

Day - 1

- **Why Consul?**

- Modern Ops Challenges
- An Explosion of Services
- First Class Service Discovery
- Distributed Failure Detection
- Reactive Configuration via Key/Value Store
- Multi Datacenter Aware
- Is This Course For You?
- How to Use This Course
- Lab Setup

- **Service Discovery**

- From Nodes to Services
- Registering a Web Service
- Service Definitions
- Health Checking the Web Service
- Launching NGINX
- Consul DNS for Randomized Internal Service Load Balancing
- HTTP API and Failing Services
- Exercise Register Load Balancer
- Maintenance Mode
- Registration Methods

- **Monitoring Nodes**

- Nodes and Services
- What We Will Set Up
- Defining the consul-server Node
- Launching the consul-server Node
- Network Interfaces on consul-server
- Exercise Consul Is Easy to Install
- Installing Consul
- Running the Consul Dev Agent
- Running Consul Locally to Access the Web UI
- Interface Web UI
- Interface HTTP API
- Interface DNS
- Interface CLI RPC
- Client vs. Cluster Address Conventions
- Challenge Spin Up Web and LB nodes
- Defining Web and LB Nodes
- Running Web and LB Nodes
- Consul Agent On Web and LB nodes
- Remote Command Execution Across Cluster
- Graceful Leave vs. Failure

Day - 2

- **Dynamic LB Config with consul-template**

- HAProxy
- Setup Script for HAProxy
- Static HAProxy Config
- Handling Failed Services
- HAProxy Config Template
- What Is Consul Template?
- Installing Consul Template
- Consul Template Dry Mode
- Dynamically Regenerate HAProxy Config
- Rolling Updates with Maintenance Mode
- Other Tools Like Consul Template
- Benefits Recap and What Next

- **Reactive Configuration via Key/Value Store**

- Why?
- Creating Keys and Folders in the Web UI
- Key Value CRUD via the CLI
- Exercise Get KV Data into HAProxy
- Reactive, Real Time Configuration Files
- Revolutionizing Configuration Management
- Blocking Queries
- Tools to Investigate

- **Health Checking**

- Intro
- Terms Agent, Client, and Server Mode
- Gossip and Edge Triggered Updates
- Understanding Serf Health Status
- Node and Service Level Check Definitions
- Custom Node Level Health Checks of Disk, Memory, and CPU
- Self Healing Nodes
- Health Checking Is the Value at the Last Transition
- Health Check Recap
- Don't Forget to Try This Out
- Consul Docs Overview