Puppet processing hooks provide a way to insert custom logic into different stages of Puppet's processing pipeline. They allow you to execute custom code before or after certain operations, such as catalog compilation, resource application, and fact collection. This can be useful for extending Puppet’s functionality or integrating with other tools and processes.

**Overview of Puppet Processing Hooks**

Processing hooks can be used to:

* **Execute custom code** before or after the Puppet master compiles a catalog.
* **Integrate with external systems** or tools during various stages of the Puppet run.
* **Modify or extend the default behavior** of Puppet.

**Types of Processing Hooks**

1. **Pre-Run Hooks**: Execute before Puppet applies the configuration.
2. **Post-Run Hooks**: Execute after Puppet has applied the configuration.
3. **Custom Hooks**: Defined by users to perform specific actions at various stages.

**Using Processing Hooks in Puppet**

To use processing hooks, you generally need to create custom scripts or modules that will be triggered by Puppet at the appropriate time.

**1. Pre-Run Hooks**

Pre-run hooks execute before Puppet starts applying configurations. You might use these hooks for tasks like setting up environment-specific configurations or preparing the system for Puppet.

**Example: Pre-Run Script**

Create a script that Puppet will execute before it starts the main run:

**File: /etc/puppetlabs/puppet/pre\_run\_hook.sh**

bash

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#!/bin/bash

echo "Running pre-run hook..."

# Add custom logic here

Make the script executable:

bash

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sudo chmod +x /etc/puppetlabs/puppet/pre\_run\_hook.sh

Configure Puppet to execute this script before the run. This can be done using an external tool or by modifying Puppet's startup scripts.

**2. Post-Run Hooks**

Post-run hooks execute after Puppet has finished applying the configuration. These can be used to perform cleanup tasks, send notifications, or update external systems.

**Example: Post-Run Script**

Create a script to be executed after the Puppet run:

**File: /etc/puppetlabs/puppet/post\_run\_hook.sh**

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#!/bin/bash

echo "Running post-run hook..."

# Add custom logic here

Make the script executable:

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sudo chmod +x /etc/puppetlabs/puppet/post\_run\_hook.sh

Configure Puppet to execute this script after the run. This can be done using Puppet's exec resource or an external scheduling tool.

**3. Custom Hooks**

Custom hooks can be added by creating custom Puppet modules or using existing Puppet hooks. Puppet does not provide a built-in mechanism for processing hooks, but you can achieve similar functionality by using external scripts or custom code.

**Example: Using exec Resource**

You can use the exec resource in Puppet to call custom scripts at different stages:

**File: modules/custom\_hooks/manifests/init.pp**

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class custom\_hooks {

exec { 'run\_pre\_hook':

command => '/etc/puppetlabs/puppet/pre\_run\_hook.sh',

path => ['/bin', '/usr/bin'],

before => Exec['apply\_puppet'],

}

exec { 'apply\_puppet':

command => 'puppet apply /etc/puppetlabs/code/environments/production/manifests/site.pp',

path => ['/bin', '/usr/bin'],

notify => Exec['run\_post\_hook'],

}

exec { 'run\_post\_hook':

command => '/etc/puppetlabs/puppet/post\_run\_hook.sh',

path => ['/bin', '/usr/bin'],

}

}

In this example:

* run\_pre\_hook executes before Puppet applies configurations.
* apply\_puppet applies the Puppet manifest.
* run\_post\_hook executes after Puppet finishes applying configurations.

**Example of a Custom Processing Hook**

Here’s a step-by-step example of setting up a custom processing hook:

1. **Create Hook Scripts**

**Pre-Run Hook**:

bash

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# /etc/puppetlabs/puppet/pre\_run\_hook.sh

#!/bin/bash

echo "Pre-run hook executed at $(date)" >> /var/log/puppet\_hooks.log

**Post-Run Hook**:

bash

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# /etc/puppetlabs/puppet/post\_run\_hook.sh

#!/bin/bash

echo "Post-run hook executed at $(date)" >> /var/log/puppet\_hooks.log

Make both scripts executable:

bash

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sudo chmod +x /etc/puppetlabs/puppet/pre\_run\_hook.sh

sudo chmod +x /etc/puppetlabs/puppet/post\_run\_hook.sh

1. **Configure Puppet to Use Hooks**

You might use Puppet’s exec resources to call these hooks as shown in the previous example.

1. **Verify Hook Execution**

Check the log file /var/log/puppet\_hooks.log to ensure that the hooks are executed at the correct times.

**Summary**

* **Pre-Run Hooks**: Execute before Puppet starts applying configurations.
* **Post-Run Hooks**: Execute after Puppet has finished applying configurations.
* **Custom Hooks**: Can be implemented using exec resources or external scripts.

Processing hooks are a powerful way to extend Puppet’s capabilities and integrate it with other tools and processes. By leveraging these hooks, you can customize Puppet’s behavior and improve your automation workflows.