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Ansible Automatisierung in hybriden Umgebungen



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Das erwartet euch heute



Agenda

- Vorbereitung einer Workstation
 - Python virtual Environment
 - Ansible Konfiguration
- Ansible User auf den Hosts
- Demo Environment & Inventory
- Definition der Connection-Variablen
 - demo-01 | Windows Server 2012 -> WinRM
 - demo-02 | Windows Server 2019 -> WinRM & PSRP & Certificate Validation & Certificate Authentication
 - demo-03 | Windows Server 2022 -> SSH & PubKey
- Demo Playbook (pb_whoami.yml)
- Benchmark (WinRM vs. PSRP vs. SSH vs. SSH)
- Fragen

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Hybride Umgebungen



Hände hoch, ...

- ... wer betreibt hybride Umgebungen (gezwungen oder freiwillig)?
 - Linux
 - Red Hat Enterprise Linux
 - Oracle Linux
 - SUSE Linux Enterprise Server
 - Ubuntu Server
 - Debian
 - ...
 - Windows
 - Windows Server 2012 R2
 - ...
 - Windows Server 2025
 - FreeBSD
 - AIX
 - ...



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Hände hoch, ...

- ... wer hat Erfahrung mit Ansible, AWX, AAP ...?



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Hybride Umgebungen und wie man sie los wird

Schlecht

bis

gar nicht!

Aber ...

müssen wir auch überhaupt nicht ;-)



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Vorbereitung der Workstation



Vorbereitung der Workstation | Python Virtual Environment

- Python Virtual Environment
 - Environment aktivieren
 - Update pip & setuptools
 - Ansible installieren
 - Zusätzliche Module installieren

```
$> cd ~/
$> python3 -m venv ENVIRONMENT NAME
$> . ~/ENVIRONMENT_NAME/bin/activate

$> pip install --upgrade pip setuptools
Requirement already satisfied: pip in
/home/people/mde/NOGIT/ENV/3.11/lib/python3.11/site-packages (25.0.1)
Requirement already satisfied: setuptools in
/home/people/mde/NOGIT/ENV/3.11/lib/python3.11/site-packages (75.8.2)

$> pip index versions ansible-core
WARNING: pip index is currently an experimental command. It may be
removed/changed in a future release without prior warning.
ansible-core (2.18.3)
Available versions: 2.18.3, 2.18.2, 2.18.1, 2.18.0, 2.17.9, 2.17.8,
2.17.7, 2.17.6, 2.17.5, 2.17.4, 2.17.3

$> pip install ansible==2.17.9

$> pip install pypsrp pywinrm
```

Vorbereitung der Workstation | Ansible Config

- Ansible Vorbereiten
 - Ansible Config
 - ./ansible.cfg
 - ANSIBLE_CONFIG
 - ~/.ansible.cfg
 - /etc/ansible/ansible.cfg
 - Inventory Anlegen
 - SSH-Config
 - Optional, jedoch empfohlen
 - Host ...
 - Fertig -> Viel Spaß 😊

```
[defaults]
inventory = /path/to/inv_clt_2025/
host_key_checking = false
timeout = 30
callbacks_enabled = timer, profile_tasks, profile_roles

[privilege_escalation]
become = true
become_method = sudo
become_user = root
become_ask_pass = false

[ssh_connection]
ssh_args = -o ControlMaster=auto -o ControlPersist=60s -o PreferredAuthentications=publickey
pipelining = true

[diff]
always = true

[galaxy]
server_list = galaxy

[galaxy_server.galaxy]
url=https://galaxy.ansible.com/
```

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Konfiguration der Hosts



Ansible & Linux | SSH

- Vorbereitung des Hosts
 - Ansible remote user
 - Sudo
 - SSH PubKey
- Ergebnis
 - Sicheres Login
 - Unprivilegierter User
 - Eskalation möglich, nach Angabe weiterer Credentials
 - Fertig -> Viel Spaß 😊



By Xah Lee. Date: 2020-01-13

Ansible & Windows | WinRM, PSRP & SSH

- Mögliche Connections
 - WinRM - Windows Remote Management
 - <https://github.com/AlbanAndrieu> | ansible-windows
 - Konfiguration von WinRM Listener
 - Firewall Port 5986 (https)
 - PSRP - PowerShell Remoting Protocol
 - Nutzt WinRM als Transportprotokoll
 - Schneller, Weniger Timeout-Probleme, Besserer Proxy-Support
 - SSH
 - Optional features -> OpenSSH Server
 - services.msc -> Start & Autostart
 - SSH PubKey
 - Ansible User
 - secpol.mmc
 - Security Settings -> Local Policies -> User Rights Assignment -> Impersonate a client after authentication -> [Add User or Group...]
- Ergebnis
 - Sicheres Login, mit unterschiedlich viel Aufwand, aber immer Aufwand
 - Fertig -> Je nach Fetisch, ebenfalls viel Spaß 😊

Ansible & Windows | Händische Einrichtung von WinRM

Wollt ihr das wirklich?



