



Chef

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Topics

- Overview of Chef
- Workstation Setup
- Organization Setup
- Test Node Setup
- Writing your First Cookbook
- Dissecting your first Chef Run
- Introducing the Node Object
- Attributes, Templates, Cookbook Dependencies

Topics

- Template Variables, Notifications, Controlling Idempotency
- Data bags, search
- Roles
- Environments
- Using Community Cookbooks
- Further Resources

Chef is Infrastructure As Code

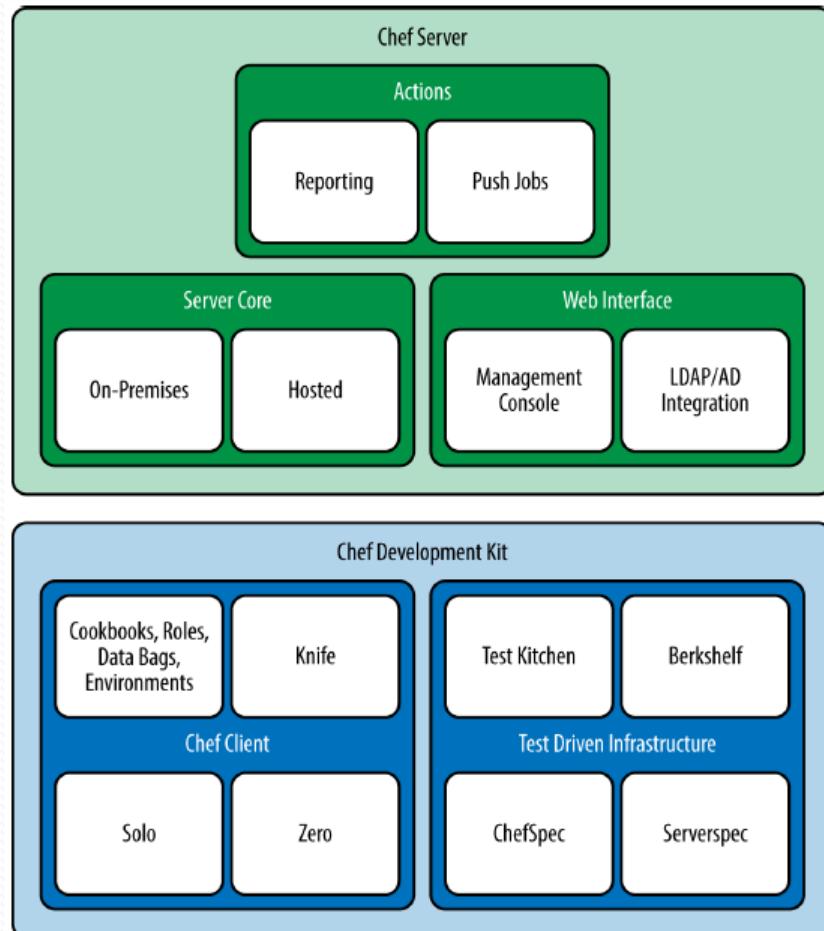
- Programmatically provision and configure software components
- Treat like any other code base
- Reconstruct business from code repository, data backup and compute resources

Configuration Code

- Chef ensures each node complies with policy
- Policy is determined by the configurations in each Node's run list
- Reduce management complexity through abstraction
- Store the configuration of your infrastructure in version control

Overview of Chef

- Describe how Chef thinks about Infrastructure Automation
- Define the following:
 - Node
 - Resource
 - Recipe
 - Cookbook
 - Run List
 - Roles
 - Search



Server Resources

- Networking
- Files
- Directories
- Symlinks
- Mounts
- Registry Keys
- Powershell Scripts
- Users
- Groups
- Packages
- Services
- File Systems

Declarative Interface to Resources

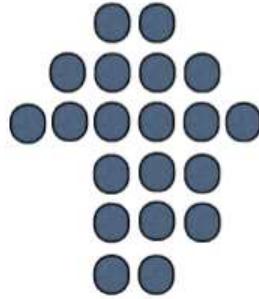
- You define the policy in your Chef configuration
- Your policy states what state each resource should be in, but not how to get there
- Chef-client will pull the policy from the Chef Server and enforce the policy on the node

Managing Complexity

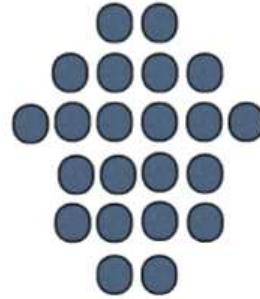
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Organizations

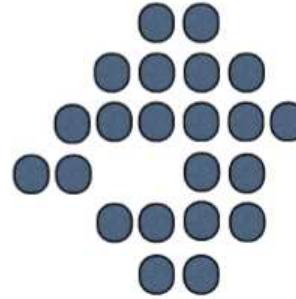
My Infrastructure



Your Infrastructure



Their Infrastructure



Organizations

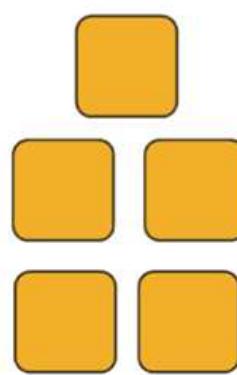
- Completely independent tenants of Enterprise Chef
- Share nothing with other organizations
- May represent different
 - Companies
 - Business units
 - Departments

Environments

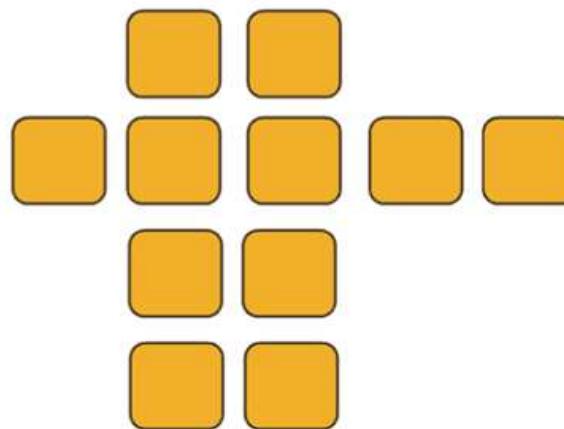
Development



Staging



Production



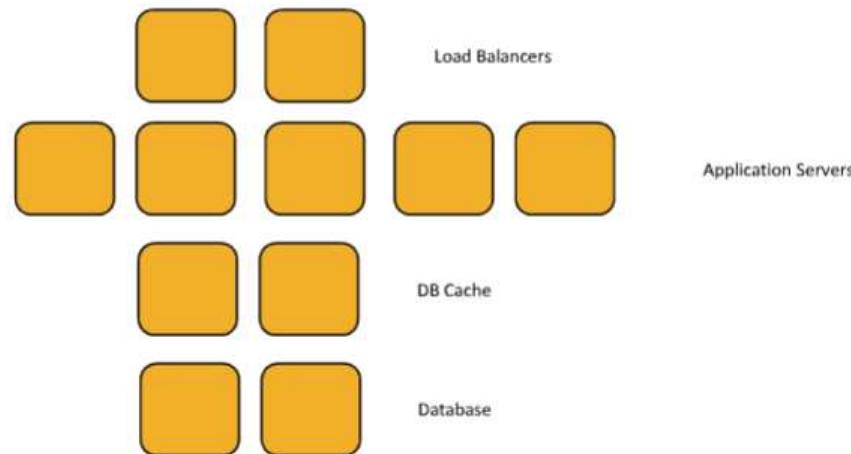
Environments

- Environment can represent your patterns, workflows, and can be used to model the life-stages of your applications
 - Development
 - Test
 - Staging
 - Production
 - Etc.
- Every organizations starts with a single environment

Environments Define Policy

- Environments may include data attributes necessary for configuring your infrastructure, e.g.
 - The URL of your payment gateway API
 - The location of your package repository
 - The version of Chef configuration files that should be used

Roles



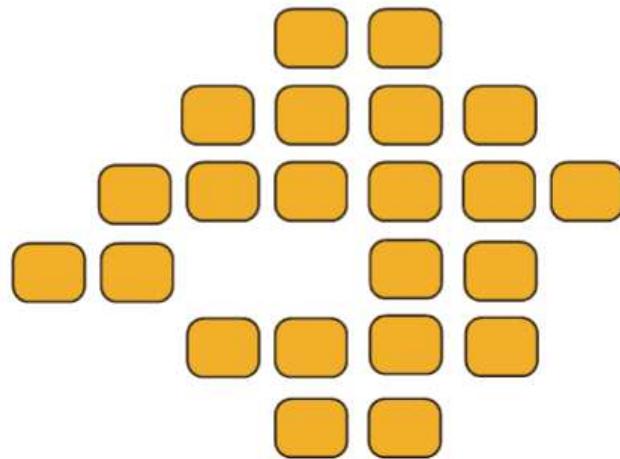
Roles

- Roles represent the types of server in your infrastructure
 - Load Balancer
 - Application Server
 - Database Cache
 - Database
 - Monitoring

Roles Define Policy

- Roles may include an ordered list of Chef configuration files that should be applied
 - This list is called a Run list
 - Order is always important in Run list
- Roles may include data attributes necessary for configuring your infrastructure, e.g.
 - The port number that the application server listens to
 - A list of application that should be deployed

Nodes



Nodes

- Nodes represent the servers in your infrastructure
 - Could be physical servers or virtual servers
 - May represent hardware that you own or compute instances in a public or private cloud
- Could also be network hardware – switches, routers etc.

Node

- Each Node will belong to one Organization
- Each Node will belong to one Environment
- Each Node will have zero or more roles

Nodes Adhere to Policy

- The Chef-client applications run on each node, which
 - Gathers the current system configuration of the node
 - Downloads the desired system configuration policy from the Chef server for that node
 - Configures the node such that it adheres to those policies

Resources

- A Resource represents a piece of the system and its desired state
 - A package that should be installed
 - A service that should be running
 - A file that should be generated
 - A cron job that should be configured
 - A user that should be managed
 - And more

Resource in Recipes

- Resource are the fundamental building blocks of Chef configuration
- Resources are gathered into Recipes
- Recipes ensure the system is in the desired state

Recipes

- Configuration files that describe the resource and their desired state
- Recipes can
 - Install and configure software components
 - Manage files
 - Deploy applications
 - Execute other recipes
 - And more

Example Recipe

```
package "apache2"

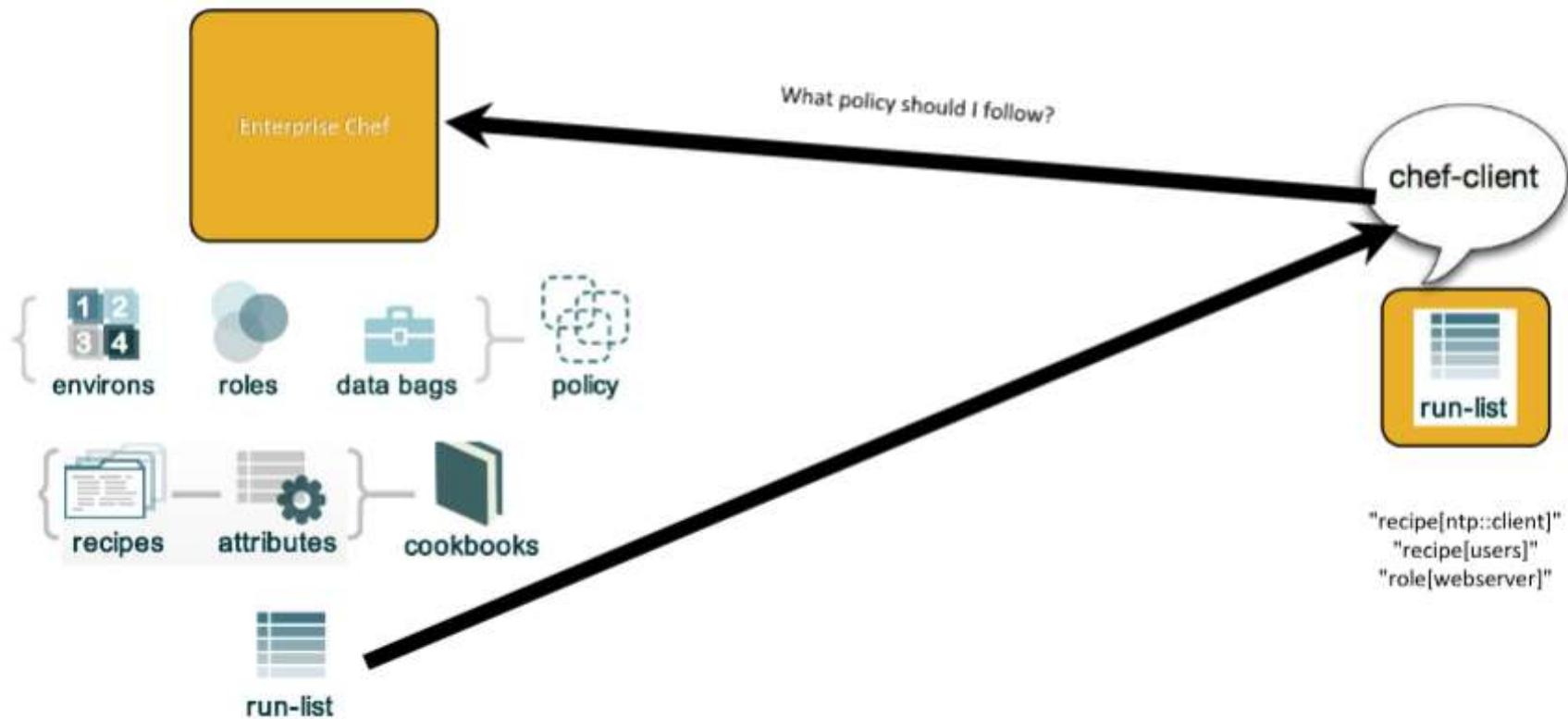
template "/etc/apache2/apache2.conf" do
  source "apache2.conf.erb"
  owner "root"
  group "root"
  mode "0644"
  variables(:allow_override => "All")
  notifies :reload, "service[apache2]"
end

service "apache2" do
  action [:enable,:start]
  supports :reload => true
end
```

Cookbooks

- Recipes are stored in Cookbooks
- Cookbooks contain recipes, templates, files, custom resources, etc
- Code re-use and modularity

Run List



Run List Specifies Policy

- The Run List is an ordered collection of policies that the Node should follow
- Chef-client obtains the Run list from Chef Server
- Chef-client ensures the Node complies with the policy in the Run List

Search

- Search for Nodes with Roles
- Find Topology Data
- IP Addresses
- Hostnames
- FQDNs

Search for Nodes

```
pool_members = search("node", "role:webserver")

template "/etc/haproxy/haproxy.cfg" do
  source "haproxy-app_lb.cfg.erb"
  owner "root"
  group "root"
  mode 0644
  variables :pool_members => pool_members.uniq
  notifies :restart, "service[haproxy]"
end
```

Manage Complexity

- Determine the desired state of your infrastructure
- Identify the Resources required to meet that state
- Gather the Resources into Recipes
- Compose a Run list from Recipes and Roles
- Apply a Run List to each Node in your Environment
- Your infrastructure adheres to the policy modelled in Chef

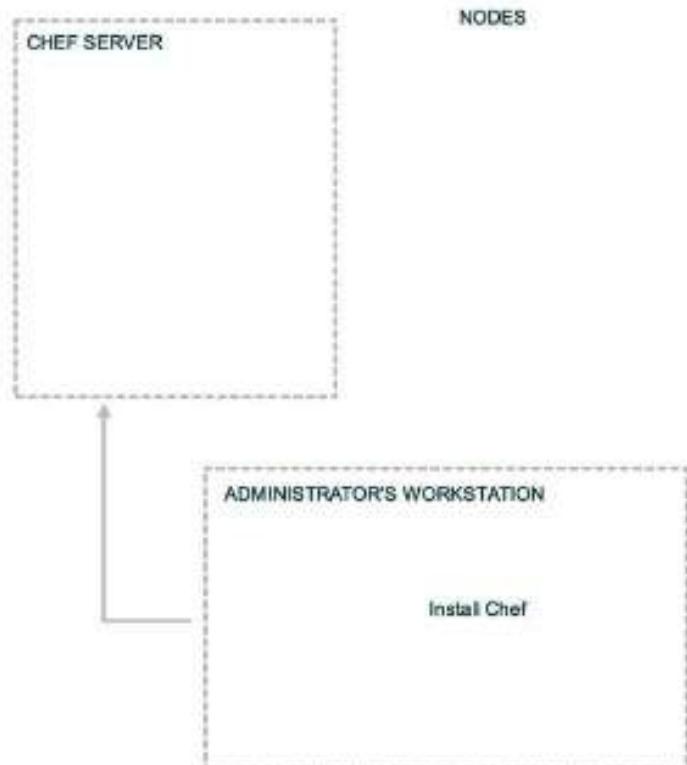
Configuration Drift

- Configuration Drift happens when:
 - Your infrastructure requires changes
 - The configuration of a server falls out of policy
- Chef makes it easy to manage
 - Mode the new requirements in your Chef configuration files
 - Run the Chef-client to enforce your policies

Workstation Setup

- Login to Enterprise Chef
- View your Organization in Enterprise Chef
- Describe Knife, the Chef command line utility
- Use Knife on your workstation

Chef Setup



Install ChefDK

- <https://downloads.chef.io/chef-dk/>

CHEF DOWNLOADS

[more from !\[\]\(44c16be7d76e03a4be936eed0a777d82_img.jpg\) CHEF >](#)

Chef Development Kit 2.4.17

[Stable Release](#) | [Current Release](#)

The Chef development kit contains all the tools you need to develop and test your infrastructure, built by the awesome Chef community.

[Read the Release Notes](#)

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 **Debian**

Debian 8

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Architecture: **x86_64**

SHA256: f5b8cf5b8fb03fb9bc4d915fdaf32bfc6be66e45d3a7e9a9a11e6cd6ca5a0d31

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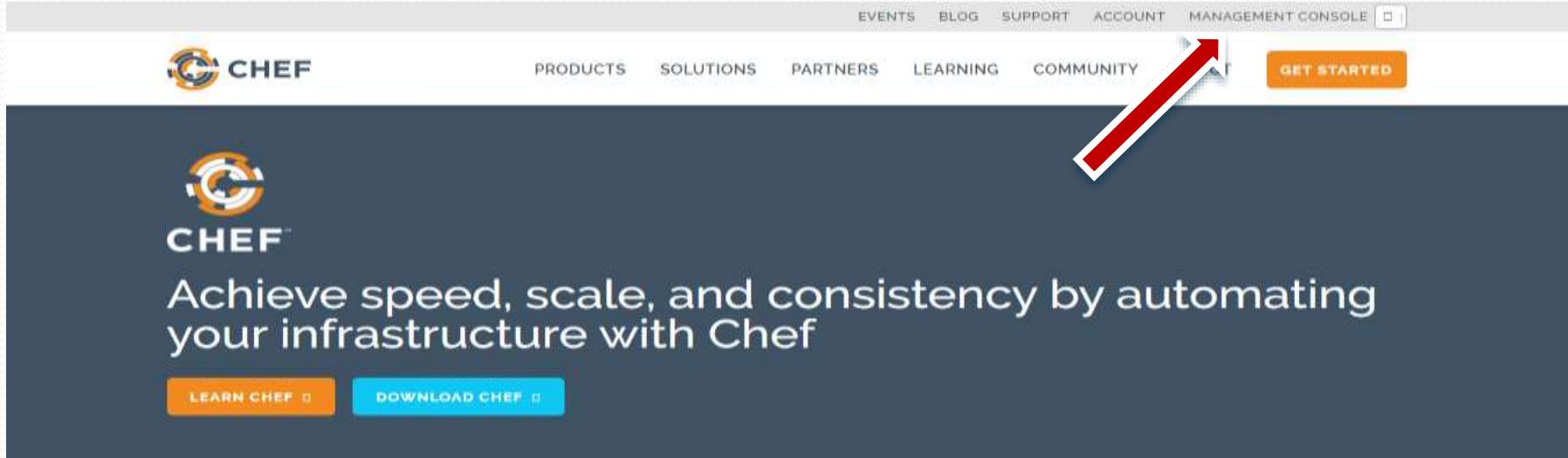
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Installation

- Chef and all its dependencies are installed via an operating system specific package (omnibus installer)
- Installation includes
 - The Ruby language – used by Chef
 - Knife – Command line tool for administrators
 - Chef-client – Client application
 - Ohai – System profiler
 - ... and more

Your Chef Server for This Class

- Hosted Enterprise Chef <http://www.chef.io>



The screenshot shows the official Chef website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for EVENTS, BLOG, SUPPORT, ACCOUNT, and MANAGEMENT CONSOLE. Below the navigation is a main menu with links for PRODUCTS, SOLUTIONS, PARTNERS, LEARNING, and COMMUNITY. On the far right of the main menu is a prominent orange 'GET STARTED' button. A large red arrow is drawn from this button down to another orange 'LEARN CHEF' button located at the bottom left of the page. The central content area features the Chef logo and the tagline: 'Achieve speed, scale, and consistency by automating your infrastructure with Chef'. At the very bottom of the page, there are two more buttons: 'LEARN CHEF' and 'DOWNLOAD CHEF'.

Turn your infrastructure into code

With Chef you can manage servers – 5 or 5,000 of them – by turning your Infrastructure into code. Time-consuming activities like manual patching, configuration updates, and service installations for every server will no longer exist. And your Infrastructure becomes

Create a New Account

- Sign up for a new account
- Chef Organization
 - provides multi-tenancy
 - name must be globally unique

Start your free trial of Enterprise Chef

You're one step away from access to all the power and flexibility of Chef, hosted and supported by OpenData. Get ready to automate your infrastructure to accelerate your time-to-market, manage scale and complexity, and safeguard your systems. Just complete the form to get started.

