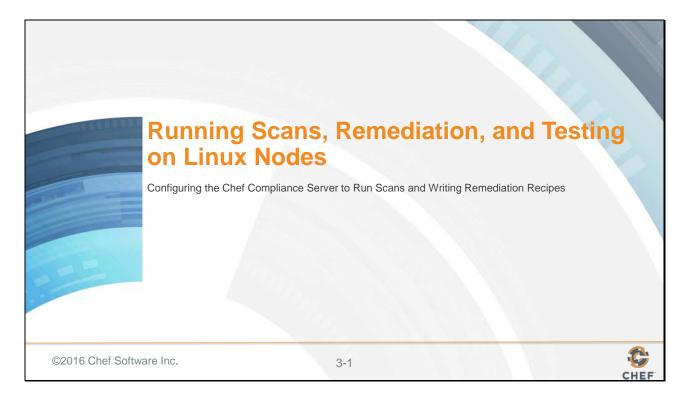
# 3: Running Scans, Remediation, and Testing on Linux Nodes



## Slide 2

# **Objectives**

After completing this module, you should be able to:

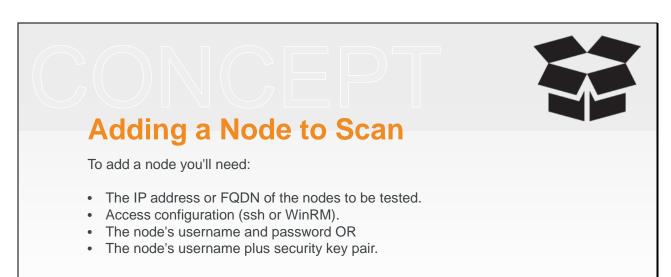
- > Add a node to test for compliance.
- > Run a Compliance scan.
- > Test for compliance with InSpec from the command line interface.
- > Remediate a compliance issue.
- > Use Test Kitchen to test your remediation.
- > Test for compliance with InSpec from the CLI
- > Rescan the node and ensure compliance.

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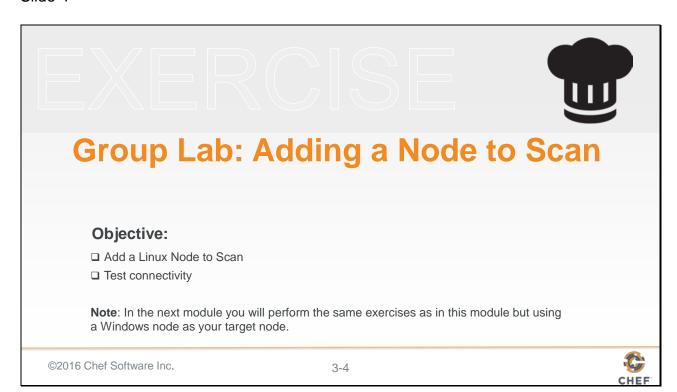
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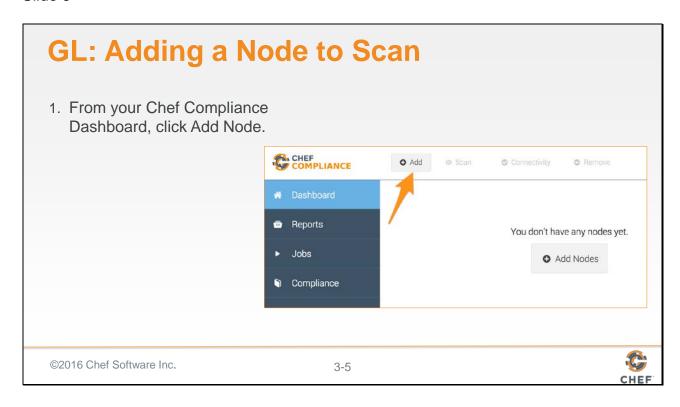


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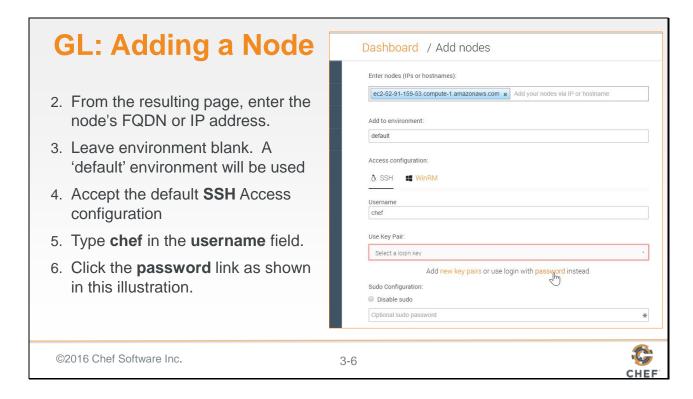
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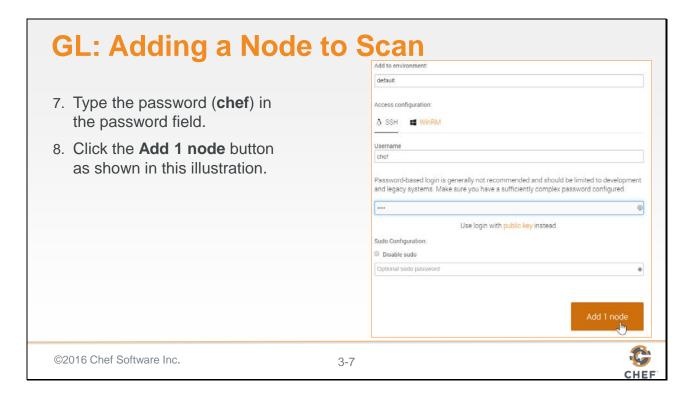
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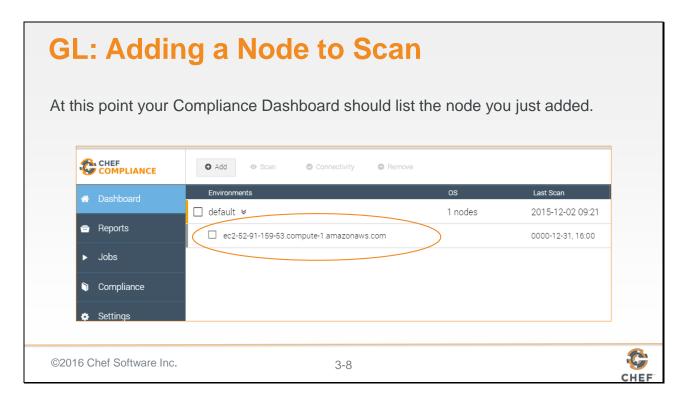


