



Introduction to Chef

Cookbook development workflow



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Prerequisites

- Have an ssh client
- Have a good text editor (Atom, Sublime, vim, emacs)
- Git & GitHub Account (Optional)



Introductions

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Course Objectives & Style

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Course Objectives

- After completing this course you will be able to:
 - Automate common infrastructure tasks with Chef
 - Verify your automation code BEFORE it runs in production
 - Describe some of Chef's tools
 - Apply Chef's primitives to solve your problems

Learning Chef

- You bring the domain expertise about your business and problems
- Chef provides a framework for solving those problems
- Our job is to work together to help you express solutions to your problems with Chef

Chef is a Language

- Learning Chef is like learning the basics of a language
 - 80% fluency reached quickly
 - 20% just takes practice
- The best way to **LEARN** Chef is to **USE** Chef

Training is a discussion

- Lots of hands on labs
- Lots of typing
- Ask questions when they come to you
- Ask for help when you need it
- Help each other
- We will troubleshoot and fix bugs on the spot

Just an Introduction

- Today is just an Introduction to testing your automation code with Chef and it's tools
- We'll cover lots of topics but won't go too deep on any of them
- Any discussion that takes us too far off the path will be captured
- We will return to these topics as time permits



Agenda

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Agenda

- Overview of Chef
- Resources
- Describing Policies
- A Sandbox for testing
- Verifying node state
- Even faster feedback
- Clean code
- Wrap Up

Breaks!

- We will take breaks as often as we need them
- We will break for lunch

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Overview of Chef

Policy-based Infrastructure as Code

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Benefits of Automation



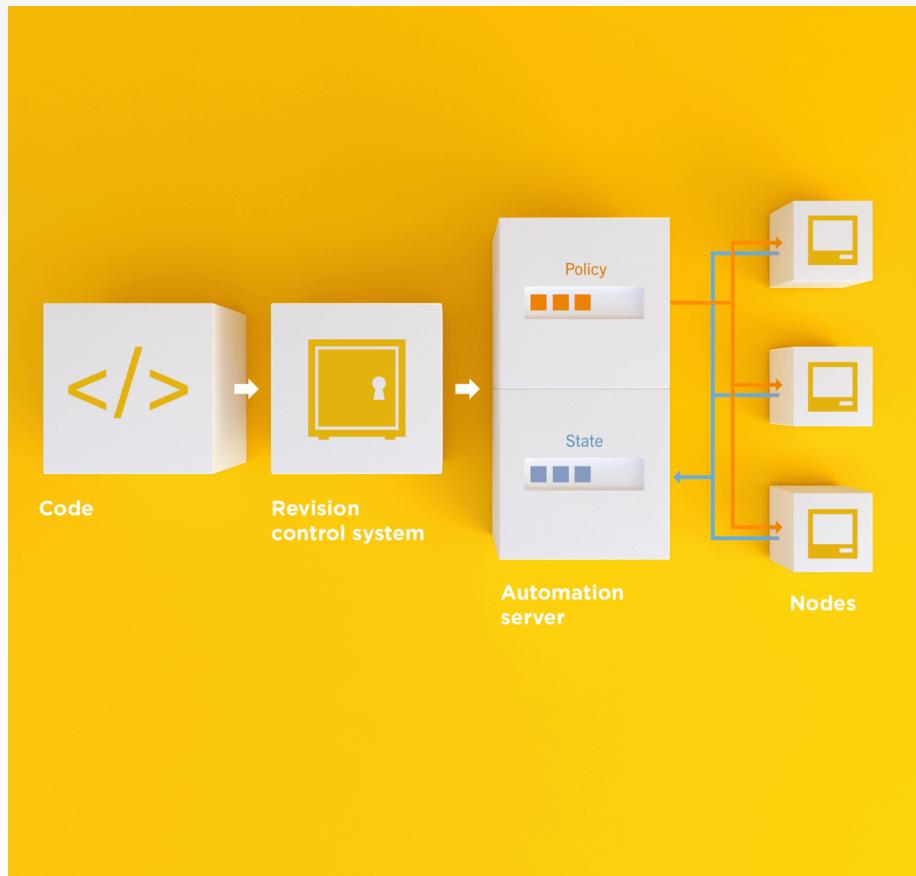
Dimensions of Scale



Automation Platform

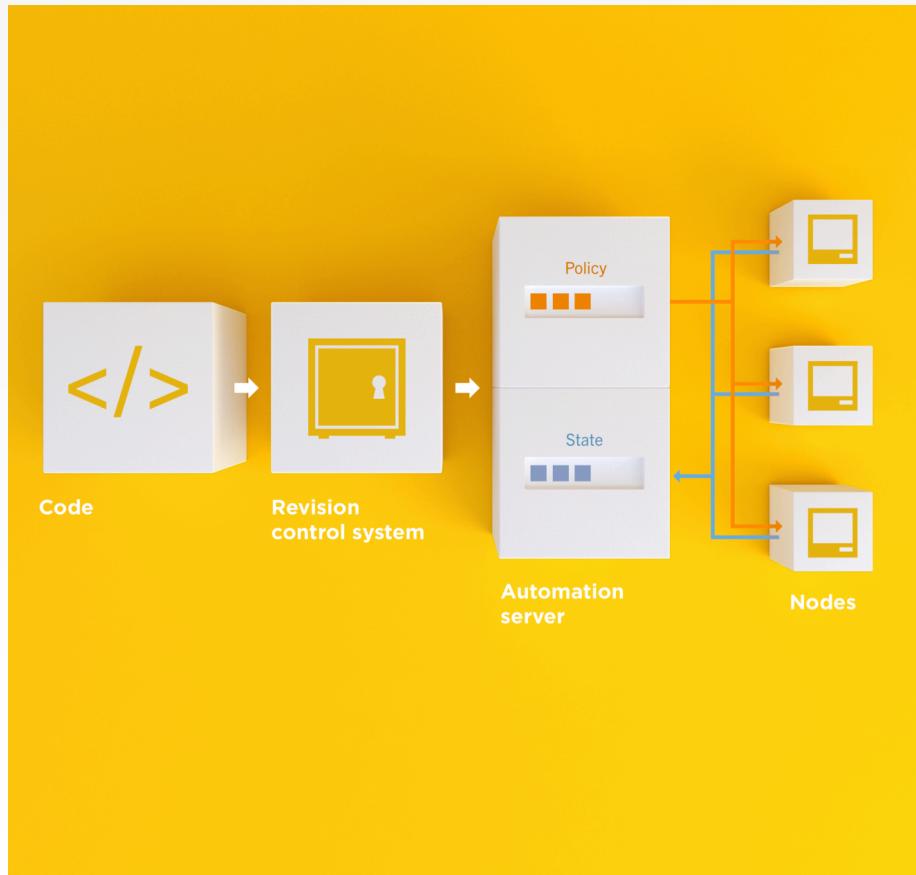
- Creates a dependable view of your entire network's state.
- Can handle complex dependencies among the nodes of your network.
- Is fault tolerant.
- Is secure.
- Can handle multiple platforms
- Can manage cloud resources
- Provides a foundation for innovation

Infrastructure as Code



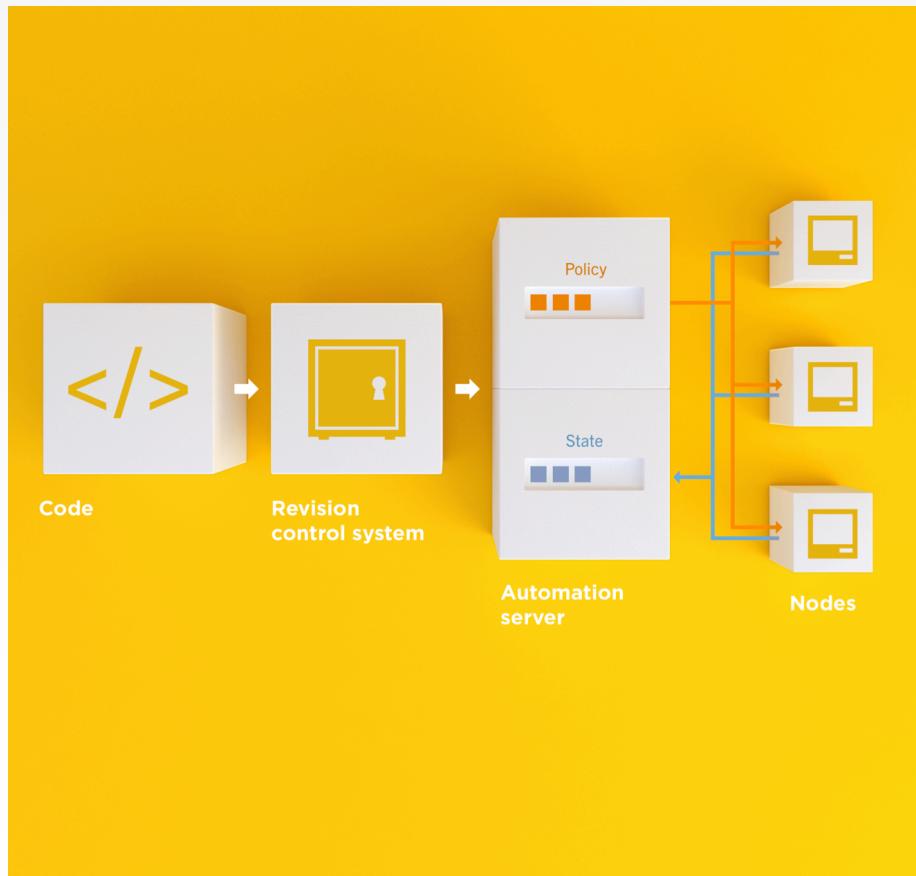
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Infrastructure as Code



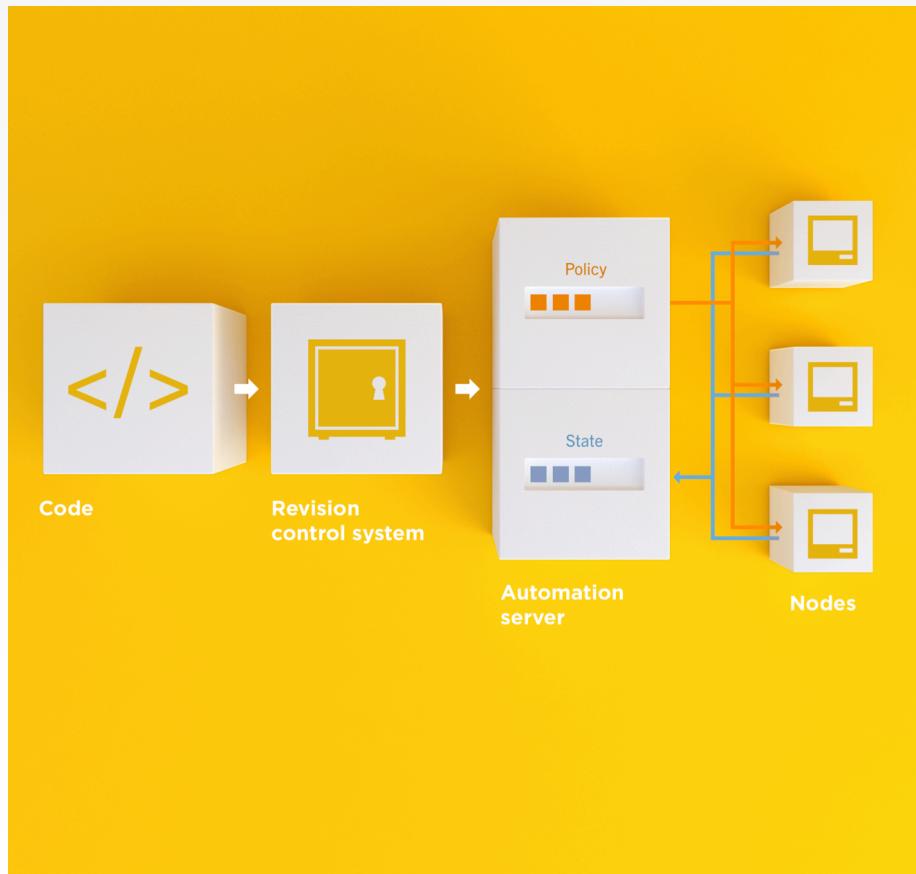
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Infrastructure as Code



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Policy-based

- You capture the policy for your infrastructure in code
- Chef ensures each node in your infrastructure complies with the policy

Policy-based

- Chef provides a domain-specific language (DSL) that allows you to specify policy for your infrastructure
- Policy describes the desired state
- Policies can be statically or dynamically defined



Resources

Fundamental building blocks

Resources

- Piece of the system and its desired state

Resources - Package

Package that should be installed

```
package "mysql-server" do
  action :install
end
```

Resources - Service

Service that should be running and restarted on reboot

```
service "iptables" do
  action [ :start, :enable ]
end
```

Resources - Service

File that should be generated

```
file "/etc/motd" do
  content "Property of Chef Software"
end
```

Resources - Cron

Cron job that should be configured

```
cron "restart webserver" do
  hour '2'
  minute '0'
  command 'service httpd restart'
end
```

Resources - User

User that should be managed

```
user "nginx" do
  comment "Nginx user <nginx@example.com>"
  uid 500
  gid 500
  supports :manage_home => true
end
```

Resources - DSC

DSC resource that
should be run

```
dsc_script 'emacs' do
  code <<-EOH
    Environment 'texteditor'
  {
    Name = 'EDITOR'
    Value = 'c:\\emacs\\bin\\emacs.exe'
  }
EOH
end
```

Resources – Registry Key

Registry key that should be created

```
registry_key "HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\  
  \SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\Windows\\CurrentVersion\\Policies\\System"  
do  
  values [ {  
    :name => "EnableLUA",  
    :type => :dword,  
    :data => 0  
  } ]  
  action :create  
end
```

Resources

- Piece of the system and its desired state
- <http://docs.chef.io/chef/resources.html>

Lab 1 – Install a text editor

- **Problem:** Our workstation does not have \$EDITOR installed
- **Success Criteria:** You can edit files with \$EDITOR
- \$EDITOR is your favorite command line text editor: vim, emacs, or nano

Login to your lab machine

```
$ ssh chef@54.164.75.30
```

```
The authenticity of host '54.165.227.226  
(54.165.227.226)' can't be established.  
RSA key fingerprint is c1:ec:ab:66:fb:22:4a:  
8f:c2:c5:9b:26:77:f3:dd:b3.  
Are you sure you want to continue connecting  
(yes/no)? yes  
Warning: Permanently added  
'54.165.227.226' (RSA) to the list of known  
hosts.  
chef@54.165.227.226's password:
```

Welcome to your workstation

- ChefDK version 0.4.0 is installed
 - chef --version
- Chef user has passwordless sudo access
 - sudo cat /etc/shadow

Is \$EDITOR installed?

```
$ which vim
```

```
/usr/bin/which: no vim in (/opt/
chefdk/bin:/home/chef/.chefdk/gem/
ruby/2.1.0/bin:/opt/chefdk/embedded/
bin:/usr/local/bin:/bin:/usr/bin:/
usr/local/sbin:/usr/sbin:/sbin:/
home/chef/bin)
```

chef-apply

- chef-apply is an executable program that allows you to work with resources
- Is included as part of the ChefDK
- A great way to explore resources
- NOT how you'll eventually use Chef in production

What does chef-apply do?

```
$ chef-apply --help
```

Usage: chef-apply [RECIPE_FILE] [-e RECIPE_TEXT] [-s]	Use colored output,
--[no-]color	
defaults to enabled	
-e, --execute RECIPE_TEXT	Execute resources
supplied in a string	
-l, --log_level LEVEL	Set the log level
(debug, info, warn, error, fatal)	
-s, --stdin	Execute resources
read from STDIN	
-v, --version	Show chef version
-W, --why-run	Enable whyrun mode
-h, --help	Show this message



Install vim

```
$ sudo chef-apply -e "package 'vim'"
```

```
Recipe: (chef-apply cookbook) ::(chef-apply recipe)
* package[vim] action install
  - install version 7.2.411-1.8.el6 of package vim-enhanced
```

Install emacs

```
$ sudo chef-apply -e "package 'emacs'"
```

```
Recipe: (chef-apply cookbook) :: (chef-apply recipe)
* package[emacs] action install
  - install version 23.1-25.el6 of package emacs
```

Install nano

```
$ sudo chef-apply -e "package 'nano'"
```

```
Recipe: (chef-apply cookbook) :: (chef-apply  
recipe)
```

```
* package[nano] action install  
- install version 2.0.9-7.el6 of package nano
```

Resources

- Describe the desired state
- Do not need to tell Chef how to get there
- What happens if you re-run the chef-apply command?

