

# Automation and configuration management across hybrid clouds with CloudForms, Satellite 6, Ansible Tower

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# OVERVIEW

- Why use configuration management in hybrid cloud environments
- Different configuration management solutions
  - Puppet
  - Ansible
- How are they integrated
  - CloudForms + Satellite 6 + Ansible Tower

# **THE JOURNEY TO CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT AND AUTOMATION ACROSS HYBRID CLOUDS**

# The Path To Configuration Management / DevOps

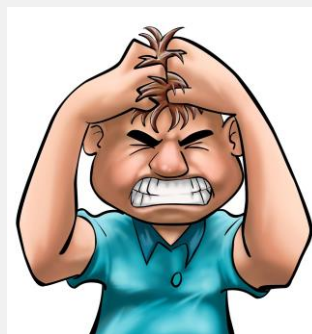
Scripts



Documentation



Chaos



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# Traditional Responsibilities Between Dev and Ops

- Operations responsibilities:
  - Work on multiple projects at the same time:
    - Business Projects
    - Internal Projects
    - Planned Changes
    - Unplanned Changes
- While working on multiple projects uptime needs to be 99.9%

# Traditional Responsibilities Between Dev and Ops

- Developer responsibilities:
  - Work on one project:
    - Write code for new products
    - New Features
    - Security updates
    - Bugfixes
- Once the code is ready it gets passed on to operations which now needs to deploy and run the code

# Traditional Infrastructure / Development Pains

- Communication between teams is non existent as they are in different **silos**
- Bureaucracy / **Approvals**
- Slow development lifecycle
- Code is not in **version control**, collaboration therefore difficult and **rollbacks** almost impossible
- Applications / services are monolithic and are not **api first**

# Transform Your Organization



# Architect The Enterprise For The Future

- Change is the new normal
- Understand the business strategy and define an IT road map which supports that strategy
- Create a short term 1-2 years strategy (tech is changing fast)
- Keep the agility to change your plan based on technology changes and observe how you and your team operate with it

# CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT

# The Configuration Management Tool Of Choice



- DSL based on Ruby
- ERB, EPP
- Extensions (ruby)
- Puppet Forge
- Red Hat Satellite 6

- Configurations in pure YAML
- Jinja2
- Extensions (Python)
- Ansible Galaxy
- Ansible Tower by Red Hat

# Configuration Management Learning Curve



- Not understanding scale
- Write modules without keeping standards
- No linting or validating of code

