**Chef is Pull based configuration management tool**

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* **Chef** is a **configuration management tool** used in **DevOps** to **automate infrastructure**. Think of it like a **"robot chef"** in a restaurant kitchen that cooks (configures) everything exactly the same way every time.
* **Method to Automate the task.**
* **Use by Facebook,Aws,Hp.**

**Configuration Management (CM)** means:

* Setting up computers (servers) the way you want — automatically. (So instead of doing things **manually** on every computer (like installing software, setting settings, or creating files), you write a script once, and it takes care of everything — **the same way** on all systems.)
* **Configuration Management :** how your systems are set up."

**Configuration Management Tools: turns your code to infrastructure**

* Tools that help you automatically set up and manage computers or servers.
* They turn manual IT tasks (like installing software) into scripts that run on many machines.
* They help DevOps teams save time and avoid mistakes by automating setup tasks.
* Think of them as remote controls for managing thousands of computers at once.
* They let you treat your infrastructure like code — you write it, test it, and run it.

**Adavantages of configuration management tool:**

* **Complete automation**
* **Increase uptime (can use server).**
* **Manually installing the software on a server typically takes around 1 hour. By using a configuration management tool, we’ve automated this process and reduced the installation time to less than 10 minutes. This not only accelerates deployment but also minimizes downtime, allowing the server to be up and running nearly 50 minutes faster than before.**
* **Decrease Downtime (server down).**
* **Improve performance.**
* **Ensure compliance.**
* **Prevent Errors.**
* **Reduce Cost.**