

# Automated Installation and Configuration via Ansible

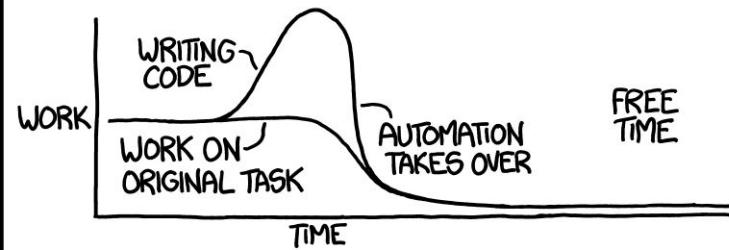
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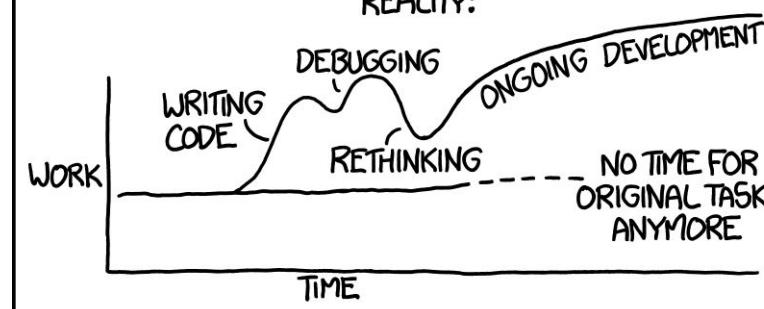


"I SPEND A LOT OF TIME ON THIS TASK.  
I SHOULD WRITE A PROGRAM AUTOMATING IT!"

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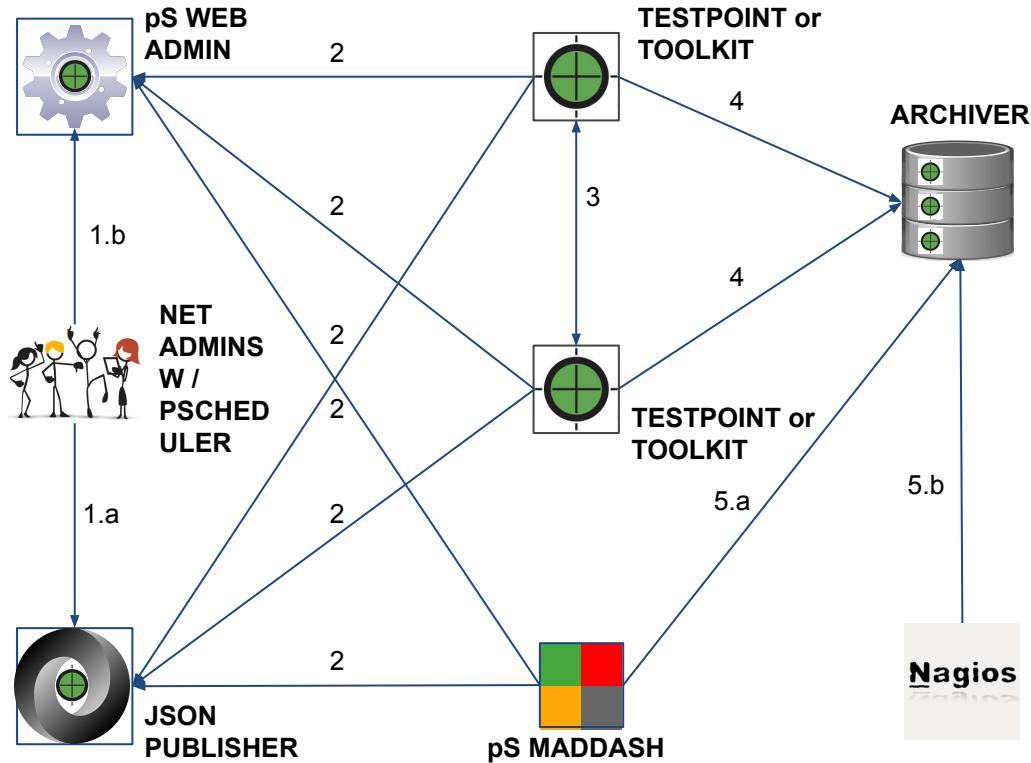


