

Ansible Automation Platform: Private Automation Hub

Securing the Automation Supply Chain




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Content Creator Tools


-  Execution environment builder
-  Ansible content tools
-  Ansible content Collections

 Automation content navigator
ansible-navigator

Operations Tools

-  Automation controller
-  Execution environments
-  Automation mesh
-  Private automation hub

Platform Operators



Business Tools and Analytics

-  Red Hat Insights for Ansible
-  Automation services catalog

Ansible Automation Hub

The screenshot shows the Ansible Automation Hub interface with a sidebar on the left containing navigation options: Overview, Automation Hub (with a dropdown menu showing Collections, Partners, Repo Management, and Connect to Hub), Automation Services Catalog, Insights, Reports, Savings Planner, Automation Calculator, Organization Statistics, Job Explorer, Clusters, Notifications, and Documentation. The main content area displays a grid of 15 certified content cards, each with a provider logo, name, description, and statistics for Modules, Roles, Plugins, and Dependencies. A 'Sync' button is present on each card.

Provider	Collection Name	Description	Modules	Roles	Plugins	Dependencies
IBM	ibm_zos_core	The IBM z/OS core collection includes connection plugins, ac...	17	0	6	0
BMC	bmc	Collection of modules for phoenixNAP Bare Metal Cloud	11	0	0	0
Red Hat	openshift	OpenShift Collection for Ansible.	4	0	2	1
Open vSwitch	openswitch	Ansible Network Collection for Open vSwitch	4	0	0	1
Red Hat	redhat_csp_download	Downloads resources from the Red Hat Customer Portal.	1	1	0	0
NetApp	aws	Cloud Volumes Service (CVS) for AWS	4	0	0	0
Red Hat	satellite_operations	Satellite operations tasks such as install, upgrade and main...	0	2	0	0
NetApp	azure	Azure NetApp Files (ANF)	4	0	0	1
Red Hat	security	Ansible Security meta Collection to install all security	0	0	0	6
VMware	vmware_rest		130	0	8	1
SAP	rhel	Ansible Collection to prepare a RHEL 7.6 or later system for...				
Fortinet	fortios	A collection of Ansible Modules for FortiOS v6				
Fortinet	fortimanager	The FortiManager Ansible Collection.				
NetApp	elementsw	Netapp ElementSW (Solidfire) Collection				
Red Hat	posix	Ansible Collection targeting POSIX and POSIX-ish platforms.				

- Certified Content (118 collections)
- Jointly supported by Red Hat and Partners
- “Stable and supported”



Private Automation Hub

The screenshot displays the Red Hat Private Automation Hub interface. The left sidebar contains navigation options: Automation Hub, Collections (selected), Namespaces, Repository Management, API Token, Approval, Execution Environments, Task Management, Documentation, and User Access. The main content area shows a list of collections under the 'Red Hat Certified' repository. Each collection card includes a name, provider, description, and a grid of counts for Modules, Roles, Plugins, and Dependencies.

Collection Name	Provider	Description	Modules	Roles	Plugins	Dependencies
ibm_zos_cics	ibm	The Red Hat Ansible Certified Content for IBM Z CICS collect...	5	0	0	0
acos_cli	a10	Collection of modules used to configure ACOS devices over	3	0	3	1
cumulus_linux_roles	nvidia		0	17	0	0
remote	wti	Modules for interacting with WTI remote OOB and PDU devices	21	0	2	0
controller	ansible	Ansible content that interacts with the AWX or Automation PL...	78	0	3	0
jws	redhat	This collection contains the ansible playbook to setup JWS.	0	1	0	1
ibm_zos_ims	ibm	The IBM z/OS IMS collection includes modules and sample	7	0	0	1
pas	cyberark	This is a Collection of the CyberArk Ansible Security	4	0	0	0

- On-Prem Automation Hub
- Sync content from multiple sources
- Gate / Approval process
- Manage who can use which collections/EEs in your organization
- Air-gapped installations
- Multi-hub / high-availability capable
- Easy to install

