



# A Taste of Chef

Introduction to Chef

DevFestDC

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- System Administrator?

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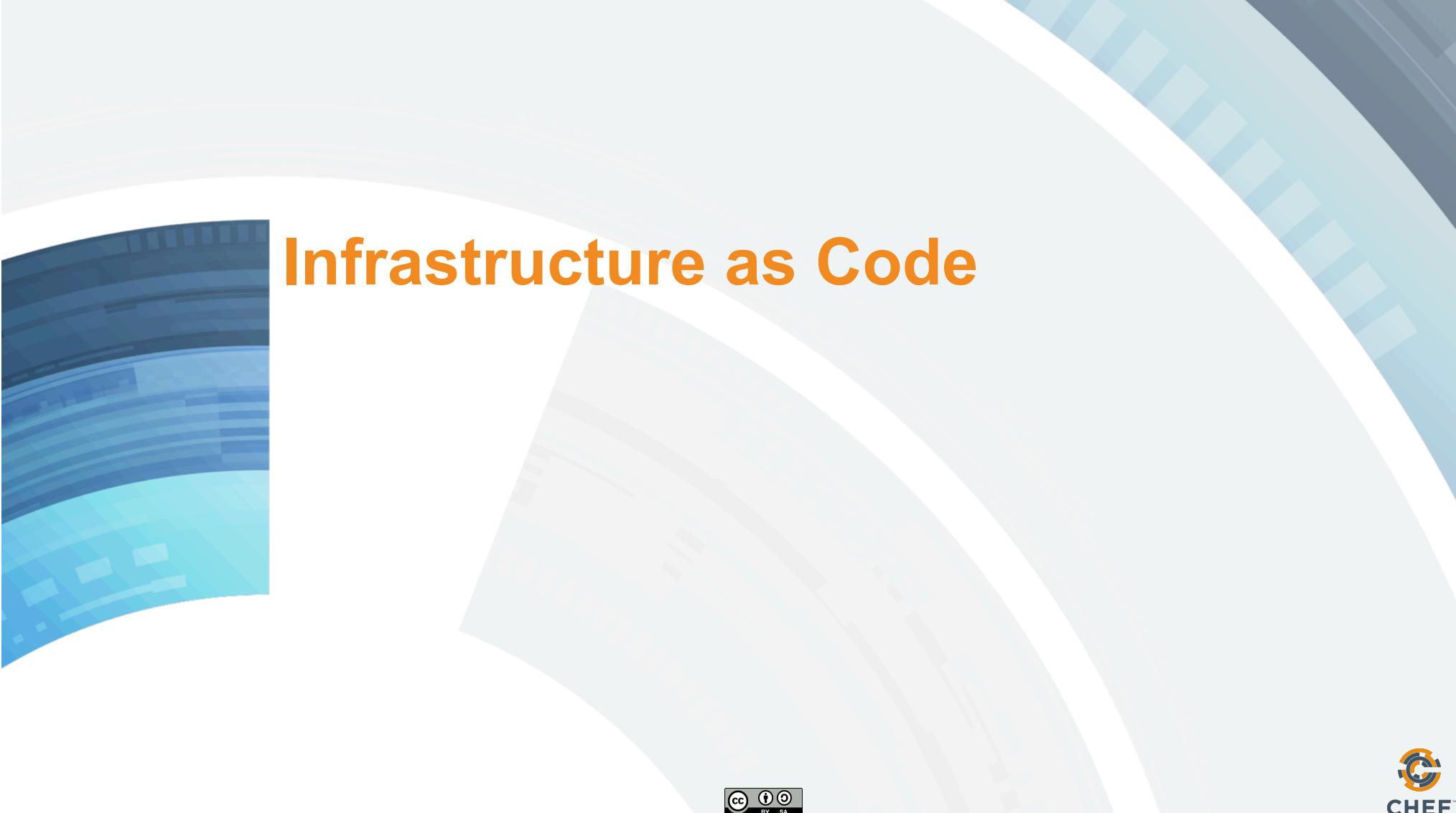


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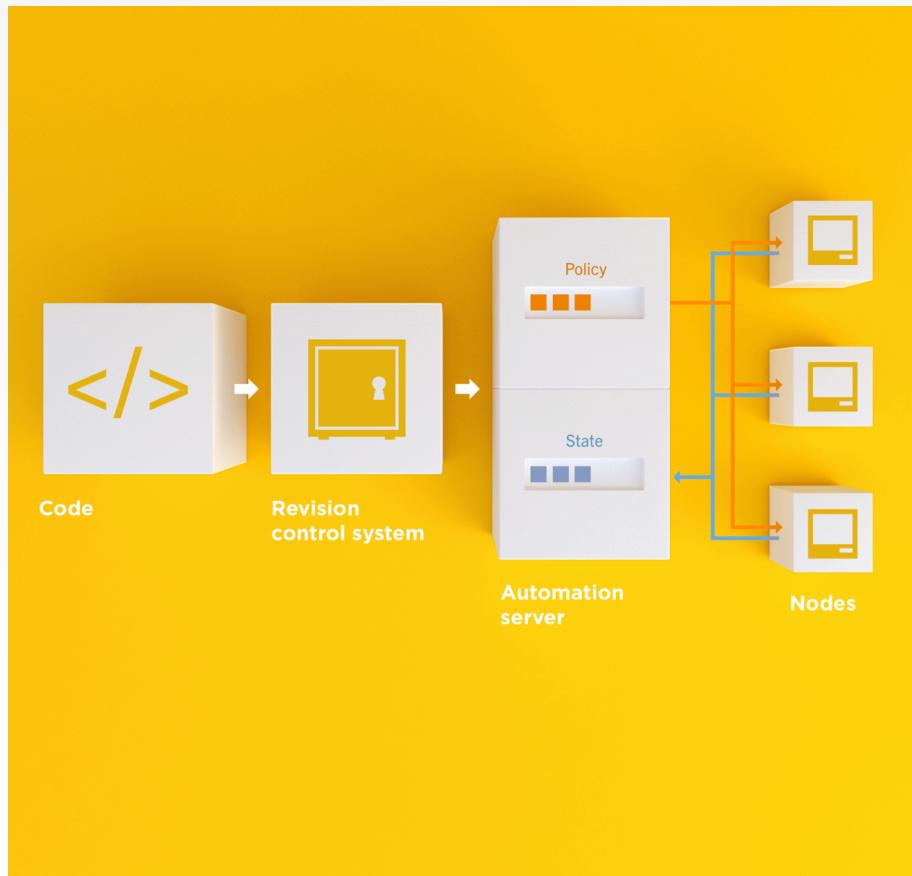
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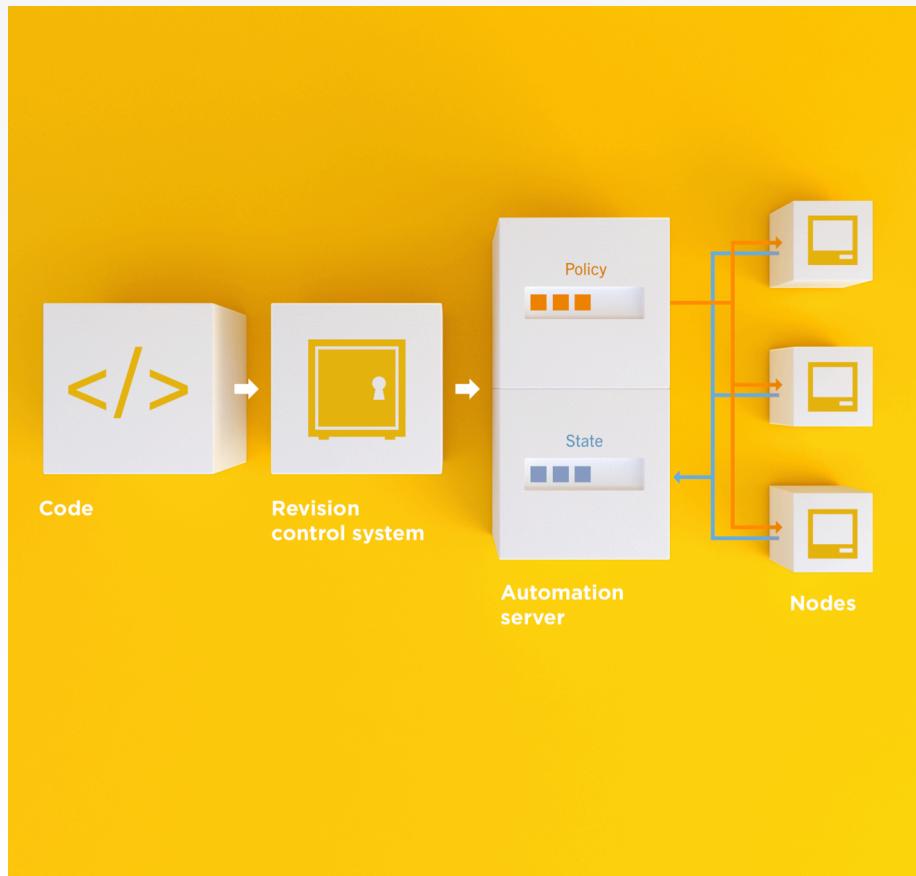


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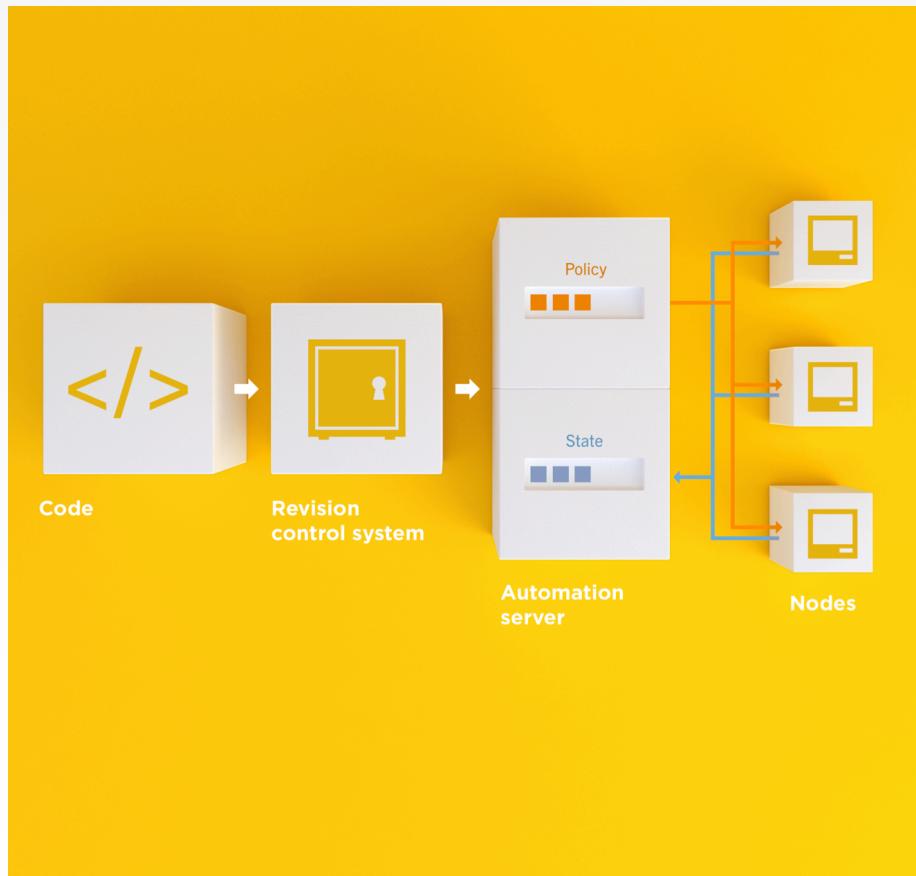
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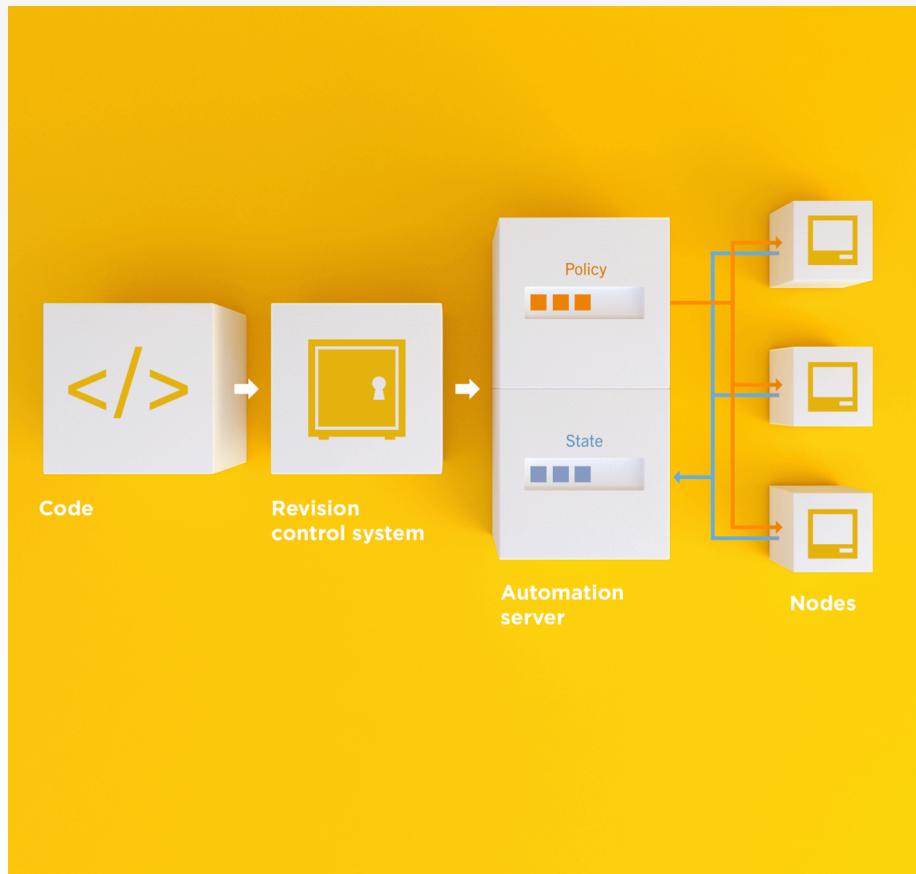
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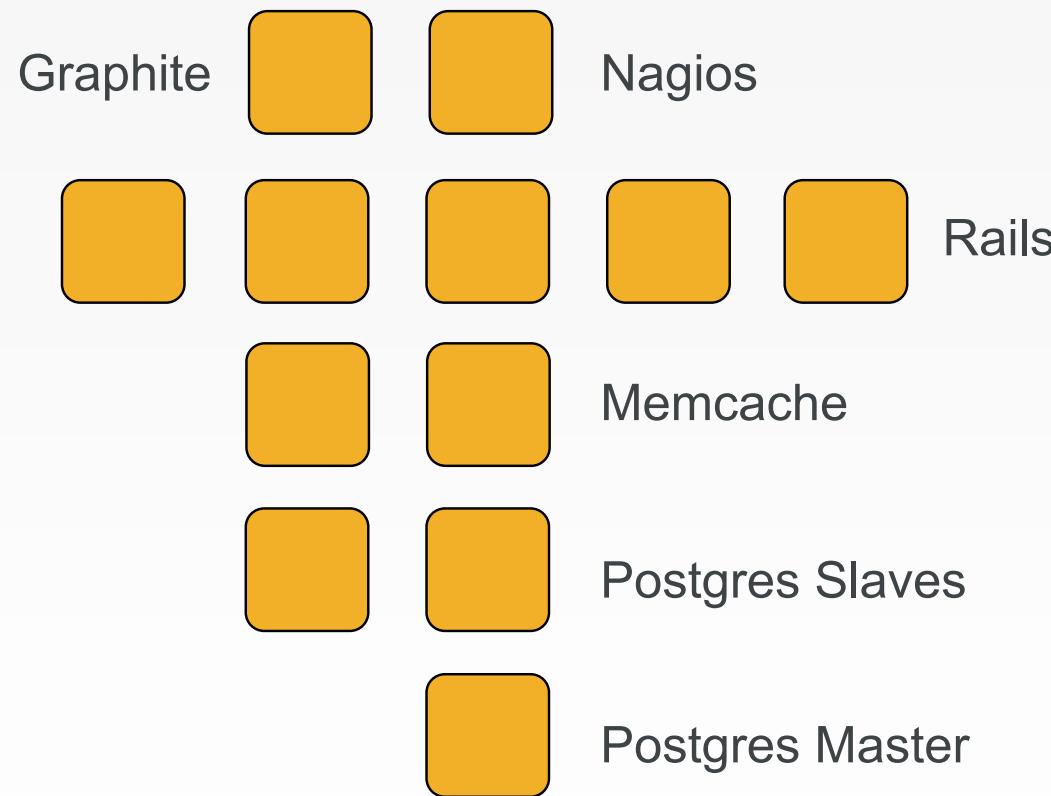


