

# Chef Workshop

Awesome Appliance Repair



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# Agenda

- Introduce the project
- Discuss learning objectives
- Hacking!
- Regular check-ins, Q & A, and hints
- Demos
- Next Steps

# Objectives

- Build something in Chef with very little guidance
- Write custom Chef recipes
- Use the Chef Documentation to identify and use resources that will help you model the desired state of your infrastructure
- Include guards in Chef resources

# Awesome Appliance Repair

<https://github.com/learnchef/Awesome-Appliance-Repair>

- Simple python application
- Uses Apache and MySQL
- Has an install script



<http://awesome.modeled-computation.com/>

# Defining Success - TIMTOWTDI

- There are no right solutions for this workshop
  - If it works & doesn't throw an error, then its right
  - Best practices can be implemented in subsequent steps
- This is a totally open-ended exercise
  - No matter how far you get, there will be more you can do
  - Get as far as you can at the pace that's right for you
  - Take it away and hack in your own time!

# What is Your Objective?

- You determine, define, and describe what success means for you.
  - Know where to start
  - Confidence to experiment
  - Deploy Awesome Appliance Repair with Chef
- What is your objective?

## In this workshop we will

- Work as individuals or pairs to find a solution
- Value the process more than the solution
- Demo work in progress, bad ideas, and solutions
- Make mistakes

## In this workshop we will not

- Guide you through the project step-by-step
- Give you THE answer



# Getting started

- AARinstall.py
  - Describes the pre-requisites
  - Includes python code to implement many of the steps
    - Install some packages
    - Write a few configuration files
    - Execute some `.sql` files to manipulate the database
  - Is incomplete
  - Is inaccurate in parts

## AARinstall.py

```
#!/usr/bin/python
# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
from subprocess import Popen
import os, sys, getpass, binascii

# The following script assumes that
apache2, mysql, and unzip have been
installed.
```

## AARinstall.py

```
# 1. wget https://github.com/colinca/Awesome-Appliance-Repair/archive/  
master.zip  
# 2. unzip master.zip  
# 3. cd into Awesome-Appliance-Repair  
# 4. sudo mv AAR to /var/www/  
# 5. sudo su root  
# 6. run script: python AARinstall.py  
# 7. manually execute: apachectl  
graceful
```

## AARinstall.py

```
if __name__ == '__main__':  
    root_dbpswd =  
    getpass.getpass('enter the mysql  
root user password: ')  
  
    Popen([ 'chown', '-R', 'www-  
data:www-data', '/var/www/AAR'],  
shell=False).wait()
```

## AARinstall.py

```
# apt-get the stuff we need  
proc = Popen([  
    'apt-get', 'install', '-y',  
    'libapache2-mod-wsgi',  
    'python-pip',  
    'python-mysqldb'], shell=False)  
proc.wait()
```

# AARinstall.py

```
# pip install flask  
Popen(['pip', 'install', 'flask'], shell=False).wait()
```

# AARinstall.py

```
# Generate the apache config file in sites-enabled
Popen(['apachectl', 'stop'], shell=False).wait()

pth = '/etc/apache2/sites-enabled/'
for f in os.listdir(pth):
    os.remove(pth + f)

f = open('/etc/apache2/sites-enabled/AAR-apache.conf', 'w')
f.write("""
<VirtualHost *:80>
    ServerName /
    WSGIDaemonProcess /AAR user=www-data group=www-data threads=5
    WSGIProcessGroup /AAR
    WSGIScriptAlias / /var/www/AAR/awesomeapp.wsgi

    <Directory /var/www/AAR>
        WSGIApplicationGroup %{GLOBAL}
        WSGIScriptReloading On
        Order deny,allow
        Allow from all
    </Directory>

    CustomLog ${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/access.log combined
    ServerAdmin ops@example.com
</VirtualHost>
""")
f.close()
```

# AARinstall.py

```
# Generate AAR_config.py with secrets
f = open('/var/www/AAR/AAR_config.py', 'w')
appdbpw = binascii.b2a_base64(os.urandom(6)).strip('\n')
secretkey = binascii.b2a_base64(os.urandom(12)).strip('\n')

conn_args_string = """CONNECTION_ARGS = {"host":"localhost",
"user":"aarapp", "passwd":"%s", "db":"AARdb"}\n\n""" % appdbpw

secret_key_string = """SECRET_KEY = "%s"\n\n""" % secretkey

database_values_string = """DB_VALUES = [(3,'Maytag','Washer',...)]
"""

f.write(conn_args_string + secret_key_string + database_values_string)
f.close()
```