Full Name	<input type="text"/>
Username	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>
Password	<input type="password"/>
Company	<input type="text"/> (Optional)
Chef Organization	<input type="text"/>

Organization is the name of your instance of Enterprise Chef.

I agree to the Terms of Service and the Master License and Services Agreement.

Get Started

Download “Starter Kit” for Your Organization

- You get a .zip file from clicking this
- Unzip the zipfile - you'll get a "chef-repo"
- Put the "chef-repo" somewhere, e.g.:
 - C:\Users\you\chef-repo (Win)
 - /Users/you/chef-repo (Mac)
 - /home/you/chef-repo (Linux)

Thank you for choosing Enterprise

Follow these three steps to be on your way to

[Download Starter Kit!](#)

[Set up your](#)

What's next?

[Chef Documentation](#)

The best place to start learning about Chef in general.

[Browse Community Cookbooks](#)

Hundreds of members of the Chef community have contributed cookbooks you can use or draw inspiration from.

What is the Starter Kit?

- The ‘Starter Kit’ is an archive file (e.g. chef-starter.zip) that contains
 - A sample Chef repository with a sample ‘starter’ cookbook
 - Configuration files allowing the workstation to talk to the Chef server using knife
- We’ll look at this in detail later...

Knife is the command-line tool for Chef

- Knife provides an API interface between a local Chef repository and the Chef Server and lets you manage:
 - Nodes
 - Cookbooks and recipes
 - Roles
 - Stores of JSON data (data bags), including encrypted data
 - Environments
 - Cloud resources, including provisioning
 - The installation of Chef on management workstations
 - Searching of indexed data on the Chef Server

A quick tour of Chef-repo

- Every infrastructure managed by Chef has a Chef Repository (chef-repo)
- Type all commands in this class from the chef-repo directory
- Lets see what's in the chef-repo...

Tour the chef-repo

```
$ cd chef-repo
```

```
[~/chef-repo]$
```

Tour the chef-repo

```
$ ls -al
```

```
total 40
drwxr-xr-x@ 11 opscode  opscode   374 Dec 15 09:42 .
drwxr-xr-x+ 92 opscode  opscode  3128 Dec 15 09:43 ..
drwxr-xr-x@  3 opscode  opscode   102 Dec 15 2013 .berkshelf
drwxr-xr-x@  5 opscode  opscode   170 Dec 15 2013 .chef
-rw-r--r--@  1 opscode  opscode   495 Dec 15 2013 .gitignore
-rw-r--r--@  1 opscode  opscode  1433 Dec 15 2013 Berksfile
-rw-r--r--@  1 opscode  opscode  2416 Dec 15 2013 README.md
-rw-r--r--@  1 opscode  opscode  3567 Dec 15 2013 Vagrantfile
-rw-r--r--@  1 opscode  opscode   588 Dec 15 2013 chefignore
drwxr-xr-x@  3 opscode  opscode   102 Dec 15 2013 cookbooks
drwxr-xr-x@  3 opscode  opscode   102 Dec 15 2013 roles
```

What's inside the .chef directory?

```
$ ls .chef
```

```
ORGNAME-validator.pem  
USERNAME.pem  
knife.rb
```

What's inside the .chef directory?

- `knife.rb` is the configuration file for Knife
- The other two files are certificates for authentication with Chef Server

knife.rb

- Default location
 - `~/.chef/knife.rb`
 - `c:\users\You\.chef\` (Windows)
- Use a project specific configuration
 - `.chef/knife.rb` of the current directory
 - `chef-repo/.chef/knife.rb`

knife.rb



OPEN IN EDITOR: chef-repo/.chef/knife.rb

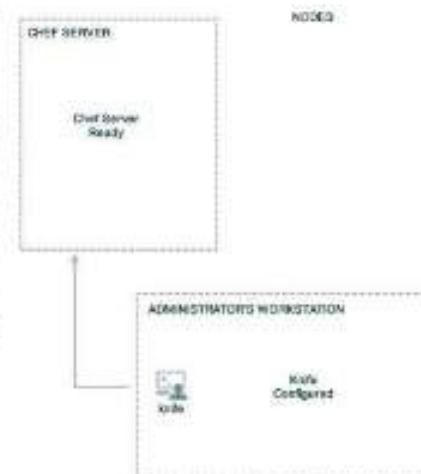
```
current_dir = File.dirname(__FILE__)
log_level           :info
log_location        STDOUT
node_name           "USERNAME"
client_key          "#{current_dir}/USERNAME.pem"
validation_client_name "ORGNAME-validator"
validation_key       "#{current_dir}/ORGNAME-validator.pem"
chef_server_url     "https://api.opscode.com/organizations/ORGNAME"
cache_type           'BasicFile'
cache_options( :path => "#{ENV['HOME']}/.chef/checksums" )
cookbook_path        ["#{current_dir}/../cookbooks"]
```

Verify Knife

```
$ knife --version  
Chef: 11.8.2
```

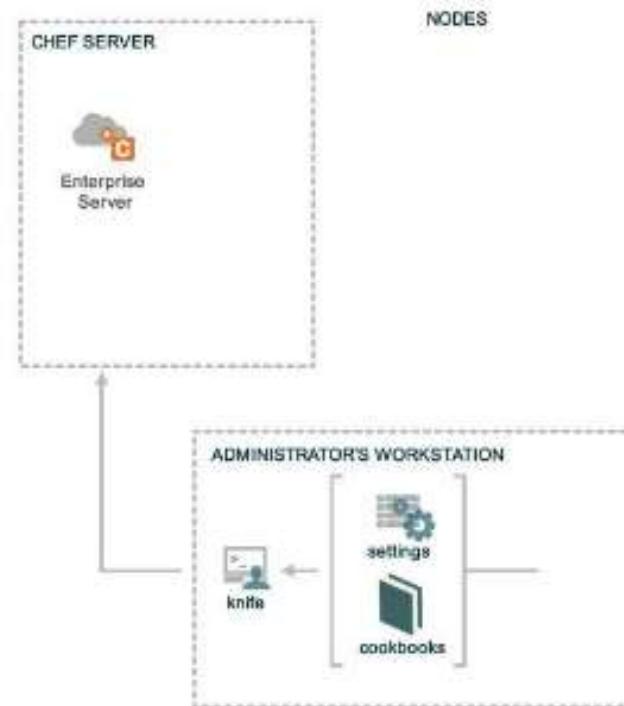
- Your version may be different, that's ok!

```
$ knife client list  
ORGNAME-validator
```



knife Client List

1. Reads the `chef_server_url` from `knife.rb`
2. Invokes HTTP GET to `#{{chef_server_url}}/clients`
3. Displays the result



Exercise: Run ‘knife help list’

```
$ knife help list
```

```
Available help topics are:  
bootstrap  
chef-shell  
client  
configure  
cookbook  
cookbook-site  
data-bag  
delete  
deps  
diff  
download  
edit  
environment  
exec  
list
```

A few knife tips

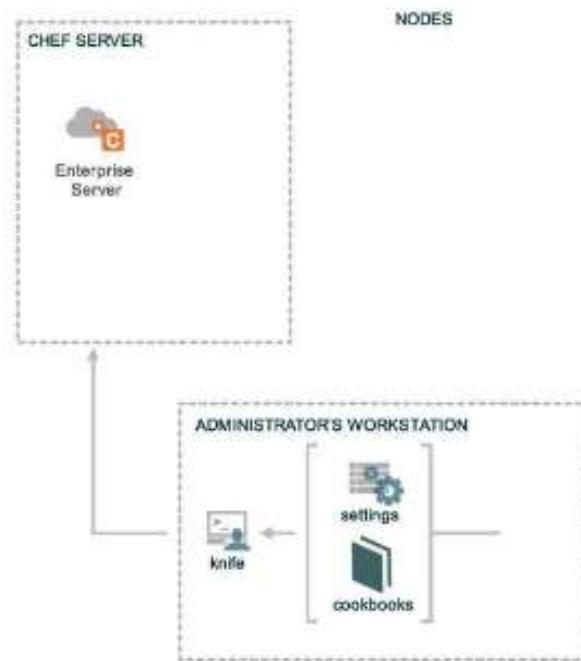
- Commands are always structured as follows:
 - knife
 - NOUN (client)
 - VERB (list)
- You can get more help with
 - knife NOUN help
 - knife --help just shows options

Best Practice: Use a test editor

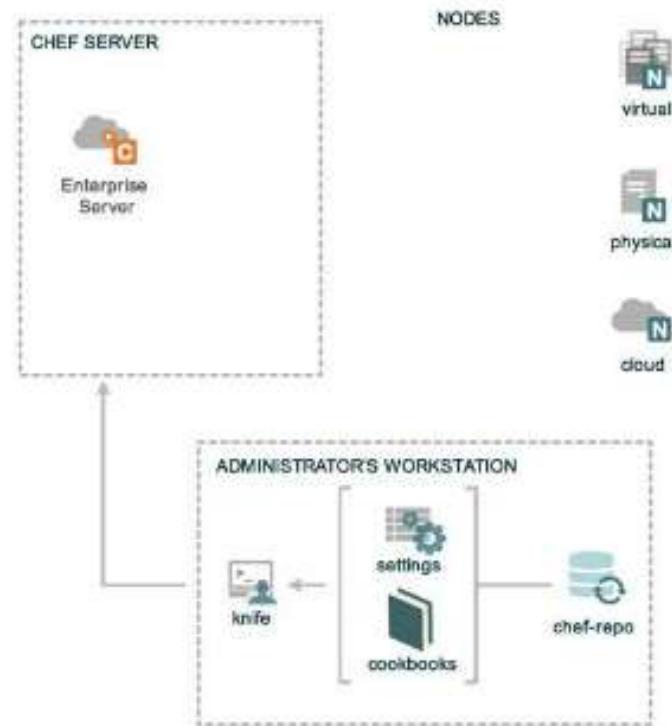
with project drawer

- Chef is about Infrastructure as Code
- People who code for a living use text editors that are designed for the task
- Vim, Emacs, Sublime Text, Notepad++
- Download Sublime Text (www.sublimetext.com)

Chef Setup



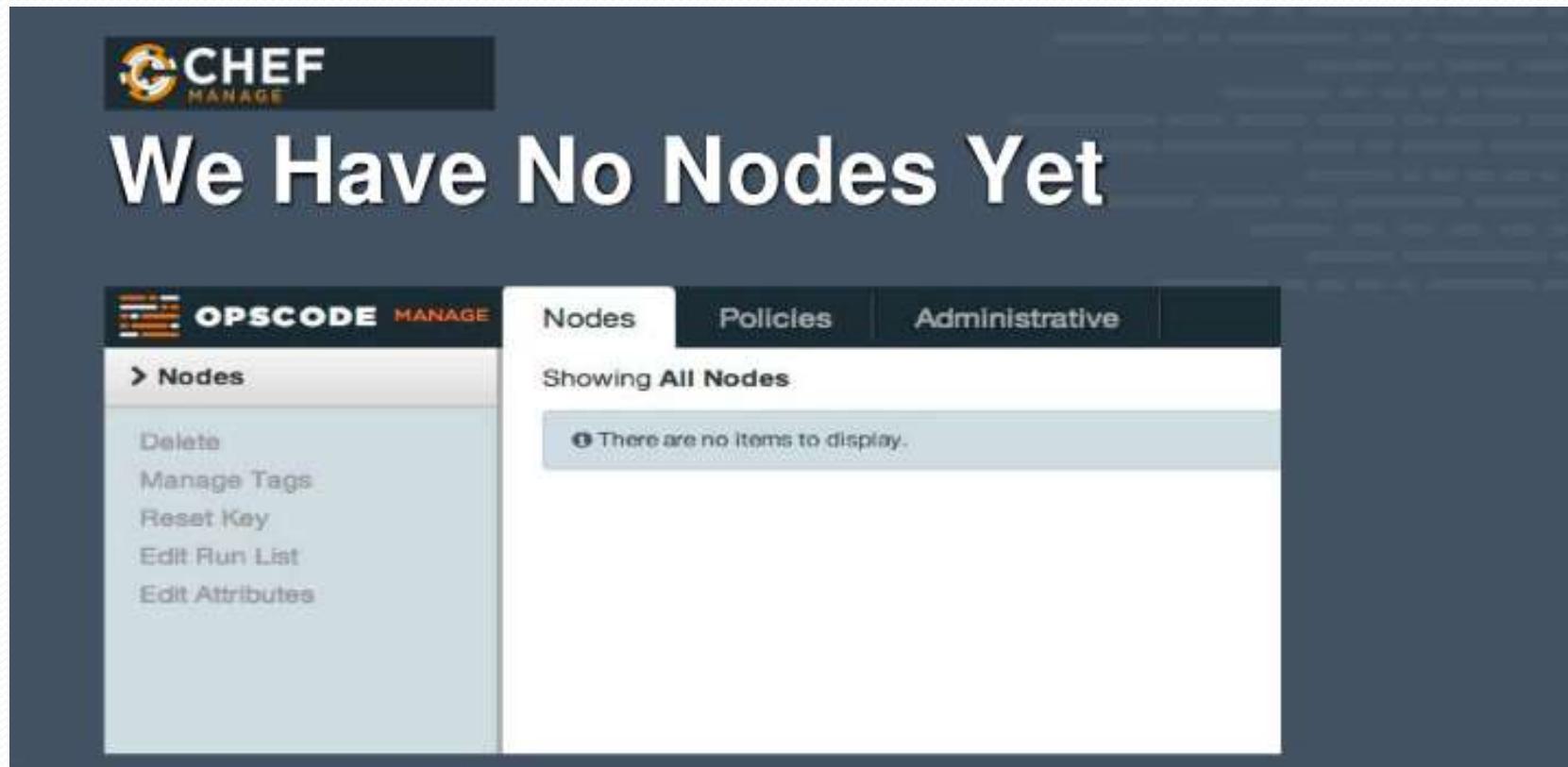
Nodes



Nodes

- Nodes represent the servers in your infrastructure
these may be
 - Physical servers or virtual servers
 - Hardware that you own
 - Compute instances in a public or private cloud
- Could also be network hardware – switches, routers, etc.

Chef Manage



The screenshot shows the Opscode Chef Manage web interface. At the top left is the Chef logo. The main title "We Have No Nodes Yet" is displayed prominently. The navigation bar includes tabs for "Nodes", "Policies", and "Administrative". On the left, a sidebar menu under "Nodes" lists options: "Delete", "Manage Tags", "Reset Key", "Edit Run List", and "Edit Attributes". The main content area is titled "Showing All Nodes" and contains a message: "There are no items to display."

Bring Your On Node

- Use your Virtual Machine (VM) or Server
- The IP Address or public hostname
- An application for establishing an ssh connection
- ‘sudo’ or ‘root’ permissions on VM

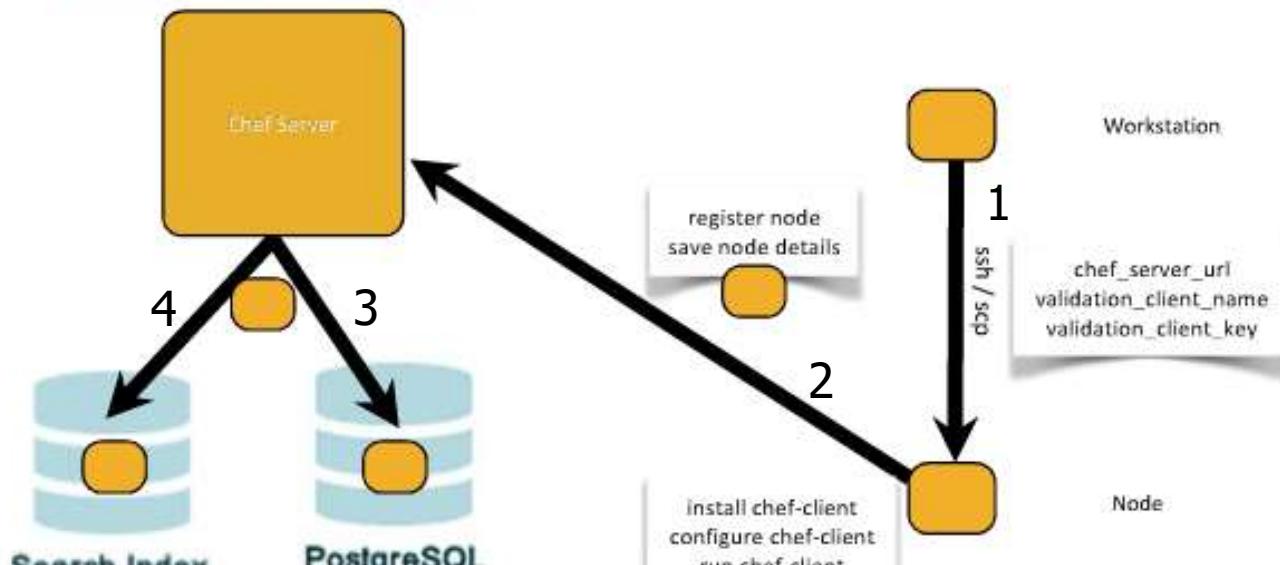
“Bootstrap” the Target instance

```
$ knife bootstrap <EXTERNAL_ADDRESS> --sudo -x chef -P chef -N "node1"
```

```
Bootstrapping Chef on uvolqrwls0jdgs3blvt.vm.cld.sr
uvolqrwls0jdgs3blvt.vm.cld.sr knife sudo password:
Enter your password:
...
...
uvolqrwls0jdgs3blvt.vm.cld.sr Creating a new client identity for node1 using the
validator key.
uvolqrwls0jdgs3blvt.vm.cld.sr resolving cookbooks for run list: []
uvolqrwls0jdgs3blvt.vm.cld.sr Synchronizing Cookbooks:
uvolqrwls0jdgs3blvt.vm.cld.sr Compiling Cookbooks...
uvolqrwls0jdgs3blvt.vm.cld.sr [2014-01-28T11:03:14-05:00] WARN: Node node2 has an
empty run list.
uvolqrwls0jdgs3blvt.vm.cld.sr Converging 0 resources
uvolqrwls0jdgs3blvt.vm.cld.sr Chef Client finished, 0 resources updated
```

knife Bootstrap

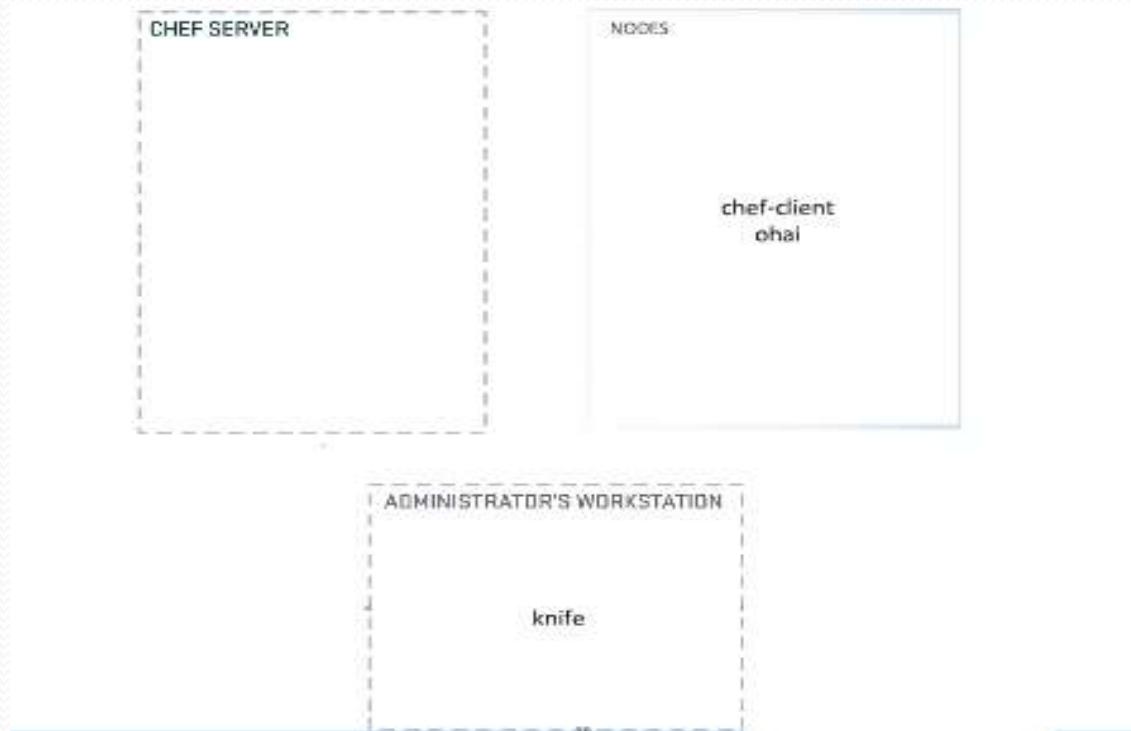
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knife bootstrap HOSTNAME --sudo -x chef -P  
chef -N "node1"
```



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Verifying Your Target Instance's

Chef-Client Configuration

```
$ ssh chef@<EXTERNAL_ADDRESS>

chef@node1:~$ ls /etc/chef
client.pem  client.rb  first-boot.json validation.pem

chef@node1:~$ which chef-client
/usr/bin/chef-client
```

Examine /etc/chef/client.rb

