DevOps
Chef for Configuration Management

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Chef: Overview of Chef

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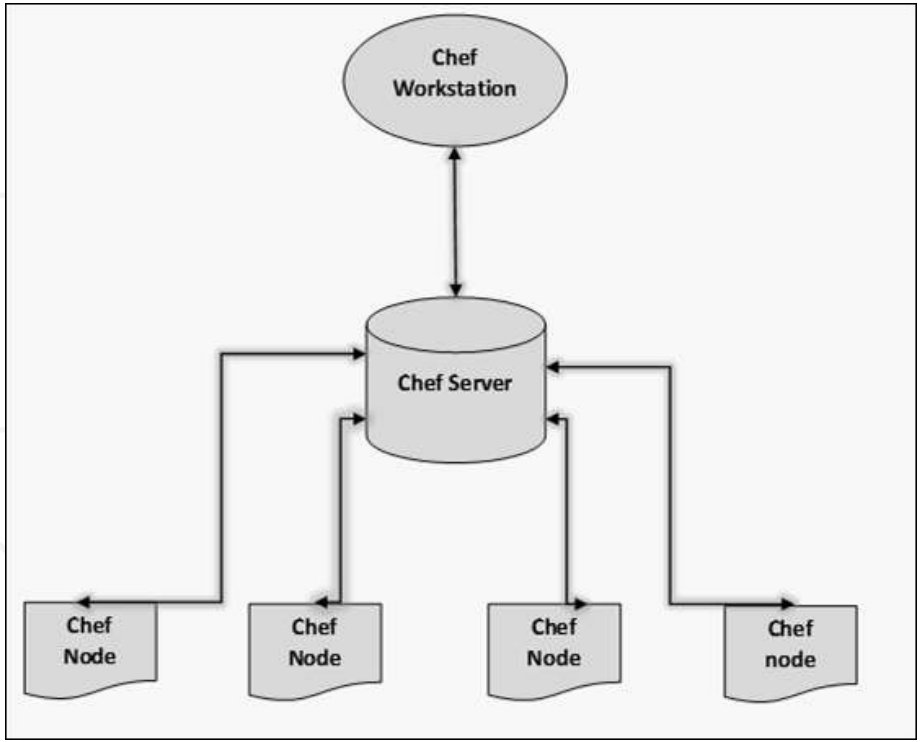

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Chef: Overview of Chef: Workstation, Server and Nodes

1. **Workstation:** The workstation is the location from which users (DevOps personnel/technical people) interact with Chef
2. **Nodes (Android, Windows, Linux etc):** Nodes are the machines—physical, virtual, cloud, and so on—that are under management by Chef. The chef-client is installed on each node. Nodes use the chef-client to ask the Chef server for configuration details, such as recipes, templates, and file distributions
3. **Chef Server:** The Chef server acts as a hub for configuration data. The Chef server stores cookbooks, the policies that are applied to nodes, and metadata that describes each registered node that is being managed by the chef-client.

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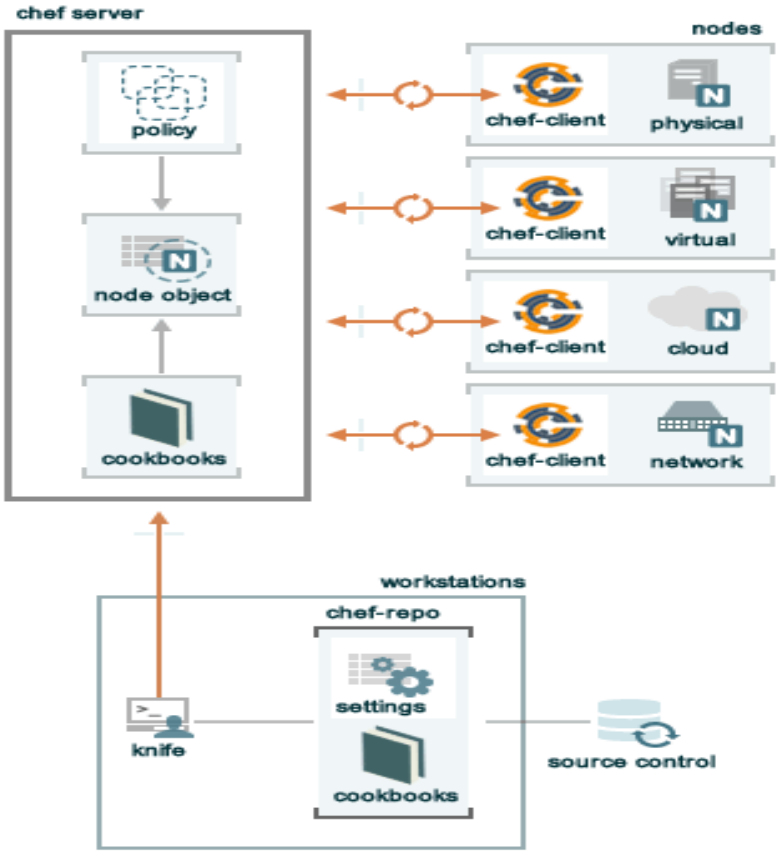

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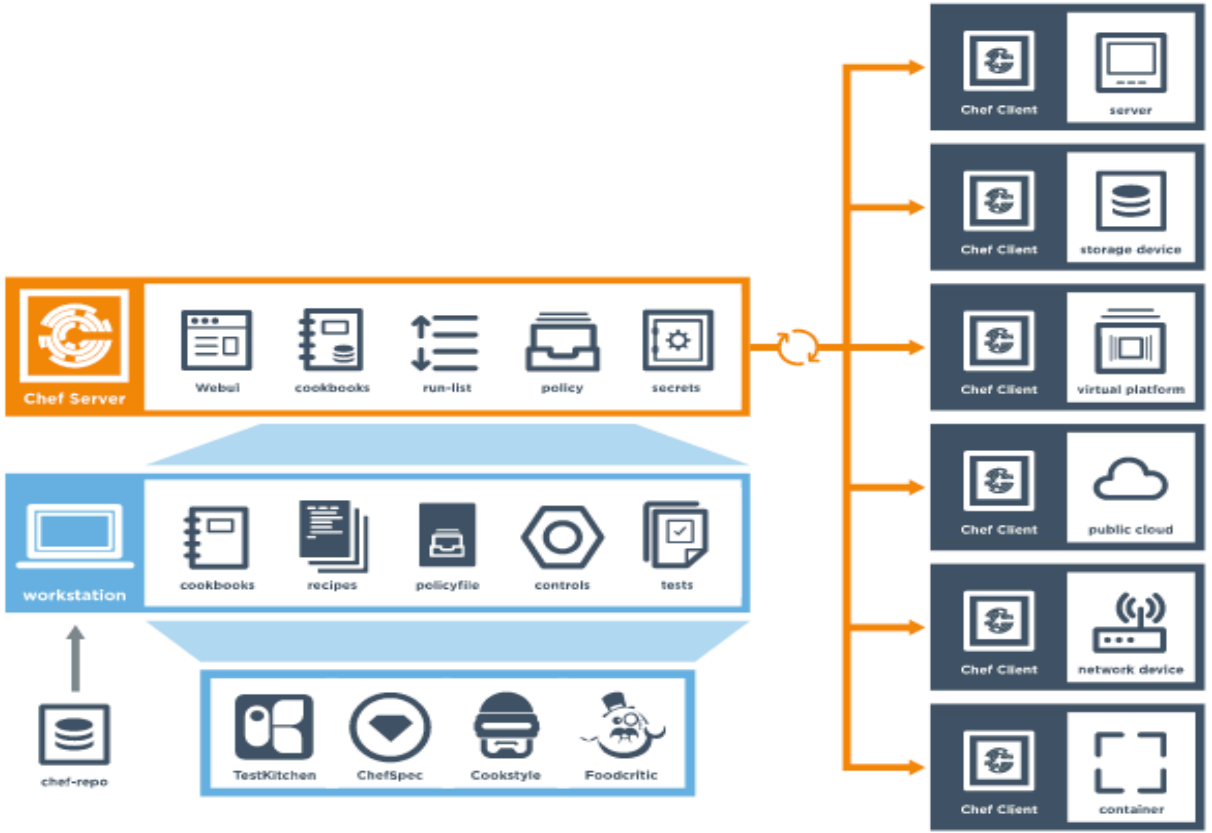
A node is any machine—physical, virtual, cloud, network device, etc.—that is under management by Chef.