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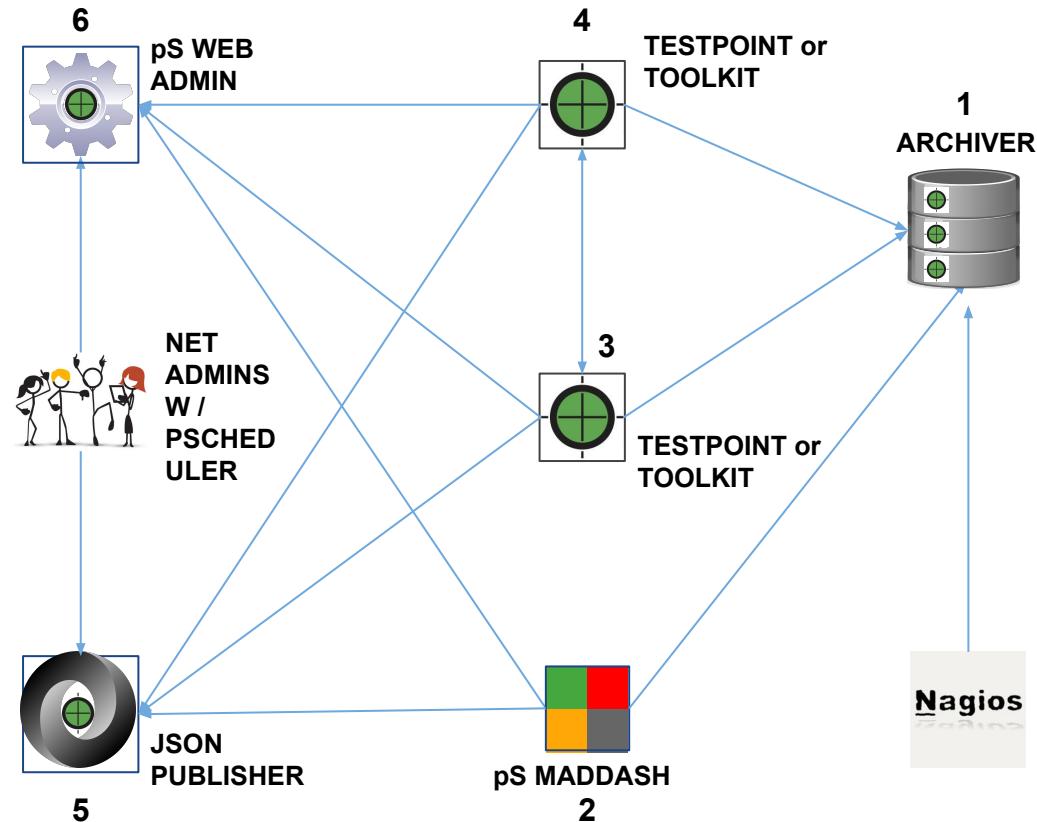
# perfSONAR: Scheduled Testing Workflow

1. Publish schedules
  - a. Raw JSON schedules
  - b. pS Web Admin mesh config UI
2. Testpoints, Toolkits, and Dashboards poll schedule publishers
3. Testpoints and Toolkits run scheduled tests
4. Test results go to Archiver
5. Dashboards poll Archiver
  - a. Maddash polls direct
  - b. Nagios plugins

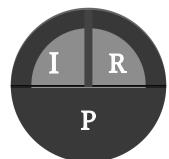
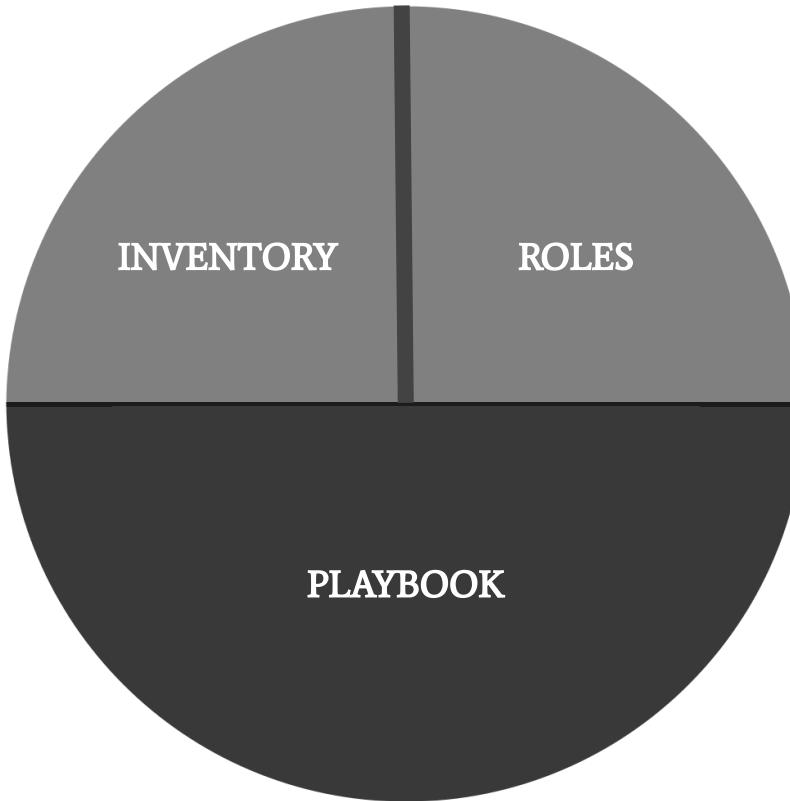


