



Introduction to Chef

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Prerequisites

- Install Chef DK - downloads.getchef.com/chef-dk
- Have an ssh client
- Have a good text editor (Atom, Sublime, vim, emacs)
- Git & GitHub Account (Optional)



Introductions

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- Travis Spaulding
- YOU ☺

Hello!

- System Administrator?

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- Developer?

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- Business Person?

Which version control system do you use?

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Are you experienced?

- Experience with Infrastructure as Code or Configuration Management?

Are you experienced?

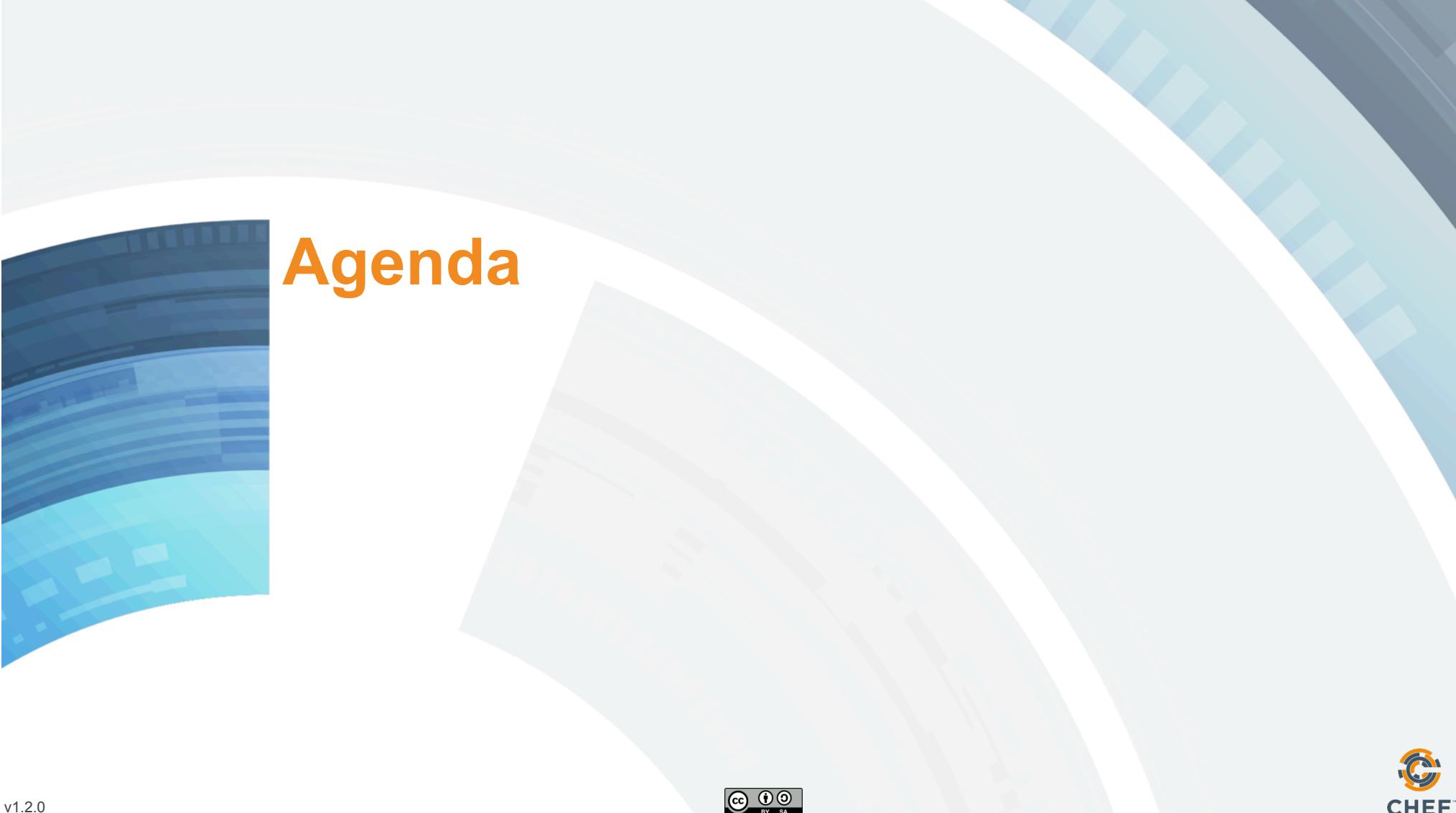
- Experience with Infrastructure as Code or Configuration Management?
- Experience with Chef?

Just an Introduction

- Today is just an Introduction to Chef
- We'll cover lots of topics but won't go too deep on any of them
- Any discussion that takes us too far off the path will be captured
- We will return to these topics as time permits

Class Logistics

- Streaming LIVE to YouTube via Google+ Hangout
- Slides in the GitHub repository
- Code will be added to GitHub as we go
- But...we have a social contract...



Agenda



Agenda

- Overview of Chef
- Resources
- Recipes
- Cookbooks
- Ensuring desired state
- Infrastructure State
- Faster Feedback with Testing
- Wrap Up



Breaks!

- We'll take breaks when we need them
- We will break for lunch, but lunch is not provided

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Slides, Code, Questions, etc.

- github.com/nathenharvey/surge_introduction_to_chef
- Slides are available now (subject to change)
- Code will be added as we go
- Submit PRs for any questions or topics that you'd like to see covered





Building your policy

Resources and Recipes

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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>

What's up with the card?

- <http://bit.ly/chef-surge2015>

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

Lab – What does the cow say?

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



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)
* yum_package[cowsay] action install
  - install version 3.03-8.2.amzn1 of package cowsay
```

Say hello

```
$ cowsay "hello, surge"
```

```
-----  
< hello, surge>  
-----  
 \  ^__^  
  \  (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)
* yum_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?

Test and Repair

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package "vim"

Test Is vim installed?

Yes

Test and Repair

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package "vim"

Test Is vim installed?

Yes

Done

Test and Repair

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Test Is vim installed?

Yes

Done

No

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package "vim"

Test Is vim installed?

Yes

Done

No

Install it

Test and Repair

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package "vim"

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.



Recipes

Collection of resources

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Lab 2 – Serve our homepage

- **Problem:** We need a web server configured to serve up our home page
- **Success Criteria:** We see our home page in a web browser

What is our desired state?

- We see our home page in a web browser

What is required to meet this state?

- What resources will we need?

Recipe

- Collection of resources
- Recipes can:
 - Install and configure software components
 - Manage files
 - Deploy applications
 - Execute other recipes
 - And more...

Create learnchef/lab2 directory

```
$ mkdir -p ~/learnchef/lab2
```

Move to the learnchef/lab2 directory

```
$ cd ~/learnchef/lab2
```

Is there a web server?

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

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

Write a recipe for apache



OPEN IN EDITOR: `~/learnchef/lab2/apache.rb`

```
package 'apache2'
```

SAVE FILE!

Apply the apache recipe

```
$ sudo chef-apply apache.rb
```

```
Recipe: (chef-apply cookbook) :: (chef-apply recipe)
* apt_package[apache2] action install
  - install version 2.4.7-1ubuntu4.5 of package apache2
```

chef-apply a recipe

- Now we are using chef-apply on a recipe, or a collection of resources
- Success?

Is it working?

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

```
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN" "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
  <!--
    Modified from the Debian original for Ubuntu
    Last updated: 2014-03-19
    See: https://launchpad.net/bugs/1288690
  -->
  <head>
    <meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=UTF-8" />
    <title>Apache2 Ubuntu Default Page: It works</title>
```

Write a recipe for apache



OPEN IN EDITOR: `~/learnchef/lab2/apache.rb`

```
package 'apache2'

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

SAVE FILE!

The service resource

Actions

This resource has the following actions:

Action	Description
<code>:disable</code>	Use to disable a service.
<code>:enable</code>	Use to enable a service at boot.
<code>:nothing</code>	Default. Use to do nothing with a service.
<code>:reload</code>	Use to reload the configuration for this service.
<code>:restart</code>	Use to restart a service.
<code>:start</code>	Use to start a service (and keep it running until stopped or disabled).
<code>:stop</code>	Use to stop a service.

Resources

- Type (package, service, etc.)
- Name (“httpd”, “vim”, etc.)
- Actions
 - A description of the desired state of the resource
 - Defined as part of the resource
- Will the action always be executed?

Why did the package resource work?

Actions

This resource has the following actions:

Action	Description
<code>:install</code>	Default. Use to install a package. If a version is specified, use to install the specified version of a package.
<code>:upgrade</code>	Use to install a package and/or to ensure that a package is the latest version.
<code>:reconfig</code>	Use to reconfigure a package. This action requires a response file.
<code>:remove</code>	Use to remove a package.
<code>:purge</code>	Use to purge a package. This action typically removes the configuration files as well as the package. (Debian platform only; for other platforms, use the <code>:remove</code> action.)

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Apply the apache recipe

```
$ sudo chef-apply apache.rb
```

```
Recipe: (chef-apply cookbook) :: (chef-apply recipe)
 * apt_package[apache2] action install (up to date)
 * service[apache2] action start (up to date)
```

Is it working?