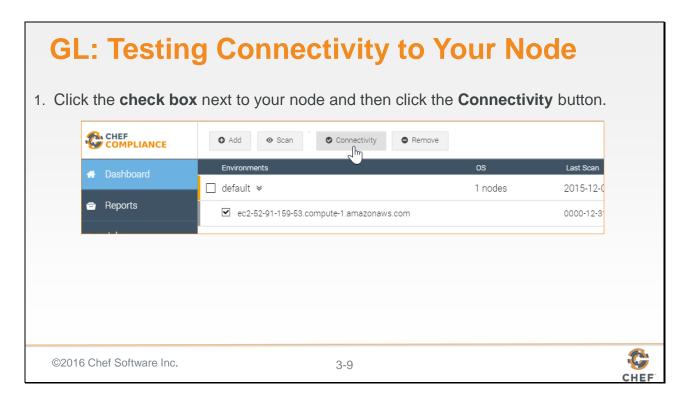
Be sure you are using the hostname of the target node that you noted previously in class.

In the workplace, the target node's username and password will likely be different than shown in this example.

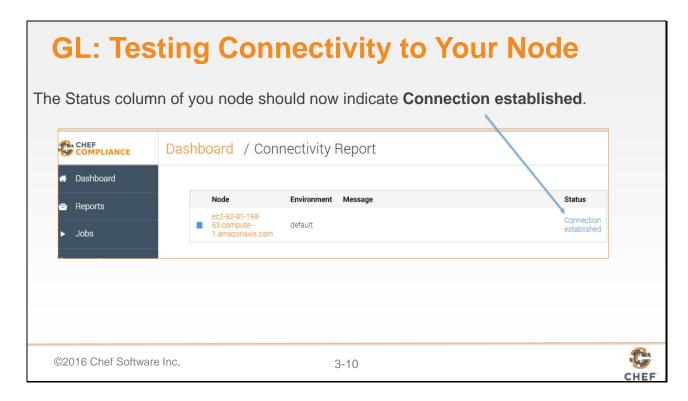
We'll discuss using key pair access later in the module.





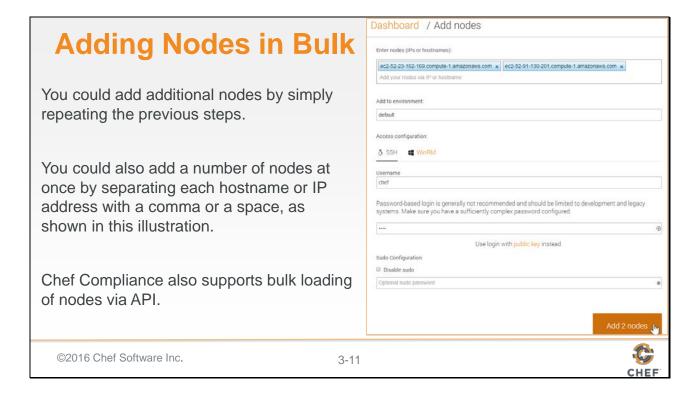


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If your Status column does not indicate `Connection established`, please notify the instructor.

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As you may have noticed, you could add additional nodes by simply repeating the previous steps.

You could also add a number of nodes at once by separating each hostname or IP address with a comma or a space, as shown in this illustration.

Chef Compliance also supports bulk loading of nodes via API.

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# **Adding Nodes in Bulk via API**

After class you can go to the following link.

The resulting kitchen\_sink.rb will step you through how to upload nodes in bulk.

```
### Script to export Chef Server nodes and import them to Chef Compliance
   ### Change the 'api_url', 'api_user' and 'api_pass' variables below
### Go to your chef-repo and check Chef Server access first
# cd chef-repo; knife environment list
### Save this Ruby script as kitchen_sink.rb and run it like this:
  # cat kitchen sink.rb | knife exec
   ### Chef Compliance API docs: https://docs.chef.io/api_compliance.html
  require 'json'
  require 'uri'
  require 'net/http'
  require 'openssl'
  # This extracts data from the Chef Server. Auth done by 'knife exec'
  # Change loginKey and any other details that will be posted to the Chef Compliance API:
  nodes_array = []
nodes.find('*:*') { |n|
    nodes_array << { id: n.name,
                      name: n.name,
```

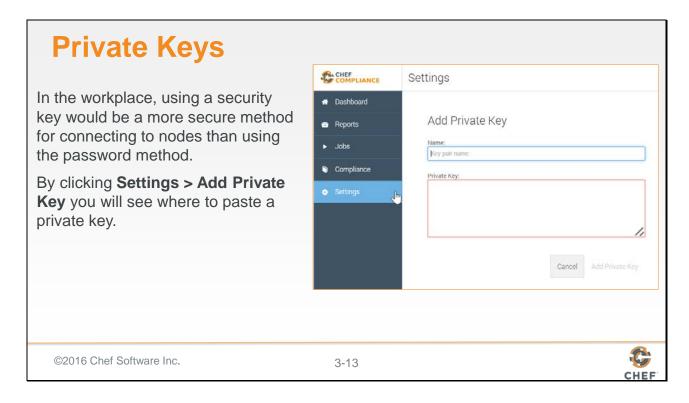
https://gist.github.com/alexpop/01b0bba8d259adeee320

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In the workplace, using security key pairs would be a more secure method for connecting to nodes than using the password method we are using in class.

By clicking `Settings > Add Private Key` you will see where to paste your private key.

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You can run Compliance scans on demand or schedule them to run at a later time.

