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The bridge to possible

NetDevOps practices for Cisco ACI with Jenkins and Ansible

The Easy Way!

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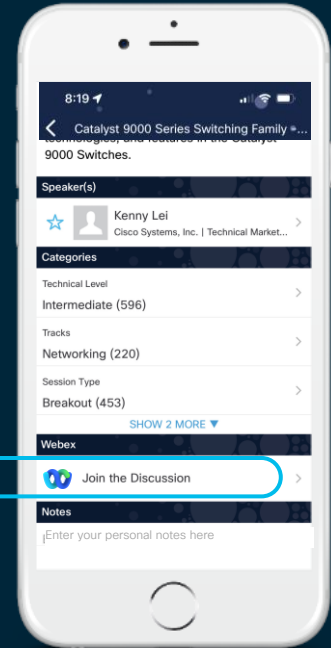
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*“DevOps isn't about automation, just
as astronomy isn't about
telescopes.”*

Christopher Little



Agenda

- DevOps & NetDevOps
- The tools you need
- ACI & DevOps: How to!
- Demo

{Net}DevOps



What is DevOps?



Philosophy

- A Cultural, professional movement with attitude and values
- Assuming Infrastructure is code, and should be developed and managed as such

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What is NetDevOps?

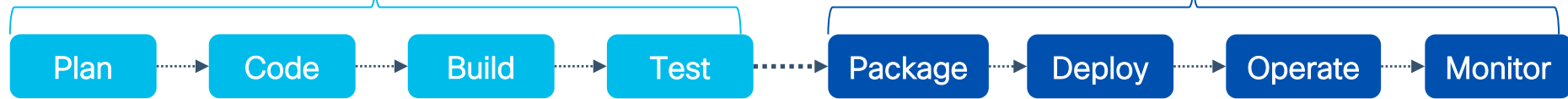


Use-cases

- Dev or Prod environments
- Automated deployment
- Automated testing
- Troubleshooting
- Optimization

Key elements of {Net}DevOps practices

1. Continuous Integration/Continuous Delivery Pipeline – **Tools Driven**
(CI) (CD)



2. Automating processes – **Tools Driven**



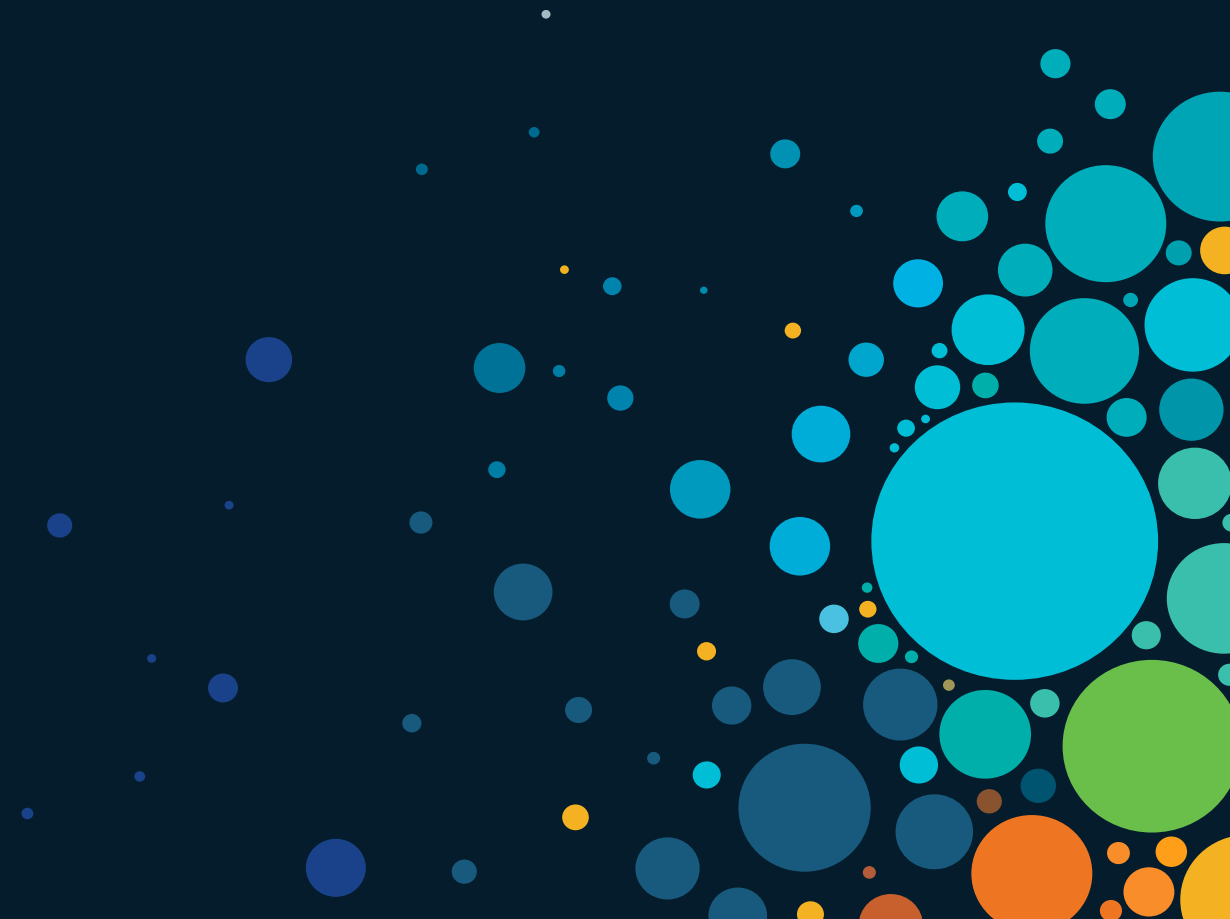
3. Establishing {Net}DevOps culture – **People Driven**

