

sysadmin

Born to lose. Live to win.

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Installed to last

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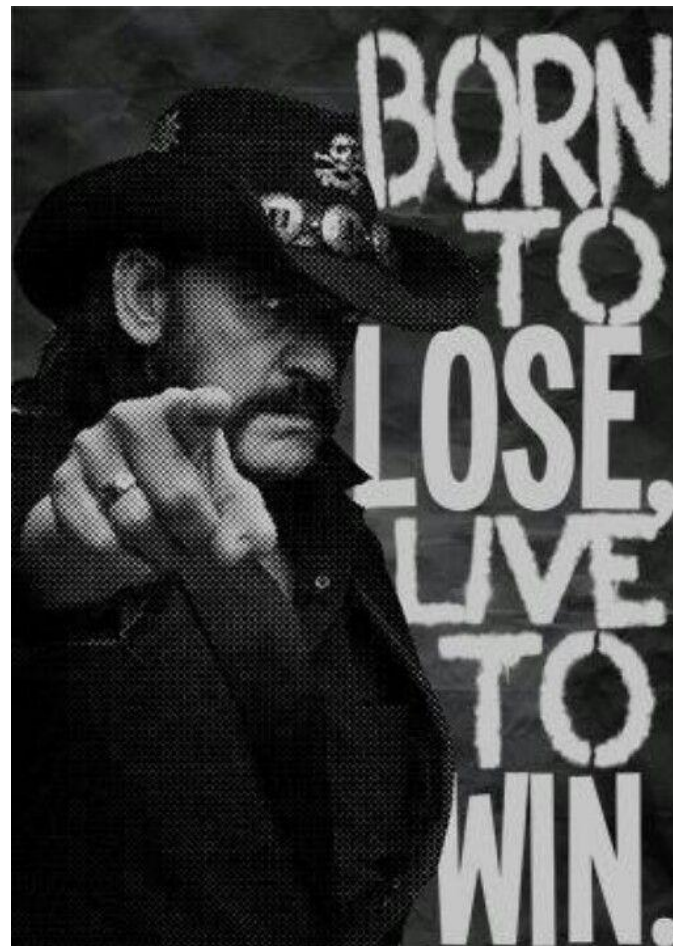
# Abstract

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"(GNU/Linux) Instalado para durar"

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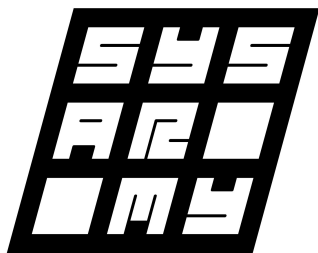
El dinamismo de la industria a veces genera situaciones de instalación de servidores que no son las óptimas para durar años en producción. Durante esta charla revisaremos un check list básico de tareas y configuraciones que nos ayudarán a que ese servidor instalado pueda transcurrir su largo ciclo de vida con la menor sobrecarga administrativa posible. (selección de OS, selección de paquetes, hardening, configuraciones de hardware, etc).



# About godlike



redhat.

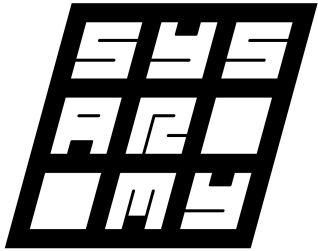


# About jedux

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**SYSARMY**

# QUE ES SYSARMY

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Es la comunidad Argentina de sistemas, nuclea a lxs profesionales del sector para favorecer el contacto y el intercambio de conocimiento

EL SOPORTE DE QUIENES DAN SOPORTE

- IRC
- /HELP
- ADMINFEST, ADMINBIRRAS, [EOY 7 de Diciembre!](#)
- NERDEAR.LA
- ENCUESTA DE SUELDOS

W E R E T A I L O R E D





# Taking Over & Managing Large Messy Systems

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# There are Bodies Buried Everywhere

- Always messy
  - Always bad configurations
  - No/broken backups
  - Often crashing
  - Often overloaded
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- 3-year-old server lists
  - People usually gone
  - Dead RAID disks
  - High-Availability is Low



## What we find

- Not what CEOs & CTOs think
- Mountain of Tech Debt
  
- One server, many services
- Many instances – Tomcat, DBs
- Root Linux/DB users for everything
  
