

# AAP Overview

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# Our product goals for 2024

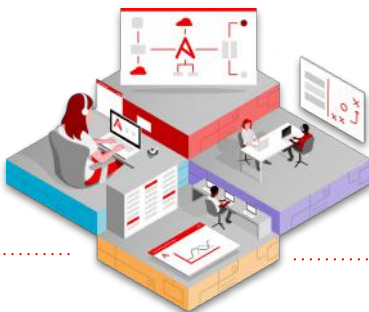
- 1 Unify automation teams**, by delivering a simpler platform experience tailored to the specific needs of those who use it, from automation engineers, to operators, to platform admins.
- 2 Leverage the Ansible ecosystem** to help our customers automate more efficiently, by expanding technology partnerships to provide more integrations, and delivering more certified and validated content across automation domains.
- 3 Help customers get more out of automation.** Deliver the capabilities, support, and expertise our customers need to automate their mission-critical workflows, to get more teams automating, and to take on more use cases.
- 4 Go beyond.** From AI, to event-driven, to GRC (governance, risk and compliance), we will help customers reimagine what they can achieve with automation on Day 2.

# Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform

A comprehensive IT automation solution

Ansible is the **de facto** language of automation.

Simple | Human readable | YML



Ansible Automation Platform is engineered to help IT teams **create, manage, and scale** their automation.



## Applications

- ▶ DevOps
- ▶ CI/CD
- ▶ GitOps



## Network

- ▶ Network visibility
- ▶ Configuration management
- ▶ Network operations



## Cloud

- ▶ Orchestration
- ▶ Operationalization
- ▶ Governance



## Security

- ▶ Investigation enrichment
- ▶ Threat hunting
- ▶ Incident response



## Infrastructure

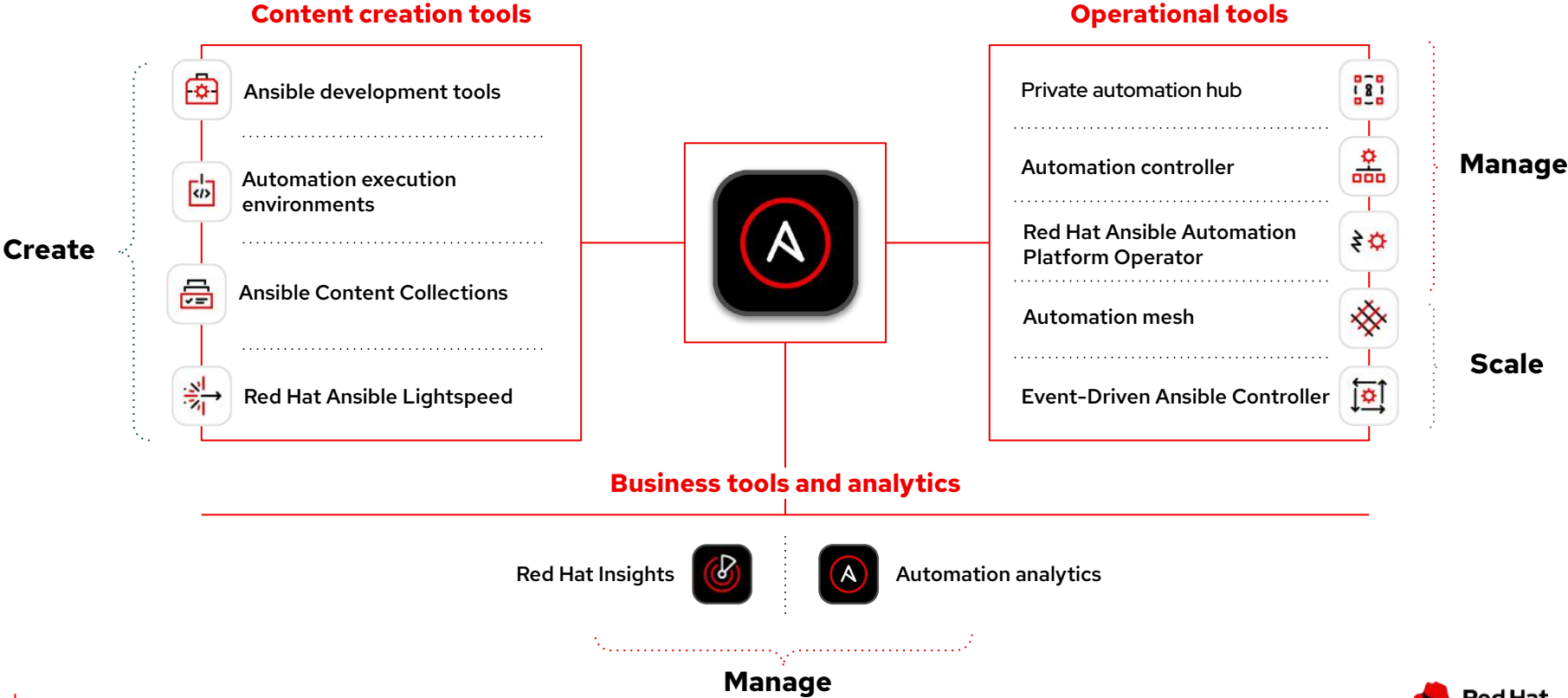
- ▶ Deployment
- ▶ Provisioning
- ▶ Management



