



Chef

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Topics

- Overview of Chef
- Workstation Setup
- Organization Setup
- Test Node Setup
- Writing your First Cookbook
- Dissecting your first Chef Run
- Introducing the Node Object
- Attributes, Templates, Cookbook Dependencies

Topics

- Template Variables, Notifications, Controlling Idempotency
- Data bags, search
- Roles
- Environments
- Using Community Cookbooks
- Further Resources

Chef is Infrastructure As Code

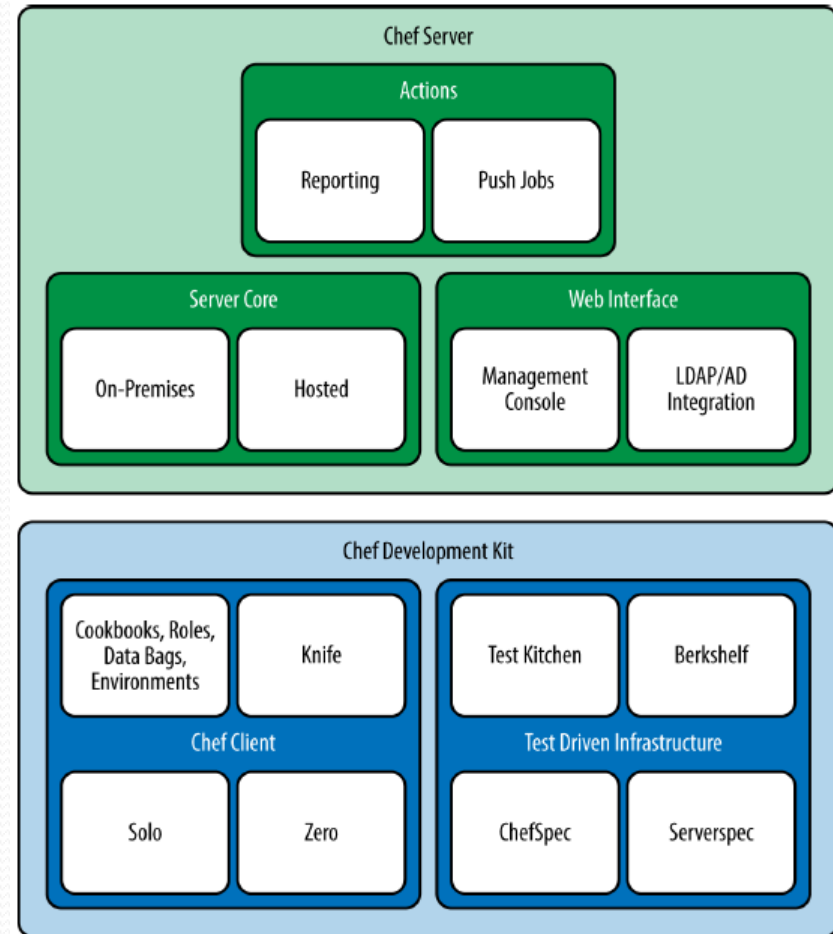
- Programmatically provision and configure software components
- Treat like any other code base
- Reconstruct business from code repository, data backup and compute resources

Configuration Code

- Chef ensures each node complies with policy
- Policy is determined by the configurations in each Node's run list
- Reduce management complexity through abstraction
- Store the configuration of your infrastructure in version control

Overview of Chef

- Describe how Chef thinks about Infrastructure Automation
- Define the following:
 - Node
 - Resource
 - Recipe
 - Cookbook
 - Run List
 - Roles
 - Search



Server Resources

- Networking
- Files
- Directories
- Symlinks
- Mounts
- Registry Keys
- Powershell Scripts
- Users
- Groups
- Packages
- Services
- File Systems

Declarative Interface to Resources

- You define the policy in your Chef configuration
- Your policy states what state each resource should be in, but not how to get there
- Chef-client will pull the policy from the Chef Server and enforce the policy on the node

Managing Complexity

- Organizations
- Environments
- Roles
- Nodes
- Recipes
- Cookbooks
- Search

Organizations

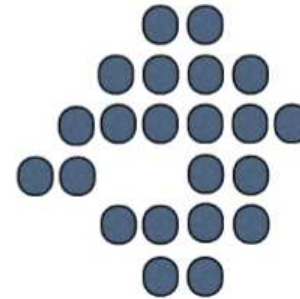
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Your Infrastructure



Their Infrastructure



Organizations

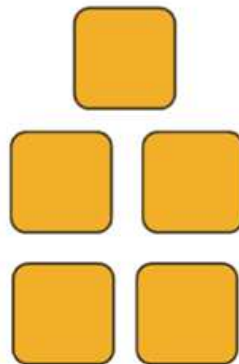
- Completely independent tenants of Enterprise Chef
- Share nothing with other organizations
- May represent different
 - Companies
 - Business units
 - Departments

Environments

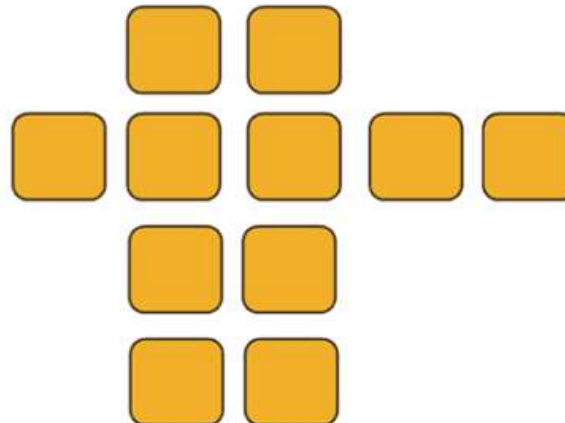
Development



Staging



Production



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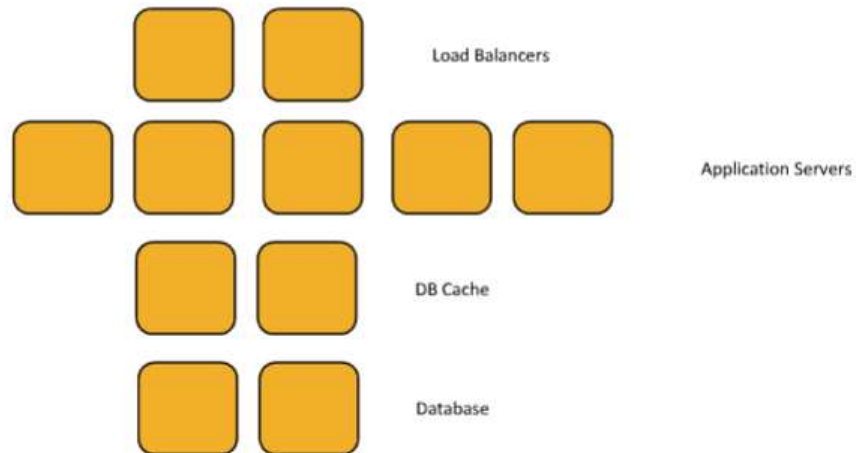
Environments

- Environment can represent your patterns, workflows, and can be used to model the life-stages of your applications
 - Development
 - Test
 - Staging
 - Production
 - Etc.
- Every organizations starts with a single environment

Environments Define Policy

- Environments may include data attributes necessary for configuring your infrastructure, e.g.
 - The URL of your payment gateway API
 - The location of your package repository
 - The version of Chef configuration files that should be used

Roles



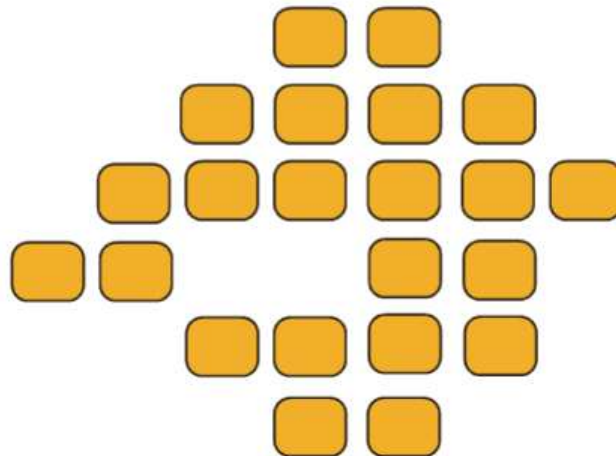
Roles

- Roles represent the types of server in your infrastructure
 - Load Balancer
 - Application Server
 - Database Cache
 - Database
 - Monitoring

Roles Define Policy

- Roles may include an ordered list of Chef configuration files that should be applied
 - This list is called a Run list
 - Order is always important in Run list
- Roles may include data attributes necessary for configuring your infrastructure, e.g.
 - The port number that the application server listens to
 - A list of application that should be deployed

Nodes



Nodes

- Nodes represent the servers in your infrastructure
 - Could be physical servers or virtual servers
 - May represent hardware that you own or compute instances in a public or private cloud
- Could also be network hardware – switches, routers etc.

Node

- Each Node will belong to one Organization
- Each Node will belong to one Environment
- Each Node will have zero or more roles

Nodes Adhere to Policy

- The Chef-client applications run on each node, which
 - Gathers the current system configuration of the node
 - Downloads the desired system configuration policy from the Chef server for that node
 - Configures the node such that it adheres to those policies

Resources

- A Resource represents a piece of the system and its desired state
 - A package that should be installed
 - A service that should be running
 - A file that should be generated
 - A cron job that should be configured
 - A user that should be managed
 - And more

Resource in Recipes

- Resource are the fundamental building blocks of Chef configuration
- Resources are gathered into Recipes
- Recipes ensure the system is in the desired state

Recipes

- Configuration files that describe the resource and their desired state
- Recipes can
 - Install and configure software components
 - Manage files
 - Deploy applications
 - Execute other recipes
 - And more

Example Recipe

```
package "apache2"
```

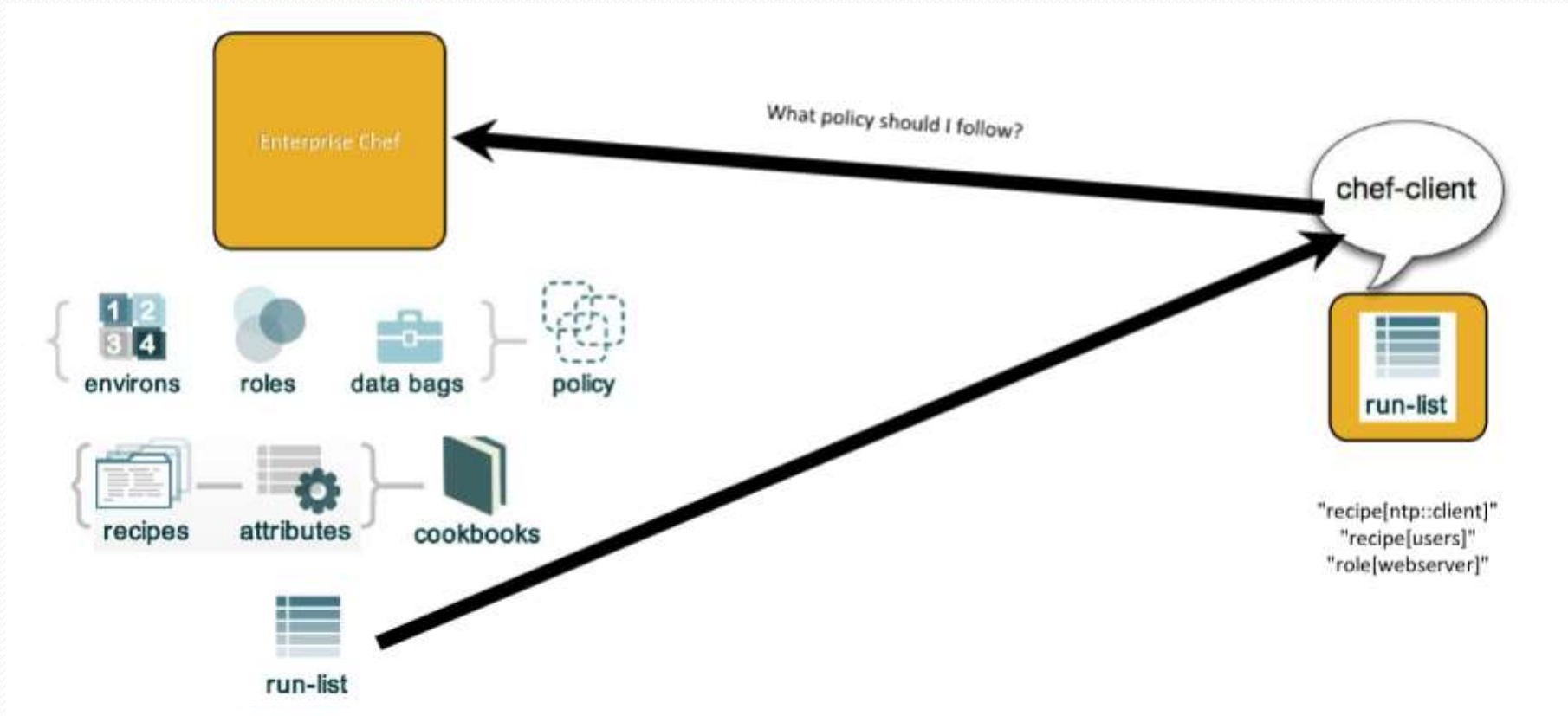
```
template "/etc/apache2/apache2.conf" do
  source "apache2.conf.erb"
  owner "root"
  group "root"
  mode "0644"
  variables(:allow_override => "All")
  notifies :reload, "service[apache2]"
end
```

```
service "apache2" do
  action [:enable, :start]
  supports :reload => true
end
```

Cookbooks

- Recipes are stored in Cookbooks
- Cookbooks contain recipes, templates, files, custom resources, etc
- Code re-use and modularity

Run List



Run List Specifies Policy

- The Run List is an ordered collection of policies that the Node should follow
- Chef-client obtains the Run list from Chef Server
- Chef-client ensures the Node complies with the policy in the Run List

Search

- Search for Nodes with Roles
- Find Topology Data
- IP Addresses
- Hostnames
- FQDNs

Search for Nodes

```
pool_members = search("node", "role:webserver")

template "/etc/haproxy/haproxy.cfg" do
  source "haproxy-app_lb.cfg.erb"
  owner "root"
  group "root"
  mode 0644
  variables :pool_members => pool_members.uniq
  notifies :restart, "service[haproxy]"
end
```

Manage Complexity

- Determine the desired state of your infrastructure
- Identify the Resources required to meet that state
- Gather the Resources into Recipes
- Compose a Run list from Recipes and Roles
- Apply a Run List to each Node in your Environment
- Your infrastructure adheres to the policy modelled in Chef

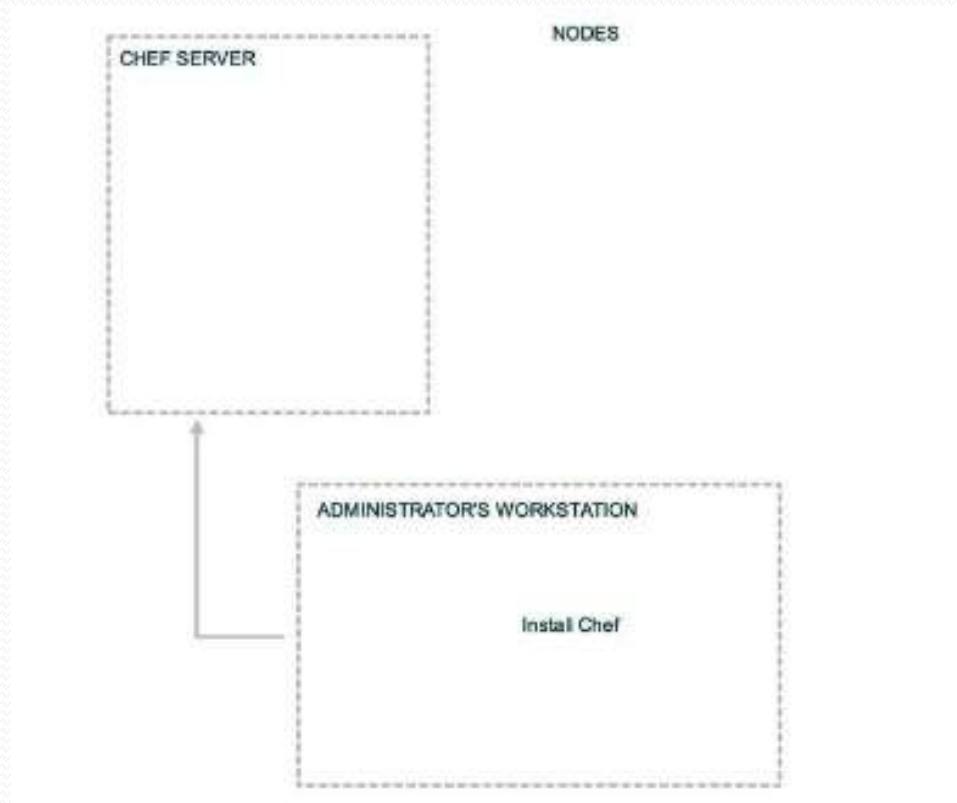
Configuration Drift

- Configuration Drift happens when:
 - Your infrastructure requires changes
 - The configuration of a server falls out of policy
- Chef makes it easy to manage
 - Mode the new requirements in your Chef configuration files
 - Run the Chef-client to enforce your policies

Workstation Setup

- Login to Enterprise Chef
- View your Organization in Enterprise Chef
- Describe Knife, the Chef command line utility
- Use Knife on your workstation

Chef Setup



Install ChefDK

- <https://downloads.chef.io/chef-dk/>

CHEF DOWNLOADS more from  CHEF >

Chef Development Kit 2.4.17

Stable Release | **Current Release**

The Chef development kit contains all the tools you need to develop and test your infrastructure, built by the awesome Chef community.

[Read the Release Notes >](#)

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 **Debian**
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URL: https://packages.chef.io/files/stable/chefdk/2.4.17/debian8/chefdk_2.4.17-1_amd64.deb

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PREVIOUS VERSIONS (STABLE)

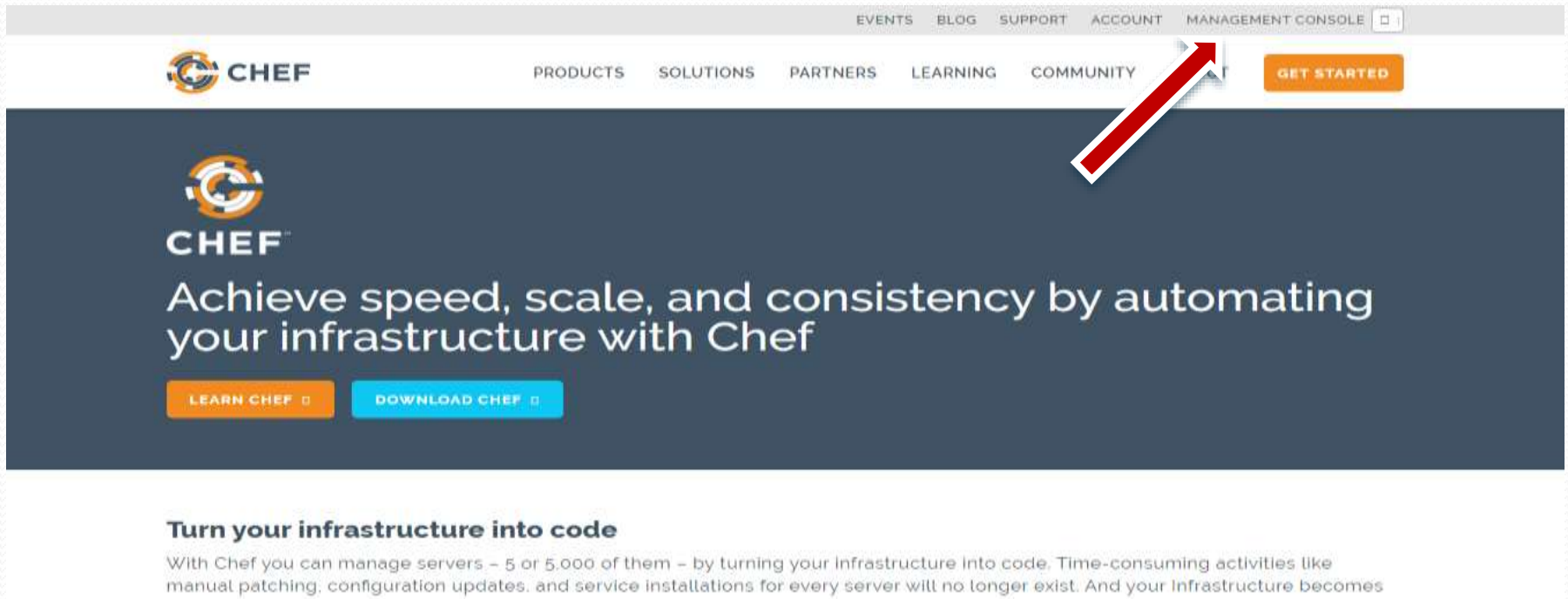
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Installation

- Chef and all its dependencies are installed via an operating system specific package (omnibus installer)
- Installation includes
 - The Ruby language – used by Chef
 - Knife – Command line tool for administrators
 - Chef-client – Client application
 - Ohai – System profiler
 - ... and more

Your Chef Server for This Class

- Hosted Enterprise Chef <http://www.chef.io>



The screenshot shows the Chef website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for EVENTS, BLOG, SUPPORT, ACCOUNT, and MANAGEMENT CONSOLE. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with the CHEF logo, links for PRODUCTS, SOLUTIONS, PARTNERS, LEARNING, and COMMUNITY, and a GET STARTED button. A large red arrow points from the COMMUNITY link to the GET STARTED button. The main content area features the CHEF logo, the tagline "Achieve speed, scale, and consistency by automating your infrastructure with Chef", and two buttons: LEARN CHEF and DOWNLOAD CHEF. Below this, there is a section titled "Turn your infrastructure into code" with a paragraph of text.

