

Puppet is a configuration management tool. It provides the capability to define which software and configuration a system requires and then maintain a specified state after an initial setup.

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1. Introduction

- Welcome note
- What you should know
- Configuration management (CM)
- Tools available in market for CM
- Why Puppet
- Puppet Features
 - Idempotency
 - Cross-Platform (using RAL)
 - Multi Node parallel execution (MCollective)
 - Puppet DB
 - Puppet Dashboard
 - Puppet IDE (Geppetto)

2. Puppet architecture

- Puppet master
- Puppet agent
- Puppet standalone

3. Puppet configuration

- Puppet master configuration
- Puppet agent configuration
- Puppet standalone configuration

4. Puppet components

- Nodes
- Resources
- Modules
 - o Manifests
 - o Files
 - Templates
 - Spec
 - o Tests
- Classes
- Facts



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5. Puppet workflow

- Work flow or lifecycle of puppet execution
 - Certificate signing request and approval
 - Facts collection by agents and forwarding to master
 - Parsing all applicable manifests while considering facts and create catalog and pass to agent
 - Agent validate system state (drain/desired) and apply catalog accordingly
 - o Once catalog run, it creates run report and pass to master
 - o Master store run report in Puppet DB
 - Puppet dashboard connect to puppet DB to read run reports and show processed data on dashboard
- Puppet components involved while creating catalog

6. Puppet DSL

- DSL synopsis
- Variables (String, Integer, Boolean, Array, Hash)
- If/Else conditions
- Case statement
- Iteration (loops)
- Relationship meta parameters (Before, Require, Notify and Subscribe)
- Use of different resources (Files, User, Group, Service, Package, Mount, etc)

7. System configuration with puppet

- Configure basic resources on a system with Puppet
- Run the agent and apply catalog
- Debug, if any failure
- SSH service configuration via puppet
- NTP service configuration via puppet
- LAMP server configuration via puppet

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8. Puppet module development

- Puppet modules development
- Customizing existing modules
- Modules from Puppet Forge
- Explore puppet modules on GitHub/GitLab



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9. Play with Puppet templates/filesCreate ERB templatesCreate EPP templatesUsage of templates and files

10. Hiera

- What is hiera
- Hiera hierarchy
- Use case of hiera
- Use hiera with site, roles, profiles

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Migration and Upgradation

- . Challenges while migrating puppet code for different platform provider
- . Upgrading Puppet version and testing exiting code on next version and way around