## Edge

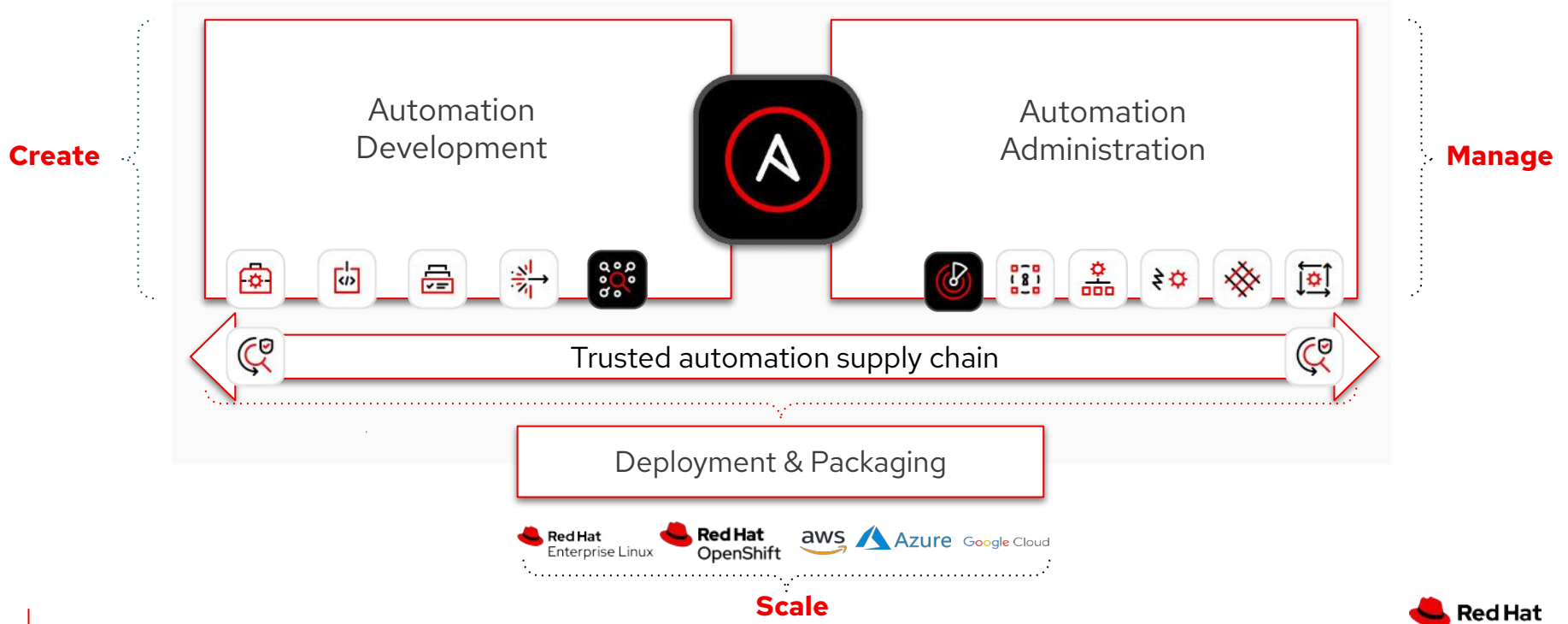
- ▶ Infrastructure, network and security extension
- ▶ Industrial/IoT device automation
- ▶ Manufacturing/Retail remote site management

# Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform



# Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform

A unified solution for strategic automation



# WHERE WE ARE TODAY

## CREATE



- > Enhanced developer experience
  - > Ansible development tools
  - > Red Hat Developer Hub
  - > Developer spaces
  - > AI for automation
- > Automation applications
- > Automation content experiences
- > State management for AAP

## MANAGE



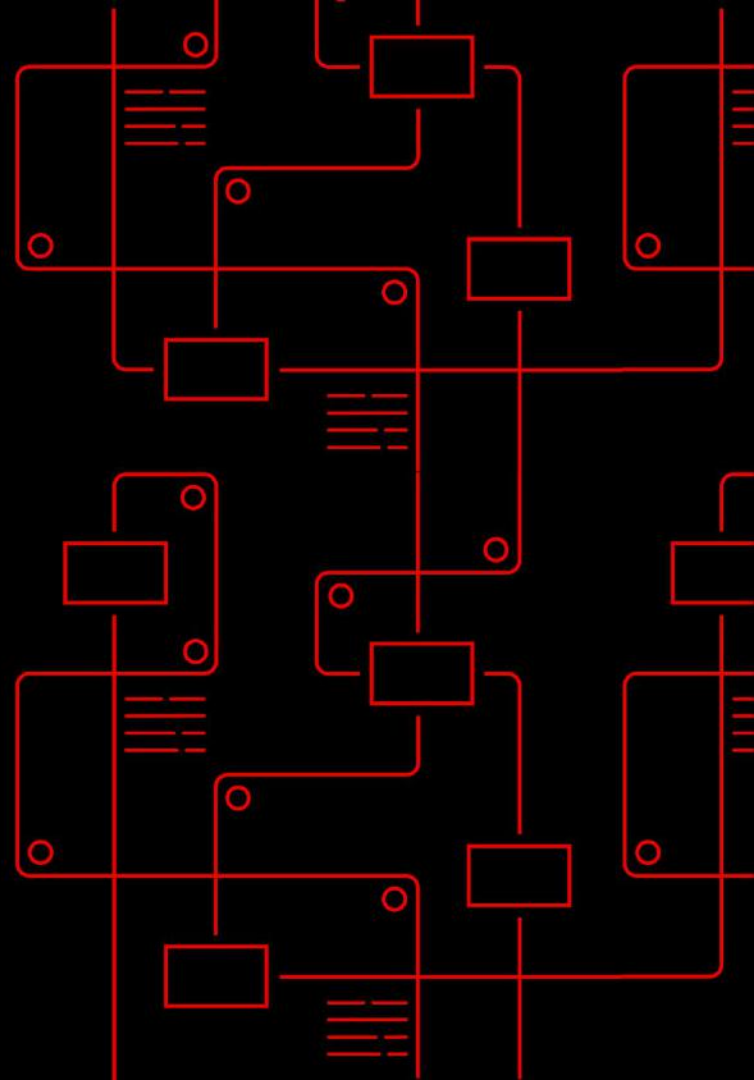
- > Ansible as a Service: AWS
- > Unified platform experience
- > Containerized AAP
- > Policy as Code initiatives for Governance, Risk + Compliance (GRC)

## SCALE



- > Automation mesh for cloud deployments
- > Event-Driven Ansible improvements
  - > SSO + RBAC
  - > Credential management
  - > High Availability, performance and scale
- > Availability on mission critical infrastructure