```
chef@node1:~$ cat /etc/chef/client.rb
```

```
log_location      STDOUT
chef_server_url   "https://api.opscode.com/organizations/ORGNAME"
validation_client_name "ORGNAME-validator"
node_name         "node1"
```

Exercise: Change the log level on your test node

```
chef@node1:~$ vim /etc/chef/client.rb
```

```
log_level      :info
log_location    STDOUT
chef_server_url "https://api.opscode.com/organizations/ORGNAME"
validation_client_name "ORGNAME-validator"
node_name       "node1"
```

- Set the default log level for chef-client to `:info`
- More configuration options can be found on the docs site:
http://docs.getchef.com/config_rb_client.html

View Node on Chef Server

- Login to your Hosted Enterprise Chef



View Node on Chef Server

- Click the 'Details' tab



The screenshot shows the Chef Server interface. On the left, a sidebar has a 'Nodes' section with options: Delete, Manage Tags, Reset Key, Edit Run List, and Edit Attributes. The main area shows a table titled 'Showing All Nodes' with one row for 'node1'. The table columns are Node Name, Platform, FQDN, and IP Address. The row for 'node1' is highlighted with an orange background. Below the table, a modal window is open for the node 'node1'. The modal has three tabs: 'Details' (which is highlighted with a yellow oval), 'Attributes', and 'Permissions'. Under the 'Details' tab, it shows 'Last Check in: 8 Minutes Ago' (2014-01-05 11:32:01 UTC) and 'Uptime: 6 Hours' (Since 2014-01-05 07:08:16 UTC). At the bottom of the modal, there's a 'Tags' section with a '+ Add' button and a note: '@ There are no items to display.'

Vide Node on Chef Server

- Click the 'Attributes' tab



The screenshot shows the Chef Server web interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs: Nodes, Reports, Policy, and Administration. Below the navigation bar, a table titled "Showing All Nodes" lists one node: "node1". The table includes columns for Node Name, Platform, FQDN, and IP Address. The node details are shown in a modal window. The "Attributes" tab is highlighted with a yellow oval. The "Attributes" section displays a list of tags and their associated values. The "languages" tag has a value of "chef". The "kernel" tag has a value of "os:linux". The "os" tag has a value of "os:version: 2.6.32-358.23.2.06 x86_64". The "hostname" tag has a value of "chefnode3.example.com". The "fqdn" tag has a value of "node1.example.com". The "ipaddress" tag has a value of "10.160.201.90". The "macaddress" tag has a value of "00:50:56:00:00:90".

Node Name	Platform	FQDN	IP Address
node1	centos6	chefnode3.example.com	10.160.201.90

Attributes:

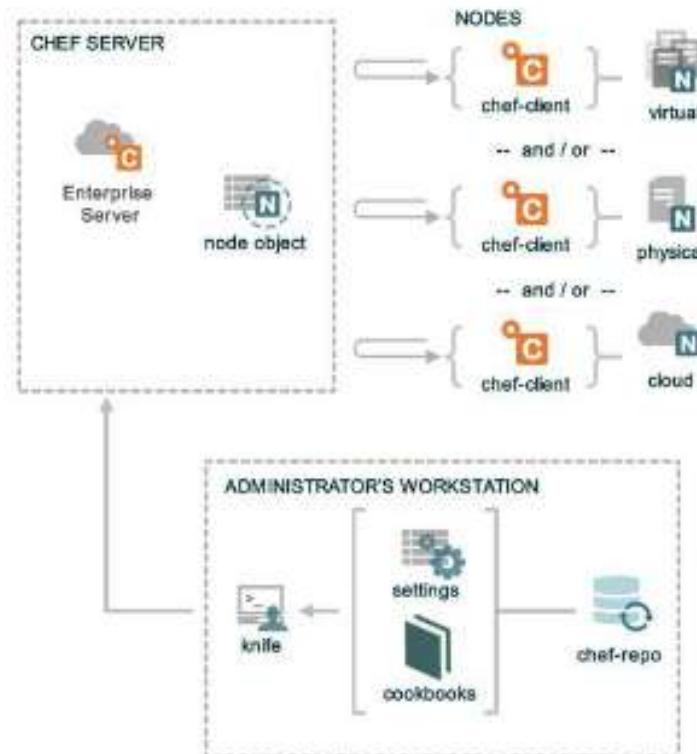
Tags:

- + languages: chef
- + kernel: os:linux
- os:version: 2.6.32-358.23.2.06 x86_64
- hostname: chefnode3.example.com
- fqdn: node1.example.com
- ipaddress: 10.160.201.90
- macaddress: 00:50:56:00:00:90

Node

- The Node is registered with Chef Server
- The Chef Server displays information about the Node
- This information comes from Ohai

Chef Setup



Chef Resources & Recipes

- Writing an Apache Cookbook
- Describe in detail a Cookbook
- Create a new Cookbook
- Explain a Recipe
- Describe how to use package, service and cookbook_file resources
- Upload a Cookbook to Chef Server
- Explain what a Run List is and how to set it for a Node via knife
- Explain output of a chef-client run

What's a Cookbook?

- A Cookbook is like a “package” for Chef recipes
- It contains all the recipes, files, templates, libraries, etc. required to configure a portion of your infrastructure
- Typically they map 1:1 to a piece of software or functionality

Problem Statement

- We need a web server configured to serve up our home page
- Success of this will be determined by seeing a home page in a web browser

Steps to Solution

- Install Apache
- Start the service
- Make sure it will start will server boots up
- Write home page code

Create a New Cookbook

```
$ knife cookbook create apache
```

```
** Creating cookbook apache
** Creating README for cookbook: apache
** Creating CHANGELOG for cookbook: apache
** Creating metadata for cookbook: apache
```

Explore the Cookbook

```
$ ls -la cookbooks/apache
```

```
total 24
drwxr-xr-x 13 opscode opscode 442 Jan 24 21:25 .
drwxr-xr-x  5 opscode opscode 170 Jan 24 21:25 ..
-rw-r--r--  1 opscode opscode 412 Jan 24 21:25 CHANGELOG.md
-rw-r--r--  1 opscode opscode 1447 Jan 24 21:25 README.md
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drwxr-xr-x  2 opscode opscode  68 Jan 24 21:25 resources
drwxr-xr-x  3 opscode opscode 102 Jan 24 21:25 templates
```

Edit the Default Recipe



OPEN IN EDITOR: cookbooks/apache/recipes/default.rb

```
#  
# Cookbook Name:: apache  
# Recipe:: default  
#  
# Copyright 2013, YOUR_COMPANY_NAME  
#  
# All rights reserved - Do Not Redistribute  
#
```

Chef Resources

- Have a type
- Have a name
- Have parameters
- Take action to put the resource into the desired state
- Can send **notifications** to other resources

```
package "haproxy" do
  action :install
end

template "/etc/haproxy/haproxy.cfg" do
  source "haproxy.cfg.erb"
  owner "root"
  group "root"
  mode "0644"
  notifies :restart, "service[haproxy]"
end

service "haproxy" do
  supports :restart => true
  action [:enable, :start]
end
```

Add Package Resource to Install Apache to Default Recipe



OPEN IN EDITOR:

cookbooks/apache/recipes/default.rb

```
#  
# Cookbook Name:: apache  
# Recipe:: default  
#  
# Copyright 2013, YOUR_COMPANY_NAME  
#  
# All rights reserved - Do Not Redistribute  
#
```

```
package "httpd" do  
  action :install  
end
```

SAVE FILE!

Resource We Just Wrote

- Is a package resource
 - Whose name is *httpd*
 - With an install **action**
- ```
package "httpd" do
 action :install
end
```

# Notice We Did Not Say How to

## Install Package

- Resources are declarative - that means we say what we want to have happen, rather than how
- Resources take action through **Providers** – providers perform the how
- Chef uses the **platform** the node is running to determine the correct provider for a **resource**

# Package Resource

```
package "git"
```



```
yum install git
```

```
apt-get install git
```

```
pacman sync git
```

```
pkg_add -r git
```

**Providers are  
determined  
by node's platform**

# Exercise: Add a service resource to ensure the service is started and enabled at boot



OPEN IN EDITOR:

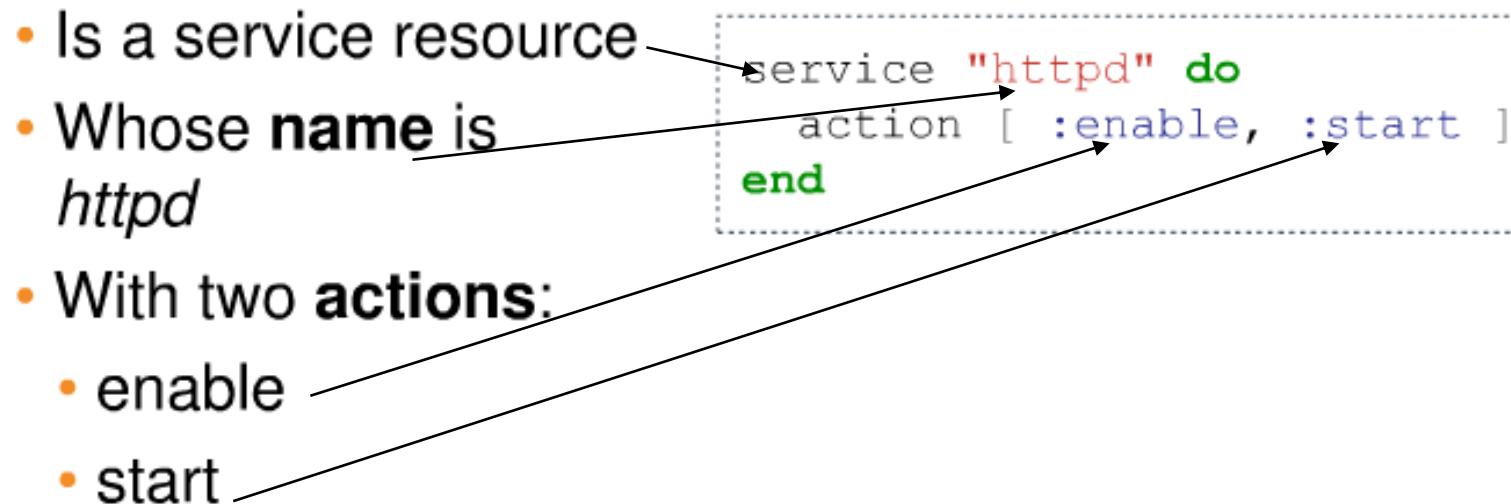
cookbooks/apache/recipes/default.rb

```
...
All rights reserved - Do Not Redistribute
#
package "httpd" do
 action :install
end

service "httpd" do
 action [:enable, :start]
end
```

**SAVE FILE!**

# Resource We Just Wrote

- Is a service resource
  - Whose **name** is *httpd*
  - With two **actions**:
    - enable
    - start
- ```
service "httpd" do
    action [ :enable, :start ]
end
```
- 
- points to "httpd" in the code
 - points to "action" in the code
 - points to "enable" in the code
 - points to "start" in the code

Order Matters

- Resources are executed in order

1st

2nd

3rd

```
package "haproxy" do
  action :install
end

template "/etc/haproxy/haproxy.cfg" do
  source "haproxy.cfg.erb"
  owner "root"
  group "root"
  mode "0644"
  notifies :restart, "service[haproxy]"
end

service "haproxy" do
  supports :restart => true
  action [:enable, :start]
end
```

Add cookbook_file resource to copy the home page



OPEN IN EDITOR:

cookbooks/apache/recipes/default.rb

```
...
service "httpd" do
  action [ :enable, :start ]
end
```

```
cookbook_file "/var/www/html/index.html" do
  source "index.html"
  mode "0644"
end
```

SAVE FILE!

Resource We Just Wrote

- Is a `cookbook_file` resource
- Whose **name** is: `/var/www/html/index.html`
- With two **parameters**:
 - **source** of `index.html`
 - **mode** of “0644”

```
cookbook_file "/var/www/html/index.html" do
  source "index.html"
  mode "0644"
end
```

Full Content of Apache Recipe

```
#  
# Cookbook Name:: apache  
# Recipe:: default  
#  
# Copyright 2013, YOUR_COMPANY_NAME  
#  
# All rights reserved - Do Not Redistribute  
  
package "httpd" do  
  action :install  
end  
  
service "httpd" do  
  action [ :enable, :start ]  
end  
  
cookbook_file "/var/www/html/index.html" do  
  source "index.html"  
  mode "0644"  
end
```

Exercise: Add index.html to your cookbook's files/default directory



OPEN IN EDITOR: cookbooks/apache/files/default/index.html

```
<html>
<body>
  <h1>Hello, world!</h1>
</body>
</html>
```

SAVE FILE!

Upload the Cookbook

```
$ knife cookbook upload apache
```

```
Uploading apache [0.1.0]
Uploaded 1 cookbook.
```

The Run List

- The Run List is the ordered set of recipes and roles that the Chef-client will execute on a node
 - Recipes are specified by “recipe[name]”
 - Roles are specified by “role[name]”

Exercise: Add apache recipe to test node's run list

```
$ knife node run_list add node1 "recipe[apache]"
```

```
node1:  
  run_list: recipe[apache]
```

Exercise: Run Chef-client

```
chef@node1:~$ sudo chef-client
```

```
[2014-01-21T12:22:40+05:00] INFO: Forking chef instance to converge...
Starting Chef Client, version 11.8.2
[2014-01-21T12:22:41+05:00] INFO: *** Chef 11.8.2 ***
[2014-01-21T12:22:41+05:00] INFO: Chef-client pid: 16346
[2014-01-21T12:22:41+05:00] INFO: Run List is [`recipies[apache]`]
[2014-01-21T12:22:41+05:00] INFO: Run List expands to [`apache`]
[2014-01-21T12:22:41+05:00] INFO: Starting Chef Run for node1
[2014-01-21T12:22:41+05:00] INFO: Running start handlers
[2014-01-21T12:22:41+05:00] INFO: Start handlers complete.
[2014-01-21T12:22:42+05:00] INFO: HTTP Request Returned 404 Object Not Found:
  resolving cookbooks for run list: ['apache']
[2014-01-21T12:22:42+05:00] INFO: Loading cookbooks `apache`
Synchronizing Cookbooks:
[2014-01-21T12:22:42+05:00] INFO: Storing updated
cookbooks/apache/recipes/default.rb in the cache.
[2014-01-21T12:22:42+05:00] INFO: Storing updated
cookbooks/apache/CHANGELOG.md in the cache.
[2014-01-21T12:22:43+05:00] INFO: Storing updated
cookbooks/apache/metadata.rb in the cache.
[2014-01-21T12:22:43+05:00] INFO: Storing updated
cookbooks/apache/README.md in the cache.
  = apache
Compiling Cookbooks...
Converging 1 resources
Recipe: apache::default
httpd=2.2.15-29.el6.centos from base repository
...
```

Exercise: Verify the Home Page

Works

- Open a web browser
- Type in the URL for your test node



You have just written your first Chef cookbook

Exercise: Reading the Output of a Chef-client Run

```
Starting Chef Client, version 11.8.2
[2014-01-06T07:06:00-05:00] INFO: *** Chef 11.8.2 ***
[2014-01-06T07:06:00-05:00] INFO: Chef-client pid: 10781
[2014-01-06T07:06:01-05:00] INFO: Run List is [recipe[apache]]
[2014-01-06T07:06:01-05:00] INFO: Run List expands to [apache]
[2014-01-06T07:06:01-05:00] INFO: Starting Chef Run for node1
[2014-01-06T07:06:01-05:00] INFO: Running start handlers
[2014-01-06T07:06:01-05:00] INFO: Start handlers complete.
```

- The run list is shown
- The expanded Run List is the complete list, after nested roles are expanded

Exercise: Reading the Output of a Chef-client Run

```
resolving cookbooks for run list: ["apache"]
[2014-01-06T07:06:02-05:00] INFO: Loading cookbooks [apache]
Synchronizing Cookbooks:
[2014-01-06T07:06:02-05:00] INFO: Storing updated cookbooks/apache/recipes/default.rb in the
cache.
[2014-01-06T07:06:02-05:00] INFO: Storing updated cookbooks/apache/metadata.rb in the cache.
  - apache
Compiling Cookbooks...
```

- Loads the cookbooks in the order specified by the run list
- Downloads any files that are missing from the server

Exercise: Reading the Output of a Chef-client Run

```
Converging 3 resources
Recipe: apache::default
 * package[httpd] action install[2014-01-06T07:51:48-05:00] INFO: Processing
   package[httpd] action install (apache::default line 9)
 [2014-01-06T07:51:55-05:00] INFO: package[httpd] installing httpd-2.2.15-
 29.el6.centos from base repository

 - install version 2.2.15-29.el6.centos of package httpd
```

- Checks to see if the package httpd is installed

Exercise: Reading the Output of a Chef-client Run

```
* service[httpd] action enable[2014-01-06T07:52:06-05:00] INFO: Processing
service[httpd] action enable (apache::default line 13)
[2014-01-06T07:52:06-05:00] INFO: service[httpd] enabled

- enable service service[httpd]

* service[httpd] action start[2014-01-06T07:52:06-05:00] INFO: Processing
service[httpd] action start (apache::default line 13)
[2014-01-06T07:52:07-05:00] INFO: service[httpd] started

- start service service[httpd]
```

- Checks to see if httpd is already enabled to run at boot - it is, take no further action
- Checks to see if httpd is already started - it is, take no further action

Idempotence

- Action on resources in Chef are designed to be **idempotent**
 - i.e they can be applied multiple times but the end result is still the same – like multiplying 1 by 1
- Chef is a “desired state configuration” system – if a resource is already configured, no action is taken
- This is called **convergence**

Exercise: Reading the Output of a Chef-client Run

```
* cookbook_file[/var/www/html/index.html] action create[2014-01-06T07:52:07-05:00] INFO: Processing
cookbook_file[/var/www/html/index.html] action create (apache::default line 17)
[2014-01-06T07:52:07-05:00] INFO: cookbook_file[/var/www/html/index.html] created file /var/www/html/index.html

- create new file /var/www/html/index.html[2014-01-06T07:52:07-05:00] INFO:
cookbook_file[/var/www/html/index.html] updated file contents /var/www/html/index.html

- update content in file /var/www/html/index.html from none to 03fb1d
  --- /var/www/html/index.html    2014-01-06 07:52:07.285214202 -0500
  +++ /tmp/.index.html20140106-10756-1kxknbg    2014-01-06 07:52:07.868365963 -0500
@@ -1 +1,6 @@
+<html>
+<body>
+  <hi>Hello, world!</hi>
+</body>
+</html>[2014-01-06T07:52:07-05:00] INFO: cookbook_file[/var/www/html/index.html] mode changed to 644

- change mode from '' to '0644'
- restore selinux security context
```

- Checks for an index.html file
- There is already one in place, backup the file
- Set permissions on the file
- A diff of the written file is shown with the modified lines called out

Exercise: Reading the Output of a Chef-client Run

```
[2014-01-06T07:52:08-05:00] INFO: Chef Run complete in 23.477837576 seconds
[2014-01-06T07:52:08-05:00] INFO: Running report handlers
[2014-01-06T07:52:08-05:00] INFO: Report handlers complete
Chef Client finished, 4 resources updated
[2014-01-06T07:52:08-05:00] INFO: Sending resource update report (run-id:
952a8431-0994-468e-836c-0f7de7aa656e)
```

- Notice that a complete Chef-Run displays:
 - The time the client took to complete convergence
 - Status of report and exception handlers

Exercise: Re-run Chef-client

```
chef@node1:~$ sudo chef-client
```

```
...
Resolving cookbooks for run list: ["apache"]
[2014-01-06T07:57:13-05:00] INFO: Loading cookbooks [apache]
Synchronizing Cookbooks:
  - apache
Compiling Cookbooks...
Converging 3 resources
Recipe: apache::default
  * package[httpd] action install[2014-01-06T07:57:13-05:00] INFO: Processing package[httpd] action install (apache::default line 9)
    (up to date)
  * service[httpd] action enable[2014-01-06T07:57:17-05:00] INFO: Processing service[httpd] action enable (apache::default line 13)
    (up to date)
  * service[httpd] action start[2014-01-06T07:57:17-05:00] INFO: Processing service[httpd] action start (apache::default line 13)
    (up to date)
  * cookbook_file[/var/www/html/index.html] action create[2014-01-06T07:57:17-05:00] INFO: Processing
cookbook_file[/var/www/html/index.html] action create (apache::default line 17)
    (up to date)
[2014-01-06T07:57:17-05:00] INFO: Chef Run complete in 4.707139533 seconds
[2014-01-06T07:57:17-05:00] INFO: Removing cookbooks/apache/files/default/index.html from the cache; it is no longer needed by chef-client.
[2014-01-06T07:57:17-05:00] INFO: Running report handlers
[2014-01-06T07:57:17-05:00] INFO: Report handlers complete
Chef Client finished, 0 resources updated
[2014-01-06T07:57:17-05:00] INFO: Sending resource update report (run-id: 1c201d2c-797f-43ab-a904-1ba329b6aab8)
```

Recap – Resources are grouped into Recipes

```
recipe[apache::default]
{
    package "httpd" do
        action :install
    end