Chef Compliance maintains profiles as a collection of individual controls that comprise a complete audit.

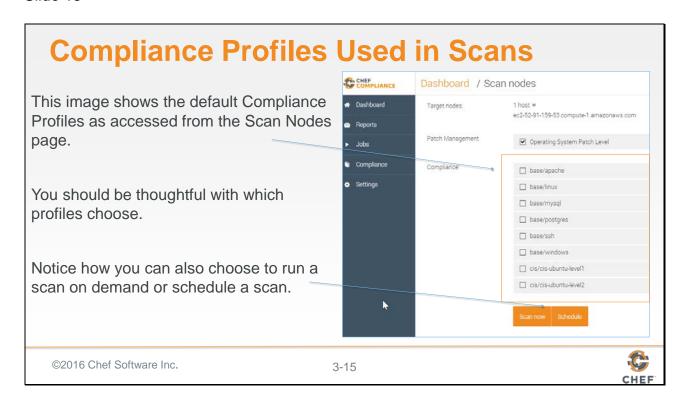
As mentioned previously, Chef Compliance comes with a few reference profiles of various compliance policies that you can leverage or use as examples to create your own.

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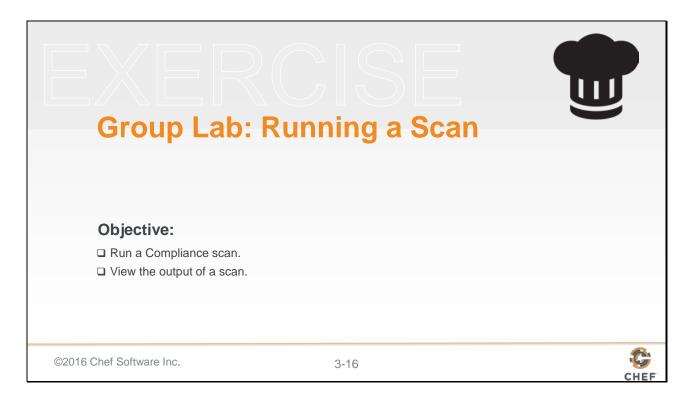


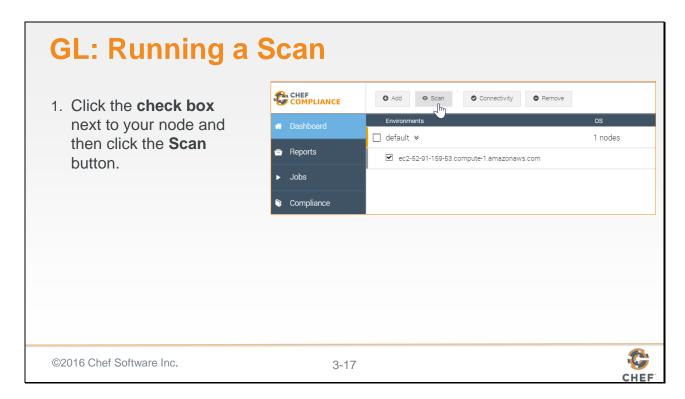
This image shows the default Compliance Profiles as accessed from the Scan Nodes page. This page displays when you select nodes to scan and then click the Scan button.

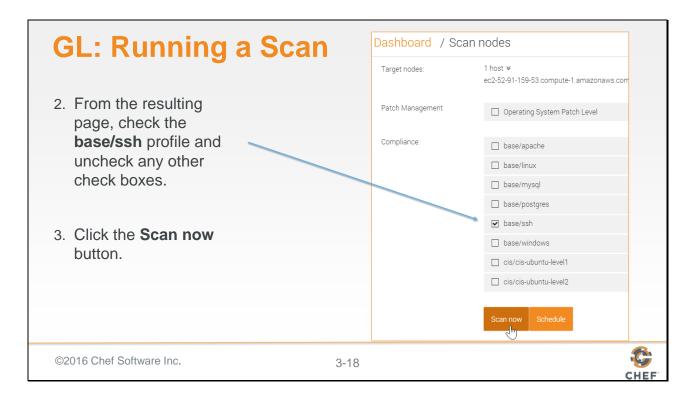
You'll access the profiles in a moment. These profiles determine what will be scanned on your nodes.

You should be thoughtful with which profiles choose since the more you choose to run, the longer it will take to execute the scan.

Notice how you can also choose to run a scan on demand (Scan now) or schedule a scan to run at a later time.





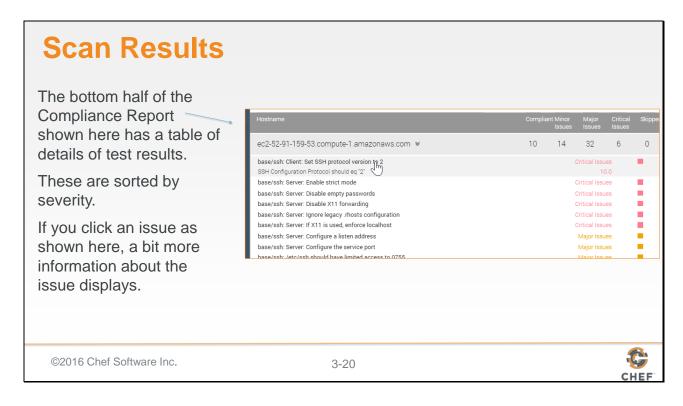


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There are also 6 critical issues related to ssh on the target node. Your results may be slightly different than this example.

