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EVERYTHING AS CODE

A JOURNEY INTO IT AUTOMATION AND STANDARDIZATION
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INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS
BY OPEN SOURCE EXPERTS

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AN OPEN SOURCE SPECIALIST

- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Business Management (ERP)
- Server Management (IT Automation and Orchestration)



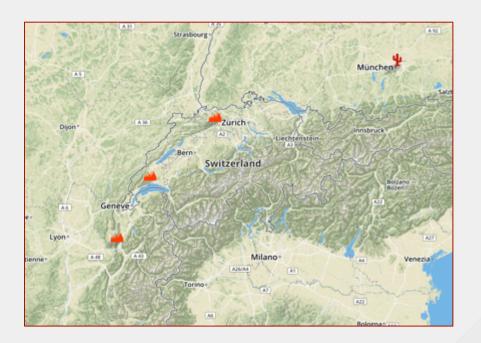
INNOVATION SOLUTIONS BY OPEN SOURCE EXPERTS

PRESENT IN THREE COUNTRIES

• Switzerland: Lausanne, Olten

France: Chambéry

• Germany: Munich





INNOVATION SOLUTIONS BY OPEN SOURCE EXPERTS

INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT

- Involved in Open Source communities (Puppet, Terraform, Rancher)
- 13 Systems Administrators
- Manages ~800 servers
- Partnerships











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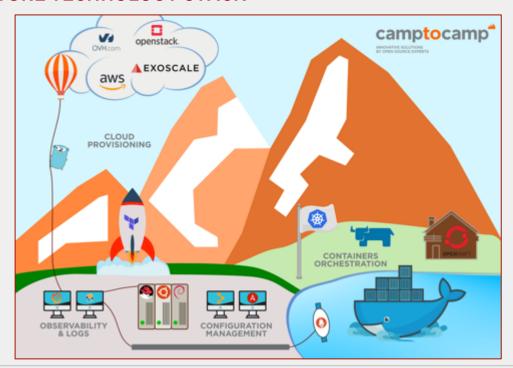
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INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNOLOGY STACK





WHY AUTOMATE?

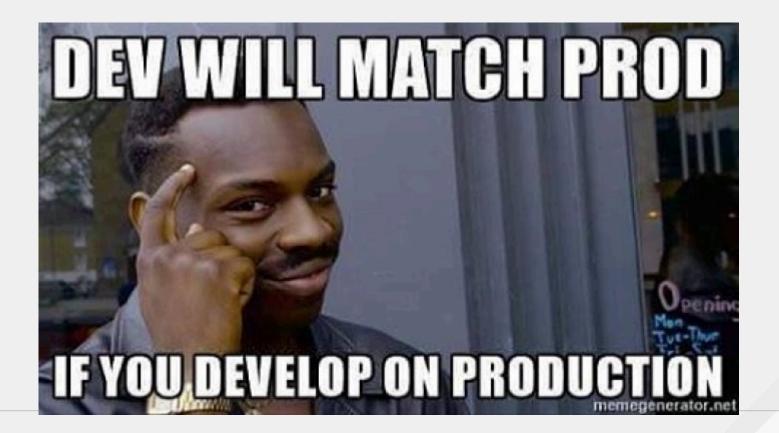


Question #1

```
less /etc/resolv.conf
# Dynamic resolv.conf(5) file for glibc resolver(3) generated by resolvconf(8)
# DO NOT EDIT THIS FILE BY HAND -- YOUR CHANGES WILL BE OVERWRITTEN
nameserver 8.8.8.8
nameserver 8.8.4.4
/etc/resolv.conf (END)
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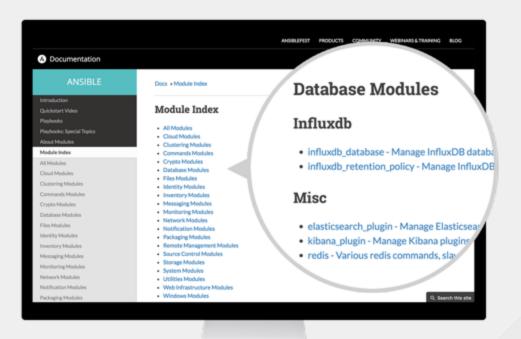
Question #2





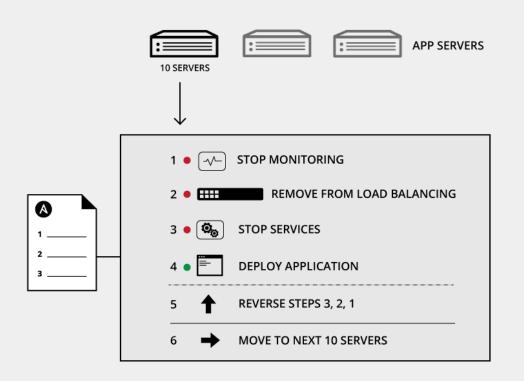
Define once...

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- name: install and start apache
 hosts: web
 become: yes
 vars:
   http port: 80
 tasks:
 - name: httpd package is present
     name: httpd
      state: latest
 - name: latest index.html file is present
   copy:
      src: files/index.html
     dest: /var/www/html/
 - name: httpd is started
    service:
     name: httpd
         state: started
```





Apply x times...



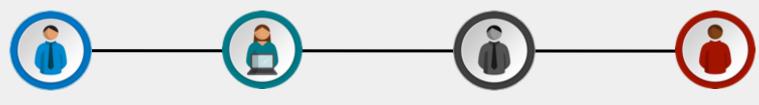




With Automation everything is...

