

# Ansible and IMS: Automate IMS with Red Hat Ansible Certified Content for IBM Z

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# Agenda

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- III. Getting started

# Modern Automation on IBM Z

## - Why is it important?

### Consistency



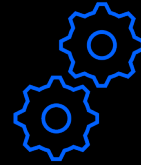
Integrate z/OS into an enterprise automation strategy in a consistent way

### Skills

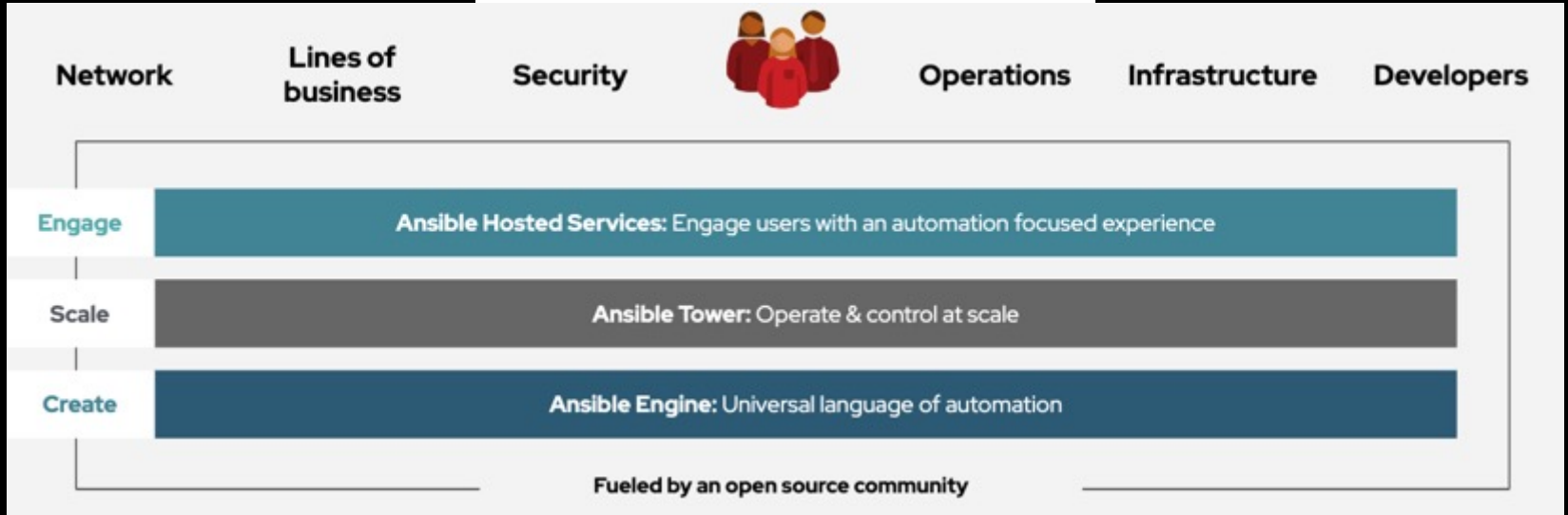


Ease onboarding new system programmer, DBAs and developers

### Infrastructure as Code



Infrastructure and provisioning changes all managed as code



Ansible® Engine runs Ansible Playbooks, the automation language that can perfectly describe an IT application infrastructure.

Ansible® Tower allows you scale IT automation, manage complex deployments and speed productivity.

# Red Hat Ansible Certified Content for IBM Z

Certified content collections accelerate the use of Ansible with IBM Z and enable:

- **Improved efficiency** via the simplification and standardization of complex IT deployments and enterprise automation strategies
- **Visibility** of your z/OS automation – know what is being automated, when, and by whom
- **Simplicity** increases productivity with certified collections that codify system-specific knowledge and complexity

**33,500 +**  
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IBM Ansible for Z  
Collections  
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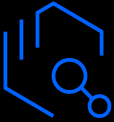
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# Ansible managing to z/OS

## Key Client Use Cases



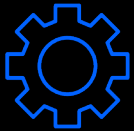
### Provisioning and Maintenance

Build and provision middleware  
Roll out fix packs to thousand of servers  
Self-service provisioning portals



### CI/CD and Application Deployment

Integrate infrastructure provisioning and Z application deployment into CI/CD pipeline



