

# OPENSTACK-ANSIBLE

Simple flexible deployments of OpenStack

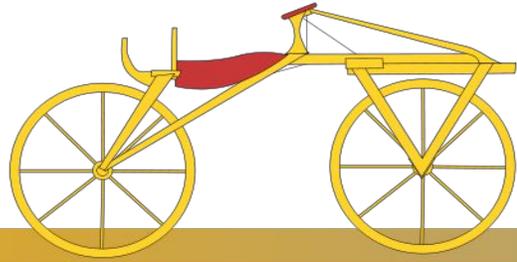


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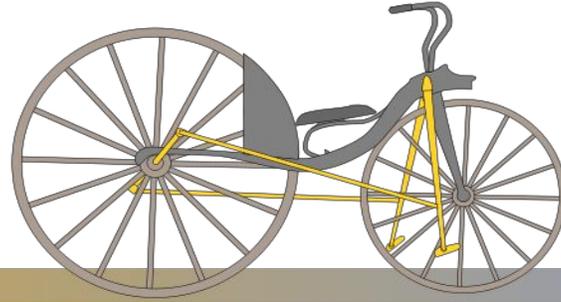
# Agenda

1. Genesis - My story
2. Ansible?
3. OpenStack-Ansible?
4. Get involved! Try it, join the community

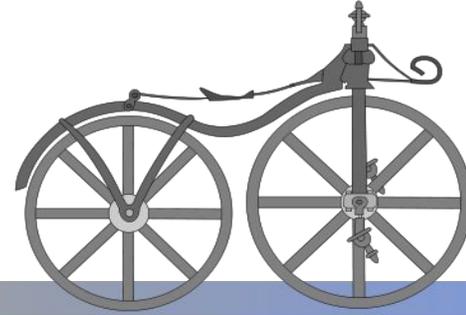




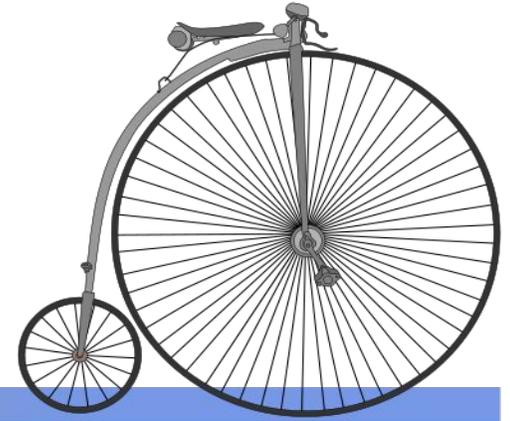
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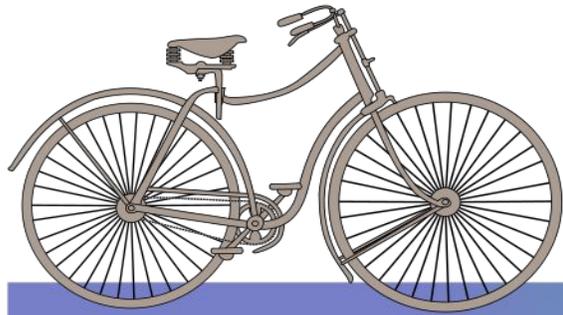
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two-wheel velocipede



