



Touchless Patching with Satellite and Ansible

Automated Content Management and
System Patching

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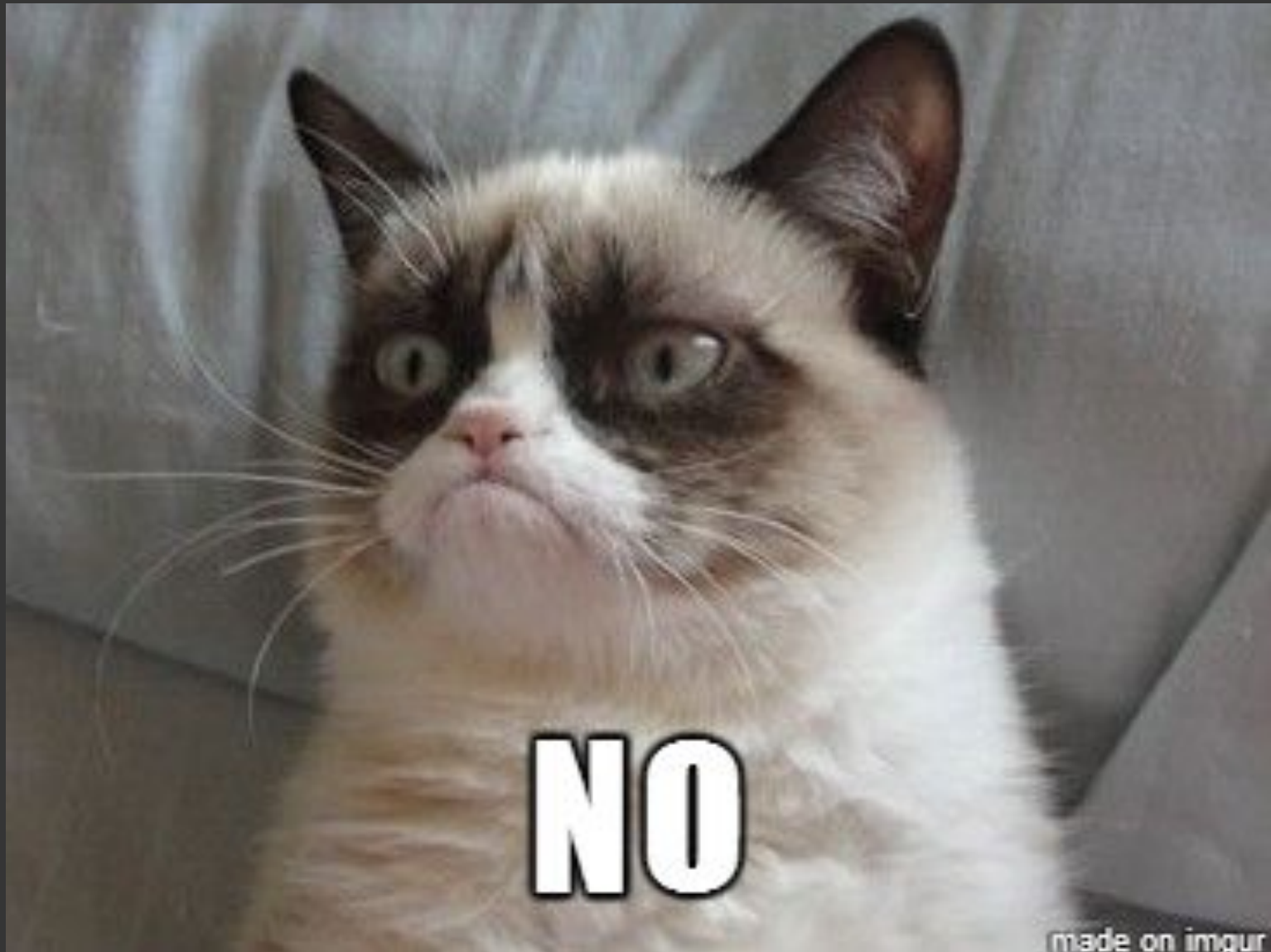


