

# Probing Ansible Bonds with Molecule Tests

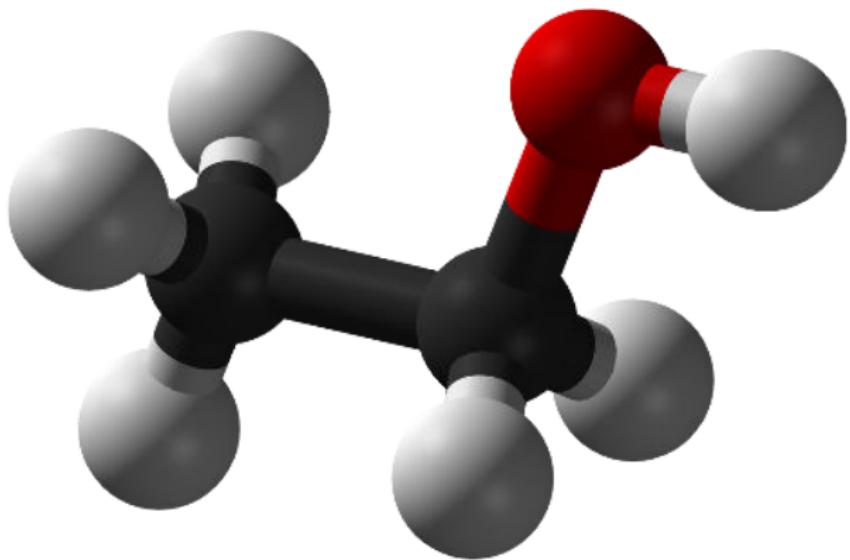


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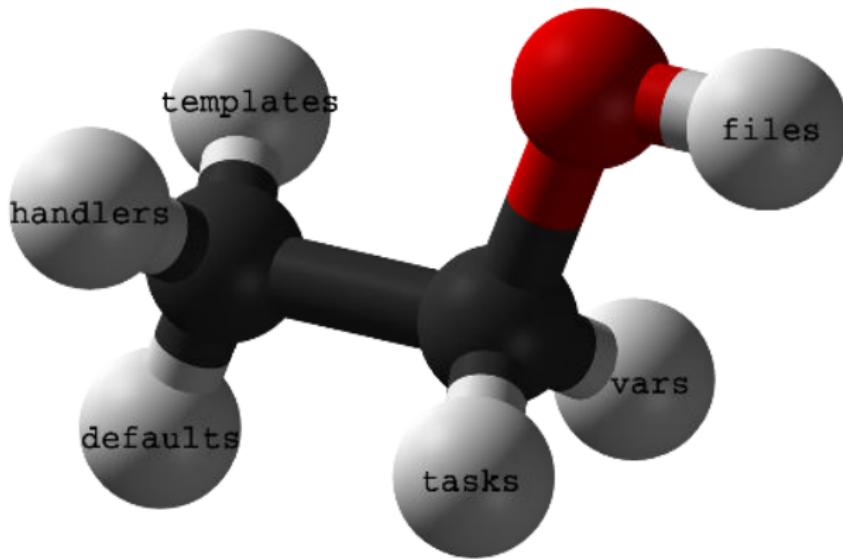
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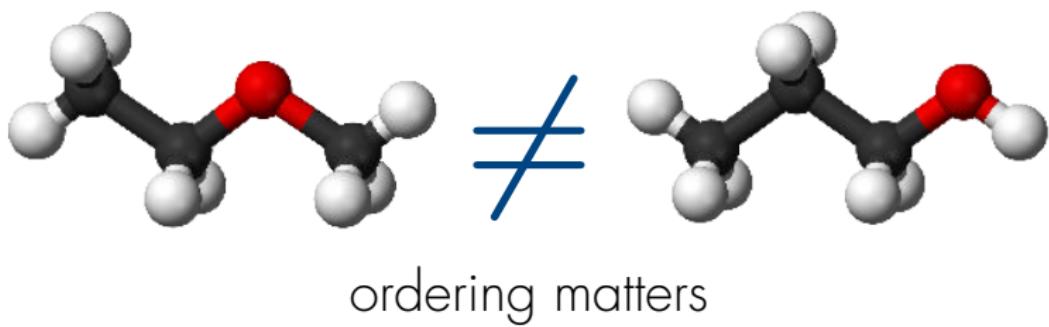
# Building Blocks

Modules are already tested. Why should i test roles?

