



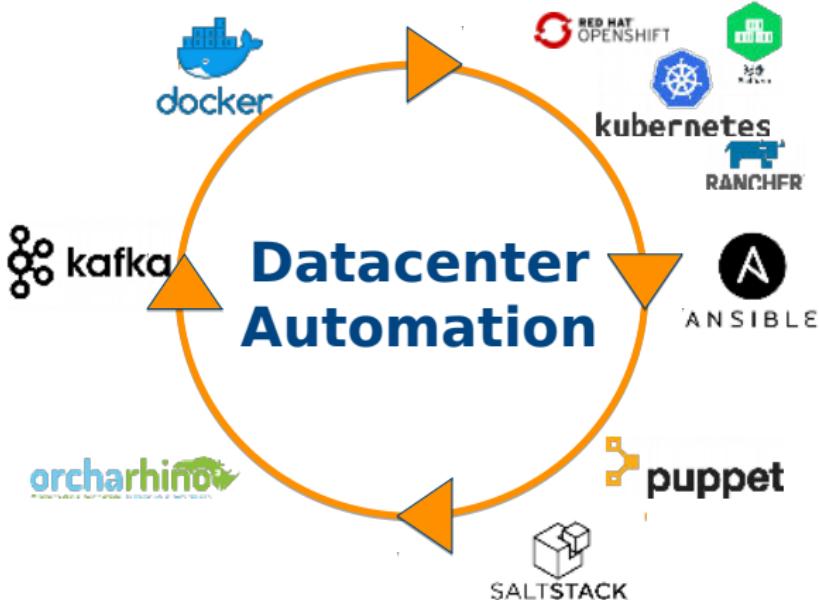
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- ▶ 30 typos pro DIN A4 page

- ▶ 2 crashes at Frankfurt Airport per day
- ▶ every hour 22000 wrong bank bookings
- ▶ 32000 missed heart beats per year

IT needs automation!



Automation helps to solve problems whose existence one is often not aware of.



Automating Kafka...