### Configuration management

Middleware configuration  
Network and security configuration



### Orchestration

Orchestrate and replace existing siloed in-house automation  
Integrate existing automation into overall workflow



### Security Automation

SSL certification renewal process  
Password resets, create new users



### Probe the mainframe

Collect audit and security configuration details, system status and health checks

# Red Hat Ansible Certified Content for IBM Z: collections

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Automation Hub

Available on Ansible Galaxy [here](#)

IBM Z System  
Automation Collection



IBM z/OS Core  
Collection



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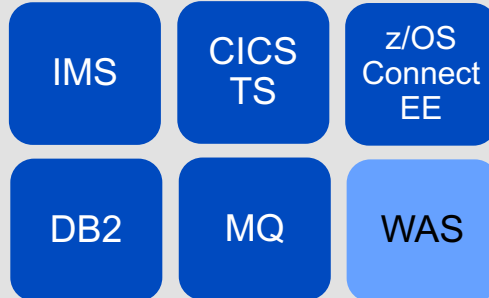
# Ansible ecosystem across IBM Z portfolio

## Build up an Ansible ecosystem for IBM Z products

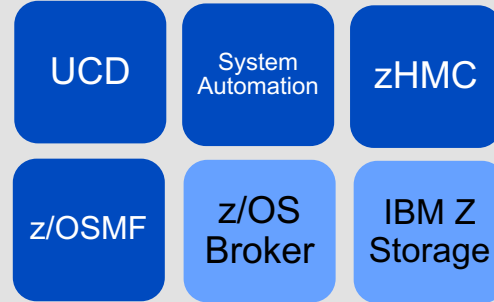
Deliver client needs through unified and powerful automation across products and platforms with Ansible

NOTE: Use-cases that can be achieved with Ansible and IBM Z are not limited to the provided integrations, automate today with APIs, commands, jobs, and more.

### Middleware integration



### Z product integration



### Core collection for Z

#### Key use cases:

- Middleware provisioning and configuration
- Resource creation and management
- CI/CD / application deployment
- Orchestrate z/OS jobs, configuration and operation tasks

#### Key use cases:

- Self-service provisioning portal
- Orchestrate existing Z automation
- Manage Ansible provisioned services with automated operations
- Enhance CI/CD with infrastructure provisioning

Ansible content available

Collection / Samples coming soon



# IMS Collection

## Home

### Most Popular

- System
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- Cloud
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- Packaging
- Playbook Bundles
- Security
- Web

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# Ansible and IMS use cases

- A developer can use Ansible to compile and issue IMS commands to refresh an IMS transaction for testing from their preferred development tool such as VS Code after they change their COBOL application code.
- A DevOps engineer can build a playbook to generate a new PSB to update the program view for an application change and drive the IMS online change in a CI/CD pipeline.
- A system administrator can create a reporting tool to query the status of IMS transactions or programs and send out notifications to report issues.
- A database administrator can issue IMS commands to take an IMS database offline for processing and put it back online when complete.
- A database administrator can populate a new catalog.
- A database administrator can orchestrate new automation to update IMS catalog and integrate existing ACBLIB and Managed ACB directory automation to ensure they are in sync.
- A database administrator can use DBRC commands to examine information capture in the RECON datasets, such as the image copies that have been captured over the month to determine which image copy to recover from.
- A database administrator may also need to issue a command to register a new database with RECON or run cleanup or maintenance tasks with the RECON datasets from time to time.

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README.md

## IMS COBOL Application Deployment

This project provides the required sample playbooks and roles to deploy an IMS COBOL application.

# Getting Started

# Step 1: Try the Ansible® IBM Z Trial

Free guided virtual demo environment, providing users with the ability to run and review Ansible playbooks automating tasks on z/OS

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## IBM Z Trial



### Mainframe Automation with Red Hat Ansible

Welcome to your IBM Z Trial environment. Get started by exploring the scenarios below. Please approach the scenarios in order for an optimal experience.

