Puppet-REPL

A REPL for the puppet language

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What is a REPL?

R - Run

E - Evaluate

P - Print

L - Loop

Existing Examples

```
hello
=> nil
2.3.1:002 >
Python 2.7.10 (default, Oct 23 2015, 19:19:21)
[GCC 4.2.1 Compatible Apple LLVM 7.0.0
(clang-700.0.59.5)] on darwin
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license"
>>> print 'hello'
hello
>>>
```

2.3.1:001 > puts 'hello'

Why you need a REPL

- How the catalog works
- Figure out how the puppet lang works
 - iterators, functions, hashes (try before you commit)
- Share code easily with the play function
- Test your hiera data
- Test your site.pp
- live debugger

How To Get

Package: gem install puppet-repl

Source: https://github.com/nwops/puppet-repl

Web Version: https://www.puppet-repl.com

Setup

- There is currently no repl specific settings
- All settings used by the repl are defined in the puppet.conf.
- gem install puppet-repl
- prepl (short for puppet repl)

How the REPL works

- 1. Takes input
- 2. parsers, evaluates and compiles code
- 3. Produces catalog
- 4. Shows catalog structure in human readable format.

Settings Used

- basemodulepath, environmentpath
- log level
- hiera_config
- environment
- server

Demo Walkthrough

References

 http://www.masterzen.fr/2011/12/27/ puppet-internals-the-parser/

Roadmap

- Bug fixes
- Paid for on premise web version?
 - authentication
 - live remote debugging sessions
- Remote JSON API execution

Questions