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How McGill University manages, tests and deploys 1,000 Drupal websites with Ansible and Gitlab CI

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McGill University

One of the largest universities in Canada:

- 12 faculties
 - 1,200 programs
 - 10,000 courses
 - 40,000 students
 - 12,000 staff
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- 1,000 Drupal websites
 - 1,500 site managers
 - 9 million page views/month
 - 500,000 pages (published nodes)
 - 30,000 blocks

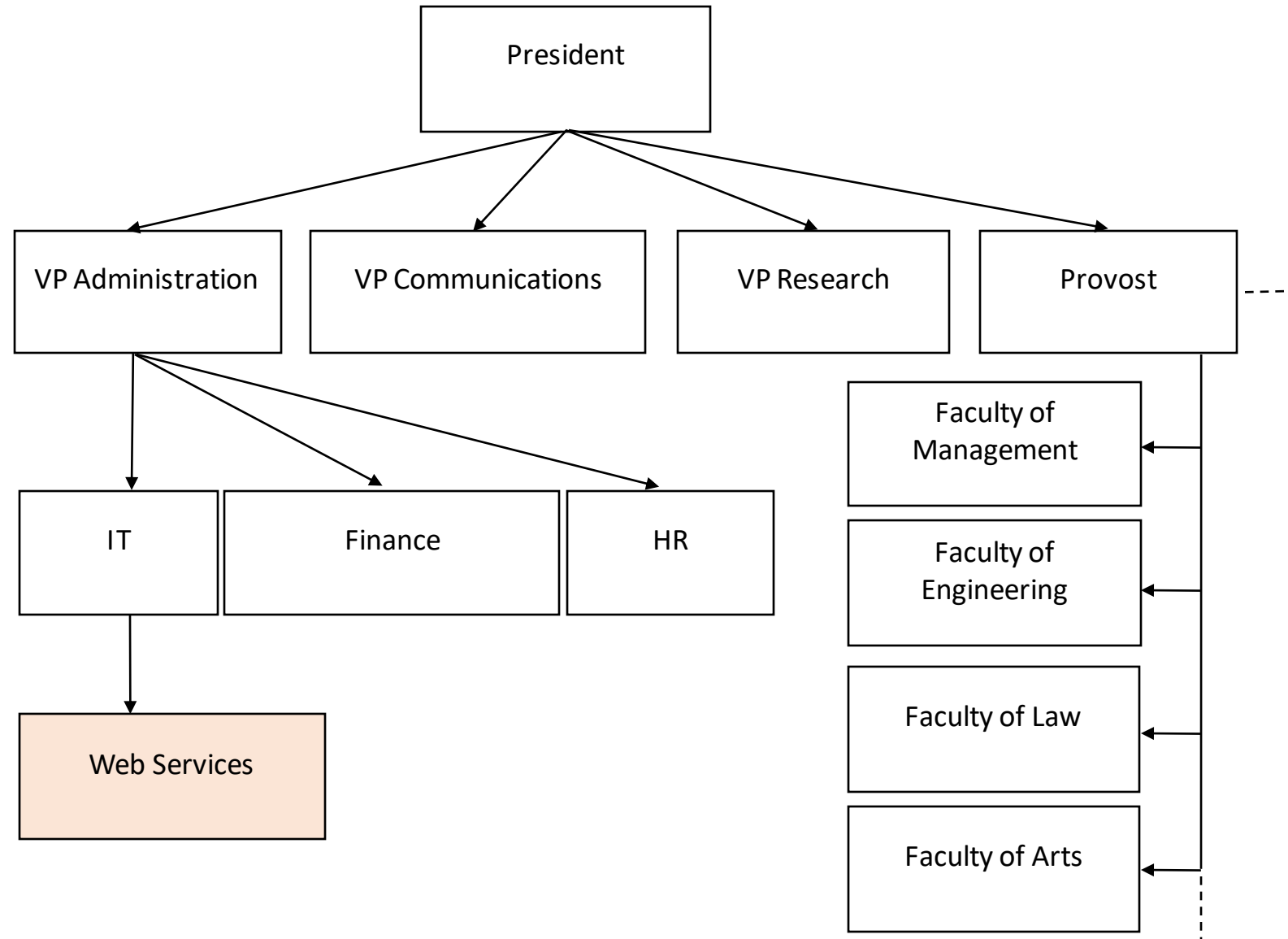
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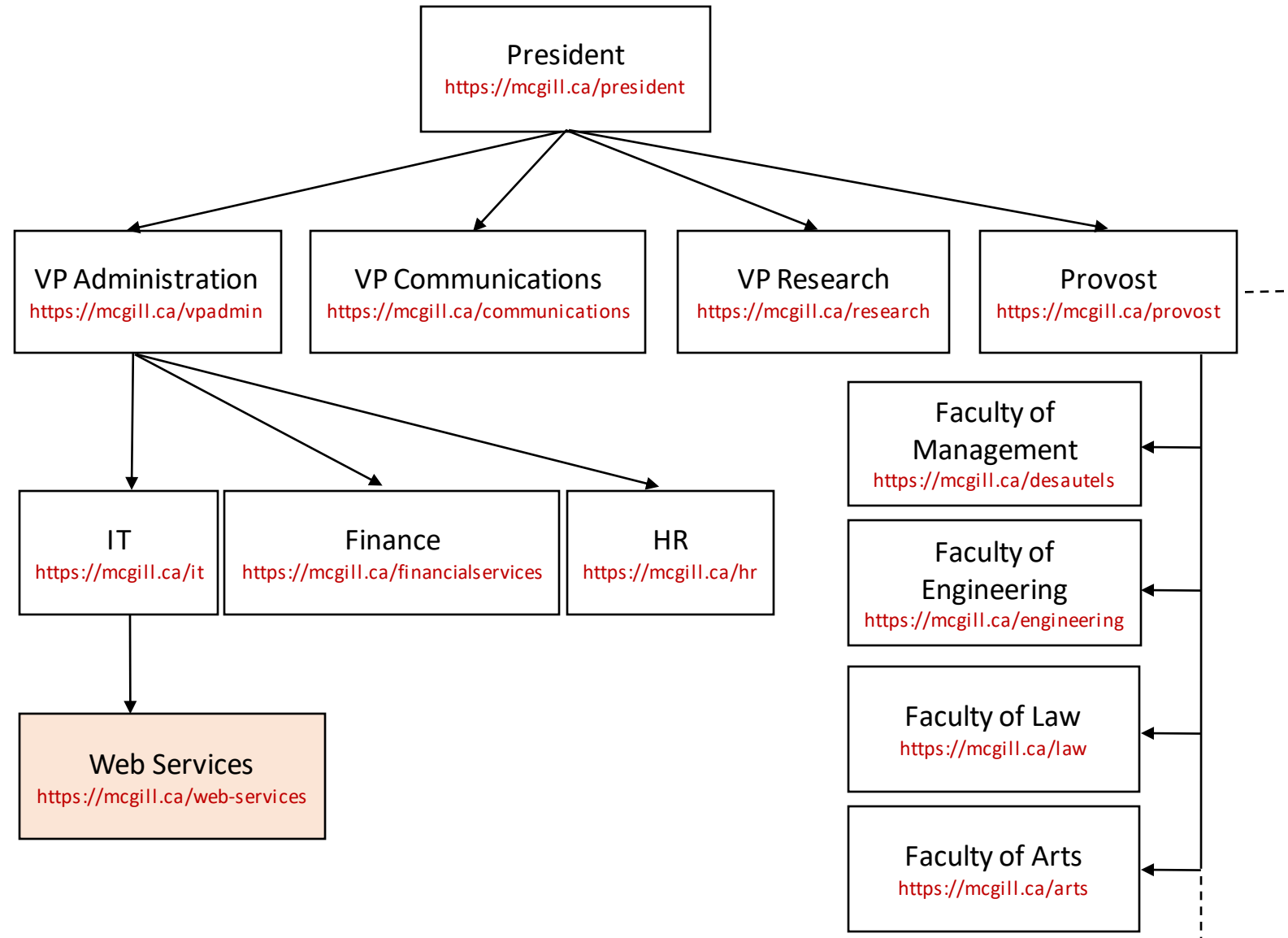
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Website examples

Faculties

- <https://www.mcgill.ca/arts>
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/music>
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/science>

Administration

- <https://www.mcgill.ca/hr>
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/it>

Student life

- <https://www.mcgill.ca/campus-life>
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/student-services>

Departments of study

- <https://www.mcgill.ca/surgery>
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/philosophy>
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/geography>

Course catalog and admissions

- <https://www.mcgill.ca/study>
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/admissions>
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/exams>

Services

- <https://www.mcgill.ca/directory>
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/search>

Museums

- <https://www.mcgill.ca/redpath>
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/medical-museum>

External relations

- <https://www.mcgill.ca/newsroom>

Research labs, conferences, etc...

Website examples

<https://www.mcgill.ca/law>

The screenshot shows the McGill Faculty of Law website. At the top left is the McGill logo and the text "Faculty of Law" with the tagline "Inspiring legal leadership for global challenges. Fièrement enracinés à Montréal, nous rayonnons dans le monde." To the right is a search bar and a language selector set to "Fr". Below the header is a navigation menu with links: About, BCL/JD Program, Graduate Programs, Faculty Members, Research, Alumni, and Events. The main content area features a large photograph of a building courtyard with many people walking. Overlaid on the bottom left of this image is the text "Taking legal education one step further" and a button "Discover the BCL/JD Program". Below this are two smaller promotional tiles: one with a photo of a man in a suit and the text "Welcome to McGill Law" with a "Dean's message" button, and another with a stylized tree graphic and the text "Spotlight on McGill Law alumni" with a "Read Focus Law / Droit 2023-2024" button.

<https://www.mcgill.ca/music>

The screenshot shows the McGill Schulich School of Music website. At the top left is the McGill logo and the text "Schulich School of Music" and "École de musique Schulich". To the right is a search bar and a language selector set to "Fr". Below the header is a navigation menu with links: About, Programs, Admissions, People, Research, Resources, Ensembles, and Events. The main content area features a large photograph of the McGill Symphony Orchestra performing on stage. Overlaid on the bottom left of this image is the text "Hear the McGill Symphony Orchestra!" and "April 9 and 10, 2024 at 7:30 p.m." with "Works by Boulanger, Prokofiev, and Schubert". Below this are two buttons: "Get your tickets" and "Watch the webcast on April 10". Below the main image are three smaller promotional tiles: one with a photo of a building at night and the text "Great news for incoming students" with a "McGill Newsroom" button, one with a photo of a person in traditional Indigenous regalia and the text "Honoring Ojibwe musical traditions with Robert Spade" with a "Read our In Conversation now!" button, and one with a photo of a woman singing and the text "Sara Schabas wins the 2023-2024 Wirth Vocal Prize" with a "Learn more here" button.

Agenda

1. Deployment: infrastructure
2. Deployment: application
3. Site Management
4. Development
5. Tests & Quality

Deployment: infrastructure



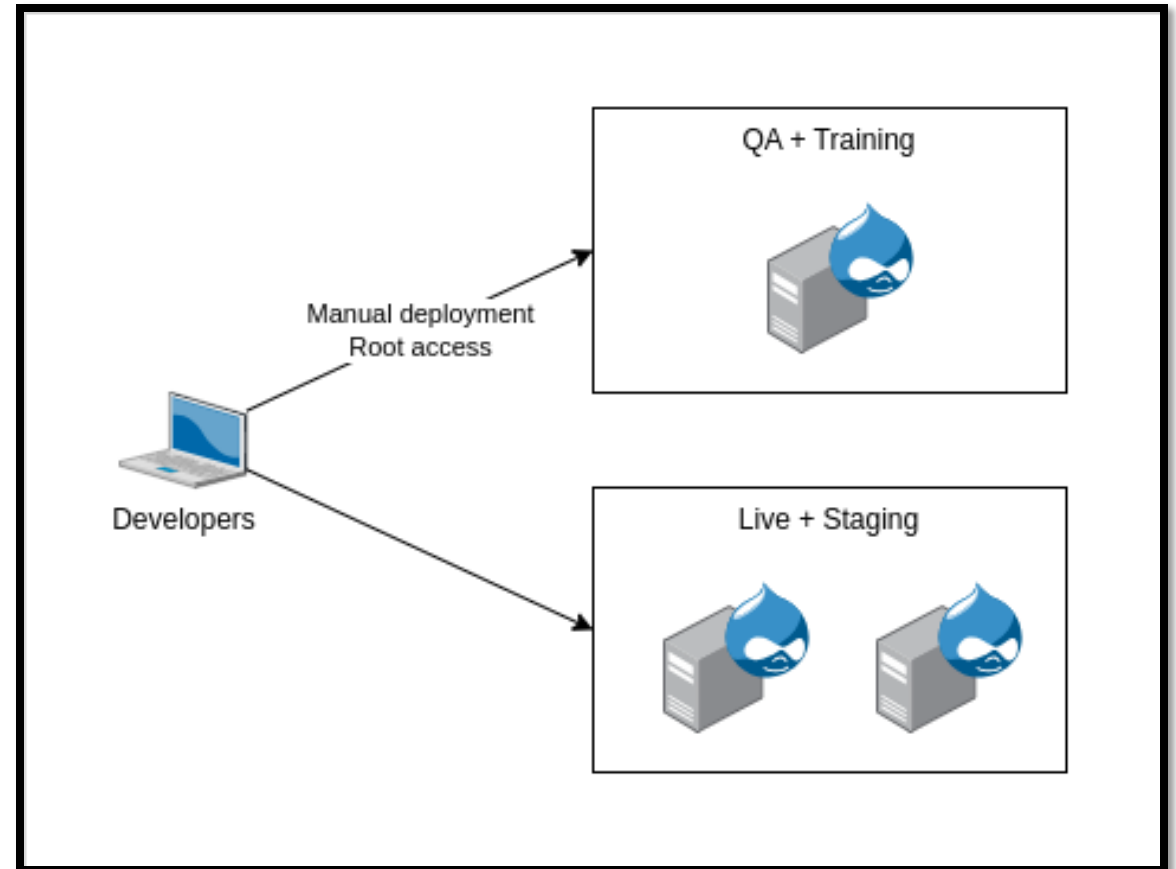
Manual deployment

Deploying the infrastructure was:

- Manual
- With privilege escalation (sudo root)
- On machines hosting multiple environments

Problems:

- No guarantee that environments are alike
- No guarantee that all servers in a given environment are alike
- Inappropriate permissions
- Lack of transparency
- No trace of changes

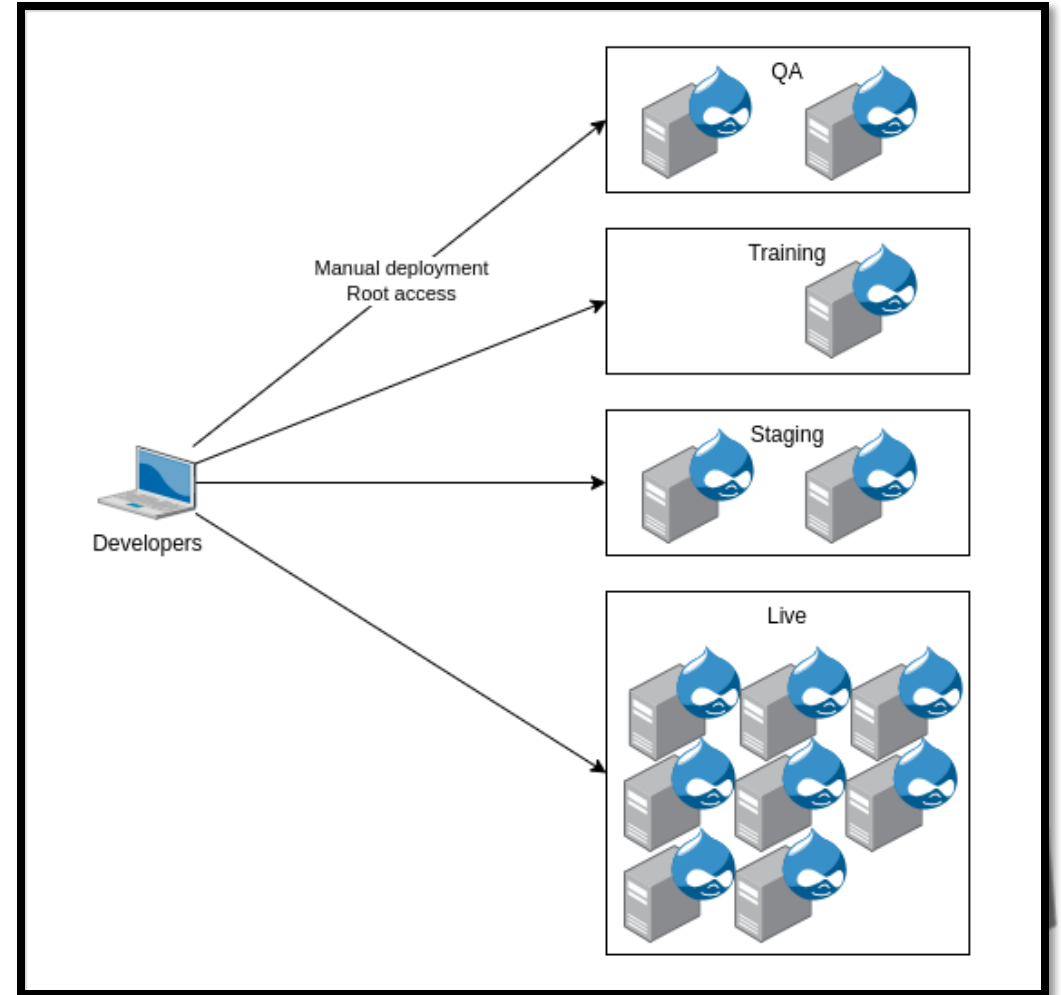


Segregated environments

Switched to VMs and segregated environments.

Made things worse: we ended up having to configure 13 machines manually.

Need for automation.



Ansible

Agentless configuration management system.

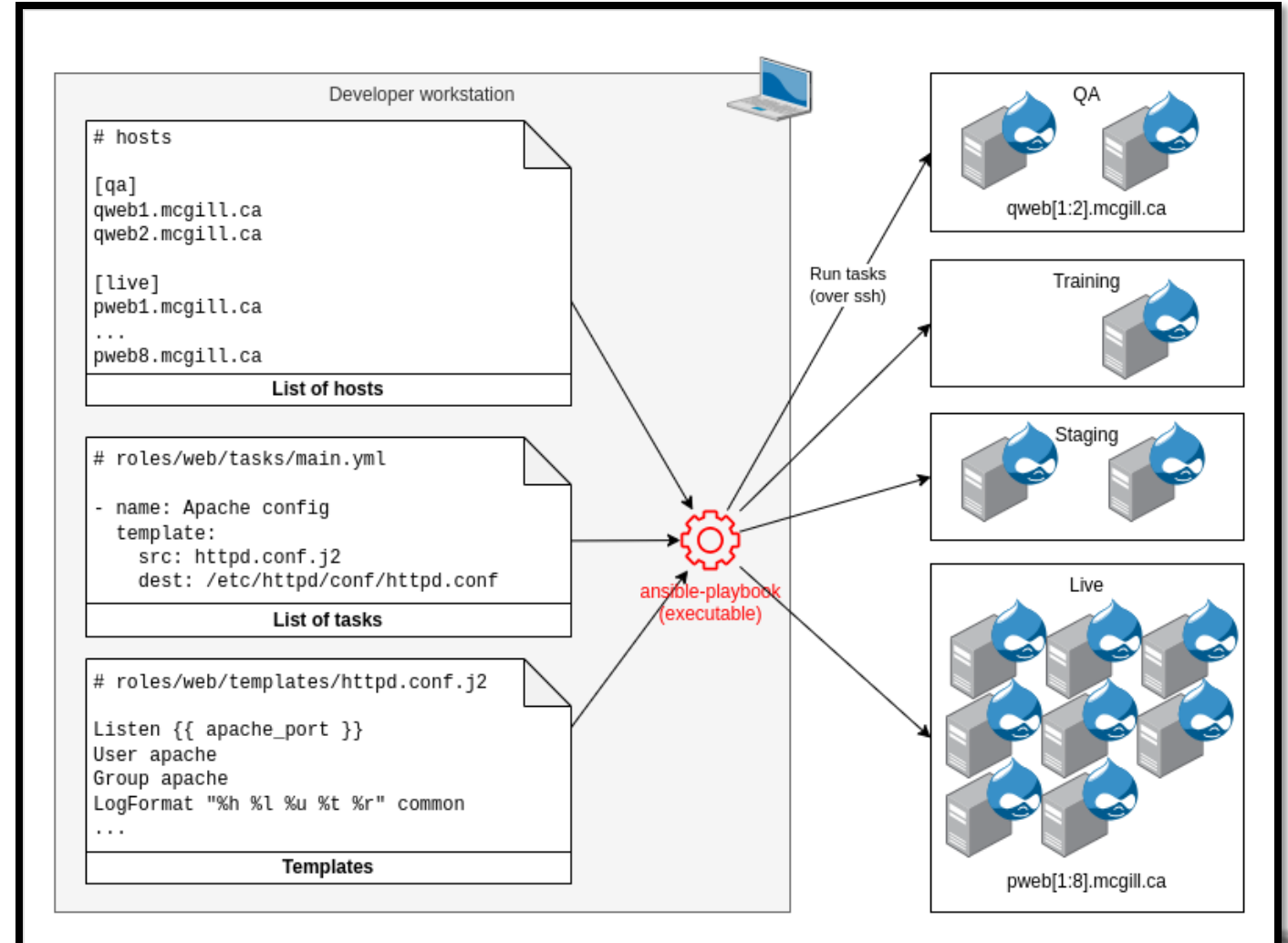
Runs an *Ansible playbook* (list of tasks) on remote hosts via ssh.

Guarantees:

- Consistent state of all environments
- Consistent state of all machines in a given environment

Problems:

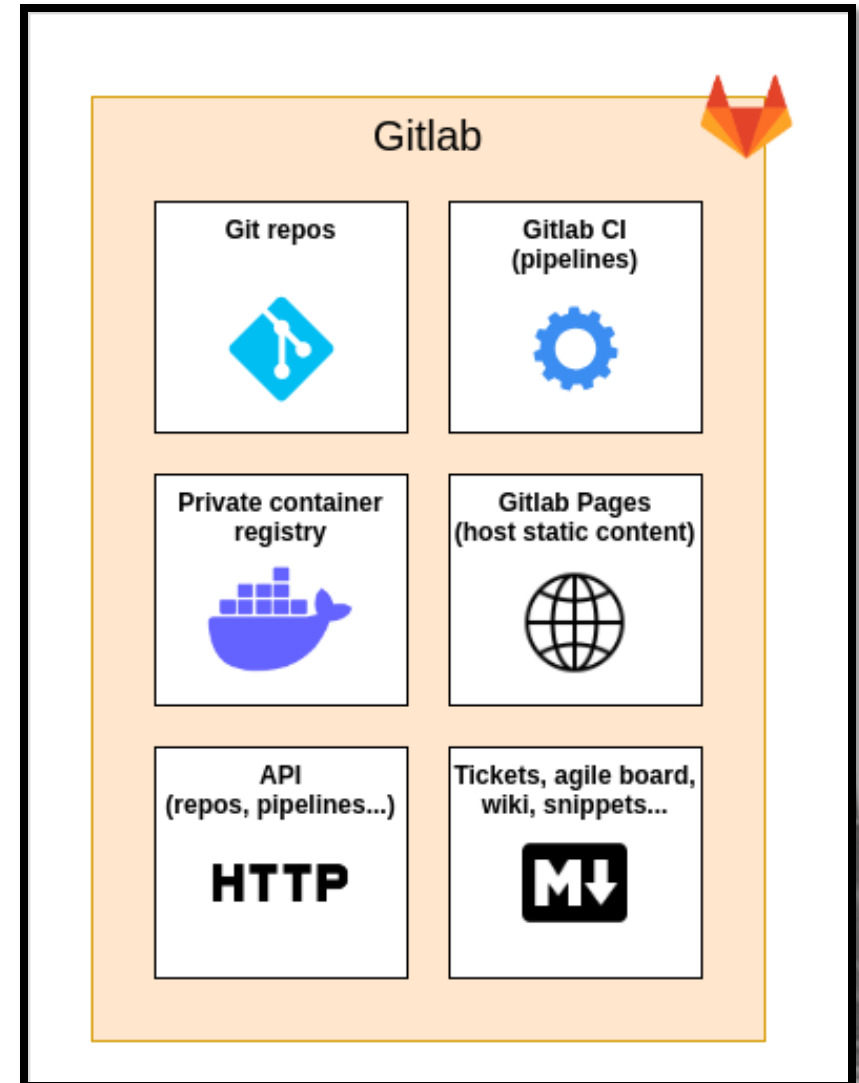
- Execution environment specific to each developer
- No visibility on when, why, who updated the servers



Gitlab

Git repo, but also:

- Continuous Integration (CI) system
- Private container registry
- Hosting solution for static content (Gitlab Pages)
- Comprehensive API for interacting with Git repos, CI pipelines, container registry, etc
- Ticketing system & agile board
- Wiki, code snippets
- Etc.



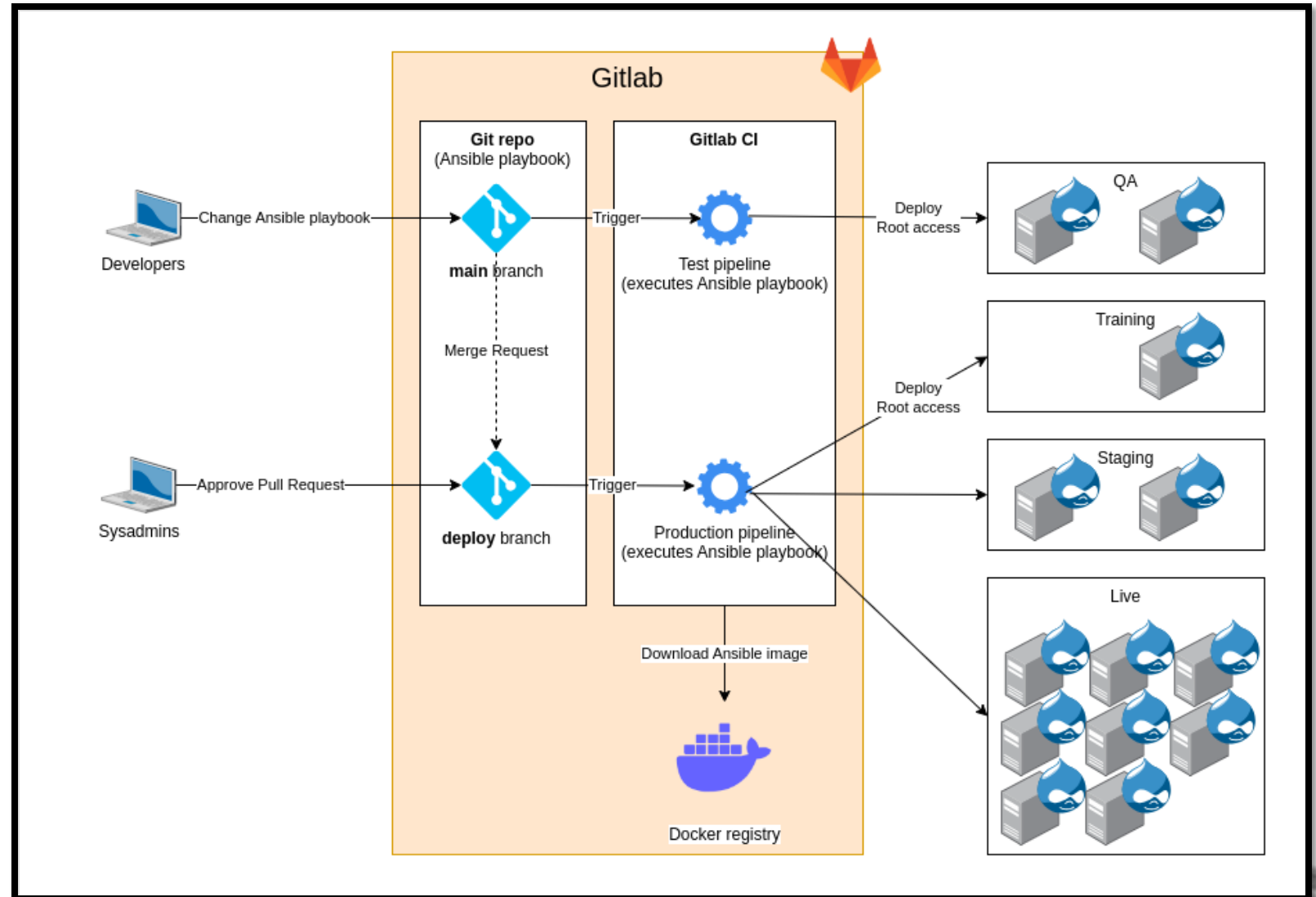
Automated deployment

Deploying the infrastructure is now:

- Automated
- No direct escalation of privileges (root access)
- On environment-specific VMs

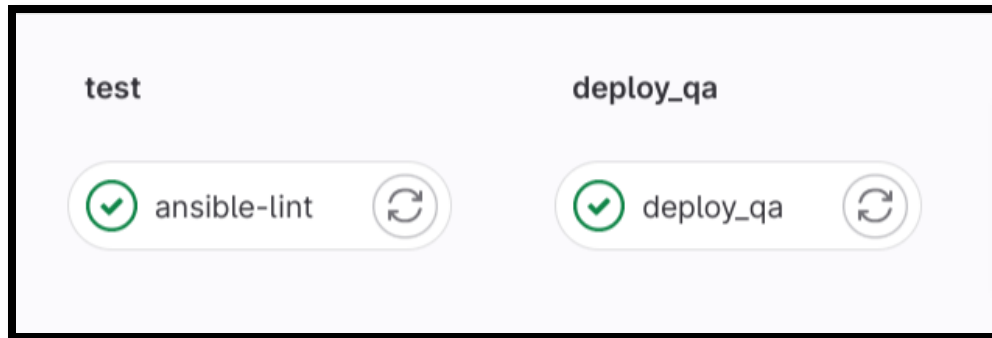
Guarantees:

- Environments are alike
- Servers in a given environment are alike
- Consistent execution environment
- Visibility with other developers and sysadmins
- All changes are peer-reviewed
- All changes are traced

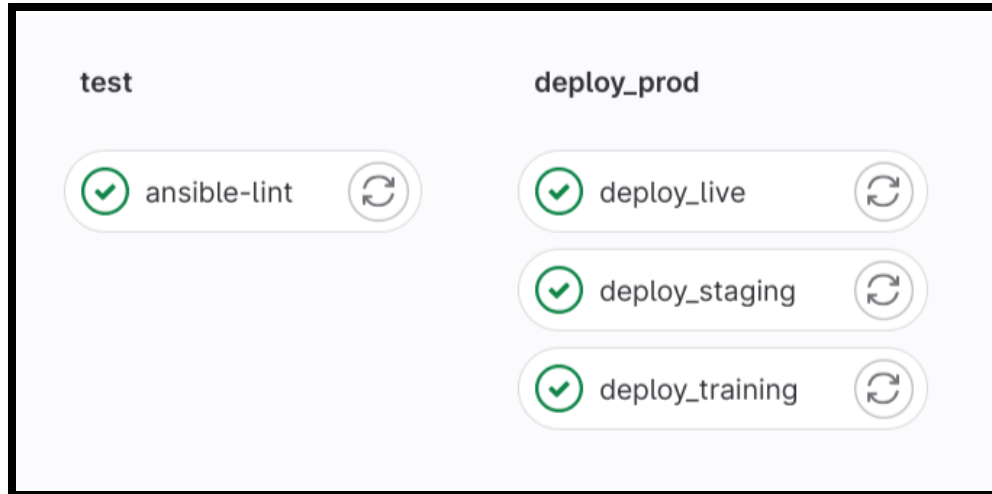


Gitlab CI pipelines (infrastructure)

Test pipeline (**main** branch):



Production pipeline (**deploy** branch):



Merge main to deploy:

The screenshot shows a merge request titled "Add user agent to Apache access logs." by Thomas Fline, requesting to merge the **main** branch into the **deploy** branch. The diff view shows a change in the file `roles/web/templates/httpd.conf.j2`. The change involves adding a new `LogFormat` directive to the configuration file.

```
@@ -193,7 +193,7 @@ LogLevel warn
193 193     # The following directives define some format nicknames for use with
194 194     # a CustomLog directive (see below).
195 195     #
196 196     -   LogFormat "%h %l %u %t %r" common
196 196     +   LogFormat "%h %l %u %t %r \"%i\"" common
197 197
198 198     #
199 199     # The location and format of the access logfile (Common Logfile Format).
```

Get approval from sysadmins:

The screenshot shows an approval button with the text "Approve" and "Requires 1 approval from sysadmins." The button is currently disabled, indicating that approval is required before the merge can proceed.

Gitlab CI jobs

Logs of all changes (output the Ansible executions):

The screenshot shows the job log for 'deploy_live'. The log output includes:

```
3929 TASK [web : httpd service] *****
3930 ok: [web1.mcgill.ca]
3931 ok: [web2.mcgill.ca]
3932 ok: [web3.mcgill.ca]
3933 ok: [web4.mcgill.ca]
3934 ok: [web5.mcgill.ca]
3935 ok: [web6.mcgill.ca]
3936 ok: [web7.mcgill.ca]
3937 ok: [web8.mcgill.ca]
3938 PLAY RECAP *****
3939 web1.mcgill.ca      : ok=250  changed=18  unreachable=0  failed=0
3940 web2.mcgill.ca      : ok=252  changed=18  unreachable=0  failed=0
3941 web3.mcgill.ca      : ok=252  changed=18  unreachable=0  failed=0
3942 web4.mcgill.ca      : ok=252  changed=18  unreachable=0  failed=0
3943 web5.mcgill.ca      : ok=252  changed=18  unreachable=0  failed=0
3944 web6.mcgill.ca      : ok=252  changed=18  unreachable=0  failed=0
3945 web7.mcgill.ca      : ok=252  changed=18  unreachable=0  failed=0
3946 web8.mcgill.ca      : ok=252  changed=18  unreachable=0  failed=0
3948 Cleaning up project directory and file based variables 00:01
3950 Job succeeded
```

Job summary on the right:

- Job: **deploy_live**
- Duration: 10 minutes 52 seconds
- Finished: 2 weeks ago
- Queued: 1 second
- Timeout: 1h (from project)
- Runner: #635 (wdtapOGMx)
- Tags: **redhat**
- Commit: **6f658875** (Merge branch 'main' into 'deploy')
- Pipeline: #166836 for deploy (deploy_prod)
- Stages: **deploy_live**, **deploy_staging**

History of all changes:

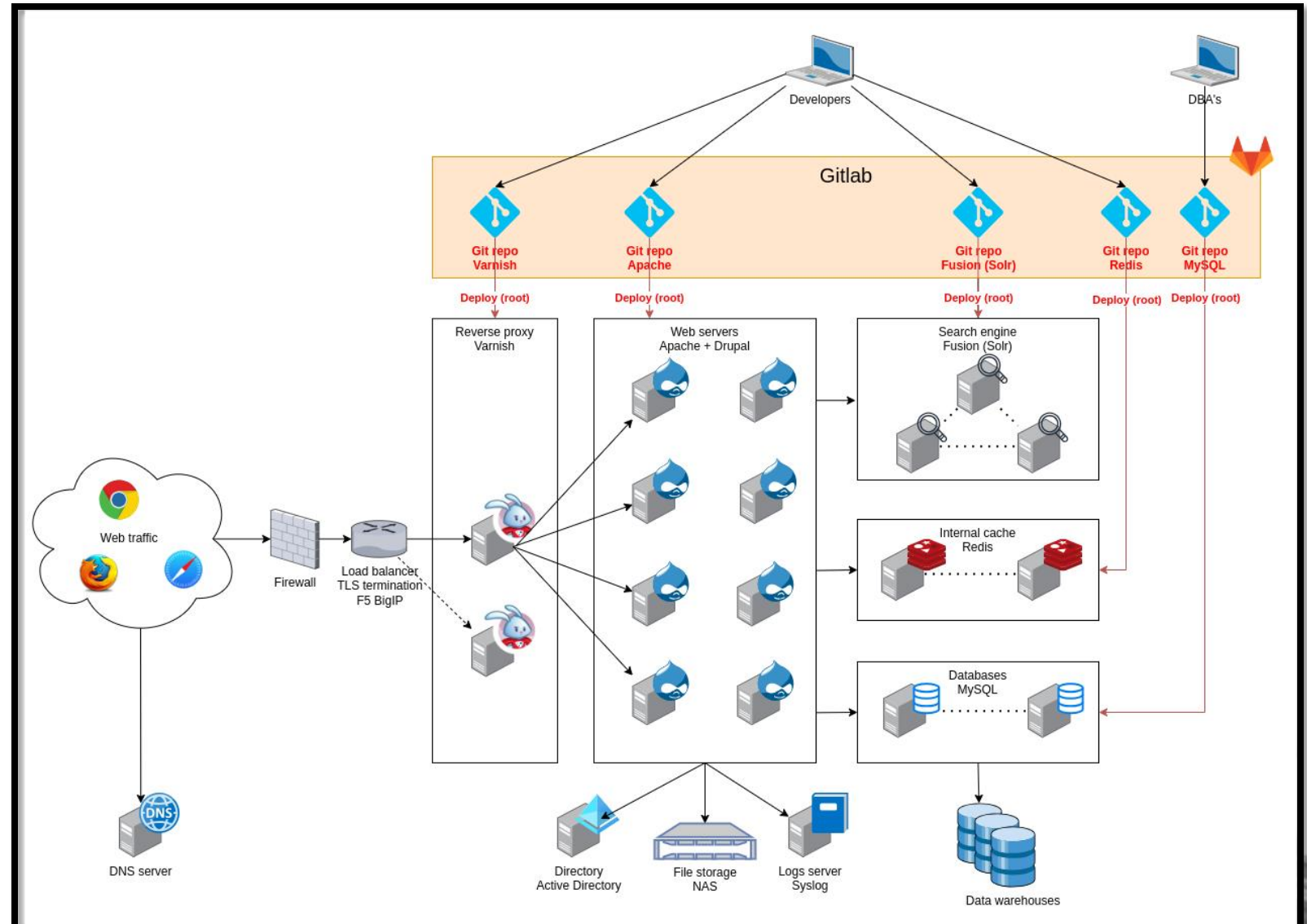
Status	Pipeline	Triggerer	Stages
passed 00:05:01 1 day ago	Merge branch 'WEB-2577-redis-sent...' #171203 main → 5b2700b4 latest		
passed 00:03:50 4 days ago	Merge branch 'WEB-2522-httpd-sysl...' #170251 main → ff532283		
passed 00:04:16 1 week ago	Merge branch 'WEB-2322-mysql-swi...' #168275 main → b889a2df		
passed 00:04:19 2 weeks ago	Merge branch 'WEB-2454-sentinel-s...' #167700 main → b8a82283		
passed 00:04:17 2 weeks ago	Merge branch 'WEB-2541-csp-heade...' #166419 main → 6540115b		

Automated deployment everywhere

We now use Ansible to configure all our servers.

Our infrastructure can be discovered just by reading the Ansible playbook ("Infrastructure as Code").









We can discover how servers managed by other teams are configured (e.g. MySQL servers managed by the DBA's).



Scheduled pipelines

Automatically run CI pipelines on a weekly basis, on all environments.

Reconciles servers with the Ansible playbook to prevent config drift.

