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Editorial Review

From the Author

I updated John's Cookbook and rewrote many of the recipes and added a few new ones. Originally I was only supposed to update the book, I decided to include more master/client configuration rather than masterless. This resulted in many chapters being completely rewritten.

This version covers puppetdb, hiera and exported resources. These topics were covered in my other book, Mastering Puppet, so I tried to find new and different examples in this book.

In this version I also use forge modules to solve problems that were addressed by custom modules in the earlier editions of the book. Using some of the supported modules from puppetlabs, I show how to configure apache with little effort. I tried to focus on using the forge modules first and creating in house solutions second.

If you are just starting out, I rewrote the first chapter to be a real introduction to puppet, so starting from scratch should be possible with that chapter. I would suggest downloading the learning vm from puppetlabs if you are a true beginner, working through the tutorials published on their website. I hope you enjoy this version of the book.

About the Author

Thomas Uphill

Thomas Uphill is an RHCA who has been using Puppet since 0.24. He has worked as a system administrator for almost 20 years, most recently with RHEL systems. He recently wrote Mastering Puppet, Packt Publishing a book for managing Puppet in large deployments. He has given tutorials on Puppet at LISA and LOPSA-East. When not at the Puppet User Group of Seattle (PUGS), he can be found at http://ramblings.narrabilis.com.

John Arundel

John Arundel has worked in the IT industry for most of his life, and during that time has done wrong (or seen others do wrong) almost everything that you can do wrong with computers. That comprehensive knowledge of what not to do, he feels, is one of his greatest assets as a consultant. He is still adding to it. He spent much of his career working in very large corporations and, as a result, now likes to work with very small corporations. They like working with him too, not only because he can tell them about things that should not be done, but also because he can confidently inform them that big companies don't know what they're doing either. Off the clock, he enjoys gardening, competitive rifle shooting, and other gentle hobbies. You can follow him on Twitter @bitfield. If your company is small enough, you can hire him there too.

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