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```
%sh
STATUS="$(service cassandra status)"

if [[ $STATUS == *"is running"* ]]; then
  echo "Cassandra is running"
else
  echo " Cassandra not running .... Starting"
  service cassandra restart > /dev/null 2>&1 &
  echo " Started"
fi
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Exercise 7 – Gossip

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In this exercise, you will:

- Understand how Apache Cassandra™ uses gossip.
- Understand how gossip information propagates through a cluster.
- Understand how a gossip exchange works.

In a fully distributed system such as Apache Cassandra™, there is no single repository that contains the state of all the nodes in the cluster. Clearly, such a repository would be a single point of failure. Instead, Apache Cassandra™ uses the Gossip protocol to distribute nodes' status amongst its peers.

In this exercise, we will examine the gossip information for our cluster.

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Steps

1. Be sure node is up and running using nodetool status. Start your nodes if necessary.

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nodetool status
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2. Execute the following command:

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nodetool gossipinfo
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Rerun your `nodetool gossipinfo` command a few times and notice the heartbeat values increasing for both nodes.

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Execute the following query of the `system.peers` table which stores some gossip data about a node's peers.

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%cassandra
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SELECT peer, data_center, host_id, preferred_ip, rack,  
release_version, rpc_address, schema_version  
FROM system.peers;
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Notice the values here are some of the same values you saw in the terminal. Also notice that a node does not store a row of peer data for itself. By default, `cqlsh` connects to 127.0.0.1

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