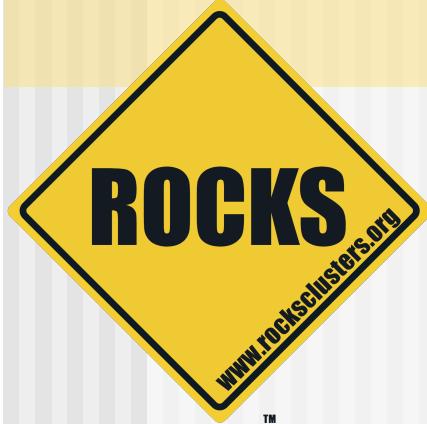


Guidelines

- ◆ We are a small group
- ◆ Interrupt the speaker
- ◆ Ask unrelated question
- ◆ Help us keep this fluid

- ◆ We can re-tool the agenda on-the-fly

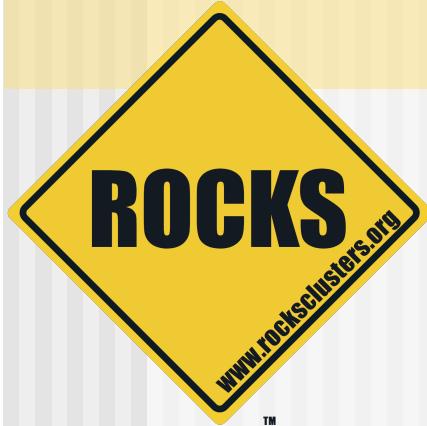


Community Development



Topics

- ◆ Community Status
 - ↳ Why this is Important
 - ↳ Open Source Licensing
 - ↳ Contributors and Working Groups
 - ↳ Source Code
- ◆ Becoming a Developer
 - ↳ Graph and Rolls
 - ↳ Attributes
 - ↳ Command Line
- ◆ Avoiding becoming a Developer



Community Status



WHY?

Rocks is almost 10 years old!

- ◆ Mission accomplished
- ◆ Rocks is the *de facto* open-source clustering solution
- ◆ Great user community
 - ⇒ 2000+ on mailing list
 - ⇒ Amazing signal to noise ratio
- ◆ Everything from 2 nodes cluster to top 10 supercomputers

Rocks is almost 10 years old!

- ◆ 90% of development is
 - ➲ NSF (and other grant) funded
 - ➲ Located at UC San Diego
- ◆ Need to diversify development
 - ➲ More ideas, passion, and focus areas
 - ➲ More secure funding



OPEN SOURCE LICENSING



Licensing / Copyrights

http://www.rocksclusters.org/wordpress/?page_id=48

- ◆ Rocks is entirely open-source
- ◆ BSD Attribution License
 - ↳ Standard UNIX open-source
 - ↳ Very friendly for derived works
- ◆ We have not changed to the more recent non-attribution BSD license
- ◆ Copyrights are owned by University of California Regents
- ◆ 3rd party code is a mix of licenses and copyrights
 - ↳ Most of Rocks bits are 3rd party!



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- ◆ The Rocks name and logo are registered trademarks.
- ◆ For fee licensing is available
 - ⌚ Standard usage
 - ⌚ Derivative usage (e.g. “ACME Rocks”)



Summary

- ◆ Rocks is open-source and free
- ◆ Use it any way you wish
- ◆ Make billions of dollars with it without even buying us a single beer

- ◆ **Give us attribution**
- ◆ License the name for commercial use

- ◆ These two things help keep us funded



EARLY COMMUNITY ROLLS



Sun Grid Engine

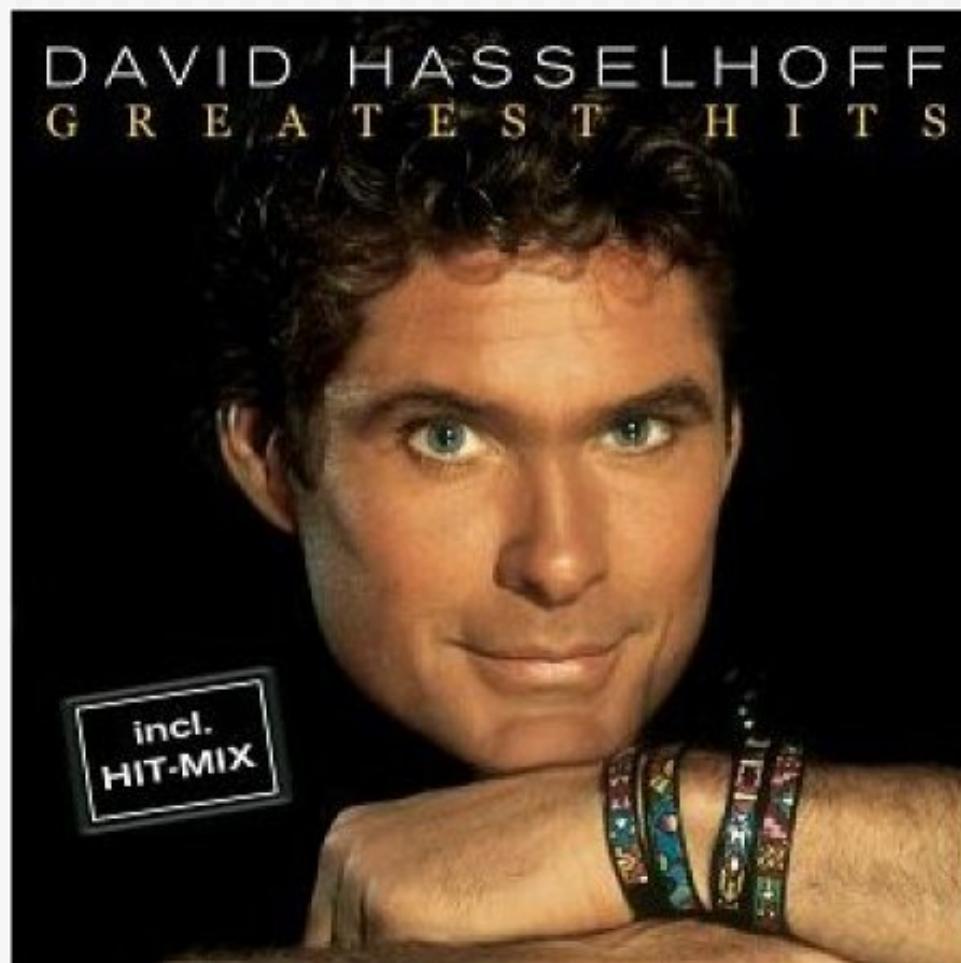
- ◆ Way back in 2004
- ◆ Rocks supported PBS
- ◆ Scalable Systems added SGE support
 - ⇒ Laurence Liew, Najib Ninaba
 - ⇒ 1st external developers for Rocks
 - ⇒ Based in Singapore
- ◆ SGE Roll created from this

Torque Roll

- ◆ Way back in 2006
- ◆ SGE Roll was the favorite of core team
- ◆ Threatened to drop PBS Support
- ◆ The Computer Center, University of Tromsø
 - ⇒ Roy Dragseth
 - ⇒ 2nd major external developer
 - ⇒ Based in Norway
- ◆ Continues to develop and support Torque Roll

ROCKS

We were “big” overseas



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First major attempt for actively recruit developers

WORKING GROUPS



Working Groups

◆ Purpose

- ➲ Fill gaps from core development team
- ➲ Handle issues off the core road map
- ➲ Make Rocks a more flexible solution

◆ Success Metrics

- ➲ Number of Rolls produced
- ➲ Amount of new Documentation (Wiki, ...)

Software Update WG

[https://wiki.rocksclusters.org/wiki/index.php/Software_Update_\(SUWG\)](https://wiki.rocksclusters.org/wiki/index.php/Software_Update_(SUWG))

- ◆ Started early 2008
 - ➲ Threads on yum updates increased
 - ➲ Core team said “don’t do it”
 - ➲ Advocates said “it works for me”
 - ➲ WG was recruited to address the issue
- ◆ Best practices defined
 - ➲ Exclude lists
 - ➲ Additional docs on custom restore Rolls



Status

- ◆ Community Interest: High
- ◆ Documentation: Moderate
- ◆ Rolls Produced: None

- ◆ Summary: Some real interest but needs leadership.



Thumper Working Group

https://wiki.rocksclusters.org/wiki/index.php/Rocks_on_Thumper

- ◆ Began with Rocks Solaris port
 - ➲ Sun funded
 - ➲ How to Manage ZFS NAS appliances
 - ➲ Specifically Sun Thumper
- ◆ Core team lead effort
- ◆ Used by several groups at UCSD
- ◆ Software is released

Status

- ◆ Community Interest: Low
- ◆ Documentation: Good
- ◆ Rolls Produced: Jumpstart

- ◆ Summary: Excellent activity with a small UCSD audience. Needs to build a larger user base.

Rolls Working Group

https://wiki.rocksclusters.org/wiki/index.php/Rolls_Working_Group

- ◆ Started early 2009
 - Developing free versions of commercial Rolls
 - Organized by Stanford University
- ◆ Self-organized group of a 3 individuals
- ◆ Good initial offering of Rolls
- ◆ Struggled with mailing list support

Status

- ◆ Community Interest: High
 - ◆ Documentation: Average
 - ◆ Rolls Produced: Good
-
- ◆ Summary: Excellent start, needs help with user support and keeping current with Rocks releases.

Triton Working Group

<http://tritonresource.sdsc.edu/>

- ◆ Started 2009
 - ➲ Developing Roll for large production cluster
 - ➲ Every piece of SW on system is part of a Roll
 - ➲ Includes commercial software
- ◆ Amazing set of Rolls (20+) to be released
- ◆ Triton group is here at SDSC
- ◆ No organized presence on Rocks list

Status

- ◆ Community Interest: Good
- ◆ Documentation: Good
- ◆ Rolls Produced: Excellent

- ◆ Summary: Highly productive group, but meets weekly with member(s) of Rocks core team. Phil is also their boss.



Great idea, some good traction, but not what we want

OVERALL GRADE: C-

What can UCSD do better?

- ◆ WG phone/video conference
 - ↳ WG to Core team
 - ↳ WG All hands
- ◆ Need to communicate roadmaps between WGs and Core team
 - ↳ Ease release tracking
 - ↳ No surprises (e.g. Rocks Command Line)
- ◆ Where should support issues go?
 - ↳ Main list
 - ↳ A new WG list

Ideas?

- ◆ Docs in dev process
 - ➲ Devel guide out of date
 - ➲ Mine mailing list for solution
- ◆ Developer Cloning Process
 - ➲ Jumpstart guide to development
- ◆ RESOLVED tag on mailing list
- ◆ Bug/Issue searchable database
 - ➲ RH is a good example of this
- ◆ IRC
- ◆ AIM Address Book (non-indexed)

What can you do better

- ◆ Tell us what you want
 - ➲ Complain
 - ➲ A lot
 - ➲ But, nicely
- ◆ Ask for help to start a new working group
- ◆ Join an existing working group
- ◆ We are starting this **today**

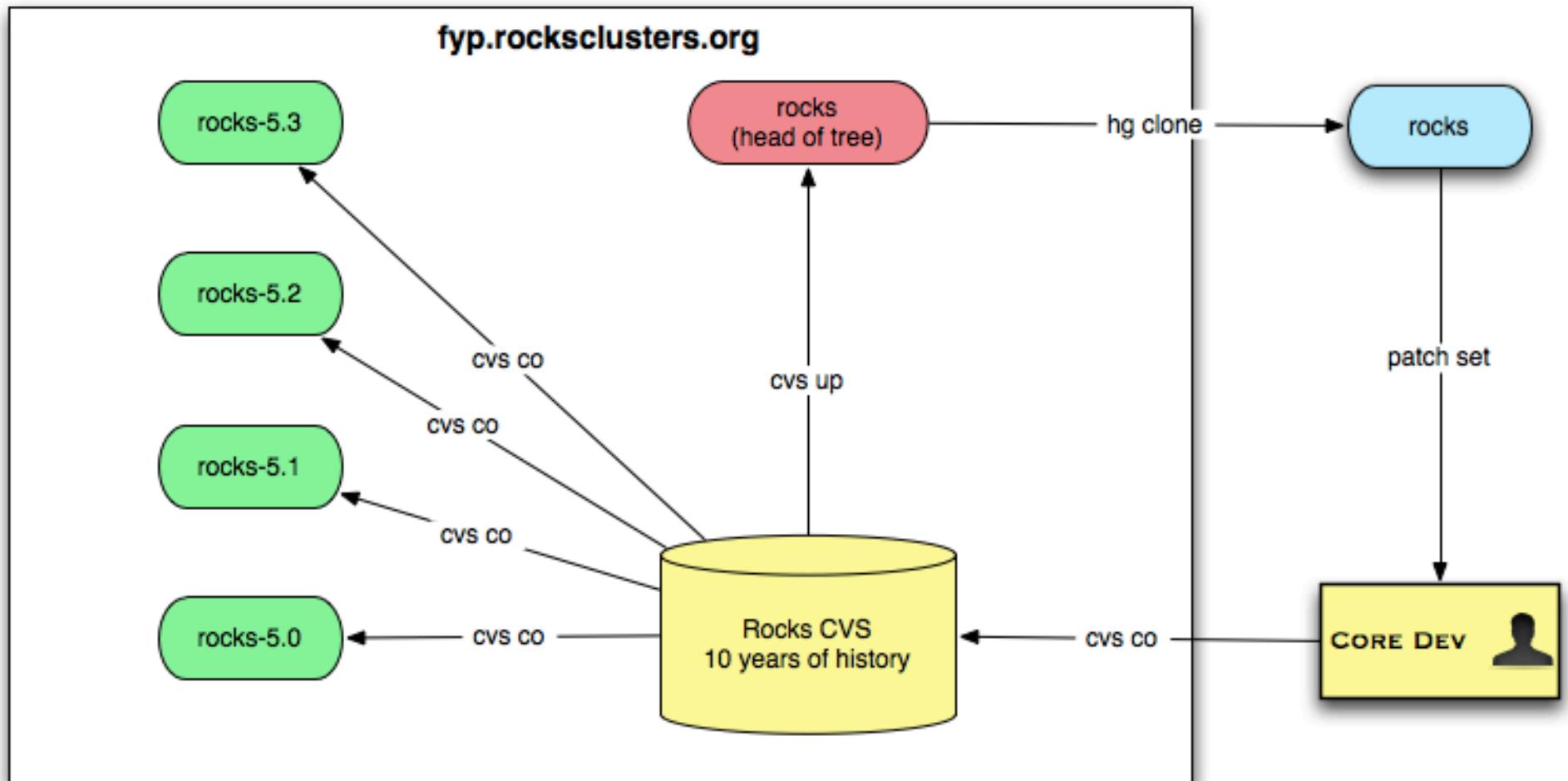


SOURCE CODE

Version Control

- ◆ Core team uses CVS
 - ⇒ That's what we started with
 - ⇒ We aren't changing anytime soon
- ◆ CVS access available to very few people
 - ⇒ Too risky
 - ⇒ Access control is a pain
 - ⇒ Release management difficult
- ◆ We use Mercurial for all non-core development
- ◆ Mercurial synced to CVS every 10 minutes!