```
$ curl http://localhost
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```
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN" "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
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  <!--
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  -->
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Not there yet

- The web server is up and running
- The default home page is being displayed, not our home page

What resource should we use?

Resources: [About Resources](#) | [Common Functionality](#) — **Resources:** [apt_package](#) | [bash](#) | [batch](#) | [breakpoint](#) | [chef_gem](#) | [chef_handler](#) | [cookbook_file](#) | [cron](#) | [deploy](#) | [directory](#) | [dpkg_package](#) | [dsc_script](#) | [easy_install_package](#) | [env](#) | [erl_call](#) | [execute](#) | [file](#) | [gem_package](#) | [git](#) | [group](#) | [http_request](#) | [ifconfig](#) | [link](#) | [log](#) | [mdadm](#) | [mount](#) | [ohai](#) | [package](#) | [powershell_script](#) | [registry_key](#) | [remote_directory](#) | [remote_file](#) | [route](#) | [rpm_package](#) | [ruby_block](#) | [script](#) | [service](#) | [subversion](#) | [template](#) | [user](#) | [yum_package](#) | [windows_package](#) — **Single Page:** [Resources and Providers](#)

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File Resource

- Use the file resource to manage files that are present on a node, including setting or updating the contents of those files.

File Resource - Actions

Actions

This resource has the following actions:

Action	Description
<code>:create</code>	Default. Use to create a file. If a file already exists (but does not match), use to update that file to match.
<code>:create_if_missing</code>	Use to create a file only if the file does not exist. (When the file exists, nothing happens.)
<code>:delete</code>	Use to delete a file.
<code>:touch</code>	Use to touch a file. This updates the access (atime) and file modification (mtime) times for a file.

File Resource – content attribute

`content`

A string that is written to the file. The contents of this attribute will replace any previous content when this attribute has something other than the default value. The default behavior will not modify content.

Write a recipe for apache



OPEN IN EDITOR: `~/learnchef/apache.rb`

```
Package 'apache2'

service 'apache2' do
  action :start
end

file '/var/www/html/index.html' do
  content "<h1>hello world</h1>\n"
end
```

SAVE FILE!



Re-apply the recipe

```
$ sudo chef-apply apache.rb
```

```
-      </div>
-    </div>
-    <div class="validator">
-      <p>
-        <a href="http://validator.w3.org/check?uri=referer"></a>
-      </p>
-    </div>
-  </body>
-</html>
-
+<h1>hello world</h1>
```

Is it working?

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

```
<h1>hello world</h1>
```

Scenario testing

- System administrator logs in to the server and changes the file manually.

Change the home page



OPEN IN EDITOR: /var/www/html/index.html

```
<h1>Hello, You!</h1>
```

SAVE FILE!

Is it working?

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```
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```

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```

```
Recipe: (chef-apply cookbook)::(chef-apply recipe)
 * apt_package[apache2] action install (up to date)
 * service[apache2] action start (up to date)
 * file[/var/www/html/index.html] action create
   - update content in file /var/www/html/index.html from 681590
to cdf94d
   --- /var/www/html/index.html          2015-09-23
10:19:30.541649829 +0000
   +++ /var/www/html/.index.html20150923-12116-1kyd5rv
2015-09-23 10:19:36.076415999 +0000
@@ -1,2 +1,2 @@
-<h1>hello you</h1>
+<h1>hello world</h1>
```



Key Learning

- Do not manually change files that are being managed by Chef
- Changes always start in the code repository

Separating data from policy

- Storing the home page content directly in the recipe feels wrong
- We can manage that content separately using a different resource
 - cookbook_file
 - remote_file
 - template

Template resource

- An ERB template that is used to generate files based on the variables and logic contained within the template.

Problem!

- chef-apply is not capable of loading templates
- Templates do not belong in the recipe file
- It's time to graduate to chef-client and a cookbook



Cookbooks

Recipes and supporting files

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Cookbooks

- A cookbook is like a “package” for Chef configuration and policy
- Every cookbook will have a name & version
- A cookbook can contain
 - Recipes
 - Files & Templates
 - Data attributes
 - Libraries
 - And more...

Cookbooks

- Typically map 1:1 to a piece of software or functionality.
- For example
 - mysql
 - users
 - security
 - apache
 - ntp

Infrastructure as Code

- Package code into distributable units
- Version the code and the packages
- Separate data and policy
 - The web server should have a home page
 - The home page should have specific content

Lab 3 – Manage the homepage content separately

- **Problem:** Storing the home page content in the recipe is unmanageable
- **Success Criteria:** The home page is stored in it's own file

chef

- chef is an executable command line tool for
 - generating cookbooks, recipes, and other things that make up your Chef code
 - ensuring RubyGems are downloaded properly for your development environment
 - verifying that all the components are installed and configured correctly
- Included with ChefDK



Lab 3 – Manage the homepage content separately

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Lab 3 – Manage the homepage content separately

1. Create a chef-repo
2. Create an apache cookbook

What can chef generate?

```
$ chef generate --help
```

```
Usage: chef generate GENERATOR [options]
```

```
Available generators:
```

app	Generate an application repo
cookbook	Generate a single cookbook
recipe	Generate a new recipe
attribute	Generate an attributes file
template	Generate a file template
file	Generate a cookbook file
lwrp	Generate a lightweight resource/provider
repo	Generate a Chef policy repository



How do we generate a repo?

```
$ chef generate repo --help
```

```
Usage: chef generate repo NAME [options]
  -C, --copyright COPYRIGHT           Name of the copyright holder - defaults to 'The Authors'
  -m, --email EMAIL                  Email address of the author - defaults to 'you@example.com'
  -I, --license LICENSE             all_rights, apache2, mit, gplv2, gplv3 - defaults to all_rights
  -p, --policy-only                 Create a repository for policy only, not cookbooks
  -g GENERATOR_COOKBOOK_PATH,
    --generator-cookbook            Use GENERATOR_COOKBOOK_PATH for the code_generator cookbook
```



Lab 3 – Manage the homepage content separately

1. Create a chef-repo
2. Create an apache cookbook

Go home!

```
$ cd ~
```



Create a chef-repo

```
$ chef generate repo chef-repo -p
```

```
Compiling Cookbooks...
Recipe: code_generator::repo
* directory[/home/chef/chef-repo] action create
  - create new directory /home/chef/chef-repo
  - restore selinux security context
* template[/home/chef/chef-repo/LICENSE] action create
  - create new file /home/chef/chef-repo/LICENSE
  - update content in file /home/chef/chef-repo/LICENSE from none to dbclaf
    (diff output suppressed by config)
  - restore selinux security context
* cookbook_file[/home/chef/chef-repo/README.md] action create
  - create new file /home/chef/chef-repo/README.md
  - update content in file /home/chef/chef-repo/README.md from none to 767ead
    (diff output suppressed by config)
  - restore selinux security context
* cookbook_file[/home/chef/chef-repo/Rakefile] action create
```



Commit this chef-repo to git

```
$ cd chef-repo
```

Initialize repository

```
$ git init
```

```
Initialized empty Git repository  
in /home/chef/chef-repo/.git/
```

Commit this chef-repo to git

```
$ git add .
```



Commit this chef-repo to git

```
$ git commit -m "Initial chef-repo"
```

```
[master (root-commit) 6774a70] Initial chef repo
 11 files changed, 388 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)
 create mode 100644 .gitignore
 create mode 100644 LICENSE
 create mode 100644 README.md
 create mode 100644 Rakefile
 create mode 100644 certificates/README.md
 create mode 100644 cheftignore
 create mode 100644 config/rake.rb
 create mode 100644 cookbooks/README.md
 create mode 100644 data_bags/README.md
 create mode 100644 environments/README.md
 create mode 100644 roles/README.md
```