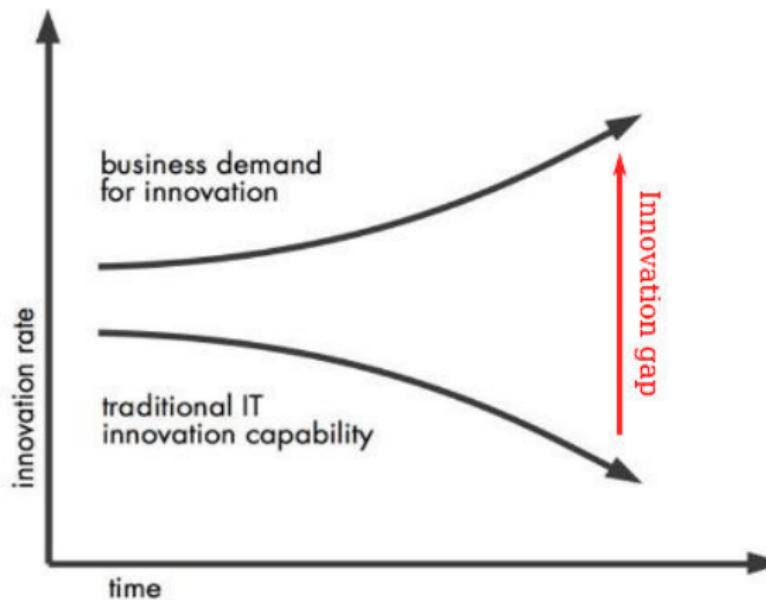
...with Ansible



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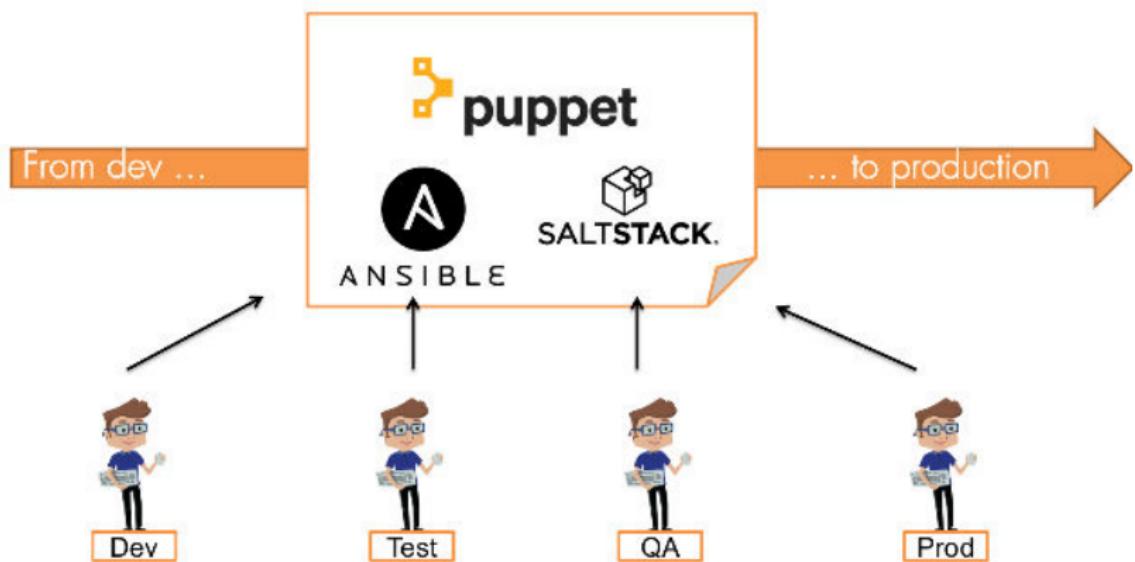
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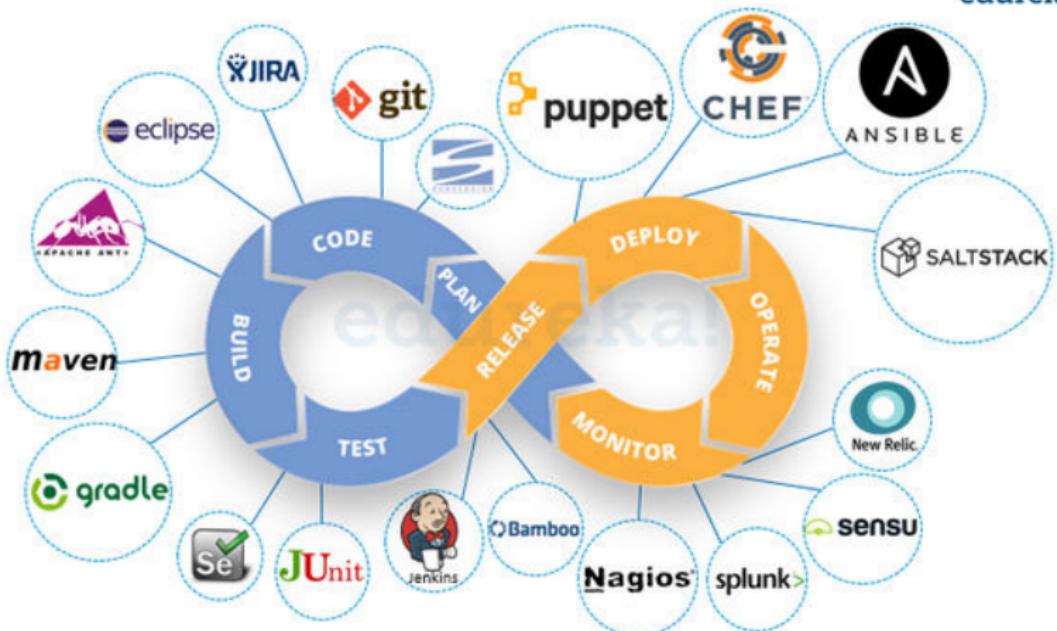
The innovation gap



Innovation Gap is closed by Automation and Standardization

Standardization means common IT language





- ▶ Keep config up to date (Git)
- ▶ Separation of data and code
- ▶ Infrastructure as code
 - ▶ Code is reusable
 - ▶ Data is configuration
- ▶ Idempotency

Ansible ...