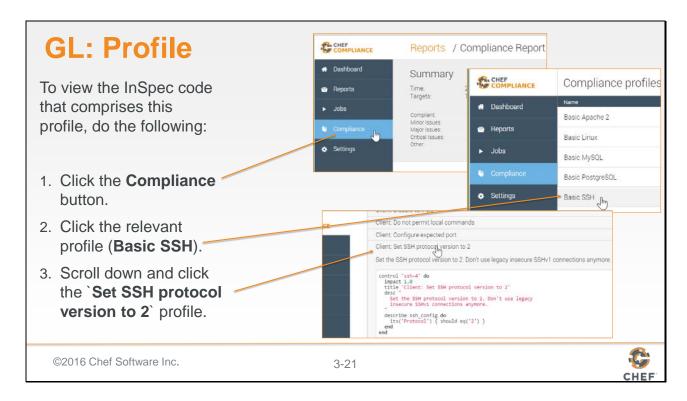
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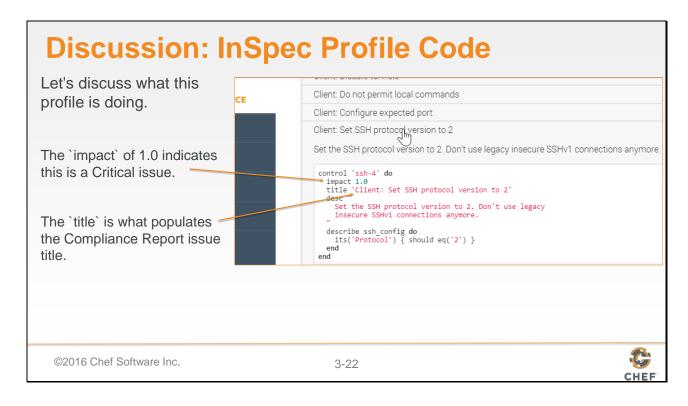
The bottom half of the Compliance Report has a table of details of test results.

These are sorted by severity so the critical issues are listed at the top and the compliant items are at the bottom of the list.

If you click an issue as shown here, a bit more information about the issue displays, but that's not really telling us much.



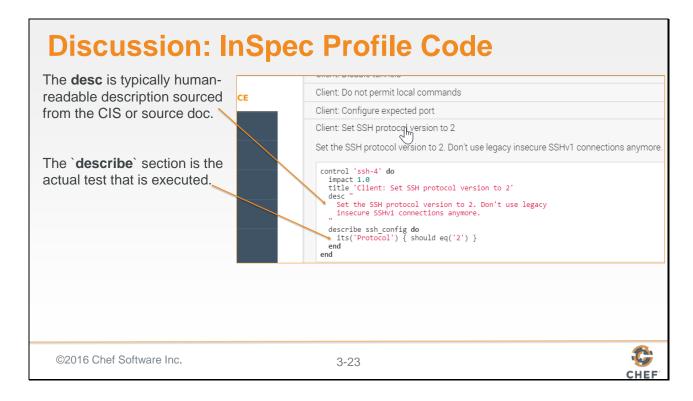
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Let's discuss what this profile is doing.

The impact of 1.0 indicates this is a critical issue if it the scanned node violates what is in this code. We'll discuss severity mapping in a moment.

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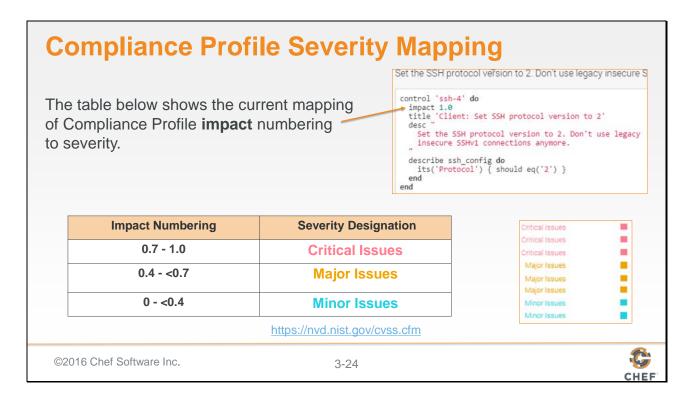
The **desc** is typically human-readable description sourced from the CIS or source doc.

The describe value is the actual test. In this case, this is saying the protocol for `ssh\_config` Protocol should be `2`. If the actual value from the node is not Protocol 2, the Critical issue is reported as in this case.

So when you run a scan, the Compliance Server connects to the node using the configuration we specified, in this case ssh, and then it will run this set of code, this InSpec control, on that node. The Compliance Server translates the InSpec code into ssh commands when it transmits across the wire.

No agent or client is required to be running on the target node for this work.

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Here is the current mapping of Compliance Profile impact numbering to severity.

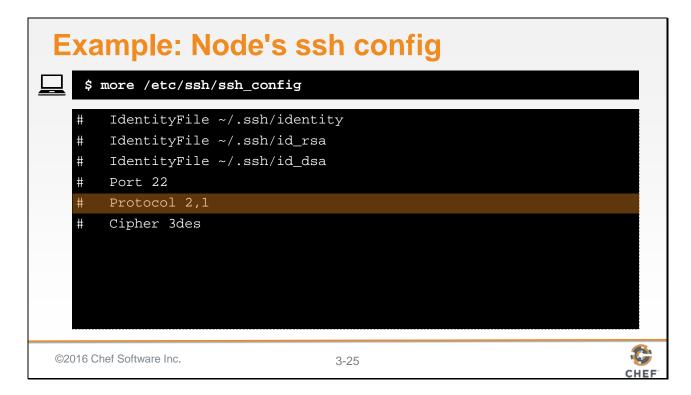
The image at the top-right shows a Compliance Profile's impact numbering.

The table at the bottom-left shows the current mapping of Compliance Profile impact numbering to severity.

The image at the bottom-right is an example of the severities listed in the reports in the Compliance web UI.

The mapping is currently analogous to the Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS) framework, which can be viewed via the link at the bottom of this slide.

This mapping will be made configurable in the future.



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Now that we've identified the ssh version issue, let's write a recipe on the target node to remediate the issue.

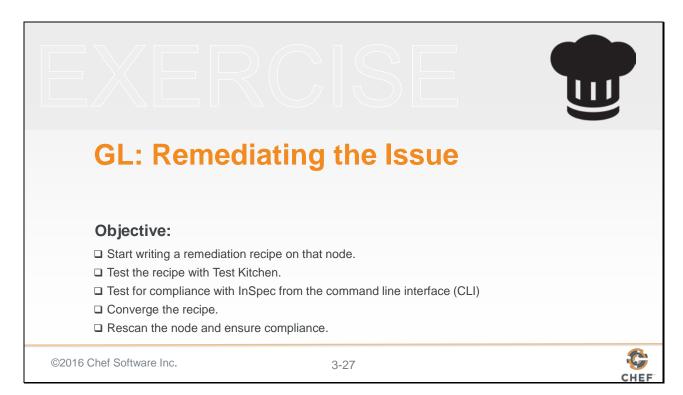
Then we'll run the compliance scan again to see if we successfully remediated the issue.