Workflow



Example

```
$ hg clone http://fyp.rocksclusters.org/hg/rocks-5.3
destination directory: rocks-5.3
real URL is http://fyp.rocksclusters.org/hg/
rocks-5.3/
requesting all changes
adding changesets
adding manifests
adding file changes
added 1 changesets with 2815 changes to 2815 files
2815 files updated, 0 files merged, 0 files removed,
0 files unresolved
```

Issues

- ◆ Mercurial is slow
- ◆ Transaction based
 - ⇒ Any aborted operation rolls back
 - ⇒ Do not stop the clone
- ◆ Patch sets can be tedious

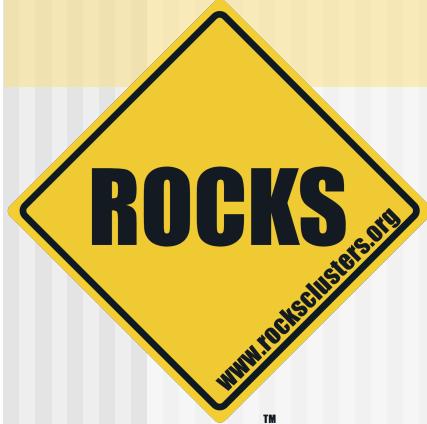
Advantages - Freedom

- ◆ Publish your own repository
 - ◆ No need to even commit back to core
 - ◆ Commit broke code and only hurt yourself
-
- ◆ Core Rocks remains stable
 - ◆ HG clones innovate



Notes

- ◆ For code older than 5.0
 - ➲ <ftp://ftp.rocksclusters.org/pub/rocks/rocks-src>
 - ➲ rocks-2.3 to rocks-4.3
- ◆ We are not tied to this workflow
- ◆ We are not tied to HG
- ◆ Other workflow suggestions are solicited



Becoming a Developer

Resume @ 11:20

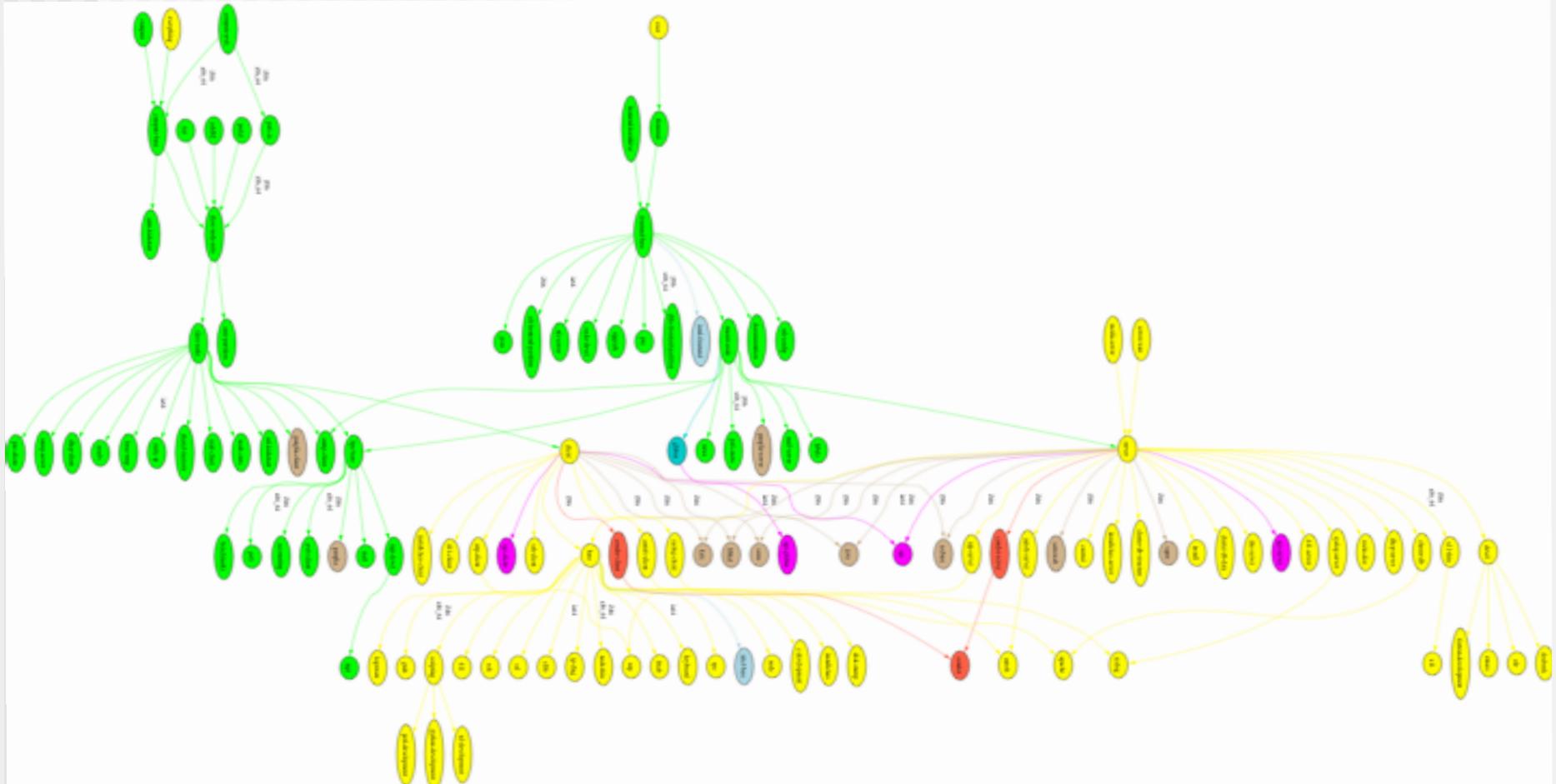


The Rocks engine

GRAPH AND ROLLS



Rocks Configuration Graph



The XML Graph Includes

- ◆ Nodes

- Single purpose modules
- Kickstart file snippets (XML tags map to kickstart commands)
- Approximately 200 node files in Rocks

- ◆ Graph

- Defines interconnections for nodes
- Think OOP or dependencies (class, #include)
- A single default graph file in Rocks

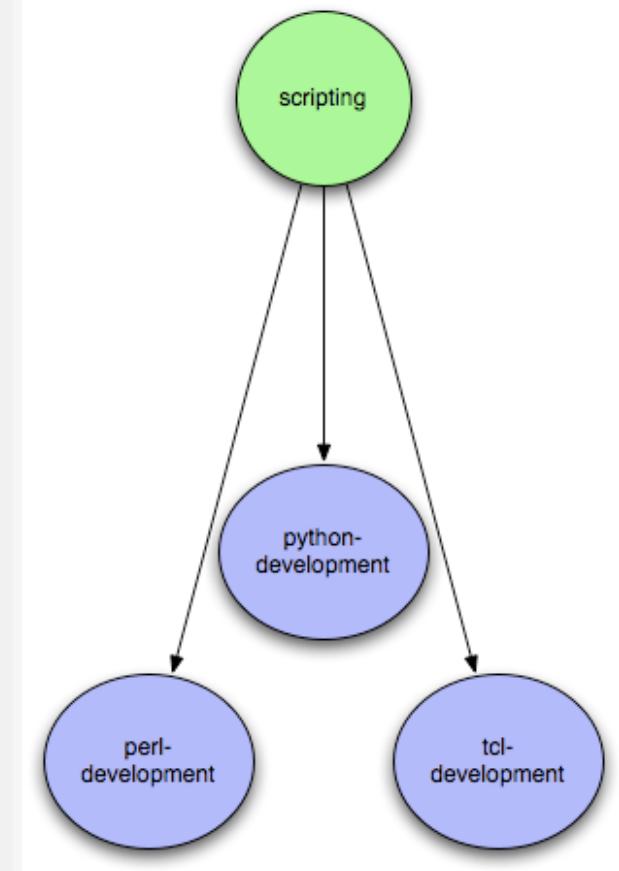
- ◆ Macros

- SQL Database holds site and node specific state
- Node files may contain &state; entities (attributes)

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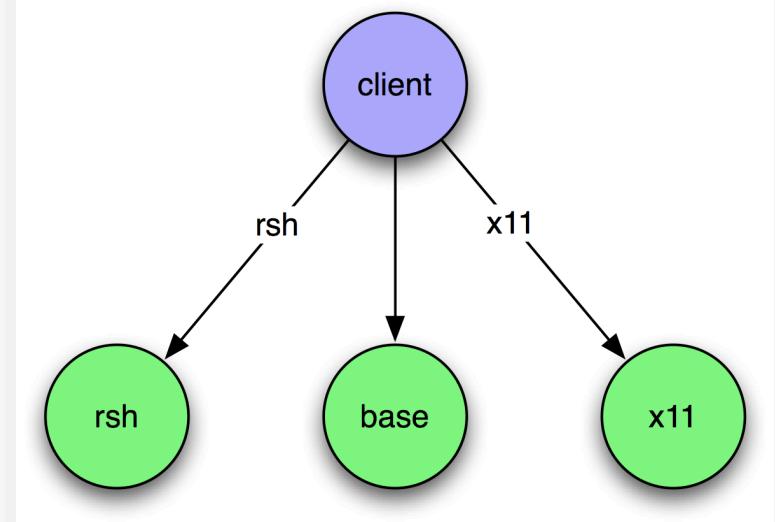
- ◆ Aggregate Functionality

- ◆ scripting IsA
 - ⇒ perl-development
 - ⇒ python-development
 - ⇒ tcl-development



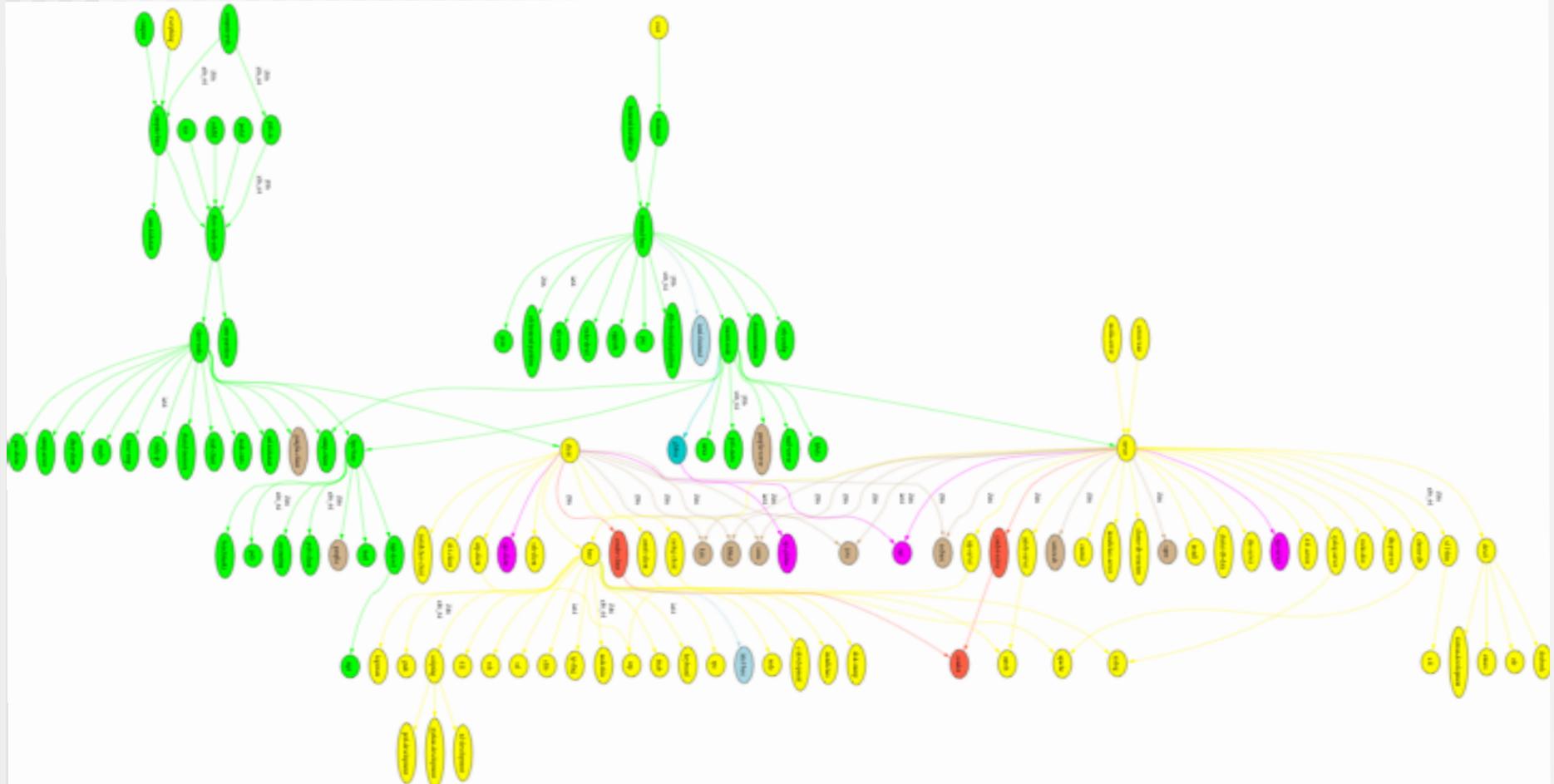
Traverse by Attributes

- ◆ if `x11 == TRUE`
 - ⇒ `client IsA x11`
- ◆ if `rsh == FALSE`
 - ⇒ `client IsNotA rsh`
- ◆ **Most important slide in this session**
- ◆ RCL allows you to control the graph



