

Chef Provisioning

Chef Users London Meetup

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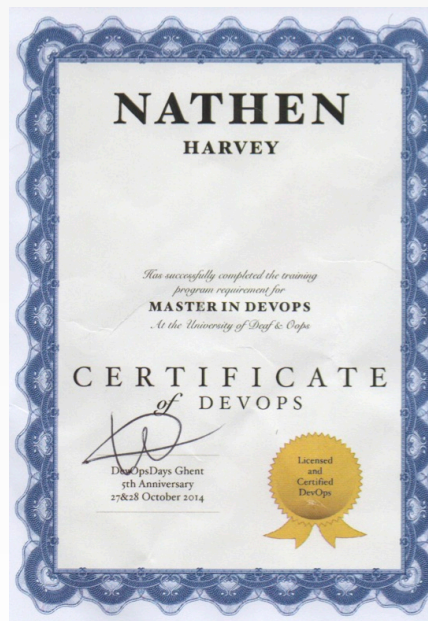
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Provisioning with Chef

Chef Lifecycle

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2. Install Chef
3. Configure Chef
4. Run Chef
5. GOTO step 4

knife bootstrap

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Provisioning in AWS

- Let's use AWS as our case study
- We'll look at the various ways Chef can help you provision instances there

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```
knife ec2 server create -I ami-4ab46b3d -f t1.micro -g sg-884f2eed,sg-8b4f2eee --ssh-  
user ubuntu -N nathen_hw_knife -r "recipe[hello_world]"
```

```
ec2-54-77-67-44.eu-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com Chef Client finished, 85/149 resources updated in 38.998005693 seconds
```

```
Instance ID: i-80d76866  
Flavor: t1.micro  
Image: ami-4ab46b3d  
Region: eu-west-1  
Availability Zone: eu-west-1a  
Security Groups: default  
Security Group Ids: sg-884f2eed, sg-8b4f2eee  
Tags: Name: nathen_hw_knife  
SSH Key: chef-nathenharvey-eu  
Root Device Type: ebs  
Root Volume ID: vol-602elf7c  
Root Device Name: /dev/sda1  
Root Device Delete on Terminate: true  
Public DNS Name: ec2-54-77-67-44.eu-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com  
Public IP Address: 54.77.67.44  
Private DNS Name: ip-172-31-2-160.eu-west-1.compute.internal  
Private IP Address: 172.31.2.160  
Environment: _default  
Run List: recipe[hello_world]
```


knife ec2 server create

```
→ chef-repo git:(master) ↵
```

knife ec2

- “Infrastructure as Command Line” instead of “Infrastructure as Code”
- What if I want many instances?
- What if I want multiple tiers of instances?



<https://flic.kr/p/eycPj7>

The classic operations playbook

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role:monitoring*" "sudo chef-client"
```

rabbitmq (omnibus)

```
## knife Chef 0.10 syntax
knife ec2 server create -G rs-preprod,platform-server --flavor ml.small -I ami-1136fb78 -x ubuntu \
-E rs-preprod \
-r 'role[rabbitmq],role[rs-preprod]' -i ~/.ssh/our_ssh_key
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Rerun chef-client

update environment data bag item "rabbitmq_ip" with assigned elastic IP, upload data bag with knife.

run chef-client on all the servers that are rabbitmq producers or consumers:

```
sleep 90 && knife ssh "role:opscode-account OR role:opscode-chef OR role:opscode-solr OR \
role:opscode-job-worker OR role:monitoring*" "sudo chef-client"
```

opscode-solr

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-Z us-east-1c \
-i ~/.ssh/our_ssh_key
```

Attach an elastic IP.

