**Objective**: Provision and configure a simple web server using Chef.

**Requirements**:

1. Chef Workstation installed on your local machine.
2. Access to a Chef Server (you can use a local Chef Server for testing purposes or a hosted one provided by Chef).
3. A target node (either a virtual machine, container, or a cloud instance) where you'll deploy and configure the web server.

**Steps**:

1. **Setup Your Environment**:
   * Install Chef Workstation on your local machine.
   * Configure Knife to communicate with your Chef Server.
2. **Create a Cookbook**:
   * Use the **chef generate cookbook** command to create a new cookbook. Let's name it **webserver**.
   * Navigate into the **webserver** directory created by the command.
3. **Write a Recipe**:
   * Inside the **recipes** directory of your cookbook, create a file named **default.rb**.
   * Write a recipe to install and configure a basic web server (e.g., Nginx). Here's a simple example:

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package 'nginx' do action :install end service 'nginx' do action [:enable, :start] end template '/var/www/html/index.html' do source 'index.html.erb' end

* + Create an **index.html.erb** file inside the **templates/default** directory and add some HTML content for your web page.

1. **Upload Cookbook to Chef Server**:
   * Use Knife to upload your cookbook to the Chef Server:

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knife cookbook upload webserver

1. **Bootstrap the Target Node**:
   * Bootstrap your target node to be managed by Chef:

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knife bootstrap <target\_node\_ip> --ssh-user <username> --sudo --node-name <node\_name> --run-list 'recipe[webserver]'

Replace **<target\_node\_ip>** with the IP address of your target node, **<username>** with your SSH username, and **<node\_name>** with a name for your node.

1. **Apply Configuration**:
   * SSH into your target node and run Chef Client to apply the configuration:

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sudo chef-client

This will install and configure the web server according to the recipe you defined.

1. **Verify**:
   * Open a web browser and navigate to the IP address of your target node. You should see the HTML content you defined in your recipe.
2. **Modify and Iterate**:
   * Modify the recipe or template files as needed, upload the updated cookbook, and re-run Chef Client on your target node to see the changes take effect.
3. **Cleanup**:
   * Once you're done experimenting, you can delete the node from the Chef Server and remove the web server configuration from the target node.

That's it! This exercise should give you a basic understanding of how to use Chef to provision and configure a simple web server. Feel free to explore more advanced features and configurations as you become more comfortable with Chef.

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