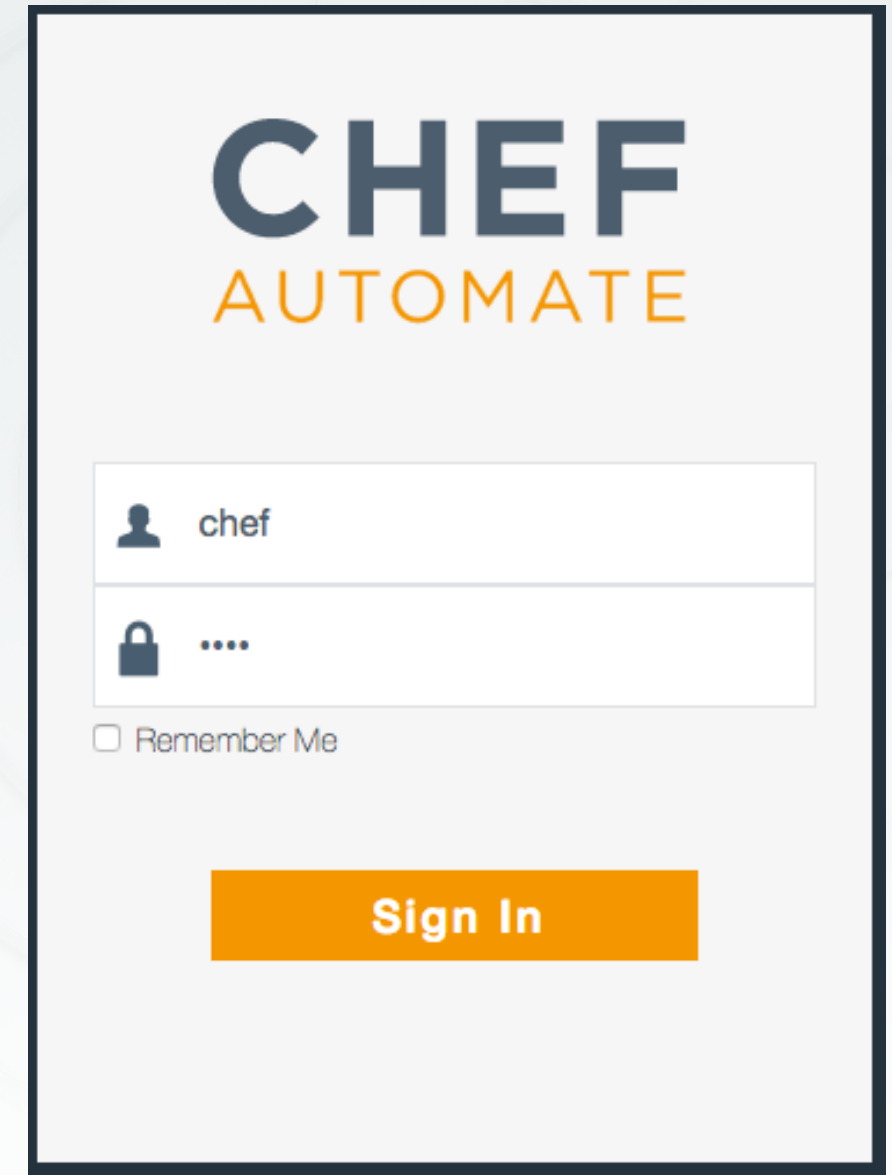


Continuous Compliance


Chef Automate and InSpec Profiles


Login to Chef Automate

- URL_OF_AUTOMATE_SERVER
- Uses a self-signed certificate in this lab
- Username: **chef**
- Password: **chef**

A screenshot of the Chef Automate login page. The page has a light gray background with a large, faint gear icon. At the top, the 'CHEF' logo is in dark blue and 'AUTOMATE' is in orange. Below the logo, there are two input fields: the first for the username 'chef' with a person icon, and the second for the password with a lock icon and four dots. Below these fields is a checkbox labeled 'Remember Me'. At the bottom, there is an orange 'Sign In' button.