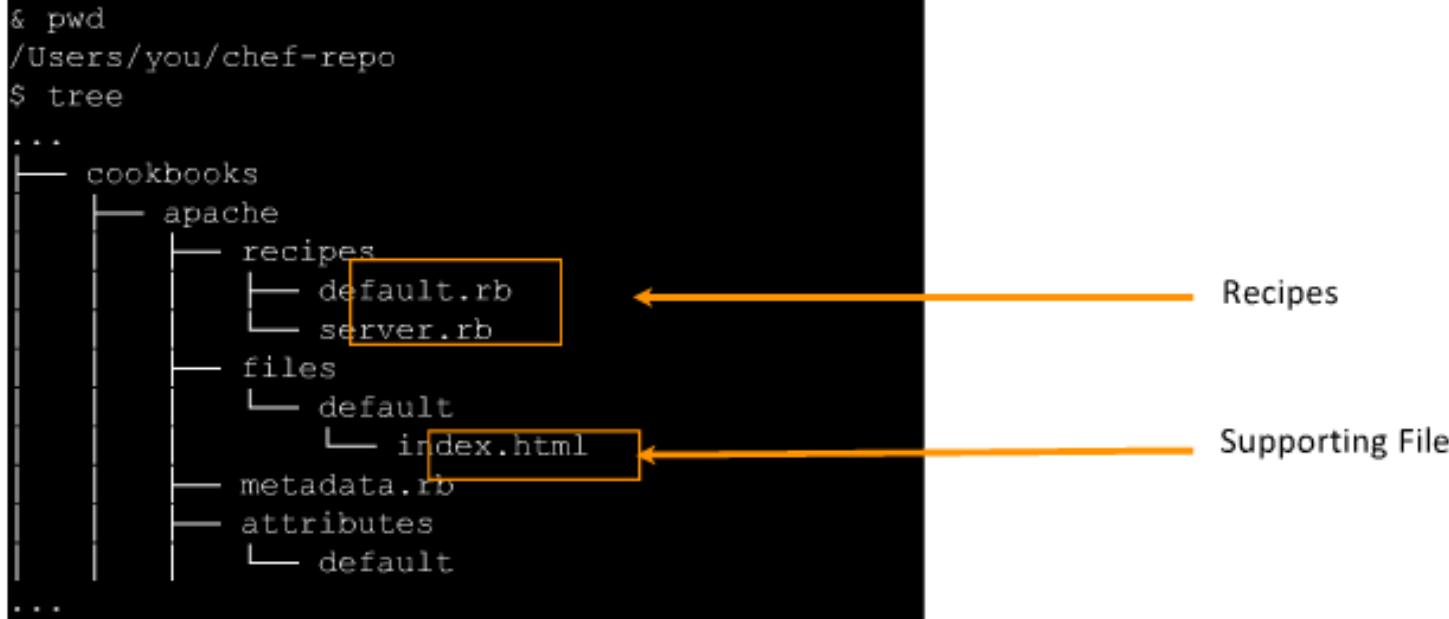
    service "httpd" do
        action [ :enable, :start ]
    end

    cookbook_file "/var/www/html/index.html" do
        source "index.html"
        mode "0644"
    end
}
```

Cookbooks contain Recipes &

Supporting Files

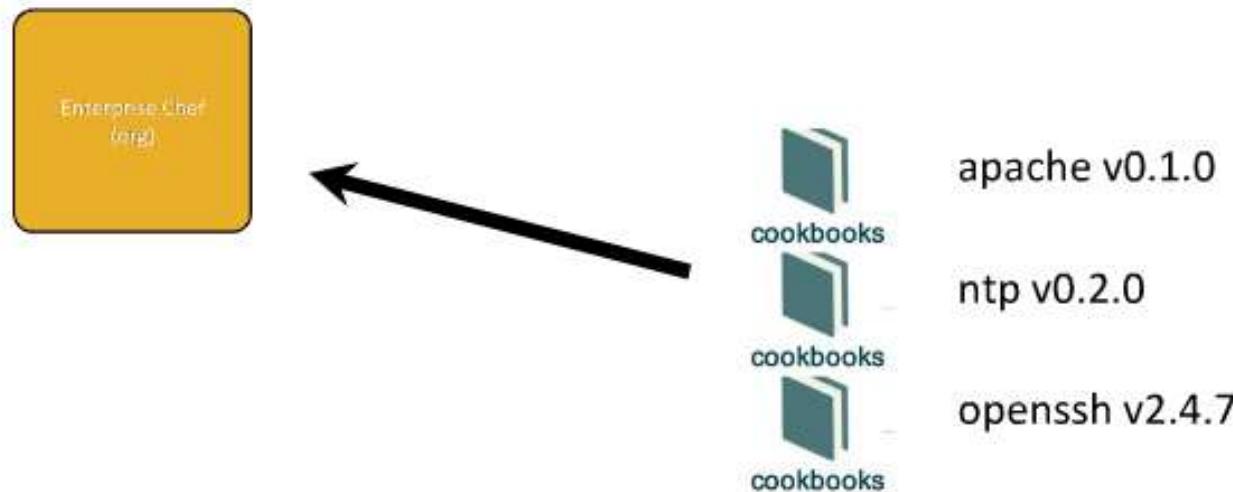
```
& pwd  
/Users/you/chef-repo  
$ tree  
..  
├── cookbooks  
│   └── apache  
│       ├── recipes  
│       │   └── default.rb  
│       │   └── server.rb  
│       └── files  
│           └── default  
│               └── index.html  
└── metadata.rb  
└── attributes  
    └── default
```



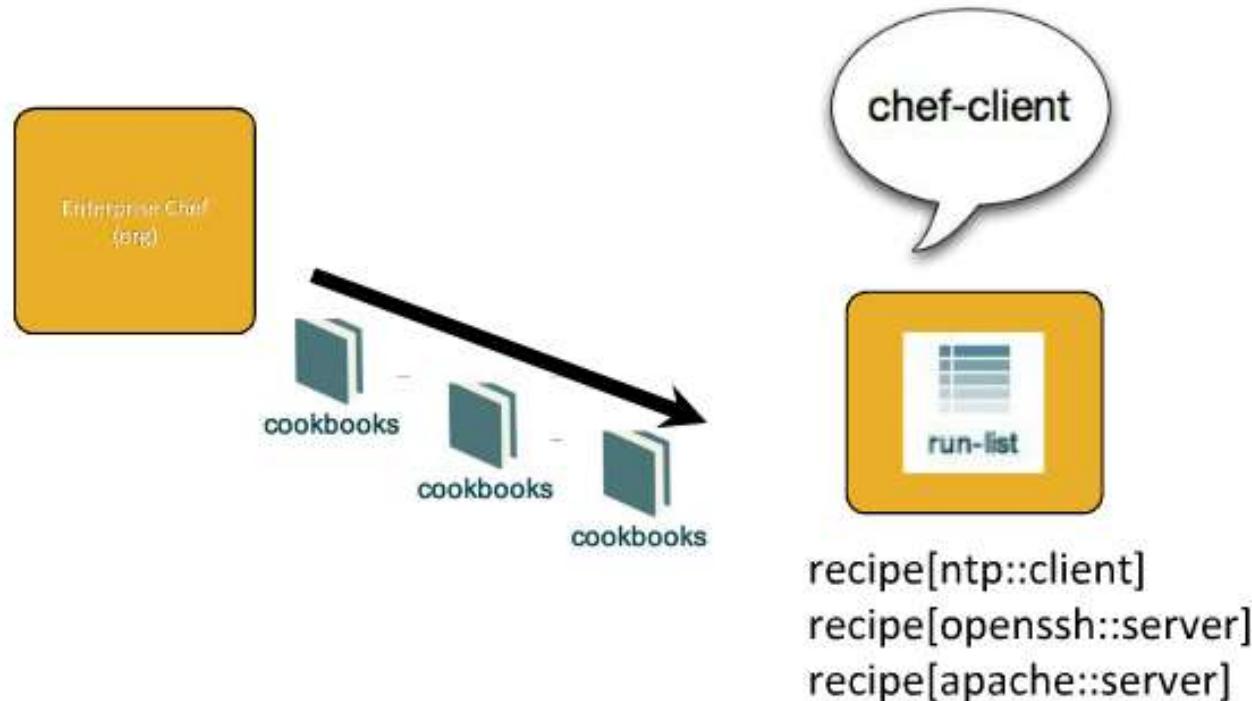
Recipes

Supporting File

Cookbooks are Installed as 'Artifacts' on Chef Server



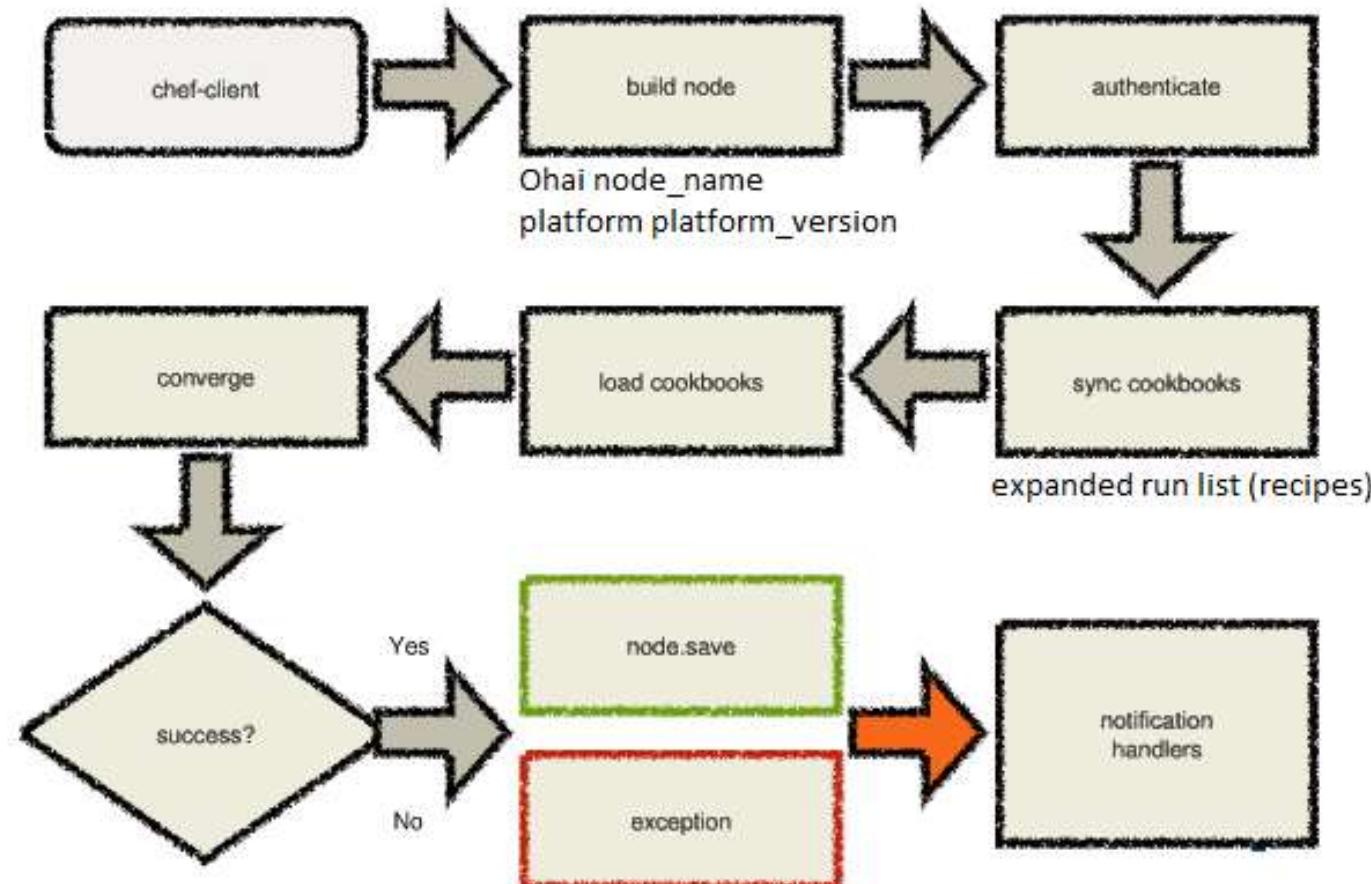
Nodes have run_lists made of Recipes



Dissecting your First Chef-client

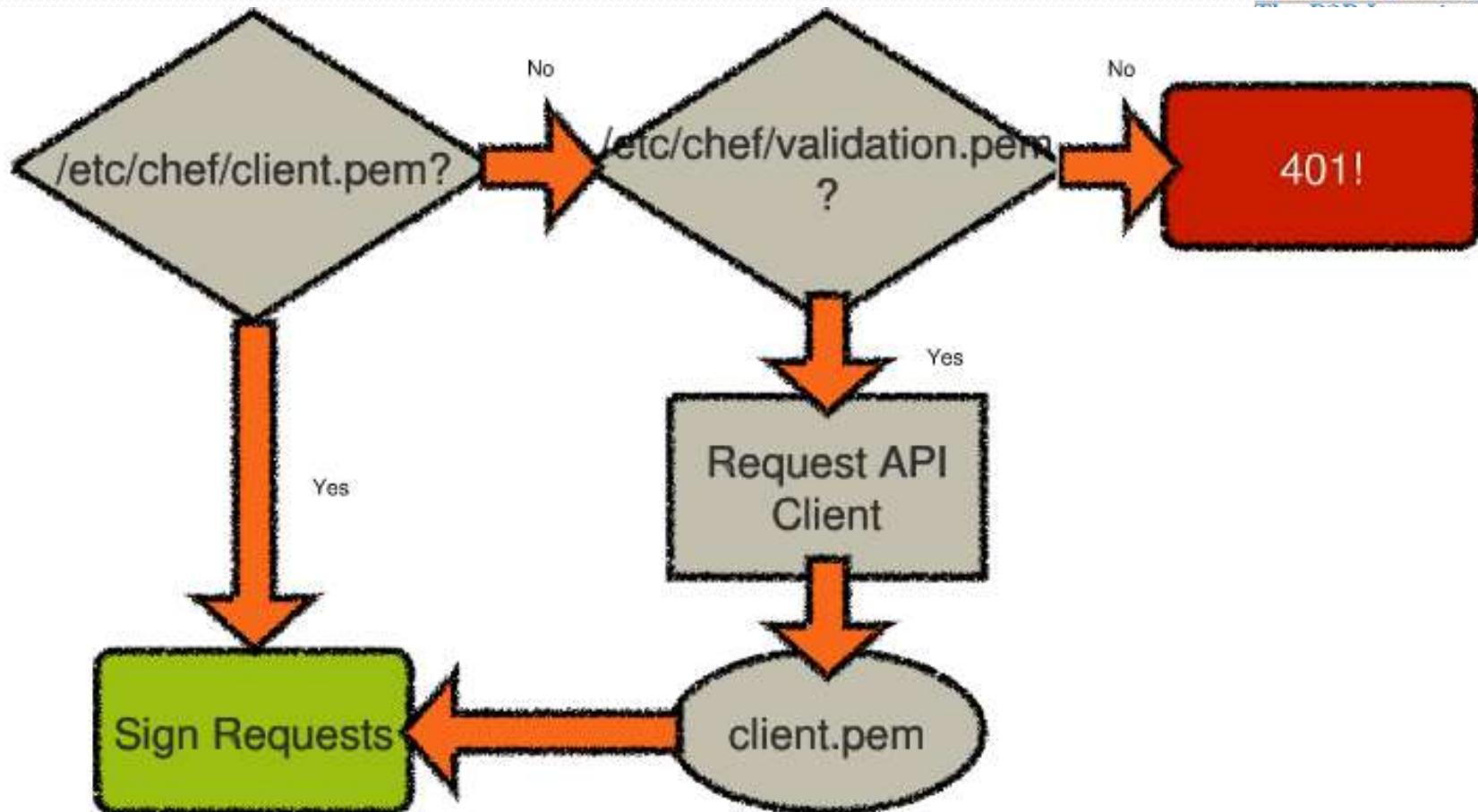
Run

- List all steps taken by Chef-client during a run
- Explain the basic security model of Chef
- Explain the concepts of Resource Collection



Private Keys

- Chef Server requires keys to authenticate
 - client.pem – private key for API client
 - validation.pem – private key for ORGNAME-validator



Resource Collection

Multiphase Execution – Compile Phase

- During compile phase, Chef
 - Loads all Cookbooks from Run List
 - Reads all Recipes to build resource collection

Multiphase Execution – Execute

Phase

- During compile phase, Chef takes the resource collection and for each resource it will
 - Check if the resource is in the required state
 - If ‘yes’ – do nothing
 - If ‘no’ – bring resource in line with the required state
 - Move on to next resource

Resource Collection Phase

Compile Phase

Recipe

```
package "httpd" do
  action :install
end

cookbook_file "/var/www/html/index.html" do
  source "index.html"
  mode "0644"
end

service "httpd" do
  action [ :enable, :start ]
end
```

Resource Collection

```
resource_collection = [
  package["httpd"],
  cookbook_file["/var/www/html/index.html"],
  service ["httpd"]
]
```

Resource Collection Phase

Execute Phase

Recipe

```
package "httpd" do
  action :install
end

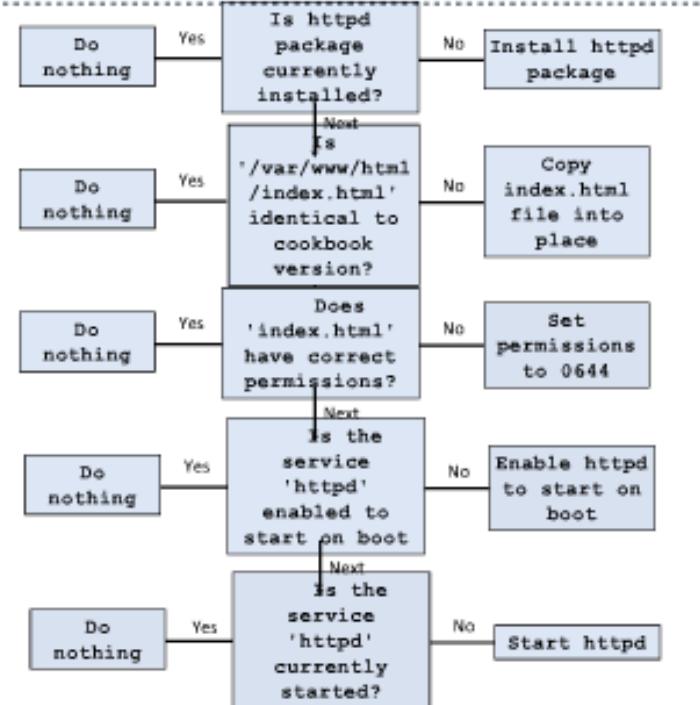
cookbook_file "/var/www/html/index.html" do
  source "index.html"
  mode "0644"
end

service "httpd" do
  action [ :enable, :start ]
end
```

Resource Collection

```
resource_collection = [
  package["httpd"],
  cookbook_file["/var/www/html/index.html"],
  service ["httpd"]
]
```

Execution



Recipe Order is Important

- Recipes are executed in the order they appear in the run list

```
Run List: recipe[ntp::client], recipe[openssh::server], recipe[apache::server]
```

- These recipes are invoked in the following order
 1. recipe[ntp::client]
 2. recipe[openssh::server]
 3. recipe[apache::server]

Resource Collection – Multiple Recipes

3. `recipe[httpd::server]`

```
package "httpd" do
  action :install
end

service "httpd" do
  action [ :enable, :start ]
end

cookbook_file "/var/www/html/index.html" do
  source "index.html"
  mode "0644"
end
```

Resource Collection

```
resource_collection [
  package[ntp],
  template[/etc/ntp.conf],
  service[ntp],
  package[openssh],
  template[/etc/sshd/sshd_config],
  service[openssh],
  package[httpd],
  service[httpd],
  cookbook_file[/var/www/html/index.html]
]
```

Final Resource Collection

- So the resources are invoked in the following order during the execute phase