<http://agilemanifesto.org/>

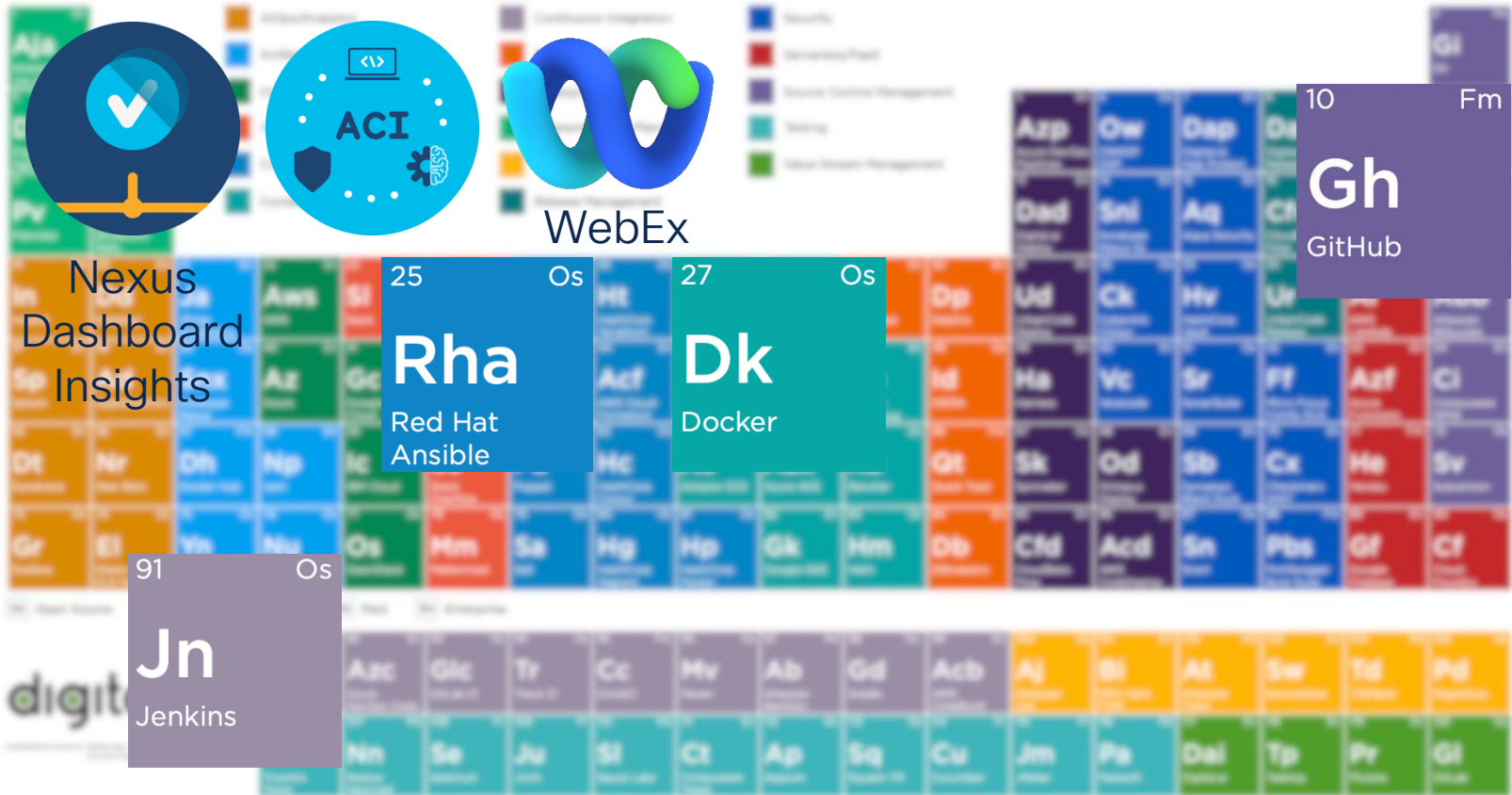
Individuals and interactions over processes and tools
Working software over comprehensive documentation
Customer collaboration over contract negotiation
Responding to change over following a plan

That is, while there is value in the items on the right, we value the items on the left more.

