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Practical Ansible Testing with Molecule

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My journey with Ansible...

What’s Molecule?

- Testing tool for Ansible
- Spearheaded by John Dewey (@retroh)
- Donated to Red Hat by Cisco last year
- Allows you to easily spin up local `infrastructure` to test your roles/playbooks

What Problem(s) does Molecule Solve?

- Standardized testing infrastructure configuration
- Fast, iterative development loops
- All-in-one, batteries included validation for syntax, style, idempotence, correctness
- Trivially add CI for your Ansible, on any platform that lets you run a container

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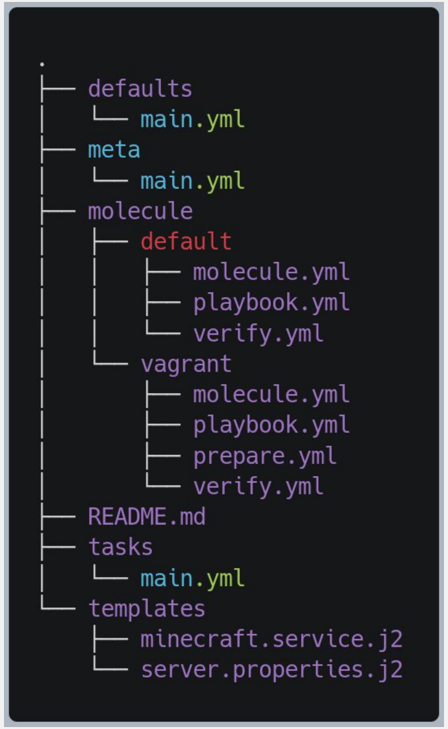

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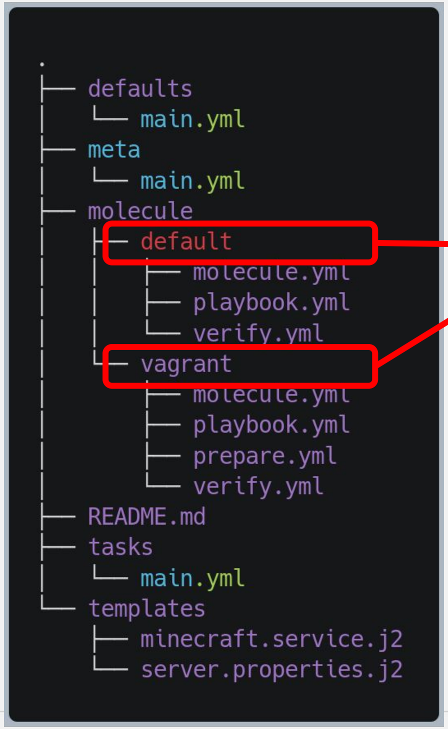

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Molecule Scenarios

- Contains everything necessary to test the role in a certain way

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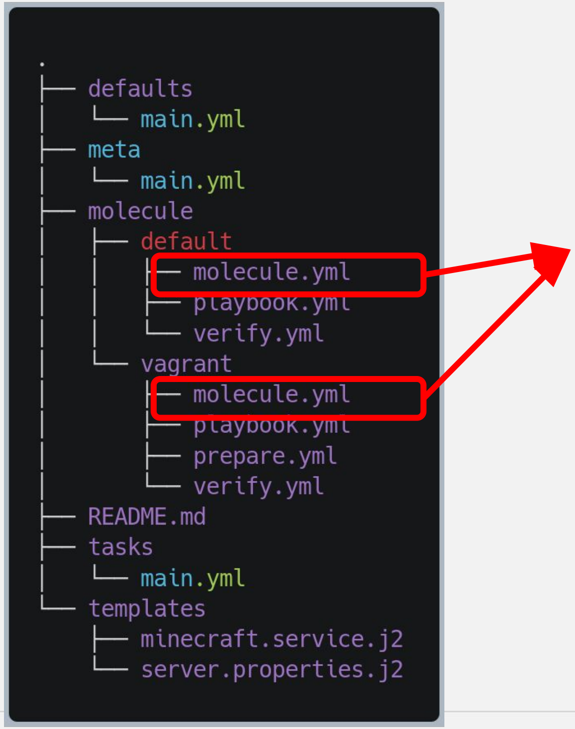

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Molecule configuration file

- Contains the actual specific configuration for how to spin up infrastructure, and what to run against that infrastructure