```
package[ntp]
template[/etc/ntp.conf]
service[ntp]
package[openssh]
template[/etc/sshd/sshd_config]
service[openssh]
package[httpd]
service[httpd]
cookbook_file[/var/www/html/index.html]
```

Node Object

- Explain what Node object represents in Chef
- List the Nodes in an Organization
- Show details about a Node
- Describe what Node attributes are
- Retrieve a Node attribute directly, and via search

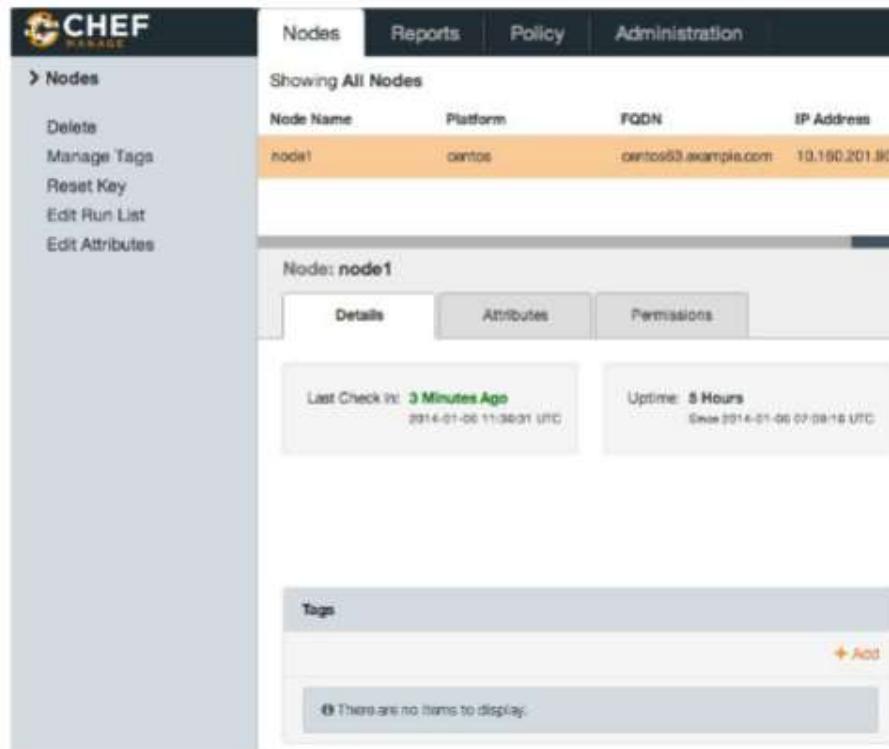
What is the Node Object

- A Node is a physical, virtual, or cloud machine that configured to be maintained by Chef
- The ‘node object’ is the representation of that physical node within Chef (e.g. in JSON)
- When you are writing Recipes, the Node object is always available to you

Node

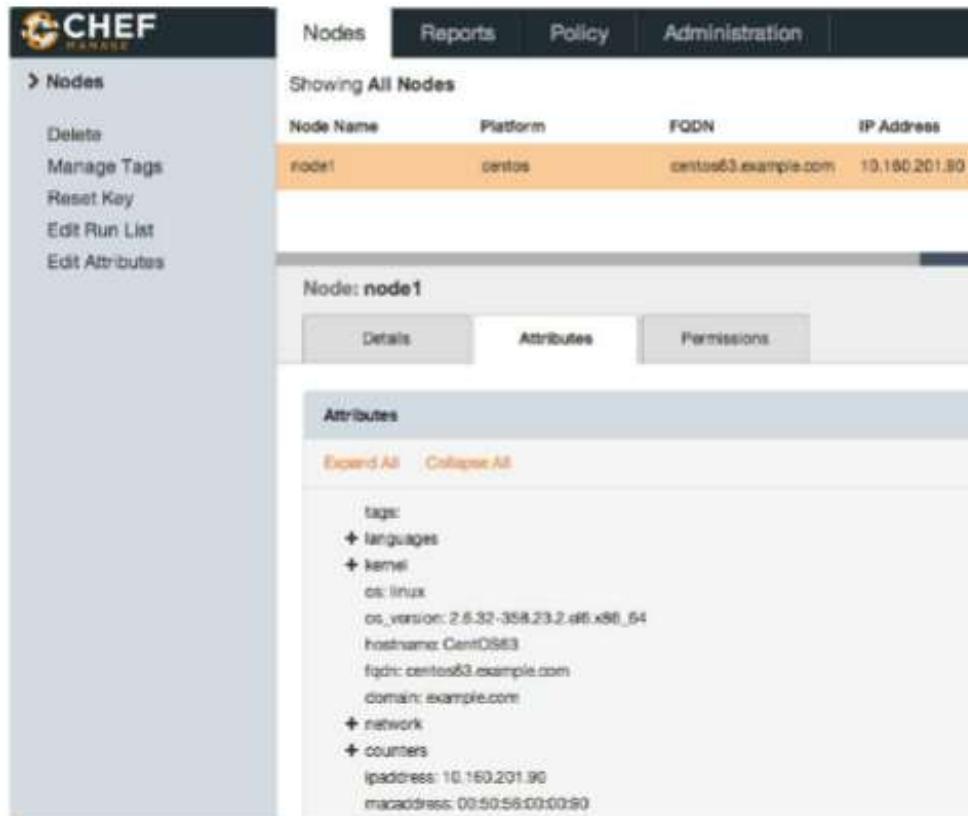
- The node is registered with Chef Server
- The Chef Server displays information about the node
- This information comes from Ohai

View Node on Chef Server



The screenshot shows the Chef Management interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with a 'Nodes' section containing links for Delete, Manage Tags, Reset Key, Edit Run List, and Edit Attributes. The main area has tabs for Nodes, Reports, Policy, and Administration, with 'Nodes' selected. Below the tabs, it says 'Showing All Nodes'. A table lists one node: node1 (Platform: centos, FQDN: centos01.example.com, IP Address: 10.190.201.80). A modal window for 'Node: node1' is open, showing 'Details' (Last Check In: 3 Minutes Ago, 2014-01-06 11:38:01 UTC), 'Attributes' (Uptime: 8 Hours, Since 2014-01-06 07:09:18 UTC), and 'Permissions'. At the bottom of the modal, there's a 'Tags' section with an 'Add' button and a message: 'There are no items to display.'

View Node on Chef Server



The screenshot shows the Chef Web interface. The top navigation bar has tabs: Nodes (which is active), Reports, Policy, and Administration. On the left, there's a sidebar with options: Nodes (with a sub-option 'Delete'), Manage Tags, Reset Key, Edit Run List, and Edit Attributes. The main content area shows a table titled 'Showing All Nodes' with columns: Node Name, Platform, FQDN, and IP Address. A single row is selected for 'node1'. Below this, a modal window is open for 'Node: node1' with tabs for Details, Attributes, and Permissions. The 'Attributes' tab is selected, displaying a list of key-value pairs under the heading 'Attributes'. The list includes:

- tags:
 - + languages
 - + kernel
 - os: linux
 - os_version: 2.6.32-358.23.2.el6.x86_64
 - hostname: CentOS63
 - fqdn: centos63.example.com
 - domain: example.com
- + network
- + counters
 - ipaddress: 10.160.201.90
 - macaddress: 00:50:56:00:00:90

Exercise: List Nodes

```
$ knife node list
```

```
node1
```

Exercise: List Clients

```
$ knife client list
```

```
ORGNAME-validator  
node1
```

Each Node Must Have a Unique

Name

- Every node must have a unique name within an Organization
- Chef defaults to the Fully Qualified Domain Name of the server i.e. in the format
`server.domain.com`
- We overrode it to “node1” to make typing easier

Exercise: Show Node Details

```
$ knife node show node1
```

```
Node Name:    node1
Environment:  _default
FQDN:        centos63.example.com
IP:          10.160.201.90
Run List:    recipe[apache]
Roles:
Recipes:     apache
Platform:   centos 6.4
Tags:
```

What is the Node Object

- Nodes are made up of attributes
 - Many are discovered **automatically** (platform, IP address, number of CPUs)
 - Many other objects in Chef can also add Node attributes (Cookbooks, Roles and Environments, Recipes, Attributes Files)
- Nodes are stored and indexed on Chef Server

Ohai

```
"languages": {
  "ruby": {

  },
  "perl": {
    "version": "5.14.2",
    "archname": "x86_64-
linux-gnu-thread-multi"
  },
  "python": {
    "version": "2.6.6",
    "builddate": "Jul 10
2013, 22:48:45"
  },
  "perl": {
    "version": "version",
    "archname": "x86_64-
linux-thread-multi"
  },
  "lua": {
    "version": "5.1.4"
}
},
```

```
"kernel": {
  "name": "Linux",
  "release": "3.2.0-32-virtual",
  "version": "#1 SMP Wed Oct 16
18:37:12 UTC 2013",
  "machine": "x86_64",
  "modules": {
    "isofs": {
      "size": "70066",
      "refcount": "2"
    },
    "des_generic": {
      "size": "16604",
      "refcount": "0"
    }
  },
  "os": "GNU/Linux"
},
"os": "linux",
"os_version": "2.6.32-
358.23.2.el6.x86_64",
"ohai_time": 1389105685.7735305,
```

```
"network": {
  "interfaces": {
    "lo": {
      "mtu": "16436",
      "flags": [
        "LOOPBACK", "UP", "LOWER_UP"
      ],
      "encapsulation": "Loopback",
      "addresses": {
        "127.0.0.1": {
          "family": "inet",
          "netmask": "255.0.0.0",
          "scope": "Node"
        },
        "::1": {
          "family": "inet6",
          "scope": "Node"
        }
      }
    },
    "eth0": {
      "type": "eth",
      "number": "0",
      "mac": "00:0c:29:4d:4f:00"
    }
  }
},
```

Exercise: Run Ohai on Node

```
chef@node1:~$ ohai | less
```

```
{  
  "languages": {  
    "ruby": {  
      "java": {  
        "version": "1.6.0_24",  
        "runtime": {  
          "name": "OpenJDK Runtime Environment (IcedTea6 1.11.13)",  
          "build": "rhel-1.65.1.11.13.el6_4-x86_64"  
        },  
        "hotspot": {  
          "name": "OpenJDK 64-Bit server VM",  
          "build": "20.0-b12, mixed mode"  
        },  
        "perl": {  
          "version": "5.10.1",  
          "archname": "x86_64-linux-thread-multi"  
        },  
        "lua": {  
          "version": "5.1.4"  
        },  
        "python": {  
          "version": "2.6.6",  
          "builddate": "Jul 10 2013, 22:48:45"  
        },  
        "kernel": {  
          "version": "3.11.10-1.el6.x86_64",  
          "os": "Red Hat Enterprise Linux Server release 6.5 (Santiago)",  
          "cpu": {  
            "model": "Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2620 v2 @ 2.10GHz",  
            "cores": 8,  
            "threads": 16  
          },  
          "mem": {  
            "total": 16384  
          },  
          "disks": {  
            "size": 1073741824000  
          }  
        }  
      }  
    }  
  }  
}
```

Exercise: Show all Node Attributes

```
$ knife node show node1 -l
```

```
Node Name:    node1
Environment:   default
FQDN:         centos63.example.com
IP:           10.160.201.90
Run List:     recipe[apache]
Roles:
Recipes:      apache
Platform:    centos 6.4
Tags:
Attributes:
tags:

Default Attributes:

Override Attributes:

Automatic Attributes (Chai Data):
block_device:
  dm-0:
    removable: 0
    size:       28393472
```

Exercise: Show Raw Node Objects

```
$ knife node show node1 -Fj
```

```
{  
  "name": "node1",  
  "chef_environment": "_default",  
  "run_list": ["recipe[apache]"],  
  "normal": {"tags": []}  
}
```

Exercise: Show only FQDN

Attributes

```
$ knife node show node1 -a fqdn
```

```
node1:
```

```
  fqdn: centos63.example.com
```

Exercise: Use Search to Find the same Data

```
$ knife search node "*:*" -a fqdn
```

```
1 items found
```

```
node1:
```

```
fqdn: centos63.example.com
```

Setting Node Attributes

- Describe where & how to set attributes
- Explain the attribute merge order and precedence rules
- Declare an attribute with a Recipe and set its value

What are Attributes?

- Attributes represent information about your node
- The information can be auto-detected from the Node (e.g. # of CPUs, amount of RAM) & populated by Ohai
- You can also set attributes on your Node using cookbook Recipes & attribute files, roles, Environments
- Attributes keep the program code separate from data
- All attributes are set on the “node object” and are indexed for search on the server

Attributes Sources

- Attributes can be set at various levels (in increasing order of precedence)
- Automatically on the Node itself (by Ohai)
- In roles
- In Environments
- In Cookbook Recipes
- In Cookbook attribute files

Setting Attributes in attribute files

- Attributes can be set in the cookbook's attributes file
 - ./cookbooks/<cookbook>/attributes/default.rb
- Format is

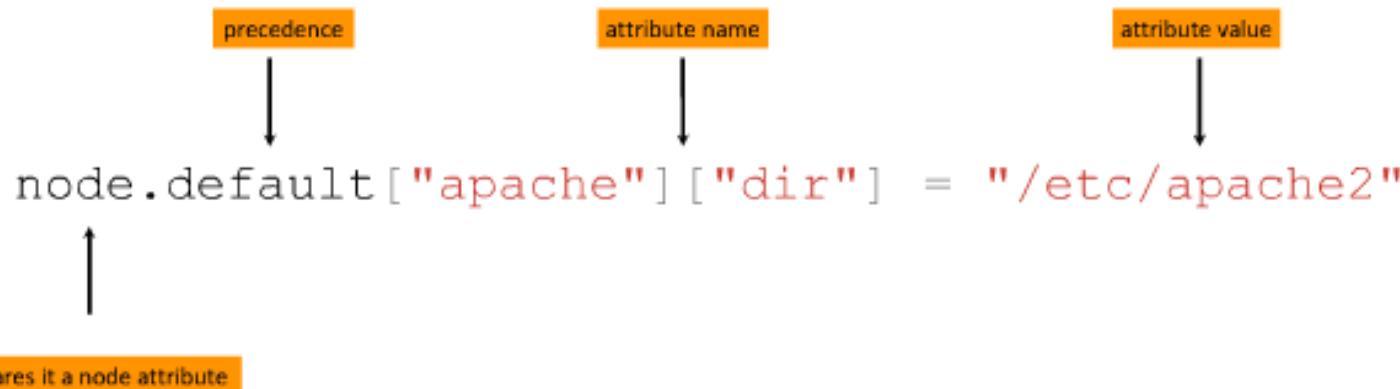


```
precedence
↓
attribute name
↓
attribute value
↓
default["apache"]["dir"] = "/etc/apache2"
```

- We'll look at precedence later....

Setting Attributes in Recipes

- They can also be set directly in Recipes
- Precede attribute name with 'node.' as follows



precedence
attribute name
attribute value

node.default["apache"]["dir"] = "/etc/apache2"

↑

declares it a node attribute

Problem Statement

- We have defined our “index.html” homepage in our Recipe, but we may want to change that without changing the Recipe
- Success of this will be determined by changing the homepage by changing an attribute value

Exercise: Set attribute in attributes file



OPEN IN EDITOR: cookbooks/apache/attributes/default.rb

```
default["apache"]["indexfile"] = "index1.html"
```

SAVE FILE!

- Set an attribute to a specific value in the attributes file

Exercise: Add index1.html to Cookbook's files/default

directory



OPEN IN EDITOR: cookbooks/apache/files/default/index1.html

```
<html>
  <body>
    <h1>Hello, world!</h1>
    <h2>This is index1.html</h2>
    <p>We configured this in the attributes file</p>
  </body>
</html>
```

SAVE FILE!

Exercise: Set Attribute in a Recipe



OPEN IN EDITOR:

cookbooks/apache/recipes/default.rb

```
service "httpd" do
  action [:enable, :start]
end

cookbook_file "/var/www/html/index.html" do
  source node["apache"]["indexfile"]
  mode "0644"
end
```

SAVE FILE!

Exercise: Upload the Cookbook

```
$ knife cookbook upload apache
```

```
Uploading apache [0.1.0]
Uploaded 1 cookbook.
```

Exercise: Re-run Chef Client

```
chef@node1:~$ sudo chef-client
```

```
Starting Chef Client, version 11.8.2
resolving cookbooks for run list: ["apache"]
...
Recipe: apache::default
  * package[httpd] action install (up to date)
  * service[httpd] action enable (up to date)
  * service[httpd] action start (up to date)
  * cookbook_file[/var/www/html/index.html] action create
    - update content in file /var/www/html/index.html from 03fb1d to 478a29
      --- /var/www/html/index.html 2014-01-07 04:28:34.854965341 -0500
      +++ /tmp/.index.html20140107-12128-a6czxel 2014-01-07 04:31:24.049155232 -0500
      @@ -1,6 +1,8 @@
      <html>
      <->body>
      + <body>
        <h1>Hello, world!</h1>
      <->/body>
      +   <h2>This is index1.html</h2>
      +   <p>We configured this in the attributes file</p>
      + </body>
      </html>
    - restore selinux security context

Chef Client finished, 1 resources updated
```

Exercise: Verifying New Homepage Works

- Open a web browser
- The homepage takes the attribute file value



Hello, world!

This is index1.html

We configured this in the attributes file

Exercise: Set attribute in Recipe



OPEN IN EDITOR:

cookbooks/apache/recipes/default.rb

```
service "apache2" do
  action [:enable, :start]
end

node.default["apache"]["indexfile"] = "index2.html"
cookbook_file "/var/www/html/index.html" do
  source node["apache"]["indexfile"]
  mode "0644"
end
```

SAVE FILE!

Exercise: add index2.html to Cookbook's files/default

directory



OPEN IN EDITOR: cookbooks/apache/files/default/index2.html

```
<html>
  <body>
    <h1>Hello, world!</h1>
    <h2>This is index2.html</h2>
    <p>We configured this in the recipe</p>
  </body>
</html>
```

SAVE FILE!

Exercise: Update the Cookbook

```
$ knife cookbook upload apache
```

```
Uploading apache [0.1.0]
Uploaded 1 cookbook.
```

Exercise: Re-run Chef Client

```
chef@node1:~$ sudo chef-client
```

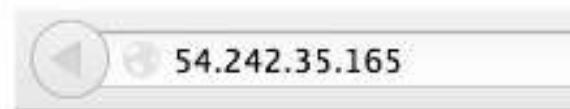
```
Starting Chef Client, version 11.8.2
resolving cookbooks for run list: ["apache"]
...
Recipe: apache::default
 * package[httpd] action install (up to date)
 * service[httpd] action enable (up to date)
 * service[httpd] action start (up to date)
 * cookbook_file[/var/www/html/index.html] action create
   - update content in file /var/www/html/index.html from 478a29 to 153183
     --- /var/www/html/index.html 2014-01-07 04:31:24.049155232 +0500
     +++ /tmp/.index.html20140107-12296-11u8kvT 2014-01-07 04:32:45.605669431 +0500
     00 -1,8 +1,8 00
     <html>
       <body>
         <h1>Hello, world!</h1>
         -   <h2>This is index1.html</h2>
         -   <p>We configured this in the attributes file</p>
         +   <h2>This is index2.html</h2>
         +   <p>We configured this in the recipe</p>
       </body>
     </html>
   - restore selinux security context

Chef Client finished, 1 resources updated
```

Exercise: Verify New Homepage

Works

- Open a web browser
- Recipe value has taken precedence



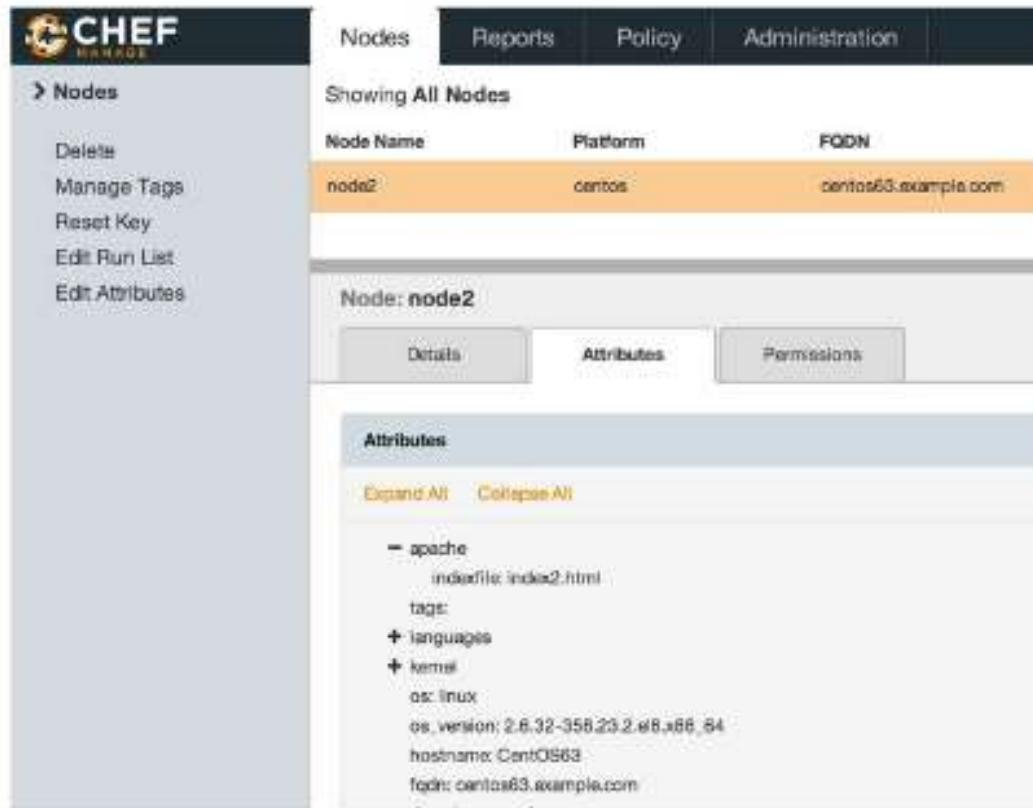
Hello, world!

This is index2.html

We configured this in the recipe

Exercise: Viewing Attributes

view WebUI



The screenshot shows the Chef WebUI interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Nodes, Reports, Policy, and Administration. On the left, a sidebar under the 'Nodes' heading provides options for Delete, Manage Tags, Reset Key, Edit Run List, and Edit Attributes. The main content area displays a table titled 'Showing All Nodes' with three columns: Node Name, Platform, and FQDN. A single row is selected for 'node2', which has a Platform of 'centos' and a FQDN of 'centos63.example.com'. Below this, a detailed view for 'Node: node2' is shown, with tabs for Details, Attributes (which is selected), and Permissions. The 'Attributes' section contains expandable items: 'apache' (with 'indexfile: index2.html'), 'tags' (empty), '+ languages' (empty), '+ kernel' (empty), 'os: linux' (with 'os_version: 2.6.32-358.23.2.el6.x86_64'), 'hostname: CentOS63' (empty), and 'fqdn: centos63.example.com' (empty). There are also 'Expand All' and 'Collapse All' buttons.

Node Name	Platform	FQDN
node2	centos	centos63.example.com

Node: node2

Attributes

Expand All Collapse All

- apache
 - indexfile: index2.html
- tags:
- + languages
- + kernel
- os: linux
 - os_version: 2.6.32-358.23.2.el6.x86_64
- hostname: CentOS63
- fqdn: centos63.example.com

Exercise: Viewing Attributes

using knife

