

Rollout all your Prometheus exporters with Puppet!

(Proudly powered by Vox Pupuli Puppet modules)

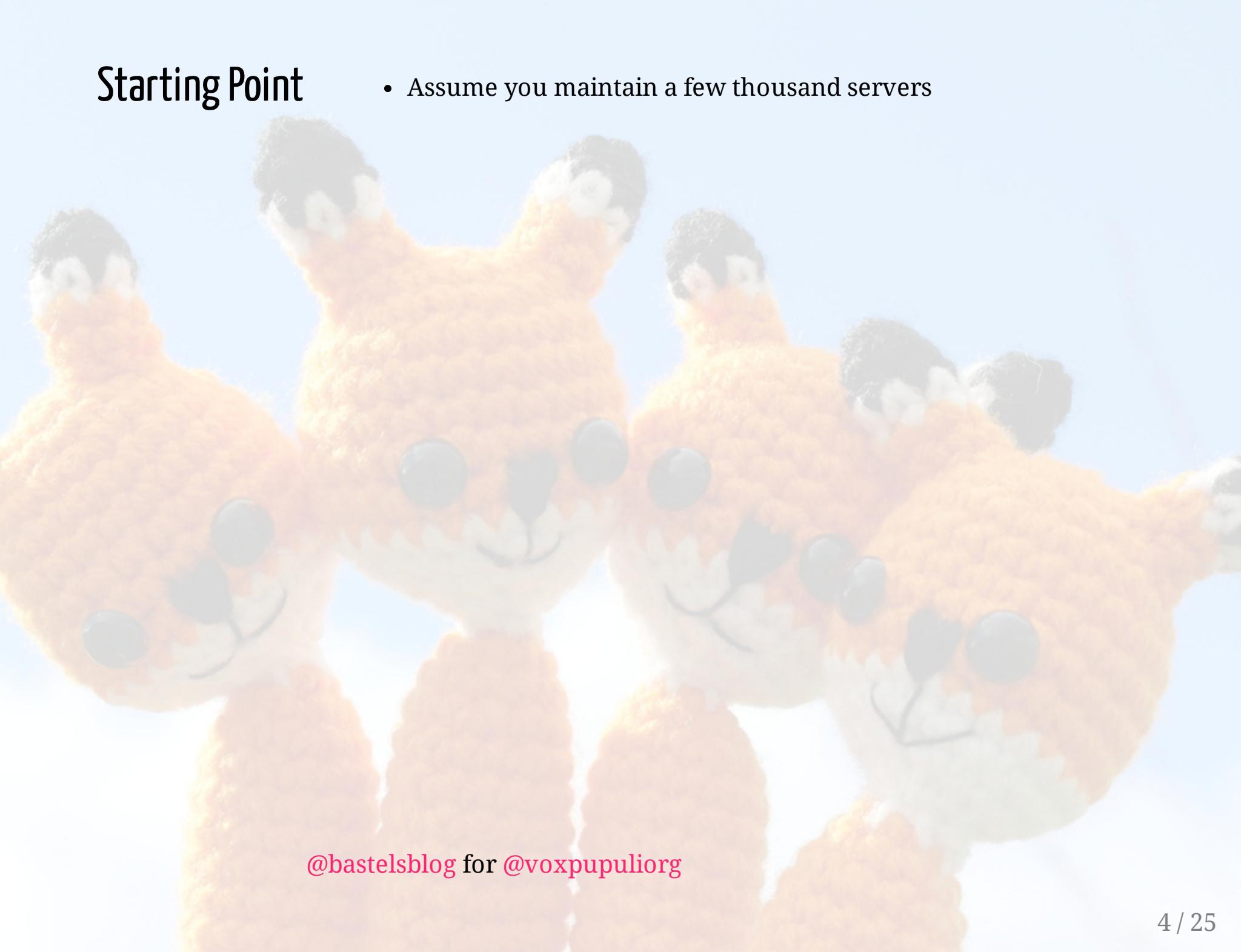
\$ whoami

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Let us go on a monitoring journey

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- Or you have no monitoring at all

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Chapter 1: Exploration

Or: The Happy Phase

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- You attend your most favourite monitoring conference

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- You attend your most favourite monitoring conference
- Somebody recommends you `node_exporter`
- "Just download the binary, run it as root and it works" they said...