CHEF
AUTOMATE

 chef



☐ Remember Me

Sign In

Browse to your node

The screenshot shows the Chef Automate dashboard. At the top, the 'CHEF AUTOMATE' logo is displayed in white and orange text on a dark blue background. To the right of the logo is a user profile icon and the text 'chef chef'. Below the header, there is a navigation bar with three tabs: 'Workflow', 'Nodes', and 'Admin'. The 'Nodes' tab is highlighted with an orange border, and an orange arrow points to it from the 'Converge Status' section. The main content area is divided into two main sections: 'Converge Status' on the left and 'Runner Activity' on the right. The 'Converge Status' section features a large green circular progress indicator with a server icon and the text 'Converge Status'. To its right, there are four metrics: 'FAILED NODES' with a red warning icon and '0', 'SUCCESSFUL NODES' with a green checkmark icon and '3', 'COOKBOOK CHANGES *' with an orange 'c' icon and '0', and 'WORKFLOW CHANGES *' with a purple 'w' icon and '0'. The 'Runner Activity' section features a large grey circular progress indicator with a gear icon and the text 'Runner Activity'. To its right, there are two metrics: 'ACTIVE RUNNERS' with a green play icon and '0', and 'IDLE RUNNERS' with a blue clock icon and '0'. At the bottom left, the text 'Workflow Activity' is visible. A small text '* over the past 8 hours' is located between the 'Workflow' and 'Nodes' tabs.

CHEF AUTOMATE

Workflow **Nodes** Admin

* over the past 8 hours

Converge Status

Converge Status

FAILED NODES 0

COOKBOOK CHANGES * 0

SUCCESSFUL NODES 3

WORKFLOW CHANGES * 0

Runner Activity

Runner Activity

ACTIVE RUNNERS 0

IDLE RUNNERS 0

Workflow Activity

Browse to your node

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------|----------|------------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| TOTAL NODES | | FAILED NODES | | SUCCESSFUL NODES | | MISSING NODES | |
| ● 3 | | ! 0 | | ✓ 3 | | ? 0 | |
| ▼ | | | | | | | |
| Converge | Node Name ▲ | Check-in ⚡ | Uptime ⚡ | Platform ⚡ | Environment ⚡ | | |
| ✓ | orange-2-of-hearts | 8 hours ago | a minute | centos | _default | | |
| ✓ | orange-3-of-hearts | 8 hours ago | a minute | centos | _default | | |
| ✓ | orange-4-of-hearts | 8 hours ago | a minute | centos | _default | | |

View details of your node

Node State > localhost | chef_solo | _default | **orange-3-of-hearts**

Converge Status

Compliance Status

orange-3-of-hearts

Run ID: a2c1e098-3c97-4818-8424-4e1f7cdf98f0

✓

The run succeeded on 03/10/2017 at 12:25 am. all resources ran successfully!

Run Progress
100%

RUN DURATION
12:25 AM - 12:25 AM

RUN INITIATOR
Not Available

RUN TYPE
Not Available

Uptime: a minute

Environment: _default

Platform(s): centos

FQDN: ip-172-31-44-200.us-west-2.compute.internal

IP Address: 172.31.44.200

Resources

Run List

Attributes

3/10/2017

1

0

1

<

✓


a few seconds

03/10/17 | 00:25:56 - 00:25:56

View details of your node



View details of your node



Search attributes...

| | | | | |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------|
| ALL 4,106 ▼ | DEFAULT 0 | NORMAL 0 | OVERRIDE 0 | AUTOMATIC 4,106 |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------|

⊕ Expand All | ⊖ Collapse All

+ "block_device" : { ... },
+ "chef_packages" : { ... },
+ "cloud" : { ... },
+ "cloud_v2" : { ... },
+ "command" : { ... },
+ "counters" : { ... },
+ "cpu" : { ... },
"current_user" : "chef",

101

 a few seconds
03/10/17 | 00:25:56 - 00:25:56

View details of your node



The node uses chef solo

Node State > localhost **chef_solo** _default | **orange-3-of-hearts**

Converge Status **Compliance Status**

orange-3-of-hearts | **Run ID:** a2c1e098-3c97-4818-8424-4e1f7cdf98f0

✓ The run succeeded on **03/10/2017** at **12:25 am**. all resources ran successfully!