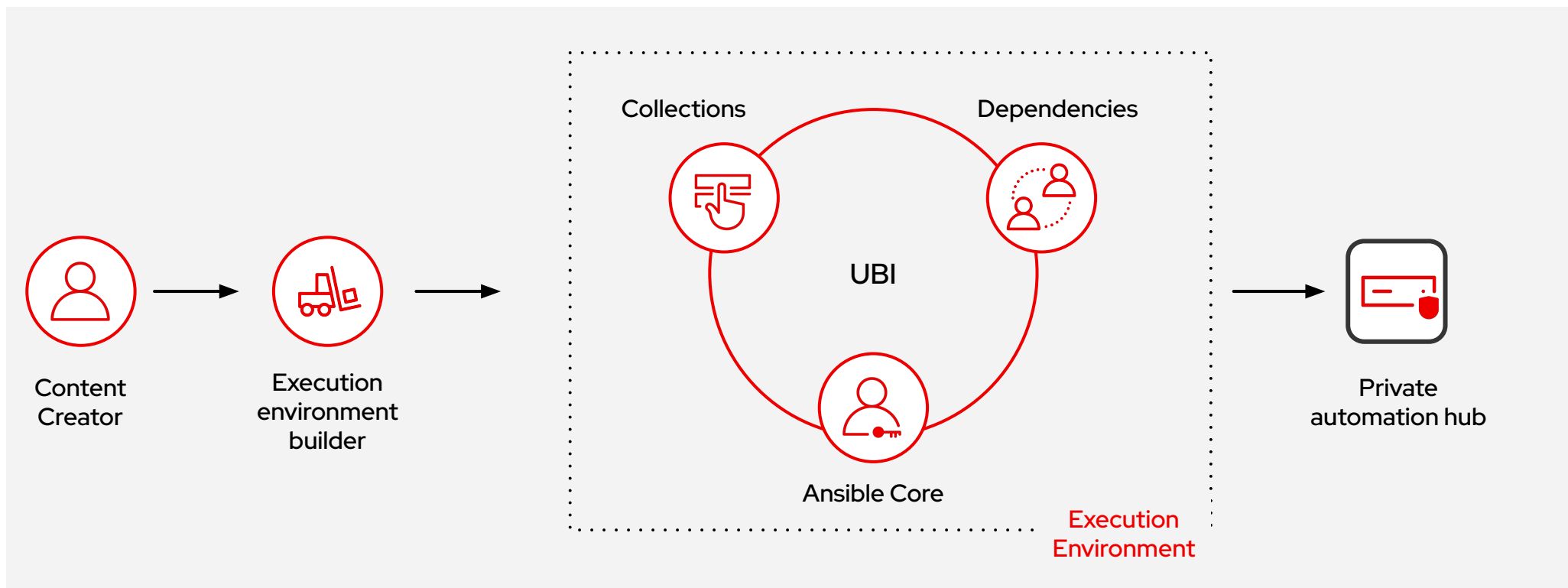
Build, create, publish

Development cycle of an automation execution environment

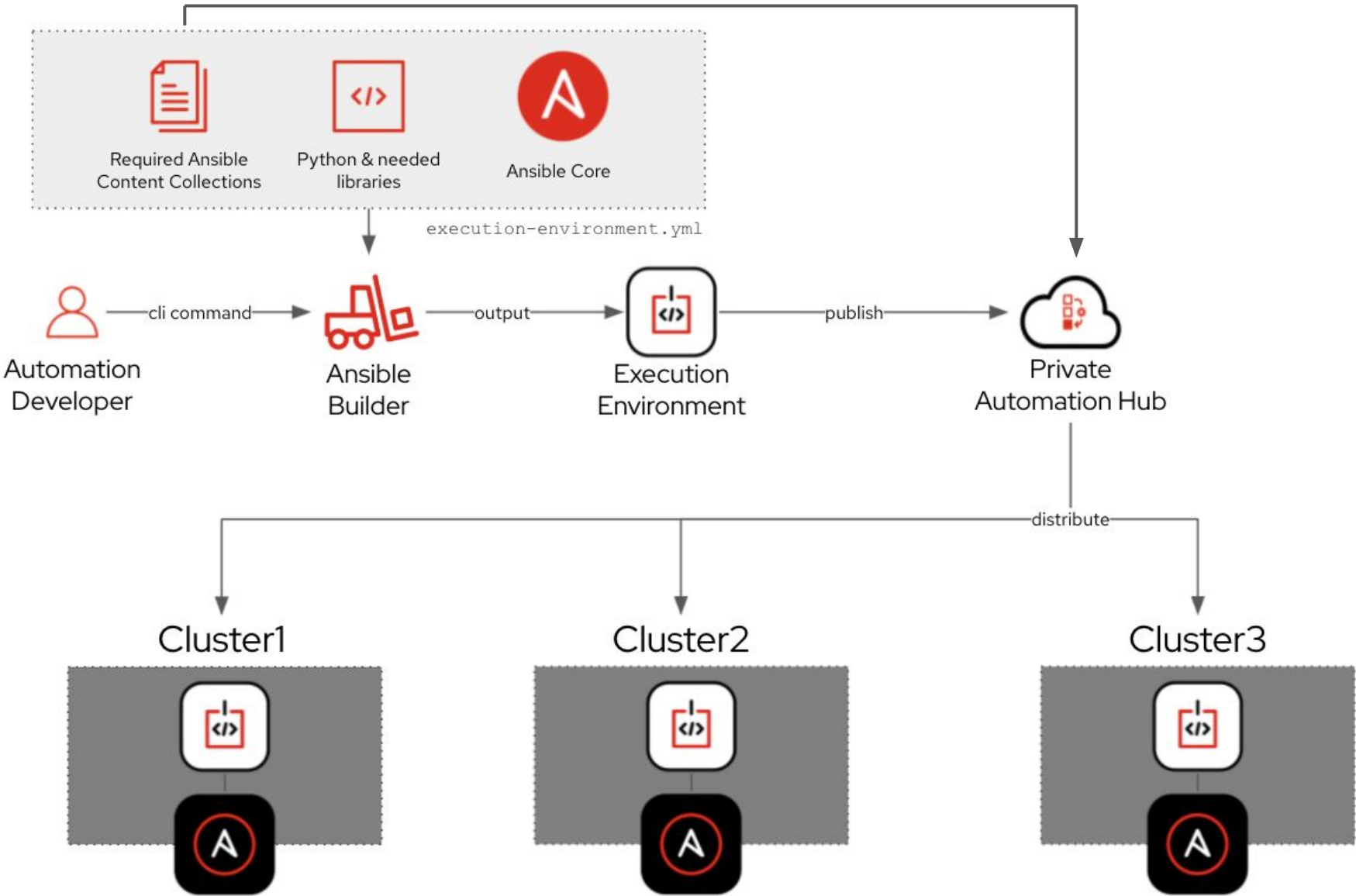


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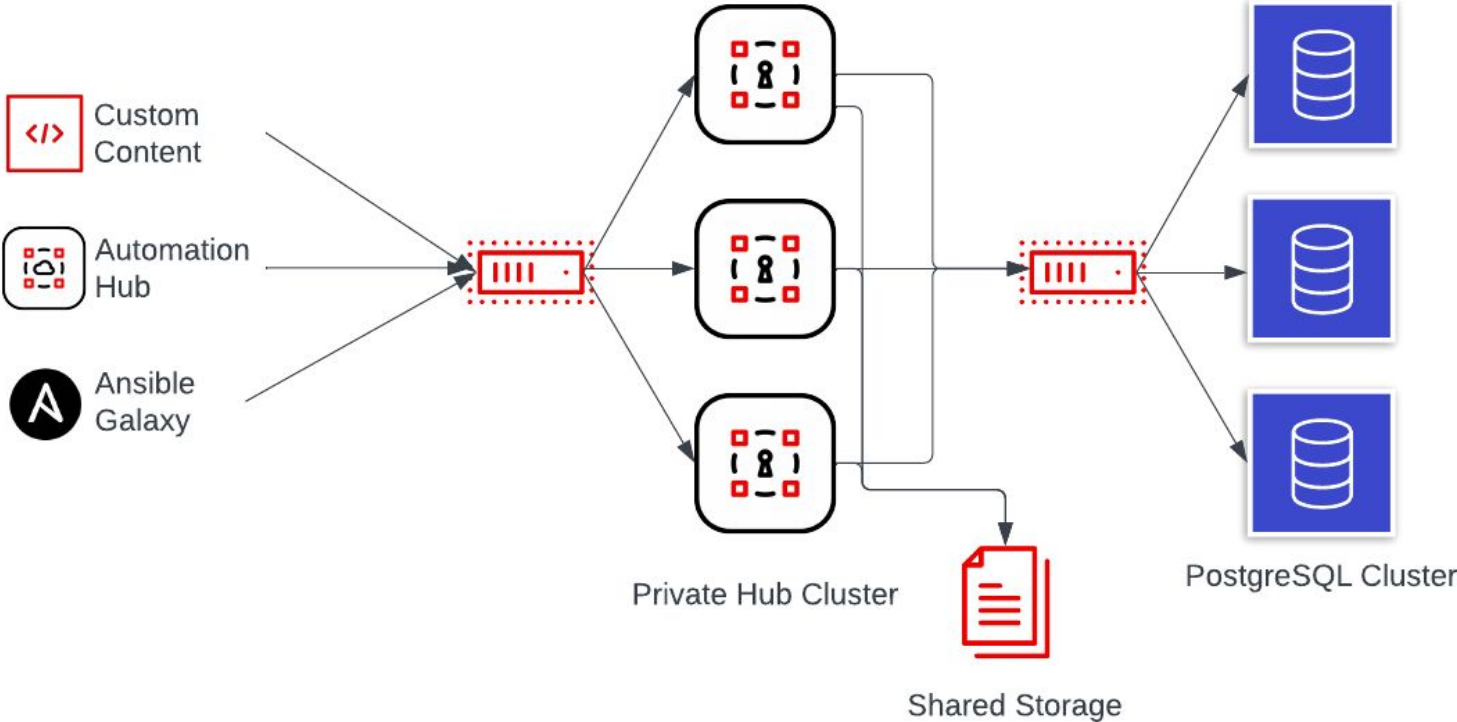
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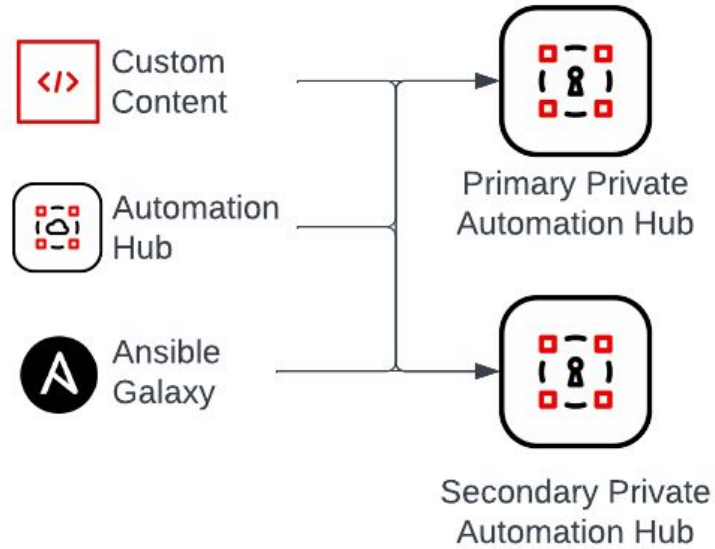
Workflow Diagram