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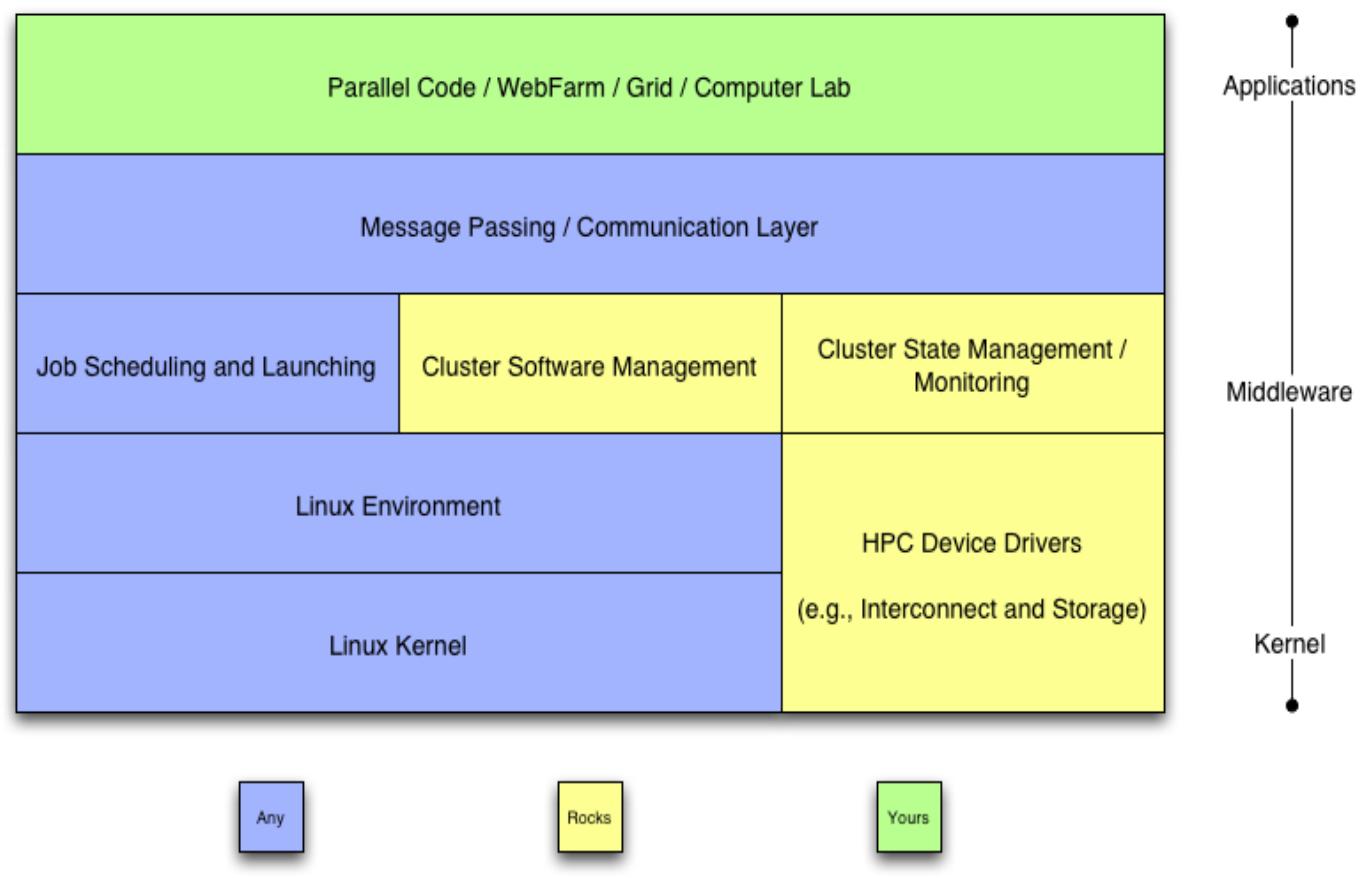
Think of this as Cluster DNA



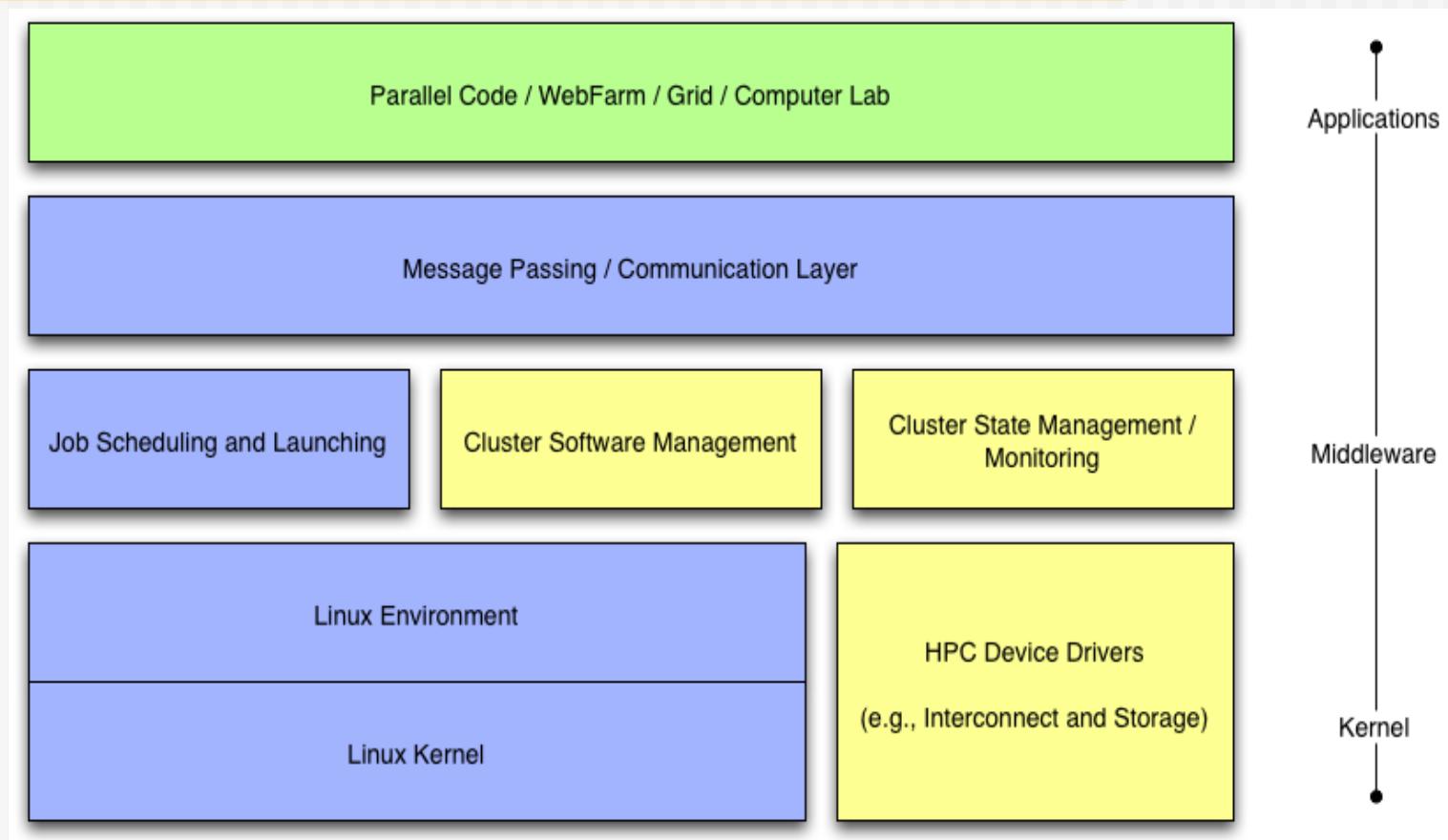


ROLL FUNDAMENTALS

Cluster Software Stack



Rolls Break Apart Rocks



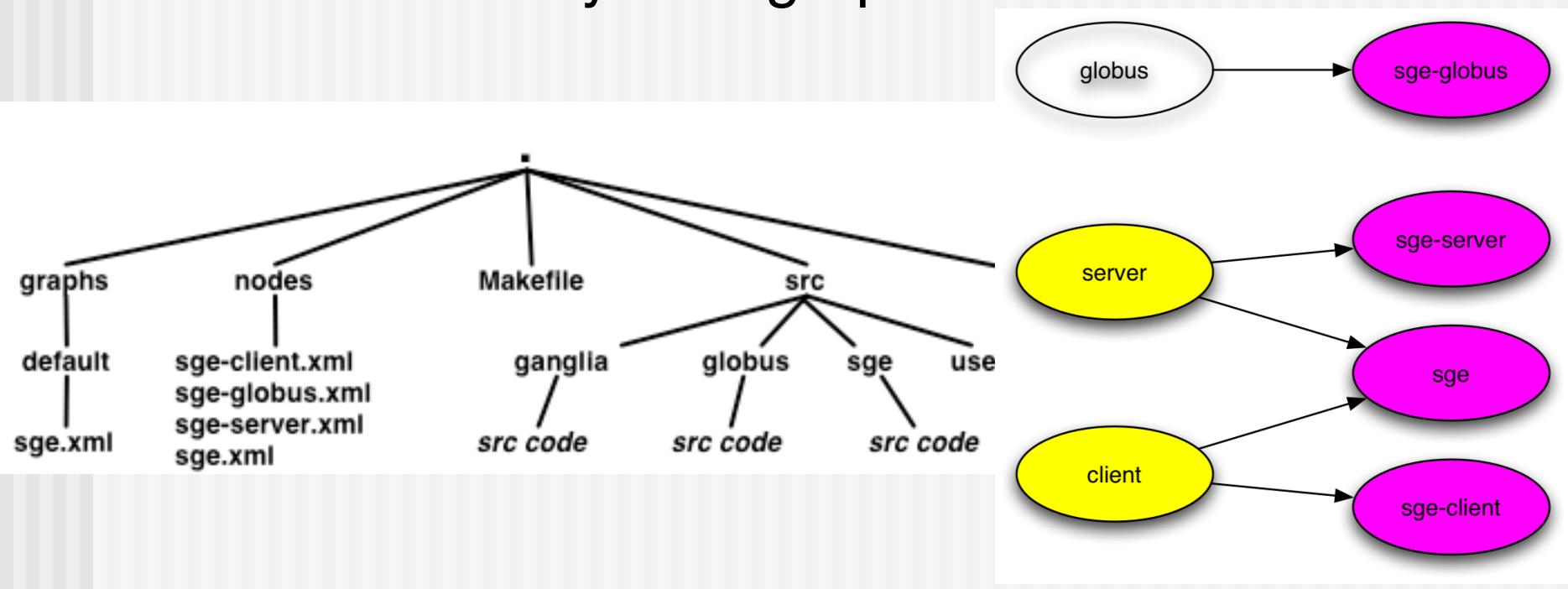
Rolls: Modifying a Standard System Installer to Support User-Customizable Cluster Frontend Appliances. Greg Bruno, Mason J. Katz, Federico D. Sacerdoti, and Phil M. Papadopoulos. *IEEE International Conference on Cluster Computing*, San Diego, California, Sep. 2004.

Our Graph Has Colors



Rolls are sub-graphs

- ◆ A graph makes it easy to ‘splice’ in new nodes
- ◆ Each Roll contains its own nodes and splices them into the system graph file



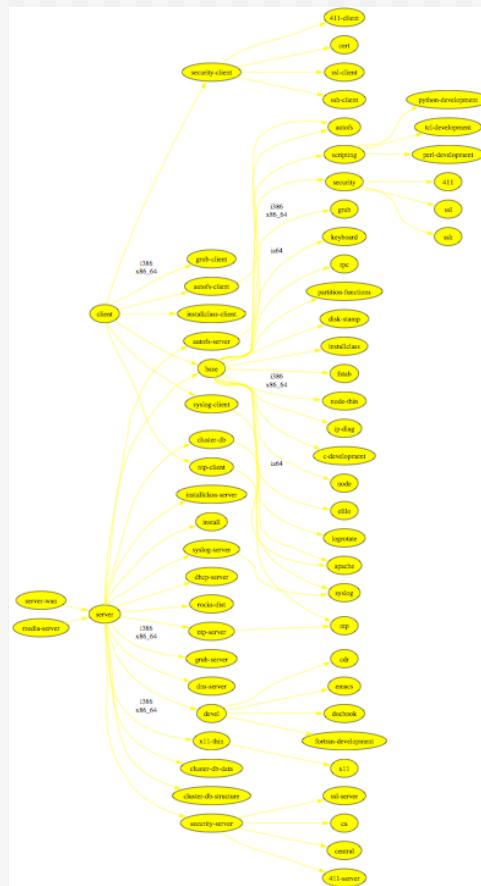


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**STARTING FROM THE EMPTY
SET**

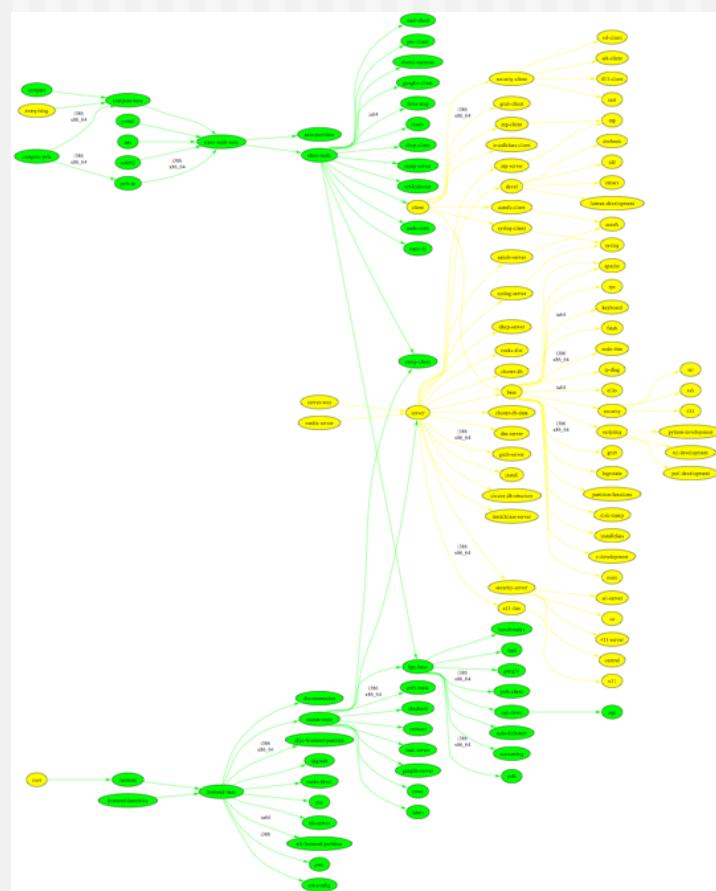


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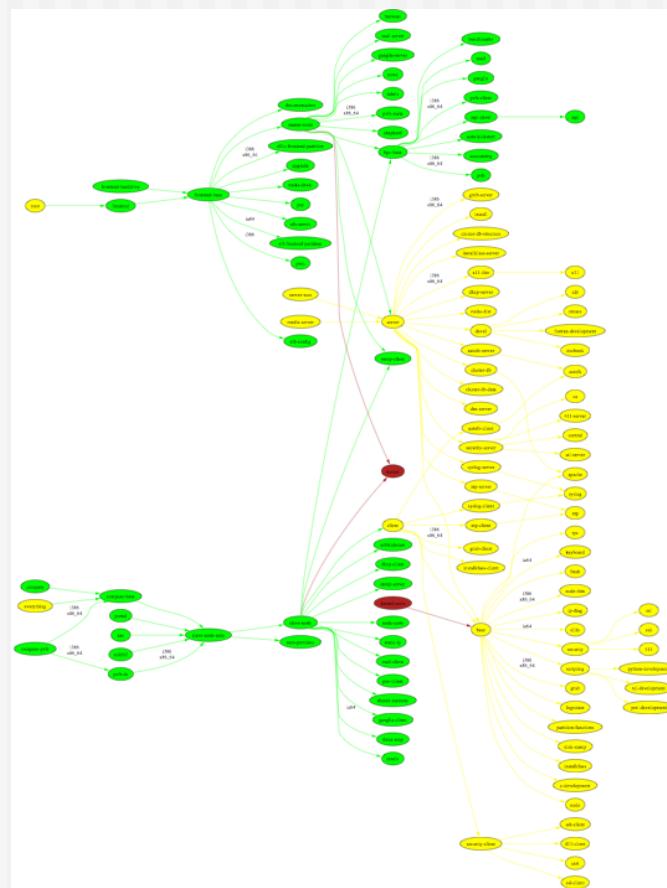




