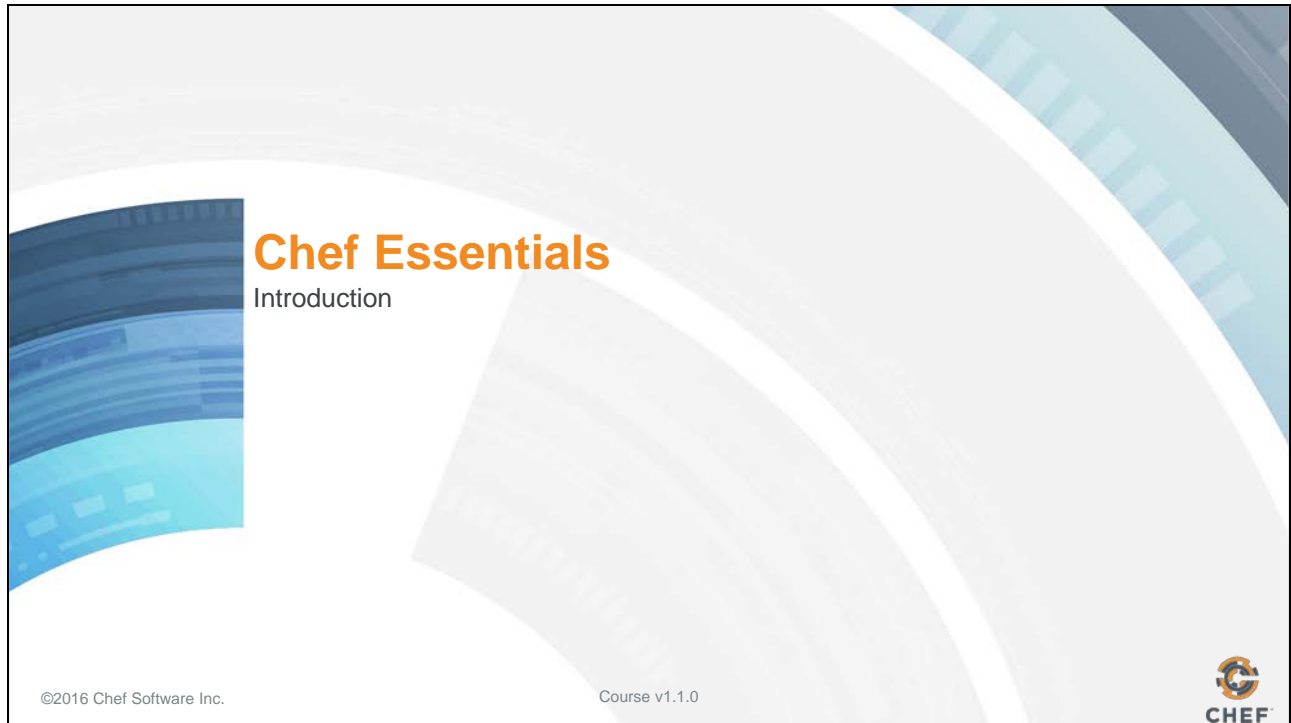


1: Introduction



This Chef Essentials course provides a basic understanding of Chef's core components, basic architecture, commonly used tools, and basic troubleshooting methods.

This should provide you with enough knowledge to start using Chef to automate common infrastructure tasks and express solutions to common infrastructure problems.

Instructor Note: Be sure to read Appendix Z for training lab set up notes and additional instructor notes.

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Introduce Yourself

Name

Current job role

Previous job roles/background

Experience with Chef and/or config management

Favorite Text Editor

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Expectations

You will leave this class with a basic understanding of Chef's core components, architecture, commonly used tools, and basic troubleshooting methods

You bring with you your own domain expertise and problems. Chef is a framework for solving those problems. Our job is to teach you how to express solutions to your problems with Chef.

Chef is not, in itself, a solution to your infrastructure problems. Chef is an automation framework. You bring the domain expertise about your own business and its problems. Chef provides a platform for modeling solutions to those problems. Our job in this class is to work together to teach you how to express solutions to your unique problems with Chef.