Install \$EDITOR again with chef-apply

```
$ sudo chef-apply -e "package 'vim'"
```

```
Recipe: (chef-apply cookbook) :: (chef-apply
recipe)
  * package[vim] action install (up to date)
```

Test and Repair

Resources follow a test
and repair model

```
package "vim"
```

Test and Repair

Resources follow a **test** and repair model

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Done

Test and Repair

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package "vim"

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Yes

Done

No

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package "vim"

Test Is vim installed?

Yes

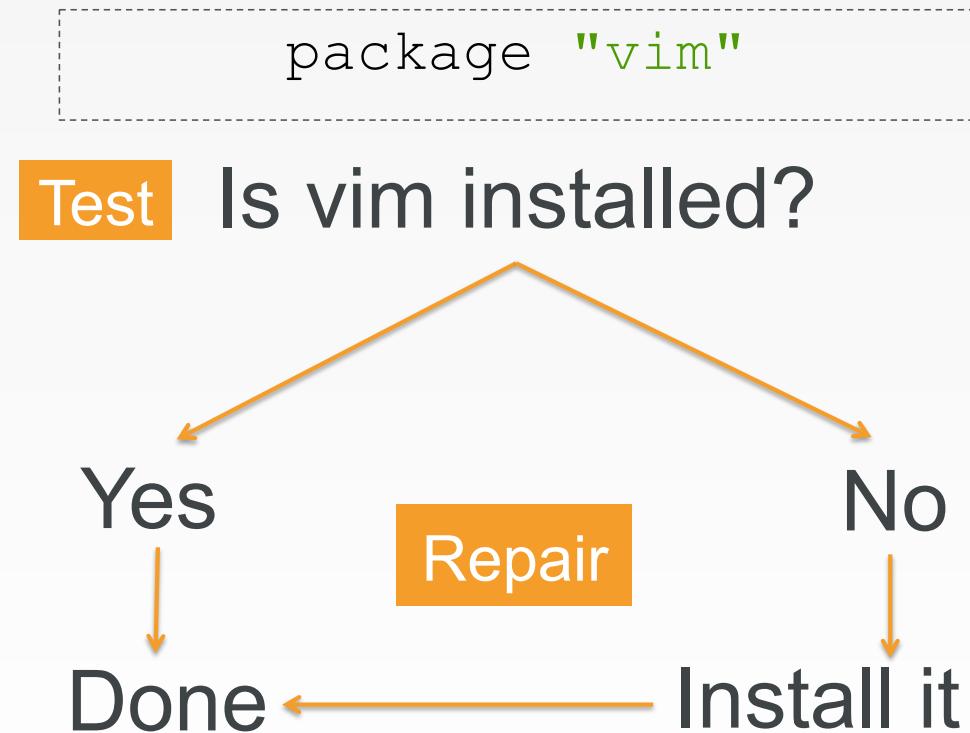
Done

No

Install it

Test and Repair

Resources follow a **test** and **repair** model



Resources – Test and Repair

- Resources follow a test and repair model
- Resource currently in the desired state? (test)
 - Yes – Do nothing
 - No – Bring the resource into the desired state (repair)

Resources

- package
- template
- service
- directory
- user
- group
- dsc_script
- registry_key
- powershell_script
- cron
- mount
- route
- ...and more!

Lab 2 – Hello, world!

- **Problem:** Oops, we forgot to start with “hello, world”
- **Success Criteria:** A file with “Hello, world!” content is available in our home directory.

Hello, world!



OPEN IN EDITOR: ~/hello.rb

```
file "hello.txt" do
  action :create
  content "Hello, world!"
  mode "0644"
  owner "chef"
  group "chef"
end
```

SAVE FILE!

Apply hello.rb

```
$ sudo chef-apply hello.rb
```

```
Recipe: (chef-apply cookbook)::(chef-apply recipe)
  * file[hello.txt] action create
    - create new file hello.txt
    - update content in file hello.txt from none to 315f5b
      --- hello.txt          2014-12-02 14:00:22.967821184 +0000
      +++ /tmp/.hello.txt20141202-1036-af0vmi      2014-12-02 14:00:22.970821184 +0000
      @@ -1 +1,2 @@
      +Hello, world!
    - change mode from '' to '0644'
    - change owner from '' to 'chef'
    - change group from '' to 'chef'
    - restore selinux security context
```

Read hello.txt

```
$ cat hello.txt
```

```
Hello, world!
```

Chef Resources

Have a type

```
file "hello.txt"
```

Chef Resources

Have a name

- Have a type

```
file "hello.txt"
```

Chef Resources

Include details between keywords **do** and **end**

- Have a name
- Have a type

```
file "hello.txt" do  
end
```

Chef Resources

Describe the state of the thing using the keyword `action`

- Include details between keywords `do` and `end`
- Have a name
- Have a type

```
file "hello.txt" do
  action :create
end
```

Chef Resources – In Plain English

The **TYPE** named
NAME should be
ACTION'd

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Chef Resources – In Plain English

The **TYPE** named
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The **file** named
“**hello.txt**” should be
created

```
file "hello.txt" do
  action :create
end
```

Chef Resources

- Include additional details about the state of the thing (attributes)
- Describe the state of the thing using the keyword `action`
- Include details between keywords `do` and `end`
- Have a name
- Have a type

```
file "hello.txt" do
  action :create
  content "Hello, world!"
  mode "0644"
  owner "chef"
  group "chef"
end
```

Chef Resources – In Plain English

The **TYPE** named
NAME should be
ACTION'd with
ATTRIBUTES

```
file "hello.txt" do
  action :create
  content "Hello, world!"
  mode "0644"
  owner "chef"
  group "chef"
end
```

Chef Resources – In Plain English

The **file** named “**hello.txt**” should be created with content of “**Hello, world!**”, permissions of **0644**, owned by the **chef** user and **chef** group

```
file "hello.txt" do
  action :create
  content "Hello, world!"
  mode "0644"
  owner "chef"
  group "chef"
end
```

Hello, world!



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  action :create
  mode "0644"
  owner "chef"
  group "chef"
end
```

SAVE FILE!

Re-apply hello.rb

```
$ sudo chef-apply hello.rb
```

```
Recipe: (chef-apply cookbook) :: (chef-apply  
recipe)
```

```
* file[hello.txt] action create (up to date)
```

Resources – Test and Repair

- Resources follow a test and repair model
- Resource currently in the desired state? (test)
 - Yes – Do nothing
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What if...?

- Change the content of the file using your favorite text editor?
- Change the ownership of the file?
- Delete the file?

Resources

- package
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- route

Resources

- What states can a file be in?
- What state will a file be in if you don't declare an action?
- What state will a package be in if you don't declare an action?
- Do you have to indent the attributes of a resource?
- What Chef tool allows us to easily explore resources?

Lab 3 – Manage a file

The file named /etc/motd should have the contents “Property of COMPANY NAME”, permissions of “0644”, and owned by the group and user named root

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Resources

- What questions can I answer for you?



Describing Policies

Recipes and Cookbooks

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Resources > Recipes > Cookbooks

- A resource is a piece of the system and it's desired state
- A recipe is a collection of resources
- A cookbook is a “package” of policy information

Recipe - a collection of resources

```
package "haproxy" do
  action :install
end

template "/etc/haproxy/haproxy.cfg" do
  source "haproxy.cfg.erb"
  owner "root"
  group "root"
  mode "0644"
  notifies :restart, "service[haproxy]"
end

service "haproxy" do
  supports :restart => :true
  action [:enable, :start]
end
```

Recipes – Order Matters

- Resources are applied in order

1st



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  owner "root"
  group "root"
  mode "0644"
  notifies :restart, "service[haproxy]"
end

service "haproxy" do
  supports :restart => :true
  action [:enable, :start]
end
```

Recipes – Order Matters

- Resources are applied in order

1st

2nd

```
package "haproxy" do
  action :install
end

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  source "haproxy.cfg.erb"
  owner "root"
  group "root"
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Cookbook

- A “package” for Chef policies
- Typically map 1:1 to a piece of software or functionality

Cookbooks – Packaged Policies

- Distribution unit
- Versioned
- Re-usable

Abstracting Data from Policy

- Policy – The desired state of the system
- Data – The details that might change

Abstracting Data from Policy

- Policy – Tomcat should be installed
- Data – Version 6

Abstracting Data from Policy

- Policy – A file should exist
- Data – The content of that file

Lab 4 – Manage Data & Policy Separately

- **Problem:** Policy for the state and content of /etc/motd are currently intermingled.
- **Success Criteria:** State and content of /etc/motd are managed separately.

Message of the day

State – policy that describes the resource

```
file "/etc/motd" do
  content "Property of COMPANY NAME"
  action :create
  mode "0644"
  owner "root"
  group "root"
end
```

Message of the day

- Content – data that may change independent of policy changes

```
file "/etc/motd" do
  content "Property of COMPANY NAME"
  action :create
  mode "0644"
  owner "root"
  group "root"
end
```

Version your code

- Managing infrastructure as code means storing that code in a version control system
- Any version control system will do but...
 - Chef community prefers and recommends git
 - Many tools support git by default

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- Two options are common:
 - Monolithic Repository
 - Independent Software Projects

Monolithic Repository

- All of your Chef related source code tracked in one source code repository
- External dependencies are made with built-in vendor branches

Independent Software Projects

- All Chef cookbooks are treated as independent software projects
- External dependencies are
 - fetched as needed
 - treated as artifacts

Lab 4 - Manage Data & Policy Separately

- Install git
- Create a chef-repo
- Create a cookbook

Install git

- The package `git` should be installed
- The file named '`/home/chef/.gitconfig`' should be created.
- It should be owned by the `chef` user and group.
- It should have the content:

```
[user]\n  name=John Doe\n  email=jdoe@example\n
```

Install git



OPEN IN EDITOR: ~/git.rb

```
package 'git' do
  action :install
end

file '/home/chef/.gitconfig' do
  content "[user]\n  name=John Doe\n  email=jdoe@example\n"
  user 'chef'
  group 'chef'
end
```

SAVE FILE!

Install git

```
$ sudo chef-apply ~/git.rb
```

```
Recipe: (chef-apply cookbook)::(chef-apply recipe)
  * package[git] action install
    - install version 1.7.1-3.el6_4.1 of package git
  * file[/home/chef/.gitconfig] action create
    - create new file /home/chef/.gitconfig
    - update content in file /home/chef/.gitconfig from none to 259950
      --- /home/chef/.gitconfig 2014-09-24 00:24:13.558127555 +0000
      +++ /tmp/..gitconfig20140924-10180-1ij68vq 2014-09-24 00:24:13.559127555 +0000
      @@ -1 +1,4 @@
      +[user]
      +  name=John Doe
      +  email=jdoe@example.com
      -  change owner from '' to 'chef'
      -  change group from '' to 'chef'
      -  restore selinux security context
```



Lab 4 – Manage Data & Policy Separately

- ✓ Install git?
- 2. Create a chef-repo
- 3. Create a cookbook

chef-repo

- Chef cookbooks and other policy files should be stored in a version control system
- Create a directory named `chef-repo`
- Manage that directory as a git repository

chef

- chef is an executable command line tool for
 - generating cookbooks, recipes, and other things that make up your Chef code
 - ensuring RubyGems are downloaded properly for your development environment
 - verifying that all the components are installed and configured correctly
- Included with ChefDK

What can chef generate?

```
$ chef generate --help
```

```
Usage: chef generate GENERATOR [options]
```

```
Available generators:
```

- | | |
|-----------|--|
| app | Generate an application repo |
| cookbook | Generate a single cookbook |
| recipe | Generate a new recipe |
| attribute | Generate an attributes file |
| template | Generate a file template |
| file | Generate a cookbook file |
| lwrp | Generate a lightweight resource/provider |
| repo | Generate a Chef policy repository |



How do we generate a repo?

```
$ chef generate repo --help
```

```
Usage: chef generate repo NAME [options]
  -C, --copyright COPYRIGHT           Name of the copyright holder - defaults to 'The Authors'
  -m, --email EMAIL                  Email address of the author - defaults to 'you@example.com'
  -I, --license LICENSE             all_rights, apache2, mit, gplv2, gplv3 - defaults to all_rights
  -p, --policy-only                 Create a repository for policy only, not cookbooks
  -g GENERATOR_COOKBOOK_PATH,
    --generator-cookbook            Use GENERATOR_COOKBOOK_PATH for the code_generator cookbook
```

Go home!