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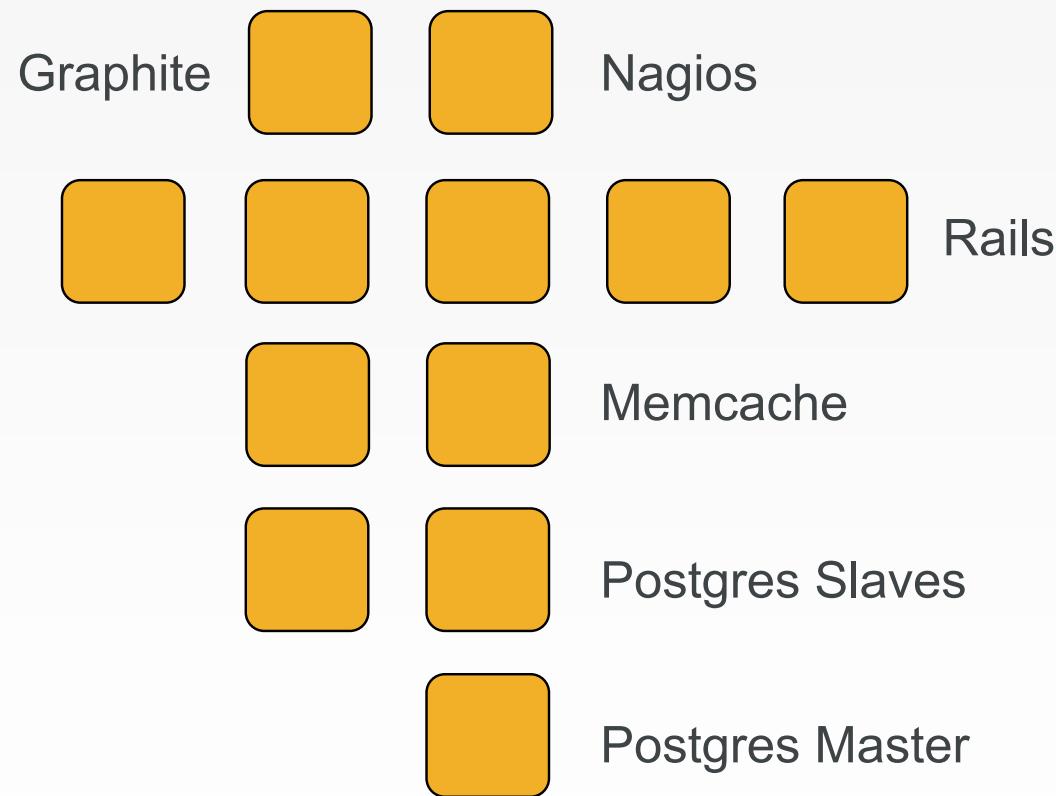
# Policy-based

- You capture the policy for your infrastructure in code
- A program ensures each node in your infrastructure complies with the policy
- A control loop keeps the system stable and allows for change when policy is updated

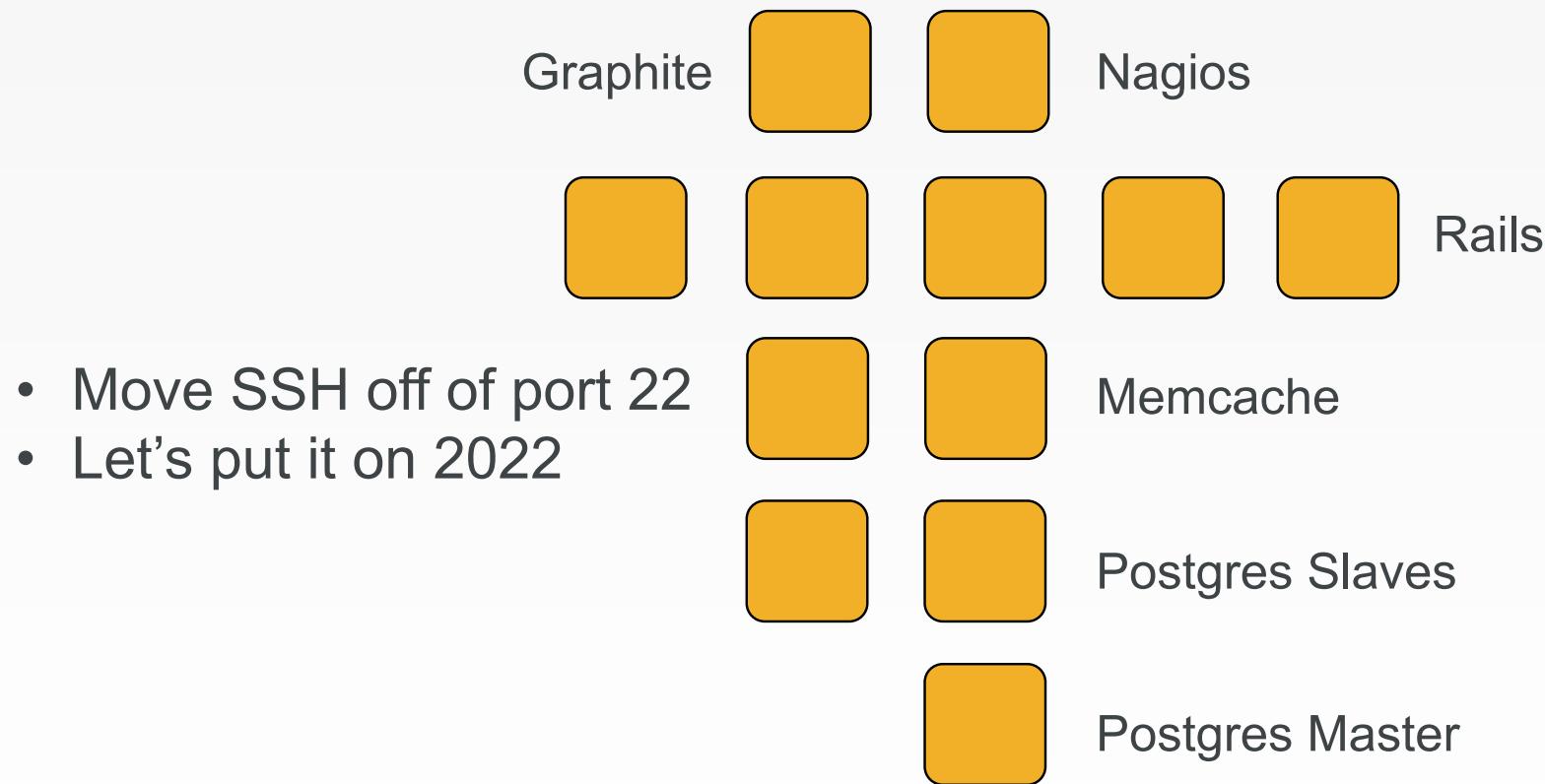
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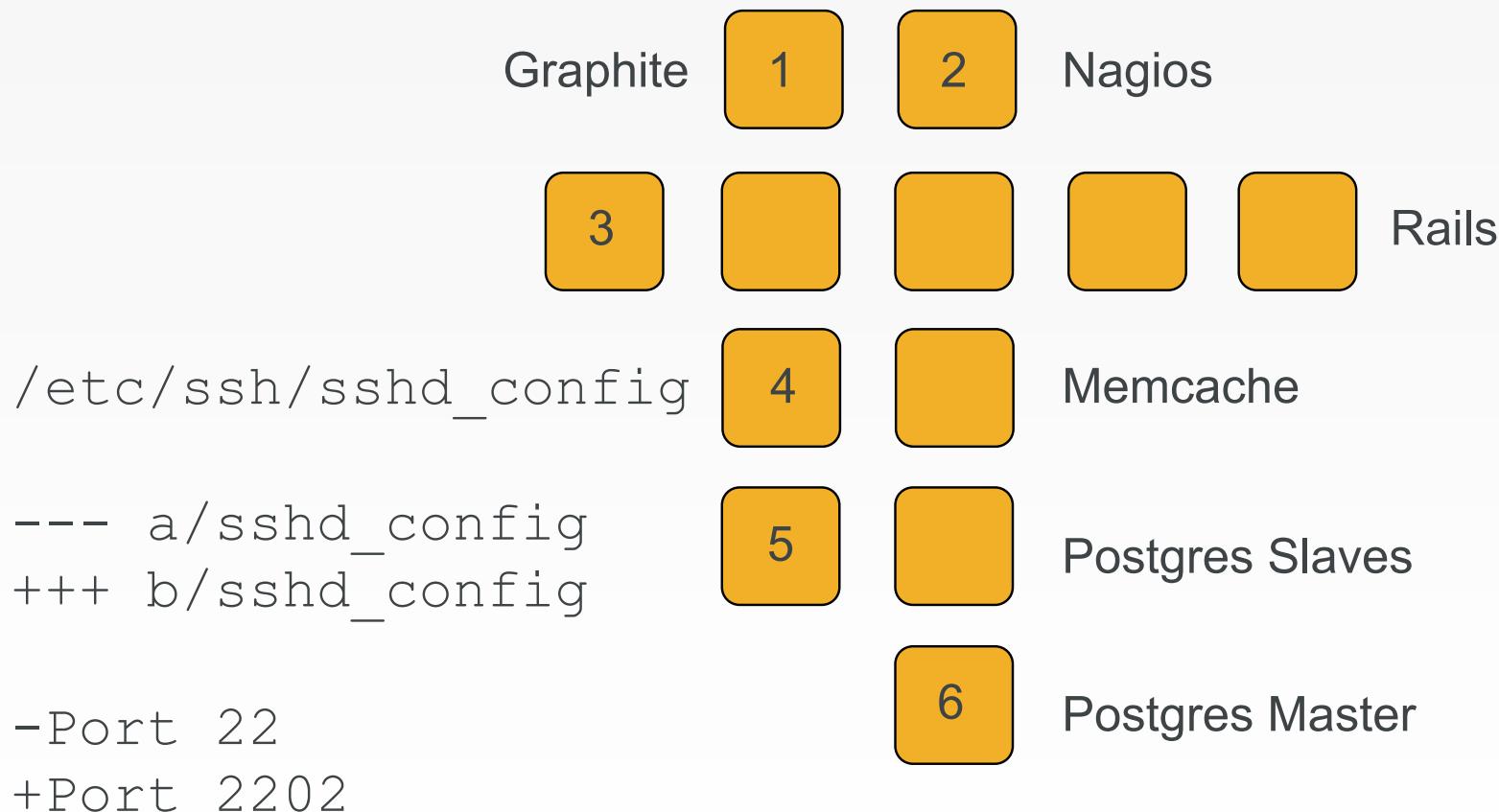
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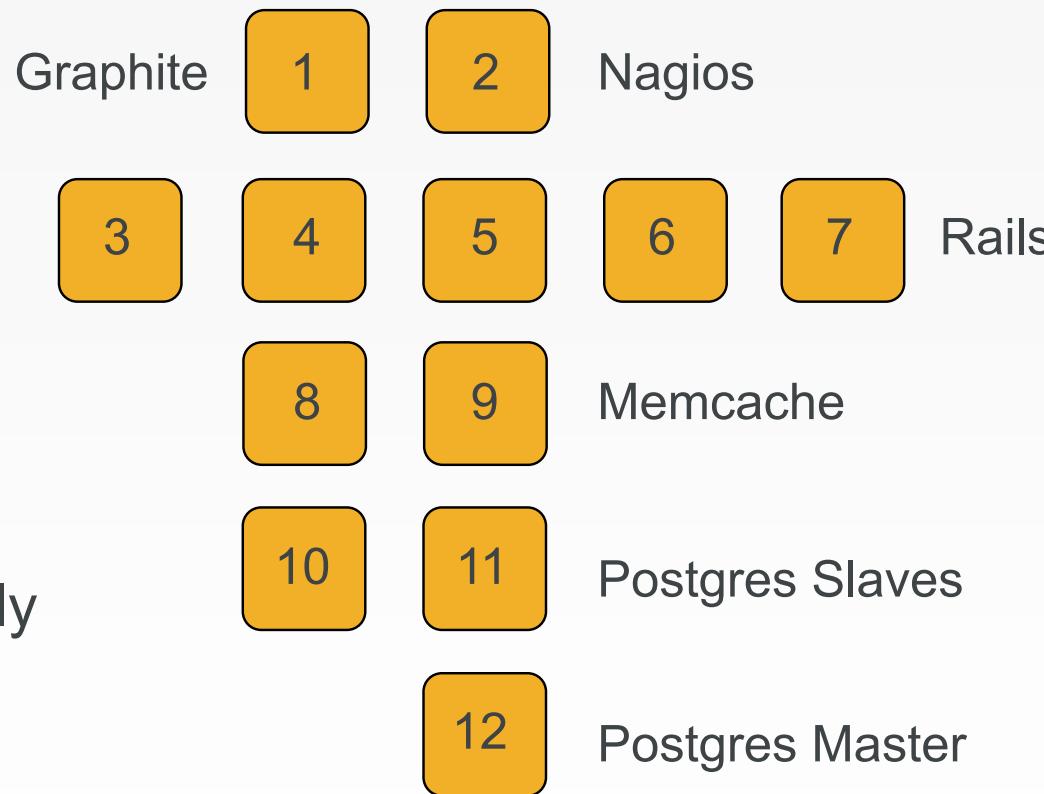


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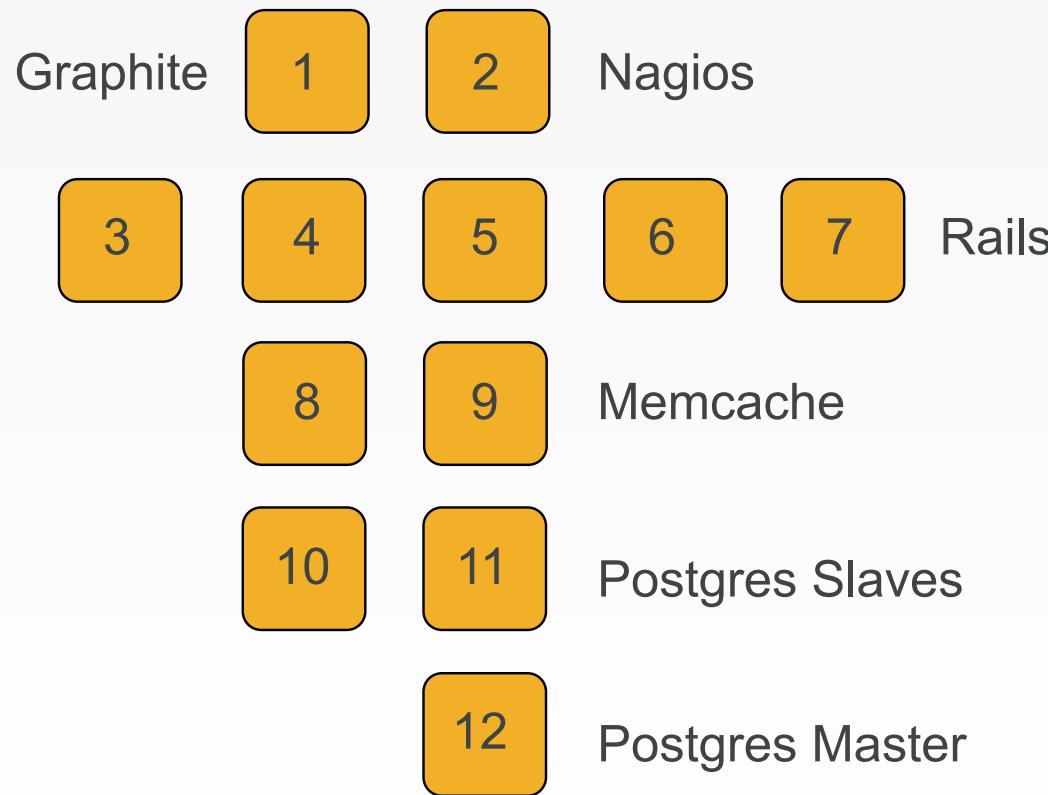
# 12 Instances to replace