```
$ knife node show node1 -l | more
```

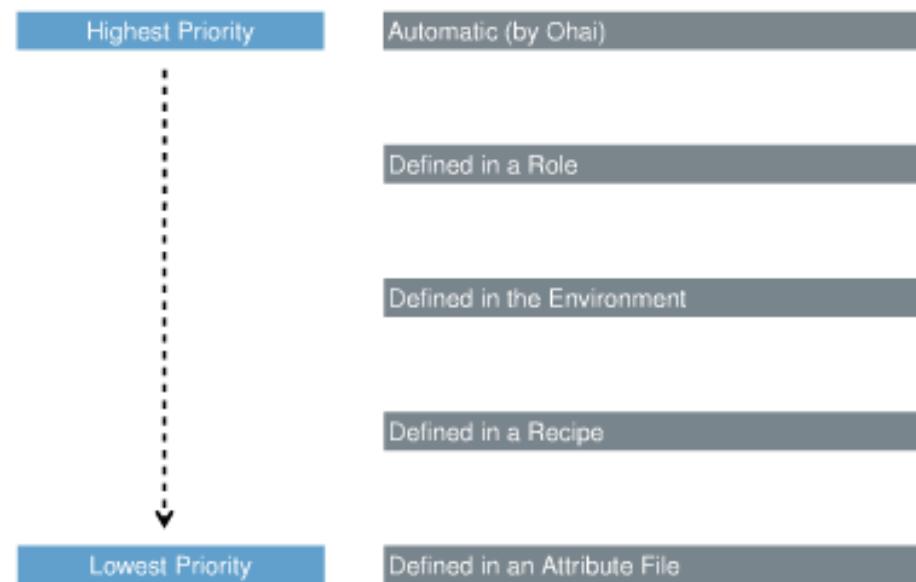
```
...
Attributes:
tags:

Default Attributes:
apache:
  indexfile: index2.html

Override Attributes:

Automatic Attributes (Ohai Data):
block_device:
  dm-0:
    removable: 0
    size:      31563776
...
...
```

Default Attribute Precedence



- Please note this is a simplified diagram, and the precedences shown can be overridden

Attributes, Templates and Cookbook Dependencies

- Describe Cookbook Attribute files
- Use ERB Template in Chef
- Explain Attribute Precedence
- Describe Cookbook Metadata
- Specify Cookbook dependencies
- Perform Cookbook creation, upload and test loop

Problem Statement

- We need to add a message that appears at login that states:
 - “This server is property of COMPANY”
 - “This server is in-scope for PCI compliance” if the server is, in fact, in scope
- Success of this will be determined by seeing the message when we log in to the test Node

Exercise: Create a Cookbook

named ‘motd’

```
$ knife cookbook create motd
```

```
** Creating cookbook motd
** Creating README for cookbook: motd
** Creating CHANGELOG for cookbook: motd
** Creating metadata for cookbook: motd
```

Exercise: Create a default.rb attribute file



OPEN IN EDITOR: cookbooks/motd/attributes/default.rb

```
default["motd"]["company"] = "mo comp "
```

SAVE FILE!

- Creates a new Node attribute: node ["motd"] ["company"]
- Sets the values to the string "Chef"
- Note: there is no space between 'default' and '['
- The 'motd' in the attribute is just convention so you know the cookbook the attribute was set in. This is not an enforced syntax

Exercise: Open the default Recipe in your editor



OPEN IN EDITOR: cookbooks/motd/recipes/default.rb

```
#  
# Cookbook Name:: motd  
# Recipe:: default  
#  
# Copyright 2013, YOUR_COMPANY_NAME  
#  
# All rights reserved - Do Not Redistribute  
#
```

Exercise: Add template resource for /etc/motd

- Use **template** resource
- The **name** is “/etc/motd”
- The resource has two parameters
 - **source** is “motd.erb”
 - **mode** is “0644”

The template [/etc/motd] resource



OPEN IN EDITOR:

cookbooks/motd/recipes/default.rb

```
#  
# Cookbook Name:: motd  
# Recipe:: default  
  
# Copyright 2013, YOUR_COMPANY_NAME  
#  
# All rights reserved - Do Not Redistribute  
  
template "/etc/motd" do  
  source "motd.erb"  
  mode "0644"  
end
```

SAVE FILE!

Exercise: Open motd.erb in your editor



OPEN IN EDITOR: cookbooks/motd/templates/default/motd.erb

```
This server is property of <%= node["motd"]["company"] %>
<% if node["pci"]["in_scope"] -%>
This server is in-scope for PCI compliance
<% end -%>
```

SAVE FILE!

- "**erb**" stands for "Embedded Ruby"

Templates are used for Almost All Configurations

- Templates are very flexible ways to create your configuration files
- Coupled with Chef's attribute precedence rules, you can create very effective, data-driven Cookbooks

Exercise: Upload the motd

Cookbook

```
$ knife cookbook upload motd
```

```
Uploading motd [0.1.0]
Uploaded 1 cookbook.
```

Exercise: Create a Cookbook pci

```
$ knife cookbook create pci
```

```
** Creating cookbook pci
** Creating README for cookbook: pci
** Creating CHANGELOG for cookbook: pci
** Creating metadata for cookbook: pci
```

Exercise: Create a default.erb attribute file



OPEN IN EDITOR: cookbooks/pci/attributes/default.rb

```
default["pci"]["in_scope"] = true
```

SAVE FILE!

- Creates a new Node attribute: node["pci"]["in_scope"]
- Sets the value to the Ruby 'true' literal

Exercise: Upload the PCI Cookbook

```
$ knife cookbook upload pci
```

```
Uploading pci [0.1.0]
Uploaded 1 cookbook.
```

Exercise: Add the motd Recipe

to your Node's Run List

```
$ knife node run_list add node1 "recipe[motd]"
```

```
node1:
  run_list:
    recipe[apache]
    recipe[motd]
```

Exercise: Add the motd Recipe

to your Node's Run List

```
$ knife node show node1
```

```
Node Name:    node1
Environment:  _default
FQDN:        centos63.example.com
IP:          10.160.201.90
Run List:    recipe[apache], recipe[motd]
Roles:
Recipes:     apache
Platform:   centos 6.4
Tags:
```

Exercise: Re-run the Chef Client

```
chef@node1:~$ sudo chef-client
```

```
Starting Chef Client, version 11.6.2
...
- motd
Compiling Cookbooks...
Converging 4 resources
Recipe: apache::default
  * package[httpd] action install[2014-01-06T09:14:33-05:00] INFO: Processing package[httpd] action install (apache::default line 5)
    (up to date)
  * service[httpd] action enable[2014-01-06T09:14:36-05:00] INFO: Processing service[httpd] action enable (apache::default line 13)
    (up to date)
  * service[httpd] action start[2014-01-06T09:14:36-05:00] INFO: Processing service[httpd] action start (apache::default line 13)
    (up to date)
  * cookbook_file[/var/www/html/index.html] action create[2014-01-06T09:14:36-05:00] INFO: Processing cookbook_file[/var/www/html/index.html] action create (apache::default line 9)
    (up to date)
Recipe: motd::default
  * template[/etc/motd] action create[2014-01-06T09:14:37-05:00] INFO: Processing template[/etc/motd] action create (motd::default line 9)
    (up to date)
    - create new file /etc/motd
Error executing action 'create' on resource 'template[/etc/motd]'

Chef::Mixin::Template::TemplateError
-----
undefined method `[]=' for nil:NilClass
```

FAIL!

Exercise: Add a dependency on the PCI Cookbook to the MOTD Cookbook

Cookbook



OPEN IN EDITOR: cookbooks/motd/metadata.rb

```
maintainer      "YOUR_COMPANY_NAME"
maintainer_email "YOUR_EMAIL"
license         "All rights reserved"
description     "Installs/Configures motd"
long_description IO.read(File.join(File.dirname(__FILE__), 'README.md'))
version         "0.1.0"
```

Exercise: Add a dependency on the PCI Cookbook to the MOTD Cookbook

Cookbook

OPEN IN EDITOR: cookbooks/motd/metadata.rb

```
maintainer      "YOUR_COMPANY_NAME"
maintainer_email "YOUR_EMAIL"
license         "All rights reserved"
description     "Installs/Configures motd"
long_description IO.read(File.join(File.dirname(__FILE__), 'README.md'))
version         "0.1.0"
depends "pci"
```

- Cookbooks that depend on other cookbooks will cause the dependent cookbook to be downloaded to the client, and evaluated

Cookbook Metadata



OPEN IN EDITOR:

cookbooks/motd/metadata.rb

```
maintainer      "YOUR_COMPANY_NAME"
maintainer_email "YOUR_EMAIL"
license         "All rights reserved"
description     "Installs/Configures motd"
long_description IO.read(File.join(File.dirname(__FILE__), 'README.md'))
version         "0.1.0"
depends          "pci"
```

Cookbook Attributes are Applied for all Downloaded

Cookbooks

- Cookbooks downloaded as dependencies will have their attributes files evaluated
- Even if there is no Recipe from the Cookbook in the Run List

Exercise: Upload the motd

Cookbook

```
$ knife cookbook upload motd
```

```
Uploading motd [0.1.0]
Uploaded 1 cookbook.
```

Exercise: Re-run the Chef Client

```
chef@node1:~$ sudo chef-client
```

```
Forking chef instance to converge...
Starting Chef Client, version 11.8.2
*** Chef 11.8.2 ***
Chef-client pid: 15152
Run List is [recipe[apache], recipe[motd]]
Run List expands to [apache, motd]
Starting Chef Run for node...
```
 - update content in file /etc/motd from b0c4...62eb
 (new content is binary; diff output suppressed)
 - restore selinux security context
```
Chef Run complete in 6.8103587 seconds
Removing cookbooks/apache/files/default/index2.html from the cache; it is no longer needed by chef-client.
Running report handlers
Report handlers complete
Chef Client finished, 1 resources updated
Sending resource update report (run-id: f923449e-cc7b-45f7-a9fb-ac1da3653557)
```



Exercise: Check your Work

```
chef@node1:~$ cat /etc/motd
```

```
This server is property of Chef  
This server is in-scope for PCI compliance
```

Idempotency

- Use the **execute** resource
- Control idempotence manually with `not_if` and `only_if`
- Navigate the Resource page on [docs.getchef.com](https://docs.getchef.com/resource_base.html)
- Describe the Directory resource
- Implement resource notifications
- Explain what Template Variables are and how to use them
- Use Ruby variables loops and string expansion

Problem Statement

- We need to deploy multiple custom home pages running on different ports
- The success of this will be determined by being able to view our custom home page

Exercise: Change the Cookbook's version number in the metadata



OPEN IN EDITOR: cookbooks/apache/metadata.rb

```
maintainer      "YOUR_COMPANY_NAME"
maintainer_email "YOUR_EMAIL"
license         "All rights reserved"
description     "Installs/Configures apache"
long_description IO.read(File.join(File.dirname(__FILE__), 'README.md'))
version         "0.2.0"
```

SAVE FILE!

- Major, Minor, Patch
- Semantic Versioning Policy: <http://semver.org/>

Exercise: Edit the attribute file default.rb



OPEN IN EDITOR: cookbooks/apache/attributes/default.rb

```
default["apache"]["sites"]["clowns"] = { "port" => 80 }
default["apache"]["sites"]["bears"] = { "port" => 81 }
```

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- We add information about the sites we need to deploy
 - One about Clowns, running on port 80
 - One about Bears, running on port 81

Exercise: Open the default Recipe in your editor



OPEN IN EDITOR: cookbooks/apache/recipes/default.rb

```
package "httpd" do
  action :install
end

service "httpd" do
  action [:enable, :start]
end

node.default["apache"]["indexfile"] = "index2.html"
cookbook_file "/var/www/html/index.html" do
  source node["apache"]["indexfile"]
  mode "0644"
end

# Tasks:-
# Disable the default virtual host
# Iterate over the apache sites
# Set the document root
# Add a template for Apache virtual host configuration
# Add a directory resource to create the document_root
# Add a template resource for the virtual host's index.html
```

Exercise: Use the execute resource to disable the default Apache virtual host

Apache virtual host



OPEN IN EDITOR: cookbooks/apache/recipes/default.rb

```
service "httpd" do
  action [ :enable, :start ]
end

# Disable the default virtual host
execute "mv /etc/httpd/conf.d/welcome.conf /etc/httpd/conf.d/welcome.conf.disabled" do
  only_if do
    File.exist?("/etc/httpd/conf.d/welcome.conf")
  end
  notifies :restart, "service[httpd]"
end

cookbook_file "/var/www/html/index.html" do
```

SAVE FILE!

- Renames the default site config file, but only if the file exists
- If the action succeeds, restart Apache

Execute resources are generally not idempotent

- Chef will stop your run if a resource fails
- Most command line utilities are not idempotent and can only be run once – they assume a human being is interacting with and understands that state if the system
 - e.g. ‘mv /foo/file1 /bar’ will work the first time its run, but will fail the second time
- The result is – its up to you to make the execute resources idempotent

Enter the `not_if` and `only_if` meta parameter

```
only_if do
  File.exist?("/etc/httpd/conf.d/welcome.conf")
end
```

- The `only_if` parameter causes the resources actions to be taken only if its argument returns true
- The `not_if` parameter is the opposite of `only_if` - the actions are taken only if its argument returns false

Exercise: Iterate over each apache site



OPEN IN EDITOR: cookbooks/apache/recipes/default.rb

```
execute "mv /etc/httpd/conf.d/welcome.conf /etc/httpd/conf.d/welcome.conf.disabled" do
  only_if do
    File.exist?("/etc/httpd/conf.d/welcome.conf")
  end
  notifies :restart, "service[httpd]"
end

node.default["apache"]["indexfile"] = "index2.html"
cookbook_file "/var/www/index.html" do
  source node["apache"]["indexfile"]
  mode "0644"
end
```

- Delete the cookbook_file resource

Exercise: Iterate over each apache site

```
node["apache"]["sites"].each do |site_name, site_data|
  document_root = "/srv/apache/#{site_name}"
```

- Calling .each loops over each site

```
"apache" "sites" "clowns"      "port"    80
"apache" "sites" "bears"       "port"    81
```

- First pass
 - `site_name = 'clowns'`
 - `site_data = { "port" => 80 }`
- Second pass
 - `site_name = 'bears'`
 - `site_data = { "port" => 81 }`

Exercise: Iterate over each apache site

```
node["apache"]["sites"].each do |site_name, site_data|
  document_root = "/srv/apache/#{site_name}"
```

- Create a variable called `document_root`
- `#{site_name}` means "insert the value of `site_name` here"
- First pass
 - The value is the string `"/srv/apache/circus"`
- Second pass
 - The value is the string `"/srv/apache/bears"`

Template Variables

- Not all data you might need in a template is necessarily node attributes
- The **variables** parameter lets you pass in custom data for use in a template

resource to create the document_root

- Use a **directory** resource
- The name is `document_root`
- The resource has two parameters
 - mode is “0755”
 - recursive is true
- Use the Resources page in the Docs Site to read more about what **recursive** does

Exercise: Add the directory resource

```
# Add a template for Apache virtual host configuration
template "/etc/httpd/conf.d/#{site_name}.conf" do
  source "custom.erb"
  mode "0644"
  variables(
    :document_root => document_root,
    :port => site_data["port"]
  )
  notifies :restart, "service[httpd]"
end

# Add a directory resource to create the document_root
directory document_root do
  mode "0755"
  recursive true
end
```

resource to supply the

index.html for the virtual host

```
# Add a directory resource to create the document_root
directory document_root do
  mode "0755"
  recursive true
end

# Add a template resource for the virtual host's index.html
template "#{document_root}/index.html" do
  source "index.html.erb"
  mode "0644"
  variables(
    :site_name => site_name,
    :port => site_data["port"]
  )
end
end
```

Don't forget the last “end”

```
# Add a template resource for the virtual host's index.html
template "#{document_root}/index.html" do
  source "index.html.erb"
  mode "0644"
  variables(
    :site_name => site_name,
    :port => site_data["port"]
  )
end
end
```

Exercise: Add custom.erb to your templates directory



OPEN IN EDITOR: cookbooks/apache/templates/default/custom.erb

- Note the two **template variables** are prefixed with an @ symbol
- Our first conditional if!
- If you are feeling hardcore, type it
- <https://gist.github.com/8955103>

```
<% if @port != 80 -%>
  Listen <%= @port %>
<% end -%>

<VirtualHost *:<%= @port %>>
  ServerAdmin webmaster@localhost

  DocumentRoot <%= @document_root %>
  <Directory />
    Options FollowSymLinks
    AllowOverride None
  </Directory>
  <Directory <%= @document_root %>>
    Options Indexes FollowSymLinks MultiViews
    AllowOverride None
    Order allow,deny
    allow from all
  </Directory>
</VirtualHost>
```

SAVE FILE!

Exercise: Add index.html.erb to

your templates directory



OPEN IN EDITOR: cookbooks/apache/templates/default/index.html.erb

```
<html>
  <body>
    <h1>Welcome to <%= node["motd"]["company"] %></h1>
    <h2>We love <%= @site_name %></h2>
    <%= node["ipaddress"] %>:<%= @port %>
  </body>
</html>
```

SAVE FILE!

- Note the two **template variables** are prefixed with an @ symbol
 - <https://gist.github.com/8955080>

Exercise: Upload the Apache Cookbook

```
$ knife cookbook upload apache
```

```
Uploading apache [0.2.0]
Uploaded 1 cookbook.
```

Exercise: Verify the two sites are working



Best Practice: Recipes contain the pattern, attributes supply the details

- Recipes contain the pattern for how to do something (“How we deploy apache virtual hosts”)
- Attributes contain the details (“What virtual hosts should we deploy?”)

Recipe Inclusion, Data Bags, Search

Search

- Explain what Data Bags are and how they are used
- Describe the User and Group resources
- Use the `include_recipe` directive
- Describe the role Search plays in recipes

Problem Statement

- Employees should have local user accounts created on servers along with custom groups
- The success of this will be checked by adding new employees and groups to server dynamically

Where should we store the user data?

- As we have seen, we could start by storing the information about users as Node Attributes
- This is sort of a bummer because we would be supplicating a lot of information – every user in the company will be stored in every Node object
- Additionally, it would be very hard to integrate such a solution with another source of truth about users

Introducing Data Bags

- A data bag is a container for items that represent information about your infrastructure that is not tied to a single node
- Examples
 - Users
 - Groups
 - Application Release Information

Make a data_bags directory

```
$ mkdir -p data_bags/users
```

(No output)

Exercise: Create a data bag

named users

```
$ knife data_bag create users
```

```
Created data_bag(users)
```

Exercise: Create a user item in the users data bag



OPEN IN EDITOR: data_bags/users/bobo.json

```
{  
    "id": "bobo",  
    "comment": "Bobo T. Clown",  
    "uid": 2000,  
    "gid": 0,  
    "home": "/home/bobo",  
    "shell": "/bin/bash"  
}
```

SAVE FILE!

Exercise: Create the data bag item

```
$ knife data_bag from file users bobo.json
```

```
Updated data_bag_item[users::bobo]
```

Exercise: Create another user in the user data bag



OPEN IN EDITOR: data_bags/users/frank.json

```
{  
  "id": "frank",  
  "comment": "Frank Belson",  
  "uid": 2001,  
  "gid": 0,  
  "home": "/home/frank",  
  "shell": "/bin/bash"  
}
```

SAVE FILE!

Exercise: Create the data bag item

```
$ knife data_bag from file users frank.json
```

```
Updated data_bag_item[users::frank]
```

Exercise: Show all the items in the user data bag

```
$ knife search users "*:*"
```

```
2 items found

chef_type: data_bag_item
comment: Frank Belson
data_bag: users
gid: 0
home: /home/frank
id: frank
shell: /bin/bash
uid: 2001

chef_type: data_bag_item
comment: Bobo T. Clown
data_bag: users
gid: 0
home: /home/bobo
id: bobo
shell: /bin/bash
uid: 2000
```

Exercise: Find Bobo's shell in Chef

```
$ knife search users "id:bobo" -a shell
```

```
1 items found

data_bag_item_users_bobo:
  shell: /bin/bash
```

Exercise: Create a data bag named groups

```
$ mkdir data_bags/groups  
$ knife data_bag create groups
```

```
Created data_bag[groups]
```

Exercise: Create a group item in the group data bag



OPEN IN EDITOR: data_bags/groups/clowns.json

```
{  
  "id": "clowns",  
  "gid": 3000,  
  "members": ["bobo", "frank"]  
}
```

SAVE FILE!

Exercise: Create the data bag

item

```
$ knife data_bag from file groups clowns.json
```

```
Updated data_bag_item[groups::clowns]
```

Exercise: Show all the groups in Chef

Chef

```
$ knife search groups "*:*"
```

```
1 items found

chef_type:  data_bag_item
data_bag:    groups
gid:        3000
id:         clowns
members:
  bobo
  frank
```

Exercise: Create a Cookbook

named ‘users’

```
$ knife cookbook create users
```

```
** Creating cookbook users
** Creating README for cookbook: users
** Creating CHANGELOG for cookbook: users
** Creating metadata for cookbook: users
```

Exercise: Open the default recipe in your editor



OPEN IN EDITOR: cookbooks/users/recipes/default.rb

```
#  
# Cookbook Name:: users  
# Recipe:: default  
#  
# Copyright 2013, YOUR_COMPANY_NAME  
#  
# All rights reserved - Do Not Redistribute  
#
```

SAVE FILE!

Exercise: Open the default recipe in your editor