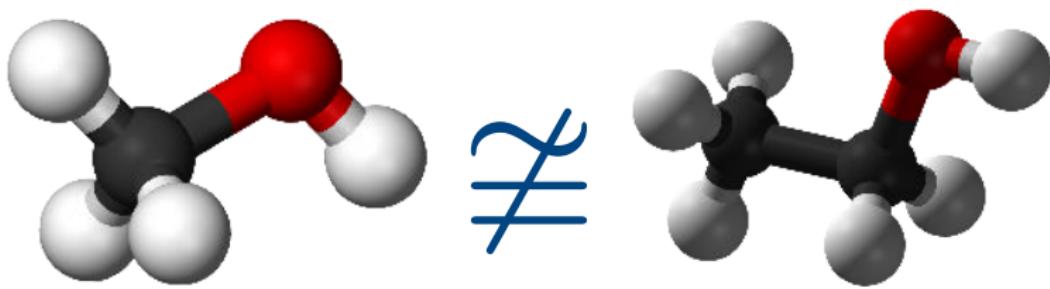


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mind the additional side effects!

# A Role

```
nginx_sysinfo
├── defaults
│   └── main.yaml
├── files
│   └── stylesheet.css
├── handlers
│   └── main.yaml
├── tasks
│   └── main.yaml
├── templates
│   └── index.html.j2
└── vars
    └── main.yaml
```

```
$mkvirtualenv --python=python3.6 molecule  
(molecule)$ pip install molecule  
(molecule)$ molecule init --scenario
```

# A Role

```
nginx_sysinfo
├── [...]
└── .yamllint
└── molecule
    └── default
        ├── Dockerfile.j2
        ├── INSTALL.rst
        ├── molecule.yml
        ├── playbook.yml
        └── tests
            └── test_default.py
```

# Molecule Config File



```
# config file for tests
# molecule/default/molecule.yml
driver:
  name: docker
platforms:
  - name: centos7
    image: centos:7
  - name: debian10
    image: debian:10
```

```
(molecule)$ molecule matrix [-s default] test
default
    lint
    dependency
    destroy
    create
    prepare
    converge
    idempotence
    verify
    destroy
```

```
---
# molecule/default/molecule.yml
driver:
  name: docker
lint:
  name: yamllint
platforms:
  - name: centos7
    image: centos:7
  - name: debian10
    image: debian:10
```

# yaml ≠ yaml



```
# some yaml file of the role
# we want this to fail
foo: bar
foo2: bar
foo3:
- bar1
- bar2
foo4:
- de
- no
foo5: False
foo6: Yes
```

# yaml ≠ yaml



```
--- # this looks better
foo: bar
foo2: bar
foo3:
  - bar1
  - bar2
foo4:
  - de
  - no
foo5: false
foo6: true
```

edited .yamllint in role dir (added my molecule)

```
rules:  
  document-start: enable  
  indentation: {spaces: 2, indent-sequences: consistent}  
  truthy: enable  
  ignore: |  
    .gitlab-ci.yml
```

```
(molecule)$ molecule matrix [-s default] test
default
    lint # ✓
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    prepare
    converge
    idempotence
    verify
    destroy
```

# Does my Role have Dependencies?



```
---
# molecule/default/molecule.yml
dependency:
  name: galaxy
driver:
  name: docker
lint:
  name: yamllint
platforms:
  - name: centos7
    image: centos:7
  - name: debian10
    image: debian:10
```

# Requirements File



```
---
# molecule/default/requirements.yml
- src: gearlingguy.*
```

# Get Dependencies



```
(molecule)$ molecule dependency
--> Test matrix

    default
        dependency

--> Scenario: 'default'
--> Action: 'dependency'
    - changing role gearlingguy.ntp from 1.6.4 to unspecified
    - downloading role 'ntp', owned by gearlingguy
    - downloading role from https://github.com/gearlingguy/...
    - extracting gearlingguy.ntp [...]
    - gearlingguy.ntp (1.6.4) was installed successfully
Dependency completed successfully.
```

# Alternatives to Galaxy?



- ▶ gilt - A GIT layering tool.

```
---
dependency:
  name: gilt
---
# gilt config file
- git: https://github.com/blueboxgroup/ursula.git
  version: master
  files:
    - src: roles/logging
      dst: roles/blueboxgroup.logging/
```

- ▶ shell - An Unix tool

```
---
dependency:
  name: shell
  command: curl | bash
```

# Use Dependencies?



Patience please

```
(molecule)$ matrix [-s default] test
default
  lint # ✓
  dependency # ✓
  destroy
  create
  prepare
  converge
  idempotence
  verify
  destroy
```

# Create, Converge, Destroy, Prepare



## The Ansible provisioner

```
---
# molecule/default/molecule.yml
[...]
provisioner:
  name: ansible
  lint:
    name: ansible-lint
  options:
    vvv: true
playbooks:
  create: create.yml
  converge: playbook.yml
  destroy: destroy.yml
  prepare: prepare.yml
```

Prepare infrastructure to run role

```
(molecule)$ molecule matrix [-s default] create  
--> Test matrix
```

```
default  
dependency  
create  
prepare
```