- Launch
- Delete
- Repeat
- Typically manually

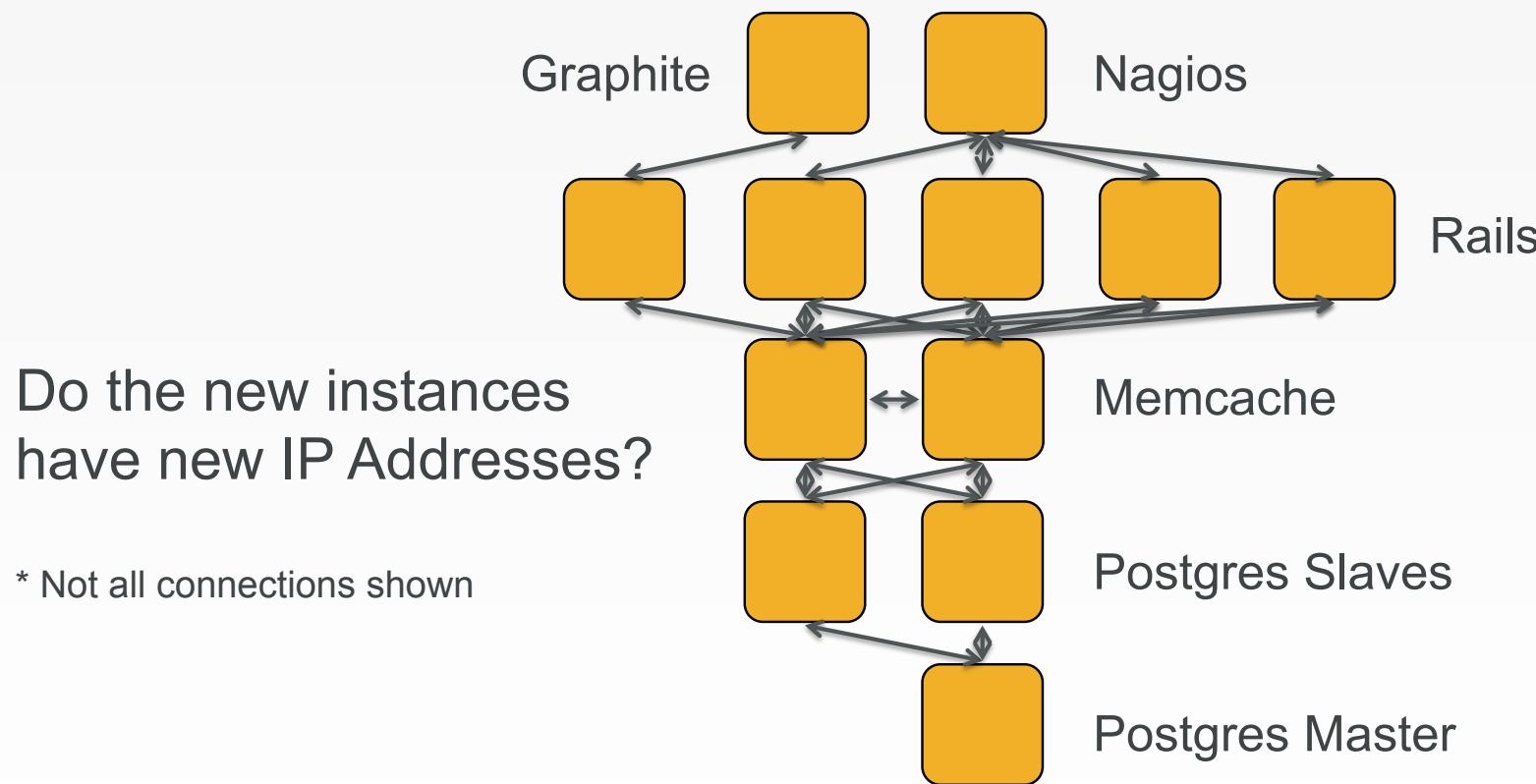


# Done in maintenance window

- High stakes
- Late hours
- Risky change



# New configurations required?





# Chef

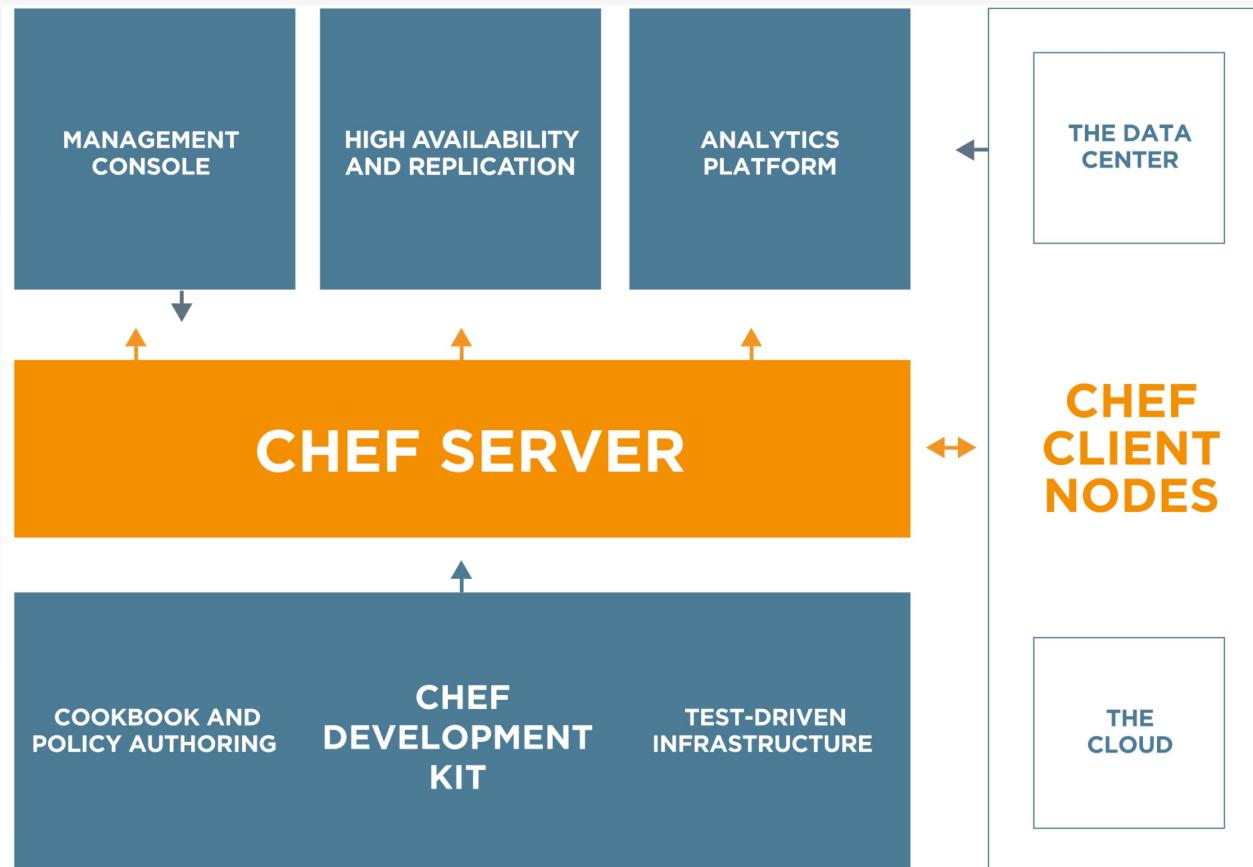
Fast, scalable, flexible IT automation



# What is Chef

- Open source framework for managing complexity in your infrastructure through policy-driven automation code
- A community of professionals
- A company

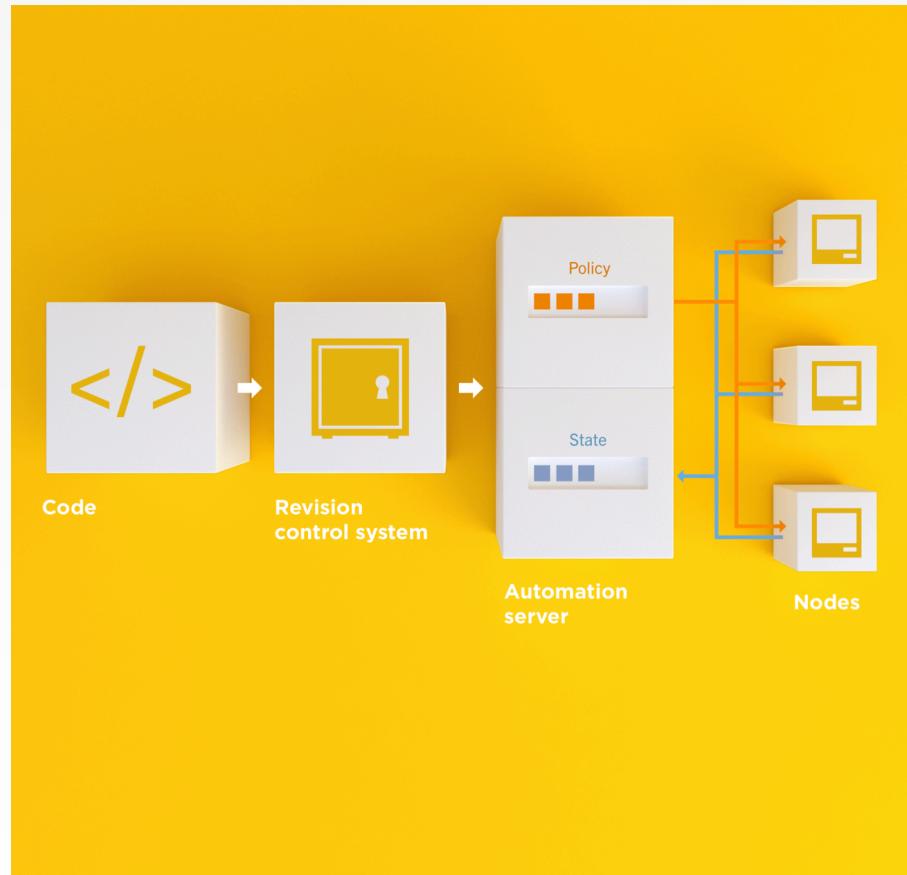
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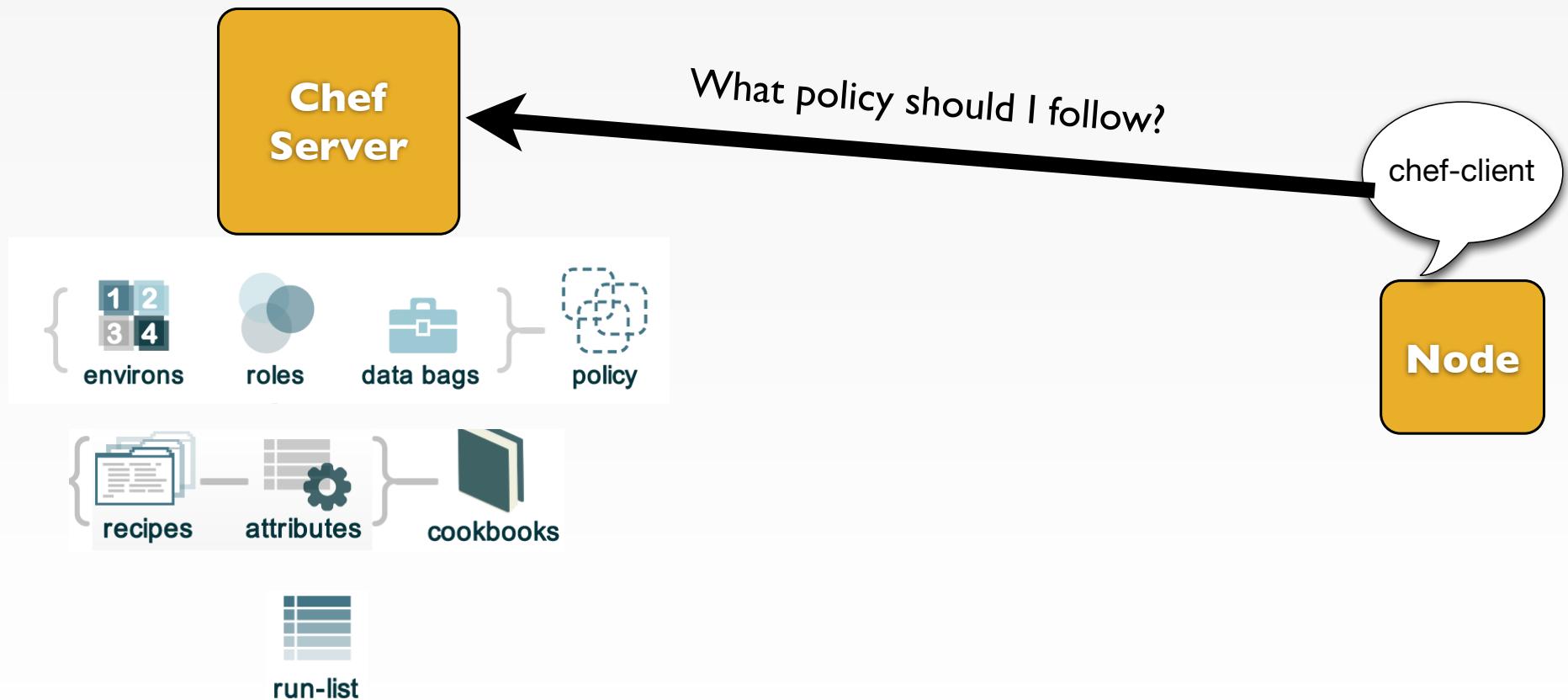
