



Network Automation with Ansible Fast Track

- 3 Days
- Lecture and Hands-on Labs

Course Overview

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.

Review this course online at https://www.alta3.com/courses/ans201ft

Who Should Attend

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

What You'll Learn

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

Outline

Ansible Foundations

- Decture: Introduction to Ansible
- PLecture: Introduction to YAML
- \(\subseteq \text{Lecture} + \text{Lab: Making an Inventory} \)
- 🖳 Lecture + Lab: Running a Playbook
- 🖳 Lecture + Lab: ansible.cfg setup
- \blacksquare Lecture + Lab: Looping Tasks
- <u>Lecture</u> + Lab: Setting Variables
- \(\subseteq \text{Lecture} + \text{Lab: When Condition} \)

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
- P 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
- \(\subseteq \text{Lecture} + \text{Lab: Network Playbooks and Vendor Specific Modules} \)
- 🖳 Lecture + Lab: Ansible Get Switch Config and Archive
- 🖳 Lecture + Lab: network_cli Playbook

Dynamic Facts and APIs

- \(\subseteq \text{Lecture} + \text{Lab: Using Ansible Facts} \)
- 🖳 Lecture + Lab: Network API Calls
- 🖳 Lecture + Lab: Jinja2 Templating for Network Configurations

Reusability and Security

- <u>Lecture</u> + Lab: Using Roles
- 🖳 Lecture + Lab: Making Roles
- 🖳 Lecture + Lab: Ansible Vault

Robustness and Error Handling

- 🖳 Lecture + Lab: Ansible Error Handling
- \(\subseteq\) Lecture + Lab: Network Playbook Error Handling
- 🖳 Lecture + Lab: Network Playbook Precheck
- 🖳 Lecture + Lab: Network Playbooks with Roles and Rollbacks

Prerequisites

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

Next Courses

- Ansible 202: Linux Admin Automation with Ansible (https://alta3.com/courses/ans202)
- Ansible 203: Windows Automation with Ansible (https://alta3.com/courses/ans203)
- Ansible 204: Enterprise Server Automation with Ansible (https://alta3.com/courses/ans204)
- Git and GitHub (2 days) (https://alta3.com/courses/github)
- Git and GitLab CI/CD (2 days) (https://alta3.com/courses/gitlab)
- Terraform 101: Infrastructure as Code (3 days) (https://alta3.com/courses/terraform)