

The background of the slide is a composite image. The top half shows a Star Trek Enterprise ship and two smaller Klingon Bird-of-Prey ships in a purple and blue nebula. The bottom half shows a Star Trek Discovery ship in a blue and green nebula. The text is overlaid on a dark horizontal band across the middle.

# **TUNING THE WARP DRIVE** **WITH** **LAFORGE**

**A NEW TOOL FOR BUILDING SECURITY COMPETITIONS**

**BSIDESLV 2018**



# AGENDA

**1**

**Introduction**

**2**

**The Problem**

**3**

**The Solution**

**4**

**The Future**

# THE CREW

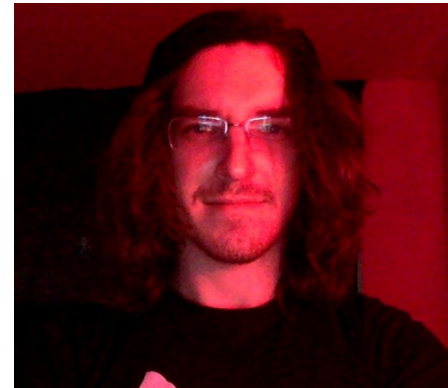


**Alex Levinson**

Senior Security Engineer @ Uber

Speciality in tool dev & red teaming

CPTC Black Team Lead, NCCDC Red Team



**Dan Borges**

Senior Red Teamer

Wizard of detection exercises

CPTC OSINT Team Lead, NCCDC Red Team



# SECURITY COMPETITIONS



## **Invest in the Future**

They get *the next generation* excited about security.



## **Build Real World Skills**

Classroom and labs only go so far, at some point you need to attack or defend.



## **Everyone Has Fun**

You learn, you win, and you get to break and build things you may not usually.



# COLLEGIATE PENTESTING COMPETITION (CPTC)



## **Competitor Consulting R' Us**

Competitors must perform a penetration test of a fictitious company:

- Each team is a “consulting firm” performing a test.
- They are provided a full network to perform their testing.
- Volunteers create custom and commodity applications for the scenario
- Competitors are judged on their report, a “presentation to management,” and their interactions with “the client” during the test.



## **Real World Examples**

Scenarios in the past have included hospitals, elections, corporate networks:

- Average between 30 and 50 hosts per team
- Average between 5 and 20 custom applications in various languages

**VDI**  
10.x.0.0/24



Windows VDI  
Windows 2016



Kali VDI  
Kali Linux



Team DNS  
Ubuntu 16

**GAME ADMIN**  
10.0.0.0/24



LaForge  
Ubuntu 16



Splunk



ELK Monitor  
Ubuntu 16

**CORP**  
10.0.1.0/24



DC01  
Windows 2016  
MS ADDS  
.100



INFO01  
CentOS 7  
Confluence  
.101



BILLING01  
Windows 2012  
SimpleInvoices  
.102



CHAT01  
Ubuntu 16  
Mattermost  
.103



WAREHOUSE01  
Windows 2012  
MS SQL  
.107



TALENT01  
Ubuntu 16  
Recruity  
.104



EXCH01  
Windows 2016  
Exchange / OWA  
.105



ITUTIL01  
Ubuntu 16  
Freeirc / Custom Apps  
.106



WS01  
Windows 2012  
Desktop  
.201



WS02  
Windows 2012  
Desktop  
.202



WS03  
Windows 2012  
Desktop  
.203



WS04  
Windows 2012  
Desktop / VNC  
.204

**DEV**  
10.0.2.0/24



VPN01  
FreeBSD 11  
OpenVPN  
.250



DC02  
Windows 2016  
MS ADDS  
.100



CODE01  
Ubuntu 16  
Gitlab  
.50



BUILD01  
Ubuntu 16  
Gitlab-CI  
.51



DEBUG01  
CentOS 7  
ELK Stack  
.101



BACKUP01  
Windows 2012  
CIFS / FTP  
.102



DEV01  
Ubuntu 16  
Desktop  
.1



DEV02  
Ubuntu 16  
Desktop  
.2



DEV03  
Ubuntu 16  
Desktop  
.3

**PROD**  
10.0.100.0/24



LOAD01  
AWS Linux  
nginx Proxy  
.200



LOAD02  
AWS Linux  
nginx Proxy  
.201



LOAD03  
AWS Linux  
nginx Proxy  
.202



DC03  
Windows 2016  
MS ADDS  
.100



ANALYTICS01  
Ubuntu 16  
Piwik PHP  
.102



JIRA01  
Ubuntu 16  
JIRA  
.101



WWW01  
CoreOS  
nginx  
.210



PORTAL01  
Ubuntu 16  
Portal Web App  
.211



DB01  
Ubuntu 16  
PostgreSQL  
.150



DB02  
Ubuntu 16  
MySQL  
.151

**SEC**  
192.168.44.0/24



VPN02  
FreeBSD 11  
OpenVPN / SSH  
.250



DC04  
Windows 2016  
MS ADDS  
.100



MGMT01  
Ubuntu 16  
SALT  
.101



MON01  
Ubuntu 16  
GreyLog  
.102



AGG01  
Ubuntu 16  
LogStash  
.103



VAULT01  
Ubuntu 16  
Knox App  
.104



CA01  
Ubuntu 16  
CFSSL  
.105

**ENET**  
192.168.254.0/24



EGW01  
Ubuntu 16  
SSH / Nginx RProxy  
.250



REGISTRY01  
Ubuntu 16  
Registration App  
.50



BOOTH01  
Windows 2012  
Voting App (Team)  
.20



BOOTH02  
Windows 10  
Voting App (Live)  
.21



BOOTH03  
Windows 2012  
Voting App (Script)  
.22



VAPI01  
Ubuntu 16  
Vote API App  
.100



VDB01  
Ubuntu 16  
MySQL  
.101



VADMIN01  
Ubuntu 16  
Election Monitor  
.102



KEYS01  
Ubuntu 16  
Key Server  
.103

A Star Trek Enterprise ship is shown in the upper half of the slide, flying through a nebula. The ship is a large, dark, saucer-shaped vessel with a prominent orange engine glow at the rear. It is surrounded by smaller, sleeker ships, some of which are firing energy weapons, creating bright orange and yellow streaks. The background is a soft, hazy nebula with purple and blue tones.