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Playbook for pinging z/OS

Explore scenario

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Playbook for z/OS Copy and Install Tarball onto USS

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Playbook for z/OS Create PDS, Copy JCL, Submit and Query Job

Explore scenario

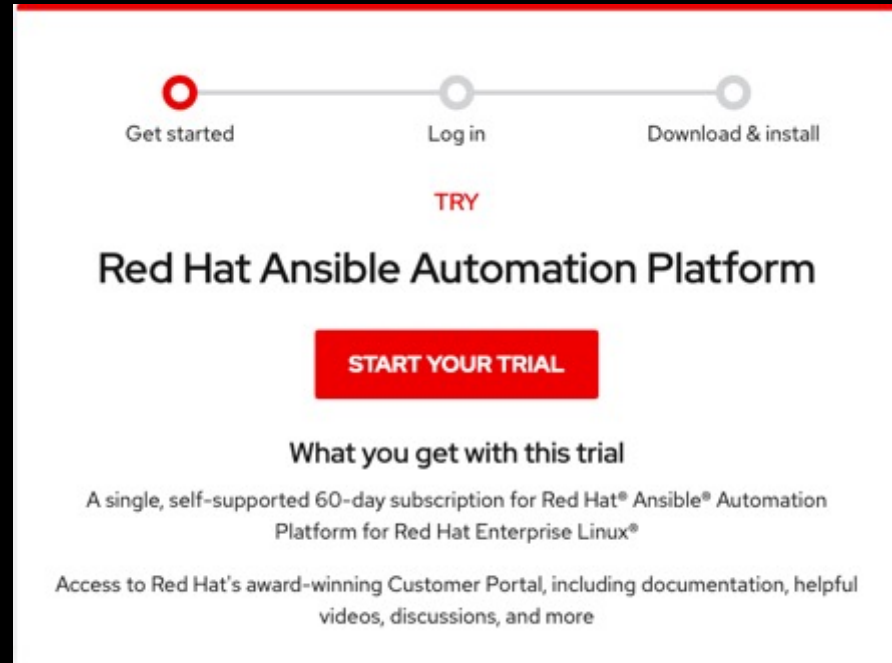
The screenshot displays the Ansible web interface. On the left, a tree view shows the 'z/OS' environment. The main area shows a playbook named 'z/OS - Ping' with a list of tasks. The 'Run' button is highlighted. On the right, a panel titled 'Executing the Playbook and Verifying Installation' provides instructions and a terminal window showing the execution output. The terminal output includes the command 'ansible-playbook -i inventory.yml ping.yml' and the resulting output for the 'ping' task, showing a successful connection to the z/OS host.

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- Can support up to 100 Ansible managed nodes



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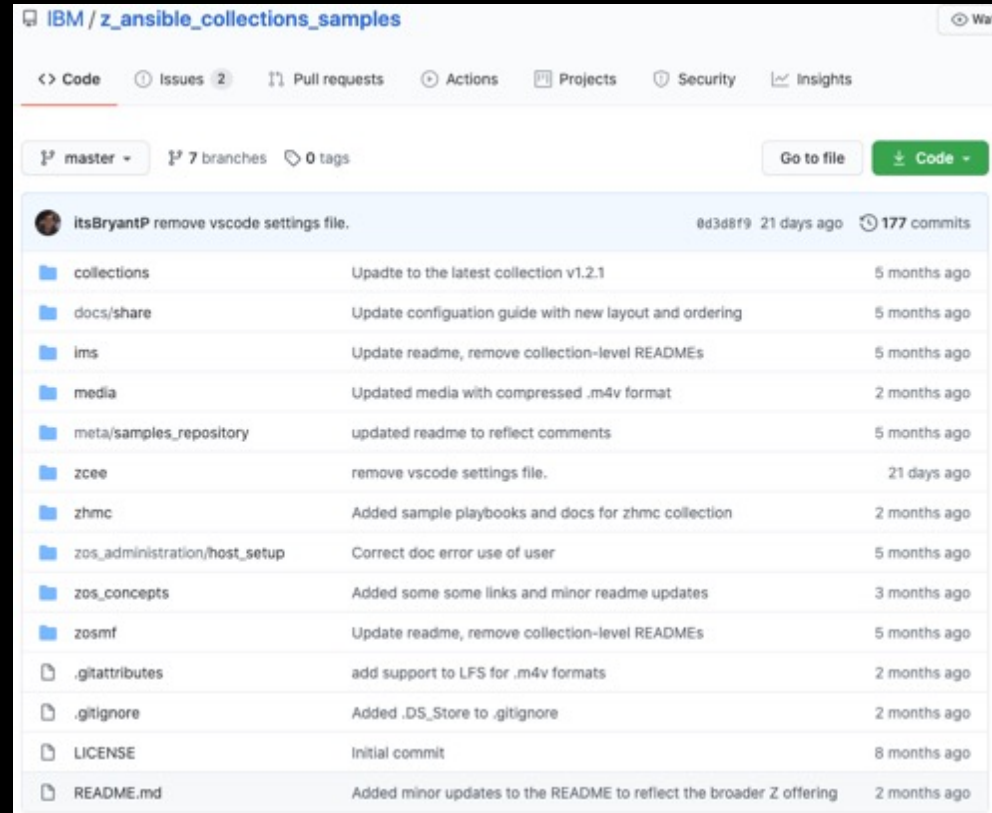