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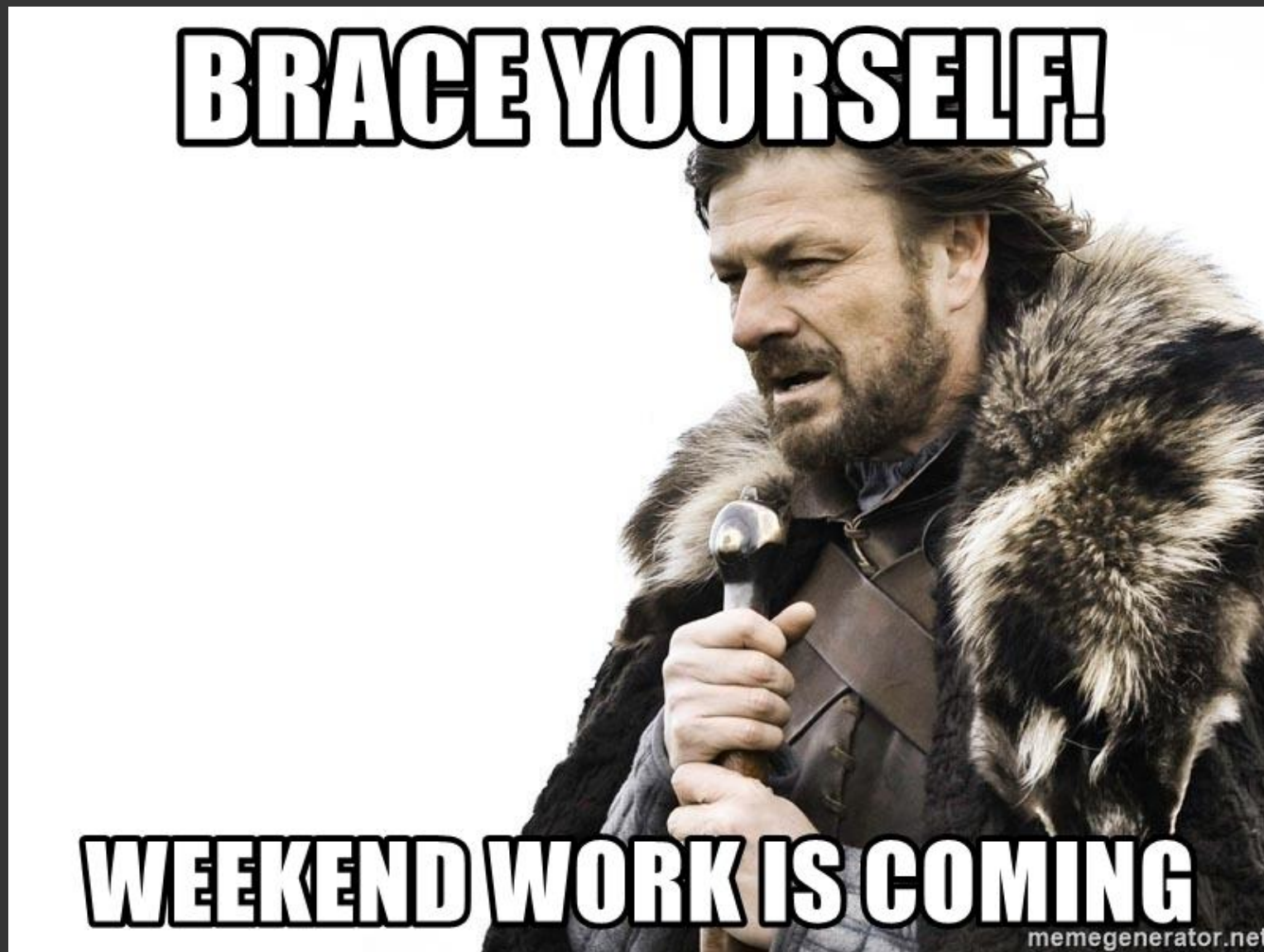
DO NOT TOUCH!

Patch Management Without Automation...

What the business says when operations wants to patch systems...



What this means for operations teams...



What happens when something doesn't work right...



How operations teams feel about this...



How operations looks to the business...



Patch Management

With

Automation...

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What this means for operations teams...