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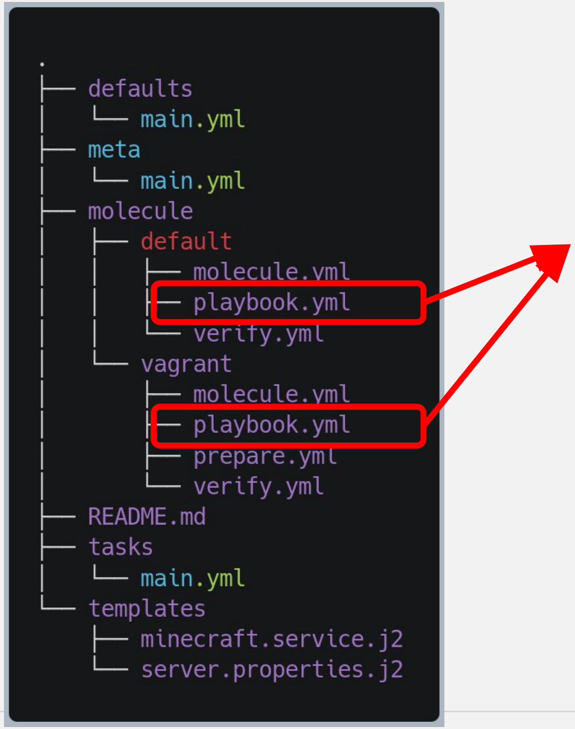

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The playbook for running your role against the configured hosts

- Defaults to just a role import, but fully configurable

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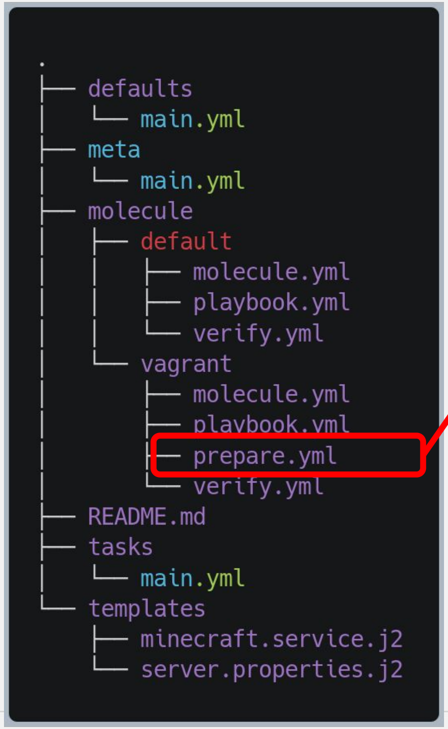

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Runs before playbook.yml, for any one-time pre-configuration

- Optional

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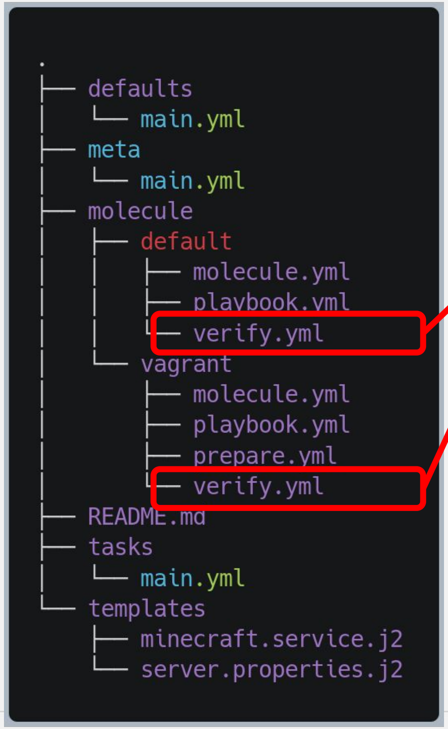

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The playbook for running your tests after playbook.yml has completed