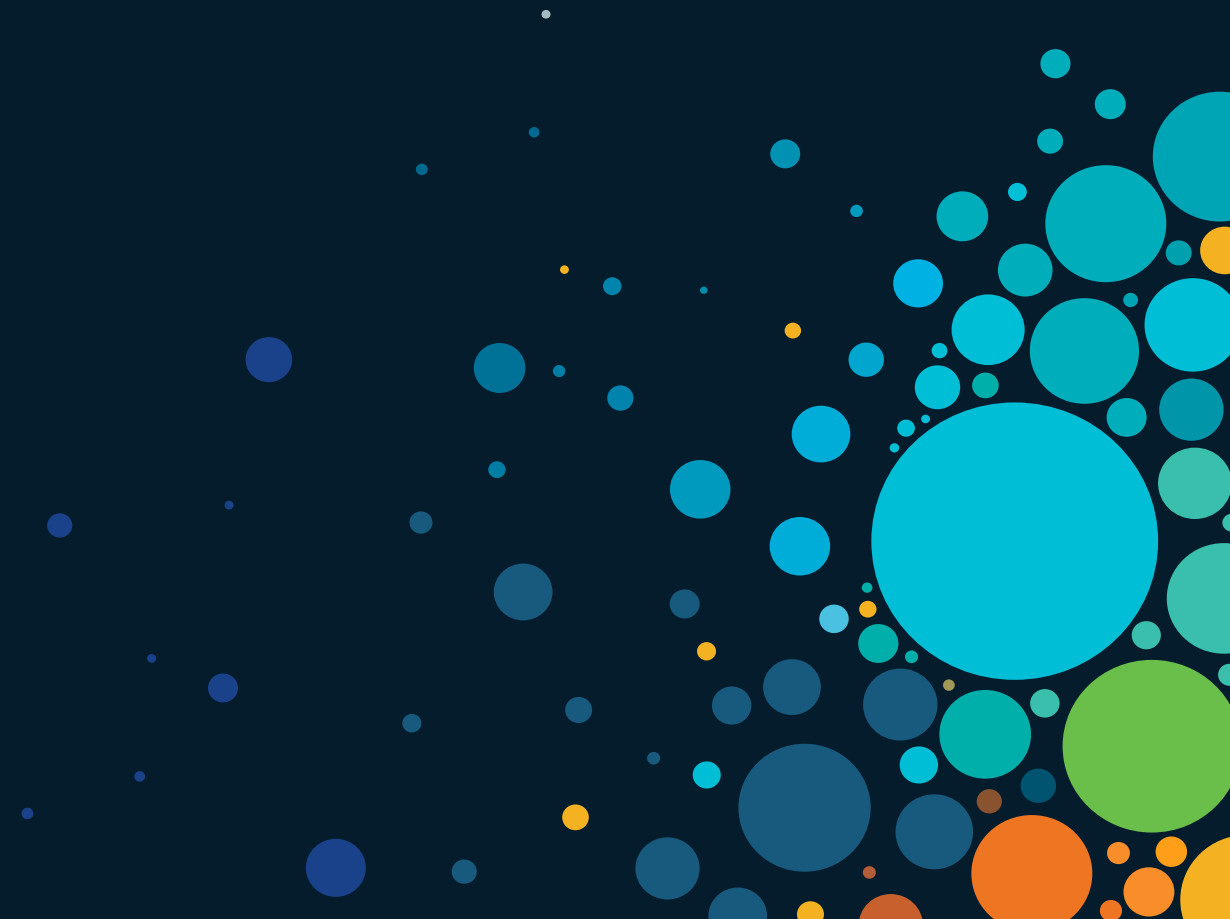
The Tools You Need



What tools do I need for this session?

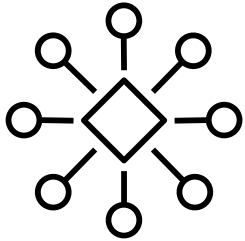


How to use NetDevOps practices for ACI?

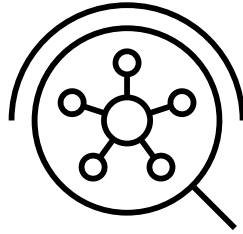


Identify your requirements!