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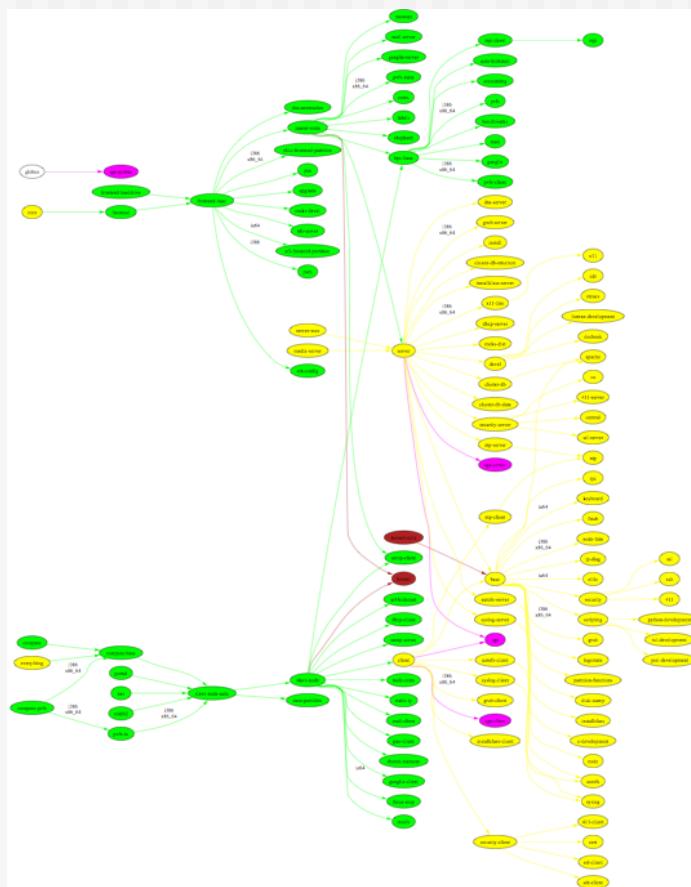


{ base, hpc, kernel }



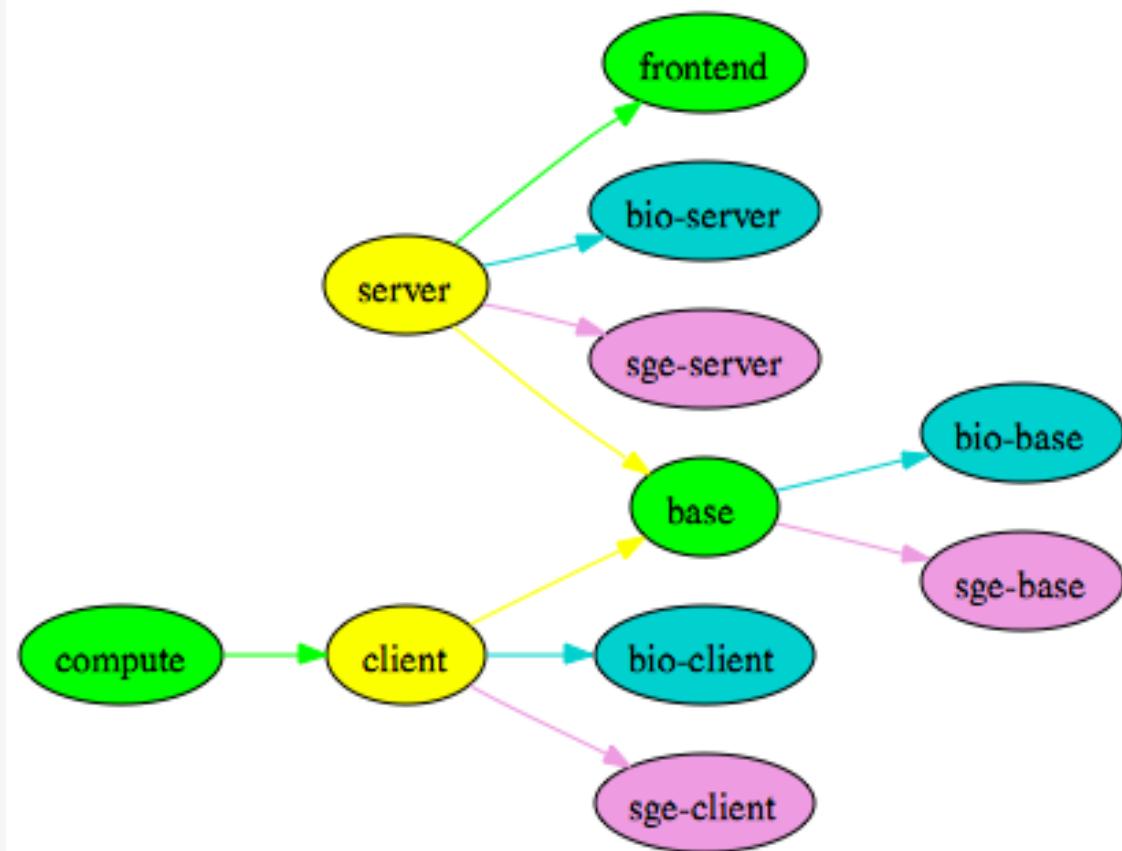


{ base, hpc, kernel, sge }



Simplified Example

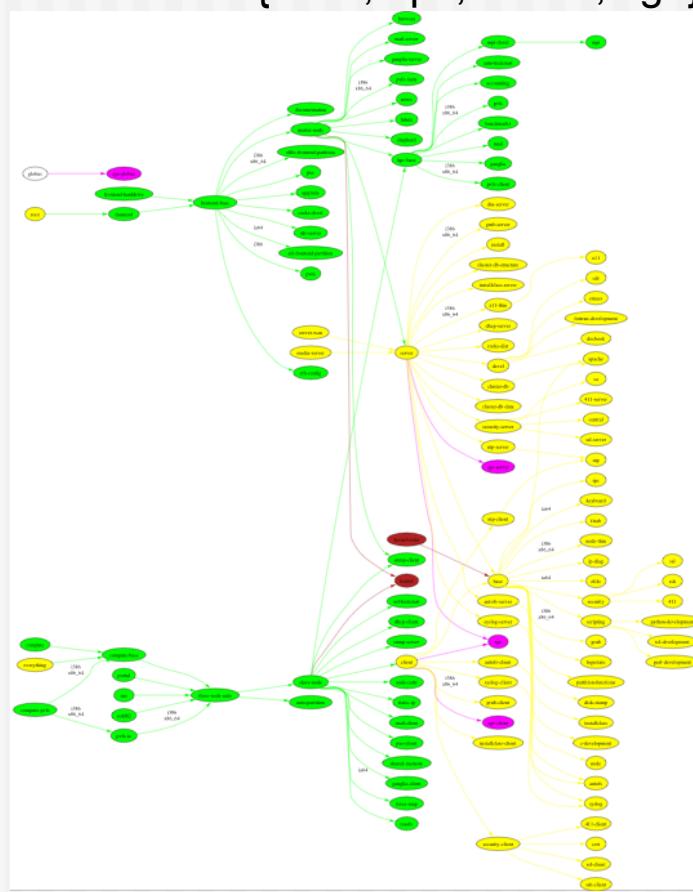
{base, hpc, sge, bio}



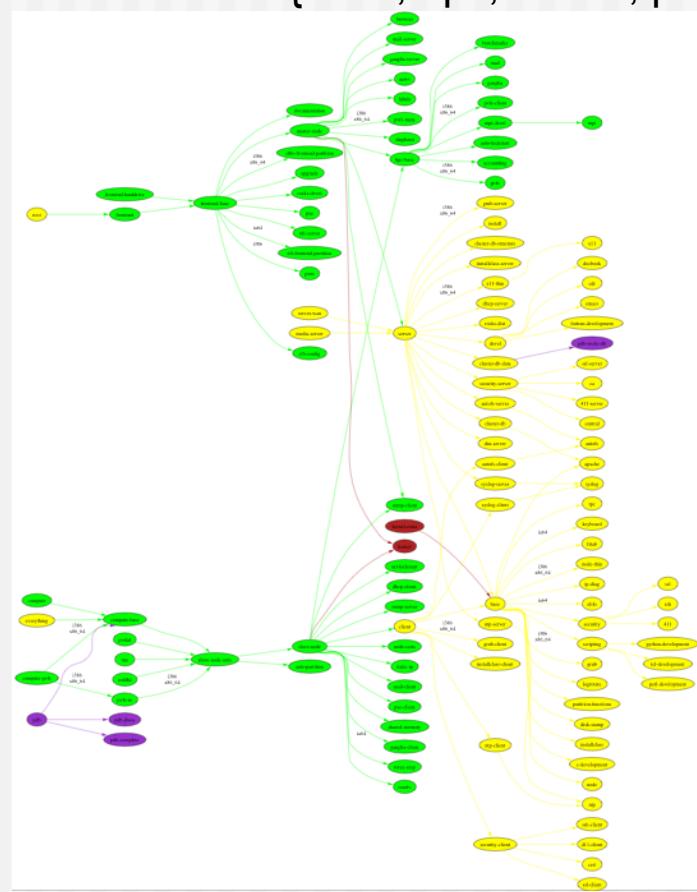


Two different Clusters

MPI Cluster:::{base, hpc, kernel, sge}



Protein Databank::{base, hpc, kernel, pdb}





ATTRIBUTES

Attributes

- ◆ Attributes can be set at 4 levels:
 - ⇒ Globally
 - ‘rocks set attr’
 - ⇒ By appliance type
 - ‘rocks set appliance attr’
 - ⇒ By OS (linux or sunos)
 - ‘rocks set os attr’
 - ⇒ By host
 - ‘rocks set host attr’

Attributes

- ◆ Example, set the public IP address of a remote frontend that is used during a ‘central’ installation:

```
# rocks set host attr vi-1.rocksclusters.org \
  Kickstart_PublicAddress 137.110.119.118
```

Attributes

# rocks list host attr tile-0-0			SOURCE
HOST	ATTR	VALUE	
tile-0-0:	Info_CertificateCountry	US	G
tile-0-0:	Info_CertificateLocality	San Diego	G
tile-0-0:	Info_CertificateOrganization	CalIT2	G
tile-0-0:	Kickstart_DistroDir	/export/rocks	G
tile-0-0:	Kickstart_PrivateAddress	10.1.1.1	G
tile-0-0:	Kickstart_PrivateBroadcast	10.1.255.255	G
tile-0-0:	Kickstart_PrivateDNSDomain	local	G
tile-0-0:	Kickstart_PrivateDNSServers	10.1.1.1	G
tile-0-0:	Kickstart_PrivateGateway	10.1.1.1	G
tile-0-0:	Kickstart_PublicDNSServers	132.239.0.252	G
tile-0-0:	Kickstart_PublicGateway	137.110.119.1	G
tile-0-0:	Kickstart_PublicHostname	vizagra.rocksclusters.org	G
tile-0-0:	Kickstart_PublicKickstartHost	central.rocksclusters.org	G
tile-0-0:	Kickstart_PublicNTPHost	pool.ntp.org	G
tile-0-0:	Kickstart_PublicNetmask	255.255.255.0	G
tile-0-0:	Kickstart_PublicNetmaskCIDR	24	G
tile-0-0:	Kickstart_PublicNetwork	137.110.119.0	G
tile-0-0:	Kickstart_Timezone	America/Los_Angeles	G
tile-0-0:	Server_Partitioning	force-default-root-disk-only	G
tile-0-0:	arch	x86_64	H
tile-0-0:	hostname	tile-0-0	I
tile-0-0:	rack	0	I
tile-0-0:	rank	0	I
tile-0-0:	rocks_version	5.2	G
tile-0-0:	HideBezels	false	G
tile-0-0:	HttpConf	/etc/httpd/conf	O
tile-0-0:	HttpConfigDirExt	/etc/httpd/conf.d	O
tile-0-0:	HttpRoot	/var/www/html	O

Edge Conditionals

- ◆ Use attributes to conditionally traverse edges of the configuration graph

```
<edge from="client" cond="rsh">
    <to>rsh</to>
</edge>
```

- ◆ If 'rsh' evaluates to 'true', then the edge from 'client' to 'rsh' will be traversed
 - ⇒ Default value is 'false'

Edge Conditionals

- ◆ To set a conditional attribute:

```
# rocks set attr rsh true
```

- ◆ Edge conditionals are attributes
- ◆ Can also be set at 4 levels:
 - ⇒ Globally
 - ⇒ By appliance type
 - ⇒ By OS (linux or sunos)
 - ⇒ By host



COMMAND LINE

Evil Commands

```
Usage: add-extra-nic [-hv] [-p password] [-u host] [-d database] [--help]
[--list-rcfiles] [--list-project-info] [--verbose] [--dump] [--del] [--list]
[--verbose] [--no-update] [--no-modify] [--dryrun] [--rcfile arg] [--host host]
[--password password] [--db database] [--user host]
[--if interface (default: eth1)] [--mac mac address]
[--module linux driver module name] [--ip ip address]
[--netmask netmask (default /24)] [--gateway ip address of gateway]
[--name hostname on new interface] [--site client ip] node
```

```
Usage: rocks-dist [-hvcpv] [-p password] [-u host] [-d database] [-a arch]
[-d dirname] [-g path] [-l lang] [-r release] [--help] [--list-rcfiles]
[--list-project-info] [--verbose] [--copy] [--debug] [--graph-draw-invis-edges]
[--graph-draw-order] [--graph-draw-edges] [--graph-draw-key] [--graph-draw-all]
[--graph-draw-landscape] [--install] [--verbose] [--with-rolls-only] [--clean]
[--notorrent] [--rcfile arg] [--host host] [--password password]
[--db database] [--user host] [--arch architecture] [--comps path]
[--dist dirname] [--graph-draw-size arg] [--graph-draw-format arg]
[--mirror-dir dirname] [--mirror-host hostname] [--root dirname]
[--cdrom /mnt/cdrom] [--with-roll rollname-rollversion]
[--path single path item] command
```

Available commands:

```
dist dvd makecontrib makesitenodes copycd usb copyroll cdrom paths graph dist2mirror
```

Command Line as API

- ◆ Lack of consistency in Rocks commands
 - ↳ add-extra-nic (15 flags)
 - ↳ 411put
 - ↳ rocks-dist
 - ↳ dbreport (~ a dozen reports)
- ◆ Not extensible to other groups
 - ↳ How do I add a flag to an existing command?
 - ↳ How do I add a new command?
 - ↳ How do I document my command?