Lab 3 – Manage the homepage content separately

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Create an apache cookbook

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$ chef generate cookbook --help
```

```
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      -m, --email EMAIL                  Email address of the author - defaults to 'you@example.com'
      -I, --license LICENSE             all_rights, apache2, mit, gplv2, gplv3 - defaults to all_rights
      -g GENERATOR_COOKBOOK_PATH,       Use GENERATOR_COOKBOOK_PATH for the code_generator cookbook
      --generator-cookbook
```

Create an apache cookbook

```
$ cd cookbooks
```

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
    - restore selinux security context
  * 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 94785f
      (diff output suppressed by config)
    - restore selinux security context
  * template[/home/chef/chef-repo/cookbooks/apache/README.md] action create_if_missing
    - create new file /home/chef/chef-repo/cookbooks/apache/README.md
    - update content in file /home/chef/chef-repo/cookbooks/apache/README.md from none to 5c3d3a
      (diff output suppressed by config)
    - restore selinux security context
  * cookbook_file[/home/chef/chef-repo/cookbooks/apache/chefignore] action create
    - create new file /home/chef/chef-repo/cookbooks/apache/chefignore
    - update content in file /home/chef/chef-repo/cookbooks/apache/chefignore from none to 9727b1
      (diff output suppressed by config)
    - restore selinux security context
  * cookbook_file[/home/chef/chef-repo/cookbooks/apache/Berksfile] action create_if_missing
```



Create new git repo for this cookbook

```
$ cd apache
```

Create new git repo for this cookbook

```
$ git init
```

```
Initialized empty Git repository  
in /home/chef/chef-repo/cookbooks/  
apache/.git/
```

Commit the initial cookbook

```
$ git add .
```

Commit the initial cookbook

```
$ git commit -m "initial apache recipe, does nothing"
```

```
[master (root-commit) af2b629] initial apache
recipe, does nothing
 6 files changed, 144 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)
 create mode 100644 .kitchen.yml
 create mode 100644 Berksfile
 create mode 100644 README.md
 create mode 100644 chefignore
 create mode 100644 metadata.rb
 create mode 100644 recipes/default.rb
```



Write the default recipe



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

```
#  
# Cookbook Name:: apache  
# Recipe:: default  
#  
# Copyright (c) 2014 The Authors, All Rights Reserved.  
package 'apache2'  
  
service 'httpd' do  
  action :start  
end  
  
file '/var/www/html/index.html' do  
  content "<h1>hello world</h1>\n"  
end
```

SAVE FILE!



Wait a tick!

- We wanted to move the contents of the home page to another file
- Let's change the `file` resource to a template resource

Replace the `file` resource



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

```
...
template "/var/www/html/index.html" do
  source "index.html.erb"
end
```

SAVE FILE!



Template resource

- An ERB template that is used to generate files based on the variables and logic contained within the template.

Create a new template file

- Template files are ERB files
- The `chef` command includes a template generator

Let's create a template!

```
$ chef generate template --help
```

```
Usage: chef generate template [path/to/cookbook] NAME [options]
      -C, --copyright COPYRIGHT           Name of the copyright holder - defaults to 'The Authors'
      -m, --email EMAIL                  Email address of the author - defaults to 'you@example.com'
      -I, --license LICENSE             all_rights, apache2, mit, gplv2, gplv3 - defaults to all_rights
      -s, --source SOURCE_FILE          Copy content from SOURCE_FILE
      -g GENERATOR_COOKBOOK_PATH,       Use GENERATOR_COOKBOOK_PATH for the code_generator cookbook
      --generator-cookbook
```



Go to the chef-repo

```
$ cd ~/chef-repo
```

Let's create a template!

```
$ chef generate template cookbooks/apache/ index.html -s /var/www/html/index.html
```

```
Compiling Cookbooks...
```

```
Recipe: code_generator::template
```

```
* directory[cookbooks/apache/templates/default] action create
  - create new directory cookbooks/apache/templates/default
  - restore selinux security context
* file[cookbooks/apache/templates/default/index.html.erb]
action create
  - create new file cookbooks/apache/templates/default/
index.html.erb
  - update content in file cookbooks/apache/templates/default/
index.html.erb from none to cdf94d
  (diff output suppressed by config)
  - restore selinux security context
```



Check the template

```
$ cat cookbooks/apache/templates/default/index.html.erb
```

```
<h1>hello world</h1>
```

Lab 3 – Manage the homepage content separately

- ✓ Create a chef-repo
- ✓ Create an apache cookbook

Verify the changes

```
$ sudo chef-client -z -r "recipe[apache]"
```

```
[2015-09-23T10:24:16+00:00] WARN: No config file found or specified on command line, using  
command line options.  
Starting Chef Client, version 12.4.1  
resolving cookbooks for run list: ["apache"]  
Synchronizing Cookbooks:  
  - apache  
Compiling Cookbooks...  
Converging 3 resources  
Recipe: apache::default  
  * apt_package[apache2] action install (up to date)  
  * service[apache2] action start (up to date)  
  * template[/var/www/html/index.html] action create (up to date)  
  
Running handlers:  
Running handlers complete  
Chef Client finished, 0/3 resources updated in 1.403112927 seconds
```



Verify the changes

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

```
<h1>hello world</h1>
```



Ensuring desired state

chef-client and run lists

chef-client

- chef-client is an executable
 - performs all actions required to bring the node into the desired state
 - typically run on a regular basis
 - daemon
 - cron
 - Windows service
- Included with ChefDK



chef-client modes

- In conjunction with a Chef Server
- Local mode (no Chef Server)

chef-client privileges

- Usually run with elevated privileges
 - root
 - sudo
 - Administrator
- Can run as a normal user

Desired State

- Policies describe the desired state
- Each node can follow a sub-set of policies
- The policies for each node are stored in a run list

Run List



ntp cookbook



users cookbook



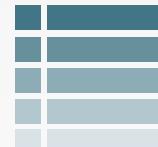
mysql cookbook



Run List



ntp cookbook



recipe[ntp::client]
recipe[users]



users cookbook



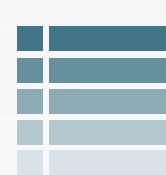
mysql cookbook



Run List



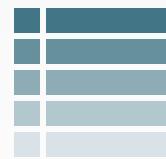
ntp cookbook



recipe[ntp::client]
recipe[users]