```
$ cd ~
```

Create a chef-repo

```
$ chef generate repo chef-repo
```

```
Compiling Cookbooks...
Recipe: code_generator::repo
* directory[/home/chef/chef-repo] action create
  - create new directory /home/chef/chef-repo
  - restore selinux security context
* template[/home/chef/chef-repo/LICENSE] action create
  - create new file /home/chef/chef-repo/LICENSE
  - update content in file /home/chef/chef-repo/LICENSE from none to dbclaf
    (diff output suppressed by config)
  - restore selinux security context
* cookbook_file[/home/chef/chef-repo/README.md] action create
  - create new file /home/chef/chef-repo/README.md
  - update content in file /home/chef/chef-repo/README.md from none to 767ead
    (diff output suppressed by config)
  - restore selinux security context
* cookbook_file[/home/chef/chef-repo/Rakefile] action create
```



Commit this chef-repo to git

```
$ cd chef-repo
```

Commit this chef-repo to git

```
$ git init
```

```
Initialized empty Git repository  
in /home/chef/chef-repo/.git/
```

Commit this chef-repo to git

```
$ git add .
```

Commit this chef-repo to git

```
$ git commit -m "Initial chef-repo"
```

```
[master (root-commit) 6774a70] Initial chef repo
 11 files changed, 388 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)
 create mode 100644 .gitignore
 create mode 100644 LICENSE
 create mode 100644 README.md
 create mode 100644 Rakefile
 create mode 100644 certificates/README.md
 create mode 100644 cheftignore
 create mode 100644 config/rake.rb
 create mode 100644 cookbooks/README.md
 create mode 100644 data_bags/README.md
 create mode 100644 environments/README.md
 create mode 100644 roles/README.md
```

Lab 4 – Manage Data & Policy Separately

- ✓ Install git?
- ✓ Create a chef-repo
- 3. Create a cookbook

Create an motd cookbook

```
$ chef generate cookbook --help
```

```
Usage: chef generate cookbook NAME [options]
      -C, --copyright COPYRIGHT           Name of the copyright holder - defaults to 'The Authors'
      -m, --email EMAIL                  Email address of the author - defaults to 'you@example.com'
      -I, --license LICENSE             all_rights, apache2, mit, gplv2, gplv3 - defaults to all_rights
      -g GENERATOR_COOKBOOK_PATH,       Use GENERATOR_COOKBOOK_PATH for the code_generator cookbook
      --generator-cookbook
```

Create a motd cookbook

```
$ cd cookbooks
```

Create a cookbook

```
$ chef generate cookbook motd
```

```
Compiling Cookbooks...
Recipe: code_generator::cookbook
* directory[/home/chef/chef-repo/cookbooks/motd] action create
  - create new directory /home/chef/chef-repo/cookbooks/motd
* template[/home/chef/chef-repo/cookbooks/motd/metadata.rb] action create_if_missing
  - create new file /home/chef/chef-repo/cookbooks/motd/metadata.rb
  - update content in file /home/chef/chef-repo/cookbooks/motd/metadata.rb from none to 7852c2
    (diff output suppressed by config)
* template[/home/chef/chef-repo/cookbooks/motd/README.md] action create_if_missing
...
...
```

Commit the initial cookbook

```
$ git add .
```

Commit the initial cookbook

```
$ git commit -m "initial motd cookbook"  
[master (root-commit) af2b629] initial apache  
recipe, does nothing  
 6 files changed, 144 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)  
 create mode 100644 .kitchen.yml  
 create mode 100644 Berksfile  
 create mode 100644 README.md  
 create mode 100644 chefignore  
 create mode 100644 metadata.rb  
 create mode 100644 recipes/default.rb
```

Copy your motd.rb

```
$ cat ~/motd.rb >> motd/recipes/default.rb
```

Update the recipe



OPEN IN EDITOR: `~/chef-repo/motd/recipes/default.rb`

```
#  
# Cookbook Name:: motd  
# Recipe:: default  
#  
# Copyright (c) 2014 The Authors, All Rights Reserved.  
file "/etc/motd" do  
  content "Property of COMPANY NAME"  
  action :create  
  mode "0644"  
  owner "root"  
  group "root"  
end
```

SAVE FILE!

What resource should we use?

Resources: [About Resources](#) | [Common Functionality](#) — **Resources:** [apt_package](#) | [bash](#) | [batch](#) | [breakpoint](#) | [chef_gem](#) | [chef_handler](#) | [cookbook_file](#) | [cron](#) | [deploy](#) | [directory](#) | [dpkg_package](#) | [dsc_script](#) | [easy_install_package](#) | [env](#) | [erl_call](#) | [execute](#) | [file](#) | [gem_package](#) | [git](#) | [group](#) | [http_request](#) | [ifconfig](#) | [link](#) | [log](#) | [mdadm](#) | [mount](#) | [ohai](#) | [package](#) | [powershell_script](#) | [registry_key](#) | [remote_directory](#) | [remote_file](#) | [route](#) | [rpm_package](#) | [ruby_block](#) | [script](#) | [service](#) | [subversion](#) | [template](#) | [user](#) | [yum_package](#) | [windows_package](#) — **Single Page:** [Resources and Providers](#)

- `cookbook_file`
- `file`
- `remote_file`
- `template`

cookbook_file

A file stored in the cookbook contains the content of the file.

```
motd
├── Berksfile
├── README.md
├── chefignore
└── files
    └── default
        └── motd
├── metadata.rb
└── recipes
    └── default.rb
```

file

The content is described inline in the recipe

```
file "/etc/motd" do
  content "Property of COMPANY NAME"
  action :create
  mode "0644"
  owner "root"
  group "root"
end
```

remote_file

The file is stored in a remote location, such as on the web

```
file "/etc/motd" do
  url "http://some.where.com/motd"
  action :create
  mode "0644"
  owner "root"
  group "root"
end
```

template

A template file is stored as part of the cookbook

```
motd
├── Berksfile
├── README.md
├── chefignore
├── metadata.rb
├── recipes
│   └── default.rb
└── templates
    └── default
        └── motd.erb
```

template

A template file is stored as part of the cookbook and rendered to create the file.

`motd/templates/default/motd.erb`

Property of <%= @company_name %>

Which resource should we use?

- `cookbook_file` – static file, within the cookbook
- `file` – content managed inline
- `remote_file` – static file, obtained from a URL
- `template` – dynamic content based on ERB template

Template Resource

- An ERB template stored as part of our cookbook

Update the recipe



OPEN IN EDITOR: ~chef-repo/motd/recipes/default.rb

```
#  
# Cookbook Name:: motd  
# Recipe:: default  
  
#  
# Copyright (c) 2014 The Authors, All Rights Reserved.  
template "/etc/motd" do  
  action :create  
  source "motd.erb"  
  mode "0644"  
  owner "root"  
  group "root"  
end
```

SAVE FILE!

Create the ERB template

```
$ chef generate template --help
```

```
Usage: chef generate template [path/to/cookbook] NAME [options]
      -C, --copyright COPYRIGHT           Name of the copyright holder
      - defaults to 'The Authors'
      -m, --email EMAIL                  Email address of the author
      - defaults to 'you@example.com'
      -I, --license LICENSE             all_rights, apache2, mit,
gplv2, gplv3 - defaults to all_rights
      -s, --source SOURCE_FILE          Copy content from
SOURCE_FILE
      -g GENERATOR_COOKBOOK_PATH,      Use GENERATOR_COOKBOOK_PATH
for the code_generator cookbook
      --generator-cookbook
```

Go to the motd cookbook directory

