# Ansible Content Creator Tools
## *and the Road Forward*


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# Ansible Content Creator Tools

- Highlights of today
- Demos!
- What is coming tomorrow
- More demos!

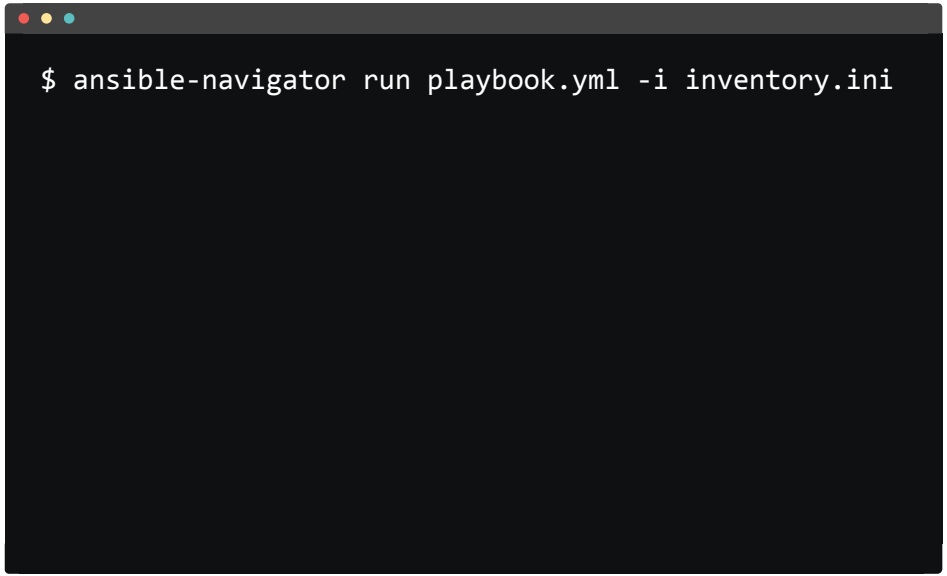
# Ansible content navigator (ansible-navigator).

## Create, review, and debug content

### What is it?

Command line utility and text-based user interface (TUI) for running, testing, and developing Ansible automation content

- Review EEs
- Develop collections
- Develop playbooks
- Run content on EEs
- Troubleshoot problems

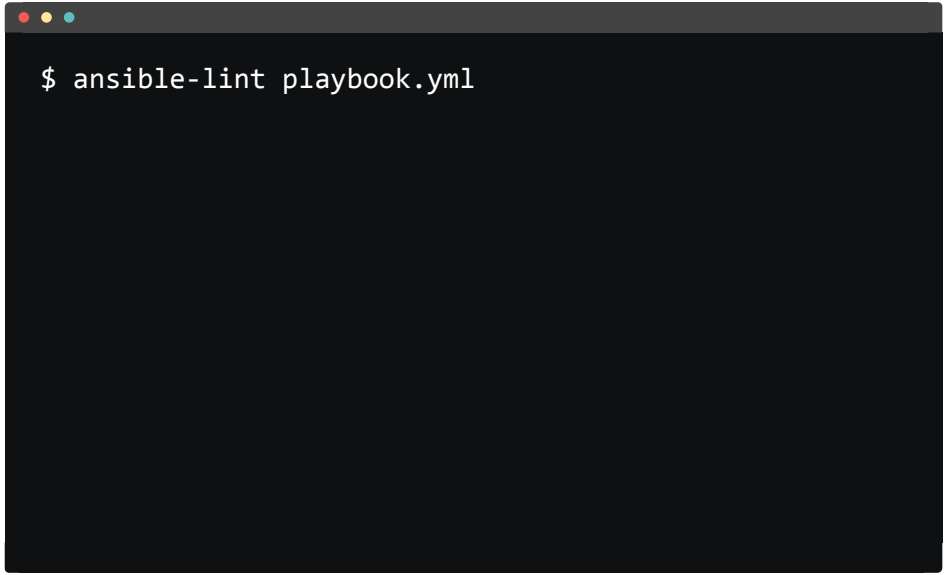


# Ansible lint (`ansible-lint`)

## Improving practices and behavior

### What is it?

- Command-line tool for any Ansible users to lint playbooks, roles and collections
- Promote best practices and and patterns.
- Develop consistent code across teams and scale using an opinionated strategy.
- Integrate into larger development workflows and CI tools.
- Helps upgrade playbooks to later Ansible Core versions.