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WinRM | Prüfung Listener 1/2

```
PS C:\Windows\system32> get-WSManInstance -ResourceURI "winrm/config/Listener" -Enumerate
```

```
cfg           : http://schemas.microsoft.com/wbem/wsman/1/config/listener
xsi           : http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance
lang          : en-US
Address       : *
Transport     : HTTP
Port         : 5985
Hostname      :
Enabled       : true
URLPrefix     : wsman
CertificateThumbprint :
ListeningOn   : {127.0.0.1, 192.168.137.88, ::1, fe80::9193:cbf9:bd39:6652%8}
...
```

WinRM | Prüfung Listener 2/2

```
...
cfg      : http://schemas.microsoft.com/wbem/wsman/1/config/listener
xsi      : http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance
lang     : en-US
Address  : *
Transport : HTTPS
Port     : 5986
Hostname :
Enabled  : true
URLPrefix : wsman
CertificateThumbprint : 2a0de7828d810bf6c847c6a94948ae2eceed8e4a
ListeningOn : {127.0.0.1, 192.168.XXX.XXX, ::1, fe80::5efe:192.168.XXX.XXX%14...}
```

```
PS C:\Windows\system32> winrm delete winrm/config/Listener?Address=*&Transport=HTTP
```

Ansible & Windows | Authentifikation

- Mögliche Wege (WinRM & PSRP)
 - Basic
 - Username und Passwort base64 encoded -.-
 - Kerberos
 - Empfohlen für Windows-Domänen
 - Credential Delegation
 - Verschlüsselte Nachrichten per HTTP
 - CredSSP
 - Credential Delegation
 - Verschlüsselte Nachrichten per HTTP
 - Anfällig für Pass-the-Hash & Man-in-the-Middle
 - Certificate
 - Ähnlich SSH PubKey Authentifikation
 - NTLM
 - Windows New Technology LAN Manager
 - Mittlerweile deprecated

WinRM | Zertifikats-Validierung | 1/3

1. Zertifikat beschaffen
 - Möglichst kein Self-signed
2. Import von ...
 - ... Host-Zertifikat und -Key (als PFX, P12, ...) -> LocalMachine\My
 - ... root-CA -> Trusted Root Certificate Authorities (wenn nur Self-signed verfügbar)
3. Ersetzen des automatisch generierten Zertifikat für WinRM
 - Listener löschen
 - Thumbprint holen
 - Neuen Listener anlegen
4. Zertifikats-Chain auf Ansible-Host bereitstellen
5. Inventory entsprechend bestücken
 - `ansible_psrp_cert_trust_path: /path/to/chain`
 - `ansible_psrp_cert_validation: validate` (default)

WinRM | Zertifikats-Validierung | 2/3

```
PS C:\Windows\system32> winrm delete winrm/config/Listener?Address=*&Transport=HTTPS
PS C:\Windows\system32> Get-ChildItem -Path Cert:\LocalMachine\My
...
PS C:\Windows\system32> $thumbprint = "<THUMBPRINT>"
PS C:\Windows\system32> $hostname = "demo-02"
PS C:\Windows\system32> $listenerParams = @{
    ResourceURI = 'winrm/config/listener'
    SelectorSet = @{
        Transport = "HTTPS"
        Address   = "*"
    }
    ValueSet = @{
        Hostname = $hostname
        CertificateThumbprint = $thumbprint
        Enabled   = $true
        Port      = 5986
    }
}
PS C:\Windows\system32> New-WSManInstance @listenerParams
```

WinRM | Zertifikats-Validierung | 3/3

... Self-Signed Zertifikat

```
...
fatal: [demo-01]: UNREACHABLE! => {"changed": false, "msg": "ntlm: HTTPSPool(host='demo-01', port=5986): Max
retries exceeded with url: /wsman (Caused by SSLCertVerificationError(1, '[SSL: CERTIFICATE_VERIFY_FAILED]
certificate verify failed: self-signed certificate (_ssl.c:992)'))", "unreachable": true}
```

... anderweitig ungültiges Zertifikat

```
...
fatal: [demo-02]: UNREACHABLE! => {"changed": false, "msg": "Failed to connect to the host via PSRP:
HTTPSPool(host='demo-02', port=5986): Max retries exceeded with url: /wsman (Caused by
SSLCertVerificationError(1, '[SSL: CERTIFICATE_VERIFY_FAILED] certificate verify failed: unable to get local
issuer certificate (_ssl.c:992)'))", "unreachable": true}
```

WinRM | Zertifikats-Authentifizierung | 1/3

```
# Zertifikats-Authentifizierung einschalten
PS C:\Windows\system32> Set-Item -Path WSMan:\localhost\Service\Auth\Certificate -Value $true

# Zertifikat bauen
$> USERNAME="ansible"
$> cat > openssl.conf << EOL
distinguished_name = req_distinguished_name

[req_distinguished_name]
[v3_req_client]
extendedKeyUsage = clientAuth
subjectAltName = otherName:1.3.6.1.4.1.311.20.2.3;UTF8:${USERNAME}@localhost
EOL
$> openssl req -new -sha256 \
    -subj "/CN=${USERNAME}" \
    -newkey rsa:2048 \
    -nodes \
    -keyout ansible.key \
    -out ansible.csr \
    -config openssl.conf \
    -reqexts v3_req_client
```

WinRM | Zertifikats-Authentifizierung | 2/3

```
$> openssl x509 \  
    -req \  
    -in ansible.csr \  
    -sha256 \  
    -out ansible.pem \  
    -days 365 \  
    -extfile openssl.conf \  
    -extensions v3_req_client \  
    -key ansible.key  
  
$> rm openssl.conf ansible.csr  
  
$> openssl pkcs12 -export -out ansible.p12 -inkey ansible.key -in ansible.pem
```

WinRM | Zertifikats-Authentifizierung | 3/3

```
# Import
# Certificates (Local Computer) -> Trusted Root Certification Authorities

# Zertifikat auf den lokalen User mappen
PS C:\Windows\system32> Get-ChildItem Cert:\LocalMachine\Root
...

PS C:\Windows\system32> $thumbprint = "<THUMBPRINT>"
PS C:\Windows\system32> New-Item -Path WSMan:\localhost\ClientCertificate `
    -Subject 'ansible@localhost' `
    -URI * `
    -Issuer $thumbprint `
    -Credential (Get-Credential) `
    -Force

# Es öffnet sich ein Dialog
# User Credentials eingeben und bestätigen

# Fertig
```