# Create



> **Enhanced developer experience:**

Ansible development tools

> Automation applications

> Automation content experience

> Artifact and storage management for AAP

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**Goal:**

Deliver comprehensive suite automation development capabilities

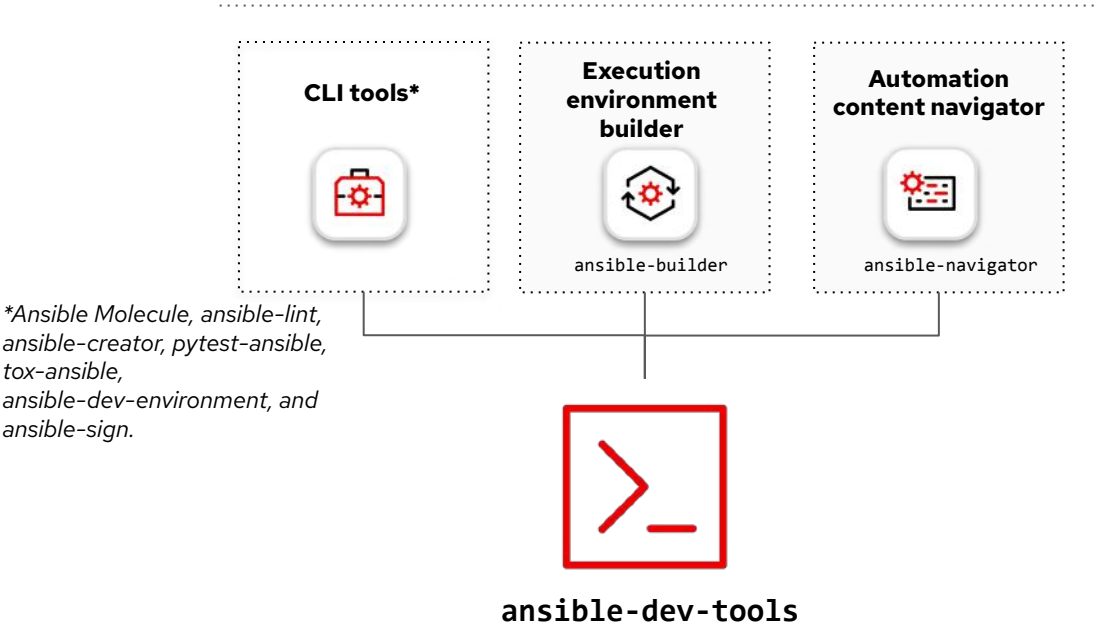
**Who:**

Developers, automation engineers

**When:**

Q1

# Ansible development tools



*\*Ansible Molecule, ansible-lint, ansible-creator, pytest-ansible, tox-ansible, ansible-dev-environment, and ansible-sign.*

**ansible-dev-tools**

Packaged, supported, and opinionated collection of enterprise-grade capabilities to enable automation developers in the **building, testing, and deployment** of Ansible content.



> **Enhanced developer experience:**  
Red Hat Developer Hub

> Automation applications

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**Goal:**

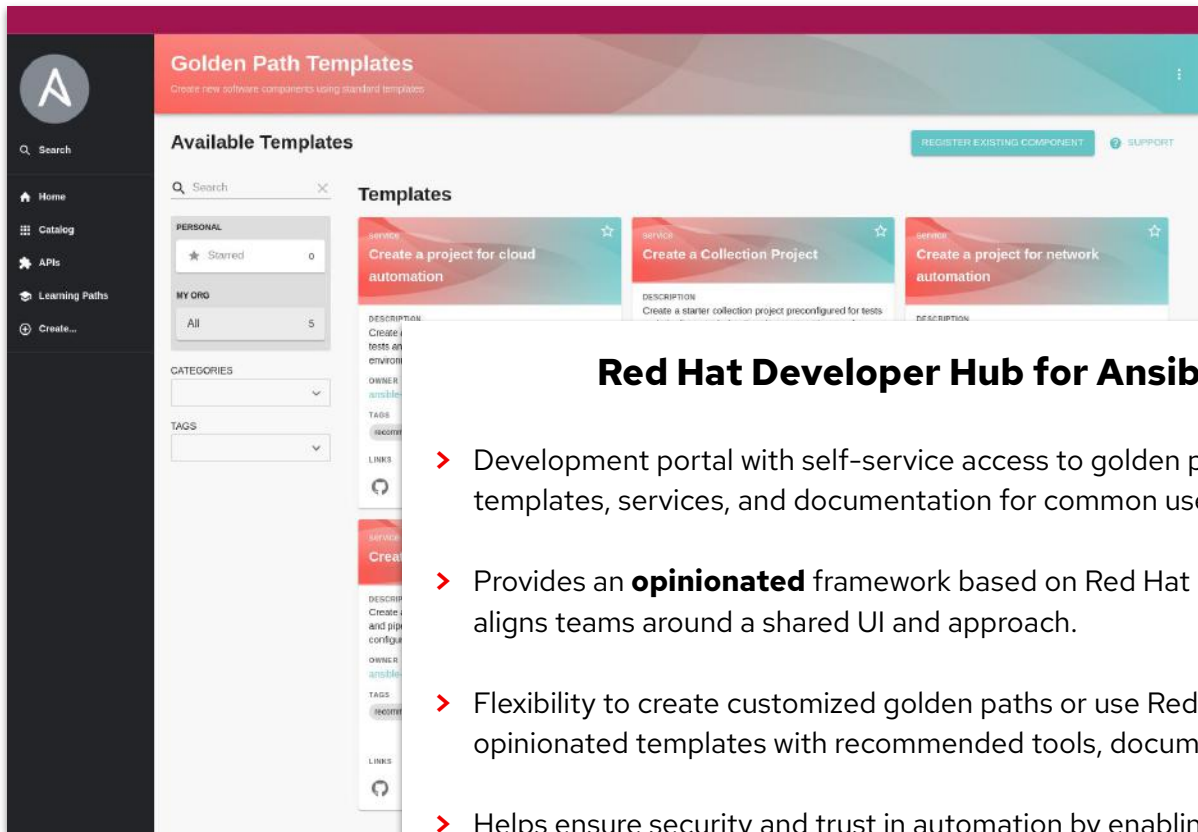
Single entrypoint for automation development

**Who:**

Developers, automation engineers

**When:**

2H



## Red Hat Developer Hub for Ansible

- > Development portal with self-service access to golden paths / templates, services, and documentation for common use cases.
- > Provides an **opinionated** framework based on Red Hat expertise that aligns teams around a shared UI and approach.
- > Flexibility to create customized golden paths or use Red Hat opinionated templates with recommended tools, documentation, etc.
- > Helps ensure security and trust in automation by enabling customers with golden paths that meet their unique requirements.
- > Can initiate a custom IDE in customer's enterprise or **Dev Spaces** environments with **VS Code**