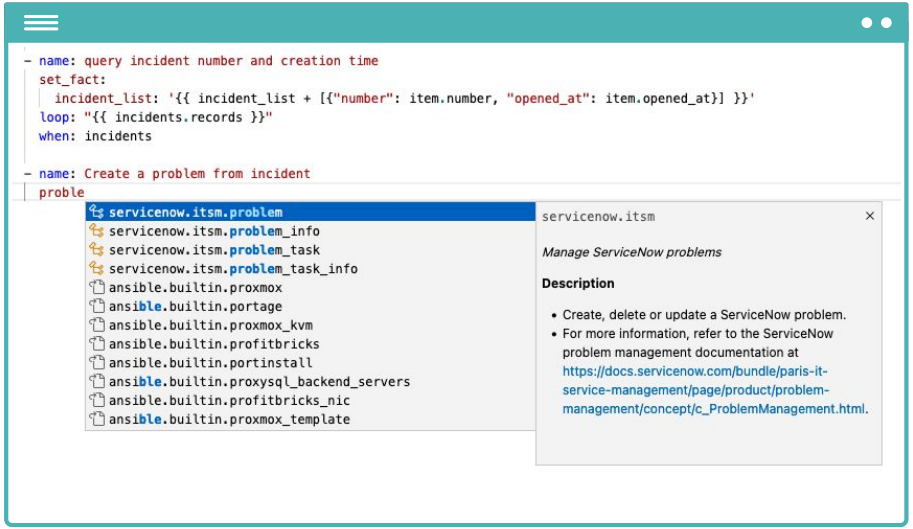


# Ansible VS Code extension

## Simplify content creation

### What is it?

- Syntax highlighting of keywords
- Live validation of your code while you type
- AI based Ansible task suggestions
- Integration with ansible-lint, ansible-navigator and ansible-playbook
- Auto-completion on play, block, or task contents, etc
- Supports writing and running Ansible content with execution environments
- Documentation references as you code



# Noteworthy others

- `ansible.scm`

  A collection of source code management utilities for supporting GitOps workflows in Ansible workflows

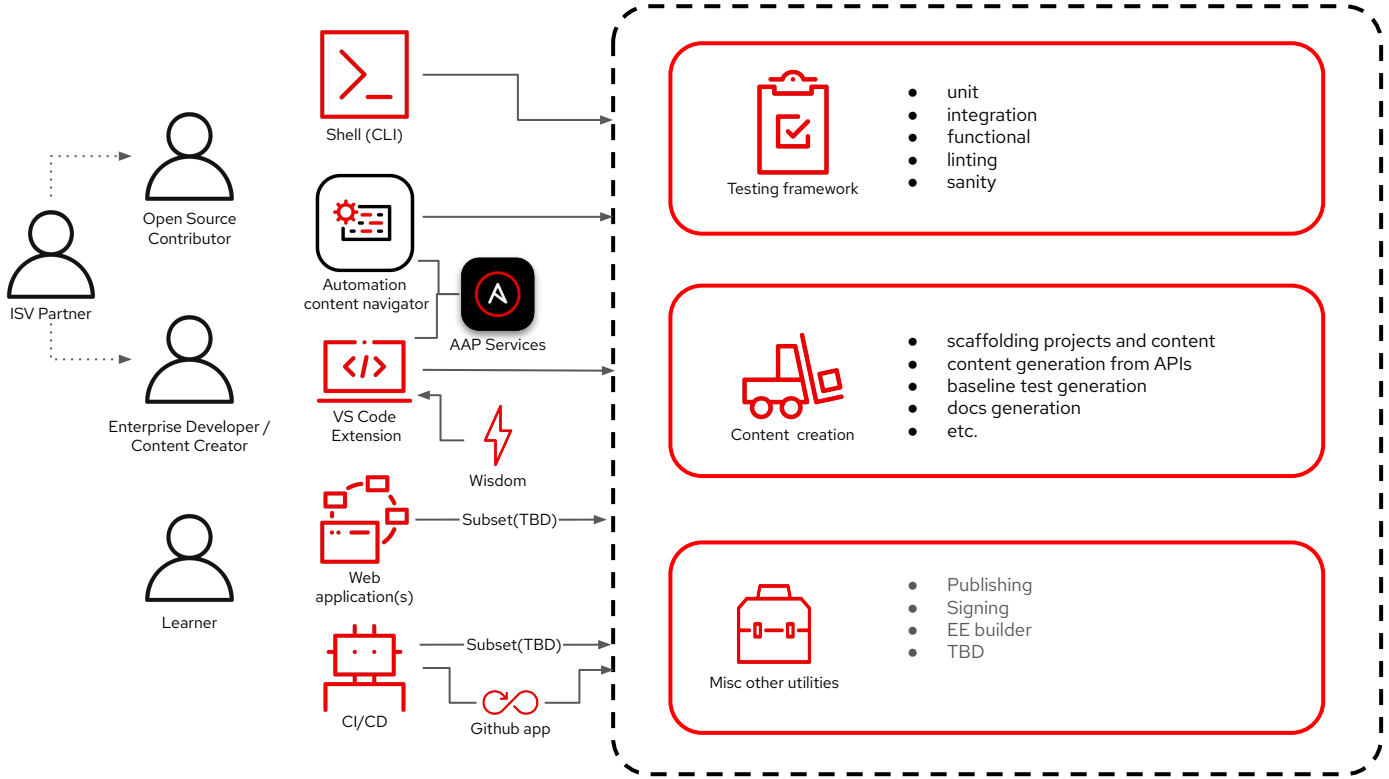
  https://github.com/ansible-collections/ansible.scm

