

Database Ops (DbOps)

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Looking To The Future With Informix

Agenda

- Status
- Background
- Motivation
- Tools
- Implementation
- Observability
- Ecosystem
- Future plans
- Q&A



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Status

- Terminology/definition overload

- Database DevOps
- Database Ops (DbOps)
- Data Ops (only for analytics?)
- A subset of SysOps?
- Can it fit into GitOps?
- Is it just about automation?

- Main objectives

- apply DevOps principles and tools in day-to-day DB admin/dev tasks
- delegate (some of the) DBA workload to developers but...
- relieve developers of need to know the DB internals
- while maintaining security aspects

- Bonus features

- Integrate databases into existing automated development pipelines
- expose data sources as first class building blocks
- streamline release management

Background

- company: ~150 employees, 50 years
 - national IT infrastructure provider for science & higher education
- team: ~30 employees, bespoke information systems (on top of infrastructure)
- a number of existing, large, bespoke systems written in Java
 - desktop & web apps
- new and existing reporting/analytics systems
 - MS SQL data warehouse
 - R/Shiny standalone apps
- very diverse team
 - infrastructure/virtualization team
 - Linux sysadmins
 - backup/archive admins
 - Java desktop devs
 - Java web devs
 - R devs/analysts
 - and a single DbOps/DevOps guy...
- must have: common tools and interfaces for all teams
- cloud-native yet to come
 - still very much VM users
 - only a handful of docker-ized, manually maintained services deployed to production

Motivation

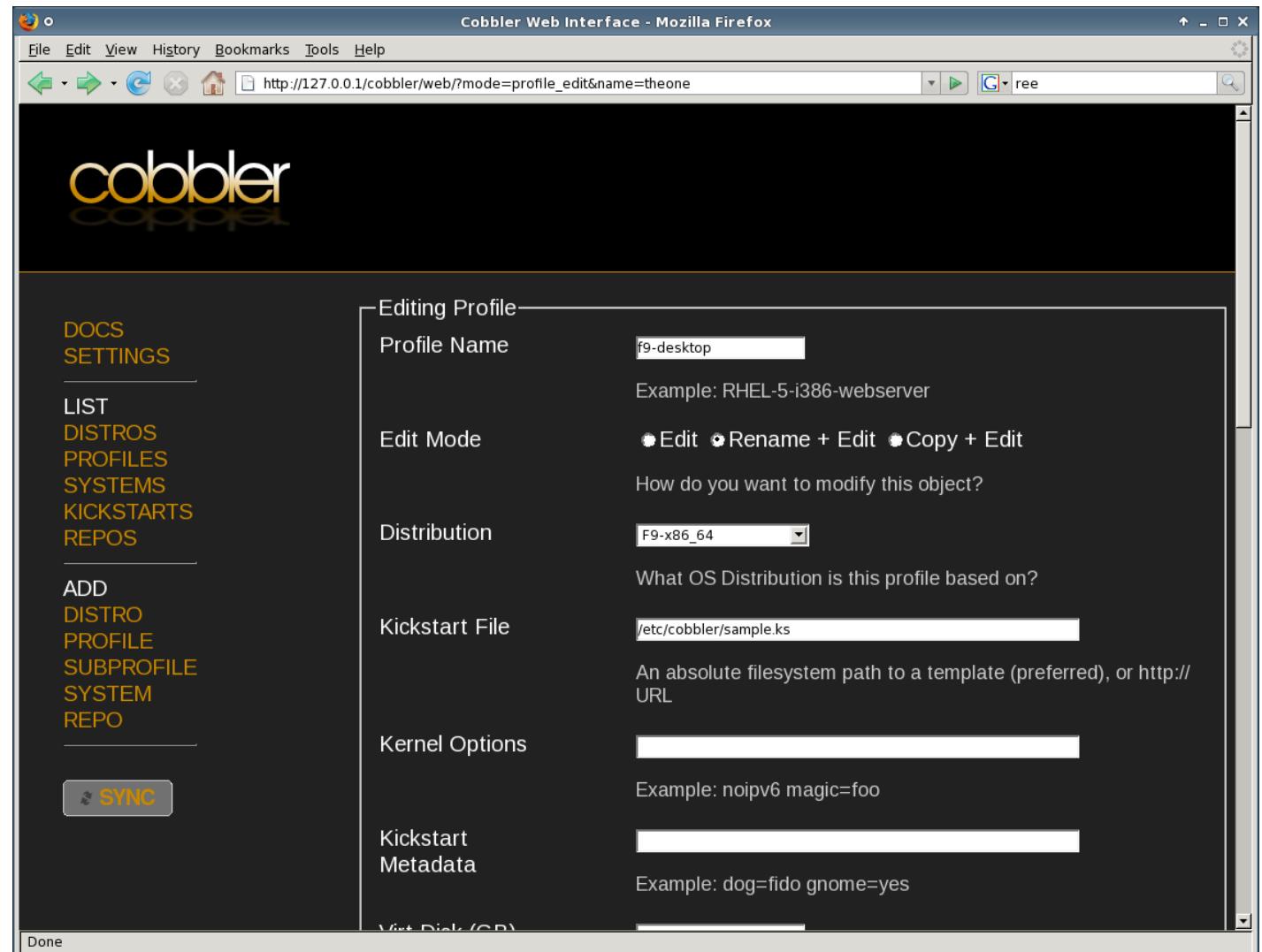
- reuse existing DBA expertise
- reuse existing scripts
 - utils2_ak - most generic functionality already there
 - in-house built - for remaining bespoke needs
 - mainly shell via cron
- expose through common, simple to use interface
- enforce security through standard/existing mechanisms
 - *nix permissions
 - sudoers rules
- visualize through standard tools
- break-up knowledge silos
- develop new organizational workflows
 - horizontal
 - visible
 - auditable
 - secure

