

Steering Committee mission and responsibilities



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The Steering Committee mission is to provide continuity, guidance, and suggestions to the Ansible community to ensure the delivery and high quality of the Ansible package. In addition, the committee helps decide the technical direction of the Ansible project. It is responsible for approving new proposals and policies in the community, package, and community collections world, and other technical aspects regarding inclusion and packaging. The Committee should reflect the scope and breadth of the Ansible community.

Steering Committee responsibilities

The Committee:

- Designs policies and procedures for the community collections world.
- Votes on approval changes to established policies and procedures.
- Reviews community collections for compliance with the policies.
- Helps create and define roadmaps for our deliverables such as the `ansible` package, major community collections, and documentation.

- Selects collections for inclusion in the Ansible package and maintains the package composition.
- Review other proposals of importance that need the Committee's attention and provide feedback.

Current Steering Committee members

The following table lists the current Steering Committee members. See `steering_past_members` for a list of past members.

The Steering Committee itself is also a group in the forum ([@SteeringCommittee](#)).

Name	GitHub	Forum	Start year
Alexei Znamensky	russoz	russoz	2022
Alicia Cozine	acozine	acozine	2021
Andrew Klychkov	Andersson007	Andersson007	2021
Brian Scholer	briantist	briantist	2022
Core Team repr.	See Forum		2024
Daniel Brennand	dbrennand	dbrennand	2026
Felix Fontein	felixfontein	felixfontein	2021
James Cassell	jamescassell	cassel	2021
John Barker	gundalow	gundalow	2021
Mario Lenz	mariolenz	mariolenz	2022
Markus Bergholz	markuman	markuman	2022
Maxwell G	gotmax23	gotmax23	2022
Sorin Sbarnea	ssbarnea	ssbarnea	2021

Current Steering committee members

John Barker ([gundalow](#)) has been elected by the Committee as its `chairperson`.

Committee members are selected based on their active contribution to the Ansible Project and its community. See `community_steering_guidelines` to learn details.

Creating new policy proposals

The Committee uses the [Ansible Forum](#) to asynchronously discuss with the Community and vote on the proposals in corresponding [community topics](#).

You can [create a community topic](#) (make sure you use the `Project Discussions` category and the `community-wg` tag) if you want to discuss an idea that impacts any of the following:

- Ansible Community
- Community collection best practices and requirements
- Community collection inclusion/exclusion policy and workflow
- The Community governance
- Other proposals of importance that need the Committee's or overall Ansible community attention

To request changes to the inclusion policy and `collections_requirements`:

1. Submit a new pull request against the document by clicking the `Edit` button on its web page.
2. Create a [community topic](#) containing the rationale for the proposed changes.

Depending on a topic you want to discuss with the Community and the Committee, as you prepare your proposal, please consider the requirements established by:

- `code_of_conduct`.
- `collections_requirements`.
- `removal_from_ansible`.

Community topics workflow

The Committee uses the `community_topics_workflow` to asynchronously discuss and vote on the [community topics](#).

The quorum, the minimum number of Committee members who must vote on a topic in order for a decision to be officially made, is half of the whole number of the Committee members. If the quorum number contains a fractional part, it is rounded up to the next whole number. For example, if there are thirteen members currently in the committee, the quorum will be seven.

Votes must always have "no change" as an option.

In case of equal numbers of votes for and against a topic, the chairperson's vote will break the tie. For example, if there are six votes for and six votes against a topic, and the chairperson's vote is among those six which are for the topic, the final decision will be positive. If the chairperson has not voted yet, other members ask them to vote.

For votes with more than two options, one choice must have at least half of the votes. If two choices happen to both have half of the votes, the chairperson's vote will break the tie. If no choice has at least half of the votes, the vote choices have to be adjusted so that a majority can be found for a choice in a new vote.

Community topics triage

The Committee conducts a triage of [community topics](#) periodically (every three to six months).

The triage goals are:

- Sparking interest for forgotten topics.
- Identifying and closing irrelevant topics, for example, when the reason of the topic does not exist anymore or the topic is out of the Committee responsibilities scope.
- Identifying and closing topics that the Community are not interested in discussing. As indicators, it can be absence of comments or no activity in comments, at least, for the last six months.
- Identifying and closing topics that were solved and implemented but not closed (in this case, such a topic can be closed on the spot with a comment that it has been implemented).
- Identifying topics that have been in pending state for a long time, for example, when it is waiting for actions from someone for several months or when the topics were solved but not implemented.

A person starting the triage:

1. Identifies the topics mentioned above.
2. Creates a special triage topic containing an enumerated list of the topics-candidates for closing.
3. Establishes a vote date considering a number of topics, their complexity and comment-history size giving the Community sufficient time to go through and discuss them.
4. The Community and the Committee vote on each topic-candidate listed in the triage topic whether to close it or keep it open.

Collection inclusion criteria and process

Inclusion of new collections is exceptional. The Committee may consider a collection for inclusion when it meets the following criteria. These criteria are not exhaustive; they serve as guidelines for the Committee's judgment.

- The collection automates infrastructure components, tools, or services that are essential and present in the majority of environments (for example, operating systems, DNS, containerization, cryptography, widely-used DevOps tools).
- The collection is non-vendor-specific. An exception can be made for platforms so widely adopted that they are considered essential infrastructure (for example, major cloud providers).
- The collection's scope is broadly applicable across industries and use cases rather than limited to a specific domain or niche.
- The collection satisfies the `collections_requirements`.

Any community member may nominate a collection for inclusion by creating a forum topic under the [Ansible Community Package Inclusion category](#). The community then can discuss the nomination. If a member of the Steering Committee thinks that this discussion shows support for adding the collection to the package, the member initiates a vote on its inclusion following the `community topics workflow<community_topics_sc>`.

If the Committee approves the inclusion, a Committee member:

1. Declares the decision in the community topic.
2. Follows [the technical process in ansible-build-data]((https://github.com/ansible-community/ansible-build-data/tree/main#adding-a-new-collection)) to actually add the collection.
3. Announces the inclusion through the [Bullhorn newsletter](#).
4. Closes the topic.

Collection exclusion workflow

The Committee uses the `removal_from_ansible` to remove collections not satisfying the `collections_requirements` from the Ansible package.

Community Working Group meetings

See the Community Working Group meeting [schedule](#). Meeting summaries are posted on the [Forum](#).

“ [!NOTE] Participation in the Community Working Group meetings is optional for Committee members. Decisions on [community topics](#) are made asynchronously

in the topics themselves.

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