- Documented / Always up2date
- Abstraction of infrastructure
- Knowledge of the state of your IT
- State is always enforced
- Auditable / Traceable changes
- Compliance
- Reproducible

- Reporting
- Easy to integrated into changemangement process
 standard(s) procedures
- Fast and close to production
- Less errors because standardized environment and unit tests
- IT staff spends their time on valuable things that engage their abilities



BUSINESS

DEV

QA/SECURITY

IT OPERATIONS



PROVISIONING AS CODE

CLOUD INFRASTRUCTURE AUTOMATION

TOOLS: OPENSTACK & TERRAFORM

- Provision networks, security groups, etc. from code
- Provision VMs and orchestrate their deployment from code
- Support for multiple cloud providers and third party tools

- Full control of all cloud resources
- Reproducibility of environments
- Easy decommissioning







PROVISIONING AS CODE

CASE STUDY: PROVISION A DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT

OBJECTIVE

Deploy a Development Environment in a fully automated way



Terraform is used to:

- provision networks and nodes, integrate with Puppet/Satellite
- set up Github/Gitlab groups and rights
- set up observability with Grafana dashboard

- Fully automated, extremely fast deployment of environments
- All resources managed in one location







CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT

MAINTAINING MACHINE STATE

TOOLS: TWO APPROACHES

- Agent approach (Cfgmgmt): Cfengine, Puppet, Chef
- Agentless approach (Deploy): Ansible, Salt

- No manual management of nodes
- Reproducibility of nodes
- Inventory
- More confidence in environment and deployments







CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT

CASE STUDY: MANAGE SERVER FLEET WITH PUPPET

OBJECTIVE

Manage configuration for hundreds of servers

IMPLEMENTATION

A Puppet Server deployed as part of Red Hat Satellite/Foreman

- Very fast setup of new nodes
- Dynamic, up-to-date inventory
- Nodes are kept up-to-date with their target configuration
- Centralized, automated patch management
- Possibility to use Content Views for Configuration QA





DEPLOYMENT AS CODE

DEPLOYING COMPLEX SOFTWARE

TOOLS: ANSIBLE

Orchestration of multi-node deployments with dependencies

- Reproducibility of deployments
- More confidence in deployments





DEPLOYMENT AS CODE

CASE STUDY: OPENSHIFT DEPLOYMENT

OBJECTIVE

Deploy an OpenShift cluster, with various node roles and inter-nodes dependencies.

IMPLEMENTATION

Red Hat provides Ansible playbooks to deploy an OpenShift cluster.

- Fully automated OpenShift deployment
- Much easier/faster to deploy new nodes in the cluster







CONTAINER ORCHESTRATION

CONTAINERIZED APPLICATION DEPLOYMENT AS CODE

TOOLS: OPENSHIFT & HELM

• Gather all Kubernetes objects in one package

- Distribute applications are catalog entries
- Fully customizable packages







CONTAINER ORCHESTRATION

CASE STUDY: PUPPET STACK DEPLOYMENT WITH HELM

OBJECTIVE

Deploy a Dockerized Puppet Stack on OpenShift

IMPLEMENTATION

Helm charts for the Puppet Stack components (Puppetserver, PuppetDB, Puppetboard, R10k)

- Easily deploy a full Puppet stack on OpenShift
- Parameters and secrets passed to templates







CONTINUOUS INTEGRATION

CI/CD PIPELINES AS CODE

TOOLS: JENKINS

- Continuous Integration platform
- Integrates with multiple Version Control Systems
- Allows to build pipelines
- CI/CD as Code with Jenkinsfile
- Extensible with Groovy code

- Flexible way to program CI/CD tasks
- Portable to other Jenkins instances
- Pipeline approach





CONTINUOUS INTEGRATION

CASE STUDY: CI/CD WITH OPENSHIFT

OBJECTIVE

Automatically deploy a GIS multi-tiered application from code in OpenShift

IMPLEMENTATION

Use ImageStreams with OpenShift builds (using Jenkins) and Jenkinsfile, along with triggers for deployment

BENEFITS

Fully automated pipeline workflow for developers, with automated checks and triggers.







OBSERVABILITY AS CODE

LOGS, METRICS & MONITORING

TOOLS: EFK, PROMETHEUS, GRAFANA

- Gather logs & metrics
- Provide code for data processing and dashboards

- Prometheus time series provide a flexible query language
- JSON dashboards provide portability







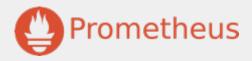


OBSERVABILITY AS CODE

CASE STUDY: MONITOR PUPPET RESOURCES AND PERFORMANCE

OBJECTIVE

Gather metrics performance metrics for the Puppet stack, both on the server and agents.



IMPLEMENTATION

- The Puppet prometheus_reporter module provides a report plugin to collect agent data
- JMX for internal Puppet Enterprise server metrics, gathered in Prometheus



BENEFITS

Easily deployed dashboard with tuned metrics and monitoring



BACKUPS AS CODE

AUTOMATE BACKUPS OF CONTAINER VOLUMES

TOOLS: KUBERNETES AND BIVAC

- Automatic backups of PVCs
- Tune backup parameters with Labels

- Allow users of container platforms to choose which Data Volumes to backup
- Allow users to tune how backups are performed







BACKUPS AS CODE

CASE STUDY: BACKUP DATA VOLUMES IN OPENSHIFT

OBJECTIVE

Provide an API for developers to backup their Data Volumes

IMPLEMENTATION

The Bivac stack is deployed on Openshift projects to detect and backup Physical Volume Claims automatically.

BENEFITS

Backup container data where it is stored and let users tune how to perform the backup.







CONCLUSION

EVERYTHING AS CODE

TOOLS

- Many open-source tools to automate:
 - Systems Administration
 - Software Testing and Deployment

- Increased flexibility
- Increased collaboration between teams
- DevOps everything