Tools

- get Informix VM up and running
 - VM commissioning: Vmware virtualization platform
 - VM install: Cobbler (<https://cobbler.github.io/>)
 - VM configure: Puppet (<https://puppet.com/open-source/>)
- get Informix instance up and running
 - Informix configure: in-house Puppet manifests
- manage Informix instances/databases
 - Bolt: <https://puppet.com/docs/bolt/latest/bolt.html>
 - developed as a part of Puppet, but can be used as a standalone tool
 - instance level ops
 - stop/start/restart/status/log
 - db level ops
 - copy (source db from one instance to dest db on another instance)
 - build (new empty db from Git repo)
 - support ETL steps
 - run ad-hoc query
 - run SQL script(s)
- coordinate & visualize low-level ops above
 - Gitlab CI (<https://docs.gitlab.com/ee/ci/>)

DB VM install (Cobbler)

- Linux installation server
- rapid setup
 - rolling out new systems
 - changing existing ones
- glues together and automates:
 - installation
 - DNS
 - DHCP
 - package updates
 - power management
 - configuration management
 - orchestration
 - ...
- old-ish web UI – but it's not about a good looking GUI anyway



DB VM install (Cobbler)

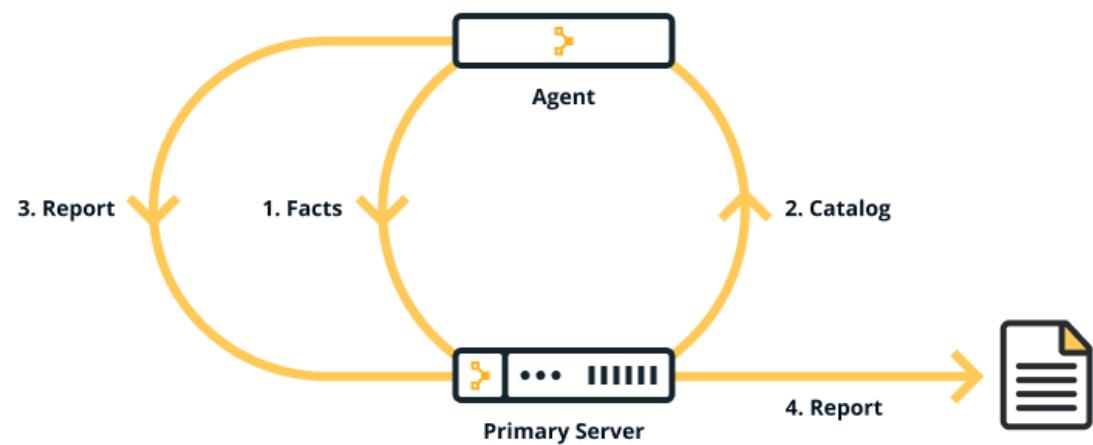
```
cobblersystem { 'db-dev-1.croris':
  ensure      => present,
  profile     => 'CentOS-7-x86_64-srce',
  interfaces  => { 'eth0'    =>
    { mac_address => '00:50:56:ad:ea:0d',
      ip_address => '10.25.7.140',
      netmask   => '255.255.248.0',
      static    => true, management => true,
    },
    },
  gateway    => '10.25.0.1',
  hostname   => 'db-dev-1.croris',
  require    => Service[$::cobbler::service_name],
}

cobbleprofile { 'CentOS-7-x86_64-srce':
  ensure      => present,
  distro     => 'CentOS-7.7-x86_64',
  nameservers => $::cobbler::nameservers,
  repos       => 'PuppetLabs-PC1-7-x86_64',
  kickstart   => '/var/lib/cobbler/kickstarts/CentOS-7-x86_64-srce.ks',
  kernel_options => { 'net.ifnames' => '0', biosdevname  => '0',
  },
}

cobbler::add_distro { 'CentOS-7.7-x86_64':
  arch          => 'x86_64',
  isolink       => 'http://mirror.centos.plus.hr/centos/7.7.1908/isos/x86_64/CentOS-7-x86_64-DVD-1908.iso',
  include_kickstart => false,
}
```