# perfSONAR: Provisioning Components

1. Archivers
2. MadDash / Dashboards
3. Testpoints
4. Toolkits
5. pSconfig raw JSON publishers
6. pSconfig Web Admin



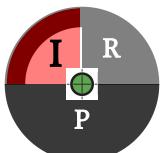
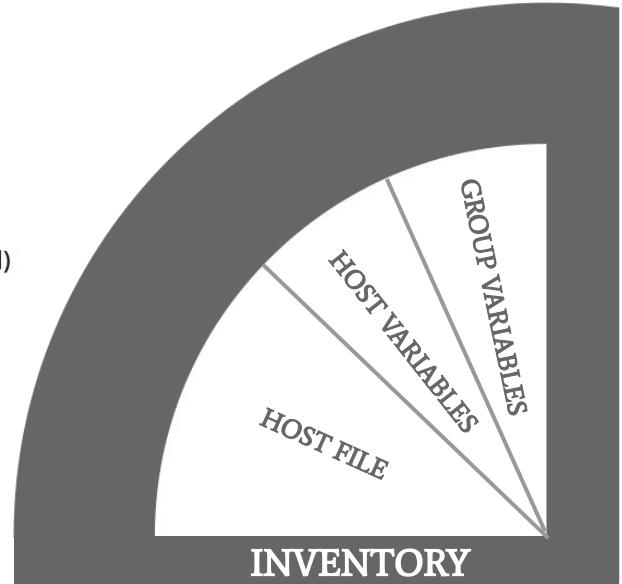
# Ansible Modules



# Ansible Inventory: variable precedence

From least to most important

- role defaults
- inventory file or script group vars
- inventory group\_vars/all
- playbook group\_vars/all
- inventory group\_vars/\*
- playbook group\_vars/\*
- inventory file or script host vars
- inventory host\_vars/\*
- playbook host\_vars/\*
- host facts
- play vars
- play vars\_prompt
- play vars\_files
- role vars (defined in role/vars/main.yml)
- block vars (only for tasks in block)
- task vars (only for the task)
- role (and include\_role) params
- include params
- include\_vars
- set\_facts / registered vars
- extra vars (always win precedence)



