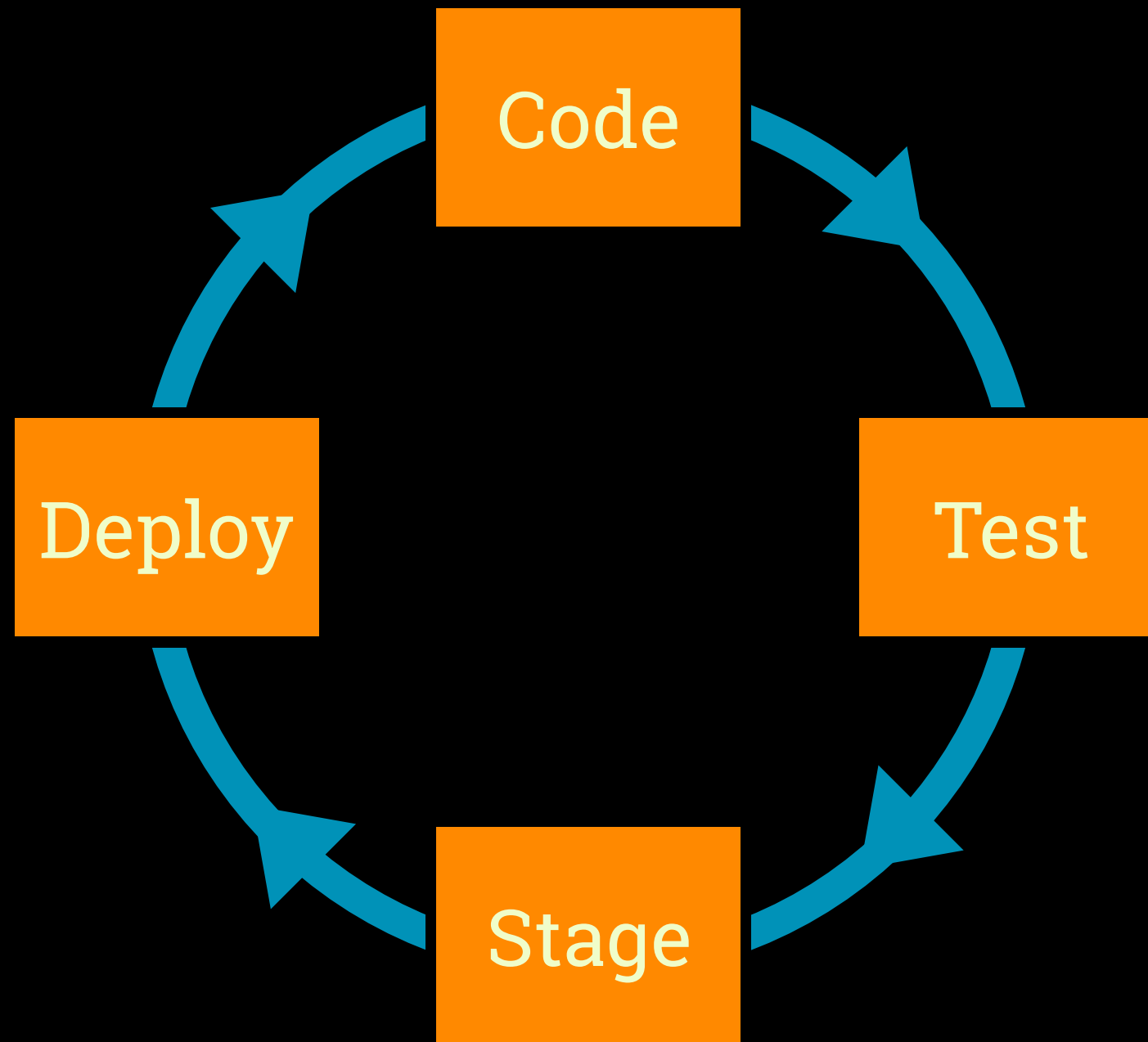


# Using Policyfiles

YoloVer as a Workflow

**tl;dr**

# Workflow



# New Words

- chef Command – Part of ChefDK, like knife
- Policy – Exact set of cookbooks to run
- Policyfile – Source code for a policy
- Policy Name – Replaces role, web/db/etc
- Policy Group – Replaces environment, SN1/2/etc
- Compiled Policy – Snapshot of a policy