**Note**: In this course we will write a recipe directly on the node that we're running scans on. Of course in a production environment you will likely write such recipes locally and upload them to Chef Server. Then the nodes would convergence the recipes on their next chef-client run.

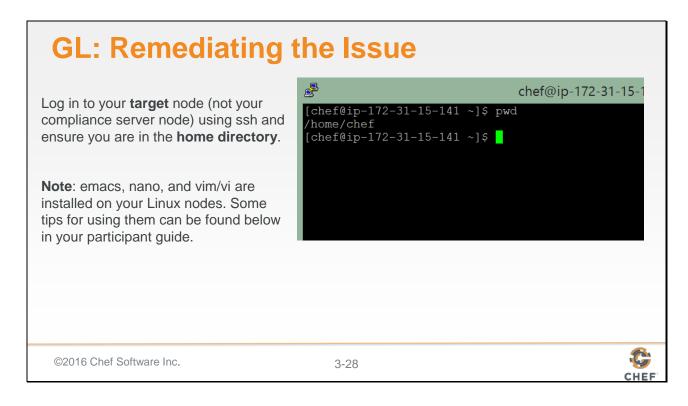
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Emacs: (Emacs is fairly straightforward for editing files.)

OPEN FILE \$ emacs FILENAME
WRITE FILE ctrl+x, ctrl+w
EXIT ctrl+x, ctrl+c

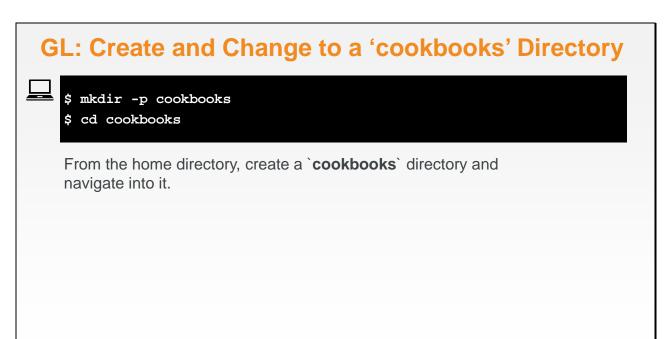
Nano: (Nano is usually touted as the easiest editor to get started with editing through the command-line.)

OPEN FILE \$ nano FILENAME
WRITE (When exiting) ctrl+x, y, ENTER
EXIT ctrl+x

**VIM:** (Vim, like vi, is more complex because of its different modes.)

OPEN FILE \$ vim FILENAME START EDITING i WRITE FILE ESC, :w EXIT ESC, :q EXIT (don't write) ESC, :q!

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# **GL: Create an SSH Cookbook**

\$ chef generate cookbook ssh
Compiling Cookbooks...

Recipe: code\_generator::cookbook

- \* directory[/home/chef/cookbooks/ssh] action create
  - create new directory /home/chef/cookbooks/ssh

. . .

- create new file /home/chef/cookbooks/ssh/recipes/default.rb
  - update content in file

/home/chef/cookbooks/ssh/recipes/default.rb from none to b702c7 (diff output suppressed by config)

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```
GL: Create an SSH Client Recipe

$ chef generate recipe ssh client

Compiling Cookbooks...

Recipe: code_generator::recipe

* directory[./ssh/spec/unit/recipes] action create (up to date)

* cookbook_file[./ssh/spec/spec_helper.rb] action
create_if_missing (up to date)
...