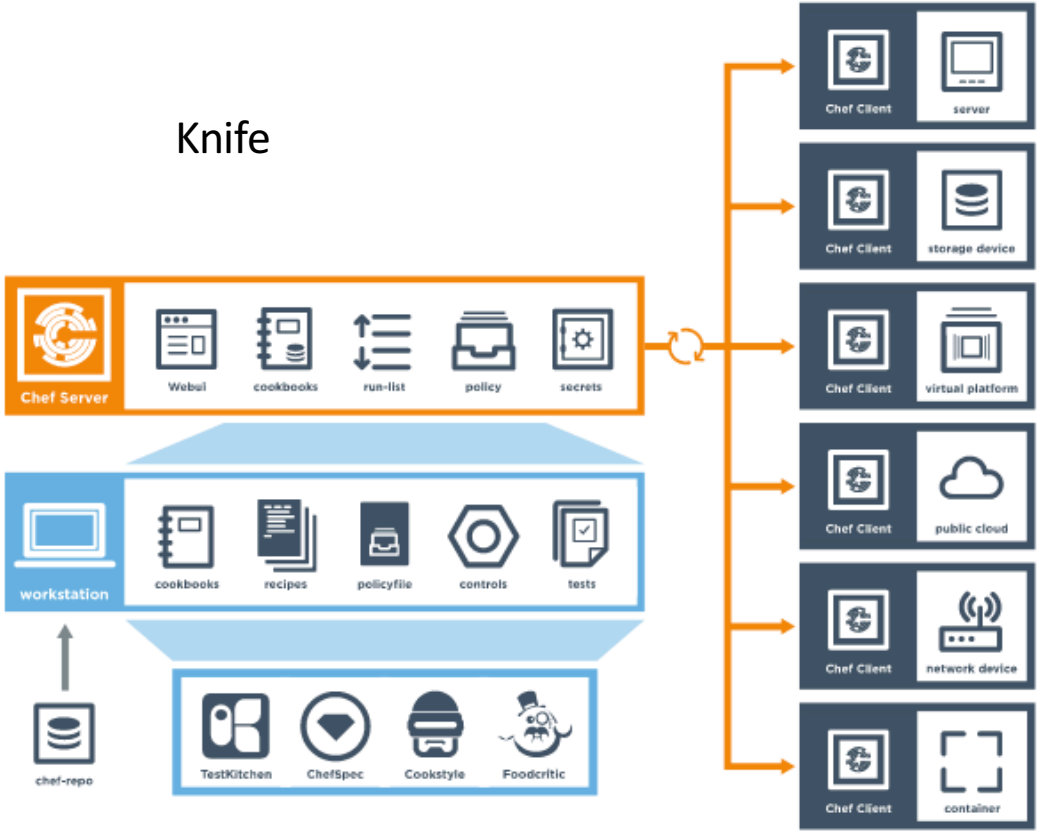


Chef: Overview of Chef: Terminologies: Workstations

Workstations

A workstation is a computer running the Chef Development Kit (ChefDK) that is used to author cookbooks, interact with the Chef server, and interact with nodes.

The workstation is where developing and testing cookbooks and recipes, testing Chef code, keeping the chef-repo synchronized with version source control, configuring organizational policy.. etc will happen.

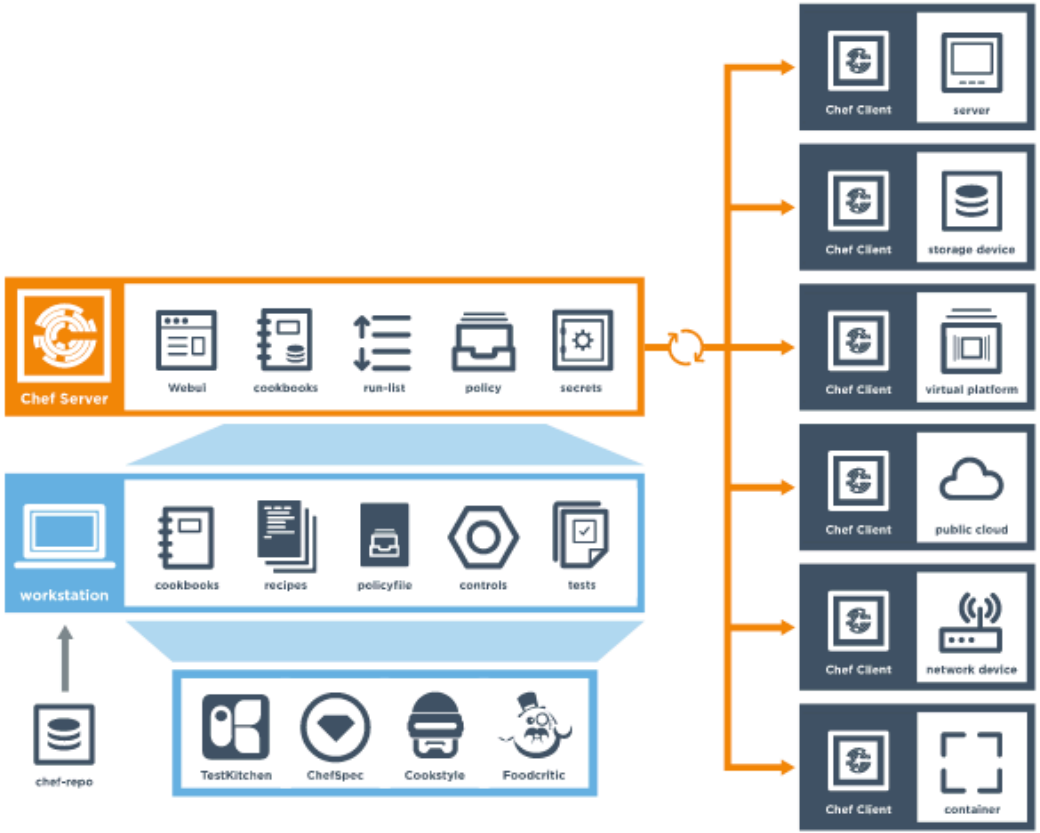


Chef: Overview of Chef: Terminologies: Knife

Knife

knife is a command-line tool that provides an interface between a local chef-repo and the Chef server. knife helps users to manage:

- Nodes
- Cookbooks and recipes
- Roles, Environments, and Data Bags
- Resources within various cloud environments
- The installation of the chef-client onto nodes
- Searching of indexed data on the Chef server