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pedal-bicycle



1870  
high-wheel bicycle



1890  
safety bicycle



1960s  
racing bike

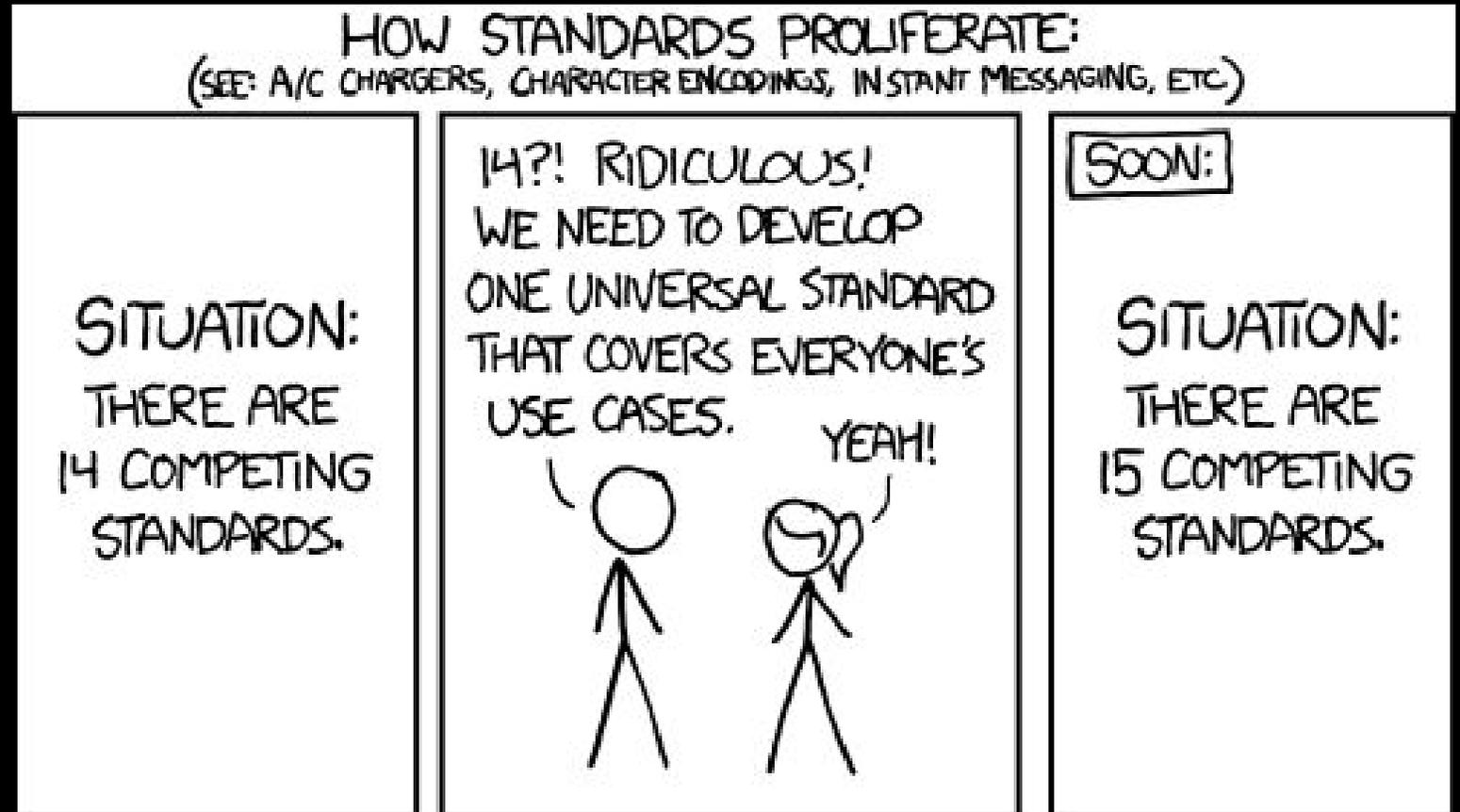


Mid 1970s  
mountain bike

We **seriously**  
needed **another**  
way to deploy  
OpenStack  
clouds?



# Standards



<https://xkcd.com/927/>

# About me



Jean-Philippe Evrard  
Software Developer  
Rackspace

- Worked in Banks/ISP/IT  
as PL/PM/Dev
- Passionate about automation
- Previous proud owner of gôogle.be  
until it was not funny anymore
- Wait, did I tell you I love automation?
- Love XKCD
- OpenStack-Ansible contributor