| | | |
|--|---|--|
| A green circular progress indicator showing 100% completion. | RUN DURATION 12:25 AM - 12:25 AM | Uptime: a minute |
| | RUN INITIATOR Not Available | Environment: _default |
| | RUN TYPE | Platform(s): centos |
| | | FQDN: ip-172-31-44-200.us-west-2.compute.internal |

Chef Automate – Node View

- View aggregate status of your infrastructure
 - Overall & trend views of converge status
 - Overall & trend views of compliance status
 - Filter & search options
- View details of any node
 - Status of converged resources
 - Run List applied to the node
 - Attributes of the node



Chef Solo

Executes chef-client without relying on a Chef server to provide configuration policies (cookbooks, environments, etc.)

https://docs.chef.io/chef_solo.html

Chef Solo

- Local directory for configuration policy
 - Or a URL from which a **.tar.gz** file can be downloaded
- Node objects stored as a local JSON file
- Attribute data stored in a JSON file
 - Local or remote
- Does not pull from a Chef Server
- Can be configured to send data to a Chef Server

Chef Client – Local Mode

Local mode is a way to run the chef-client against the chef-repo on a local machine as if it were running against the Chef server.

https://docs.chef.io/ctl_chef_client.html#run-in-local-mode

Go home



```
$ cd ~
```


Run chef-client in local mode



```
$ sudo chef-client --local-mode
```

```
[2017-03-10T14:05:49+00:00] INFO: Forking chef instance to converge...  
Starting Chef Client, version 12.18.31  
...  
Converging 0 resources  
[2017-03-10T14:05:51+00:00] INFO: Chef Run complete in 0.19413018 seconds  
  
Running handlers:  
[2017-03-10T14:05:51+00:00] INFO: Running report handlers  
Running handlers complete  
[2017-03-10T14:05:51+00:00] INFO: Report handlers complete  
Chef Client finished, 0/0 resources updated in 01 seconds
```

Check the converge status in Automate

_solo

_default

orange-3-of-hearts

ance Status

Run ID:

d6a741cd-f78e-4e4b-8f2b-ca11170ad6d7

2017 at 9:05 am.

all resources ran successfully!

RUN DURATION

9:05 AM - 9:05 AM

RUN INITIATOR

Uptime:

9 hours

Environment:

_default

Platform(s):