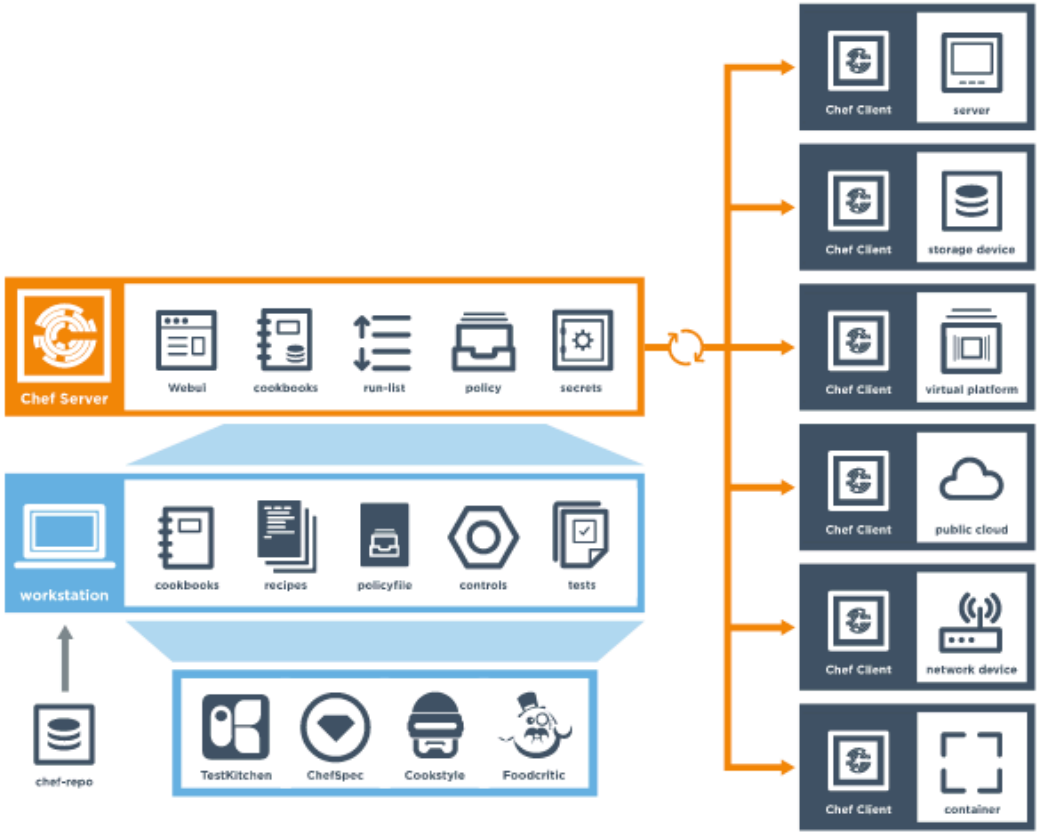
Chef: Overview of Chef: Terminologies: Repository

Repository (chef-repo)

The chef-repo is a directory on your workstation that stores:

- Cookbooks (authored, tested, and maintained)
- Roles
- Data bags
- Environment

The chef-repo should be synchronized with a version control system (such as git), and then managed as if it were source code. 'git' is the most commonly-used for chef-repo.



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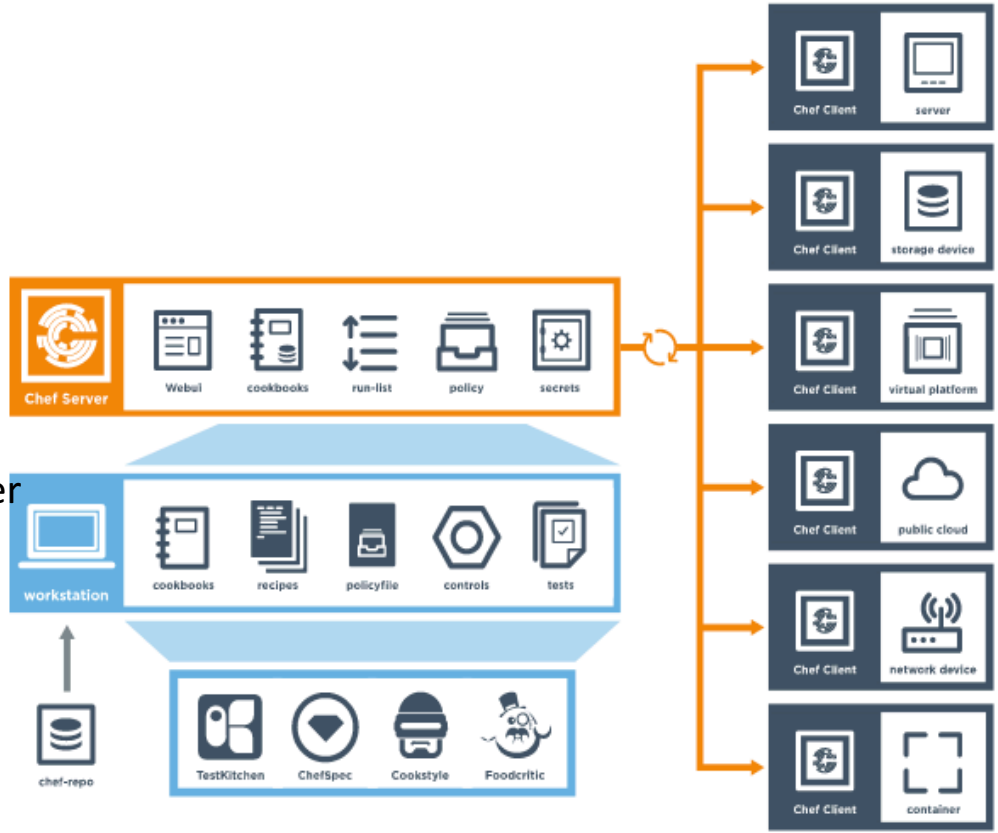
- The Chef server stores cookbooks, the policies that are applied to nodes, and metadata that describes each registered node that is being managed by the chef-client.
- Nodes use the chef-client to ask the Chef server for configuration details, such as recipes, templates, and file distributions.
- The chef-client then does as much of the configuration work as possible on the nodes themselves (and not on the Chef server).
- This scalable approach distributes the configuration effort throughout the organization.



Chef: Overview of Chef: Terminologies: The Hosted Chef Server

The Hosted Chef Server

- The hosted Chef server is a version of the Chef server that is hosted by Chef. The hosted Chef server is cloud-based, scalable, and available (24x7/365), with resource-based access control. The hosted Chef server has the same automation capabilities of any Chef server, but without requiring it to be set up and managed from behind the firewall.