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update environment data bag item "solr_ip" with assigned elastic IP, upload data bag with knife.

then add it into rotation after waiting for node to be indexed

```
sleep 90 && knife ssh "role:opscode-lb-int OR role:monitoring*" "sudo chef-client"
```

opscode-authz (omnibus)

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Spiceweasel

- Command-line tool for batch loading Chef infrastructure
- Generate and executes knife commands

```
nodes:
- serverA:
  run_list: role[base]
  options: -i ~/.ssh/mray.pem -x user --sudo
- serverB serverC:
  run_list: role[base]
  options: -i ~/.ssh/mray.pem -x user --sudo -E production
- rackspace 3:
  run_list: recipe[mysql],role[monitoring]
  options: --image 49 --flavor 2 -N db{{n}}
- windows_winrm winboxA:
  run_list: role[base],role[iisserver]
  options: -x Administrator -P 'super_secret_password'
- windows_ssh winboxB winboxC:
  run_list: role[base],role[iisserver]
  options: -x Administrator -P 'super_secret_password'
```

<https://github.com/mattray/spiceweasel>



Chef Provisioning

- Allows creation of instances in Chef Recipes
- Allows for more programmatic creation
- Allows for multiple tiers to be created in one shot
- Moves more towards “Infrastructure as Code”



<https://flic.kr/p/knDPjc>

Chef Provisioning

```
machine 'web1' do
  recipe 'apache'
end
```

Chef Provisioning - Drivers

- AWS
- Azure
- Fog
- Vagrant
- Docker
- LXC
- Hanlon
- ...and more

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  end
end

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  end
end

machine_batch do
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      recipe 'rest_of_my_configuration'
    end
  end
end
```

Configure Chef Provisioning

- Installed as part of Chef Development Kit
- Configure AWS
 - Create an AWS credentials file
- Gems
 - chef-provisioning
 - chef-provisioning-aws

AWS Credentials File



OPEN IN EDITOR: `~/.aws/config`

```
[default]
region=eu-west-1
aws_access_key_id = <AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID>
aws_secret_access_key = <AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY>
```

SAVE FILE!

Simple Example

```
require 'chef/provisioning/aws_driver'  
with_driver 'aws'  
  
machine 'nathen_web1' do  
  recipe 'hello_world'  
end
```

Execute the Recipe

```
$ chef-client --local-mode simple.rb
```

```
[2015-02-04T12:53:22+00:00] INFO: Started chef-zero at http://localhost:8889 with repository at /Users/nathenharvey/chef_london_users/chef-repo
One version per cookbook

[2015-02-04T12:53:22+00:00] INFO: Forking chef instance to converge...
Starting Chef Client, version 12.0.3
[2015-02-04T12:53:22+00:00] INFO: *** Chef 12.0.3 ***
[2015-02-04T12:53:22+00:00] INFO: Chef-client pid: 23233
[2015-02-04T12:53:31+00:00] INFO: Run List is []
[2015-02-04T12:53:31+00:00] INFO: Run List expands to []
[2015-02-04T12:53:31+00:00] INFO: Starting Chef Run for nharveycul215
[2015-02-04T12:53:31+00:00] INFO: Running start handlers
[2015-02-04T12:53:31+00:00] INFO: Start handlers complete.
[2015-02-04T12:53:31+00:00] INFO: HTTP Request Returned 404 Not Found : Object not found: /reports/nodes/nharveycul215/runs
resolving cookbooks for run list: []
[2015-02-04T12:53:31+00:00] INFO: Loading cookbooks []
Synchronizing Cookbooks:
Compiling Cookbooks...
[2015-02-04T12:53:35+00:00] WARN: Node nharveycul215 has an empty run list.
Converging 7 resources
Recipe: @recipe_files::/Users/nathenharvey/chef_london_users/chef-repo/web.rb
```

Test and Repair

Resources follow a test and repair model

```
machine 'nathen_web1'
```

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Create it

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Yes

No

Repair

Done

Create it

Behold! The power of a loop

- Need multiple instances?
- That's easy!