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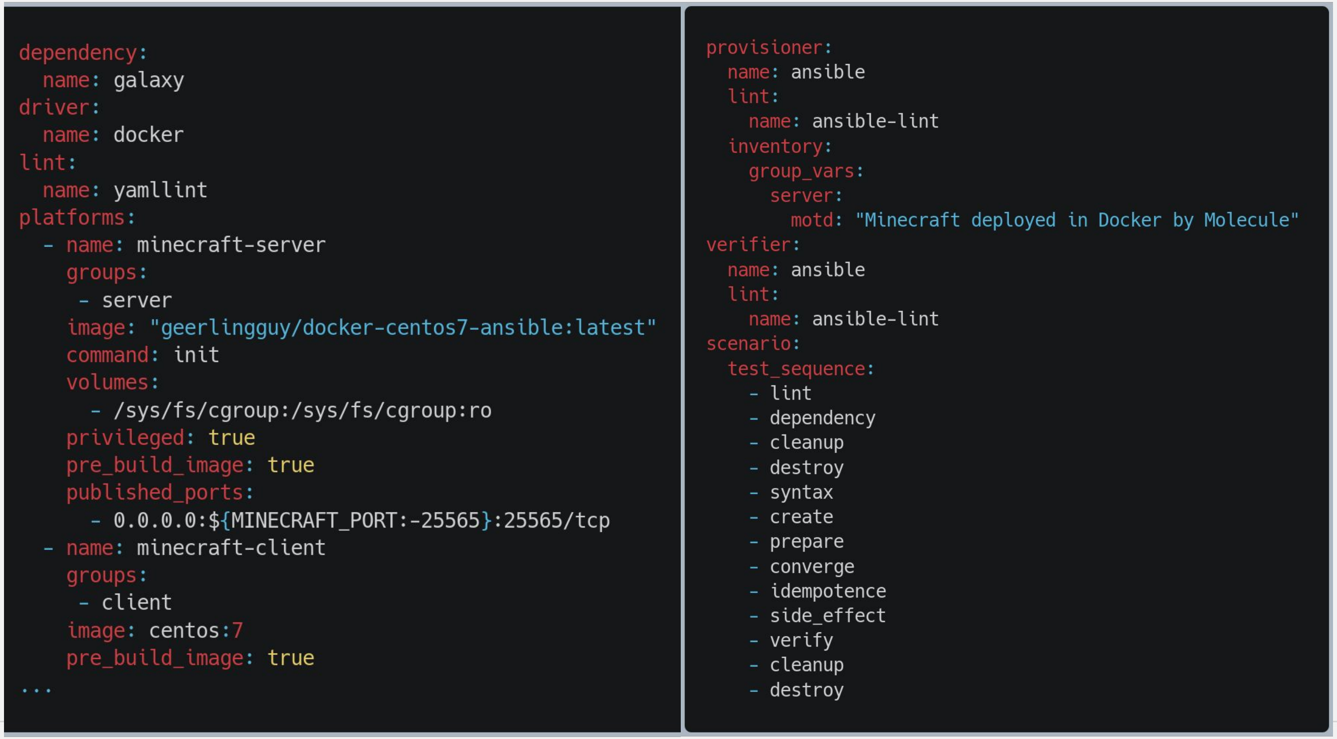

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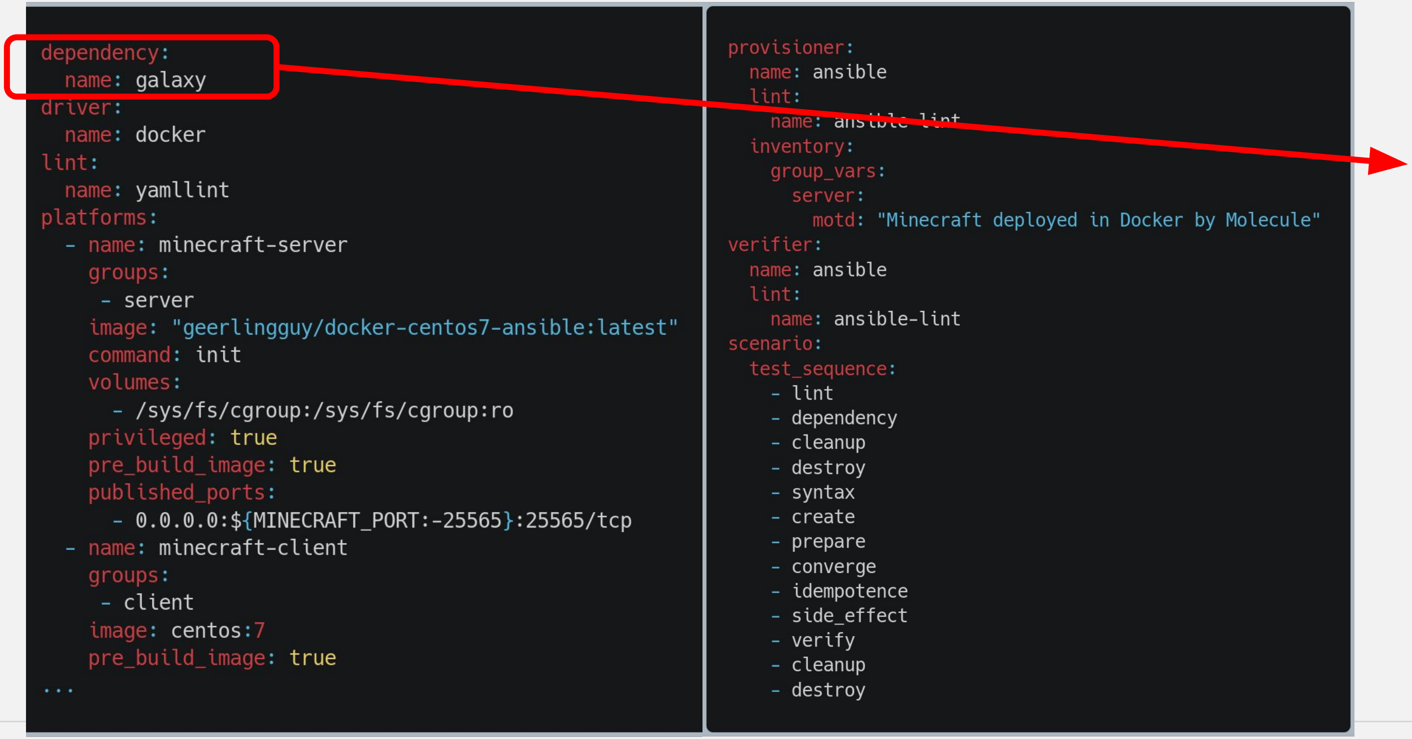