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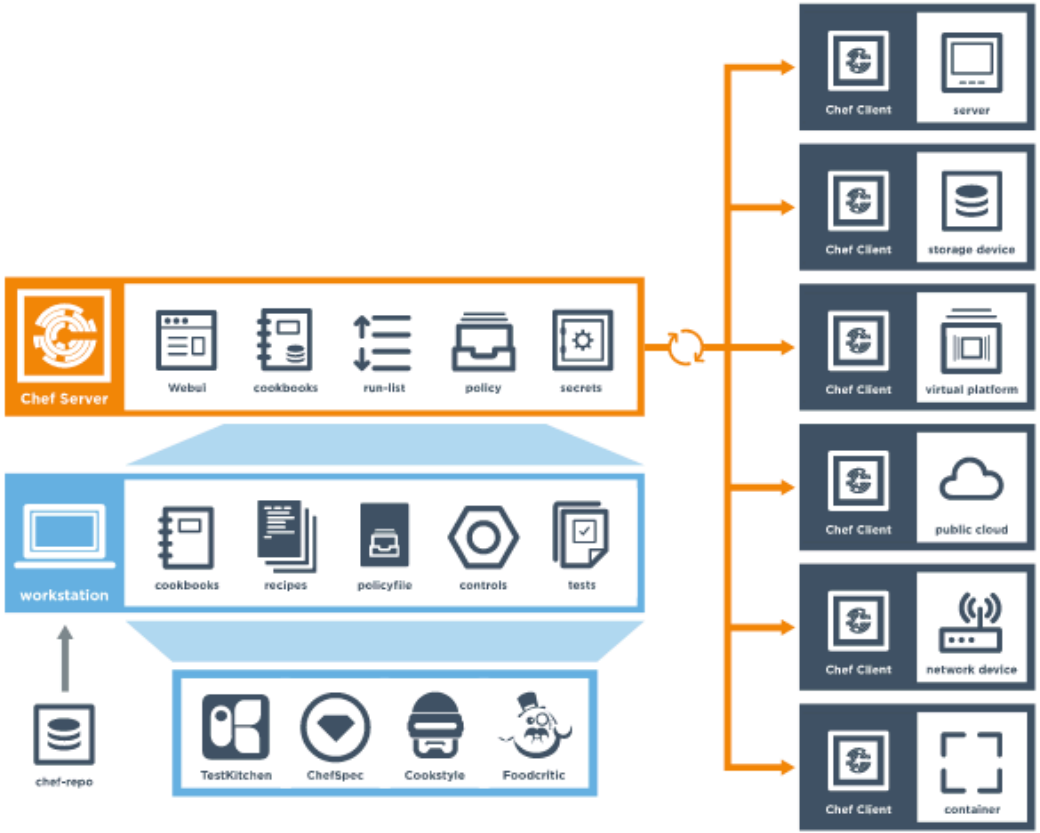
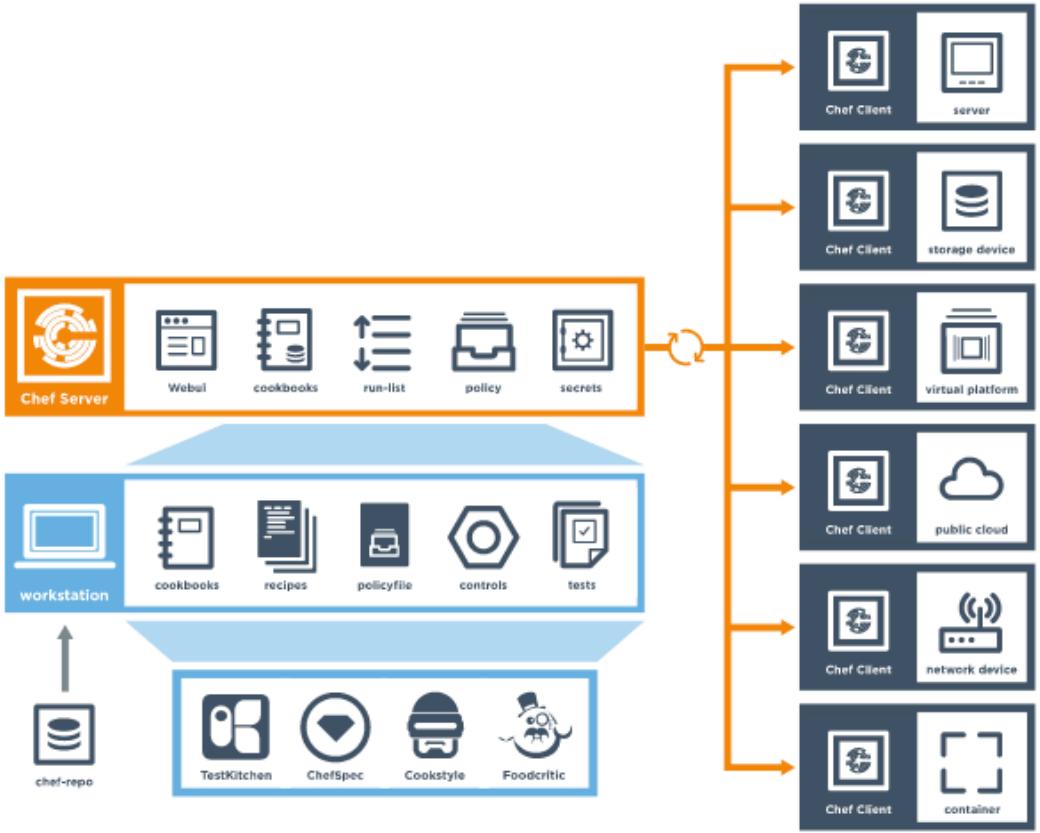


Chef: Overview of Chef: Terminologies: Cookbooks

Cookbooks

A cookbook is the fundamental unit of configuration and policy distribution. A cookbook defines a scenario and contains everything that is required to support that scenario.

Recipes that specify the resources to use and the order in which they are to be applied Attribute values, File distributions, Templates. The chef-client uses Ruby as its reference language for creating cookbooks and defining recipes. It also has a DSL that can be extended.



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Chef Supermarket

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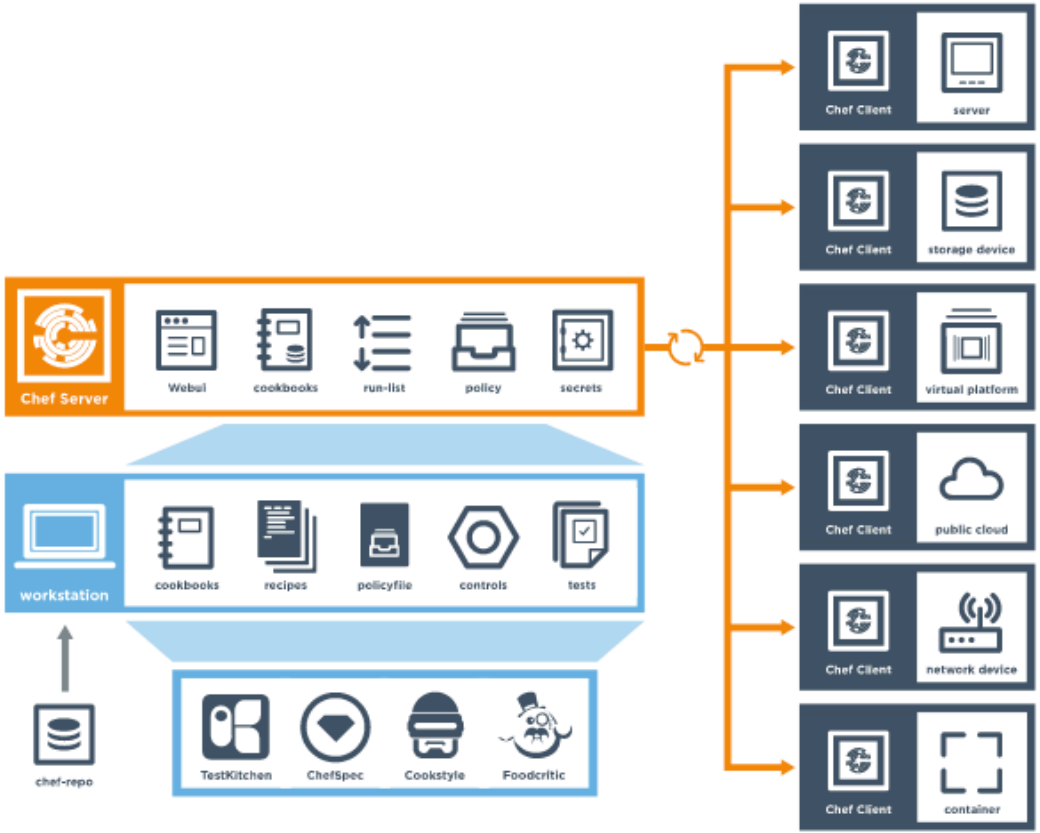


Chef: Overview of Chef: Chef Configuration Concepts: Policy

Policies describe how you want Chef to build your system

Policy: A collection of system configurations that you define (roles/databags/environments). The policy states the state that each node should be in but not how to get there. Chef-client will pull the policy and configure the node with the appropriate resources so that it matches the state of the policy.