# Ansible Inventory: hosts file

```
[all:vars]
```

```
[ps-testpoints]
```

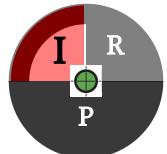
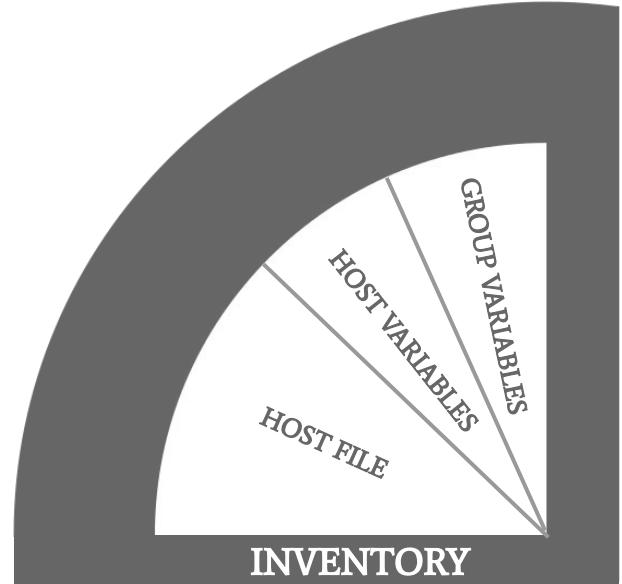
```
[ps-toolkits]
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[ps-archives]
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[ps-maddash]
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[ps-psconfig-publishers]
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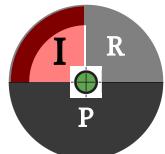
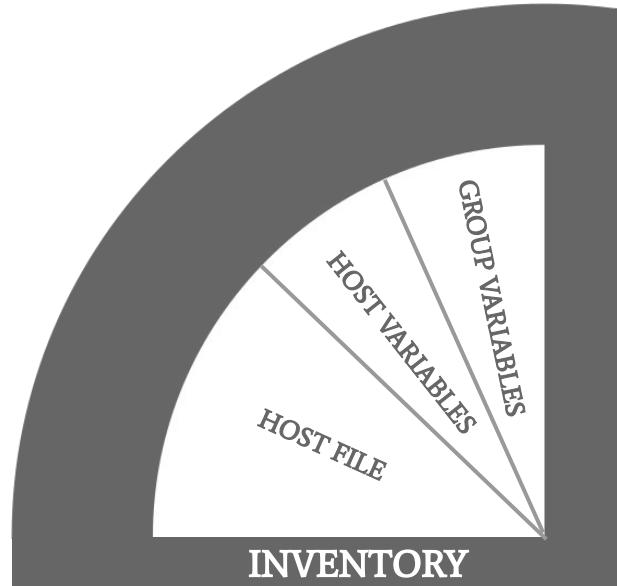
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[ps-psconfig-web-admin]
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# Ansible Inventory: Group & Host variables