Description	Target	Last Pipeline	Next Run	Owner	
Weekly run to prevent Ansible config drift (QA)	main	Passed	in 6 days		  
Weekly run to prevent Ansible config drift (production)	deploy	Passed	in 8 hours		  

Deployment: application



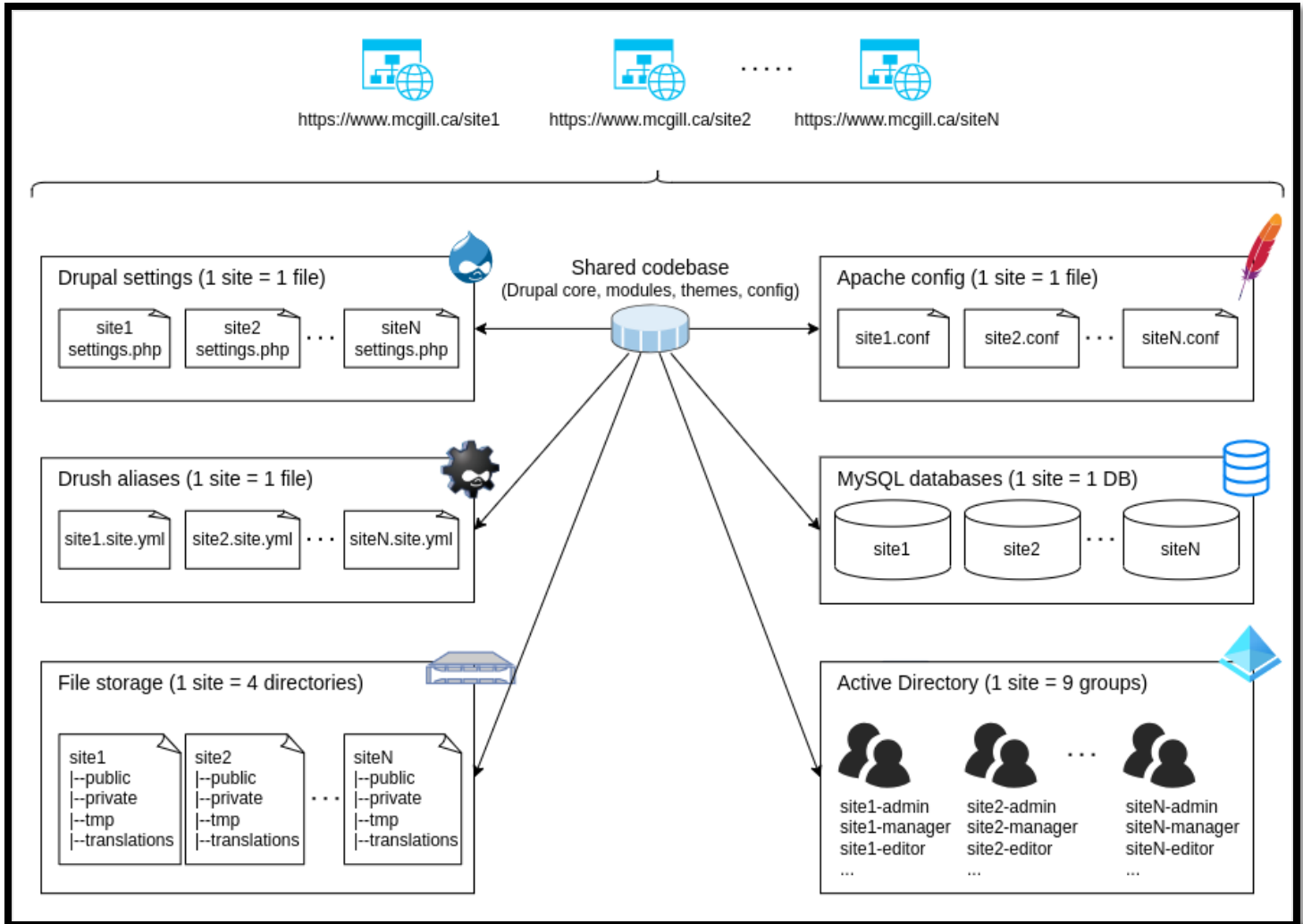
Multisite Drupal installation

1 website =

- 1 Apache config file
- 1 Drupal settings file (settings.php)
- 1 Drush alias file
- 1 MySQL database
- 4 directories (user files)
- 9 Active Directory groups

Codebase shared between all websites:

- Drupal core and its dependencies
- Drupal modules (custom & contrib)
- Drupal themes
- Drupal config



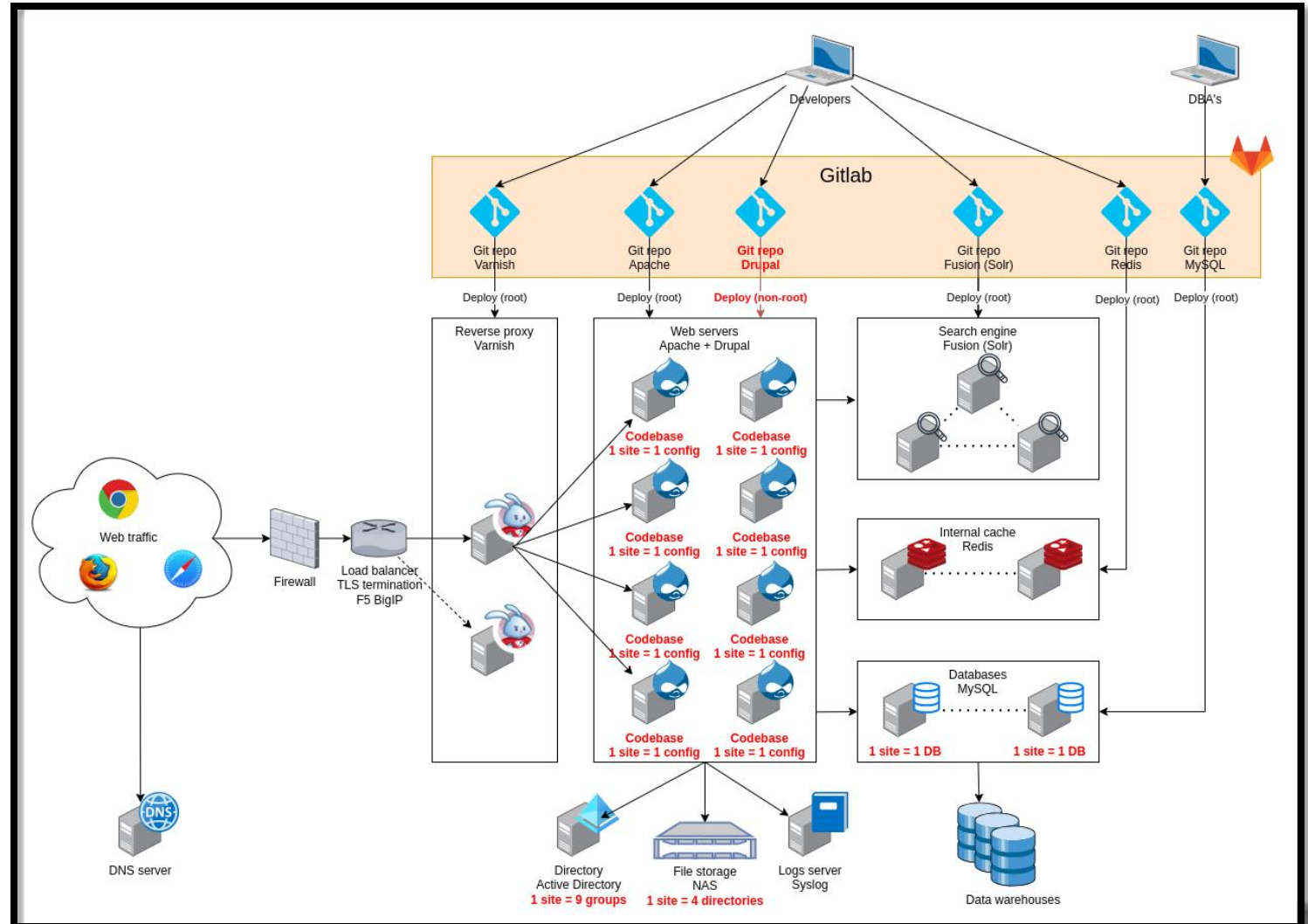
Application deployment

Same principle as for infrastructure.

CI pipeline executes Ansible which deploys the code and updates settings.php, Apache config, etc.

Differences compared to infrastructure playbooks:

- No privilege escalation
- No need to request approval of Merge Requests from sysadmins
- Playbook stored in same Git repo as our Drupal codebase



Git repo structure

Ansible playbook is part of our Drupal Git repo (outside of the web root), along with modules, themes, config, etc.

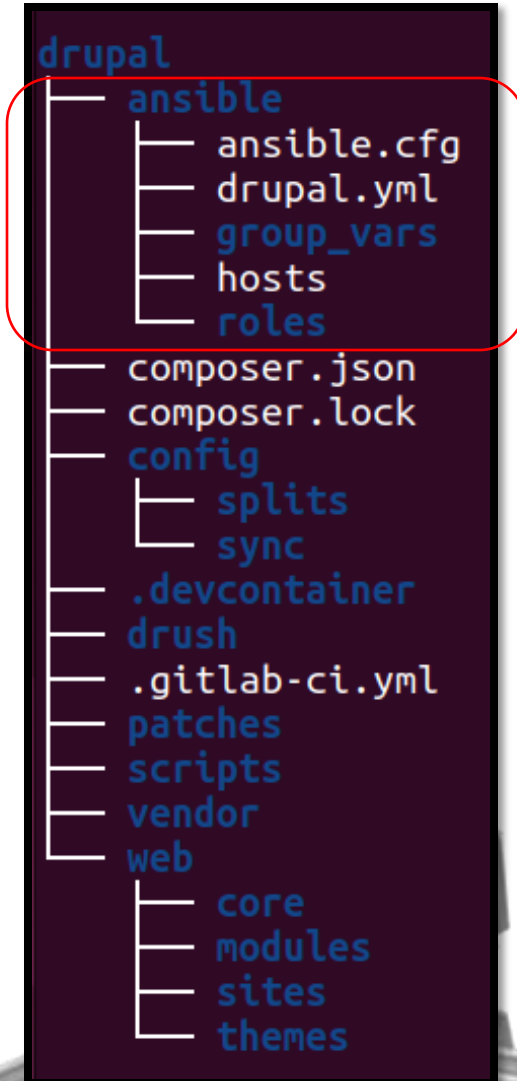
Allows to deploy *all* changes in a single Merge Request, for instance when adding a new module and updating settings.php accordingly.

Add Redis integration.

Open Thomas Fline requested to merge `redis_integration` into `main` just now

```
ansible/roles/drupal/templates/settings.php.j2
↑ @@ -44,6 +44,12 @@ $databases['default']['default'] = [
45 45 ];
46 46
47 + // Redis.
48 + $settings['cache']['default'] = 'cache.backend.redis';
50 + $settings['redis.connection']['host'] = '{{ redis_host }}';
52 +
47 53 // Load site-specific settings file, if available.
48 54 $local_settings_file = $app_root . '/' . $site_path . '/settings.local.php';
↓
```

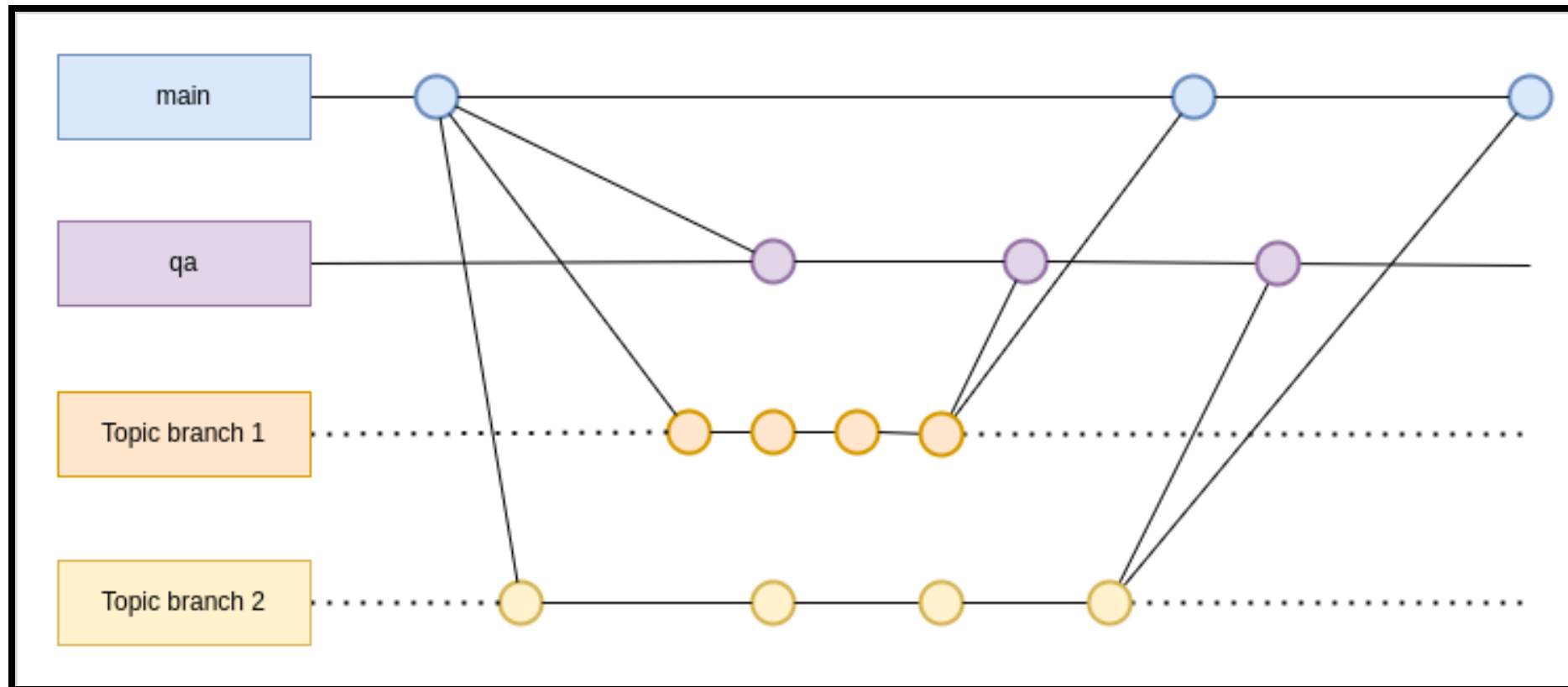
```
config/sync/core.extension.yml
↑ @@ -113,6 +113,7 @@ module:
114 114 path_alias: 0
115 115 redirect: 0
116 + redis: 0
116 117 rest: 0
117 118 scheduler: 0
↓
```



Git branching model

Each topic branch is merged to **qa** and then **main** independently.

Allows to deploy exactly one feature at a time.