Enterprise Deployment (Clustering)



Enterprise Deployment (MultiHub)



Why do I need this?

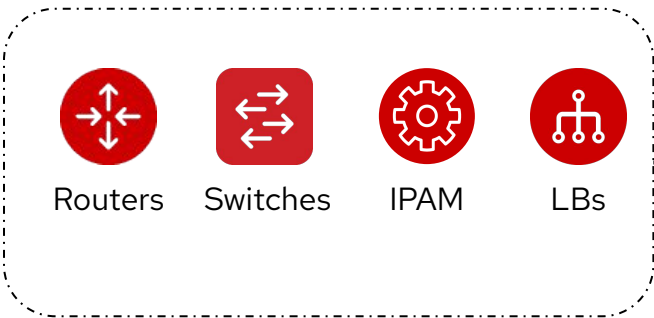
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I don't need...

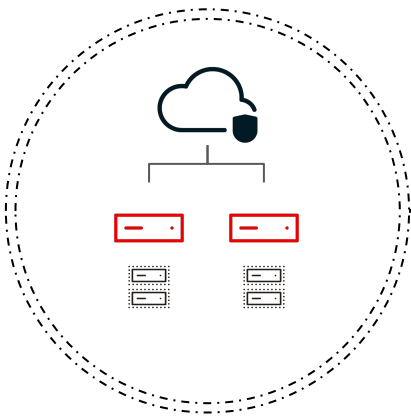
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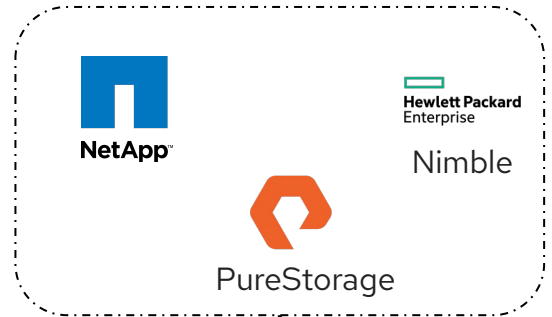
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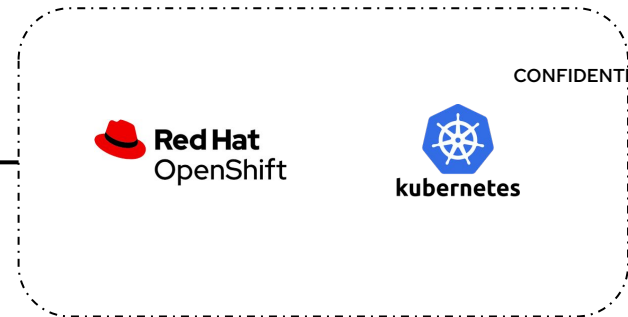
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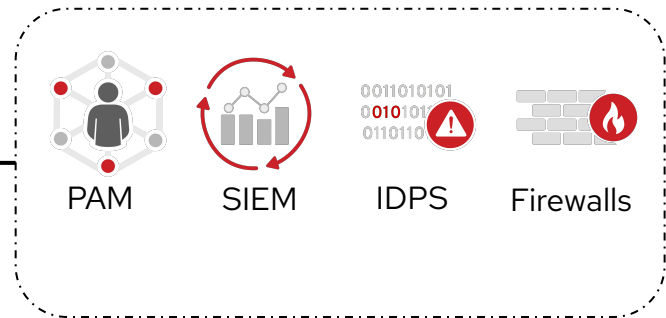