# PAIN IN MY INFRA



## **Needs Infrastructure as Code**

The infrastructure needs to be accessible to multiple developers of varying skill sets. Must be debuggable, auditable, and developed across the team.



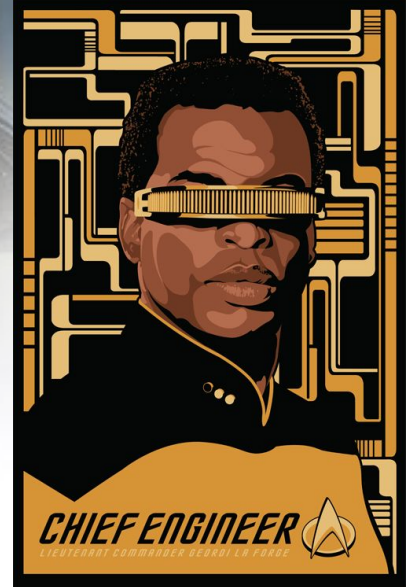
## **Needs to Scale Based on Teams**

Each team needs an identical copy of the company network.  
Think 200k+ lines of Terraform code per team each year.



## **Needs to have a low learning curve for volunteers**

Traditional DevOps tools have a steep learning curve. We need volunteers to contribute in their area of expertise, without learning a new language.  
We need to develop a completely new environment every year.



### Competition Scripting

Each host and network is a configuration file and collection of scripts.



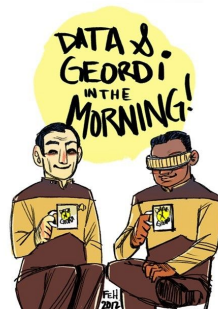
### Developer Coordination

Developers can split tasks on hosts, or by script. They get unique environments to test in so they don't stomp all over each other.



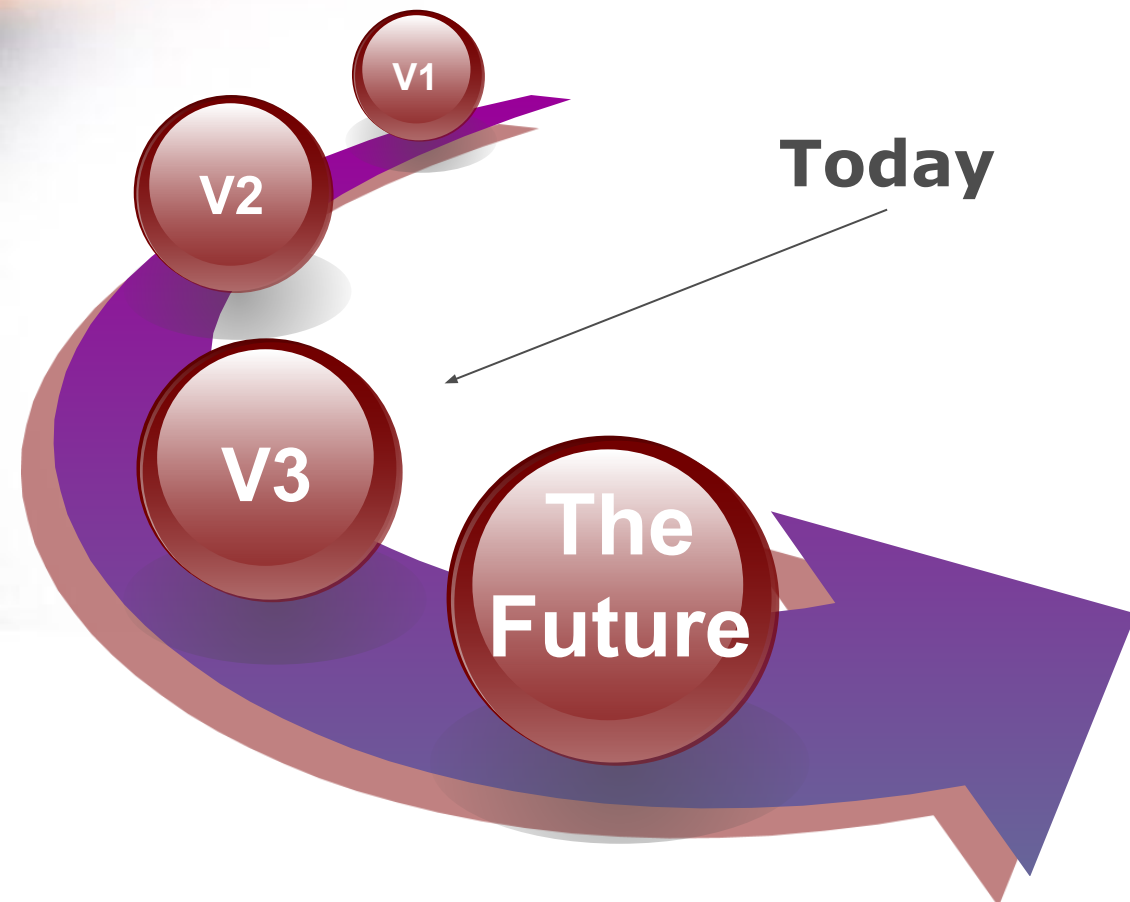
### Corporate and Competitor Systems

The entire competition, from servers to applications to competitor jump boxes is contained within Laforge.