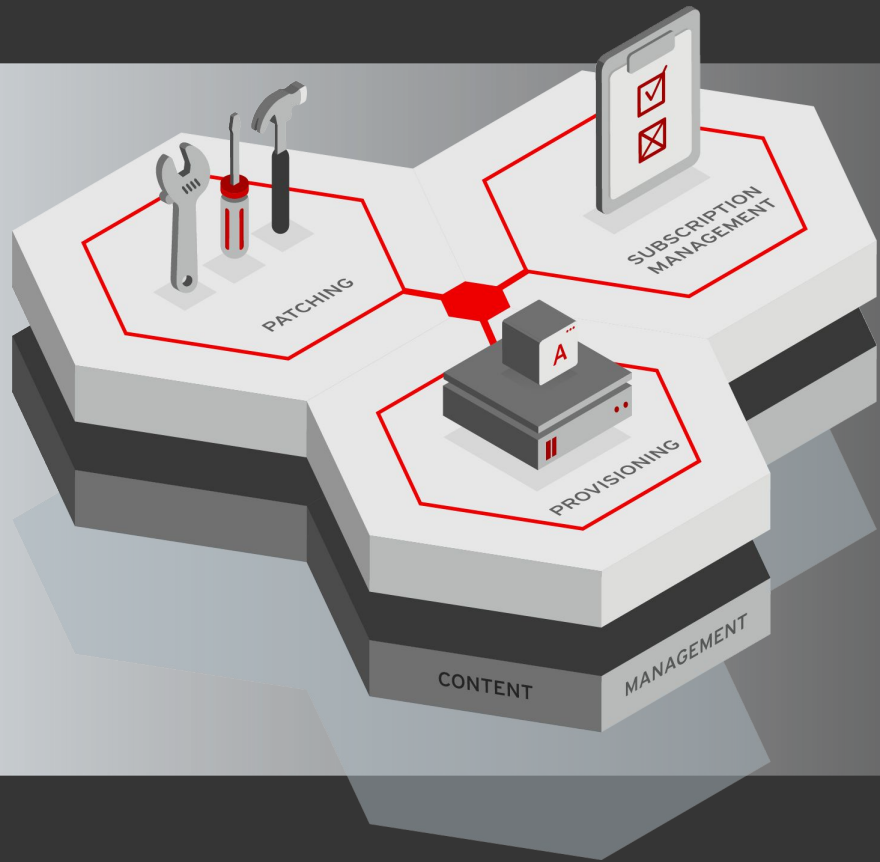
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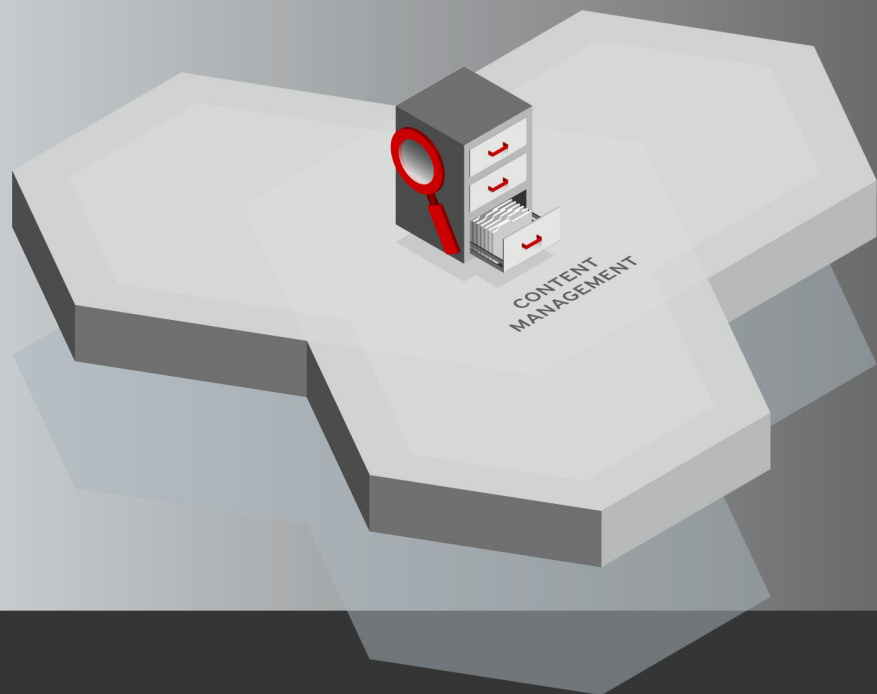


