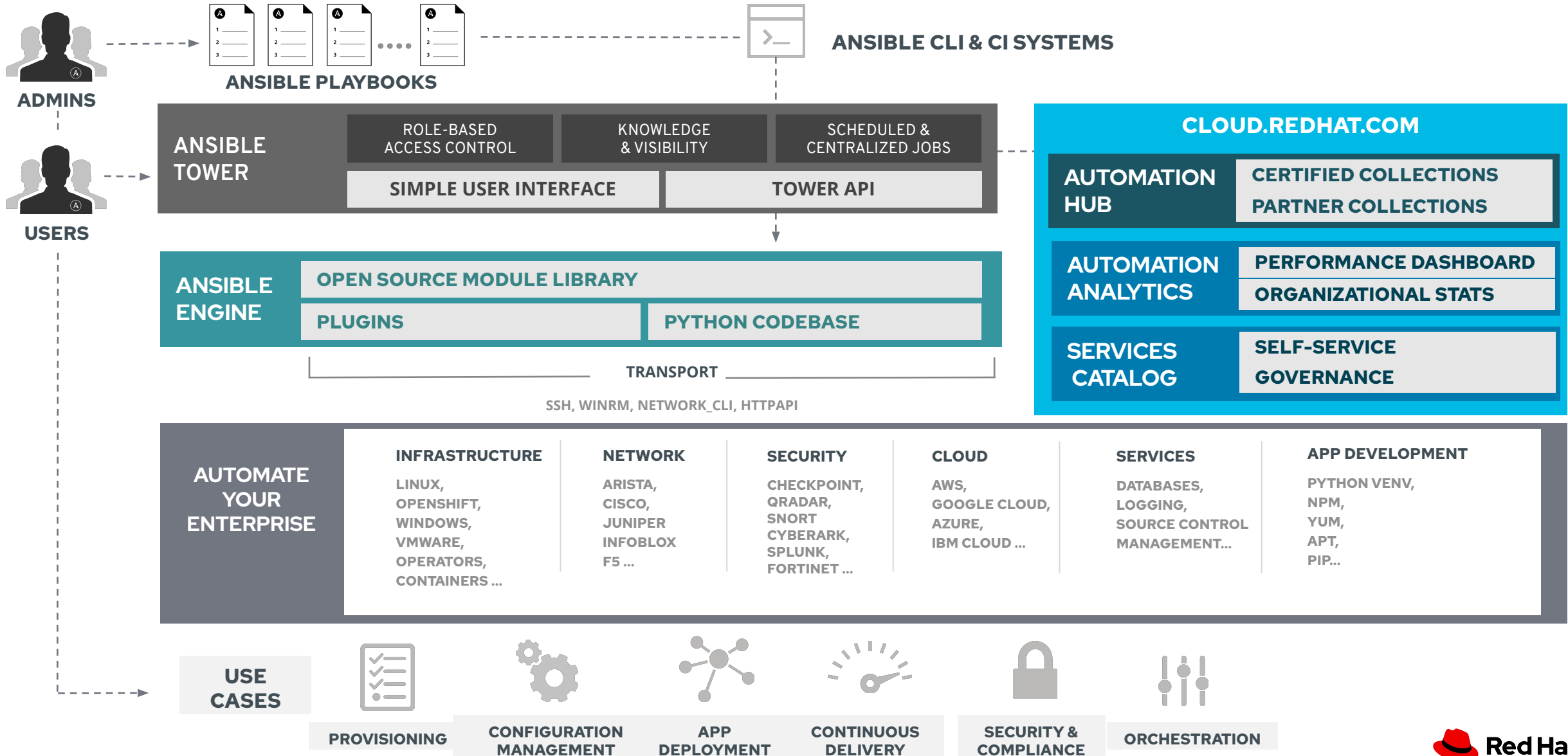
## Centralized logging

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.

## 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.

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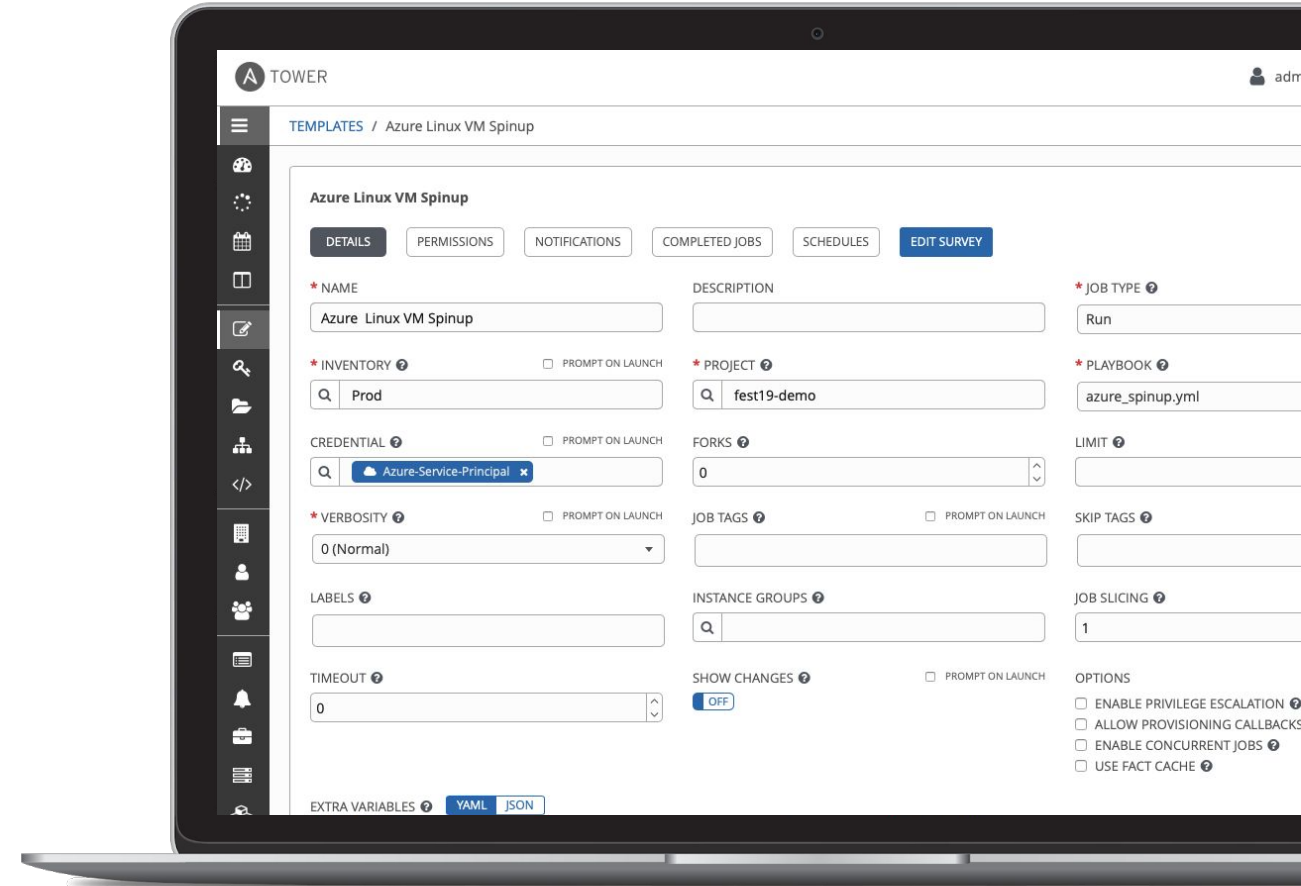
# Job Templates

Everything in Ansible Tower revolves around the concept of a **Job Template**. Job Templates allow Ansible Playbooks to be controlled, delegated and scaled for an organization.