- create new file ./ssh/recipes/client.rb

- update content in file ./ssh/recipes/client.rb from none to
9c833a

(diff output suppressed by config)
```

In this step, instead of modifying the default recipe, we will create a new `ssh client` recipe.

This is because a default ssh cookbook probably affects an ssh server config and ssh client config and we only want to affect an ssh client.

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In this step, we want to create a template file to manage our `ssh\_config` file.

The `-s` option in this command takes the contents of the current `/etc/ssh/ssh\_config` file and places it in the `ssh\_config.erb` file.

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```
GL: Write the Client Recipe

$ ~/cookbooks/ssh/recipes/client.rb

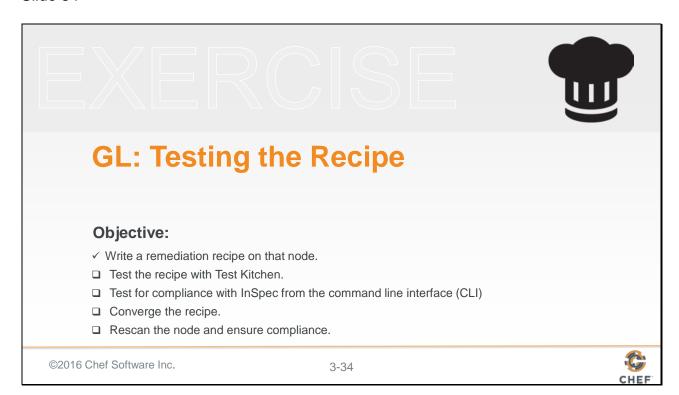
# Cookbook Name:: ssh
# Recipe:: client
# Copyright (c) 2035 The Authors, All Rights Reserved.

template '/etc/ssh/ssh_config' do
    source 'ssh_config.erb'
    owner 'root'
    group 'root'
    mode '0644'
end

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```

Edit the `~/cookbooks/ssh/recipes/client.rb` file and add the contents shown here.

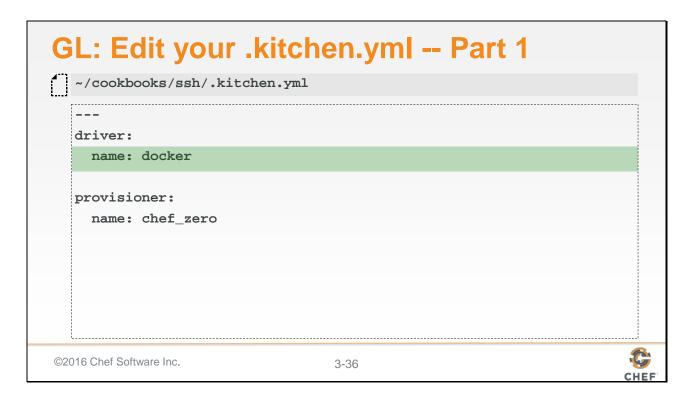


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To test your recipe, first navigate to where the recipe lives.

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Edit your `.kitchen.yml` as shown here and on the following slide.

Because our node is an EC2 AWS instance, we need to change the driver from vagrant to docker. docker should already be installed on the EC2 AWS training instances.

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Also comment the ubuntu platform line and change the centos platform to `centos-6.7', which should be the version running on the training instance.

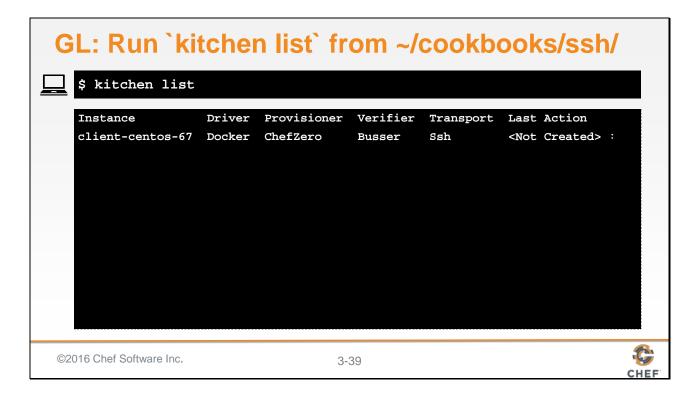
To confirm the centos release, you could execute `more /etc/\*-release`
::::::::::::::
/etc/centos-release
::::::::::::::
CentOS release 6.7 (Final)

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Finally, change the suites name to `client' and the run\_list recipe name to `ssh:client`. run\_list:

- recipe[ssh::client]

# Slide 39



Now run `kitchen list` from the ~/cookbooks/ssh directory. This command will tell you if you have a typo in your `.kitchen.yml`.

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```
$ kitchen converge

----> Starting Kitchen (v3.4.2)
----> Creating <client-centos-67>...
Sending build context to Docker daemon 32.26 kB
Sending build context to Docker daemon
Step 0: FROM centos:centos6
---> 3bbbf0aca359
...
Chef Client finished, 0/3 resources updated in 03 seconds
Finished converging <client-centos-67> (0m28.27s).
----> Kitchen is finished. (0m30.32s)
zlib(finalizer): the stream was freed prematurely.
```

Now run `kitchen converge` from the ~/cookbooks/ssh directory.

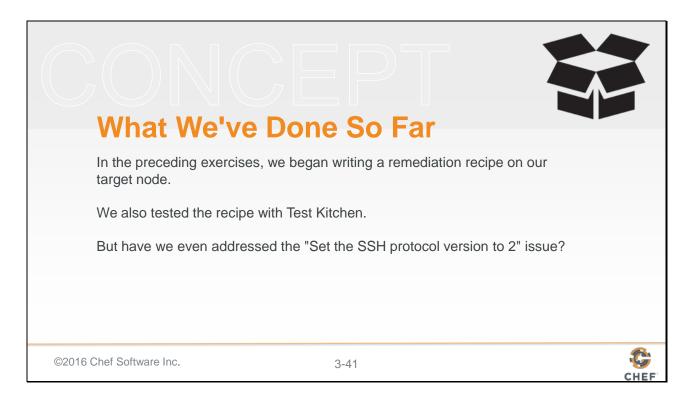
`kitchen converge` will:

- Launch a docker container.
- Place the cookbook into the docker container.
- Install chef-client in the docker container.
- Run chef zero (i.e., chef-client in local mode) across the client recipe.

The end result will be that it should write out the ssh\_conf to the appropriate location (i.e., /etc/ssh/ssh\_config).

It could take a couple minutes or so for this command to complete.

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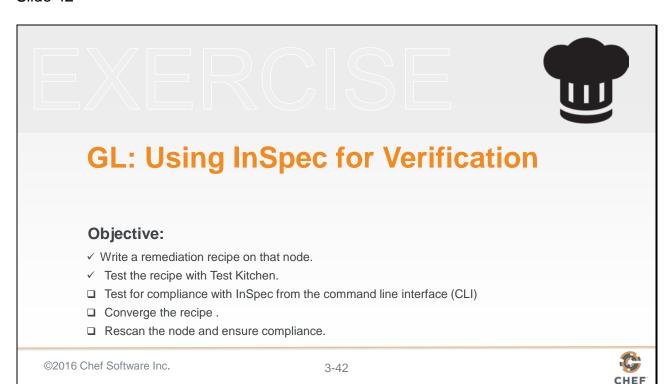


In the preceding exercises we began writing a remediation recipe on our target node.

We also tested the recipe with Test Kitchen.

But have we even addressed the "Set the SSH protocol version to 2" issue?

If you answered "no", you are correct. In a little while we will modify our recipe to address the "Set the SSH protocol version to 2" issue.





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```
GL: Create the `client_spec.rb' file

-/cookbooks/ssh/test/integration/client/inspec/client_spec.rb

control 'ssh-4' do
    impact 1.0
    title 'Client: Set SSH protocol version to 2'
    desc "
        Set the SSH protocol version to 2. Don't use legacy
        insecure SSHv3 connections anymore.