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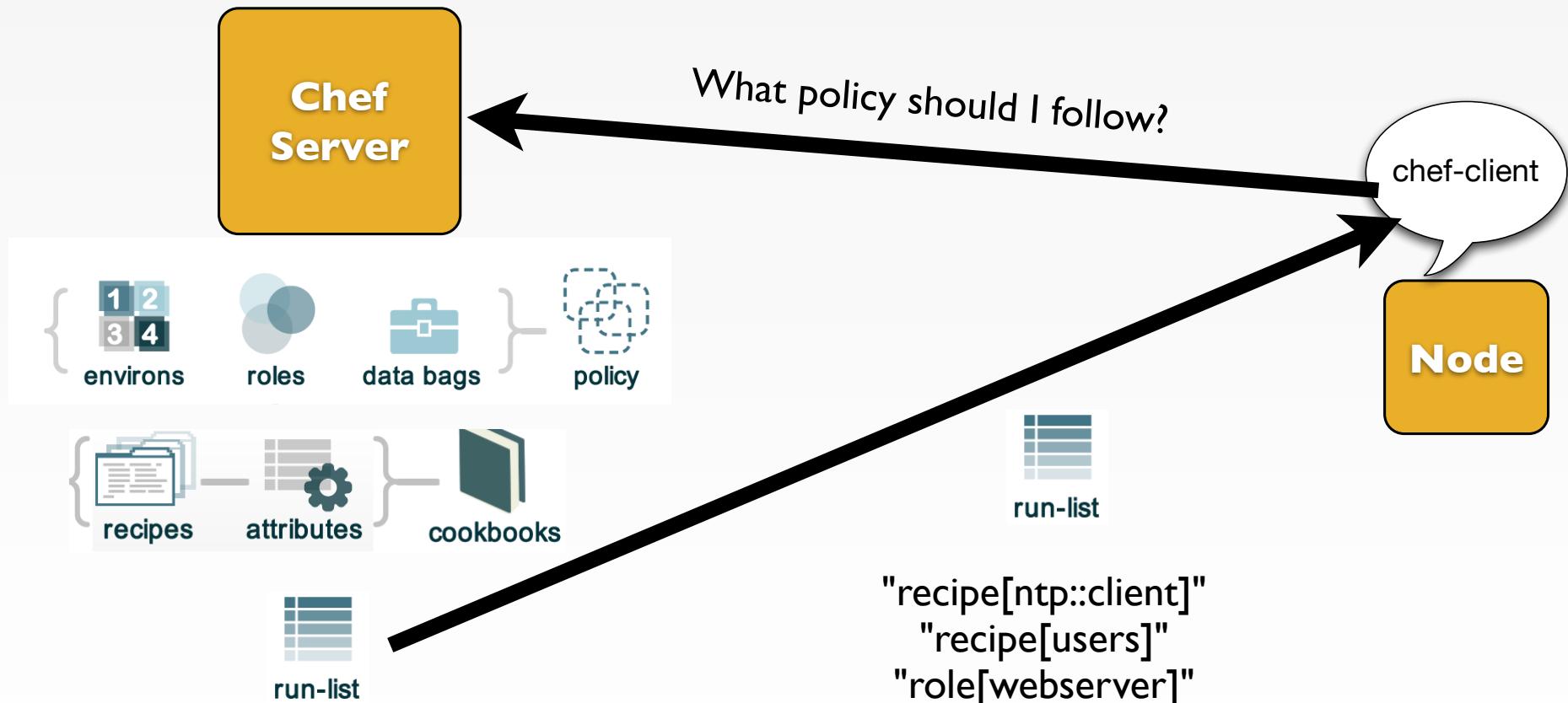
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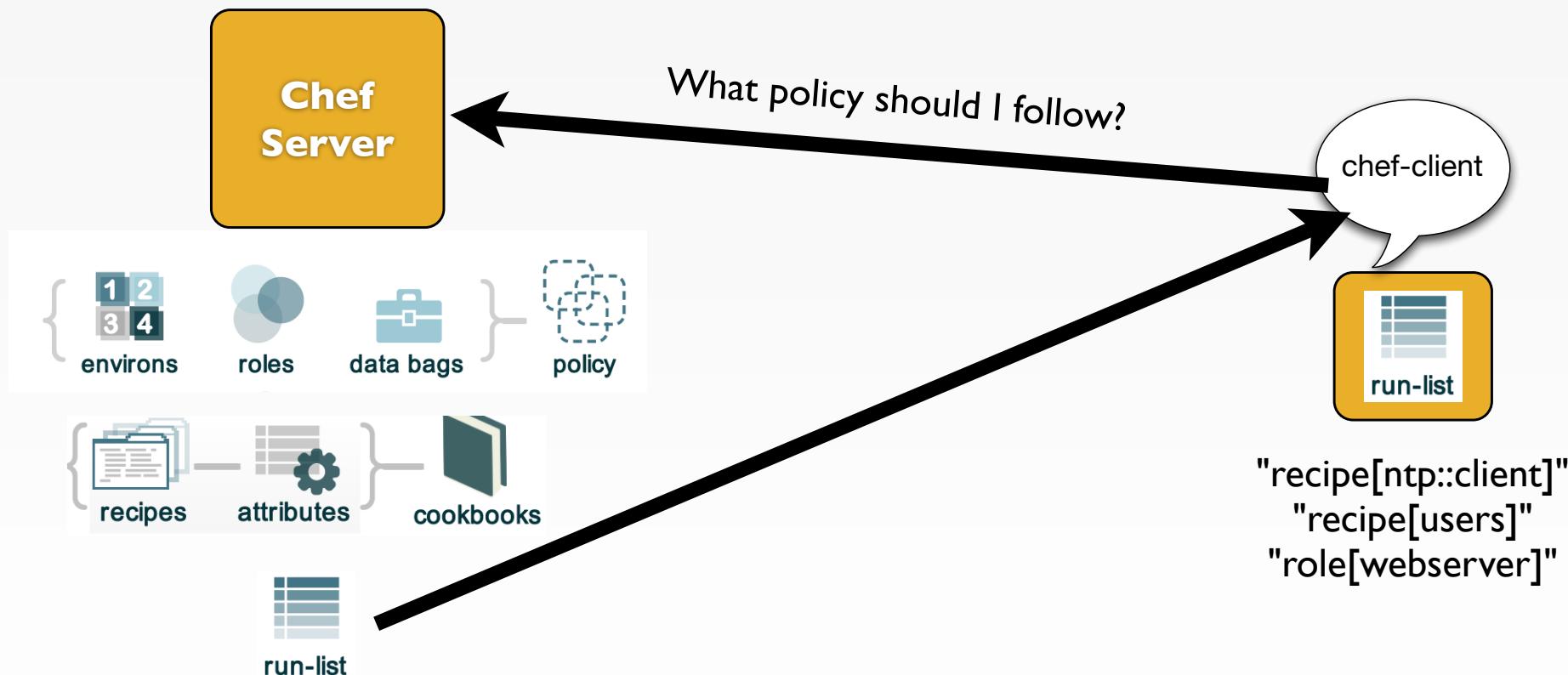
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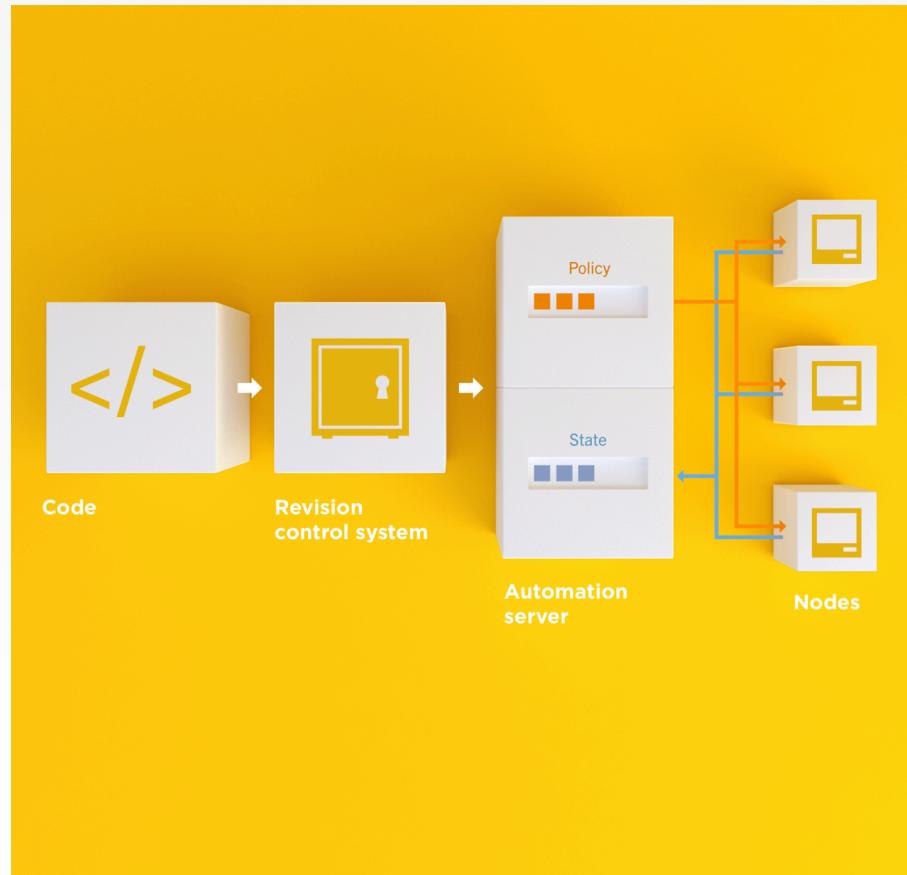
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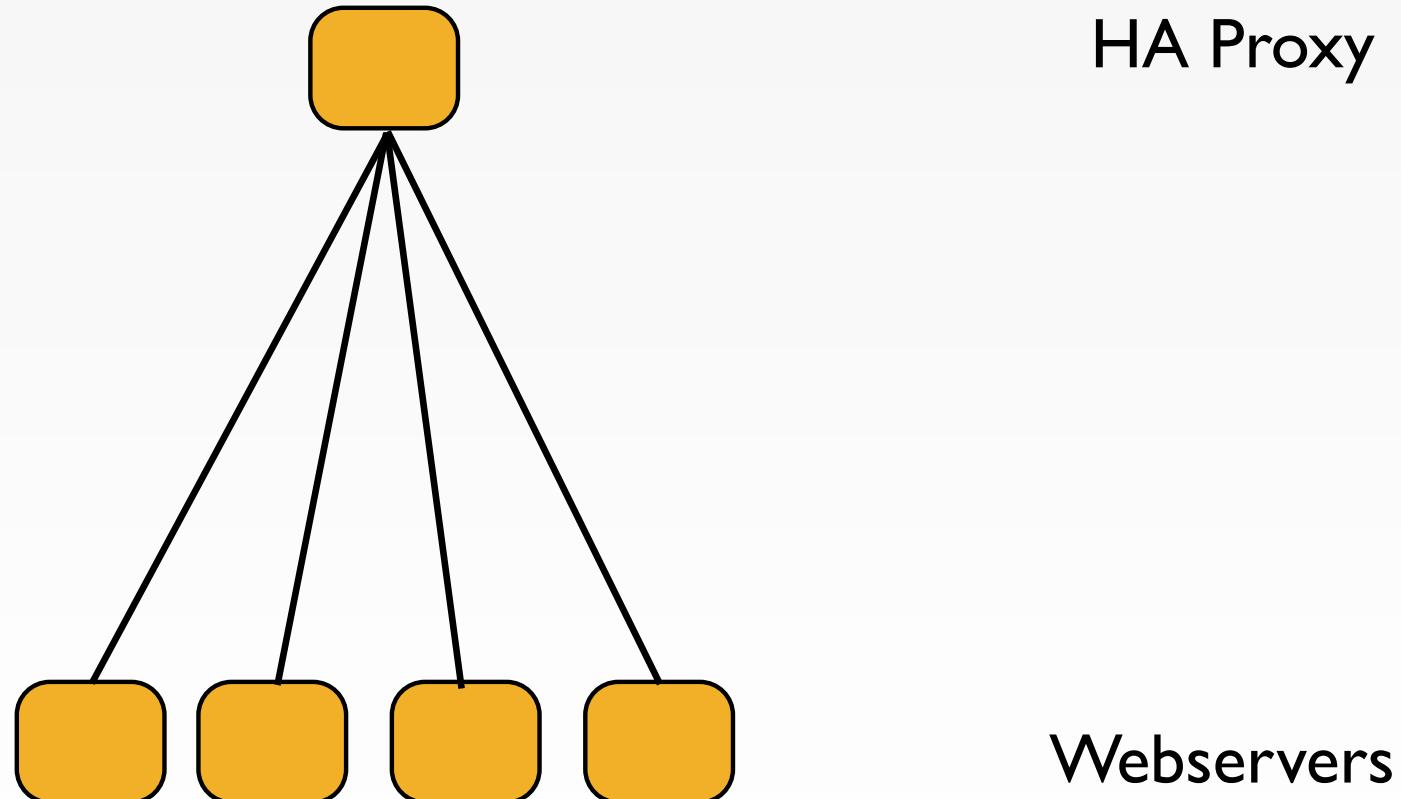
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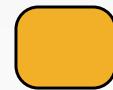
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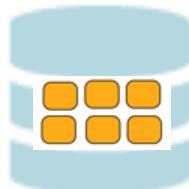
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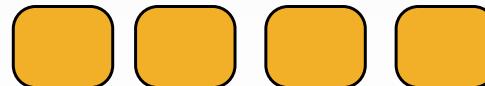
Chef  
Server