users cookbook



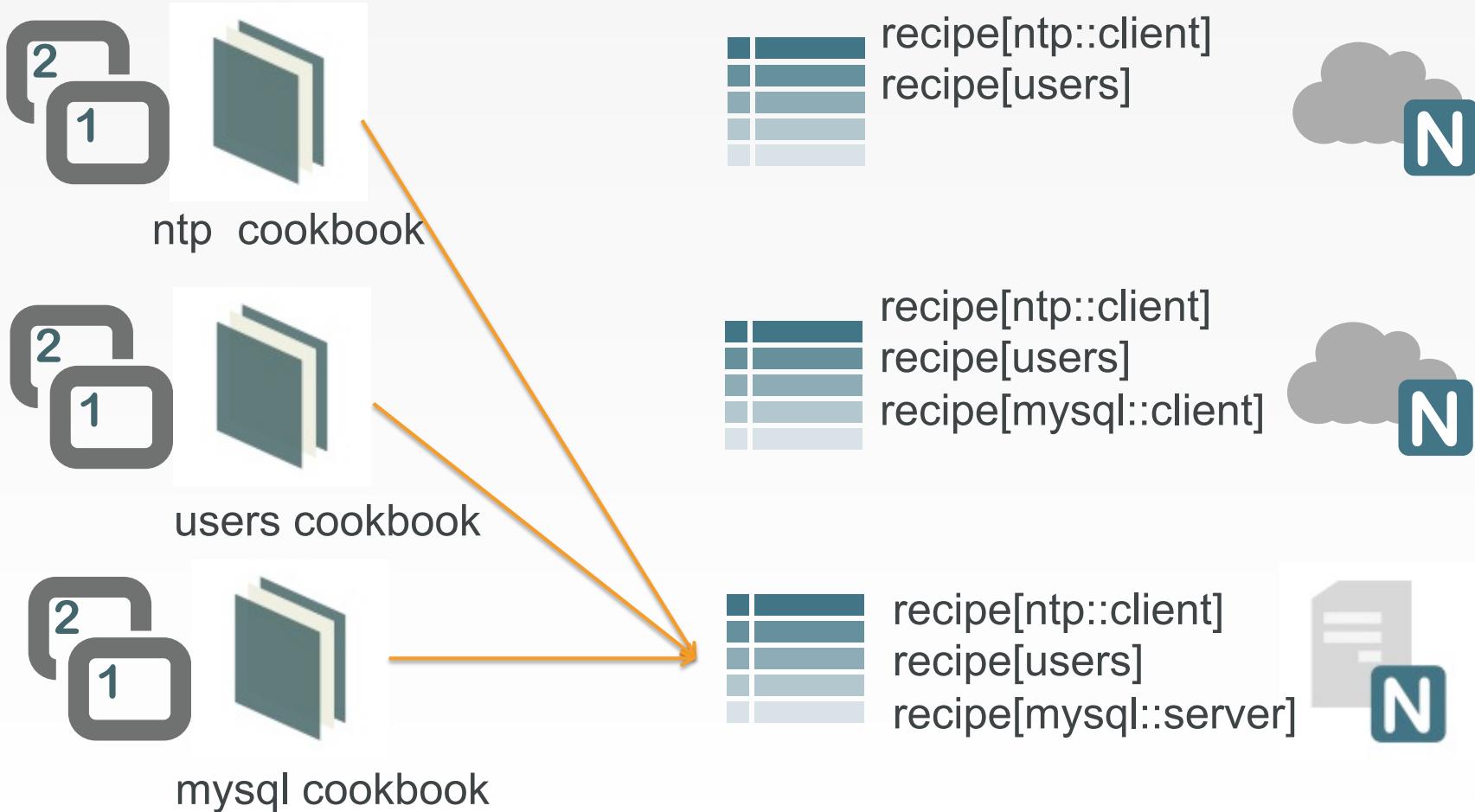
recipe[ntp::client]
recipe[users]
recipe[mysql::client]



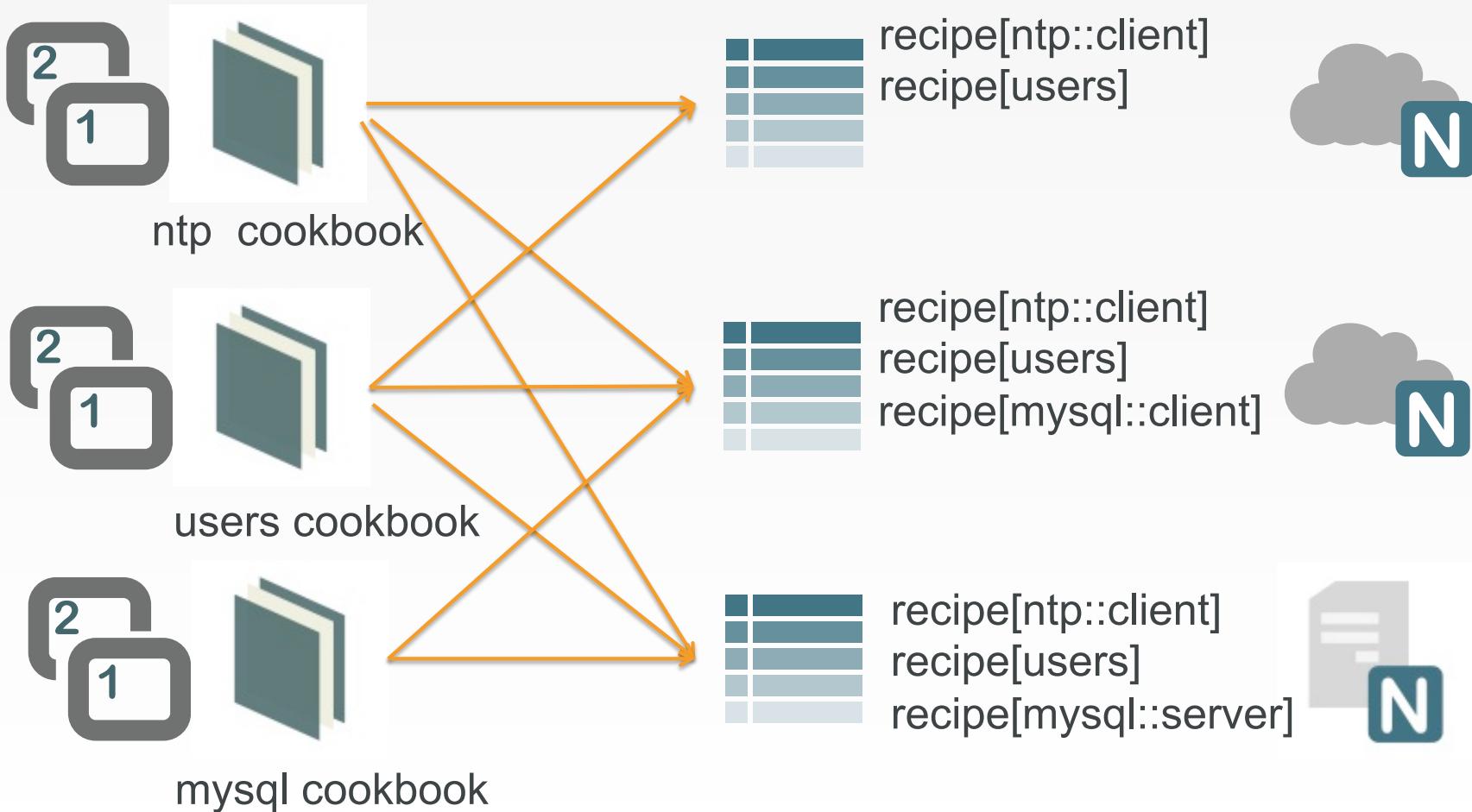
mysql cookbook



Run List



Run List



Lab 4 – Verify the cookbook

- **Problem:** We need to test our new apache cookbook
- **Success Criteria:** The default recipe applies cleanly and our home page is visible

Run chef-client with a run list

```
$ sudo chef-client -z -r "recipe[apache]"
```

```
[2015-09-23T10:24:44+00:00] WARN: No config file found or specified on command line, using  
command line options.  
Starting Chef Client, version 12.4.1  
resolving cookbooks for run list: ["apache"]  
Synchronizing Cookbooks:  
  - apache  
Compiling Cookbooks...  
Converging 3 resources  
Recipe: apache::default  
  * apt_package[apache2] action install (up to date)  
  * service[apache2] action start (up to date)  
  * template[/var/www/html/index.html] action create (up to date)  
  
Running handlers:  
Running handlers complete  
Chef Client finished, 0/3 resources updated in 1.423703943 seconds
```



Verify the home page

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

```
<h1>hello world</h1>
```



Infrastructure State

The node object

Node Object

- A node is a physical, virtual, or cloud machine that is managed by the chef-client
- Node object is a data structure representing the state of a node



https://docs.getchef.com/chef_overview_nodes.html



Node state

- chef-client saves the current state of the node
- Local mode – in the nodes directory
- Normal mode – on the Chef server

New directory: nodes

```
$ ls ~/chef-repo/nodes
```

```
ip-172-31-32-114.ec2.internal.json
```

Explore the node's .json file

```
$ less nodes/*.json
```

```
{
  "name": "ip-172-31-32-114.ec2.internal",
  "normal": {
    "tags": [
      ]
  },
  "automatic": {
    "languages": {
      "ruby": {
        "platform": "x86_64-linux",
        "version": "2.1.2",
        "release_date": "2014-05-08",
        "target": "x86_64-unknown-linux-gnu",
        "target_cpu": "x86_64",
        "target_vendor": "unknown",
        "target_os": "linux",
        "host": "x86_64-unknown-linux-gnu",
        "host_cpu": "x86_64",
        "host_os": "linux-gnu",
      ...
    }
  }
}
```



ohai

- A system profiler that is used to detect the state of nodes
 - Platform
 - Network
 - Memory
 - And much more
- Included with ChefDK