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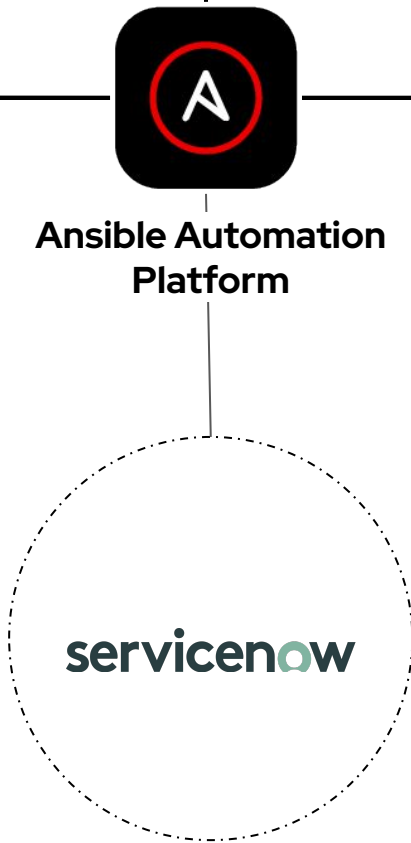
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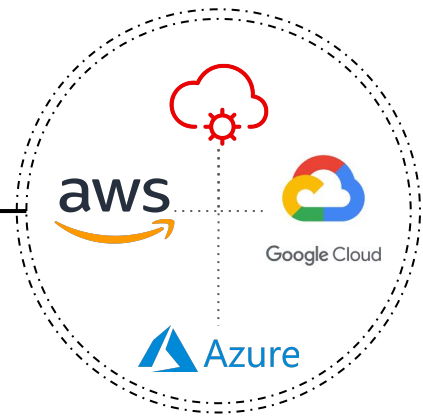
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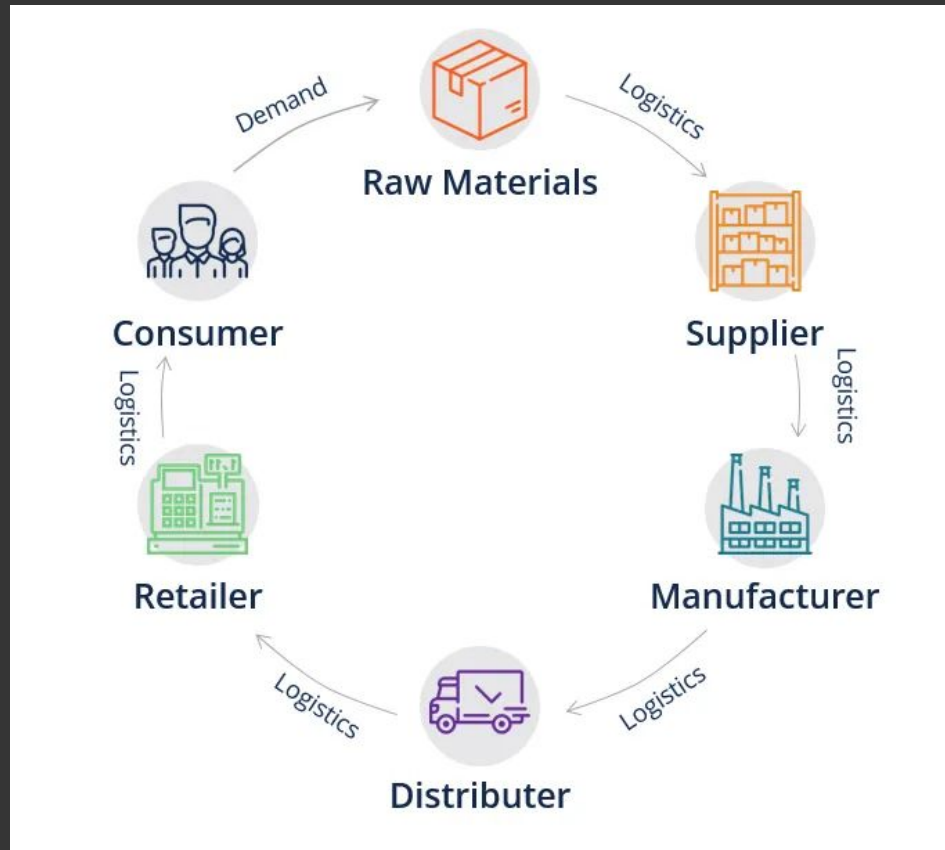
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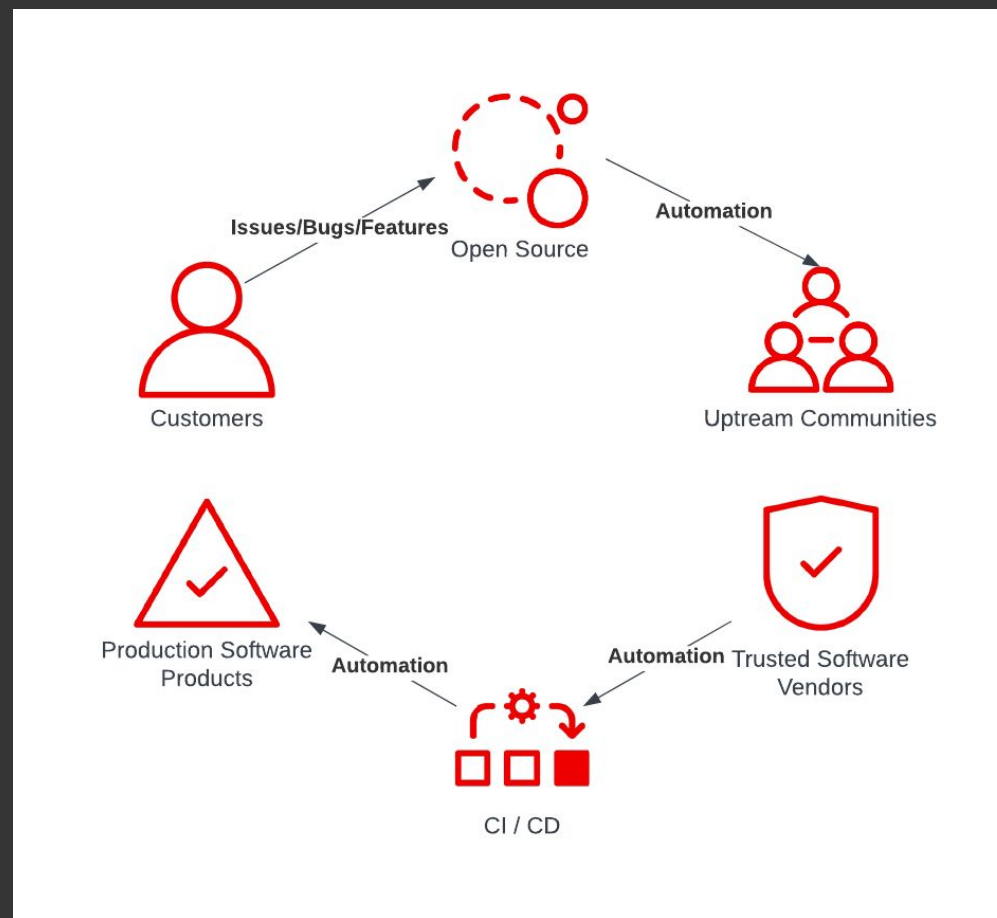
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Supply Chain



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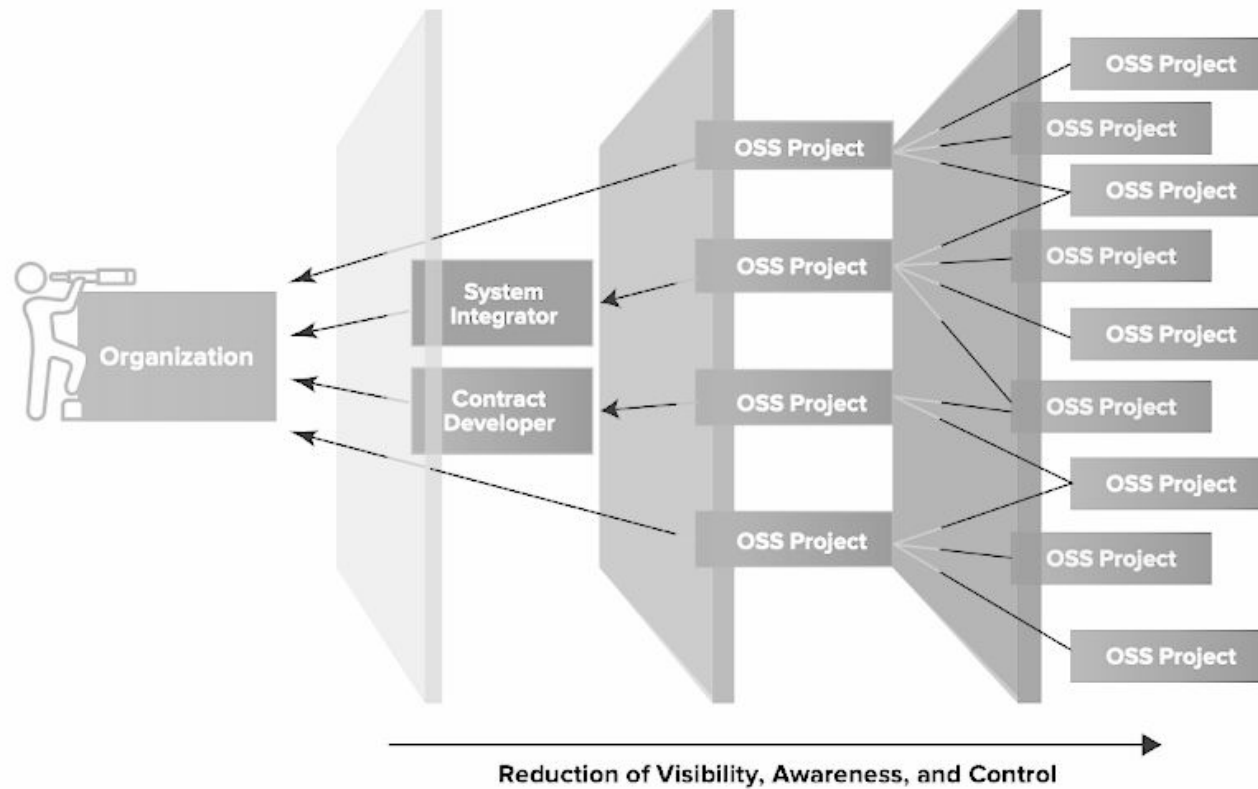
Software Supply Chain