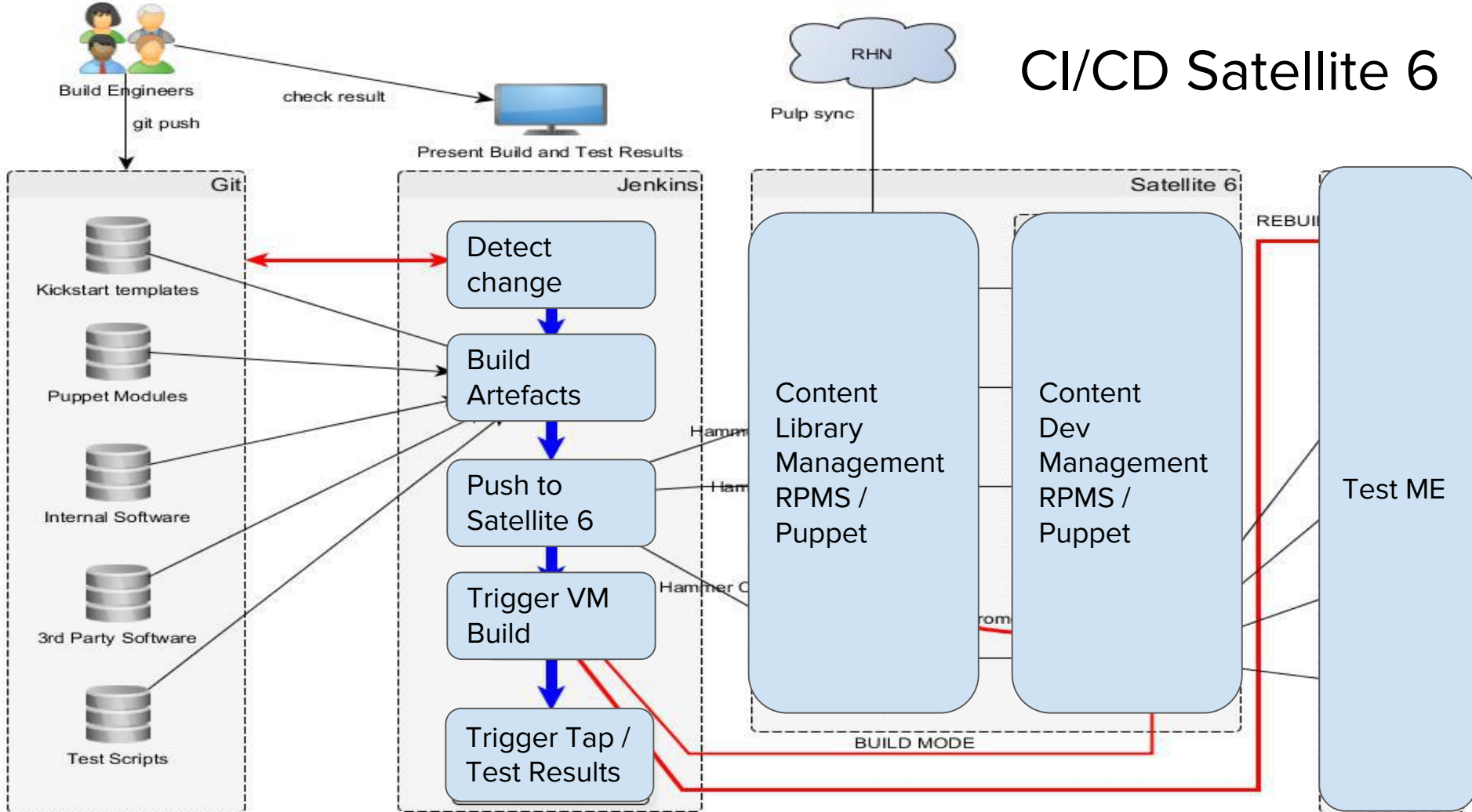


- Reuse Modules
- Understand DSL/ERB/EPP/Jinja2
- Impact of CF-Mgt
- Parse, Validate Code



- Git / SCM
- Automated testing - Jenkins
- Using tools like Satellite 6 or Ansible Tower
- Cares about clean code

Time      1-3 Month      3-6 Month      6-x Month



# WHY CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT IN THE CLOUD

# Why Configuration Management In Cloud Environments

Provider specific templates build for resource management:

- AWS CloudFormations
- Azure ARM Templates JSON Orchestration Templates
- OpenStack Heat
- GCE
- Cloud-init

Configuration Management for software/configuration management:

- Puppet / Ansible



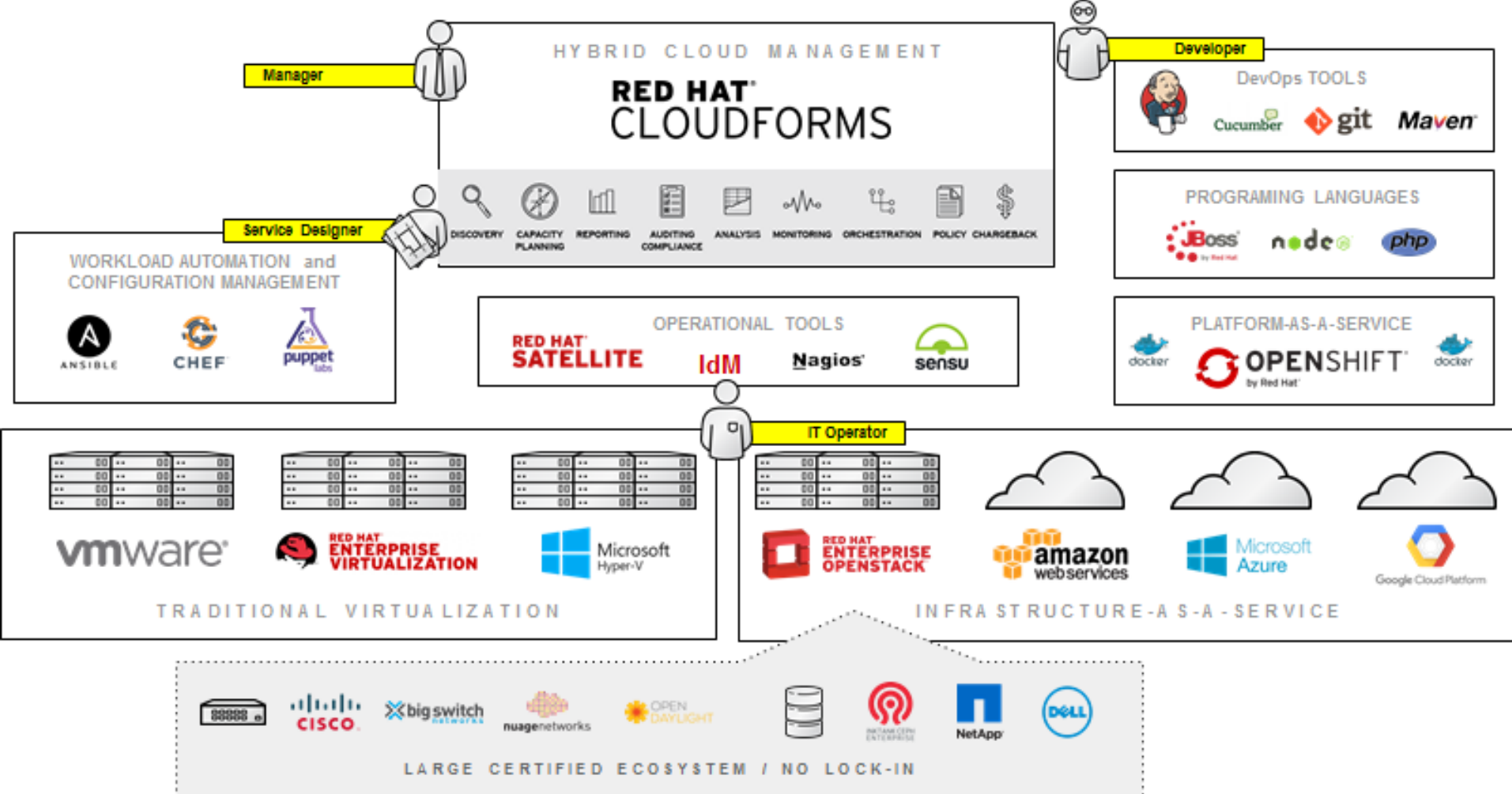
# Red Hat MANAGEMENT TOOLS

# Red Hat Management Tools

<b>Red Hat Satellite 6</b>	Red Hat Satellite 6 delivers your Red Hat software efficiently and securely. Satellite 6 optimizes your Red Hat infrastructure and investment with full software lifecycle control, provisioning & configuration, and subscription management.
<b>Red Hat CloudForms</b>	Red Hat CloudForms controls your hybrid-cloud infrastructure. CloudForms is a single-pane-of-glass for controlling your hybrid-cloud environment that unifies management across clouds, with comprehensive insight & discovery and full operational control.
<b>Ansible Tower by Red Hat</b>	Ansible automates your IT processes and applications deploys. Ansible Tower is an enterprise framework for controlling, securing and managing your Ansible automation. Tower provides automation job control, security and auditing, and delegation of automation jobs.