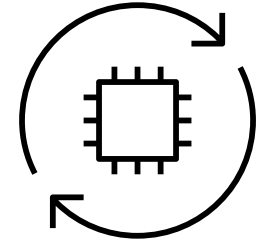
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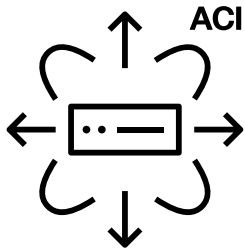
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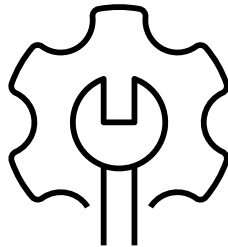
Firmware Upgrade



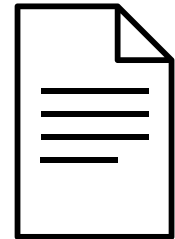
Network Migration



Config Management



Troubleshooting



Identify Ansible modules

CISCO

aci
Ansible Modules for Cisco ACI

cisco

Details **Read Me** **Content**

i Info

Installation

```
$ ansible-galaxy collection install cisco.aci
```

NOTE: Installing cisco.aci

[Download tarball](#)

2.1.0 released 5 months ago

Tags

cisco aci cloud

cisco.aci.aci_rest module – Direct access to the Cisco APIC REST API

Note

This module is part of the `cisco.aci` collection (version 2.2.0).

You might already have this collection installed if you are using the `ansible` package. It is not included in `ansible-core`. To check

To install it, use: `ansible-galaxy collection install cisco.aci`.

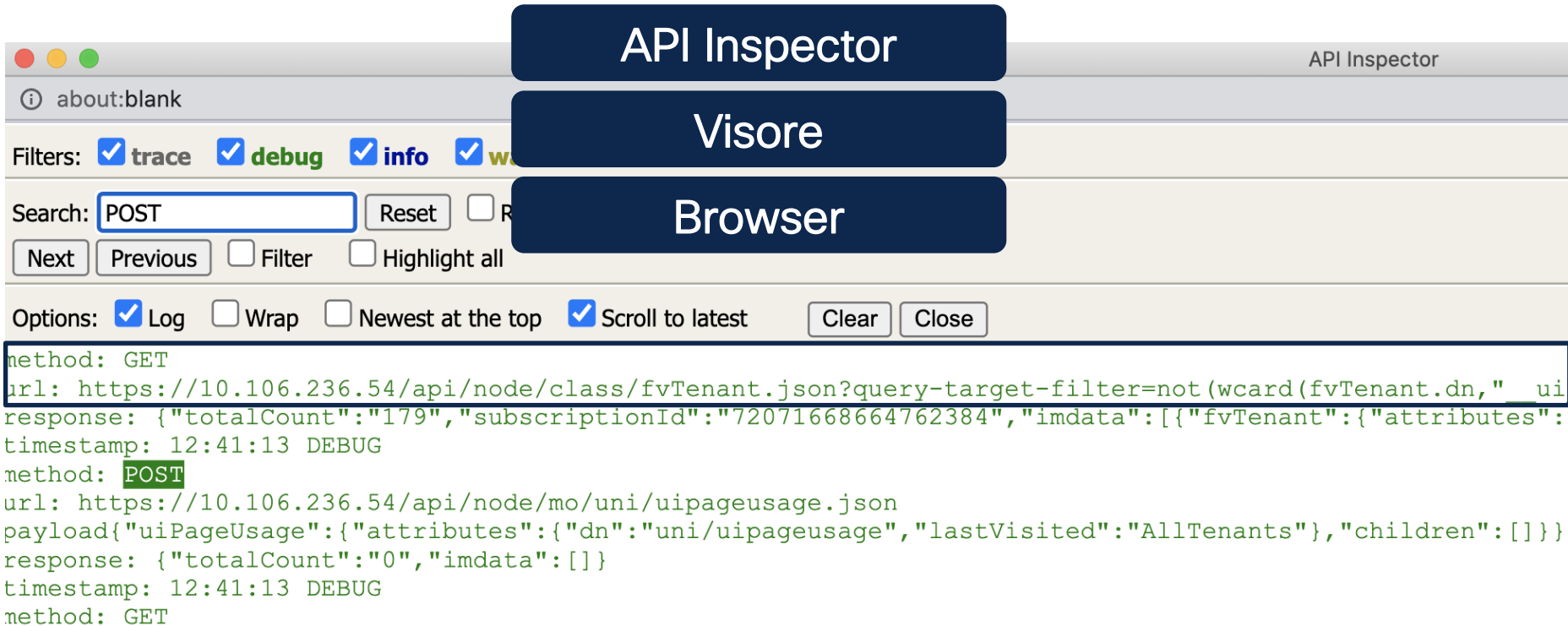
To use it in a playbook, specify: `cisco.aci.aci_rest`.

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Synopsis

- Enables the management of the Cisco ACI fabric through direct access to the Cisco APIC REST API.
- Thanks to the idempotent nature of the APIC, this module is idempotent and reports changes.