Gitlab CI pipelines (application)

Test pipeline
(qa branch)

test	build	test-post-build	pre-deploy	deploy	post-deploy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ansible-lint	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> build-test	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> config	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> build-deploy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> drupal-qa	<input type="checkbox"/> clear-cssjs-qa
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check-for-merging-qa		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> eslint		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sync-composer-qa	<input type="checkbox"/> clear-varnish-qa
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> composer-lock		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phpcs			<input type="checkbox"/> update-qa
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> debug-functions		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phpstan			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> jira-issue		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phpunit			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> molecule		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> stylelint			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> php-linter		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> twig-linter			

Production pipeline
(main branch)

test	build	test-post-build	pre-deploy	deploy	post-deploy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ansible-lint	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> build-test	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> config	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> build-deploy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> drupal-live	<input type="checkbox"/> clear-cssjs-live
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check-for-merging-qa		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> eslint	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> servicenow-create	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> drupal-staging	<input type="checkbox"/> clear-cssjs-staging
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> composer-lock		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phpcs		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> drupal-training	<input type="checkbox"/> clear-cssjs-training
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> debug-functions		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phpstan		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sync-composer-live	<input type="checkbox"/> clear-varnish-live
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> jira-issue		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phpunit		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sync-composer-staging	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pages
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> molecule		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> stylelint		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sync-composer-training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> servicenow-close
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> php-linter		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> twig-linter			<input type="checkbox"/> update-live
					<input type="checkbox"/> update-staging
					<input type="checkbox"/> update-training

Gitlab CI job: deployment

Run Ansible tasks on prod environments (deploys updates to Drupal codebase, settings.php files, etc).

```
# .gitlab-ci.yml
drupal-live:
  image: registry.mcgill.ca/cicd/ansible:2.14
  script: ansible-playbook drupal.yml --limit live
```

Production pipeline
(main branch)

test	build	test-post-build	pre-deploy	deploy	post-deploy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ansible-lint	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> build-test	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> config	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> build-deploy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> drupal-live	<input type="checkbox"/> clear-cssjs-live
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check-for-merging-qa		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> eslint	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> servicenow-create	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> drupal-staging	<input type="checkbox"/> clear-cssjs-staging
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> composer-lock		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phpcs		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> drupal-training	<input type="checkbox"/> clear-cssjs-training
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> debug-functions		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phpstan		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sync-composer-live	<input type="checkbox"/> clear-varnish-live
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> jira-issue		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phpunit		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sync-composer-staging	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pages
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> molecule		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> stylelint		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sync-composer-training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> servicenow-close
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> php-linter		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> twig-linter			<input type="checkbox"/> update-live
					<input type="checkbox"/> update-staging
					<input type="checkbox"/> update-training

Gitlab CI job: post-deployment

Update all sites

```
# .gitlab-ci.yml
update-live:
  image: registry.mcgill.ca/cicd/ansible:2.14
  script: ansible live[0] -m command --args \
    "{{ drupal_root }}/scripts/drush.php deploy"
```

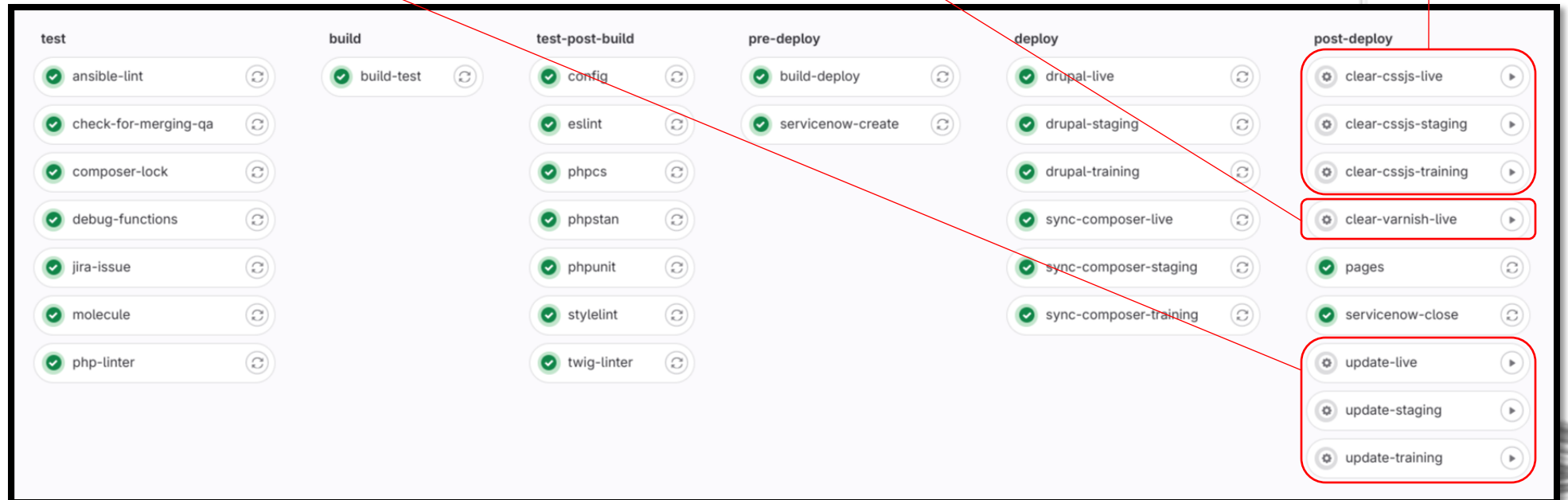
Clear Varnish on all sites

```
# .gitlab-ci.yml
clear-varnish-live:
  image: registry.mcgill.ca/cicd/ansible:2.14
  script: ansible live[0] -m command --args \
    "{{ drupal_root }}/scripts/drush.php cache-rebuild-external"
```

Clear CSS & JS caches on all sites

```
# .gitlab-ci.yml
clear-cssjs-live:
  image: registry.mcgill.ca/cicd/ansible:2.14
  script: ansible live[0] -m command --args \
    "{{ drupal_root }}/scripts/drush.php cc css-js"
```

Production pipeline
(main branch)



Change Management

All changes to production must be disclosed in a central registry (ServiceNow), common to all McGill IT.

We use Gitlab pipelines to create and close Change Requests using the ServiceNow API, and post messages in chatroom.

Reduces bureaucracy.

The screenshot shows a ServiceNow Change Request form for 'Add Redis integration'. The form is in the 'Closed' state. The top navigation bar shows stages: Draft, Assessment, Approval, Implementation, Closed, and Rejected. The form fields include: Number (CHG0076107), Category (Application), Configuration item (Web management), Affected Service (Web management), Requested by (Thomas Fline, Mr.), Assignment group (Web Publishing Services), Assigned to (Thomas Fline, Mr.), Type (Standard), and State (Closed). The title is 'Add Redis integration'.

Create Change Request

Close Change Request

Production pipeline
(main branch)

The screenshot shows a GitLab CI/CD pipeline configuration for the production pipeline (main branch). The pipeline is divided into several stages: test, build, test-post-build, pre-deploy, deploy, and post-deploy. Each stage contains a list of jobs. The 'pre-deploy' stage has a job named 'servicenow-create' which is highlighted with a red box. The 'post-deploy' stage has a job named 'servicenow-close' which is also highlighted with a red box. Red arrows point from these two jobs to the 'Create Change Request' and 'Close Change Request' labels respectively.

test	build	test-post-build	pre-deploy	deploy	post-deploy
ansible-lint	build-test	config	build-deploy	drupal-live	clear-cssjs-live
check-for-merging-qa		eslint	servicenow-create	drupal-staging	clear-cssjs-staging
composer-lock		phpcs		drupal-training	clear-cssjs-training
debug-functions		phpstan		sync-composer-live	clear-varnish-live
jira-issue		phpunit		sync-composer-staging	pages
molecule		stylelint		sync-composer-training	servicenow-close
php-linter		twig-linter			update-live
					update-staging
					update-training

Ansible & Drupal updates

Renovate bot.

Automatically creates a Merge Request when a dependency has a new version available.

Supports:

- Docker images (e.g. Ansible)
- Composer packages (e.g. Drupal modules)
- NodeJS packages
- Etc.

Highly configurable.

<https://github.com/renovatebot/renovate>

Update drupal/xmlsitemap from 1.4.0 to 1.5.0
Renovate Bot requested to merge `renovate/drupal-xmlsitemap...` into `main` 4 days ago

Compare `main` and `latest version`

`composer.lock`

7859	7739		},
7860	7740		{
7861	7741		"name": "drupal/xmlsitemap",
7862	-	-	"version": "1.4.0",
	7742	+	"version": "1.5.0",
7863	7743		"source": {
7864	7744		"type": "git",
7865	7745		"url": "https://git.drupalcode.org/project/xmlsitemap.git",
7866	-	-	"reference": "8.x-1.4"
	7746	+	"reference": "8.x-1.5"
7867	7747		},
7868	7748		"dist": {
7869	7749		"type": "zip",

Update registry.mcgill.ca/cicd/ansible from 2.14 to 2.15
Renovate Bot requested to merge `renovate/registry.mcgill.c...` into `main` 1 week ago

Compare `main` and `latest version`

`.gitlab-ci.yml`

10	10		variables:
11	11		ANSIBLE_CONFIG: \$CI_PROJECT_DIR/ansible/ansible.cfg
12	-	-	image: registry.mcgill.ca/cicd/ansible:2.14
	12	+	image: registry.mcgill.ca/cicd/ansible:2.15
13	13		script:
14	14		- ansible-playbook drupal.yml --diff --limit live
15	15		before_script:

Site Management



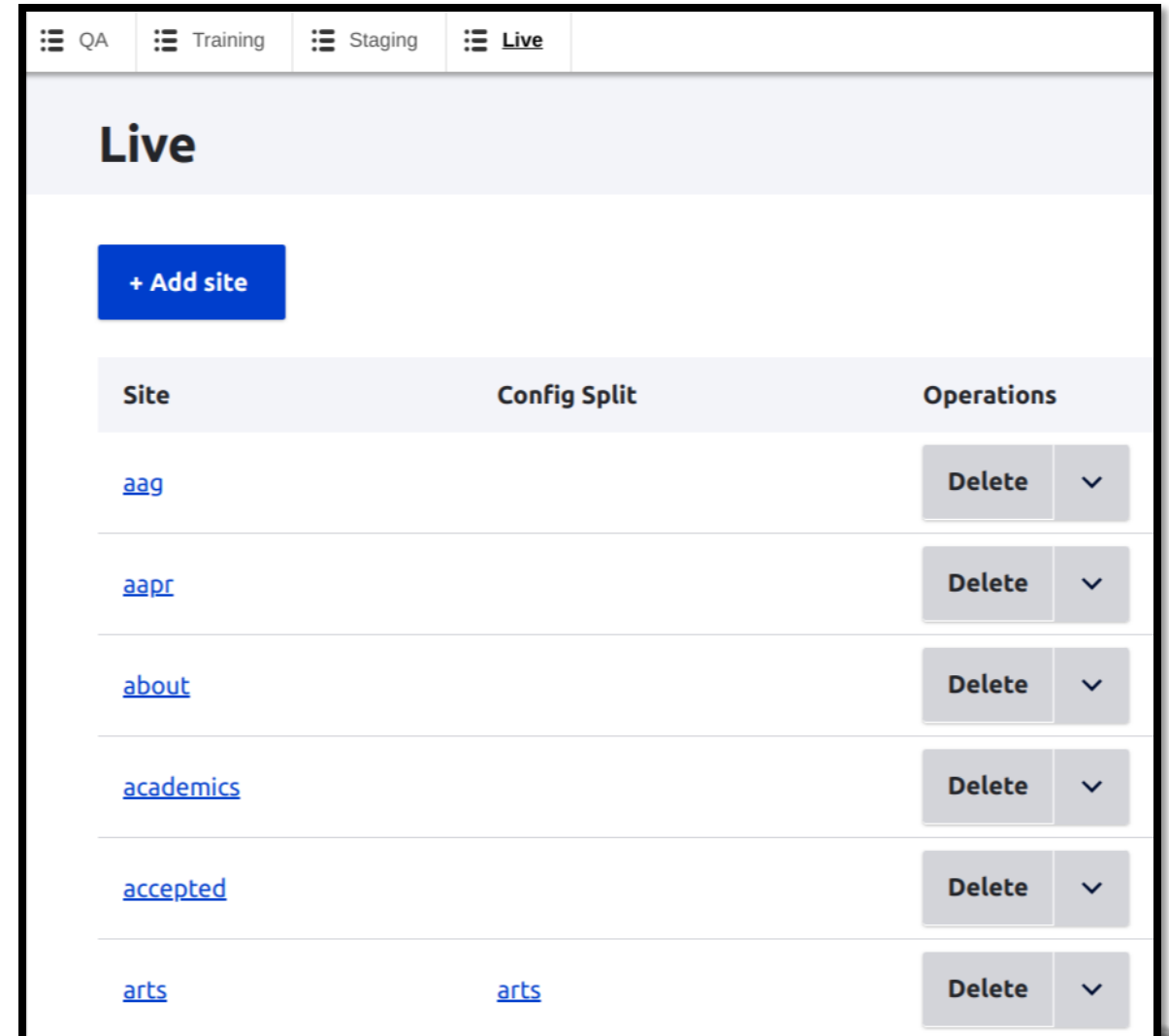
Self-service tool for managing websites

Internal tool for site operations:

- Create website
- Delete website
- Edit website (e.g. change its config split)
- Rename website
- Copy website across environments

Each site may be assigned a *config split* if it requires extra functionality (e.g. a specific module or user role).

https://www.drupal.org/project/config_split



The screenshot shows a web interface for managing websites in a 'Live' environment. At the top, there are tabs for 'QA', 'Training', 'Staging', and 'Live'. Below the tabs, the word 'Live' is displayed in a large font. A blue button labeled '+ Add site' is positioned above a table. The table has three columns: 'Site', 'Config Split', and 'Operations'. The 'Site' column contains links to various sites: 'aag', 'aapr', 'about', 'academics', 'accepted', and 'arts'. The 'Config Split' column is empty for most sites but contains the text 'arts' for the 'arts' site. The 'Operations' column contains a 'Delete' button and a dropdown arrow for each site.

Site	Config Split	Operations
aag		Delete ▾
aapr		Delete ▾
about		Delete ▾
academics		Delete ▾
accepted		Delete ▾
arts	arts	Delete ▾

Self-service tool for managing websites

Sites are listed in an Ansible variable (authoritative source of truth) stored in a YAML file as part of our Git repo.