# Automation / Configuration / Orchestration / Governance





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# CloudForms Satellite 6 Integration



## All Configuration Management Providers

		Provider Name ▲	URL	Type	Zone	Last Refresh Date	Region Description	Status	Total Configured Systems
<input type="checkbox"/>		sat6ldo.rdu.salab.redhat.com Configuration Manager	https://sat6ldo.rdu.salab.redhat.com	Configuration Manager (Red Hat Satellite)	default	06/16/16 15:08:59 UTC	Region 346	Valid	2
<input type="checkbox"/>		towerldo.rdu.salab.redhat.com Configuration Manager	https://towerldo.rdu.salab.redhat.com/api/v1	Configuration Manager (Ansible Tower)	default	06/16/16 15:09:03 UTC	Region 346	Valid	16

# CloudForms Satellite 6 Integration

[Red Hat Satellite Provider](#) » Add ConfiguredSystem

Request Purpose **Catalog** Customize Schedule

## Configured Systems

Configured Systems

Hostname	Configuration Location	Configuration Organization	Operating System	Provider
host117.rdu.salab.redhat.com	nyc	redhat		sat6ldo.rdu.salab.redhat.com

Configuration Profile \*

Rhel7\_Library\_Servers

# CloudForms Satellite 6 Integration

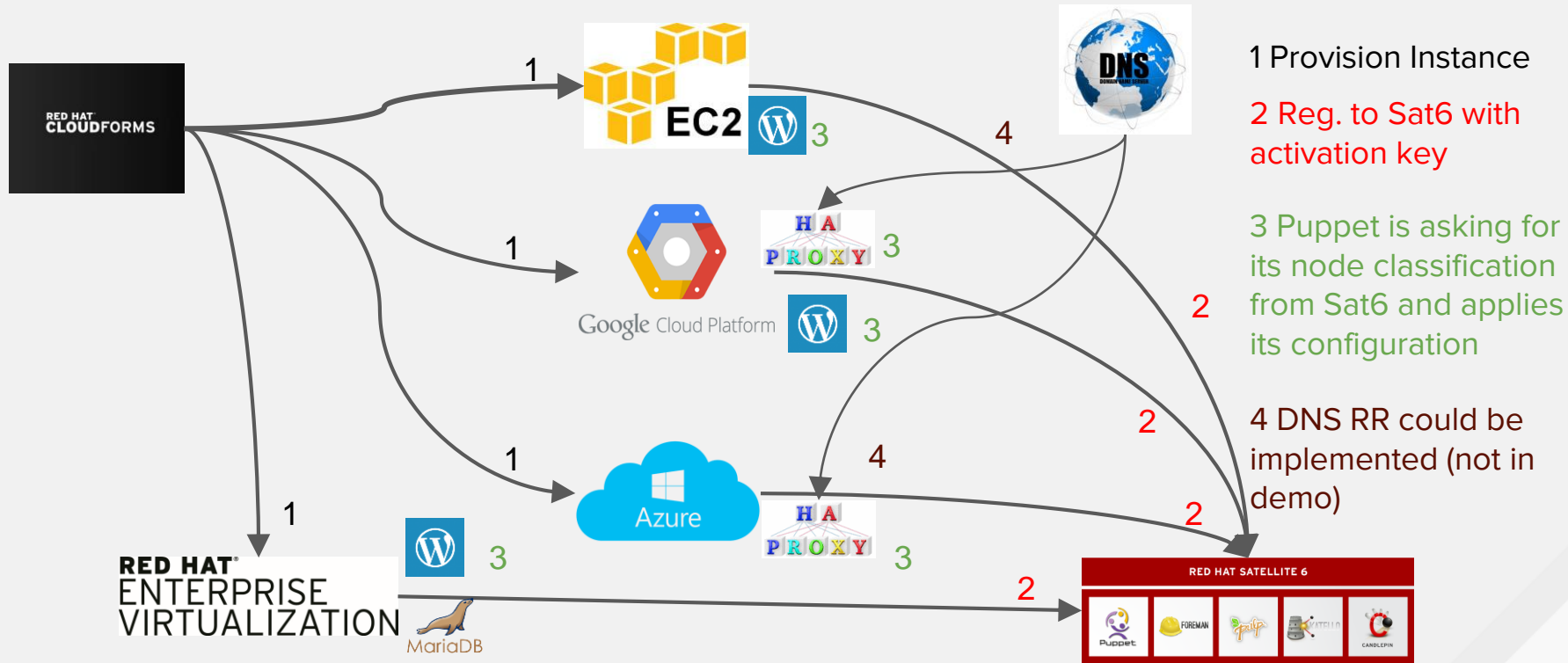
- Integration via configuration bootstrap.py script or api
- Bootstrap.py enables integration of new hosts with satellite 6 no matter where they are
  - Useful for Cloud Deployments where CloudForms manages the host:

```
# /usr/local/sbin/bootstrap.py -l admin -p PASSWORD -s  
sat6summit.osop.rhcloud.com -o 'redhat' -L 'nyc' -g  
RHEL7_Library_Servers -a ak-Reg_To_Library --unmanaged
```