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- Single binary, written in go
 - Nice for dependency management, but please consider building packages
 - Do not download random binaries from the internet...

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Prometheus Exporters:

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- Each metric has a name and a value
- There should be a HELP
- There should be a type
- A metric can have labels (in this case)

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- There are **hundreds of exporters** available

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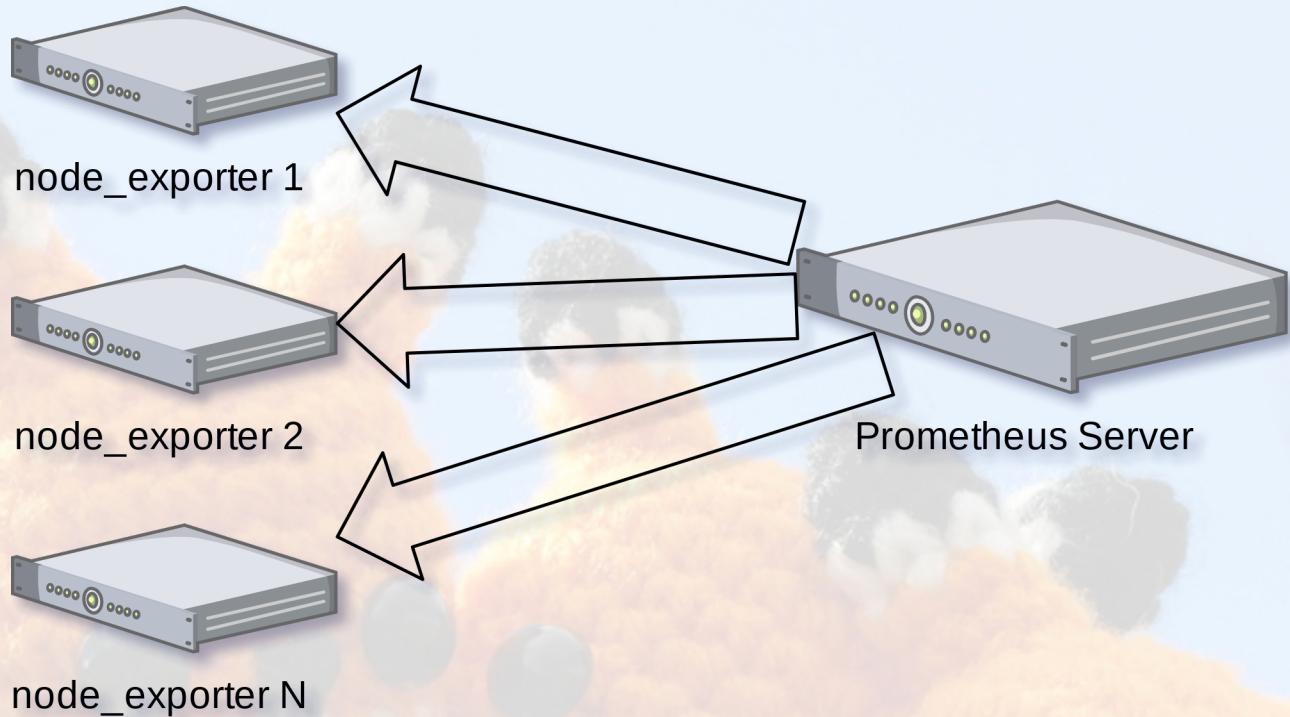
Chapter 2: Integration