- ▶ ... is „radically simple“
- ▶ ... has low requirements
- ▶ ... needs no agent
- ▶ ... is human readable

Puppet -

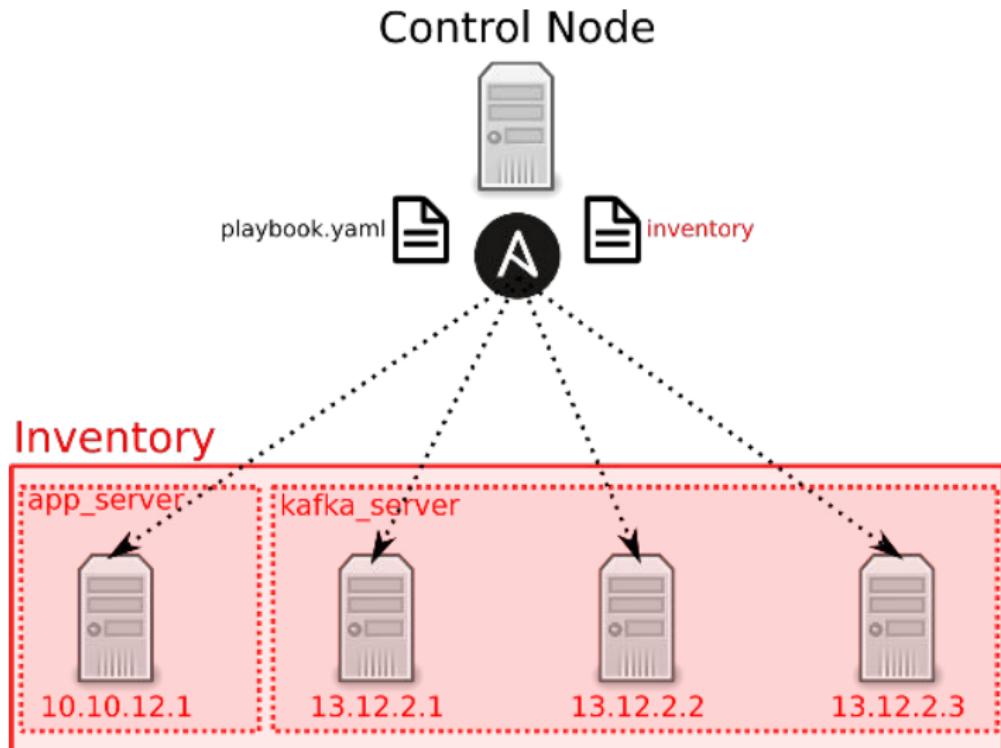
Puppet -

Puppet Salt -

Puppet -



→ Ansible is the best choice for automated deployments



```
[kafkaserver]
web1.server.com ansible_host=13.12.2.1
web2.server.com ansible_host=13.12.2.2
web3.server.com ansible_host=13.12.2.3

[appserver]
app1.server.com ansible_host=10.10.12.1
```

- ▶ defining the infrastructure
- ▶ ini or yaml syntax
- ▶ combine servers into groups
- ▶ define specific vars

```
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```

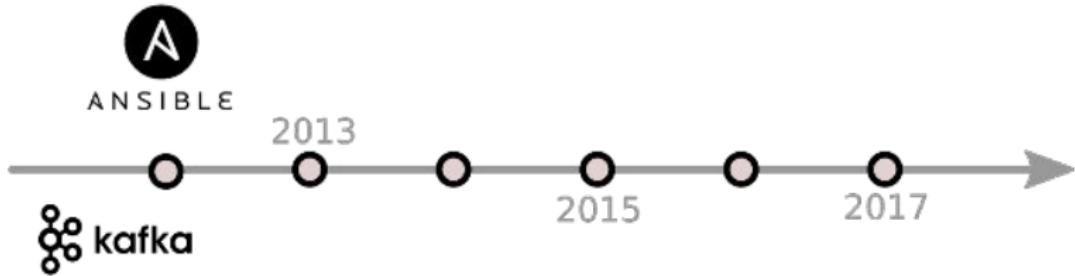
```
- hosts: kafkaserver # mapping role to host
become: true # run as root
roles:
  - preflight # role1
  - zookeeper   # role2
  - kafkabroker # role3
```

- ▶ maps roles to hosts - standardization
- ▶ written in YAML - human readable
- ▶ ideally in combination with VCS

- ▶ combination of tasks
- ▶ featuring idempotency
- ▶ ideally in combination with VCS

```
---  
#preflight confluent role  
- name: Add open JDK repo  
  apt_repository:  
    repo: ppa:openjdk-r/ppa  
  