Run ohai

```
$ ohai | less
```

```
{
  "languages": {
    "ruby": {
      "platform": "x86_64-linux",
      "version": "2.1.2",
      "release_date": "2014-05-08",
      "target": "x86_64-unknown-linux-gnu",
      "target_cpu": "x86_64",
      "target_vendor": "unknown",
      "target_os": "linux",
      "host": "x86_64-unknown-linux-gnu",
      "host_cpu": "x86_64",
      "host_os": "linux-gnu",
      "host_vendor": "unknown",
      "bin_dir": "/opt/chefdk/embedded/bin",
      "ruby_bin": "/opt/chefdk/embedded/bin/ruby",
      "gems_dir": "/opt/chefdk/embedded/lib/ruby/gems/2.1.0",
      "gem_bin": "/opt/chefdk/embedded/bin/gem"
    },
    ...
  }
}
```



Use ohai to find the platform

```
$ ohai platform
```

```
[  
  "ubuntu"  
]
```

Find the platform in the node object

```
$ grep '"platform"' nodes/*.json
```

```
"platform": "x86_64-linux",  
"platform": "ubuntu",
```

Lab 5 – Read node attributes in our policy

- **Problem:** We want to see some node details on our home page.
- **Success Criteria:** Our home page includes additional information about the node

Display node attributes



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

```
<h1>hello world</h1>

<p>
  This is a <%= node['platform'] %> <%= node['platform_version'] %> server.
  with <%= node['memory']['total'] %> RAM.
</p>
```

SAVE FILE!

Display node attributes



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

```
<h1>hello world</h1>

<p>
  This is a <%= node["platform"] %> <%= node["platform_version"] %> server.
  with <%= node["memory"]["total"] %> RAM.
</p>
```

SAVE FILE!

Display node attributes



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

```
<h1>hello world</h1>

<p>
  This is a <%= node["platform"] %> <%= node["platform_version"] %> server.
  with <%= node["memory"]["total"] %> RAM.
</p>
```

SAVE FILE!

Display node attributes



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

```
<h1>hello world</h1>

<p>
  This is a <%= node["platform"] %> <%= node["platform_version"] %> server.
  with <%= node["memory"]["total"] %> RAM.
</p>
```

SAVE FILE!

Display node attributes



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

```
<h1>hello world</h1>

<p>
  This is a <%= node["platform"] %> <%= node["platform_version"] %> server.
  with <%= node["memory"]["total"] %> RAM.
</p>
```

SAVE FILE!

Verify the change

```
$ sudo chef-client -z -r "recipe[apache]"
```

```
* service[apache2] action start (up to date)
* template[/var/www/html/index.html] action create
  - update content in file /var/www/html/index.html from cdf94d to 51b17b
    --- /var/www/html/index.html      2015-09-23 10:19:36.076415999 +0000
    +++ /tmp/chef-rendered-template20150923-12966-1muvnml      2015-09-23 10:26:04.779566767 +0000
    @@ -1,2 +1,8 @@
      <h1>hello world</h1>
    +
    +<p>
    +  This is a ubuntu 14.04 server.
    +  with 2048484kB RAM.
    +</p>
    +
```

```
Running handlers:
Running handlers complete
Chef Client finished, 1/3 resources updated in 1.390230459 seconds
```



Verify the change

```
$ curl http://localhost  
  
<h1>hello world</h1>  
  
<p>  
    This is a ubuntu 14.04 server.  
    with 2048484kB RAM.  
</p>
```



Custom node attributes

- Ohai provides many attributes for the node object
- You may want to include your own custom attributes

Lab 6 - Create a custom node attribute

- **Problem:** We need a customized greeting on our home page.
- **Success Criteria:** Our home page includes a custom greeting.

Lab 6 - Create a custom node attribute

1. Create the attribute
2. Display the attribute on the home page

chef can generate attributes

```
$ chef generate attribute --help
```

```
Usage: chef generate attribute [path/to/cookbook] NAME [options]
      -C, --copyright COPYRIGHT           Name of the copyright holder - defaults to 'The Authors'
      -m, --email EMAIL                  Email address of the author - defaults to 'you@example.com'
      -I, --license LICENSE             all_rights, apache2, mit, gplv2, gplv3 - defaults to all_rights
      -g GENERATOR_COOKBOOK_PATH,       Use GENERATOR_COOKBOOK_PATH for the code_generator cookbook
      --generator-cookbook
```



Generate attribute

```
$ chef generate attribute cookbooks/apache/ default
```

```
Compiling Cookbooks...
```

```
Recipe: code_generator::attribute
```

```
* directory[cookbooks/apache/attributes] action create
  - create new directory cookbooks/apache/attributes
* template[cookbooks/apache/attributes/default.rb] action create
  - create new file cookbooks/apache/attributes/default.rb
  - update content in file cookbooks/apache/attributes/default.rb from none to e3b0c4
    (diff output suppressed by config)
```

Create an attribute



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

```
default['apache']['greeting'] = 'DC'
```

SAVE FILE!

Update the home page



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

```
<h1>hello <%= node['apache']['greeting'] %></h1>

<p>
  This is a <%= node['platform'] %> <%= node['platform_version'] %> server.
  with <%= node['memory']['total'] %> RAM.
</p>
```

SAVE FILE!

Let's look at the node

```
$ knife node list --local
```

```
WARNING: No knife configuration file found  
ip-172-31-47-246.ec2.internal
```

Let's look at the node

```
$ knife node show ip-172-31-47-246.ec2.internal --local
```

```
WARNING: No knife configuration file found
Node Name: ip-172-31-47-246.ec2.internal
Environment: _default
FQDN: ip-172-31-47-246.ec2.internal
IP: 54.173.239.129
Run List: recipe[apache]
Roles:
Recipes: apache::default
Platform: ubuntu 14.04
Tags:
```



Let's look at the node

```
$ knife node show ip-172-31-47-246.ec2.internal --local -a apache
```

```
WARNING: No knife configuration file found  
ip-172-31-47-246.ec2.internal:  
apache:
```

Apply the change

```
$ sudo chef-client -z
```

```
* template[/var/www/html/index.html] action create
  - update content in file /var/www/html/index.html from 51b17b to a74dd1
    --- /var/www/html/index.html      2015-09-23 10:26:04.779566767 +0000
    +++ /tmp/chef-rendered-template20150923-13358-f6f2s3      2015-09-23
10:29:40.691566767 +0000
@@ -1,4 +1,4 @@
-<h1>hello world</h1>
+<h1>hello DC</h1>

<p>
  This is a ubuntu 14.04 server.

Running handlers:
Running handlers complete
Chef Client finished, 1/3 resources updated in 1.420250472 seconds
```



Verify the change

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

```
<h1>hello DC</h1>
```

```
<p>
```

```
    This is a ubuntu 14.04 server.
```

```
    with 2048484kB RAM.
```

```
</p>
```

Let's look at the node

```
$ knife node show ip-172-31-47-246.ec2.internal --local -a apache
```

```
WARNING: No knife configuration file found  
ip-172-31-47-246.ec2.internal:  
apache:  
greeting: DC
```



Faster Feedback

Automate your testing

v1.2.0



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 following our style guide?

Chef client success status

- Requirements to verify chef-client success:
 - A place to store the cookbook artifact

Chef client success status

- Requirements to verify chef-client success:
 - A place to store the cookbook artifact
 - A chef-client with access to the cookbook

Chef client success status

- Requirements to verify chef-client success:
 - A place to store the cookbook artifact
 - A chef-client with access to the cookbook
 - 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

	default
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

	default	ssl
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

```
---
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:
```



.kitchen.yml

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

```
---
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:
```



.kitchen.yml

- platforms - target operating systems

```
---
```

```
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:
```



.kitchen.yml

- suites - target configurations

```
---
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:
```



.kitchen.yml

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

```
---
```

```
driver:
```

```
  name: vagrant
```

```
provisioner:
```

```
  name: chef_zero
```

```
platforms:
```

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

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

```
suites:
```

```
  - name: default
```

```
    run_list:
```

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



.kitchen.yml

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

```
---
```

```
driver:
```

```
  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

```
--  
driver:  
  name: vagrant  
  
provisioner:  
  name: chef_zero  
  
platforms:  
  - name: ubuntu-12.04  
  - name: centos-6.4  
  - name: ubuntu-14.04  
  
suites:  
  - name: default  
    run_list:  
      - recipe[apache::default]  
  - name: ssl  
    run_list:  
      - recipe[apache::ssl]
```



Lab 7 – Verify chef-client success

- **Problem:** Testing our cookbook takes too long
- **Success Criteria:** Our cookbook runs in test kitchen

Move to the apache cookbook directory

