



# (AUTOMATED) TOMCAT MANAGEMENT

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A F/A-18 Hornet fighter jet is shown from a rear three-quarter perspective, parked on a runway. The aircraft is dark grey with camouflage patterns on the fuselage. The word "TOMCAT" is printed in large white capital letters across the center of the fuselage. A ground crew member wearing a flight suit and a helmet with a communication system is walking away from the aircraft, towards the left side of the frame. The background is filled with a thick, hazy atmosphere.

**TOMCAT**

# STRUCTURE

- **bin** control scripts
- **lib** common libraries
- **webapp** instance context
- **logs** ...

# PROBLEM?

NO

for development  
(or simple cases)

# ADMIN'S PERSPECTIVE

- multiple servers
- multiple instances on a server
- clustered environment
- Tomcat's lack of admin tools
- not willing to pay for tcServer



# TEMPLATE:

- common logging
- common libraries
- common resource naming (JNDI)

VS.

# INSTANCE:

- custom WAR
  - because of different versions
- custom logs
- specific resources (e.g. in JNDI)
- various apps deployed on one server

# ENDLESS KILLING

```
/opt/tomcat/bin/shutdown.sh
```

thought it is killed :(

```
ps aux | grep catal
```

get the PID

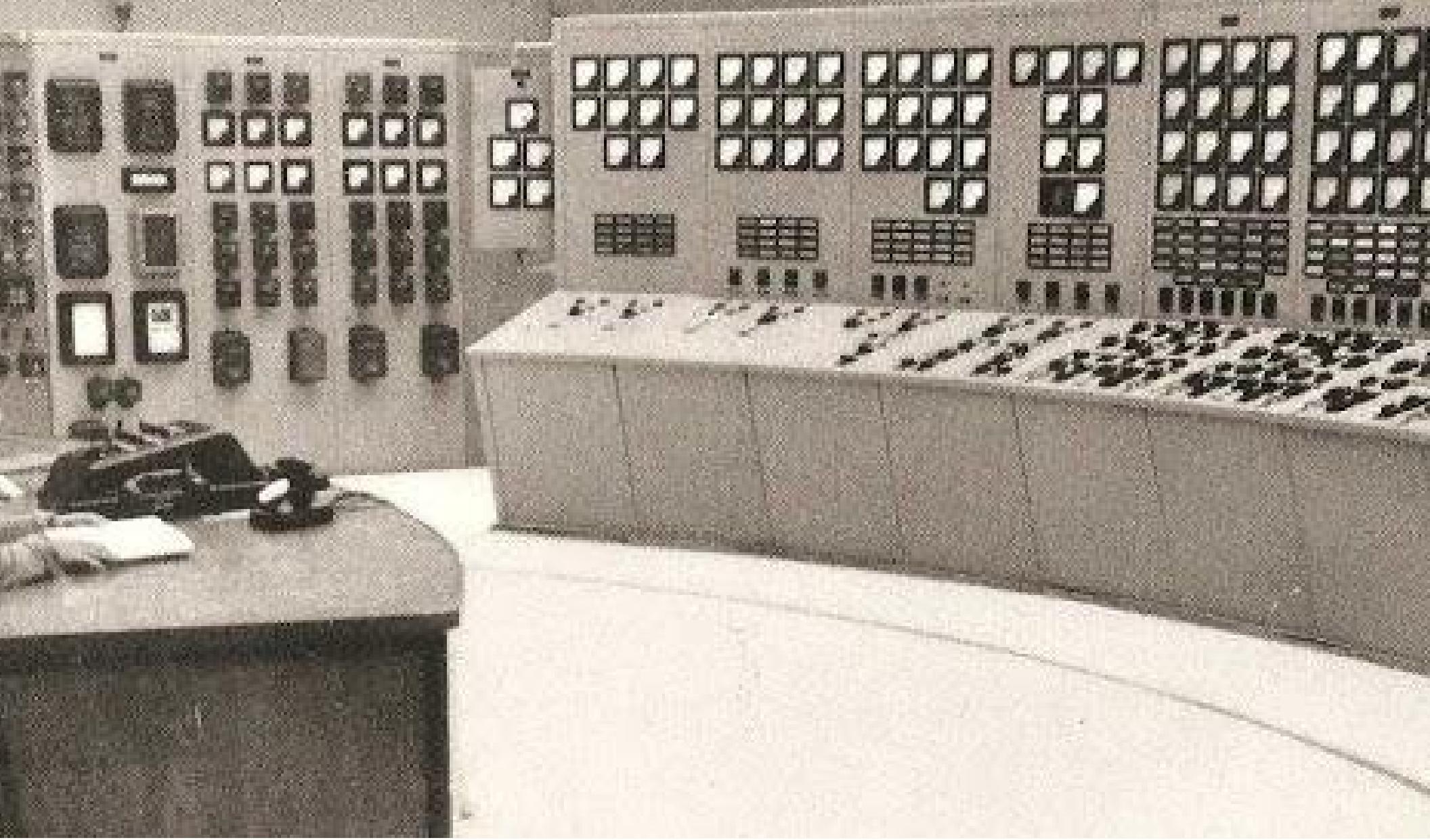
```
kill -9 <da_PID>  
  
cd ./logs  
mv * /mnt/backup/logs  
cd ./bin  
.startup.sh
```