Informix configuration (Puppet)

- manage and automate server configuration
- desired state configuration
- server/agent architecture
- declarative DSL
- consistency & automation
- idempotence and versioning
- simple and extensible



Informix configuration (Puppet)

- initial IDS/GLS binaries install still manual
- custom written Puppet manifests
- one input parameter only – instance name – the rest is all automatic:
 - PAM config (LDAP/RADIUS user authentication)
 - OS package dependencies (ksh, libaio, ...)
 - users:
 - informix – DBSA
 - horvat – DBA
 - group (dba)
 - directory structure
 - /etc/informix
 - /var/log/informix
 - chunk dir (/data/ifxinstance)
 - config/environment files
 - /etc/profile.d/informix.sh – (almost) all Informix env. variables (except locales)
 - /etc/informix/sqlhosts
 - systemd unit files (IDS and HQ)
 - backup/archive config
 - TSM policy and environment setup

Informix configuration (Puppet)

```
class informix {  
  
  $instance = hiera('informix::instance')  
  
  ## users and groups  
  include user::informix  
  include user::horvat  
  include group::dba  
  
  ## directories  
  file { 'etc_informix':  
    ensure => directory,  
    path   => '/etc/informix',  
    owner  => root,  
    group  => root,  
    mode   => '0755',  
  }  
  ...  
  
  ## configuration  
  file { '/etc/profile.d/informix.sh':  
    ensure  => present,  
    owner   => informix,  
    group   => dba,  
    mode    => '0640',  
    content => template('informix/informix.sh.erb'),  
  }  
  ...
```



Informix configuration (Puppet)

```
class informix {  
  
## service  
systemd::unit_file { 'informix.service':  
  source  => 'puppet:///modules/informix/informix.service',  
  require => File['/etc/profile.d/informix.sh'],  
}  
service { 'informix.service':  
  ensure  => running,  
  enable   => true,  
  require  => [Systemd::Unit_file['informix.service'], File['/etc/profile.d/informix.sh']],  
}  
## packages  
if $facts['os']['family'] == 'Redhat' and $facts['os']['release']['major'] == '7' {  
  package { 'libaio': ensure => present, }  
  package { 'ksh': ensure => present, }  
}  
}  
  
template('informix/informix.sh.erb')  
  
INFORMIXSERVER=<%= @instance %>  
INFORMIXDIR=/usr/informix  
INFORMIXSQLHOSTS=/etc/informix/sqlhosts  
ONCONFIG=onconfig.<%= @instance %>  
DBEDIT=vi  
NODEFDAC=yes  
  
export INFORMIXSERVER INFORMIXDIR INFORMIXSQLHOSTS ONCONFIG DBEDIT NODEFDAC
```



Informix instances/databases Management (Bolt)

- agent-less
- inventory based
 - user defined host/target inventory and grouping
- minimal setup
- enables existing script reuse (shell, perl, python, ruby, ...)
 - only limited by what target nodes can run
- a hierarchy of “action” objects building on each other
 - commands
 - tasks
 - plans
- out-of-the box integration with Puppet



