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CONCEPT



Where are the users?

Since our users and groups Data Bags are now indexed on the Chef Server, we have a centralized source of truth for this information.

We can search through this information inside of our recipes.



cd and Generate the myusers Cookbook



- \$ cd ~/chef-repo
- \$ chef generate cookbook cookbooks/myusers

```
Compiling Cookbooks...
Recipe: code generator::cookbook
  * directory[C:/Users/USER/chef-repo/cookbooks/myusers] action create
    - create new directory C:/Users/USER/chef-repo/cookbooks/myusers
  * template[C:/Users/USER/chef-repo/cookbooks/myusers/metadata.rb] action
create if missing
    - create new file C:/Users/USER/chef-repo/cookbooks/myusers/metadata.rb
    - update content in file C:/Users/USER/chef-repo/cookbooks/myusers/metadata.rb from
none to 899276
    (diff output suppressed by config)
  * template[C:/Users/USER/chef-repo/cookbooks/myusers/README.md] action
create if missing
```



Create default recipe

~/chef-repo/cookbooks/myusers/recipes/default.rb

```
search("users", "platform:centos").each do |user data|
  user user data['id'] do
    comment user data['comment']
    uid user data['uid']
    gid user data['gid']
    home user data['home']
    shell user data['shell']
  end
end
```



Change to the cookbooks/myusers Directory



Run berks install



\$ berks install

```
Resolving cookbook dependencies...
Fetching 'myusers' from source at .
Fetching cookbook index from https://supermarket.chef.io...
Using myusers (0.1.0) from source at .
```



Upload the Cookbook to the Chef Server



\$ berks upload

```
Uploaded myusers (0.1.0) to: 'https://api.opscode.com:443/organizations/ORG NAME'
```



Display Cookbooks within Your Org



\$ knife cookbook list

```
apache
                      0.2.1
build-essential
                       7.0.2
compat resource
                      12.16.2
                      1.0.0
cpu
                      2.0.0
haproxy
mingw
                      1.2.4
                      0.1.0
myhaproxy
                      0.1.0
myusers
ohai
                      4.2.3
                      2.0.2
seven zip
windows
                      2.1.1
workstation
                      0.2.1
```



Update the web.rb Role to include myusers

~/chef-repo/roles/web.rb

```
name 'web'
description 'Web Server Role'
run_list 'recipe[myusers]','recipe[workstation]','recipe[apache]'
```



Upload it to the Chef Server



\$ knife role from file roles/web.rb

```
Updated Role web!
```



View Details of the Role



\$ knife role show web

```
chef type:
                     role
default attributes:
description:
                     Web Server Role
env run lists:
json class:
                     Chef::Role
name:
                     web
override attributes:
run list:
  recipe[myusers]
  recipe[workstation]
  recipe[apache]
```



Login to web1



\$ vagrant ssh web1

```
Last login: Sat Dec 31 02:59:27 2016 from 10.0.2.2
[vagrant@web1 ~]$
```



Run chef-client to converge web1



[vagrant@web1 ~]\$ sudo chef-client

```
Starting Chef Client, version 12.17.44

resolving cookbooks for run list: ["myusers", "workstation", "apache"]

Synchronizing Cookbooks:

- myusers (0.1.0)

- apache (0.2.1)

- workstation (0.2.1)

Installing Cookbook Gems:

Compiling Cookbooks...

Converging 8 resources....
```



Verify the new users has been created



[vagrant@web1 ~]\$ cat /etc/passwd

```
apache:x:48:48:Apache:/usr/share/httpd:/sbin/nologin
user2:x:101:1:I am user2:/home/user2/:/bin/bash
user1:x:100:1:I am user1:/home/user1/:/bin/bash
```



Return to your Workstation



[vagrant@web1 ~]\$ exit

logout Connection to 127.0.0.1 closed.





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