AUTOMATION AT THE NETWORK LAYER

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Brief Intro to Puppet

- Puppet is a configuration management and application orchestration tool
- Automate IT deployments and increase velocity, consistency, reliability, and stability
- Puppet language is declarative - you describe the desired state of your servers and applications (vs. writing procedural scripts)
- Leverage inheritance and node classification to organize your infrastructure
- Available in Open Source and Puppet Enterprise editions
- Over 3,700 modules available on the PuppetForge (forge.puppetlabs.com)
Lifecycle of a Puppet Agent Run

Data Flow Between Puppet Components

1. Facts
   The node sends data about its state to the puppet master server.

2. Catalog
   Puppet uses the facts to compile a Catalog that specifies how the node should be configured.

3. Report
   Configuration changes are reported back to the Puppet Master.

4. Report
   Puppet’s open API can also send data to 3rd party tools.
Try Our Learning VM

https://learn.puppetlabs.com

• Downloadable Virtual Machine with hands-on learning “quests” - an ideal learning environment for first-time Puppet users

• Learning site also has many resources to help you level-up your Puppet proficiency - including self-paced online courses, instructor-led training, and details on Puppet certification
Life of a Network Engineer

Let’s make some generalizations (what could go wrong?)

• Networks are a complex ecosystem inter-connected devices
  • Services are spread over multiple systems
  • Equipment is often heterogeneous
• Require a lot of planning, testing, and validation
• A lot of time is spent fire fighting
• Also a lot of mundane tasks
How does that differ from Sys Admins?

- Network devices have historically been closed systems with vendor specific CLIs
  - They often differ between the same vendor device types and versions
- Configurations are hundreds if not thousands of lines (per system)
- Configuration != Desired state
  - Often peering with other systems not under our control
- Vendors slow to introduce features, sometimes 18-24 months - upgrade cycle is just as long.
- Network Engineers typically do not have a Sys Admin or programming background
Inter-tubes? More like spaghetti o.O
Ad-hoc management is difficult
WHAT CAN I DO?
An Overview of Supported Network Devices
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Arista Networks

Current Support:
- 31 Network Switch Models
- Runs on Arista EOS 4.13+
- Compatible with Puppet Enterprise 3.7.2+
- Puppet Supported

Puppet Modules:
- aristanetworks/eos
- aristanetworks/netdev_stdlib_eos
Current Support:
• 17 Network Switch Models
• Nexus 9k and 3k
• Runs on Cisco NX-OS 7.0(3)i2(1) - released Sept 4, 2015
• Compatible with Puppet Enterprise 2015.2.0+
• Puppet Supported

Puppet Modules:
• puppetlabs/ciscopuppet
• github.com/datacenter/puppet-aci (Cisco ACI Fabric Configuration, unsupported)
Upcoming Support - Q1 2016:
• Nexus 5k/6k/7k Series Switches
• Puppet Enterprise with these switches will be a Cisco Compatible solution
• Cisco’s Puppet web portal: www.cisco.com/go/puppetlabs
Cumulus Networks

Current Support:
• 13 Network Switch Models
• All x86 based switches on Cumulus’ Hardware Compatibility List
• Runs on Cumulus Linux 2.2+
• Compatible with Puppet Enterprise 3.7.2+
• Puppet Supported Program

Puppet Modules:
• cumuluslinux/cumulus_interfaces
• cumuluslinux/cumulus_interface_policy
• cumuluslinux/cumulus_ports
• cumuluslinux/cumulus_license
F5 Networks

Current Support:
• 6 BIG-IP Load Balancer Model Families
• Runs on F5 OS 11.6+
• Compatible with Puppet Enterprise 3.7.0+
• Uses Puppet Device proxy model (no agent required)
• Puppet Supported

Puppet Modules:
• puppetlabs/f5
Huawei

Upcoming Support - Q1 2016
- CloudEngine 12800 Series Switches
- Will run on HuaweiOS 6.0+
- Will be compatible with Puppet Enterprise
- Puppet Agent will be OEM-installed, no need for initial deployment
- Puppet Supported
OVERVIEW OF NETWORKING TYPES
Netdev Stdlib Types

- domain_name
- name_server
- search_domain
- network_dns
- ntp_server
- ntp_config
- syslog_server
- syslog_settings
- network_interface
- network_vlan
- network_trunk
- port_channel
- continued...
Netdev Stdlib Types