Do Over

- ◆ Consistent
 - ↳ Interface
 - ↳ Argument parsing
 - ↳ Usage / Help
- ◆ Extensible
 - ↳ Easy to add commands (3rd party rolls)
 - ↳ Easy to modify commands
- ◆ Easy to guess the right command
- ◆ Purge all –flags from Rocks
- ◆ Hide the SQL database (and underlying schema)
- ◆ Inspired by Trac

Verb Based

- ◆ “add”, “set”, “enable”, ...
 - ➲ Modify the cluster database
- ◆ “list”, “dump”, “report”
 - ➲ Inspect the cluster database
- ◆ About 20 verbs in the command line so far
- ◆ You can even add your own



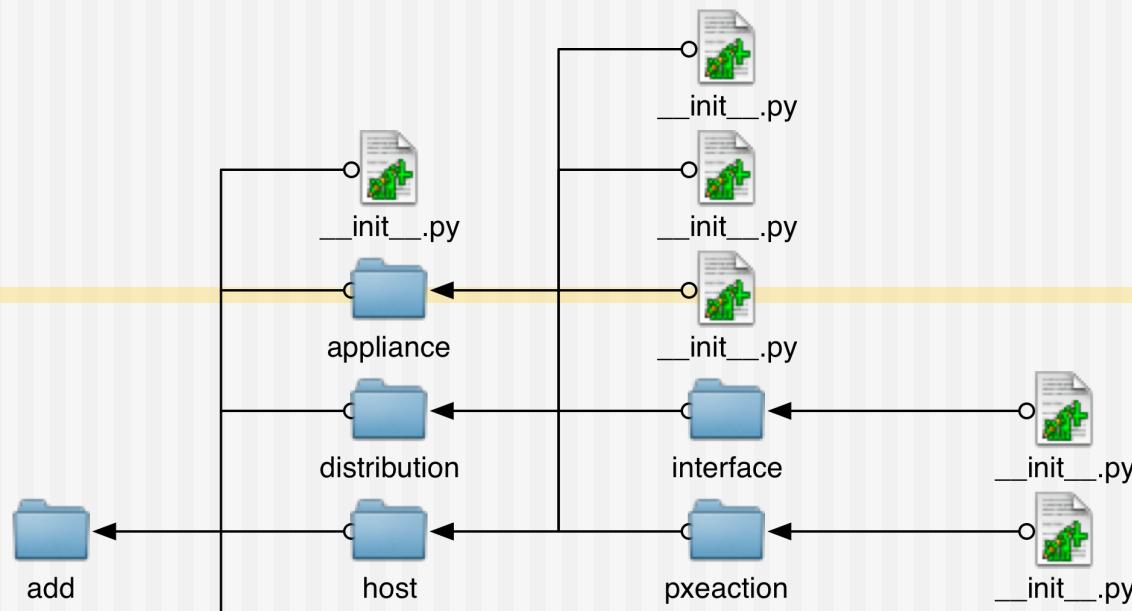
Grammar

- ◆ rocks <verb> <object...> <subject> <params...>
- ◆ Object is general to specific
 - ⇒ “host” “interface”
 - ⇒ “network” “subnet”
 - ⇒ “viz” “layout”
- ◆ Subject is typed
 - ⇒ host
 - ⇒ appliance
 - ⇒ network

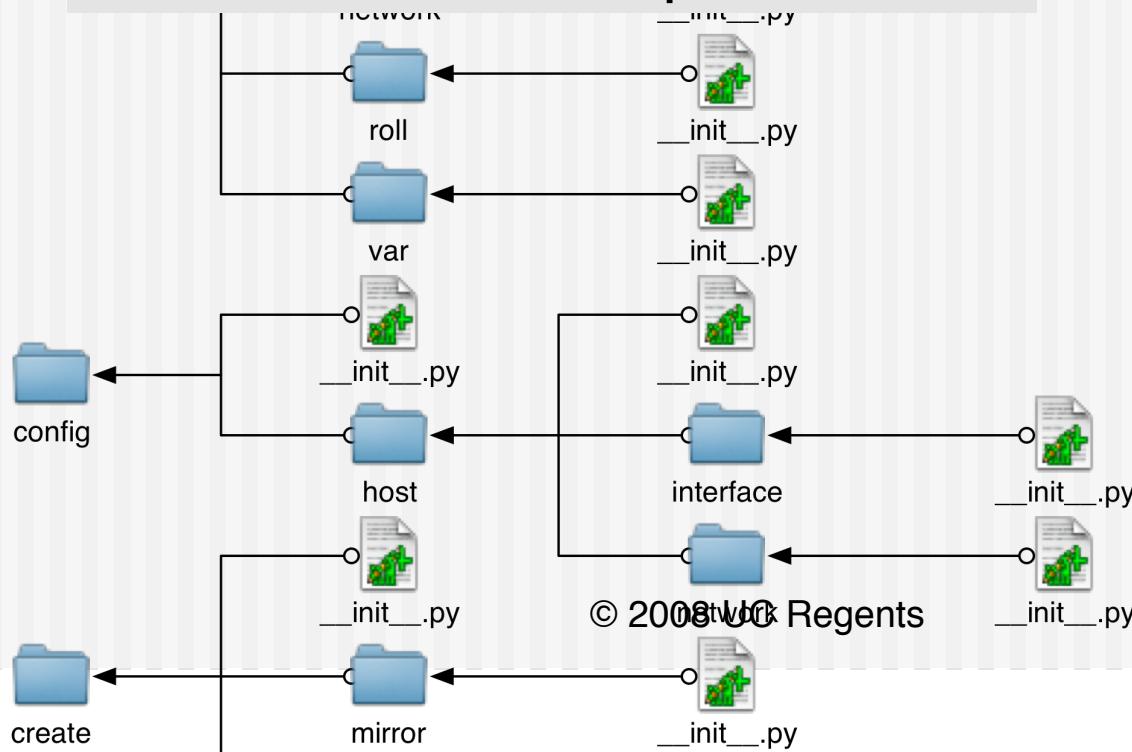
Implementation

- ◆ Python
 - ⇒ Similar to existing dbreport code
 - ⇒ Very small modules
- ◆ Command line is identical to the directory hierarchy
 - ⇒ Verbs are directories
 - ⇒ Objects are directories
 - ⇒ Subjects are `__init__.py` files
- ◆ Commands are added by adding directories

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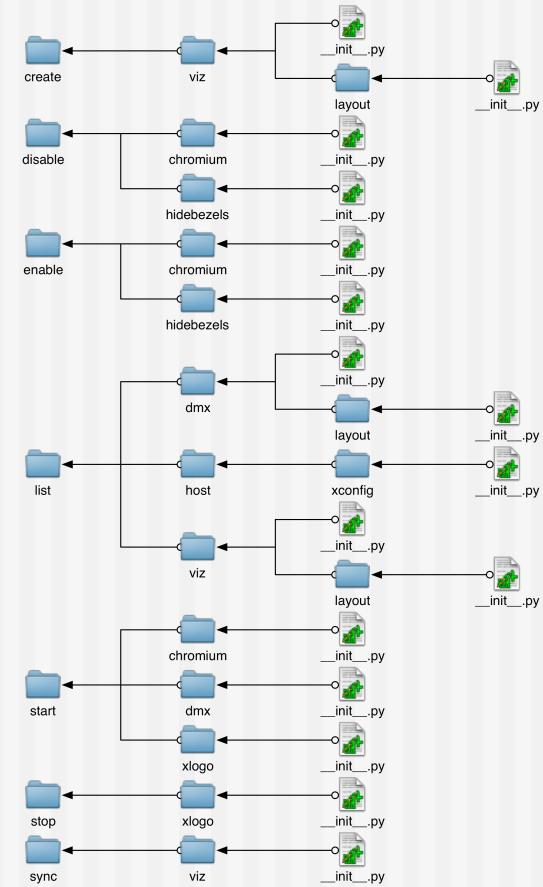


rocks add host pxeaction



Rolls Can Add Commands

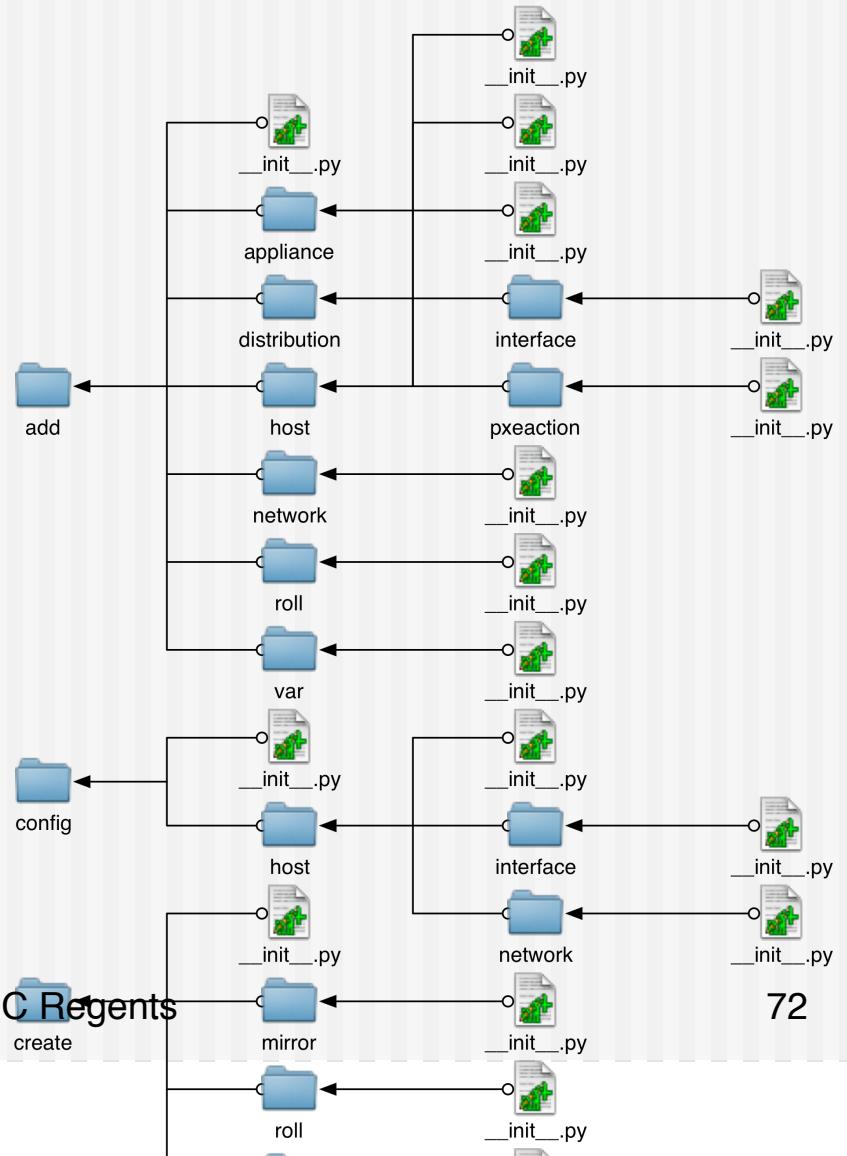
- ◆ Similar to the configuration graph
- ◆ Rolls can add command line
 - ↳ Files : commands
 - ↳ Directories : verbs and objects
- ◆ Think hard before adding another verb





add

- ◆ Creates new entries in the cluster database
 - ◆ Examples:
 - ⇒ Hosts
 - ⇒ Appliances
 - ⇒ Rolls



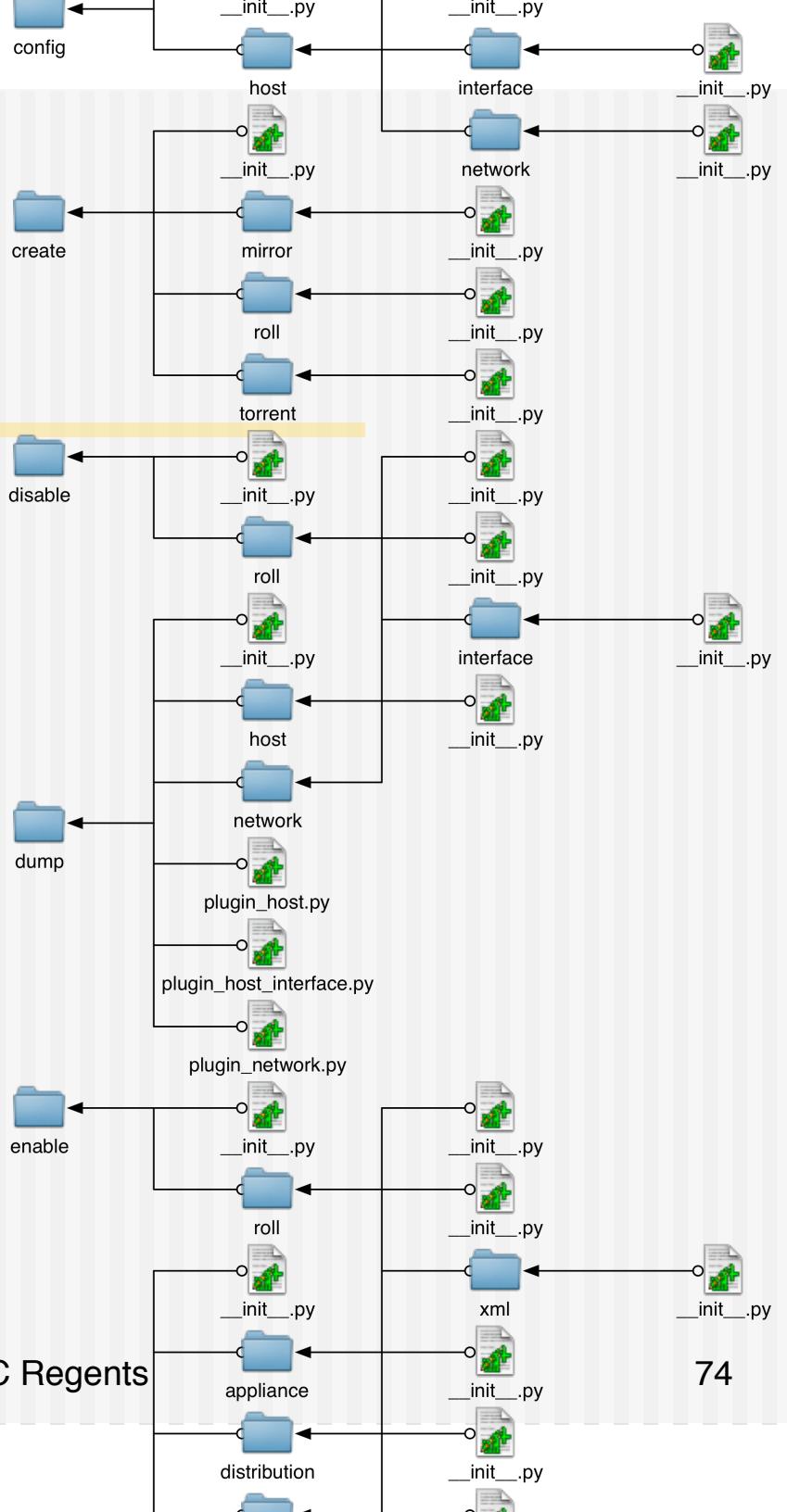
rocks add distribution

```
1: import rocks.commands
2:
3: class Command(rocks.commands.DistributionArgumentProcessor,
4:               rocks.commands.add.command):
5:     """
6:     Add a distribution specification to the database.
7:
8:     <arg type='string' name='distribution'>
9:         Name of the new distribution.
10:    </arg>
11:
12:    <example cmd='add distribution rocks-dist'>
13:        Adds the distribution named "rocks-dist" into the database.
14:    </example>
15:    """
16:
17:    def run(self, params, args):
18:
19:        if len(args) != 1:
20:            self.abort('must supply one distribution')
21:        dist = args[0]
22:
23:        if dist in self.getDistributionNames():
24:            self.abort('distribution "%s" exists' % dist)
25:
26:        self.db.execute("""insert into distributions (name) values
27:                      ('%s')""" % dist)
28:
29:
```