- name: Install Java  
  apt:  
    name: "openjdk-8-jdk"  
    update_cache: yes  
...
```

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Automate Kafka deployment



- ▶ standardized
- ▶ idempotency and rolling updates
- ▶ infrastructure-as-code

Scope:

- ▶ Installs Confluent Platform packages
- ▶ Starts services using systemd scripts
- ▶ config options for plaintext, SSL, SASL_SSL

Services:

- ▶ ZooKeeper
- ▶ Kafka
- ▶ Schema Registry
- ▶ REST Proxy
- ▶ Confluent Control Center
- ▶ Kafka Connect (distributed mode)



<https://docs.confluent.io/current/tutorials/cp-ansible/docs/index.html>

Confluent Kafka Playbooks - Setup



```
---
```

```
zookeeper:
  hosts:
    host1:
      ansible_host: 13.12.2.1
    host2:
      ansible_host: 13.12.2.2
    host3:
      ansible_host: 13.12.2.3
broker:
  hosts:
    host1:
      ansible_host: 13.12.2.1
    host2:
      ansible_host: 13.12.2.2
    host3:
      ansible_host: 13.12.2.3
```

playbook_directory

inventory.yml

playbook.yml

roles

confluent.control-center

confluent.kafka-broker

confluent.preflight

confluent.schema-registry

confluent.zookeeper

Map roles to servers

```
---
```

- hosts: preflight
 - tasks:
 - import_role:
 - name: confluent.preflight
- hosts: ssl_CA
 - tasks:
 - import_role:
 - name: confluent.ssl_CA
- hosts: zookeeper
 - tasks:
 - import_role:
 - name: confluent.zookeeper
- hosts: broker
 - tasks:
 - import_role:
 - name: confluent.kafka-broker
- hosts: schema-registry
 - tasks:
 - import_role:
 - name: confluent.schema-registry

playbook_directory

... inventory.yml

playbook.yml

roles

confluent.control-center

confluent.kafka-broker

confluent.preflight

confluent.schema-registry

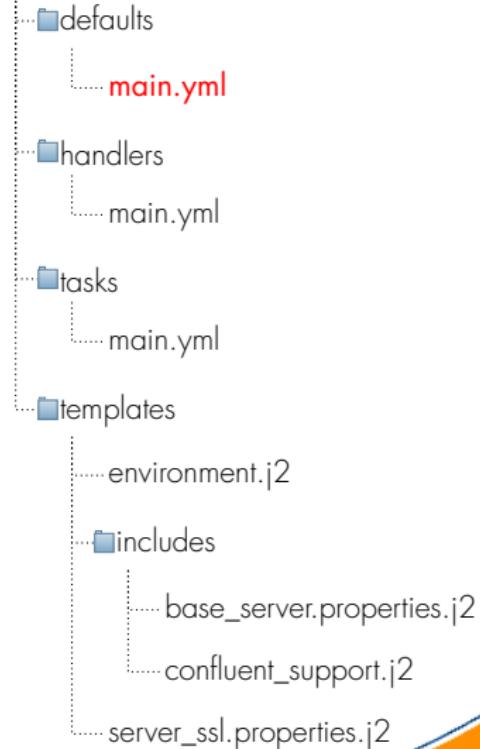
confluent.zookeeper

Separation of Data ...

```
---
```

```
kafka:
  broker:
    user: "cp-kafka"
    group: "confluent"
    config_file: "/etc/kafka/server.properties"
    systemd_file: |
      "/usr/lib/systemd/system/kafka.service"
    service_name: "kafka"
    datadir:
      - "/var/lib/kafka/data"
    systemd:
      enabled: yes
      state: "started"
    environment:
      KAFKA_HEAP_OPTS: "-Xmx1g"
    config:
      group.initial.rebalance.delay.ms: 0
      log.retention.check.interval.ms: 300000
      num.partitions: 1
      num.recovery.threads.per.data.dir: 2
      offsets.topic.replication.factor: 3
      transaction.state.log.min_isr: 2
      zookeeper.connection.timeout.ms: 6000
    # [...] many more
```

confluent-kafka.broker



... and Code

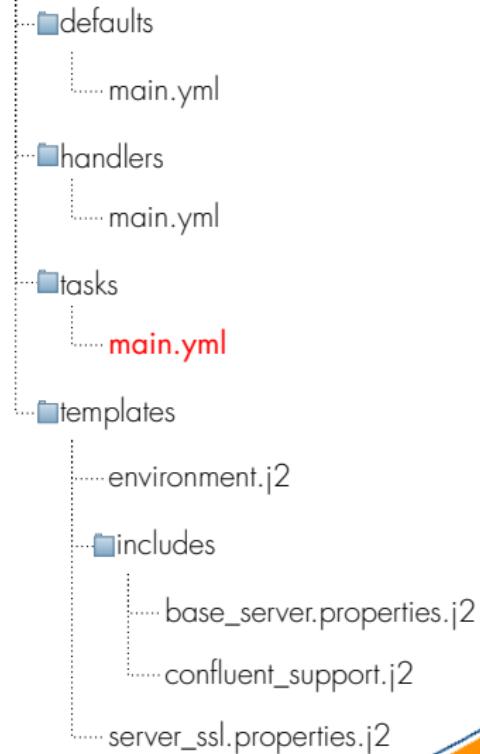
```
---
```