Informix instances/databases Management (Bolt)

- Bolt: <https://puppet.com/docs/bolt/latest/bolt.html>
- instance level ops
 - stop/start/restart/status/log
- db level ops
 - copy (source db from one instance to dest db on another instance)
 - build (new empty db from Git repo)
 - support ETL steps
 - run ad-hoc query
 - run SQL script(s)

Manage Informix instances/databases (Bolt)

```
dkremenjas@dk-tc-m910t:~/Boltdir$ bolt inventory show
```

Targets

- admindev
- portaldev
- admintest
- portalttest
- adminrun
- portalrun
- crorisdev
- croristest
- crorisrun
- analyticsdev
- analyticsrun
- dockerdev
- dockerrun

```
dkremenjas@dk-tc-m910t:~/Boltdir$ bolt group show
```

Groups

- all
- app
 - appdev
 - apptest
 - apprun
- db
 - dbdev
 - dbtest
 - dbrun
- docker



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Manage Informix instances/databases (Bolt)

```
dkremenjas@dk-tc-m910t:~/Boltdir$ bolt command run 'uptime' --targets appdev
Finished on portaldev:
  13:17:02 up 22 days,  6:47,  0 users,  load average: 0,01, 0,10, 0,08
Finished on admindev:
  13:17:02 up 69 days,  6:36,  0 users,  load average: 0,00, 0,01, 0,00
Successful on 2 targets: admindev,portaldev
```

```
dkremenjas@dk-tc-m910t:~/Boltdir$ bolt task show
```

Tasks

```
...
db::build_and_run_sql          DB build and run ad-hoc SQL
db::create                      DB Create
db::drop                        DB Drop
db::log                         DB Log
db::rename                      DB Rename
db::run                          DB run ad-hoc SQL
db::run_script                  DB run SQL script
db::start                       DB Start
db::status                      DB Status
...
```

```
dkremenjas@dk-tc-m910t:~/Boltdir$ bolt plan show
```

Plans

```
db::build                      Build a DB from source
db::copy                        Run a DB copy (in dirty read mode)
db::etl                          Run ETL step
db::run_scripts                 Run a set of SQL scripts on a specified target/database
docker::reload_stack            Reload a Docker Stack
docker::restart_services        Restart a set of Docker services on a specified target/stack
```



Manage Informix instances/databases (Bolt)

```
dkremenjas@dk-tc-m910t:~/Boltdir$ bolt task show db::run_script  
db::run_script  
DB run SQL script
```

Usage

```
bolt task run db::run_script --targets <targets> dbname=<value> script=<value> failfast=<value>
```

Parameters

dbname String[1]
Database Name

script String[1]
SQL script

failfast Boolean
Fail multi-SQL scripts on first error
Default: false

```
#run_script.sh  
#!/usr/bin/env bash  
if ${PT_failfast}  
then  
    output=$( sudo -inku horvat DBACCNOIGN=1 dbaccess ${PT_dbname} ${PT_script} 2>&1 )  
else  
    output=$( sudo -inku horvat dbaccess ${PT_dbname} ${PT_script} 2>&1 )  
fi  
rc=$?  
/bin/echo ${output}  
exit ${rc}
```



Manage Informix instances/databases (Bolt)

```
dkremenjas@dk-tc-m910t:~/Boltdir$ bolt task show db::log
```

db::log

Show last lines of DB log file

Usage

```
bolt task run db::log --targets <targets>
```

log.sh

```
#!/usr/bin/env bash
```

```
sudo -inku informix onstat -m
```

```
dkremenjas@dk-tc-m910t:~/Boltdir$ bolt task show db::restart
```

db::restart

DB Restart

Usage

```
bolt task run db::restart --targets <targets>
```

restart.sh

```
#!/usr/bin/env bash
```

```
sudo systemctl restart informix.service
```



Manage Informix instances/databases (Bolt)

```
dkremenjas@dk-tc-m910t:~/Boltdir$ bolt plan show
```

Plans

db::build	Build a DB from source
db::copy	Run a DB copy (in dirty read mode)
db::etl	Run ETL step
db::run_scripts	Run a set of SQL scripts
docker::reload_stack	Reload a Docker Stack
docker::restart_services	Restart a set of Docker services

```
dkremenjas@dk-tc-m910t:~/Boltdir$ bolt plan show db::etl
```

db::etl

Run ETL step

Usage

```
bolt plan run db::etl targets=<value> dbname=<value> src=<value> [failfast=<value>]
```