Policy concept examples:

- If it should be installed
- If it is not installed then install it
- If it is already installed then do nothing
- A file should exist - if not, create it
- If a file exists but does not have correct content, correct it

Chef: Overview of Chef: Chef Configuration Concepts:

Resource represents a piece of a system or a **single** configuration item (and its desired state) present on a node that is under management by Chef.

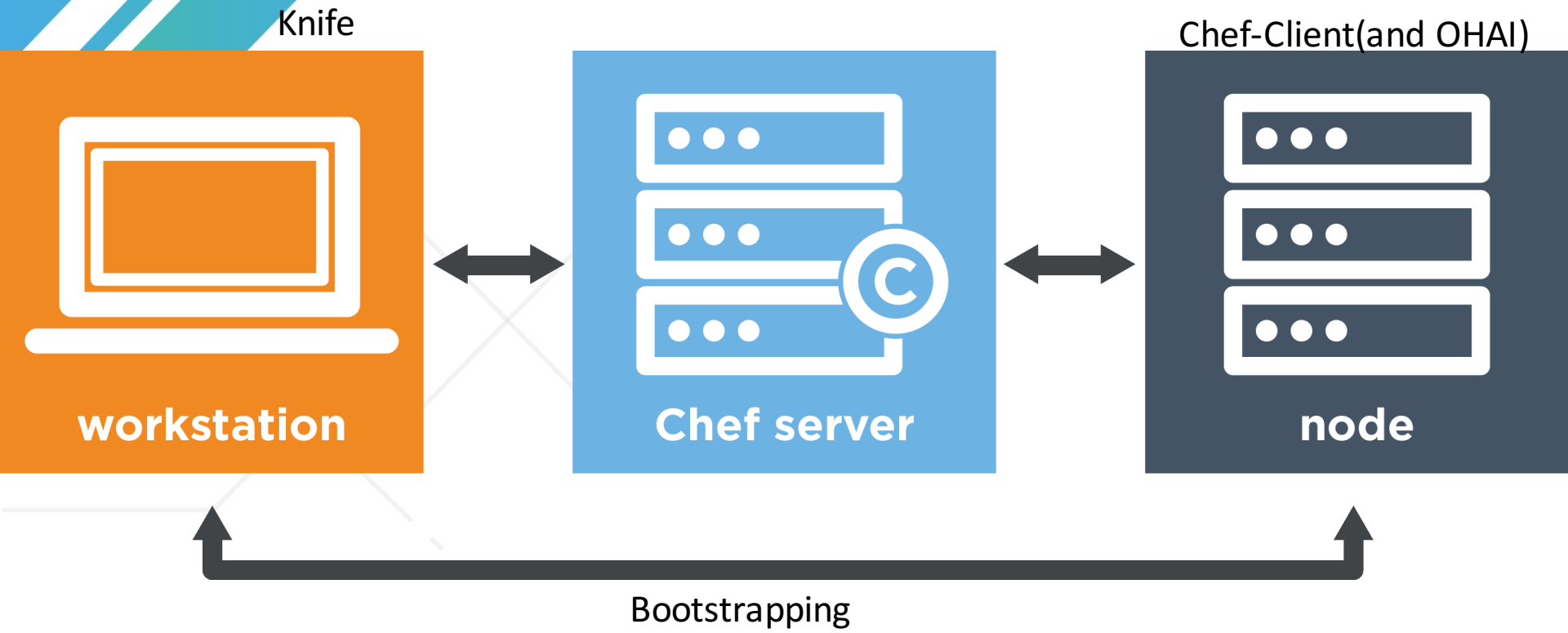
Building blocks of Chef configuration

When chef-client is run on a node, the resource is executed by the provider which is handled by Chef and the OS itself. What provider to use (ie what package manager to use, such as yum or apt-get) is populated when **Ohai** is run at the start of each chef-client run.

Most common resource types are:

- **Package**: Used to manage packages such as installing packages
- **Template**: Used to manage the contents of a Ruby template in the cookbook
- **Service**: Manage system services - what run levels to start the service in, current state of the service (running/stopped/etc)

Chef: Chef WS----Chef Server----Nodes



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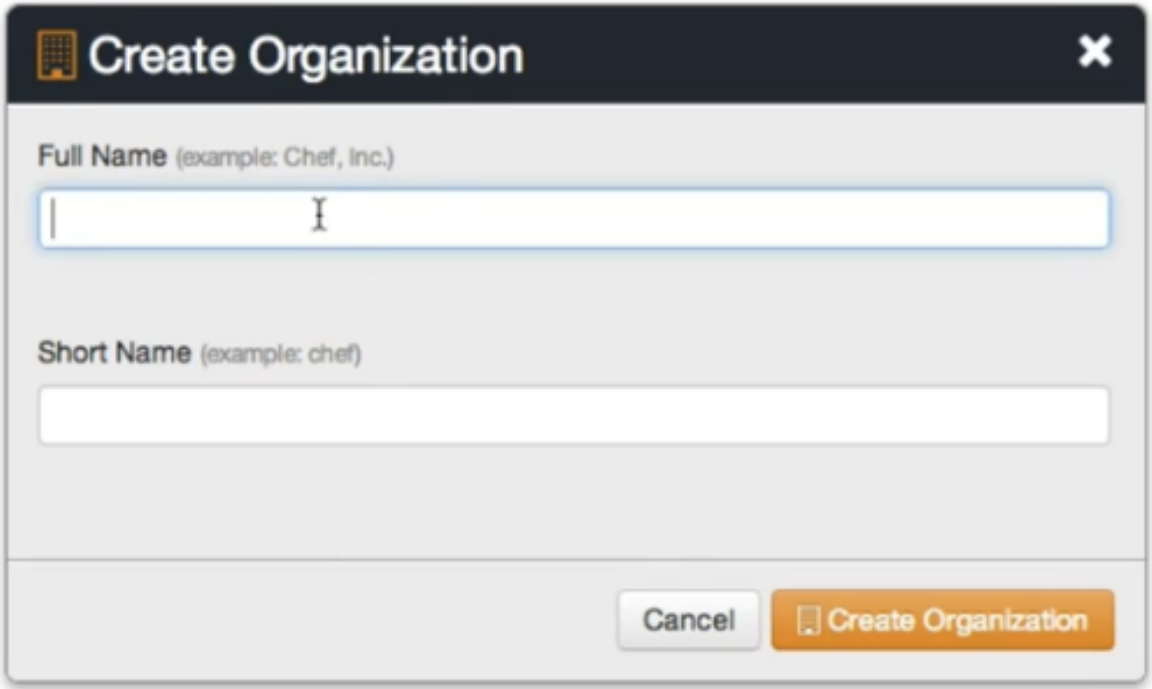

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api.chef.io/organizations/schogini1/getting_started

CHEF MANAGE | Nodes | Reports | Policy | Administration | Feedback | Organization schogini1 | Signed in as Sreeprakash Neelakantan | 0 | 0

- Organizations
  - Create
  - Reset Validation Key
  - Generate Knife Config
  - Invite User
  - Leave Organization
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- Users
- Groups
- Global Permissions

Thank you for choosing Hosted Chef!