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dump

- ◆ Returns cluster database information in the form of rocks command lines
- ◆ Examples:
 - ⦿ Hosts
 - ⦿ Network
- ◆ Same as –dump flag on insert-ethers



rocks dump host

```
# rocks dump host
/opt/rocks/bin/rocks add host vizagra cpus=1 rack=0 rank=0 membership="Frontend"
/opt/rocks/bin/rocks add host tile-0-1 cpus=2 rack=0 rank=1 membership="Tile"
/opt/rocks/bin/rocks add host tile-0-0 cpus=2 rack=0 rank=0 membership="Tile"
/opt/rocks/bin/rocks add host tile-0-2 cpus=2 rack=0 rank=2 membership="Tile"
/opt/rocks/bin/rocks add host tile-0-3 cpus=2 rack=0 rank=3 membership="Tile"
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/opt/rocks/bin/rocks add host tile-2-3 cpus=2 rack=2 rank=3 membership="Tile"
/opt/rocks/bin/rocks add host tile-3-0 cpus=2 rack=3 rank=0 membership="Tile"
/opt/rocks/bin/rocks add host tile-3-1 cpus=2 rack=3 rank=1 membership="Tile"
/opt/rocks/bin/rocks add host tile-3-2 cpus=2 rack=3 rank=2 membership="Tile"
/opt/rocks/bin/rocks add host tile-3-3 cpus=2 rack=3 rank=3 membership="Tile"
/opt/rocks/bin/rocks add host tile-4-0 cpus=2 rack=4 rank=0 membership="Tile"
/opt/rocks/bin/rocks add host tile-4-1 cpus=2 rack=4 rank=1 membership="Tile"
/opt/rocks/bin/rocks add host tile-4-2 cpus=2 rack=4 rank=2 membership="Tile"
/opt/rocks/bin/rocks add host tile-4-3 cpus=2 rack=4 rank=3 membership="Tile"
```



list

- ◆ Reports information in human readable format
- ◆ No side-effects on the database
- ◆ Examples:
 - ⌚ Hosts
 - ⌚ Appliances
 - ⌚ Rolls



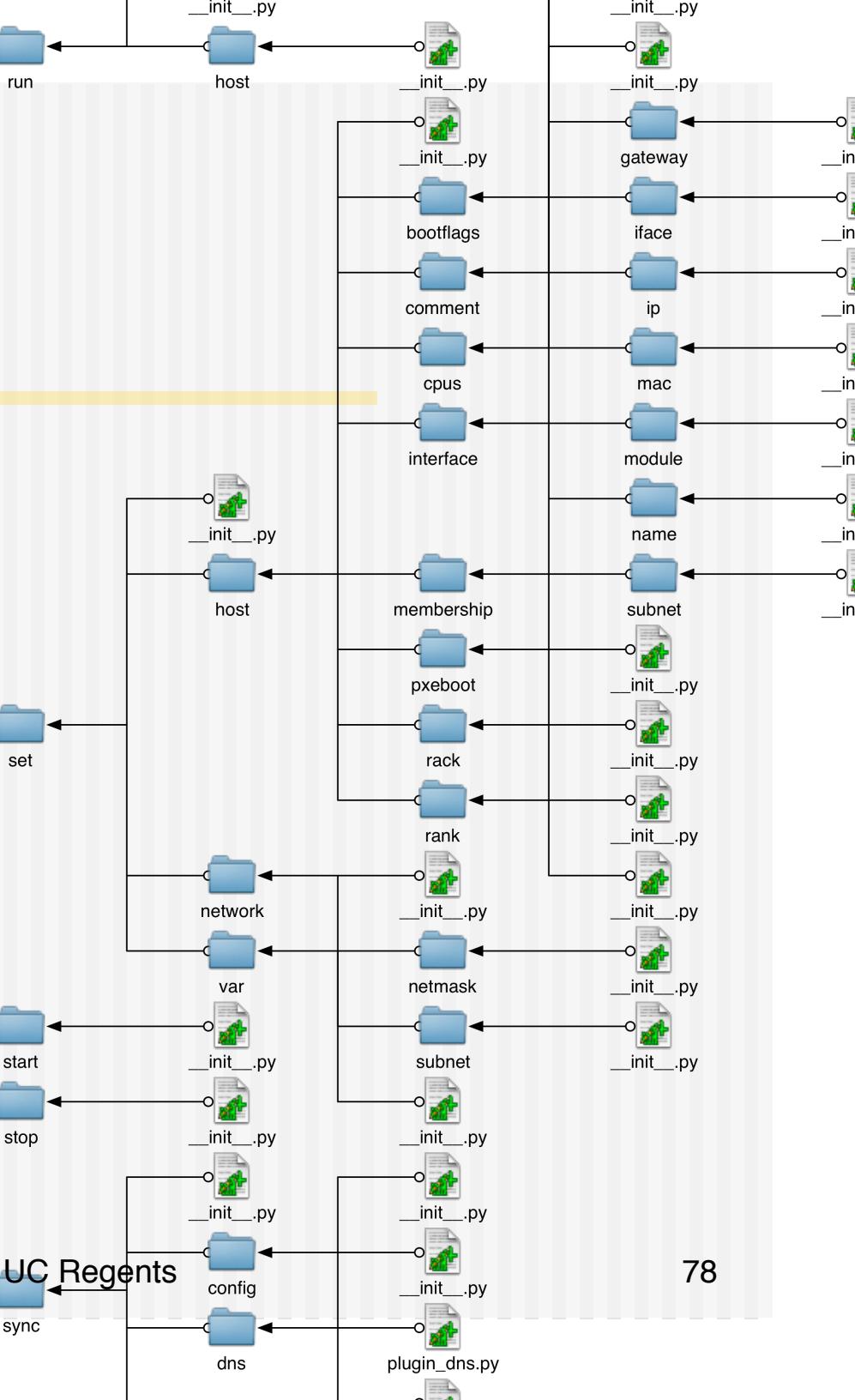
rocks list host

```
# rocks list host
HOST      MEMBERSHIP CPUS RACK RANK COMMENT
vizagra: Frontend   1    0    0    -----
tile-0-1: Tile      2    0    1    -----
tile-0-0: Tile      2    0    0    -----
tile-0-2: Tile      2    0    2    -----
tile-0-3: Tile      2    0    3    -----
tile-1-3: Tile      2    1    3    -----
tile-1-2: Tile      2    1    2    -----
tile-1-1: Tile      2    1    1    -----
tile-1-0: Tile      2    1    0    -----
tile-2-0: Tile      2    2    0    -----
tile-2-1: Tile      2    2    1    -----
tile-2-2: Tile      2    2    2    -----
tile-2-3: Tile      2    2    3    -----
tile-3-0: Tile      2    3    0    -----
tile-3-1: Tile      2    3    1    -----
tile-3-2: Tile      2    3    2    -----
tile-3-3: Tile      2    3    3    -----
tile-4-0: Tile      2    4    0    -----
tile-4-1: Tile      2    4    1    -----
tile-4-2: Tile      2    4    2    -----
tile-4-3: Tile      2    4    3    -----
```



set

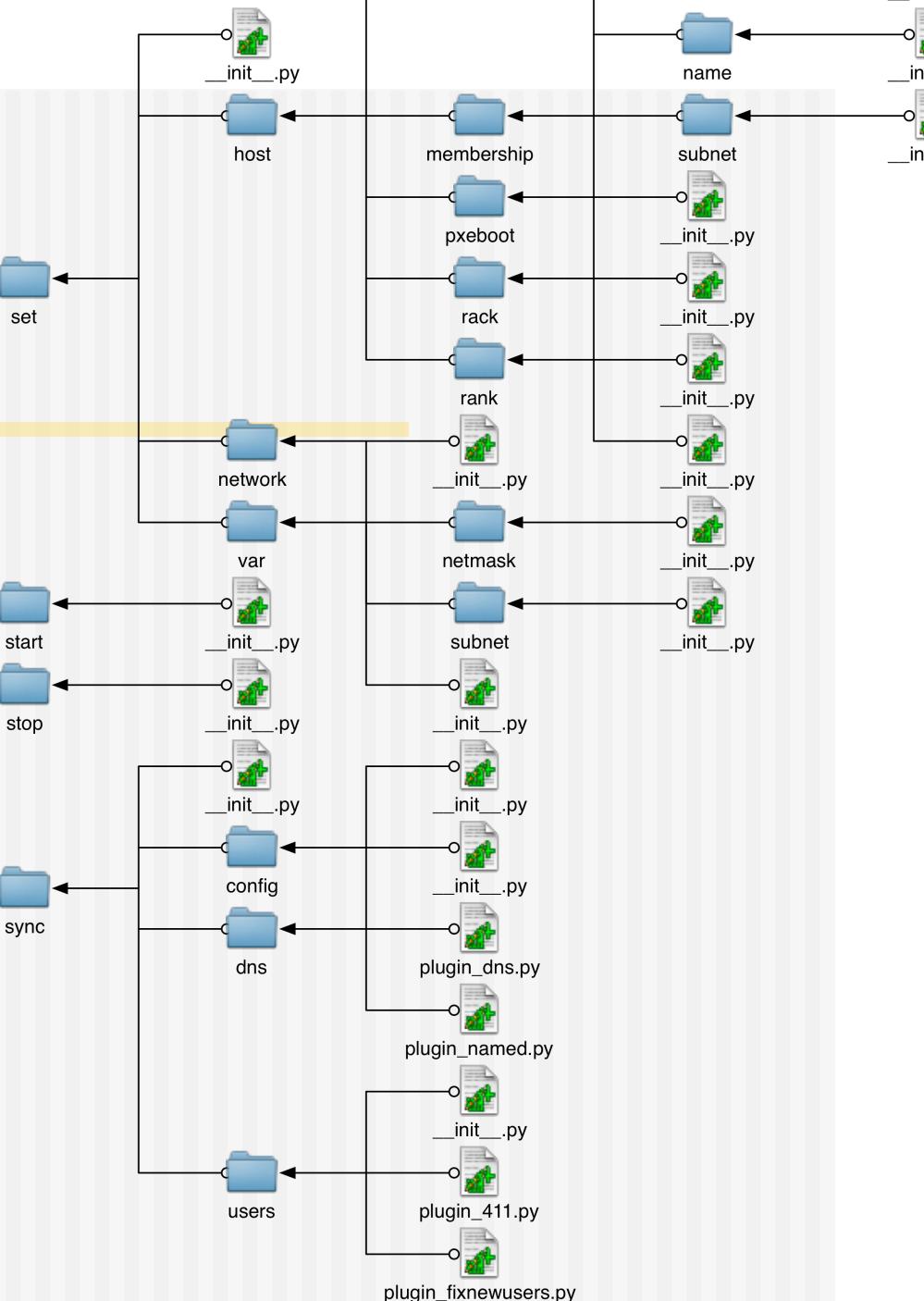
- ◆ Modifies entries in the cluster database
 - ◆ Examples:
 - ⌚ Network Interfaces
 - ⌚ Appliance Assignment
 - ⌚ Rack / Rank
 - ◆ add-extra-nic
 - ⌚ Rocks add host interface
 - ⌚ Rocks set host interface



ROCKS

start / stop

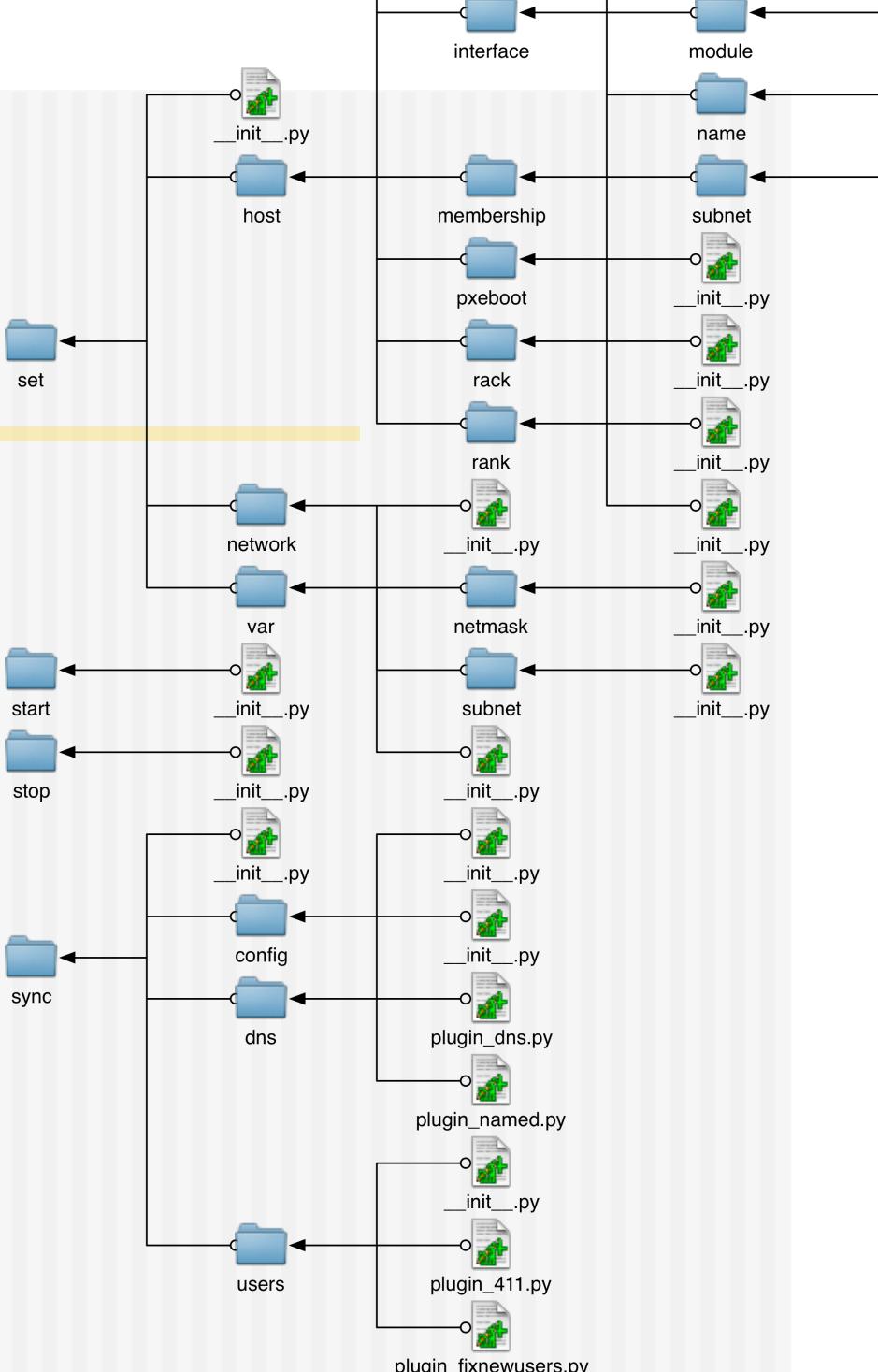
- ◆ Start and stop something
- ◆ NULL commands
- ◆ Reserve the verbs for use on other Rolls
- ◆ Think “abstract base class”