How We Make Patch Management Touchless



Red Hat Satellite

Content Management

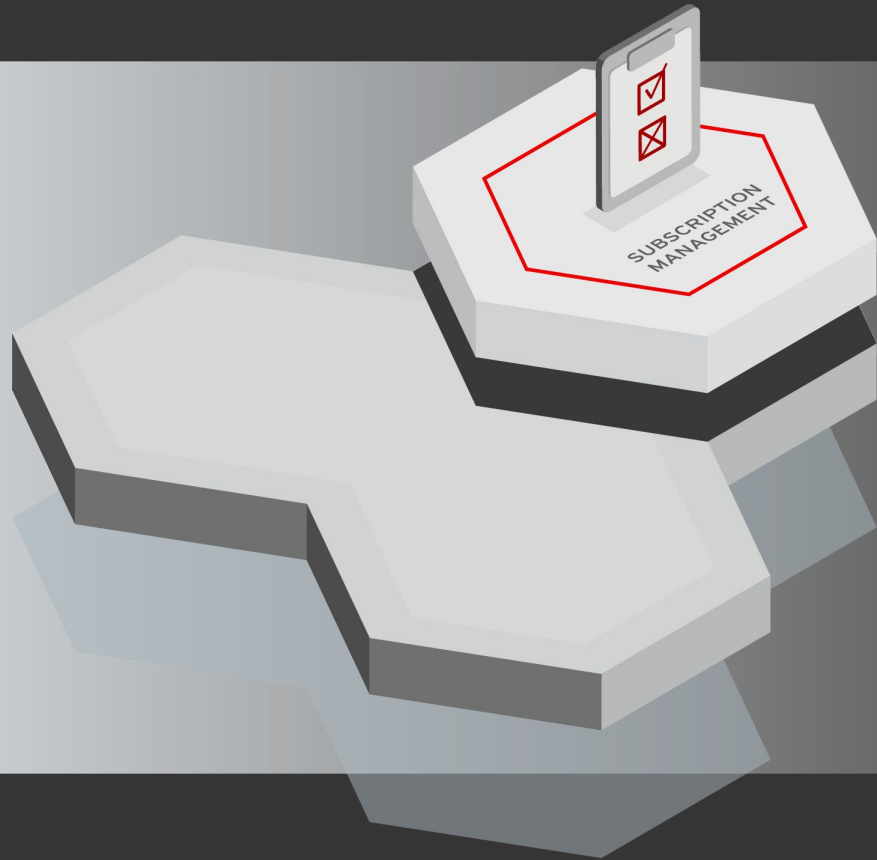


Content Repository any type of content made available to any host

Curation of content prior to distribution

Distribution of content as close as possible to the end point.