A **software** supply chain is an entire system of producing and delivering a product or service, from the very beginning stage of **source code** sourcing ~~the raw materials~~ to the final delivery of the product or service to end-users.

How to Manage a Software Supply Chain?

Create Trust = Visibility Where There Isn't Any



Infrastructure Software Supply Chain

This applies to Automation!

Raw Materials

Open Source projects, community and internal development (collections, modules, roles, plugins, filters, other projects)

Warehouse

Component registries such as github, galaxy, dockerhub, quay.io, artifactory, chocolatey, brew, rpm, deb, pyPI, helm repos

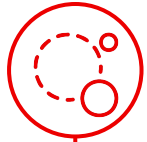
Supplier / Manufacturing

Software Vendors, Consultants, SMEs
Playbooks, Scripts, Makefiles,
ContainerFiles, Execution Environments, Job
Templates

Finished Goods

Repeatable Build/Deploy
Consistent/compliant/immutable
infrastructure

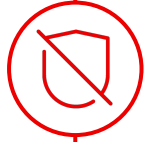
Supply Chain considerations when Automating



How are new vulnerabilities in your automations discovered?

What level of awareness exists around the automation in use today?

What is the security impact to the automation if compromised?



How are fixes to automation code addressed?

Is the appropriate expertise available to assess and remediate security issues in-house?



What about critical and immediate support?

WISDOM OF THE ANCIENTS

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NEVER HAVE I FELT SO CLOSE TO ANOTHER SOUL AND YET SO HELPLESSLY ALONE AS WHEN I GOOGLE AN ERROR AND THERE'S ONE RESULT A THREAD BY SOMEONE WITH THE SAME PROBLEM AND NO ANSWER LAST POSTED TO IN 2003

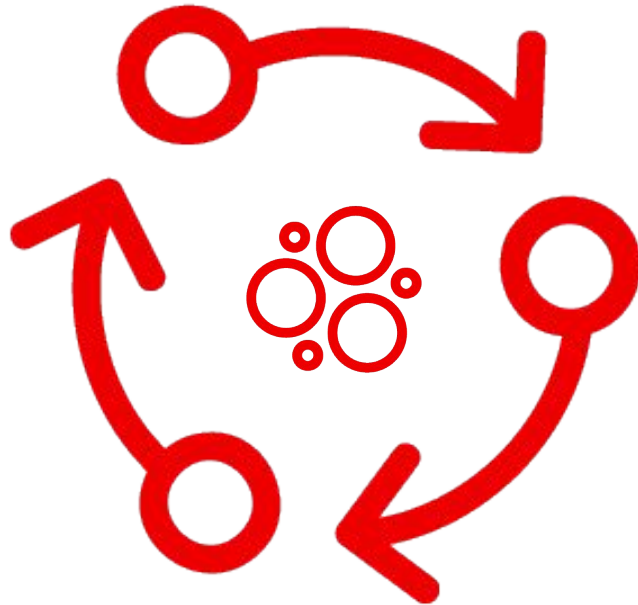


All long help threads should have a sticky globally-editable post at the top saying 'DEAR PEOPLE FROM THE FUTURE: Here's what we've figured out so far ...'

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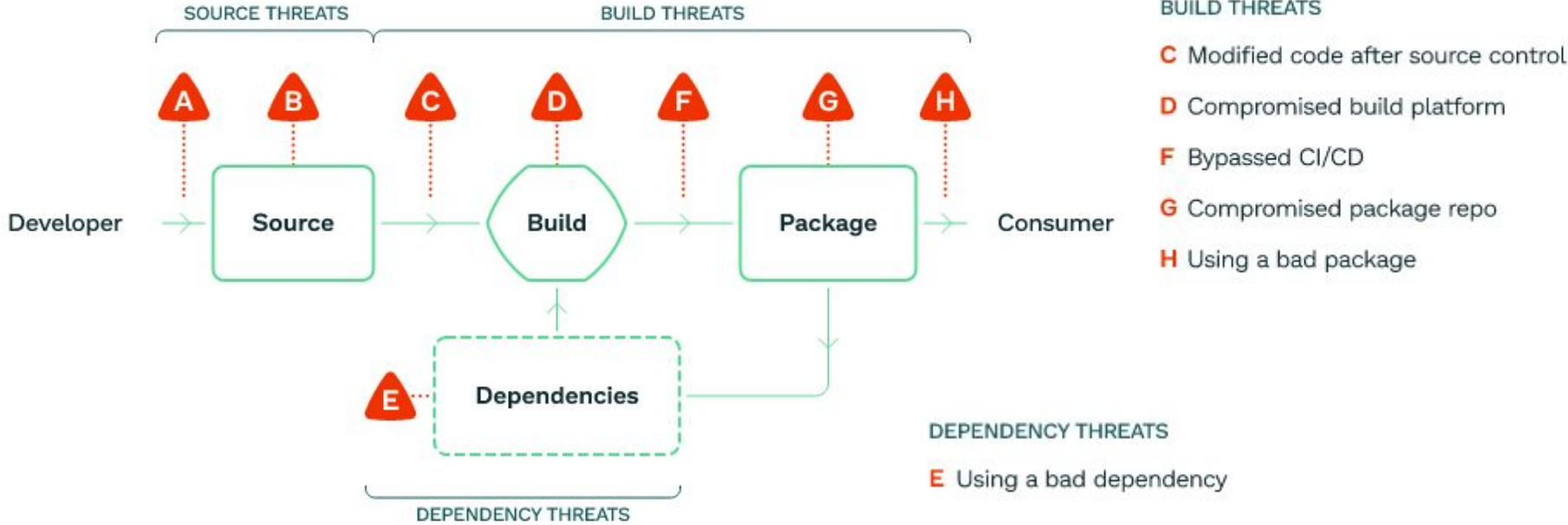
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Current state of the Infrastructure supply chain?



