Template Files

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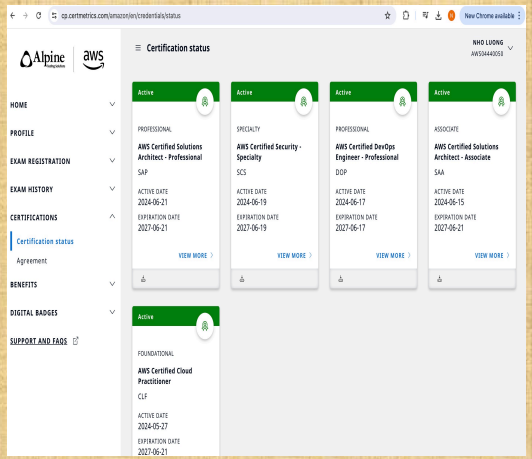

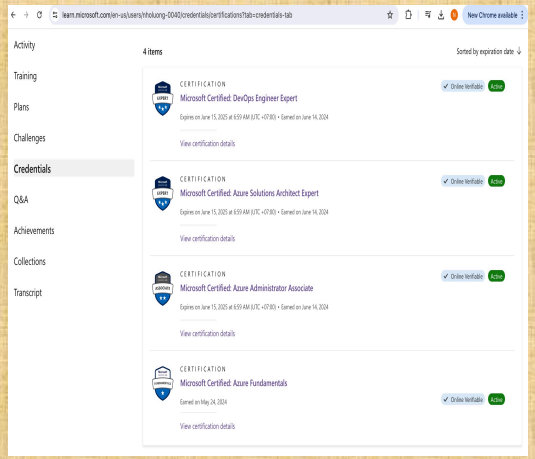

EXERCISE

Let’s Add a Template!

Adding all the information into the recipe did make it hard to read.

Objective:

- ❑ Create a template with chef generate Define the
- ❑ contents of the ERB template Change the file
- ❑ resource to the template resource Update the
- ❑ cookbook's version number Apply the updated
- ❑ recipe and verify the results

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GL: What Can chef generate Do?

$ chef generate --help

```
UsaGL: chef generate GENERATOR [options]

Available generators:
    app             Generate an application repo Generate a single
    cookbook        cookbook Generate a new recipe Generate an
    recipe          attributes file Generate a file template Generate a
    attribute       cookbook file Generate a lightweight
    template file   resource/provider Generate a Chef policy
    lwrp repo       repository



    policyfile Generate a Policyfile for use with the install/push commands
(experimental)
```

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GL: What Can chef generate template Do?

$ chef generate template --help

UsaGL: chef generate template [path/to/cookbook] NAME [options]

-C, --copyright COPYRIGHT	Name of the copyright holder - defaults to 'The Authors'
-m, --email EMAIL	Email address of the author - defaults to ...
-a, --generator-arg KEY=VALUE	Use to set arbitrary attribute KEY to VALUE in the
-I, --license LICENSE	all_rights, apache2, mit, gplv2, gplv3 - defaults to
-s, --source SOURCE_FILE	Copy content from SOURCE_FILE
-g GENERATOR_COOKBOOK_PATH, --generator-cookbook	Use GENERATOR_COOKBOOK_PATH for the code_generator

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Generating a motd Template

```
> chef generate template cookbooks/workstation motd
```

```
Recipe: code_generator::template
 * directory[cookbooks/workstation/templates/default] action
create

        - create new directory
cookbooks/workstation/templates/default

 * template[cookbooks/workstation/templates/motd.erb] action
create

        - create new file cookbooks/workstation/templates/motd.erb
        - update content in file

cookbooks/workstation/templates/motd.erb from none to e3b0c4

        (diff output suppressed by config)
```

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Examining the templates Directory

```
> tree cookbooks/workstation/templates
```

```
cookbooks/workstation/templates/
└── default
    └── motd.erb

1 directory, 1 file
```

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Cleaner Recipes

Adding the node attributes to the default page did make it harder to read the recipe.

Objective:

- √ Create a template with chef generate Define the contents of the ERB
- √ template Change the file resource to the template resource in the 'apache'
- √ cookbook

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CONCEPT

ERB

An Embedded Ruby (ERB) template allows Ruby code to be embedded inside a text file within specially formatted tags. Ruby code can be embedded using expressions and statements.

https://docs.chef.io/templates.html#variables

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Text Within an ERB Template

```
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some point all of MATH I learned in school changed. <% end %>
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Each ERB tag has a beginning tag and a matched ending tag.

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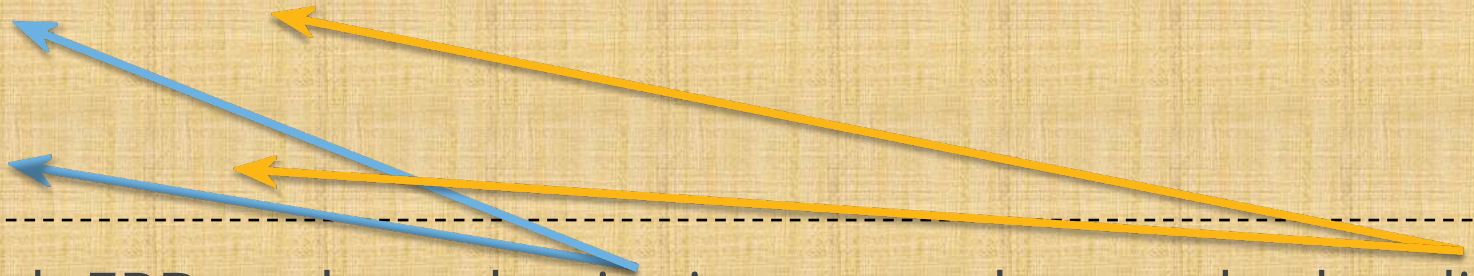

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Executes the ruby code within the brackets and do not display the result.

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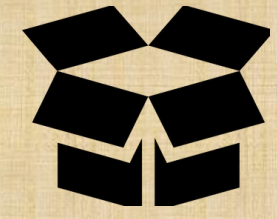
CONCEPT



The Angry Squid

<%=

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Copying the Existing Content into the Template

~/cookbooks/workstation/templates/motd.erb

```
Property of ...


   IPADDRESS: #{node['ipaddress']}
HOSTNAME : #{node['hostname']}
MEMORY      : #{node['memory']['total']}
CPU         : #{node['cpu']['0']['mhz']}
```

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Changing String Interpolation to ERB Tags

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The template is created and defined. It now needs to be used within the recipe.

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