

# Puppet Plus Parentheses

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WHAT'S THIS PUPPET THING?

DevOps, Infrastructure As Code, <Insert Buzzword/Catchphrase here>

open-source tool for sysadmins

## Puppet DSL

a language for describing system state

#### BABY'S FIRST MANIFEST

```
node 'myserver.domain.org' {
  file { '/tmp/hello.txt':
    ensure => present,
    content => 'Hello from Puppet'
}
```

```
package { "openssh-server":
 ensure => installed
service { "sshd":
 ensure => "running",
 enable => "true",
  require => Package["openssh-server"]
}
file { "/etc/ssh/sshd_config":
 mode => 600,
 owner => "root",
 group => "root",
  require => Package["openssh-server"],
  notify => Service["sshd"] # Restart ssh server if being updated
}
```

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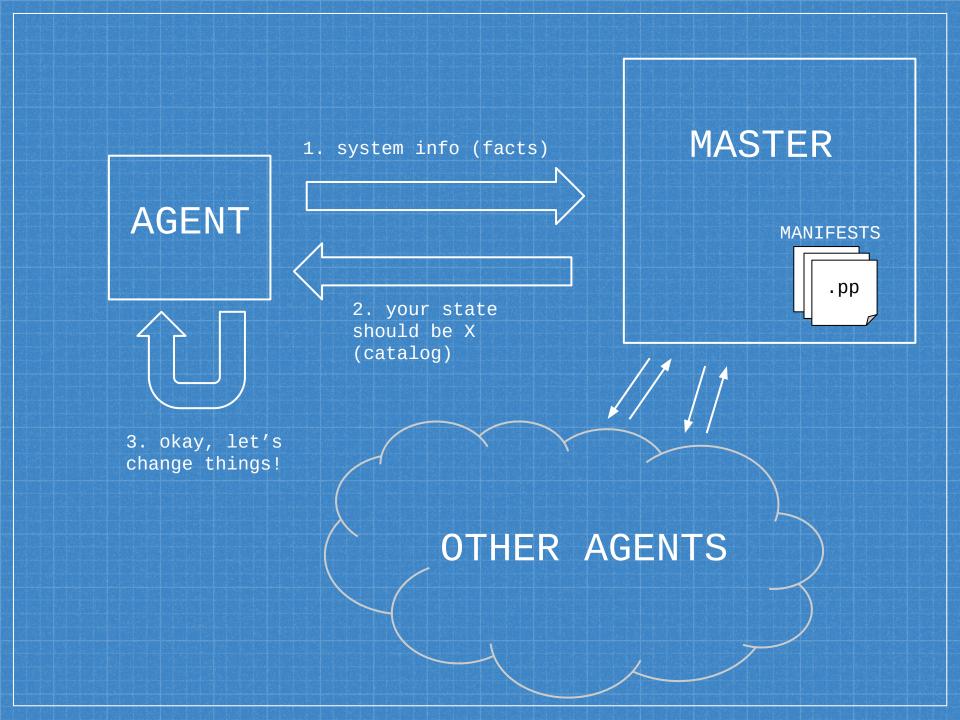
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#### **PUPPET**

- puppet agent on each machine
- puppet master contains manifests
- agents "check-in" (agent run) periodically



