

chef-client

Applying Recipes from Multiple Cookbooks





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\$ sudo chef-client --local-mode RECIPE_FILE

How would we apply both the workstation's setup recipe and apache's server recipe?



Objectives

After completing this module, you should be able to use chef-client to:

- > Locally apply multiple cookbooks' recipes with chef-client.
- Include a recipe from within another recipe.





--local-mode

chef-client's default mode attempts to contact a Chef Server and ask it for the recipes to run for the given node.

We are overriding that behavior to have it work in a local mode.





-r "recipe[COOKBOOK::RECIPE]"

In local mode, we need to provide a list of recipes to apply to the system. This is called a run list. A run list is an ordered collection of recipes to execute.

Each recipe in the run list must be addressed with the format recipe[COOKBOOK::RECIPE].



GL: Apply the Cookbook Recipe Locally



\$ sudo chef-client --local-mode -r "recipe[apache::server]"

```
[2016-09-15T14:54:45+00:00] WARN: No config file found or specified on command
line, using command line options.
Starting Chef Client, version 12.13.37
resolving cookbooks for run list: ["apache::server"]
Synchronizing Cookbooks:
  - apache
Compiling Cookbooks...
Converging 3 resources
Recipe: apache::server
  * yum package[httpd] action install (up to date)
  * file[/var/www/html/index.html] action create (up to date)
  * service[httpd] action enable (up to date)
```



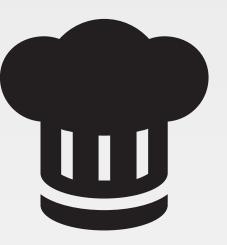
GL: Apply the Cookbook Recipe Locally



\$ sudo chef-client --local-mode -r "recipe[workstation::setup]"

```
[2016-09-15T15:15:26+00:00] WARN: No config file found or specified on command
line, using command line options.
Starting Chef Client, version 12.13.37
resolving cookbooks for run list: ["workstation::setup"]
Synchronizing Cookbooks:
  - workstation (0.1.0)
Compiling Cookbooks...
Converging 2 resources
Recipe: workstation::setup
  * yum package[tree] action install (up to date)
  * file[/etc/motd] action create (up to date)
```





Applying a Run List

Using a run list will allow us to specify things more 'logically' instead of with paths.

Objective:

- ✓ Individually apply the apache cookbook's server recipe and workstation cookbook's setup recipe
- □ Apply both the apache cookbook's server recipe and workstation cookbook's setup recipe



GL: Apply Both Recipes Locally

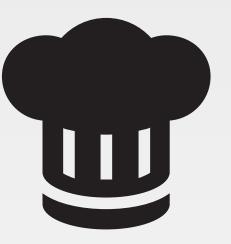


```
$ sudo chef-client --local-mode \
  -r "recipe[apache::server],recipe[workstation::setup]"

[2016-09-15T15:17:27+00:00] WARN: No config file found or specified on
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```
command line, using command line options.
Starting Chef Client, version 12.13.37
resolving cookbooks for run list: ["apache::server", "workstation::setup"]
Synchronizing Cookbooks:
  - apache
  - workstation
Compiling Cookbooks...
Running handlers:
```





A Succinct Run List

The cookbook only has one recipe that we care about. Could we set that up as the default?

Objective:

- ☐ Load the workstation cookbook's setup recipe in the default recipe
- □ Apply the workstation cookbook's default recipe
- ☐ Commit the changes



-r "recipe[COOKBOOK(::default)]"



When you are referencing the default recipe within a cookbook you may optionally specify only the name of the cookbook.

chef-client understands that you mean to apply the default recipe from within that cookbook.



GL: Apply Recipe using default



\$ sudo chef-client --local-mode -r "recipe[apache]"

```
[2016-09-15T15:17:27+00:00] WARN: No config file found or specified on
command line, using command line options.
Starting Chef Client, version 12.13.37
resolving cookbooks for run list: ["apache::default"]
Synchronizing Cookbooks:
  - apache
Compiling Cookbooks...
Running handlers:
```



include_recipe



A recipe can include one (or more) recipes located in cookbooks by using the include_recipe method. When a recipe is included, the resources found in that recipe will be inserted (in the same exact order) at the point where the include_recipe keyword is located.

https://docs.chef.io/recipes.html#include-recipes



GL: The Default Recipe Includes the Setup Recipe

~/cookbooks/apache/recipes/default.rb

```
# Cookbook Name:: apache
# Recipe:: default
# Copyright (c) 2016 The Authors, All Rights Reserved.
include recipe 'apache::server'
```

GL: Apply the Cookbook's Default Recipe



\$ sudo chef-client --local-mode -r "recipe[apache]"

```
WARN: No config file found or specified on command line, using command line
options.
Starting Chef Client, version 12.13.37
resolving cookbooks for run list: ["workstation"]
Synchronizing Cookbooks:
  - apache (0.1.0)
Compiling Cookbooks...
Converging 2 resources
Running handlers:
Running handlers complete
Chef Client finished, 0/2 resources updated in 12 seconds
```



Lab: 60 minutes



https://github.com/shekhar2010us/chef-essentials-repo-15/blob/master/labs/chapter%204.md



Discussion

Why would you want to apply more than one recipe at a time?

What are the benefits and drawbacks of using "include_recipe" within a recipe?

Do default values make it easier or harder to learn?





Q&A

What questions can we help you answer?

- chef-client
- local mode
- run list
- include_recipe