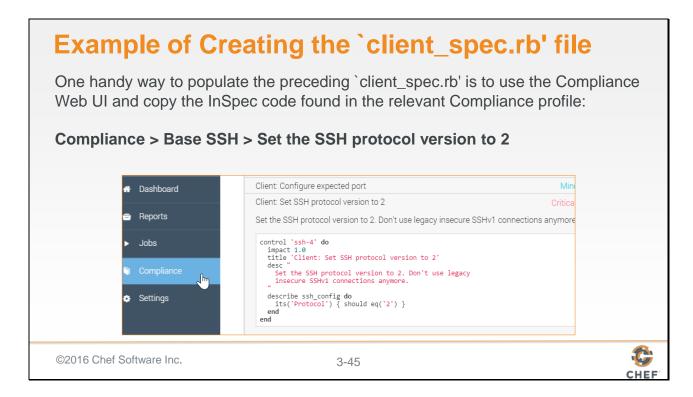
"
describe ssh_config do
    its('Protocol') { should eq('2') }
    end
end

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```

See the following slide for an example of a handy way to populate this file.

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One handy way to populate the preceding `client\_spec.rb' is to use the Compliance Web UI and copy the InSpec control code found in the relevant Compliance profile.

Then you can paste it into the `client\_spec.rb' file to save yourself some typing.

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# Running InSpec from the Command Line Interface (CLI)



InSpec is an executable application.

InSpec can execute on remote hosts, including docker containers.

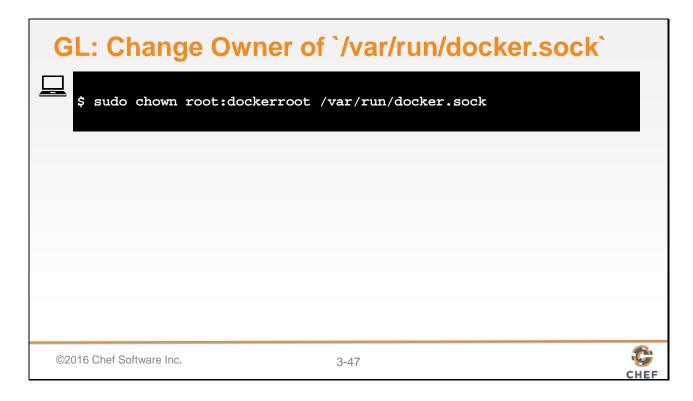
You can use 'inspec exec' to run tests at a specified path.

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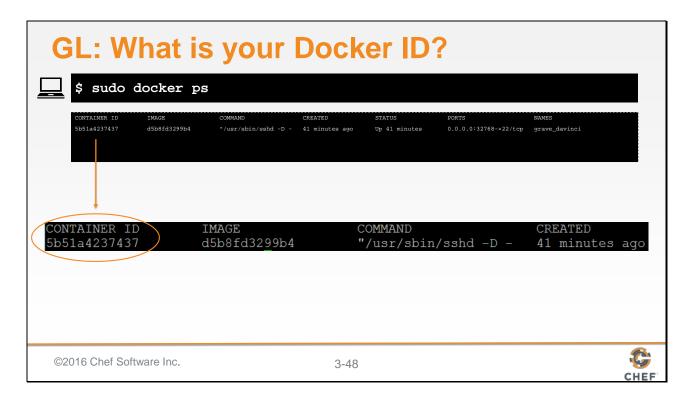
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First, we need to run this command because we are using Docker solely for testing and placing it in this configuration is not secure. We are doing it here because it is necessary if we do not want to prefix `sudo` in front of the commands we execute.

So it's done here namely for speed and ease of training so you can focus on Compliance. On your local system you may use vagrant, ec2, or the azure driver and those will not have the same concern that we are experiencing here.

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Below is an example of the details of the `sudo docker ps` command. This shows one docker container running.

You should only have only one docker container running too.

You'll need the Container ID for the next step so copy your Container ID, which is the first value that is not a header.

CONTAINER ID		IMAGE	COMMAND	CREATED	STATUS
PORTS		NAMES			
5b51a4237	437	d5b8fd3299b4	"/usr/sbin/sshd -D -	41 minutes ago	Up 41
minutes	0.0.0.	0:32768->22/tcp	grave_davinci		

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Run this inspec command using the container ID you just copied, replacing CONTAINER\_ID in the example.

`inspec exec ~/cookbooks/ssh/test/integration/client/inspec/client\_spec.rb -t docker://CONTAINER\_ID`

Running InSpec in this way can uncover more complex issues than the basic issue we are remediating in this module.

While the image of the output may be hard to see, key parts of the output is also pasted below. Notice how inspec from the command line also found the "SSH Configuration Protocol should eq "2" non compliance issue.

Key parts of the output is here: Failures:

```
    SSH Configuration Protocol should eq "2"
        Failure/Error: its('Protocol') { should eq('2') }
        expected: "2"
            got: nil
        ...
        Failed examples:
        rspec # SSH Configuration Protocol should eq "2"
```

```
GL: Update the Template

-/cookbooks/ssh/templates/default/ssh_config.erb

# IdentityFile ~/.ssh/id_rsa
# IdentityFile ~/.ssh/id_dsa
# Port 22
# Protocol 2,1

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```

- Edit the ~/cookbooks/ssh/templates/default/ssh\_config.erb file.
- Uncomment the `# Protocol 2,1` line.
- Change the protocol version to `2` only.

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```
GL: Update the Template

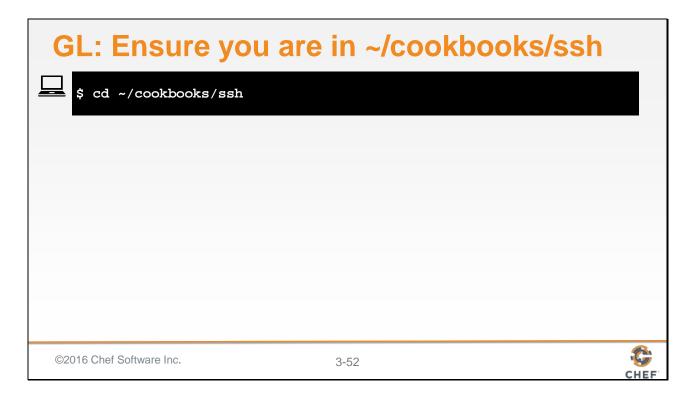
//cookbooks/ssh/templates/default/ssh_config.erb

# IdentityFile ~/.ssh/id_rsa
# IdentityFile ~/.ssh/id_dsa
# Port 22
Protocol 2

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```

Results: Your ~/cookbooks/ssh/templates/default/ssh\_config.erb file's Protocol line should now look like this example.

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Change to ~/cookbooks/ssh if not there already.

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```
GL: Run `kitchen converge

* kitchen converge

...

+++ /etc/ssh/.ssh_config20151209-412-cf7gd7 2015-12-09
20:35:29.734689138 +0000

@@ -37,7 +37,7 @@

# IdentityFile ~/.ssh/id_rsa

# IdentityFile ~/.ssh/id_dsa

# Port 22

-# Protocol 2,1

+Protocol 2

# Cipher 3des
```

You should now see that only Protocol version 2 is currently set in test kitchen.