# Steps for Creating



- ▶ Consider adjusting Dockerfile.j2
- ▶ Write prepare playbook

```
---
- hosts: all
  #roles:
  # - geerlingguy.ntp
  tasks:
    - name: Install curl
      become: true
      package:
        name: curl
```

- ▶ Done

Docker/Vagrant: create, destroy, prepare are bundled

Prepare infrastructure to run role

```
(molecule)$ molecule matrix [-s default] converge
```

```
default
dependency
create
prepare
converge
```

# Converge Playbook



Prepare infrastructure to run role

```
---
- name: Converge
  hosts: all
  roles:
    - role: nginx_sysinfo
```

# Converge Playbook



Since playbook names are defaulted

```
---
# molecule/default/molecule.yml
[...]
provisioner:
  name: ansible
  lint:
    name: ansible-lint
#playbooks:
#  #create: create.yml
#  #prepare: prepare.yml
```

```
(molecule)$ molecule matrix [-s default] test
default
  lint # ✓
  dependency # ✓
  destroy # ✓
  create # ✓
  prepare # ✓
  converge # ✓
  idempotence
  verify
  destroy # ✓
```

- ▶ Rerun converge
- ▶ all tasks unchanged? ✓

Careful: failure is not always a sign of wrong

# Remove step from test sequence?



```
---
```

```
# molecule/default/molecule.yml
```

```
[...]
```

```
scenario:
```

```
    test_sequence:
```

```
        - lint
```

```
        - dependency
```

```
        - destroy
```

```
        - create
```

```
        - prepare
```

```
        - converge
```

```
#- idempotence
```

```
        - verify
```

```
        - cleanup
```

```
        - destroy
```

# Rescue Idempotence



sometimes changes are more equal than others

```
---
- name: apt-get update
  apt:
    update_cache: true
    changed_when: false
```

```
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  prepare # ✓
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  idempotence # ✓
  verify
  destroy # ✓
```

Test the results of your role. Default python testinfra + flake8 linter

```
---
#molecule/default/molecule.yml
[...]
verifier:
    name: testinfra
    lint:
        name: flake8
```

# Verify with Testinfra



```
#molecule/default/test/test_default.py
import os
from testinfra.utils import ansible_runner

testinfra_hosts = ansible_runner.AnsibleRunner(
    os.environ['MOLECULE_INVENTORY_FILE']
).get_hosts('all')

def test_nginx_is_installed(host):
    nginx = host.package("nginx")
    assert nginx.is_installed
```

# Verify with Ansible



```
---
#molecule/default/molecule.yml
[...]
verifier:
  name: ansible
  lint:
    name: ansible-lint
```

Create verify.yml in default dir

```
(molecule)$ molecule matrix [-s default] test
default
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  dependency # ✓
  destroy # ✓
  create # ✓
  prepare # ✓
  converge # ✓
  idempotence # ✓
  verify # ✓
  destroy # ✓
```

Run single steps of test sequence?

# Run Molecule Steps



```
$ molecule [--scenario-name default] <sequence_step>
$ molecule lint # lint
$ molecule create # only create infra
$ molecule list # list created infra
$ molecule converge # run role
$ molecule login # connect with instance to debug
$ molecule verify # only run testinfra/ansible tests
$ molecule destroy # destroy infra
$ molecule test [--destroy=never]
# run all of the above (keep infra)
```

# Role results



## Network information

Hostname	localhost.localdomain
IPv4 addresses	192.168.121.25
IPv6 addresses	fe80::5054:ff:fea2:17c5
Default IPv4 interface -- macaddress	52:54:00:a2:17:c5
Default IPv4 interface -- network	192.168.121.0
Default IPv4 interface -- mtu	1500
Default IPv4 interface -- broadcast	192.168.121.255
Default IPv4 interface -- alias	eth0
Default IPv4 interface -- netmask	255.255.255.0
Default IPv4 interface -- address	192.168.121.25
Default IPv4 interface -- interface	eth0
Default IPv4 interface -- type	ether
Default IPv4 interface -- gateway	192.168.121.1
Hostname	localhost
FQDN	localhost.localdomain

# Role results



- ▶ What about more info?

## Role results



Network Information	
Name	located landmarks
IPv4 address	192.168.121.75
IPv6 address	2000:0000:0000:0000:0000:0000:0000:0000
Delete IPv4 interface -- <code>macid</code>	192.168.1.7-17.0
Delete IPv4 interface -- <code>network</code>	192.168.121.0
Delete IPv4 interface -- <code>net</code>	1500
Delete IPv4 interface -- <code>portname</code>	192.168.121.255
Delete IPv4 interface -- <code>size</code>	800
Delete IPv4 interface -- <code>subnet</code>	255.255.255.0
Delete IPv4 interface -- <code>suffix</code>	192.168.121.75
Delete IPv4 interface -- <code>target</code>	800
Delete IPv4 interface -- <code>type</code>	ether
Delete IPv4 interface -- <code>gateway</code>	192.168.121.1
Hostnames	located
IPQR	located landmarks