```
# [...] tasks to create user,group and dirs
- name: broker ssl config
  template:
    src: server_ssl.properties.j2
    dest: "{{kafka.broker.config_file}}"
    mode: 0640
    owner: "{{kafka.broker.user}}"
    group: "{{kafka.broker.group}}"
  when: security_mode == "ssl"
  notify:
    - restart kafka

- name: create systemd override file
  file:
    path: "{{kafka.broker.systemd_override}}"
    owner: "{{kafka.broker.user}}"
    group: "{{kafka.broker.group}}"
    state: directory
    mode: 0640

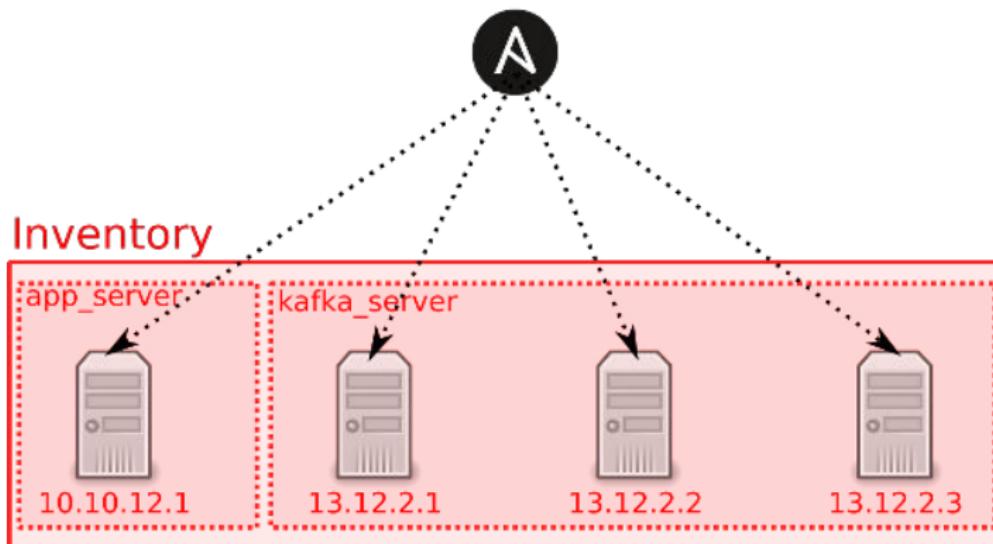
- name: broker configure service
  systemd:
    name: "{{kafka.broker.service_name}}"
    enabled: "{{kafka.broker.systemd.enabled}}"
    state: "{{kafka.broker.systemd.state}}"
```

confluent:kafka.broker

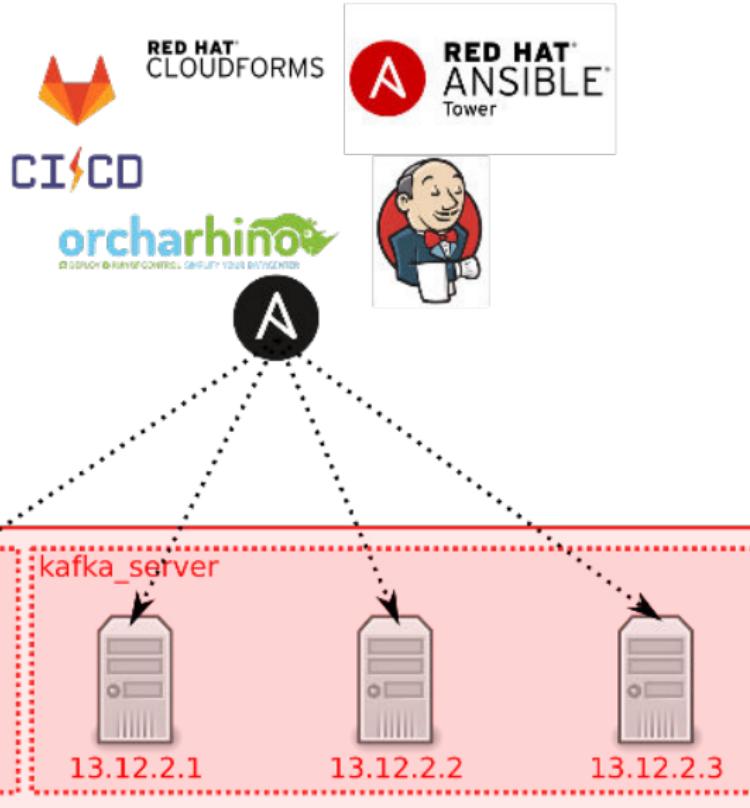


Use it by hand ...

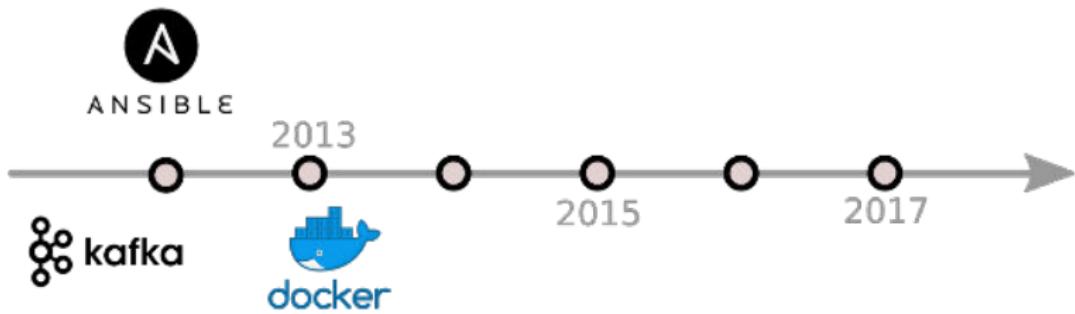
```
# Check and See Changes  
ansible-playbook -i inventory.yml all.yml --check --diff  
  