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Install dependencies

- Galaxy
- Gilt
- Shell

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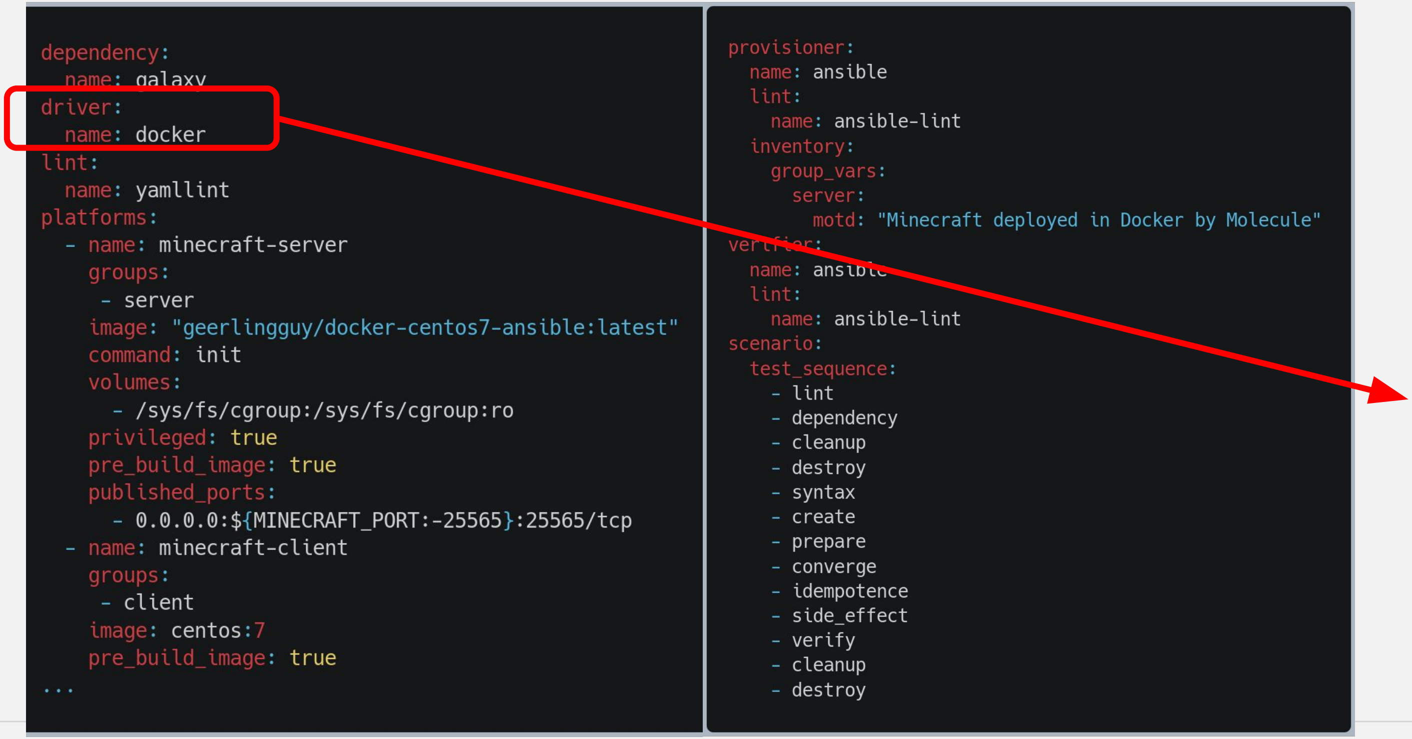

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Specifies the backend molecule will use to provide instances