```
$ cd ~/chef-repo/cookbooks/motd
```

Create the ERB template

```
$ chef generate template . motd -s /etc/motd
```

```
Compiling Cookbooks...
Recipe: code_generator::template
 * directory[././templates/default] action create
   - create new directory ././templates/default
 * file[././templates/default/motd.erb] action create
   - create new file ././templates/default/motd.erb
   - update content in file ././templates/default/
motd.erb from none to 315f5b
 (diff output suppressed by config)
```

Check the template



OPEN IN EDITOR: `~/chef-repo/cookbooks/motd/templates/default/motd.erb`

Property of COMPANY NAME

SAVE FILE!

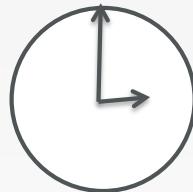
chef-apply

- chef-apply does not understand cookbooks, only resources and recipes
- We cannot use chef-apply to apply the policy stored in our motd cookbook

chef-client

- chef-client is an executable
 - performs all actions required to bring the node into the desired state
 - typically run on a regular basis
 - daemon
 - cron
 - Windows service
- Included with ChefDK

chef-client applying policies

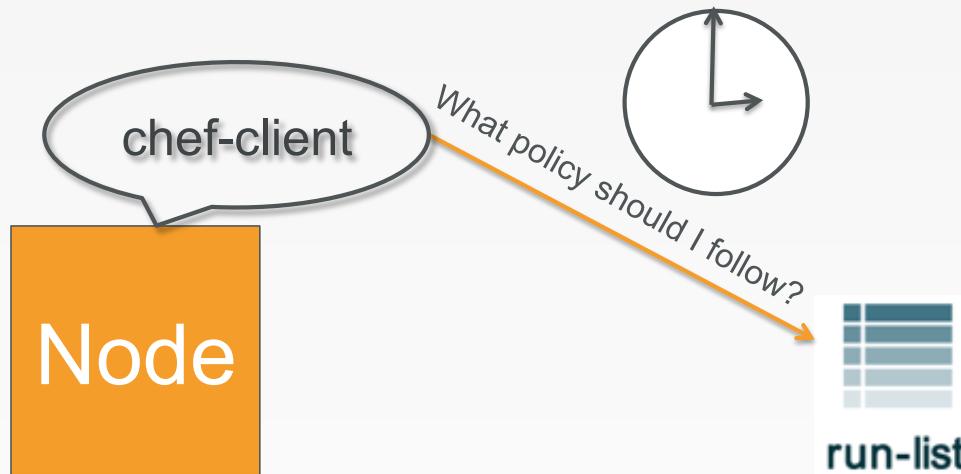


Node

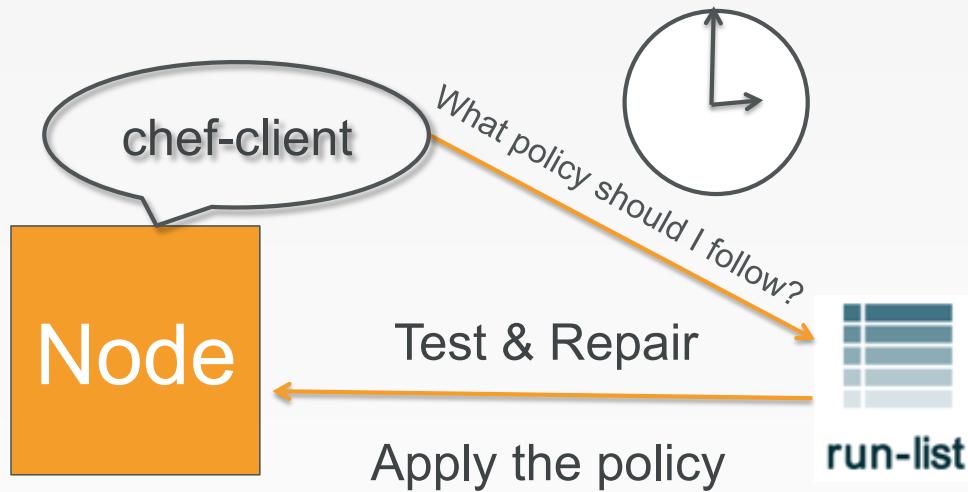
chef-client applying policies



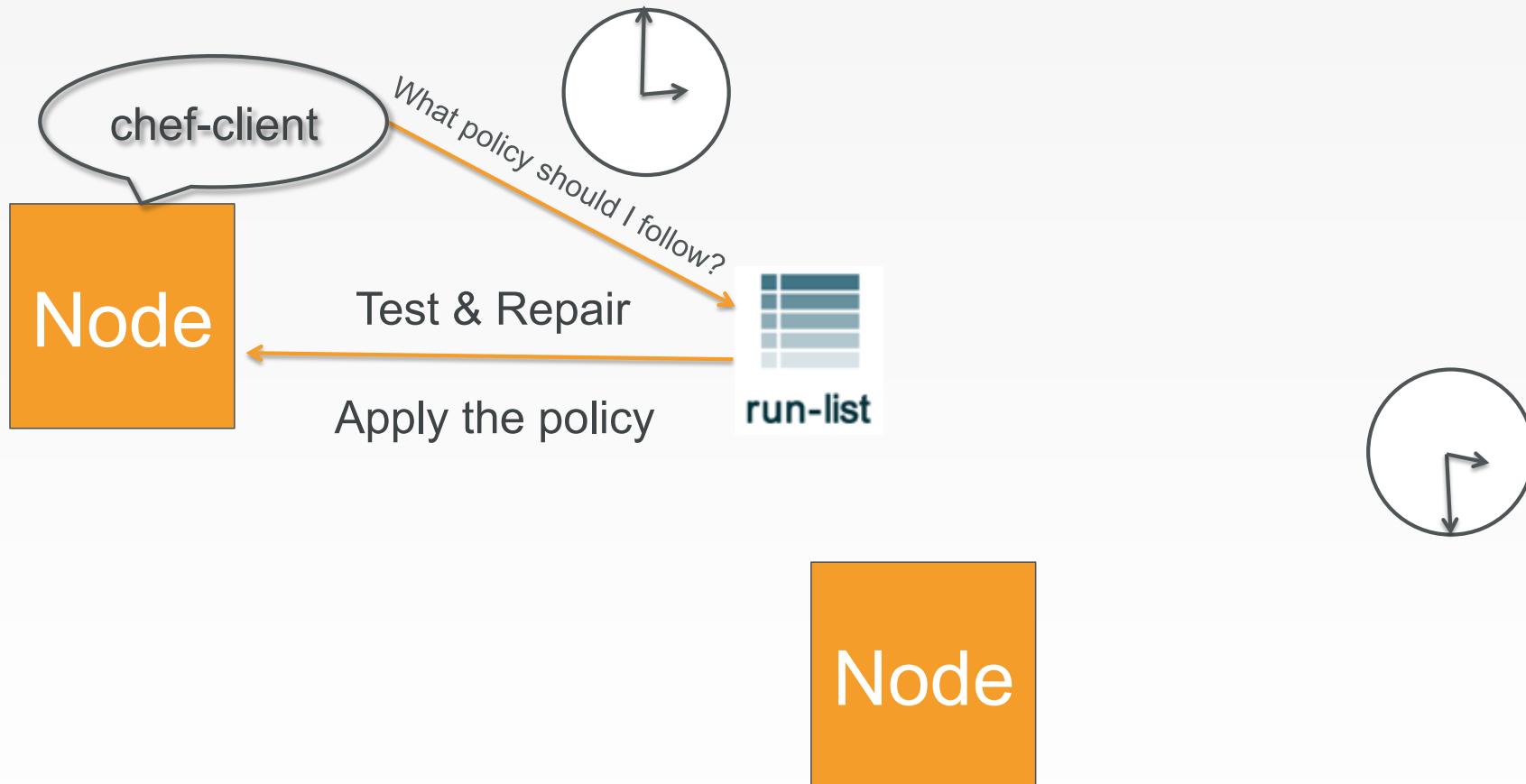
chef-client applying policies



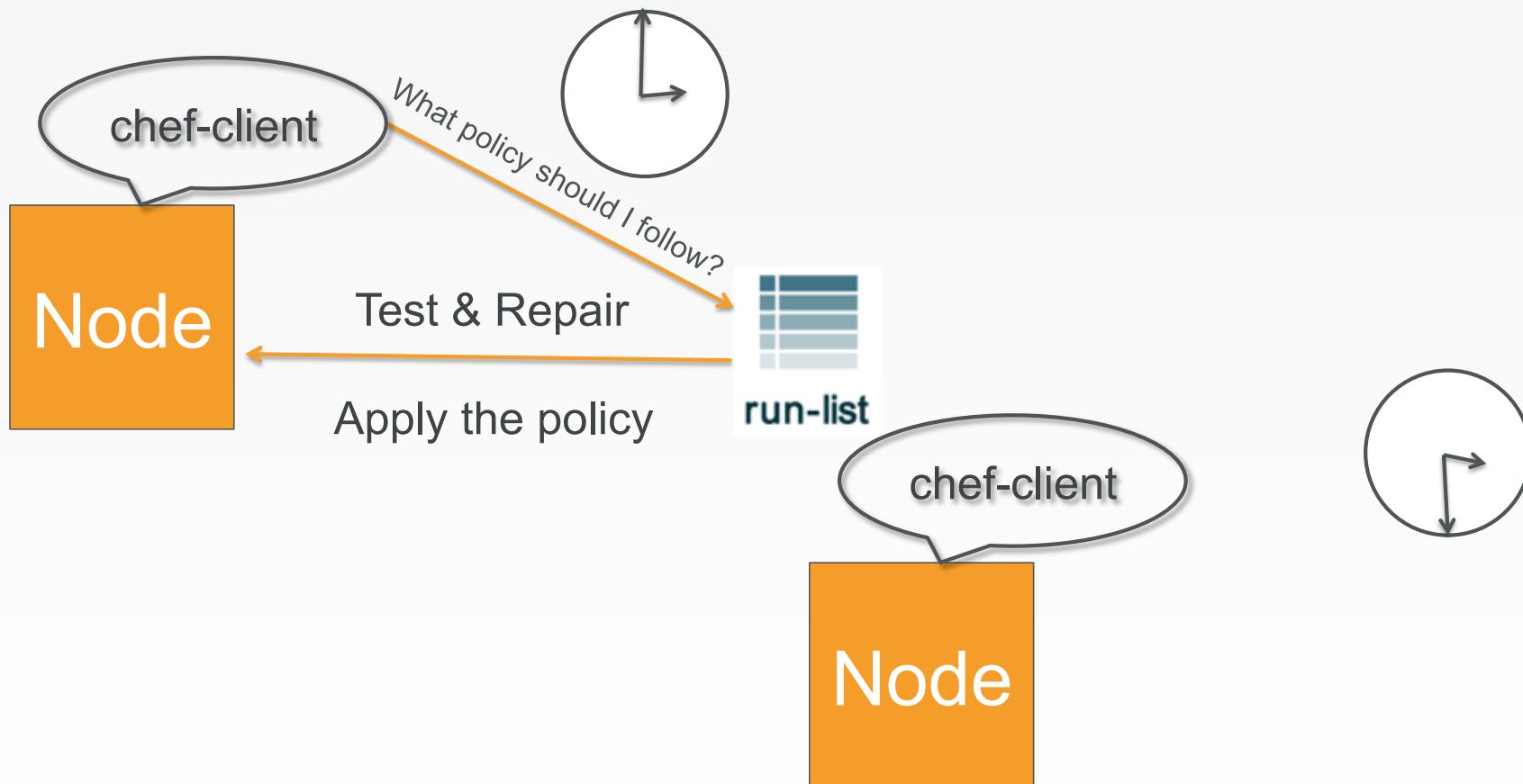
chef-client applying policies



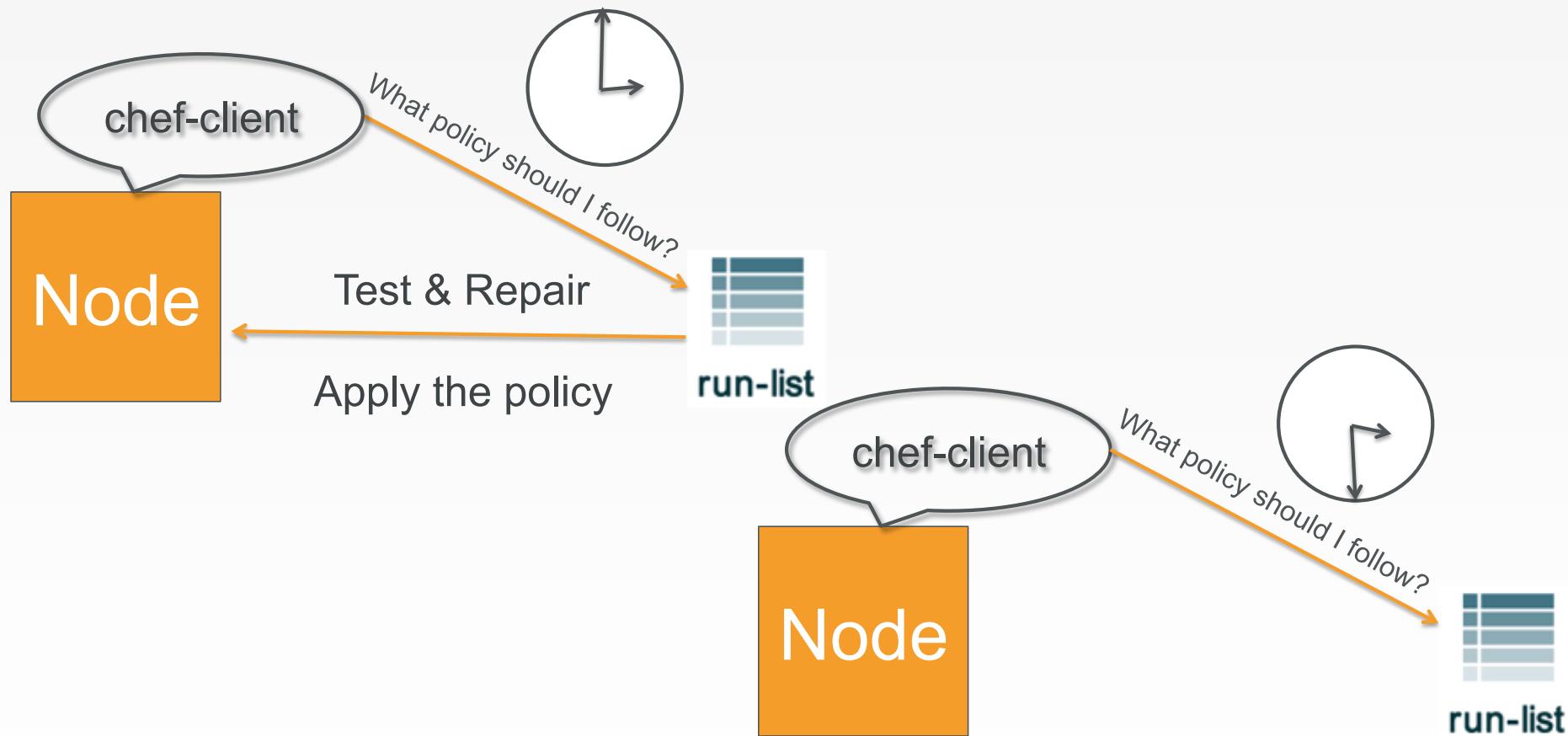
chef-client applying policies repeatedly



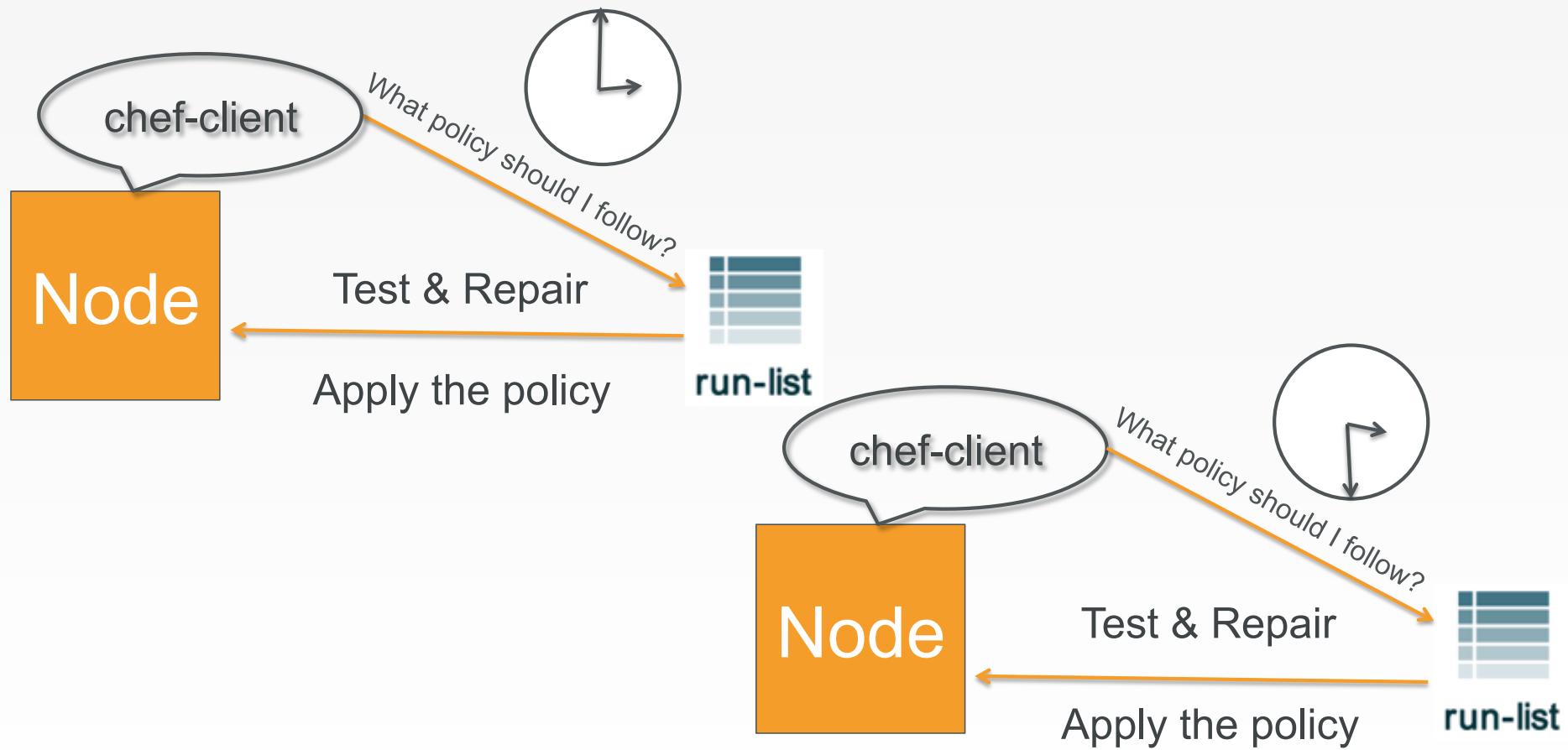
chef-client applying policies repeatedly



chef-client applying policies repeatedly



chef-client applying policies repeatedly



chef-client modes

- In conjunction with a Chef Server
- Local mode (no Chef Server)

chef-client privileges

- Usually run with elevated privileges
 - root
 - sudo
 - Administrator
- Can run as a normal user

Apply our recipe using chef-client

```
$ cd ~/chef-repo
```

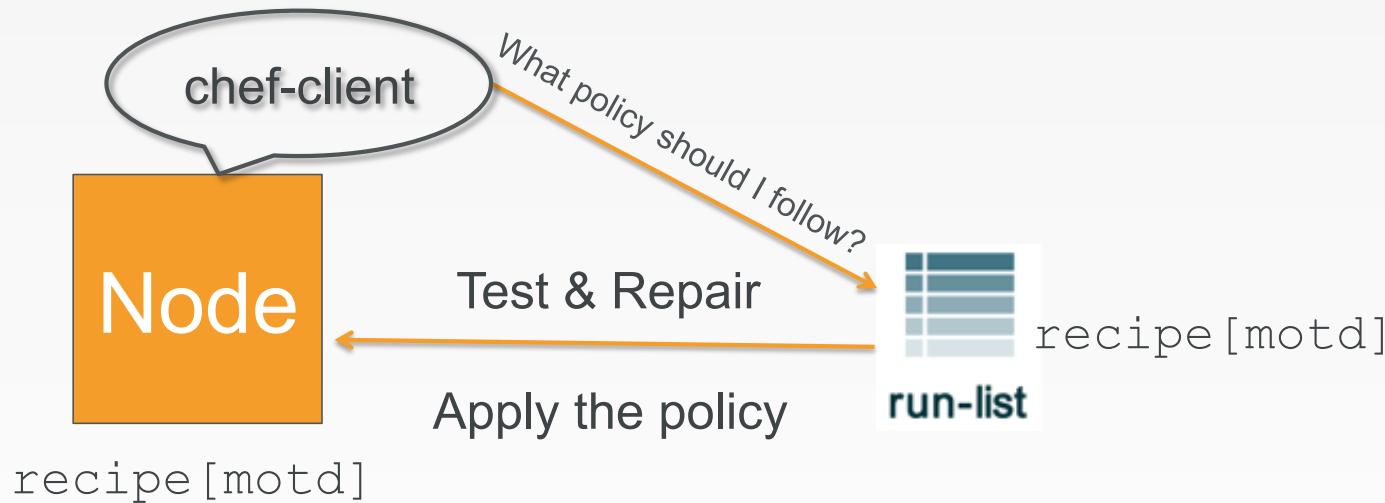
Apply our recipe using chef-client