Follow these steps to be on your way to using Hosted Chef

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What's next?

Chef Documentation

The best place to start learning about Chef in general.

Browse Community Cookbooks

Hundreds of members of the Chef community have contributed cookbooks you can use or draw inspiration from.

Contact Support

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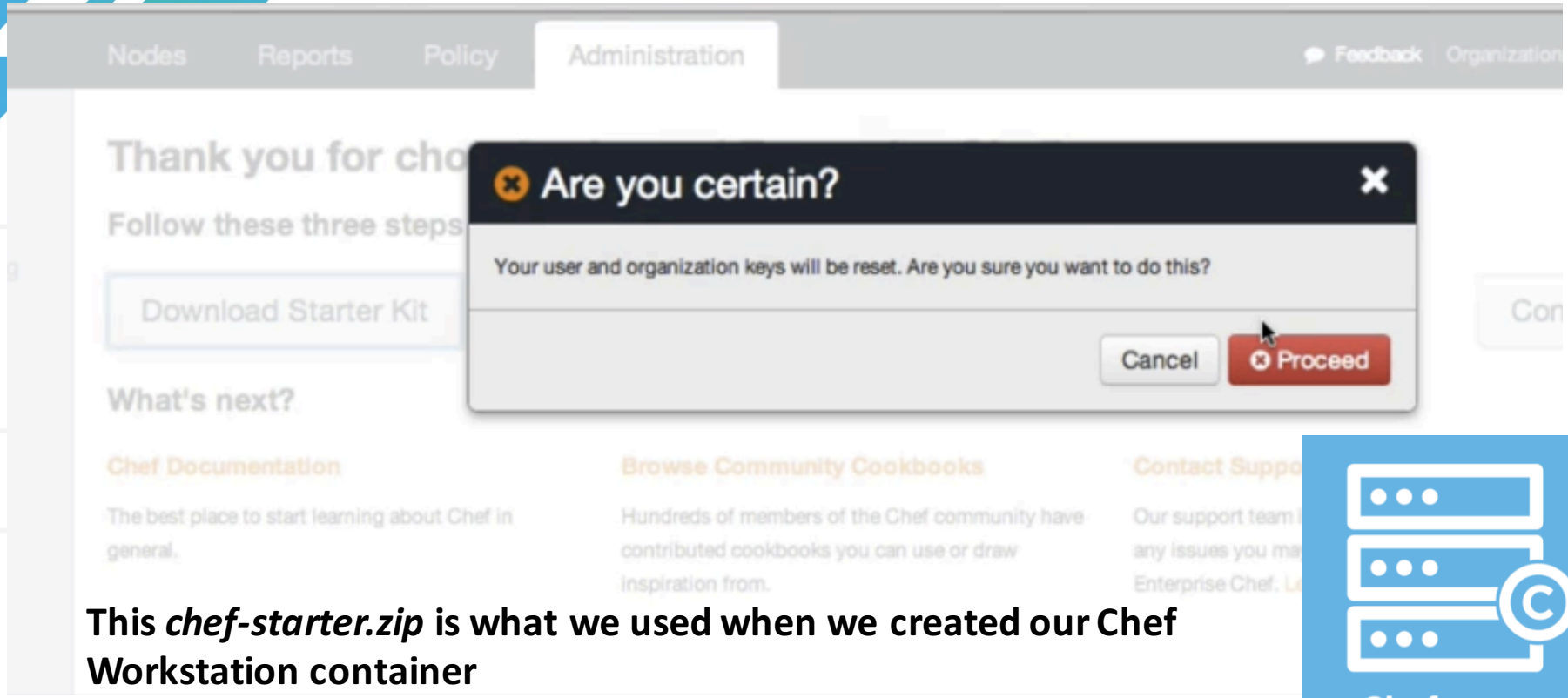

This *chef-starter.zip* is what we used when we created our Chef Workstation container

Chef: Organization Setup: Readying Chef Workstation

Download and setup the chef-starter.zip into the workstation as /root/chef-repo

Chef: Workstation Setup: Configure knife using Docker

STEP 1: Create the folders

```
# mkdir chef-ws
# cd chef-ws
```

STEP 2: Get the starter kit for your Chef account.

```
# unzip chef-starter.zip   <==  DOWNLOAD THIS FROM CHEF WEBSITE
```

STEP 3: Start the Chef Workstation

```
# docker network create chef
# docker run --rm -ti --name chefws --network chef -v $PWD/chef-repo:/root/chef-repo
    schogini/chef-ws
```

STEP 4: Enter the Workstation and setup your Git user

```
# git config --global user.email abhijithvg@example.com
# git config --global user.name "Abhijith V G"
```

STEP 5: Run the Chef Client (in local mode)

```
# chef-client -z
```

Chef: Workstation Setup: Create a simple recipe

cd chef-repo/ cookbooks → *(while testing Chef assumes that all recipes are in the cookbooks folder)*
chef generate cookbook sree
nano cookbooks/sree/recipes/default.rb

```
root@chefworkstation:~/chef-repo# cat cookbooks/sree/recipes/default.rb
#
# Cookbook:: sree
# Recipe:: default
#
# Copyright:: 2017, The Authors, All Rights Reserved.

file '/root/chef-test1.txt' do
        content '<html>This is a placeholder for the home page.</html>'
        mode '0644'
        owner 'root'
        group 'root'
end
```

Chef: Workstation Setup: Applying Recipe-1: chef-apply (Locally)

```
root@chefworkstation:~/chef-repo# chef-apply cookbooks/sree/recipes/default.rb
Recipe: (chef-apply cookbook)::(chef-apply recipe)
  * file[/root/chef-test1.txt] action create
    - create new file /root/chef-test1.txt
    - update content in file /root/chef-test1.txt from none to 3d079e
    --- /root/chef-test1.txt    2017-08-12 14:23:40.700028013 +0000
    +++ /root/.chef-chef-test120170812-23151-6yw3wz.txt 2017-08-12 14:23:40.700028013 +0000
    @@ -1 +1,2 @@
    +<html>This is a placeholder for the home page.</html>
    - change mode from '' to '0644'
    - change owner from '' to 'root'
    - change group from '' to 'root'
root@chefworkstation:~/chef-repo# chef-apply cookbooks/sree/recipes/default.rb
Recipe: (chef-apply cookbook)::(chef-apply recipe)
  * file[/root/chef-test1.txt] action create (up to date)
```