Job templates also encourage the reuse of Ansible Playbook content and collaboration between teams.

A **Job Template** requires:

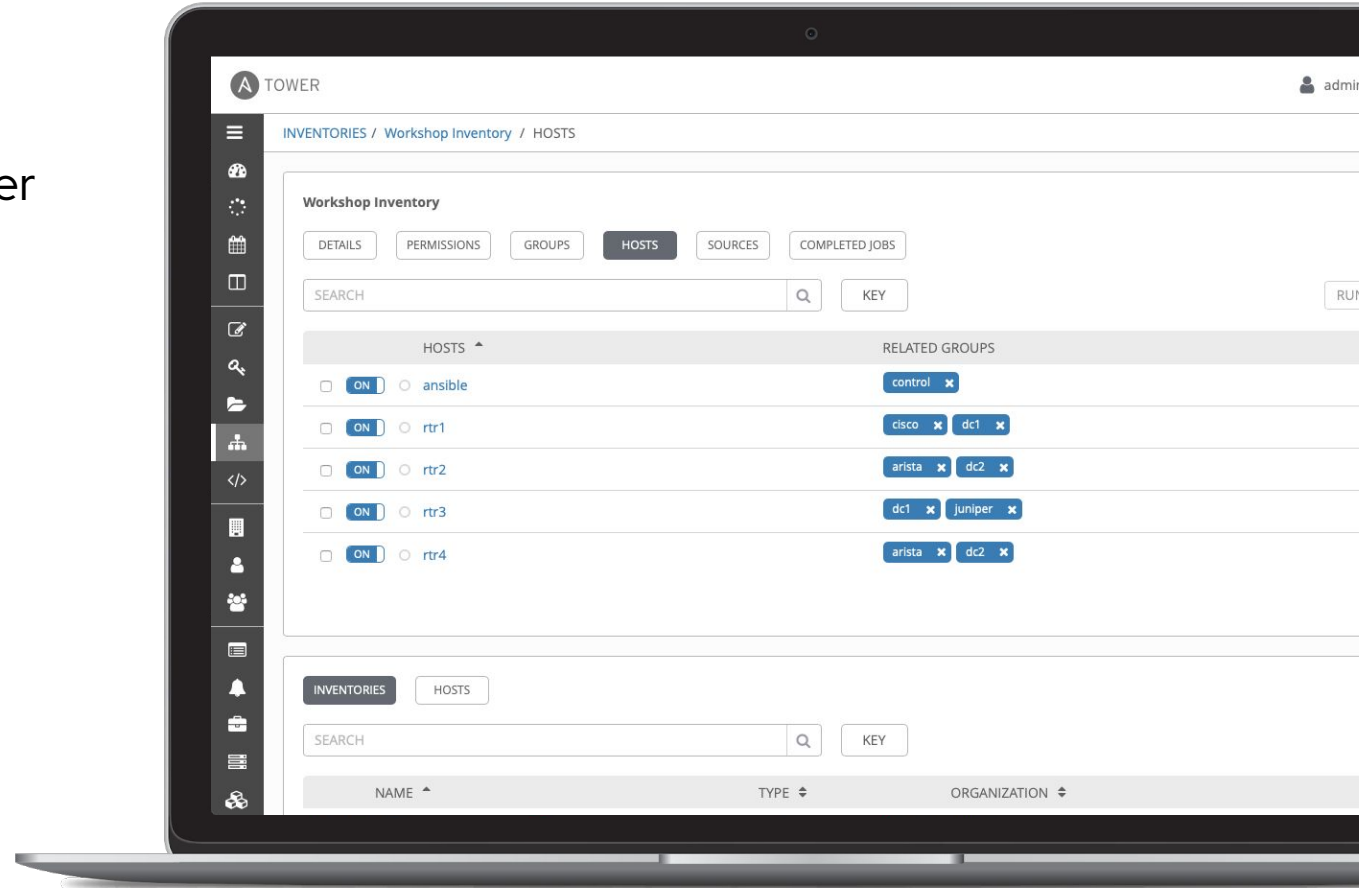
- An **Inventory** to run the job against
- A **Credential** to login to devices.
- A **Project** which contains Ansible Playbooks



# Inventory

Inventory is a collection of hosts (nodes) with associated data and groupings that Ansible Tower can connect to and manage.

- Hosts (nodes)
- Groups
- Inventory-specific data (variables)
- Static or dynamic sources