## > **Enhanced developer experience:**

Ansible development workspaces

> Automation applications

> Automation content experience

> Artifact and storage management for AAP

### **Goal:**

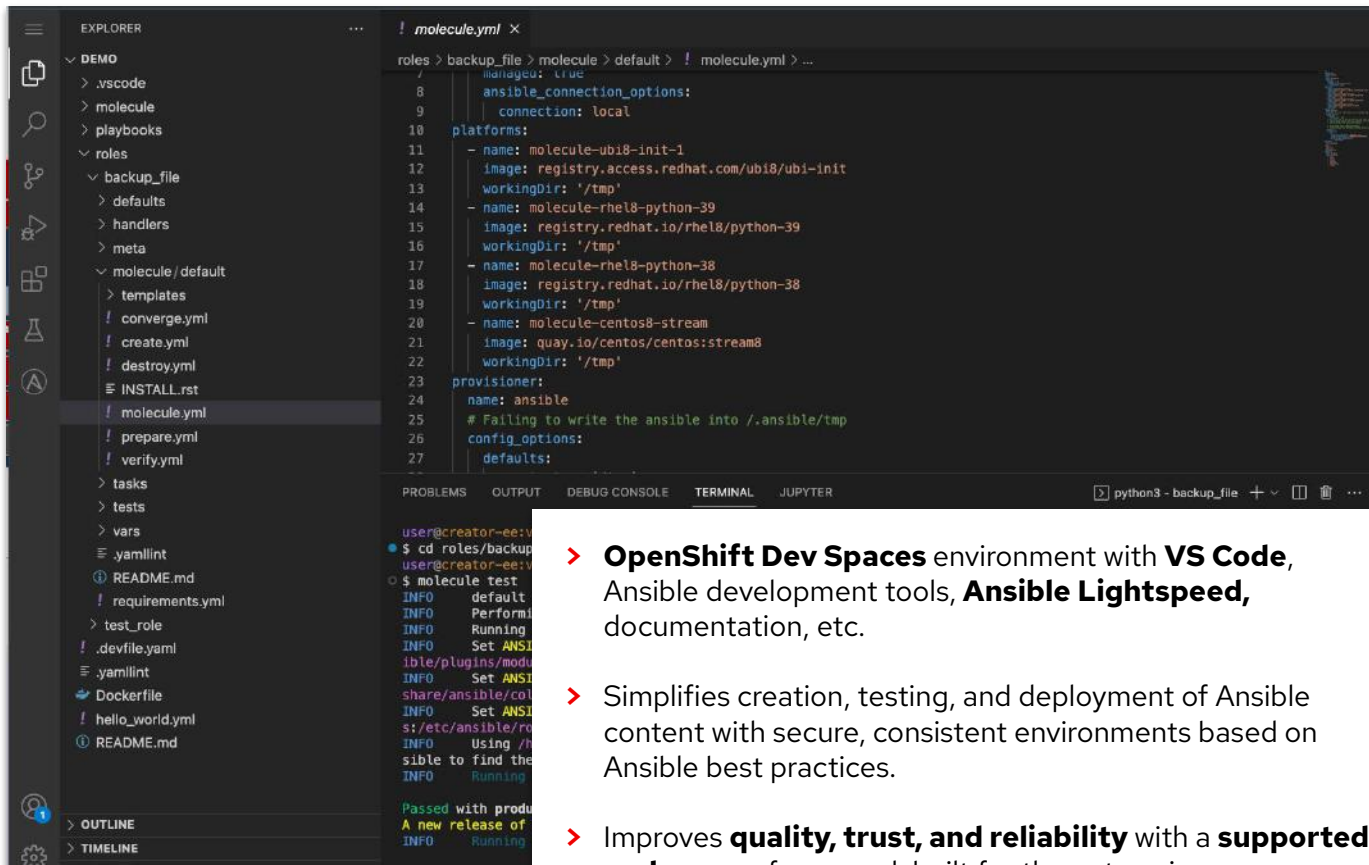
Enterprise-ready development environments

### **Who:**

Developers, automation engineers

### **When:**

2H



> **OpenShift Dev Spaces** environment with **VS Code**, Ansible development tools, **Ansible Lightspeed**, documentation, etc.

> Simplifies creation, testing, and deployment of Ansible content with secure, consistent environments based on Ansible best practices.

> Improves **quality, trust, and reliability** with a **supported and secure** framework built for the enterprise.

## > **Enhanced developer experience:**

AI for automation

> Automation applications

> Automation content experience

> Artifact and storage management for AAP

> **Goal:**  
Harness AI to empower engineers to create, manage and scale their automation more efficiently

**Who:**  
Developers, automation engineers, operators, platform admins

**When:** Available now, with improvements introduced continually

## **Create | Red Hat Ansible Lightspeed**

- > On-premises capability (IBM WCA)\*
- > Full Ansible Playbook generation\*

*\*Now available*

## **Adopt | DevOps Integration**

- > Ansible Risk Insights integration
- > Pipeline integration and REST APIs

## **Maintain | Ansible Codebot**

- > General availability + full support - Q1 '24
- > Gitlab and Bitbucket integrations - H2 '24



> Enhanced developer experience

## > Automation applications

> Automation content experience

> Artifact and storage management for AAP

### Goal:

Simplify the automation experience by creating better connections between content creators and content users.

### Who:

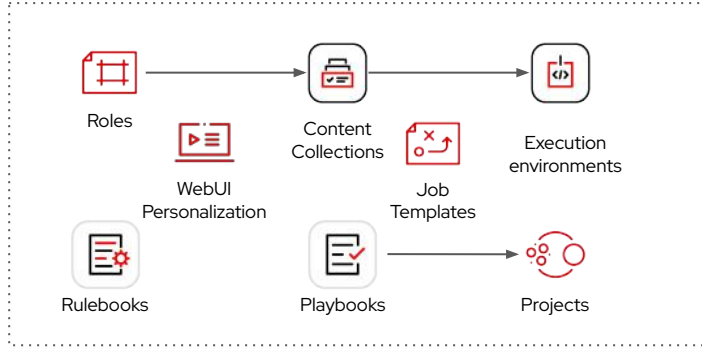
Developers, Automation engineers

### When:

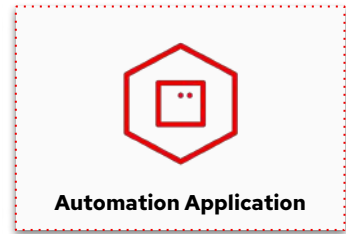
Q4+

# Automation Applications

An automation application is an **all-in-one package** that makes it simple to distribute and use automation tasks.



Traditional Ansible content development



One **easy** unit of automation



Experience for Cloud Engineers



Experience for Network Engineers



Experience for Sysadmins

### Delivery will happen in stages:

**Stage 1:** Content seeding, allowing AAP to be provisioned with Projects, Job Templates, Workflows and more; will also Allow easy importing of Ansible content collections into usable Automation jobs

**Stage 2:** Composable automation allowing content to be logically stacked together to fulfill more complex uses cases

**Stage 3:** Self contained & autonomous automation capable of running as a function; Automation execution environments automatically created on the fly



- > Enhanced developer experience
- > Automation applications
- > Automation content experience

> **Artifact and storage management for AAP**

**Goal:**  
Extend Ansible Automation Platform use cases

**Who:**  
Developers, Automation engineers

**When:**  
1H 2025

**Example:** Terraform



Form interface for adding content:

Name \*

Description

Credential Type \*

Validated Terraform content

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**Automation hub**

validated content on console.redhat.com

2 **Configs + Credentials**

**Validated Ansible Content** Collections for Terraform

**Servers**

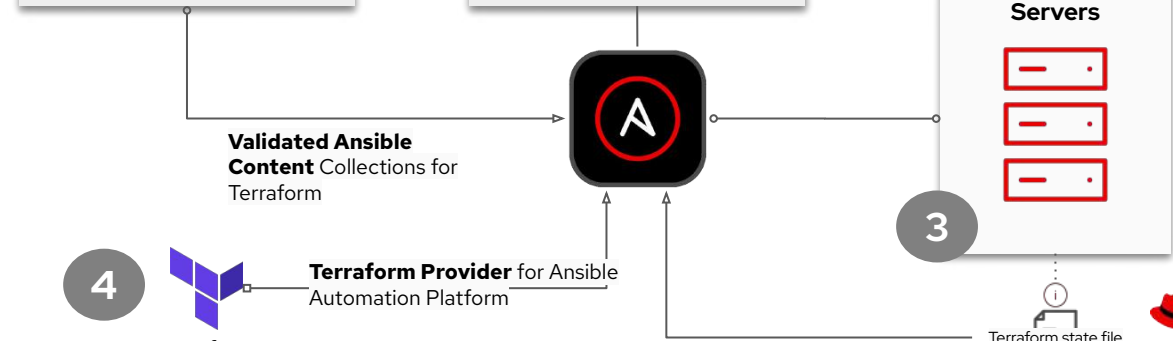
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4 **Terraform Provider** for Ansible Automation Platform

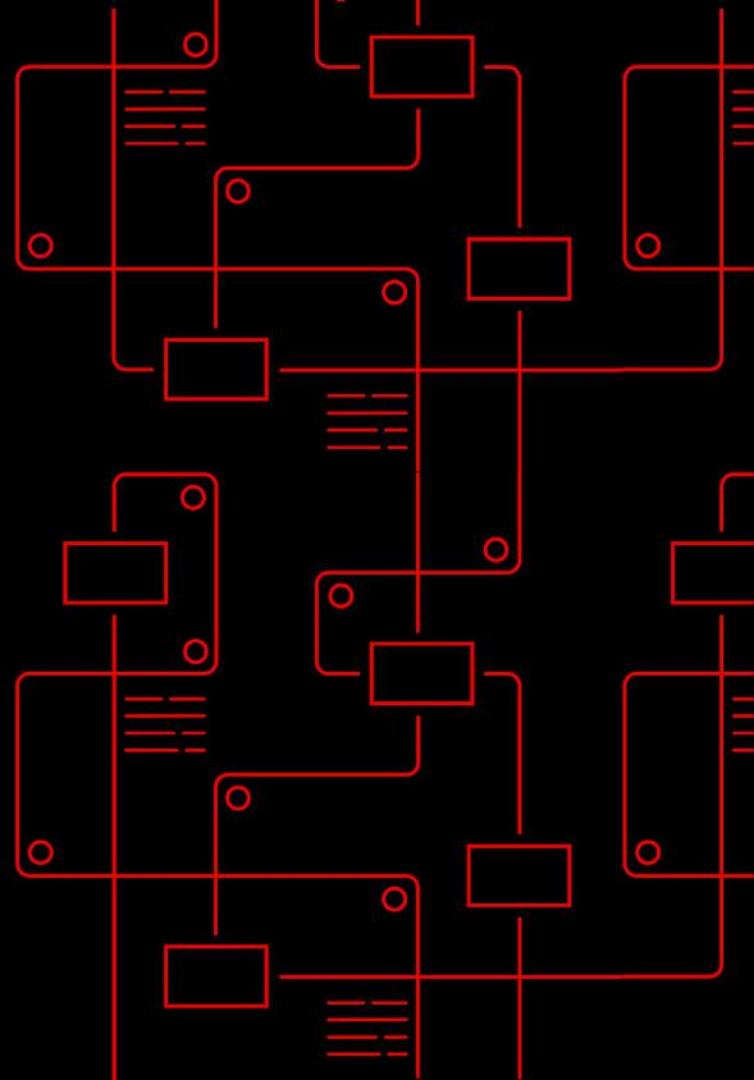
Terraform state file



Terraform

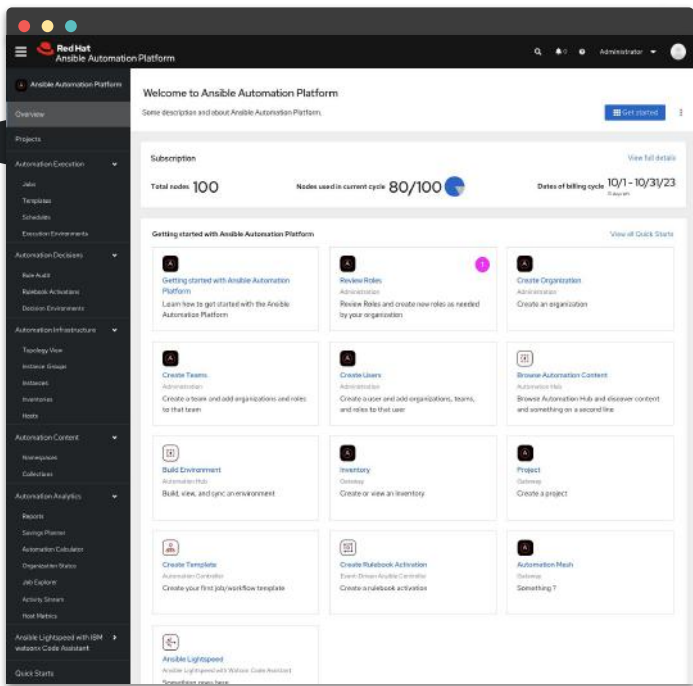
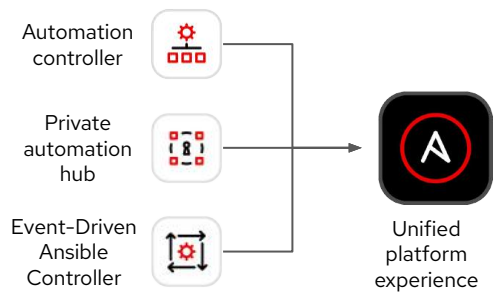


# Manage



# > Unified platform experience

- > Event-Driven Ansible: High availability
- > Policy as Code initiatives



- ✓ Consistent and centralized webUI for operators, developers and platform administrators
- ✓ Consistent and centralized API
- ✓ Centralized authentication/authorization
- ✓ Centralized role based access controls (RBAC)
- ✓ New and improved Day 2 ops management

