Microsoft Windows Automation with Red Hat Ansible (DO417VT)

Modality: Virtual Classroom

Duration: 5 Days

About this course:

Learn how to automate administration on Windows Server to enable your DevOps workflow

Microsoft Windows Automation with Red Hat Ansible (DO417) is designed for Windows Server professionals without previous Ansible® experience. You will use Ansible to write automation playbooks for Microsoft Windows systems to perform common system administration tasks reproducibly at scale. You will also learn to use Red Hat® Ansible Tower to securely manage and run your Ansible playbooks from a central web-based user interface.

This course is based on Red Hat Ansible Engine 2.8, Red Hat Ansible Tower 3.5, and Windows Server 2016 and 2019.

Course Objective:

- Configure Microsoft Windows systems to be managed with Ansible.
- Create and manage inventories of managed hosts and provide credentials to manage them to Red Hat Ansible Tower.
- Write Ansible playbooks to consistently automate multiple tasks and apply them to managed hosts.
- Run individual ad hoc automation tasks and complex playbooks from Red Hat Ansible Tower.
- Create survey forms in Red Hat Ansible Tower to simplify playbook operation.
- Parameterize playbooks using variables and facts.
- Write and reuse existing Ansible roles to simplify playbook creation and reuse code.
- Leverage existing PowerShell DSC code to extend the power of Ansible automation.
- Automate common Windows Server system administration tasks using Ansible.

Audience:

- Windows Server administrators interested in automating management tasks and in using automation tools to implement their DevOps workflow.

Prerequisite:

- You are expected to have experience as Windows Server administrators, but no previous experience with Red Hat Ansible Automation or Linux® is required.

Technical considerations

- This class will require internet access.

- You will be expected to "bring your own device" (BYOD).
- Your device must be installed with a Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP).
    - If you are running Microsoft Windows, you should have **Microsoft Remote Desktop** installed.
    - If you are running macOS, you will need to install **Microsoft Remote Desktop for Mac** (by Microsoft) from the App Store.

    - If you are running Linux, you may install **Remmina** from their distribution (if available) or following instructions at https://remmina.org (if not). If they prefer, they may instead install the FreeRDP clients from their Linux distribution (in the freerdp package in Red Hat Enterprise Linux).

Course Outline:

- Introduction to Red Hat Ansible Automation
- Run simple automation commands
- Implement Ansible playbooks
- Manage variables and facts
- Install and update software
- Implement task control
- Deploy files to managed hosts
- Interact with users and domains
- Automate Windows automation tasks
- Manage large projects
- Construct Ansible Tower workflows