Or: Million ways to shoot yourself in the foot

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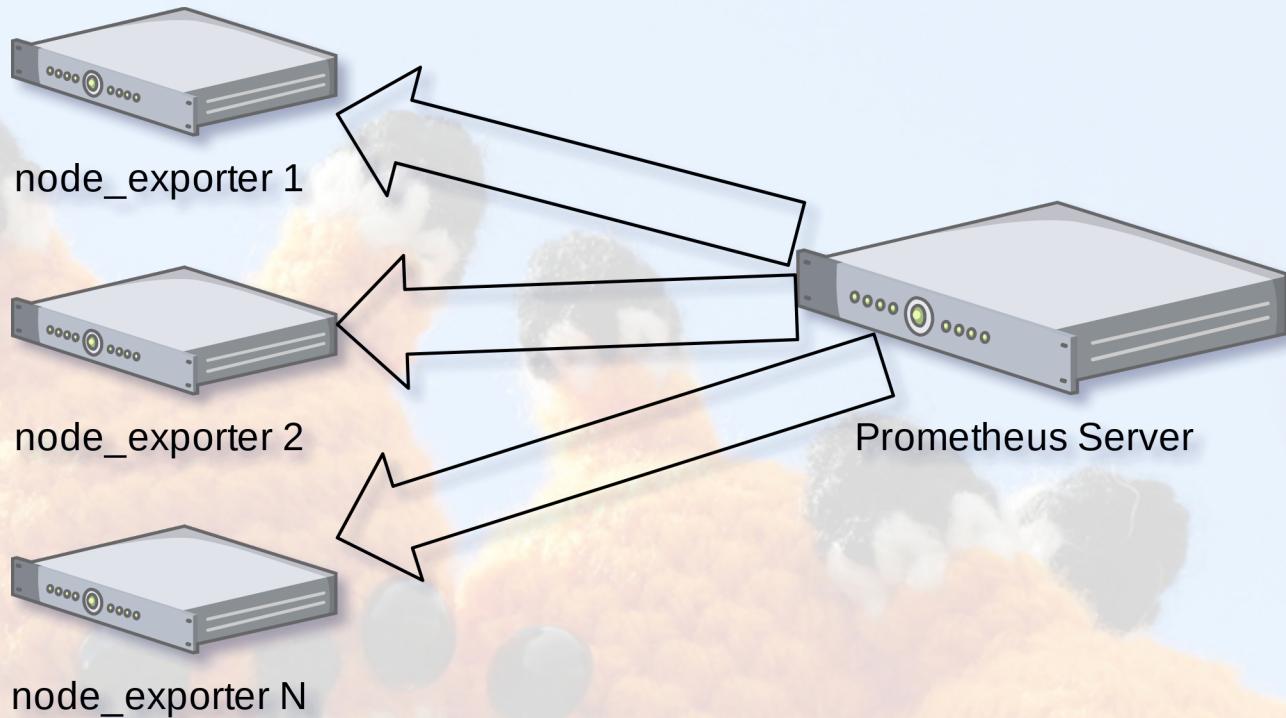
With the **puppet/prometheus** module:

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- Prometheus database scrapes all exporters
- Everybody can make backups of your metrics \o/
 - (Because they are available to the whole internet)

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- Prometheus database needs to know the targets
- Register each exporter in Consul as a service
- Feed services into Prometheus
- Use [KyleAnderson/consul](#) Puppet module to deploy consul