Subscription Management



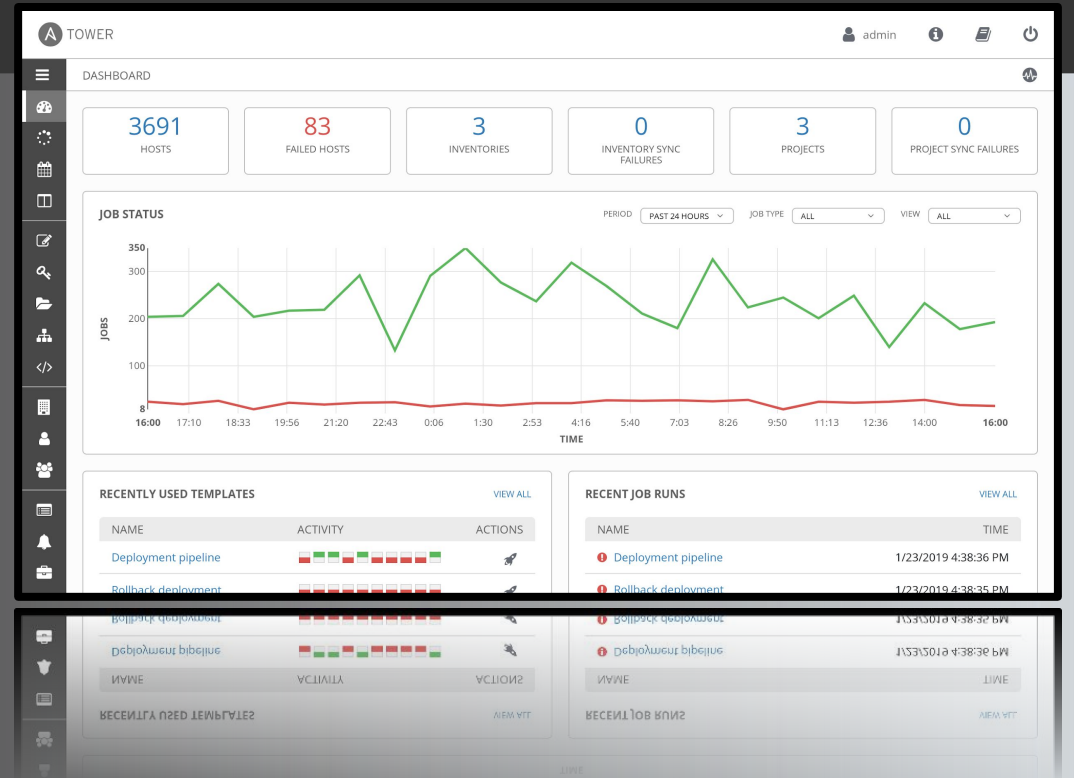
Centrally manage subscription usage

Maintain accurate inventory and utilization information

Report on subscription consumption



Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform



Workflows

Create powerful, holistic automation workflows in Ansible Tower

Orchestration is achieved by linking Job Templates

Approvals built into the Workflows

The screenshot displays the Ansible Tower interface for a workflow named "Wave Workflow Example". The left panel shows the "DETAILS" section with the following information:

- STATUS: Running (indicated by a green dot)
- STARTED: 10/10/2019 10:40:57 AM
- FINISHED: Not Finished
- TEMPLATE: Wave Workflow Example
- LAUNCHED BY: admin
- EXTRA VARIABLES: A table with one row containing "1" and "--".

The right panel shows the workflow diagram titled "Wave Workflow Example". It features a flowchart with the following nodes and connections:

- A start node (blue square) branches into four parallel tasks: "PS - Workflow", "Configure Red Hat Enterprise...", "Configure Firewall", and "Configure Network Fabric".
- The "PS - Workflow" and "Configure Red Hat Enterprise..." nodes connect to a "PS workflow source" node.
- The "Configure Firewall" and "Configure Network Fabric" nodes connect to a "Rollback changes" node.
- The "PS workflow source" node connects to a "Check connectivity" node.

At the top right of the diagram area, it indicates "TOTAL NODES 7" and "ELAPSED 00:00:52".

Schedules

Execute Job Templates and Workflows at a specified time

Repeat scheduled Jobs with flexible timing

Activate and Deactivate schedules when requirements change

The screenshot displays the Tower Schedules interface. The top navigation bar includes the Tower logo, user name 'admin', and notification icons. The left sidebar contains a menu with categories: VIEWS (Dashboard, Jobs, Schedules, My View), RESOURCES (Templates, Credentials, Projects, Inventories, Inventory Scripts), ACCESS (Organizations, Users, Teams), and ADMINISTRATION (Credential Types, Notifications, Management Jobs, Instance Groups, Applications, Settings). The main content area is titled 'SCHEDULES' and features a 'SCHEDULED JOBS' section with 13 items. A search bar is present above a table of jobs. Each job entry includes a status icon, name, type, next run time, and actions (edit and delete).