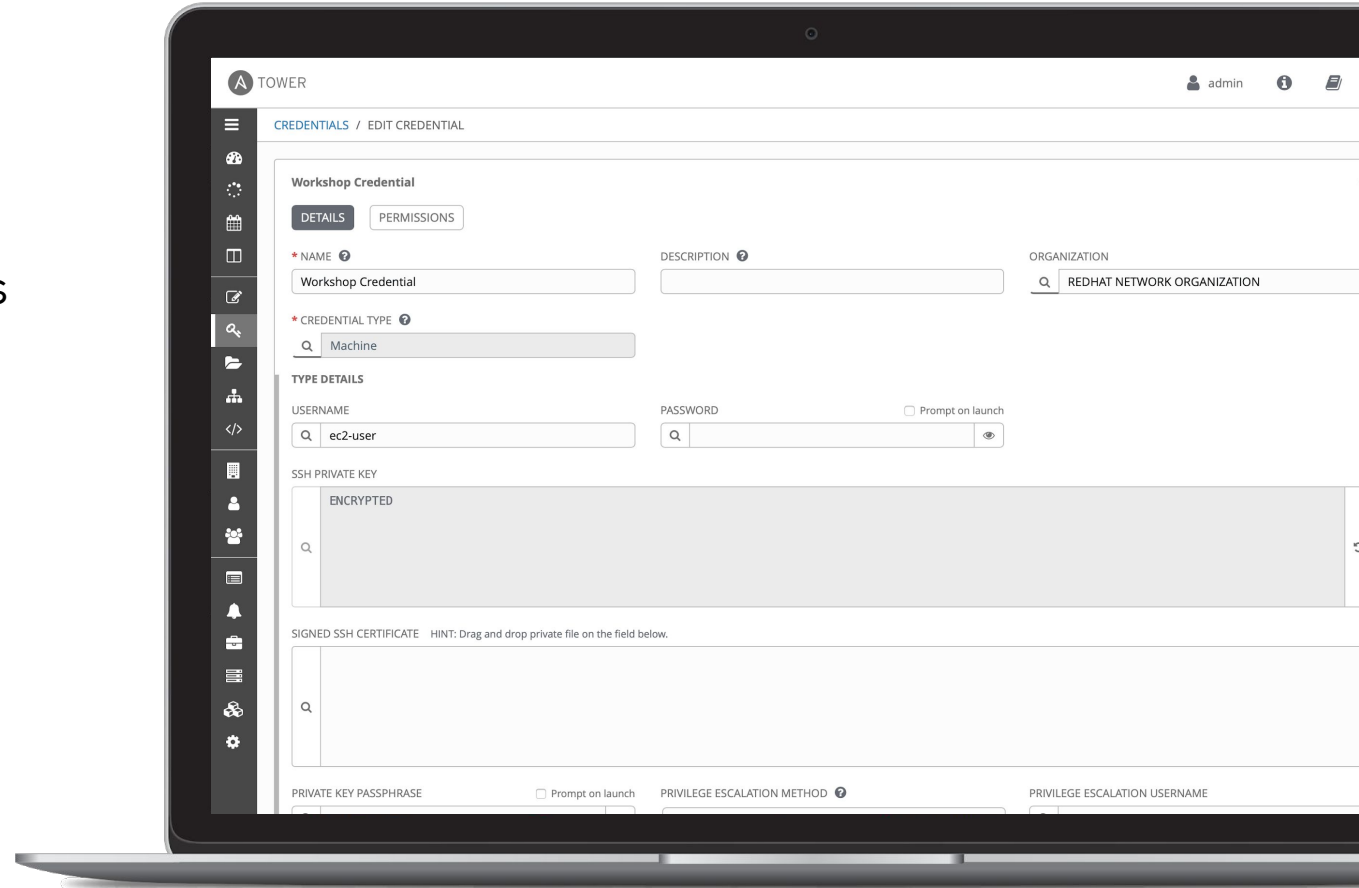


# Credentials

Credentials are utilized by Ansible Tower for authentication with various external resources:

- Connecting to remote machines to run jobs
- Syncing with inventory sources
- Importing project content from version control systems
- Connecting to and managing network devices

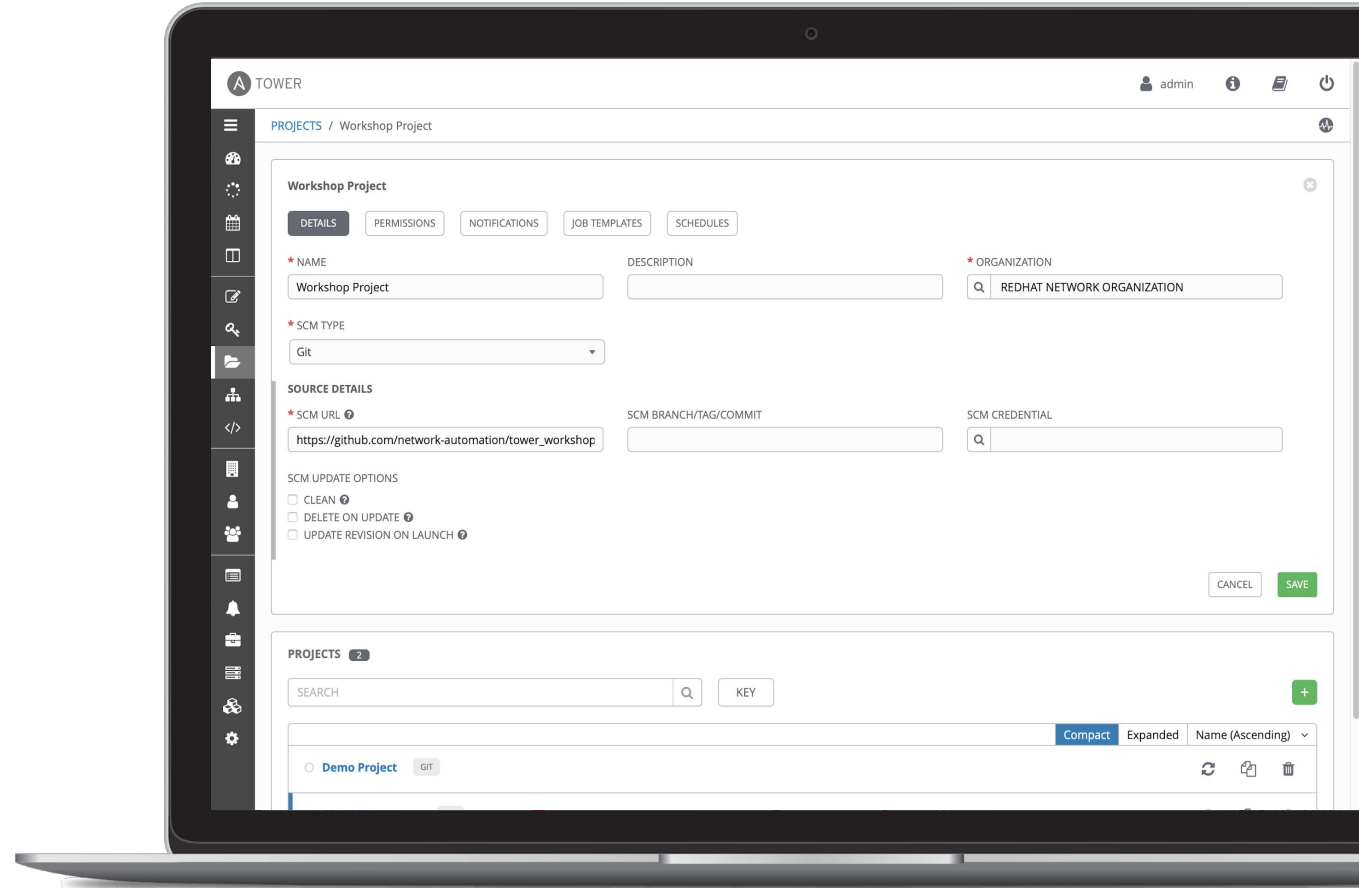
Centralized management of various credentials allows end users to leverage a secret without ever exposing that secret to them.