SSH | Installation OpenSSH Server

```
PS C:\> Get-WindowsCapability -Online | Where-Object Name -like 'OpenSSH*'
```

```
Name : OpenSSH.Client~~~~0.0.1.0  
State : Installed
```

```
Name : OpenSSH.Server~~~~0.0.1.0  
State : Installed
```

```
PS C:\> Add-WindowsCapability -Online -Name OpenSSH.Server~~~~0.0.1.0
```

```
PS C:\> Start-Service sshd
```

```
PS C:\> Set-Service -Name sshd -StartupType Automatic
```

```
$> nc -vz demo-03 22  
Connection to demo-03 (192.168.XXX.XXX) 22 port [tcp/ssh] succeeded!
```

SSH | Konfiguration OpenSSH Server

```
# C:\ProgramData\ssh\sshd_config

...
# Logging
SyslogFacility LOCAL0
LogLevel DEBUG1
...

...
# Common PubKey
#Match Group administrators
#     AuthorizedKeysFile __PROGRAMDATA__/ssh/administrators_authorized_keys

# Kein Eintrag in der ~/.ssh/config der Workstation
```

SSH | Einrichtung Public-Key-Authentifizierung

```
PS C:\> ssh -Q key
ssh-ed25519
ssh-ed25519-cert-v01@openssh.com
...

$> ssh ansible@demo-03
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.20348.2227]
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ansible@DEMO-03 C:\Users\ansible>mkdir .ssh
ansible@DEMO-03 C:\Users\ansible>exit

$> cat ~/.ssh/id_ed25519.pub | ssh ansible@demo-03 "echo $(</dev/stdin) >> .ssh\authorized_keys"
$> ssh -i ~/.ssh/id_ed25519.pub ansible@demo-03

Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.20348.2227]
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ansible@DEMO-03 C:\Users\ansible>
```

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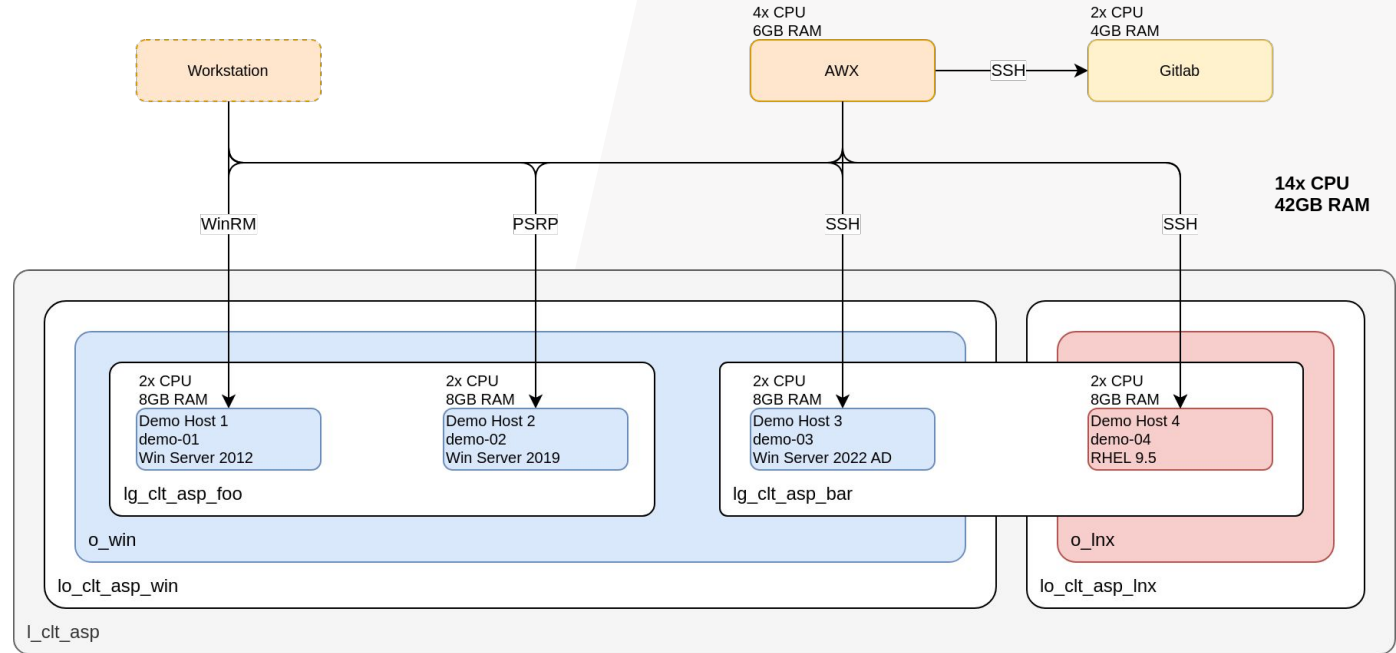
Aufbau Demo