```
$ cd ~/chef-repo/cookbooks/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:
      - recipe[apache::default]
    attributes:
```

SAVE FILE!



List the Test Kitchens

```
$ kitchen list
```

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



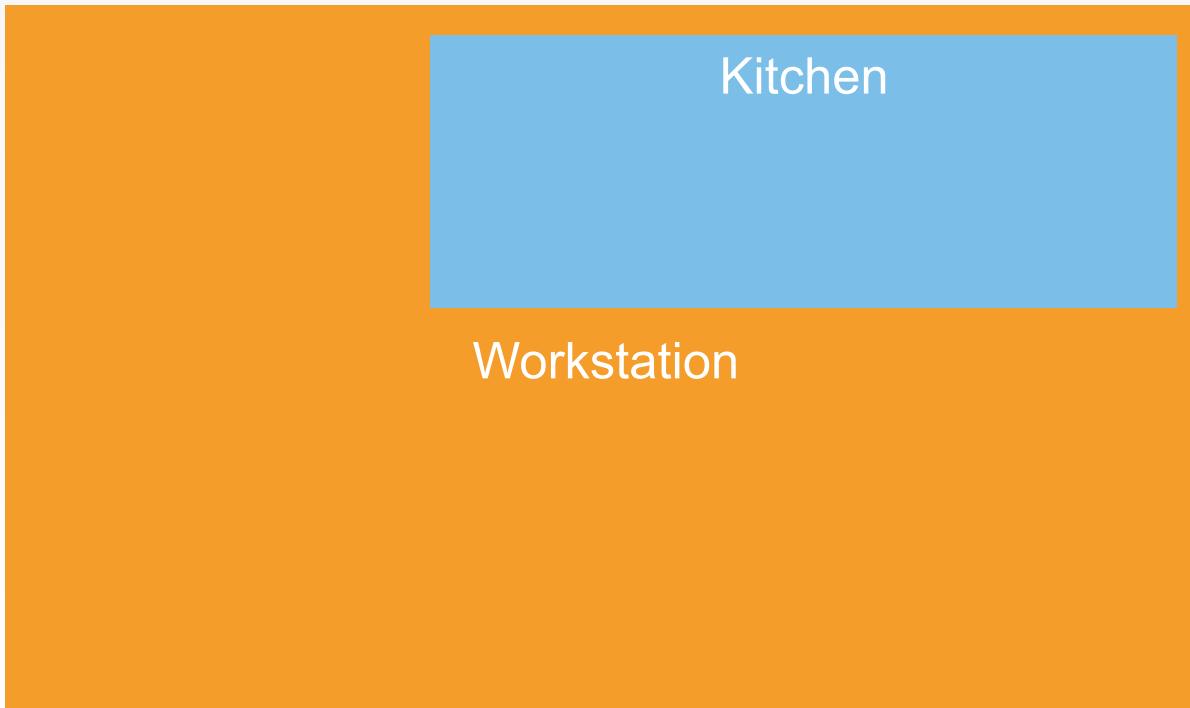
Create the kitchen

```
$ kitchen create
```

```
----> Starting Kitchen (v1.4.2)
----> Creating <default-ubuntu-1404>...
      Sending build context to Docker daemon 103.4 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 896cb2b32162
      Leaving 'local diversion of /sbin/initctl to /sbin/initctl.distrib'
        ---> 7998c2114ff3
      Removing intermediate container 896cb2b32162
      Step 2 : RUN ln -sf /bin/true /sbin/initctl
        ---> Running in cc133734bf7d
```



Kitchen created



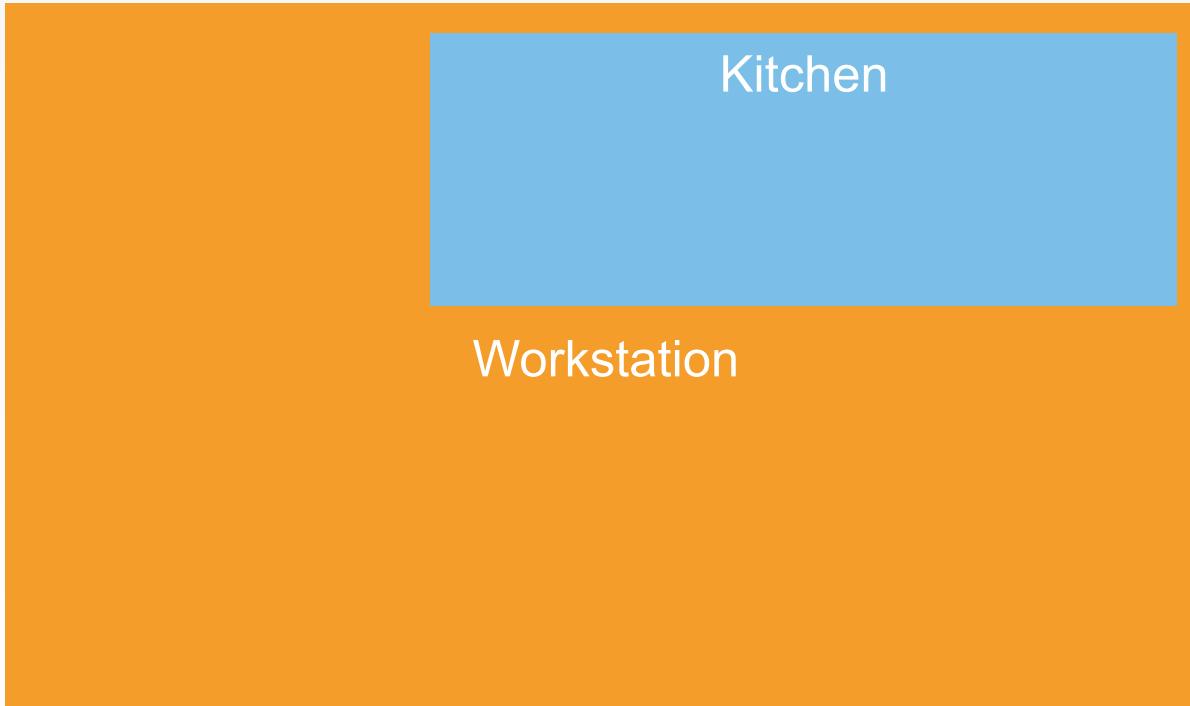
Login to the kitchen