# Project

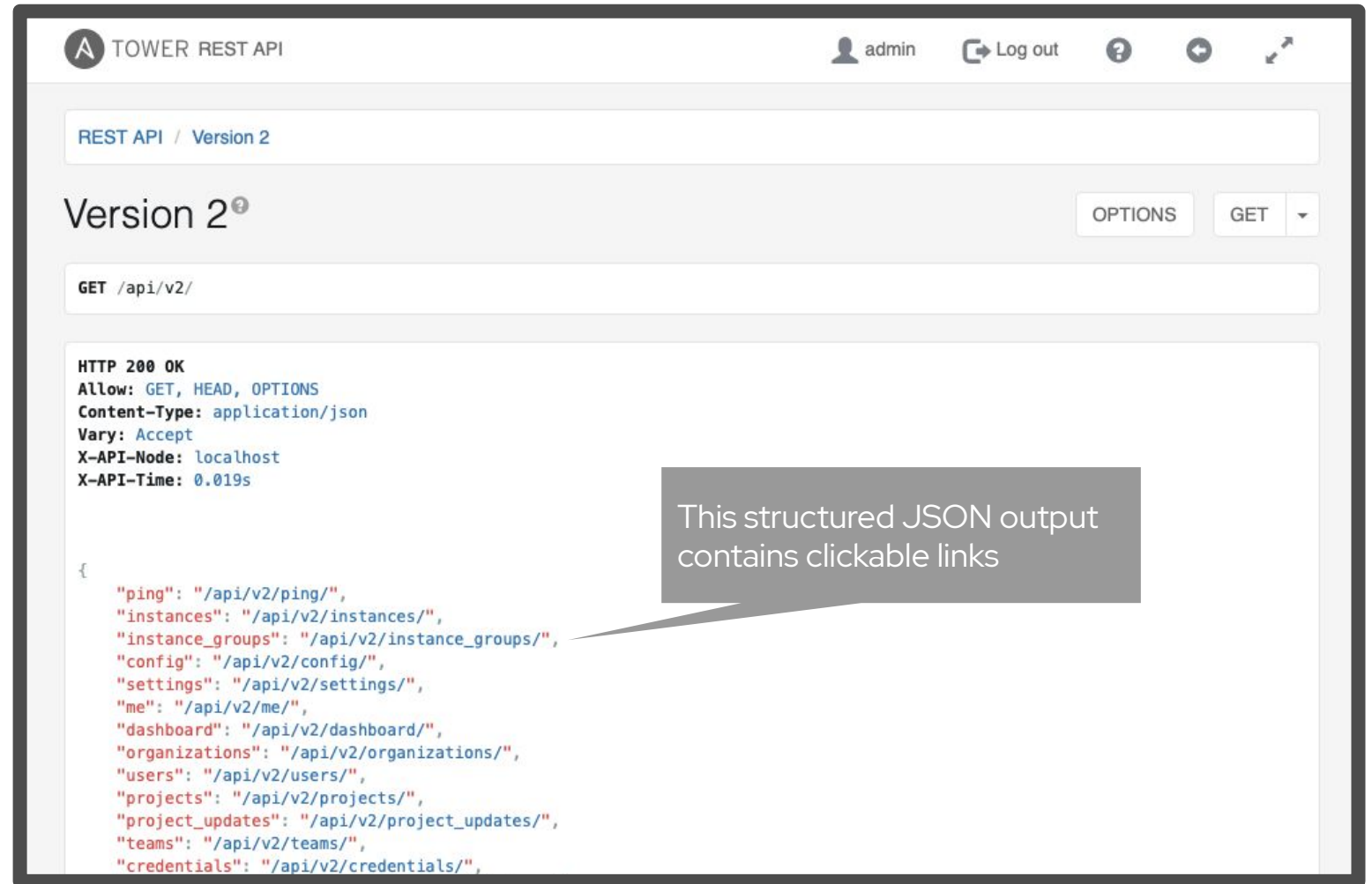
A project is a logical collection of Ansible Playbooks, represented in Ansible Tower.

You can manage Ansible Playbooks and playbook directories by placing them in a source code management system supported by Ansible Tower, including Git, Subversion, and Mercurial.



# RESTful API

Fully browsable API,  
everything within the Web UI  
can be accessed via the API  
for programmatic access





# Role Based Access Control (RBAC)

Job Templates, Inventory, Credentials and Projects can be assigned to specific Users and Teams.

Clicking the USERS or TEAMS buttons shows available options

The screenshot shows the Tower web interface with a modal dialog titled 'CONFIGURE RED HAT ENTERPRISE LINUX WEB SERVERS | ADD USERS / TEAMS'. The dialog has a step indicator '1 Please select Users / Teams from the lists below.' and two buttons: 'USERS' and 'TEAMS'. The 'USERS' button is highlighted with a red box. Below the buttons is a search bar and a table of users.

USERNAME	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
<input type="checkbox"/> ewiggin	Ender	Wiggin
<input type="checkbox"/> mrackham	Mazer	Rackham

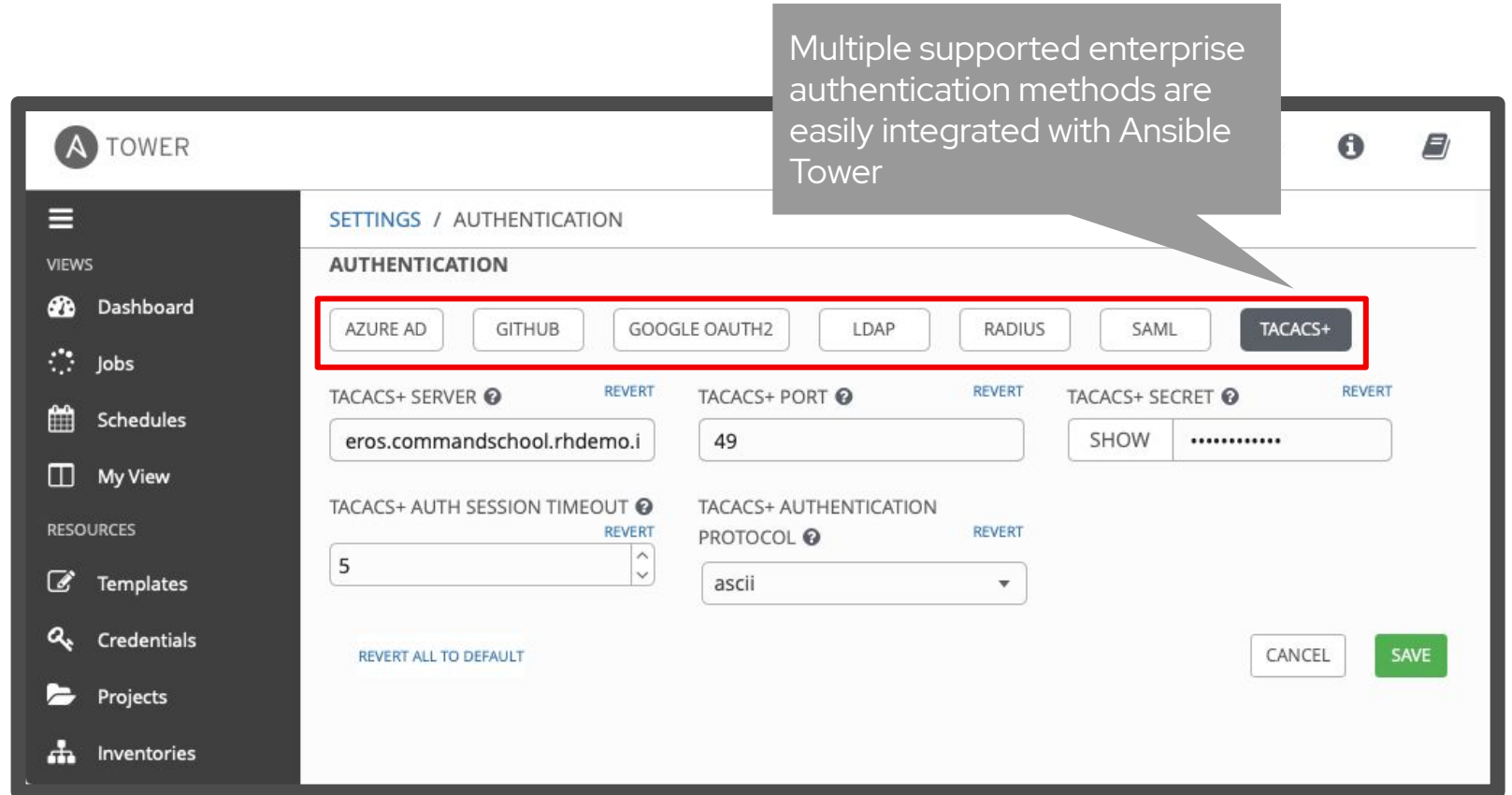
At the bottom right of the dialog are 'CANCEL' and 'SAVE' buttons. The background shows the Tower sidebar with 'TEMPLATES' selected and the breadcrumb 'TEMPLATES / Configure Red Hat Enterprise Linux web servers / PERMISSIONS'.