once it is fine but... even in DEV it is boring

# ... AND WE FACED SUCH ISSUES



# TOMCAT CONTROL CENTER



**HTTPS://GITHUB.COM/SEGES/TOMCAT-  
CONTROL-CENTER**

**WHAT IS IT?**

**CONCEPT**

**TEMPLATE**

and

**(MULTIPLE) INSTANCE(S)**

controlled from

**SINGLE POINT**

# [SMALL] SET OF SCRIPTS

start  
(start\_secured)

stop\_force  
restart\_force  
backup\_logs\_restart\_force

status  
export\_instance\_info

control-instances

# CENTRAL RESOURCE CONTROL

TomcatResources.py

automatically updates server.conf JNDI for each instance  
using central CSV files

- setenv
- resource-db
- resource-mail
- resource-env
- resource-rmi

...

# OH GOSH, CSV FILES?

Yeah!

... and yeah! again, I can manage it in Excel :p

# PROS

- lightweight and simple
- separate template and instances
- central management

# CONS

- so far only on BASH-enabled systems
- no Docker support yet :)
- (not actually a minus) no GUI





chef

**HTTPS://GITHUB.COM/SEGES/CHEF-COOKBOOK-TCC**

**INSTALLS TCC**

**PREPARES TEMPLATE(S)**

**PREPARES INSTANCE(S) ENV**

**(CAN) MONITOR WITH NEWRELIC**



... WISDOM ...



Oh, Yea... This was  
definitely...uh.. interesting.

# AUTOMATED TCC

```
cd ~/chef  
git submodule add https://github.com/seges/chef-cookbook-tcc.git site-cookboo  
git submodule add https://github.com/escapestudios-cookbooks/newrelic.git sit
```

# CREATE COOKBOOK OR RECIPE

```
knife cookbook create mycookie
```

# DEFINE DEFAULT ATTRIBUTES

```
default.tcc.user = "lgazo"  
default.tcc.home = "/home/lgazo"  
default.tcc.location = "/home/lgazo/opt/tcc"
```

# DEFINE TCC TOMCAT TEMPLATE WITH DEPENDENCIES

```
default['tcc']['templates'] = {
  "synapso" => {
    "type" => "tomcat7",
    "libs" => [
      {
        "repo" => "maven",
        "artifact_id" => "org.apache.geronimo.specs:geronimo-jms_1.1_spec:1.1
      },
      {
        "repo" => "maven",
        "artifact_id" => "com.sun.messaging.mq:imq:4.4"
      },
      {
        "repo" => "maven",
        "artifact_id" => "javax.mail:mail:1.4.4"
      },
      {
        "repo" => "maven"
```

# FINALLY DEFINE AN INSTANCE

```
default['tcc']['instances'] = {
  "syndev" => {
    "template" => "synapso",
    "user" => "lgazo"
  }
}
```

# AND TELL TCC COOKBOOK TO LOOK FOR TEMPLATES IN OUR COOKBOOK

```
default['tcc']['template_cookbooks'] = "mycookie"
```

# PREPARE DATABASE IF NEEDED

```
include_recipe "database::postgresql"

postgresql_connection_info = {
  :host      => 'localhost',
  :port      => node['postgresql']['config']['port'],
  :username  => 'postgres',
  :password  => node['postgresql']['password']['postgres']
}

postgresql_database_user "synapso" do
  connection postgresql_connection_info
  password node.postgresql.password.synapso
  action :create
end

postgresql_database "synapso" do
  connection postgresql_connection_info
```

# INCLUDE TCC

```
include_recipe "tcc::default"
include_recipe "tcc::templates"
include_recipe "tcc::instances"<font color="#333333" face="Lato, sans-serif">
</span></font>
```

in a server you can monitor it directly

```
include_recipe "tcc::newrelic"
```

# AND NOW THE CONFIGURATION OF INSTANCES

into *templates/default/tcc/templates/synapso/conf*

default environment is named “\_default”

- context.xml (in current version it is not Chef environment specific)
- jmx.properties (in current version it is not Chef environment specific)
- resources-
  - connector.csv
  - db.csv
  - env.csv
  - mail.csv
  - rmi.csv
  - setenv.csv

# TCC MONITORING

## JMX

port and access configured in:

- jmx.properties and
- setenv.csv

## NEWRELIC

```
include recipe tcc::newrelic
```



QUESTIONS?

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A woman with long dark hair tied back, wearing a white chef's coat over a black t-shirt, stands in a kitchen. She is holding a silver tray with several small bowls of food. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background shows a stainless steel kitchen counter and some equipment.

**THANK YOU... FOR...**

**ATTENTION**