Network Automation Showdown: NetBox, Nautobot & Infrahub for Source of Truth

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Panel



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High Level Comparisons

	NetBox	Nautobot	Infrahub
Open Source Licence	Apache 2.0 + PSL* (for plugins)	Apache 2.0	AGPL
Cloud Option?	yes (limited features in free tier)	yes (paid only)	not yet
Paid Benefits	Professional Services Higher Device Limits in Cloud version (see website for details)	Cloud option Professional Services	Support Advanced RBAC Improved scale and performance
Docker & Helm Charts?	yes	yes	yes



NetBox



The premier source of truth powering network automation.

Started in 2016

https://github.com/netbox-community/netbox

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Nautobot



Network Source of Truth & Network Automation Platform

Started in 2021

https://github.com/nautobot/nautobot

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Infrahub



A new approach to Infrastructure Management

Started in 2023

https://github.com/opsmill/infrahub

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Netbox - Links

Github https://github.com/netbox-community/netbox

Documentation https://netboxlabs.com/docs/netbox/en/stable/

Python SDK https://github.com/netbox-community/pynetbox

Community https://netdev-community.slack.com

Integration https://netboxlabs.com/netbox-plugins/

Public Sandbox https://demo.netbox.dev/



Nautobot - Links

Github https://github.com/nautobot/nautobot

Documentation https://docs.nautobot.com/

Python SDK https://github.com/nautobot/pynautobot

Community https://networktocode.slack.com

Integration https://docs.nautobot.com/projects/core/en/stable/apps/

Public Sandbox https://demo.nautobot.com



Infrahub - Links

Github https://github.com/opsmill/infrahub

Documentation https://docs.infrahub.app/

Python SDK https://github.com/opsmill/infrahub-sdk-python

Community https://discord.gg/opsmill

Schema Library https://github.com/opsmill/schema-library

Integration https://docs.infrahub.app/integrations/

Public Sandbox https://demo.infrahub.app/



Thank you

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