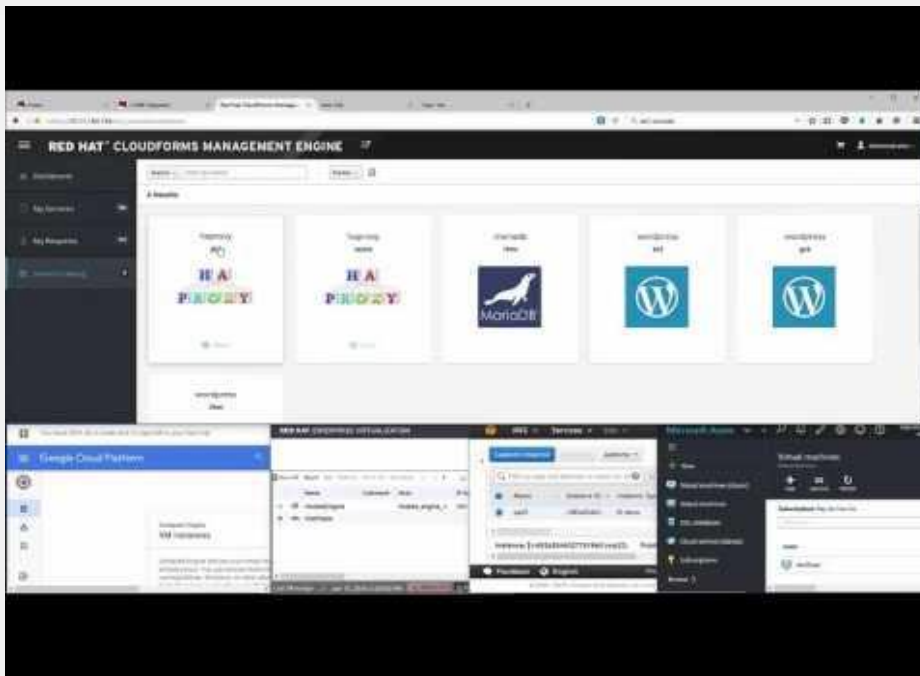
# CloudForms Satellite 6 Integration

This demo is inspired by the **outage** of a cloud provider in June 2016 in Australia.

It gives you an idea on how to truly do hybrid compute and application provisioning across on premise and all major cloud providers (Azure, AWS, GCE) and triage which clouds you would like to provision to.