Together we get unicorns and rainbows, but we can't have one without the other.

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Course Objectives

After completing this course, you should be able to:

- Use Chef Resources to define the state of your system
- Write and use Chef recipes and cookbooks
- Automate testing of cookbooks
- Manage multiple nodes with Chef Server
- Create Organizations
- Bootstrap nodes
- Assign Roles to nodes
- Deploy nodes to environments

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Agenda

Day 1

- Getting a Workstation
- Using Resources
- Building Cookbooks
- Testing with Test Kitchen
- Details About a System
- Desired State and Data
- Local Workstation Installation

Day 2

- Connecting to Chef Server
- Community Cookbooks
- Managing Multiple Nodes
- Roles
- Search
- Environments

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Chef can automate how you build, deploy, and manage your infrastructure.

Chef can integrate with cloud-based platforms such as Azure and Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud to automatically provision and configure new machines.

Chef can automate how you build, deploy, and manage your infrastructure. Your infrastructure becomes as versionable, testable, and repeatable as application code enabling you to automate the process of configuring, deploying and scaling servers and applications

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Chef

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Chef Fundamentals

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Break It: If everything works the first time go back and make some changes. Break it! It's rare that you have a safe space like this to explore. Sometimes it's more important to know what something looks like when it does not work than when it does work.

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Chef Lab System Architecture

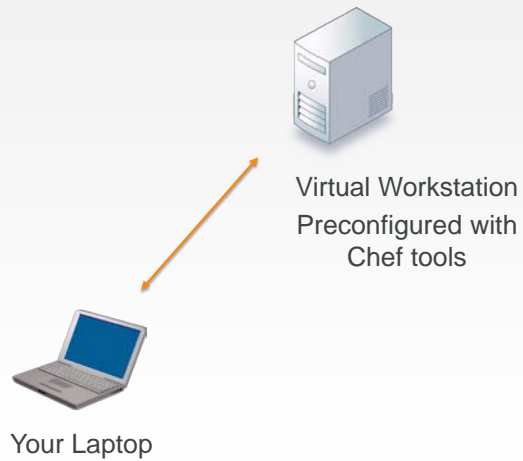
In this course you will use two different architectures:

1. Initially, you'll use a virtual workstation so you can start using Chef right away.
2. Later, you'll use a common production type of architecture that includes a Chef Server.

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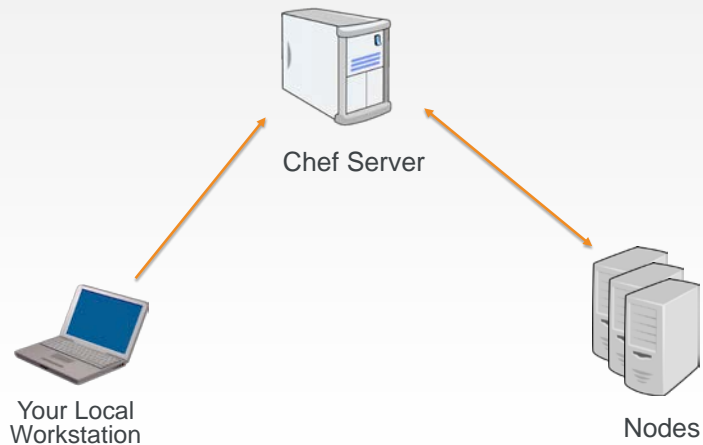
Architecture 1



This is the architecture you'll start using in a few minutes. To ensure the smoothest setup experience, you'll be using a virtual workstation with all the necessary tools installed so you can start using Chef right away.

Chef Lab System Architecture

Architecture 2



This is the architecture you'll be using later in this course. When using this architecture, the Chef tools will be installed on your laptop and you'll perform your configurations locally before pushing them to the Chef server and ultimately to the nodes you will be managing.