# PAIN IN MY INFRA



Today

- v1 - **Ruby** script that leveraged **ERB templating** to write out **Terraform code**. Hard to port.
- v2 - Re-written in **Golang** and uses **YAML** files configuration. Produces a **monolithic Terraform script** for the entire competition.
- v3 - **Re-written again**. (Still Golang). **YAML** and **monolith** are gone. Custom config language, modularized for easily adding new features.



# FEATURES



## **Build Once, Replicate Forever**

You only build a single competition set, and then LaForge creates an copy per team  
Uses scripts, not images, allowing you to reuse year to year and simplify dev.



## **Universal Config Language**

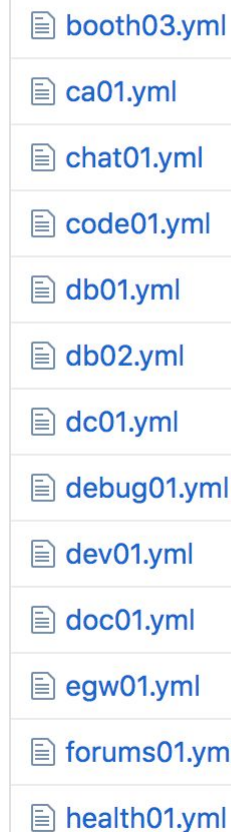
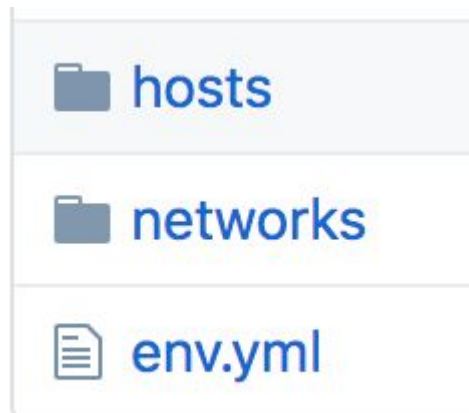
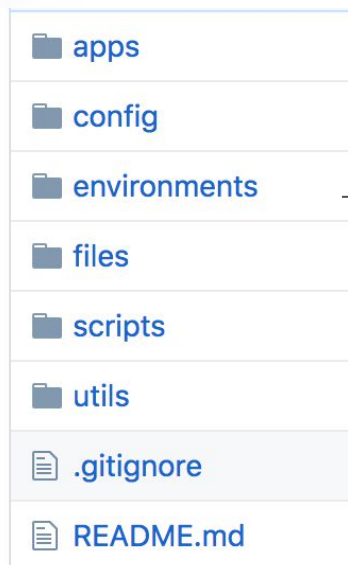
New Laforge has been designed to use a markup similar to UCL, that provides far more flexibility than YAML. Goodbye Whitespace problems!.



## **Native Scripting**

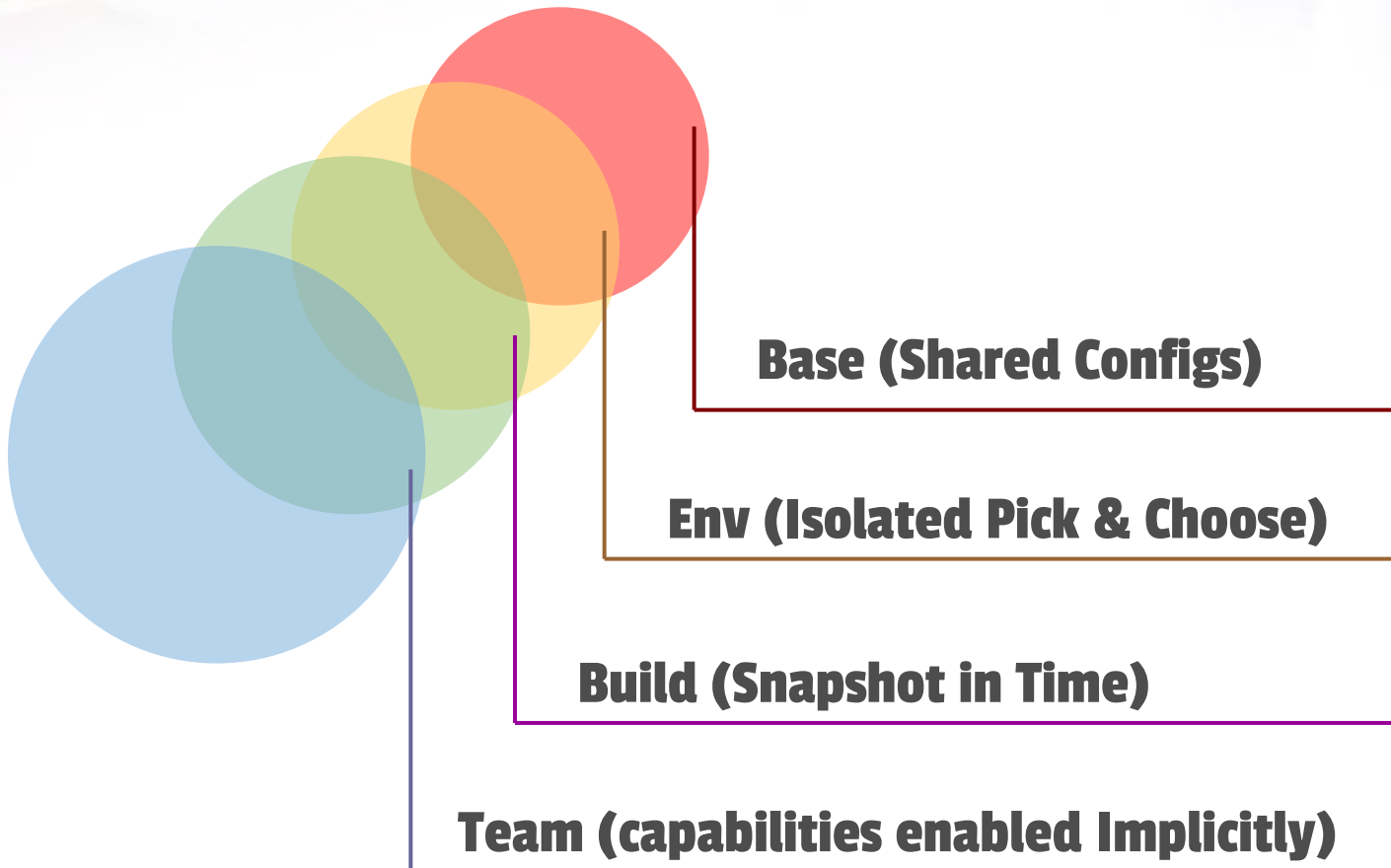
Build hosts in the languages you already know (bash, batch, powershell, etc.)  
Plug and play scripts on hosts and re-use all the things!