.. Or retrieve REST API Payload



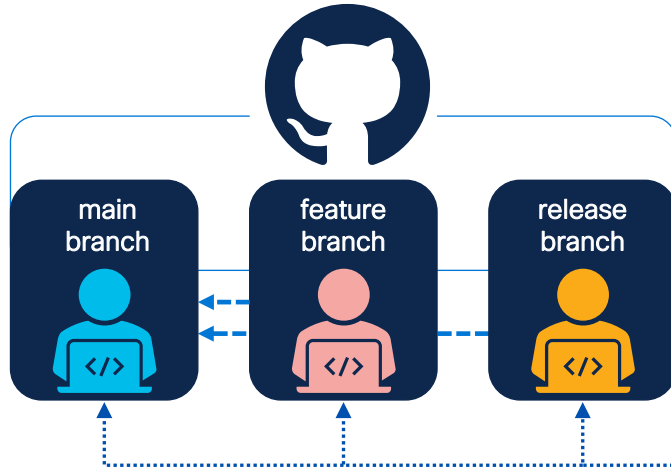
The image shows a browser window with the API Inspector extension installed. The browser's address bar shows 'about:blank'. The API Inspector interface includes a search bar with 'POST' entered, a 'Reset' button, and checkboxes for 'Next', 'Previous', 'Filter', and 'Highlight all'. The 'Options' section has checkboxes for 'Log', 'Wrap', 'Newest at the top', and 'Scroll to latest', along with 'Clear' and 'Close' buttons. The main content area displays a log of network requests, with a 'POST' request highlighted. The request details are as follows:

```
method: GET
url: https://10.106.236.54/api/node/class/fvTenant.json?query-target-filter=not(wcard(fvTenant.dn,"_ui
response: {"totalCount":"179","subscriptionId":"72071668664762384","imdata":[{"fvTenant":{"attributes":
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method: POST
url: https://10.106.236.54/api/node/mo/uni/uipageusage.json
payload{"uiPageUsage":{"attributes":{"dn":"uni/uipageusage","lastVisited":"AllTenants"},"children":[]}}
response: {"totalCount":"0","imdata":[]}
timestamp: 12:41:13 DEBUG
method: GET
```

Commit Your Code on GitHub



Playbook



```
- hosts: apic
gather_facts: no
connection: local
```

```
vars:
  aci_login: &aci_login
  hostname: '{{ apic_host }}'
  username: '{{ apic.bootstrap.user }}'
  private_key: "{{ private_key }}"
  #password: '{{ apic_password }}'
  use_proxy: '{{ apic_use_proxy }}'
  validate_certs: '{{ apic_validate_certs }}'
```

```
vars_files:
- vars.yml
```

```
tasks:
```

```
- name:
```

```
block:
```

```
- name: Get Discovered Switch
```

```
aci_rest:
```

```
<<: *aci_login
```

```
  path: "{{ api_path.pending_registration }}"
```

```
  method: get
```

```
register: result
```

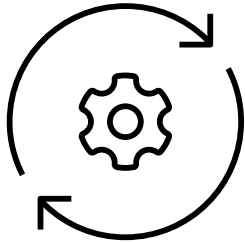
```
retries: 100
```

```
delay: 10
```

```
until: result.totalCount != 0
```

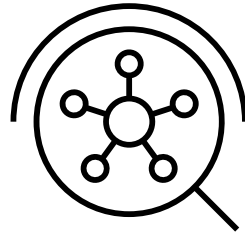

Ensure that the commits wont break your ACI infra

Continuous Assurance with Nexus Dashboard Insights



“Did something change
in my network?”

“Are the changes I’m
about to deploy
correct?”



“Is my network
compliant with
Governance Rules?”

“Is my network
compliant with my
config standards?”



“Can Endpoint A
talk to B?”

“How Can
Endpoint A talk to
B?”

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Change management - Pre-Change Verification

Before and After Comparison

What if I remove leaf interface profile?

① Pre-Change Analysis - BRKDEV-2291

Delta Analysis

Epoch Delta for BRKDEV-2291
Later Epoch: 04/13/2022 1:26:55 PM GMT+5:30

Health Delta

Policy Delta

What if I modify my VRF?

What if I add new subnet?

