

# Installing Puppet Server:

## Supported operating systems:

Puppet provides official packages that install Puppet Server and all of its prerequisites for the following platforms:

Operating Systems	Version
Red Hat Enterprise Linux	7, 8, 9
Debian	9 (Stretch), 10 (Buster), 11 (Bullseye), 12 (Bookworm) amd64
Ubuntu	16.04 (Xenial, amd64 only), 18.04 (Bionic), 20.04 (Focal), 22.04
SLES	12 SP1, 15 (x86_64)

**Puppet Server listens on port 8140 by default.**

**If needed change the port Puppet Server uses in**

`/etc/puppetlabs/puppetserver/conf.d/puppetserver.conf.`

**Enable the Puppet platform repository :** [Link to get repository](#)

**Note :** - change hostname of server ex. Puppetmaster.local, something.local

### 1. Logged in as root, download the package and run the dpkg tool in install mode:

```
wget https://apt.puppet.com/puppet8-release-focal.deb
sudo dpkg -i puppet8-release-focal.deb
sudo apt-get update
```

### 2. Install the Puppet Server package and start puppetserver:

```
apt-get install puppetserver
sudo systemctl start puppetserver
```

### 3. Configure Puppet Server (optional):

- Edit the configuration file:  
`sudo nano /etc/puppetlabs/puppetserver/conf.d/puppetserver.conf`
- Modify the JAVA\_ARGS to allocate more memory, if needed:  
`JAVA_ARGS="-Xms2g -Xmx2g"`
- Restart puppetserver:  
`sudo systemctl restart puppetserver`  
`sudo systemctl enable puppetserver`

#### 4. Install the agent:

- Install and start service:  

```
sudo apt-get install puppet-agent  
sudo /opt/puppetlabs/bin/puppet resource service puppet  
ensure=running enable=true
```
- Configure server setting:  

```
puppet config set server something.local --section main  
systemctl restart puppet
```
- Check puppetserver service and certificate:  

```
systemctl status puppet  
puppetserver ca list --all
```

Note : add host entry in /etc/hosts [ip something.local] or DNS Entry

#### 5. To set up automatic certificate signing in Puppet :

The autosign.conf file contains a list of hostnames (or regular expressions) for which Puppet will automatically sign certificates.

- Create autosign.conf file:  

```
sudo nano /etc/puppetlabs/puppet/autosign.conf
```
- Add hostnames, domain names, or regular expressions:  
ex.  

```
*.example.com -> ram.example.com, sham.example.com  
agent*.example.com -> agent1.example.com, agent2.exam..  
* -> for all vms
```
- Modify Puppet Master Configuration:  

```
sudo nano /etc/puppetlabs/puppet/puppet.conf
```
- Add following setting under [main]:  

```
[main]  
autosign = /etc/puppetlabs/puppet/autosign.conf
```
- Restart the Puppet Server.

# Integrate Puppet Server with Foreman:

## Supported Platforms:

- **Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9**
  - Architectures: x86\_64 only
  - Apply all SELinux-related errata.
- **CentOS Stream 9**
  - Architectures: x86\_64 only
  - **Note:**
    - The RPM packages are built on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9, but tested to work also on CentOS Stream 9
    - EPEL 9 is incompatible, enabling will cause package dependency issue.
- **Ubuntu 22.04 (Jammy)**
- **Debian 11 (Bullseye)**
- **Debian 12 (Bookworm)**

**Note:** below mentioned configurations are for Ubuntu 22.04 (Jammy) for other refer doc [Foreman Manual](#)

### 1. Enable Puppet's repository:

- `sudo apt-get -y install ca-certificates`
- `cd /tmp && wget https://apt.puppet.com/puppet8-release-jammy.deb`
- `sudo apt-get install /tmp/puppet8-release-jammy.deb`

### 2. Enable the Foreman repositories:

- `sudo wget https://deb.theforeman.org/foreman.asc -O /etc/apt/trusted.gpg.d/foreman.asc`
- `echo "deb http://deb.theforeman.org/ jammy 3.13" | sudo tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/foreman.list`
- `echo "deb http://deb.theforeman.org/ plugins 3.13" | sudo tee -a /etc/apt/sources.list.d/foreman.list`

### 3. Downloading the installer:

- `sudo apt-get update && sudo apt-get -y install foreman-installer`

### 4. Running the installer:

- `sudo foreman-installer`

After it completes, the installer will print Initial credentials and some details about where to find Foreman and the Smart Proxy.