# CONFIGURATION AS CODE



```
hostname: health01
os: ubuntu
ami:
last_octet: 245
internal_cnames: []
external_cnames:
  - election-status
instance_size: c4.xlarge
scripts:
  - health01.sh
  - salty_logs.sh
  - ubuntu_motd.sh
  - suricata_linux.sh
  - splunk_basic.sh
  - osquery_deb.sh
  - domain-join-debian.sh
user_groups: []
variables:
  example: variable
public_tcp:
  - 80
  - 1001
  - 443
  - 514
  - 587
  - 25
public_udp:
  - 514
files:
  happy.txt: /tmp/happy.txt
dependencies:
  - host: dc01
    network: corp
```

# **MULTI-DIMENSIONAL, NON-DESTRUCTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE**





# MULTI-DIMENSIONAL, NON-DESTRUCTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE

```
08:12:09 urca/flint @build <2.5.0@base> $ laforge deps
```

```
[LAFORGE:cli] INFO == Dependency Graph ==
```

```
.
├── [GLOBAL] /Users/flint/.laforge/global.laforge
├── [BUILD] /Users/flint/Code/lftest/envs/rekt/build/build.laforge
│   └── [ENV] /Users/flint/Code/lftest/envs/rekt/env.laforge
│       ├── [BASE] /Users/flint/Code/lftest/base.laforge
│       │   ├── /Users/flint/Code/lftest/identities/foo.laforge
│       │   └── /Users/flint/Code/lftest/identities/marg.laforge
│       ├── /Users/flint/Code/lftest/envs/rekt/marg.laforge
│       ├── /Users/flint/Code/lftest/envs/rekt/testnet.laforge
│       ├── /Users/flint/Code/lftest/envs/rekt/testhost.laforge
│       └── /Users/flint/Code/lftest/envs/rekt/exampleuuds.laforge
```

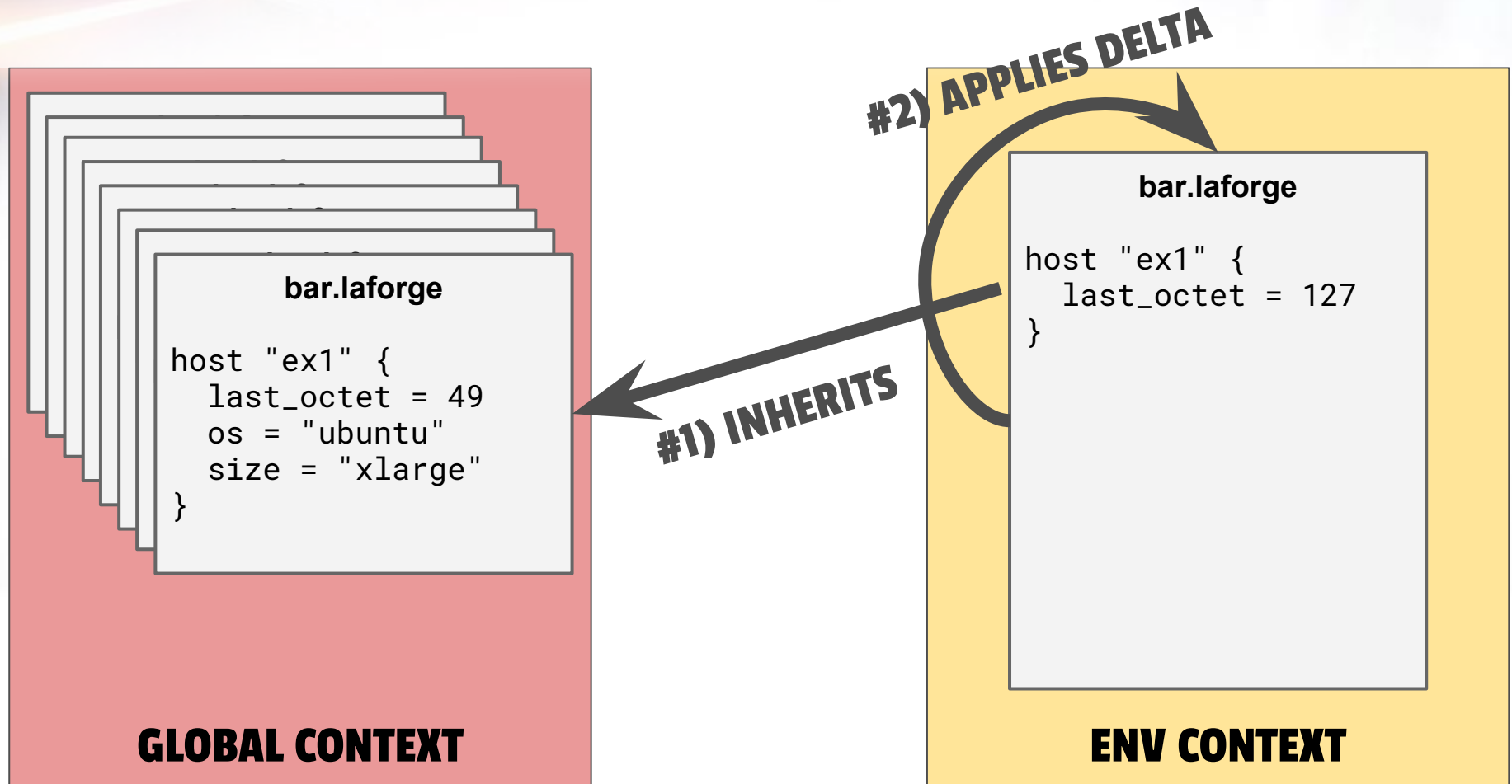
```
08:12:11 urca/flint @build <2.5.0@base> $ ls
```

