




My year of software development

The good, the bad, the ugly



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The Good - Ansible



- Oh, beauty!
- First usage in March 2015
- Plenty of **accurate** documentation - amazing.
- Many built-in features and many more available on Ansible Galaxy
- Replaced a 5 pages step-by-step documentation with 10 lines (+ playbook)
- Upgrade to Debian Jessie made painless
- + the many many advantages of configuration management (consistency, reproducibility, source controlled, self-documented, risk reduction, minions empowerments ...)

The Good - First real peaks under some hoods

- Looked at the code of an Ansible Galaxy role
 - It was indeed broken ... and semi-abandoned
 - Replaced it with a working Ansible Galaxy role
- Looked at the code of OAuth::Consumer
 - Pulled it apart to 'improve' it
 - Solved my problem, somewhat
- Looked at the code of Test::Compile
 - Finally understood how to use it
- Not even scared and will do it again!

The Bad - my limited foray into the Perl world

- CPAN author login - did nothing with it
- Submitted a bug report with solution - to no effect so far
 - Ansible applies a patch for me when installing the module :-)
- Contacted a package author to offer help - to no effect so far
- Chickened out of Pull request challenge
- Learned about Perl 6 but did not try anything

The ugly - Node.js and npm



- Implemented a simple API.
- In production since March 2015. Have not touched it since.

Pros: easy to get started, minimal resources usage, easy to get to production.

Cons: dependency hell, documentation (... what documentation?!?), Javascript.



No time for questions

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