# Installing Puppet Agent:

## Supported operating systems:

puppet-agent packages are available for the platforms listed in the table:

Operating system	Tested versions	Untested versions
Debian	10, 11, 11 (ARM), 12 (x86_64, ARM)	
Fedora	36 (x86_64), 40 (x86_64)	
macOS	11 Big Sur (64-bit packages only), 12 Monterey (64-bit packages only), 12 (M1), 13 Ventura (x86_64, ARM), 14 (ARM), 14 (Intel)	
Microsoft Windows	10 Enterprise, 11 Enterprise (x86_64)	8, 10
Microsoft Windows Server	2012R2, 2016, 2019, 2022	2012
Red Hat Enterprise Linux, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Amazon Linux v1 (using RHEL 6 packages)</li><li>• Amazon Linux v2 x86_64 (using RHEL 7 packages)</li></ul>	6 (i386, x86_64), 7 (x86_64), 8 (x86_64, aarch64, ppc64le), 9 (x86_64, ARM64, ppc64le)	
Amazon Linux	2 (AARCH64), 2023 (x86_64, AARCH64)	
SUSE Linux Enterprise Server	12 (x86_64), 15 (x86_64)	
AlmaLinux	8 (x86_64), 9 (x86_64, AARCH64)	
Rocky Linux	8 (x86_64), 9 (x86_64, AARCH64)	
Oracle Linux	6 (x86_64, i386), 7 (x86_64), 8 (x86_64, aarch64, ppc64le)	
Scientific Linux	6 (x86_64, i386), 7 (x86_64)	
Ubuntu	18.04, 18.04 AARCH, 20.04, 20.04 AARCH, 22.04 (x86_64, ARM64), 24.04 (x86_64, ARM)	

## For Linux VMs:

### 1. Logged in as root, download the package and run the dpkg tool in install mode:

```
wget https://apt.puppet.com/puppet8-release-focal.deb
sudo dpkg -i puppet8-release-focal.deb
sudo apt-get update
```

## 2. Install and start service:

```
sudo apt-get install puppet-agent
sudo /opt/puppetlabs/bin/puppet resource service puppet
ensure=running enable=true
```

## 3. Configure setting:

```
puppet config set server something.local --section main
Puppet config set runinterval 30m --section main
systemctl restart puppet
```

## 4. Add Host Entry (optional if DNS Entry for server is made):

```
ip something.local
```

## For Windows Vms:

### 1. Install Chocolatey: [Installation Document for Chocolatey](#)

### 2. Install puppet agent: (use PowerShell as Administrator)

```
choco install puppet-agent -y
```

### 3. Configure setting: go to file C:\ProgramData\PuppetLabs\puppet\etc\puppet.conf and add

```
[main]
server = something.local
runinterval = 30m
manage_internal_file_permissions=true
```

### 4. Restart puppet service:

```
Restart-Service -Name puppet
```

### 5. Add Host Entry (optional if DNS Entry for server is made):

```
ip something.local
```

**NOTE:** You can clone this VMs and change its hostname and restart and your VM will auto register if auto-assign is enabled on puppet server.

# Types of Resources:

In Puppet, resources are used to manage system configuration, and different types of resources are available to manage various aspects of a system.

## 1. anchor

- Used to create a "marker" in the catalog. It can be used to ensure that certain resources are applied in a specific order.