Environment & Inventory

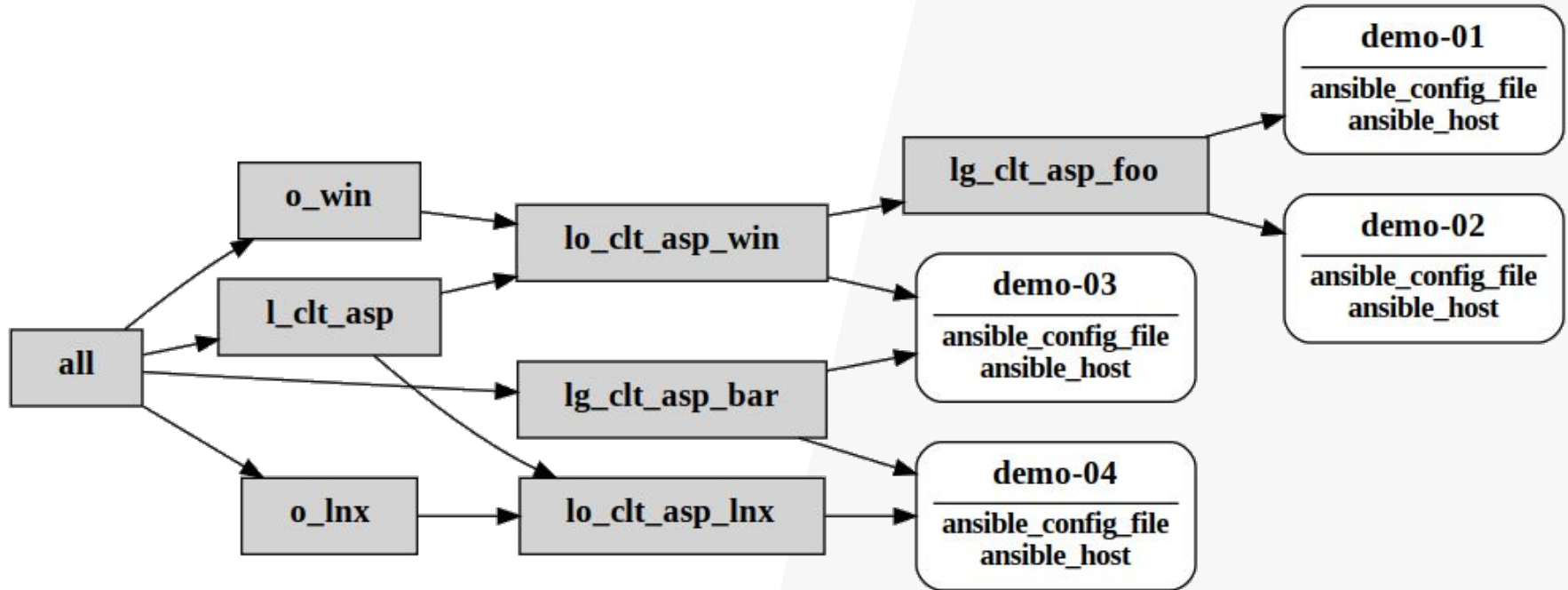


Demo Environment

- Windows
 - Server 2012
 - Server 2019
 - Server 2022
- Linux
 - Red Hat 9.5
- AWX
- GitLab Omnibus



Demo Inventory | Hosts und Gruppen



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Definition der Connection-Variablen



Demo Inventory | Erste Schritte

```
---
# demo-01 - Win Server 2012 R2
# WinRM

ansible_connection: winrm
# ansible_winrm_transport: ntlm
# ansible_winrm_scheme: https
# ansible_winrm_message_encryption: auto
ansible_winrm_server_cert_validation: ignore

ansible_user: ansible
ansible_password: !vault |...

# ansible_become: false
ansible_become_method: runas
ansible_become_user: Administrator
# ansible_become_pass: !vault |...
```

```
---
# demo-02 - Win Server 2019
# PSRP + Certificates

ansible_connection: psrp
# ansible_psrp_auth: ntlm
# ansible_psrp_protocol: https
# ansible_psrp_message_encryption: auto
ansible_psrp_cert_validation: ignore

ansible_user: ansible
ansible_password: !vault |...

# ansible_become: false
ansible_become_method: runas
ansible_become_user: Administrator
# ansible_become_pass: !vault |...
```

```
---
# demo-03 - Win Server 2022 21H2
# SSH

# ansible_connection: ssh
ansible_shell_type: cmd

ansible_user: aspicon_ansible
# ansible_password: !vault |...

# ansible_become: false
ansible_become_method: runas
ansible_become_user: Administrator
# ansible_become_pass: !vault |...
```

SSH | ansible_shell_type nicht korrekt gesetzt

```
...
demo-03 | UNREACHABLE! => {
  "changed": false,
  "msg": "Failed to create temporary directory. In some cases, you may have been able to authenticate and did not have
permissions on the target directory. Consider changing the remote tmp path in ansible.cfg to a path rooted in \"/tmp\",
for more error information use -vvv. Failed command was: ( umask 77 && mkdir -p \"` echo
C:/Users/ansible/AppData/Local/Temp `\"&& mkdir \"`` echo
C:/Users/ansible/AppData/Local/Temp/ansible-tmp-1741340014.959235-1007097-216899786290231 `\" && echo
ansible-tmp-1741340014.959235-1007097-216899786290231=\"`` echo
C:/Users/ansible/AppData/Local/Temp/ansible-tmp-1741340014.959235-1007097-216899786290231 `\" ), exited with result 1",
  "unreachable": true
}

...
fatal: [demo-03]: FAILED! => {"ansible facts": {"discovered interpreter python": "/usr/bin/python"}, "changed": false,
"module stderr": "The system cannot find the path specified.\r\n", "module_stdout": "", "msg": "MODULE FAILURE\r\nSee
stdout/stderr for the exact error", "rc": 1}
```

Demo Inventory | Zertifikats-Validierung

- Connection: psrp
- Authentication: ntlm
- Protokoll: https
 - port != 5985 or port not defined
- Message Encryption: always
 - auto -> true when not TLS/HTTPS
- Zertifikatsvalidierung: **validate**
 - war ja der Sinn der Übung

```
-  
  
ansible_connection: psrp  
  
ansible_psrp_auth: ntlm  
ansible_psrp_protocol: https  
ansible_psrp_message_encryption: always  
  
ansible_psrp_ca_cert: "{{ clt_asp_cert_base_path }}/authority/rootca.chain"  
ansible_psrp_cert_validation: validate  
  
ansible_user: ansible  
ansible_password: !vault |  
  
ansible_become: false  
ansible_become_method: runas
```