#### PUPPET IMPLEMENTATION

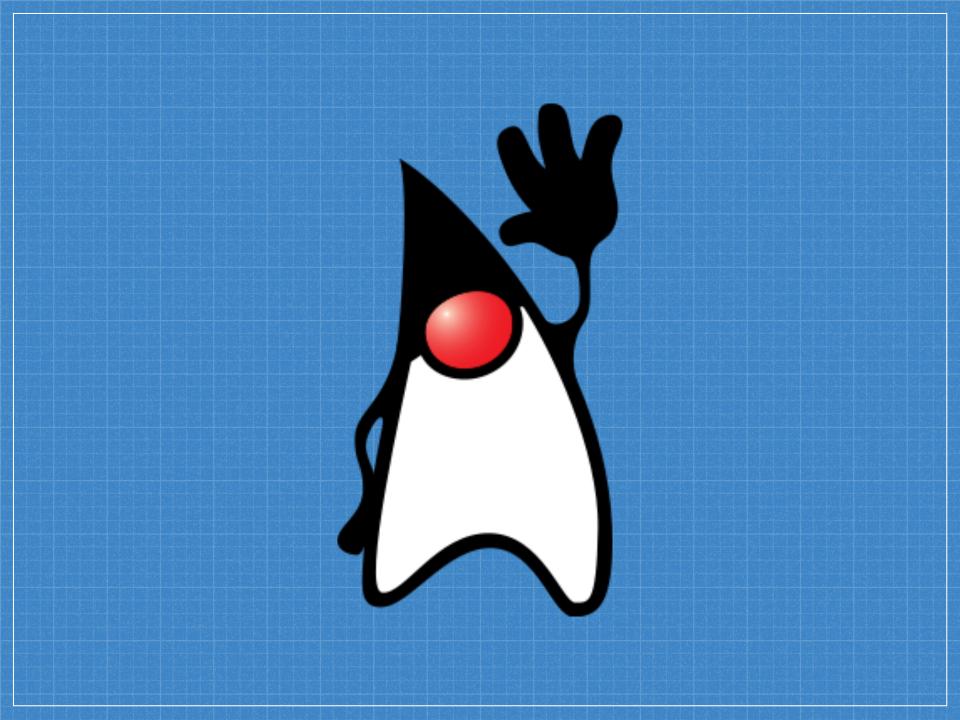
- Ruby
- monolithic codebase
  - agent + master
  - shared code
- Rack
- Apache + Passenger

#### IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

- difficult to change
- client/server/both?
- MRI + GIL
- Passenger
  - concurrency via multiple processes
  - no shared state / coordination

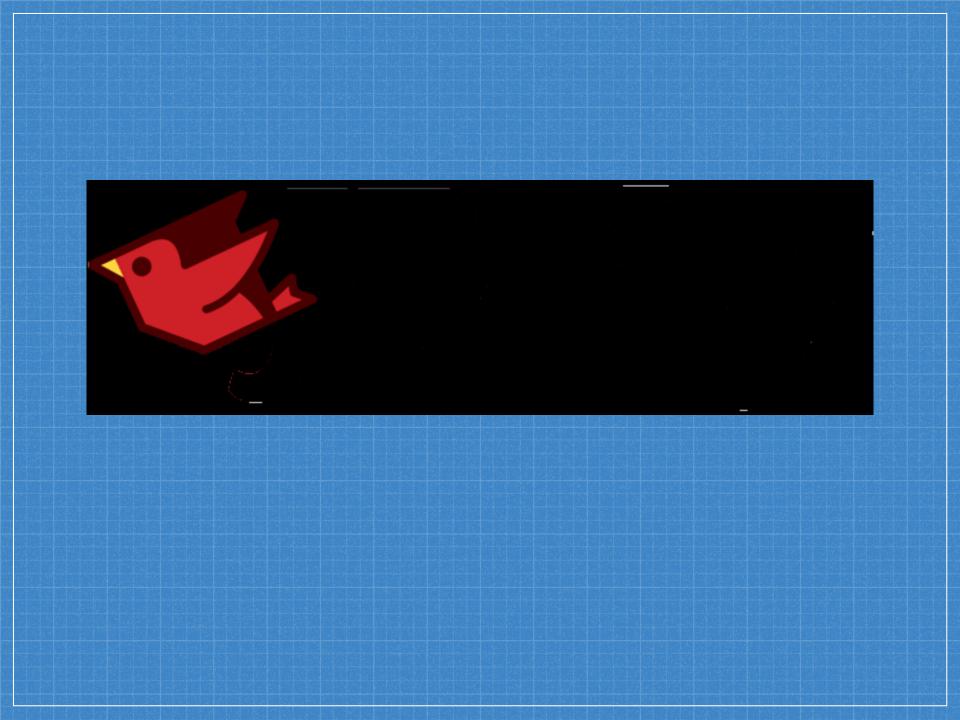
#### LET'S BUILD A BETTER TECHNOLOGY STACK

- complete re-write?
  - too difficult
  - some functionality needed on both client + server
  - moving target
- less drastic
  - no more MRI on the server-side
  - □ … but still Ruby
  - battle-tested server platform
  - avoid re-inventing the wheel



#### JAVA VIRTUAL MACHINE

- stable
- fast
- free
- portable
- mature
- concurrent
- libraries for everything



But, we don't want to write Java code, so ...