- tacacs
- tacacs_global
- tacacs_server
- tacacs_server_group
- radius
- radius_global
- radius_server
- radius_server_group
- snmp_community
- snmp_user
- snmp_notification
- snmp_notification_receiver
Arista Types

- eos_acl_entry
- eos_bgp_config
- eos_bgp_neighbor
- eos_bgp_network
- eos_command
- eos_ethernet
- eos_interface
- eos_ipinterface
- eos_mlag
- eos_mlag_interface
- eos_ntp_config
- eos_ntp_server
- eos_portchannel
- eos_snmp
- eos_staticroute
- eos_stp_interface
- eos_switchport
- eos_system
- eos_vlan
- eos_vxlan
- eos_vxlan_vlan
- eos_vxlan_vtep
Cisco NX-OS Types

- cisco_bgp
- cisco_bgp_af
- cisco_bgp_neighbor
- cisco_bgp_neighbor_af
- cisco_command_config
- cisco_interface
- cisco_interface_ospf
- cisco_ospf
- cisco_ospf_vrf

- cisco_snmp_community
- cisco_snmp_group
- cisco_snmp_server
- cisco_snmp_user
- cisco_tacacs_server
- cisco_tacacs_server_host
- cisco_vlan
- cisco_vrf
- cisco_vtp
Cumulus Types

- `cumulus_ports`
- `cumulus_interfaces`
  - `cumulus_interface`
  - `cumulus_bond`
  - `cumulus_bridge`
- `cumulus_interface_policy`
- `cumulus_license`

- Debian based - stdlib types and forge
WHERE TO BEGIN?
Arista: NTP

class profile::network::base {
  require eos::install
  include profile::network::base::ntp

  service { 'puppet':
    ensure => running,
    enable => true,
  }
}

class profile::network::base::ntp {
  eos_ntp_config { 'settings':
    source_interface => 'Management1',
  }

  eos_ntp_server { '10.14.99.10':
    ensure => present,
  }

  eos_ntp_server { '10.27.88.10':
    ensure => present,
  }
}
class profile::network::base::ntp {  
  cisco_command_config {  
    'corp-ntp':  
      command => "  
      ntp server 10.14.99.10 prefer  
      ntp server 10.27.88.10  
      ntp master 1  
      ntp source-interface vlan99",
  
  }  
}
Cumulus: NTP

class profile::network::base {
  require ntp::install
  include ::ntp

  service { 'puppet':
    ensure => running,
    enable => true,
  }
}

class { '::ntp':
  servers => [
    '10.14.99.10',
    '10.27.88.10'],
  interfaces => ['10.14.99.1'],
}
Arista: VLAN Trunk

class profile::network::trunks {
  eos_switchport { 'Eth48':
    ensure => present,
    mode => 'trunk',
    trunk_allowed_vlans => ['60-62','80'],
    trunk_native_vlan => '20',
  }
}
class profile::network::trunks {
  cisco_interface { 'Ethernet1/48':
    ensure => present,
    switchport_mode => 'trunk',
    switchport_trunk_allowed_vlan => ['60-62', '80'],
    switchport_trunk_native_vlan => '20',
  }
}
class profile::network::trunks {
  cumulus_interface { 'swp48':
    ensure => present,
    mode   => 'trunk',
    vids   => ['60-62', '80'],
    pvid   => '20',
  }
}

Cumulus: VLAN Trunk
Next Steps:
1. Check to make sure your networking device is supported
2. Download and install puppet agent for your device (if required)
3. Install the relevant module(s) for your device
4. Begin with a simple task, such as managing NTP or syslog, and then begin moving onto features such as managing network ports
Cross-Vendor Standards and the Future of Network Automation
NETCONF

NETCONF - IETF network management standard

- XML based encoding
  - Vendor specific data models and implementation
- Configuration RPCs
  - get-config, edit-config, copy-config, delete-config, lock, unlock
- Operational state RPCs
  - Generally map to CLI “show” commands
- Transport: SSH, HTTPS, TLS, BEEP
YANG

YANG - IETF Data Modeling Language for Netconf

- Human-readable representation of data
- Hierarchical data node representation
- Built-in data types
- Constraints can be placed on the data
- Extensible

Data is still vendor (or group) specific
HOW CAN I HELP?
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