# Step 3: Begin with the Ansible® for IBM Z sample playbook repository

Prewritten playbooks  
spanning multiple use-cases  
and technologies

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# Install Ansible for IBM Z on your environment

## 5 Simple Steps:

1. Enable [OpenSSH](#)
2. Install [Python](#)
3. Install [IBM Z Open Automation Utilities](#) (ZOA Utilities)
4. Install or update to [Ansible 2.9+](#)
5. Install the desired [Ansible for z/OS](#) collection from
  - Ansible Galaxy
  - Ansible Automation Hub (subscription required)

## Pre-requisites (Free with Optional S&S)

### z/OS as a managed node

- Unix System Services (USS) enabled on z/OS
- Secure Shell (SSH) enabled on z/OS  
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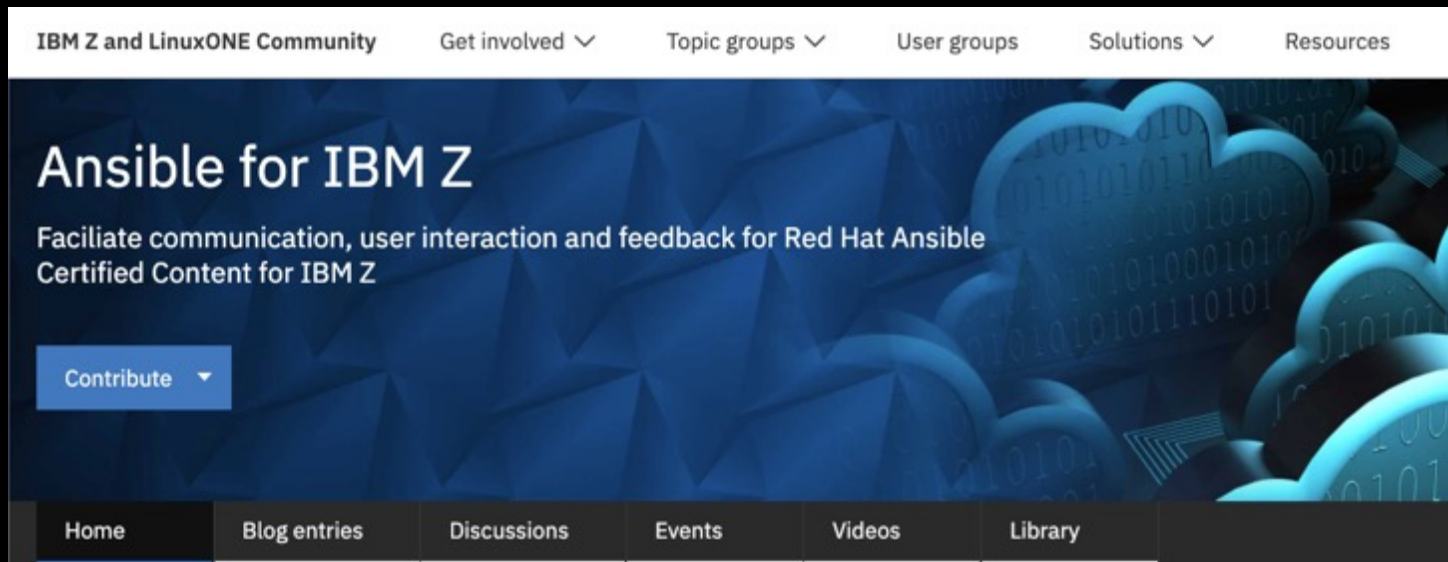
- Ansible engine 2.9 or higher
- Ansible Tower 3.6+

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- Facilitate communication amongst Guild members
- Host past recordings and presentations of Guild meetings
- Post blogs & videos for the IBM Z community



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