centos

Run History

3/10/2017

4

0

4

<

✓

a few seconds

03/10/17 | 09:05:51 - 09:05:51

✓

a few seconds

03/10/17 | 09:01:37 - 09:01:37

✓

a few seconds

03/10/17 | 08:56:16 - 08:56:16

Run with additional parameters

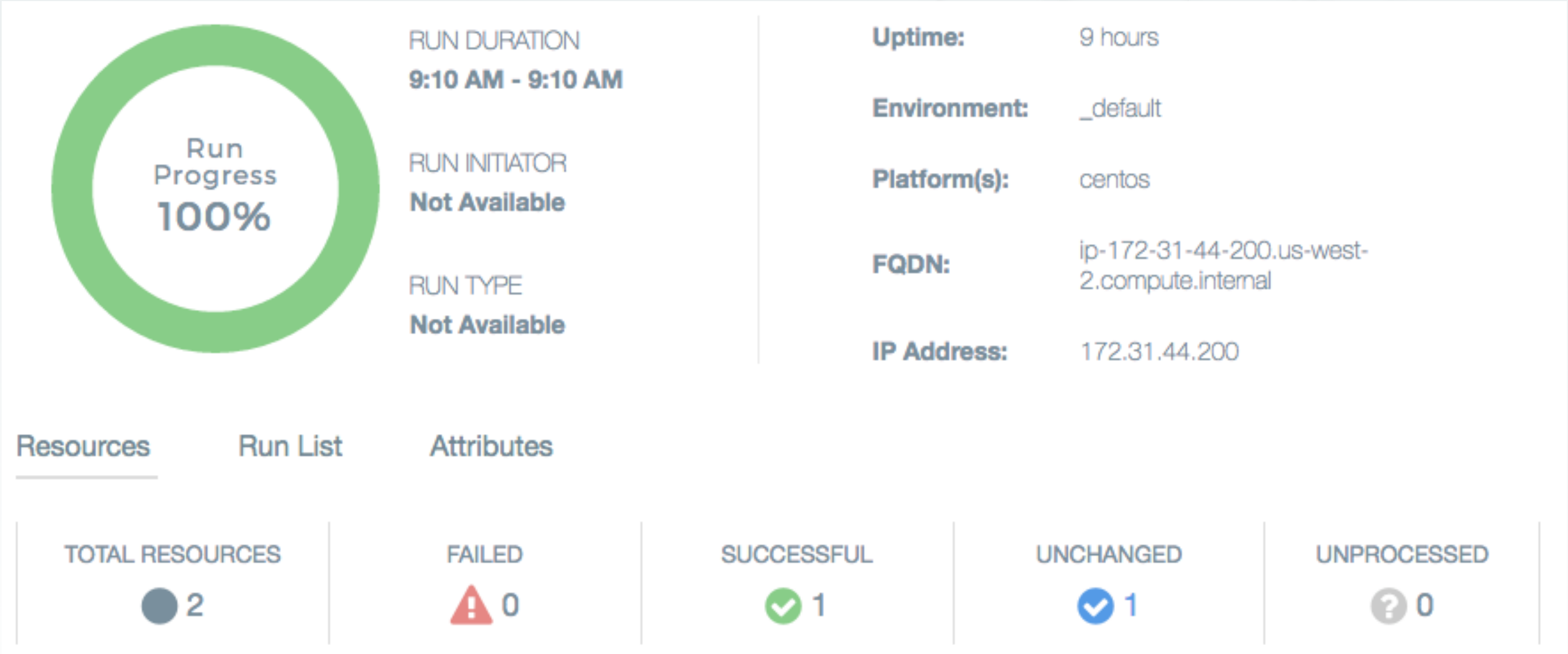


```
$ sudo chef-client --local-mode -j config.json -r "recipe[audit::default]"
```

```
[2017-03-10T14:10:34+00:00] INFO: Forking chef instance to converge...
Starting Chef Client, version 12.18.31
[2017-03-10T14:10:34+00:00] INFO: *** Chef 12.18.31 ***
...
[2017-03-10T14:10:40+00:00] INFO: Chef Run complete in 4.10402964 seconds

Running handlers:
[2017-03-10T14:10:40+00:00] INFO: Running report handlers
[2017-03-10T14:10:40+00:00] WARN: Format is json
[2017-03-10T14:10:40+00:00] INFO: Initialize InSpec
[2017-03-10T14:10:40+00:00] INFO: Running tests from: [{:name=>"ssh", :path=>"/home/chef/profiles/ssh"}]
[2017-03-10T14:10:40+00:00] INFO: Reporting to chef-visibility
...
Running handlers complete
[2017-03-10T14:10:40+00:00] INFO: Report handlers complete
Chef Client finished, 1/2 resources updated in 06 seconds
```

Check the converge status in Automate



Check the converge status in Automate

TOTAL RESOURCES

2

▼

FAILED

0

SUCCESSFUL

1

UNCHANGED

1

UNPROCESSED

0

| Status | Step | Type | Name | Action | Cookbook | View |
|-------------|------|----------|--------|---------|----------|------|
| <div></div> | 1/2 | chef_gem | inspec | install | audit | -- |
| <div></div> | 2/2 | chef_gem | inspec | install | audit | -- |

Check the compliance status in Automate

Converge Status

Compliance Status

orange-3-of-hearts

Scan ID: aca493c7-51d2-43f6-a72b-20517998195c

[view scan results](#)

⚠️

This node is uncompliant. Too many Critical and Major scored tests failed in the scan for this node to be deemed compliant. You can view the scan results below or [view JSON scan results](#).