```
$ sudo chef-client --local-mode -r "recipe[motd]"
```

```
[2014-12-02T15:13:21+00:00] WARN: No config file found or specified on command line, using command line options.
Starting Chef Client, version 11.18.0.rc.1
resolving cookbooks for run list: ["motd"]
Synchronizing Cookbooks:
  - motd
Compiling Cookbooks...
Converging 1 resources
Recipe: motd::default
* template[/etc/motd] action create
  - update content in file /etc/motd from 4fe2f6 to e989a4
    (no diff)
  - restore selinux security context

Running handlers:
Running handlers complete
Chef Client finished, 1/1 resources updated in 3.346092479 seconds
```

chef-client applying policies



Lab 4 – Manage Data & Policy Separately

- ✓ Install git?
- ✓ Create a chef-repo
- ✓ Create a cookbook

Separating data from policy

- Storing the file's content directly in the recipe feels wrong
- We can manage that content separately using a different resource
 - cookbook_file
 - remote_file
 - template

Template resource

- An ERB template that is used to generate files based on the variables and logic contained within the template.

What if...?

- The contents of motd should be pulled from a file in an s3 bucket?
- The motd file should have variable content?

Lab 5 – Manage ntp

- Create a cookbook that will manage ntp
- Use a template to manage /etc/ntp.conf
- Initially, the file's content needn't change from the defaults
- Packages for ntp on CentOS are
 - ntp
 - ntpdate

Describing Policies

- Describe the relationship between resource, recipes, and cookbooks?
- What types of files might you find in a cookbook?
- Where is the version of a cookbook specified?

Describing Policies

- What questions can I answer for you?



A Sandbox for Testing

Test Kitchen

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Our process

- Write policy
 - Apply policy
 - Verify policy
-
- Not bad for the simple case, will quickly get untenable

Faster Feedback

- Speed-up the feedback loops with automated testing.
- Have confidence in your changes before you run them in production

The pedantries of testing

- Unit testing
- Integration testing
- Acceptance testing
- Functional testing
- Regression testing
- Smoke testing
- Load testing

Chef Testing

- Did chef-client complete successfully?
- Did the recipe put the node in the desired state?
- Are the resources properly defined?
- Does the code follow our style guide?

Test-driving infrastructure

- We are going to use a relatively simple scenario
- We are going to explore many facets of testing
- We are going to follow a test-first, test-driven model

Our Scenario

- We want a custom home page available on the web.

Lab 6 – Create a Sandbox Environment

- **Problem:** Applying recipes directly to our workstation is akin to making changes directly in production. We should NOT do that!
- **Success Criteria:** We have an isolated environment to verify the success status of a chef-client run

Create an apache cookbook

```
$ cd ~/chef-repo/cookbooks
```

Create an apache cookbook

```
$ chef generate cookbook apache
```

```
Compiling Cookbooks...
Recipe: code_generator::cookbook
* directory[/home/chef/chef-repo/cookbooks/apache] action create
  - create new directory /home/chef/chef-repo/cookbooks/apache
  - restore selinux security context
* template[/home/chef/chef-repo/cookbooks/apache/metadata.rb] action create_if_missing
  - create new file /home/chef/chef-repo/cookbooks/apache/metadata.rb
  - update content in file /home/chef/chef-repo/cookbooks/apache/metadata.rb from none to 4c0e2d
    (diff output suppressed by config)
  - restore selinux security context
* template[/home/chef/chef-repo/cookbooks/apache/README.md] action create_if_missing
  - create new file /home/chef/chef-repo/cookbooks/apache/README.md
  - update content in file /home/chef/chef-repo/cookbooks/apache/README.md from none to 5c3d3a
    (diff output suppressed by config)
  - restore selinux security context
* cookbook_file[/home/chef/chef-repo/cookbooks/apache/chefignore] action create
...
...
```



Create an apache cookbook

```
$ cd apache
```

Create an apache cookbook

```
$ git add .
```

Create an apache cookbook

```
$ git commit -m "initial apache cookbook"
```

Chef client success status

- Requirements to verify chef-client success:
 - A target server running the same OS as production

Chef client success status

- Requirements to verify chef-client success:
 - A target server running the same OS as production
 - A chef-client with access to the cookbook

Test Kitchen

- Test harness to execute code on one or more platforms
- Driver plugins to allow your code to run on various cloud and virtualization providers
- Includes support for many testing frameworks
- Included with ChefDK



Test Matrix

- Two operating systems

ubuntu-12.04
centos-6.4

Test Matrix

- Two operating systems
- One recipe

	default
ubuntu-12.04	apache::default
centos-6.4	apache::default

Test Matrix

- Two operating systems
- Two recipes

	default	ssl
ubuntu-12.04	apache::default	apache::ssl
centos-6.4	apache::default	apache::ssl

Test Matrix

- Three operating systems
- Two recipes

	default	ssl
ubuntu-12.04	apache::default	apache::ssl
centos-6.4	apache::default	apache::ssl
ubuntu-14.04	apache::default	apache::ssl

Configuring the Kitchen



OPEN IN EDITOR: apache/.kitchen.yml

```
---
```

```
driver:
  name: vagrant
```

```
provisioner:
  name: chef_zero
```

```
platforms:
  - name: ubuntu-12.04
  - name: centos-6.4
```

```
suites:
  - name: default
    run_list:
      - recipe[apache::default]
```

```
  attributes:
```

SAVE FILE!

.kitchen.yml

- driver - virtualization or cloud provider

```
---
driver:
  name: vagrant

provisioner:
  name: chef_zero

platforms:
  - name: ubuntu-12.04
  - name: centos-6.4

suites:
  - name: default
    run_list:
      - recipe[apache::default]
    attributes:
```



.kitchen.yml

- **provisioner** - application to configure the node

```
---
driver:
  name: vagrant

provisioner:
  name: chef_zero

platforms:
  - name: ubuntu-12.04
  - name: centos-6.4

suites:
  - name: default
    run_list:
      - recipe[apache::default]
    attributes:
```

.kitchen.yml

- platforms - target operating systems

```
---
driver:
  name: vagrant

provisioner:
  name: chef_zero

platforms:
  - name: ubuntu-12.04
  - name: centos-6.4

suites:
  - name: default
    run_list:
      - recipe[apache::default]
    attributes:
```

.kitchen.yml

- suites - target configurations

```
---
driver:
  name: vagrant

provisioner:
  name: chef_zero

platforms:
  - name: ubuntu-12.04
  - name: centos-6.4

suites:
  - name: default
    run_list:
      - recipe[apache::default]
    attributes:
```



.kitchen.yml

	default
ubuntu-12.04	apache::default
centos-6.4	apache::default

```
---
```

```
driver:
```

```
  name: vagrant
```

```
provisioner:
```

```
  name: chef_zero
```

```
platforms:
```

```
  - name: ubuntu-12.04
```

```
  - name: centos-6.4
```

```
suites:
```

```
  - name: default
```

```
    run_list:
```

```
      - recipe[apache::default]
```



.kitchen.yml

	default	ssl
ubuntu-12.04	apache::default	apache::ssl
centos-6.4	apache::default	apache::ssl

```
---
```

```
driver:
```

```
  name: vagrant
```

```
provisioner:
```

```
  name: chef_zero
```

```
platforms:
```

```
  - name: ubuntu-12.04
```

```
  - name: centos-6.4
```

```
suites:
```

```
  - name: default
```

```
    run_list:
```

```
      - recipe[apache::default]
```

```
  - name: ssl
```

```
    run_list:
```

```
      - recipe[apache::ssl]
```



.kitchen.yml

	default	ssl
ubuntu-12.04	apache::default	apache::ssl
centos-6.4	apache::default	apache::ssl
ubuntu-14.04	apache::default	apache::ssl

```
---
```

```
driver:
```

```
  name: vagrant
```

```
provisioner:
```

```
  name: chef_zero
```

```
platforms:
```

```
  - name: ubuntu-12.04
```

```
  - name: centos-6.4
```

```
  - name: ubuntu-14.04
```

```
suites:
```

```
  - name: default
```

```
    run_list:
```

```
      - recipe[apache::default]
```

```
  - name: ssl
```

```
    run_list:
```

```
      - recipe[apache::ssl]
```



.kitchen.yml

- The configuration file for your Test Kitchen
- driver – virtualization or cloud provider
- provisioner – application to configure the node
- platforms – target operating systems
- suites – target configurations

Update .kitchen.yml



OPEN IN EDITOR: cookbooks/apache/.kitchen.yml

```
---
```

```
driver:
  name: docker
```

```
provisioner:
  name: chef_zero
```

```
platforms:
  - name: centos-6.5
```

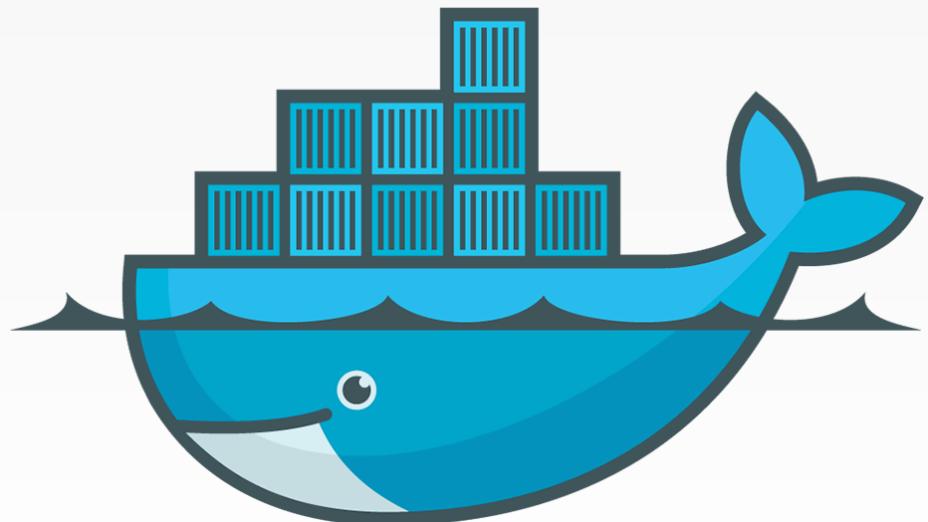
```
suites:
  - name: default
    run_list:
      - recipe[apache::default]
```

```
    attributes:
```

SAVE FILE!

Docker

- Portable, lightweight application runtime
- Linux containers
- Installed on the workstation



<https://d3oypxn00j2a10.cloudfront.net/0.10.3/img/homepage/docker-whale-home-logo-@2x.png?cf34b4b2b839>



Verify docker

```
$ sudo docker images
```

REPOSITORY	TAG	IMAGE ID	CREATED	VIRTUAL SIZE
centos	centos6	70441cac1ed5	6 days ago	215.8 MB
ubuntu	12.04	0b310e6bf058	2 weeks ago	116.1 MB

kitchen-docker gem

- A driver that allows Test Kitchen to work with Docker
- Installed on the workstation
- ChefDK includes kitchen-vagrant

Verify kitchen-docker is installed

```
$ gem list kitchen  
*** LOCAL GEMS ***  
kitchen-docker (1.5.0)  
kitchen-vagrant (0.15.0)  
test-kitchen (1.2.1)
```

Move to the apache cookbook directory

```
$ cd ~/chef-repo/cookbooks/apache
```

List the Test Kitchens

```
$ kitchen list
```

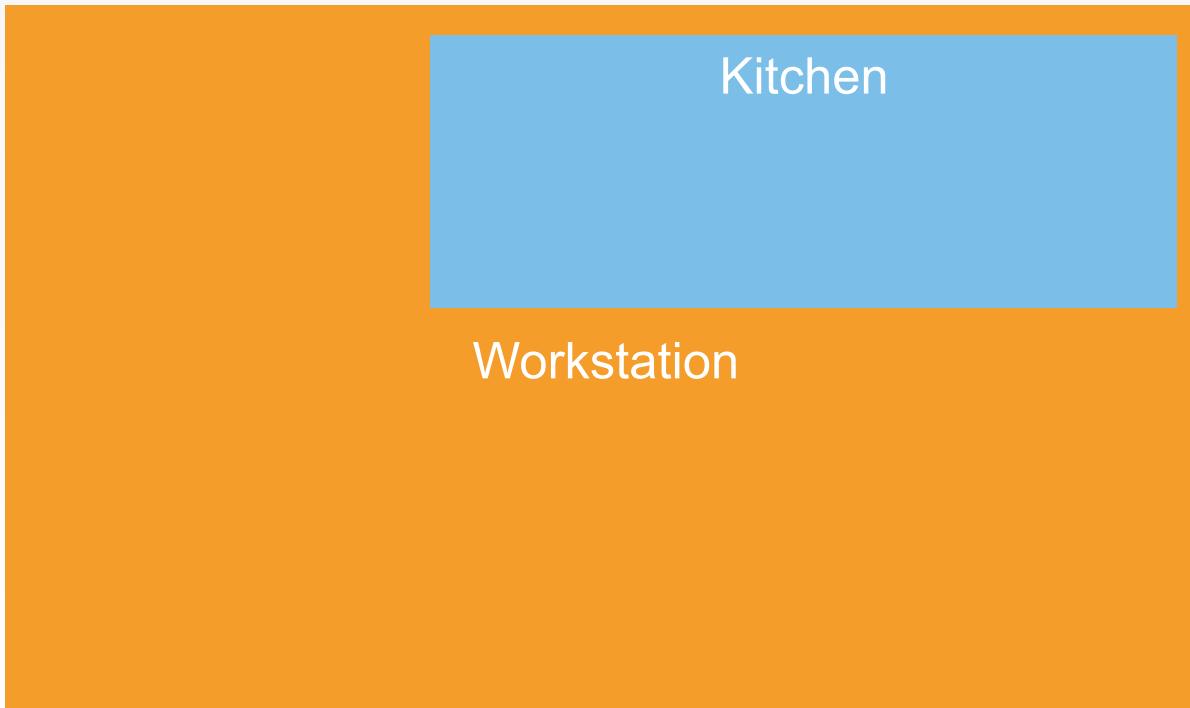
Instance	Driver	Provisioner	Last Action
default-centos-65	Docker	ChefZero	<Not Created>

Create the kitchen

```
$ kitchen create
```

```
----> Starting Kitchen (v1.2.1)
----> Creating <default-centos-64>...
    Step 0 : FROM centos:centos6
        ---> 68eb857ffb51
    Step 1 : RUN yum clean all
        ---> Running in cdf3952a3f18
    Loaded plugins: fastestmirror
    Cleaning repos: base extras libselinux updates
    Cleaning up Everything
        ---> b1cccd25ce55
    Removing intermediate container cdf3952a3f18
    Step 2 : RUN yum install -y sudo openssh-server openssh-clients which curl
        ---> Running in 9db69ace459d
    Loaded plugins: fastestmirror
```

Kitchen created



Login to the kitchen