# MULTI-DIMENSIONAL, NON-DESTRUCTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE

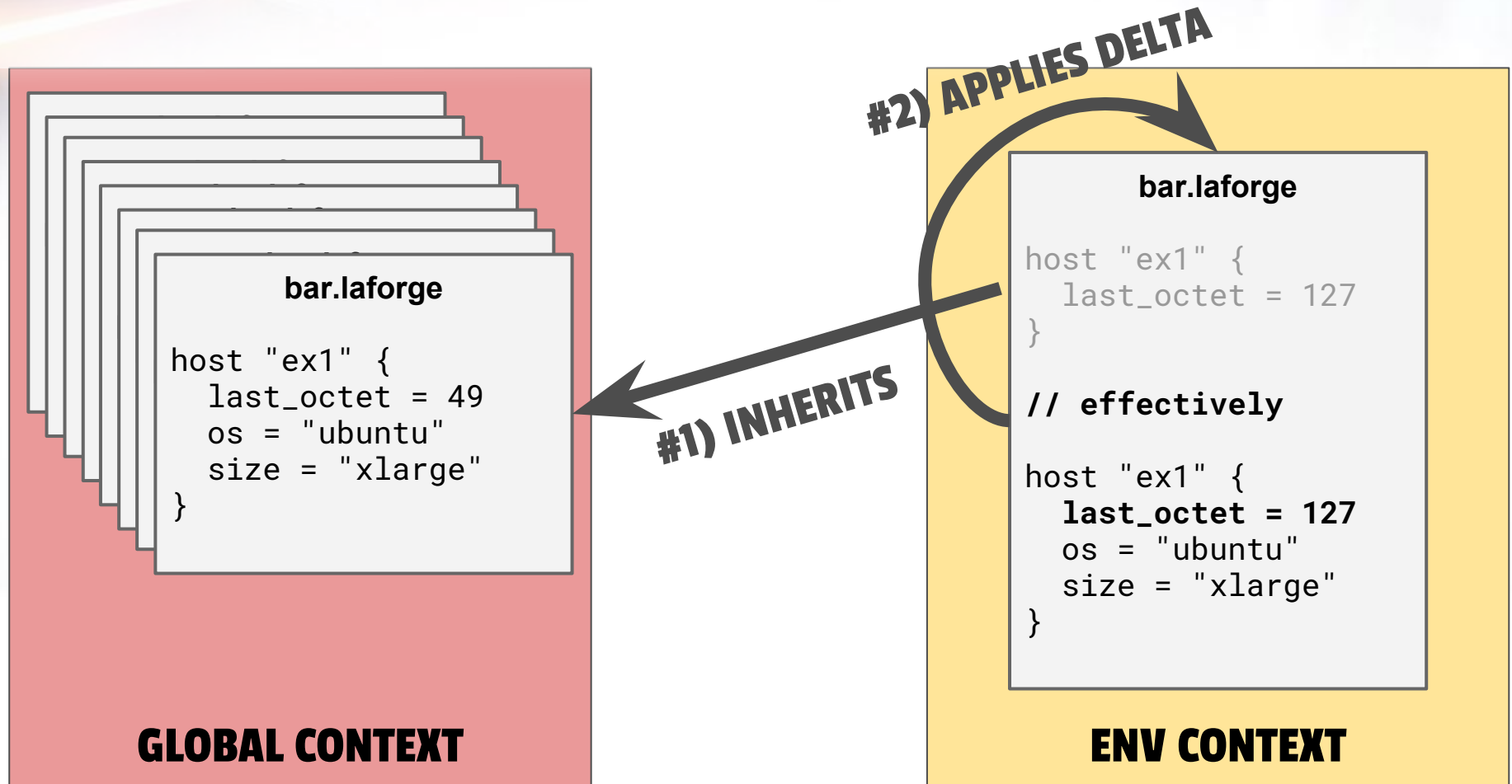
```
09:06:29 urca/flint @rekt <2.5.0@base> $ laforge status
[LAFORGE:cli] INFO Current Context Level
(0) TeamContext
(1) BuildContext
(2) *CURRENT* EnvContext
(3) BaseContext
(4) GlobalContext
09:06:33 urca/flint @rekt <2.5.0@base> $
```