# Run Initial Setup/Update  
ansible-playbook -i inventory.yml all.yml
```



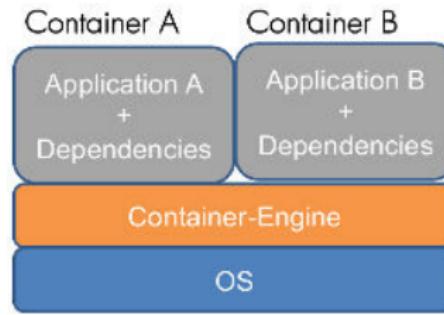
... or by CI/CD operator



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Dockerization of applications



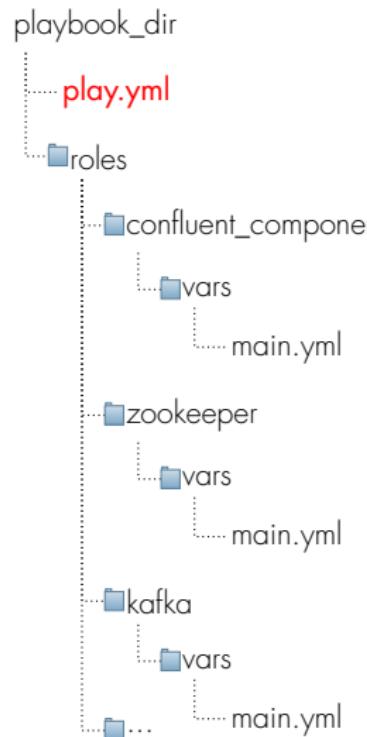
- ▶ portability
- ▶ scalability
- ▶ (security)
- ▶ efficiency
- ▶ reproducibility

Ansible module for managing Docker container
→ even more generic roles

Generic role!