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PRODUCTS SOLUTIONS PARTNERS LEARNING COMMUNITY GET STARTED

CHEF

Achieve speed, scale, and consistency by automating your infrastructure with Chef

LEARN CHEF DOWNLOAD CHEF

Turn your infrastructure into code

With Chef you can manage servers – 5 or 5,000 of them – by turning your infrastructure into code. Time-consuming activities like manual patching, configuration updates, and service installations for every server will no longer exist. And your infrastructure becomes

Create a New Account

- Sign up for a new account
- Chef Organization
 - provides multi-tenancy
 - name must be globally unique

Start your free trial of Enterprise Chef

You're one step away from access to all the power and flexibility of Chef, hosted and supported by Opscode. Get ready to automate your infrastructure to accelerate your time to market, manage scale and complexity, and safeguard your systems. Just complete the form to get started.

Full Name	
Username	
Email	
Password	
Company	(Optional)
Chef Organization	

Organization is the name of your instance of Enterprise Chef.

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Download “Starter Kit” for Your Organization

- You get a .zip file from clicking this
- Unzip the zipfile - you'll get a "chef-repo"
- Put the "chef-repo" somewhere, e.g.:
 - C:\Users\you\chef-repo (Win)
 - /Users/you/chef-repo (Mac)
 - /home/you/chef-repo (Linux)

Thank you for choosing Enterprise

Follow these three steps to be on your way to

Download Starter Kit

Set up y

What's next?

[Chef Documentation](#)

The best place to start learning about Chef in general.

[Browse Community Cookbooks](#)

Hundreds of members of the C community have contributed cookbooks you can use or draw inspiration from.

What is the Starter Kit?

- The ‘Starter Kit’ is an archive file (e.g. chef-starter.zip) that contains
 - A sample Chef repository with a sample ‘starter’ cookbook
 - Configuration files allowing the workstation to talk to the Chef server using knife
- We’ll look at this in detail later...

Knife is the command-line tool for Chef

- Knife provides an API interface between a local Chef repository and the Chef Server and lets you manage:
 - Nodes
 - Cookbooks and recipes
 - Roles
 - Stores of JSON data (data bags), including encrypted data
 - Environments
 - Cloud resources, including provisioning
 - The installation of Chef on management workstations
 - Searching of indexed data on the Chef Server

A quick tour of Chef-repo

- Every infrastructure managed by Chef has a Chef Repository (chef-repo)
- Type all commands in this class from the chef-repo directory
- Lets see what's in the chef-repo...

Tour the chef-repo

```
$ cd chef-repo
```

```
[~/chef-repo]$
```

Tour the chef-repo

```
$ ls -al
```

```
total 40
drwxr-xr-x@ 11 opscience opscience  374 Dec 15 09:42 .
drwxr-xr-x+ 92 opscience opscience 3128 Dec 15 09:43 ..
drwxr-xr-x@  3 opscience opscience  102 Dec 15  2013 .berkshelf
drwxr-xr-x@  5 opscience opscience  170 Dec 15  2013 .chef
-rw-r--r--@  1 opscience opscience  495 Dec 15  2013 .gitignore
-rw-r--r--@  1 opscience opscience 1433 Dec 15  2013 Berksfile
-rw-r--r--@  1 opscience opscience 2416 Dec 15  2013 README.md
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drwxr-xr-x@  3 opscience opscience  102 Dec 15  2013 roles
```

What's inside the .chef directory?

```
$ ls .chef
```

```
ORGNAME-validator.pem  
USERNAME.pem  
knife.rb
```

What's inside the .chef directory?

- `knife.rb` is the configuration file for Knife
- The other two files are certificates for authentication with Chef Server

knife.rb

- Default location
 - `~/.chef/knife.rb`
 - `c:\users\You\.chef\` (Windows)
- Use a project specific configuration
 - `.chef/knife.rb` of the current directory
 - `chef-repo/.chef/knife.rb`

knife.rb



OPEN IN EDITOR: chef-repo/.chef/knife.rb

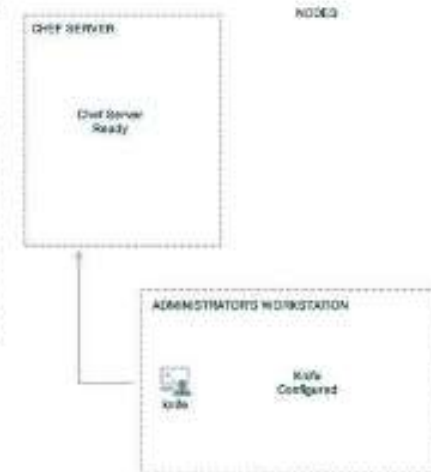
```
current_dir = File.dirname(__FILE__)
log_level      :info
log_location   STDOUT
node_name      "USERNAME"
client_key     "#{current_dir}/USERNAME.pem"
validation_client_name "ORGNAME-validator"
validation_key  "#{current_dir}/ORGNAME-validator.pem"
chef_server_url "https://api.opscode.com/organizations/ORGNAME"
cache_type     'BasicFile'
cache_options( :path => "#{ENV['HOME']}/.chef/checksums" )
cookbook_path  ["#{current_dir}/../cookbooks"]
```

Verify Knife

```
$ knife --version  
Chef: 11.8.2
```

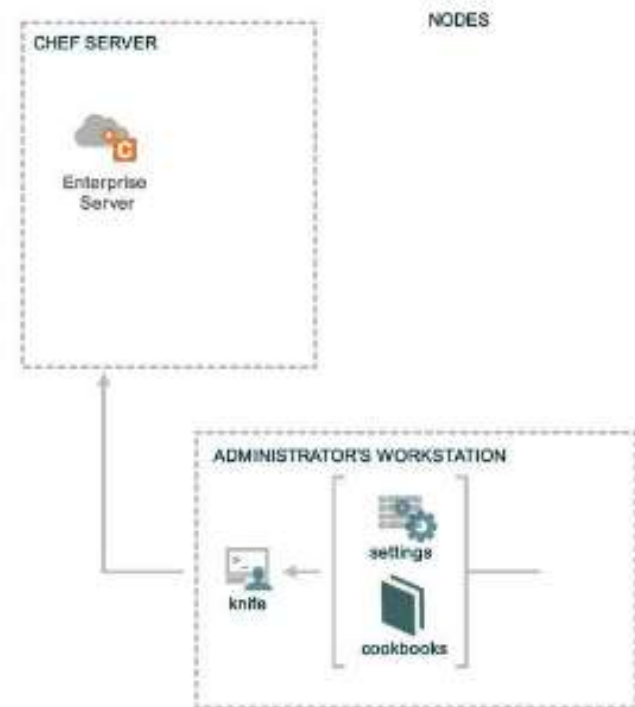
```
$ knife client list  
ORGNAME-validator
```

- Your version may be different, that's ok!



knife Client List

1. Reads the `chef_server_url` from `knife.rb`
2. Invokes HTTP GET to `#{chef_server_url}/clients`
3. Displays the result



Exercise: Run 'knife help list'

```
$ knife help list
```

```
Available help topics are:
```

```
bootstrap  
chef-shell  
client  
configure  
cookbook  
cookbook-site  
data-bag  
delete  
deps  
diff  
download  
edit  
environment  
exec  
list
```

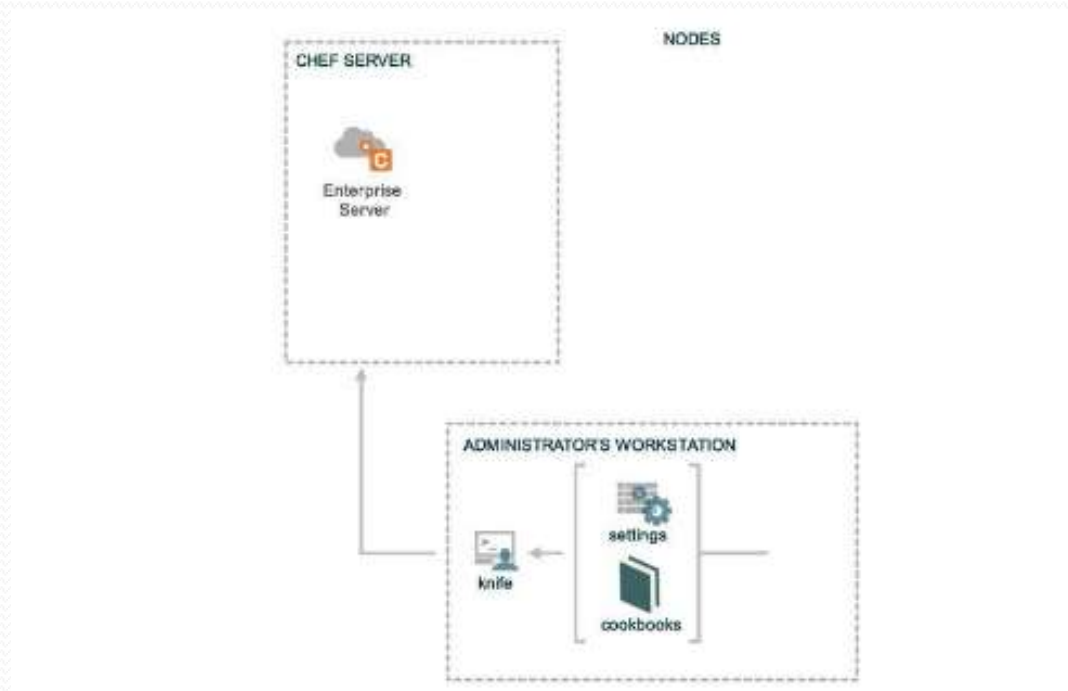
A few knife tips

- Commands are always structured as follows:
 - knife
 - NOUN (client)
 - VERB (list)
- You can get more help with
 - knife NOUN help
 - knife --help just shows options

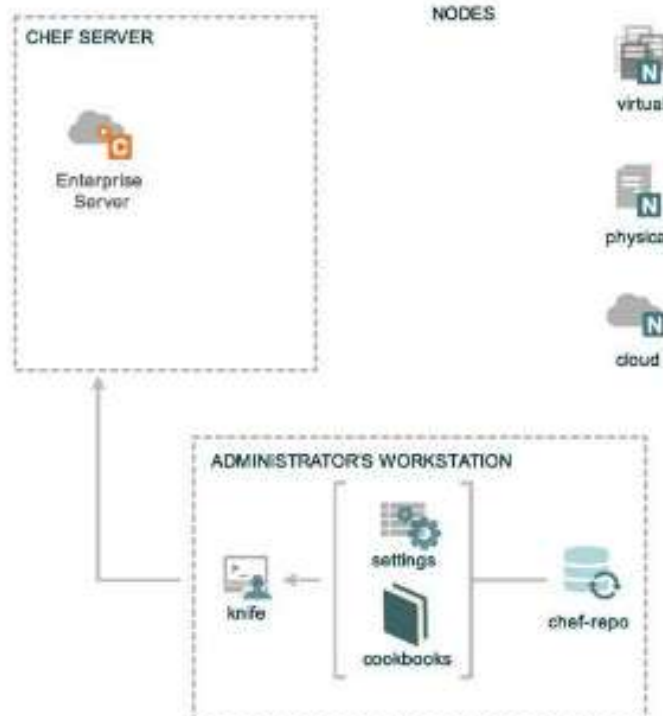
Best Practice: Use a test editor with project drawer

- Chef is about Infrastructure as Code
- People who code for a living use text editors that are designed for the task
- Vim, Emacs, Sublime Text, Notepad++
- Download Sublime Text (www.sublimetext.com)

Chef Setup



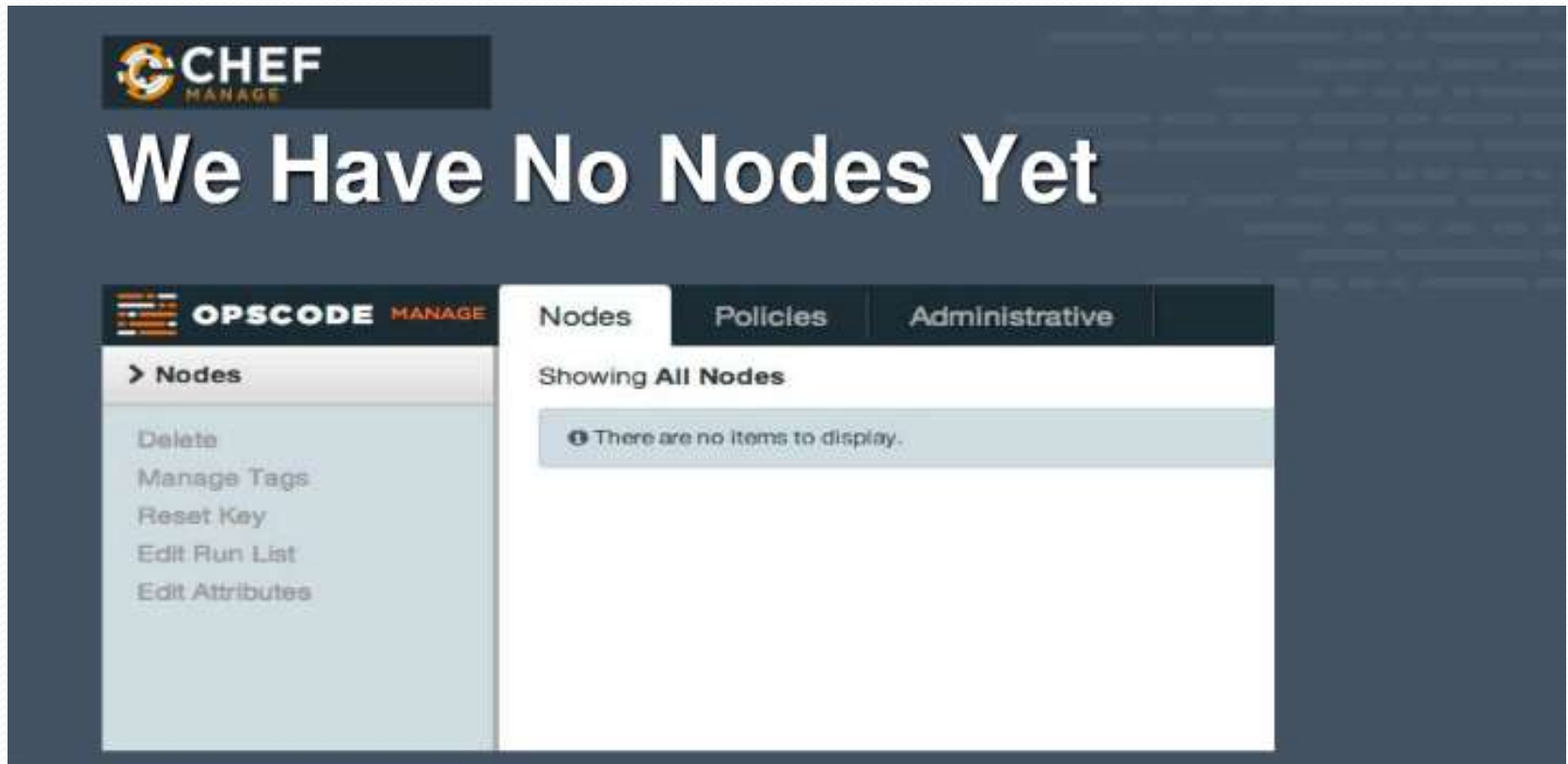
Nodes



Nodes

- Nodes represent the servers in your infrastructure these may be
 - Physical servers or virtual servers
 - Hardware that you own
 - Compute instances in a public or private cloud
- Could also be network hardware – switches, routers, etc.

Chef Manage



The screenshot displays the Chef Manage web interface. At the top left is the 'CHEF MANAGE' logo. Below it, a large heading reads 'We Have No Nodes Yet'. The interface features a navigation bar with three tabs: 'Nodes' (selected), 'Policies', and 'Administrative'. On the left side, under the 'Nodes' tab, there is a sidebar menu with the following options: '> Nodes', 'Delete', 'Manage Tags', 'Reset Key', 'Edit Run List', and 'Edit Attributes'. The main content area, titled 'Showing All Nodes', contains a message: 'There are no items to display.' The background of the interface is dark blue with a faint pattern of code.

Bring Your On Node

- Use your Virtual Machine (VM) or Server
- The IP Address or public hostname
- An application for establishing an ssh connection
- 'sudo' or 'root' permissions on VM

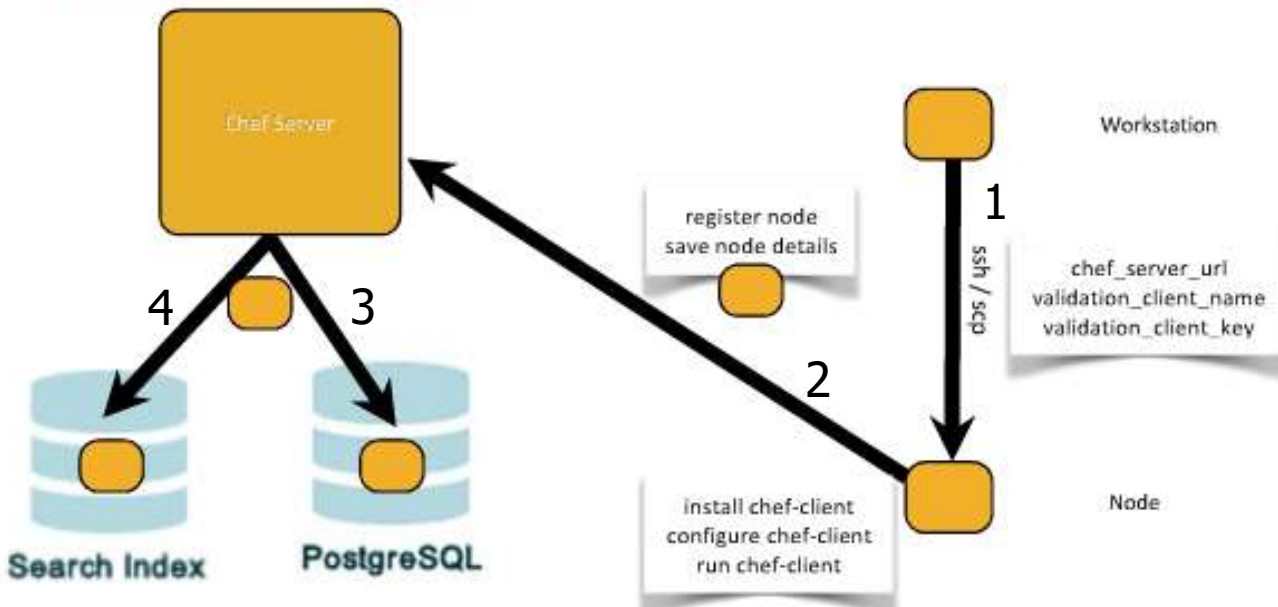
“Bootstrap” the Target instance

```
$ knife bootstrap <EXTERNAL_ADDRESS> --sudo -x chef -P chef -N "node1"
```

```
Bootstrapping Chef on uvolqrwls0jdgs3blvt.vm.cld.sr
uvolqrwls0jdgs3blvt.vm.cld.sr knife sudo password:
Enter your password:
...
...
uvolqrwls0jdgs3blvt.vm.cld.sr Creating a new client identity for node1 using the
validator key.
uvolqrwls0jdgs3blvt.vm.cld.sr resolving cookbooks for run list: []
uvolqrwls0jdgs3blvt.vm.cld.sr Synchronizing Cookbooks:
uvolqrwls0jdgs3blvt.vm.cld.sr Compiling Cookbooks...
uvolqrwls0jdgs3blvt.vm.cld.sr [2014-01-28T11:03:14-05:00] WARN: Node node2 has an
empty run list.
uvolqrwls0jdgs3blvt.vm.cld.sr Converging 0 resources
uvolqrwls0jdgs3blvt.vm.cld.sr Chef Client finished, 0 resources updated
```