- Zero updates of anything
- Redhat Ver 6-9 with Linux Kernel 2.2



# Amazed at what we find

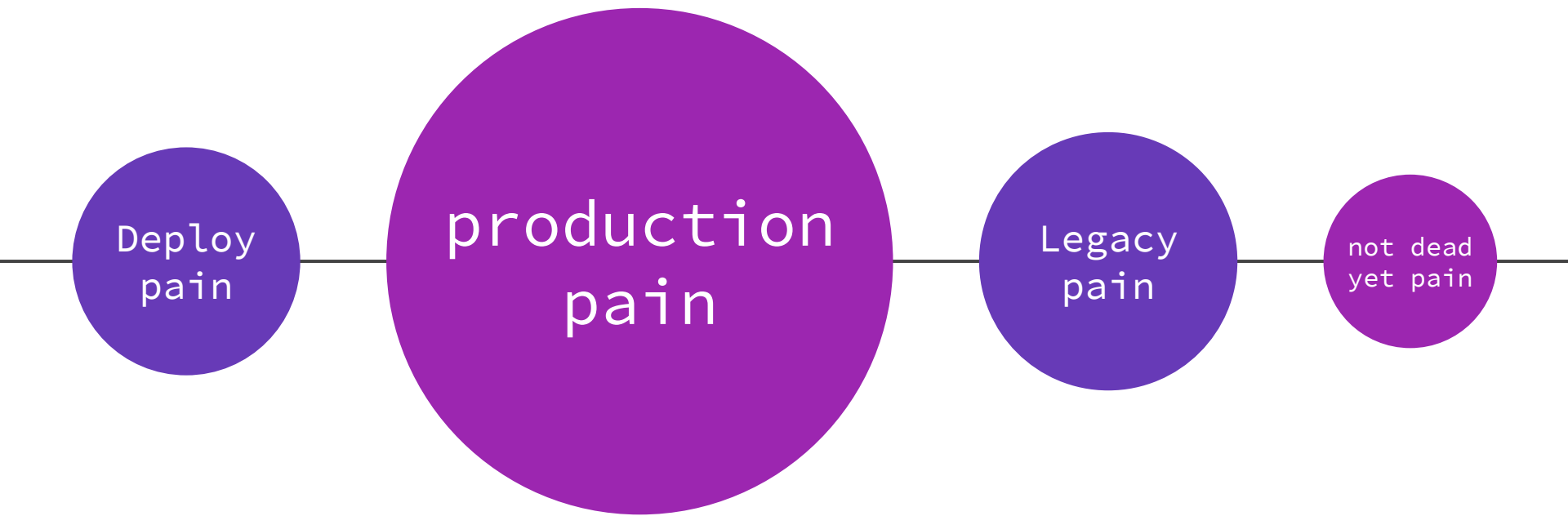
- 3 Apaches Installed
  - RPM, Source, Random Tarball
- 2 Apaches Running
- 1 Apache Actually Used
  - The Random Tarball one ...
  - Started from ssh by random user



# Apache

## Amazing Apaches

# Ciclo de vida de un server.



# # - Hardware

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- Relación costo / servicio / calidad
- Redundancia
  - PSU
  - Ethernet
  - RAID
    - Software vs Hardware
  - HA
- Costo => Inversión => less pain

# WD Green



**NO**









# # - Selección del OS

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- Ciclo de vida/actualizaciones
  - Ubuntu LTS: 5 años
  - RHEL: 10 años
- Nivel de soporte/documentación.
- Comunidad
- EOL (End of Life):
  - No más actualizaciones
  - No más soporte

# # - Selección de Paquetes

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- Objetivo: dejar el sistema andando por años, mantenimiento mínimo.
- Backporting.
- Priorizar paquetes provistos por el vendor.
  - QA, testing, seguridad, actualizaciones
- Paquetes de terceros
  - Origen? Actualizaciones?
- Containers
  - Origen? Actualizaciones? Seguridad?
- ~~- Armar paquete custom? Compilar código?~~

# # - OS configuration - Network Bonding

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- Server físico o hypervisor donde corre la VM
  - BONDING
  - LACP
- Service ip different from server ip
- DNS
- Hardcodear todo /etc/hosts

# # - OS configuration - auto update security patches

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- “Update early. Update often.”
  - Auto security updates or die
- Agendar reinicios periódicos para actualizaciones de kernel.
- Asignar ventanas de mantenimiento para aplicación de actualizaciones.

# # - OS hardening

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- Autenticación centralizada
  - sudo para administradores. Root password en vault seguro.
- MAC: SELinux / AppArmor
- SSH
  - Ideal: acceso sólo por keys
  - **No exponer puerto 22 públicamente**
- PoLP: no chmod 777
  - Se puede enjaular? → chroot
  - Corre como usuario raso? → crear usuario específico para el servicio
  - Necesita permisos de root para algo? → `man capabilities`
- SSL para qué?