#### Running handlers:

Chef Client finished, 3/3 resources updated in 03 seconds Finished converging <client-centos-67> (0m8.22s).

#### Slide 54



Run this inspec command again using the container ID you copied previously, replacing CONTAINER\_ID in the example.

`inspec exec ~/cookbooks/ssh/test/integration/client/inspec/client\_spec.rb -t docker://CONTAINER\_ID`

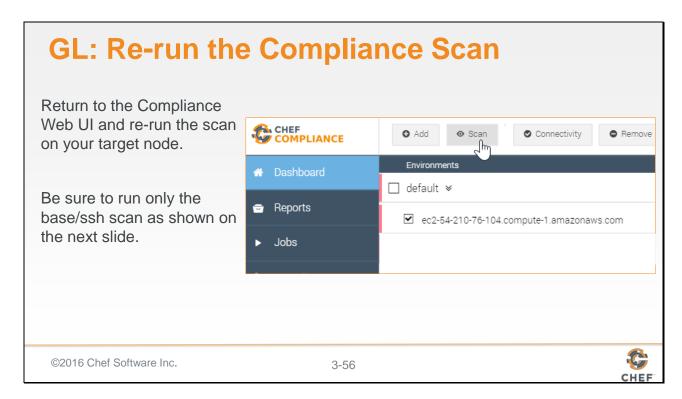
You should now see that the test has passed. In addition to the output text that says there were 0 failures, the single dot at the top-left of the output means there was one test made and that it passed.

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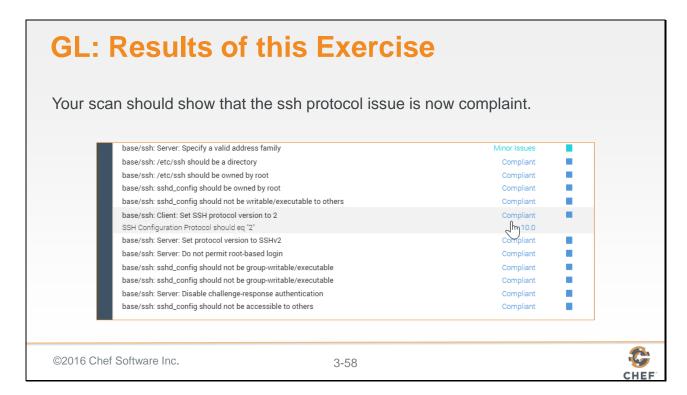
```
GL: Apply the New SSH Recipe
  $ sudo chef-client --local-mode -r 'recipe[ssh::client]'
  +++ /etc/ssh/.ssh_config20151209-10413-hlk9ow
                                                     2015-12-09
  20:37:07.621689137 +0000
      @@ -37,7 +37,7 @@
           IdentityFile ~/.ssh/id_rsa
           IdentityFile ~/.ssh/id_dsa
       #
           Port 22
           Protocol 2,1
      -#
      +Protocol 2
           Cipher 3desesources updated in 3.29477735 seconds
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```

Now we need to actually apply the change to the node. We'll do this using chef-client in local mode. You should then see that only Protocol version 2 is currently set on the node.

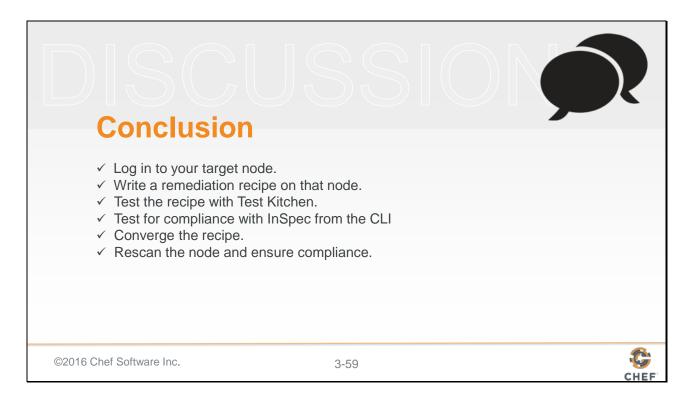
Of course in a production environment chef-client would most likely be set to run automatically to download and converge these changes from Chef Server.







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In this module we scanned a node for compliance issues. We identified an issue and then wrote a remediation recipe directly on the node scanned. We also tested our recipe with test kitchen.

As mentioned previously, in a production environment, you will likely write such recipes locally, add them to the node's run list, and then upload them to Chef Server.

Then the nodes would download the recipes from Chef Server on their next chef-client run and also convergence the recipes.

#### Slide 60

# **Review Questions**

- 1. When adding a node to the Compliance server's dashboard, should you use the node's FQDN or just its IP address?
- 2. What can `inspec exec` be used for?
- 3. How are compliance severities defined?
- 4. Using the image on the right, what section is the actual test?

```
control 'ssh-4' do
  impact 1.0
  title 'Client: Set SSH protocol version to 2'
  desc "
    Set the SSH protocol version to 2. Don't use legacy
    insecure SSHv1 connections anymore.
    describe ssh_config do
    its('Protocol') { should eq('2') }
  end
end
```

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# Slide 61

# **Review Questions**

5. If a compliance scan tells you that a node is unreachable, what might you use to troubleshoot the connection?

6. What language is used to define controls?

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