- Azure
- Delegated
- DigitalOcean
- Docker
- EC2
- GCE
- Hetzner Cloud
- Linode
- LXC
- LXD
- Openstack
- Podman
- Vagrant

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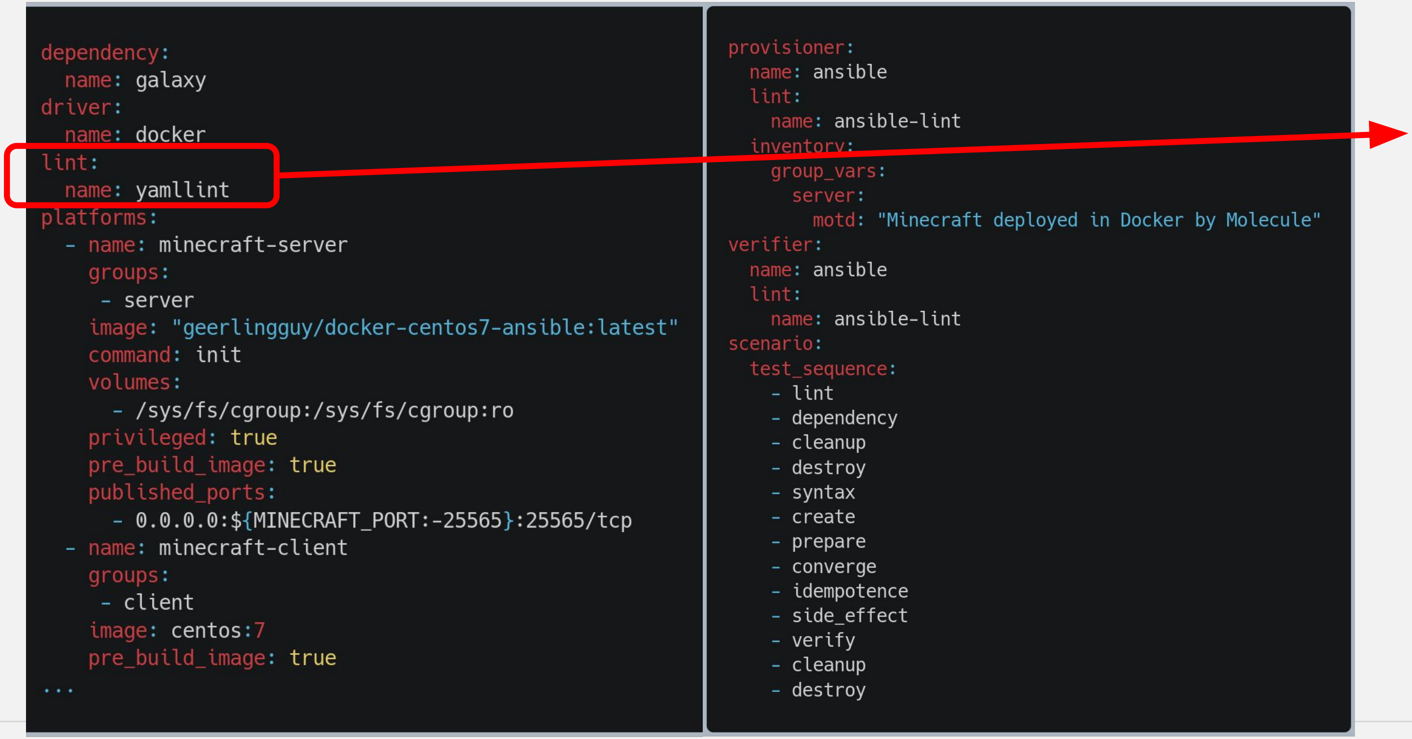