HA Proxy



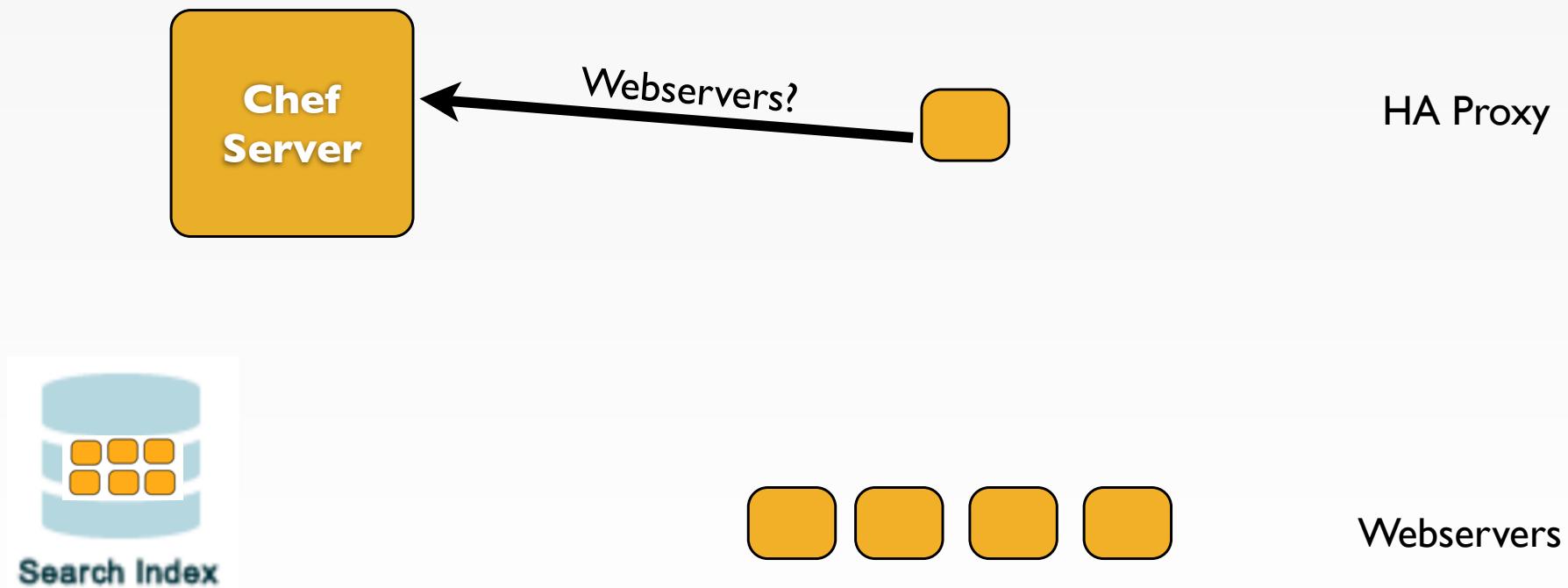
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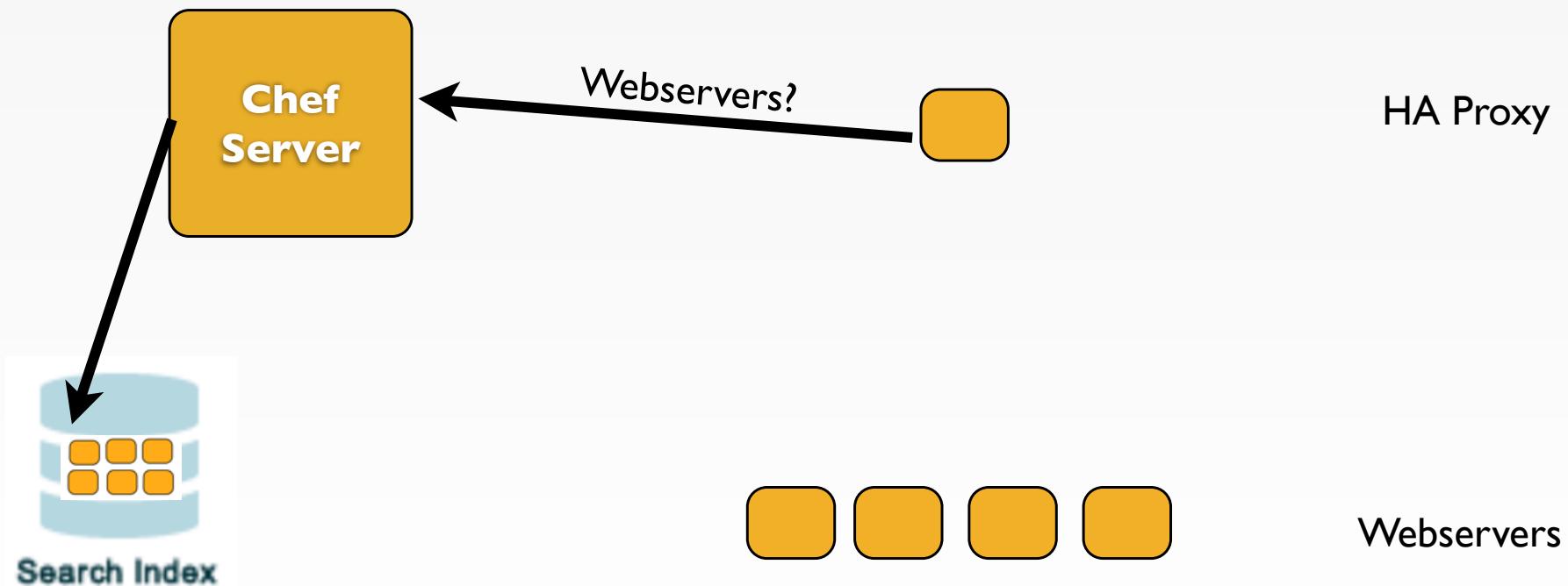
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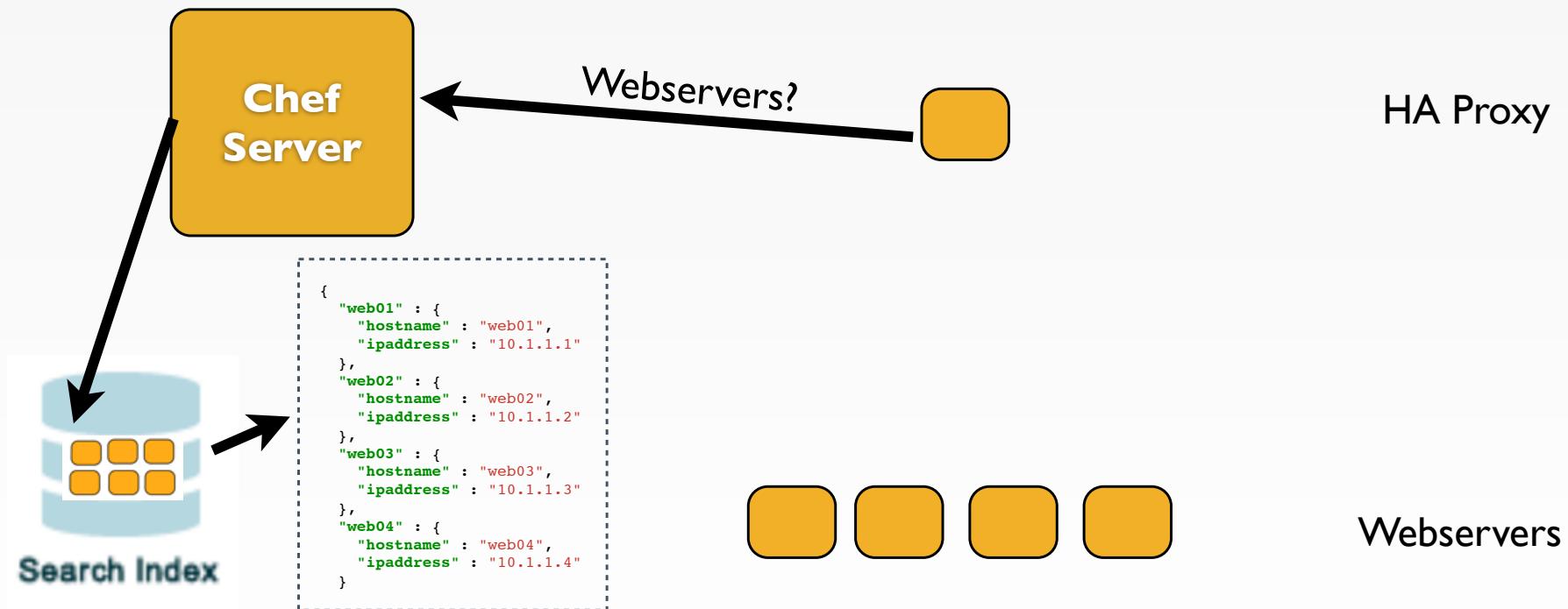
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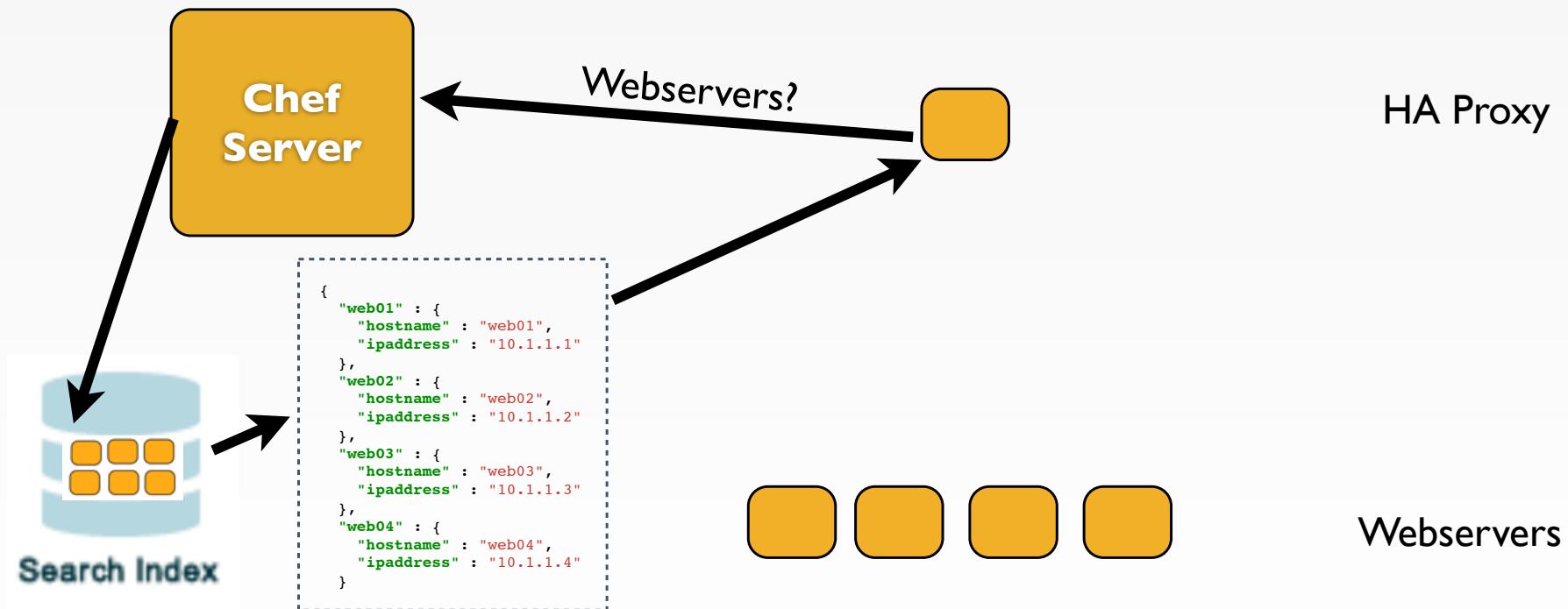
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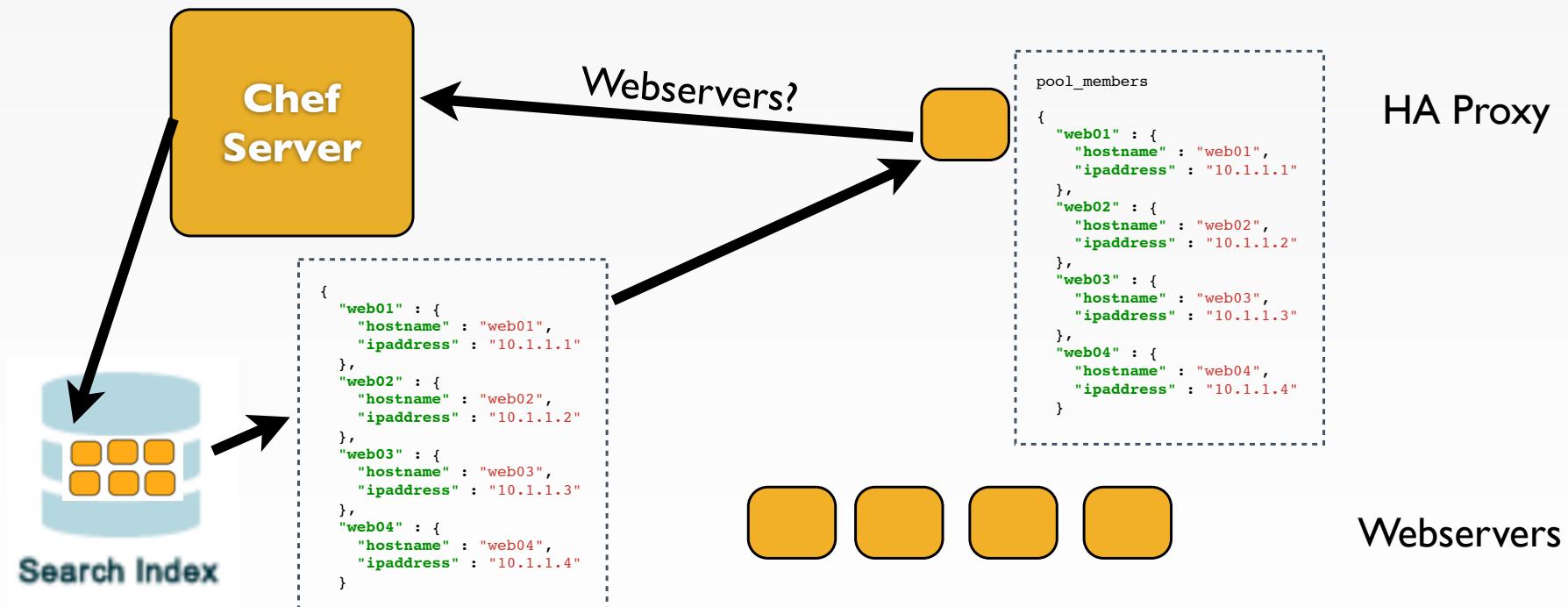
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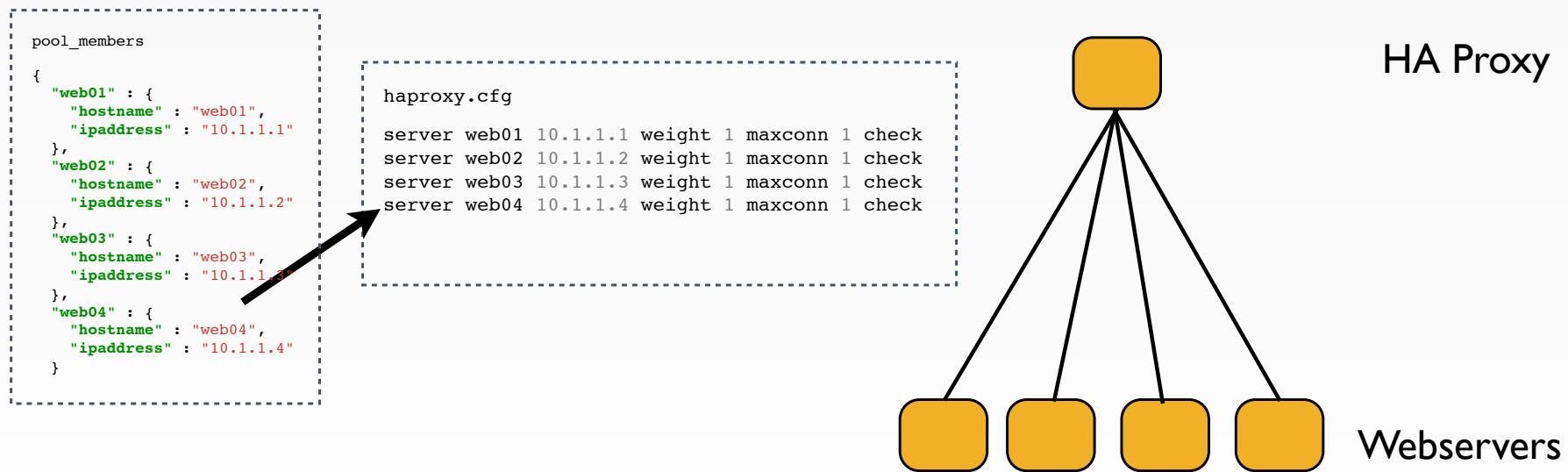
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# Building your policy

Resources and Recipes



# Resources

- Piece of the system and its desired state

# Resources - Package

Package that should be installed

```
package "mysql-server" do
  action :install
end
```



# Resources - Service

Service that should be running and restarted on reboot

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

# Resources - Service

File that should be generated

```
file "/etc/motd" do
  content "Property of Chef Software"
end
```



# Resources - Cron

Cron job that should be configured

```
cron "restart webserver" do
  hour '2'
  minute '0'
  command 'service httpd restart'
end
```

# Resources - User

User that should be managed

```
user "nginx" do
  comment "Nginx user <nginx@example.com>"
  uid 500
  gid 500
  supports :manage_home => true
end
```



# Resources - DSC

DSC resource that  
should be run

```
dsc_script 'emacs' do
  code <<-EOH
    Environment 'texteditor'
  {
    Name = 'EDITOR'
    Value = 'c:\\emacs\\bin\\emacs.exe'
  }
EOH
end
```

# Resources – Registry Key

Registry key that should be created

```
registry_key "HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\  
  \SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\Windows\\  
  \CurrentVersion\\Policies\\System"  
do  
  values [ {  
    :name => "EnableLUA",  
    :type => :dword,  
    :data => 0  
  } ]  
  action :create  
end
```

# Resources

- Piece of the system and its desired state
- <http://docs.chef.io/chef/resources.html>

# Lab – What does the cow say?

- **Problem:** Our workstation is boring, I love cows
- **Success Criteria:** Carry on a conversation with Henry



## What's up with the card?

- <http://bit.ly/chef-dfdc>
- Login: chef
- Password: [REDACTED]



# Login to your lab machine

```
$ ssh chef@54.164.75.30
```

```
The authenticity of host '54.165.227.226  
(54.165.227.226)' can't be established.  
RSA key fingerprint is c1:ec:ab:66:fb:22:4a:  
8f:c2:c5:9b:26:77:f3:dd:b3.  
Are you sure you want to continue connecting  
(yes/no)? yes  
Warning: Permanently added  
'54.165.227.226' (RSA) to the list of known  
hosts.  
chef@54.165.227.226's password:
```



# Welcome to your workstation

- ChefDK version 0.7.0 is installed
  - chef --version
- Chef user has passwordless sudo access
  - sudo cat /etc/shadow



# chef-apply

- chef-apply is an executable program that allows you to work with resources
- Is included as part of the ChefDK
- A great way to explore resources
- NOT how you'll eventually use Chef in production

# Install cowsay

```
$ sudo chef-apply -e "package 'cowsay'"
```

```
Recipe: (chef-apply cookbook) ::(chef-apply recipe)
* apt_package[cowsay] action install
  - install version 3.03+dfsg1-6 of package cowsay
```

# Say hello

```
$ cowsay "hello, devfest"
```

```
-----  
< hello, devfest >  
-----  
 \  ^__^  
  \  (oo)\_____  
   (__)\       )\/\  
     ||----w |  
     ||     ||
```

# Resources

- Describe the desired state
- Do not need to tell Chef how to get there
- What happens if you re-run the chef-apply command?

# Install cowsay again with chef-apply

```
$ sudo chef-apply -e "package 'cowsay'"
```

```
Recipe: (chef-apply cookbook) :: (chef-apply recipe)
* apt_package[cowsay] action install (up to date)
```

# Test and Repair

Resources follow a test  
and repair model

```
package "vim"
```



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Resources follow a **test** and repair model

package "vim"

**Test** Is vim installed?



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Yes

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Done

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Yes

Done

No

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Test Is vim installed?

Yes

Done

No

Install it

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Test Is vim installed?

Yes

Repair

Done

No

Install it

## Resources – Test and Repair

- Resources follow a test and repair model
- Resource currently in the desired state? (test)
  - Yes – Do nothing
  - No – Bring the resource into the desired state (repair)

# Resources

- package
- template
- service
- directory
- user
- group
- dsc\_script
- registry\_key
- powershell\_script
- cron
- mount
- route
- ...and more!



# Recipes

- Policy is defined as a collection of **resources** in **recipes**. There are lots of abstractions on top of this but **resources** are the basic building blocks.



# Test-driven Infrastructure

Change policy with confidence



# Our process

- Write policy
  - Apply policy
  - Verify policy
- 
- Not bad for the simple case, will quickly get untenable

# Faster Feedback

- Speed-up the feedback loops with automated testing.
- Have confidence in your changes before you run them in production

# Chef Testing

- Did chef-client complete successfully?
- Did the recipe put the node in the desired state?
- Are the resources properly defined?
- Does the code follow our style guide?

# Test-driving infrastructure

- We are going to use a relatively simple scenario
- We are going to explore many facets of testing
- We are going to follow a test-first, test-driven model

# Our Scenario

- We want a simple app deployed on a server.
- We will only have time to build some of it in today's workshop.
- You will leave with working code

# Create an apache cookbook

```
$ chef generate cookbook apache
```

```
Compiling Cookbooks...
```

```
Recipe: code_generator::cookbook
  * directory[/home/chef/chef-repo/cookbooks/apache] action create
    - create new directory /home/chef/chef-repo/cookbooks/apache
  * template[/home/chef/chef-repo/cookbooks/apache/metadata.rb] action
create_if_missing
    - create new file /home/chef/chef-repo/cookbooks/apache/metadata.rb
    - update content in file /home/chef/chef-repo/cookbooks/apache/
metadata.rb from none to 4c0e2d
      (diff output suppressed by config)
  * template[/home/chef/chef-repo/cookbooks/apache/README.md] action
create_if_missing
```



## Questions to ask when testing

- Did chef-client complete successfully?
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  - A target server running the same OS as production

# Test Kitchen

- Test harness to execute code on one or more platforms
- Driver plugins to allow your code to run on various cloud and virtualization providers
- Includes support for many testing frameworks
- Included with ChefDK



# Test Matrix

- Two operating systems

ubuntu-12.04
centos-6.4

# Test Matrix

- Two operating systems
- One recipe

	<b>default</b>
ubuntu-12.04	apache::default
centos-6.4	apache::default

# Test Matrix

- Two operating systems
- Two recipes

	default	ssl
ubuntu-12.04	apache::default	apache::ssl
centos-6.4	apache::default	apache::ssl

# Test Matrix

- Three operating systems
- Two recipes

	<b>default</b>	<b>ssl</b>
ubuntu-12.04	apache::default	apache::ssl
centos-6.4	apache::default	apache::ssl
ubuntu-14.04	apache::default	apache::ssl

# Configuring the Kitchen



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** cookbooks/apache/.kitchen.yml

```
---
driver:
  name: vagrant

provisioner:
  name: chef_zero

platforms:
  - name: ubuntu-12.04
  - name: centos-6.4

suites:
  - name: default
    run_list:
      - recipe[apache::default]
  attributes:
```

**SAVE FILE!**



# .kitchen.yml

- driver - virtualization or cloud provider

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# .kitchen.yml

- **provisioner** - application to configure the node

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# .kitchen.yml

- platforms - target operating systems

```
---
```

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```
    attributes:
```



# .kitchen.yml

- suites - target configurations

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```



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# .kitchen.yml

	default
ubuntu-12.04	apache::default
centos-6.4	apache::default

```
---
```

```
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```

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```

```
provisioner:
```

```
  name: chef_zero
```

```
platforms:
```

```
  - name: ubuntu-12.04
```

```
  - name: centos-6.4
```

```
suites:
```

```
  - name: default
```

```
    run_list:
```

```
      - recipe[apache::default]
```