```
---
```

- hosts: zookeeper
 - name: Deploy Zookeeper
 - include_role:
 - name: confluent_component
 - vars_from: zookeeper
- hosts: kafka
 - name: Deploy Kafka
 - include_role:
 - name: confluent_component
 - vars_from: kafka
- hosts: control-center
 - name: Deploy Control-Center
 - include_role:
 - name: confluent_component
 - vars_from: control-center



Generic docker role, separate data and code

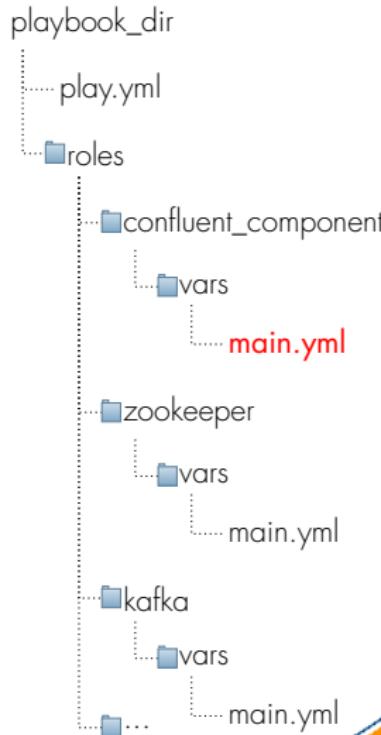


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```

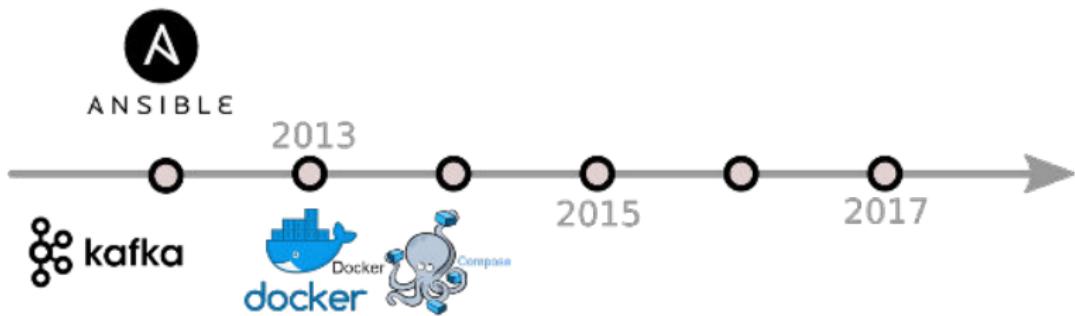
```
- name: "Start Docker-Container"
  docker_container:
    name: "{{ kafka_component_name }}"
    image: "{{ kafka_component_container_image }}"
    state: "{{ kafka_component_container_state }}"
    restart: "{{ config_changed.changed }}"
    published_ports: "{{ published_ports }}"
    restart_policy: "{{ container_restart_policy }}"
    env_file: "{{ kafka_component_env_file }}"
    volumes: "{{ kafka_component_volumes }}"
```

```
---
```

```
kafka_component_name: "zookeeper"
image: "confluentinc/cp-kafka"
published_ports:
  - 12888:2888
  - 13888:3888
```



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```
---
version: '2'
services:
  zookeeper:
    image: "confluentinc/cp-zookeeper:latest"
    environment:
      ZOOKEEPER_CLIENT_PORT: 2181
      ZOOKEEPER_TICK_TIME: 2000
  kafka:
    image: "confluentinc/cp-kafka:latest"
    depends_on:
      - "zookeeper"
    ports:
      - 9092:9092
    environment:
      KAFKA_BROKER_ID: 1
      KAFKA_ZOOKEEPER_CONNECT: "zookeeper:2181"
    # [...] more kafka broker settings
```