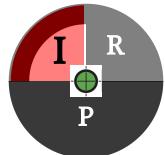
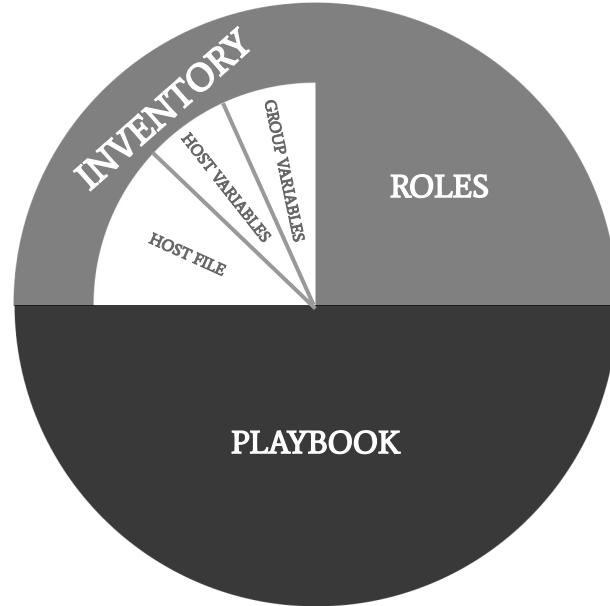
## Directory structure

- inventory/group\_vars/all/perfsonar/
- inventory/host\_vars/example.hostname.org/

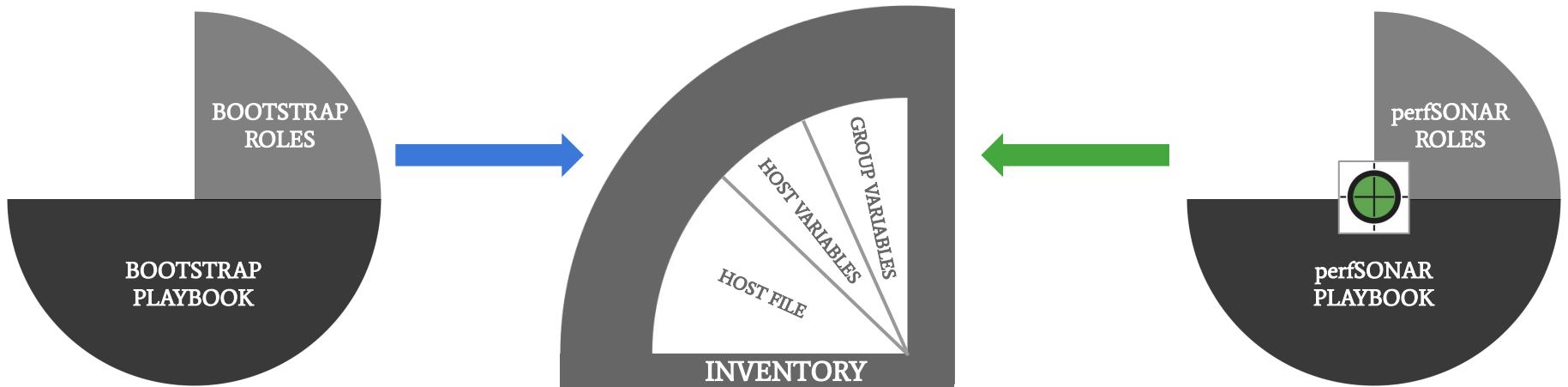


# Ansible Inventory: Local

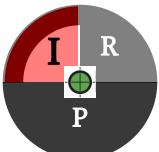
- Quick to implement
- Bundled with playbook's git repository



# Ansible Inventory: Shared

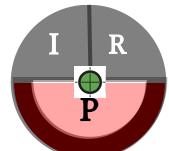
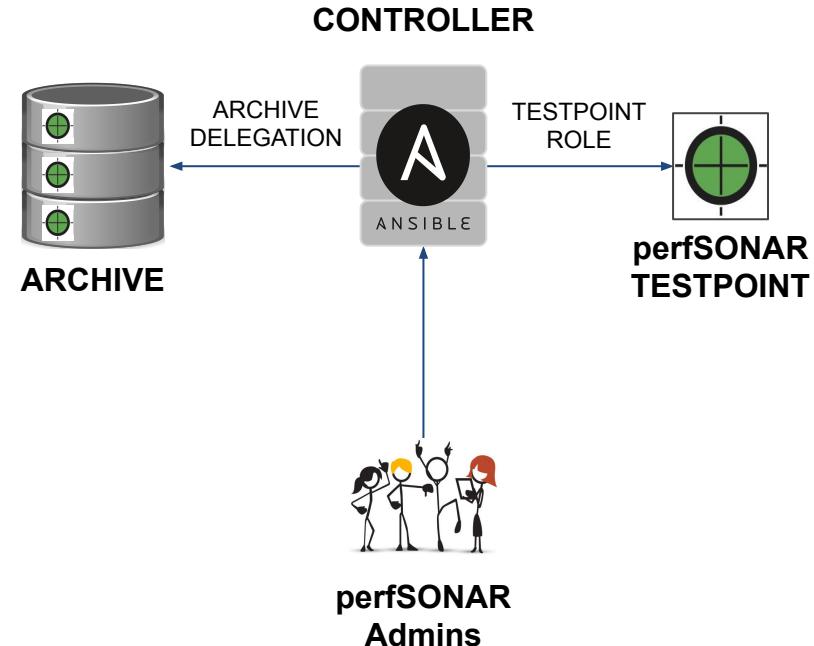


- Multiple playbooks use single inventory
- Discreet git repository for inventory
- ansible.cfg inventory directive



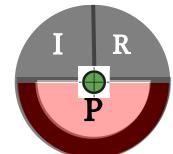
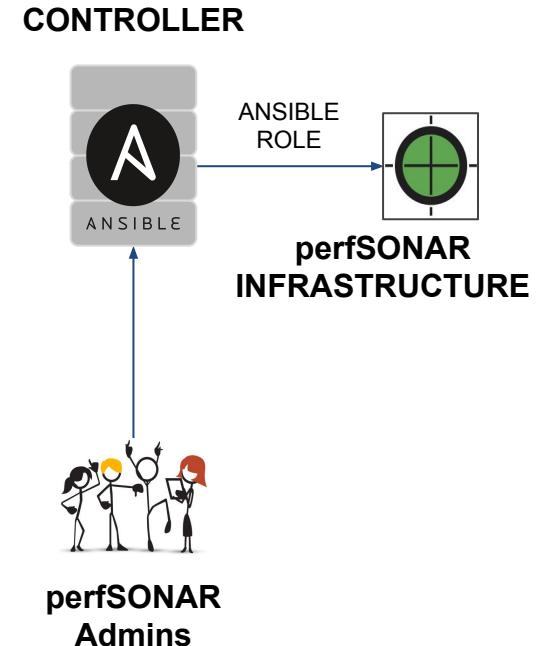
# Ansible Task Delegation