# .kitchen.yml

	<b>default</b>	<b>ssl</b>
ubuntu-12.04	apache::default	apache::ssl
centos-6.4	apache::default	apache::ssl

```
---
```

```
driver:
```

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  name: vagrant
```

```
provisioner:
```

```
  name: chef_zero
```

```
platforms:
```

```
  - name: ubuntu-12.04
```

```
  - name: centos-6.4
```

```
suites:
```

```
  - name: default
```

```
    run_list:
```

```
      - recipe[apache::default]
```

```
  - name: ssl
```

```
    run_list:
```

```
      - recipe[apache::ssl]
```



# .kitchen.yml

	default	ssl
ubuntu-12.04	apache::default	apache::ssl
centos-6.4	apache::default	apache::ssl
ubuntu-14.04	apache::default	apache::ssl

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suites:  
  - name: default  
    run_list:  
      - recipe[apache::default]  
  - name: ssl  
    run_list:  
      - recipe[apache::ssl]
```



# Move to the apache cookbook directory

```
$ cd ~/apache
```

# Update .kitchen.yml



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** .kitchen.yml

```
---
```

```
driver:
  name: docker
  use_sudo: false
```

```
provisioner:
  name: chef_zero
```

```
platforms:
  - name: ubuntu-14.04
```

```
suites:
  - name: default
    run_list:
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```

**SAVE FILE!**



# List the Test Kitchens

```
$ kitchen list
```

Instance	Driver	Provisioner	Verifier	Transport	Last Action
default-ubuntu-1404	Docker	ChefZero	Busser	Ssh	<Not Created>



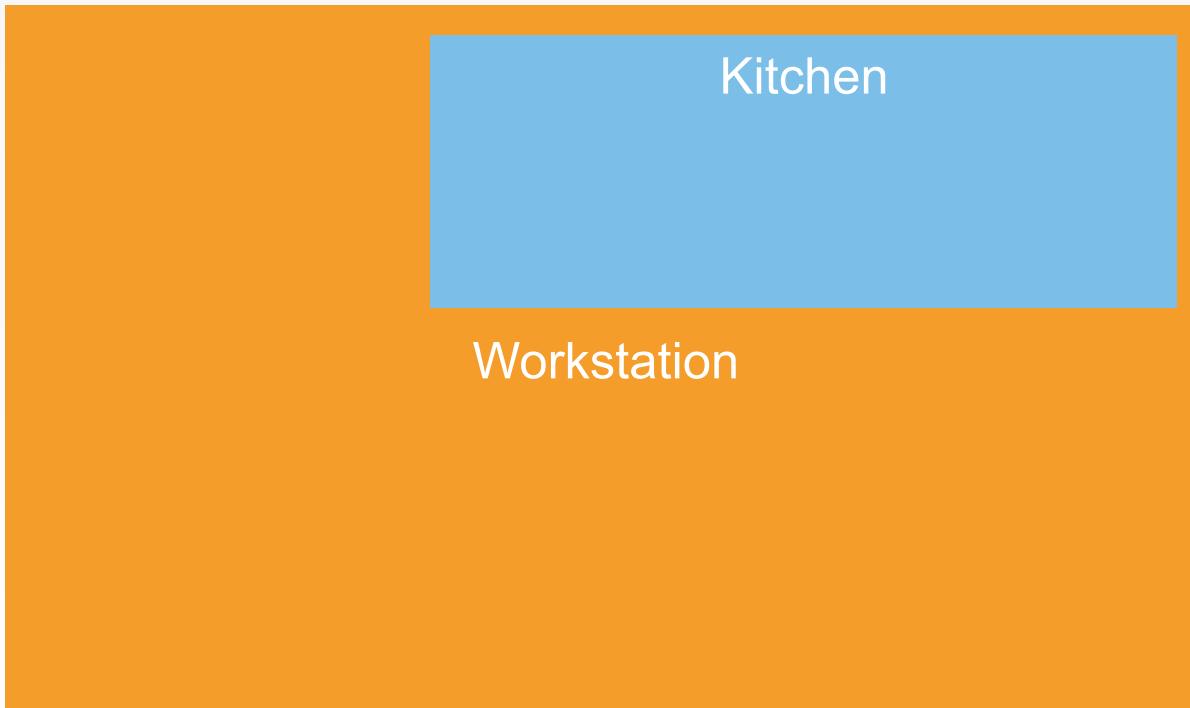
# Create the kitchen

```
$ kitchen create
```

```
----> Starting Kitchen (v1.4.2)
----> Creating <default-ubuntu-1404>...
      Sending build context to Docker daemon 57.34 kB
      Sending build context to Docker daemon
      Step 0 : FROM ubuntu:14.04
      ---> 91e54dfb1179
      Step 1 : RUN dpkg-divert --local --rename --add /sbin/initctl
      ---> Running in a2f331ff54cb
      Leaving 'local diversion of /sbin/initctl to /sbin/initctl.distrib'
      ---> abafd8b3362f
      Removing intermediate container a2f331ff54cb
      Step 2 : RUN ln -sf /bin/true /sbin/initctl
      ---> Running in 9973fb743c3d
```



# Kitchen created

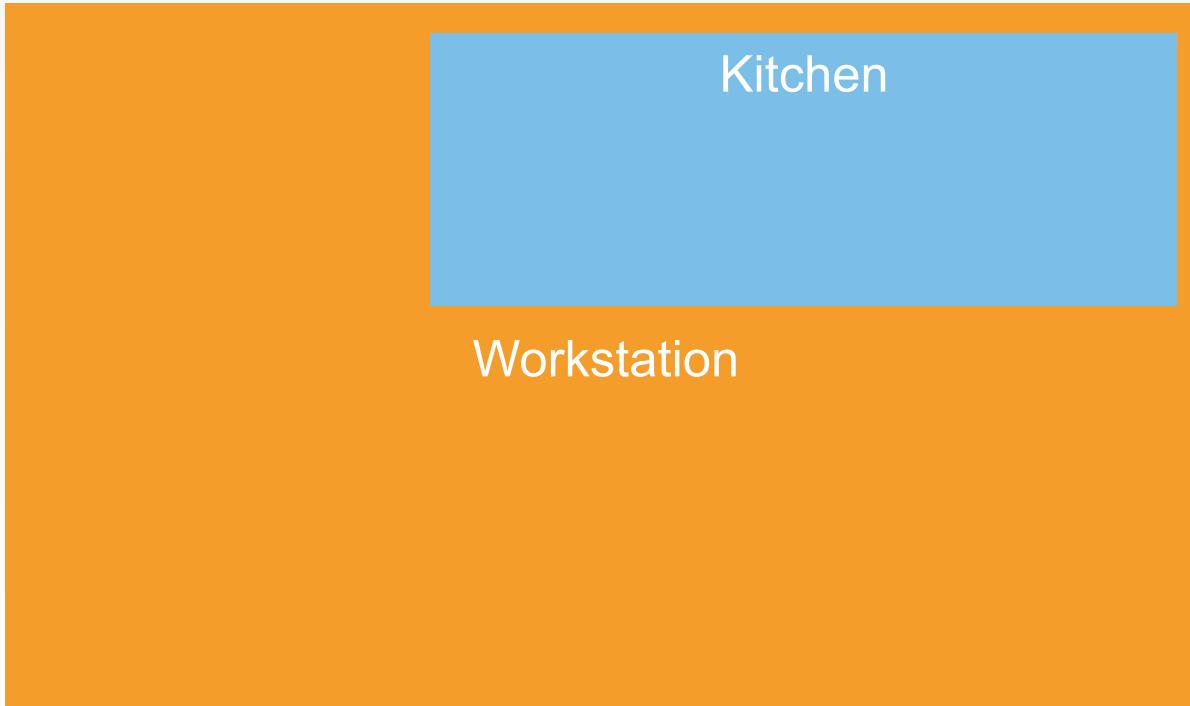


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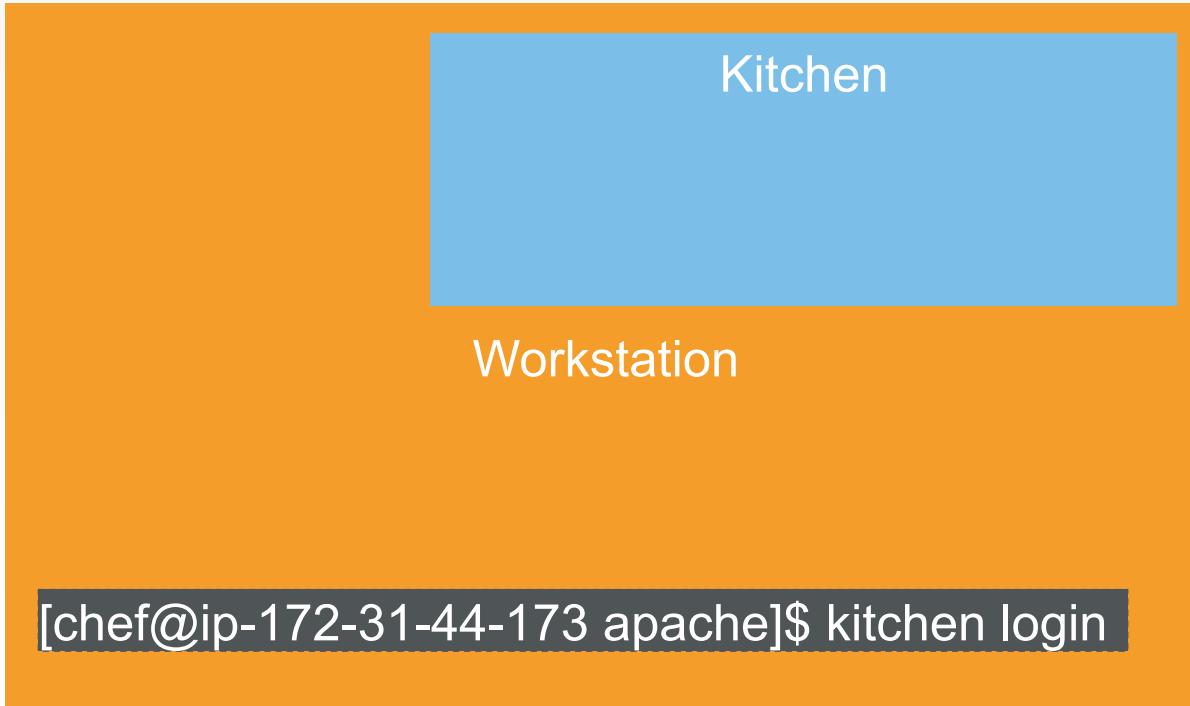
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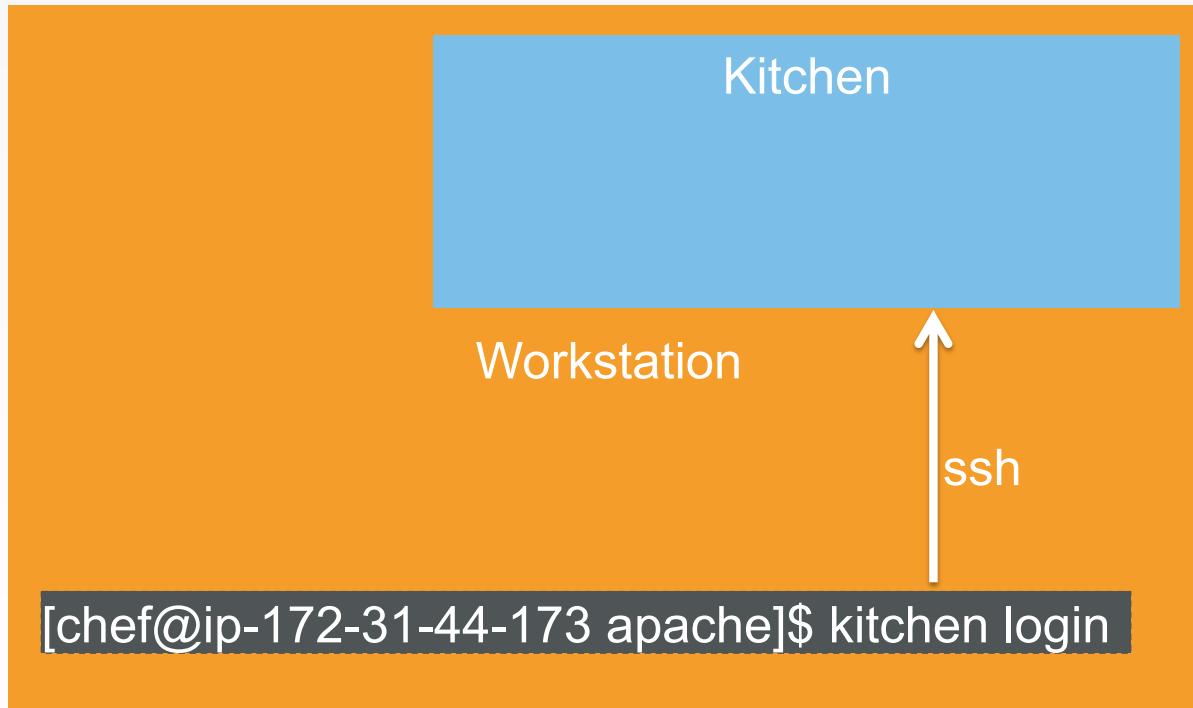
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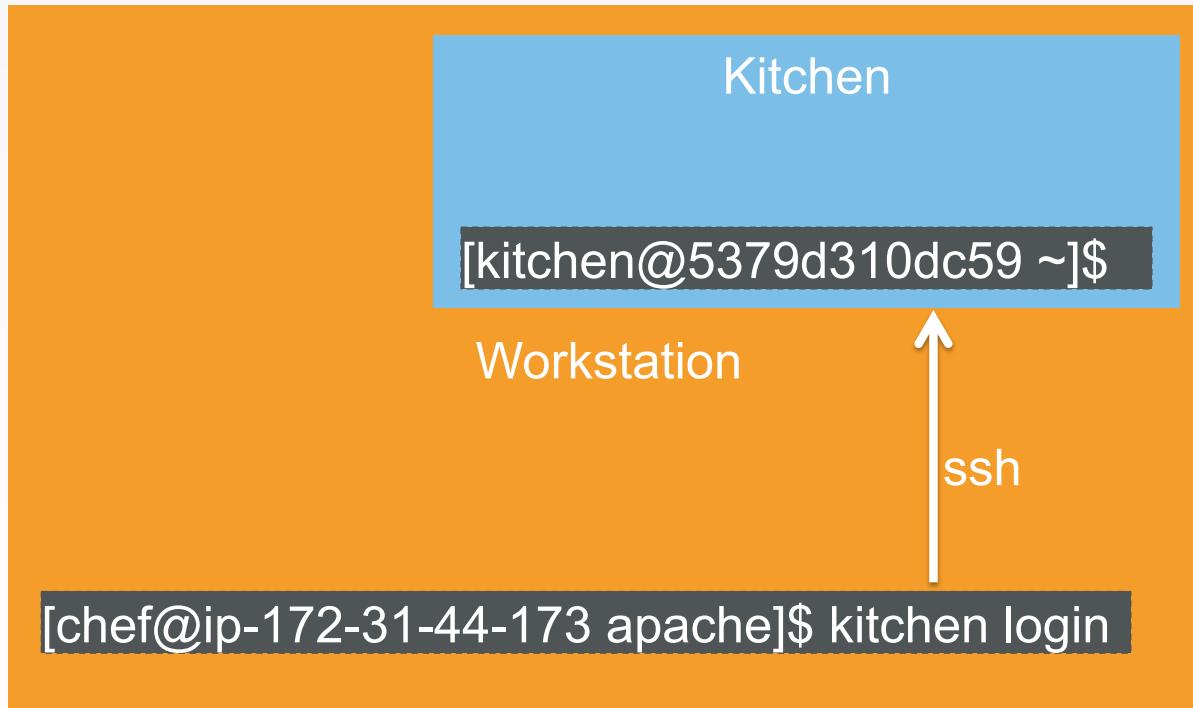
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## Lab – Apply our policy

- **Problem:** We have not applied our policy to the test environment.
- **Success Criteria:** The default apache recipe will be applied in the test environment

# Leave the kitchen