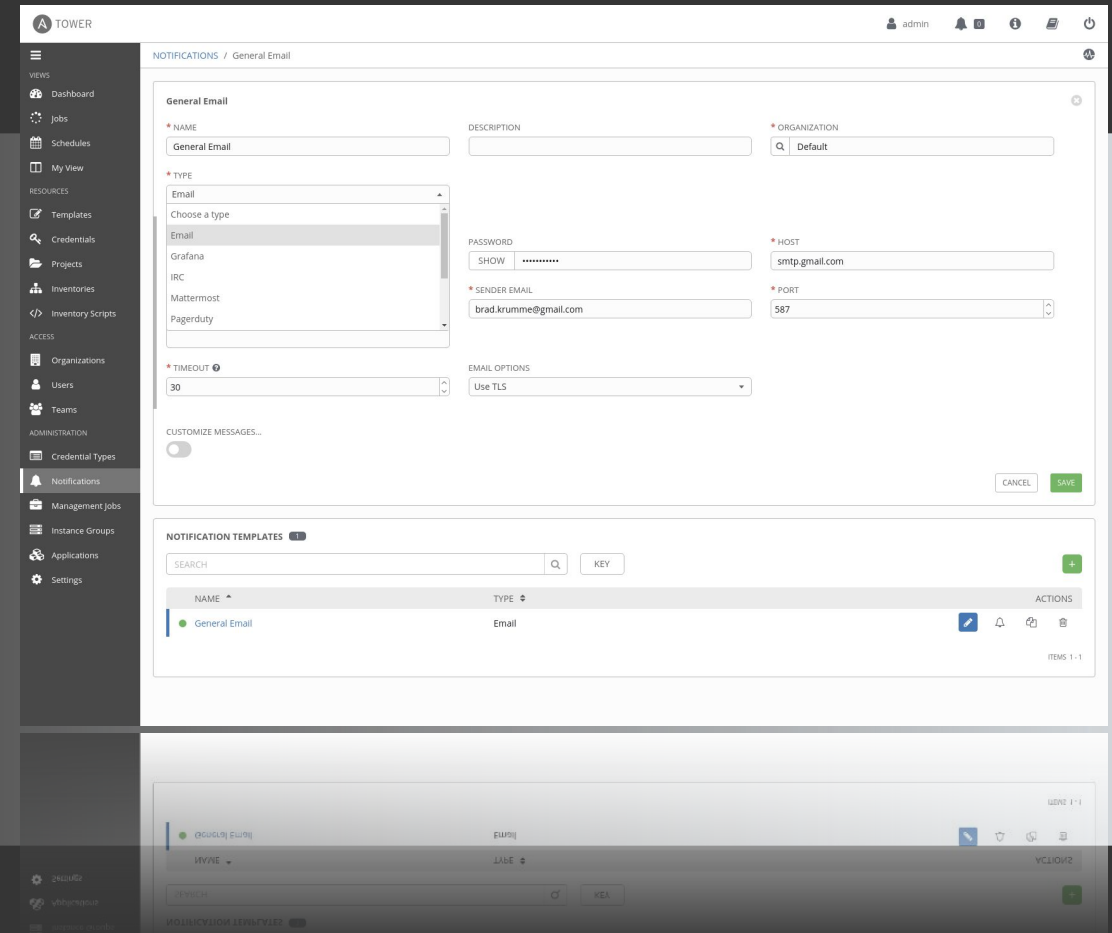
NAME	TYPE	NEXT RUN	ACTIONS
Satellite - Promote DemoOrg Content Views to Testing	Playbook Run	3/25/2021 10:00:00 AM	[edit] [delete]
Satellite - Promote DemoOrg Content Views to Production	Playbook Run	3/25/2021 12:00:00 PM	[edit] [delete]
Satellite - Sync DemoOrg Products	Playbook Run	3/20/2021 12:00:00 AM	[edit] [delete]
Satellite - Promote DemoOrg Content Views to Development	Playbook Run	3/25/2021 8:00:00 AM	[edit] [delete]
Satellite - Clean Up DemoOrg Unused Content Views	Playbook Run	3/20/2021 12:00:00 PM	[edit] [delete]
Satellite - Publish DemoOrg Content Views	Playbook Run	3/21/2021 12:00:00 AM	[edit] [delete]
Cleanup Expired OAuth 2 Tokens	Management Job		[edit] [delete]
Cleanup Expired Sessions	Management Job		[edit] [delete]
Cleanup Activity Schedule	Management Job	3/23/2021 2:27:22 PM	[edit] [delete]
Cleanup Job Schedule	Management Job	3/21/2021 2:27:22 PM	[edit] [delete]
Patching - Apply All Updates to DemoOrg Production Hosts and Reboot	Workflow Job	3/25/2021 12:30:00 PM	[edit] [delete]
Patching - Apply All Updates to DemoOrg Dev Hosts and Reboot	Workflow Job	3/25/2021 9:00:00 AM	[edit] [delete]
Patching - Apply All Updates to DemoOrg Testing Hosts and Reboot	Workflow Job	3/25/2021 11:00:00 AM	[edit] [delete]

Notifications

Multiple Notification Plugins allow you to choose where notifications will be sent

Assign Templates to your most critical Jobs and Workflows

Send a notification based on Start, Success, or Failure



The Plumbing Under The Covers

(showing the Satellite & Ansible Tower setup)

Extra Resources

Brad's Satellite Management Repository: https://github.com/bpkrumme/satellite_management

Satellite Inventory Plugin: <https://docs.ansible.com/ansible-tower/latest/html/userguide/inventories.html#ug-source-satellite>

Ansible Tower Scheduling: <https://docs.ansible.com/ansible-tower/latest/html/userguide/scheduling.html>

Ansible Tower Notifications: <https://docs.ansible.com/ansible-tower/latest/html/userguide/notifications.html>

Ansible Tower Workflows: <https://docs.ansible.com/ansible-tower/latest/html/userguide/workflows.html>

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