knife Bootstrap

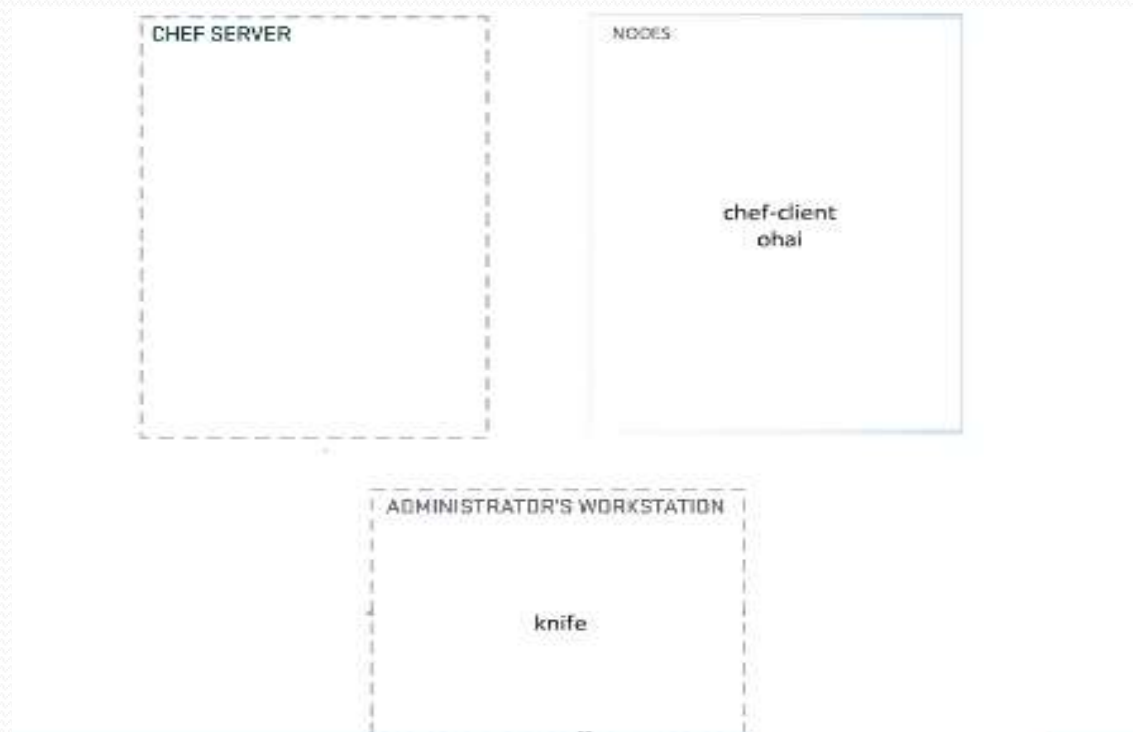
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knife bootstrap HOSTNAME --sudo -x chef -P  
chef -N "node1"
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Chef Setup



Verifying Your Target Instance's Chef-Client Configuration

```
$ ssh chef@<EXTERNAL_ADDRESS>
```

```
chef@node1:~$ ls /etc/chef  
client.pem  client.rb  first-boot.json  validation.pem
```

```
chef@node1:~$ which chef-client  
/usr/bin/chef-client
```

Examine /etc/chef/client.rb

```
chef@node1:~$ cat /etc/chef/client.rb
```

```
log_location      STDOUT
chef_server_url   "https://api.opscode.com/organizations/ORGNAME"
validation_client_name "ORGNAME-validator"
node_name "node1"
```

Exercise: Change the log level on your test node

```
chef@node1:~$ vim /etc/chef/client.rb
```

```
log_level      :info
log_location   STDOUT
chef_server_url "https://api.opscode.com/organizations/ORGNAME"
validation_client_name "ORGNAME-validator"
node_name      "node1"
```

- Set the default log level for chef-client to **:info**
- More configuration options can be found on the docs site:
http://docs.getchef.com/config_rb_client.html

View Node on Chef Server

- Login to your Hosted Enterprise Chef

A screenshot of the 'Sign In' form on the Chef website. The form has a title 'Sign In' in orange. It contains two input fields: 'Username' and 'Password'. Below the fields is a 'Sign In' button. An orange arrow points from the 'Get Chef' link in the previous image to this form.

View Node on Chef Server

- Click the 'Details' tab



The screenshot displays the Chef Server web interface. On the left, a sidebar menu lists various actions for nodes: Delete, Manage Tags, Reset Key, Edit Run List, and Edit Attributes. The main content area is titled 'Nodes' and shows a table of all nodes. Below the table, the details for 'node1' are displayed. The 'Details' tab is selected and highlighted with a yellow circle. Other tabs visible are 'Attributes' and 'Permissions'. The details section shows the last check time as '3 Minutes Ago' and the uptime as '6 Hours'. At the bottom, there is a 'Tags' section with a message indicating no items to display.

Node Name	Platform	FQDN	IP Address
node1	centos	centos68.example.com	10.160.201.1

Node: node1

Details | Attributes | Permissions

Last Check in: 3 Minutes Ago
2014-01-30 11:20:31 UTC

Uptime: 6 Hours
Since 2014-01-30 07:00:15 UTC

Tags

There are no items to display.

Vide Node on Chef Server

- Click the 'Attributes' tab



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Node Name	Platform	FQDN	IP Address
node1	centos	centos63.example.com	10.160.201.80

Node: node1

Attributes

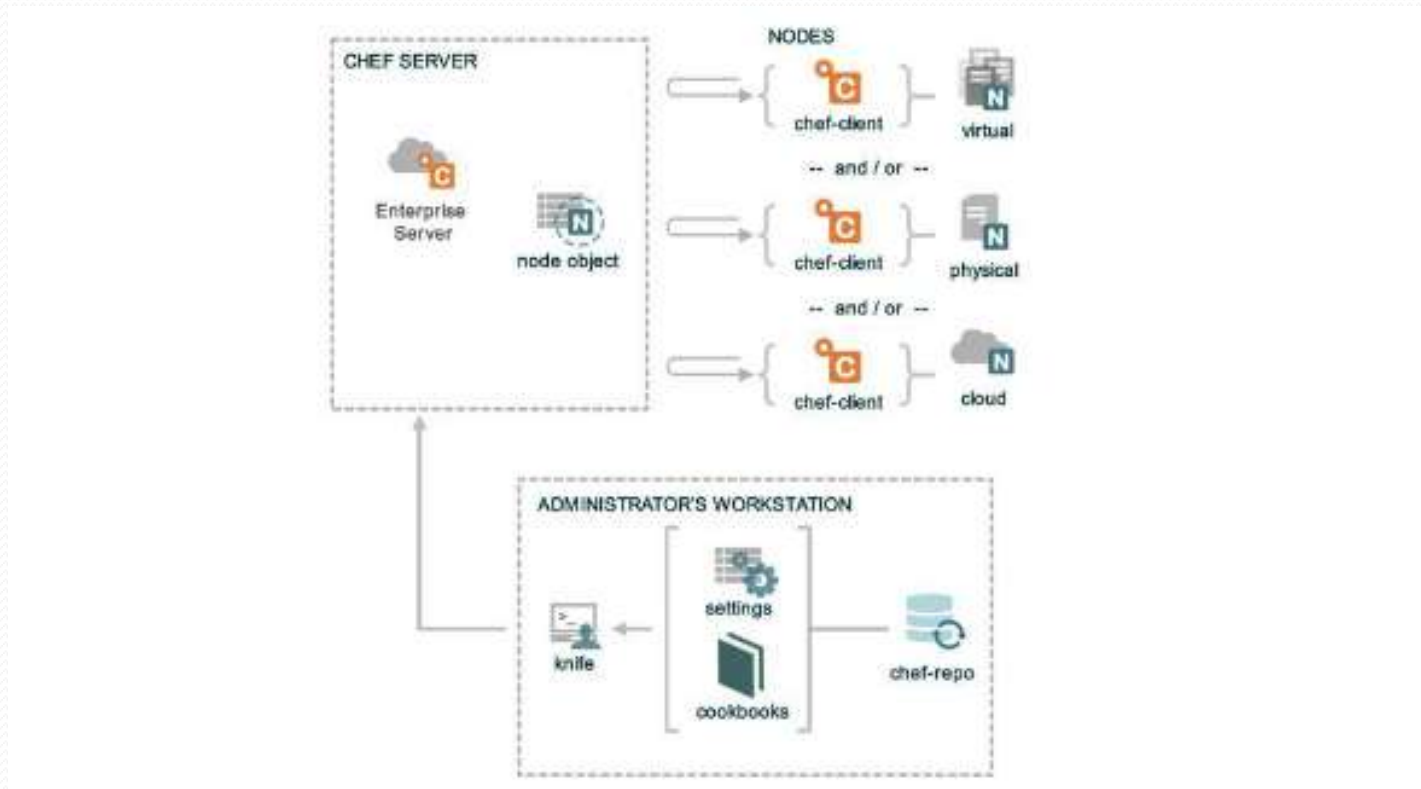
Expand All Collapse All

- tag: + languages
- kernel: + kernel
- os: Linux
- os_version: 2.6.32-056.23.2.el6.x86_64
- fqdn: Cent063
- fqdn: centos63.example.com
- ipaddress: 10.160.201.80
- macaddress: 00:00:56:00:00:90
- network: + network
- counters: + counters

Node

- The Node is registered with Chef Server
- The Chef Server displays information about the Node
- This information comes from Ohai

Chef Setup



Chef Resources & Recipes

- Writing an Apache Cookbook
- Describe in detail a Cookbook
- Create a new Cookbook
- Explain a Recipe
- Describe how to use package, service and cookbook_file resources
- Upload a Cookbook to Chef Server
- Explain what a Run List is and how to set it for a Node via knife
- Explain output of a chef-client run

What's a Cookbook?

- A Cookbook is like a “package” for Chef recipes
- It contains all the recipes, files, templates, libraries, etc. required to configure a portion of your infrastructure
- Typically they map 1:1 to a piece of software or functionality

Problem Statement

- We need a web server configured to server up our home page
- Success of this will be determined by seeing a home page in a web browser

Steps to Solution

- Install Apache
- Start the service
- Make sure it will start will server boots up
- Write home page code

Create a New Cookbook

```
$ knife cookbook create apache
```

```
** Creating cookbook apache  
** Creating README for cookbook: apache  
** Creating CHANGELOG for cookbook: apache  
** Creating metadata for cookbook: apache
```

Explore the Cookbook

```
$ ls -la cookbooks/apache
```

```
total 24
drwxr-xr-x 13 opscience opscience 442 Jan 24 21:25 .
drwxr-xr-x  5 opscience opscience 170 Jan 24 21:25 ..
-rw-r--r--  1 opscience opscience 412 Jan 24 21:25 CHANGELOG.md
-rw-r--r--  1 opscience opscience 1447 Jan 24 21:25 README.md
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drwxr-xr-x  2 opscience opscience  68 Jan 24 21:25 libraries
-rw-r--r--  1 opscience opscience 276 Jan 24 21:25 metadata.rb
drwxr-xr-x  2 opscience opscience  68 Jan 24 21:25 providers
drwxr-xr-x  3 opscience opscience 102 Jan 24 21:25 recipes
drwxr-xr-x  2 opscience opscience  68 Jan 24 21:25 resources
drwxr-xr-x  3 opscience opscience 102 Jan 24 21:25 templates
```

Edit the Default Recipe



OPEN IN EDITOR: cookbooks/apache/recipes/default.rb

```
#  
# Cookbook Name:: apache  
# Recipe:: default  
#  
# Copyright 2013, YOUR_COMPANY_NAME  
#  
# All rights reserved - Do Not Redistribute  
#
```

Chef Resources

- Have a type
- Have a name
- Have parameters
- Take action to put the resource into the desired state
- Can send **notifications** to other 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
```

Add Package Resource to Install Apache to Default Recipe



OPEN IN EDITOR:

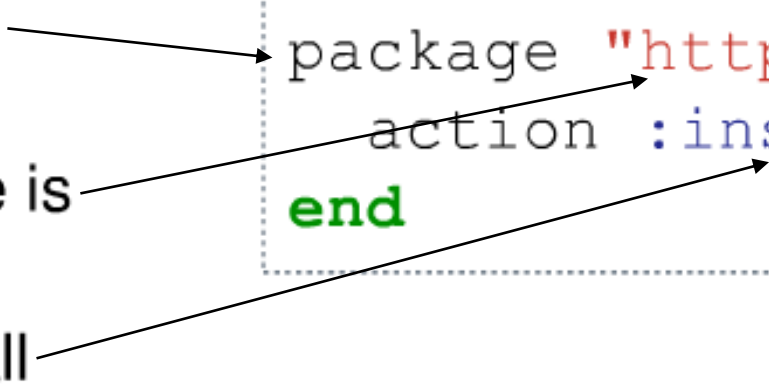
cookbooks/apache/recipes/default.rb

```
#  
# Cookbook Name:: apache  
# Recipe:: default  
#  
# Copyright 2013, YOUR_COMPANY_NAME  
#  
# All rights reserved - Do Not Redistribute  
#
```

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

SAVE FILE!

Resource We Just Wrote

- Is a package resource
 - Whose name is *httpd*
 - With an install **action**
- ```
package "httpd" do
 action :install
end
```
- 

# Notice We Did Not Say How to Install Package

- Resources are declarative - that means we say what we want to have happen, rather than how
- Resources take action through **Providers** – providers perform the how
- Chef uses the **platform** the node is running to determine the correct provider for a **resource**

# Package Resource

package "git"



yum install git

apt-get install git

pacman sync git

pkg\_add -r git

**Providers are  
determined  
by node's platform**

# Exercise: Add a service resource to ensure the service is started and enabled at boot



OPEN IN EDITOR:

cookbooks/apache/recipes/default.rb

```
...
All rights reserved - Do Not Redistribute

package "httpd" do
 action :install
end

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

**SAVE FILE!**

# Resource We Just Wrote

- Is a service resource

- Whose **name** is  
*httpd*

- With two **actions**:

- enable
- start

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

# Order Matters

- Resources are executed in order

1st

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

2nd

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

3rd

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

# Add cookbook\_file resource to copy the home page



OPEN IN EDITOR:

cookbooks/apache/recipes/default.rb

...

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

```
cookbook_file "/var/www/html/index.html" do
 source "index.html"
 mode "0644"
end
```

**SAVE FILE!**

# Resource We Just Wrote

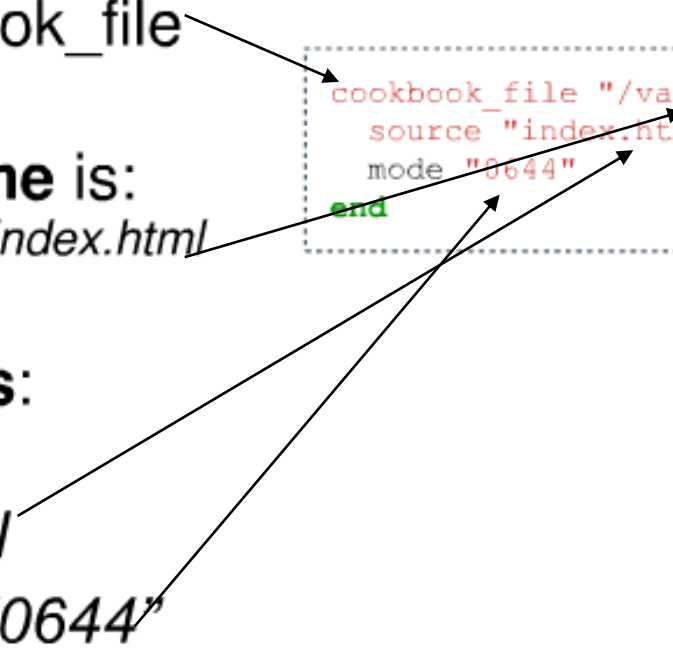
- Is a `cookbook_file` resource

- Whose **name** is:  
`/var/www/html/index.html`

- With two **parameters**:

- **source** of `index.html`
- **mode** of `"0644"`

```
cookbook_file "/var/www/html/index.html" do
 source "index.html"
 mode "0644"
end
```



# Full Content of Apache Recipe

```
#
Cookbook Name:: apache
Recipe:: default
#
Copyright 2013, YOUR_COMPANY_NAME
#
All rights reserved - Do Not Redistribute
#

package "httpd" do
 action :install
end

service "httpd" do
 action [:enable, :start]
end

cookbook_file "/var/www/html/index.html" do
 source "index.html"
 mode "0644"
end
```

# Exercise: Add index.html to your cookbook's files/default directory



OPEN IN EDITOR: cookbooks/apache/files/default/index.html

```
<html>
<body>
 <h1>Hello, world!</h1>
</body>
</html>
```

**SAVE FILE!**

# Upload the Cookbook

```
$ knife cookbook upload apache
```

```
Uploading apache [0.1.0]
Uploaded 1 cookbook.
```

# The Run List

- The Run List is the ordered set of recipes and roles that the Chef-client will execute on a node
  - Recipes are specified by “recipe[name]”
  - Roles are specified by “role[name]”

# Exercise: Add apache recipe to test node's run list

```
$ knife node run_list add node1 "recipe[apache]"
```

```
node1:
 run_list: recipe[apache]
```

# Exercise: Run Chef-client

```
chef@node1:~$ sudo chef-client
```

```
[2014-01-21T12:22:40-05:00] INFO: Forking chef instances to converge...
Starting Chef Client, version 11.8.2
[2014-01-21T12:22:41-05:00] INFO: *** Chef 11.8.2 ***
[2014-01-21T12:22:41-05:00] INFO: Chef-client pid: 16346
[2014-01-21T12:22:41-05:00] INFO: Run List is [recipe[apache]]
[2014-01-21T12:22:41-05:00] INFO: Run List expands to [apache]
[2014-01-21T12:22:41-05:00] INFO: Starting Chef Run for node1
[2014-01-21T12:22:41-05:00] INFO: Running start handlers
[2014-01-21T12:22:41-05:00] INFO: Start handlers complete.
[2014-01-21T12:22:42-05:00] INFO: HTTP Request Returned 404 Object Not Found:
resolving cookbooks for run list: ["apache"]
[2014-01-21T12:22:42-05:00] INFO: Loading cookbooks [apache]
Synchronizing Cookbooks:
[2014-01-21T12:22:42-05:00] INFO: Storing updated
cookbooks/apache/recipes/default.rb in the cache.
[2014-01-21T12:22:42-05:00] INFO: Storing updated
cookbooks/apache/CHANGELOG.md in the cache.
[2014-01-21T12:22:43-05:00] INFO: Storing updated
cookbooks/apache/metadata.rb in the cache.
[2014-01-21T12:22:43-05:00] INFO: Storing updated
cookbooks/apache/README.md in the cache.
= apache
Compiling Cookbooks...
Converging 3 resources
Recipe: apache::default
 httpd-2.2.15-29.el6.centos from base repository
...
```

# Exercise: Verify the Home Page Works

- Open a web browser
- Type in the the URL for your test node



You have just written your first Chef cookbook

# Exercise: Reading the Output of a Chef-client Run

```
Starting Chef Client, version 11.8.2
[2014-01-06T07:06:00-05:00] INFO: *** Chef 11.8.2 ***
[2014-01-06T07:06:00-05:00] INFO: Chef-client pid: 10781
[2014-01-06T07:06:01-05:00] INFO: Run List is [recipe[apache]]
[2014-01-06T07:06:01-05:00] INFO: Run List expands to [apache]
[2014-01-06T07:06:01-05:00] INFO: Starting Chef Run for node1
[2014-01-06T07:06:01-05:00] INFO: Running start handlers
[2014-01-06T07:06:01-05:00] INFO: Start handlers complete.
```

- The run list is shown
- The expanded Run List is the complete list, after nested roles are expanded

# Exercise: Reading the Output of a Chef-client Run

```
resolving cookbooks for run list: ["apache"]
[2014-01-06T07:06:02-05:00] INFO: Loading cookbooks [apache]
Synchronizing Cookbooks:
[2014-01-06T07:06:02-05:00] INFO: Storing updated cookbooks/apache/recipes/default.rb in the
cache.
[2014-01-06T07:06:02-05:00] INFO: Storing updated cookbooks/apache/metadata.rb in the cache.
- apache
Compiling Cookbooks...
```

- Loads the cookbooks in the order specified by the run list
- Downloads any files that are missing from the server