# Enterprise Authentication

Use your existing enterprise authentication including:

- Azure AD
- Github
- Google OAuth2
- LDAP
- Radius
- SAML
- TACACS+

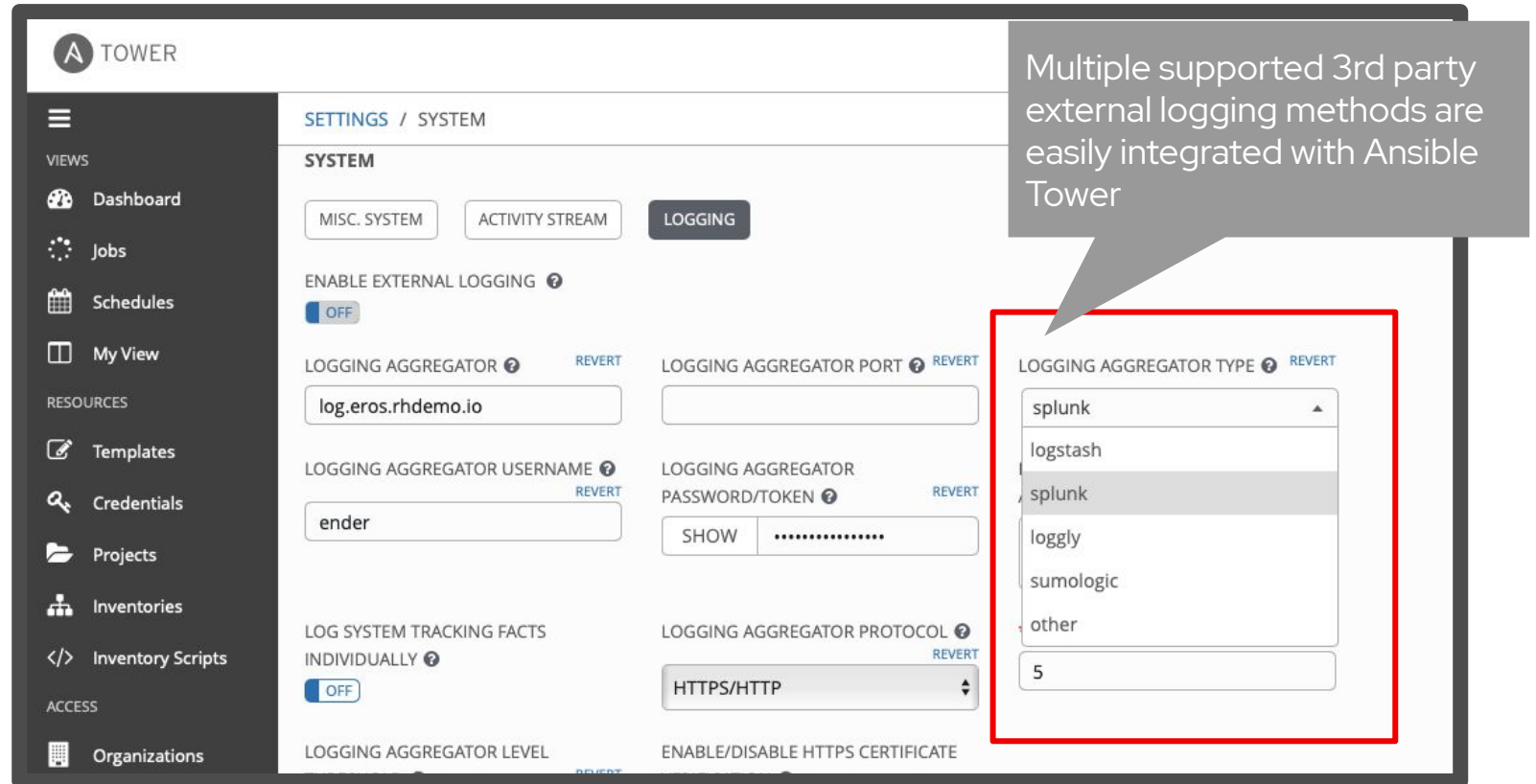
Multiple supported enterprise authentication methods are easily integrated with Ansible Tower



The screenshot displays the Ansible Tower web interface for configuring authentication. The left sidebar shows navigation options like Dashboard, Jobs, Schedules, My View, Templates, Credentials, Projects, and Inventories. The main content area is titled 'SETTINGS / AUTHENTICATION' and 'AUTHENTICATION'. A row of tabs includes AZURE AD, GITHUB, GOOGLE OAUTH2, LDAP, RADIUS, SAML, and TACACS+. The TACACS+ tab is active and highlighted with a red border. Below the tabs, there are input fields for TACACS+ SERVER (eros.commandschool.rhdemo.i), TACACS+ PORT (49), TACACS+ SECRET (masked with dots), TACACS+ AUTH SESSION TIMEOUT (5), and TACACS+ AUTHENTICATION PROTOCOL (ascii). Each field has a 'REVERT' link. At the bottom, there are 'REVERT ALL TO DEFAULT', 'CANCEL', and 'SAVE' buttons.

# Centralized Logging

Ansible Tower creates a centralized control point for Ansible Automation. If desired Ansible Tower can be integrated with existing log aggregation services.



The screenshot displays the Ansible Tower web interface, specifically the 'SETTINGS / SYSTEM' page. The 'LOGGING' tab is selected under the 'SYSTEM' section. The 'ENABLE EXTERNAL LOGGING' toggle is currently 'OFF'. The 'LOGGING AGGREGATOR' field is set to 'log.eros.rhdemo.io'. The 'LOGGING AGGREGATOR USERNAME' field is set to 'ender'. The 'LOGGING AGGREGATOR PORT' field is empty. The 'LOGGING AGGREGATOR PASSWORD/TOKEN' field is masked with dots. The 'LOGGING AGGREGATOR TYPE' dropdown menu is open, showing a list of supported external logging methods: 'splunk', 'logstash', 'splunk', 'loggly', 'sumologic', and 'other'. The 'LOGGING AGGREGATOR PROTOCOL' dropdown menu is set to 'HTTPS/HTTP'. The 'LOG SYSTEM TRACKING FACTS INDIVIDUALLY' toggle is currently 'OFF'. The 'LOGGING AGGREGATOR LEVEL' field is empty. The 'ENABLE/DISABLE HTTPS CERTIFICATE' toggle is currently 'OFF'. A red box highlights the 'LOGGING AGGREGATOR TYPE' dropdown menu, and a speech bubble points to it with the text: 'Multiple supported 3rd party external logging methods are easily integrated with Ansible Tower'.