Demo Inventory | Zertifikats-Authentifizierung

- Connection: psrp
- Protokoll: https
- Message Encryption: auto (default)
- Validierung: validate
- **ansible_psrp_auth: certificate**
- **ansible_psrp_certificate_pem**
- **ansible_psrp_certificate_key_pem**

```
---
ansible_connection: psrp

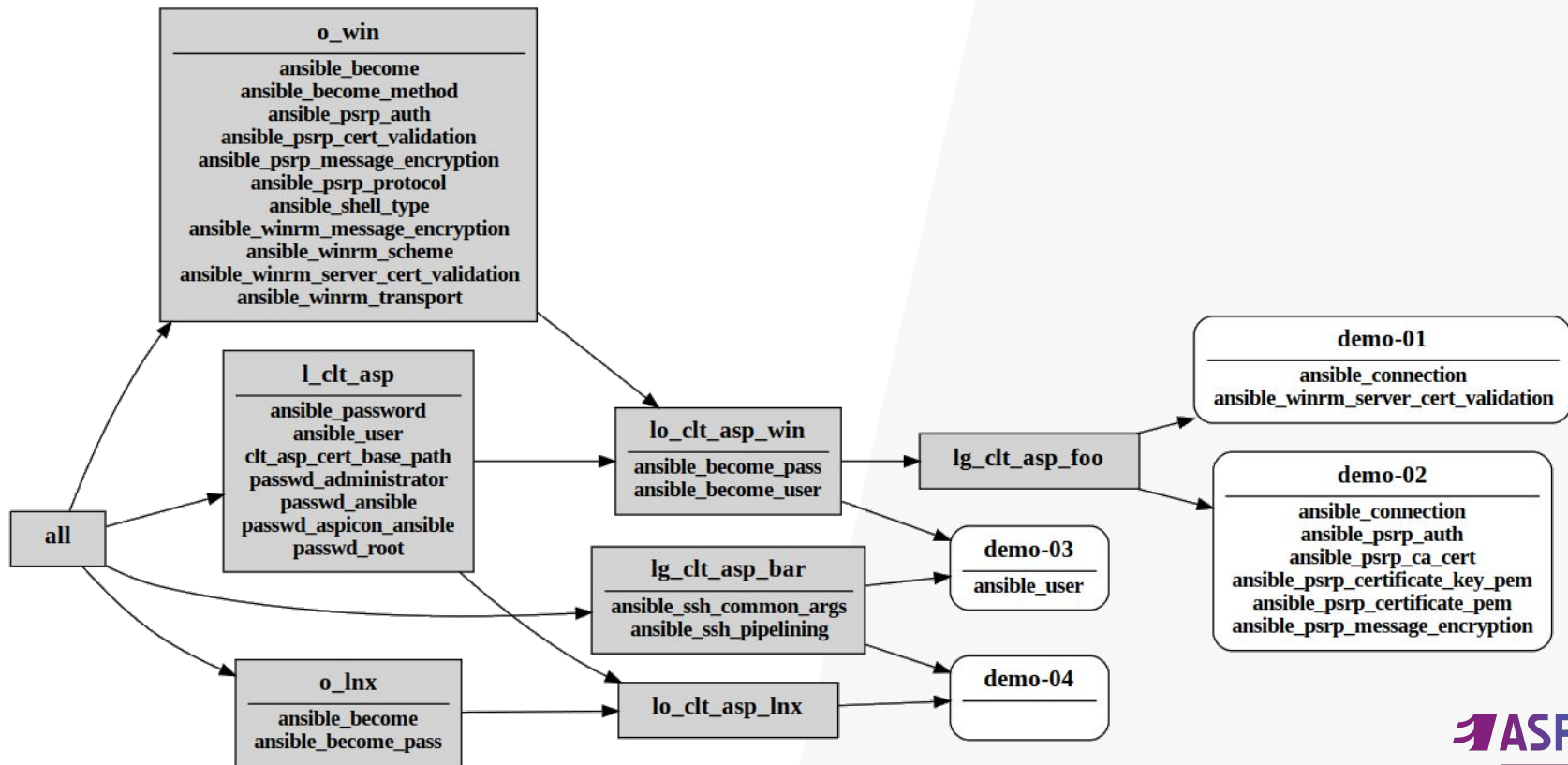
ansible_psrp_auth: certificate
ansible_psrp_certificate_pem: "{{ ... }}/clients/ansible.pem"
ansible_psrp_certificate_key_pem: "{{ ... }}/clients/ansible.key"

ansible_psrp_protocol: https
ansible_psrp_ca_cert: "{{ clt_asp_cert_base_path
}}/authority/rootca.chain"
ansible_psrp_cert_validation: validate

ansible_user: ansible
ansible_password: !vault |

ansible_become: false
ansible_become_method: runas
```

Demo Inventory



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Demo pb_whoami

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Benchmark

WinRM vs. PSRP vs.