Parameters

targets TargetSpec

Target DB Server

dbname String

Target DB Name

src String

Absolute path to the file containing the ETL SQL script

failfast Boolean

Fail multi-SQL scripts on first error

Default: false



Manage Informix instances/databases (Bolt)

db::etl

```
description: Run ETL step
parameters:
  targets:
    type: TargetSpec
    description: "Target DB Server"
  dbname:
    type: String
    description: "Target DB Name"
  src:
    type: String
    description: "Absolute path to the file containing the ETL SQL script"
  failfast:
    type: Boolean
    description: "Fail multi-SQL scripts on first error"
    default: false
```

Manage Informix instances/databases (Bolt)

steps:

- message: Running ETL from \$src script...
- command: /usr/bin/echo -n `/usr/bin/date +%Y%m%d%H%M%S%N`
 - description: "Get time down to nanoseconds to use as a seed in the next step"
 - targets: \$targets
 - name: seed
- eval: \$seed[0]['stdout']
 - name: suffix
 - description: "Extract the result contained in the standard output of the previous step"
- upload: \$src
 - destination: "/tmp/script\${suffix}.sql"
 - targets: \$targets
 - description: "Upload SQL script file using upload task"
- **task: db::run_script**
 - name: db_run_script
 - description: "Run uploaded DB script using db::run_script task"
 - targets: \$targets
 - parameters:
 - dbname: \$dbname
 - script: "/tmp/script\${suffix}.sql"
 - failfast: \$failfast
- command: "/usr/bin/rm /tmp/script\${suffix}.sql"
 - targets: \$targets
 - description: "Clean up"

Coordinate & Visualize (Gitlab CI)

CroRIS > analytics_db > Pipelines

All 208 Finished Branches Tags

Clear runner caches

CI lint

Run pipeline

Filter pipelines



Status	Pipeline	Triggerer	Commit	Stages	Duration	
passed	#2118 Scheduled latest		P master -> 8d10f41d Dodan cfEndDate u join za ...	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	⌚ 00:06:31 7 hours ago	
passed	#2112 Scheduled latest		P master -> 8d10f41d Dodan cfEndDate u join za ...	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	⌚ 00:06:51 1 day ago	
passed	#2095 Scheduled latest		P master -> 8d10f41d Dodan cfEndDate u join za ...	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	⌚ 00:06:32 1 day ago	
Failed	#2094 Scheduled latest		P master -> 8d10f41d Dodan cfEndDate u join za ...	✓ ✗ ➔ ➔	⌚ 00:01:01 1 day ago	
passed	#2086 Scheduled latest		P master -> 8d10f41d Dodan cfEndDate u join za ...	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	⌚ 00:06:39 2 days ago	
passed	#2079 Scheduled latest		P master -> 8d10f41d Dodan cfEndDate u join za ...	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	⌚ 00:06:36 2 days ago	
canceled	#2078 latest		P master -> 8d10f41d Dodan cfEndDate u join za ...	✓ ✗ ✗ ✗	⌚ 00:00:10 2 days ago	

Coordinate & Visualize (Gitlab CI)

```
image: "docker-registry.srce.hr/croris/croris_parent/croris"

include:
- project: croris/utilities
  file:
    - gitlab/ci-templates/.setup_ssh.yml

variables:
  USER: ci-croris

stages:
- setup
- build
- load

# set up env vars to be used in subsequent stages
setup:
  extends: .setup_ssh
  stage: setup
  script:
    - echo "DB_LOCALE=hr_HR.utf8" > setup.env
    - echo "CLIENT_LOCALE=hr_HR.utf8" >> setup.env
    - echo "TIMESTAMP=$(/bin/date +%m%d%H%M%S)" >> setup.env
    - git clone git@gitlab.srce.hr:croris/utilities.git
  artifacts:
    paths:
      - utilities/
  reports:
    dotenv: setup.env
```