```
$ kitchen login
```

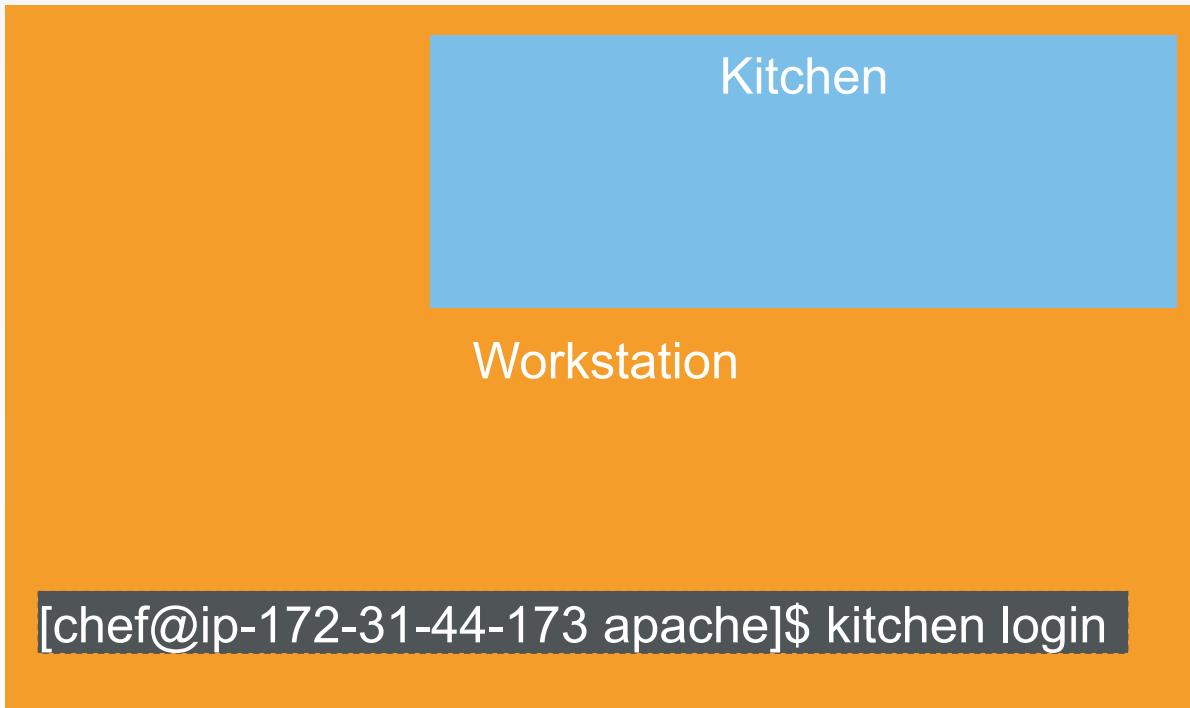
```
$$$$$$ Running legacy login for 'Docker' Driver  
Last login: Wed Sep 23 09:48:21 2015 from 172.17.42.1
```



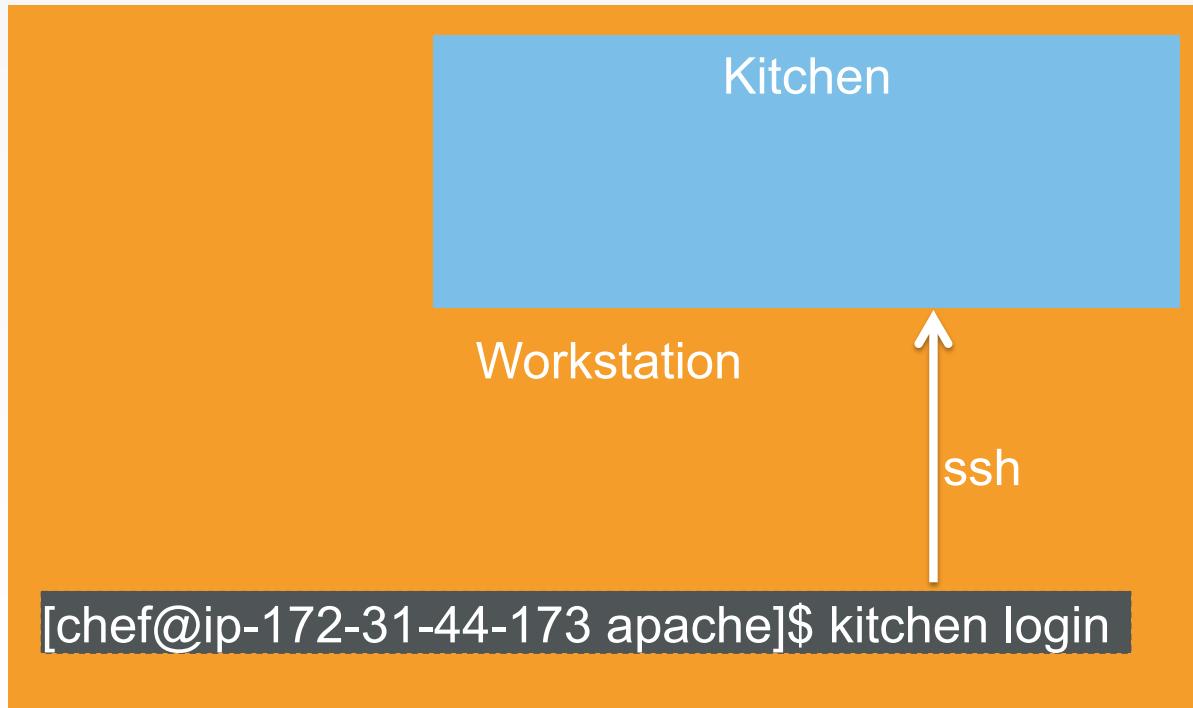
Kitchen login



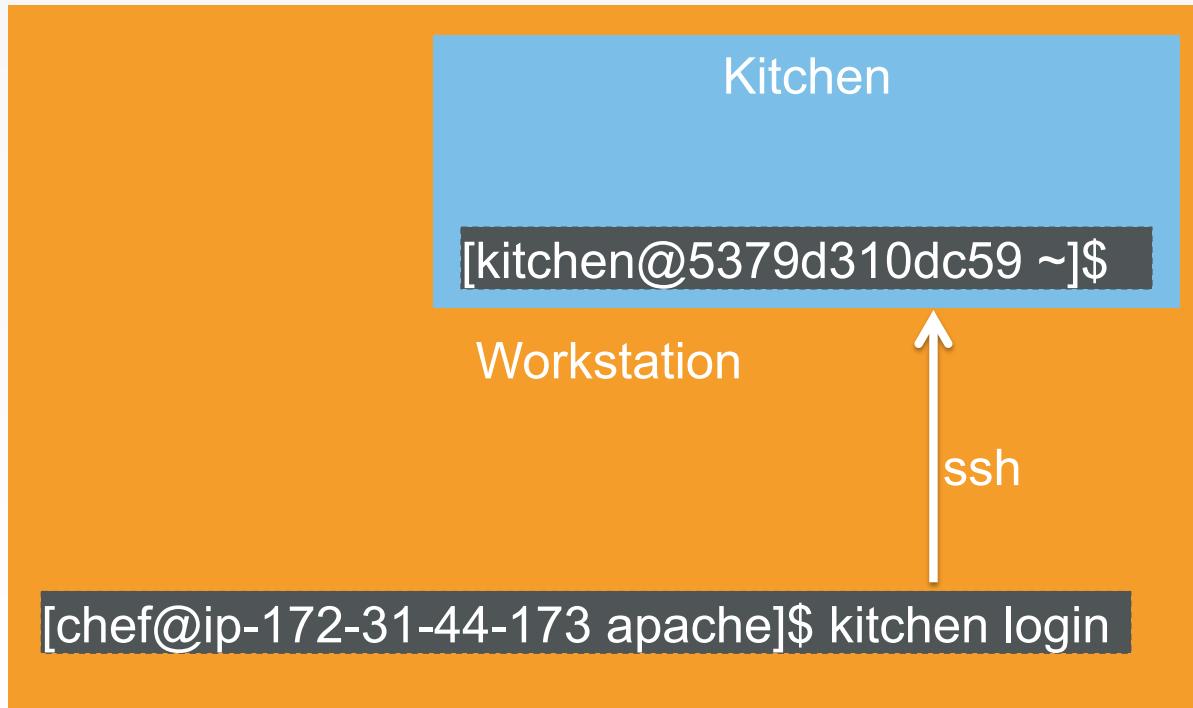
Kitchen login



Kitchen login



Kitchen login



Chef client success status

- Requirements to verify chef-client success:
 - A target server running the same OS as production
 - A chef-client with access to the cookbook

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 ~/chef-repo/cookbooks/apache
```

Apply our policy

```
$ kitchen converge
```

```
----> Starting Kitchen (v1.4.2)
----> Converging <default-centos-71>...
$$$$$ 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
      Trying curl...
      Download complete.
      Downloading Chef for el...
      downloading https://www.chef.io/chef/metadata?v=&prerelease=false&nightlies=false&p=el&pv=7&m=x86_64
```



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?

Lab 8 – Verify the node

- **Problem:** Successful converge does not necessarily mean the node is in the desired state.
- **Success Criteria:** Verify our home page is being served.

Manually Inspect with kitchen login

```
$ kitchen login
```

```
$$$$$$ Running legacy login for 'Docker' Driver  
Last login: Wed Sep 23 10:44:37 2015 from 172.17.42.1
```



Manually Inspect with kitchen login

```
$ curl http://localhost  
  
<h1>hello DC</h1>  
  
<p>  
    This is a ubuntu 14.04 server.  
    with 2048484kB RAM.  
</p>
```



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 ~/chef-repo/cookbooks/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!