```
$ kitchen login
```

```
kitchen@localhost's password:
```

Login to the kitchen

```
$ kitchen login
```

```
kitchen@localhost's password: kitchen
```

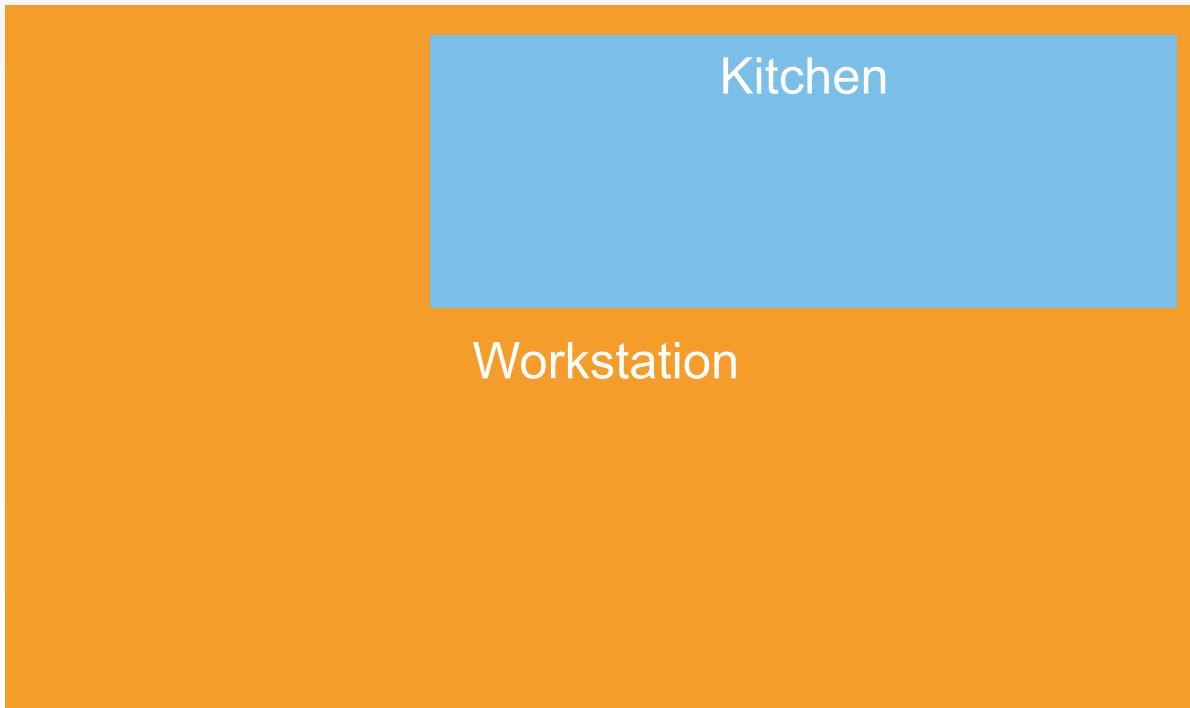
Login to the kitchen

```
$ kitchen login
```

```
kitchen@localhost's password: kitchen
```

```
Last login: Wed Sep 24 04:30:29 2014 from 172.17.42.1
```

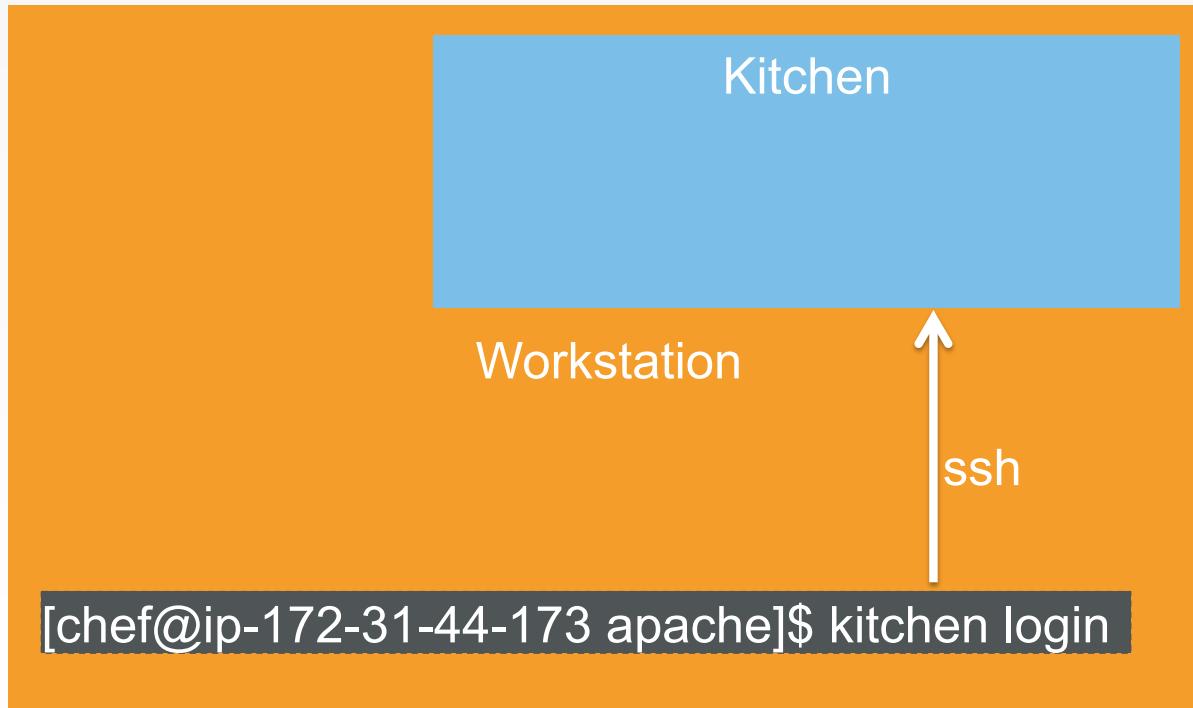
Kitchen login



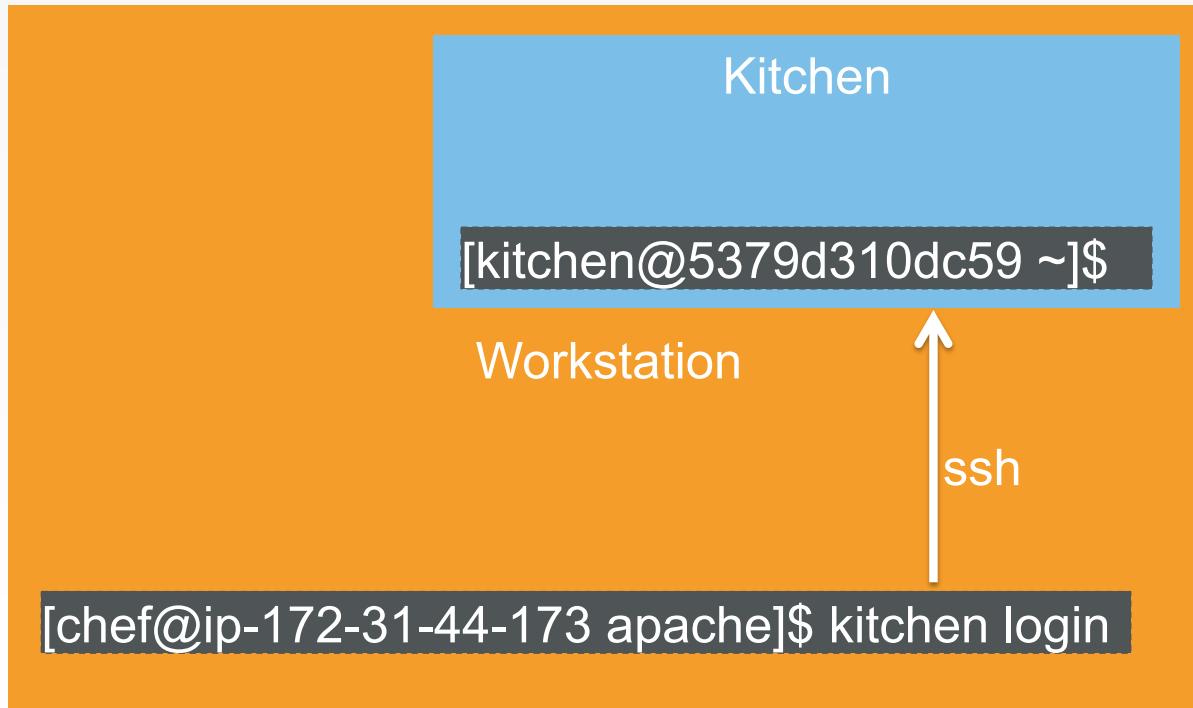
Kitchen login



Kitchen login



Kitchen login



Chef client success status

- Requirements to verify chef-client success:
 - A target server running the same OS as production
 - A chef-client with access to the cookbook

Lab 7 – Apply our policy

- **Problem:** We have not applied our policy to the test environment.
- **Success Criteria:** The default apache recipe will be applied in the test environment

Leave the kitchen

```
$ exit
```

```
logout
```

```
Connection to localhost closed.
```

Go to the right place

```
$ cd ~/chef-repo/cookbooks/apache
```

Apply our policy

```
$ kitchen converge
```

```
-----> Starting Kitchen (v1.2.1)
-----> Converging <default-centos-64>...
      Preparing files for transfer
      Resolving cookbook dependencies with Berkshelf 3.1.5...
      Removing non-cookbook files before transfer
-----> Installing Chef Omnibus (true)
      downloading https://www.getchef.com/chef/install.sh
          to file /tmp/install.sh
      trying curl...
```

Kitchen converge



Status Check

- **Success Criteria:** We have an isolated environment to verify the success status of a chef-client run
- **Success Criteria:** The default apache recipe will be applied in the test environment

Chef Testing

- Did chef-client complete successfully?
- Did the recipe put the node in the desired state?
- Are the resources properly defined?
- Does the code following our style guide?

Chef Testing

- ✓ Did chef-client complete successfully?
- Did the recipe put the node in the desired state?
- Are the resources properly defined?
- Does the code following our style guide?

Test Kitchen

- What is a driver?
- What is a provisioner?
- What are platforms?
- What are suites?

Kitchen Commands

- kitchen list
- kitchen create
- kitchen converge
- kitchen login

Lab 8 – Create kitchen for motd

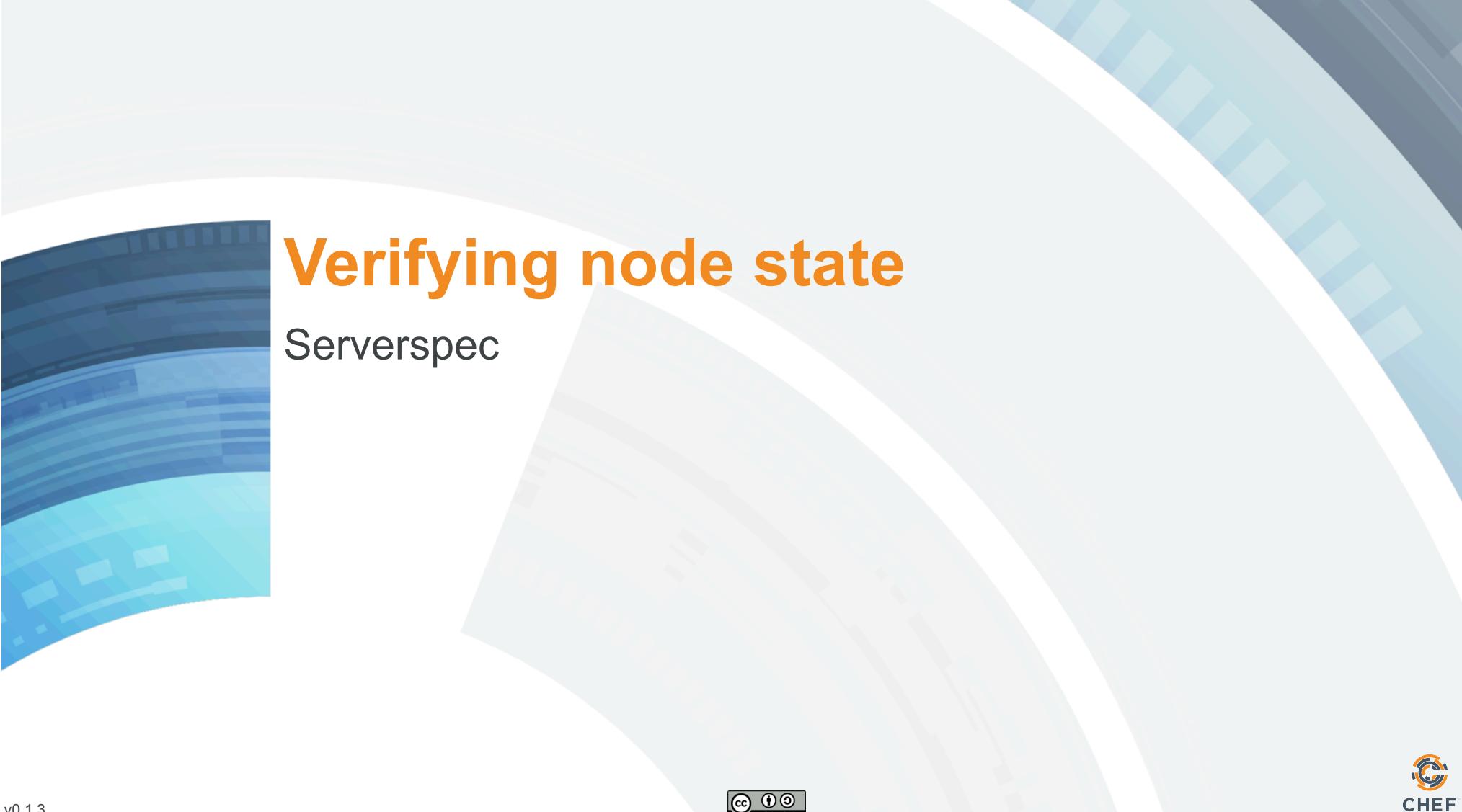
- Update Test Kitchen for the motd cookbook
 - Use kitchen-docker driver
 - Only text CentOS
 - Create the Test Kitchen

What if...?

- You wanted to test our recipe on Ubuntu as well as CentOS?
- You wanted to remove the kitchen sandbox?
- Did not have Docker installed?

Test Kitchen

- What questions can I answer for you?



Verifying node state

Serverspec

v0.1.3



Chef Testing

- ✓ Did chef-client complete successfully?
- Did the recipe put the node in the desired state?
- Are the resources properly defined?
- Does the code following our style guide?

Manually inspect the test node