# CloudForms Satellite 6 Integration Demo



<https://www.youtube.com/v/nu9wMOIkRqA>



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**Simple things should be simple  
and hard things possible  
- Alan Kay**



## **SIMPLE**

Human readable

No special coding skills



## **POWERFUL**

Application deployment

Configuration Management

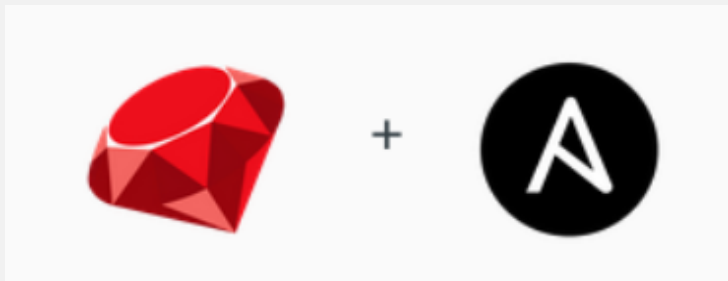


## **AGENTLESS**

Uses OpenSSH & WinRM

No agents to exploit or update

## ANSIBLE MAKES CLOUDFORMS EASIER TO EXTEND



- Ansible is (much) easier to write than Ruby
- Leverage existing Playbooks!

## CLOUDFORMS + TOWER SIMPLIFIES SERVICES



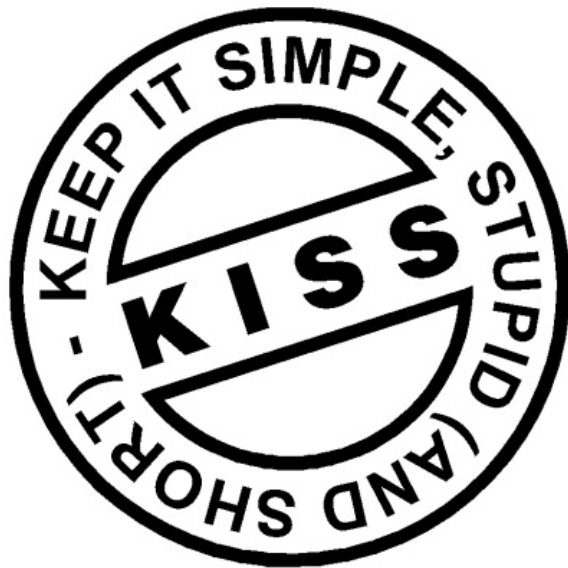
- CloudForms calls Tower
- Basis for cross-cloud portable applications

# Ansible as a Service

1. Setup playbooks in Tower
2. Attach to CloudForms as a Service
3. Add a button to CloudForms (optional)

# Example Playbook

```
---  
- name: Update Linux Systems  
  hosts: all  
  remote_user: root  
  
  tasks:  
    - name: upgrade all packages  
      yum: name=* state=latest
```





Jobs

25 - Update Linux Servers

Standard Out

Job Status ● successful

## Standard Output

SSH password:

PLAY [Update Linux Systems] \*\*\*\*\*

GATHERING FACTS \*\*\*\*\*

ok: [192.168.124.95]

TASK: [upgrade all packages] \*\*\*\*\*

changed: [192.168.124.95]

PLAY RECAP \*\*\*\*\*

192.168.124.95 : ok=2 changed=1 unreachable=0 failed=0

[Jobs](#)
[Schedule](#)

Name ▾



ID ▴ ▾	Status	Finished ▾	Type ▴ ▾	Update Linux Servers	Actions
26	● Successful	5/31/2016 11:45:38 PM	Playbook Run	Update Linux Servers	
25	● Successful	5/31/2016 11:08:05 PM	Playbook Run	Update Linux Servers	
21	● Successful	5/31/2016 10:50:09 PM	Playbook Run	Update Linux Servers	
20	❌ Canceled	5/31/2016 10:40:25 PM	Playbook Run	Update Linux Servers	
19	● Successful	5/31/2016 10:34:19 PM	Playbook Run	Ansible Tower Test	
18	❌ Failed	5/31/2016 10:32:51 PM	Playbook Run	Ansible Tower Test	
17	❌ Failed	5/31/2016 10:31:50 PM	Playbook Run	Ansible Tower Test	
16	❌ Failed	5/31/2016 10:27:50 PM	Playbook Run	Ansible Tower Test	