- ▶ Repositories and dependencies can be anywhere
- ▶ Distribution tends to be unsigned and in community repositories, what version was working last?
- ▶ Some safeguards may exist, but to what standard, are they followed, and audited?
- ▶ Upstream repositories are prime targets for supply chain attacks (solarwinds, PHP, webmin, browserify)
- ▶ “Release early, release often” can lead to significant changes

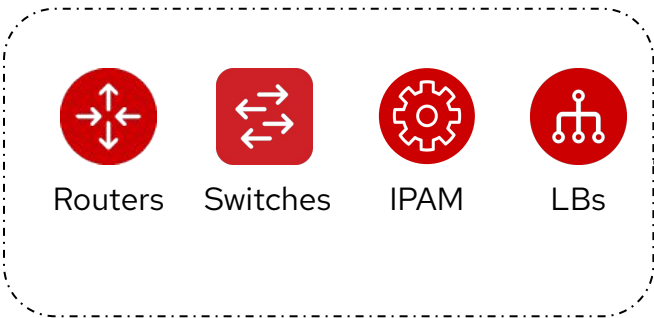
SLSA, an End-to-End Framework for Supply Chain Integrity



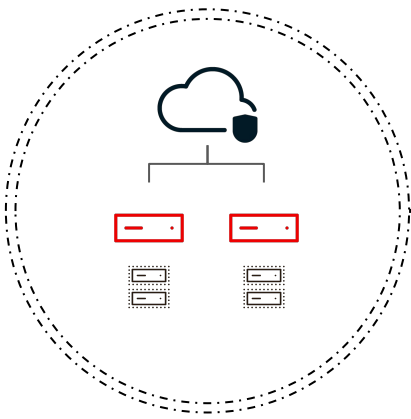
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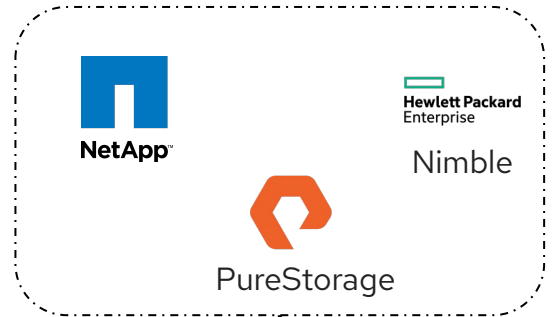
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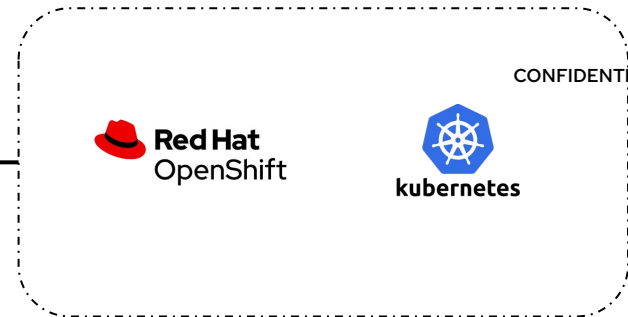
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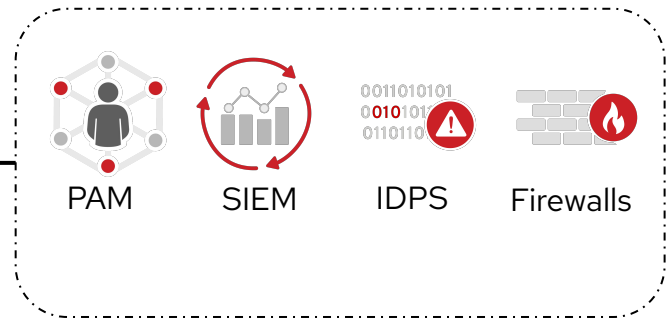
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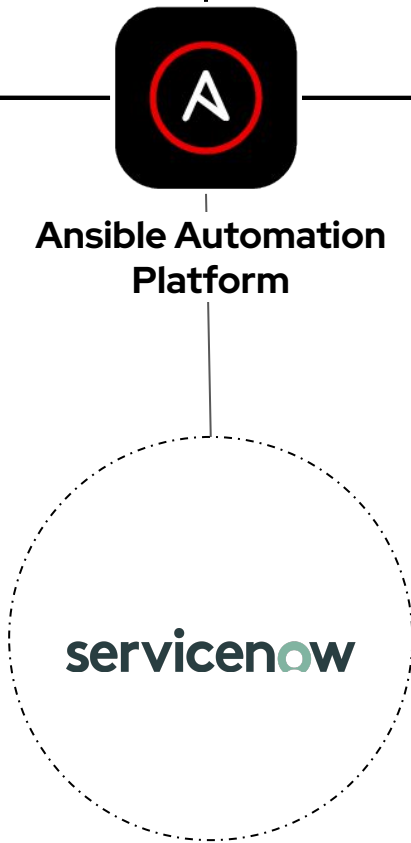
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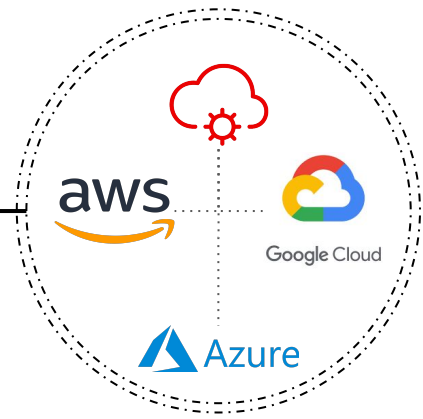
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Undermanaged open source can have costly impacts