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cur.execute(sql_script)
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cur.execute('use AARdb')
cur.execute("CREATE USER 'aarapp'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY %s",
(appdbpw,))
cur.execute("GRANT CREATE,INSERT,DELETE,UPDATE,SELECT on AARdb.* to
aarapp@localhost")
cur.close()
db.close()
```

# Exercise: Create GitHub Repo

Owner

 nathenharvey ▾

 /

Repository name

aar ✓

Description (optional)

☒  **Public**

Anyone can see this repository. You choose who can commit.

☐  **Private**

You choose who can see and commit to this repository.

☐ **Initialize this repository with a README**

This will allow you to `git clone` the repository immediately. Skip this step if you have already run `git init` locally.

Add .gitignore: **None** ▾

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Create repository

## Exercise: Create aar cookbook using knife

```
$ knife cookbook create aar
```

```
** Creating cookbook aar
```

```
** Creating README for cookbook: aar
```

```
** Creating CHANGELOG for cookbook: aar
```

```
** Creating metadata for cookbook: aar
```

## Exercise: Add cookbook to git

```
$ cd cookbooks/aar
$ git init .
Initialized empty Git repository in /Users/henry/chef-
repo/cookbooks/aar/.git/
$ git add .
$ git commit -m "Scaffold of the cookbook created by
knife"
[master (root-commit) b3d606c] Scaffold of the cookbook
created by knife
 4 files changed, 96 insertions(+)
 create mode 100644 CHANGELOG.md
 create mode 100644 README.md
 create mode 100644 metadata.rb
 create mode 100644 recipes/default.rb
```

## Exercise: Upload cookbook to GitHub repo

```
$ git remote add origin git@github.com:henrythecow/aar.git
$ git push -u origin master
Counting objects: 7, done.
Delta compression using up to 8 threads.
Compressing objects: 100% (6/6), done.
Writing objects: 100% (7/7), 1.63 KiB, done.
Total 7 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0)
To git@github.com:henrythecow/aar.git
 * [new branch]      master -> master
Branch master set up to track remote branch master from
origin.
```

# Exercise: View your cookbook in GitHub

aar — Edit

1 commit

1 branch

0 releases

1 contributor



branch: master ▾

aar / +



Scaffold of the cookbook created by knife



nathenharvey authored 6 minutes ago

latest commit b3d606c445

recipes

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## Getting started tips...

- You can start with the default recipe, `default.rb`

- Backup to GitHub regularly

```
$ git commit -am "commit message here"
```

```
$ git push
```

# Time to hack!



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# Demo Time!

- Show your work
- Discuss your choices
- Gather feedback and ideas

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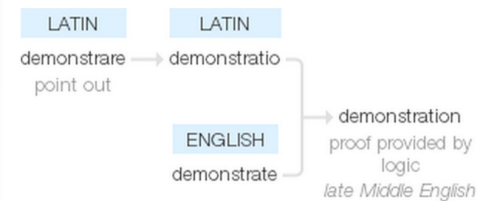
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*# The following script assumes that apache2, mysql, and unzip have been installed.*

- `mysql-server` is probably the package you're looking for.

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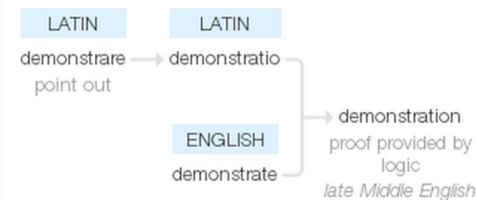
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- Do you need to download every time the chef-client runs?
- What are the pros and cons of doing so?



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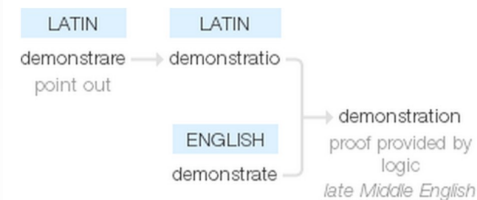
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- Should you do this every time the chef-client runs?
- How would you prevent that from happening?



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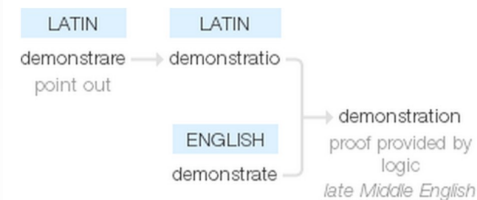
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## Next steps

- Refactor
- Testing
- Multi-tier implementation
- Community Cookbooks
- Multi-OS Support
- Cloud deployment
- Operationalize
  - Monitoring
  - Central logging
- Application deployments



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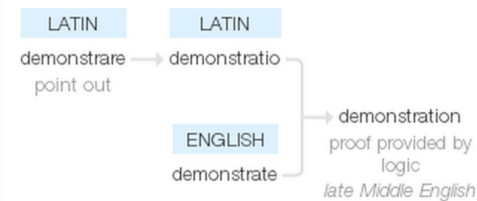
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## Your Objectives

- Review the objectives you set for yourself at the beginning of the workshop.
- Have you met them?
- Take a few minutes to reflect on what you've learned today.

# Thank you!

- What did you learn?
- What questions do you have?
- What are you going to do next?
- Share your solutions
  - <http://github.com/learnchef/workshops>