# Exercise: Reading the Output of a Chef-client Run

```
Converging 3 resources
Recipe: apache::default
 * package[httpd] action install[2014-01-06T07:51:48-05:00] INFO: Processing
package[httpd] action install (apache::default line 9)
[2014-01-06T07:51:55-05:00] INFO: package[httpd] installing httpd-2.2.15-
29.el6.centos from base repository

- install version 2.2.15-29.el6.centos of package httpd
```

- Checks to see if the package httpd is installed

# Exercise: Reading the Output of a Chef-client Run

```
* service[httpd] action enable[2014-01-06T07:52:06-05:00] INFO: Processing
service[httpd] action enable (apache::default line 13)
[2014-01-06T07:52:06-05:00] INFO: service[httpd] enabled

- enable service service[httpd]

* service[httpd] action start[2014-01-06T07:52:06-05:00] INFO: Processing
service[httpd] action start (apache::default line 13)
[2014-01-06T07:52:07-05:00] INFO: service[httpd] started

- start service service[httpd]
```

- Checks to see if httpd is already enabled to run at boot - it is, take no further action
- Checks to see if httpd is already started - it is, take no further action

# Idempotence

- Action on resources in Chef are designed to be **idempotent**
  - i.e they can be applied multiple times but the end result is still the same – like multiplying 1 by 1
- Chef is a “desired state configuration” system – if a resource is already configured, no action is taken
- This is called **convergence**

# Exercise: Reading the Output of a Chef-client Run

```
* cookbook_file[/var/www/html/index.html] action create[2014-01-06T07:52:07-05:00] INFO: Processing
cookbook_file[/var/www/html/index.html] action create (apache::default line 17)
[2014-01-06T07:52:07-05:00] INFO: cookbook_file[/var/www/html/index.html] created file /var/www/html/index.html

- create new file /var/www/html/index.html[2014-01-06T07:52:07-05:00] INFO:
cookbook_file[/var/www/html/index.html] updated file contents /var/www/html/index.html

- update content in file /var/www/html/index.html from none to 03fbd
--- /var/www/html/index.html 2014-01-06 07:52:07.285214202 -0500
+++ /tmp/.index.html20140106-10796-1kxknbg 2014-01-06 07:52:07.868365963 -0500
@@ -1,6 @@
+<html>
+<body>
+ <h1>Hello, world!</h1>
+</body>
+</html>[2014-01-06T07:52:07-05:00] INFO: cookbook_file[/var/www/html/index.html] mode changed to 644

- change mode from '' to '0644'
- restore selinux security context
```

- Checks for an index.html file
- There is already one in place, backup the file
- Set permissions on the file
- A diff of the written file is shown with the modified lines called out

# Exercise: Reading the Output of a Chef-client Run

```
[2014-01-06T07:52:08-05:00] INFO: Chef Run complete in 23.477837576 seconds
[2014-01-06T07:52:08-05:00] INFO: Running report handlers
[2014-01-06T07:52:08-05:00] INFO: Report handlers complete
Chef Client finished, 4 resources updated
[2014-01-06T07:52:08-05:00] INFO: Sending resource update report (run-id:
952a8431-0994-468e-836c-0f7de7aa656e)
```

- Notice that a complete Chef-Run displays:
  - The time the client took to complete convergence
  - Status of report and exception handlers

# Exercise: Re-run Chef-client

```
chef@node1:~$ sudo chef-client
```

```

resolving cookbooks for run list: ["apache"]
[2014-01-06T07:57:13-05:00] INFO: Loading cookbooks [apache]
Synchronizing Cookbooks:
 - apache
Compiling Cookbooks...
Converging 3 resources
Recipe: apache::default
 * package[httpd] action install[2014-01-06T07:57:13-05:00] INFO: Processing package[httpd] action install (apache::default line 9)
 (up to date)
 * service[httpd] action enable[2014-01-06T07:57:17-05:00] INFO: Processing service[httpd] action enable (apache::default line 13)
 (up to date)
 * service[httpd] action start[2014-01-06T07:57:17-05:00] INFO: Processing service[httpd] action start (apache::default line 13)
 (up to date)
 * cookbook_file[/var/www/html/index.html] action create[2014-01-06T07:57:17-05:00] INFO: Processing
 cookbook_file[/var/www/html/index.html] action create (apache::default line 17)
 (up to date)
[2014-01-06T07:57:17-05:00] INFO: Chef Run complete in 4.707139533 seconds
[2014-01-06T07:57:17-05:00] INFO: Removing cookbooks/apache/files/default/index.html from the cache; it is no longer needed by chef-
client.
[2014-01-06T07:57:17-05:00] INFO: Running report handlers
[2014-01-06T07:57:17-05:00] INFO: Report handlers complete
Chef Client finished, 0 resources updated
[2014-01-06T07:57:17-05:00] INFO: Sending resource update report (run-id: 1c201d2c-797f-43ab-a904-1ba329b9aab8)
```

# Recap – Resources are grouped into Recipes

recipe[apache::default]

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

service "httpd" do
 action [:enable, :start]
end

cookbook_file "/var/www/html/index.html" do
 source "index.html"
 mode "0644"
end
```

# Cookbooks contain Recipes & Supporting Files

```
& pwd
/Users/you/chef-repo
$ tree
```

```
...
├── cookbooks
│ ├── apache
│ │ ├── recipes
│ │ │ ├── default.rb
│ │ │ └── server.rb
│ │ ├── files
│ │ │ └── default
│ │ │ └── index.html
│ │ ├── metadata.rb
│ │ ├── attributes
│ │ └── default
│ └── ...
└── ...
```

← Recipes

← Supporting File

# Cookbooks are Installed as Artifacts' on Chef Server



apache v0.1.0

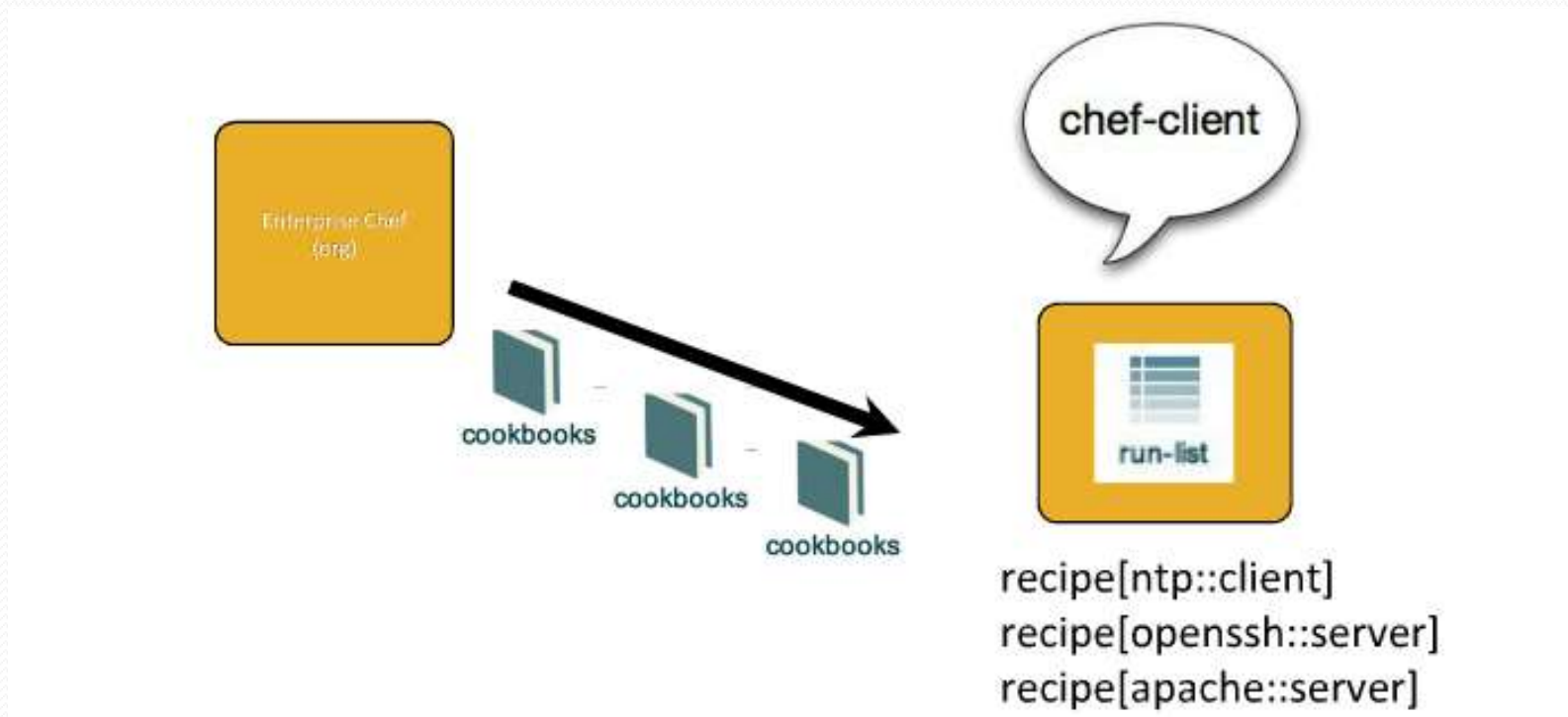


ntp v0.2.0



openssh v2.4.7

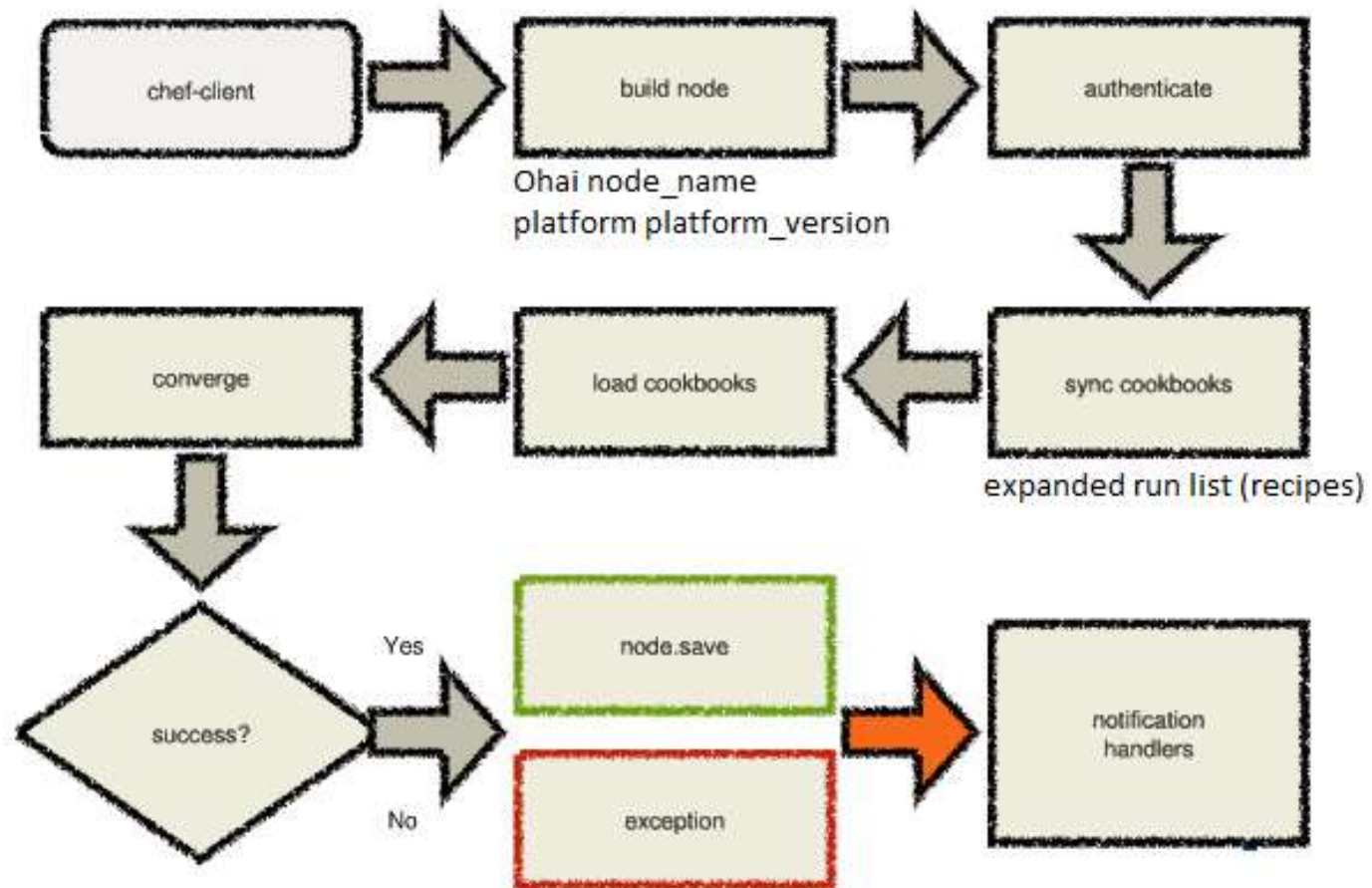
# Nodes have run\_lists made of Recipes



# Dissecting your First Chef-client

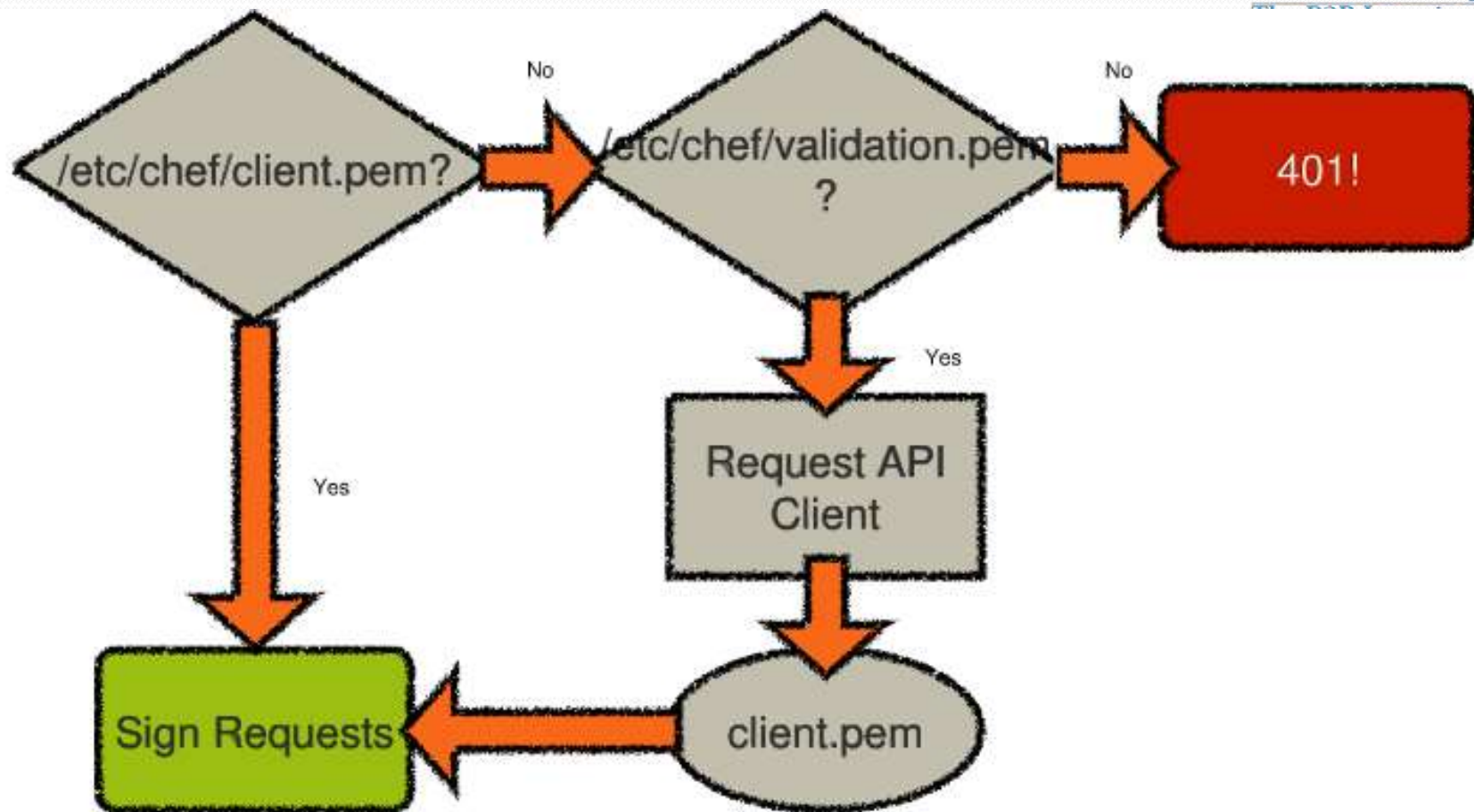
## Run

- List all steps taken by Chef-client during a run
- Explain the basic security model of Chef
- Explain the concepts of Resource Collection



# Private Keys

- Chef Server requires keys to authenticate
  - client.pem – private key for API client
  - validation.pem – private key for ORGNAME-validator



# Resource Collection

# Multiphase Execution – Compile Phase

- During compile phase, Chef
  - Loads all Cookbooks from Run List
  - Reads all Recipes to build resource collection

# Multiphase Execution – Execute Phase

- During compile phase, Chef takes the resource collection and for each resource it will
  - Check if the resource is in the required state
    - If 'yes' – do nothing
    - If 'no' – bring resource in line with the required state
  - Move on to next resource

# Resource Collection Phase

## Compile Phase

### Recipe

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

cookbook_file "/var/www/html/index.html" do
 source "index.html"
 mode "0644"
end

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

### Resource Collection

```
resource_collection = [
 package["httpd"],
 cookbook_file["/var/www/html/index.html"],
 service ["httpd"]
]
```

# Resource Collection Phase

## Execute Phase

### Recipe

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

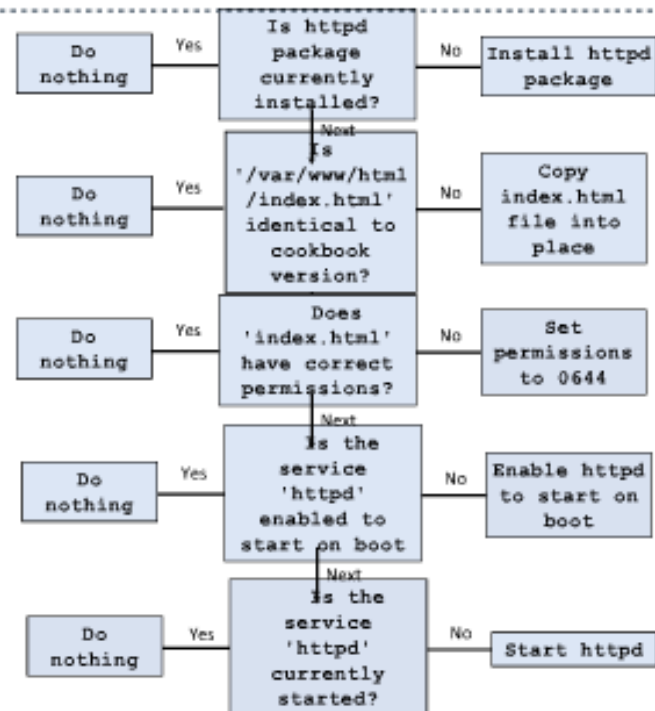
cookbook_file "/var/www/html/index.html" do
 source "index.html"
 mode "0644"
end

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

### Resource Collection

```
resource_collection = [
 package["httpd"],
 cookbook_file["/var/www/html/index.html"],
 service ["httpd"]
]
```

### Execution



# Recipe Order is Important

- Recipes are executed in the order they appear in the run list

Run List: `recipe[ntp::client], recipe[openssh::server], recipe[apache::server]`

- These recipes are invoked in the following order
  1. `recipe[ntp::client]`
  2. `recipe[openssh::server]`
  3. `recipe[apache::server]`

# Resource Collection – Multiple Recipes

## 3. recipe[httpd::server]

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

service "httpd" do
 action [:enable, :start]
end

cookbook_file "/var/www/html/index.html" do
 source "index.html"
 mode "0644"
end
```

## Resource Collection

```
resource_collection [
 package[ntp],
 template[/etc/ntp.conf],
 service[ntp],
 package[openssh],
 template[/etc/sshd/sshd_config],
 service[openssh],
 package[httpd],
 service[httpd],
 cookbook_file[/var/www/html/index.html]
]
```

# Final Resource Collection

- So the resources are invoked in the following order during the execute phase



```
package[ntp]
template[/etc/ntp.conf]
service[ntp]
package[openssh]
template[/etc/ssh/sshd_config]
service[openssh]
package[httpd]
service[httpd]
cookbook_file[/var/www/html/index.html]
```