**Goal:**  
Simplify the platform experience for all users

**Who:**  
Automation engineers, Operators, Platform Admins, Automation architects

**When:** Beta: July  
GA: Q3 (AAP 2.5-1)

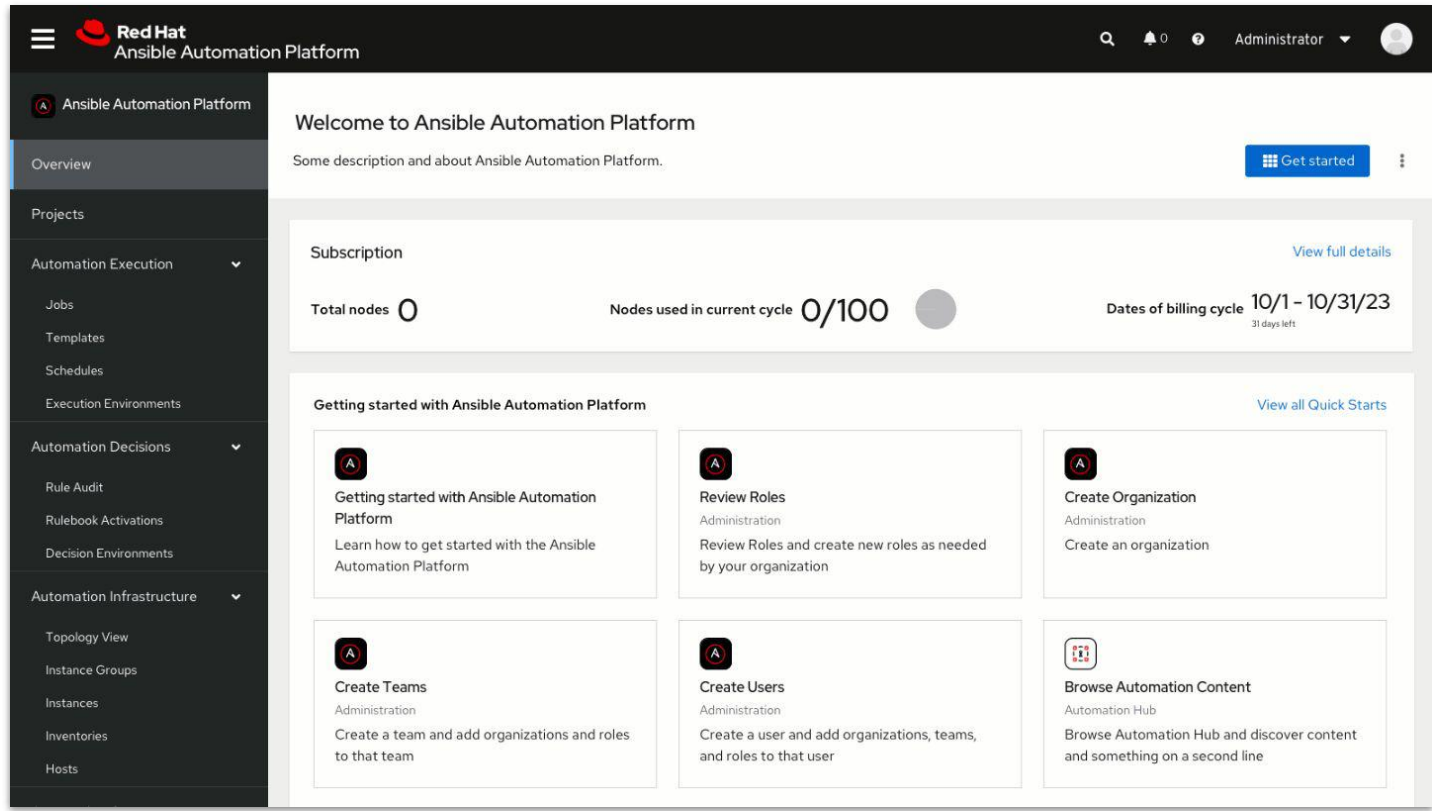


> **Unified platform experience:**

Key improvements

> Event-Driven Ansible:  
High availability

> Policy as Code initiatives



**Goal:**  
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**When:** Beta: March  
GA: Q2 (AAP 2.5 release)





> **Unified platform experience:**

Customized experience by user type

> Event-Driven Ansible: High availability

> Policy as Code initiatives

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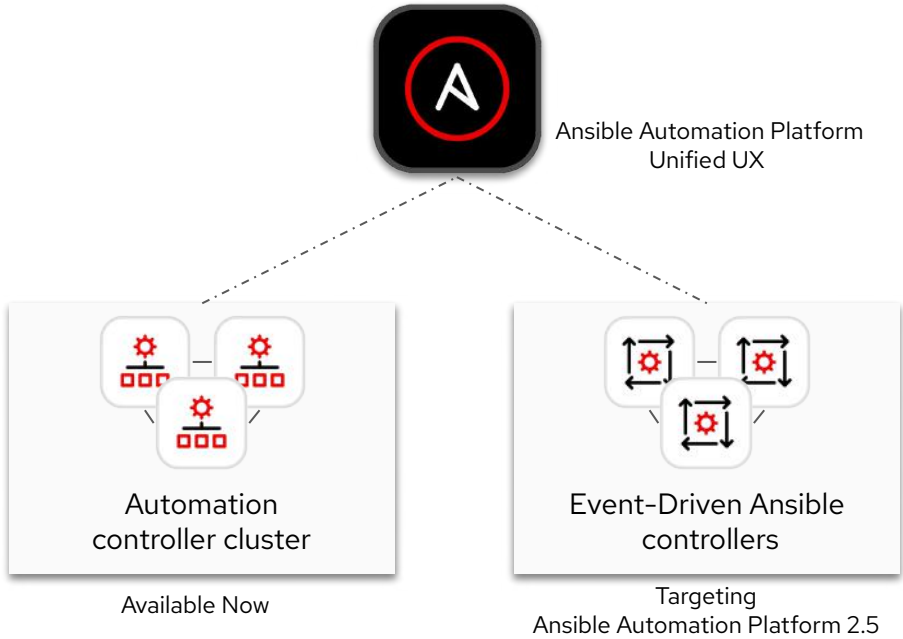
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The screenshot displays the Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform interface for an 'Automation Developer'. The top navigation bar includes the Red Hat logo and 'Ansible Automation Platform' on the left, and 'Automation Developer' on the right. A dark sidebar on the left contains a menu with categories like 'Automation Execution', 'Automation Decisions', and 'Automation Infrastructure'. The main content area features a 'Welcome to Ansible Automation Platform' header with a 'Get started' button. Below this is a 'Subscription' summary showing 'Total nodes 100' and 'Nodes used in current cycle 80/100' with a progress indicator. It also shows the 'Dates of billing cycle 10/1 - 10/31/23' with '15 days left'. A 'Getting started with Ansible Automation Platform' section follows, containing six quick start cards: 'Getting started with Ansible Automation Platform', 'Browse Automation Content', 'Build Environment', 'Inventory', 'Project', and 'Create Template', each with a brief description and a 'View all Quick Starts' link.

