
Network Automation with Ansible Fast Track

Duration: 5 Days Course Code: GK100605

Overview:

Learn how to automate your network using Python and Playbooks.

This course provides a comprehensive introduction to using Ansible for network automation and management. Ansible's agentless nature and human-readable YAML syntax lower the barrier to entry, enabling teams to achieve immediate ROI in configuration management and multi-vendor consistency. It teaches the principles of Infrastructure as Code by focusing on the desired outcome rather than a step-by-step process.

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Target Audience:

- Network Engineer/Administrator
 - IT/Network Manager or Team Lead
 - Systems Administrator or DevOps Engineer
 - Security and Compliance Analyst
 - Aspiring Network Architect/Consultant
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Objectives:

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| ■ Automate at Scale: Develop and run Ansible playbooks to automate common network administration tasks. | ■ Build Reusable Solutions: Apply Jinja2 templates and Ansible Roles to create scalable, maintainable automation code. |
| ■ Manage Multi-Vendor Environments: Use Ansible's core modules and advanced features to manage configurations on a variety of network devices. | ■ Secure Your Workflows: Implement secure automation practices using Ansible Vault and robust error-handling techniques. |
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Prerequisites:

Basic Keyboard Proficiency: Ability to efficiently navigate and use a keyboard, including typing, copy-pasting, and basic text editing in terminal and/or text editors.

Testing and Certification

None

Follow-on-Courses:

None

Content:

Ansible Foundations

- Lecture: Introduction to Ansible
- Lecture: Introduction to YAML
- Lecture + Lab: Making an Inventory
- Lecture + Lab: Running a Playbook
- Lecture + Lab: ansible.cfg setup
- Lecture + Lab: Looping Tasks
- Lecture + Lab: Setting Variables
- Lecture + Lab: When Condition

Core Modules and Network Collections

- Lecture + Lab: Ansible Module - copy
- Lecture + Lab: Ansible Module - file
- Lecture + Lab: Ansible Module - get_url and uri
- Lecture + Lab: Ansible Module - template
- Lecture: Collections, Roles, and Ansible Galaxy
- Lecture + Lab: Using Collections
- Lecture + Lab: Exploring Switches with Ansible
- Lecture + Lab: Backup Cisco, Juniper, Arista, and More

Agnostic and Vendor-Specific Modules

- Lecture + Lab: Agnostic Network Modules
- Lecture + Lab: Simplifying Network Playbooks with Agnostic Modules
- Lecture + Lab: Network Playbooks and Vendor Specific Modules
- Lecture + Lab: Ansible Get Switch Config and Archive
- Lecture + Lab: network_cli Playbook

Dynamic Facts and APIs

- Lecture + Lab: Using Ansible Facts
- Lecture + Lab: Network API Calls
- Lecture + Lab: Jinja2 Templating for Network Configurations

Reusability and Security

- Lecture + Lab: Using Roles
- Lecture + Lab: Making Roles
- Lecture + Lab: Ansible Vault

Robustness and Error Handling

- Lecture + Lab: Ansible Error Handling
- Lecture + Lab: Network Playbook Error Handling
- Lecture + Lab: Network Playbook Precheck
- Lecture + Lab: Network Playbooks with Roles and Rollbacks

Further Information:

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