Multiple supported 3rd party external logging methods are easily integrated with Ansible Tower

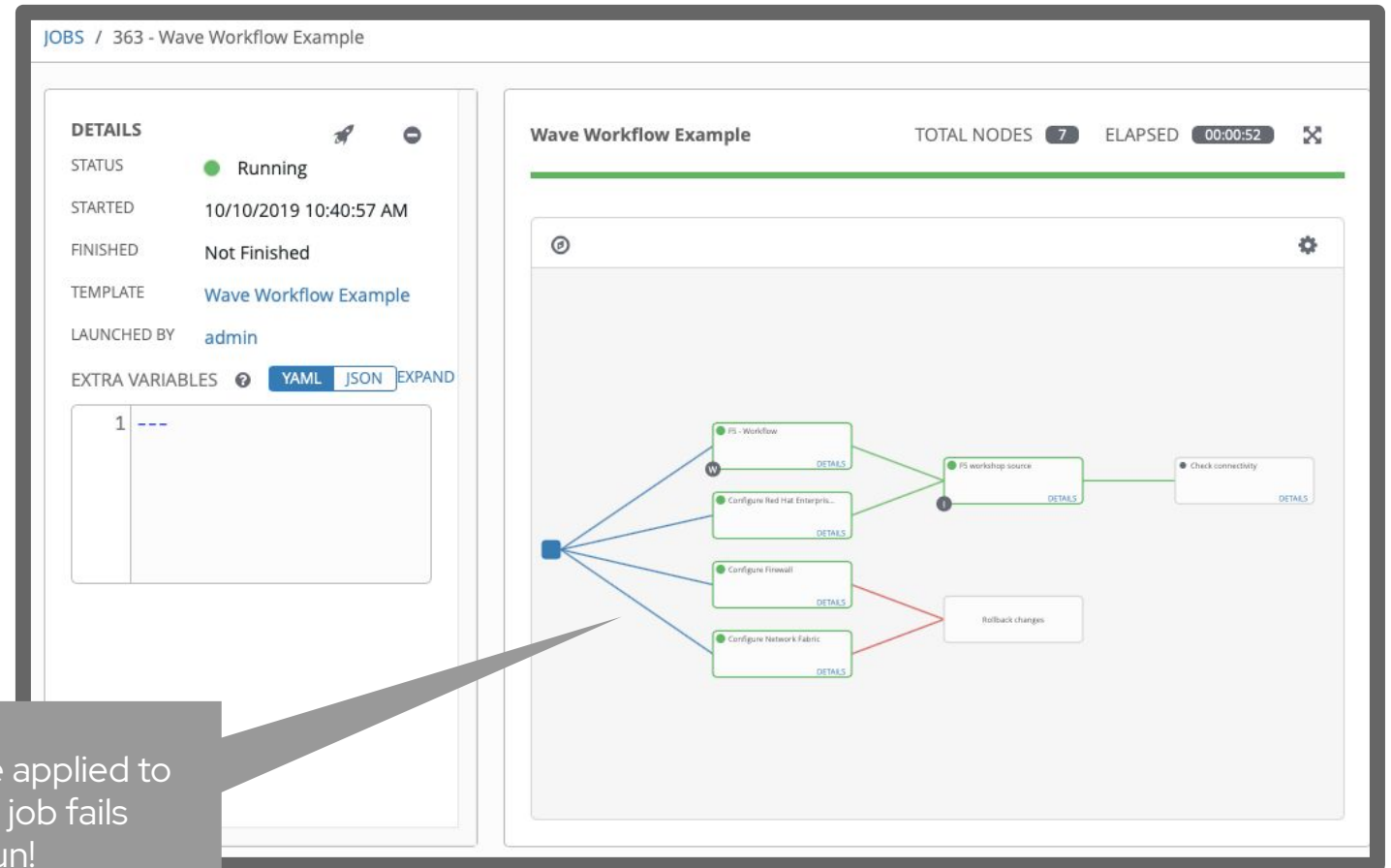
# Workflows

Create powerful holistic automation using Ansible Workflows.

Orchestration can easily be configured by linking Job Templates.

Workflow approvals allow Workflows to pause and wait for human interaction

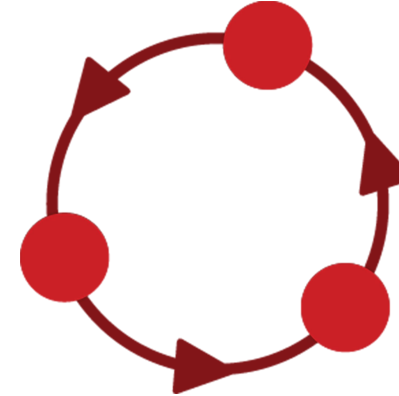
Flow logic can be applied to workflows. If this job fails this next Job is run!



# Webhooks - Enabling GitOps

Trigger Job Templates or Workflows straight via configurable webhooks

Automatically provision, update, configure, and apply based on pushes to your source control.



# Scale

Ansible Tower clusters add redundancy and capacity, allowing you to scale Ansible automation across your enterprise.

- Unifying task execution across execution nodes
- Leverage Kubernetes and OpenShift to spin up execution capacity at runtime
- Expand execution to be able to pull jobs from a central Ansible Tower infrastructure

## Ansible Tower





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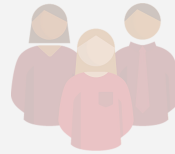
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# Automation Analytics: What is it?

SaaS (Software as a Service) on [cloud.redhat.com](https://cloud.redhat.com)

Analytics for all Ansible Tower clusters for an organization

Includes:

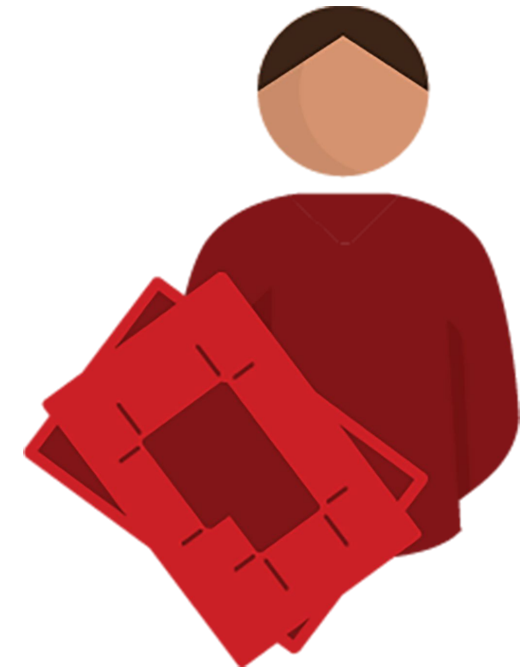
- visual dashboard
- health notifications
- organization statistics