## 2. augeas

- Used to manage configuration files with a special syntax, called **Augeas**, that provides a structured way of interacting with configuration files. It allows you to edit configuration files based on their internal structure.

## 3. cron

- Manages cron jobs. You can use this resource to ensure that specific cron jobs are present, modified, or removed on a system.

## 4. exec

- Executes arbitrary commands or scripts on the system. The exec resource is flexible, allowing you to run shell commands and scripts based on specific conditions (like `onlyif` or `unless`).

## 5. file

- Manages files and directories. This is a very important resource in Puppet that allows you to ensure that specific files exist, have the correct permissions, ownership, and content.

## 6. file\_line

- Manages individual lines in a file. This is useful for adding, removing, or modifying a single line of text in a file, which is commonly used for configuration changes.

## 7. filebucket

- A resource type used for managing file backups (or file buckets). This resource is typically used to store versions of files for backup and restore purposes.

## 8. group

- Manages groups on the system. This resource is used to ensure that specific groups exist, with appropriate names, IDs, and memberships.

## 9. host

- Manages entries in the system's `/etc/hosts` file. This resource ensures that specific hostnames and IP addresses are present in the hosts file.

## 10. mount

- Manages mounts (e.g., network shares, or local filesystems). This resource ensures that a file system is mounted or unmounted at a specified location.

## 11. notify

- Used to send notifications to the user or log files. The notify resource allows you to trigger messages or logging when certain resources are applied.

**12. package**

- Manages software packages. This resource is used to install, upgrade, or remove software packages using the system's package manager (like apt, yum, or dpkg).

**13. resources**

- Not a specific resource type but a method to manage or interact with other resources dynamically. For example, you can use resources to collect and manage Puppet resources.

**14. schedule**

- Manages schedules for recurring tasks or resources. This can be used to define when resources should run on the system.

**15. scheduled\_task**

- Specifically used to manage scheduled tasks on Windows systems. This is equivalent to cron jobs on Linux but for Windows.

**16. selboolean**

- Manages SELinux booleans. SELinux is a security module for Linux, and this resource is used to configure and manage SELinux boolean values to control security policies.

**17. selmodule**

- Manages SELinux policy modules. This is used to install, configure, and manage SELinux modules to enforce custom security policies.

**18. service**

- Manages services on the system (like starting, stopping, or restarting services). This resource is used to ensure that specific services are running or stopped.

**19. ssh\_authorized\_key**

- Manages SSH authorized keys. This resource ensures that a specific public SSH key is present in the authorized\_keys file for a user, enabling SSH access.

**20. sshkey**

- Manages SSH keys (for creating, installing, and managing SSH keys). This resource is used to generate and distribute SSH keys on systems.

**21. stage**

- Stages are used to organize and control the order of resource application in Puppet's catalog. A stage helps to group related resources for better control over execution.

**22. tidy**

- Manages the cleanup of files and directories. This resource is used to remove old or unused files and manage the cleanup of directories to maintain system cleanliness.

**23. user**

- Manages user accounts on the system. You can use this resource to create, modify, or remove users and set their attributes like home directory, shell, and password.

## 24. yumrepo

- Manages **YUM** repositories on Red Hat-based systems. This resource ensures that a YUM repository is present and configured correctly for package management.

## 25. zfs

- Manages **ZFS** file systems. ZFS is a file system and logical volume manager, primarily used in Solaris and OpenZFS environments. This resource is used to manage ZFS pools, file systems, and volumes.

## 26. zone

- Manages **Solaris Zones**, which are a virtualization feature in the Solaris operating system. This resource helps in managing and configuring zones in a Solaris system.

## 27. zpool

- Manages **ZFS storage pools** (zpool) on ZFS-enabled systems. A zpool is a storage pool of physical devices used by ZFS. This resource ensures that ZFS pools are created, modified, or removed.