```
num_webservers = 3
(0..num_webservers).each do |i|
  machine "nathen_web_0#{i}" do
    recipe "hello_world"
  end
end
```

More with AWS

- Security Groups
- Elastic Load Balancers
- VPCs
- Auto Scaling Groups
- SQS Queues
- ...and more
- <https://github.com/chef/chef-provisioning-aws>

Security Group

```
with_data_center 'eu-west-1' do
  aws_security_group "nathen-provisioning-security-group" do
    inbound_rules [
      { :ports => 22, :protocol => :tcp, :sources => ["0.0.0.0/0"] },
      { :ports => 80, :protocol => :tcp, :sources => ["0.0.0.0/0"] }
    ]
  end
end
```

Security Groups

```
{  
  "id": "nathen-provisioning-security-group",  
  "security_group_id": "sg-1d452878"  
}
```

- Information is stored in data bag items

Load Security Group ID

```
security_group = data_bag_item('aws_security_groups',  
                                'nathen-provisioning-security-group')  
  
security_group_id = security_group['security_group_id']
```


Use the Security Group

```
with_machine_options :bootstrap_options => {  
  :instance_type => 't1.micro',  
  :security_group_ids => [security_group_id]  
}
```

Elastic Load Balancer

```
load_balancer "nathen-elb" do
  load_balancer_options :availability_zones => ['eu-
west-1a', 'eu-west-1b', 'eu-west-1c'],
    :listeners => [{
      :port => 80,
      :protocol => :http,
      :instance_port => 80,
      :instance_protocol => :http,
    }]
  machines machine_names
end
```

Provisioning Production Environments

Chef Provisioning – Provisioning Node



Chef Server



AWS

Chef Provisioning – Provisioning Node



Chef Server



AWS

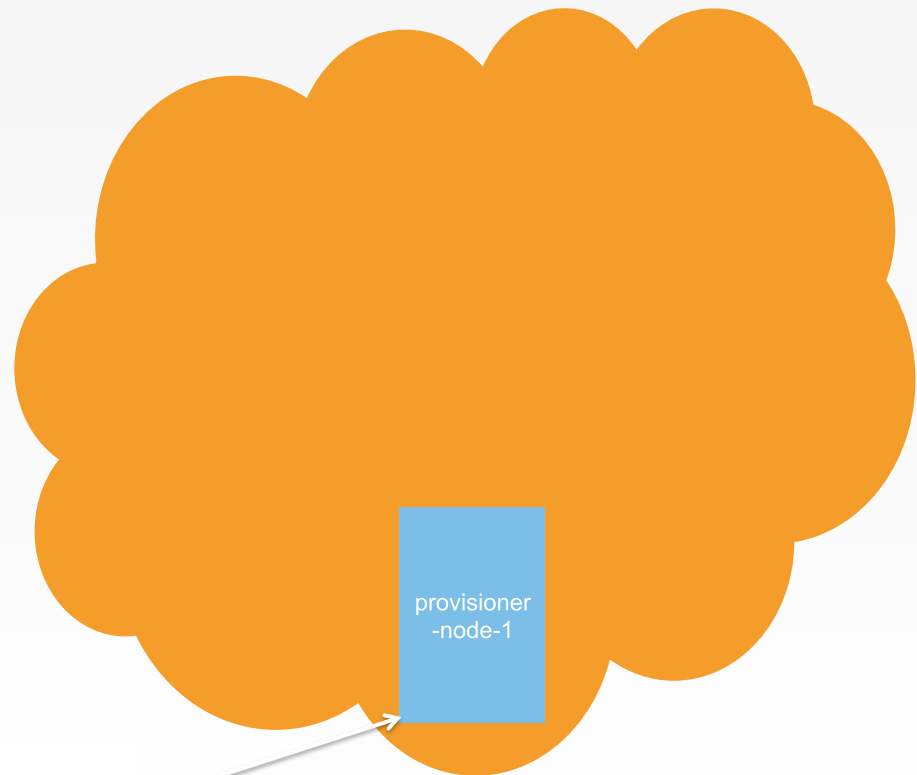
```
$ knife ec2 server create \  
--node-name provisioner-node-1 \  
--run-list "recipe[provision]", "recipe[provision::orchestration]"
```

Chef Provisioning – Provisioning Node



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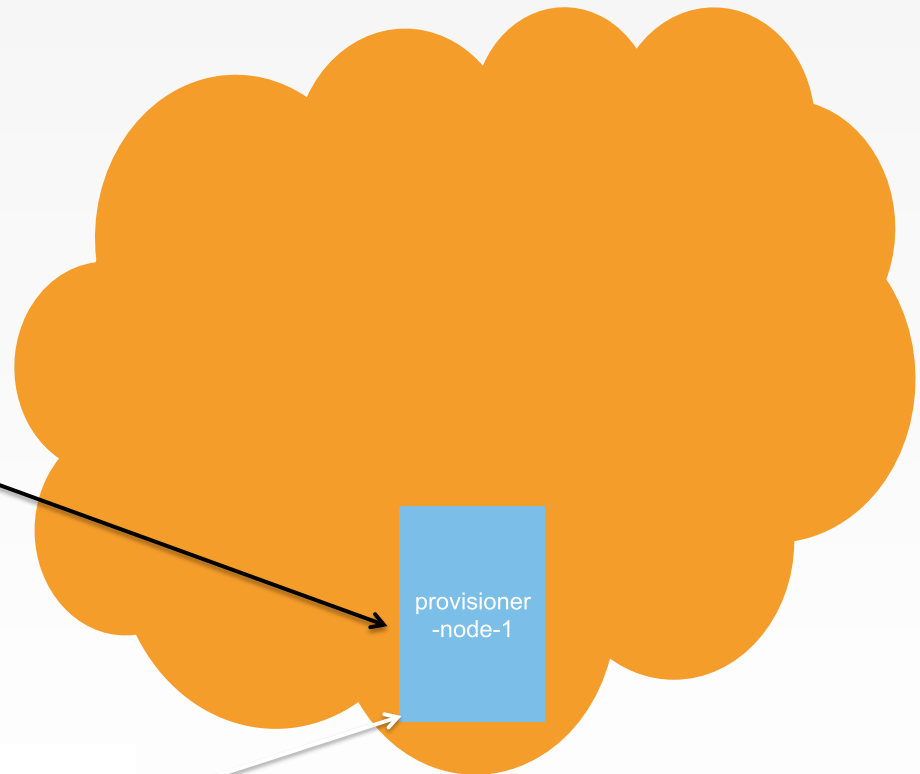


AWS

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Chef Server