# Node Object

- Explain what Node object represents in Chef
- List the Nodes in an Organization
- Show details about a Node
- Describe what Node attributes are
- Retrieve a Node attribute directly, and via search

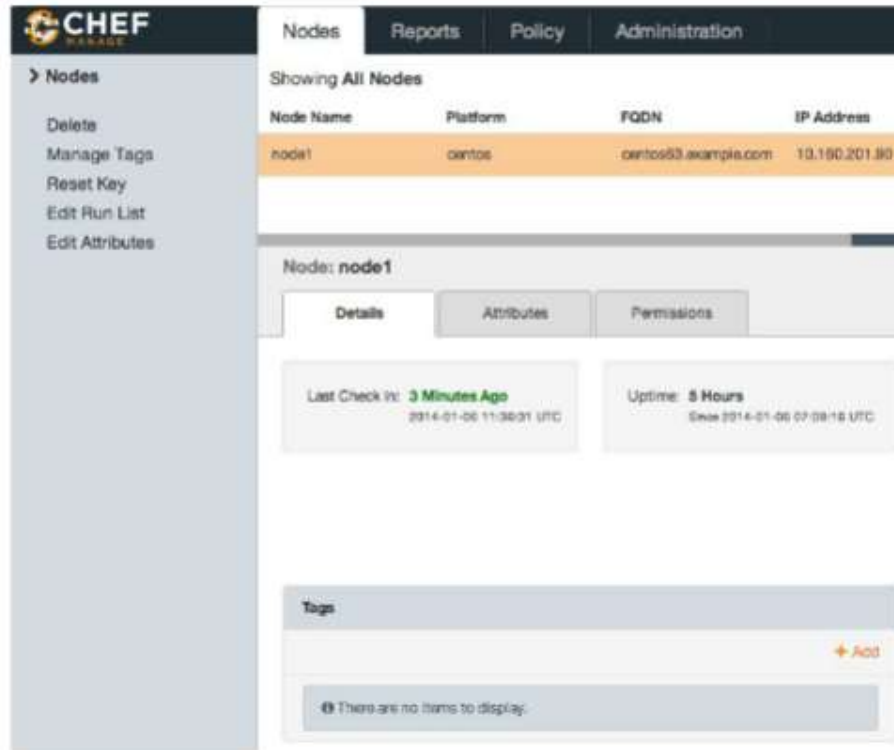
# What is the Node Object

- A Node is a physical, virtual, or cloud machine that configured to be maintained by Chef
- The 'node object' is the representation of that physical node within Chef (e.g. in JSON)
- When you are writing Recipes, the Node object is always available to you

# Node

- The node is registered with Chef Server
- The Chef Server displays information about the node
- This information comes from Ohai

# View Node on Chef Server



The screenshot displays the Chef Server web interface. On the left is a sidebar with the 'CHEF' logo and a 'Nodes' menu containing options like 'Delete', 'Manage Tags', 'Reset Key', 'Edit Run List', and 'Edit Attributes'. The main content area has tabs for 'Nodes', 'Reports', 'Policy', and 'Administration'. Under the 'Nodes' tab, it says 'Showing All Nodes' and lists a table with columns for Node Name, Platform, FQDN, and IP Address. The table contains one entry: 'node1' on 'centos' with FQDN 'centos63.example.com' and IP '10.160.201.80'. Below the table, there's a section for 'Node: node1' with sub-tabs for 'Details', 'Attributes', and 'Permissions'. The 'Details' tab is active, showing 'Last Check in: 3 Minutes Ago' (2014-01-06 11:30:01 UTC) and 'Uptime: 8 Hours' (Since 2014-01-06 07:08:10 UTC). At the bottom, there's a 'Tags' section with an '+ Add' button and a message 'There are no items to display.'

Node Name	Platform	FQDN	IP Address
node1	centos	centos63.example.com	10.160.201.80

Node: node1

Details | Attributes | Permissions

Last Check in: **3 Minutes Ago**  
2014-01-06 11:30:01 UTC

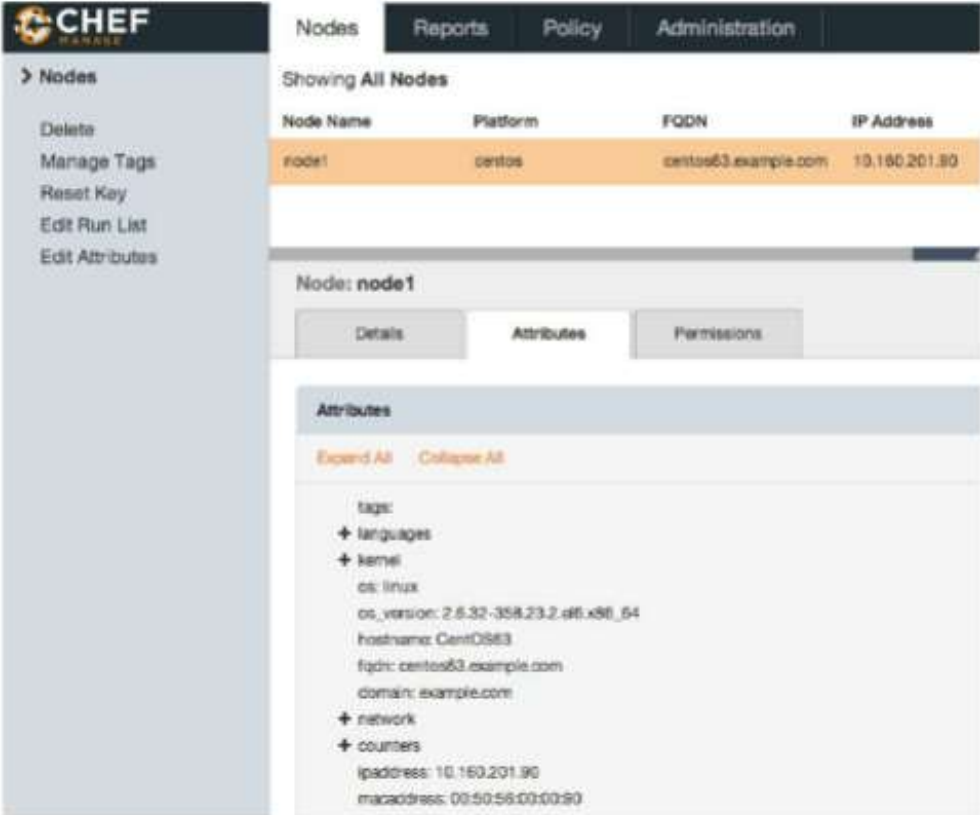
Uptime: **8 Hours**  
Since 2014-01-06 07:08:10 UTC

Tags

+ Add

There are no items to display.

# View Node on Chef Server



The screenshot displays the Chef Manage web interface. On the left is a sidebar with the 'CHEF MANAGE' logo and a 'Nodes' menu containing options like 'Delete', 'Manage Tags', 'Reset Key', 'Edit Run List', and 'Edit Attributes'. The main content area has tabs for 'Nodes', 'Reports', 'Policy', and 'Administration'. Below the 'Nodes' tab, it says 'Showing All Nodes' and shows a table with one node, 'node1', which is a 'centos' platform with FQDN 'centos63.example.com' and IP '10.160.201.90'. Below the table, there's a section for 'Node: node1' with tabs for 'Details', 'Attributes', and 'Permissions'. The 'Attributes' tab is active, showing expandable sections for 'tags', 'languages', 'kernel', 'network', and 'counters'. The 'kernel' section is expanded, showing details like 'os: linux', 'os\_version: 2.6.32-358.23.2.el6.x86\_64', 'hostname: Cent063', 'fqdn: centos63.example.com', and 'domain: example.com'.

Node Name	Platform	FQDN	IP Address
node1	centos	centos63.example.com	10.160.201.90

Node: node1

Attributes

Expand All Collapse All

- tags
- + languages
- + kernel
  - os: linux
  - os\_version: 2.6.32-358.23.2.el6.x86\_64
  - hostname: Cent063
  - fqdn: centos63.example.com
  - domain: example.com
- + network
- + counters
  - ipaddress: 10.160.201.90
  - macaddress: 00:50:56:00:00:90

# Exercise: List Nodes

```
$ knife node list
```

```
node1
```

# Exercise: List Clients

```
$ knife client list
```

```
ORGNAME-validator
node1
```

# Each Node Must Have a Unique Name

- Every node must have a unique name within an Organization
- Chef defaults to the Fully Qualified Domain Name of the server i.e. in the format  
`server.domain.com`
- We overrode it to “node1” to make typing easier

# Exercise: Show Node Details

```
$ knife node show node1
```

```
Node Name: node1
Environment: _default
FQDN: centos63.example.com
IP: 10.160.201.90
Run List: recipe[apache]
Roles:
Recipes: apache
Platform: centos 6.4
Tags:
```

# What is the Node Object

- Nodes are made up of attributes
  - Many are discovered **automatically** (platform, IP address, number of CPUs)
  - Many other objects in Chef can also add Node attributes (Cookbooks, Roles and Environments, Recipes, Attributes Files)
- Nodes are stored and indexed on Chef Server

# Ohai

```
"languages": {
 "ruby": {
 },
 "perl": {
 "version": "5.14.2",
 "archname": "x86_64-
linux-gnu-thread-multi"
 },
 "python": {
 "version": "2.6.6",
 "builddate": "Jul 10
2013, 22:48:45"
 },
 "perl": {
 "version": "version",
 "archname": "x86_64-
linux-thread-multi"
 },
 "lua": {
 "version": "5.1.4"
 }
},
```

```
"kernel": {
 "name": "Linux",
 "release": "3.2.0-32-virtual",
 "version": "#1 SMP Wed Oct 16
18:37:12 UTC 2013",
 "machine": "x86_64",
 "modules": {
 "isofs": {
 "size": "70066",
 "refcount": "2"
 },
 "des_generic": {
 "size": "16604",
 "refcount": "0"
 }
 },
 "os": "GNU/Linux"
},
"os": "linux",
"os_version": "2.6.32-
358.23.2.el6.x86_64",
"ohai_time": 1389105685.7735305,
```

```
"network": {
 "interfaces": {
 "lo": {
 "mtu": "16436",
 "flags": [
 "LOOPBACK", "UP", "LOWER_UP"
],
 "encapsulation": "Loopback",
 "addresses": {
 "127.0.0.1": {
 "family": "inet",
 "netmask": "255.0.0.0",
 "scope": "Node"
 },
 "::1": {
 "family": "inet6",
 "scope": "Node"
 }
 },
 },
 "eth0": {
 "type": "eth",
 "number": "0",
 },
 },
}
```

# Exercise: Run Ohai on Node

```
chef@node1:~$ ohai | less
```

```
{
 "languages": {
 "ruby": {
 },
 "java": {
 "version": "1.8.0_24",
 "runtime": {
 "name": "OpenJDK Runtime Environment (IcedTea6 3.11.13)",
 "build": "rhel-1.65.1.11.13.el6_4-x86_64"
 },
 "hotspot": {
 "name": "OpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM",
 "build": "20.0-b12, mixed mode"
 }
 },
 "perl": {
 "version": "5.10.1",
 "archname": "x86_64-linux-thread-multi"
 },
 "lua": {
 "version": "5.1.4"
 },
 "python": {
 "version": "2.6.6",
 "builddate": "Jul 10 2013, 22:48:45"
 },
 "kernel": {

```

# Exercise: Show all Node Attributes

```
$ knife node show node1 -l
```

```
Node Name: node1
Environment: _default
FQDN: centos63.example.com
IP: 10.160.201.90
Run List: recipe[apache]
Roles:
Recipes: apache
Platform: centos 6.4
Tags:
Attributes:
tags:

Default Attributes:

Override Attributes:

Automatic Attributes (Chal Data):
block_device:
 dm-0:
 removable: 0
 size: 28393472
```

# Exercise: Show Raw Node Objects

```
$ knife node show node1 -Fj
```

```
{
 "name": "node1",
 "chef_environment": "_default",
 "run_list": ["recipe[apache]"],
 "normal": {"tags": []}
}
```

# Exercise: Show only FQDN Attributes

```
$ knife node show node1 -a fqdn
```

```
node1:
 fqdn: centos63.example.com
```

# Exercise: Use Search to Find the same Data

```
$ knife search node "*" "*" -a fqdn
```

```
1 items found
```

```
node1:
```

```
 fqdn: centos63.example.com
```

# Setting Node Attributes

- Describe where & how to set attributes
- Explain the attribute merge order and precedence rules
- Declare an attribute with a Recipe and set its value

# What are Attributes?

- Attributes represent information about your node
- The information can be auto-detected from the Node (e.g. # of CPUs, amount of RAM) & populated by Ohai
- You can also set attributes on your Node using cookbook Recipes & attribute files, roles, Environments
- Attributes keep the program code separate from data
- All attributes are set on the “node object” and are indexed for search on the server

# Attributes Sources

- Attributes can be set at various levels (in increasing order of precedence)
- Automatically on the Node itself (by Ohai)
- In roles
- In Environments
- In Cookbook Recipes
- In Cookbook attribute files

# Setting Attributes in attribute files

- Attributes can be set in the cookbook's attributes file
  - `./cookbooks/<cookbook>/attributes/default.rb`
- Format is

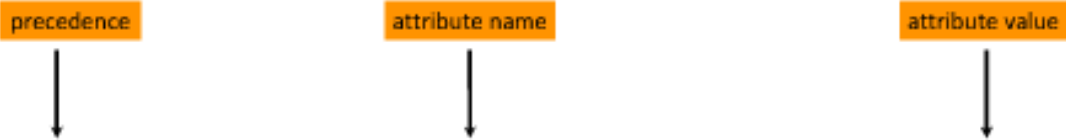


```
default["apache"]["dir"] = "/etc/apache2"
```

- We'll look at precedence later....

# Setting Attributes in Recipes

- They can also be set directly in Recipes
- Precede attribute name with 'node.' as follows

  
`node.default["apache"]["dir"] = "/etc/apache2"`

  
declares it a node attribute

# Problem Statement

- We have defined our “index.html” homepage in our Recipe, but we may want to change that without changing the Recipe
- Success of this will be determined by changing the homepage by changing an attribute value

# Exercise: Set attribute in attributes file



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** cookbooks/apache/attributes/default.rb

```
default["apache"]["indexfile"] = "index1.html"
```

**SAVE FILE!**

- Set an attribute to a specific value in the attributes file

# Exercise: Add index1.html to Cookbook's files/default directory



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** cookbooks/apache/files/default/index1.html

```
<html>
 <body>
 <h1>Hello, world!</h1>
 <h2>This is index1.html</h2>
 <p>We configured this in the attributes file</p>
 </body>
</html>
```

**SAVE FILE!**

# Exercise: Set Attribute in a Recipe



OPEN IN EDITOR:

cookbooks/apache/recipes/default.rb

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

cookbook_file "/var/www/html/index.html" do
 source node["apache"]["indexfile"]
 mode "0644"
end
```

**SAVE FILE!**

# Exercise: Upload the Cookbook

```
$ knife cookbook upload apache
```

```
Uploading apache [0.1.0]
Uploaded 1 cookbook.
```

# Exercise: Re-run Chef Client

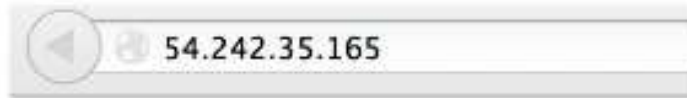
```
chef@node1:~$ sudo chef-client
```

```
Starting Chef Client, version 11.8.2
Resolving cookbooks for run list: ["apache"]
...
Recipe: apache::default
 * package[httpd] action install (up to date)
 * service[httpd] action enable (up to date)
 * service[httpd] action start (up to date)
 * cookbook_file[/var/www/html/index.html] action create
 - update content in file /var/www/html/index.html from 03fb1d to 478a29
 --- /var/www/html/index.html 2014-01-07 04:28:34.994965341 -0500
 +++ /tmp/.index.html20140107-12128-a6cszl 2014-01-07 04:31:24.049155232 -0500
 @@ -1,6 +1,8 @@
 <html>
 -<body>
 + <body>
 <h1>Hello, world!</h1>
 -</body>
 + <h2>This is index1.html</h2>
 + <p>We configured this in the attributes file</p>
 + </body>
 </html>
 - restore selinux security context

Chef Client finished, 1 resources updated
```

# Exercise: Verifying New Homepage Works

- Open a web browser
- The homepage takes the attribute file value



**Hello, world!**

**This is index1.html**

We configured this in the attributes file

# Exercise: Set attribute in Recipe



OPEN IN EDITOR:

cookbooks/apache/recipes/default.rb

```
service "apache2" do
 action [:enable, :start]
end
```

```
node.default["apache"]["indexfile"] = "index2.html"
cookbook_file "/var/www/html/index.html" do
 source node["apache"]["indexfile"]
 mode "0644"
end
```

**SAVE FILE!**

# Exercise: add index2.html to Cookbook's files/default directory



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** cookbooks/apache/files/default/index2.html

```
<html>
 <body>
 <h1>Hello, world!</h1>
 <h2>This is index2.html</h2>
 <p>We configured this in the recipe</p>
 </body>
</html>
```

**SAVE FILE!**

# Exercise: Update the Cookbook

```
$ knife cookbook upload apache
```

```
Uploading apache [0.1.0]
Uploaded 1 cookbook.
```

# Exercise: Re-run Chef Client

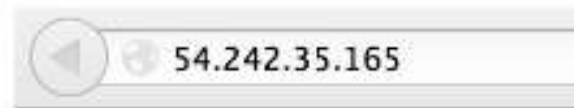
```
chef@node1:~$ sudo chef-client
```

```
Starting Chef Client, version 11.8.2
resolving cookbooks for run list: ["apache"]
...
Recipe: apache::default
 * package[httpd] action install (up to date)
 * service[httpd] action enable (up to date)
 * service[httpd] action start (up to date)
 * cookbook_file[/var/www/html/index.html] action create
 - update content in file /var/www/html/index.html from 478a29 to 153183
 === /var/www/html/index.html 2014-01-07 04:31:24.049155232 -0500
 +++ /tmp/.index.html20140107-12296-1lu8kv7 2014-01-07 04:32:45.605669431 -0500
 @@ -1,8 +1,8 @@
 <html>
 <body>
 <h1>Hello, world!</h1>
 - <h2>This is index1.html</h2>
 + <p>We configured this in the attributes file</p>
 + <h2>This is index2.html</h2>
 + <p>We configured this in the recipe</p>
 </body>
 </html>
 - restore selinux security context

Chef Client finished, 1 resources updated
```

# Exercise: Verify New Homepage Works

- Open a web browser
- Recipe value has taken precedence



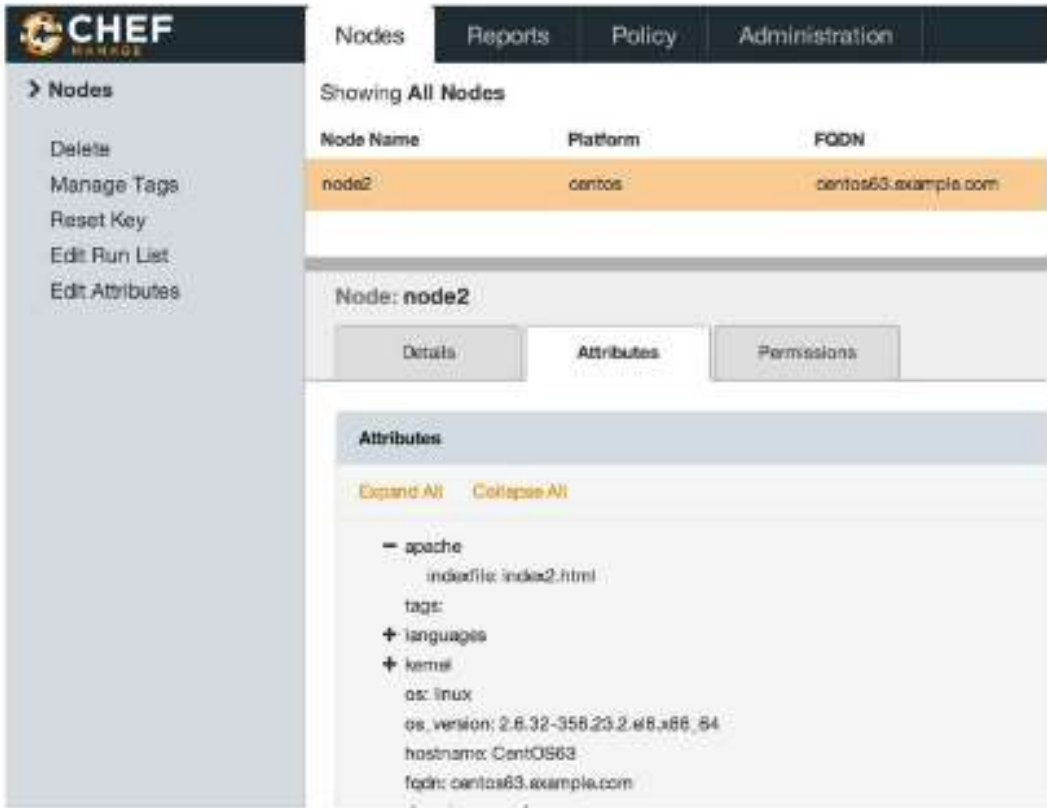
**Hello, world!**

**This is index2.html**

We configured this in the recipe

# Exercise: Viewing Attributes

## view WebUI



The screenshot displays the Chef Manage web interface. On the left is a sidebar with the 'CHEF MANAGE' logo and a 'Nodes' menu. The main content area has tabs for 'Nodes', 'Reports', 'Policy', and 'Administration'. Under the 'Nodes' tab, it says 'Showing All Nodes' and lists a table with columns 'Node Name', 'Platform', and 'FQDN'. The table contains one entry: 'node2' on 'centos' with FQDN 'centos63.example.com'. Below the table, there's a section for 'Node: node2' with buttons for 'Details', 'Attributes', and 'Permissions'. The 'Attributes' button is selected, showing a list of attributes including 'apache', 'languages', and 'kernel' with their respective values.

**CHEF MANAGE**

> Nodes

- Delete
- Manage Tags
- Reset Key
- Edit Run List
- Edit Attributes

Nodes | Reports | Policy | Administration

Showing All Nodes

Node Name	Platform	FQDN
node2	centos	centos63.example.com

Node: node2

Details | Attributes | Permissions

**Attributes**

Expand All Collapse All

- apache
  - indexfile: index2.html
- + languages
- + kernel
  - os: linux
  - os.version: 2.6.32-358.20.2.el6.x86\_64
  - hostname: CentOS63
  - fqdn: centos63.example.com

# Exercise: Viewing Attributes using knife