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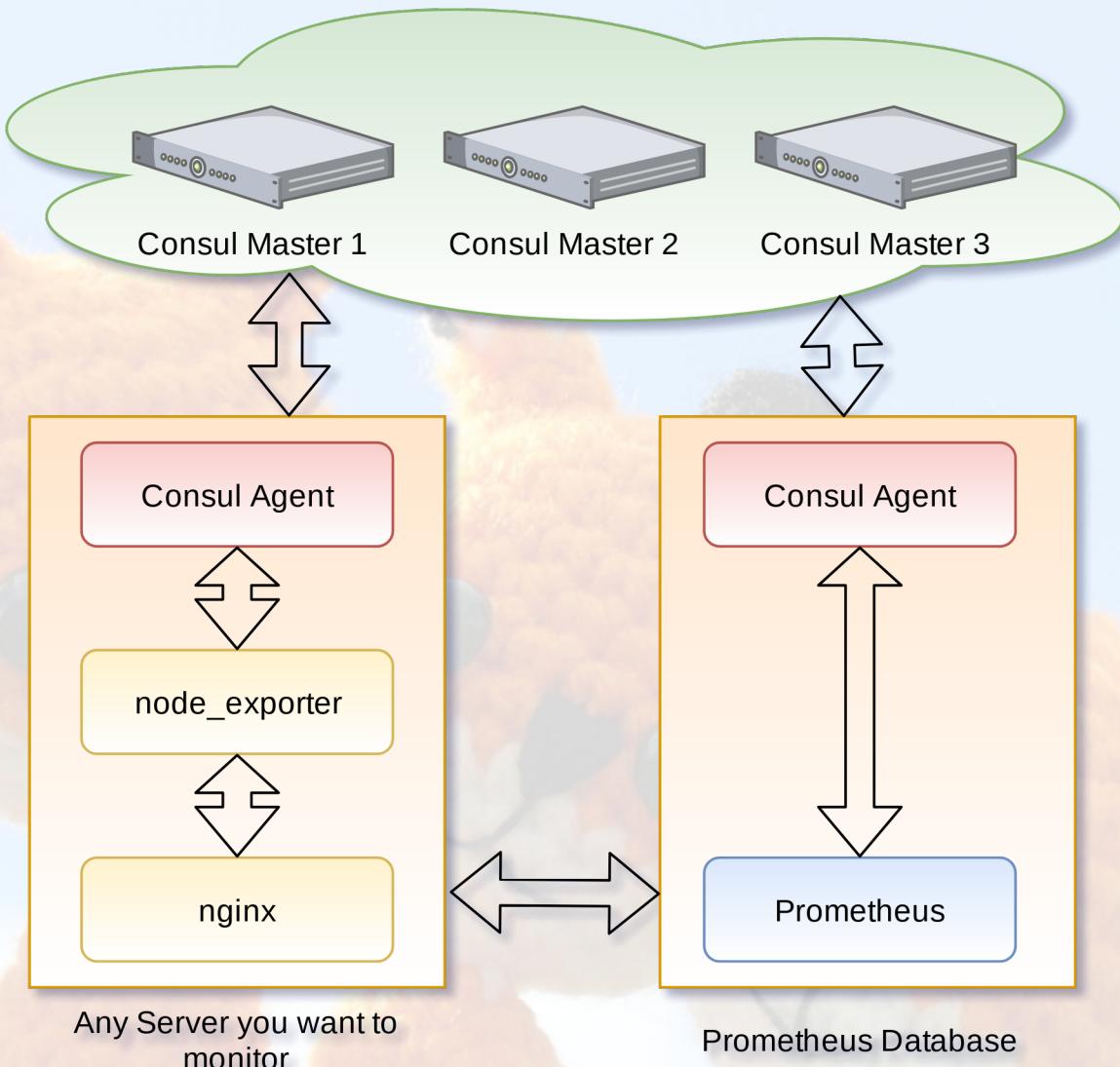
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Take a look at [./examples/node_exporter_consul.pp](#)

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- Puppet Agent/Server use TLS client certificates
- Deploy nginx in front of node_exporter
- Require a valid client certificate from prometheus database
- Vox Pupuli provides puppet/nginx \o/

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Take a look at [./examples/node_exporter_profile.pp](#)

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Consul:

- No authentication by default
- Can also use TLS client certificates / a secret key
- Puppet certificates can be reused

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- Firewalling should be automated
- IP addresses might change often