# Smile for the Camera

```
{
  "revision_id": "288ed244f8db8bfff3caf58147e840bbe079f76e0",
  "name": "demo_policy",
  "run_list": ["recipe[demo::default]"],
  "cookbook_locks": {
    "demo": {
      "version": "1.0.0",
      "identifier": "f04cc40faf628253fe7d9566d66a1733fb1afbe9",
      "dotted_decimal_identifier": "67630690.23226298.2550585",
      "source": "cookbooks/demo",
      "cache_key": null,
      "scm_info": null,
      "source_options": {"path": "cookbooks/demo"}
    }
  }
}
```

# ... And Push It Over There

- `chef install`
- Compile and download
- `chef push`
- Upload to Chef Server



Policyfile.rb

# Policyfile.rb

```
name "kafka"
```

```
default_source :community
```

```
run_list "base", "kafka::server"
```



# Run Lola Run

```
run_list "foo", "bar"
```

```
run_list ["foo", "bar"]
```

```
run_list %w{foo bar}
```

```
run_list "foo::other", "recipe[bar]"
```

# Marathon Man

```
named_run_list :deploy, "app::deploy"
```

```
$ chef-client -n deploy
```

```
# Doesn't work anymore
```

```
$ chef-client -o "recipe[app::deploy]"
```

# Alice's Restaurant

```
cookbook "monit"
```

```
cookbook "monit", "1.0.0"
```

```
cookbook "monit", "~> 1.0"
```

```
cookbook "monit", path: "../chef-monit"
```

```
cookbook "monit", github: "poise/monit"
```

```
cookbook "monit", git: "https://..."
```

# The Usual Suspects

```
default_source :community
```

```
default_source :supermarket, "http://..."
```

```
default_source :chef_repo, "../"
```

# Lone Star

```
default_source :... do |s|  
  s.preferred_source_for "monit", "..."  
end
```

# M\*A\*S\*H

```
default["myapp"]["root"] = "/app"
```

```
override["monit"]["port"] = 8080
```

# Deliverance

- `$ chef install [path/to/policy.rb]`
- Compiles policy, solves all version constraints
- Searches all sources when applicable
- Creates Policyfile.lock and downloads to cache

# Groundhog Day

- `$ chef update [path/to/policy.rb]`
- Recompiles an existing policy
- Similar to `"rm Policyfile.lock && chef install"`
- But don't do that, use `"chef update"`
- Will grow single-cookbook updates later



# Raising Arizona

- `$ chef push $group [path/to/policy.rb]`
- Uploads a policy to a Chef Server
- Uploads are to a policy group (S1, S2, etc)
- Includes any cookbooks needed for the policy

# A Place in the Sun

```
$ chef install ./Policyfile.rb
```

```
$ chef install policies/app.rb
```

# The Remains of the Day

```
$ nano Policyfile.rb
```

```
$ chef install
```

```
$ chef push s1
```

```
$ chef push s2
```

```
# Edit some cookbooks ...
```

```
$ chef update
```

```
$ chef push s1
```