OS Fact	
This answer is running on	CentOS
Version	7.6
OS Family	RHEL
User package manager	yum
AppArmor	disabled
SELinux	enabled
Python Version	2.7.5

Environment variables	
LANG	en_US.UTF-8
TERM	dumb-256color
SHELL	/bin/bash
XDG_RUNTIME_DIR	/run/user/1000
MAIL	/var/mail/username
SI_ML	2
SSH_TTY	/dev/ttys000
<b>SELinux level requested</b>	
SSH_CLIENT	10.1.60.121:55122 22
LESSONID	10010000000000000000000000000000
PWD	/home/username

SELinux Role Requested	
SELinux Use Current Range	
LocName	Request
USER	Request
PATI	Autostarter
HOME	Autologinal

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<a href="#">SHE_00-000000000001</a>	0.0000000000000000

# Roles are parameterizable



```
{% if full_info %}  
<table>  
  <tr> <th colspan='2'>OS Facts</th> </tr>  
  <tr>  
    <td>This system is running on</td>  
    <td>{{ ansible_distribution }}</td>  
  </tr>  
  [...]  
</table>  
{% endif %}
```

# Scenarios test different Situations



Our role supports an option to include more (sensitive) information.

```
(molecule)$ molecule init scenario -s full
```

```
full
├── Dockerfile.j2
├── molecule.yml
├── playbook.yml
└── tests
    └── test_default.py
```

# Don't repeat yourself



Usually only some aspects are different.

```
$ cd full
$ ln -sf ../default/molecule.yml
$ ln -sf ../default/Dockerfile.j2
$ ln -sf ../default/prepare.yml
$ cp ../default/playbook.yml .
```

# Converge in Scenario "full"



```
# playbook.yml
---
- name: Converge
  hosts: all
  vars:
    full_info: true # test with non default option
  roles:
    - role: nginx_sysinfo
```

# Verify Scenario "full"



```
$ rm tests/*
$ ln -sf ../default/tests/test_common.py tests/
$ cp ../default/tests/test_content_default.py \
  tests/test_content_full.py
```

```
# tests/test_content_full.py
[...]
def test_nginx_serving_content(host):
    assert host.addr("localhost").port(80).is_reachable
    result = host.check_output("curl localhost:80")
    assert "IPv4 addresses" in result
    assert "AppArmor" in result
    assert "Environment variables" in result
```

# Run Scenario Test



```
# Test non default scenario  
(molecule)$ molecule test -s full
```

```
# Test all scenarios in parallel  
(molecule)$ molecule test --all --parallel
```

# Use different Driver



```
(molecule)$ pip install 'molecule[hetznercloud]'  
(molecule)$ molecule scenario init hetzner_default \  
--driver-name hetznercloud
```

```
hetzner_default  
├── create.yml  
├── destroy.yml  
├── molecule.yml  
├── playbook.yml  
├── prepare.yml  
└── tests  
    └── test_default.py
```

# Use different Driver



```
# molecule.yml
---
[...]
driver:
  name: hetznercloud
.platform_base: &platform_base
  server_type: cx11
platforms:
  - <<: *platform_base
    name: centos7
    image: centos-7
  - <<: *platform_base
    name: debian10
    image: debian-10
```

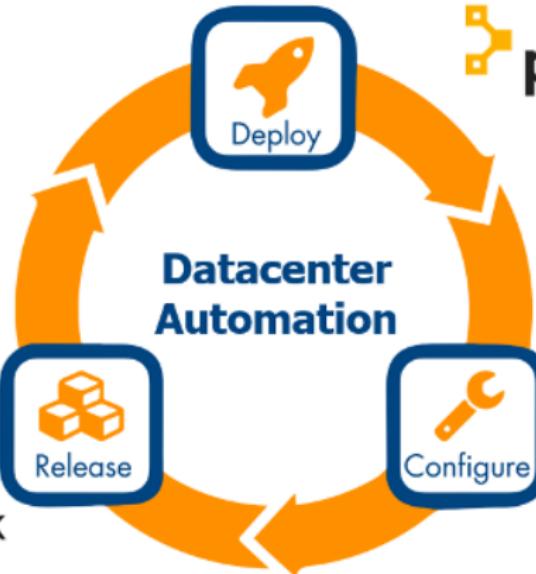
# There is more ...



- ▶ even more driver: DigitalOcean, Podman, Vagrant, LXC, EC2,...
- ▶ Test-Driven-Development → make red green
- ▶ systemd in docker? → RTFM: examples
- ▶ use CI/CD → RTFM: examples



docker



puppet



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kubernetes



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DEPLOY RUN CONTROL. SIMPLIFY YOUR DATACENTER

# Questions?



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