Internal tool maintains this variable (i.e. controls updates to the YAML file) and triggers CI pipelines via the Gitlab API.

```
# ansible/group_vars/live/sites
drupal_sites:
  aag: { }
  aapr: { }
  about: { }
  academics: { }
  accepted: { }
  arts:
    config_split: arts
  asap: { }
  ...
```



Site	Config Split	Operations
aag		Delete ▾
aapr		Delete ▾
about		Delete ▾
academics		Delete ▾
accepted		Delete ▾
arts	arts	Delete ▾

Site creation

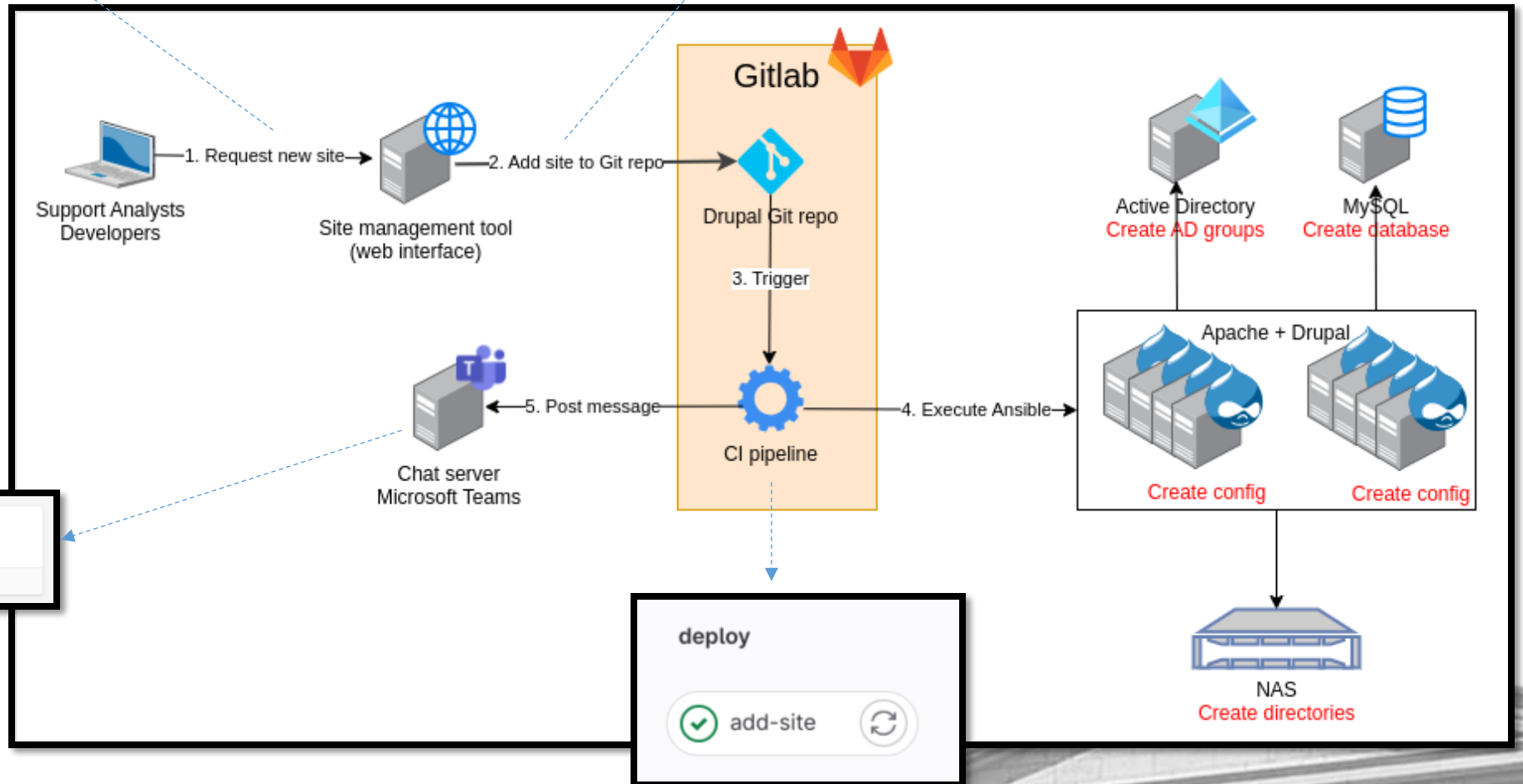
Add new live site

Site*
<https://www.mcgill.ca/>

Config Split
- None -

Save

```
ansible/group_vars/live/sites
... .. @@ -679,6 +679,7 @@ drupal_sites:
680 680 neurosphere: { }
681 681 neuro: { }
682 + new-site: { }
682 683 newsroom: { }
683 684 newvic: { }
... ..
```



drupal@ 8:29 a.m.
Created <https://www.mcgill.ca/new-site>
Reply

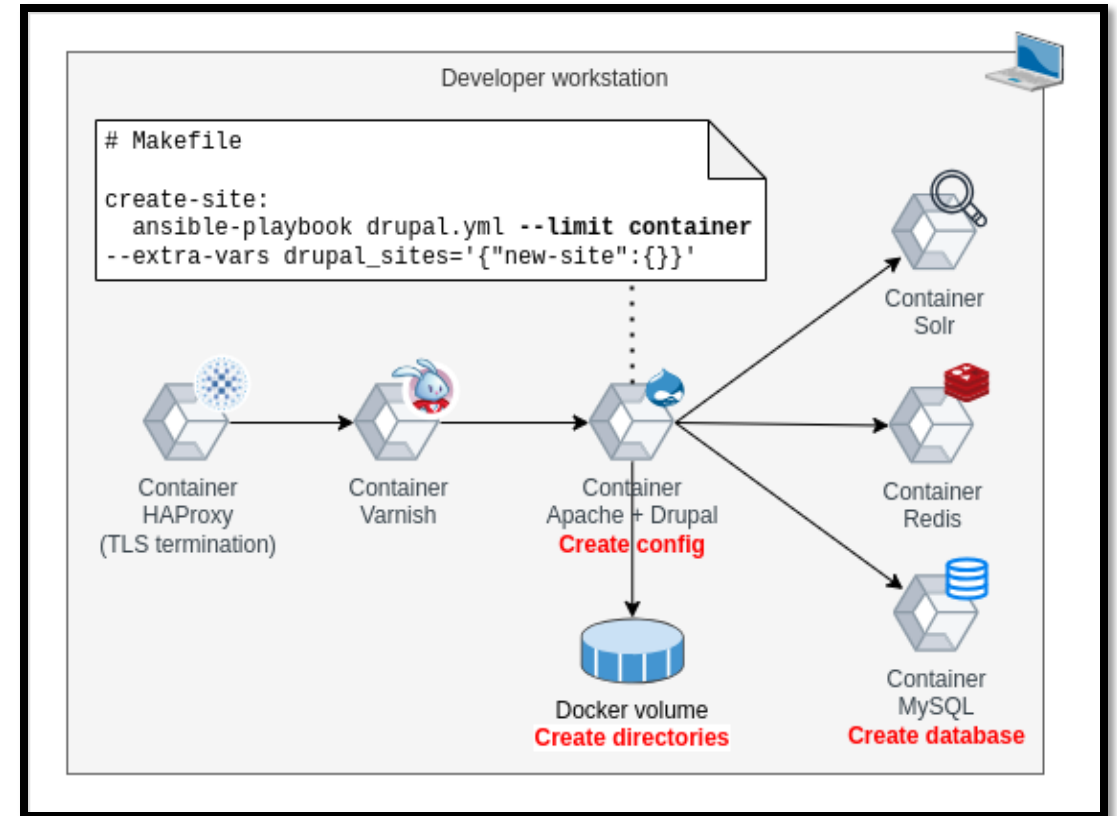
Development



Ansible in a container

Development environment based on Docker-Compose that mimics production.

Ansible tasks are re-used: websites are created locally the same way they are created on production.



```
# ansible/hosts

[container]
localhost ansible_connection="local"

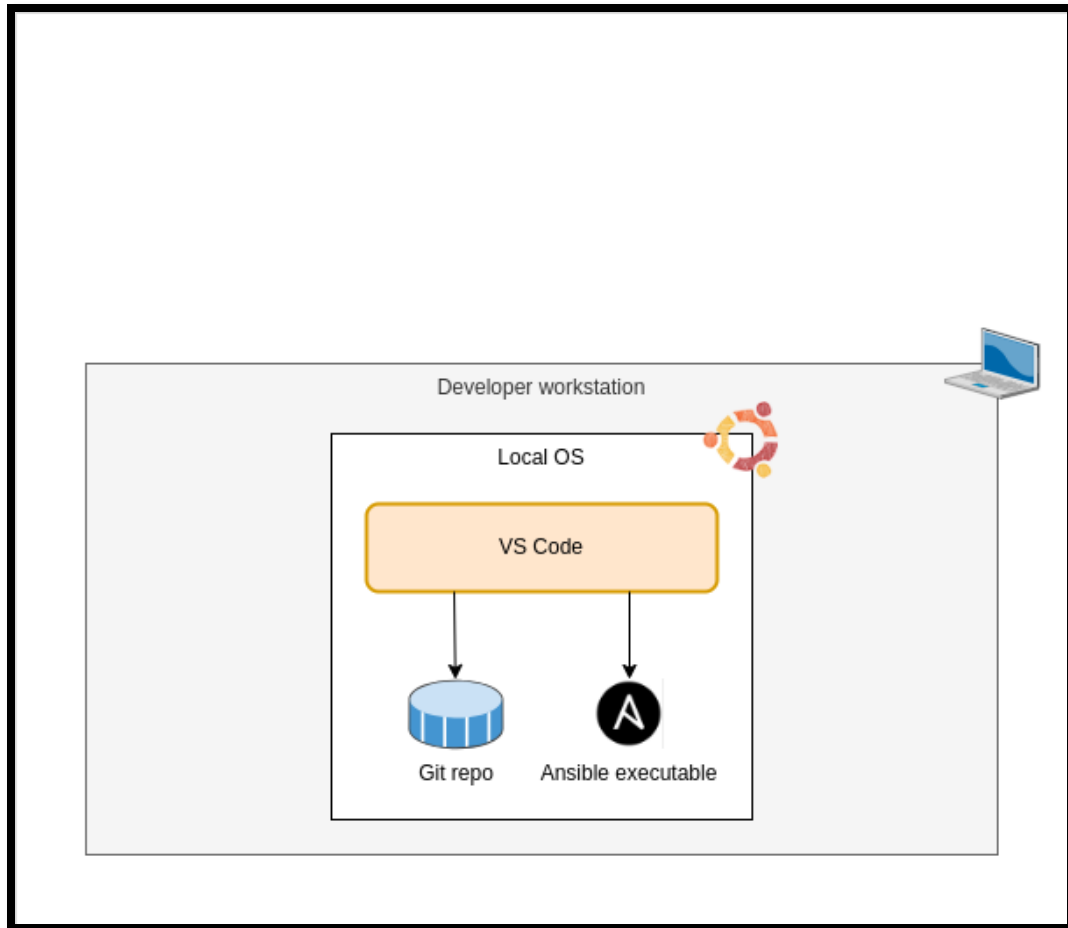
[qa]
qweb1.mcgill.ca
qweb2.mcgill.ca
...
```

Ansible runs:

- With a local connection (instead of SSH)
- On localhost (i.e. the container) instead of remote servers

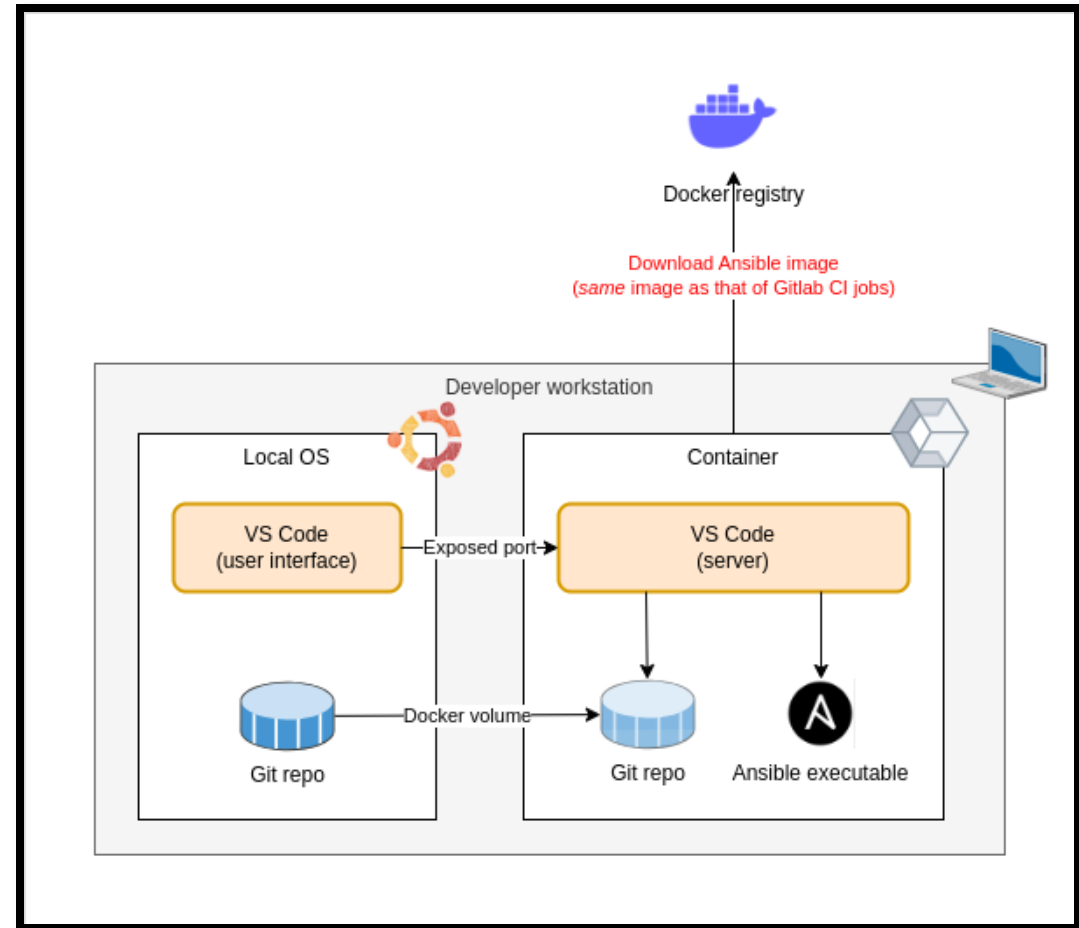
Gitlab pipelines: VS Code "Dev Containers"