SSH vs. SSH

Benchmark | WinRM vs. PSRP vs. SSH vs. SSH

```
- name: Benchmark windows hosts
  block:
    # < / Benchmark windows hosts >
    - name: Ensure the benchmark user exists
      ansible.windows.win_user:
        name: ansible_test
        password: "SecureP@ssw0rd!"
        state: present

    - name: Ensure correct description of the benchmark user
      ansible.windows.win_user:
        name: ansible_test
        description: "Benchmark user for CLT 2025"

    - name: Ensure a temporary file exists
      ansible.windows.win_tempfile:
        state: file
        register: temp_file_win

    - name: Ensure service is running
      ansible.windows.win_service:
        name: wuauserv
        state: started

    - name: Ensure the benchmark user is removed
      ansible.windows.win_user:
        name: ansible_test
        state: absent
    # < / Benchmark windows hosts >
  when: ansible_os_family == "Windows"
```

```
- name: Benchmark linux hosts
  block:
    # < Benchmark linux hosts >
    - name: Ensure the benchmark user exists
      ansible.builtin.user:
        name: ansible_test
        password: "{{ 'SecureP@ssw0rd!' | password_hash('sha512') }}"
        state: present

    - name: Ensure correct shell of the benchmark user
      ansible.builtin.user:
        name: ansible_test
        shell: /bin/bash

    - name: Ensure a temporary file exists
      ansible.builtin.tempfile:
        state: file
        register: temp_file_linux

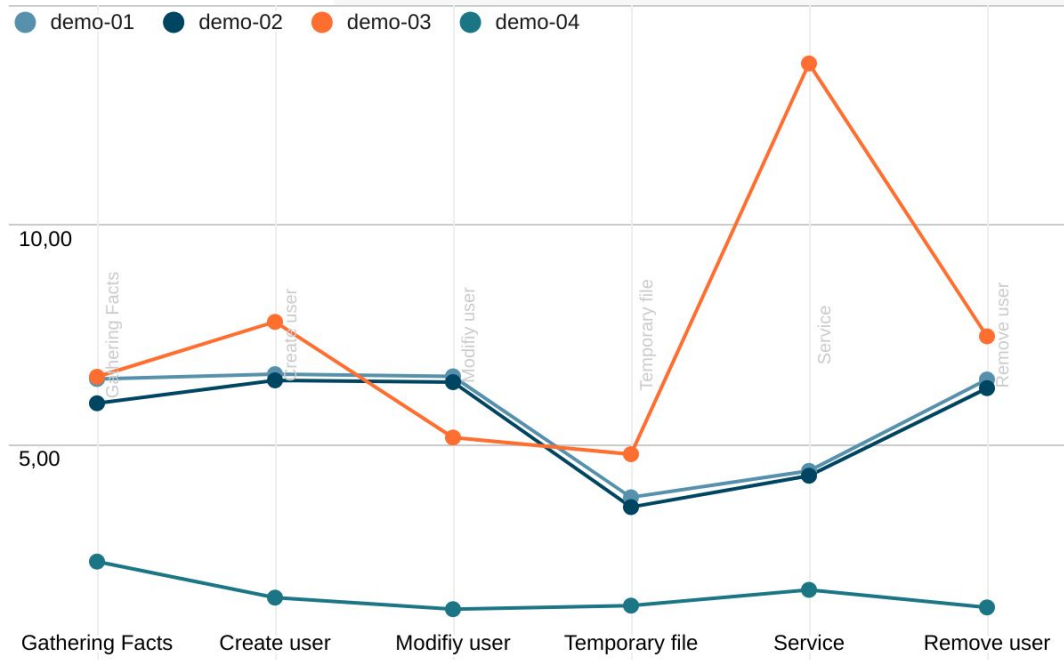
    - name: Ensure service is running
      ansible.builtin.service:
        name: crond
        state: started

    - name: Ensure the benchmark user is removed
      ansible.builtin.user:
        name: ansible_test
        state: absent
    # < / Benchmark linux hosts >
  when: ansible_os_family != "Windows"
```

Benchmark | WinRM vs. PSRP vs. SSH vs. SSH

Playbook: pb_bench.yml

- Ensure the benchmark user exists
- Ensure correct description/shell of the benchmark user
- Ensure a temporary file exists
- Ensure service is running
- Ensure the benchmark user is removed



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Häufig gestellte Fragen

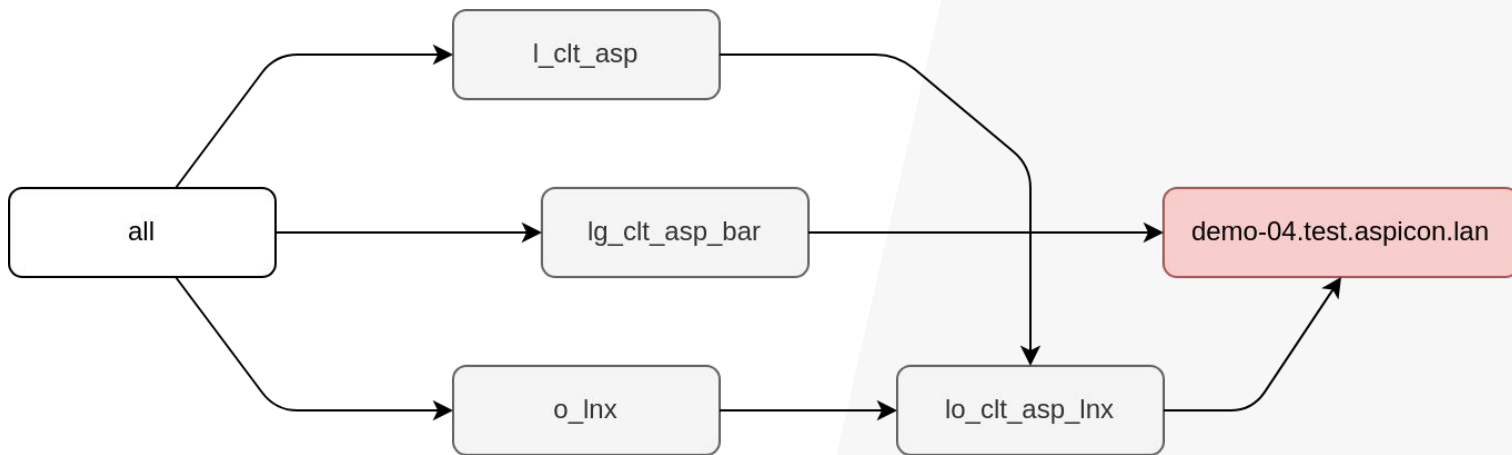


Aber Micha, du benutzt gar nicht ansible_winrm_user und ..._password bzw. ansible_psrp_user ...