```
$ exit
```

```
logout
```

```
Connection to localhost closed.
```

# Go to the right place

```
$ cd ~/apache
```

# Apply our policy

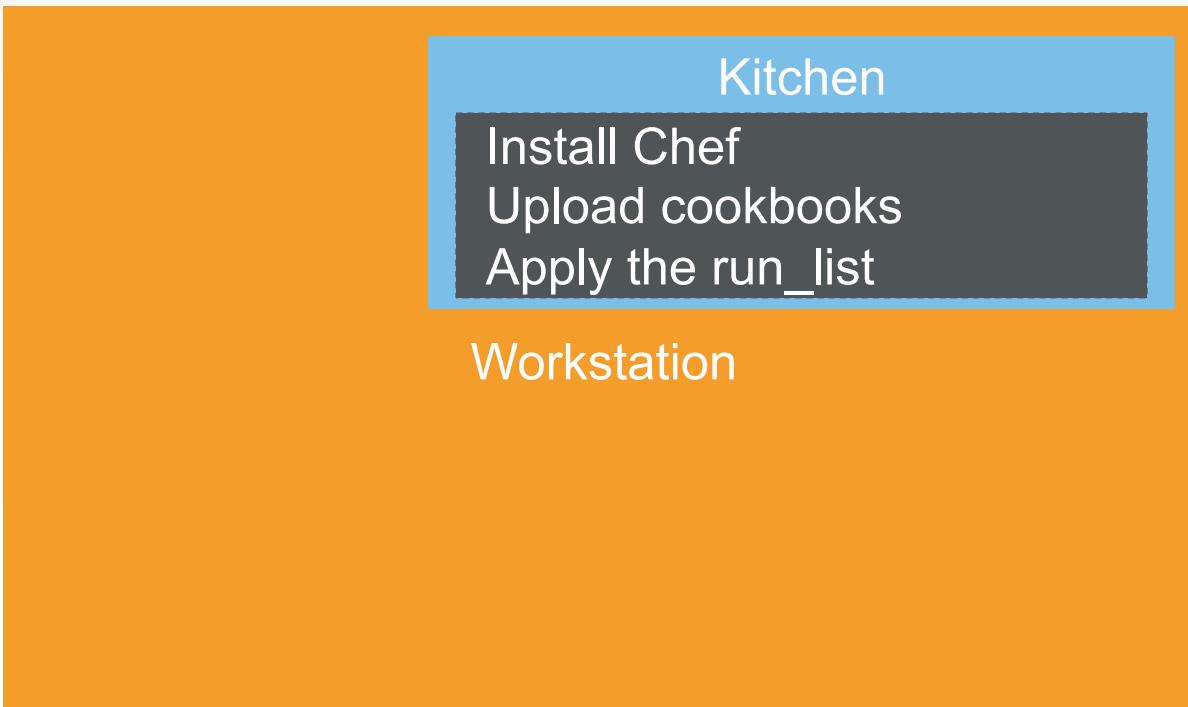
```
$ kitchen converge
```

```
----> Starting Kitchen (v1.4.2)
----> Converging <default-ubuntu-1404>...
$$$$$$ Running legacy converge for 'Docker' Driver
      Preparing files for transfer
      Preparing dna.json
      Resolving cookbook dependencies with Berkshelf 3.2.4...
      Removing non-cookbook files before transfer
      Preparing validation.pem
      Preparing client.rb
----> Installing Chef Omnibus (install only if missing)
      Downloading https://www.chef.io/chef/install.sh to file /tmp/install.sh

      Download complete.
      Downloading Chef for ubuntu...
```



# Kitchen converge



## Questions to ask when testing

- ✓ Did chef-client complete successfully?
- Did the recipe put the node in the desired state?
- Are the resources properly defined?
- Does the code following our style guide?



# Verifying node state

Serverspec



# Manually inspect the test node

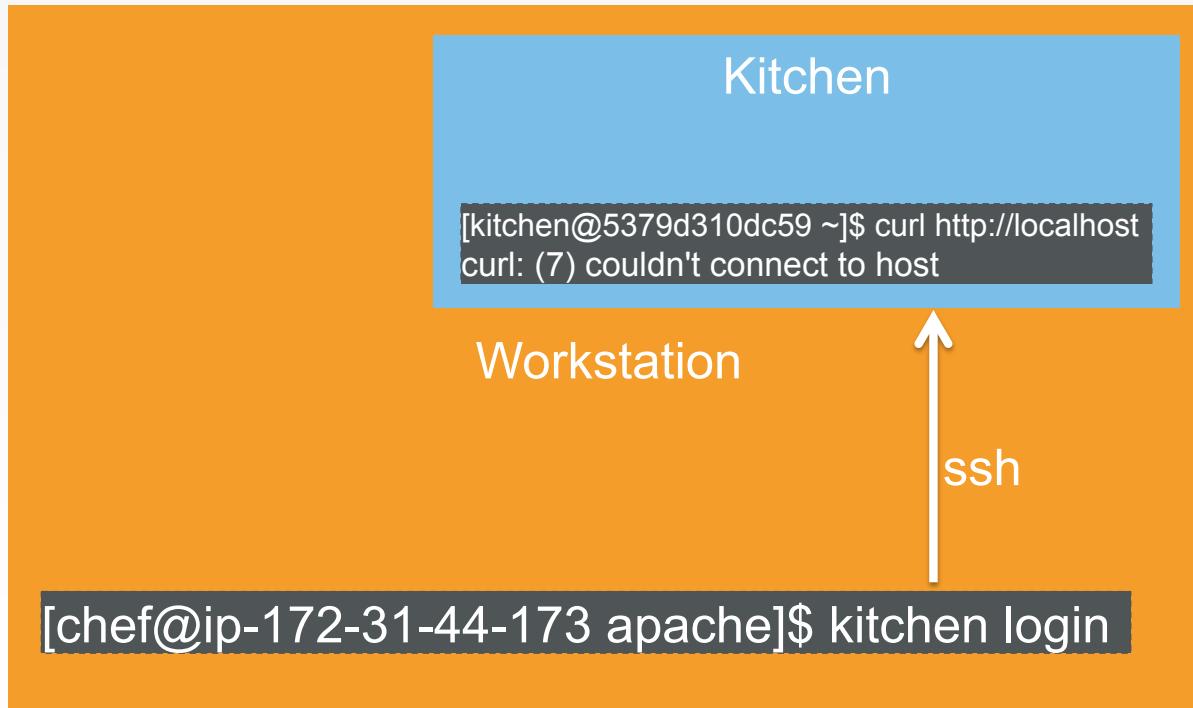
```
$ kitchen login
```

# Manually inspect the test node

```
$ curl http://localhost
```

```
curl: (7) couldn't connect to host
```

# Kitchen login



## Lab – Verify node state

- **Problem:** Manually verifying the state of the test node is tedious and error-prone.
- **Success Criteria:** The end state of the node is automatically tested.

# Serverspec

- Write tests to verify your servers
- Not dependent on Chef
- Defines many resource types
  - package, service, user, etc.
- Works well with Test Kitchen
- <http://serverspec.org/>



# Leave the Kitchen

```
$ exit
```

```
logout
```

```
Connection to localhost closed.
```



# Move to the proper directory

```
$ cd ~/apache
```

# Write a Serverspec test



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** `test/integration/default/serverspec/default_spec.rb`

```
require 'spec_helper'

describe 'apache::default' do

  # Serverspec examples can be found at
  # http://serverspec.org/resource_types.html

  it 'does something' do
    skip 'Replace this with meaningful tests'
  end

end
```

**SAVE FILE!**

# Generic Expectation Form

```
describe "<subject>" do
  it "<description>" do
    expect(thing).to eq result
  end
end
```

# Awesome Expectations



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** test/integration/default/serverspec/default\_spec.rb

```
require 'spec_helper'

describe "apache::default" do
  it "is awesome" do
    expect(true).to eq true
  end
end
```

**SAVE FILE!**



# Run the serverspec test

```
$ kitchen verify
```

```
-----> Running serverspec test suite
/opt/chef/embedded/bin/ruby -I/tmp/busser/suites/serverspec -I/tmp/
busser/gems/gems/rspec-support-3.1.2/lib:/tmp/busser/gems/gems/rspec-
core-3.1.7/lib /opt/chef/embedded/bin/rspec --pattern /tmp/busser/suites/
serverspec/\*\*/\* spec.rb --color --format documentation --default-path /
tmp/busser/suites/serverspec

apache::default
  is awesome

Finished in 0.02823 seconds (files took 0.99875 seconds to load)
1 example, 0 failures
Finished verifying <default-centos-64> (0m5.03s).
```

## How would you test our criteria?

- What would you test to make sure apache is running?

# Verify package is installed



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** [test/integration/default/serverspec/default\\_spec.rb](#)

```
require 'spec_helper'

describe "apache" do
  it "is awesome" do
    expect(true).to eq true
  end

  it "is installed" do
    expect(package("apache2")).to be_installed
  end
end
```

**SAVE FILE!**



# Exercise the test

```
$ kitchen verify
```

```
apache::default
  is awesome
  is installed (FAILED - 1)
```

Failures:

```
1) apache::default is installed
Failure/Error: expect(package 'apache2').to be_installed
expected Package "apache2" to be installed
/bin/sh -c dpkg-query\ -f\ \'\$\\{Status\\}\'\ \ -w\ apache2\ \|\ \
grep\ -E\ '\^\\(install\\|hold\\)\\' ok\ installed\$\\'
No packages found matching apache2.
```

# Test is failing, make it pass

- Test-driven development involves
  - Write a test to verify something is working
  - Watch the test fail
  - Write just enough code to make the test pass
  - Repeat

# Update our cookbook



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** `~/apache/recipes/default.rb`

```
package "apache2"
```

**SAVE FILE!**

# Converge the node again

```
$ kitchen converge
```

```
----> Starting Kitchen (v1.4.2)
----> Converging <default-ubuntu-1404>...
$$$$$ Running legacy converge for 'Docker' Driver
Preparing files for transfer
Preparing dna.json
Resolving cookbook dependencies with Berkshelf 3.2.4...
Removing non-cookbook files before transfer
Preparing validation.pem
Preparing client.rb
----> Chef Omnibus installation detected (install only if missing)
Transferring files to <default-ubuntu-1404>
Starting Chef Client, version 12.4.1
[2015-09-11T04:40:21+00:00] WARN: Child with name 'dna.json' found in multiple directories: /tmp/kitchen/dna.json and /tmp/kitchen/dna.json
resolving cookbooks for run list: ["apache::default"]
Synchronizing Cookbooks:
  - apache
Compiling Cookbooks...
Converging 1 resources
```



# Exercise the test

```
$ kitchen verify
```

```
apache
    is awesome
    is installed
```

```
    Finished in 0.48165 seconds (files took 1.05
seconds to load)
```

```
    2 examples, 0 failures
```

```
    Finished verifying <default-centos-64>
(0m5.64s).
```

```
----> Kitchen is finished. (0m11.84s)
```



## What else will you test?

- Is the service running?
  - Is the port accessible?
  - Is the expected content being served?
- 
- Make sure everything works from a fresh kitchen, too!

# Extend the Serverspec test



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** [test/integration/default/serverspec/default\\_spec.rb](#)

```
describe 'apache' do
  it "is installed" do
    expect(package 'apache2').to be_installed
  end

  it "is running" do
    expect(service 'apache2').to be_running
  end

  it "responds to http requests" do
    expect(command("curl http://localhost")).exit_status.to eq 0
  end
end
```

**SAVE FILE!**



# Verify the kitchen

```
$ kitchen verify
```

```
Failures:
```

- 1) apache::default is running

```
Failure/Error: expect(service 'apache2').to be_running
expected Service "apache2" to be running
/bin/sh -c service\ apache2\ status\ \&\&\ service\ apache2\ status\ \| grep\
'running'
Apache2 is NOT running.
```
- 2) apache::default responds to http requests

```
Failure/Error: expect(command("curl localhost").exit_status).to eq 0
expected: 0
got: 7
```

# Update our cookbook



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** `~/chef-repo/cookbooks/apache/recipes/default.rb`

```
package 'apache2'

service 'apache2' do
  action :start
end
```

**SAVE FILE!**

# Converge the node again

```
$ kitchen converge
```

```
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----> Converging <default-ubuntu-1404>...
$$$$$ Running legacy converge for 'Docker' Driver
Preparing files for transfer
Preparing dna.json
Resolving cookbook dependencies with Berkshelf 3.2.4...
Removing non-cookbook files before transfer
Preparing validation.pem
Preparing client.rb
----> Chef Omnibus installation detected (install only if missing)
Transferring files to <default-ubuntu-1404>
Starting Chef Client, version 12.4.1
[2015-09-11T04:42:17+00:00] WARN: Child with name 'dna.json' found in multiple directories: /tmp/kitchen/dna.json and /tmp/kitchen/dna.json
resolving cookbooks for run list: ["apache::default"]
Synchronizing Cookbooks:
  - apache
Compiling Cookbooks...
Converging 2 resources
Recipe: apache::default
```



# Verify the kitchen

```
$ kitchen verify
```

```
apache::default
  is awesome
  is installed
  is running
  responds to http requests
```

```
load)      Finished in 0.9764 seconds (files took 1.22 seconds to
           4 examples, 0 failures
```

```
           Finished verifying <default-ubuntu-1204> (0m9.78s).
-----> Kitchen is finished. (0m11.23s)
```



# Kitchen Workflow

- kitchen create
- kitchen converge
- kitchen verify
- kitchen destroy
- All at once with kitchen test

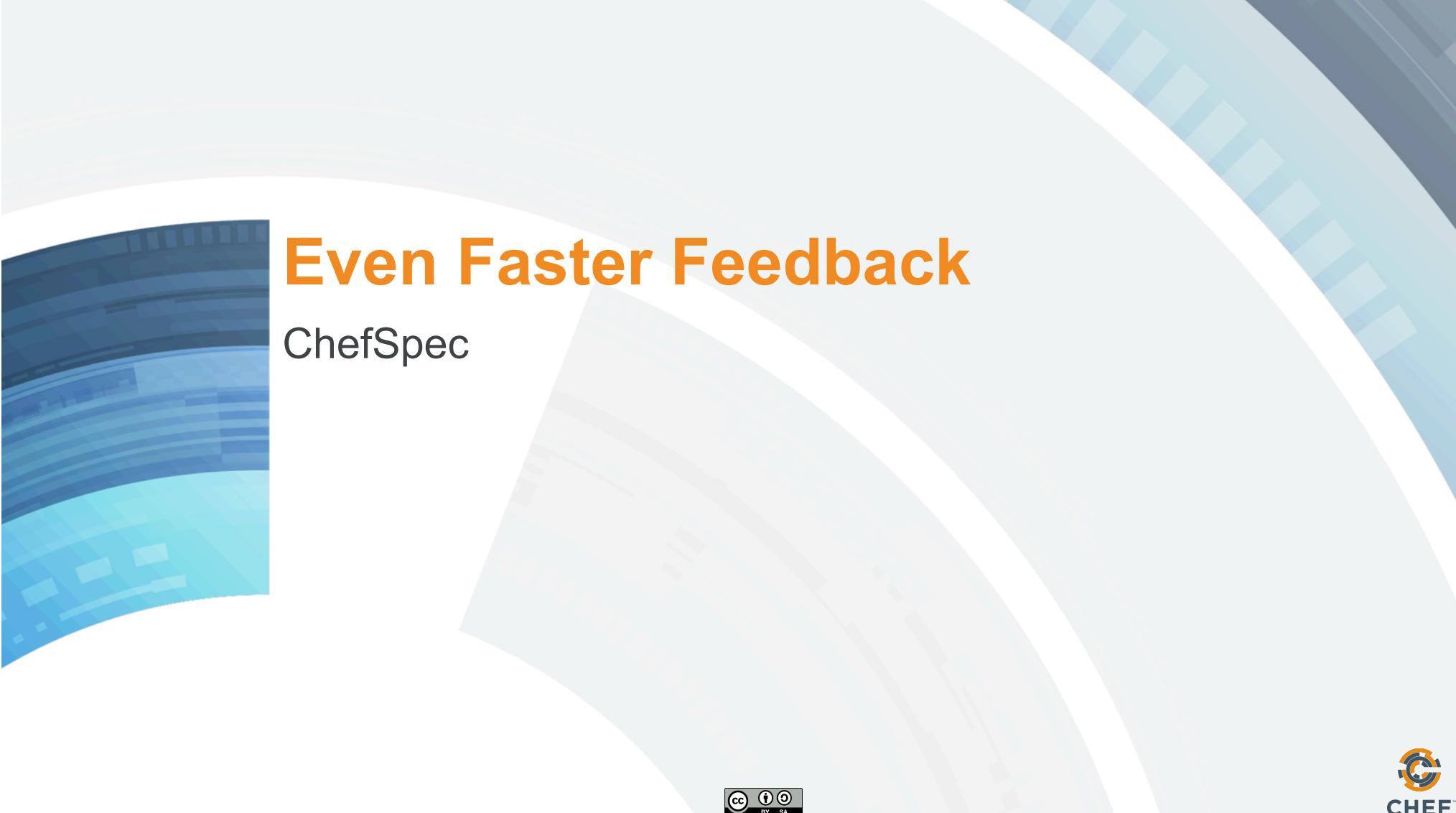
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# Even Faster Feedback

ChefSpec



# Chef Testing

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# This is too slow!

- To test our code, we need to spin up a test kitchen, converge a node, execute some tests.
- Our simple test case takes about 2 minutes to fully execute.

# Properly configured resources

- We need a way to verify that the resources in our recipes are properly configured
- We want to get faster feedback

## Lab – Verify the resources

- **Problem:** We should be able to catch errors before we need to converge a node
- **Success Criteria:** Catch a typo prior to converge

# ChefSpec

- Test before you converge
- Get feedback on cookbook changes without the need for target servers



## ChefSpec

gem v4.2.0 build passing

ChefSpec is a unit testing framework for testing Chef cookbooks. ChefSpec makes it easy to write examples and get fast feedback on cookbook changes without the need for virtual machines or cloud servers.

ChefSpec runs your cookbook(s) locally with Chef Solo without actually converging a node. This has two primary benefits:

- It's really fast!
- Your tests can vary node attributes, operating systems, and search results to assert behavior under varying conditions.

<http://sethvargo.github.io/chefspec/>



# Change to the apache cookbook directory