**Context decides implicitly what files get  
precedence in the dependency graph.**

# MULTI-DIMENSIONAL, NON-DESTRUCTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE

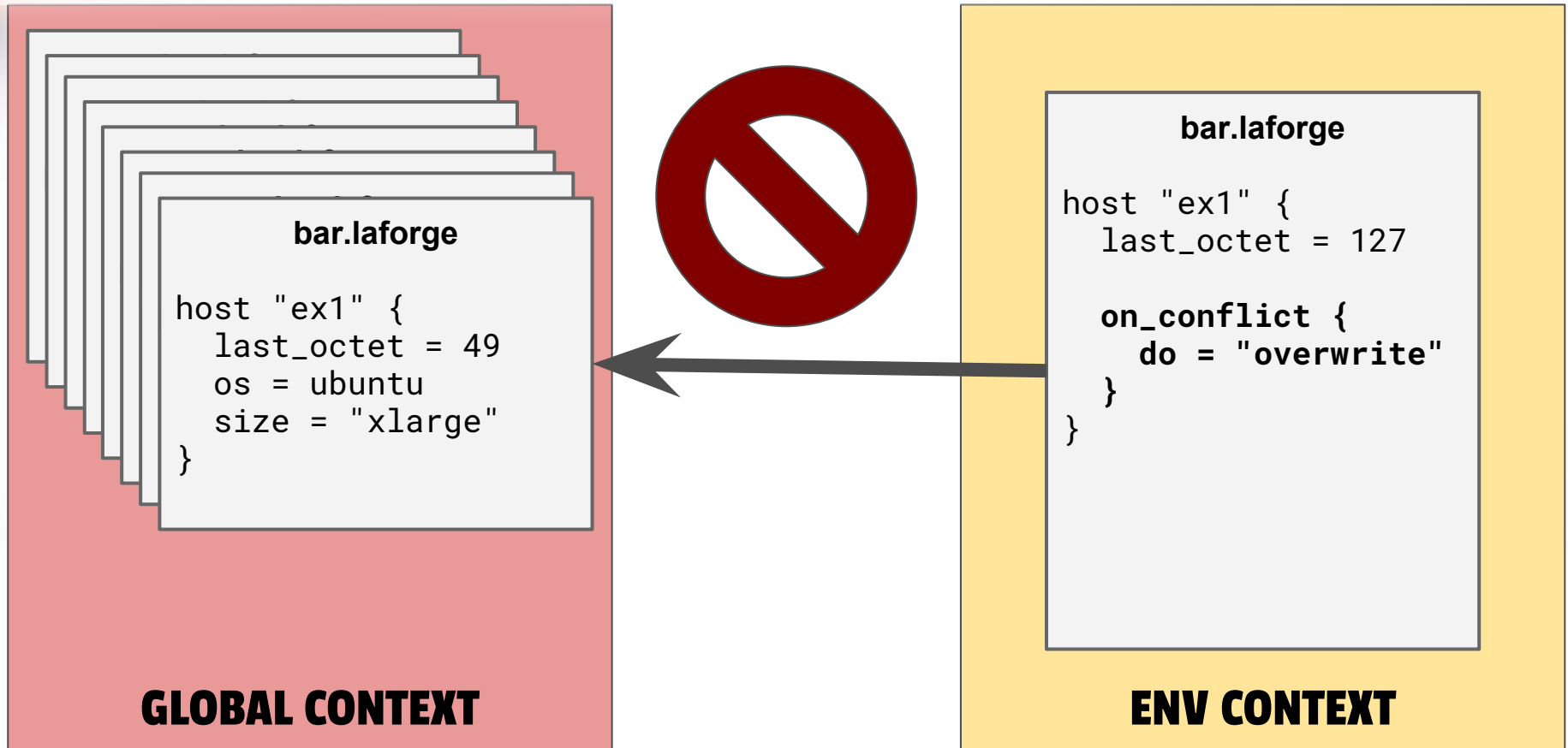