Compliance Scores

SCAN DURATION
9:10 AM - 9:10 AM

SCAN TIME
a few seconds

SCAN INITIATOR
Scheduled

INSPEC VERSION
1.15.0

PROFILES SCANNED
1

PLATFORM(S)
not defined

1

⚠️ 1

✓ 0

❓ 0


⏪ ⚠️ a few seconds

03/10/17 | 09:10:39 - 09:10:40

Check the compliance status in Automate


| TOTAL CONTROLS | | CRITICAL CONTROLS | | MAJOR CONTROLS | | MINOR CONTROLS | | COMPLIANT CONTROLS | | SKIPPED CONTROLS | |
|-------------------|-------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------|---------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--|
| <div>● 1</div> | | <div>✖ 1</div> | | <div>⚠ 0</div> | | <div>! 0</div> | | <div>✓ 0</div> | | <div>? 0</div> | |
| <div>▼</div> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Status | Score | Control | Profile | Failed | | | Skipped | Passed | Details | | |
| <div>✖</div> | 0.7 | SSH Version 2 | SSH Configuration | 1 | | | 0 | 0 | details | | |

View details of the failing control

0.7SSH Version 2SSH Configuration100[details](#)

Description:
Only SSH version 2 should be enabled

Scan Results**Additional Information**

| Status | Message | Start Time | Run Time |
|---|--|----------------------|---------------|
|  | SSH Configuration Protocol should cmp == 2 | 03/10/2017 9:10 AM | a few seconds |

View details of the failing control

Only SSH version 2 should be enabled

Scan Results **Additional Information**

Control:

```
control 'sshd-1.0' do
  impact 0.7
  title 'SSH Version 2'
  desc 'Only SSH version 2 should be enabled'
  describe sshd_config do
    its('Protocol') { should cmp 2 }
  end
end
```

Tags:

No Tags Listed

References:

No References Listed

Review the set-up

tying it all together

Go home



```
$ cd ~
```

List contents



```
$ ls
```

```
Berksfile      config.json  firstname-lastname  profiles  
Berksfile.lock cookbooks    nodes
```


List cookbooks



```
$ ls cookbooks
```

```
audit  compat_resource
```

Audit Cookbook

- Install InSpec
- Run InSpec profiles
- Report results to Chef Compliance or ChefVisibility

Compat Resource Cookbook

- Adds functionality introduced in the latest chef-client releases to any chef-client from 12.1 onwards.
- Includes
 - Custom Resource functionality
 - notification improvements
 - new resources added to core chef
- Allows for these new resources in cookbooks without requiring the very latest Chef client release.

config.json



```
$ cat config.json
```

```
{
  "audit": {
    "collector": "chef-visibility",
    "inspec_version": "1.15.0",
    "profiles": [
      {
        "name": "ssh",
        "path": "/home/chef/profiles/ssh"
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

Local Profiles



```
$ tree profiles
```

```
profiles/  
├── ssh  
│   ├── controls  
│   │   └── ssh.rb  
│   ├── inspec.lock  
│   └── inspec.yml
```