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Configure linting

- Allows override of default linting rules or addition of new ones

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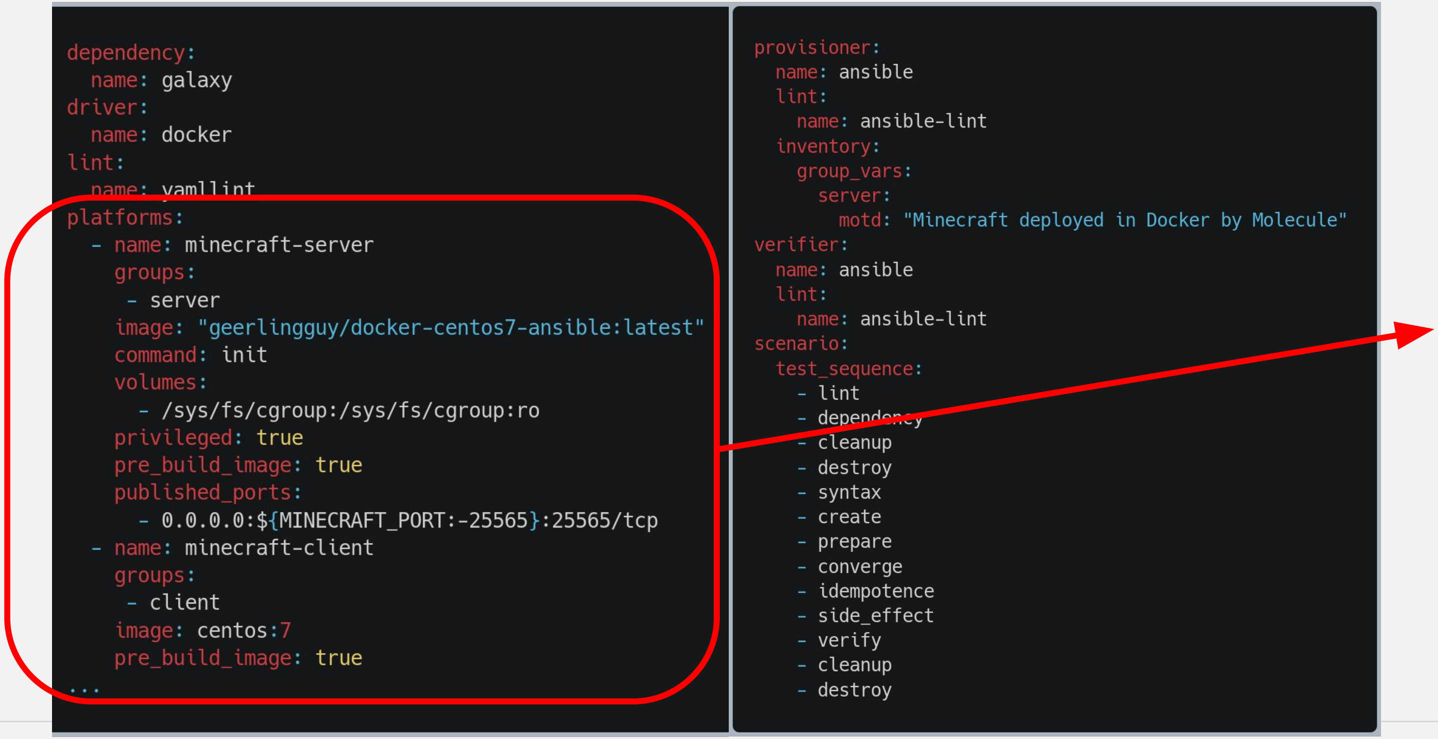

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Driver specific platform configuration

- Defines instances for molecule to manage
- Uses Ansible modules to handle interactions
- Populates your hosts

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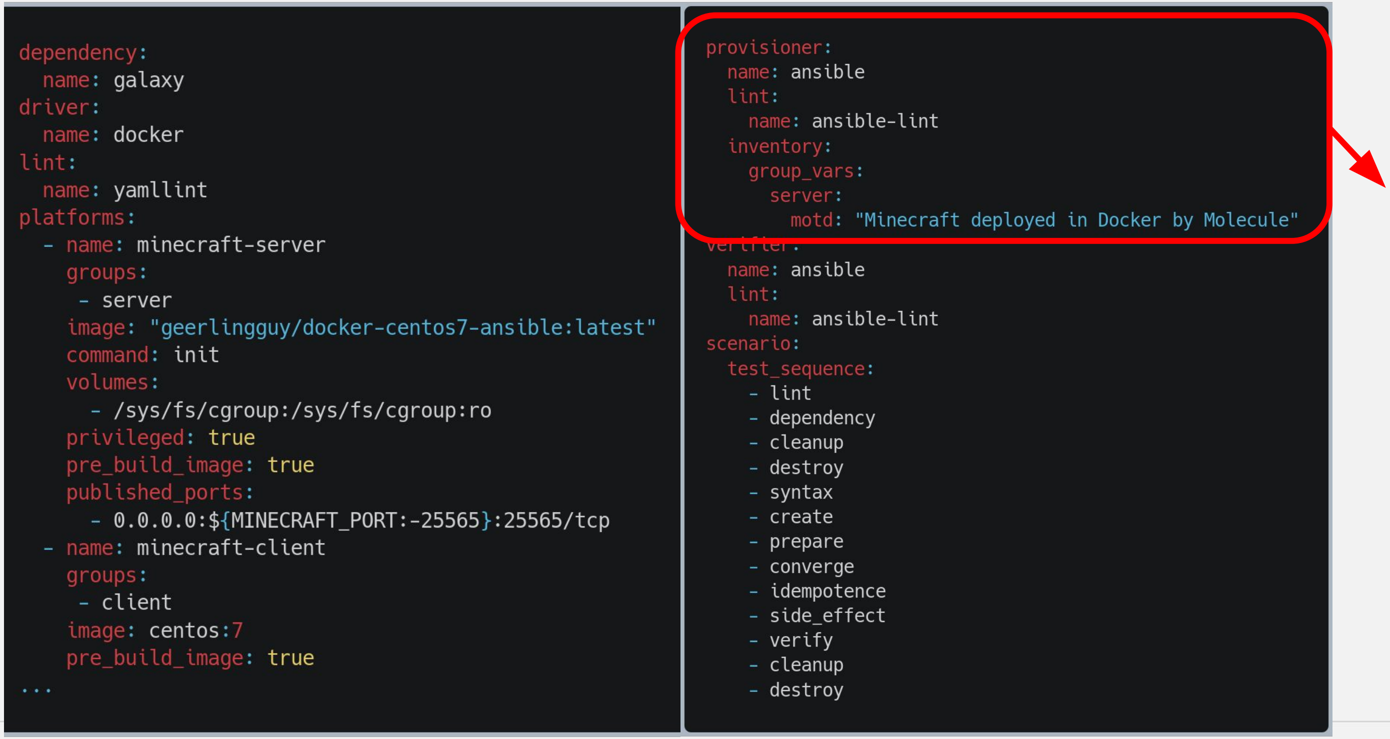