```
$ kitchen login
```

```
kitchen@localhost's password:
```

Manually inspect the test node

```
$ kitchen login
```

```
kitchen@localhost's password: kitchen
```

Manually inspect the test node

```
$ kitchen login
```

```
kitchen@localhost's password: kitchen
```

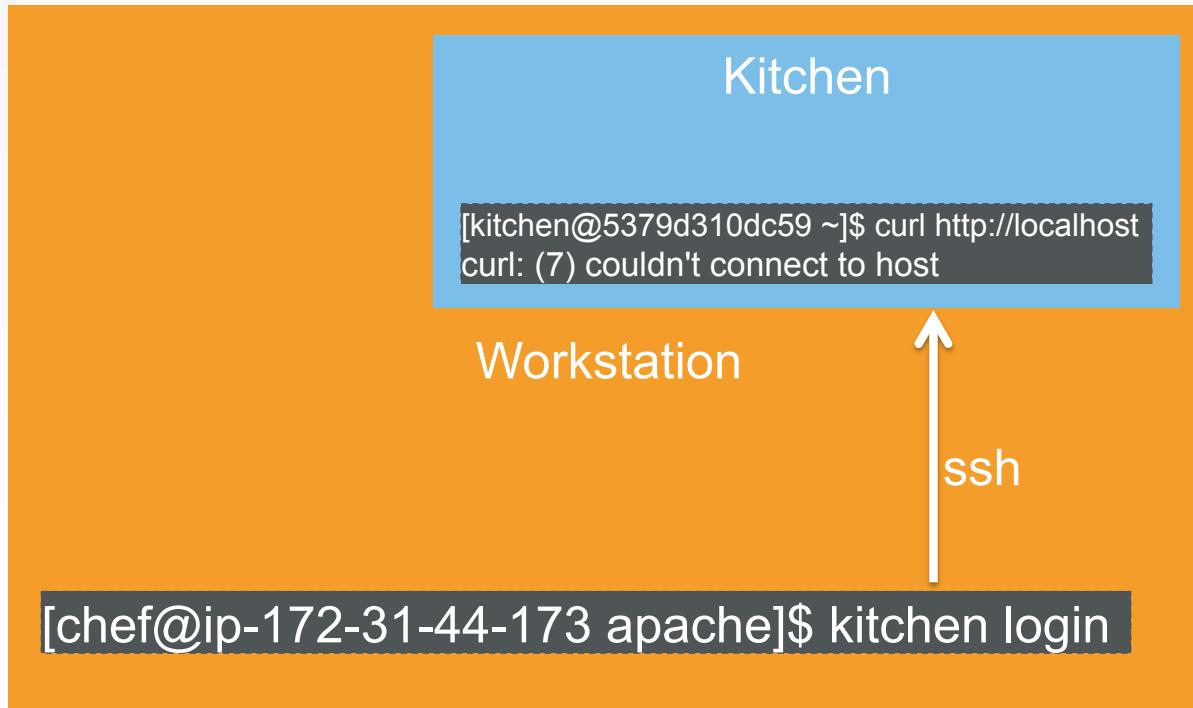
```
Last login: Wed Sep 24 04:30:29 2014 from 172.17.42.1
```

Manually inspect the test node

```
$ curl http://localhost
```

```
curl: (7) couldn't connect to host
```

Kitchen login



Lab 9 – Verify node state

- **Problem:** Manually verifying the state of the test node is tedious and error-prone.
- **Success Criteria:** The end state of the node is automatically tested.

Serverspec

- Write tests to verify your servers
- Not dependent on Chef
- Defines many resource types
 - package, service, user, etc.
- Works well with Test Kitchen
- <http://serverspec.org/>



Leave the Kitchen

```
$ exit
```

```
logout
```

```
Connection to localhost closed.
```

Move to the proper directory

```
$ cd ~/chef-repo/cookbooks/apache
```

Create directory for serverspec tests

```
$ mkdir -p test/integration/default/serverspec
```

Default location for tests

- Test Kitchen will look in the test / integration directory for test-related files

Suite subdirectory

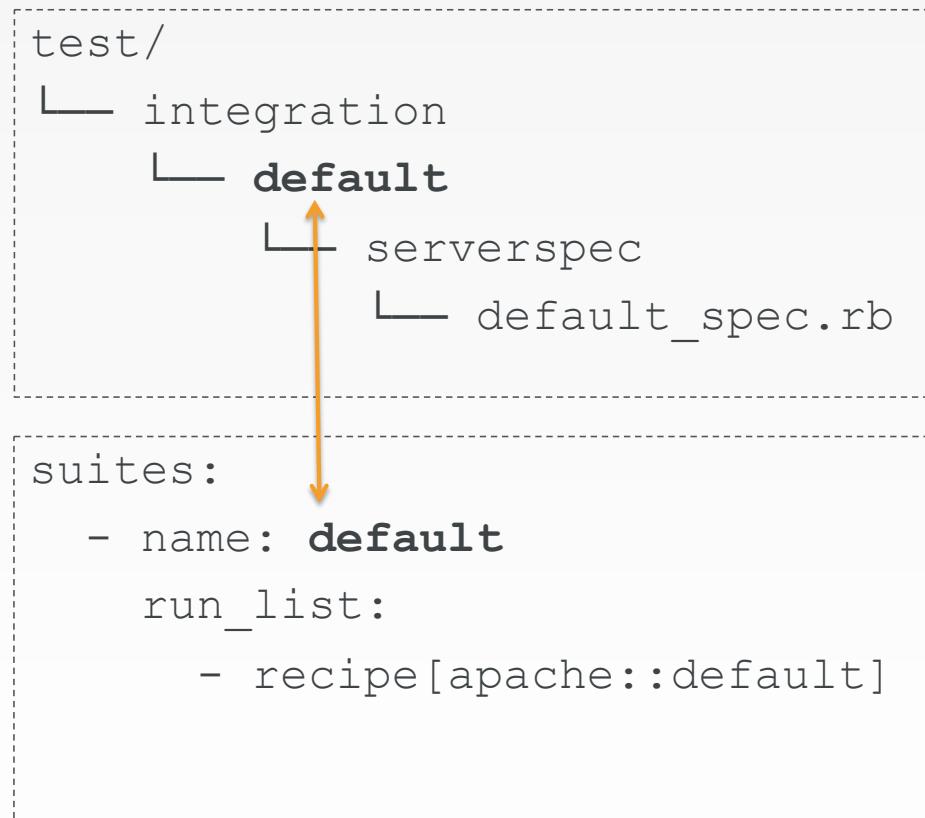
- The next level subdirectory will match the suite name.

```
test/
└ integration
    └ default
        └ serverspec
            └ default_spec.rb
```

```
suites:
  - name: default
    run_list:
      - recipe[apache::default]
```

Suite subdirectory

- The next level subdirectory will match the suite name.



Busser subdirectory

- Test Kitchen utilizes **bussers** to manage test plugins.
- We'll be using the **serverspec** plugin

```
test/
└ integration
    └ default
        └ serverspec
            └ default_spec.rb
```

```
suites:
- name: default
  run_list:
    - recipe[apache::default]
```

Write a Serverspec test



OPEN IN EDITOR: [test/integration/default/serverspec/default_spec.rb](#)

```
require 'serverspec'  
set :backend, :exec  
  
describe 'apache' do  
  
end
```

SAVE FILE!

Generic Expectation Form

```
describe "<subject>" do
  it "<description>" do
    expect(thing).to eq result
  end
end
```

Awesome Expectations



OPEN IN EDITOR: test/integration/default/serverspec/default_spec.rb

```
require 'serverspec'  
set :backend, :exec  
  
describe "apache" do  
  it "is awesome" do  
    expect(true).to eq true  
  end  
end
```

SAVE FILE!

Run the serverspec test

```
$ kitchen verify
```

```
----> Running serverspec test suite
      /opt/chef/embedded/bin/ruby -I/tmp/busser/suites/serverspec -I/tmp/
busser/gems/gems/rspec-support-3.1.2/lib:/tmp/busser/gems/gems/rspec-
core-3.1.7/lib /opt/chef/embedded/bin/rspec --pattern /tmp/busser/suites/
serverspec/\*\*/\* spec.rb --color --format documentation --default-path /
tmp/busser/suites/serverspec

apache
    is awesome

Finished in 0.02823 seconds (files took 0.99875 seconds to load)
1 example, 0 failures
Finished verifying <default-centos-64> (0m5.03s).
```

How would you test our criteria?

- We want a custom home page available on the web.

What is success?

- Package is installed?
- Page is displayed?
- What else?

Verify package is installed



OPEN IN EDITOR: test/integration/default/serverspec/default_spec.rb

```
require 'serverspec'
set :backend, :exec

describe "apache" do
  it "is awesome" do
    expect(true).to eq true
  end

  it "is installed" do
    expect(package("httpd")).to be_installed
  end
end
```

SAVE FILE!

Exercise the test

```
$ kitchen verify
```

```
apache
    is awesome
    is installed (FAILED - 1)
```

```
Failures:
```

```
1) apache is installed
   Failure/Error: expect(package("httpd")).to
be_installed
   expected Package "httpd" to be installed
   /bin/sh -c rpm\ -q\ httpd
   package httpd is not installed
```

Test is failing, make it pass

- Test-driven development involves
 - Write a test to verify something is working
 - Watch the test fail
 - Write just enough code to make the test pass
 - Repeat

Update our cookbook



OPEN IN EDITOR: `~/chef-reop/cookbooks/apache/recipes/default.rb`

```
package "httpd"
```

SAVE FILE!

Converge the node again

```
$ kitchen converge
```

```
----> Converging <default-centos-64>...
      Preparing files for transfer
      Resolving cookbook dependencies with Berkshelf 3.1.5...
      Removing non-cookbook files before transfer
      Transferring files to <default-centos-64>
      [2014-11-10T09:20:26+00:00] INFO: Starting chef-zero on host localhost, port 8889
with repository at repository at /tmp/kitchen
      One version per cookbook

      [2014-11-10T09:20:26+00:00] INFO: Forking chef instance to converge...
      Starting Chef Client, version 11.16.4
      [2014-11-10T09:20:27+00:00] INFO: *** Chef 11.16.4 ***
      [2014-11-10T09:20:27+00:00] INFO: Chef-client pid: 571
      ...
```



Exercise the test

```
$ kitchen verify
```

```
apache
    is awesome
    is installed
```

```
    Finished in 0.48165 seconds (files took 1.05
seconds to load)
```

```
    2 examples, 0 failures
```

```
    Finished verifying <default-centos-64>
(0m5.64s).
```

```
----> Kitchen is finished. (0m11.84s)
```

What else will you test?

- Is the service running?
 - Is the port accessible?
 - Is the expected content being served?
-
- Make sure everything works from a fresh kitchen, too!

Time to hack!



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Extend the Serverspec test



OPEN IN EDITOR: [test/integration/default/serverspec/default_spec.rb](#)

```
describe 'apache' do
  it "is installed" do
    expect(package 'httpd').to be_installed
  end

  it "is running" do
    expect(service 'httpd').to be_running
  end

  it "is listening on port 80" do
    expect(port 80).to be_listening
  end

  it "displays a custom home page" do
    expect(command("curl localhost").stdout).to match /hello/
  end
end
```

SAVE FILE!

Verify the kitchen

```
$ kitchen verify
```

```
apache  
    is installed  
    is running  
    is listening on port 80  
    displays a custom home page
```