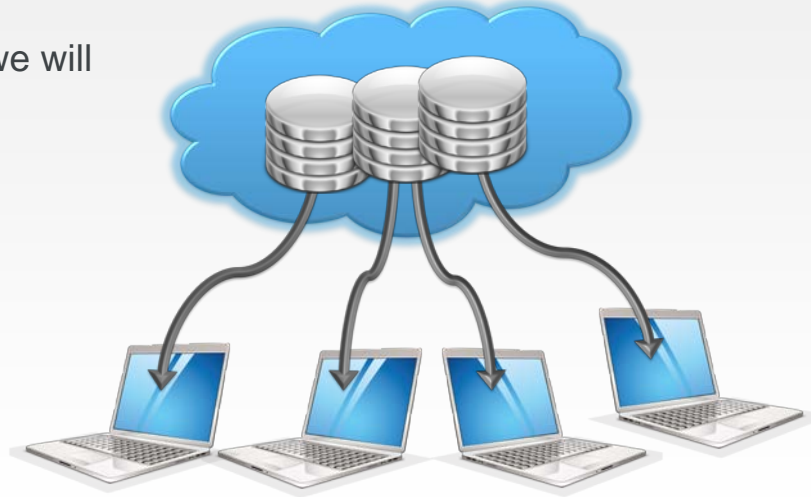
In this way, when you complete this course you will have a code repository on your laptop that can be used and modified to solve real business problems.

We'll discuss the items in this architecture in more detail later in this class.

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Getting a Workstation

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During that time we will install all the necessary tools on your workstation (your laptop) and troubleshoot any installation issues you may experience.

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LAB

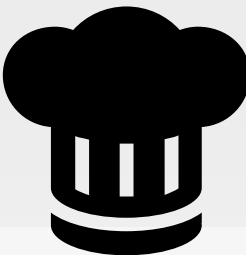
Group Lab: Pre-built Workstation

We will provide for you a workstation with all the tools installed.

OBJECTIVE:

- ☐ Login to the Remote Workstation





As I mentioned there is a lot work planned for the day. To ensure we focus on the concepts we introduce and not on troubleshooting systems we are providing you a workstation with the necessary tools installed to get started right away.

Instructor Note: At the end of the training it is often a good idea to offer your services to help individuals install necessary software or troubleshoot their systems.

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Login to the Workstation



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> ssh IPADDRESS -l USERNAME
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The authenticity of host '54.209.164.144 (54.209.164.144)' can't
be established.RSA key fingerprint is
SHA256:tKoTsPbn6ER9BLThZqntXTxIYem3zV/iTQWvhLrBIBQ.Are you sure
you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes
chef@54.209.164.144's password: PASSWORD
chef@ip-172-31-15-97 ~]$
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We will provide you with the address, username and password of the workstation. With that information you will need to use the SSH tool that you have installed to connect that workstation. On Windows you should use an SSH client like PuTTY to connect to the remote workstation that we assign to you. You'll need to ssh into your assigned workstation in order to issue Chef commands.

This demonstrates how you might connect to the remote machine using your terminal or command-prompt if you have access to the application ssh. This may be different based on your operating system.

Instructor Note: You should assign the participants their Day 1 virtual workstations (AMIs) at this time. The login credentials and password for the virtual workstations is chef/chef.

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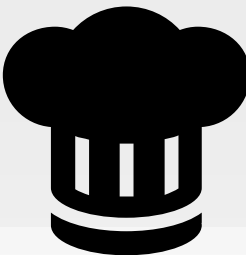
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Now that you are connected to that workstation we have taken care of all the necessary work to get started with the training.

Getting a Workstation

The chef user has been granted password-less sudoers access

The following software is installed on the remote workstation:

- Chef DK
- Docker
- kitchen-docker gem

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Hands-on Legend

- GL or Group Lab: All participants and the instructor do this task together with the instructor often leading the way and explaining things as we proceed.
- Lab: You perform this task on your own.

In this course, various slides and pages will be tagged with either Group Lab (or GL), or Lab. This slide defines those tags.

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