Finally, Lisp!

#### **CLOJURE**

- runs on the JVM
- tolerates 00P
  - seamless Java inter-op
- pure functions, immutable values
- excellent built-ins for concurrency + state management
- PuppetDB

#### CLOJURE @ PUPPET LABS, CIRCA 2013

- PuppetDB
- Puppet master -> Clojure
- moar!
- common needs:
  - web server
  - configurability
  - logging
  - lifecycle
  - deployment, packaging

#### APPLICATION FRAMEWORK OPTIONS

- Clojure
  - Component
  - others

- Java
  - OSGi
    - Classloader issues?
  - JBoss
    - heavyweight

# So we wrote our own.

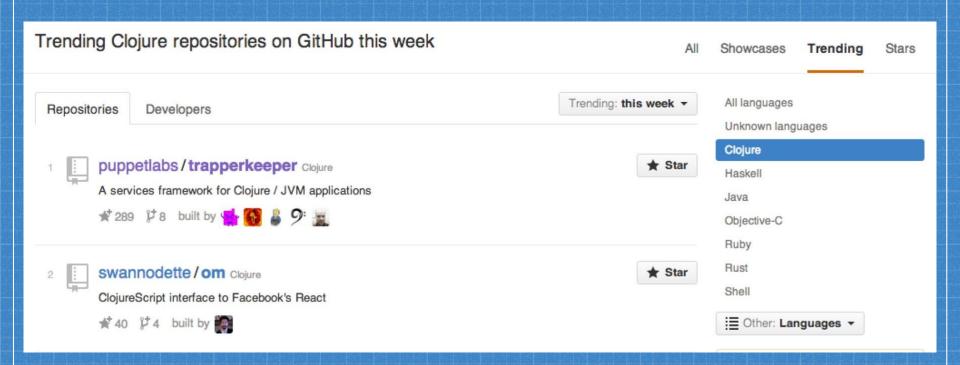
Of course we did!

#### **TRAPPERKEEPER**

- open-source Clojure application framework
- code modularity, re-use
- s/Component/Service
- Service:
  - protocol (set of functions signatures)
  - lifecycle
  - state
  - dependencies on other services