Coordinate & Visualize (Gitlab CI)

```
# create a mirror DB
.do_mirror:
  script:
    # symlink Bolt embedded project directory
    - ln -sf utilities/bolt Boltdir
    - cd Boltdir
    # rename old mirror DB
    - USER=${USER} bolt task run db::rename --targets ${TARGET} curdbname=${MIRRORDB} newdbname=${MIRRORDB}${TIMESTAMP}
    # create new mirror DB as a copy
    - USER=${USER} bolt plan run db::copy source=${SOURCE} srcdbname=${SRCDB} target=${TARGET} tgtdbname=${MIRRORDB}

# build the empty analytics DB
.do_build:
  after_script:
    # symlink Bolt embedded project directory
    - ln -sf utilities/bolt Boltdir
    - USER=${USER} bolt task run db::drop --targets ${TARGET} dbname=${DBNAME}
    - USER=${USER} bolt task run db::create --targets ${TARGET} dbname=${DBNAME}
    - USER=${USER} bolt plan run db::etl --targets ${TARGET} dbname=${DBNAME} src="${CI_PROJECT_DIR}/a_DbStruct.sql"
    - USER=${USER} bolt plan run db::etl --targets ${TARGET} dbname=${DBNAME} src="${CI_PROJECT_DIR}/b_DbLogs.sql"
    - USER=${USER} bolt plan run db::etl --targets ${TARGET} dbname=${DBNAME} src="${CI_PROJECT_DIR}/c_DbProcedure.sql"
    - USER=${USER} bolt task run db::run --targets ${TARGET} dbname=${DBNAME}
                                sql="EXECUTE PROCEDURE createSynonyms('${MIRRORDB}')"
    - USER=${USER} bolt plan run db::etl --targets ${TARGET} dbname=${DBNAME} src="${CI_PROJECT_DIR}/d_DbPermissions.sql"
```

Coordinate & Visualize (Gitlab CI)

```
# load the analytics DB
.do_load:
  script:
    # symlink Bolt embedded project directory
    - ln -sf utilities/bolt Boltdir
    - USER=${USER} bolt plan run db:::etl --targets ${TARGET} dbname=${DBNAME}
      src="${CI_PROJECT_DIR}/etl/01_LoadDimDatum.sql"
    - USER=${USER} bolt plan run db:::etl --targets ${TARGET} dbname=${DBNAME}
      src="${CI_PROJECT_DIR}/etl/02_LoadDimTables.sql"
    - USER=${USER} bolt plan run db:::etl --targets ${TARGET} dbname=${DBNAME}
      src="${CI_PROJECT_DIR}/etl/04_LoadFactTables.sql"
    - USER=${USER} bolt plan run db:::etl --targets ${TARGET} dbname=${DBNAME}
      src="${CI_PROJECT_DIR}/etl/05_LoadBridgeTables.sql"
```

Coordinate & Visualize (Gitlab CI)

```
build_dev:  
extends:  
  - .setup_ssh  
  - .do_mirror  
  - .do_build  
stage: build  
variables:  
  DBNAME: reportsdev  
  SOURCE: dbdev  
  TARGET: analyticsdev  
  SRCDB: dbdev  
  MIRRORDB: dbdevmirror  
environment:  
  name: dev  
except:  
  - schedules
```

```
load_dev:  
extends:  
  - .setup_ssh  
  - .do_load  
stage: load  
variables:  
  TARGET: analyticsdev  
  DBNAME: reportsdev  
environment:  
  name: dev  
except:  
  - schedules
```

```
build_run:  
extends:  
  - .setup_ssh  
  - .do_mirror  
  - .do_build  
stage: build  
variables:  
  DBNAME: reports  
  SOURCE: dbrun  
  TARGET: analyticsrun  
  SRCDB: db  
  MIRRORDB: dbmirror  
environment:  
  name: run  
only:  
  - schedules
```

```
load_run:  
extends:  
  - .setup_ssh  
  - .do_load  
stage: load  
variables:  
  TARGET: analyticsrun  
  DBNAME: reports  
environment:  
  name: run  
only:  
  - schedules
```



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Observability (Informix HQ)



Dashboards

Monitoring

Alerting

Permissions

Incidents

Root Group

Root Group

Groups (3)

Search groups...