*Note: Experience for public cloud subscriptions may vary pending final development*



- > Unified platform experience
- > **Event-Driven Ansible:** High availability
- > Policy as Code initiatives



**Goal:** Mission critical capabilities for Event-Driven Ansible

**Who:** Platform Administrators

**When:** Q3 FY2024

- ✓ Increased resiliency through Active/Passive failovers between multiple deployments
- ✓ Easily configurable via bundled installer or OpenShift Operator

## Policy as Code for GRC



### Governance

### Risk

### Compliance

- > **Check policy enforcement during the development cycle**

- > Standardised policy schema and format based on YAML
- > Ansible Lightspeed integration to accelerate development
- > Integration into Ansible plugins for Integrated Development Environments (IDE)s

- > **Provide an integrated mechanism for policy enforcement based on unique needs**

- > Discretionary or mandatory checks before or during automation runs
- > Hook into a wider ecosystem for defining, selecting, finding and using policies for checks and enforcement

- > **Reporting mechanisms to aid in compliance status and audit tracking.**

- > Output to common output data schemas to allow third party tools easy access to results
- > Customizable alerts and notifications for policy status

> Unified platform experience

> Event-Driven Ansible: High availability

### > Policy as Code initiatives

#### Goal:

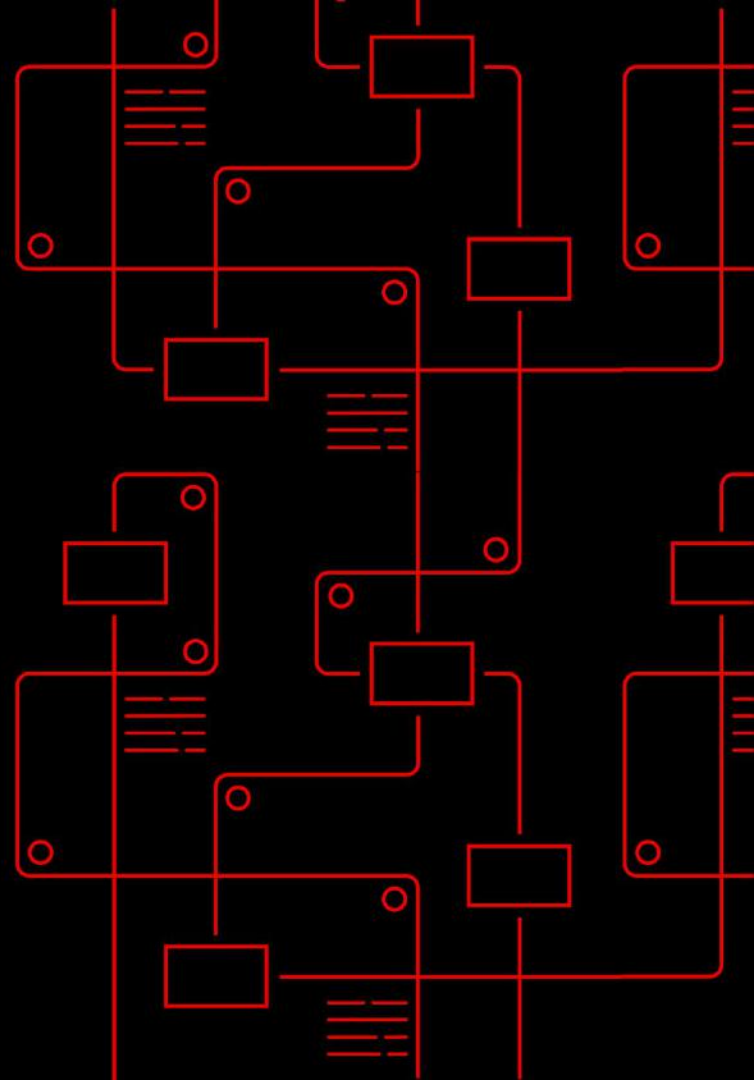
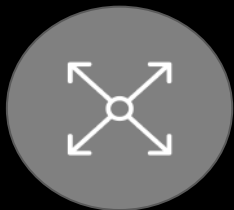
Extend AAP directly into the realms of governance, risk and compliance (GRC)

#### Who:

Developers, Operators + Admins. CISO, CAIO.\*  
*\*New avenue for C-suite conversations.*

**When:** TBD 2024

# Scale

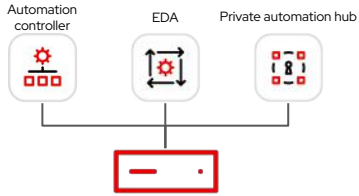


# > Containerized AAP

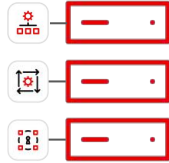
- > Ansible deployment options
- > Automation mesh for cloud deployments



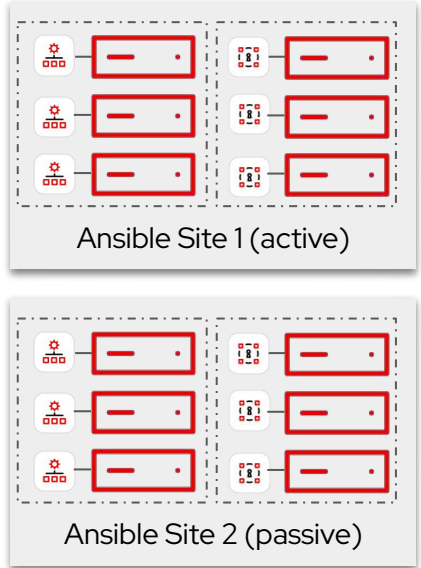
Single Server



Intermediate Architecture



Highly Available Reference Architecture



Ansible Automation platform on RHEL can take advantage of Red Hat's container technology, **so we can now fit multiple services on a single instance!**