```
search("users", "*:*").each do |user_data|
  user user_data["id"] do
    comment user_data["comment"]
    uid user_data["uid"]
    gid user_data["gid"]
    home user_data["home"]
    shell user_data["shell"]
  end
end

include_recipe "users::groups"
```

- We use the same search we just tried with Knife in the recipe
- Each item is bound to `user_data`
- Use the Chef Docs for information about the `user` resource

Exercise: Open the default

recipe in your editor

```
search("users", "*:*").each do |user_data|
  user user_data["id"] do
    comment user_data["comment"]
    uid user_data["uid"]
    gid user_data["gid"]
    home user_data["home"]
    shell user_data["shell"]
  end
end

include_recipe "users::groups"
```

- `include_recipe` ensures another recipes resources are complete before we continue
- Chef will only include each recipe once

Best Practice: Use

include_recipe liberally

- If there is a pre-requisite for your recipe that resides in another recipe (the JVM existing for your Java application, for example)
- Always use `include_recipe` to include it specifically, even if you put it in a run list

Exercise: Open the users::groups recipe in your editor



OPEN IN EDITOR: cookbooks/users/recipes/groups.rb

```
search("groups", "*:*").each do |group_data|
  group group_data["id"] do
    gid group_data["gid"]
    members group_data["members"]
  end
end
```

SAVE FILE!

- This file follows the same pattern as the default users recipe
- Use the Chef Docs for information about the **group** resource

Exercise: Upload the users

Cookbook

```
$ knife cookbook upload users
```

```
Uploading users [0.1.0]
Uploaded 1 cookbook.
```

Exercise: Add the users recipe

to your test node's run list

```
$ knife node run_list add node1 'recipe[users]'
```

```
node1:
  run_list:
    recipe[apache]
    recipe[motd]
    recipe[users]
```

Exercise: Re-run the Chef Client

```
chef@node1$ sudo chef-client
```

```
...
Recipe: users::default
  * user[bobo] action create[2014-01-07T06:16:26-05:00] INFO: Processing user[bobo] action create
(users::default line 10)
[2014-01-07T06:16:26-05:00] INFO: user[bobo] created

  - create user user[bobo]

  * user[frank] action create[2014-01-07T06:16:26-05:00] INFO: Processing user[frank] action create
(users::default line 10)
[2014-01-07T06:16:27-05:00] INFO: user[frank] created

  - create user user[frank]

Recipe: users::groups
  * group[circus] action create[2014-01-07T06:16:27-05:00] INFO: Processing group[circus] action create
(users::groups line 2)
[2014-01-07T06:16:27-05:00] INFO: group[circus] created

  - create group[circus]
...
...
```

Exercise: Verify the users and groups exist

```
chef@node1:~$ cat /etc/passwd
```

```
frank:x:2001:0:Frank Belson:/home/frank:/bin/bash
bobo:x:2000:0:Bobo T. Clown:/home/bobo:/bin/bash
```

```
chef@node1:~$ cat /etc/group
```

```
clowns:x:3000:bobo,frank
```

Recap

- We just created a centralized user and group repository from scratch
 - That's kind of like what LDAP and Active Directory do
- Between Data Bags and Node Attribute precedence, Chef provides a plethora of ways to inform the patterns you use to configure your infrastructure

Roles

- Explain what Roles are and how they are used to provide clarity
- Discuss the Role Ruby DSL
- Show a Role with knife
- Explain how merge order affects the precedence hierarchy
- Describe nested Roles

What is a Role?

- So far, we have been just adding recipes directly to a single node
- But that is not how your infrastructure works – this about how you refer to servers
 - “It’s a **web server**”
 - “It’s a **database** server”
 - “It’s a **monitoring** server”

What is a Role?

- Roles allow you to conveniently encapsulate the run lists and attributes required for a server to “be” what you already think it is
- In practice, Roles make it **easy to configure many nodes identically** without repeating yourself each time

Best Practice: Roles live in your


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Chef repo

- Like Data Bags, you have options with how to create a Role
- The best practice is that all of your Roles live in the roles directory of your chef-repo
- They can be created via the API and knife but it is nice to be able to see them evolve in your source control history

Exercise: Create the webserver

role



OPEN IN EDITOR: roles/webserver.rb

- A Role has a:
 - name
 - description
 - run_list

```
name "webserver"
description "Web Server"
run_list "recipe[apache]"
default_attributes({
  "apache" => {
    "sites" => {
      "admin" => {
        "port" => 8000
      }
    }
  }
})
```

SAVE FILE!

Exercise: Create the webserver role



OPEN IN EDITOR: roles/webserver.rb

- You can set default node attributes within a role.

```
name "webserver"
description "Web Server"
run_list "recipe[apache]"
default_attributes({
  "apache" => {
    "sites" => {
      "admin" => {
        "port" => 8000
      }
    }
  }
})
```

SAVE FILE!

Exercise: Create the Role

```
$ knife role from file webserver.rb
```

```
Updated Role webserver!
```

Exercise: Show the Role with knife

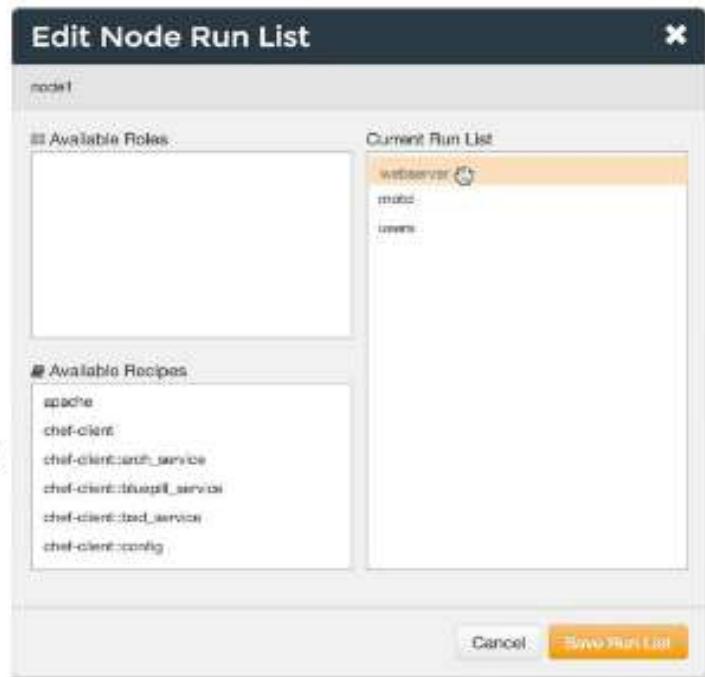
```
$ knife role show webserver
```

```
chef_type:          role
default_attributes:
  apache:
    sites:
      admin:
        port:  8000
description:        Web Server
env_run_lists:
json_class:         Chef::Role
name:               webserver
override_attributes:
run_list:           recipe[apache]
```

Exercise: Replace Recipe [apache] with role [webserver]

in run list

- Click the ‘Nodes’ tab then select node ‘node1’
- Click ‘Edit Run List’ from left navigation bar
- Drag ‘Apache’ over from ‘Current Run List’ to ‘Available Recipes’
- Drag ‘webserver’ over from ‘Available Roles’ to the top of ‘Current Run List’
- Click ‘Save Run List’



Exercise: Re-run the Chef Client

```
chef@node1$ sudo chef-client
```

```
INFO: *** Chef 11.8.2 ***
INFO: Chef-client pid: 5634
INFO: Run List is [role[webserver], recipe[motd], recipe[users]]
INFO: Run List expands to [apache, motd, users]
```

Exercise: Re-run the Chef Client

```
* directory[/srv/apache/admin] action create[2014-01-07T06:39:51-05:00] INFO: Processing directory[/srv/apache/admin] action create (apache::default line 53)
[2014-01-07T06:39:51-05:00] INFO: directory[/srv/apache/admin] created directory /srv/apache/admin

- create new directory /srv/apache/admin[2014-01-07T06:39:51-05:00] INFO: directory[/srv/apache/admin] mode changed to 755
- change mode from '' to "0755"
- restore selinux security context

* template[/srv/apache/admin/index.html] action create[2014-01-07T06:39:51-05:00] INFO: Processing template[/srv/apache/admin/index.html] action create (apache::default line 58)
[2014-01-07T06:39:51-05:00] INFO: template[/srv/apache/admin/index.html] created file /srv/apache/admin/index.html

- create new file /srv/apache/admin/index.html[2014-01-07T06:39:51-05:00] INFO: template[/srv/apache/admin/index.html] updated file contents /srv/apache/admin/index.html

- update content in file /srv/apache/admin/index.html from none to 8abbb3
  === /srv/apache/admin/index.html 2014-01-07 06:39:51.762119942 -0500
  +++ /tmp/chef-rendered-template20140107-17953-1swqbi2014-01-07 06:39:51.764120008 -0500
  @@ -1 +1,8 @@
  +<html>
  +  <body>
  +    <h1>Welcome to Chef</h1>
  +    <h2>We love admin</h2>
  +    <p>10.160.201.90:8000</p>
  +  </body>
  +</html>[2014-01-07T06:39:51-05:00] INFO: template[/srv/apache/admin/index.html] mode changed to 644

- change mode from '' to "0644"
```

Node Attributes that are hashes are merged

- The apache cookbooks attribute file contains:

```
default["apache"]["sites"]["clowns"] = { "port" => 80 }
default["apache"]["sites"]["bears"] = { "port" => 81 }
```

- While our role has...

```
default_attributes({
  "apache" => {
    "sites" => {
      "admin" => {
        "port" => 8000
      }
    }
  }
})
```

apache.sites attribute on all nodes with webserver role

```
$ knife search node "role:webserver" -a apache.sites
```

```
1 items found

node1:
  apache.sites:
    admin:
      port: 8000
    bears:
      port: 81
    clowns:
      port: 80
```

Exercise: Edit the webserver role



OPEN IN EDITOR: roles/webserver.rb

- Do not forget the **comma** after the admin site
- Change the value of the bears site to be 8081

```
default_attributes({  
  "apache" => {  
    "sites" => {  
      "admin" => {  
        "port" => 8000  
      },  
      "bears" => {  
        "port" => 8081  
      }  
    }  
  }  
)
```

SAVE FILE!

Exercise: Create the role

```
$ knife role from file webserver.rb
```

```
Updated Role webserver!
```

Exercise: Re-run the Chef Client

```
chef@node1$ sudo chef-client
```

```
...
(2014-01-07T06:57:48-05:00) INFO: template[/etc/httpd/conf.d/bears.conf] updated file contents
/etc/httpd/conf.d/bears.conf

- update content in file /etc/httpd/conf.d/bears.conf from 30610b to 92e1e4
  --- /etc/httpd/conf.d/bears.conf 2014-01-07 05:13:42.450113970 -0500
  +++ /tmp/chef-rendered-template20140107-18263-5563t5 2014-01-07 06:57:48.091397610 -0500
@@ -1,6 +1,6 @@
- Listen 81
+ Listen 8081

-<VirtualHost *:81>
+<VirtualHost *:8081>
    ServerAdmin webmaster@localhost
    DocumentRoot /srv/apache/bears
...
...
```

Exercise: Display the apache sites attribute on all nodes with the webserver role

```
$ knife search node 'role:webserver' -a apache.sites
```

```
1 items found

node1:
  apache.sites:
    admin:
      port: 8000
    bears:
      port: 8081
    clowns:
      port: 80
```

Best Practice: Have “base” roles

- In addition to obvious toles such as “webserver”, it is a common practice to group any functionality that “goes together” in a role
- The most common example here is a **base** role, where you include all the recipes that should be run on every node

Exercise: Create the base role



OPEN IN EDITOR: roles/base.rb

```
name "base"
description "Base Server Role"
run_list "recipe[motd]", "recipe[users]"
```

SAVE FILE!

Exercise: Create the role

```
$ knife role from file base.rb
```

Updated Role base!

Exercise: Add the base role to the webserver role's run list



OPEN IN EDITOR: roles/webserver.rb

```
name "webserver"
description "Web Server"
run_list "role[base]", "recipe[apache]"
default_attributes({
  "apache" => {
```

- Put `role[base]` at the front of the `run_list`

SAVE FILE!

Exercise: Update the role

```
$ knife role from file webserver.rb
```

```
Updated Role webserver!
```

Exercise: Re-run the Chef Client

```
chef@node1$ sudo chef-client
```

```
INFO: *** Chef 11.8.2 ***
Chef-client pid: 5634
INFO: Run List is [role[webserver], recipe[motd],
recipe[users]]
INFO: Run List expands to [motd, users, apache]
```

Best Practice: Be explicit about


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what you need or expect

- Chef will only execute a recipe the first time it will appear in the run list
- So be explicit about your needs ad expectations – either by nesting roles or using include_recipe

Exercise: Set the run list to just

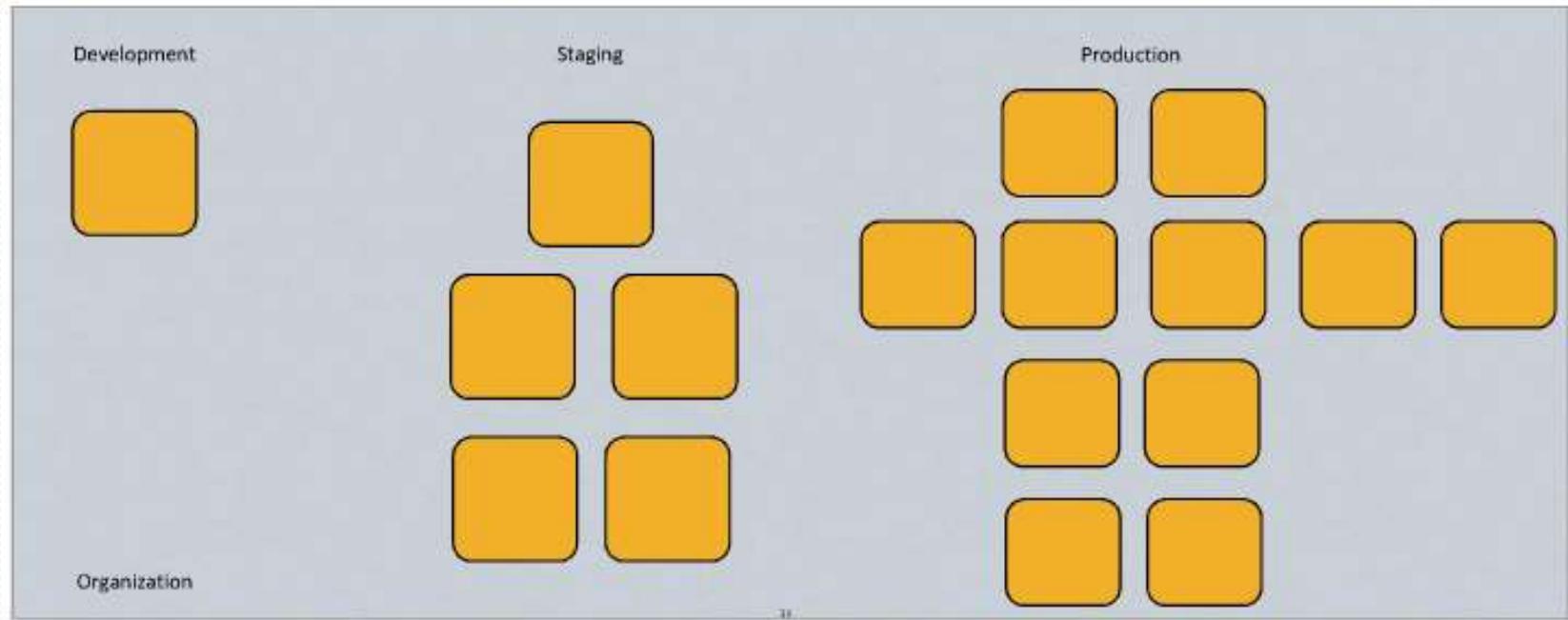
role [webserver]

- Remove all entries in the run list other than role [webserver]

Environments

- Describe what an Environment is and how it is different from an Organization
- Set Cookbook version constraints
- Explain when to set attributes in an environment

Environments



Environments

- Every Organization starts with a single environment
- Environments reflect your patterns and workflow
 - Development
 - Test
 - Staging
 - Production
 - etc...

Exercise: Use knife to show the available Cookbook versions

```
$ knife cookbook show apache
```

```
apache    0.2.0    0.1.0
```

Exercise: List current environments

```
$ knife environment list
```

```
_default
```

- The `_default` environment is read-only, and sets no policy at all

Make an environments directory

```
$ mkdir environments
```

(No output)

Exercise: Create a Development Environment

Environment



OPEN IN EDITOR: environments/dev.rb

```
name "dev"
description "For developers!"
cookbook "apache", "= 0.2.0"
```

SAVE FILE!

- Environments have **names**
- Environments have a **description**
- Environments *can* have one or more **cookbook** constraints

Cookbook Version Constraints

- = Equal to
- There are other options but equality is the recommended practice
- Learn more at

http://docs.getchef.com/chef/essentials_cookbook_versions.html

Exercise: Create the

Development Environment

```
$ knife environment from file dev.rb
```

```
Updated Environment dev
```

Exercise: Show your

Development Environment

```
$ knife environment show dev
```

```
chef_type:           environment
cookbook_versions:
  apache:  = 0.2.0
default_attributes:
description:        For developers!
json_class:         Chef::Environment
name:               dev
override_attributes:
```

Exercise: Change your node's environment to "dev"

- Click the 'Nodes' tab then select node 'node1'
- Select dev from the 'Environments' drop-down list
- Click 'Save'



The screenshot shows the CHEF interface with the 'Nodes' tab selected. A table lists nodes, with 'node1' highlighted. Below the table, a modal window for 'Node: node1' is open, showing tabs for 'Details', 'Address', and 'Permissions'. The 'Address' tab is active, displaying the IP address 12.198.201.89. A yellow oval highlights the 'Environment' dropdown menu, which is currently set to 'default'. A tooltip message 'Node environment changed from default to dev.' appears above the dropdown. The 'Address' section also shows Platform: centos, FQDN: centos03.example.com, and IP Address: 12.198.201.89.

Exercise: Re-run the Chef Client

```
chef@node1$ sudo chef-client
```

```
INFO: Chef Run complete in 1.587776095 seconds
INFO: Running report handlers
INFO: Report handlers complete
```

Exercise: Create a production environment



OPEN IN EDITOR: environments/production.rb

- Make sure the apache cookbook is set to version 0.1.0
- Set an override attribute for being in scope - no matter what, you are in scope

```
name "production"
description "For Prods!"
cookbook "apache", "= 0.1.0"
override_attributes({
  "pci" => {
    "in_scope" => true
  }
})
```

SAVE FILE!

Exercise: Create the production environment

```
$ knife environment from file production.rb
```

Updated Environment production

Exercise: Re-run the Chef Client

```
chef@node1$ sudo chef-client
```

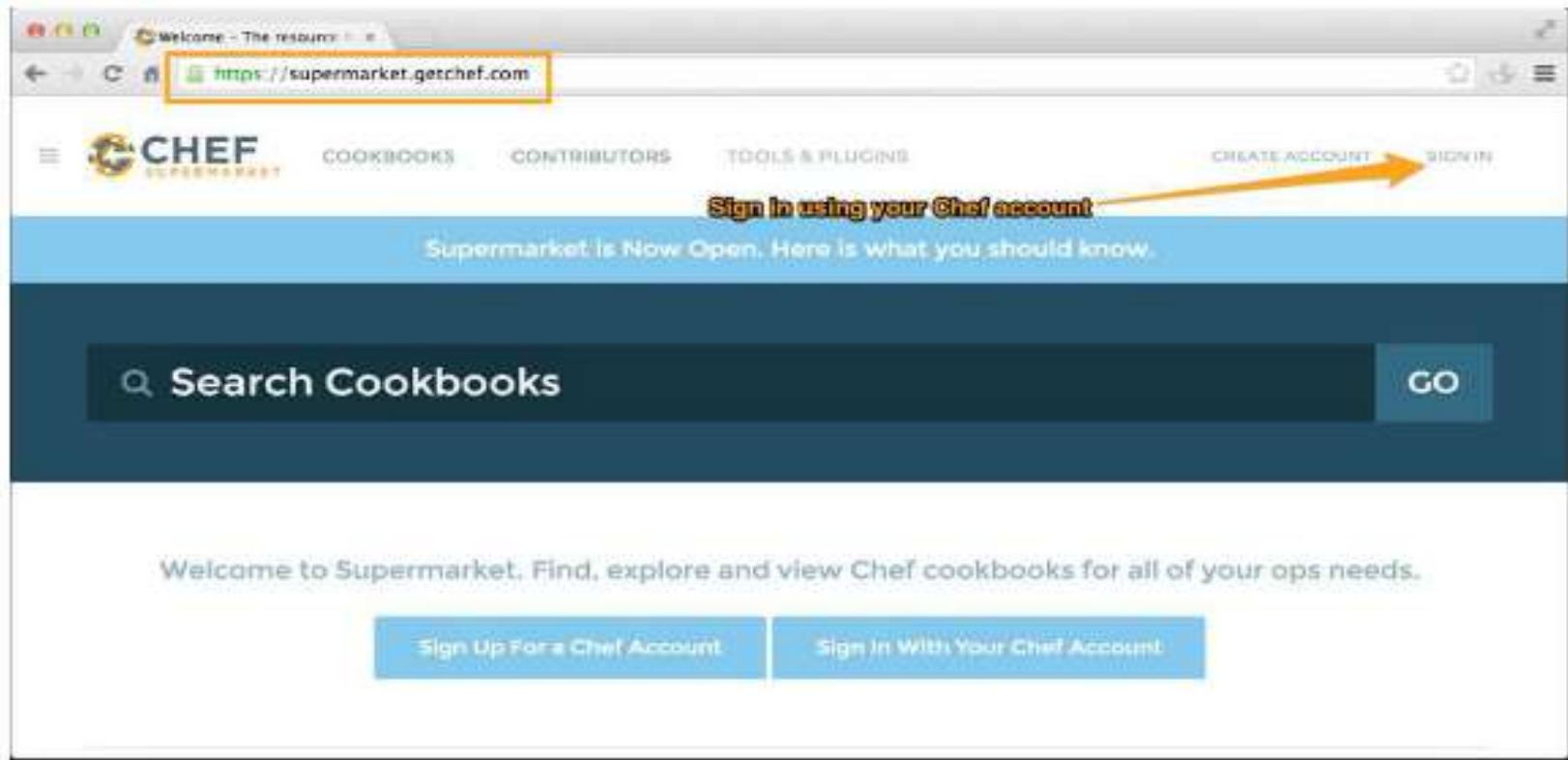
```
INFO: Loading cookbooks [apache, motd, pci, users]
Synchronizing Cookbooks:
...
Recipe: motd::default
  * template[/etc/motd] action create[2014-01-07T08:40:00-05:00] INFO: Processing template[/etc/motd] action create
    (motd::default line 9)
[2014-01-07T08:40:00-05:00] INFO: template[/etc/motd] backed up to /var/chef/backup/etc/motd.chef-20140107084000.070961
[2014-01-07T08:40:00-05:00] INFO: template[/etc/motd] updated file contents /etc/motd

