

Using the Template Resource

Adding all the information into the recipe did make it hard to read.

- Create a template with chef generate
- Define the contents of the ERB template
- Change the file resource to the template resource
- □ Update the cookbook's version number
- □ Apply the updated recipe and verify the results



Removing the file Resource

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```

~/cookbooks/workstation/recipes/setup.rb

```
# ... PACKAGE RESOURCES ...
file '/etc/motd' do
  content "Property of ...
  IPADDRESS: #{node['ipaddress']}
  HOSTNAME : #{node['hostname']}
  MEMORY
           : #{node['memory']['total']}
           : #{node['cpu']['0']['mhz']}
  CPU
end
```



Changing from file to template Resource

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```
# ... PACKAGE RESOURCES ...

template '/etc/motd' do
   source 'motd.erb'
end
```





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Updating the Cookbook's Version

~/cookbooks/workstation/metadata.rb

```
name 'workstation'
maintainer 'The Authors'
maintainer_email 'you@example.com'
license 'all_rights'
description 'Installs/Configures workstation'
long_description 'Installs/Configures workstation'
version '0.2.1'
```





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Applying the Updated Cookbook



> sudo chef-client --local-mode --runlist "recipe[workstation]"

```
- workstation (0.2.1)
Compiling Cookbooks...
Converging 2 resources
Recipe: workstation::setup
  * yum package[tree] action install (up to date)
  * template[/etc/motd] action create (up to date)
Running handlers:
Running handlers complete
Chef Client finished, 0/2 resources updated in 12 seconds
```



Verifying the Contents of the MOTD File



> cat /etc/motd

```
Property of ...
```

IPADDRESS: 172.31.57.153

HOSTNAME: ip-172-31-57-153

MEMORY : 604308kB

CPU : 1795.673





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What is the benefit of using a template over defining the content within a recipe? What are the drawbacks?

What are the two types of ERB tags we talked about?

What do each of the ERB tags accomplish?