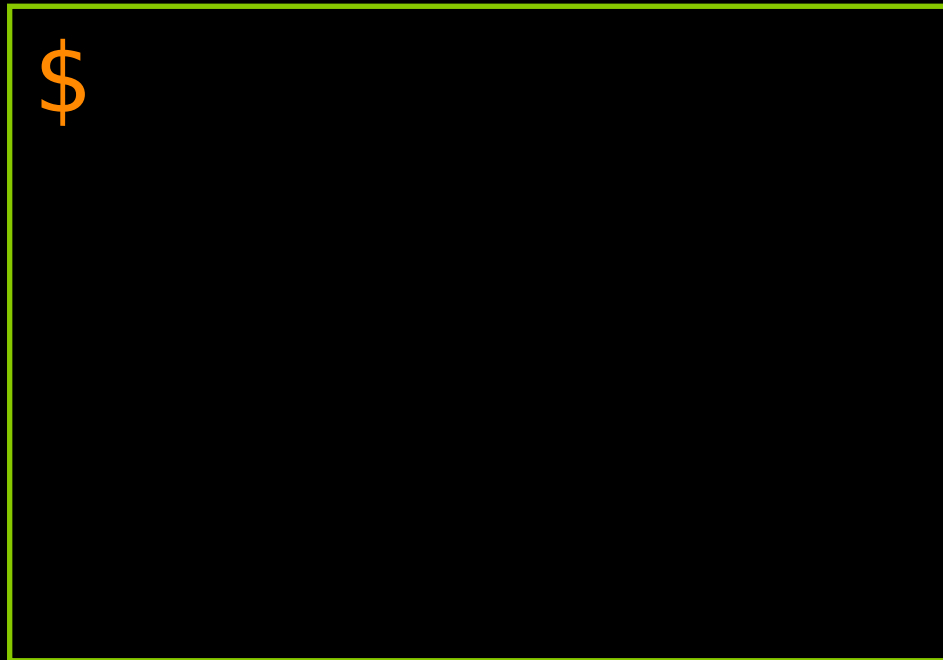
```
$ chef push s2
```

Bleeding Edge

# The Talking Stick

- There is only one pipeline
- Multiple releases must be mutex-d

# The Talking Stick



S1

S2

S3

# The Talking Stick

```
$ chef update  
Policy compiled  
$ chef push s1
```

```
$
```

S1

S2

S3

# The Talking Stick

```
$ chef update  
Policy compiled  
$ chef push s1  
$ chef push s2
```

```
$
```

S1

S2

S3



# The Talking Stick

```
$ chef update  
Policy compiled  
$ chef push s1  
$ chef push s2
```

```
$ chef update  
Policy compiled  
$ chef push s1  
$ chef push s2  
$ chef push s3
```

S1

S2

S3

# The Talking Stick

```
$ chef update  
Policy compiled  
$ chef push s1  
$ chef push s2  
$ chef push s3
```

```
$ chef update  
Policy compiled  
$ chef push s1  
$ chef push s2  
$ chef push s3
```

S1

S2

S3

# The Talking Stick

- For now: make sure no one else is deploying
- Future: Deploy UI may help lock clusters
- Situational awareness is required

# Graft vs. Host

- Base cookbooks maintained by core team
- App cookbooks from the cluster owner
- Refine ownership and distribution
- Here be dragons, tread lightly

# Environment Attributes

- default/override in the policy act like role attrs
- No specific support for group-level values

# Nesting

```
# Policyfile.rb
```

```
default["SN1"]["app"]["dbhost"] = "..."
```

```
default["SN2"]["app"]["dbhost"] = "..."
```

```
# recipes/default.rb
```

```
node[node.policy_group]["app"]["dbhost"]
```

# Hoisting

```
# Policyfile.rb
```

```
default["SN1"]["app"]["dbhost"] = "..."
```

```
default["SN2"]["app"]["dbhost"] = "..."
```

```
# attributes/default.rb
```

```
default.update(default[node.policy_group])
```

# Data Bag

```
# attributes/default.rb  
item = DataBagItem.load("env",  
                        node.policy_group)  
default.update(item.raw_data)
```



# Base Role

```
# base.rb
```

```
default_source :community
```

```
run_list "base"
```

```
default["key"] = "value"
```

```
# Policyfile.rb
```

```
instance_eval(IO.read("base.rb"))
```

```
name "web"
```

```
run_list << "web"
```

# Partial Updates

- `chef update` can only regenerate a policy
- Planned for the future
- Use `chef diff` for safety

# Danger Zone

- LANA, LANAAAAAAAAAAAAA
- New, fresh, well-tested
- Growing quickly

# Trouble Spots

- Single pipeline
- Group-level attributes
- Shared base configuration
- Partial updates
- Young tooling

Order's Up

# Release Process

- Update cookbook version
- Make a git tag
- Maybe push to (internal?) Supermarket
- Push to Chef Server organization
- Update Chef environments in order
- Repeat for each changed cookbook

# SemVer FTW!

- Allows flexible environment restrictions (~> 1.0)
- Loose coupling and last-minute solver
- Better control for other teams
- More semantic info for UI/tools
- Warm and fuzzy feelings