provisioner
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AWS

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Chef Server

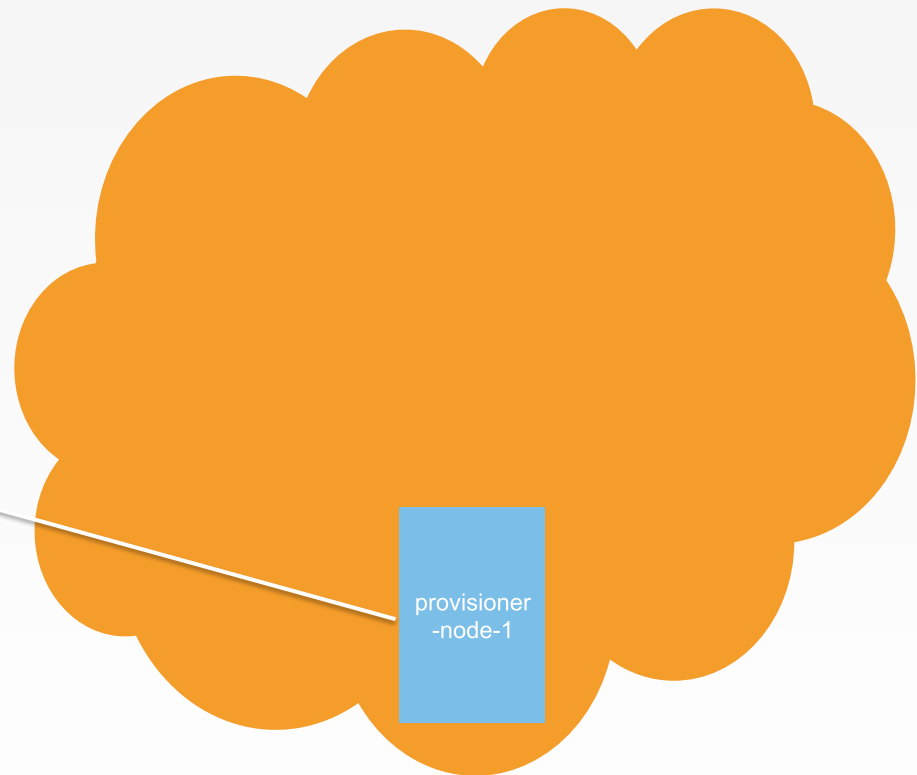
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    end
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AWS

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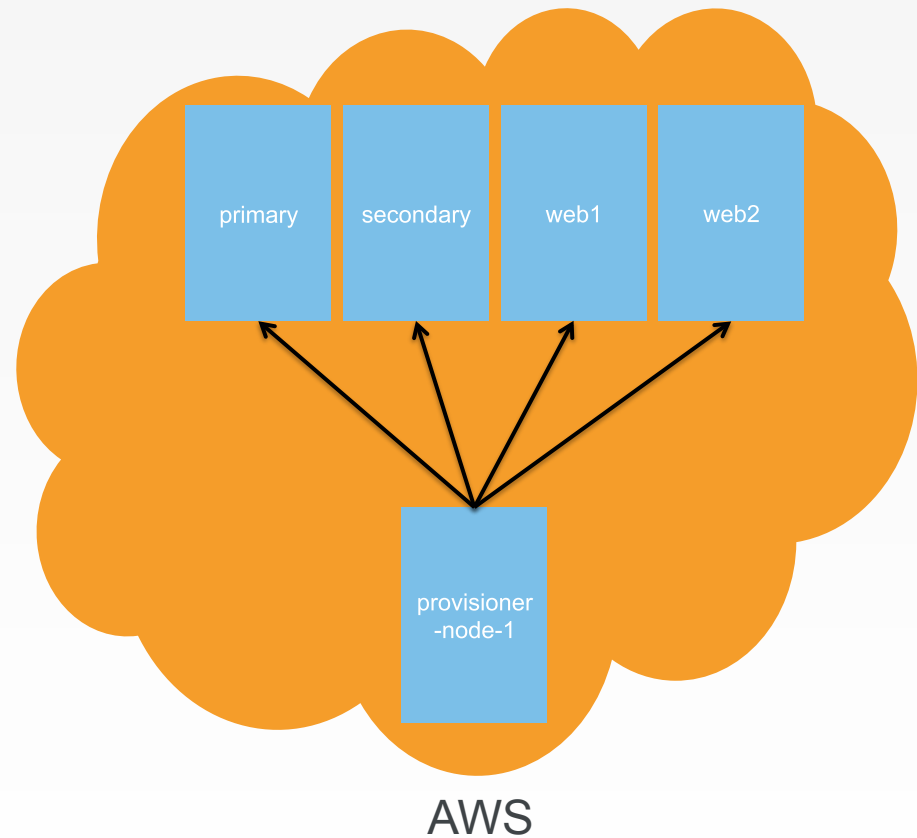
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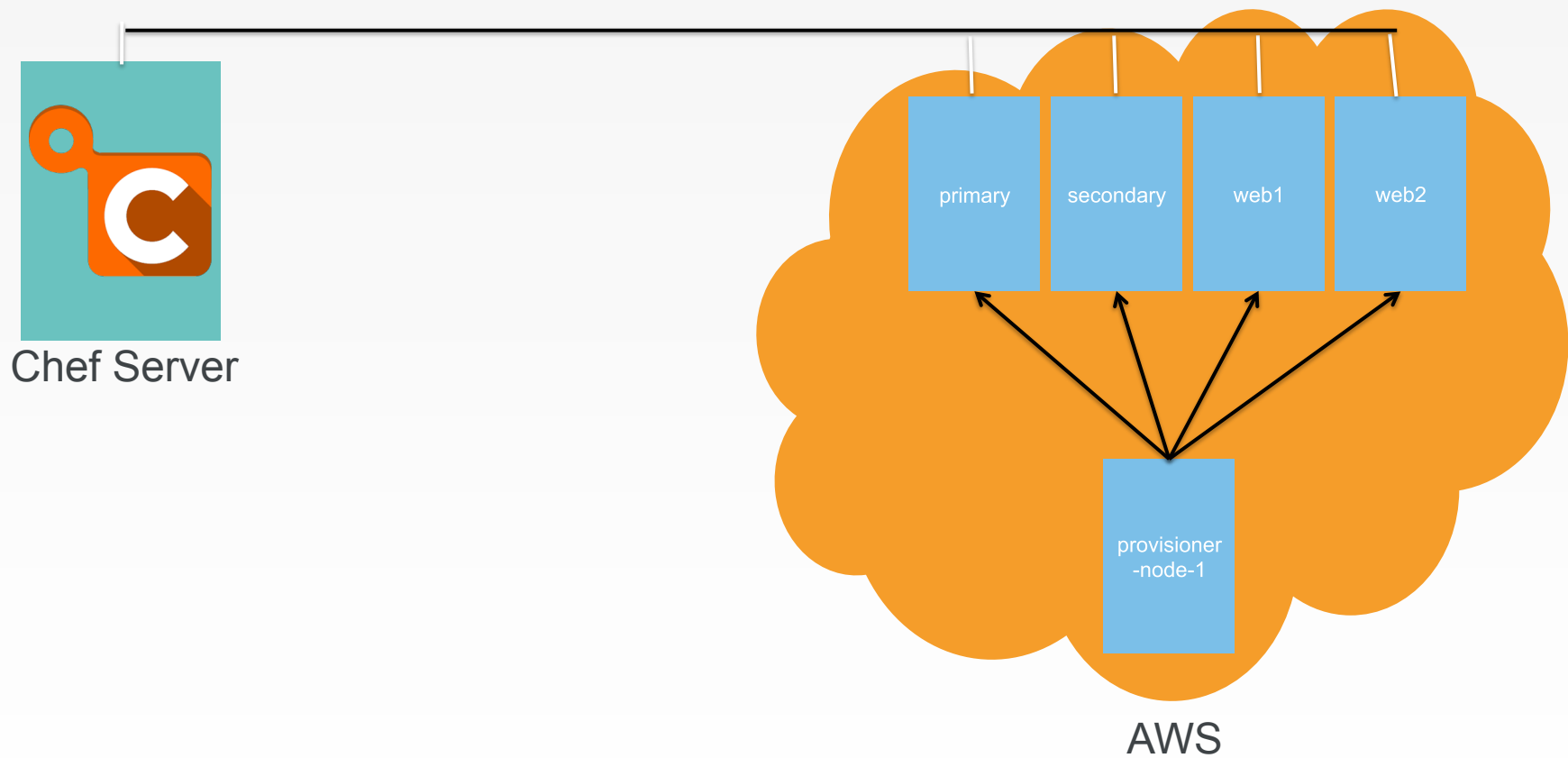
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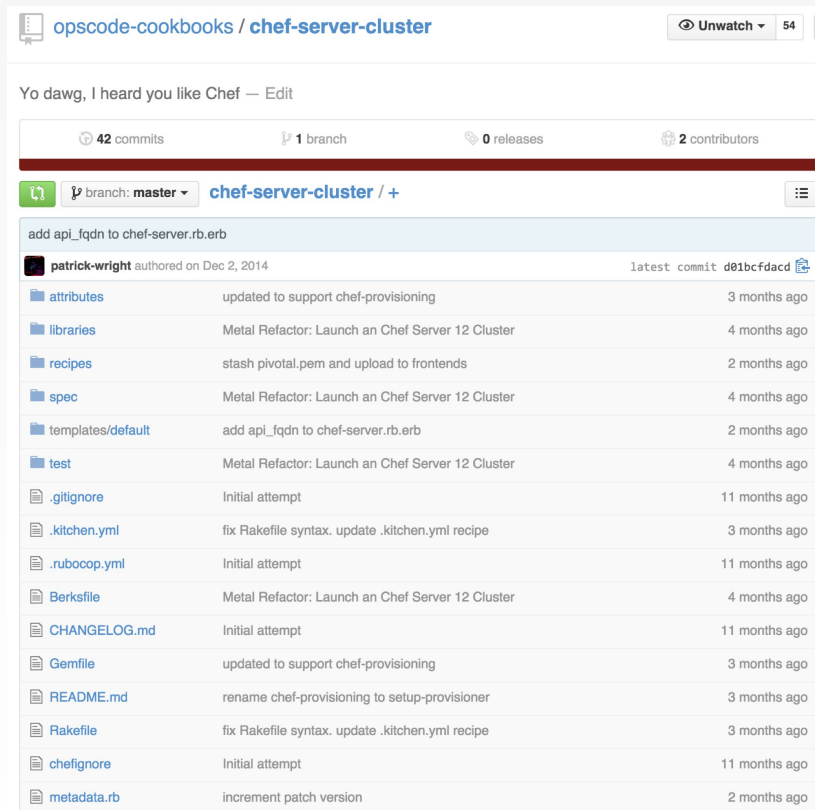


Chef Provisioning – Provisioning Node



chef-server-cluster

- chef-server-cluster Cookbook
- Built On chef-provisioning
- Stand up Chef Server 12 AWS in a tiered configuration
- Stand up Analytics



opencode-cookbooks / chef-server-cluster

Yo dawg, I heard you like Chef — Edit

42 commits 1 branch 0 releases 2 contributors

branch: master chef-server-cluster / +