6 million new versions

of OSS introduced in the past year; 37 million component versions now available¹



650% increase

in open source software supply chain attacks¹



\$25 million

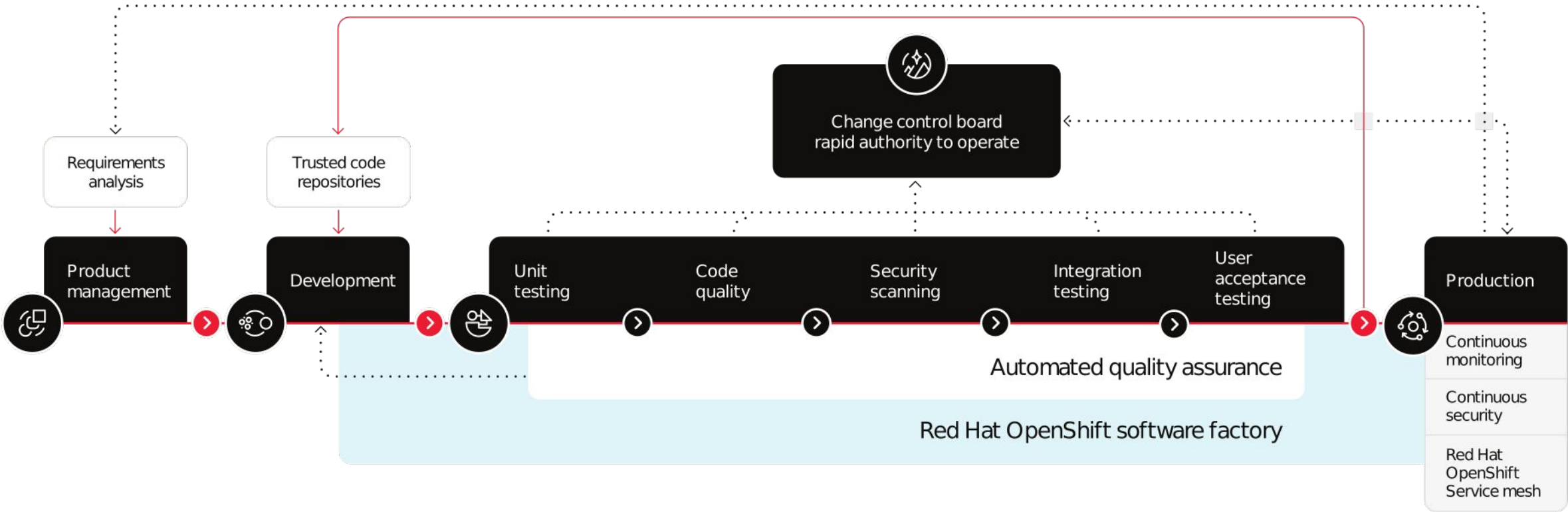
the predicted cost of a recent supply chain attack²

\$2 billion

the cost of a data breach that resulted from an unpatched bug³

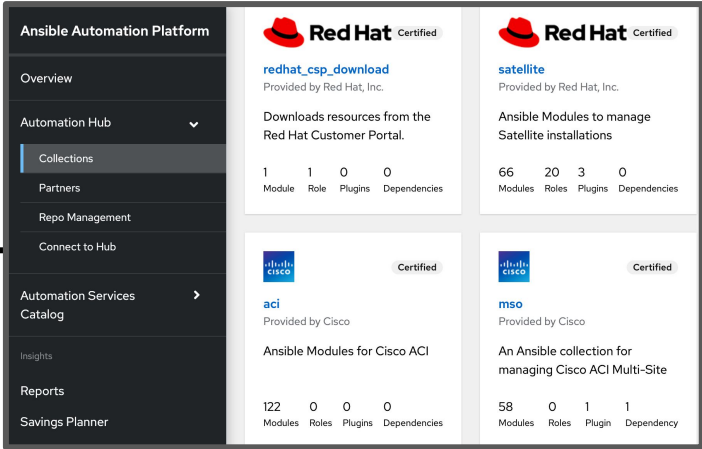


Trusted software supply chain



23 — Capability
 Feedback





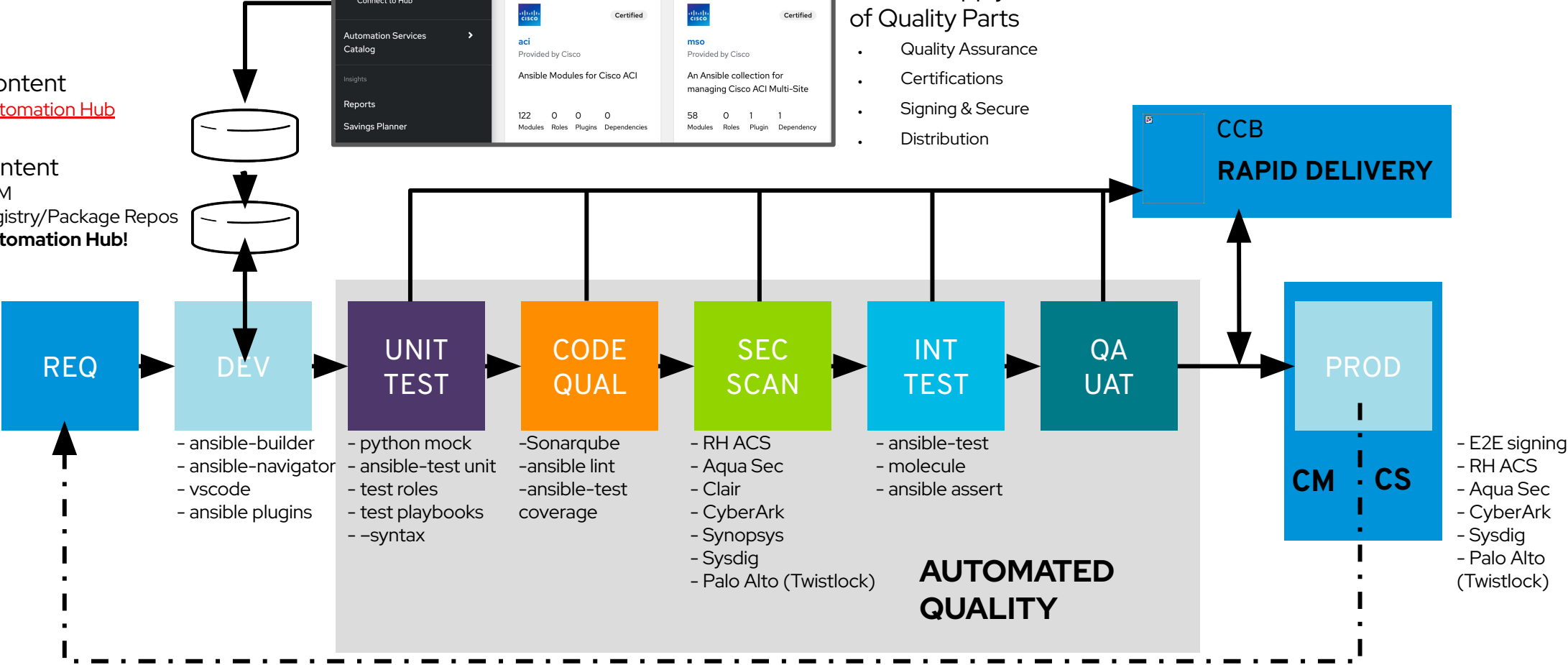
Modules / Plugins / Roles / Dependencies -> Roles/Playbooks -> Workflows -> Job Templates

Secure Supply Chain of Quality Parts

- Quality Assurance
- Certifications
- Signing & Secure
- Distribution

Trusted content
- [Red Hat Automation Hub](#)

Private content
- Internal SCM
- Internal Registry/Package Repos
- **Private Automation Hub!**