Regular VS Code



VS Code with "Dev Containers" extension

<https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=ms-vscode-remote.remote-containers>



Gitlab pipelines: VS Code "Dev Containers"

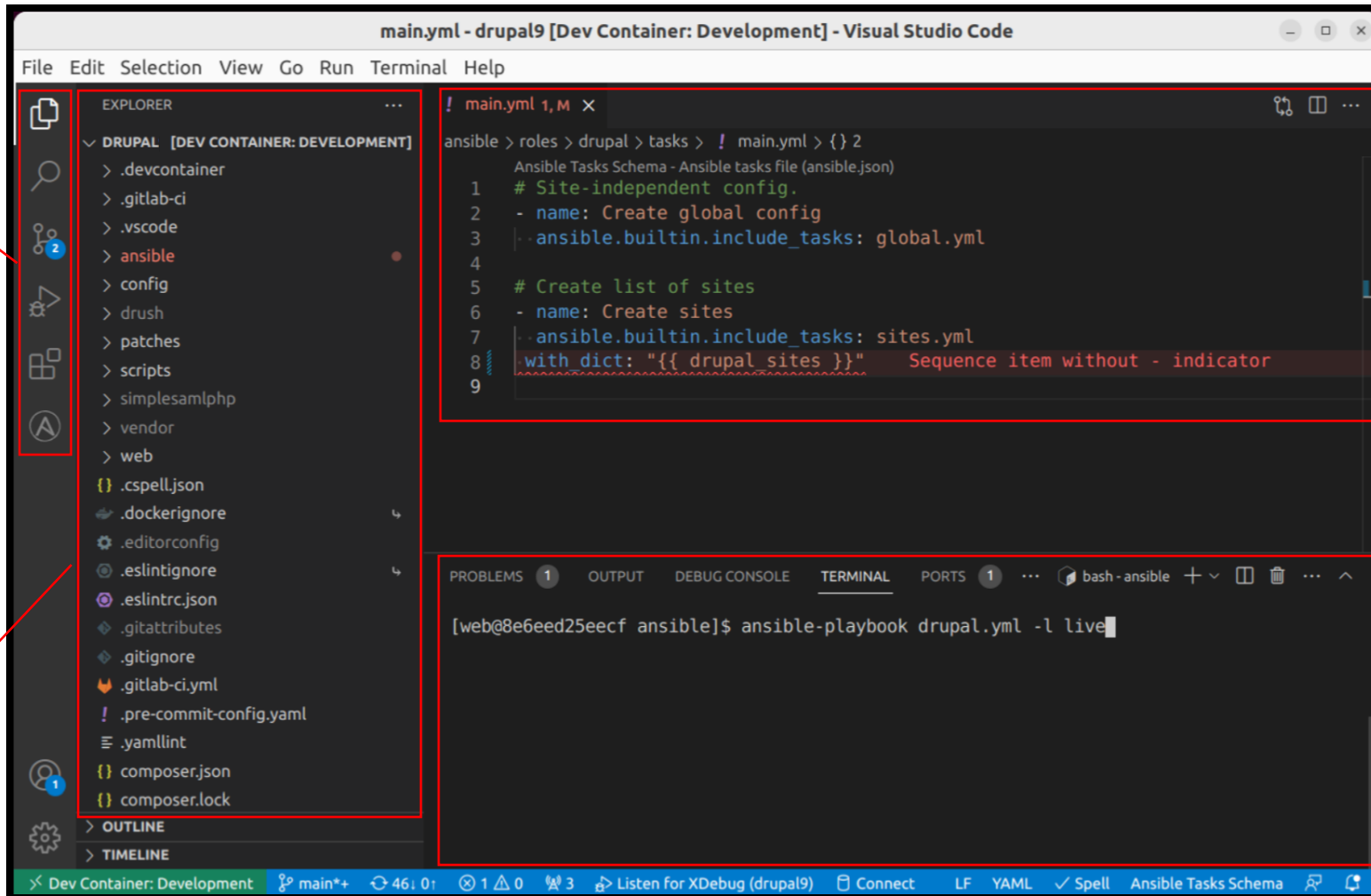
VS Code runs within the *same* Docker image as Gitlab CI jobs (same Ansible version, OS version, etc).
Allows to reproduce the execution environment of the Gitlab CI jobs.

Extensions installed
inside the container

Edit files *inside*
the container

Explorer shows
files *within* the container

Shell opens *within* the
container



Tests & Quality



Tests in Gitlab CI pipeline

The image displays a Gitlab CI pipeline configuration with the following stages and jobs:

- test** (highlighted with a red border):
 - ansible-lint
 - check-for-merging-qa
 - composer-lock
 - debug-functions
 - jira-issue
 - molecule
 - php-linter
- build**:
 - build-test
- test-post-build**:
 - config
 - eslint
 - phpcs
 - phpstan
 - phpunit
 - stylelint
 - twig-linter
- pre-deploy**:
 - build-deploy
 - servicenow-create
- deploy**:
 - drupal-live
 - drupal-staging
 - drupal-training
 - sync-composer-live
 - sync-composer-staging
 - sync-composer-training
- post-deploy**:
 - clear-cssjs-live
 - clear-cssjs-staging
 - clear-cssjs-training
 - clear-varnish-live
 - pages
 - servicenow-close
 - update-live
 - update-staging
 - update-training



Ansible Lint

Automated code review for Ansible.

Allows to detect:

- YAML formatting errors
- Risky file permissions
- Obsolete Ansible modules
- Etc.

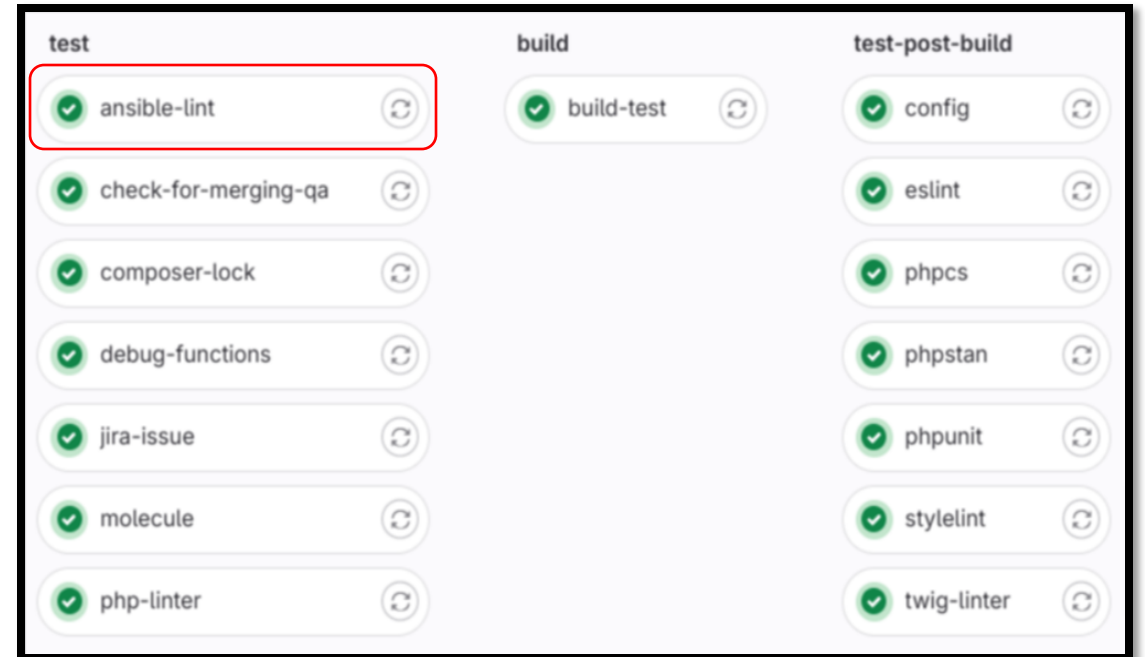
We run it in:

1. VS Code (code edits)
2. Git pre-commit hooks (code commits)
3. Gitlab CI pipelines (code push)

<https://github.com/ansible/ansible-lint>

<https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=redhat.ansible>

<https://pre-commit.com/hooks.html>



```
sh-4.4$ ansible-lint
risky-file-permissions: File permissions unset or incorrect.
roles/drupal/tasks/global.yml:143 Task/Handler: Create sites directory

risky-file-permissions: File permissions unset or incorrect.
roles/drupal/tasks/global.yml:158 Task/Handler: Create services.yml

deprecated-local-action: Do not use 'local_action', use 'delegate_to: localhost'.
roles/drupal/tasks/global.yml:243 Task/Handler: Show result
```

Molecule

Automated tests for Ansible.

Runs a sequence of tasks:

1. "Prepare": initialize the test environment
2. "Converge": execute Ansible tasks
3. "Verify": test what the Ansible tasks did
4. "Clean up": clean up the test environment

Summary of results exported to Gitlab and can be viewed directly in the web interface (Merge Request), along with other automated tests (PHPUnit).

<https://github.com/ansible-community/molecule>

The screenshot shows a CI pipeline interface with three stages: **test**, **build**, and **test-post-build**. Each stage contains a list of tasks, each with a green checkmark and a refresh icon. The 'molecule' task in the 'test' stage is highlighted with a red box.

Stage	Task
test	ansible-lint
test	check-for-merging-qa
test	composer-lock
test	debug-functions
test	jira-issue
test	molecule
test	php-linter
build	build-test
test-post-build	config
test-post-build	eslint
test-post-build	phpcs
test-post-build	phpstan
test-post-build	phpunit
test-post-build	stylelint
test-post-build	twig-linter

The screenshot shows a **Summary** section in a CI interface. It displays a green progress bar and a table of jobs. The 'molecule' job is highlighted with a red box.

Summary

168 tests 0 failures 0 errors 100% success rate 4199.95s

Jobs

Job	Duration	Failed	Errors	Skipped	Passed	Total
phpunit	4181.83s	0	0	0	155	155
molecule	18.11s	0	0	0	13	13

PHP static analysis

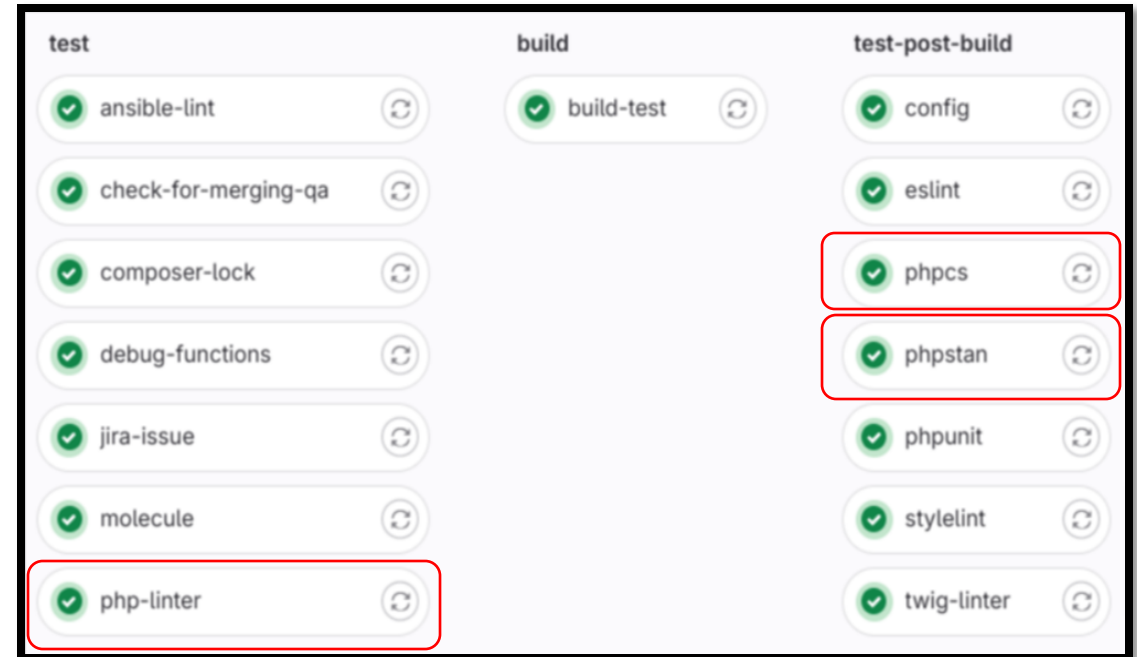
Tools to statically analyze the code:

- PHP Linter (built into PHP)
- PHP Code Sniffer https://github.com/PHPCSStandards/PHP_CodeSniffer/
 - Drupal
 - DrupalPractice
 - PHPCompatibility
- PHPStan <https://phpstan.org/>

Allows to detect:

- PHP syntax errors
- Debug functions e.g. kint(), debug_backtrace()
- Compliance with Drupal coding standards
- Dead code, undefined variables, methods, classes
- Drupal best practices e.g. dependency injection, translation, sanitization, security