Smart Event Count



Setup Jenkins



Jenkins Controller

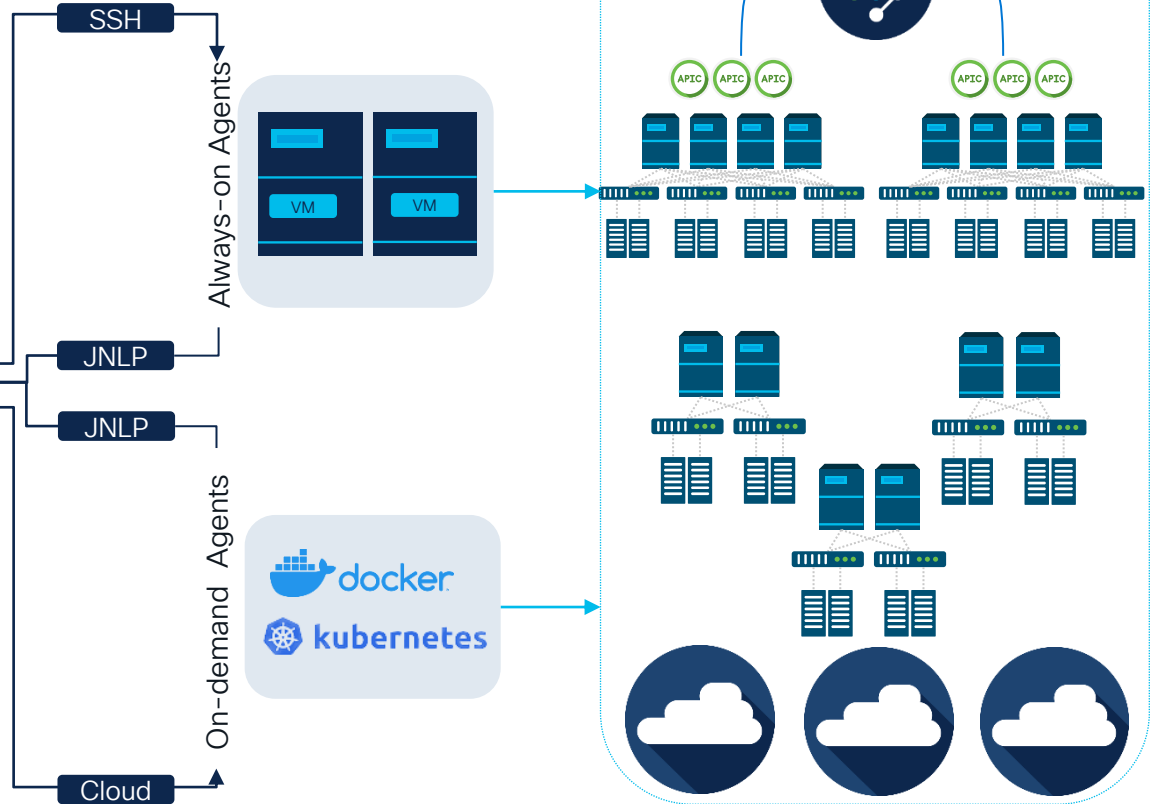
Jobs

Plugins

Nodes/Clouds

Pipeline

Credentials



Get a (Cisco WebEx) messaging Bot!



```
curl --location --request POST 'https://webexapis.com/v1/messages' \
--header "Authorization: Bearer ${WEBEXAUTH}" \
--header 'Content-Type: application/json' \
--data-raw '{
  "roomId": "${WEBEXROOM}",
  "markdown": "Hi There"
}'
```



jenkinsbot-saukotha 28/03/22, 12:25 PM

Started at: 2022-03-28 06:54:26 UTC

Author:Saurabh Kothari(saukotha@cisco.com)