# More Like LameVer

- Mental overhead to establish "compatible"
- Ensure all dependencies are released in order
- Must have linearized x.y.z versions
- No concurrent git branches or pre-releases



I Don't Wanna

# YoloVer

- Policyfile(s) linked directly to git
- Use a cookbooks/ folder if desired
- `chef install/update` to take a new snapshot
- `chef push` to deploy to stages

# Example Repo

```
$ ls .  
cookbooks/ policies/
```

```
$ ls cookbooks  
bb-kafka/ bb-graphite/ bb-collectd/
```

```
$ ls policies/  
db.rb frontend.rb
```

# policies/db.rb

```
name "db"
```

```
default_source :community
```

```
default_source :chef_repo, ".."
```

```
cookbook "clojure", github: ".../clojure"
```

```
run_list "clojure", "git", "bb-kafka"
```

# Mise en Place

# Kitchen

- Test Kitchen with `policyfile_zero`
- Testing policies, not cookbooks
- Use ChefDK or install `chef-dk`

# .kitchen.yml

driver:

name: vagrant

platforms:

- name: ubuntu-14.04
- name: centos-7

suites:

- name: default
- name: other

# Test Matrix

ubuntu-14.04

centos-7

default

default-ubuntu-1404

default-centos-7

other

other-ubuntu-1404

other-centos-7



# policyfile\_zero

provisioner:

name: policyfile\_zero

policyfile: policies/web.rb

# Named Run Lists

suites:

- name: default
- name: other

provisioner:

named\_run\_list: other

# Multiple Policies

suites:

- name: default
- name: db

provisioner:

policyfile: policies/db.rb

# Kitchen Basics

```
$ kitchen converge
```

```
$ kitchen converge other
```

```
$ kitchen converge default.*
```

```
$ kitchen destroy
```

# Example

driver:

name: vagrant

provisioner:

name: policyfile\_zero

platforms:

- name: centos-7

suites:

- name: db

provisioner:

policyfile: policies/db.rb

# Remodeling

# Role

```
# roles/app.rb
name "app"
run_list [
  "recipe[base]",
  "recipe[app]"
]

default_attributes(
  "app" => {"port" => 8080},
)
```

# Role Cookbook

```
# metadata.rb  
name "role-app"  
depends "base"  
depends "app"
```

```
# attributes/default.rb  
default["app"]["port"] = 8080
```

```
# recipes/default.rb  
include_recipe "base"  
include_recipe "app"
```



# Role Policy

```
# policies/app.rb
name "app"
default_source :community
run_list "base", "app"

default["app"]["port"] = 8080
```

# Environment

```
# environments/prod.rb  
name "prod"  
cookbook_versions({  
  "postgresql" => "3.4.20",  
})
```

```
default_attributes({  
  "postgresql" => {  
    "dir" => "/data",  
  },  
})
```

# Env Cookbook

```
# metadata.rb
```

```
name "env-prod"
```

```
depends "role-app"
```

```
depends "postgresql", "3.4.20"
```

```
# attributes/default.rb
```

```
default["postgresql"]["dir"] = "/data"
```

```
# recipes/app.rb
```

```
include_recipe "role-app"
```

# Env Policy

```
# policies/app.rb
```

```
name "app"
```

```
default_source :community
```

```
run_list "base", "app"
```

```
cookbook "postgresql", "3.4.20"
```

```
default["app"]["port"] = 8080
```

```
default["postgresql"]["dir"] = "/data"
```

```
# Upload to prod group
```

```
$ chef push prod policies/app.rb
```

# Env Policy

```
# policies/_prod.rb
cookbook "postgresql", "3.4.20"
default["postgresql"]["dir"] = "/data"
```

```
# policies/app.rb
path = File.expand_path("../_prod.rb",
                        __FILE__)
instance_eval(IO.read(path))
name "app"
# ...
```

# Wrapper Cookbook

```
# metadata.rb
```

```
name "company-postgresql"
```

```
depends "postgresql", "3.4.20"
```

```
# recipes/default.rb
```

```
include_recipe "postgresql"
```

```
# recipes/server.rb
```

```
include_recipe "postgresql::server"
```