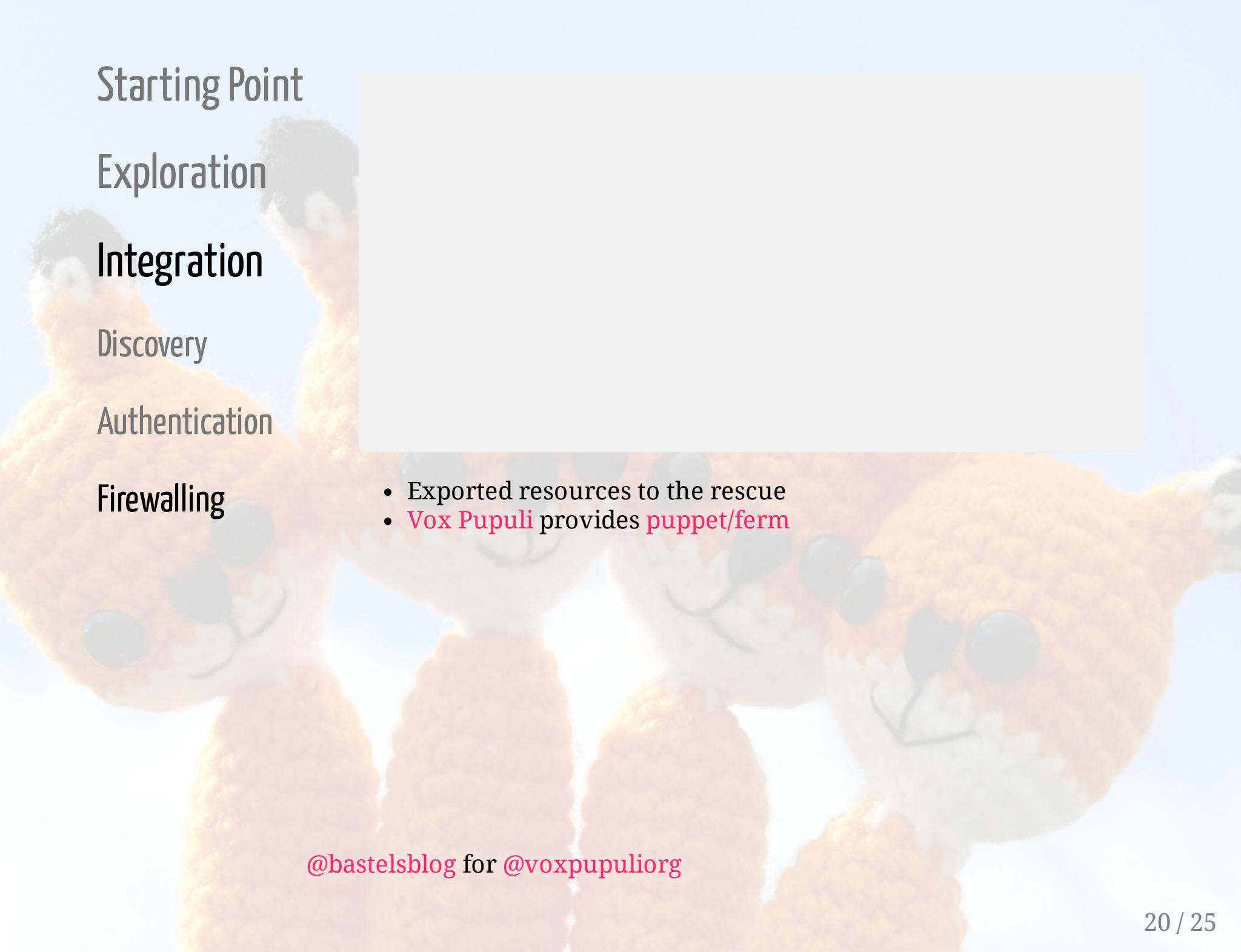
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- Exported resources to the rescue
- Vox Pupuli provides puppet/ferm

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Consul:

- Consul creates a meshed network
- iptables doesn't scale with thousands of entries
- filtering packets and changing rules will be delayed

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ipsets and separate chains to the rescue!

Exploration

- handle consul traffic in a separate iptables chain

- ip sets are a hashmap of CIDR ranges

- In memory, scale very good

- iptables can check against this hashmap

- You cannot mix IPv4/IPv6 in one hashmap

- Updating the ip set is independent from iptables rules

- **Vox Pupuli** provides **puppet/ipset**

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Take a look at [./examples/ipsets.pp](#)

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Chapter 3: Conclusion

Or: \o/ ?

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- Rolling out an exporter with Puppet is easy
 - 1 line of code! (for a dev environment)
 - Required config management code for a production setup is still reasonable

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- Rolling out an exporter with Puppet is easy
- `puppet/prometheus` supports 20 famous exporters
 - You can easily add support for another one
 - Ping the `Vox Pupuli` people and ask for help

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- Consul as service discovery

- + Probably the solution that scales best

Conclusion

- + Since you now have it, you can use it for even more stuff

- More configuration effort than an actual exporter

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- [puppet/prometheus](#) supports 20 famous exporters
- Consul as service discovery
- [github.com/bastelfreak/prometheusdemo](#) repo with slides + all examples + Vagrantfile to show your coworkers
- Contact: tim@bastelfreak.de or bastelfreak on freenode
- [Collection of related talks](#)

Thanks for your attention!

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