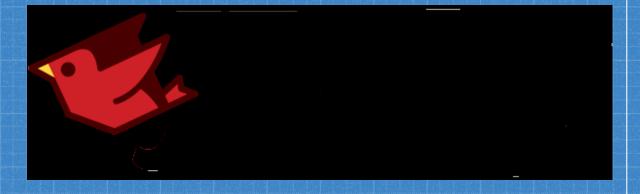
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(defprotocol HelloProtocol
       (hello [_ name]))
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     (defservice hello-service
 5
       HelloProtocol
       (hello [_ name]
         (str "Howdy, " name)))
8
     (defservice another-service
10
       [[:HelloService hello]]
       (start [_ context]
11
         (let [foo (hello "FOSDEM")]
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           (assoc context :message foo))))
```

#### A VERY QUICK BRAG



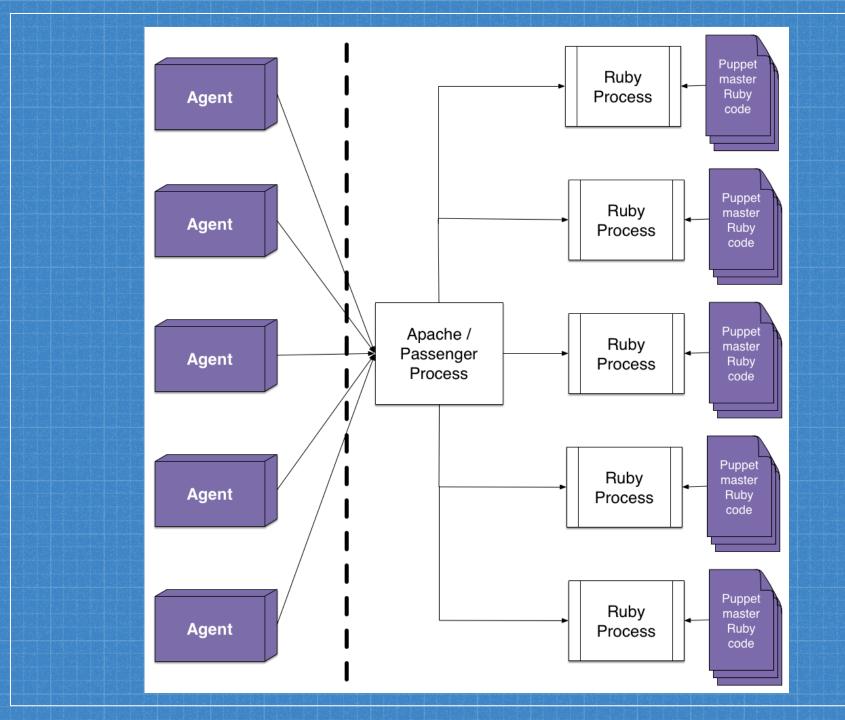
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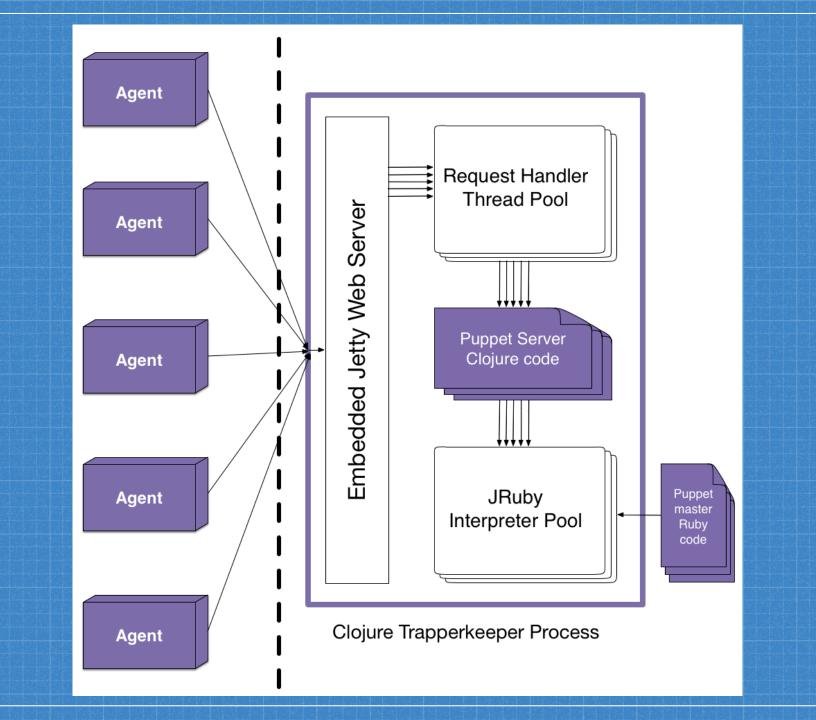












#### **CLOJURE**

- glue
- Certificate Authority
- initialization
- HTTP
- future: incremental rewrite
- new features



#### OUR EXPERIENCE WITH CLOJURE

- good
  - simplicity, immutability
  - developers love it
  - REPL-driven development, "reloaded" workflow
  - easy to hire for
  - surprisingly easy to learn
  - active community
- less than good
  - slow startup time
  - long stacktraces
  - not as easy as Ruby

#### **TRAPPERKEEPER**

We got the Big Idea right.

We've gotten lots of mileage standardized solutions for a handful of incidental concerns.

Let us know how you're using it!

## Jetty

- embedded!
- fast, reliable
- lots of knobs
- right choice
- pure-Clojure web server would be nice

## Puppet <3 JRuby

- biggest risk
- huge success!
- the JRuby devs have been awesome



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Expert password changer. I \*really\* love Ruby.

## questions?

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#### ON GITHUB

- puppetlabs/puppet-server
- puppetlabs/trapperkeeeper

#### **CREDITS**

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