```
2 directories, 3 files
```

Run Locally with InSpec



```
$ inspec exec profiles/ssh
```

```
Profile: SSH Configuration (ssh)
```

```
Version: 0.1.0
```

```
Target: local://
```

```
× sshd-1.0: SSH Version 2 (  
  expected: 2  
    got:
```

```
(compared using `cmp` matcher)  
)
```

```
× SSH Configuration Protocol should cmp == 2
```

```
expected: 2  
  got:
```

```
(compared using `cmp` matcher)
```

```
Profile Summary: 0 successful, 1 failures, 0 skipped
```

```
Test Summary: 0 successful, 1 failures, 0 skipped
```

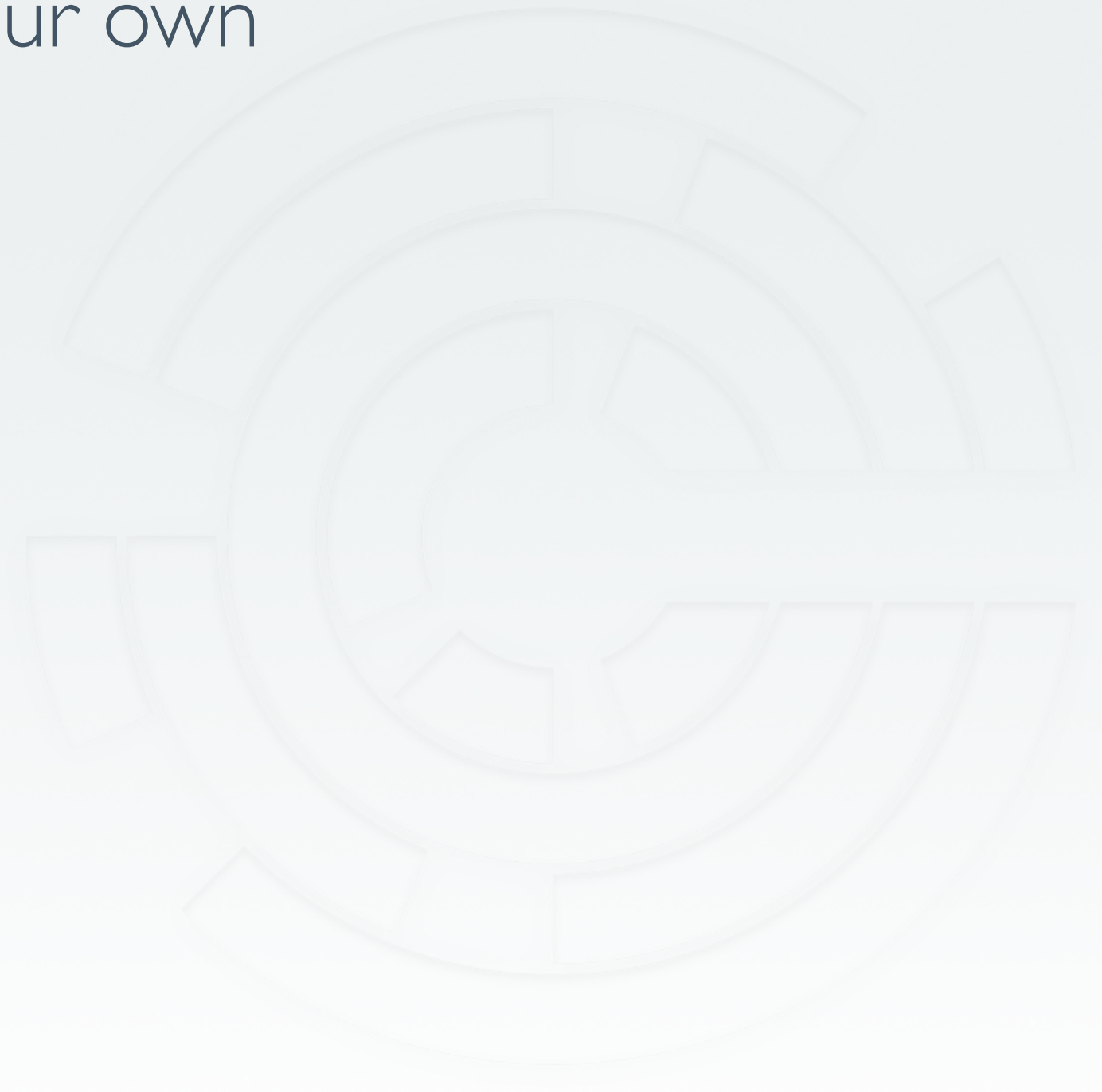

Next Steps

- Remediate the failing control
- Run the audit cookbook to verify the remediation
- View the compliant node in Automate

Remediate the Failing Control

Fix your ssh configuration on your own

- Write a cookbook to manage SSH
- Manually update the SSH configuration



Verify Compliance Status in Automate

orange-3-of-hearts

Scan ID: 3cd9e8e3-d75b-42e7-83cc-0f79c32183df

[view scan results](#)

✓ This node is compliant.



SCAN DURATION
11:48 AM - 11:48 AM

SCAN TIME
a few seconds

SCAN INITIATOR
Scheduled

INSPEC VERSION
1.15.0

PROFILES SCANNED
1

PLATFORM(S)
not defined

Verify Compliance Status in Automate

TOTAL
CONTROLS

●

1

▼

CRITICAL
CONTROLS

✖

0

MAJOR
CONTROLS

⚡

0

MINOR
CONTROLS

!

0

COMPLIANT
CONTROLS

✓

1

SKIPPED
CONTROLS

?

0

| Status | Score | Control | Profile | Failed | Skipped | Passed | Details |
|--------------|-------|---------------|-------------------|--------|---------|--------|-------------------------|
| <div>✓</div> | 0.7 | SSH Version 2 | SSH Configuration | 0 | 0 | 1 | details |