CroRIS

HKO

ISVU

0 INCIDENTS

5 SERVERS

0 INCIDENTS

3 SERVERS

0 INCIDENTS

6 SERVERS

Servers (1)

Search servers...

ifxsrcehq

⋮

✓ SERVER STATUS

✓ AGENT STATUS

0 INCIDENTS



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Observability (Informix HQ)

The screenshot shows the Informix HQ observability interface. The top navigation bar includes the Informix HQ logo, user authentication (admin), and a dropdown menu. The left sidebar lists navigation options: Dashboards, Monitoring, Alerting, Permissions, and Incidents. The main content area displays the 'Root Group > CroRIS' dashboard. It features sections for 'Groups (0)' with a search bar and 'Add Group' button, and 'Servers (5)' with a search bar and 'Add Server' button. Below these are five server cards: 'ifxcrorisanalyticsdev', 'ifxcrorisanalyticsrun', 'ifxcrorisdev', 'ifxcrorisrun', and 'ifxcroristest'. Each card shows SERVER STATUS (green checkmark), AGENT STATUS (green checkmark), and 0 INCIDENTS.

Observability (Informix HQ)

- planned to use Nagios & Zabbix (long established company-wide monitoring tools)
 - poor out-of-the-box Informix support
 - a lot of manual work needed
- handled by Informix HQ instead
- agent - automatically configured and started by Puppet via systemd services
- server - manual addition for each configured agent

```
class informix {  
...  
## service informix-hq-agent  
systemd::unit_file { 'informix-hq-agent.service':  
    source  => 'puppet:///modules/informix/informix-hq-agent.service',  
    require => File['/etc/profile.d/informix.sh'],  
}  
  
service { 'informix-hq-agent.service':  
    ensure  => running,  
    enable   => true,  
    require  => Systemd::Unit_file['informix-hq-agent.service'],  
}  
...  
}
```

Ecosystem

- web layer (Apache/HAProxy)
- apps (Java/R)
- Docker
- → all handled via Puppet configs
- → most frequently used actions handled by Bolt

```
dkremenjas@dk-tc-m910t:~/Boltdir$ bolt <task|plan> show
```

Tasks

app::log	App Log
app::start	Start App
app::start_all	Start ALL Apps
app::status	App Status
app::status_all	Status ALL Apps
app::stop	Stop App
app::stop_all	Stop ALL Apps
...	
docker::restart_service	Docker: Service Restart
...	
web::reload	Web Server Reload

Plans

...	
docker::reload_stack	Reload a Docker Stack
docker::restart_services	Restart a set of Docker services



Ecosystem

app::status

```
#!/usr/bin/env bash
json=$(
```

```
</dev/stdin)
appname=$(
```

```
/bin/echo $json | /usr/bin/jq '.appname' | /usr/bin/tr -d \")
profile=$(
```

```
/bin/echo $json | /usr/bin/jq '.profile' | /usr/bin/tr -d \")
minutes=$(
```

```
/bin/echo $json | /usr/bin/jq '.minutes' | /usr/bin/tr -d \")
sudo journalctl -u ${profile}@${appname}.service --since="${minutes}minutes ago" -l --no-pager
```

docker::restart_service

```
#!/usr/bin/env bash
sudo /usr/bin/docker service update --force --update-parallelism 1 --update-delay 0s ${PT_service}
```

web::reload

```
#!/usr/bin/env bash
sudo systemctl reload apache2.service
```

Future Plans

- support Informix silent install
 - ids_install extract package (aka “-DLEGACY”)
 - store within Cobbler repo (similar to OS ISO images)
 - run install as a part of the VM creation/configuration process
- onconfig templating
- Informix HQ admin/monitor user(s) permission setup
 - account creation (mapped user)
 - access to sysuser/sysmaster/sysadmin DBs
- release/schema management
 - currently manual/crude
 - accumulate production schema/data changes in SQL script
 - take downtime (if needed) and apply
 - flush the SQL script and start over
 - looking at automation tools
 - Liquibase
 - Flyway
- Edition specific schema transformations
 - e.g. copying tables from EE to IE → must remove fragmentation
- Puppet Enterprise?
 - Web GUI for everything

Conclusion

- 90%+ of DB install/config/maintain/use tasks automated
 - minutes instead of hours/days
- complex workflows visualized
- “everyone is a DBA”
- 100% open source tooling
 - used and trusted by big names
 - reused established company-wide tools rather than inventing our own
 - simple to extend (everyone reads/writes simple YAML/shell)
- unified developer experience
 - working across diverse set of technologies
- DB code treated on par with app code
 - each commit/push/merge to DB code repositories main branch tested
 - tight feedback loop
- quick newcomer on-boarding
- breaking down knowledge silos
- sense of ownership

Questions?