# CloudForms Admin UI

> Service Catalogs

> Catalog Items

All Catalog Items

Unassigned

Ansible Demo

Update Linux Servers

Actions

Update Linux Servers

> Orchestration Templates

> Catalogs

Editing Service Catalog Item "Update Linux Servers"

Basic Info

Details

Name / Description

Update Linux Servers

Update Linux Servers

☒ Display in Catalog

Catalog

Ansible Demo

Dialog

Update Linux Servers

Provider

Ansible Demo Configuration Ma

Ansible Tower Job Template

Update Linux Servers

Provisioning Entry Point State Machine (NS/CIs/Inst)

/ConfigurationManagement/AnsibleTower/Service/Provisioning/StateMachines/Provision/default

Reconfigure Entry Point State Machine (NS/CIs/Inst)

Retirement Entry Point State Machine (NS/CIs/Inst)

Configuration Policy

- ⊕ Add a new Button Group
- ⊕ Add a new Button
- ✎ Edit this Item
- 🗑 Remove Item from the VMDB

Service Catalog

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Orchestration Templates

Catalogs

## Service Catalog Item "Update Linux Servers"

### Basic Information

Name / Description	Update Linux Servers / Update Linux Servers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Display in Catalog
Catalog	Ansible Demo
Dialog	Update Linux Servers
Ansible Tower Job Template	Update Linux Servers
Provisioning Entry Point State Machine (NS/CIs/Inst)	/ConfigurationManagement/AnsibleTower/Service/Provisioning/StateMachines/Provision/default

### Custom Image



No file chosen

Choose file

Upload

\* Requirements: File-type - PNG; Dimensions - 350x70.

# OPTIONAL

Add Sweet Custom Graphics

Services

All Services


 Update Linux Servers

## Service "Update Linux Servers"


### Properties

Name	Update Linux Servers
Description	Update Linux Servers
Management Engine GUID	5d021d34-27ae-11e6-8a96-525400091a8d

### Lifecycle

Retirement Date	 Never
Retirement State	
Owner	Administrator
Group	EvmGroup-super_administrator
Created On	Wed Jun 01 04:07:31 UTC 2016

### Relationships

Parent Catalog Item	 Update Linux Servers
---------------------	--

OPTIONAL

# CloudForms Admin UI



## Service Catalogs

### All Services

#### Ansible Demo

#### Update Linux Servers

#### > Catalog Items

#### > Orchestration Templates

#### > Catalogs

## Service "Update Linux Servers"




Name Update Linux Servers


Description Update Linux Servers


Long Description


Order



 Dashboard

 My Services 2

 My Requests 5

 Service Catalog 1

[« Back to Service Catalog »](#) Service: Update Linux Servers



## Update Linux Servers

Update Linux Servers

Add to Shopping Cart


## Update Linux Servers


Basic Information


### Options


Enter list of hosts  
separated by :






 Cloud Intel >



 Red Hat Insights >



**Services >**



 Compute >


 Configuration >


 Networks >



 Control >


 Automate >


 Optimize >


 Reload

## Requests


**Order Request was Submitted**

### Filter By

Requester: Administrator

Approval State:
 ☒ Approved
 ☒ Denied
 ☒ Pending Approval

Type:
 


All

Request Date:
 

Last 7 Days

Reason:

Apply
 Reset
 Default

	Status	Request State	Request ID	Requester	Request Type	Completed	Description	Approval State
	Ok	Active	1,000,000,000,004	Administrator	Service Provision		Provisioning Service [Update Linux Servers] from [Update Linux Servers]	Approved

# Hard Problems Solved With One Line Of Ansible

Removing files from servers (Without `rm -fR`)

```
$ ansible webservers -m file -a "dest=/path/to/file state=absent"
```