ROCKS

sync

- ◆ Synchronizes the database state to software configuration files
- ◆ Similar to the old “insert-ethers – update”



Extensibility

- ◆ New commands

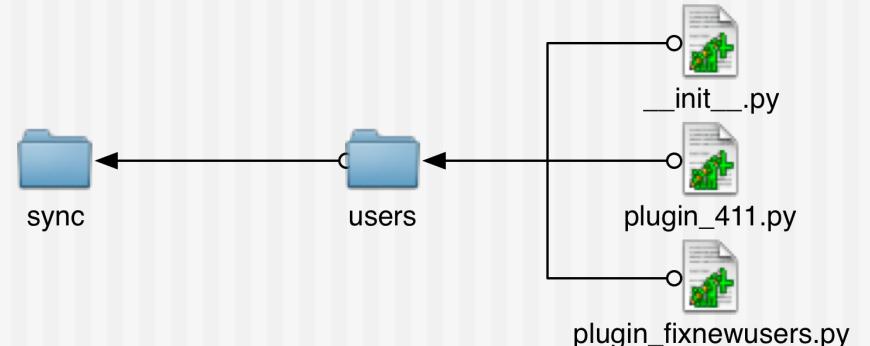
- ➲ Add directories
 - ➲ Add `__init__.py` code

- ◆ Existing commands

- ➲ Some commands can be extended
 - ➲ Plugins

rocks sync users

- ◆ Run after useradd
 - Populate auto.home
 - Cleanup password file
 - Send 411 files
- ◆ Two plugins
 - Fixnewusers
 - 411
- ◆ Partial Ordering
- ◆ Other Rolls can add more plugins to this command
- ◆ Command must be design for plugins (not default)



__init__.py

```
1: import rocks.commands
2:
3:
4: class Command(rocks.commands.sync.command):
5:     """
6:     Update all user-related files (e.g., /etc/passwd, /etc/shadow, etc.)
7:     on all known hosts. Also, restart autofs on all known hosts.
8:
9:     <example cmd='sync users'>
10:        Send all user info to all known hosts.
11:    </example>
12:    """
13:
14:    def run(self, params, args):
15:        self.runPlugins()
```

411 plugin

```
1: import os
2: import rocks.commands
3:
4: class Plugin(rocks.commands.Plugin):
5:     """Force a 411 update and re-load autofs on all nodes"""
6:
7:     def provides(self):
8:         return '411'
9:
10:    def requires(self):
11:        return ['fixnewusers']
12:
13:    def run(self, args):
14:        #
15:        # force the rebuild of all files under 411's control
16:        #
17:        for line in os.popen('make -C /var/411 force').readlines():
18:            self.owner.addText(line)
19:
20:        #
21:        # restart autofs on all known hosts
22:        #
23:        cmd = '/opt/rocks/bin/tentakel "service autofs reload"'
24:        for line in os.popen(cmd).readlines():
25:            self.owner.addText(line)
26:
27:
```

auto.home / passwd plugin

```
1: import os
2: import string
3: import rocks.commands
4:
5: class Plugin(rocks.commands.Plugin):
6:     """Relocates home directories to /export and fixes autofs.home"""
7:
8:     def provides(self):
9:         return 'fixnewusers'
10:
11    def run(self, args):
12        # scan the password file for any '/export/home' entries
13        # this is the default entry as setup by useradd
14        new_users = []
15        default_dir = '/export/home/'
16:
17        file = open('/etc/passwd', 'r')
18:
19        for line in file.readlines():
20            l = string.split(line[:-1], ':')
21:
22            if len(l) < 6:
23                continue
24:
25            username = l[0]
26            homedir = l[5]
27:
28            if homedir[:len(default_dir)] == default_dir:
29                new_users.append(username)
30        file.close()
31:
32        hostname = '%s.%s' % \
33                    (self.db.getGlobalVar('Kickstart', 'PrivateHostname'),
34                     self.db.getGlobalVar('Kickstart', 'PrivateDNSDomain'))
35:
36        for user in new_users:
37:
38            # for each new user, change their default directory to
39            # /home/<username>
40            cmd = '/usr/sbin/usermod -d %s %s' % \
41                  (os.path.join('/home', user), user)
42            for line in os.popen(cmd).readlines():
43                self.owner.addText(line)
44:
45            # then update the auto.home file
```

Argument Processing

- ◆ `rocks <verb> <object...> <subject>`
`<params...>`
- ◆ Subject is typed by first object
 - ⌚ host -> one or more hostname
 - ⌚ roll -> one or more roll names
- ◆ Params are in key=value form
- ◆ Same as `-flag=value` but easier to read

Helper classes and functions

- ◆ ArgumentProcessors

- Class to parse the subject in a standard way
- Exists for hosts, rolls, appliances, ...

- ◆ Parameters Parsing

- fillPositionalArgs
- fillParams

HostArgumentProcessor

- ◆ Command must derive from
`rocks.commands.HostArgumentProcessor`
- ◆ `self.getHostnames(args)`
 - ↳ Return a list of hostname as they appear in the cluster database
 - ↳ If `args = None` all the host in the cluster are returned
 - ↳ `args` can also be a group
 - Rack0, rack1
 - ↳ Or an appliance type
 - Compute, Tile, ...

```
1: import rocks.commands
2:
3: class command(rocks.commands.HostArgumentProcessor,
4:                 rocks.commands.list.command):
5:     pass
6:
7: class Command(command):
8:     """
9:     List the membership, CPU count, physical position info and comment for
10:    a list of hosts.
11:
12:    <arg optional='1' type='string' name='host' repeat='1'>
13:        Zero, one or more host names. If no host names are supplied, info about
14:        all the known hosts is listed.
15:    </arg>
16:
17:    <example cmd='list host compute-0-0'>
18:        List info for compute-0-0.
19:    </example>
20:
21:    <example cmd='list host'>
22:        List info for all known hosts.
23:    </example>
24:    """
25:
26:    def run(self, params, args):
27:        self.beginOutput()
28:
29:        for host in self.getHostnames(args):
30:            self.db.execute("""select m.name, n.cpus,
31:                            n.rack, n.rank, n.comment from
32:                            nodes n, memberships m where
33:                            n.membership=m.id and n.name=%s""", [host])
34:            self.addOutput(host, self.db.fetchone())
35:
36:        self.endOutput(header=['host', 'membership',
37:                              'cpus', 'rack', 'rank', 'comment'])
```

args = None

```
# rocks list host
```

HOST	MEMBERSHIP	CPUS	RACK	RANK	COMMENT
vizagra:	Frontend	1	0	0	-----
tile-0-1:	Tile	2	0	1	-----
tile-0-0:	Tile	2	0	0	-----
tile-0-2:	Tile	2	0	2	-----
tile-0-3:	Tile	2	0	3	-----
tile-1-3:	Tile	2	1	3	-----
tile-1-2:	Tile	2	1	2	-----
tile-1-1:	Tile	2	1	1	-----
tile-1-0:	Tile	2	1	0	-----
tile-2-0:	Tile	2	2	0	-----
tile-2-1:	Tile	2	2	1	-----
tile-2-2:	Tile	2	2	2	-----
tile-2-3:	Tile	2	2	3	-----

args = list of hosts

```
# rocks list host tile-0-0 10.255.255.253 tile-3-0.local
HOST      MEMBERSHIP CPUS RACK RANK COMMENT
tile-0-0: Tile        2     0     0     ----- 
tile-0-1: Tile        2     0     1     ----- 
tile-3-0: Tile        2     3     0     -----
```

args = rack

```
# rocks list host rack2
```

HOST	MEMBERSHIP	CPUS	RACK	RANK	COMMENT
tile-2-0: Tile	2	2	0		-----
tile-2-1: Tile	2	2	1		-----
tile-2-2: Tile	2	2	2		-----
tile-2-3: Tile	2	2	3		-----

args = appliance type

```
# rocks list host tile
```

HOST	MEMBERSHIP	CPUS	RACK	RANK	COMMENT
tile-0-0: Tile	2	0	0	0	-----
tile-0-1: Tile	2	0	1	1	-----
tile-0-2: Tile	2	0	2	2	-----
tile-0-3: Tile	2	0	3	3	-----
tile-1-0: Tile	2	1	0	0	-----
tile-1-1: Tile	2	1	1	1	-----
tile-1-2: Tile	2	1	2	2	-----
tile-1-3: Tile	2	1	3	3	-----
tile-2-0: Tile	2	2	0	0	-----93
tile-2-1: Tile	2	2	1	1	-----
tile-2-2: Tile	2	2	2	2	-----

Any combination is fine

```
# rocks list host tile-2-0 rack1 frontend
HOST      MEMBERSHIP CPUS RACK RANK COMMENT
tile-1-0: Tile        2     1     0     -----
tile-1-1: Tile        2     1     1     -----
tile-1-2: Tile        2     1     2     -----
tile-1-3: Tile        2     1     3     -----
tile-2-0: Tile        2     2     0     -----
vizagra: Frontend    1     0     0     -----
```

ArgumentProcessors

Class Name	Helper Function
ApplianceArgumentProcessor	getApplianceNames
DistributionArgumentProcessor	getDistributionNames
HostArgumentProcessors	getHostnames
MembershipArgumentProcessor	getMembershipNames
NetworkArgumentProcessor	getNetworkNames
RollArgumentProcessor	getRollNames

RollArgumentProcessor

```
1: import os
2: import stat
3: import time
4: import sys
5: import string
6: import rocks.commands
7:
8:
9: class Command(rocks.commands.RollArgumentProcessor,
10:               rocks.commands.list.command):
11:     """
12:     List the status of available rolls.
13:
14:     <arg optional='1' type='string' name='roll' repeat='1'>
15:         List of rolls. This should be the roll base name (e.g., base, hpc,
16:         kernel). If no rolls are listed, then status for all the rolls are
17:         listed.
18:     </arg>
19:
20:     <example cmd='list roll kernel'>
21:         List the status of the kernel roll
22:     </example>
23:
24:     <example cmd='list roll'>
25:         List the status of all the available rolls
26:     </example>
27:     """
28:
29:     def run(self, params, args):
30:
31:         self.beginOutput()
32:         for (roll, version) in self.getRollNames(args, params):
33:             self.db.execute("""select version, arch, enabled from
34:                             rolls where name=%s and version=%s""", %
35:                             (roll, version))
36:             for row in self.db.fetchall():
37:                 self.addOutput(roll, row)
38:
39:         self.endOutput(header=['name', 'version', 'arch', 'enabled'],
40:                       trimOwner=0)
```

No Parameter

```
# rocks list roll
```

NAME	VERSION	ARCH	ENABLED
viz:	5.0	i386	yes
sge:	5.0	i386	yes
kernel:	5.0	i386	yes
updates:	5.1	i386	yes
java:	4.3.2	i386	yes
xen:	5.0	i386	yes
CentOS:	5.1	i386	yes
ganglia:	5.0	i386	yes
web-server:	5.0	i386	yes
base:	5.0	i386	yes

Version Parameter

```
# rocks list roll version=4.3.2
NAME  VERSION ARCH ENABLED
java: 4.3.2    i386 yes
```

Summary

- ◆ ArgumentProcessors standardize the handling of command line subjects
- ◆ Calling the helper function with an empty list returns all subject in the database
- ◆ HostArgumentProcessor knows about more than just host names
- ◆ RollArgumentProcessor can filter on versions

fillParams

- ◆ Create local variables based on command parameters (key=value)
- ◆ Argument a list of (key, default) tuples
- ◆ If the parameter is not found on the command line the default value is used

```

32: generates torrent files for every file in the KIMS directory.
33: </example>
34: """
35:
36:     def maketorrent(self, filename, data):
37:         info = {}
38:         info['length'] = os.stat(filename)[stat.ST_SIZE]
39:         info['name'] = os.path.basename(filename)
40:
41:         data['info'] = info
42:         encoded = BitTorrent.bencode.bencode(data)
43:
44:         file = open('%s.torrent' % (filename), 'w')
45:         file.write(encoded)
46:         file.close()
47:
48:
49:
50:     def run(self, params, args):
51:
52:         if len(args) != 1:
53:             self.abort('must supply one file')
54:         filename = args[0]
55:
56:         (timestamp, ) = self.fillParams([('timestamp', time.time())])
57:         try:
58:             creation_date = int(timestamp)
59:         except:
60:             creation_date = int(time.time())
61:
62:         data = {}
63:
64:         #
65:         # announce string
66:         #
67:         localhost = self.db.getGlobalVar('Kickstart', 'PrivateAddress')
68:         data['announce'] = 'http://%s:7625/announce' % (localhost)
69:
70:         data['creation date'] = creation_date
71:
72:         #

```

rocks create torrent

```

73:             basename, rack, rank = host.split('-')
74:             self.db.execute("""select m.name from
75:                 appliances a, memberships m where
76:                 a.name=%s and m.appliance=a.id""") % basename)
77:             membership, = self.db.fetchone()
78:             rack = int(rack)
79:             rank = int(rank)
80:         except:                         # exception handling
81:             membership = None
82:             rack = None
83:             rank = None
84:
85:             # fillParams with the above default values
86:
87:             (membership, numCPUs, rack, rank) = self.fillParams(
88:                 [('membership', membership),
89:                  ('cpus', 1),
90:                  ('rack', rack),
91:                  ('rank', rank)])
92:
93:             if not membership:
94:                 self.abort('membership not specified')
95:             if rack == None:
96:                 self.abort('rack not specified')
97:             if rank == None:
98:                 self.abort('rank not specified')
99:
100:            self.db.execute("""insert into nodes
101:                (site, name, membership, cpus, rack, rank)
102:                values
103:                (%s,
104:                 '%s',
105:                 (select id from memberships where name=%s),
106:                 %d,
107:                 %d,
108:                 %d)""") %                                # note the % before the tuple
109:                 (host, membership, int(numCPUs), int(rack), int(rank)))
110:
111:

```

rocks add host

fillPositionalArgs

- ◆ Allows for parameters to have implied keys (just values on command line)
- ◆ This is an optimization for ease of use, not ease of software
- ◆ Argument is a list of keys
 - ↳ No default value processing, if a key is specified it is required
 - ↳ Use this only when a parameter is required
- ◆ Example:

```
# rocks set network netmask optiputer netmask=255.255.255.0
# rocks set network netmask optiputer 255.255.0.0
```

```

11: </arg>
12:
13: <arg type='string' name='netmask'>
14: Netmask that named networks should have.
15: </arg>
16:
17: <param type='string' name='netmask'>
18: Can be used in place of netmask argument.
19: </param>
20: rocks set network netmask
21: <example cmd='set network netmask optiputer 255.255.255.0'>
22: Sets the netmask for the "optiputer" network to a class-c address
23: space.
24: </example>
25:
26: <example cmd='set network netmask optiputer netmask=255.255.255.0'>
27: Same as above.
28: </example>
29:
30: <example cmd='set network netmask optiputer cavewave 255.255.0.0'>
31: Sets the netmask for the "optiputer" and "cavewave" networks to
32: a class-b address space.
33: </example>
34:
35: <related>add network</related>
36: <related>set network subnet</related>
37: """
38:
39: def run(self, params, args):
40:     (args, netmask) = self.fillPositionalArgs(('netmask',))
41:
42:     if not len(args):
43:         self.abort('must supply network')
44:     if not netmask:
45:         self.abort('must supply netmask')
46:
47:     for network in self.getNetworkNames(args):
48:         self.db.execute("""update subnets set netmask='%s' where
49:                         subnets.name='%s'""" % (netmask, network))
50:
```

```

32: Sets the MAC Address for the eth1 device on host compute-0-0.
33: </example>
34:
35: <example cmd='set host interface mac compute-0-0 iface=eth1 mac=00:0e:0c:a7:5d:ff'>
36: Same as above.
37: </example>
38:
39: <example cmd='set host interface mac compute-0-0 iface=eth1 mac=NULL'>
40: clears the mac address from the database
41: </example>
42:
43: <!-- cross refs do not exist yet
44: <related>set host interface iface</related>
45: <related>set host interface ip</related>
46: <related>set host interface gateway</related>
47: <related>set host interface module</related>
48: -->
49: <related>add host</related>
50: """
51:
52: def run(self, params, args):
53:
54:     (args, iface, mac) = self.fillPositionalArgs(('iface', 'mac'))
55:
56:     hosts = self.getHostnames(args)
57:
58:     if len(hosts) != 1:
59:         self.abort('must supply one host')
60:     if not iface:
61:         self.abort('must supply iface')
62:     if not mac:
63:         self.abort('must supply mac')
64:
65:     for host in hosts:
66:         self.db.execute("""update networks, nodes set
67:             networks.mac=NULLIF('%s', 'NULL') where
68:             nodes.name='%s' and networks.node=nodes.id and
69:             (networks.device='%s' or networks.mac='%s')"""\ %
70:             (mac, host, iface, iface))
71:
```

rocks set host interface

Help and Docstrings

- ◆ The command line is the documentation
 - ➲ No more out of date man pages
 - ➲ Still needs a cookbook document, but reference is part of the code
- ◆ We've been looking at this all session
- ◆ Class docstring “””text”””
- ◆ Command line has an XML format



ROCKS

```
# rocks list roll help  
rocks list roll [roll]...
```

Description:

List the status of available rolls.

Arguments:

[roll]

List of rolls. This should be the roll base name (e.g., base, hpc, kernel). If no rolls are listed, then status for all the rolls are listed.

Examples:

```
$ rocks list roll kernel
```

List the status of the kernel roll

```
$ rocks list roll
```

List the status of all the available rolls

```

1: import os
2: import stat
3: import time
4: import sys
5: import string
6: import rocks.commands
7: 
8: 

# rocks list roll help


9: class Command(rocks.commands.RollArgumentProcessor,
10:               rocks.commands.list.command):
11:     """
12:     List the status of available rolls.
13:
14:     <arg optional='1' type='string' name='roll' repeat='1'>
15:         List of rolls. This should be the roll base name (e.g., base, hpc,
16:         kernel). If no rolls are listed, then status for all the rolls are
17:         listed.
18:     </arg>
19:
20:     <example cmd='list roll kernel'>
21:         List the status of the kernel roll
22:     </example>
23:
24:     <example cmd='list roll'>
25:         List the status of all the available rolls
26:     </example>
27:     """
28:
29:     def run(self, params, args):
30:
31:         self.beginOutput()
32:         for (roll, version) in self.getRollNames(args, params):
33:             self.db.execute("""select version, arch, enabled from
34:                             rolls where name=%s and version=%s"""\ %
35:                             (roll, version))
36:             for row in self.db.fetchall():
37:                 self.addOutput(roll, row)
38:             © 2008 UC Regents
39:             self.endOutput(header=['name', 'version', 'arch', 'enabled'],
40:                           trimOwner=0)
41:
```

<arg>

◆ Attributes

- ➲ name (required)
- ➲ optional (default = “0”)
- ➲ type (default = “string”)
- ➲ repeat (default = “0”)

◆ Example:

```
<arg type='string' name='network' repeat='1'>
  One or more named networks that should have the
  defined netmask.
</arg>
```

<param>

◆ Attributes

- ➲ name (required)
- ➲ optional (default = “1”)
- ➲ type (default = “string”)
- ➲ repeat (default = “0”)

◆ Example:

```
<param type='string' name='iface'>
```

Can be used in place of the iface argument.

```
</param>
```

<example>

- ◆ Attributes

- ⦿ cmd(required)

- ◆ Example:

```
<example cmd='set host interface mac compute-0-0  
eth1 00:0e:0c:a7:5d:ff'>
```

Sets the MAC Address for the eth1 device on host
compute-0-0.

```
</example>
```

<related>

◆ Example

```
<related>set host interface iface</related>
<related>set host interface ip</related>
<related>set host interface gateway</related>
<related>set host interface module</related>
```

Help

- ◆ `rocks <verb> <object...> <subject> help`
 - ⌚ Loads the command module
 - ⌚ Parses the XML docstring
 - ⌚ Format and output help as 80 column text

- ◆ Debug syntax with `format=` parameter

help format=raw

```
# rocks list roll help format=raw
1:
2: List the status of available rolls.
3:
4: <arg optional='1' type='string' name='roll' repeat='1'>
5: List of rolls. This should be the roll base name (e.g., base, hpc,
6: kernel). If no rolls are listed, then status for all the rolls are
7: listed.
8: </arg>
9:
10:<example cmd='list roll kernel'>
11>List the status of the kernel roll
12:</example>
13:
14:<example cmd='list roll'>
15>List the status of all the available rolls
16:</example>
```

Help format=parsed

```
# rocks list roll help format=parsed
{'related': [], 'example': [(u'list roll kernel', u'\t\t\n\tList the
    status of the kernel roll\n\t'), (u'list roll', u'\n\tList the status
    of all the available rolls\n\t')], 'description': u'\n\tList the status
    of available rolls.\n\t', 'param': [], 'arg': [(u'roll',
    u'string', 1, 1), u'\n\tList of rolls. This should be the roll base
    name (e.g., base, hpc,\n\tkernel). If no rolls are listed, then status
    for all the rolls are\n\tlisted.\n\t')]}
```

Docbook

- ◆ Roll Usersguide Command Reference is generated automatically

```
# rocks list roll help format=docbook
<section id="rocks-list-roll" xreflabel="list roll">
<title>list roll</title>
<cmdsynopsis>
  <command>rocks list roll</command>
  <arg rep="repeat" choice="opt">roll</arg>
</cmdsynopsis>
<para>
```

List the status of available rolls.

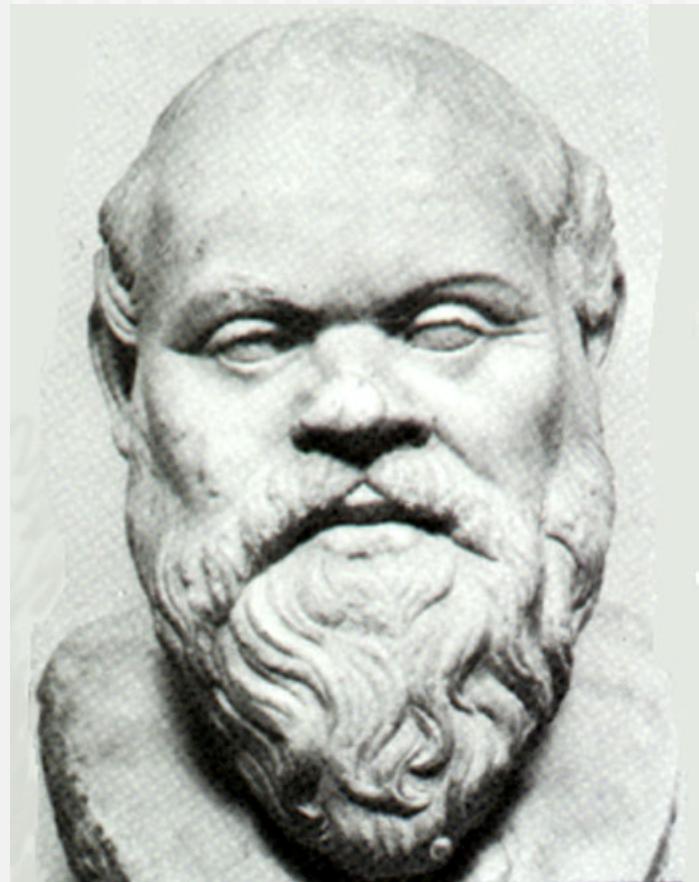
```
</para>
<variablelist><title>arguments</title>
<varlistentry>
```



AVOIDING BECOMING A DEVELOPER

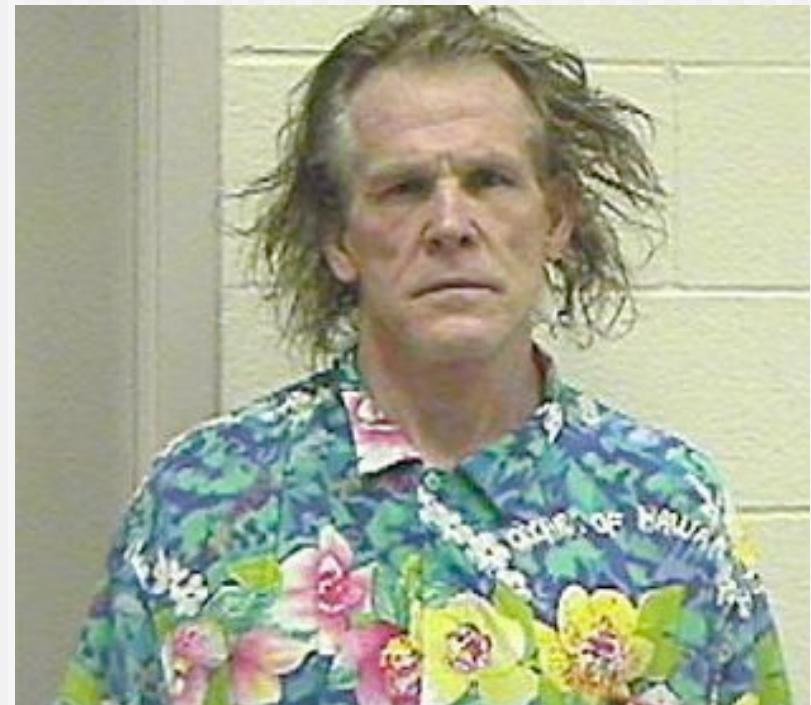
Philosophy

- ◆ All software is installed on the local disk
- ◆ Does not require NFS or non-scalable diskless technologies
- ◆ Use the native OS packager for everything
 - ⦿ Linux = rpm
 - ⦿ Solaris = pkg



Violate the Rules

- ◆ You just need a few packages added and cannot find or build packages
- ◆ You want this only on your cluster and not on several clusters
- ◆ You still want to avoid NFS and benefit from Rocks management



Get a Directory Tree

- ◆ Build your software from source and install on the frontend
 - ⇒ configure
 - ⇒ make
 - ⇒ install
- ◆ Or, just untar a binary bundle

CREATE PACKAGE

```
rocks create package
```

```
  <path>
```

```
  <package-name>
```

```
rocks create package
```

```
  /opt/mx
```

```
mx
```

Done

```
# rpm -qip mx-1.0-1.x86_64.rpm
Name        : mx
Version     : 1.0
Release     : 1
PDT
Install Date: (not installed)
Group       : System Environment/Base
Size        : 17588899
Signature   : (none)
Summary     : A collection of Python software tools.
Description :
The mx extensions for Python are a collection of Python software tools
which enhance Python's usability in many areas.

Relocations: (not relocatable)
Vendor: Rocks Clusters
Build Date: Tue 12 May 2009 04:40:00 PM
Build Host: vizagra.rocksclusters.org
Source RPM: mx-1.0-1.src.rpm
License: University of California
```



ADDING YOUR PACKAGE TO COMPUTE NODES

Step 1: Contribute the RPM

- ◆ Your distribution looks for packages from Rolls and in a contrib area
- ◆ Copy your RPMS into contrib

```
cp mx-1.0-1.x86_64.rpm  
/export/rocks/install/contrib/5.2/  
x86_64/RPMS
```

Step 2: Extend XML

```
cd /export/rocks/install/site-  
profiles/5.2/nodes/
```

```
cp skeleton.xml  
extend-compute.xml
```

```
vi extend-compute.xml
```

Add Package Tag

original

```
<kickstart>

<description>
Skeleton XML Node
</description>

<changelog>
</changelog>

<!--
<package></package>
-->

<post>
</post>

</kickstart>
```

modified (with mx)

```
<kickstart>

<description>
Skeleton XML Node
</description>

<changelog>
</changelog>

<package>mx</package>

<post>
</post>

</kickstart>
```

Step 3: Rebuild Distribution

- ◆ RPM package is already contributes
- ◆ XML node file is already extended
- ◆ Now we need to rebuild the dist

- ◆ Must be done in /export/rocks/install



CREATE DISTRO

```
cd /export/rocks/install
```

```
rocks create distro
```

Step 4: Re-install (repeated material 3 slides)

- ◆ PXE Boot
 - ➲ Network Boot is first in BIOS boot order
 - ➲ Set Rocks Boot action to install
 - ➲ Reboot the host
- ◆ Otherwise use old rocks commands or just hard power cycle the host.

SET HOST BOOT

```
rocks set host boot  
<host>  
action=<boot-action>
```

```
rocks set host boot  
compute-0-0  
action=install
```

RUN HOST

```
rocks run host
```

```
    <host>
```

```
    <command>
```

```
rocks run host
```

```
compute-0-0
```

```
/sbin/init 6
```

Should I Build a Roll?

contrib & site-profiles

- ◆ Fast and Easy
- ◆ Admin Friendly

- ◆ Difficult to share
- ◆ Difficult to backup/restore

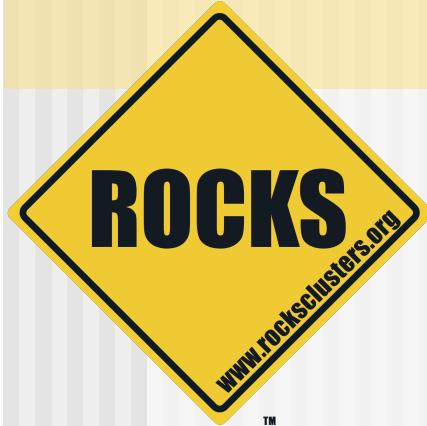
- ◆ Frontend is your development host

Roll

- ◆ Takes about 1 day
- ◆ Developer Friendly

- ◆ Easy to share (.iso)
- ◆ Easy to backup/restore

- ◆ Frontend is your development host



Break Time