

The 10 Heresies of Ansible

The anti-patterns to burn in the public square — to never commit them again.

01

The 800-line playbook river

One `.yml`, zero roles, everything in bulk. The work of the Spaghetti demon, whose tentacles grow with every MR.

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The shell: `curl ... | bash` ritual

The incantation that turns Ansible into a bash script in disguise. The supply chain weeps, security cries.

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The `ignore_errors: true` everywhere

The art of making failure look like success. CI is green, production is dead — silently.

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Plaintext secrets in `group_vars/all`

Committed to public GitLab, indexed by Google, retweeted by bots. And you sleeping peacefully.

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The `become: true` at play level

Root on everything, all the time, because « it works better ». The principle of least privilege is but a rumor.

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`gather_facts` on 500 hosts

To change a three-line file. Twelve minutes of setup for four seconds of work. Other people's time is worthless.

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Roles copied from Stack Overflow

No `meta/`, no declared dependencies, no supported platform. Prayer as integration strategy.

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The `when: hostname == prod-srv-01`

Hardcoded, in the role. The dynamic inventory weeps in its corner, NetBox looks away.

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The `command: rm -rf {{ var }}/`

Without `assert` that the variable is not empty. The trailing `/` awaits thee, patient as death.

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« It worked on my machine »

The final invocation of the Great Schism between Dev and Ops. The laptop is not production, and never has been.