Install via the **drupal/core-dev** composer package so we run the same version as Drupal core.



```
[web@f147aa849b9e drupal]$ phpcs web/modules/custom/  
FILE: /var/www/drupal/web/modules/custom/mcgill_users/src/Form/McGillUsersForm.php  
-----  
FOUND 1 ERROR AND 1 WARNING AFFECTING 2 LINES  
-----  
129 | ERROR   | The $_GET super global must not be accessed directly; inject the  
    |         | request_stack service and use  
    |         | $stack->getCurrentRequest()->query->get('offset') instead  
140 | WARNING | Line exceeds 80 characters; contains 82 characters  
-----
```

Composer

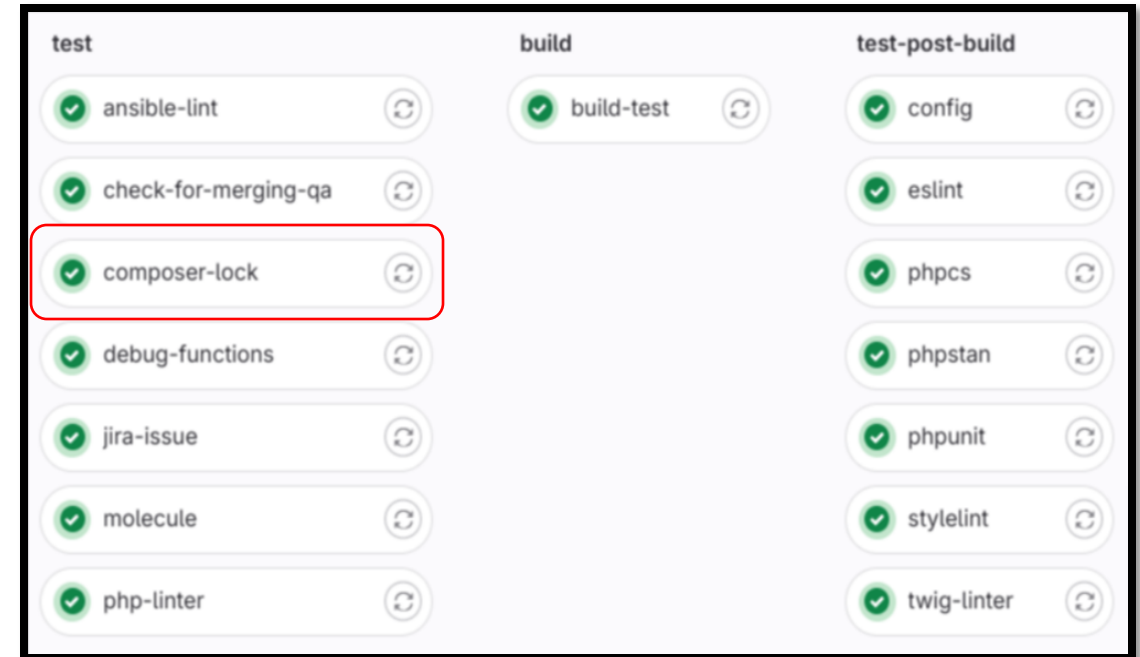
Validates composer.json and composer.lock.

Allows to detect:

- JSON formatting errors
- Missing packages in composer.lock
- Unsatisfied version constraints in composer.lock
- Contents of composer.lock out of date with composer.json (metadata, list of repos, dependencies, constraints, patches...)

Errors typically introduced when:

- Merging composer.json or composer.lock
- Manually changing these files



```
[web@6308a45b70f9 drupal] composer validate
./composer.json is valid but your composer.lock has some errors
# Lock file errors
- The lock file is not up to date with the latest changes in composer.json, it is
recommended that you run `composer update` or `composer update <package name>`.
- Required package "drush/drush" is in the lock file as "10.6.2" but that does not
satisfy your constraint "^11".
```

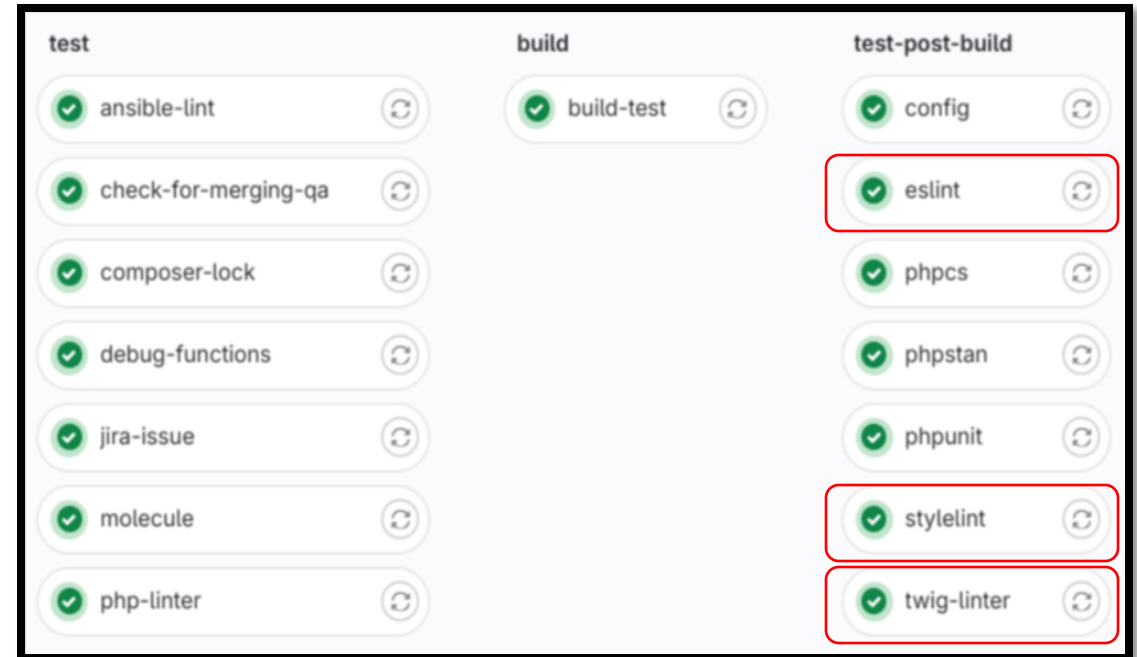
Frontend static analysis

Eslint & Stylelint

- JS and CSS linters
- Ensure custom JavaScript/CSS have a valid syntax and are compatible with Drupal coding standards
- Re-use config provided by Drupal core (.eslintrc.json and .stylelintrc.json)

Twig-linter

- Ensure custom Twig templates have a valid syntax and use valid filters
- <https://github.com/sserbin/twig-linter>



```
[web@30b08324943f drupal]$ twig-linter lint web/modules/custom/  
ERROR in web/modules/custom/mcgill_users/templates/mcgill-user.html.twig  
11   #}  
12   <div>  
>> 13     {{ first_name }} {{ last_name | uppercase }}  
>> Unknown "uppercase" filter.  
14   </div>  
15
```


Drupal config

Ensure Drupal exported config is internally consistent.

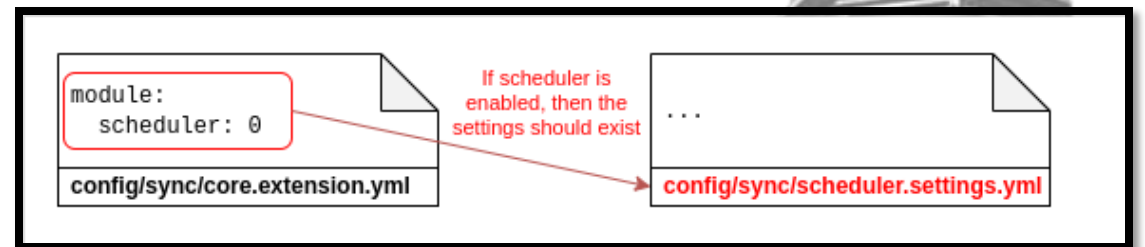
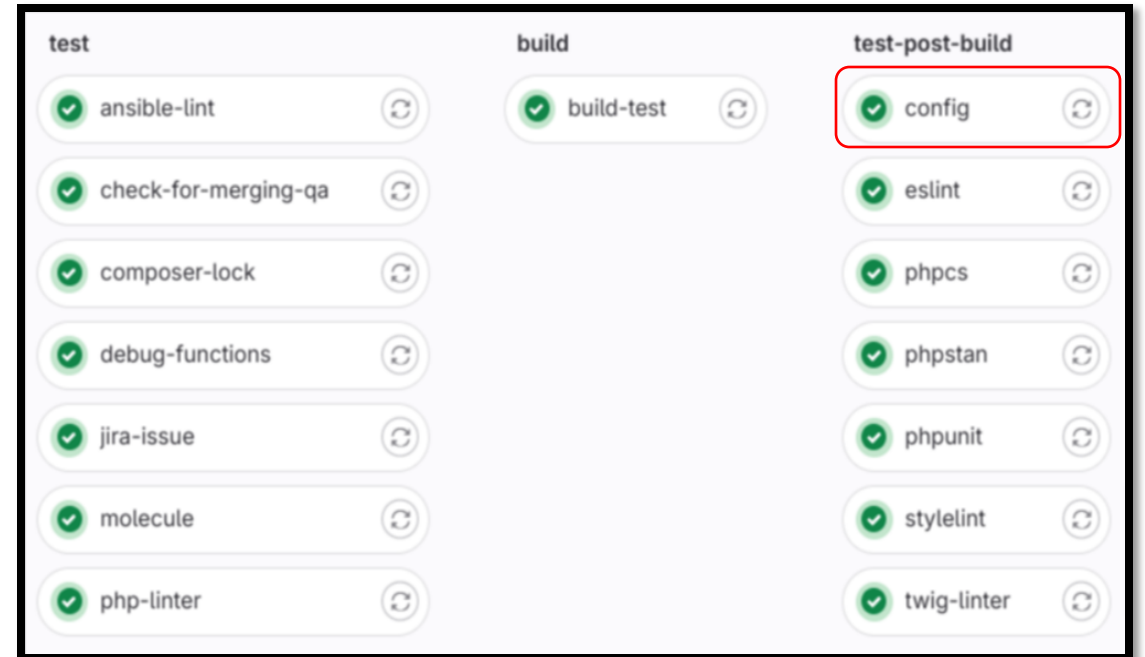
How to test:

1. Install fresh site from config export
`drush site:install --existing-config`
2. Check if active config matches exported config
`drush config:status`
3. If a discrepancy is found, then fail

Example:

Module "scheduler" includes configuration settings.

If that module is listed as enabled in the exported config, then the associated configuration should also exist as a YAML file.



PHPUnit

Automated tests for Drupal.

Summary of results exported to Gitlab and can be viewed directly in the web interface (Merge Request).

HTML output of Functional tests exported as a Gitlab artifact and published as a static site on Gitlab Pages.

A screenshot of a CI pipeline interface showing three columns of jobs: 'test', 'build', and 'test-post-build'. Each job is represented by a green checkmark icon, a job name, and a refresh icon. The 'test' column includes jobs like 'ansible-lint', 'check-for-merging-qa', 'composer-lock', 'debug-functions', 'jira-issue', 'molecule', and 'php-linter'. The 'build' column includes 'build-test'. The 'test-post-build' column includes 'config', 'eslint', 'phpcs', 'phpstan', 'phpunit' (highlighted with a red box), 'stylelint', and 'twig-linter'.

A screenshot of a Drupal 'Edit Basic page' form. The title is 'Eaph7geg'. There are sections for 'Menu settings' (with a 'Provide a menu link' checkbox) and 'Revision information' (with a 'New revision' link). At the bottom, there are 'Save' and 'Preview' buttons, and a text area containing the body text 'nuPQoHcFja3ej320zLKk7dWg6GXwbfcJ'.

A screenshot of a Gitlab Summary page for test results. It shows a summary bar with '168 tests', '0 failures', '0 errors', '100% success rate', and '4199.95s'. Below is a 'Jobs' table with columns for Job, Duration, Failed, Errors, Skipped, Passed, and Total. The 'phpunit' job is highlighted with a red box, showing 0 failures, 0 errors, 0 skipped, 155 passed, and a total of 155. The 'molecule' job is also visible with 0 failures, 0 errors, 0 skipped, 13 passed, and a total of 13.

Job	Duration	Failed	Errors	Skipped	Passed	Total
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molecule	18.11s	0	0	0	13	13












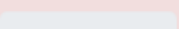
Code coverage report (PHPUnit)

Shows which parts of the code are executed when PHPUnit tests are run.

Gotcha: accounts for Unit and Kernel tests, but not Functional tests.

Report generated with Xdebug and published as a static site on Gitlab Pages.

```
123 protected function getWebserviceResponse(string $url) {
124     // Get webservice response.
125     $response = $this->httpClient->get($url);
126     $status = $response->getStatusCode();
127
128     // Check status code.
129     if ($status < 200 || $status >= 300) {
130         throw new \Exception("Webservice returned status code $status, expected 2xx.");
131     }
132
133     // Return contents of the response.
134     $contents = $response->getBody()->getContents();
135     return $contents;
136 }
```

	Code Coverage								
		Lines		Functions and Methods			Classes and Traits		
■ mcgill_search		100.00%	148 / 148		100.00%	11 / 11		100.00%	2 / 2
■ mcgill_site_settings		90.37%	73 / 81		88.42%	17 / 19		66.67%	2 / 3
■ mcgill_users		88.60%	76 / 86		75.71%	11 / 14		50.00%	1 / 2
■ mcgill_varnish		95.45%	63 / 66		66.67%	2 / 3		0.00%	0 / 1

Upcoming challenges

- ✓ Preview changes before deployment (Ansible's "check" mode)
- 🔒 Automate synchronization of secrets with our password manager
- 📈 Run PHPUnit in concurrent mode
- 📊 Increase automated tests coverage
- ☁️ Deploy to the Cloud/Kubernetes



Thanks

Download these slides:



<https://github.com/fengtan/fengtan>

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