Verify the kitchen

```
$ kitchen verify
```

```
----> Setting up Busser
      Creating BUSSER_ROOT in /tmp/busser
      Creating busser binstub
      Plugin serverspec installed (version 0.2.6)
----> Running postinstall for serverspec plugin
      Finished setting up <default-centos-64> (0m32.59s).
----> Verifying <default-centos-64>...
      Suite path directory /tmp/busser/suites does not exist, skipping.
      Uploading /tmp/busser/suites/serverspec/default_spec.rb (mode=0664)
----> Running serverspec test suite
      /opt/chef/embedded/bin/ruby -I/tmp/busser/suites/serverspec -S /opt/chef/embedded/bin/rspec /tmp/busser/suites/serverspec/default_spec.rb
--color --format documentation

      apache
      is installed

      Finished in 0.29547 seconds
      1 example, 0 failures
      Finished verifying <default-centos-64> (0m4.44s).
----> Kitchen is finished. (1m25.74s)
```



Extend the Serverspec test



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

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

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

  it "is listening on port 80" do
    expect(port 80).to be_listening
  end

  it "displays a custom home page" do
    expect(command("curl localhost").stdout).to match /hello/
  end
end
```

SAVE FILE!



Verify the kitchen

```
$ kitchen verify
```

```
apache
  is installed
  is running
  is listening on port 80
  displays a custom home page
```

```
Finished in 0.3968 seconds
4 examples, 0 failures
Finished verifying <default-centos-64> (0m4.25s).
```



Change the test



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

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

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

  it "is listening on port 80" do
    expect(port 81).to be_listening
  end

  it "displays a custom home page" do
    expect(command("curl localhost").stdout).to match /hello/
  end
end
```

SAVE FILE!



Verify the kitchen

```
$ kitchen verify
```

```
apache
  is installed
  is running
  is listening on port 80 (FAILED - 1)
  displays a custom home page

Failures:

  1) apache is listening on port 80
     On host ``
       Failure/Error: expect(port 81).to be_listening
       netstat -tunl | grep -- :81\
     expected Port "81" to be listening
       # /tmp/busser/suites/serverspec/default_spec.rb:16:in `block (2 levels) in <top (required)>'

Finished in 0.38488 seconds
4 examples, 1 failure
```



Reset the Serverspec test



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

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

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

  it "is listening on port 80" do
    expect(port 80).to be_listening
  end

  it "displays a custom home page" do
    expect(command("curl localhost").stdout).to match /hello/
  end
end
```

SAVE FILE!

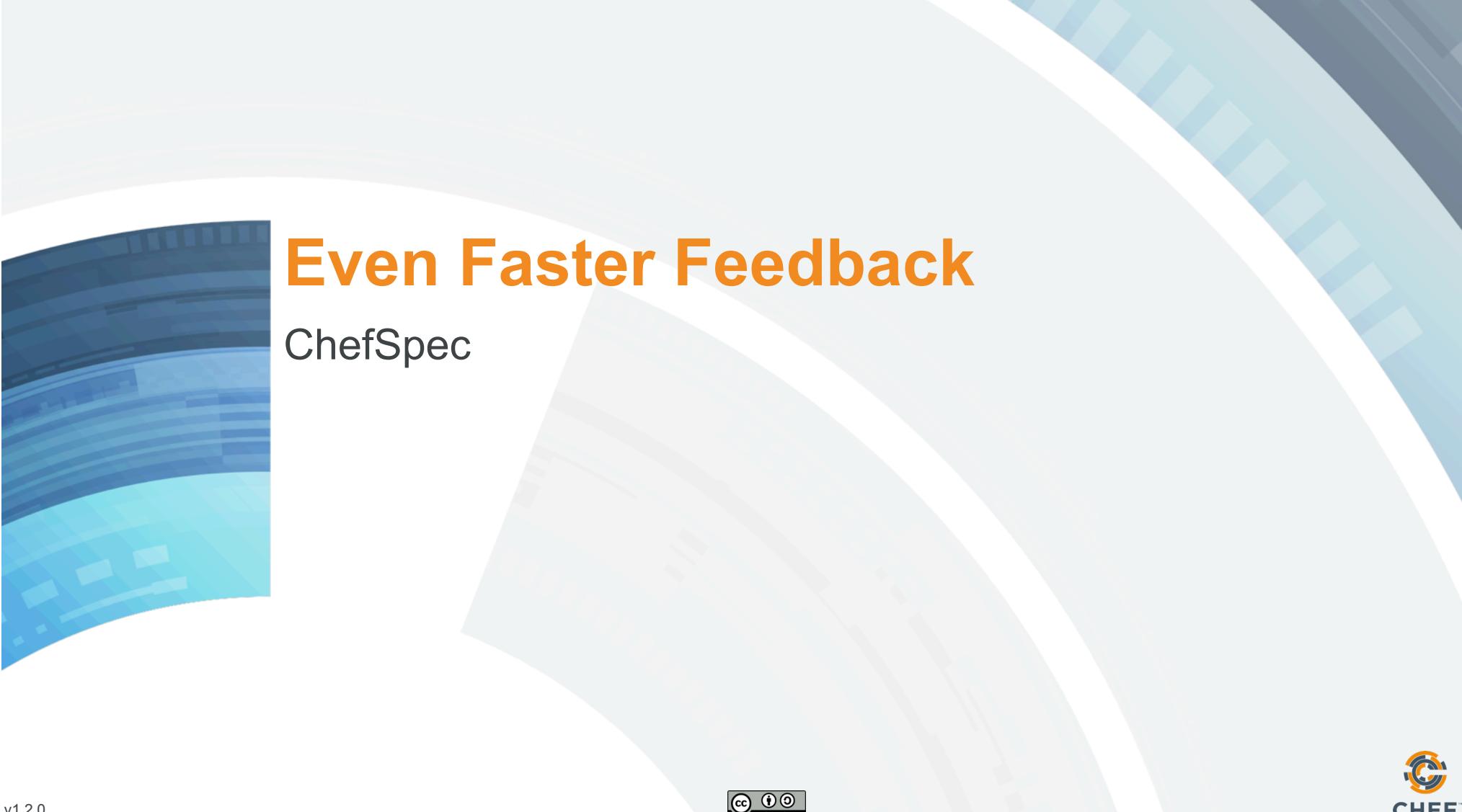


Kitchen Workflow

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

Chef Testing

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



Even Faster Feedback

ChefSpec

v1.2.0



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 ~/chef-repo/cookbooks/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
      expect { chef_run }.to_not raise_error
    end

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

SAVE FILE!



Run the ChefSpec tests

```
$ chef exec rspec spec -fd -c
```

```
apache::default
```

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

```
Finished in 0.42858 seconds (files took 2.59 seconds to load)
2 examples, 0 failures
```



Break the cookbook



OPEN IN EDITOR: recipes/default.rb

```
package "apache"
```

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

SAVE FILE!

Run the ChefSpec tests

```
$ chef exec 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 0.44712 seconds (files took 2.57 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

```
$ chef exec 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
```

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 following our style guide?



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
```

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 following our style guide?



Wrap Up

v1.2.0



Course Objectives

- After completing this course you will be able to:
 - Automate common infrastructure tasks with Chef
 - Describe Chef's various tools
 - Apply Chef's primitives to solve your problems
 - Verify your automation code BEFORE it runs in production

Tool Survey

- chef-apply
- chef
- chef-client in local mode
- ohai
- Test Kitchen
- Docker
- Serverspec
- ChefSpec
- Foodcritic

Vocabulary

- Resources
- Recipes
- Cookbooks
- Run List
- Node
- Node Object

Resources

- Package
- Service
- File
- Template

But wait...

- ...there's more, so much more!
- How much time do we have left? I could go on for days!

Further Resources

- learnchef.com
 - Guided tutorials
 - Chef Fundamental Series
- Upcoming Training
 - chef.io/blog/events/category/training-events/

Food Fight Show

- foodfightshow.org
- Podcast where DevOps Chefs Do Battle
- Best practices for working with Chef





Chef Community Summit – Seattle & London

Seattle – October 14 & 15

London – November 3 & 4

Why your participation matters

- Influence the path of the Chef roadmap
- Contribute to the formation of best practices and the avenues to best share them
- Share your experiences transforming your business
- Demonstrate your DevOps Kung Fu

Network with awesome engineers in the Community

- Engage with a community of people actively using Chef to automate their workflow
- Discuss “what keeps you up at night” with a passionate engaged audience
- Meet with CHEF engineers IRL

<http://chef.io/summit>



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- Love Eggs – <http://eggs.chef.io>



CYOA!

- [Wrap-up](#)
- [Chef Delivery](#)
- Chef + Vmware
- Remote execution with Chef (knife ssh)
- Audit Mode with Chef Analytics rules and integration to :slack:
- The audit-cis cookbook