**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.

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Chef Server or Server

**Cookbook**: A collection of configuration files (recipes), Collection of Recipes. Cookbooks are collections of recipes.

**Chef Workstation:** Where you write the code.

* Workstations are personal Computers or Virtual Servers where all Configuration Code is Created, tested or Changed.
* The machine where the infrastructure code is written. This is where you develop your cookbooks and recipes before pushing them to the Chef Server.
* Devops engineer actually sits here and write Codes This Code is Called Recipe. A Collection of Recipes are Known as Cookbook
* Workstation Communicate with the Chef Server using knife.
* Knife is a Command line tool that uploads the Cookbook to the Server.

**Chef Server:** Where you upload the code.

* This is the central repository that stores the cookbooks, policies, and metadata used to manage infrastructure.
* Chef-Server is a middle-man between workstation and the nodes.
* All Cookbooks are stored here.
* Server may be hosted locally or remote.

**Nodes: Where you apply the code.**

* **Nodes are the systems that require the Configuration.**
* **Ohai fetches the Current State of the node its located in.**
* **Node Communicate with the Chef-server using the Chef-Client.**
* **Each node Can have a different Configuration Required.**
* **Chef-Client is installed on every node.**

The central hub where all configuration data, cookbooks, and recipes are stored. It acts as the source of truth for your infrastructure.

**Chef Client:** This is the agent installed on the servers and workstations that executes the code defined in the cookbooks and applies the desired state.

This is installed on every node (server) that you want to manage. It pulls configuration details from the Chef Server and applies them.

**Recipe** : The code we write in cookbook is called recipe(installation of windows code is called recipe)

**Knife**: Transfer things from workstation to chef server. Knife is **Chefs command-line tool** to interact with the Chef server.

**Cookbooks and Recipes:** Cookbooks are a collection of recipes, which are the actual code written to describe the desired state of your system.

**Run Lists:** A run list is an ordered list of recipes that the Chef client runs on a node.

**Bootstrap**: Chef server connect to node the process is called bootstrap.

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**Ohai is a tool that is used to collect system configuration data**, which is provided to the chef-client for use within cookbooks. Ohai is run by the chef-client.

The types of attributes Ohai collects include but aren’t limited to:

* Operating System
* Network
* Memory
* Disk
* CPU
* Kernel
* Host names
* Fully qualified domain names
* Virtualization
* Cloud provider metadata

**Idempotency:**  **idempotency is about detecting any changes and correcting only these changes**.

**Chef Supermarket: Where you get custom code.**

**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 (**We follow all rules and regulations during the work process**).**
* **Prevent Errors.**
* **Reduce Cost.**