**END OF CURRENTLY  
WRITTEN SLIDES**

# Chef Push



Household Staff

# Testing Tools

- ChefSpec – Unit testing
- Test Kitchen – Integration testing
- InSpec – Integration/acceptance testing

# Unit Testing

- Test a single unit of logic (recipe, resource)
- Mock/stub at unit boundaries
- Ensure isolation between tests
- Move fast and break things

# Unit Testing

- Edge cases
- Complex inputs
- Regression checks

# Integration Testing

- Test the integration of multiple units
- Check side effects
- Slower, but closer to real life

# Integration Testing

- Real world use cases
- Performance tests (sometimes)

# ChefSpec

- RSpec 4lyfe
- Really runs Chef
- Provider stubs, `step_into` specific providers
- Stub helpers for `data_bags`, `search`, `commands`

# Test Kitchen

- Create a fresh virtual machine
- Install and run Chef
- Run verification tests via InSpec
- Uses Policyfile via policyfile\_zero plugin



RSpec

# RSpec

```
describe "a thing" do
  it "is a thing" do
    expect(1).to eq 1
  end
end
```

# Describe

```
describe MyClass do  
  # ...  
end
```

```
describe "label" do  
  # ...  
end
```

# Context

```
describe "a thing" do
  context "with A" do
    # ...
  end
  context "with B" do
    # ...
  end
end
```

# It

```
it "works" do  
  expect(val).to ...  
end
```

```
it { expect(val).to ... }
```

# All Together

Point out that I have no "it" labels here

```
describe "addition" do
  context "with 1" do
    it { expect(1+1).to eq 2 }
  end
  context "with 2" do
    it { expect(2+2).to eq 4 }
  end
end
```

# Running

- Put that in `spec/thing_spec.rb`
- `$ chef exec rspec`

# Expectations

`expect(value).to matcher`



# eq Matcher

Point out function-y nature just this once.

```
expect(value).to eq(other)
```

```
expect(1).to eq 1
```

```
expect("a").to eq "a"
```

# to\_not Mode

Quick diversion, not a matcher but a  
matcher mode

```
expect(1).to_not eq 2
```

```
expect("a").to_not eq "b"
```

# be Matcher

`expect(1).to be > 0`

`expect(-1).to be < 0`

`expect(0).to be == 0`

Same as eq matcher

# Boolean Matchers

`expect(nil).to be_nil`

`expect(true).to be true`

`expect(false).to be false`

`expect(1).to be_truthy`

`expect(nil).to be_falsey`

# String Matchers

`expect("abc").to include "a"`

`expect("abc").to match /a.c/`

`expect("abc").to start_with "a"`

`expect("abc").to end_with "c"`

# Class Matchers

`expect("a").to be_a String`

`expect(1).to be_an Integer`

# Error Matchers

Point out the block here

```
expect { myfunc() }.to raise_error  
  
...to raise_error ArgumentError  
  
...to raise_error /message/
```

# Subject

```
describe "a thing" do
  subject { 1 }
  it do
    expect(subject).to eq 1
  end
end
```



# Is Expected

```
describe "a thing" do
  subject { 1 }
  it do
    is_expected.to eq 1
  end
end
```

# Should (Okay)

```
describe "a thing" do
  subject { 1 }
  it do
    should eq 1
  end
end
```

# Should (Not Okay)

```
describe "a thing" do
  subject { 1 }
  it do
    subject.should eq 1
  end
end
```

# Let

```
describe "a thing" do
  let(:myval) { 1 }
  it do
    expect(1+myval).to eq 2
  end
end
```

# Complex Let

```
describe "a thing" do
  subject { val + 1 }
  context "with 1" do
    let(:val) { 1 }
    it { is_expected.to eq 2 }
  end
  context "with 2" do
    let(:val) { 2 }
    it { is_expected.to eq 3 }
  end
end
```

# Before

```
describe "a thing" do
  before do
    puts "BEFORE!"
  end
  it { ... }
end
```

# Before Timing

```
before(:each) { ... }
```

```
before(:all) { ... }
```

# Other Hooks

before { ... }

Mention timing works on all of them

after { ... }

around { |ex| ...; ex.run; ... }



# Spec Helper

```
# spec/spec_helper.rb  
require "..."
```

```
RSpec.configure do |config|  
  # ...  
end
```

# Spec Helper

```
# spec/thing_spec.rb  
require "spec_helper"  
  
describe ...
```

Lab?

