

Continuously deliver your puppet code with jenkins, r10k and git

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Agenda

- A short story about configuration management
- What is continuous delivery
- ► Tools used to achieve continuous delivery
- DEMO
- Things to improve

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So whats our solution?

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¹Continuous Delivery: Jez Humble, David Farley ←□ → ←② → ←② → ←② → → ② → ○○

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- this pattern is called the deployment pipeline

The deployment pipeline



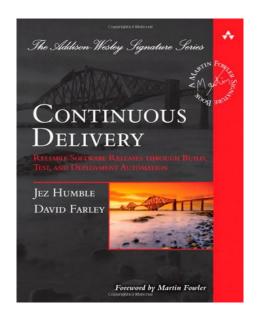
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 - more deployments means a more flexible environment



Tools to build a deployment pipeline

Jenkins

- Jenkins is an Open Source continuous integration server
- It's purpose is to execute and monitor jobs
- Jobs are shell scripts or any other thing that's executable and returns 0 on success
- Many plugins available to extend Jenkins (e.g. git, build-pipeline, monitor)
- ► You can link jobs together, thats our pipeline

Jenkins II



Monitoring with Jenkins



GIT

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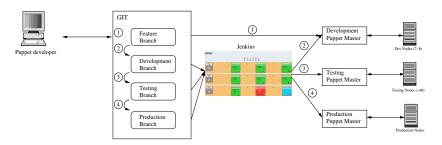
GIT

- git push triggers the deployment pipeline
- one central repository for internal modules
- gitolite for access control
- 3 main branches
 - development
 - testing
 - production
- feature branches for new site local modules
- hiera data is in the same repository

GIT repository layout

- ▶ modules/:
 - where r10k stores external (forge, github) modules
- ▶ site/:
 - site local modules, we do not want to share
- ▶ hiera/:
 - our hiera yaml files
- Puppetfile:
 - config file for r10k that specifies which external modules we need
- ▶ Vagrantfile:
 - To boot a development puppet environment on your local workstation

GIT workflow



- (1) Features Branches get automatically created on Puppet Master (Dynamic Environments)
- Development Branch gets deployed on commit via Jenkins
- Testing Branch gets deployed via GIT tag pushing to testing triggers a deployment
- 4 Production Branch gets deployed via GIT tag pushing to production triggers a deployment

It's all the same for Hiera yaml files!

r10k

- a tool to deploy puppet environments and modules
- every git branch gets deployed to a corresponding puppet environment
- it also downloads and installs modules from puppetforge or github
- ▶ in the current version (1.3.2) dependencies have to be managed manually

Example Puppetfile

```
forge 'forge.puppetlabs.com'
    mod 'puppetlabs/ntp'. '3.1.2'
    mod 'puppetlabs/postgresql', '3.4.2'
    mod 'puppetlabs/stdlib', '4.3.2'
    mod 'puppetlabs/firewall', '1.1.3'
    mod 'puppetlabs/apache', '1.1.1'
    mod 'puppetlabs/lvm', '0.3.2'
    mod 'nosolutions/tsm', '0.2.2'
        'saz/sudo'. '3.0.6'
    mod 'spiette/selinux', '0.5.4'
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    mod 'concat'.
        : git => 'https://github.com/puppetlabs/puppetlabs-concat',
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         : commit \implies 'feba3096c99502219043b8161bde299ba65e7b8a'
```

You are able to pin to a git tag / branch / commit hash

a word on testing

- you must have unit tests for your puppet code: rspec-puppet
- for acceptance tests there's puppetlabs/beaker
- you need to test everything to get most out of the build pipeline
- we test
 - internal puppet modules
 - hiera data
 - puppet configuration
- all internal modules are required to have rspec tests

rspec-puppet example

samplemodule/manifests/init.pp

```
class samplemodule ( $message = 'defaultmessage' ) {
   notify { 'samplemessage':
   message => "This is the sample module, my message is: $message",
}
}
```

samplemodule/spec/classes/samplemodules_spec.rb

```
require 'spec_helper'

describe 'samplemodule', :type => :class do
    context 'with default parameters' do
    it { should contain_notify('samplemessage') }
end
end
```

beaker example

```
require 'spec_helper_acceptance'

describe 'profiles::ossbase class' do
    it 'should work with no errors' do
    apply_manifest('include profiles::ossbase', :catch_failures => true)
    end

end
```

DEMO

Do try this at home

- You need:
 - ▶ Vagrant from http://vagrantup.com
 - Virtualbox
 - Git client
- You have to run:
 - pgit clone https://github.com/tosmi/puppetcamp2014.git
 - cd puppetcamp2014
 - vagrant up
 - vagrant ssh

Things we have to improve

- We need more test Systems (CentOS/RHEL/Solaris/AIX?)
- We need more acceptance tests
- Once again use stages in production
- Our documentation

Things puppetlabs should improve

 Puppetlabs should package beaker as a rpm/deb whatever, gems suck in production

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- ▶ Tools we are using to implement a deployment pipeline
 - Jenkins: to execute jobs
 - ► GIT: version control
 - Gitolite: access control and authorization for GIT
 - r10k: install puppet modules / create puppet environments from branches
 - rspec-puppet: unittests for puppet
 - puppetlabs/beaker: acceptance tests for puppet

Thanks for your attention!