Job URL: <http://192.168.1.12:8080/job/Pipeline%20test/>

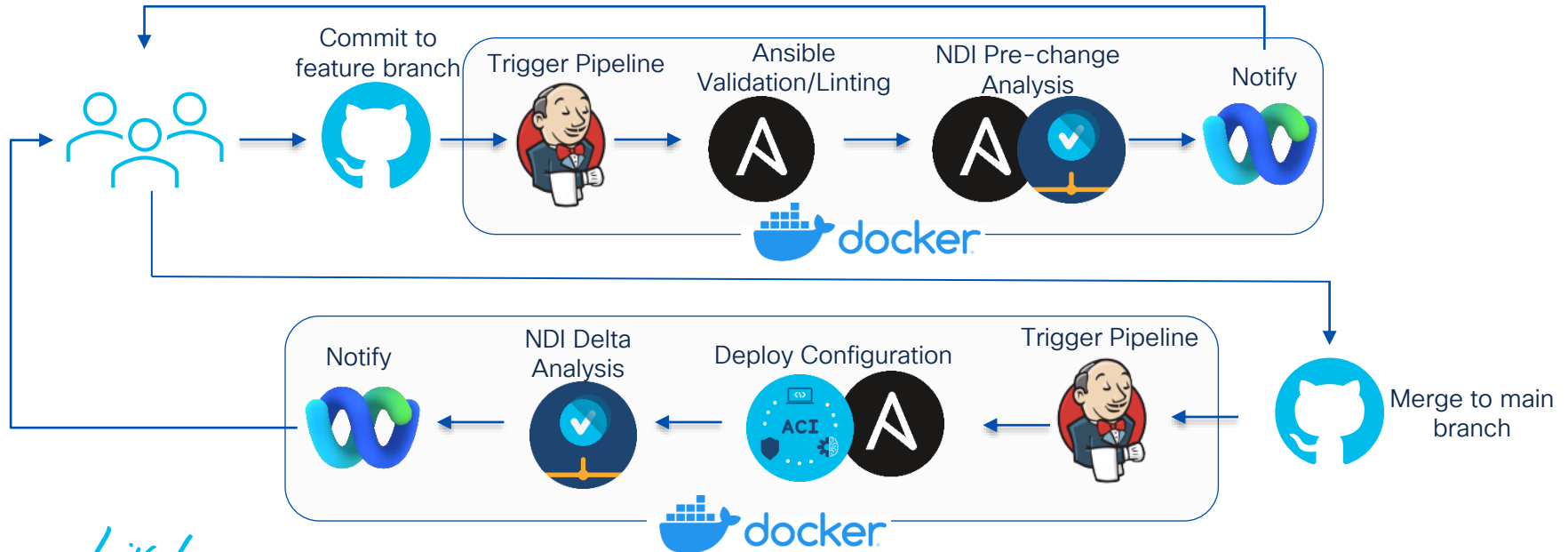
Build ID: 62

Build Logs: <http://192.168.1.12:8080/job/Pipeline%20test/62/consoleText>

Result: SUCCESS

Putting it All Together

CICD Pipeline



CICD Pipeline as Code

```
pipeline {
  agent { label 'aci-ansible' }

  stages {
    stage('Git '){
      steps{
        git branch: 'main', url: 'https://github.com/saurabhkothari/Cisco-ACI.git'
      }
    }
    stage('Bootstrap APIC User'){
      steps {
        withCredentials([file(credentialsId: 'ansible-user-key', variable: 'key')]){
          ansiColor('xterm') {
            ansiblePlaybook(
              playbook: 'user-creation-day0.yml' ,
              inventory: 'inventory',
              vaultCredentialsId: 'ansible-vault-id',
              colored: true)
          }
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