[For a detailed explanation of Puppet resources, their uses click here](#)

Syntax:

```
<TYPE> { '<TITLE>':  
    <ATTRIBUTE> => <VALUE>,  
}
```

## Create class containing all resources:

example:

```
class dvm_install {  
# Ensure the target directory exists before extracting the file  
  file { ["/mnt/network_share":  
    ensure => "directory",  
    recurse=> "true",  
    mode   => "0755",  
    before => Exec["update-all-packages"], # Ensure the directory is  
    created before packages are installed  
  ]  
  file { ["/home/puppet":  
    ensure => 'directory',  
    mode   => '0755',  
  ]  
}
```



```

    before => Exec["update-all-packages"], # Ensure the directory is
created before packages are installed

}

file { ["/home/puppet/Downloads":
    ensure => "directory",
    recurse=> "true",
    mode    => "0755",

    before => Exec["update-all-packages"], # Ensure the directory is
created before packages are installed

}

# Update all packages to the latest
exec { "update-all-packages":
    command => "apt update && apt upgrade -y", # Using apt for Ubuntu

    before  => Package["p7zip-full", "p7zip-rar"], # Ensure update happens
before these packages are installed

    path    => ["/usr/bin", "/usr/sbin",],
}

# Install p7zip and p7zip-plugins
package { ["p7zip-full", "p7zip-rar"]: # Use correct package names for
Ubuntu

    ensure => "installed",
    before => Package["cifs-utils"],
}

# Install cifs-utils to mount the network share
package { "cifs-utils":
    ensure => "latest",
    before => Mount["/mnt/network_share"],
}

mount { "/mnt/network_share":
    ensure  => "mounted",

    device  =>
"/172.25.0.11/Releases/HyWorks/HyDesk/Linux_VDI/Patches/Ubuntu_Assistive_P
ackages", # Corrected path

    fstype  => "cifs",
    options => "username=nas,password=nas",
}

```

```

    before => Exec["copy_file"],
  }

  # Use exec to copy the file from the mounted network share to the local
  system

  exec { "copy_file":

    command => "cp
/mnt/network_share/Linux_Assistive_Package_3.5.0.75_Ubuntu.7z
/home/puppet/Downloads/Linux_Assistive_Package_3.5.0.75_Ubuntu.7z",

    path     => ['/usr/bin', '/usr/sbin', '/bin'],

    unless   => "test -f
/home/puppet/Downloads/Linux_Assistive_Package_3.5.0.75_Ubuntu.7z", # Skip
if file already exists

    before   => Exec["extract-7z-file"], # Ensure the file is copied before
extraction

  }

  # Extract the 7z file

  exec { "extract-7z-file":

    command => "7z x
/home/puppet/Downloads/Linux_Assistive_Package_3.5.0.75_Ubuntu.7z -
o/home/puppet/Downloads/",

    creates =>
"/home/puppet/Downloads/Linux_Assistive_Package_3.5.0.75_Ubuntu",

    path     => ['/usr/bin', '/usr/sbin',],

    before   => Exec["run-installer"],

  }

  # Run the installer in quiet mode

  exec { "run-installer":

    command =>
"/home/puppet/Downloads/Linux_Assistive_Package_3.5.0.75_Ubuntu/execute_ins
taller.sh 1 AD SHD 1",

    creates =>
"/home/puppet/Downloads/Linux_Assistive_Package_3.5.0.75_Ubuntu/installed",

    path     => ['/usr/bin', '/usr/sbin',],

  }

}

```

- save this class in file with name `dvm_install.pp` at location `/etc/puppetlabs/code/environments/production/manifests/`
- Now import this class in foreman

The screenshot shows the 'Puppet Classes' page in the Foreman interface. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Monitor, Hosts, Configure (with sub-links for Host Groups, Global Parameters, Puppet ENC, and Config Groups), and Smart Class Parameters. The main content area has a search bar and a table of Puppet classes. A red box highlights the 'Import environments from puppetmaster.local' button in the top right corner.