# Automation Analytics: What does it provide?

Enables an Automation Center of Excellence

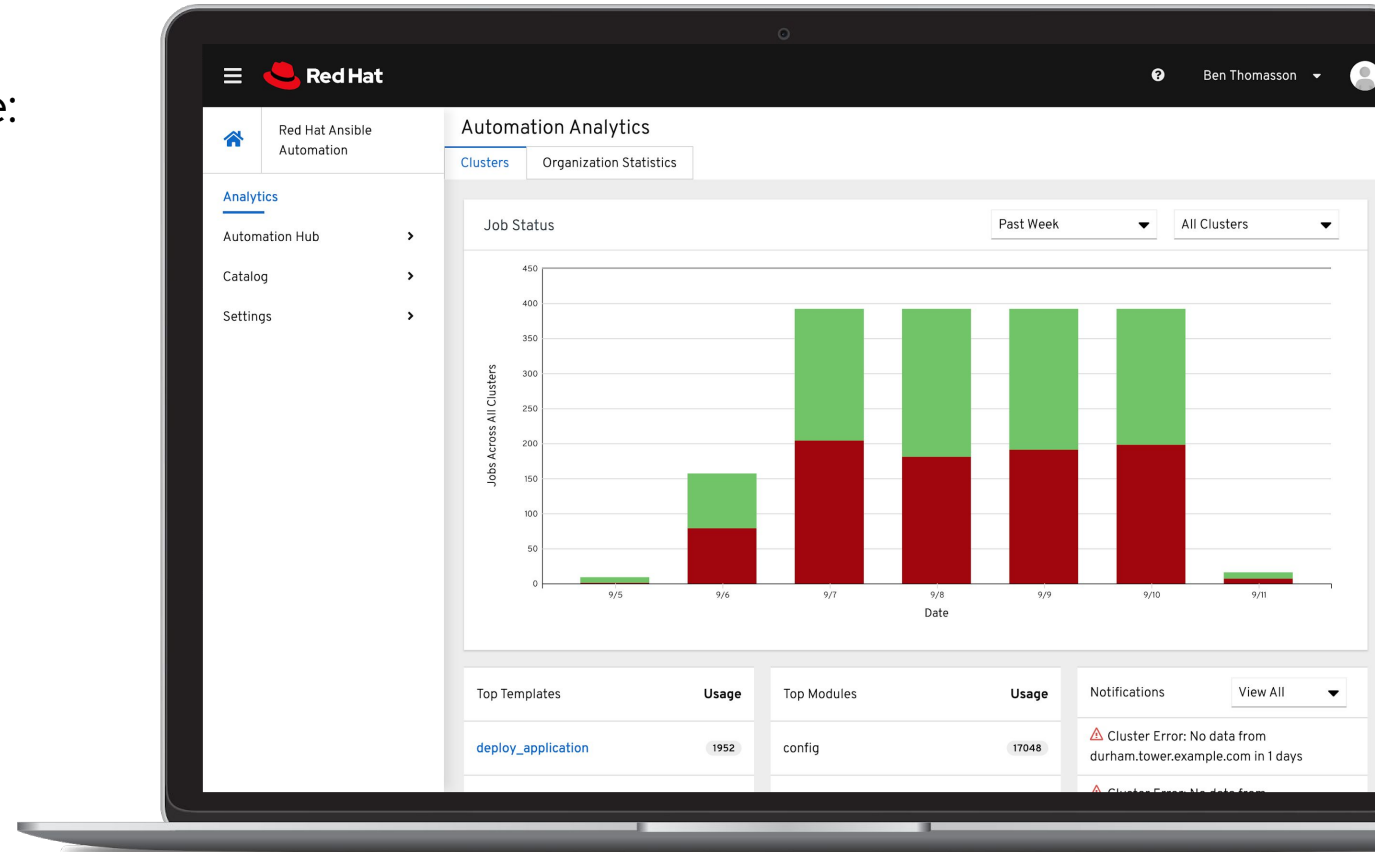
- View information about automation health, usage and performance across your enterprise.
- Gain information about automation in your enterprise:
  - Which organizations are using the most automation?
  - Utilization rates
  - Enterprise-wide success and failure rates for automation



# Analytics dashboard

Information across all clusters for an enterprise:

- Job Status graph
- Top Job Templates
- Top Modules



# Health notifications

- Ansible Tower Cluster is down
- Node (within a cluster) is down
- Last time data was updated
- Near license count

Notifications

View All ▼

⚠ Cluster Error: No data from durham.tower.example.com in 1 days

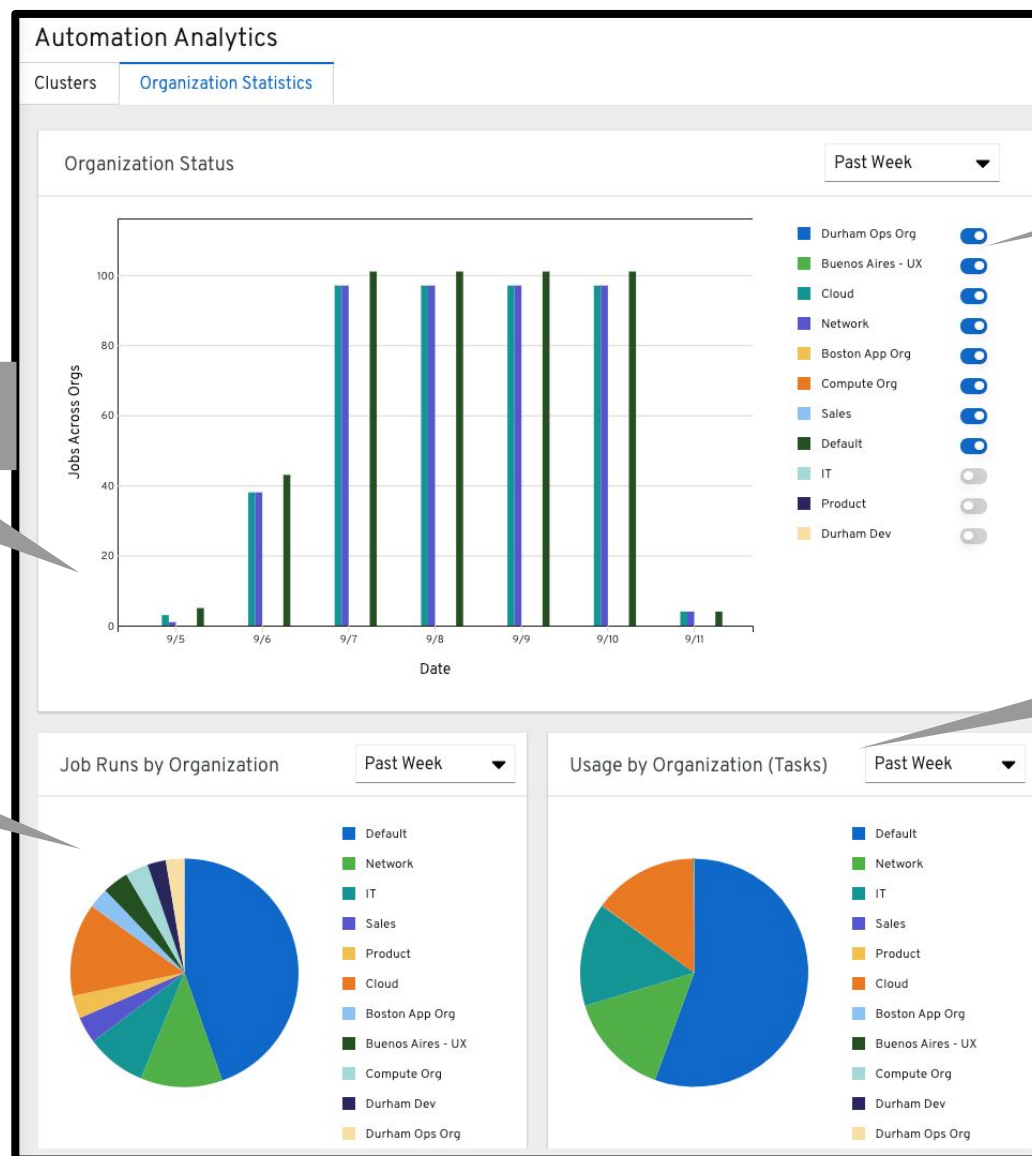
⚠ Cluster Error: No data from madrid.tower.example.com in 1 days