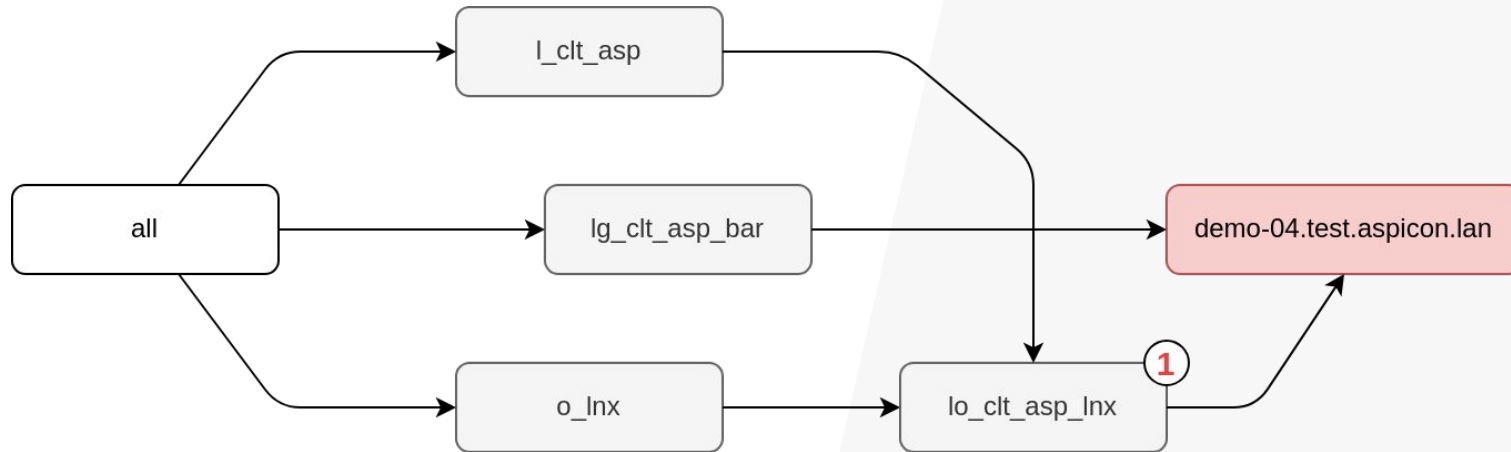
- Ansible remote user
 - remote_user
 - ansible_user
 - ansible_winrm_user
 - ansible_psrp_user
- Ansible remote user password
 - ansible_password
 - ansible_ssh_pass
 - ansible_ssh_password
 - ansible_winrm_pass
 - ansible_winrm_password
- Zertifikatsvalidierung
 - cert_validation
 - ansible_psrp_cert_validation
- PEM certificate chain
 - ca_cert
 - ansible_psrp_ca_cert
 - ansible_psrp_cert_trust_path
- ...



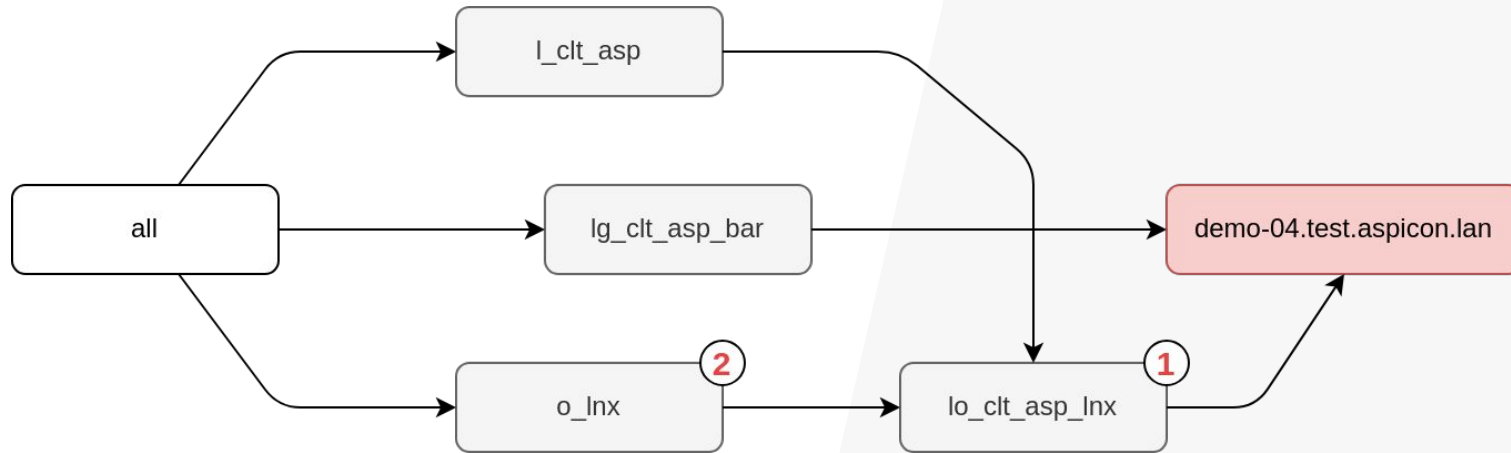
**Die host_vars überschreiben group_vars, das ist klar.
Aber Micha, wie zur Hölle funktioniert das innerhalb der
group_vars, das ist doch alles eine Ebene ...**