```
$ knife node show node1 -l | more
```

```
...
Attributes:
tags:

Default Attributes:
apache:
 indexfile: index2.html

Override Attributes:

Automatic Attributes (Ohai Data):
block_device:
 dm-0:
 removable: 0
 size: 31563776
...
```

# Default Attribute Precedence



- Please note this is a simplified diagram, and the precedences shown can be overridden

# Attributes, Templates and Cookbook Dependencies

- Describe Cookbook Attribute files
- Use ERB Template in Chef
- Explain Attribute Precedence
- Describe Cookbook Metadata
- Specify Cookbook dependencies
- Perform Cookbook creation, upload and test loop

# Problem Statement

- We need to add a message that appears at login that states:
  - “This server is property of COMPANY”
  - “This server is in-scope for PCI compliance” if the server is, in fact, in scope
- Success of this will be determined by seeing the message when we log in to the test Node

# Exercise: Create a Cookbook named 'motd'

```
$ knife cookbook create motd
```

```
** Creating cookbook motd
** Creating README for cookbook: motd
** Creating CHANGELOG for cookbook: motd
** Creating metadata for cookbook: motd
```

# Exercise: Create a default.rb attribute file



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** cookbooks/motd/attributes/default.rb

```
default["motd"]["company"] = "mo comp "
```

**SAVE FILE!**

- Creates a new Node attribute: `node["motd"]["company"]`
- Sets the values to the string "Chef"
- Note: there is no space between 'default' and '['
- The 'motd' in the attribute is just convention so you know the cookbook the attribute was set in. This is not an enforced syntax

# Exercise: Open the default Recipe in your editor



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** cookbooks/motd/recipes/default.rb

```

Cookbook Name:: motd
Recipe:: default

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All rights reserved - Do Not Redistribute
#
```

# Exercise: Add template resource for /etc/motd

- Use **template** resource
- The **name** is “/etc/motd”
- The resource has two parameters
  - **source** is “motd.erb”
  - **mode** is “0644”

# The template [/etc/motd] resource



OPEN IN EDITOR:

cookbooks/motd/recipes/default.rb

```

Cookbook Name:: motd
Recipe:: default

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template "/etc/motd" do
 source "motd.erb"
 mode "0644"
end
```

**SAVE FILE!**

# Exercise: Open motd.erb in your editor



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** cookbooks/motd/templates/default/motd.erb

```
This server is property of <%= node["motd"]["company"] %>
<% if node["pci"]["in_scope"] -%>
 This server is in-scope for PCI compliance
<% end -%>
```

**SAVE FILE!**

- **"erb"** stands for "Embedded Ruby"

# Templates are used for Almost All Configurations

- Templates are very flexible ways to create your configuration files
- Coupled with Chef's attribute precedence rules, you can create very effective, data-driven Cookbooks

# Exercise: Upload the motd Cookbook

```
$ knife cookbook upload motd
```

```
Uploading motd [0.1.0]
Uploaded 1 cookbook.
```

# Exercise: Create a Cookbook pci

```
$ knife cookbook create pci
```

```
** Creating cookbook pci
** Creating README for cookbook: pci
** Creating CHANGELOG for cookbook: pci
** Creating metadata for cookbook: pci
```

# Exercise: Create a default.erb attribute file



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** cookbooks/pci/attributes/default.rb

```
default["pci"]["in_scope"] = true
```

**SAVE FILE!**

- Creates a new Node attribute: `node["pci"]["in_scope"]`
- Sets the value to the Ruby `true` literal

# Exercise: Upload the PCI Cookbook

```
$ knife cookbook upload pci
```

```
Uploading pci [0.1.0]
Uploaded 1 cookbook.
```

# Exercise: Add the motd Recipe to your Node's Run List

```
$ knife node run_list add nodel "recipe[motd]"
```

```
nodel:
 run_list:
 recipe[apache]
 recipe[motd]
```

# Exercise: Add the motd Recipe to your Node's Run List

```
$ knife node show node1
```

```
Node Name: node1
Environment: _default
FQDN: centos63.example.com
IP: 10.160.201.90
Run List: recipe[apache], recipe[motd]
Roles:
Recipes: apache
Platform: centos 6.4
Tags:
```

# Exercise: Re-run the Chef Client

```
chef@node1:~$ sudo chef-client
```

```
Starting Chef Client, version 11.8.2
...
- motd
Compiling Cookbooks...
Converging 4 resources
Recipe: apache::default
 * package[httpd] action install[2014-01-06T09:14:33-05:00] INFO: Processing package[httpd] action install (apache::default line 9)
 (up to date)
 * service[httpd] action enable[2014-01-06T09:14:36-05:00] INFO: Processing service[httpd] action enable (apache::default line 13)
 (up to date)
 * service[httpd] action start[2014-01-06T09:14:36-05:00] INFO: Processing service[httpd] action start (apache::default line 13)
 (up to date)
 * cookbook_file[/var/www/html/index.html] action create[2014-01-06T09:14:37-05:00] INFO: Processing cookbook_file[/var/www/html/index.html] action create (apache::default line 9)
 (up to date)
Recipe: motd::default
 * template[/etc/motd] action create[2014-01-06T09:14:37-05:00] INFO: Processing template[/etc/motd] action create (motd::default line 9)
[2014-01-06T09:14:37-05:00] INFO: template[/etc/motd] created file /etc/motd

- create new file /etc/motd

Error executing action 'create' on resource 'template[/etc/motd]'

Chef::Mixin::Template::TemplateError

undefined method `[]' for nil:NilClass
```

# Exercise: Add a dependency on the PCI Cookbook to the MOTD Cookbook



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** cookbooks/motd/metadata.rb

```
maintainer "YOUR_COMPANY_NAME"
maintainer_email "YOUR_EMAIL"
license "All rights reserved"
description "Installs/Configures motd"
long_description IO.read(File.join(File.dirname(__FILE__), 'README.md'))
version "0.1.0"
```

# Exercise: Add a dependency on the PCI Cookbook to the MOTD Cookbook

 OPEN IN EDITOR: cookbooks/motd/metadata.rb

```
maintainer "YOUR_COMPANY_NAME"
maintainer_email "YOUR_EMAIL"
license "All rights reserved"
description "Installs/Configures motd"
long_description IO.read(File.join(File.dirname(__FILE__), 'README.md'))
version "0.1.0"
depends "pci"
```

- Cookbooks that depend on other cookbooks will cause the dependent cookbook to be downloaded to the client, and evaluated

# Cookbook Metadata



OPEN IN EDITOR:

cookbooks/motd/metadata.rb

```
maintainer "YOUR_COMPANY_NAME"
maintainer_email "YOUR_EMAIL"
license "All rights reserved"
description "Installs/Configures motd"
long_description IO.read(File.join(File.dirname(__FILE__), 'README.md'))
version "0.1.0"
depends "pci"
```

# COOKBOOK Attributes are Applied for all Downloaded Cookbooks

- Cookbooks downloaded as dependencies will have their attributes files evaluated
- Even if there is no Recipe from the Cookbook in the Run List

# Exercise: Upload the motd Cookbook

```
$ knife cookbook upload motd
```

```
Uploading motd [0.1.0]
Uploaded 1 cookbook.
```

# Exercise: Re-run the Chef Client

```
chef@node1:~$ sudo chef-client
```

```
Forking chef instance to converge...
Starting Chef Client, version 11.8.2
*** Chef 11.8.2 ***
Chef-client pid: 15152
Run List is [recipe[apache], recipe[motd]]
Run List expands to [apache, motd]
Starting Chef Run for node1
--
- update content in file /etc/motd from b0c4 to 62eb
 (new content is binary; diff output suppressed)
- restore selinux security context

Chef Run complete in 6.8103587 seconds
Removing cookbooks/apache/files/default/index2.html from the cache; it is no longer needed by chef-client.
Running report handlers
Report handlers complete
Chef Client finished, 1 resources updated
Sending resource update report (run-id: f923449e-cc7b-45f7-a9fb-ac1da3653557)
```

**WIN!**

# Exercise: Check your Work

```
chef@node1:~$ cat /etc/motd
```

```
This server is property of Chef
This server is in-scope for PCI compliance
```

# Template Variables, Notifications, Controlling Idempotency

- Use the **execute** resource
- Control idempotence manually with `not_if` and `only_if`
- Navigate the Resource page on [docs.getchef.com](https://docs.getchef.com)
- Describe the Directory resource
- Implement resource notifications
- Explain what Template Variables are and how to use them
- Use Ruby variables loops and string expansion

# Problem Statement

- We need to deploy multiple custom home pages running on different ports
- The success of this will be determined by being able to view our custom home page

# Exercise: Change the Cookbook's version number in the metadata



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** cookbooks/apache/metadata.rb

```
maintainer "YOUR_COMPANY_NAME"
maintainer_email "YOUR_EMAIL"
license "All rights reserved"
description "Installs/Configures apache"
long_description IO.read(File.join(File.dirname(__FILE__), 'README.md'))
version "0.2.0"
```

**SAVE FILE!**

- Major, Minor, Patch
- Semantic Versioning Policy: <http://semver.org/>

# Exercise: Edit the attribute file default.rb



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** cookbooks/apache/attributes/default.rb

```
default["apache"]["sites"]["clowns"] = { "port" => 80 }
default["apache"]["sites"]["bears"] = { "port" => 81 }
```

**SAVE FILE!**

- We add information about the sites we need to deploy
  - One about Clowns, running on port 80
  - One about Bears, running on port 81

# Exercise: Open the default Recipe in your editor



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** cookbooks/apache/recipes/default.rb

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

service "httpd" do
 action [:enable, :start]
end

node.default["apache"]["indexfile"] = "index2.html"
cookbook_file "/var/www/html/index.html" do
 source node["apache"]["indexfile"]
 mode "0644"
end

Tasks:-
Disable the default virtual host
Iterate over the apache sites
Set the document root
Add a template for Apache virtual host configuration
Add a directory resource to create the document_root
Add a template resource for the virtual host's index.html
```

# Exercise: Use the execute resource to disable the default Apache virtual host



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** cookbooks/apache/recipes/default.rb

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

Disable the default virtual host
execute "mv /etc/httpd/conf.d/welcome.conf /etc/httpd/conf.d/welcome.conf.disabled" do
 only_if do
 File.exist?("/etc/httpd/conf.d/welcome.conf")
 end
 notifies :restart, "service[httpd]"
end

cookbook_file "/var/www/html/index.html" do
```

**SAVE FILE!**

- Renames the default site config file, but only if the file exists
- If the action succeeds, restart Apache

# Execute resources are generally not idempotent

- Chef will stop your run if a resource fails
- Most command line utilities are not idempotent and can only be run once – they assume a human being is interacting with and understands that state if the system
  - e.g. ‘mv /foo/file1 /bar’ will work the first time its run, but will fail the second time
- The result is – its up to you to make the execute resources idempotent

# Enter the not\_if and only\_if meta parameter

```
only_if do
 File.exist?("/etc/httpd/conf.d/welcome.conf")
end
```

- The **only\_if** parameter causes the resources actions to be taken only if its argument returns true
- The **not\_if** parameter is the opposite of only\_if - the actions are taken only if its argument returns false

# Exercise: Iterate over each apache site



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** cookbooks/apache/recipes/default.rb

```
execute "mv /etc/httpd/conf.d/welcome.conf /etc/httpd/conf.d/welcome.conf.disabled" do
 only_if do
 File.exist?("/etc/httpd/conf.d/welcome.conf")
 end
 notifies :restart, "service[httpd]"
end
```

```
node.default["apache"]["indexfile"] = "index2.html"
cookbook_file "/var/www/index.html" do
 source node["apache"]["indexfile"]
 mode "0644"
end
```

- Delete the cookbook\_file resource

# Exercise: Iterate over each apache site

```
node["apache"]["sites"].each do |site_name, site_data|
 document_root = "/srv/apache/#{site_name}"
end
```

- Calling `.each` loops over each site

```
"apache" "sites" "clowns" "port" 80
"apache" "sites" "bears" "port" 81
```

- First pass
  - `site_name = 'clowns'`
  - `site_data = { "port" => 80 }`
- Second pass
  - `site_name = 'bears'`
  - `site_data = { "port" => 81 }`

# Exercise: Iterate over each apache site

```
node["apache"]["sites"].each do |site_name, site_data|
 document_root = "/srv/apache/#{site_name}"
end
```

- Create a variable called `document_root`
- `#{site_name}` means "insert the value of `site_name` here"
- First pass
  - The value is the string `/srv/apache/clowns`
- Second pass
  - The value is the string `/srv/apache/bears`

# Template Variables

- Not all data you might need in a template is necessarily node attributes
- The **variables** parameter lets you pass in custom data for use in a template

# Exercise: Add a directory resource to create the document\_root

- Use a **directory** resource
- The name is `document_root`
- The resource has two parameters
  - mode is “0755”
  - recursive is `true`
- Use the Resources page in the Docs Site to read more about what **recursive** does

# Exercise: Add the directory resource

```
Add a template for Apache virtual host configuration
template "/etc/httpd/conf.d/#{site_name}.conf" do
 source "custom.erb"
 mode "0644"
 variables(
 :document_root => document_root,
 :port => site_data["port"]
)
 notifies :restart, "service[httpd]"
end

Add a directory resource to create the document_root
directory document_root do
 mode "0755"
 recursive true
end
```

# Exercise: Add a template resource to supply the index.html for the virtual host

```
Add a directory resource to create the document_root
directory document_root do
 mode "0755"
 recursive true
end

Add a template resource for the virtual host's index.html
template "#{document_root}/index.html" do
 source "index.html.erb"
 mode "0644"
 variables(
 :site_name => site_name,
 :port => site_data["port"]
)
end
end
```

# Don't forget the last "end"

```
Add a template resource for the virtual host's index.html
template "#{document_root}/index.html" do
 source "index.html.erb"
 mode "0644"
 variables(
 :site_name => site_name,
 :port => site_data["port"]
)
end
end
```

# Exercise: Add custom.erb to your templates directory



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** cookbooks/apache/templates/default/custom.erb

- Note the two **template variables** are prefixed with an @ symbol
- Our first conditional if!
- If you are feeling hardcore, type it
- <https://gist.github.com/8955103>

```
<% if @port != 80 -%>
 Listen <%= @port %>
<% end -%>

<VirtualHost *: <%= @port %>>
 ServerAdmin webmaster@localhost

 DocumentRoot <%= @document_root %>
 <Directory />
 Options FollowSymLinks
 AllowOverride None
 </Directory>
 <Directory <%= @document_root %>
 Options Indexes FollowSymLinks MultiViews
 AllowOverride None
 Order allow,deny
 allow from all
 </Directory>
</VirtualHost>
```

**SAVE FILE!**

# Exercise: Add index.html.erb to your templates directory



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** cookbooks/apache/templates/default/index.html.erb

```
<html>
 <body>
 <h1>Welcome to <%= node["motd"]["company"] %></h1>
 <h2>We love <%= @site_name %></h2>
 <%= node["ipaddress"] %>:<%= @port %>
 </body>
</html>
```

**SAVE FILE!**

- Note the two **template variables** are prefixed with an @ symbol
- <https://gist.github.com/8955080>

# Exercise: Upload the Apache Cookbook

```
$ knife cookbook upload apache
```

```
Uploading apache [0.2.0]
Uploaded 1 cookbook.
```

# Exercise: Verify the two sites are working



# Best Practice: Recipes contain the pattern, attributes supply the details

- Recipes contain the pattern for how to do something (“How we deploy apache virtual hosts”)
- Attributes contain the details (“What virtual hosts should we deploy?”)

# Recipe Inclusion, Data Bags, Search

- Explain what Data Bags are and how they are used
- Describe the User and Group resources
- Use the `include_recipe` directive
- Describe the role Search plays in recipes

# Problem Statement

- Employees should have local user accounts created on servers along with custom groups
- The success of this will be checked by adding new employees and groups to server dynamically

# Where should we store the user data?

- As we have seen, we could start by storing the information about users as Node Attributes
- This is sort of a bummer because we would be supplicating a lot of information – every user in the company will be stored in every Node object
- Additionally, it would be very hard to integrate such a solution with another source of truth about users

# Introducing Data Bags

- A data bag is a container for items that represent information about your infrastructure that is not tied to a single node
- Examples
  - Users
  - Groups
  - Application Release Information

# Make a data\_bags directory

```
$ mkdir -p data_bags/users
```

(No output)

# Exercise: Create a data bag named users

```
$ knife data_bag create users
```

```
Created data_bag[users]
```

# Exercise: Create a user item in the users data bag



OPEN IN EDITOR: data\_bags/users/bobo.json

```
{
 "id": "bobo",
 "comment": "Bobo T. Clown",
 "uid": 2000,
 "gid": 0,
 "home": "/home/bobo",
 "shell": "/bin/bash"
}
```

**SAVE FILE!**

# Exercise: Create the data bag item

```
$ knife data_bag from file users bobo.json
```

```
Updated data_bag_item[users::bobo]
```

# Exercise: Create another user in the user data bag



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** data\_bags/users/frank.json

```
{
 "id": "frank",
 "comment": "Frank Belson",
 "uid": 2001,
 "gid": 0,
 "home": "/home/frank",
 "shell": "/bin/bash"
}
```

**SAVE FILE!**

# Exercise: Create the data bag item

```
$ knife data_bag from file users frank.json
```

```
Updated data_bag_item[users::frank]
```

# Exercise: Show all the items in the user data bag

```
$ knife search users "*:*"
```

```
2 items found
```

```
chef_type: data_bag_item
comment: Frank Belson
data_bag: users
gid: 0
home: /home/frank
id: frank
shell: /bin/bash
uid: 2001
```

```
chef_type: data_bag_item
comment: Bobo T. Clown
data_bag: users
gid: 0
home: /home/bobo
id: bobo
shell: /bin/bash
uid: 2000
```

# Exercise: Find Bobo's shell in Chef

```
$ knife search users "id:bobo" -a shell
```

```
1 items found
```

```
data_bag_item_users_bobo:
 shell: /bin/bash
```

# Exercise: Create a data bag named groups

```
$ mkdir data_bags/groups
$ knife data_bag create groups
```

```
Created data_bag[groups]
```

# Exercise: Create a group item in the group data bag



OPEN IN EDITOR: data\_bags/groups/clowns.json

```
{
 "id": "clowns",
 "gid": 3000,
 "members": ["bobo", "frank"]
}
```

**SAVE FILE!**

# Exercise: Create the data bag item

```
$ knife data_bag from file groups clowns.json
```

```
Updated data_bag_item[groups::clowns]
```

# Exercise: Show all the groups in Chef

```
$ knife search groups "*:*"
```

```
1 items found

chef_type: data_bag_item
data_bag: groups
gid: 3000
id: clowns
members:
 bobo
 frank
```

# Exercise: Create a Cookbook named 'users'