Notifications last updated 2019-09-11 07:42:12 UTC

# Organizational statistics

Job Status by Organization

Job Runs by Organization



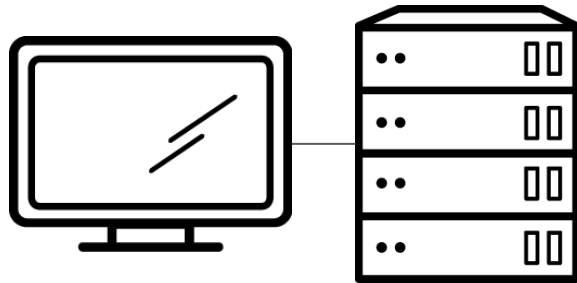
Filter by Organization

Usage by Organization

# Dashboard comparison

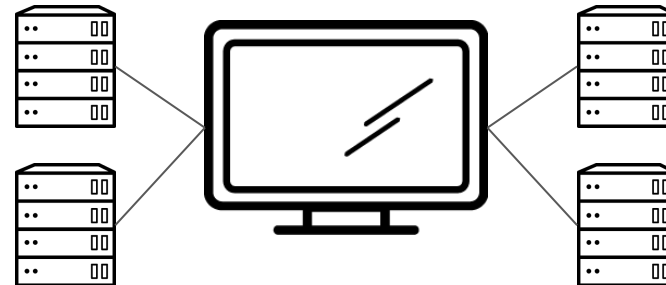
## Ansible Tower

- Recent job templates
- No module data
- One cluster



## Automation Analytics

- Top job templates
- Top modules
- All clusters
- Filter by cluster



# Ansible Content Collections

Simplified and consistent content delivery

Provides quick benefit by lowering barriers to automation

Streamlines tech partners providing direct-to-user automation

Simplifies internal collaboration, distribution, versioning

Ability to distribute, share and consume content at your own pace



# Ansible Content Collection example

## Directory Layout

```
.
├── galaxy.yml
├── plugins
│   ├── action
│   │   └── ping.py
│   ├── module_utils
│   │   └── pingutils.py
│   └── modules
│       └── ping.py
└── roles
    ├── ping_bootstrap
    │   ├── defaults
    │   ├── filters
    │   ├── meta
    │   ├── tasks
    │   └── vars
    └── ping_deploy
        ├── defaults
        ├── meta
        └── tasks
```

## In a playbook

```
hosts: somehosts
collections:
  - custom.pinger
  - redhat.open_ping

tasks:
  - custom.pinger.ping:

  - ansible.builtin.ping: # use only the ping packaged in core

  - ansible.legacy.ping: # use core or library(etc)/ping.py
    when: thing | custom.pinger.filter == 42

  - ping: # searches collections "path" otherwise...
    # still works, == ansible.legacy.ping:
```



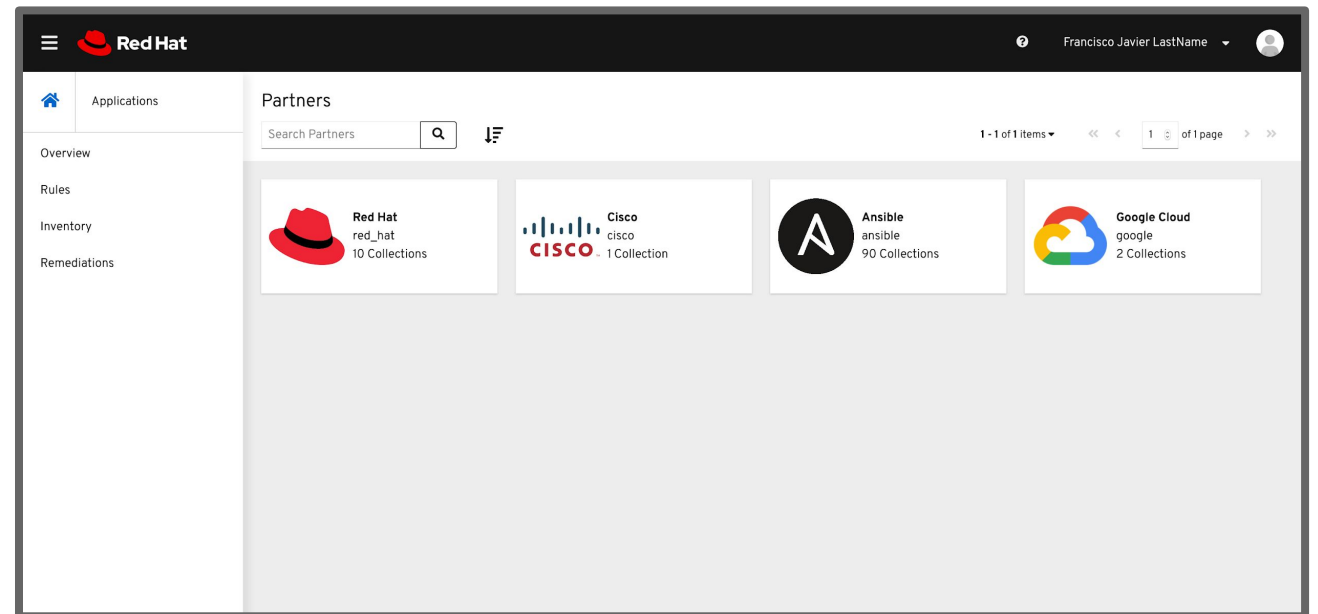
# Automation Hub

## Discover, publish, and manage Collections

Quickly discover available Red Hat and certified content through Collections.

Manage your organization's view of available content.

Publish your locally available automation via on-premise.



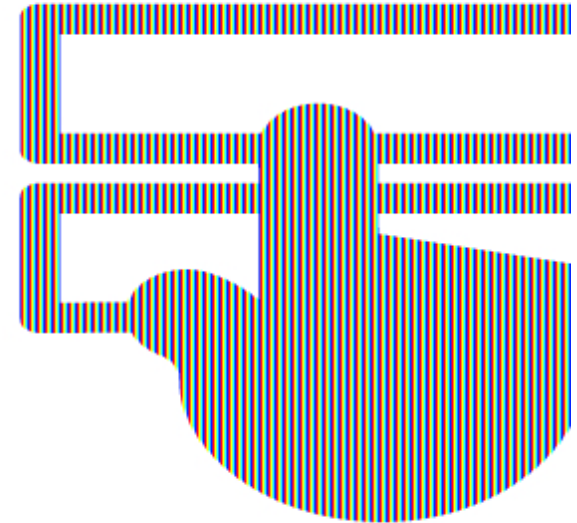
# Automation Services Catalog

Manage, provision, and retire automation resources

Deliver customers' pre built automation to the developer and the business user.

Deliver governance of automation services for the enterprise user.

Supply the necessary controls required by the business to track how this automation is being used.



# Interaction with the services catalog



## Platforms

Ansible Tower is a Platform to the Catalog, it presents Job Templates and Workflows and executes them as jobs. Business governance can be applied to Platforms.



## Portfolios

Allows for an Administrator to group service offerings as products into logical collections. Portfolios can be shared to groups of users as well as support Business Governance.



## Products

Users order Products are high level abstracts of the service offerings. An Administrator can override the detail of a Product as well as govern the individual product with Business Logic.



## Organizations

An Organization is a collection of Platforms, Portfolios, Products, Users, Groups and Approval policies. An entire organization can be governed for Business Logic.

# Next steps:

## Get started

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## Join the community

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