```
- name: auth interfaces with measurement archives
tags: [ 'ps::config' ]
command: >
  /usr/sbin/esmond_manage add_user_ip_address
  "{{ perfsonar_archive_uid }}" "{{ item[0] }}"
delegate_to: "{{ item[1] }}"
loop: >
  {{ perfsonar_archive_auth_interfaces | product(perfsonar_archive_hosts) | list }}
```



# Ansible Controller

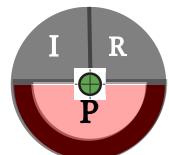
- Secure
  - VPN
  - 2-Factor
- Ansible installed
- ssh keys to target infrastructure



# Target Bootstrapping

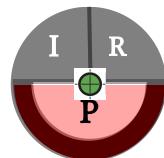
Today's Demo Target Environment:

- CentOS Minimal
  - Configured Networking & DNS
- Secured
  - Root account ssh disabled, user accounts added
  - ssh restricted to keys from a specific bastion host



# perfSONAR Playbook Quickstart

- git clone <https://github.com/perfsonar/ansible-playbook-perfsonar>
- ansible-galaxy install -i -r requirements.yml
- ./defaults.sh
- vi inventory/hosts
- vi inventory/groups/all/perfsonar/\*
- For testpoints and toolkits:
  - cp inventory/lsregistration.yml inventory/host\_vars/myhostname.yml
  - vi inventory/host\_vars/myhostname.yml
- ansible-playbook --ask-become-pass perfsonar.yml



# Roles

- <https://github.com/perfsonar/ansible-role-perfsonar-archive>
- <https://github.com/perfsonar/ansible-role-perfsonar-installer>
- <https://github.com/perfsonar/ansible-role-perfsonar-maddash>
- <https://github.com/perfsonar/ansible-role-perfsonar-testpoint>
- <https://github.com/perfsonar/ansible-role-perfsonar-toolkit>
- <https://github.com/perfsonar/ansible-role-perfsonar-psconfig-publisher>
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# perfSONAR Roles: Inheritance



# Role: Installer

<https://github.com/perfsonar/ansible-role-perfsonar-installer>

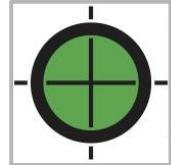


- Install base OS updates
- Configure repos
- Install main software bundle
- Install any additional dependencies or optional packages



# Role: Testpoint

<https://github.com/perfsonar/ansible-role-perfsonar-testpoint>



- Add optional packages:
  - perfsonar-toolkit-ntp
  - perfsonar-toolkit-security
  - perfsonar-toolkit-servicewatcher
  - perfsonar-toolkit-sysctl
  - perfsonar-toolkit-systemenv-testpoint
- Ensure our FQDN isn't pointing to localhost in /etc/hosts
- Configure additional NTP servers
- Disable root ssh access
- Add any defined remote psconfig schedules
- Authorize IP Interfaces to Archivers
- Check for running processes
- Pscheduler troubleshoot to verify functionality

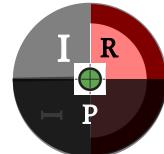


# Role: Toolkit

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- All optional packages from testpoint are included by default
- Set up perfSONAR web user & passwd



# Role: Archiver

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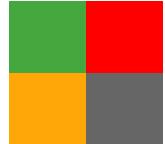


- Configure esmond DB for perfSONAR
- Add static list of IP Addrs for write access auth



# Role: MadDash

<https://github.com/perfsonar/ansible-role-perfsonar-maddash>



- Start MadDash agent
- Manage remote meshes

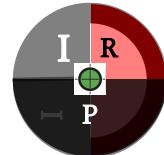




# Role: pSconfig JSON Publisher

<https://github.com/perfsonar/ansible-role-perfsonar-psconfig-publisher>

- copy JSON schedules to publisher
- Publish schedules
- Update testpoints with psconfig add URL





# Role: pSconfig Web Admin

<https://github.com/perfsonar/ansible-role-perfsonar-psconfig-web-admin>

- Install & configure PWA Docker ecosystem



# Future Development

- Process management for all roles
- Improved PWA management
  - psconfig add meshes on testpoints
  - User management
- Expanded MadDash configuration & management
- Better Documentation
- pSconfig module
- 4.3 per-role firewall rules
- Improved Deployment Troubleshooting
- Support for optional test/tool bundles

# Questions?



Thank you

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