**Goal:**  
Simplify management and operations for the platform engineer

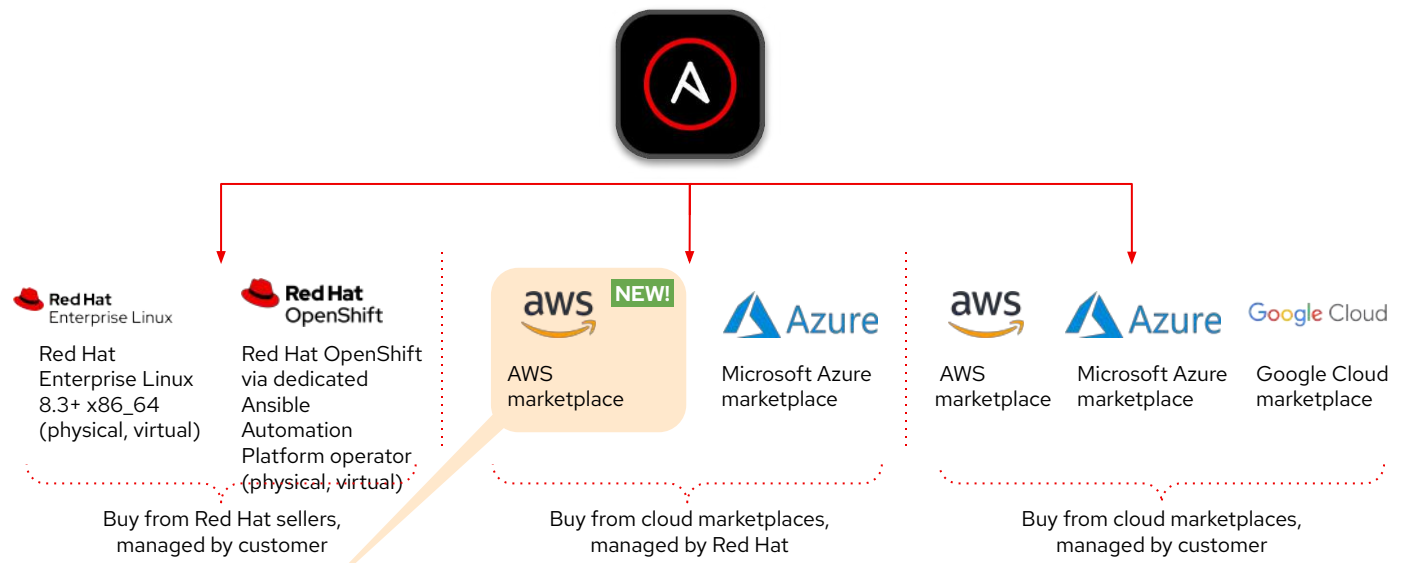
**Who:**  
Platform engineers

**When:**  
Now in Tech Preview  
GA H1 2024

> Containerized AAP

> **Ansible deployment options**

> Automation mesh for cloud deployments



**Goal:**  
Unparalleled flexibility and simplicity in deploying automation

**Who:**  
Automation engineers, Platform admins

**When:** Currently in service preview. Planned GA end of Q2 2024

**Ansible as a Service: AAP on AWS**

- > Red Hat manages control plane deployment, maintenance, backups and upgrades
- > Ready-to-use seeded automation content
- > Customers manage the execution plane for automation security and scalability



- > Containerized AAP
- > Ansible deployment options

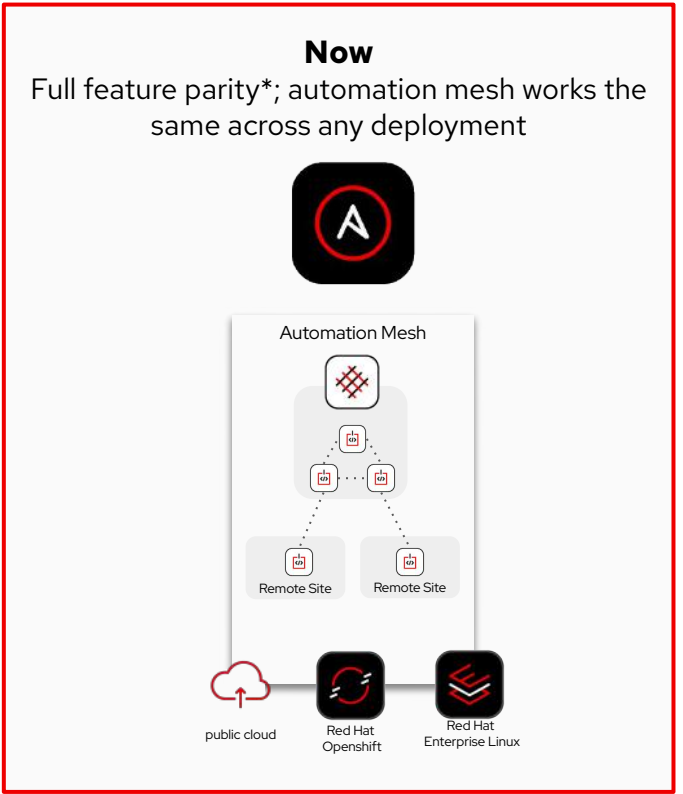
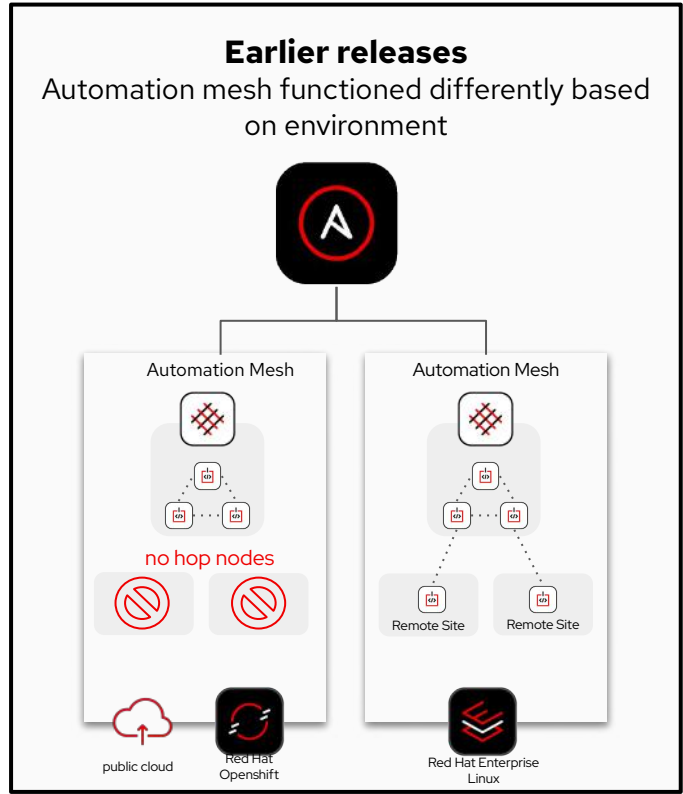
> **Automation mesh for cloud deployments**

**Goal:**  
Ensure feature parity for Automation Mesh across AAP deployment options

**Who:**  
Operators, Platform admins

**When:** Available now

# Automation mesh parity on and across cloud environments



\*small differences remain that will not affect most deployments  
more information in speaker notes



# Product lifecycle updates



**Red Hat**  
Ansible Automation  
Platform



3 year support cycle



Annual cadence for major  
releases



Z-streamless updates



# The AAP roadmap: 24 month view

\*Available now

1H 2024

2H 2024

1H 2025

2H 2025

## CREATE



Ansible development tools

Ansible Lightspeed Playbook generation

Ansible Lightspeed + WCA digital trials

Ansible Lightspeed On-Prem option

Red Hat Developer Hub

Dev Spaces

Automation applications

## MANAGE



Containerized AAP Tech preview refresh (AAP 2.4)

Ansible as a Service: AWS

Policy as Code (Tech preview)

Artifact management

## SCALE



AAP on mission critical infrastructure

Automation mesh for cloud deployments

Event-Driven Ansible: Credential mgmt

Event-Driven Ansible: High availability

Event-Driven Ansible: RBAC + SSO






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