```
$ knife cookbook create users
```

```
** Creating cookbook users
** Creating README for cookbook: users
** Creating CHANGELOG for cookbook: users
** Creating metadata for cookbook: users
```

# Exercise: Open the default recipe in your editor



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** cookbooks/users/recipes/default.rb

```

Cookbook Name:: users
Recipe:: default

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#
```

**SAVE FILE!**

# Exercise: Open the default recipe in your editor

```
search("users", ":*").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

include_recipe "users::groups"
```

- We use the same search we just tried with Knife in the recipe
- Each item is bound to `user_data`
- Use the Chef Docs for information about the `user` resource

# Exercise: Open the default recipe in your editor

```
search("users", "*:*").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
```

```
include_recipe "users::groups"
```

- `include_recipe` ensures another recipes resources are complete before we continue
- Chef will only include each recipe once

# Best Practice: Use `include_recipe` liberally

- If there is a pre-requisite for your recipe that resides in another recipe (the JVM existing for your Java application, for example)
- Always use `include_recipe` to include it specifically, even if you put it in a run list

# Exercise: Open the users::groups recipe in your editor



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** cookbooks/users/recipes/groups.rb

```
search("groups", ":*:") .each do |group_data|
 group group_data["id"] do
 gid group_data["gid"]
 members group_data["members"]
 end
end
```

**SAVE FILE!**

- This file follows the same pattern as the default users recipe
- Use the Chef Docs for information about the **group** resource

# Exercise: Upload the users Cookbook

```
$ knife cookbook upload users
```

```
Uploading users [0.1.0]
Uploaded 1 cookbook.
```

# Exercise: Add the users recipe to your test node's run list

```
$ knife node run_list add node1 'recipe[users]'
```

```
node1:
 run_list:
 recipe[apache]
 recipe[motd]
 recipe[users]
```

# Exercise: Re-run the Chef Client

```
chef@node1$ sudo chef-client
```

```
...
Recipe: users::default
 * user[bobo] action create[2014-01-07T06:16:26-05:00] INFO: Processing user[bobo] action create
(users::default line 10)
[2014-01-07T06:16:26-05:00] INFO: user[bobo] created

 - create user user[bobo]

 * user[frank] action create[2014-01-07T06:16:26-05:00] INFO: Processing user[frank] action create
(users::default line 10)
[2014-01-07T06:16:27-05:00] INFO: user[frank] created

 - create user user[frank]

Recipe: users::groups
 * group[clowns] action create[2014-01-07T06:16:27-05:00] INFO: Processing group[clowns] action create
(users::groups line 2)
[2014-01-07T06:16:27-05:00] INFO: group[clowns] created

 - create group[clowns]
...
```

# Exercise: Verify the users and groups exist

```
chef@node1:~$ cat /etc/passwd
```

```
frank:x:2001:0:Frank Belson:/home/frank:/bin/bash
bobo:x:2000:0:Bobo T. Clown:/home/bobo:/bin/bash
```

```
chef@node1:~$ cat /etc/group
```

```
clowns:x:3000:bobo,frank
```

# Recap

- We just created a centralized user and group repository from scratch
  - That's kind of like what LDAP and Active Directory do
- Between Data Bags and Node Attribute precedence, Chef provides a plethora of ways to inform the patterns you use to configure your infrastructure

# Roles

- Explain what Roles are and how they are used to provide clarity
- Discuss the Role Ruby DSL
- Show a Role with knife
- Explain how merge order affects the precedence hierarchy
- Describe nested Roles

# What is a Role?

- So far, we have been just adding recipes directly to a single node
- But that is not how your infrastructure works – this about how you refer to servers
  - “It’s a **web server**”
  - “It’s a **database server**”
  - “It’s a **monitoring server**”

# What is a Role?

- Roles allow you to conveniently encapsulate the run lists and attributes required for a server to “be” what you already think it is
- In practice, Roles make it **easy to configure many nodes identically** without repeating yourself each time

# Best Practice: Roles live in your Chef repo

- Like Data Bags, you have options with how to create a Role
- The best practice is that all of your Roles live in the roles directory of your chef-repo
- They can be created via the API and knife but it is nice to be able to see them evolve in your source control history

# Exercise: Create the webserver role



OPEN IN EDITOR: roles/webserver.rb

- A Role has a:
  - name
  - description
  - run\_list

```
name "webserver"
description "Web Server"
run_list "recipe[apache]"
default_attributes({
 "apache" => {
 "sites" => {
 "admin" => {
 "port" => 8000
 }
 }
 }
})
```

**SAVE FILE!**

# Exercise: Create the webserver role



OPEN IN EDITOR: roles/webserver.rb

- You can set default node attributes within a role.

```
name "webserver"
description "Web Server"
run_list "recipe[apache]"
default_attributes({
 "apache" => {
 "sites" => {
 "admin" => {
 "port" => 8000
 }
 }
 }
})
```

SAVE FILE!

# Exercise: Create the Role

```
$ knife role from file webserver.rb
```

```
Updated Role webserver!
```

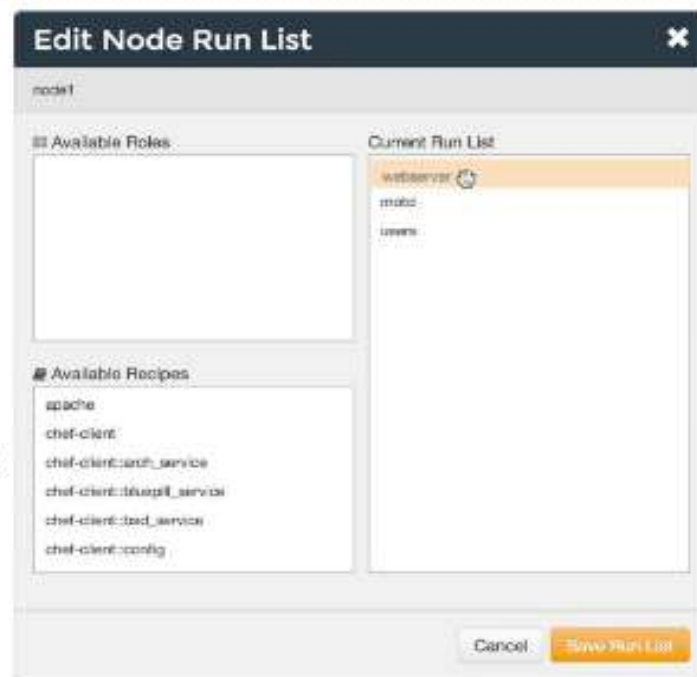
# Exercise: Show the Role with knife

```
$ knife role show webserver
```

```
chef_type: role
default_attributes:
 apache:
 sites:
 admin:
 port: 8000
description: Web Server
env_run_lists:
json_class: Chef::Role
name: webserver
override_attributes:
run_list: recipe[apache]
```

# Exercise: Replace recipe [apache] with role [webserver] in run list

- Click the 'Nodes' tab then select node 'node1'
- Click 'Edit Run List' from left navigation bar
- Drag 'Apache' over from 'Current Run List' to 'Available Recipes'
- Drag 'webserver' over from 'Available Roles' to the top of 'Current Run List'
- Click 'Save Run List'



# Exercise: Re-run the Chef Client

```
chef@node1$ sudo chef-client
```

```
INFO: *** Chef 11.8.2 ***
INFO: Chef-client pid: 5634
INFO: Run List is [role[webserver], recipe[motd], recipe[users]]
INFO: Run List expands to [apache, motd, users]
```

# Exercise: Re-run the Chef Client

```
* directory[/srv/apache/admin] action create[2014-01-07T06:39:51-05:00] INFO: Processing directory[/srv/apache/admin] action
create (apache::default line 53)
[2014-01-07T06:39:51-05:00] INFO: directory[/srv/apache/admin] created directory /srv/apache/admin

- create new directory /srv/apache/admin[2014-01-07T06:39:51-05:00] INFO: directory[/srv/apache/admin] mode changed to 755
- change mode from '' to '0755'
- restore selinux security context

* template[/srv/apache/admin/index.html] action create[2014-01-07T06:39:51-05:00] INFO: Processing
template[/srv/apache/admin/index.html] action create (apache::default line 58)
[2014-01-07T06:39:51-05:00] INFO: template[/srv/apache/admin/index.html] created file /srv/apache/admin/index.html

- create new file /srv/apache/admin/index.html[2014-01-07T06:39:51-05:00] INFO: template[/srv/apache/admin/index.html]
updated file contents /srv/apache/admin/index.html

- update content in file /srv/apache/admin/index.html from none to 8abbb3
=== /srv/apache/admin/index.html 2014-01-07 06:39:51.762119942 -0500
+++ /tmp/chef-rendered-template20140107-17953-louqbi2014-01-07 06:39:51.764120008 -0500
@@ -1,8 @@
+<html>
+ <body>
+ <h1>Welcome to Chef</h1>
+ <h2>We love admin</h2>
+ 10.160.201.90:8000
+ </body>
+</html>[2014-01-07T06:39:51-05:00] INFO: template[/srv/apache/admin/index.html] mode changed to 644

- change mode from '' to '0644'
```

# Node Attributes that are hashes are merged

- The apache cookbooks attribute file contains:

```
default["apache"]["sites"]["clowns"] = { "port" => 80 }
default["apache"]["sites"]["bears"] = { "port" => 81 }
```

- While our role has...

```
default_attributes({
 "apache" => {
 "sites" => {
 "admin" => {
 "port" => 8000
 }
 }
 }
})
```

# Exercise: Display the apache.sites attribute on all nodes with webserver role

```
$ knife search node "role:webserver" -a apache.sites
```

```
1 items found

node1:
 apache.sites:
 admin:
 port: 8000
 bears:
 port: 81
 clowns:
 port: 80
```

# Exercise: Edit the webserver role



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** roles/webserver.rb

- Do not forget the **comma** after the admin site
- Change the value of the bears site to be 8081

```
default_attributes({
 "apache" => {
 "sites" => {
 "admin" => {
 "port" => 8000
 },
 "bears" => {
 "port" => 8081
 }
 }
 }
})
```

**SAVE FILE!**

# Exercise: Create the role

```
$ knife role from file webserver.rb
```

```
Updated Role webserver!
```

# Exercise: Re-run the Chef Client

```
chef@node1$ sudo chef-client
```

```
...
[2014-01-07T06:57:48-05:00] INFO: template[/etc/httpd/conf.d/bears.conf] updated file contents
/etc/httpd/conf.d/bears.conf

- update content in file /etc/httpd/conf.d/bears.conf from 30610b to 92e1e4
 --- /etc/httpd/conf.d/bears.conf 2014-01-07 05:13:42.450113970 -0500
 +++ /tmp/chef-rendered-template20140107-18263-5563t5 2014-01-07 06:57:48.091397610 -0500
 @@ -1,6 +1,6 @@
 - Listen 81
 + Listen 8081

 -<VirtualHost *:81>
 +<VirtualHost *:8081>
 ServerAdmin webmaster@localhost

 DocumentRoot /srv/apache/bears

...
```

# Exercise: Display the apache sites attribute on all nodes with the webserver role

```
$ knife search node 'role:webserver' -a apache.sites
```

```
1 items found

node1:
 apache.sites:
 admin:
 port: 8000
 bears:
 port: 8081
 clowns:
 port: 80
```

# Best Practice: Have “base” roles

- In addition to obvious roles such as “webserver”, it is a common practice to group any functionality that “goes together” in a role
- The most common example here is a **base** role, where you include all the recipes that should be run on every node

# Exercise: Create the base role



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** roles/base.rb

```
name "base"
description "Base Server Role"
run_list "recipe[motd]", "recipe[users]"
```

**SAVE FILE!**

# Exercise: Create the role

```
$ knife role from file base.rb
```

```
Updated Role base!
```

# Exercise: Add the base role to the webserver role's run list



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** roles/webserver.rb

```
name "webserver"
description "Web Server"
run_list "role[base]", "recipe[apache]"
default_attributes({
 "apache" => {
```

- Put `role[base]` at the front of the `run_list`

**SAVE FILE!**

# Exercise: Update the role

```
$ knife role from file webserver.rb
```

```
Updated Role webserver!
```

# Exercise: Re-run the Chef Client

```
chef@node1$ sudo chef-client
```

```
INFO: *** Chef 11.8.2 ***
Chef-client pid: 5634
INFO: Run List is [role[webserver], recipe[motd],
recipe[users]]
INFO: Run List expands to [motd, users, apache]
```

# Best Practice: Be explicit about what you need or expect

- Chef will only execute a recipe the first time it will appear in the run list
- So be explicit about your needs and expectations – either by nesting roles or using `include_recipe`

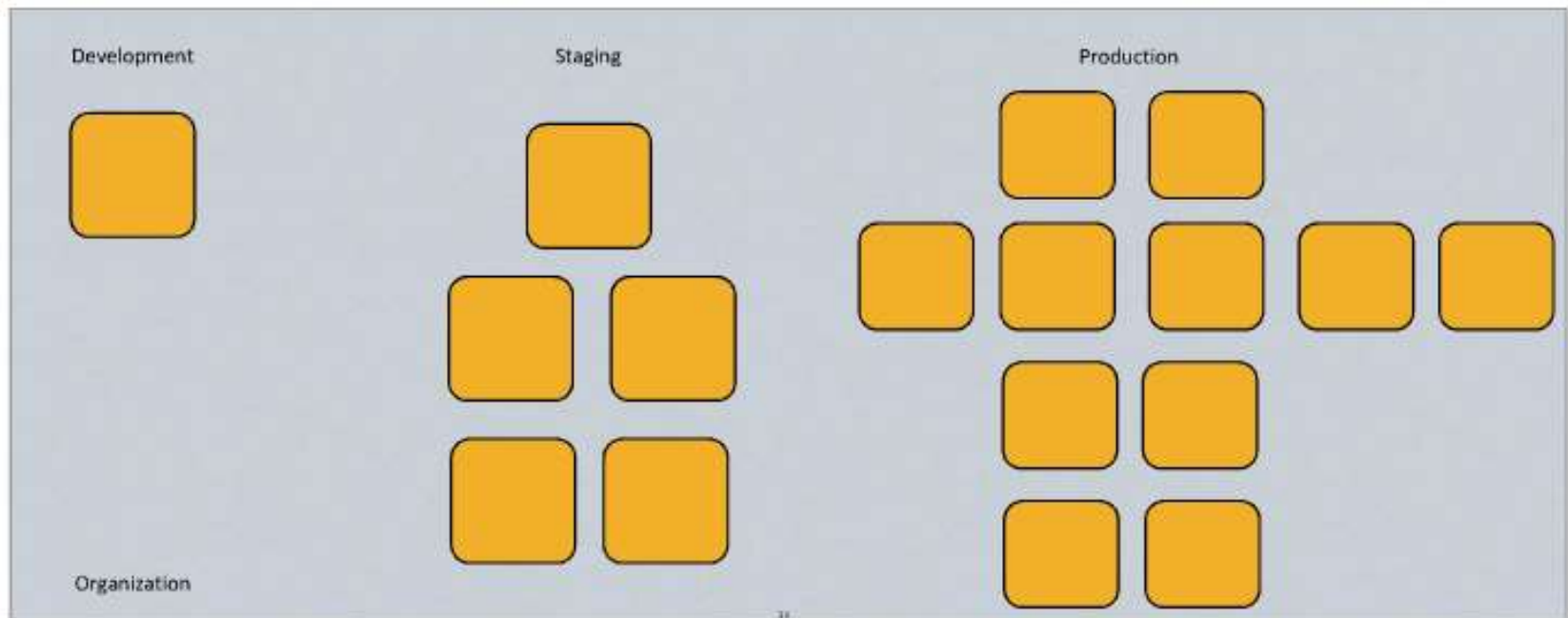
# Exercise: Set the run list to just role [webserver]

- Remove all entries in the run list other than role [webserver]

# Environments

- Describe what an Environment is and how it is different from an Organization
- Set Cookbook version constraints
- Explain when to set attributes in an environment

# Environments



# Environments

- Every Organization starts with a single environment
- Environments reflect your patterns and workflow
  - Development
  - Test
  - Staging
  - Production
  - etc...

# Exercise: Use knife to show the available Cookbook versions

```
$ knife cookbook show apache
```

```
apache 0.2.0 0.1.0
```

# Exercise: List current environments

```
$ knife environment list
```

```
_default
```

- The `_default` environment is read-only, and sets no policy at all

# Make an environments directory

```
$ mkdir environments
```

```
(No output)
```

# Exercise: Create a Development Environment



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** environments/dev.rb

```
name "dev"
description "For developers!"
cookbook "apache", "= 0.2.0"
```

**SAVE FILE!**

- Environments have **names**
- Environments have a **description**
- Environments *can* have one or more **cookbook** constraints

# Cookbook Version Constraints

- = Equal to
- There are other options but equality is the recommended practice
- Learn more at

[http://docs.getchef.com/chef/essentials\\_cookbook\\_versions.html](http://docs.getchef.com/chef/essentials_cookbook_versions.html)

# Exercise: Create the Development Environment

```
$ knife environment from file dev.rb
```

```
Updated Environment dev
```

# Exercise: Show your Development Environment

```
$ knife environment show dev
```

```
chef_type: environment
cookbook_versions:
 apache: = 0.2.0
default_attributes:
description: For developers!
json_class: Chef::Environment
name: dev
override_attributes:
```

# Exercise: Change your node's environment to "dev"

- Click the 'Nodes' tab then select node 'node1'
- Select `dev` from the 'Environments' drop-down list
- Click 'Save'



The screenshot shows the Chef web interface. The 'Nodes' tab is selected in the top navigation bar. Below the navigation bar, there is a table of nodes. The first node, 'node1', is highlighted. Below the table, the 'Node: node1' details page is shown. The 'Details' tab is selected. The 'Last Check In' and 'Uptime' sections are visible. The 'Environments' section is highlighted with an orange circle, showing a dropdown menu with 'dev' selected. The 'Save' button is also visible.

Node Name	Platform	PCON	IP Address	Uptime	Last Check In	Environment	Actions
node1	centos	centos@10.10.10.10	10.10.10.10	9 hours	10 minutes ago	default	

Node: node1

Details | Actions | Permissions

Last Check In: 10 Minutes Ago  
2014-01-07 15:33:30 UTC

Uptime: 9 Hours  
Since 2014-01-07 00:44:51 UTC

Environment:  

node environment changed from 'default' to 'dev'

Cancel Save

Platform: centos  
PCON: centos@10.10.10.10  
IP Address: 10.10.10.10

# Exercise: Re-run the Chef Client

```
chef@node1$ sudo chef-client
```

```
INFO: Chef Run complete in 1.587776095 seconds
INFO: Running report handlers
INFO: Report handlers complete
```

# Exercise: Create a production environment



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** `environments/production.rb`

- Make sure the apache cookbook is set to version 0.1.0
- Set an override attribute for being in scope - no matter what, you are in scope

```
name "production"
description "For Prods!"
cookbook "apache", "= 0.1.0"
override_attributes({
 "pci" => {
 "in_scope" => true
 }
})
```

**SAVE FILE!**

# Exercise: Create the production environment

```
$ knife environment from file production.rb
```

```
Updated Environment production
```

# Exercise: Re-run the Chef Client

```
chef@node1$ sudo chef-client
```

```
INFO: Loading cookbooks [apache, motd, pci, users]
Synchronizing Cookbooks:
```

```
...
```

```
Recipe: motd::default
```

```
 * template[/etc/motd] action create[2014-01-07T08:40:00-05:00] INFO: Processing template[/etc/motd] action create
 {motd::default line 9}
[2014-01-07T08:40:00-05:00] INFO: template[/etc/motd] backed up to /var/chef/backup/etc/motd.chef-20140107084000.070961
[2014-01-07T08:40:00-05:00] INFO: template[/etc/motd] updated file contents /etc/motd
```

```
 - update content in file /etc/motd from d36elf to 62ebb9
 {current file is binary, diff output suppressed}
```

```
...
```

```
 * cookbook_file[/var/www/index.html] action create[2014-01-07T08:40:05-05:00] INFO: Processing
 cookbook_file[/var/www/index.html] action create {apache::default line 18}
 {up to date}
```

