

AUTONOMOUS APPLICATION  
DEPLOYMENT WITH

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WHO IS

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**THIS JACK-  
WAGON?**

## 'MURICAN

- ▶ overweight
- ▶ a little bit bigoted
- ▶ I own guns
- ▶ I probably don't speak your language

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# OVERWEIGHT

- ▶ Did I mention that I'm 'Murican?

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## LITTLE BIT BIGOTED

- ▶ GNU/Linux
- ▶ GNUbs
- ▶ Systems that do not include netstat, traceroute, a sane default command shell for /bin/sh
- ▶ Systems that turn \$#!+ on just because you installed it
- ▶ version control systems that allow history to be rewritten
- ▶ ORMs

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## LITTLE BIT BIGOTED (CONTINUED)

- ▶ PHP
- ▶ MySQL
- ▶ Oracle
- ▶ Chef
- ▶ Puppet
- ▶ Ansible
- ▶ Screen
- ▶ Glibc

DON'T SCARE PEOPLE

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## I OWN GUNS



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# I PROBABLY DON'T SPEAK YOUR LANGUAGE

- ▶ Spanish
- ▶ Esperanto
- ▶ Italian
- ▶ German
- ▶ Romanian
- ▶ Frisian
- ▶ Polish
- ▶ Czech
- ▶ Mandarin

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- ▶ shell
- ▶ AWK
- ▶ Python
- ▶ Lua
- ▶ Racket
- ▶ Ruby
- ▶ JavaScript
- ▶ Go
- ▶ Rust

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# HUGE NERD

- ▶ Plone
- ▶ Web2py
- ▶ RVM
- ▶ SaltStack
- ▶ Ansible
- ▶ Capistrano
- ▶ RepozeBFG
- ▶ Fabric
- ▶ Fossil
- ▶ SQLite
- ▶ PyJS
- ▶ Wempy
- ▶ Linux Mint
- ▶ MidnightBSD

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**LOVE/HATE STORY**

## DEVELOPER HAS IDEA

- ▶ Developer builds app
- ▶ Developer runs app
- ▶ Developer needs to deploy app into production

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## ABOUT THE APP

- ▶ POSIX-y
- ▶ Few dependencies
  - ▶ System Libraries
  - ▶ runtime language (JavaScript, Python, Ruby, etc)
  - ▶ packages for language (NPM, CPAN, PyPI, Gems, etc).

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# DEPLOYMENT OPTIONS

- ▶ Tarball
- ▶ Debs/RPMs
- ▶ Language tools (pip, gem, cpan, etc)
- ▶ Deployment tools
  - ▶ Maven, ANT, Make
  - ▶ Capistrano, Vlad, Fabric, etc
  - ▶ Puppet, Chef, Salt, Ansible

**HAPPILY EVER  
AFTER**

**UNTIL...**

**VULNERABILITY  
DISCOVERED IN  
APPLICATION CODE**

## VULNERABILITY IN APPLICATION CODE

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- ▶ Re-roll Tarballs and deploy
- ▶ Re-build deb/rpm packages, put in repo, deploy
- ▶ Update deployment tools/recipes and deploy

# VULNERABILITY IN COMMUNITY PACKAGE

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- ▶ Check for update
- ▶ Check update for compatibility with application code
- ▶ Check updated application for compatibility underlying stack

**NEW VERSION OF YOUR  
RUNTIME IS RELEASED**

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- ▶ Check compatibility with application
  - ▶ Find/fix edge-case issues

**NEW SYSTEM  
LIBRARIES**

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- ▶ Check compatibility with community packages
  - ▶ Check compatibility with application

**WHAT IF THEY DON'T  
WORK TOGETHER?**

**FORK IT!**

**OR WORSE**

**DON'T UPGRADE  
ANYTHING**

**BUT THERE'S A  
BETTER WAY**

**THE OS IS SUBSTRATE  
YOUR APPLICATION IS THE  
COLONY**

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## TWO SETS OF DEFINITIONS

- ▶ A host on your network
  - ▶ monitoring
  - ▶ orchestration
  - ▶ (system) packages
- ▶ Your application stack
  - ▶ apps that make up your stack

## THE BENEFITS

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- ▶ Your application is now autonomous
- ▶ You can move from OS to OS as long as your application stack is supported on the target platform
- ▶ You can push updates to your substrate much more easily
- ▶ You can update your dependencies at will
- ▶ You can maintain your own forks without system conflicts
- ▶ You can run multiple versions in parallel on the same system
- ▶ You can wrap it all in meta-packages

## THE BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

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- ▶ Parallel installations with `${PREFIX}`
- ▶ Chroot "jail" for simple process isolation
- ▶ Tarball-able (not recommended but better than some solutions)
- ▶ Highly portable and easily maintainable
- ▶ Many many more...

**QUESTIONS**

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