# # - OS configuration management

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- Todo lo que se pueda automatizar, se debe automatizar.
  - Puppet / Ansible / Saltstack / Chef
- No importa el configuration management, importa que esté.
- Y que sea el mismo para todos los equipos.
- Fuerza a estandarizar las instalaciones.

**SALVO**: que nuestro configuration management sea un rudimentario experimento(?) #EsPregunta

# # - monitoring

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- Server Monitoring
  - Basics: Uptime, Raid Status, Mem, CPU, Disk Space, Inodes
  - Services: apache, smtp, etc.
  - Nagios / Zabbix / etc.
- Monitoreo de logs
  - ELK
- Local email relay (root!, md monitoring, cronjobs)

# # - Documentación

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- Owners / Stakeholders
  - Roles no personas.
- Propósito
  - Qué servicio brinda al negocio?
- Técnica:
  - Como se instaló
  - Qué servicios tiene.
- Procedimientos varios
  - Cómo ejecutar upgrades?
  - Cómo reiniciar?
  - Cómo hacer failover?

# # - Backups!

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- Hope for the best, plan for the worst.
- Planear backups
- **Hacer backups**
  - **no en el mismo servidor**
  - **idealmente no en el mismo edificio**
- ***Probar backups***
  - DR?

**RAID NO ES BACKUP.**



RED HAT<sup>®</sup>  
VIRTUALIZATION



TECHNOLOGY DETAIL

# **BEST PRACTICES FOR RED HAT VIRTUALIZATION 4**

Guidance, recommendations, and considerations  
for design and deployment

## FULLY PREPARED ENVIRONMENT

After reviewing the installation documentation, be sure to have the environment completely ready for deployment. This may sound like an obvious recommendation, but many deployments are delayed because of items such as incorrect network configuration, waiting on server setup, or lack of storage provisioning. Additionally, other network-based services, like DNS, will play a major part. Commonly overlooked steps include:

- Not having fully qualified domain names (FQDN) for hosts and Red Hat Virtualization Manager, including full resolution in DNS (forward and reverse).
- Not having all of the underlying storage provisioned and configured properly for the storage domains.
- Not having the underlying network prepared correctly, including switch and virtual LAN (VLAN) configuration.
- Not having the right kind of hardware for the hypervisors (e.g., no remote power control).
- Not using the latest available versions of the software.

- Not having fully up-to-date hardware, firmware, BIOS, etc.
- Misconfigured remote management/out-of-band (OOB)/power management.
- Attempting to set up the environment in the wrong order (e.g., storage prior to networking).
- Not having proper file system layout (e.g., VM thinpool when using Red Hat Virtualization Hypervisor).
- Not having proper /var size requirements for hosted-engine deployment.
- Not having correct software channels subscribed or properly registered with Red Hat Content Delivery Network (CDN) or Red Hat Satellite.
- Not properly testing before going into production.
- Missing other configuration items that lengthen or frustrate the deployment process.



## ENVIRONMENT

This is an often-overlooked area that bears emphasis. The environment in which Red Hat Virtualization is to be deployed needs to be comparable to the workloads it will support. That is, if the workloads are mission-critical, then the overall environment should be mission-critical.

Things to consider in a mission-critical environment include:

- Redundant Ethernet switches for both data and storage.
- Redundant fibre channel (FC) switches.
- Redundant power to all components.
- Redundant power in the datacenter.
- Redundant network providers to the datacenter.
- Redundant network services (e.g., DNS, LDAP).

Finally, document absolutely everything, including:

- How are hosts deployed in your environment?
- How are VMs provisioned in your environment?
- How does application x get deployed in production?
- How does application y get updated in production?
- How does a developer get a new test environment for a week?
- How does that test environment get cleaned up?
- Where are IP addresses, DNS names, VLANs, and other network information documented?
- What are the security standards for Red Hat Enterprise Linux® VMs?
- What are the security standards for Red Hat Enterprise Linux virtualization hosts?

Essentially, any system administrator, engineer, architect, developer, or manager should be able to access the documentation (online or otherwise) and understand how to get things done. Especially when things go wrong.

¿Preguntas?

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## LISA18 Talk:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oD1knEp2c9I>

## RH Doc

<https://www.redhat.com/cms/managed-files/vi-best-practice-rhv-technology-detail-f7659kc-201706-en.pdf>