Run backup script in background (20 Hr timeout)

```
$ ansible webserver -B 72000 -P 0 -a "/bin/backup_cmd --do-stuff"
```

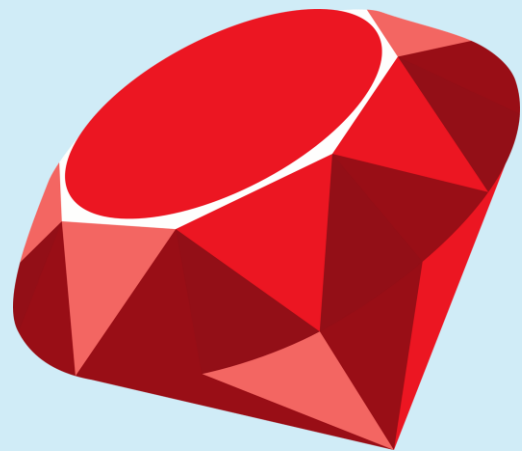
Show status of all web servers (10 in parallel)

```
$ ansible webservers -a "service nginx status " -f 10
```



# Ansible as Automation

Direct integration into the CloudForms  
State machine through new methods





▼ Datastore

▼ Datastore

▶ RedHat (Locked)

▼ ManageIQ (Locked)

▶ Cloud

▼ ConfigurationManagement

▼ AnsibleTower

▼ Operations

▼ JobTemplate

.missing

▼ StateMachines

▼ Job

default

launch\_ansible\_job

wait\_for\_completion

wait\_for\_ip

▶ Service

▶ Control

▶ Deployment

▶ Infrastructure

▶ Service

▶ System

Automate Instance [default - Updated  
05/25/16 21:06:10 UTC by system]

Fields

Name	Value	On Entry	On Exit	On Error	Collect	Max Retries	Max Time	Message
WaitForIP	METHOD::wait_for_ip					100		create
Launch	METHOD::launch_ansible_job							create
WaitForCompletion	METHOD::wait_for_completion					100		create

## 3 New Methods

- **wait\_for\_ip:** retrieve IP address of system
- **launch\_ansible\_job:** Runs job via Ansible Tower
- **wait\_for\_completion:** Waits until job has finished and check results

## Self Service

CloudForms  
CloudForms SSP  
Ticketing Systems  
Web Services  
REST API



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## Requirements

RBAC Rules?

Quota enforcement?  
(Size, storage, or cost)

Approval Required?  
(If over a certain size?)

Workload placement  
(Cost, Capacity, etc.)

End of Life policies?



## Build

Register IPAM / DNS

Create VM

Add networking

Add Storage

Add to Domain / LDAP

Register system



## Configure

Update NTP/DNS

Perform OS Updates

Create user accounts

Install backup agents

Configure applications

Check against policies



# SUMMARY

- Configuration tools can provide significant time savings
- There are multiple tools in the Red Hat toolbox
- Anything is possible when combining CloudForms, Satellite 6 and Ansible Tower

# Hybrid Cloud Management Sessions

<b>Red Hat CloudForms: Cutting VM creation time by 75% at General Mills</b>	<b>Thurs, Jun 30, 10:15 AM - 11:15 AM – 2004</b>
<b>Compliance, security automation, and remediation with Red Hat CloudForms, Red Hat Satellite, and Ansible Tower by Red Hat</b>	<b>Thurs, Jun 30, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM – 2005</b>
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Automating Azure public and private clouds with Red Hat CloudForms 4	Wed, Jun 29, 4:45 PM - 5:45 PM – 2004
Red Hat CloudForms 2016 roadmap	Wed, Jun 29, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM – 2004
Hands-on introduction to Red Hat CloudForms	Wed, Jun 29, 10:15 AM - 12:15 PM – 3016 - Lab II
Enabling digital transformation via the Red Hat management portfolio	Tues, Jun 28, 10:15 AM - 11:15 AM – 2004

# QUESTIONS?

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