Chef: Workstation Setup: Applying Recipe-2: chef-client local mode

chef-client -z -o sree

```
root@chefworkstation:~/chef-repo# chef-client -z -o sree
    - create new file /root/chef-test1.txt[2017-08-11T15:18:28+00:00] IN
e contents /root/chef-test1.txt

    - update content in file /root/chef-test1.txt from none to 3d079e
    --- /root/chef-test1.txt    2017-08-11 15:18:28.113898456 +0000
    +++ /root/.chef-chef-test120170811-20586-1xqca0o.txt        2017-08-
    @@ -1 +1,2 @@
    +<html>This is a placeholder for the home page.</html>[2017-08-11T15
txt] owner changed to 0
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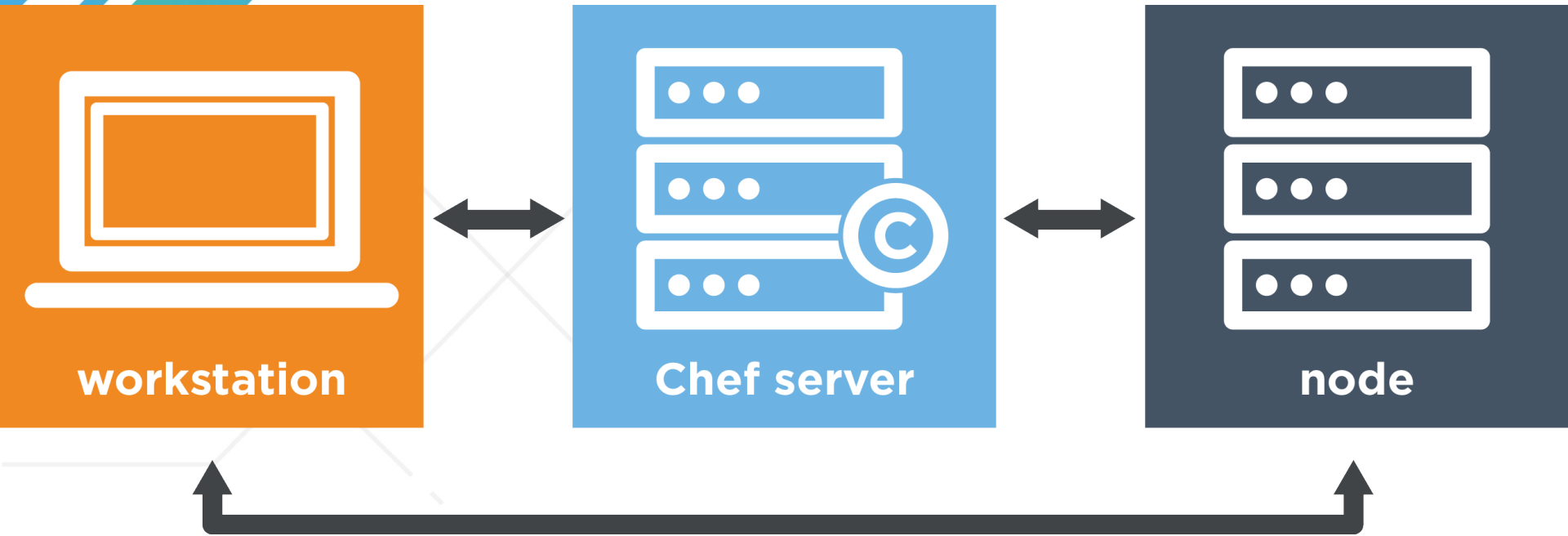
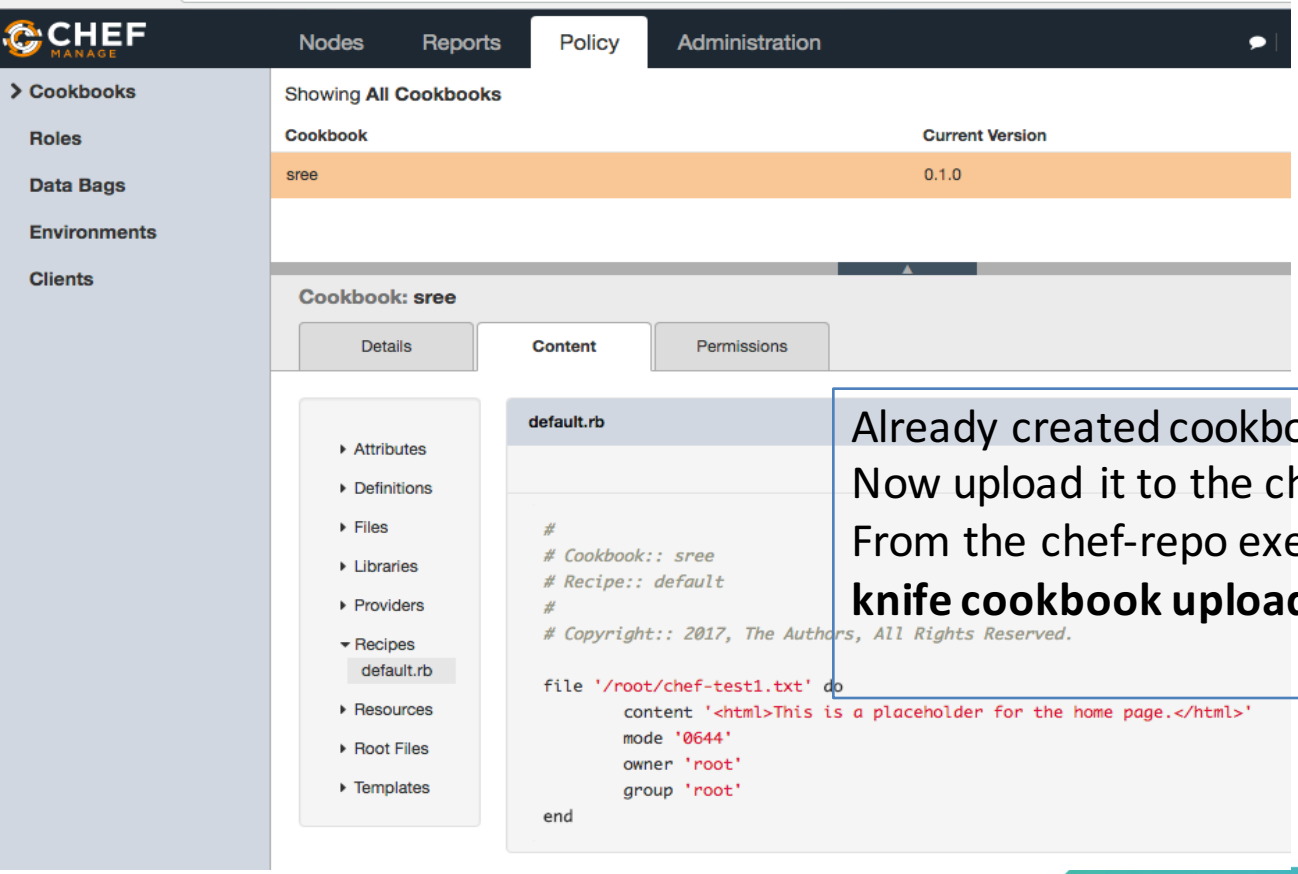
    - change mode from '' to '0644'
    - change owner from '' to 'root'
    - change group from '' to 'root'
```