Where do you want to execute the pipeline?
e.g - docker container

Your first stage
e.g - Git checkout

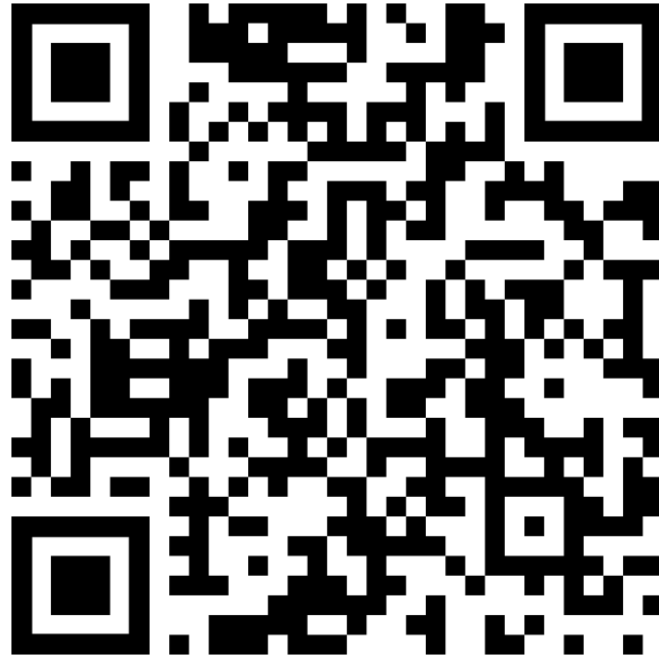
Your Second Stage
e.g - Run ansible Playbook

Demo

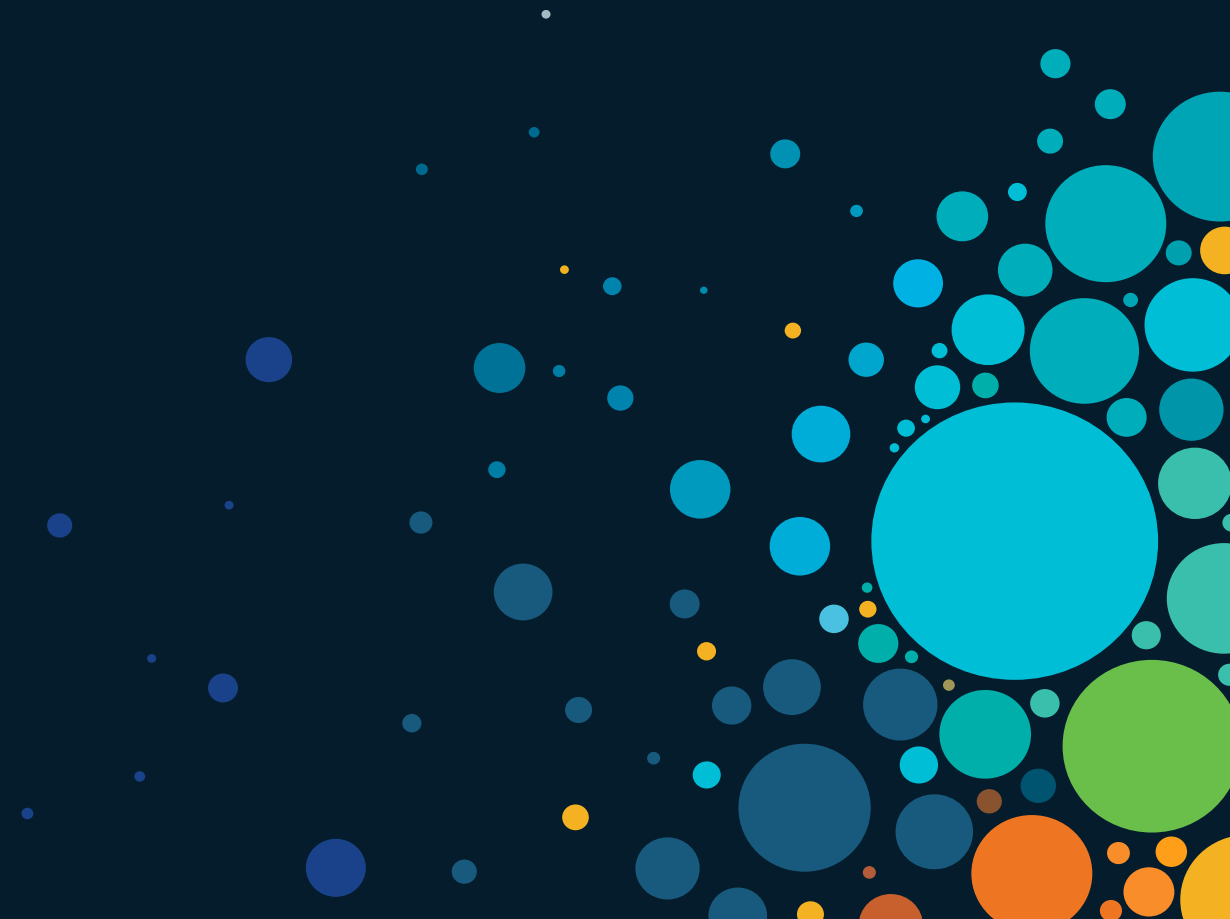


Demo Code:

<https://github.com/saurabhkothari/CiscoLive-BRKDEV2291>



Conclusion



Truths about DevOps!

- It's hard
- There is no one-size fits all
- No need to do it all at once
- Requires practice

Embrace it anyways (at least for ACI)!

- Simplifies Focus
- Faster resolution of problems
- More stable operating environments
- Greater professional development opportunities

Call to Action!

- <https://developer.cisco.com/docs/aci/>
- <https://developer.cisco.com/docs/aci/#!sandbox>
- <https://developer.cisco.com/netdevops/live/>

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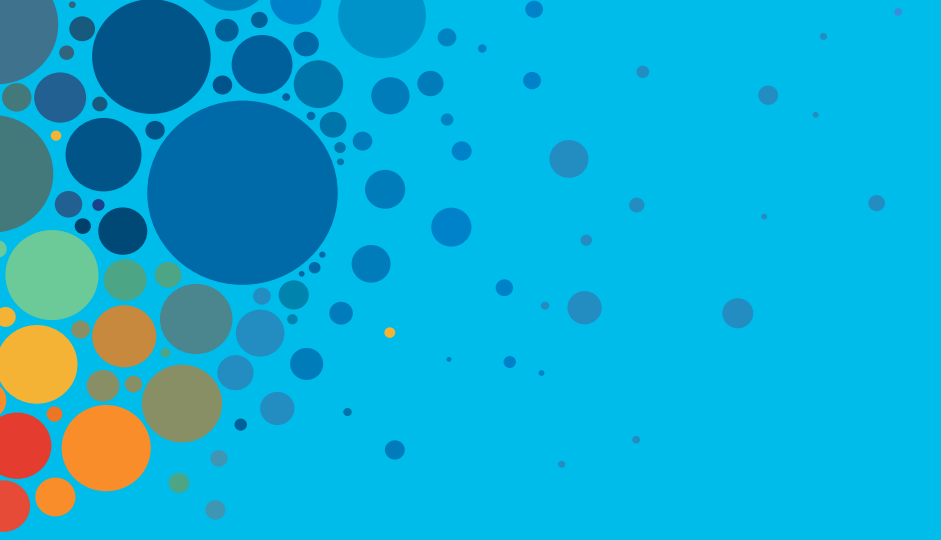
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