ANSIBLE

Let's recycle some code

Some what, kindof personal best practices

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WHO ME?

Solutions Architect for **Red Hat**

Started in 1997 with **FreeBSD**, than learned that Linux was a thing.

Was introduced to **Ansible** 4 years ago.

Started a project at **EMC** to automate a product with **Ansible**.





Ansible is more about code

You **don't** need to be a programmer to use Ansible. But you need to adopt some of the patterns.

- Use GIT or something similar
- Think re-usability
- Fork and adapt others





6 Tips

EDITORS

Visual Studio Code - yeah from Microsoft Atom - from Microsoft now Vim - plenty for plugins Emacs - Euh...not me

VERSION CONTROL

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

THINK GLOBAL

Variables are global in a play. Be aware!

DYNAMIC INVENTORIES

Don't over use them, they slow down your plays.

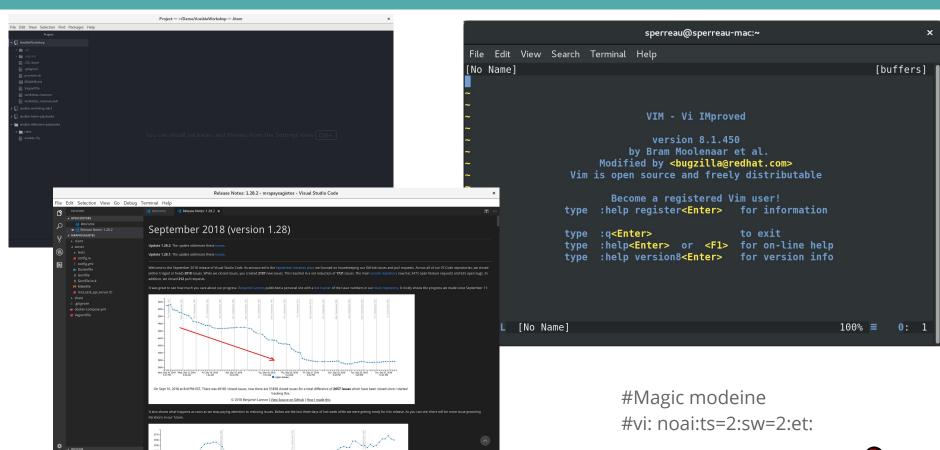
DOCUMENT YOUR ROLES

ansible-galaxy init <rolename> molecule init -r <rolename> tags are your friends

THINK MULTI-PLATFORM ROLES

Not everyone runs just RHEL or just Ubuntu or just Linux for that matters.





Testing your Roles

Announced at Ansible Fest in Oct 2018 that molecule would now be part of Ansible.

What is Molecule?

Test infra?

Linting?