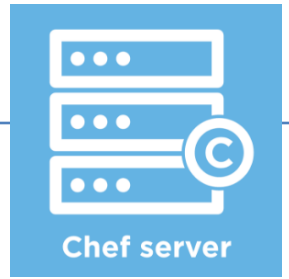
Chef: Chef Server



Chef: Node Objects and Search: How to Add Run list to Node



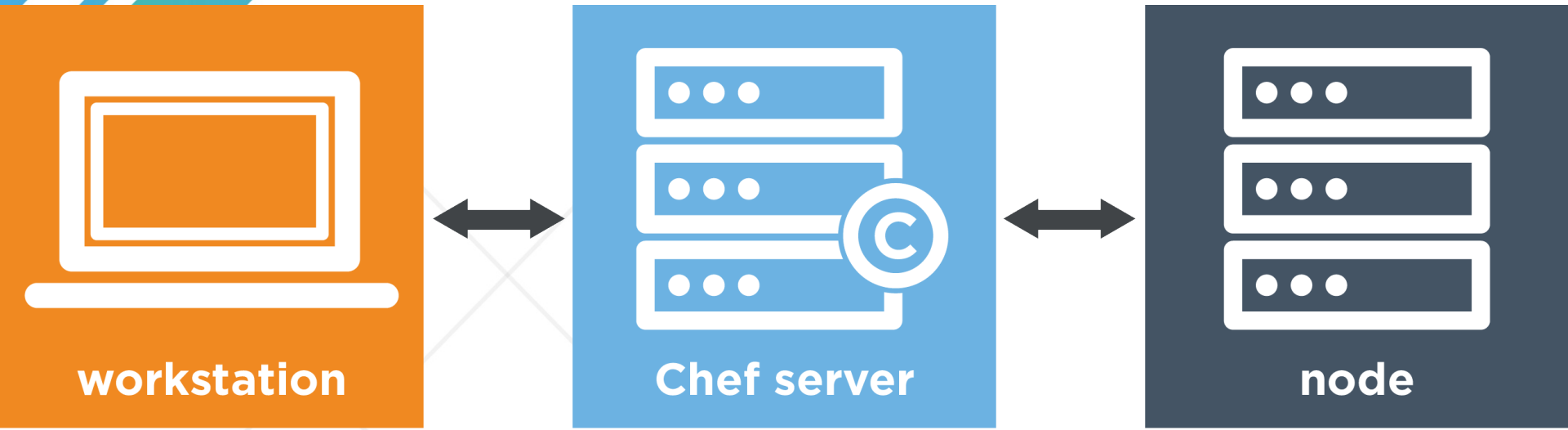
Already created cookbook sree with a default recipe
Now upload it to the chef server.
From the chef-repo execute:
knife cookbook upload sree



Chef: Workstation Setup: How to configure nodes/servers

```
docker run --rm -ti --name chefnode1 --network chef schogini/chef-node
```

Chef: Chef Server



Chef: Organization Setup: Adding Servers as Nodes

1. From the workstation's above chef-repo folder run this command for each node
   knife bootstrap chefnode1 -x root -P <root-password> -N <node-name>

eg: knife bootstrap chefnode1 -x root -P sree1234 -N chefnode1

Notes:

1) In production setup, do not specify the node name, it will be auto populated by the nodes hostname.
2) Nodes must allow root ssh login during the initial setup, this must be blocked after that.

Chef: Workstation Setup: Bootstrapping nodes

Login to the workstation and run the knife command to talk to the nodes

```
cd /root/chef-repo
root@chefworkstation:~# knife bootstrap chefnode1 -x root -P sree1234 -N chefnode1
Creating new client for chefnode1
Creating new node for chefnode1
Connecting to chefnode1
chefnode1 -----> Existing Chef installation detected
chefnode1 Starting the first Chef Client run...
chefnode1 Starting Chef Client, version 11.8.2
chefnode1 resolving cookbooks for run list: []
chefnode1 Synchronizing Cookbooks:
chefnode1 Compiling Cookbooks...
chefnode1 [2017-08-10T08:54:19+00:00] WARN: Node chefnode1 has an empty run list.
chefnode1 Converging 0 resources
chefnode1 Chef Client finished, 0 resources updated
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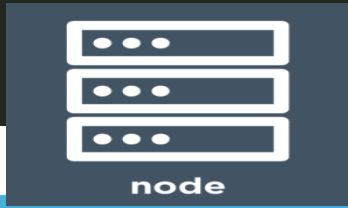


Chef: Organization Setup: Adding Nodes

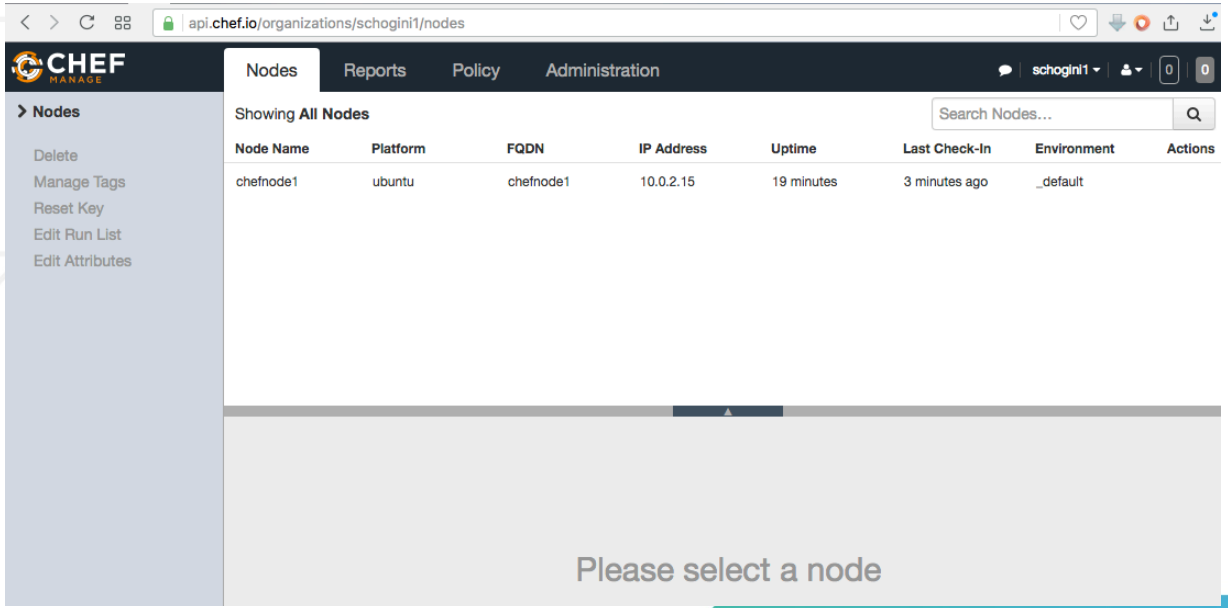
After you bootstrap a node, the chef-client will poll the chef-server and the server will become aware of the chef node.

eg: knife bootstrap chefnode1 -x root -P sree1234 -N chefnode1

NOTE: If you get an error like this:

ERROR: *Net::SSH::HostKeyMismatch: fingerprint 7b:12:4c:1e:05:d5:61:55:66:97:6e:92:27:97:37:91 does not match for "chefnode1,172.28.128.30"*

Remove the chefnode1 line from the ~/.ssh/known_hosts line



Chef: Workstation Setup: Applying Recipe-3: knife local mode

First find the node name, then add run list! Then run chef client

```
root@chefworkstation:~/chef-repo# knife node list -z
schogini
root@chefworkstation:~/chef-repo# cat .chef/knife.rb
# See http://docs.chef.io/config_rb_knife.html for more information on knife configuration options

current_dir = File.dirname(__FILE__)
log_level                :info
log_location             STDOUT
node_name                "schogini"
client_key               "#{current_dir}/schogini.pem"
chef_server_url          "https://api.chef.io/organizations/schogini1"
cookbook_path            ["#{current_dir}/../cookbooks"]
root@chefworkstation:~/chef-repo# knife node run_list add schogini "recipe[sree]" -z
schogini:
  run_list: recipe[sree]
```

chef-client -z

Chef: HW-1

Chef

1. Setup Chef Workstation
2. Create Chef Server account
3. Experiment with different recipes
4. Upload the recipe to Chef Server
5. Create Chef Node
6. Add Chef Node to CS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