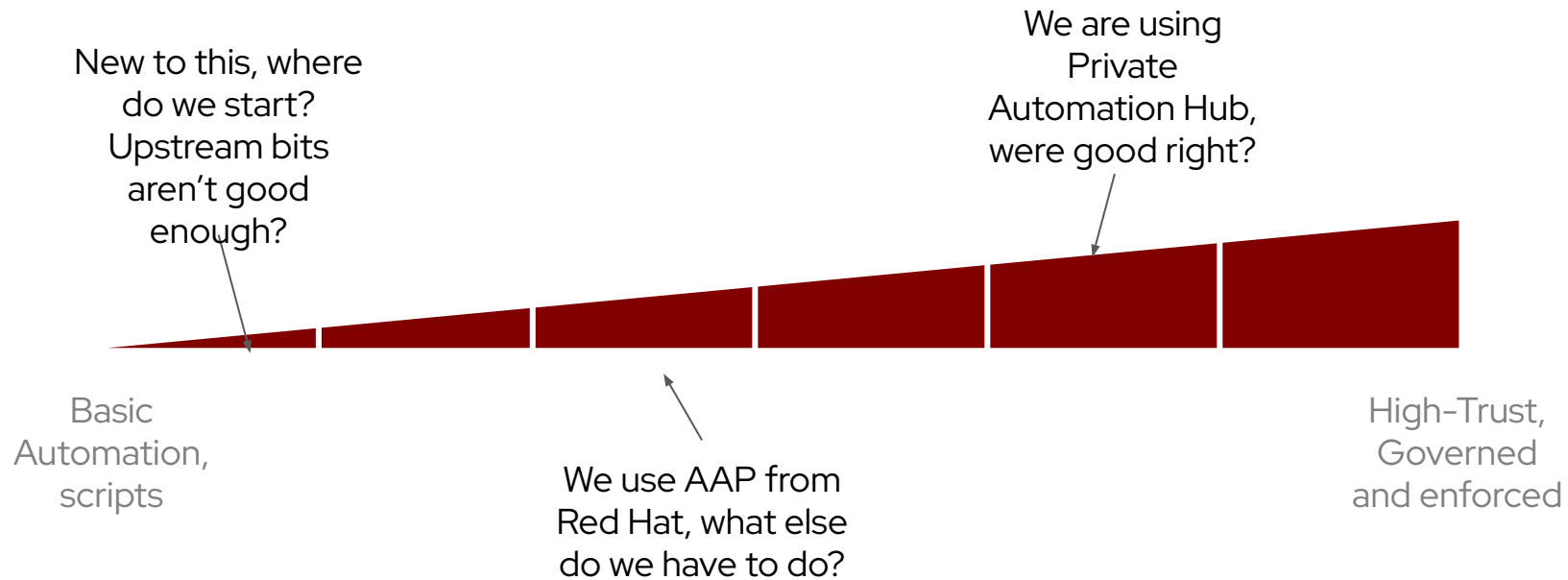


Ansible Automation Factory



TSSC is a journey

Where are you at?



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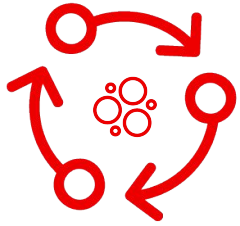
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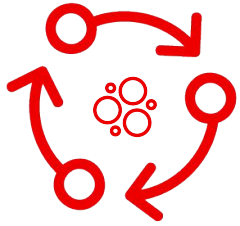


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Resources

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- ▶ [Private Automation Hub System Requirements](#)
- ▶ [Managing user access in Private Automation Hub](#)
- ▶ [Deploying a high availability automation hub](#)
- ▶ [Curating collections using namespaces in Automation Hub](#)
- ▶ [Publishing proprietary content collections in Automation Hub](#)
- ▶ [Managing Containers in Private Automation Hub](#)
- ▶ [Managing Red Hat Certified and Ansible Galaxy collections in Automation Hub](#)



Resources

- ▶ [Uploading content to Red Hat Automation Hub](#)
- ▶ [Pulp REST API Documentation](#)
- ▶ [2022: The year of software supply chain security](#)
- ▶ [In Community We Trust: Open source software and supply chain security](#)
- ▶ [Defending Against Software Supply Chain Attacks](#)
- ▶ [AAP 2.1 Reference Architecture](#)
- ▶ [Kubernetes SLSA Work](#)

Private Automation Hub Roadmap

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Automation Hub

Discover, publish, and manage your Ansible Content



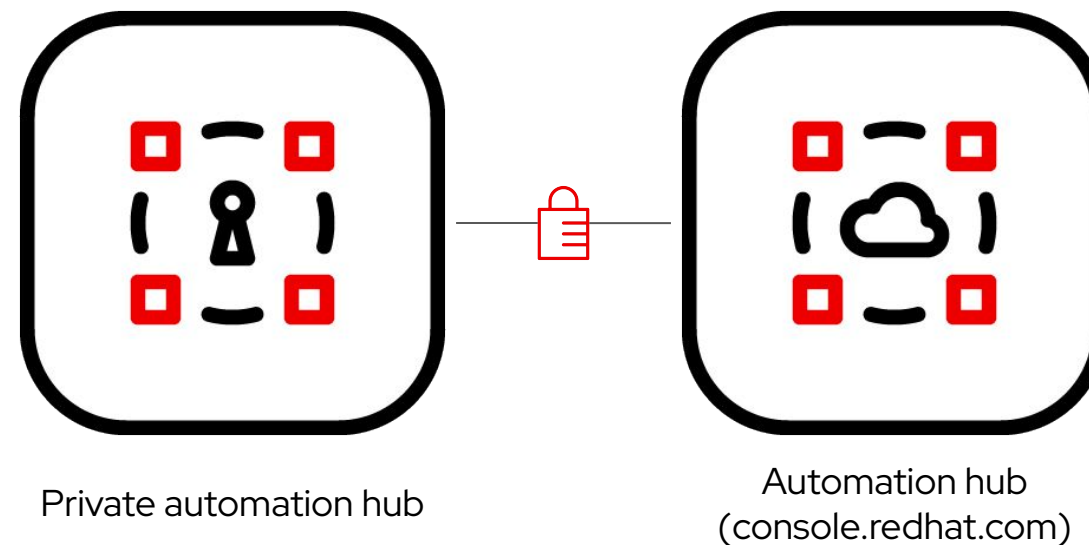
Major changes for AAP 2.2

- **Secure Supply Chain**
Sign Certified and Private content
- **Repo Management**
Private Automation Hub as a service. Create, delete and sync private repos.
- **Role Based Access**
Support user defined roles for console.redhat.com



Solution & Business Value

- Provides content creators ability to collaborate and publish their own automation content and streamline Ansible code within their own organizations.
- Organizations can now manage and control the lifecycle of their Ansible content as their needs scale across the hybrid cloud.



Automation content signing

Major changes for AAP 2.2



Major changes for AAP 2.2

- **Automation Hub**
Certified content from Red Hat and partners is signed on console.redhat.com ensuring end-to-end security
- **Content signing**
Sign private content when you publish to Private automation hub. Both execution environments and Ansible content collections can be signed.
- **Certified Content with signatures**
Certified content from Red Hat will come with accompanying signatures



Solution & Business Value

- End-to-end secure content signing from creator to production to ensure what is being executed in your enterprise