add api_fqdn to chef-server.rb.erb

patrick-wright authored on Dec 2, 2014 latest commit d01bcfdacd

attributes	updated to support chef-provisioning	3 months ago
libraries	Metal Refactor: Launch an Chef Server 12 Cluster	4 months ago
recipes	stash pivotal.pem and upload to frontends	2 months ago
spec	Metal Refactor: Launch an Chef Server 12 Cluster	4 months ago
templates/default	add api_fqdn to chef-server.rb.erb	2 months ago
test	Metal Refactor: Launch an Chef Server 12 Cluster	4 months ago
.gitignore	Initial attempt	11 months ago
.kitchen.yml	fix Rakefile syntax. update .kitchen.yml recipe	3 months ago
.rubocop.yml	Initial attempt	11 months ago
Berkfile	Metal Refactor: Launch an Chef Server 12 Cluster	4 months ago
CHANGELOG.md	Initial attempt	11 months ago
Gemfile	updated to support chef-provisioning	3 months ago
README.md	rename chef-provisioning to setup-provisioner	3 months ago
Rakefile	fix Rakefile syntax. update .kitchen.yml recipe	3 months ago
chefignore	Initial attempt	11 months ago
metadata.rb	increment patch version	2 months ago

<https://github.com/opencode-cookbooks/chef-server-cluster>



Chef Provisioning – chef-server-cluster

```
bash bash ruby
[~/chef-repo] (server_cluster)
scottford$ chef-client --local-mode -o chef-server-cluster::cluster-provision[]
```

Chef Provisioning Recap

- Machine resource for creating instances
- Drivers for many providers
- Programmatically declare your infrastructure as code
- Testable
- Repeatable

What's on the horizon?

- Version 1.0 coming soon!
- IAM Roles support
- More resources...

How you can contribute

- Use it
- Fork the repositories
- Write new drivers
- Add resources
- Open issues

Where to go from here

- Chef-provisioning
<https://github.com/chef/chef-provisioning>
- Chef-provisioning-aws
<https://github.com/chef/chef-provisioning-aws>
- Gitter IM Channel
<https://gitter.im/chef/chef-provisioning>

What Questions Do You Have?

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