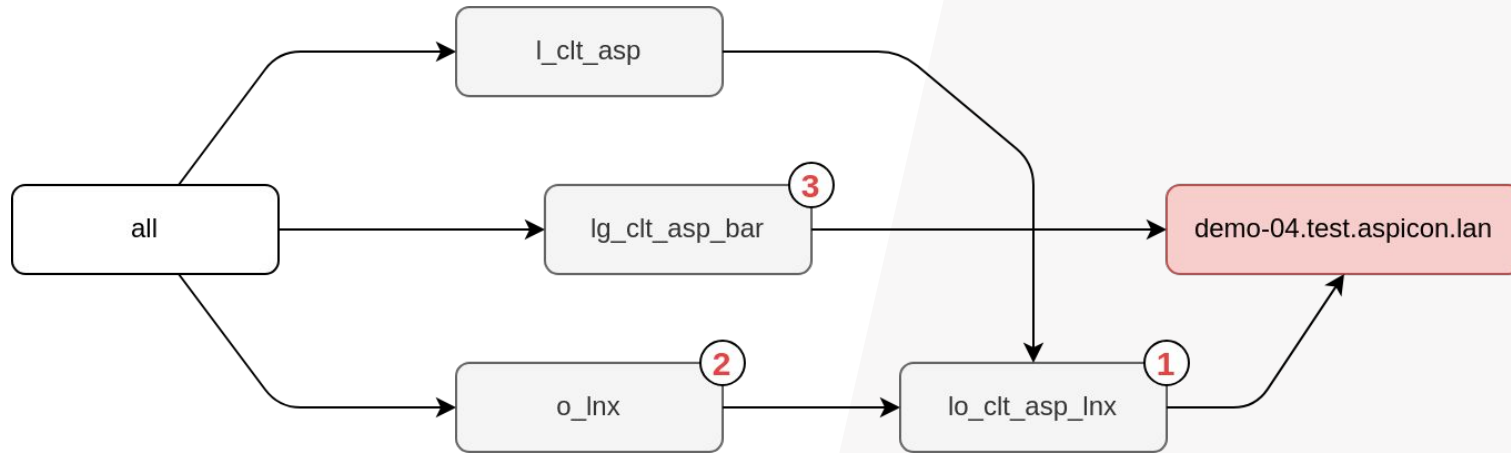
Precedence innerhalb von group_vars



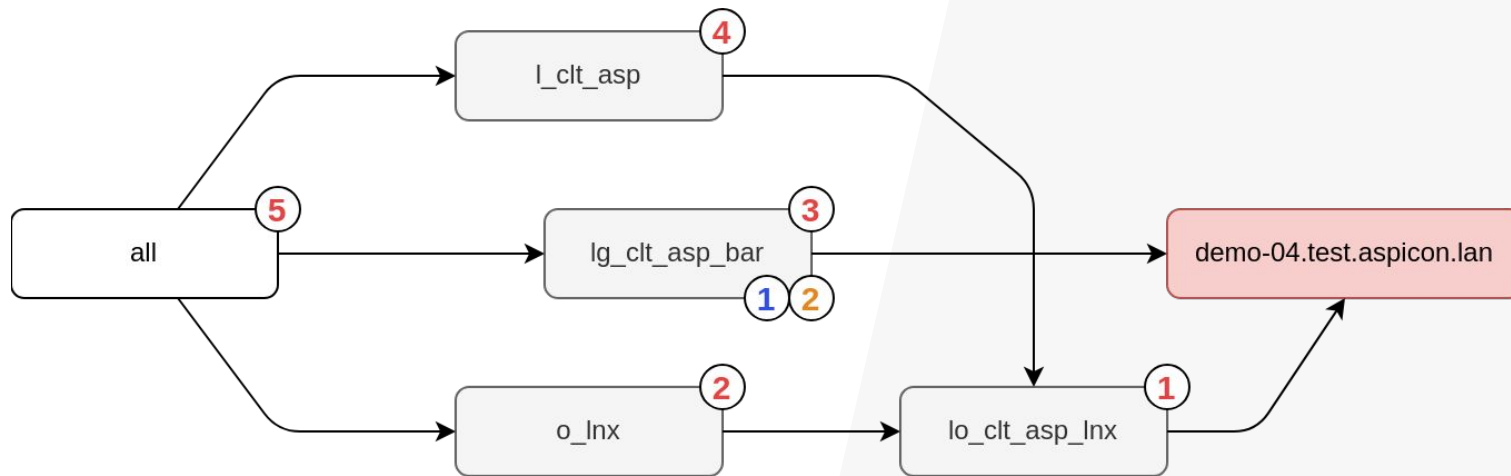
Precedence innerhalb von group_vars



Precedence innerhalb von group_vars



Precedence innerhalb von group_vars



User bzw. Gruppen einschränken, Become mit anderen Credentials

- Einschränkung Login
 - AllowGroups
 - AllowUsers
 - DenyGroups
 - DenyUsers
- Eskalation mit zweitem Satz Credentials
 - SELF_AUTH -> Ausnahmen
 - TARGET_AUTH
 - Alle die nicht in der anderen Gruppe sind
 - Authentication mit den Credentials des Ziel-Users

```
#> cat /etc/ssh/sshd_config |  
grep -i 'allow\|deny'  
AllowGroups root ansible aspicon  
DenyGroups e39d05b72f2...  
DenyUsers e39d05b72f25...
```

```
#> cat /etc/sudoers.d/ansible  
# SELF_AUTH: use their own password to sudo  
User_Alias SELF_AUTH = foobar  
  
# TARGET_AUTH: use target's password to sudo  
User_Alias TARGET_AUTH = ALL,!SELF_AUTH  
  
Defaults:TARGET_AUTH  
!requiretty,targetpw,timestamp_timeout=0  
Defaults:SELF_AUTH  
!requiretty,!targetpw,timestamp_timeout=0  
TARGET_AUTH ALL=(ALL) ALL  
SELF_AUTH ALL=(ALL) ALL
```

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Fragen?



Links

- Ansible Doku
 - [builtin-winrm-connection](#)
 - [builtin-psrp-connection](#)
- Demo aus dem Vortrag -> [clt-demo_2025](#)
- [ansible-inventory-grapher](#)
- [ConfigureRemotingForAnsible.ps1](#)
- Das und mehr traust du dir auch zu? -> [aspicon.de/job-karriere](#)

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**Danke für eure
Aufmerksamkeit**