Name	Environments	Host Groups	Hosts	Parameters	Actions
accounts	production		0	4	Delete
accounts:user:defaults	production		0	3	Delete
dvm_install	production	ubantuvm	2	0	Delete
example_file	production		0	0	Delete
stdlib	production		0	0	Delete
stdlib:manage	production		0	1	Delete
stdlib:stages	production		0	0	Delete

1-7 of 7 items

- Create hosts group

The screenshot shows the 'Host Groups' page in the Foreman interface. The left sidebar is the same as the previous screenshot. The main content area has a search bar and a table of host groups. A red box highlights the 'Create Host Group' button in the top right corner.

Name	Hosts	Hosts including Sub-groups	Actions
ubantuvm	2	2	Next

1-1 of 1 items

- Select all hosts and add in to Group

The screenshot shows the 'Hosts' page in the Foreman interface. A 'Change Group' dialog box is open, showing a list of hosts and a dropdown menu for selecting a host group. The dialog box has a title 'Change Group - The following hosts are about to be changed' and a subtitle 'All Hosts'. The table lists hosts with their names, host groups, locations, and organizations. A red box highlights the 'Create Host Group' button in the top right corner of the dialog box.

Name	Host group	Location	Organisation
slave.automation.local	ubantuvm	Default Location	Default Organization
slave1.automation.local	ubantuvm	Default Location	Default Organization

Host Group: ~Clear host group~  
 ~Select host group~  
 ~Clear host group~  
 ubantuvm

- Now edit host group and select class you want to execute

Search and go

Monitor

Hosts

Configure

Host Groups

Global Parameters

Puppet ENC

Infrastructure

Administer

Host Groups > Edit ubuntuvm

Host Group Network Operating System Parameters **Puppet ENC** Locations Organisations

Included Classes

dvm\_installer

Available Classes

Filter classes

+ accounts

dvm\_install

+ example\_file

+ stdlib

Puppet Class Parameters

Puppet Class	Name	Value	Omit
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Submit Cancel

- Now Watch execution report for host

Search and go

Monitor

Hosts

Configure

Host Groups

Global Parameters

Puppet ENC

Infrastructure

Administer

Hosts > slave.automation.local

slave.automation.local Ubuntu 22.04.5 LTS x86\_64

Created 1 hour ago by API Admin (updated 13 seconds ago)

Edit

Overview Details Parameters **Puppet** Reports

Reports ENC Preview

Last configuration status

17 seconds ago

Puppet metrics

Failed	0	Changed	2	Scheduled	0
Failed to start	--	Restarted	0	Corrective Change	2
Skipped	0	Out of sync	2	Total	909

Puppet details

Search

1 - 20 of 463

Reported at	Failed	Failed restarts	Restarted	Applied	Skipped	Pending
17 seconds ago	--	--	--	2	--	--
27 seconds ago	--	--	--	2	--	--
37 seconds ago	--	--	--	2	--	--

Search and go

Monitor

Hosts

Configure

Host Groups

Global Parameters

Puppet ENC

Infrastructure

Administer

Config Reports > slave.automation.local

Show log messages:

All messages

Delete Host details Other reports for this host

Reported at 2025-02-02 15:41:05 +0530

Level	Resource	Message
notice	Puppet	Requesting catalog from puppet:8140 (172.23.9.34)
notice	Puppet	Catalog compiled by puppetmaster.local
notice	/Stage[main]/Dvm_installer/Exec[update-all-packages]/returns	executed successfully (corrective)
notice	/Stage[main]/Dvm_installer/Exec[run-installer]/returns	executed successfully (corrective)
notice	Puppet	Applied catalog in 5.53 seconds

Report Metrics

30.8% catalog\_application

Report Status

applied	2.2
restarted	0.2
failed	0.2
failed_res	0.2
skipped	0.2
pending	0.2

catalog_application	5.5264
transaction_evaluation	5.328
exec	3.8558
fact_generation	1.0248
config_retrieval	0.9672
plugin_sync	0.9573
file	0.1181
package	0.1062
convert_catalog	0.0227
service	0.0945
Total	9.1282