```
$ cd ~/apache
```

# Write a ChefSpec test



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** spec/unit/recipes/default\_spec.rb

```
require 'spec_helper'

describe 'apache::default' do

  context 'When all attributes are default, on an unspecified platform' do

    let(:chef_run) do
      runner = ChefSpec::ServerRunner.new
      runner.converge(described_recipe)
    end

    it 'converges successfully' do
      expect { chef_run }.to_not raise_error
    end
  end
end
```

**SAVE FILE!**



# Write a ChefSpec test



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** spec/unit/recipes/default\_spec.rb

```
describe 'apache::default' do
  context 'When all attributes are default, on an unspecified platform' do

    let(:chef_run) do
      runner = ChefSpec::ServerRunner.new
      runner.converge(described_recipe)
    end

    it 'converges successfully' do
      chef_run # This should not raise an error
    end

    it 'installs apache' do
      expect(chef_run).to install_package 'apache2'
    end
  end
end
```

**SAVE FILE!**



# Run the ChefSpec tests

```
$ rspec spec -fd -c
```

```
apache::default
```

```
  When all attributes are default, on an unspecified platform  
    converges successfully  
    installs apache
```

```
Finished in 0.36297 seconds (files took 2.75 seconds to load)  
2 examples, 0 failures
```

# Break the cookbook



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** recipes/default.rb

```
package "apache"
```

```
service "apache2" do
  action :start
end
```

**SAVE FILE!**

# Run the ChefSpec tests

```
$ rspec spec -fd -c
```

```
apache::default
  When all attributes are default, on an unspecified platform
    converges successfully
      installs apache (FAILED - 1)
```

```
Failures:
```

```
1) apache::default When all attributes are default, on an unspecified platform installs apache
Failure/Error: expect(chef_run).to install_package 'apache2'
expected "package[apache2]" with action :install to be in Chef run. Other package resources:
```

```
  package[apache]
```

```
# ./spec/unit/recipes/default_spec.rb:21:in `block (3 levels) in <top (required)>'
```

```
Finished in 0.35601 seconds (files took 2.52 seconds to load)
2 examples, 1 failure
```



# Fix the cookbook



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** recipes/default.rb

```
package "apache2"
```

```
service "apache2" do
  action :start
end
```

**SAVE FILE!**

# Run the ChefSpec tests

```
$ rspec spec -fd -c
```

```
apache::default
```

```
  When all attributes are default, on an unspecified platform  
    converges successfully  
    installs apache
```

```
Finished in 0.35496 seconds (files took 2.53 seconds to load)  
2 examples, 0 failures
```

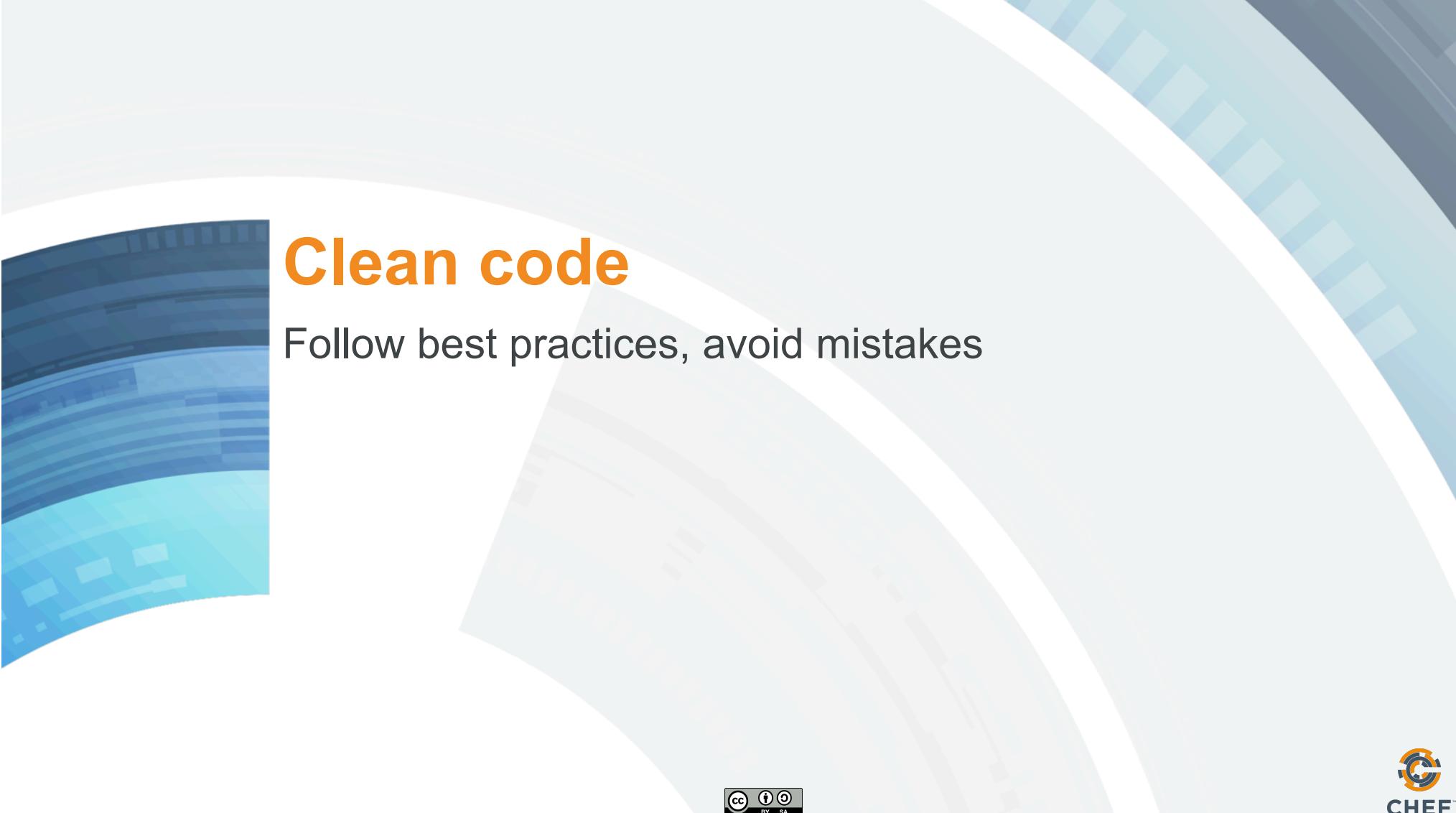
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# Clean code

Follow best practices, avoid mistakes



# Foodcritic

- Check cookbooks for common problems
- Style, correctness, deprecations, etc.
- Included with ChefDK



<http://www.foodcritic.io/>



# Change our recipe



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** recipes/default.rb

```
package_name = "apache2"
```

```
package "#{package_name}"
```

```
service "apache2" do
  action :start
end
```

**SAVE FILE!**

# Run Foodcritic

```
$ foodcritic .
```

```
FC002: Avoid string interpolation  
where not required: ./recipes/  
default.rb:8
```

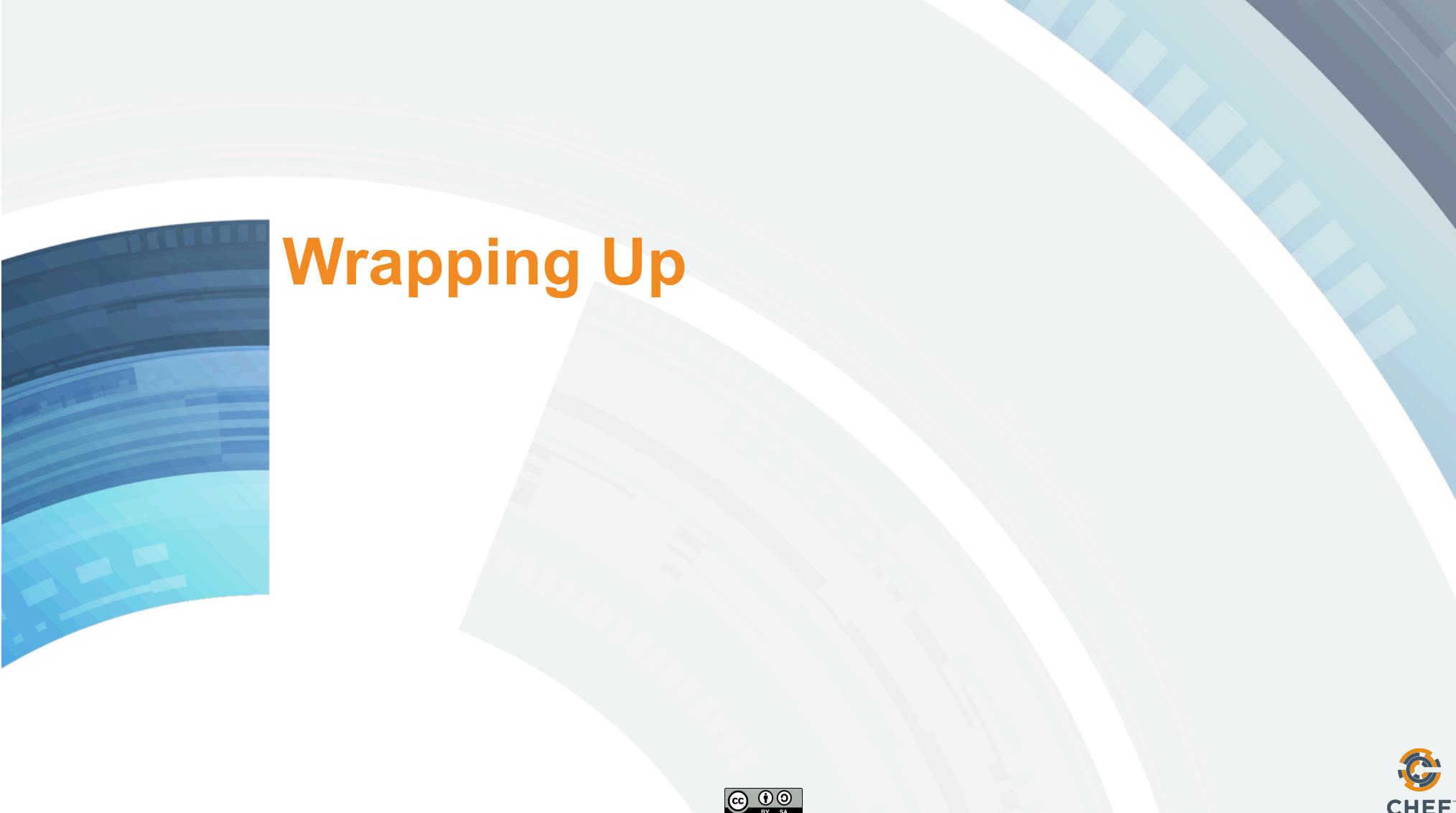
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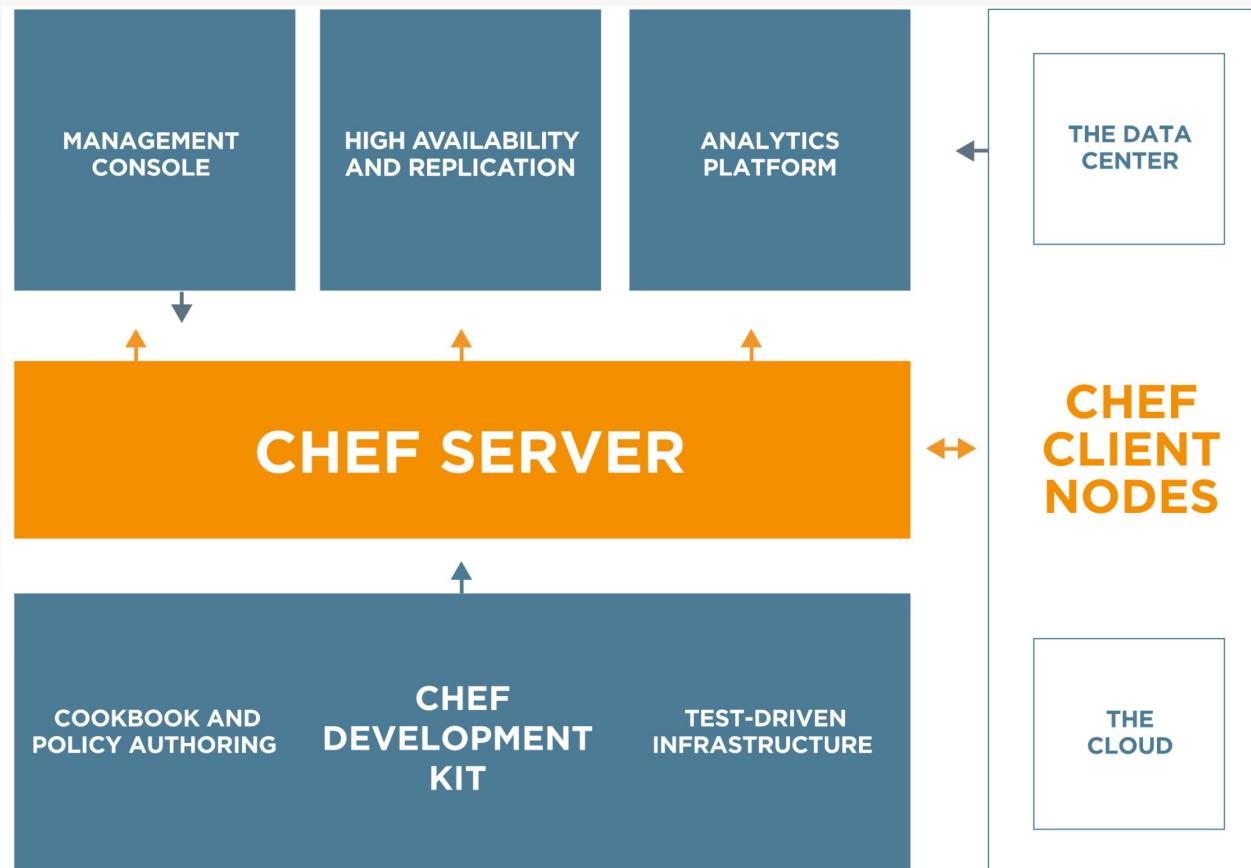




# Wrapping Up



# We've only scratched the surface



<https://www.chef.io/chef/>



# Build Anything

- Simple internal applications
- Complex external applications
- Workstations
- Hadoop clusters
- IaaS infrastructure
- PaaS infrastructure
- SaaS applications
- Storage systems
- You name it



<http://www.flickr.com/photos/hyku/245010680/>

# And Manage it Simply



<http://www.flickr.com/photos/helico/404640681/>

- Automatically reconfigure everything
- Linux, Windows, Unixes, BSDs
- Load balancers
- Metrics collection systems
- Monitoring systems
- Cloud migrations become trivial

# What questions do you have?

- Ask me anything!
- @nathenharvey
- Thank you!

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# Install a Simple Application

- Modify ~ / cookbooks / aar / recipes / default . rb
- cd ~ /
- sudo chef-client -z -r 'recipe[aar]'
- Open your workstation in a browser

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# Make your apache cookbook work on CentOS

- Add centos-7.1 to your .kitchen.yml
- Apache package name on CentOS – ‘httpd’
- Apache service name on CentOS – ‘httpd’

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# Audit Shell Shock

```
$ cd ~/cookbooks/audit-shell-shock
```

# Audit Shell Shock

```
$ kitchen converge
```

```
Shell Shock
  CVE-2014-6271
    is remediated
  CVE-2014-6277
    is remediated (FAILED - 1)
  CVE-2014-6278
    is remediated
  CVE-2014-7169
    is remediated
  CVE-2014-7186
    is remediated
  CVE-2014-7187
    is remediated

Failures:

1) Shell Shock CVE-2014-6277 is remediated
Failure/Error: expect(command("bash -c \"f() { x() { _; }; x() { _; } <<a; }\\" 2>/dev/null || echo vulnerable").stdout).not_to
contain(/vulnerable/)
expected "vulnerable\n" not to contain /vulnerable/
# /tmp/kitchen/cache/cookbooks/audit-shell-shock/recipes/default.rb:15:in `block (3 levels) in from_file'
```