  - update content in file /etc/motd from d36elf to 62ebb9
    (current file is binary, diff output suppressed)
...
  * cookbook_file[/var/www/index.html] action create[2014-01-07T08:40:05-05:00] INFO: Processing
    cookbook_file[/var/www/index.html] action create (apache::default line 18)
    (up to date)
[2014-01-07T08:40:06-05:00] INFO: Chef Run complete in 8.048307322 seconds
[2014-01-07T08:40:06-05:00] INFO: Removing cookbooks/apache/templates/default/index.html.erb from the cache; it is no
longer needed by chef-client.
[2014-01-07T08:40:06-05:00] INFO: Removing cookbooks/apache/templates/default/custom.erb from the cache; it is no longer
needed by chef-client.
```

Chef Supermarket

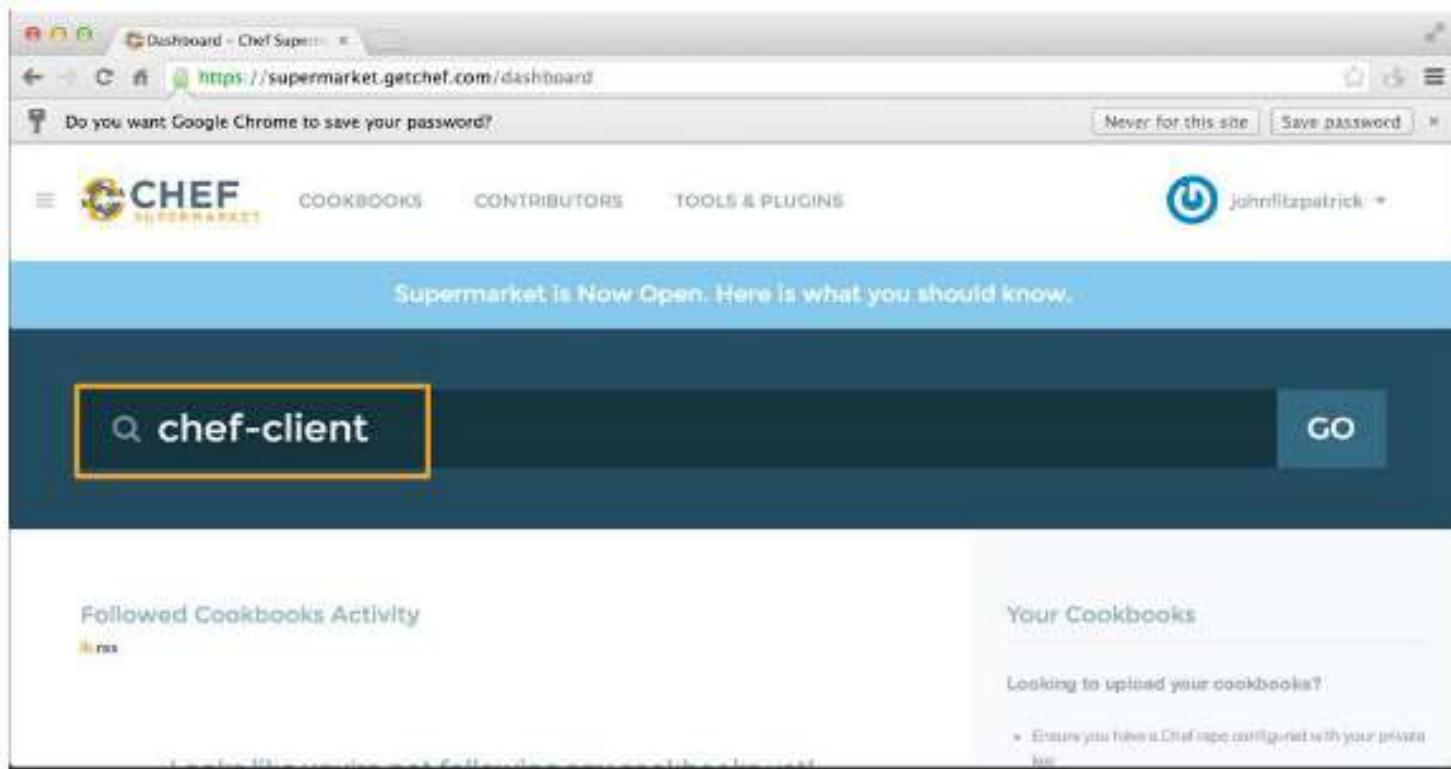
- Find, preview and download Cookbooks from the Chef Supermarket community site
- Use knife to work with the Chef Supermarket site API
- Download, extract, examine and implement Cookbooks from the Chef Supermarket

Exercise: Log into Supermarket



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://supermarket.getchef.com> highlighted in the address bar. The page itself is the Chef Supermarket landing page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for COOKBOOKS, CONTRIBUTORS, TOOLS & PLUGINS, CREATE ACCOUNT (with an orange arrow pointing to it), and SIGNIN. Below the navigation, a banner reads "Sign In using your Chef account". A message states "Supermarket is Now Open. Here is what you should know." A search bar at the bottom left contains the placeholder "Search Cookbooks" with a magnifying glass icon, and a "GO" button to its right. At the very bottom, two buttons are visible: "Sign Up For a Chef Account" and "Sign In With Your Chef Account".

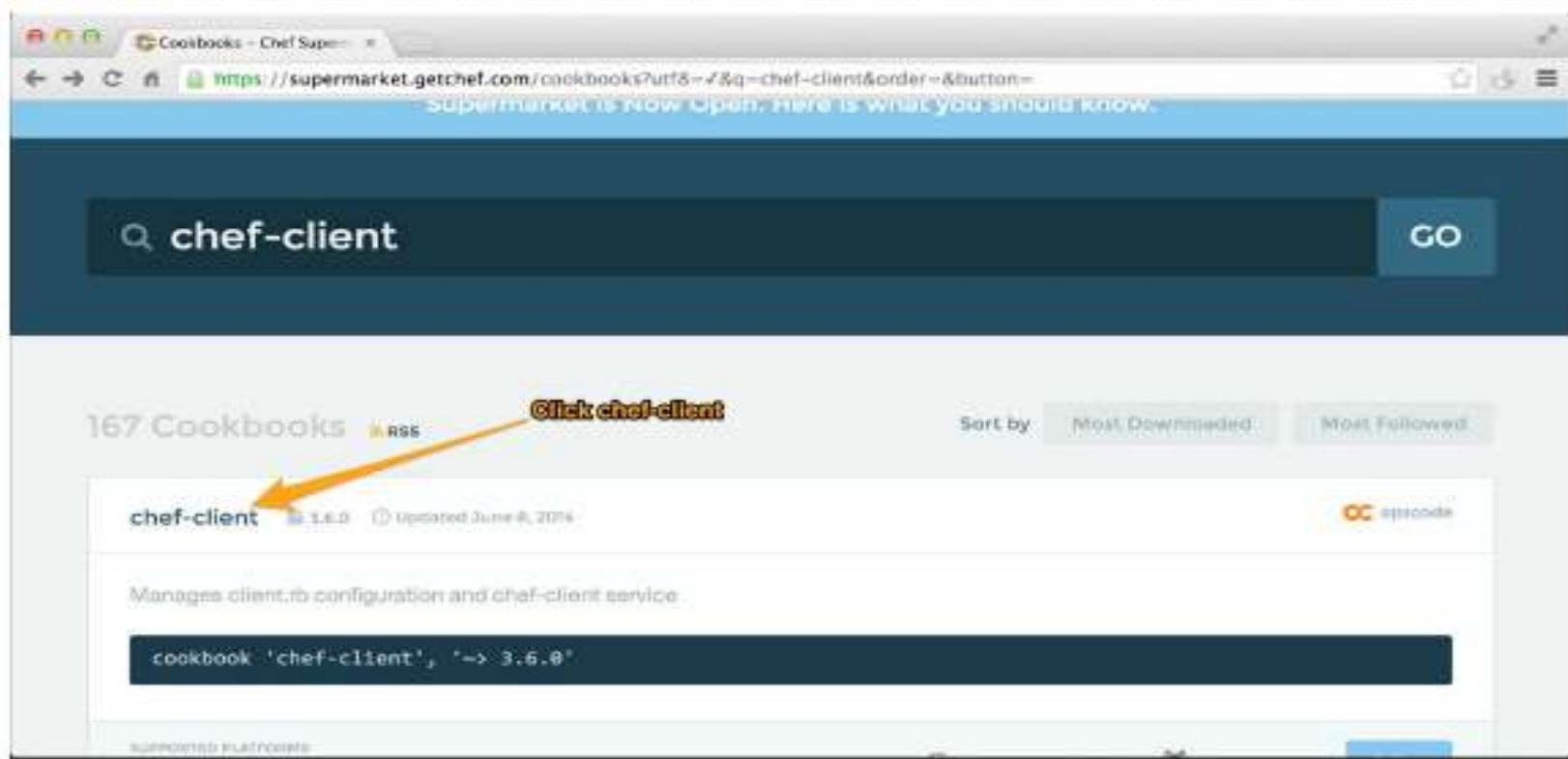
Exercise: Search for chef-client



The screenshot shows a web browser window for the Chef Supermarket dashboard at <https://supermarket.getchef.com/dashboard>. The search bar contains the query "chef-client".

The dashboard features a header with the Chef Supermarket logo, navigation links for COOKBOOKS, CONTRIBUTORS, and TOOLS & PLUGINS, and a user profile for "johnlibpatrick". A prominent blue banner states "Supermarket is Now Open. Here is what you should know.". Below the search bar, there are sections for "Followed Cookbooks Activity" (with a "0" count) and "Your Cookbooks" (with a link to upload cookbooks). A note at the bottom right advises users to ensure their Chef recipe is aligned with their private key.

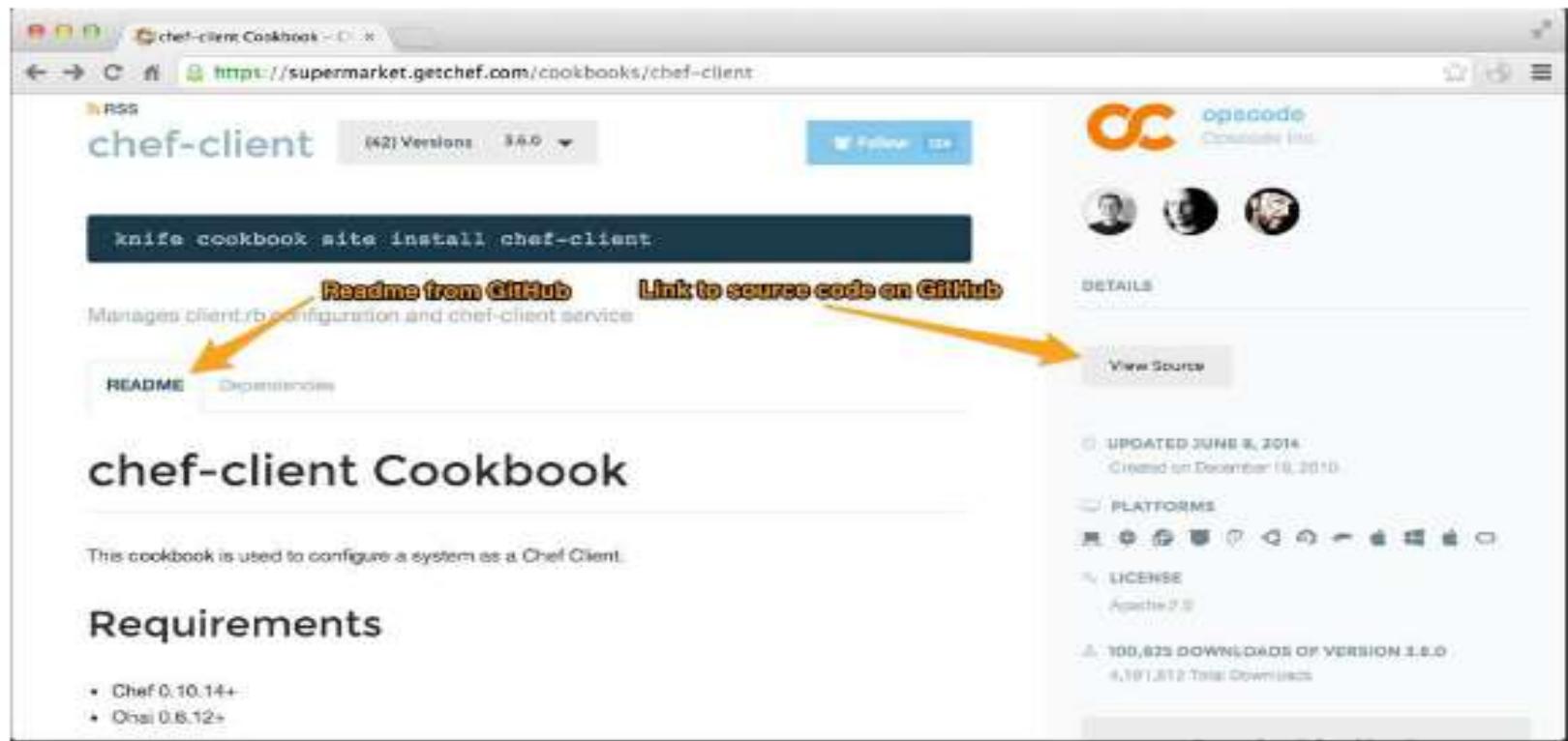
Search Results



A screenshot of a web browser displaying search results for "chef-client" on the Chef Supermarket website. The URL in the address bar is <https://supermarket.getchef.com/cookbooks?utf8=%E2%9C%93&q=chef-client&order=&button=Search>. The search bar contains "chef-client". A "GO" button is visible to the right of the search bar. Below the search bar, there is a message: "Click chef-client - supermarket is now open! Here is what you should know." The main content area shows "167 Cookbooks" and an "RSS" feed link. A yellow arrow points to the "chef-client" entry in the list. The "chef-client" entry details are as follows:

- Name: chef-client
- Version: 3.6.0
- Last Updated: June 6, 2014
- Description: Manages client.rb configuration and chef-client service.
- Code: cookbook 'chef-client', '~> 3.6.0'

Viewing a Cookbook



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the `chef-client` cookbook page on [supermarket.getchef.com](https://supermarket.getchef.com/cookbooks/chef-client). The page includes the following elements:

- Header:** Shows the URL <https://supermarket.getchef.com/cookbooks/chef-client>, the cookbook name `chef-client`, 642 Versions, and version 3.6.0.
- Actions:** Buttons for `knife cookbook site install chef-client`, [Readme from GitHub](#), [Link to source code on GitHub](#), and [View Source](#).
- Description:** A dark blue bar containing the command `knife cookbook site install chef-client`.
- Details:** Includes the `opencode` logo, three user icons, and sections for **DETAILS**, **UPDATED JUNE 6, 2014** (Created on December 10, 2010), **PLATFORMS** (a list of supported platforms), **LICENSE** (Apache 2.0), and **100,823 DOWNLOADS OF VERSION 3.6.0** (4,197,812 Total Downloads).
- Content:** Sections for **chef-client Cookbook** (described as managing client.rb configuration and chef-client service) and **Requirements** (listing Chef 0.10.14+ and Ohai 0.6.12+).

You can download Cookbooks

directly from the site...

- You can download Cookbooks directly from the Supermarket site, but:
 - It does not put them in your Chef Repository
 - It is not fast if you know what you are looking for (click, click...)
 - It is not necessarily fast if you **don't** know what you are looking for
 - You are already using knife for managing Cookbooks and other things in your Chef Repository

Introducing Knife Cookbook

Site Plugin

- Knife includes a “Cookbook site” plugin with some sub-commands:
 - search
 - show
 - download
 - ... and more

- Download and use ntp Cookbook

NTP Cookbook

- Network time protocol – keeps system clocks in sync
- Chef Server authentication is time sensitive

Exercise: Download the ntp

Cookbook

```
$ knife cookbook site download ntp
```

```
Downloading ntp from the cookbooks
site at version 1.5.4 to
/Users/YOU/chef-repo/ntp-1.5.4.tar.gz
```

```
Cookbook saved: /Users/YOU/chef-
repo/ntp-1.5.4.tar.gz
```

Exercise: Extract the ntp Cookbook

```
$ tar -zxvf ntp*.tar.gz -C cookbooks/
```

```
x ntp/
x ntp/CHANGELOG.md
x ntp/README.md
x ntp/attributes
x ntp/attributes/default.rb
x ntp/files
x ntp/files/default
x ntp/files/default/ntp.ini
x ntp/files/default/ntp.leapseconds
x ntp/files/default/tests
x ntp/files/default/tests/minitest
x ntp/files/default/tests/minitest/default_test.rb
x ntp/files/default/tests/minitest/support
x ntp/files/default/tests/minitest/support/helpers.rb
x ntp/files/default/tests/minitest/undo_test.rb
x ntp/files/default/usr/sbin.ntpd.apparmor
x ntp/metadata.json
x ntp/metadata.rb
x ntp/recipes
x ntp/recipes/apparmor.rb
x ntp/recipes/default.rb
x ntp/recipes/undo.rb
x ntp/recipes/windows_client.rb
x ntp/templates
x ntp/templates/default
x ntp/templates/default/ntp.conf.erb
```

Examining the ntp Cookbook

- The Cookbook is quite flexible but for this exercise we are just interested in the most basic use, an NTP client
 - default recipe

Exercise: View the ntp::default recipe

```
node['ntp']['packages'].each do |ntppkg|
  package ntppkg
end

template node['ntp']['conffile'] do
  source  'ntp.conf.erb'
  owner   node['ntp']['conf_owner']
  group   node['ntp']['conf_group']
  mode    '0644'
  notifies :restart,
  "service[#{node['ntp']['service']}]"
end

service node['ntp']['service'] do
  supports :status => true, :restart => true
  action [:enable, :start]
end
```

- All **packages** are installed
- The **service** is enabled and started
- The **template** notifies the service

Exercise: Upload the ntp Cookbook

```
$ knife cookbook upload ntp
```

```
Uploading ntp [1.5.4]
Uploaded 1 cookbook.
```

Exercise: Add the ntp recipe to the base role



OPEN IN EDITOR: roles/base.rb

```
name "base"
description "Base Server Role"
run_list "recipe[ntp]", "recipe[motd]", "recipe[users]"
```

SAVE FILE!

Exercise: Upload the base role

```
$ knife role from file base.rb
```

Updated Role base!

Exercise: Re-run the Chef Client

```
Recipe: ntp::default
  * package[ntp] action install[2014-01-07T09:27:01-05:00] INFO: Processing package[ntp] action install
    (ntp::default line 25)
    (up to date)
  * package[ntpdate] action install[2014-01-07T09:27:08-05:00] INFO: Processing package[ntpdate] action
    install (ntp::default line 25)
    (up to date)
  ...
  * template[/etc/ntp.conf] action create[2014-01-07T09:27:09-05:00] INFO: Processing
    template[/etc/ntp.conf] action create (ntp::default line 71)
[2014-01-07T09:27:09-05:00] INFO: template[/etc/ntp.conf] backed up to /var/chef/backup/etc/ntp.conf.chef-
20140107092709.254951
[2014-01-07T09:27:09-05:00] INFO: template[/etc/ntp.conf] updated file contents /etc/ntp.conf

  - update content in file /etc/ntp.conf from ba8f03 to c381bb
    --- /etc/ntp.conf 2013-10-27 09:07:05.541644862 -0400
    +++ /tmp/chef-rendered-template20140107-20557-ttvqaw 2014-01-07 09:27:09.248975286 -0500
    @@ -1,58 +1,30 @@
  ...
[2014-01-07T09:27:10-05:00] INFO: template[/etc/ntp.conf] sending restart action to service[ntpd] (delayed)
Recipe: ntp::default
  * service[ntpd] action restart[2014-01-07T09:27:10-05:00] INFO: Processing service[ntpd] action restart
    (ntp::default line 100)
[2014-01-07T09:27:11-05:00] INFO: service[ntpd] restarted

  - restart service service[ntpd]
```



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