```
[2014-01-07T08:40:06-05:00] INFO: Chef Run complete in 8.048307322 seconds
```

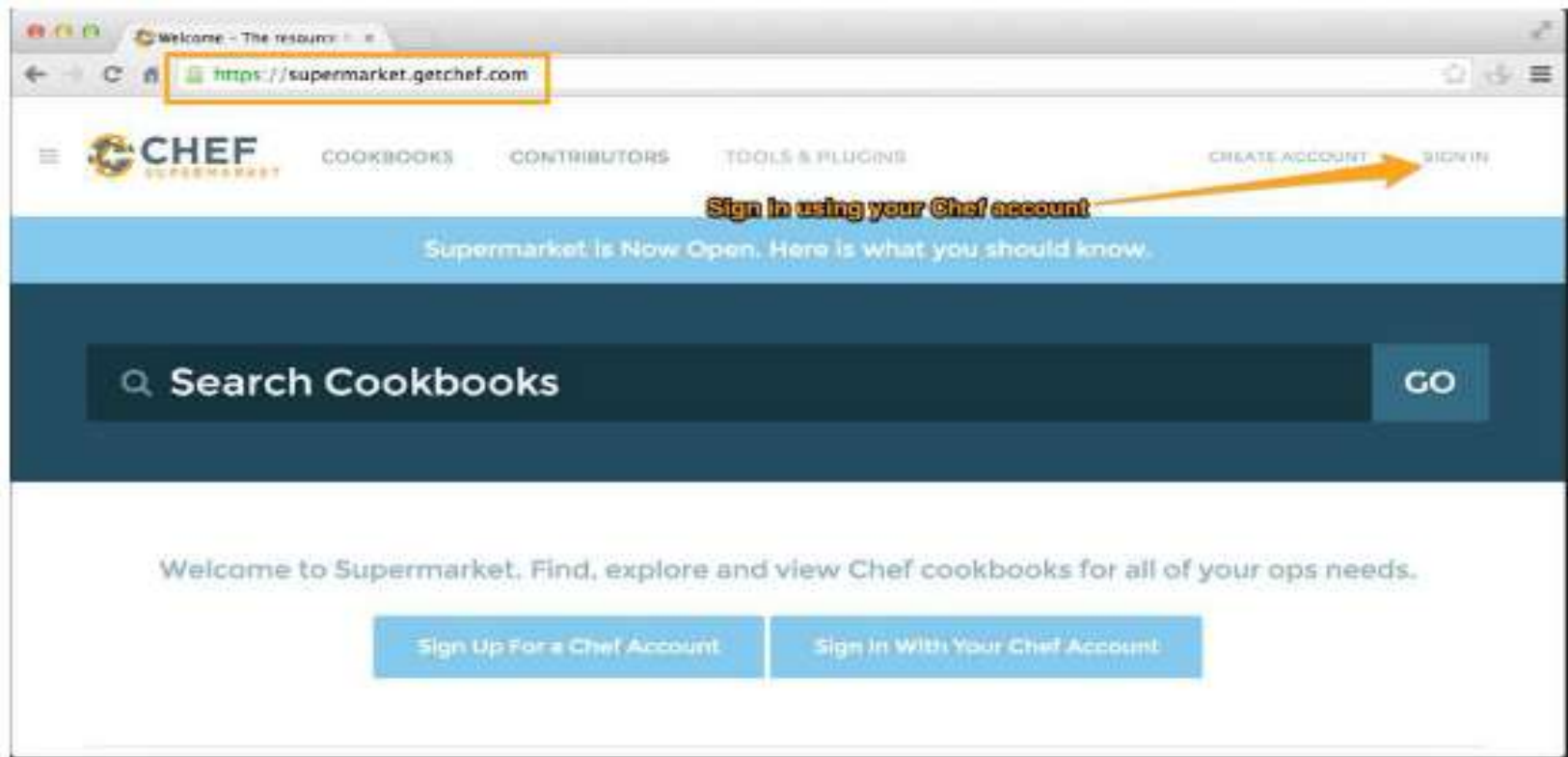
```
[2014-01-07T08:40:06-05:00] INFO: Removing cookbooks/apache/templates/default/index.html.erb from the cache; it is no
 longer needed by chef-client.
```

```
[2014-01-07T08:40:06-05:00] INFO: Removing cookbooks/apache/templates/default/custom.erb from the cache; it is no longer
 needed by chef-client.
```

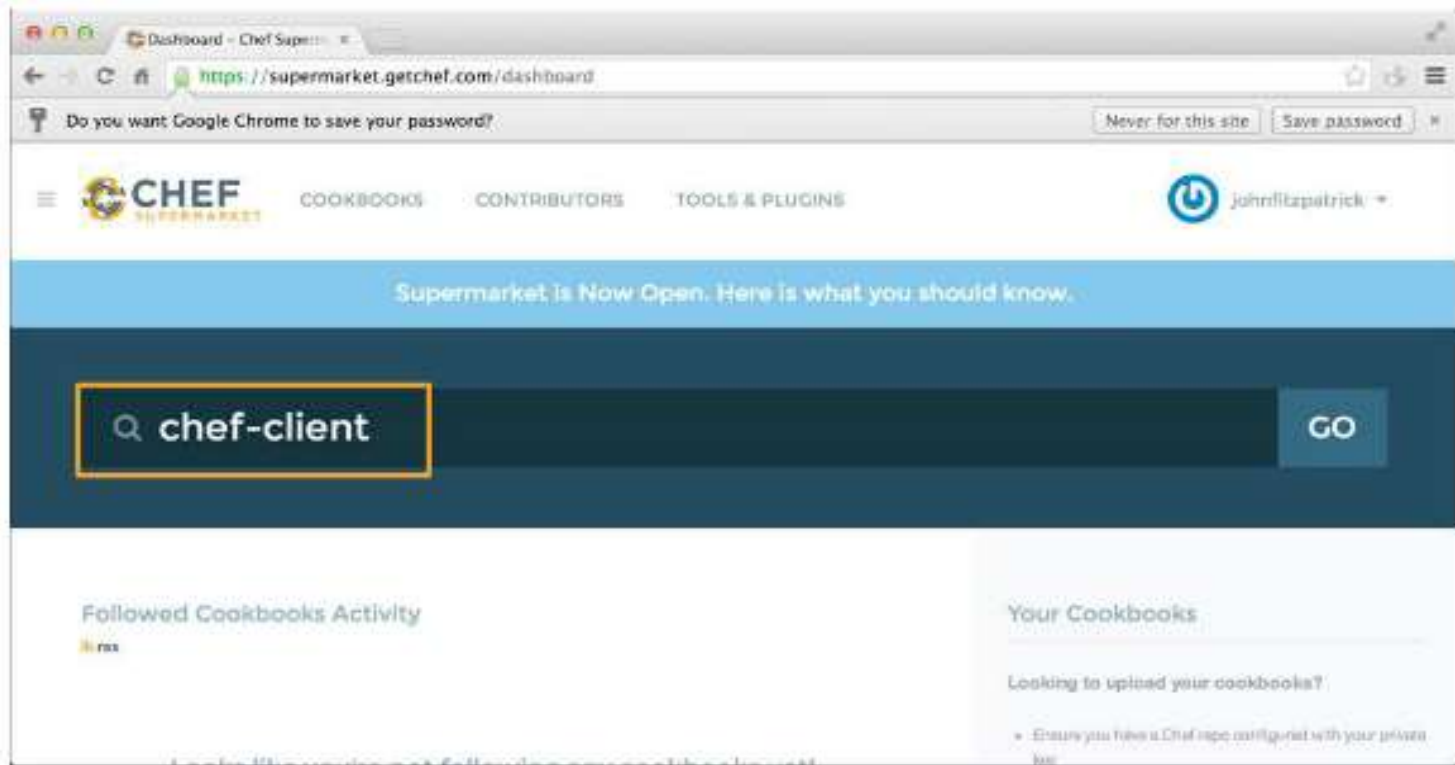
# Chef Supermarket

- Find, preview and download Cookbooks from the Chef Supermarket community site
- Use knife to work with the Chef Supermarket site API
- Download, extract, examine and implement Cookbooks from the Chef Supermarket

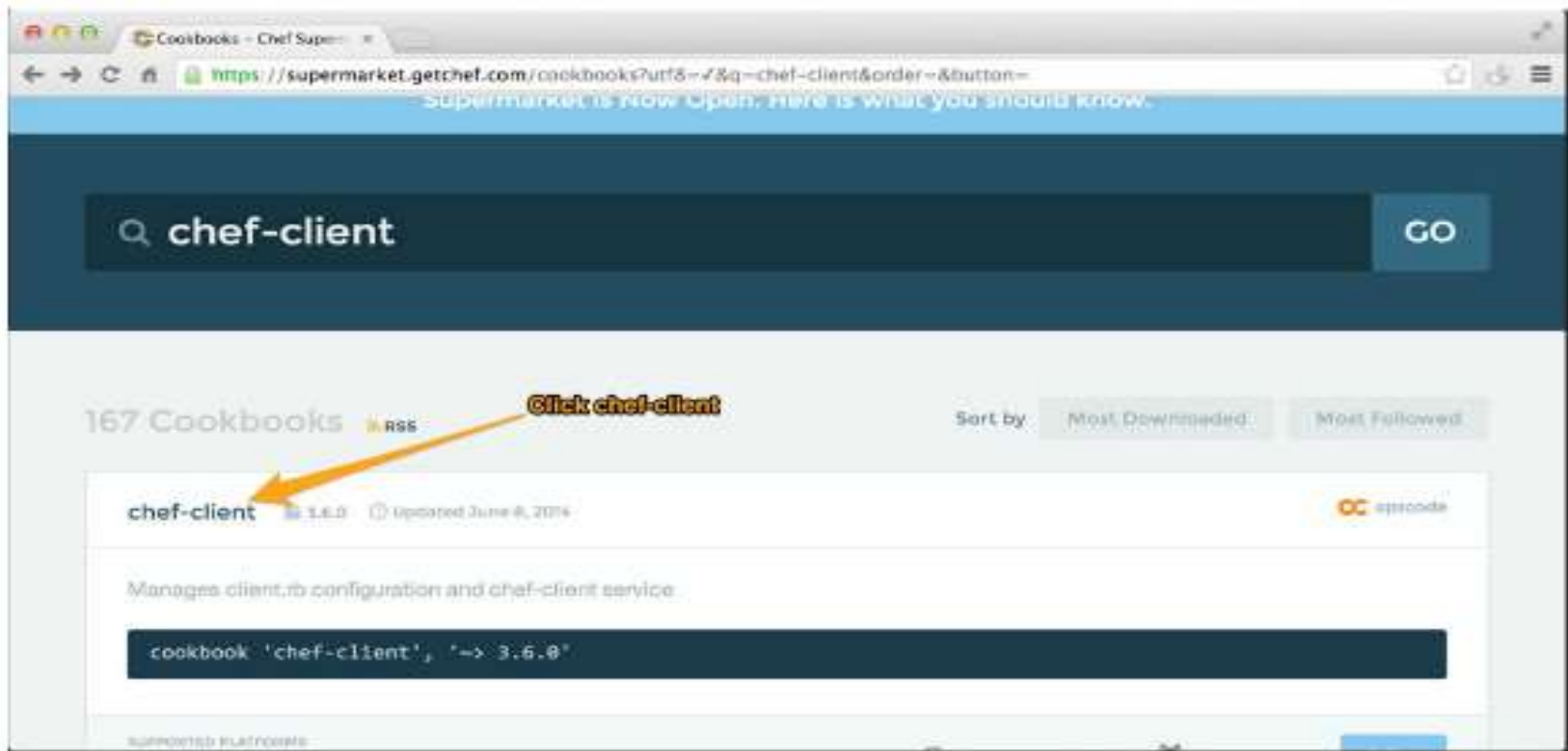
# Exercise: Log into Supermarket



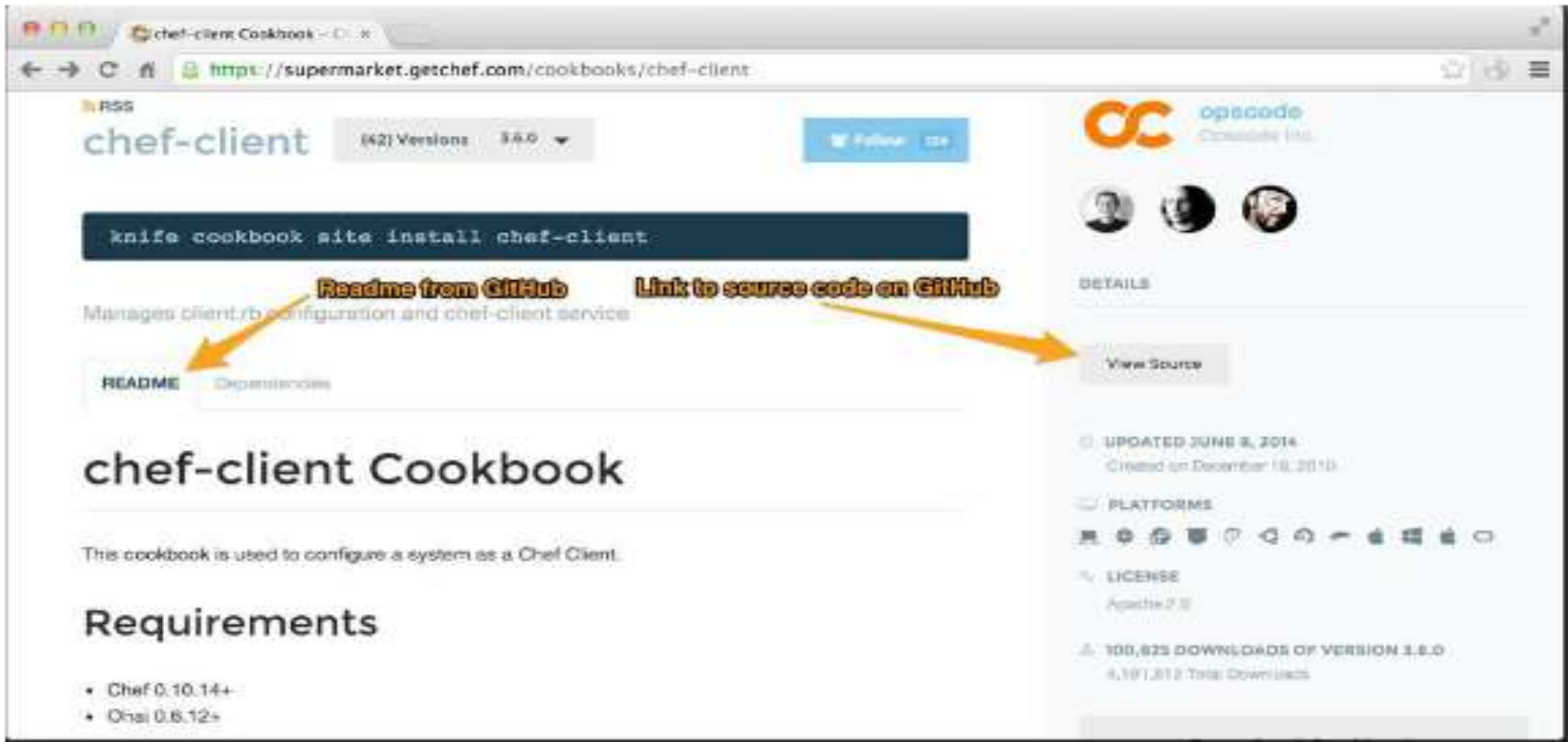
# Exercise: Search for chef-client



# Search Results



# Viewing a Cookbook



The screenshot shows the 'chef-client' Cookbook page on the Supermarket website. The page layout includes a header with the title 'chef-client', version information '(42) Versions 3.6.0', and a 'Follow' button. Below the header is a code snippet: `knife cookbook site install chef-client`. The main content area features a 'README' tab and a 'Dependencies' tab. The 'README' tab is active, displaying the title 'chef-client Cookbook' and a description: 'This cookbook is used to configure a system as a Chef Client.' Under the 'Requirements' section, the following are listed:

- Chef 0.10.14+
- Ohai 0.8.12+

On the right side, there is a 'DETAILS' section with a 'View Source' button. Two orange arrows point from the text 'Readme from GitHub' and 'Link to source code on GitHub' to the 'README' tab and the 'View Source' button, respectively. The 'DETAILS' section also includes information about the update date (June 9, 2014), creation date (December 10, 2010), platforms, license (Apache 2.0), and download statistics (100,625 downloads of version 3.6.0, 4,191,312 total downloads).

# You can download Cookbooks directly from the site...

- You can download Cookbooks directly from the Supermarket site, but:
  - It does not put them in your Chef Repository
  - It is not fast if you know what you are looking for (click, click...)
  - It is not necessarily fast if you **don't** know what you are looking for
  - You are already using knife for managing Cookbooks and other things in your Chef Repository

# Introducing Knife Cookbook

## Site Plugin

- Knife includes a “Cookbook site” plugin with some sub-commands:
  - search
  - show
  - download
  - ... and more

- Download and use ntp Cookbook

# NTP Cookbook

- Network time protocol – keeps system clocks in sync
- Chef Server authentication is time sensitive

# Exercise: Download the ntp Cookbook

```
$ knife cookbook site download ntp
```

```
Downloading ntp from the cookbooks
site at version 1.5.4 to
/Users/YOU/chef-repo/ntp-1.5.4.tar.gz
```

```
Cookbook saved: /Users/YOU/chef-
repo/ntp-1.5.4.tar.gz
```

# Exercise: Extract the ntp Cookbook

```
$ tar -zxvf ntp*.tar.gz -C cookbooks/
```

```
x ntp/
x ntp/CHANGELOG.md
x ntp/README.md
x ntp/attributes
x ntp/attributes/default.rb
x ntp/files
x ntp/files/default
x ntp/files/default/ntp.ini
x ntp/files/default/ntp.leapseconds
x ntp/files/default/tests
x ntp/files/default/tests/minitest
x ntp/files/default/tests/minitest/default_test.rb
x ntp/files/default/tests/minitest/support
x ntp/files/default/tests/minitest/support/helpers.rb
x ntp/files/default/tests/minitest/undo_test.rb
x ntp/files/default/usr/sbin.ntpd.apparmor
x ntp/metadata.json
x ntp/metadata.rb
x ntp/recipes
x ntp/recipes/apparmor.rb
x ntp/recipes/default.rb
x ntp/recipes/undo.rb
x ntp/recipes/windows_client.rb
x ntp/templates
x ntp/templates/default
x ntp/templates/default/ntp.conf.erb
```

# Examining the ntp Cookbook

- The Cookbook is quite flexible but for this exercise we are just interested in the most basic use, an NTP client
  - default recipe

# Exercise: View the ntp::default recipe

```
node['ntp']['packages'].each do |ntppkg|
 package ntppkg
end
```

```
template node['ntp']['conffile'] do
 source 'ntp.conf.erb'
 owner node['ntp']['conf_owner']
 group node['ntp']['conf_group']
 mode '0644'
 notifies :restart,
 "service[#{node['ntp']['service']}]"
end
```

```
service node['ntp']['service'] do
 supports :status => true, :restart => true
 action [:enable, :start]
end
```

- All **packages** are installed
- The **service** is enabled and started
- The **template** notifies the service

# Exercise: Upload the ntp Cookbook

```
$ knife cookbook upload ntp
```

```
Uploading ntp [1.5.4]
Uploaded 1 cookbook.
```

# Exercise: Add the ntp recipe to the base role



**OPEN IN EDITOR:** roles/base.rb

```
name "base"
description "Base Server Role"
run_list ["recipe[ntp]", "recipe[motd]", "recipe[users]"]
```

**SAVE FILE!**

# Exercise: Upload the base role

```
$ knife role from file base.rb
```

```
Updated Role base!
```

# Exercise: Re-run the Chef Client

```
Recipe: ntp::default
 * package[ntp] action install[2014-01-07T09:27:01-05:00] INFO: Processing package[ntp] action install
(ntp::default line 25)
 (up to date)
 * package[ntpd] action install[2014-01-07T09:27:08-05:00] INFO: Processing package[ntpd] action
install (ntp::default line 25)
 (up to date)
...
 * template[/etc/ntp.conf] action create[2014-01-07T09:27:09-05:00] INFO: Processing
template[/etc/ntp.conf] action create (ntp::default line 71)
[2014-01-07T09:27:09-05:00] INFO: template[/etc/ntp.conf] backed up to /var/chef/backup/etc/ntp.conf.chef-
20140107092709.254951
[2014-01-07T09:27:09-05:00] INFO: template[/etc/ntp.conf] updated file contents /etc/ntp.conf

 - update content in file /etc/ntp.conf from ba8f03 to c381bb
 --- /etc/ntp.conf 2013-10-27 09:07:05.541644862 -0400
 +++ /tmp/chef-rendered-template20140107-20557-ttvqaw 2014-01-07 09:27:09.248975286 -0500
 @@ -1,58 +1,30 @@
...
[2014-01-07T09:27:10-05:00] INFO: template[/etc/ntp.conf] sending restart action to service[ntpd] (delayed)
Recipe: ntp::default
 * service[ntpd] action restart[2014-01-07T09:27:10-05:00] INFO: Processing service[ntpd] action restart
(ntp::default line 100)
[2014-01-07T09:27:11-05:00] INFO: service[ntpd] restarted

 - restart service service[ntpd]
```