# MULTI-DIMENSIONAL, NON-DESTRUCTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE

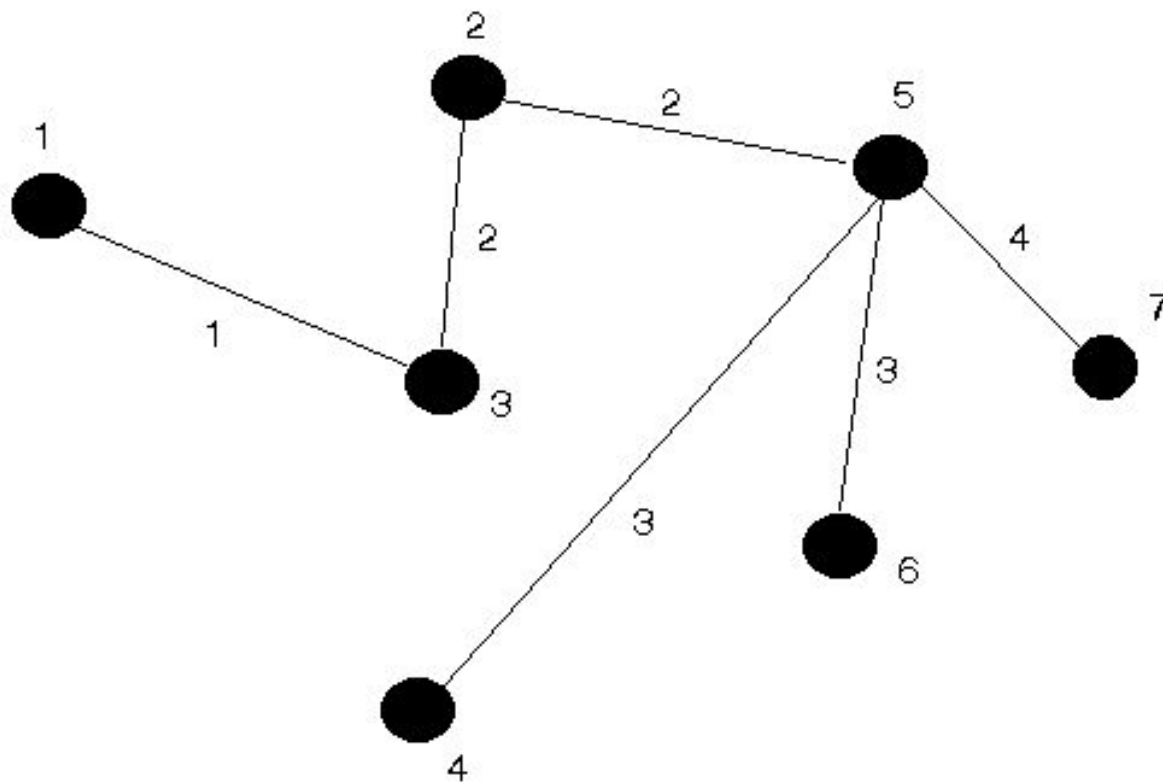




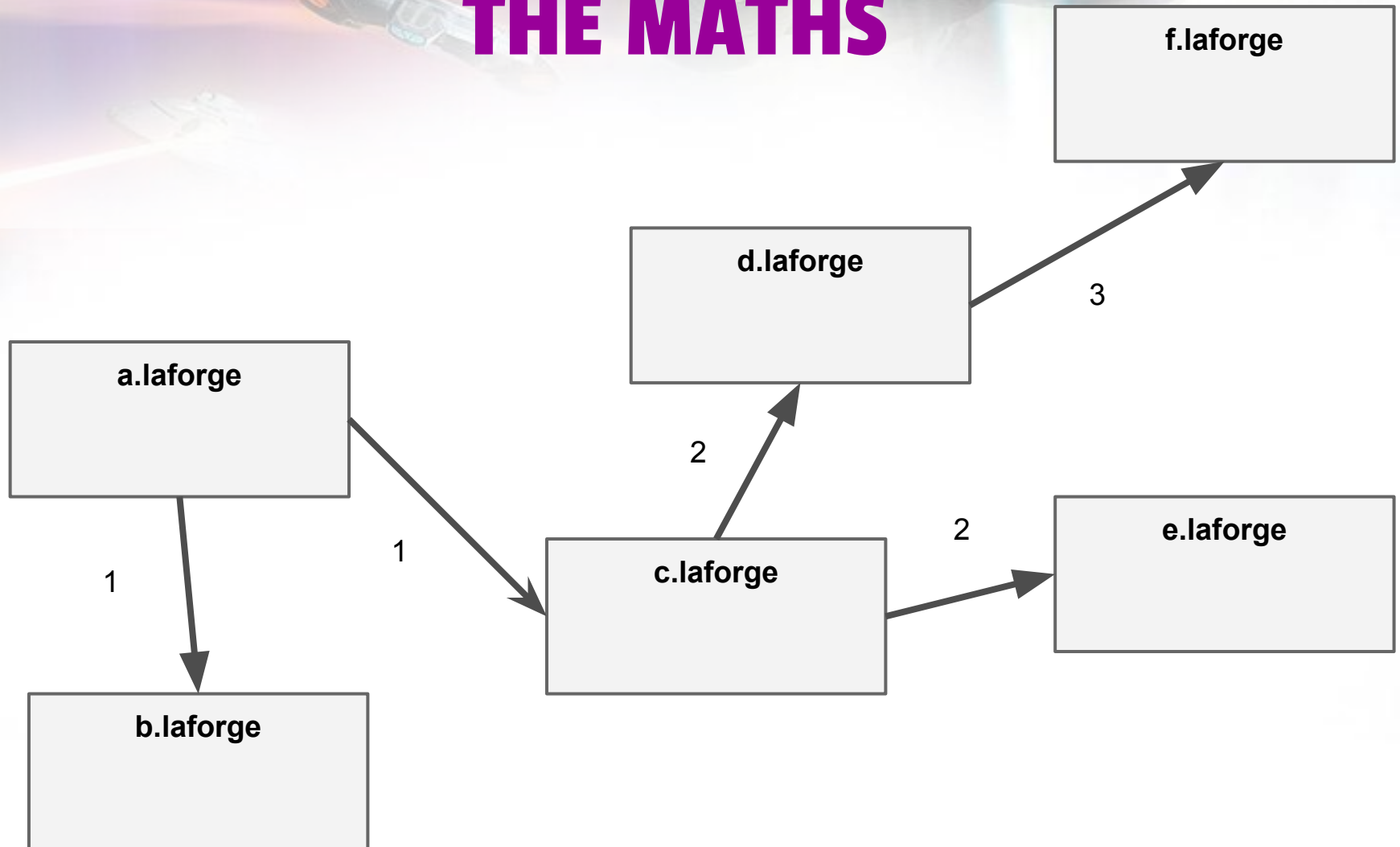
# MULTI-DIMENSIONAL, NON-DESTRUCTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE



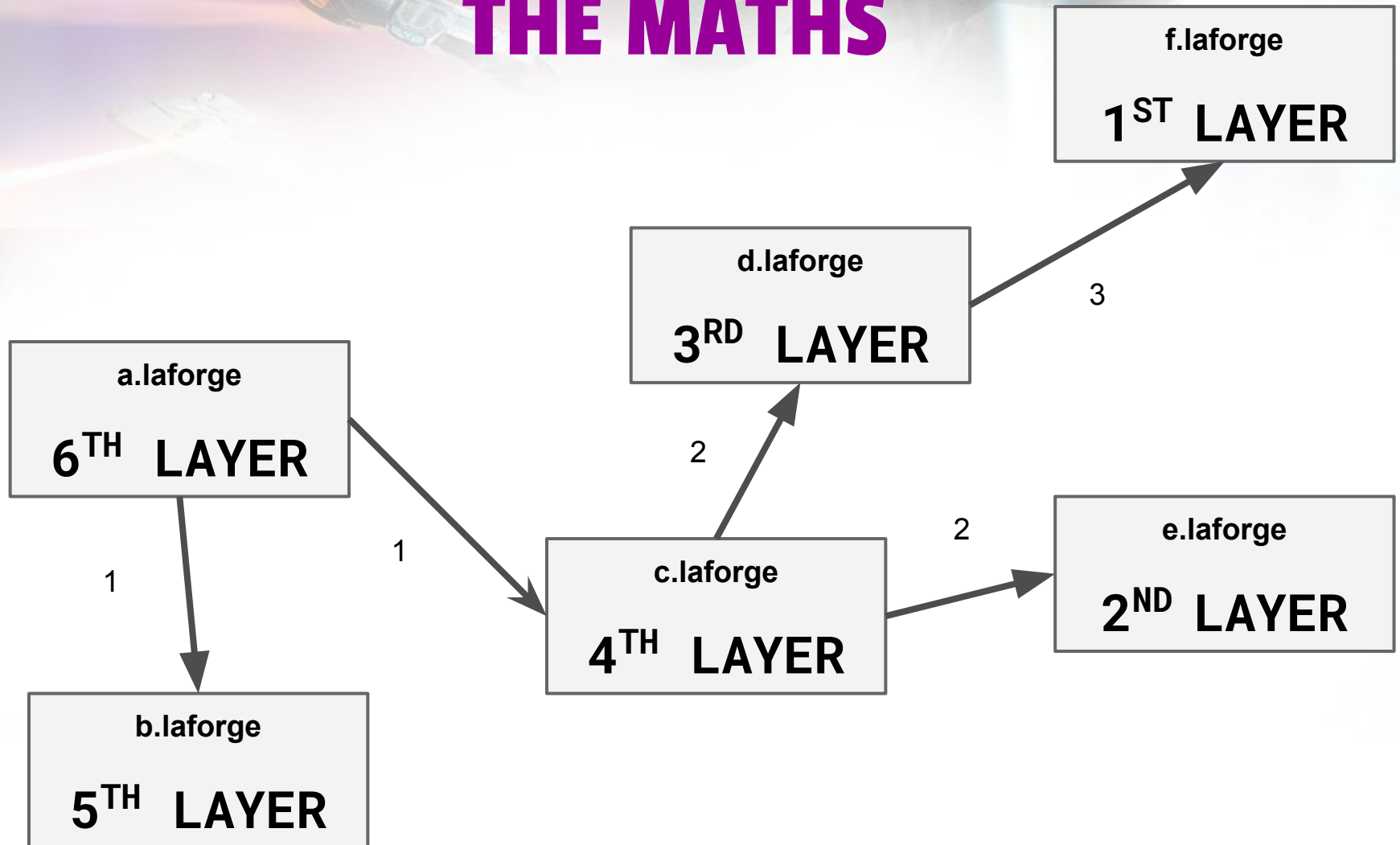
# THE MATHS



# THE MATHS

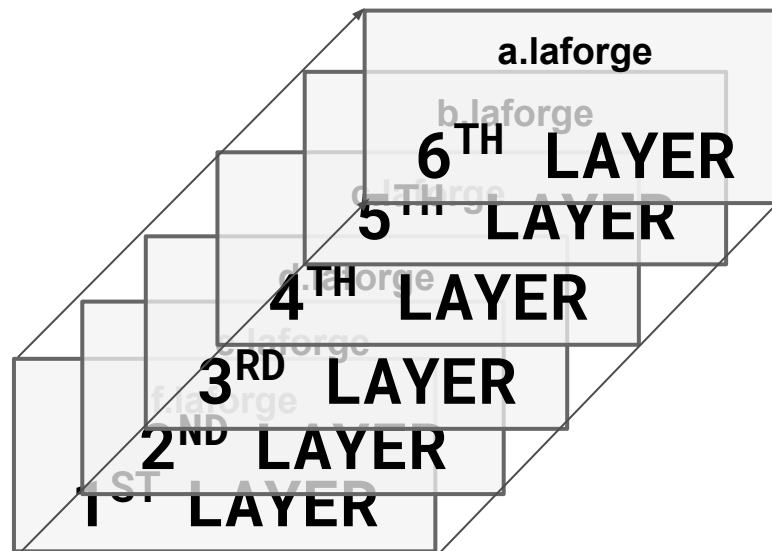


# THE MATHS





# THE MATHS



# ALPHA PREVIEW VERSION LIVE!

## (we're confident lol)



### **Multi-Dimensional**

Treats your environment very much like a git repo, removes flat files, adds includes, and uses more than just Terraform.



### **LaForge Config Syntax**

Straightforward and flexible, implements imports, named scopes, and is used to configure everything about your environment.



### **Pull requests are welcome!**

**If you like this project and would like to help us in development:**

**<https://github.com/gen0cide/laforge>**

A background image showing a Star Trek Enterprise ship and several smaller Klingon Bird-of-Prey ships in a space battle.

# TL;DR

**LaForge is a modern DevOps tool specifically for creating real-world scenarios and competition environments.**



## **Allows the Rapid Development of Competition Networks**

Build reusable and scalable competition environments.



## **Coordinate Development**

LaForge is extensible, allowing multiple developers, multiple hosts, and multiple outputs.



## **The tool is already out there!**

Stop listening to us! Download LaForge and hack with it!

The background of the slide features a collage of Star Trek: The Next Generation ships. At the top, the USS Enterprise-D is shown from a high angle, with its saucer section and nacelles clearly visible. Below it, several other ships, including the USS Voyager and the USS Enterprise-A, are depicted in various orientations. The ships are set against a backdrop of a starry space with a bright star in the upper right and a colorful nebula in the lower left. The text "QUESTIONS?" is centered in the middle of the slide in a white, stylized font with a black outline.

**QUESTIONS?**

**END**

**[github.com/gen0cide/laforge](https://github.com/gen0cide/laforge)**  
**[nationalcptc.org](http://nationalcptc.org)**

**BSIDESLV 2018**