# Mocks

- Helpers for faking out methods
- Avoid "dangerous" call (IO.write, shell\_out)
- Call without depending on internals (unit isolation)

# Mocks

```
allow(I0).to receive(:read)
```

```
expect(I0).to receive(:read)
```

# Argument Matchers

```
... receive(:read).with("/foo")
```

```
... receive(:read).with(match /foo.*//)
```

# Return Value

```
... receive(:read).and_return("lorem")
```

```
... receive(:read) { |path| "lorem" }
```

# Doubles

```
double()
```

```
double(method: "1")
```

```
double("label", method: "1")
```



# Doubles

```
double(x: 1).x == 1
```

```
fake = double  
expect(fake).to receive(:x) { 1 }
```

Default mode is allow

# Example

```
describe MyLib do
  let(:node) do
    double(name: "test.example",
            chef_environment: "prod")
  end
  subject { MyLib.myfunc(node) }
  it { is_expected.to eq ... }
end
```

# Example

```
describe "myfunc" do
  subject { myfunc("foo", "abc") }
  it do
    expect(I0).to receive(:write) \
      .with("/foo", "abc")
  subject
end
end
```

Explain expect mock before subject

# Example

```
describe "myotherfunc" do
  subject { myotherfunc("bar") }
  before do
    allow(IO).to receive(:read) \
      .with("/bar").and_return("abc")
  end
  it { is_expected.to eq "abc" }
end
```

ChefSpec

# ChefSpec

```
# spec/spec_helper.rb  
require "chefspec"  
require "chefspec/policyfile"
```

```
# Policyfile.rb  
name "cookbookname"  
run_list name  
default_source :community  
cookbook name, path: "."
```

# Runner

```
subject do
  ChefSpec::SoloRunner.converge('name')
end
```

# Basics

```
describe "myrecipe" do
  subject do
    ChefSpec::SoloRunner.converge("myrecipe")
  end

  it { is_expected.to ... }
end
```



# Matchers

```
...to ACTION_RESOURCE(NAME)
```

```
...to install_package("nginx")
```

```
...to create_user("myapp")
```

# With

■ `with(prop: val, prop: val)`

```
install_package("nginx").with(version: "1.2")  
create_user("myapp").with(group: "nogroup")
```

# More Matchers

```
...to include_recipe("other")
```

```
...to notify("service[nginx]")  
      ...with(:restart)
```

```
...to do_nothing
```

# Render File

```
...to render_file("/foo")
```

```
...to create_file("/foo")
```

```
...to create_template("/foo")
```

```
...to create_cookbook_file("/foo")
```

```
...with_content("asdf")
```

```
...with_content(match /a/)
```

# Node Attributes

```
subject do
  ChefSpec::SoloRunner.new do |node|
    node.default["foo"] = "bar"
  end.converge("recipe")
end
```

# Command Stubs

```
# recipes/default.rb
```

```
execute "..." do
```

```
  not_if "grep line /foo.txt"
```

```
end
```

```
# spec/default_spec.rb
```

```
before do
```

```
  stub_command("grep line /foo.txt") \
```

```
    .and_return(true)
```

```
end
```

# More Stubs

```
stub_data_bag("name") \  
    .and_return(["item1", "item2"])
```

```
stub_data_bag_item("name", "item1") \  
    .and_return({...})
```

```
stub_search(:node, "roles:db") \  
    .and_return([...])
```

# Custom Matchers

```
# libraries/matchers.rb
if defined?(ChefSpec)
  def create_mything(name)
    ChefSpec::Matchers::ResourceMatcher.new(
      :mything, :create, name)
  end

  def remove_mything(name)
    ChefSpec::Matchers::ResourceMatcher.new(
      :mything, :remove, name)
  end
end
```



# Team Players

not really workflow related, you might want to run the clean commands in cron

`clean-policy-revisions` Delete unused policy revisions on the server[19:29:13]

`clean-policy-cookbooks` Delete unused policyfile cookbooks on the server

server-side maintenance stuffs