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Configure Ansible playbook runs

- Override playbooks
- Add group/host vars
- Set any options to be passed to ansible-playbook

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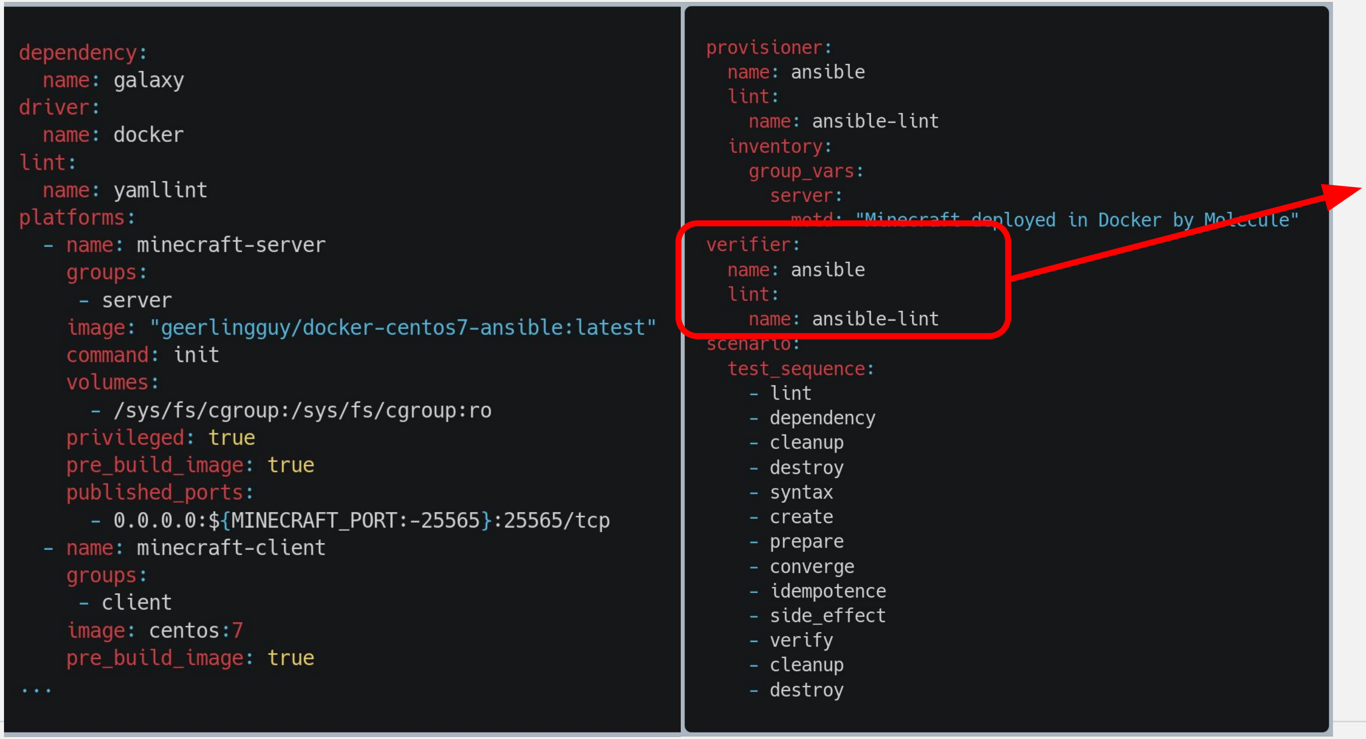

