A safer curl | bash for the cloud



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curl https://example.com/install-it-quick.sh | bash

Why we secretly like curl | bash

- Instant gratification
- No experience required
- High likelihood of success

Would you give an internet rando root on your laptop?

The code you read may not be the code you run

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root> curl -sSk https://pluver.xqi.cc:5555/setup.bash
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In checksums we trust, right?

- 1. Download the script
- 2. Compare the checksum
- 3. Read the script
- 4. Run the script

But what if I really want to?

- Reading is hard
- Cloud Native deployments can be pretty complex
- I want it to be easier for people to try out my project

Let's make those one-liners safe!

- Isolate the installer
- Automatic digest/signature checking
- Insight into what the installer will do

Porter



Package your application artifact, client tools, configuration and deployment logic

together as a versioned bundle that you can distribute,

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and then install with a single command

Let's install TabbyCats Tracker!



tabbycats.club

TabbyCats Tracker

Demo: Use a bundle

Demo: Make a bundle

Are we safer? Yes!

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Bundles borrow security features from existing tooling

- Runs in a container
- Distributed via OCI Registry
- Porter compares digests for you
- We are working on signing support

Bundles can explain themselves

- Credentials
- Parameters
- Components Used

Could it replace curl | bash? Sometimes!

- 2-3 commands to install first time, 1 command going forward
- ☑ Same command regardless of what you are installing
- Magic installer that just works

Who would use this?

QuickStarts

Do I want to use this?

Customer Installations

Do they want to manage this?

Internal Deployments

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Side Projects

I forgot how to deploy this ... @carolynvs

Try it out!

- porter.sh/quickstart
- porter.sh/learning
- Run porter create to make your first bundle
- porter.sh/author-bundles
- porter.sh/community

Thank you!



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