- ansichaut

  Recently adopted by Ansible from Sebastian Gumprich (@rndmh3ro), antsichaut automates the filling of a `changelog.yaml` used by antsibull-changelog.

  https://github.com/ansible-community/antsichaut

# Demos!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ISV Partner
Enterprise Developer / Content Creator
Learner
Shell (CLI)
Automation content navigator
AAP Services
VS Code Extension
Wisdom
Subset(TBD)
Web application(s)
Subset(TBD)
CI/CD
Github app
Testing framework
unit
integration
functional
linting
sanity
Content creation
scaffolding projects and content
content generation from APIs
baseline test generation
docs generation
etc.
Misc other utilities
Publishing
Signing
EE builder
TBD

# Ansible Molecule (molecule)

## Developer preview

### What is it?

- "Molecule 6" will be a refocus of the project as a test runner for functional testing of Ansible playbooks and roles with Ansible itself
- Will have breaking changes:
  - `delegated` driver only #3919
  - Remove `testinfra` from distribution #3920
  - Scenarios as a single file #3918
  - Ansible vars to replace `molecule.yml` #3921
- Releasing as a developer preview to collect feedback while moving towards making this a supported component of AAP.
- Coming Q3 2023 as a follow-up to the general availability of AAP 2.4.

# Ansible testing framework

## Coverage for all content

### What is it?

- A larger vision to provide a comprehensive and integrated, standards-based testing framework for all Ansible content creators
- Will provide an alternative for ansible-test* that is designed for the testing of Ansible collection modules and plugins
- Core components will be made up of ansible-lint, molecule, and the pytest-ansible and tox-ansible plugins
- Working towards being fully supported AAP components that are accessible through various Ansible creator user interfaces

** ansible-test will still be needed for static code analysis sanity checks*

# The building blocks

- `pytest-ansible`

  A pytest plugin that adds several fixtures for running Ansible modules and inspecting ansible_facts.

  https://github.com/ansible-community/pytest-ansible

- tox-ansible

  A tox plugin designed to simplify the testing of ansible content collections with a full matrix of different python interpreter and ansible-core versions in virtual environments.

  https://github.com/tox-dev/tox-ansible

# The building blocks

- `ansible-lint`

  A linter that checks playbooks and roles for practices and behavior that could potentially be improved.

  https://github.com/ansible/ansible-lint

- molecule

  Test runner that aids in the development and end-to-end testing of Ansible content: collections, playbooks and roles

  https://github.com/ansible-community/molecule

# In the planning stages

- “Content creator”

  A framework for scaffolding Ansible content and projects – create file structures, config files, generate baseline tests, generate docs, provide workflow utilities and eventually generate modules and plugins from API schemas

- “Content tools installer”

  A single package that installs the many components that make up the suite of Ansible content tools

# More demos!

# What do you need to be successful?

# Thanks!

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