

Ansible and AWX

Duration: 5 days (8hrs/day)

Prerequisites: Basic knowledge of Linux Server Administration and Basic Git Knowledge

Course Objective: The course aims to equip participants with a comprehensive understanding of Ansible, covering its introduction, deployment, playbook creation, variable usage, role implementation, security with Ansible Vault, optimization techniques, and real-world application scenarios for efficient configuration management in IT automation.

Lab URL: Koenig-DC

Chapter 1 – Introduction to Configuration Management with Ansible

Introduction to Infrastructure as Code

Current IT Automation State

Configuration Management

Ansible History

Introducing Ansible

How Ansible Works

Chapter 2 – Ansible Deployment

Pre-Requisites for Controller Node

Lab: Installation and Configuration

Understanding Ansible Configuration File

Lab: Creating Ansible Configuration File

Pre-Requisites for Managed Node

Understanding Ansible Inventory

Lab: Creating Ansible Inventory

Ansible Communication

Ansible Architecture

Chapter 3 – Ad-Hoc Execution with Ansible

Understanding Ansible Modules

Lab: Ad-Hoc Remote Executions

Lab: Ansible Commands

Connections and Privilege Escalations

Chapter 4 – Ansible Playbooks

YAML Structure

Creating Ansible Playbooks

Understanding Playbooks Structure

Lab: Playbooks Syntax Checks

Lab: Playbooks Smoke Test

Lab: Playbooks Real-Time Run

Lab: Playbook Examples

Chapter 5 – Variables in Ansible

Ansible Variables: An Introduction

Lab: Defining Variable in Ansible Code

Lab: Methods of Defining Variables

Understanding Variable Precedence

Understanding and Reading Ansible Facts

Lab: Using Facts in Playbooks

Chapter 6 – Conditionals, Loops, Error Handling & Handlers,

Understanding Conditions, Loops, Error Handling & Handlers

Lab: Using Conditions in Ansible

Lab: Using Loops in Ansible

Lab: Using ignore_errors

Lab: Using Handlers in Ansible

Chapter 7 – Ansible Roles

Introduction to Ansible Roles

Understanding Directory Structure of Roles

Lab: Manually Creating a Role

Understanding Include and Dependency Management

Lab: Using Roles in Playbooks

Chapter 8 – Ansible Vault

Introduction to Ansible Vault

Lab: Ansible Vault CLI Commands

Lab: Using Ansible-Vault with playbook

Chapter 9 – Ansible Galaxy

Ansible Galaxy: An Overview

Lab: Using Roles from Ansible Galaxy

Lab: Download Roles using requirements.yml

Chapter 10 – Ansible Playbook Optimization

Understanding Forks

Lab: Using Forks

Jinja2 Templates

Lab: Using Delegate to execute Modules on Control Node

Lab: Using Jinja2 to create hosts file

Module 11 – AWX Tower

Features of Ansible Tower

Lab: Installing AWX Tower

Manage User Access

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Managing Inventories and Machine Credentials

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Manage Projects and Launch Ansible Jobs

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Construct Job Workflows

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