```
Finished in 0.3968 seconds  
4 examples, 0 failures  
Finished verifying <default-centos-64> (0m4.25s).
```

Kitchen Workflow

- kitchen create
- kitchen converge
- kitchen verify
- kitchen destroy
- All at once with kitchen test

Chef Testing

- ✓ Did chef-client complete successfully?
- ✓ Did the recipe put the node in the desired state?
 - Are the resources properly defined?
 - Does the code following our style guide?

Lab 10 – Verify node state in motd

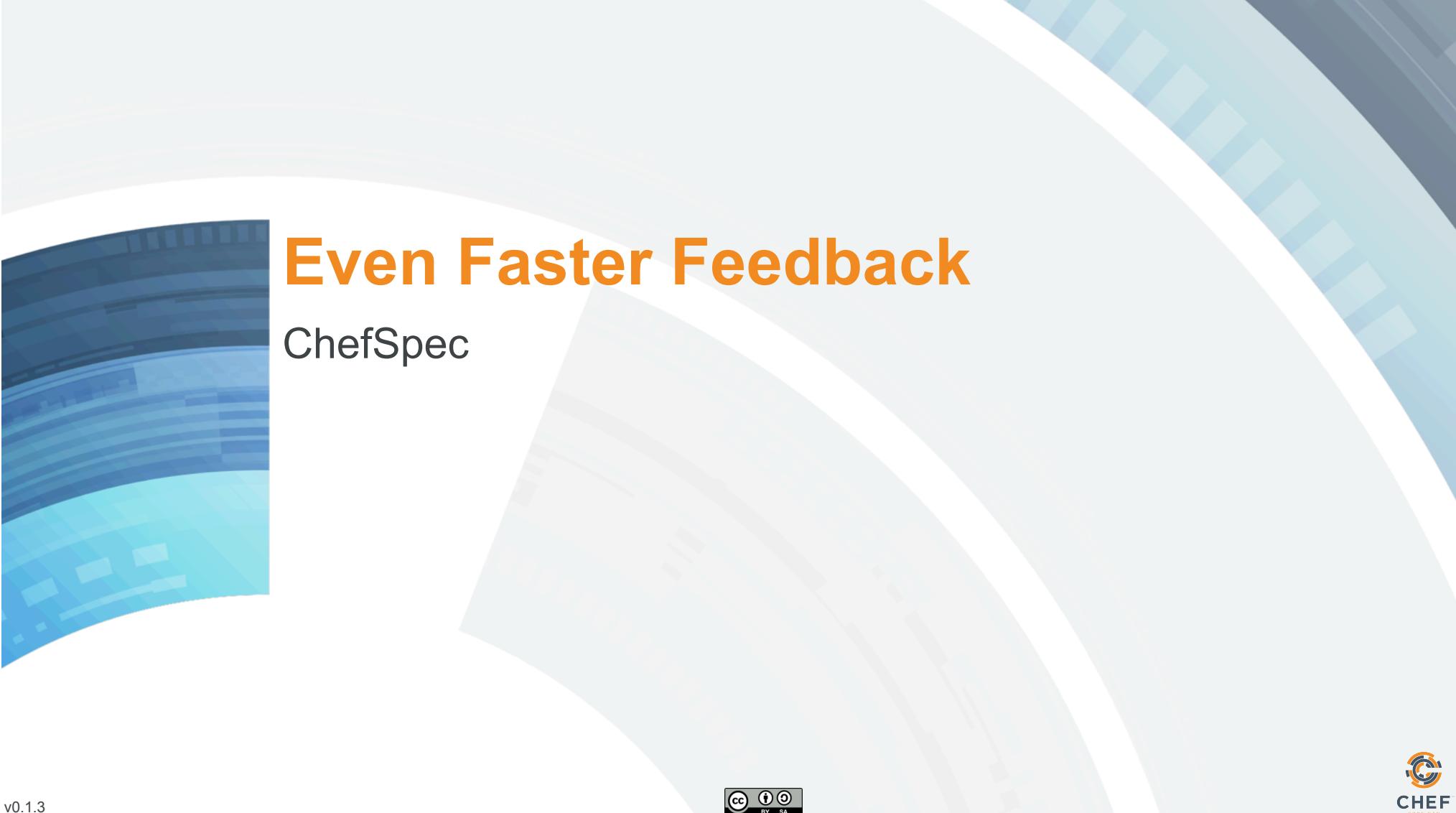
- Add serverspec tests to your motd cookbook

Verifying the node

- What command will show you the current state of your test kitchen suites?
- Can you view your kitchen's custom home page from your laptop's browser? How? Why?
- Is it important to start with a fresh kitchen?

Verifying Node State

- What questions can I answer for you?



Even Faster Feedback

ChefSpec

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Chef Testing

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 - Does the code following our style guide?

This is too slow!

- To test our code, we need to spin up a test kitchen, converge a node, execute some tests.
- Our simple test case takes about 2 minutes to fully execute.

Properly configured resources

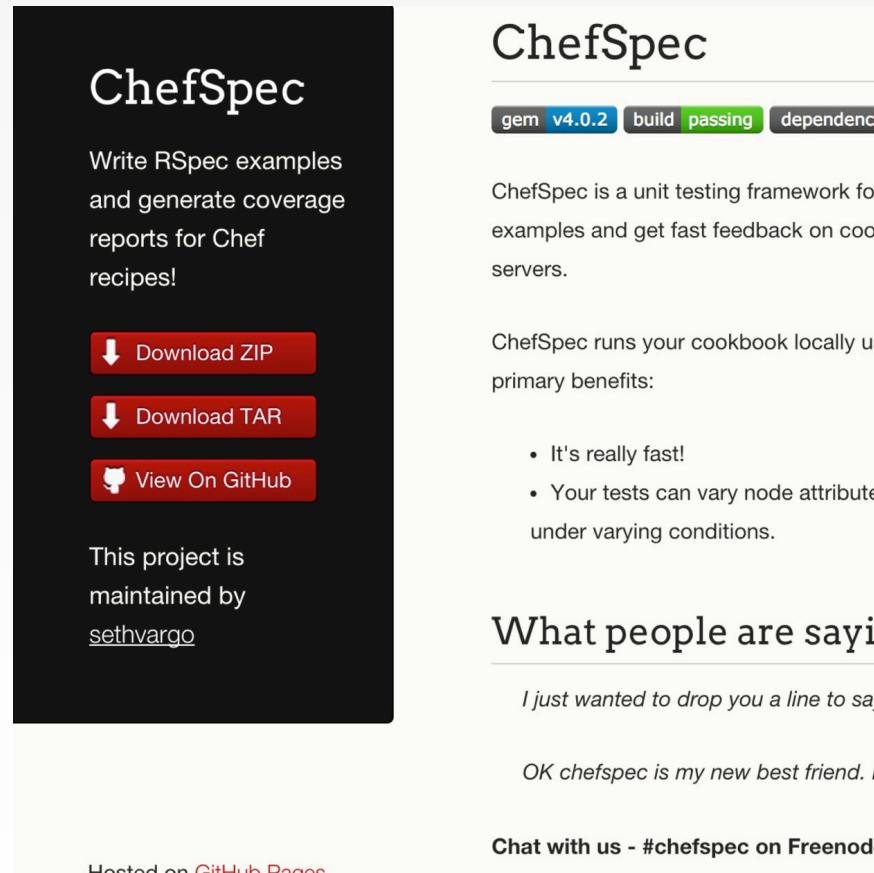
- We need a way to verify that the resources in our recipes are properly configured
- We want to get faster feedback

Lab 9 – Verify the resources

- **Problem:** We should be able to catch errors before we need to converge a node
- **Success Criteria:** Catch a typo prior to converge

ChefSpec

- Test before you converge
- Get feedback on cookbook changes without the need for target servers



The screenshot shows the GitHub Pages site for ChefSpec. The page has a dark background with white text. At the top, it says "ChefSpec" and "Write RSpec examples and generate coverage reports for Chef recipes!". Below this are three red buttons with white text: "Download ZIP", "Download TAR", and "View On GitHub". At the bottom, it says "This project is maintained by [sethvargo](#)". To the right of the main content area, there is a sidebar with the title "ChefSpec" and status badges for "gem v4.0.2", "build passing", and "dependencies". It also contains a brief description of what ChefSpec is and its primary benefits, followed by a bulleted list of advantages.

ChefSpec

Write RSpec examples and generate coverage reports for Chef recipes!

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ChefSpec

gem v4.0.2 build passing dependencies

ChefSpec is a unit testing framework for examples and get fast feedback on cool servers.

ChefSpec runs your cookbook locally us primary benefits:

- It's really fast!
- Your tests can vary node attribute under varying conditions.

What people are saying

I just wanted to drop you a line to say

OK chefspec is my new best friend. L

Chat with us - #chefspec on Freenode



Make a directory for our ChefSpec tests

```
$ cd ~/chef-repo/cookbooks/apache
```

Make a directory for our ChefSpec tests

```
$ mkdir -p spec/unit
```

Write a ChefSpec test



OPEN IN EDITOR: spec/unit/default.rb

```
require 'chefspec'

describe 'apache::default' do
  let(:chef_run) do
    ChefSpec::Runner.new.converge(described_recipe)
  end

  it 'installs apache' do
    expect(chef_run).to install_package('httpd')
  end
end
```

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Run the ChefSpec tests

```
$ rspec spec/unit/*.rb
```

```
.
```

```
Finished in 0.00865 seconds (files took 5.5 seconds to load)
1 example, 0 failures
```

Break the cookbook



OPEN IN EDITOR: recipes/default.rb

```
package "http"
```

```
service "httpd" do
  action :start
end
```

```
template "/var/www/html/index.html" do
  source "index.html.erb"
end
```

SAVE FILE!

Run the ChefSpec tests

```
$ rspec spec/unit/*.rb
```

```
F
```

```
Failures:
```

```
1) apache::default installs apache
Failure/Error: expect(chef_run).to install_package('httpd')
expected "package[httpd]" with action :install to be in Chef run. Other package resources:

  package[http]
```

```
# ./spec/unit/default_spec.rb:9:in `block (2 levels) in <top (required)>'
```

```
Finished in 0.00847 seconds (files took 4.85 seconds to load)
```

```
1 example, 1 failure
```

```
Failed examples:
```

```
rspec ./spec/unit/default_spec.rb:8 # apache::default installs apache
```



Fix the cookbook



OPEN IN EDITOR: recipes/default.rb

```
package "httpd"
```

```
service "httpd" do
  action :start
end
```

```
template "/var/www/html/index.html" do
  source "index.html.erb"
end
```

SAVE FILE!

Time to hack!



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Chef Testing

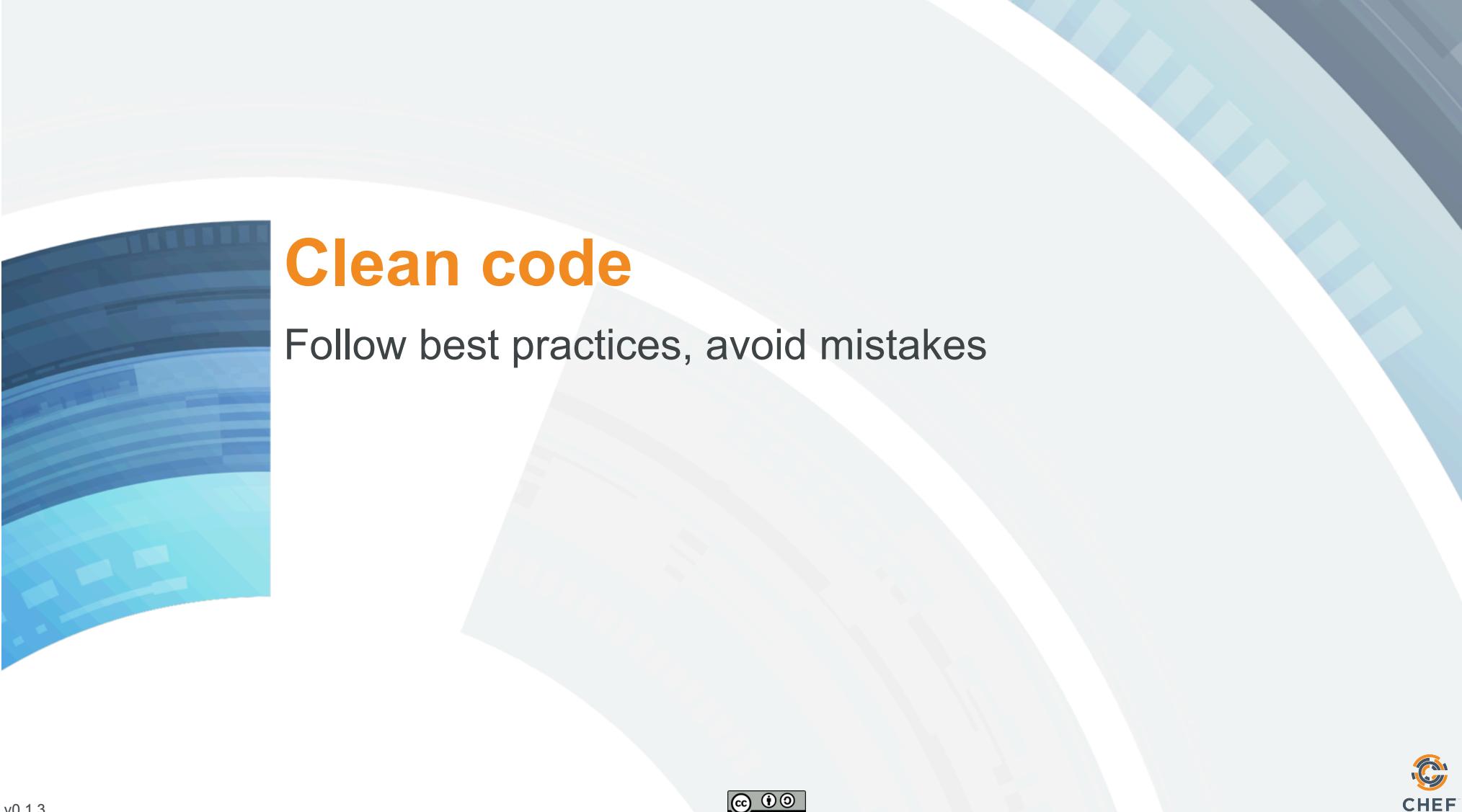
- ✓ Did chef-client complete successfully?
- ✓ Did the recipe put the node in the desired state?
- ✓ Are the resources properly defined?
- Does the code following our style guide?

ChefSpec

- What is the primary difference between ChefSpec and ServerSpec?
- Why use ChefSpec if you already have ServerSpec tests?
- Do passing ChefSpec tests ensure your recipe will work?
- How would you feel about removing some of your ServerSpec tests now that you have ChefSpec in place?

ChefSpec

- What questions can I answer for you?



Clean code

Follow best practices, avoid mistakes

Foodcritic

- Check cookbooks for common problems
- Style, correctness, deprecations, etc.
- Included with ChefDK



<http://www.foodcritic.io/>

Change our recipe



OPEN IN EDITOR: recipes/default.rb

```
package_name = "httpd"

package "#{package_name}"

service "httpd" do
  action :start
end

template "/var/www/html/index.html" do
  source "index.html.erb"
end
```

SAVE FILE!

Run Foodcritic

```
$ foodcritic .
```

```
FC002: Avoid string interpolation  
where not required: ./recipes/  
default.rb:7
```

Chef Testing

- ✓ Did chef-client complete successfully?
- ✓ Did the recipe put the node in the desired state?
- ✓ Are the resources properly defined?
- ✓ Does the code following our style guide?

Foodcritic

- What rules have been deprecated?
- What does Foodcritic return on success?

Foodcritic

- What questions can I answer for you?



Wrap Up

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Course Objectives

- After completing this course you will be able to:
 - Automate common infrastructure tasks with Chef
 - Verify your automation code BEFORE it runs in production
 - Describe Chef's various tools
 - Apply Chef's primitives to solve your problems

Tool Survey

- chef-apply
- chef
- chef-client in local mode
- Test Kitchen
- Docker
- Serverspec
- ChefSpec
- Foodcritic

Vocabulary

- Resources
- Recipes
- Cookbooks

Resources

- Package
- Service
- File
- Template

But wait...

- ...there's more, so much more!
- How much time do we have left? I could go on for days!

Further Resources

- learnchef.com
 - Guided tutorials
 - Chef Fundamental Series
- Upcoming Training
 - chef.io/blog/events/category/training-events/

Chef Fundamentals Q & A Forum

- Chef Fundamentals Google Group Q&A Forum
- <http://bit.ly/ChefFundamentalsForum>
- Join the group and post questions

A list of URLs

- <http://chef.io>
- <http://docs.chef.io>
- <http://supermarket.chef.io>
- <http://youtube.com/getchef>
- <http://lists.opscode.com>
- [irc.freenode.net: #chef, #chef-hacking](#)
- Twitter: [@chef](#) [#getchef](#), [@learnchef](#) [#learnchef](#)

Food Fight Show

- foodfightshow.org
- Podcast where DevOps Chefs Do Battle
- Best practices for working with Chef



What questions do you have?

- Chef Server
- Roles
- Environments
- Data Bags
- Bootstrapping new nodes
- Thank You!
- Open source projects
- Working with IaaS providers
- chef-provisioner
- Search
- @tekbuddha

What else would you like to work on?

- Make the cookbook work for ubuntu?
- Explore Chef Server
- Learn about other top-level Chef Objects
 - Node
 - Roles
 - Environments
 - Data Bags

Time to hack!



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