Use Docker Compose



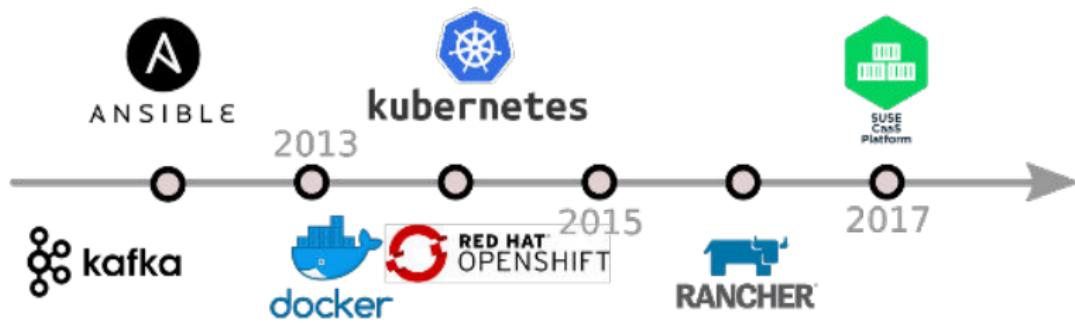
```
---
```

```
- hosts: kafka-server
  tasks:
    - name: "Spin up Kafka-Cluster"
      docker_compose:
        project_src: "cp_kafka"
        state: absent
      register: output

    - name: "Ensure Stack is running"
      assert:
        that:
          - kafka.cp_kafka_kafka_1.state.running
          - zookeeper.cp_kafka_zookeeper_1.state.running
```



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Use Helm

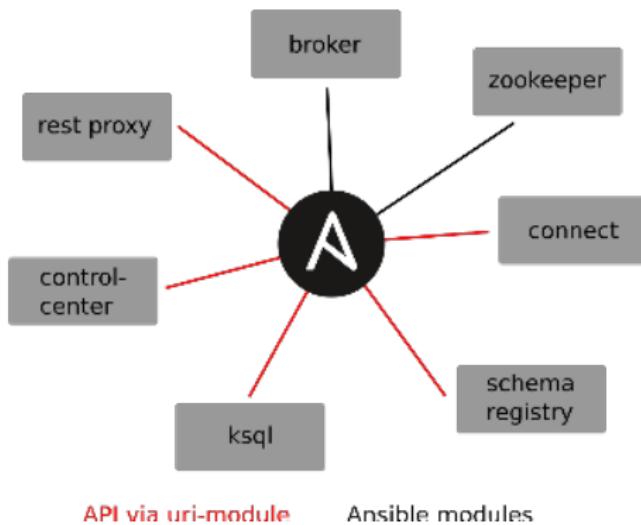


```
---
- hosts: kafka-server
  tasks:
    - name: "Install Confluent-Operator with Helm"
      command: >
        helm install \
        -f ./providers/private.yaml \
        --name kafka-operator \
        --namespace kafka-space \
        --set operator.enabled=true \
        --set rbac.Enabled=true \
        ./confluent-operator
      when: "'kafka-operator' not in helm_installed"
```

What else?

- ▶ Ansible Helm Module
- ▶ Ansible Operator (Openshift)

Manage Kafka with Ansible



Manage Kafka - Topics



```
---
- name: "create topic"
  kafka_lib:
    resource: 'topic'
    name: 'test'
    partitions: 2
    replica_factor: 1
    options:
      retention.ms: 574930
      flush.ms: 12345
    state: 'present'
    zookeeper: '>
      "{{ zookeeper_ip }}:2181"
    bootstrap_servers: '>
      "{{ kafka_ip_1 }}:9092, {{ kafka_ip2 }}:9092"
    security_protocol: 'SASL_SSL'
    sasl_plain_username: 'username'
    sasl_plain_password: 'password'
    ssl_cafile: '{{ content_of_ca_cert_file_or_path_to_ca_cert_file }}'
```



[github.com/StephenSorriaux/
ansible-kafka-admin](https://github.com/StephenSorriaux/ansible-kafka-admin)

- Ansible Module for Topics and ACIs
- No SSH Connection to remote broker needed

Manage Kafka - Topics



```
---  
# Definition of topic  
topic:  
  name: "test"  
  partitions: 2  
  replica_factor: 1  
  configuration:  
    retention.ms: 574930  
    flush.ms: 12345  
  
---  
- name: "Get topic information"  
  uri:  
    url: "{{ 'kafka_rest_proxy_url' + ':8082/topics/' + topic.name }}"  
  register: result  
  
- name: "Create new topic"  
  command: "{{ 'kafka-topics --zookeeper ' + zookeeper +  
            ' --create' +  
            ' --topic ' + topic.name +  
            ' --partitions ' + topic.partitions +  
            ' --replication-factor ' + topic.replica_factor +  
            topic.configuration }}"
```

- ▶ Rest Proxy cannot create topics
- ▶ manual idempotency
- ▶ access to one kafka broker



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