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Configure what to run for tests

- Ansible (I added this!)
- Goss
- Inspec
- Testinfra

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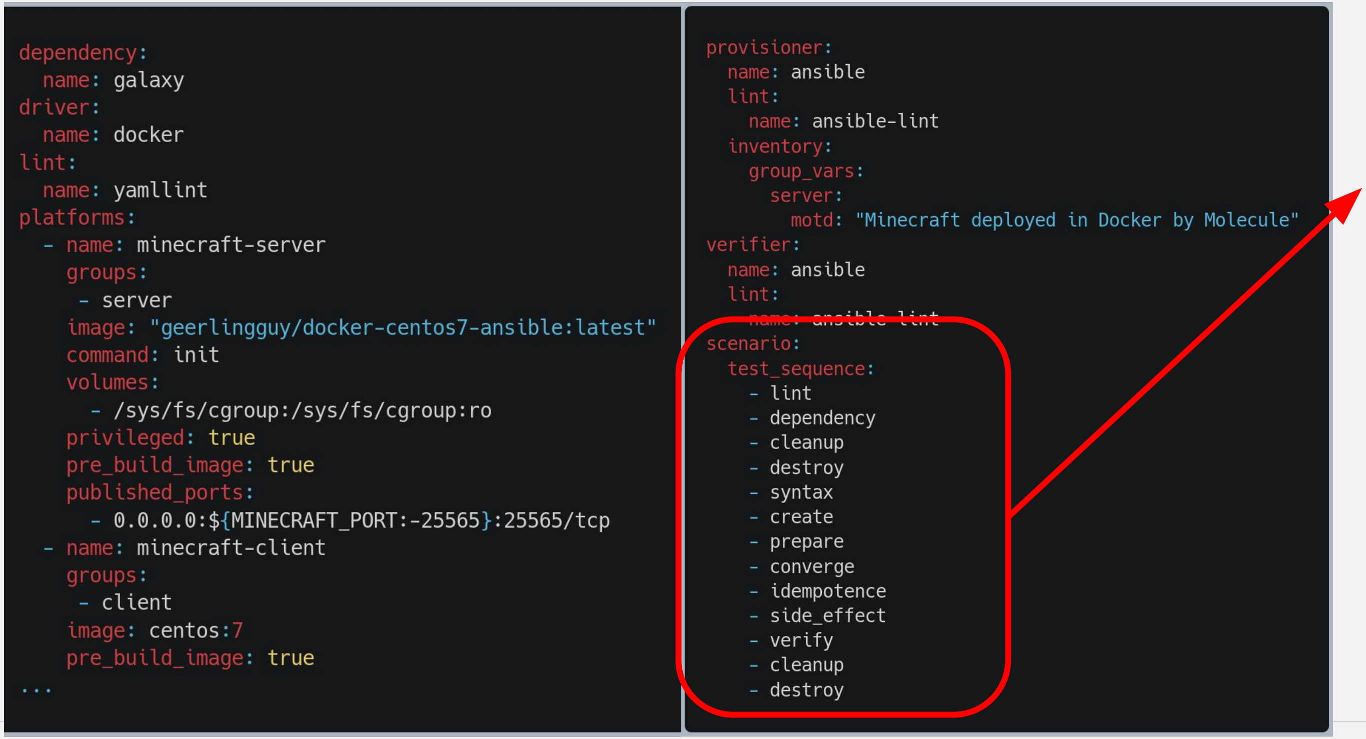

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Configure how the scenario runs

- Allows addition, removal or reordering of steps on a per-command basis

Testing Loop

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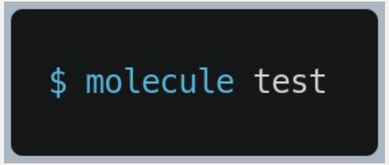

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$ molecule test
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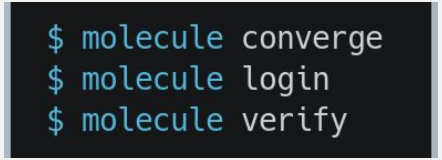
For development:



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$ molecule converge
$ molecule login
$ molecule verify
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dependency / create / prepare / converge
verify

Demo time (...kinda)

https://github.com/fabianvf/practical-testing-with-molecule

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