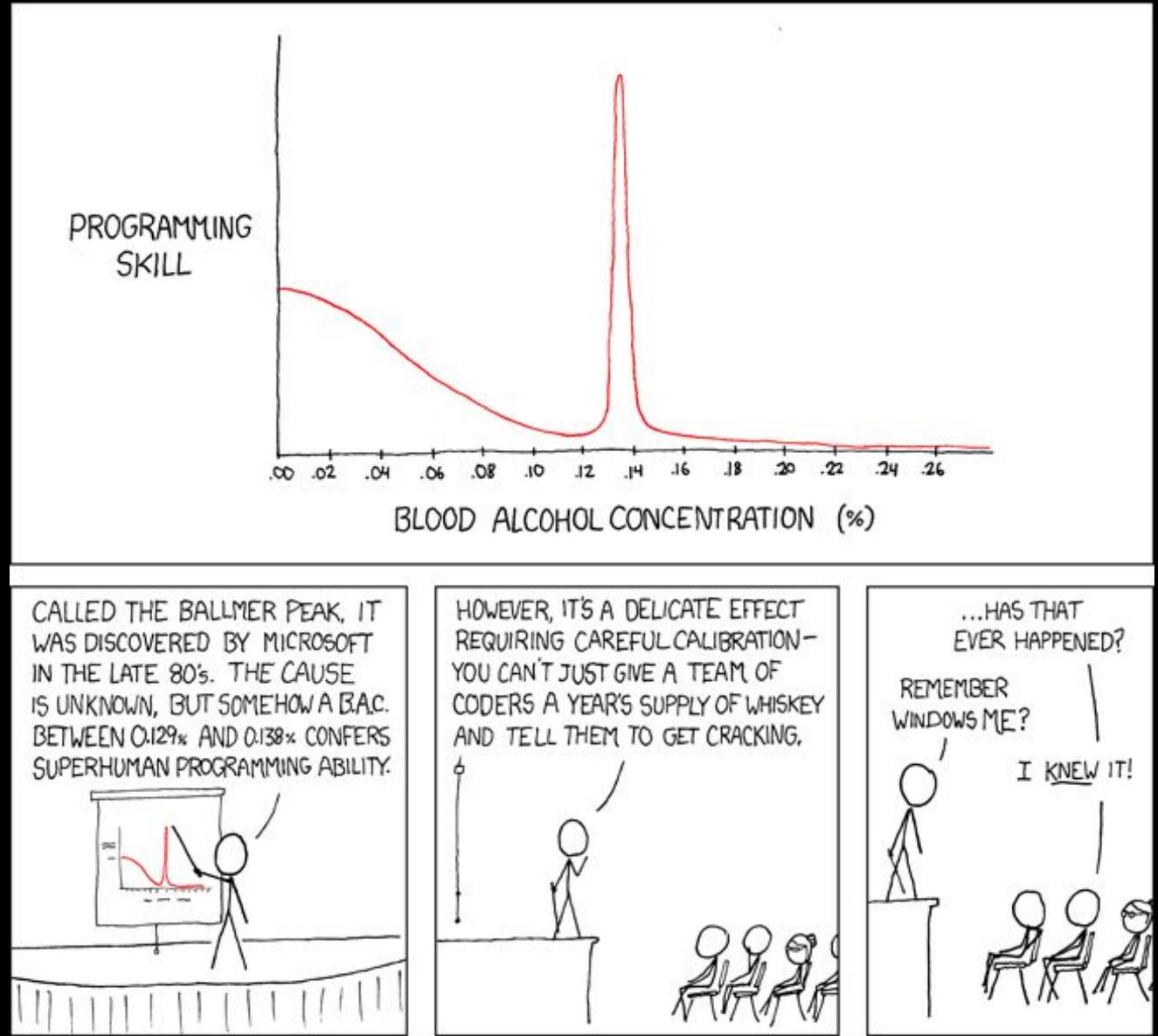


**Different** use cases  
demand **different**  
deployment methods

**We want it all.  
We want it now.**



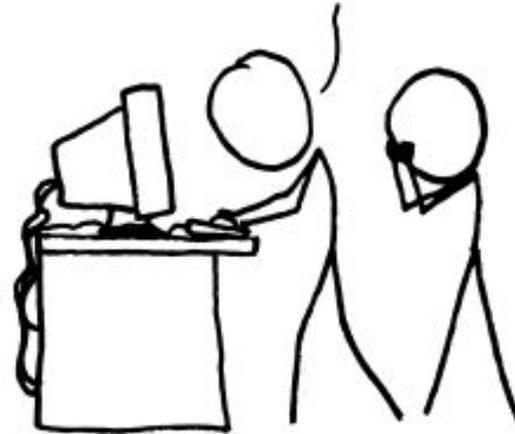
# Expectations



<https://xkcd.com/323/>

# Workaround

SEE, I'VE GOT A REALLY GOOD SYSTEM:  
IF I WANT TO SEND A YOUTUBE VIDEO  
TO SOMEONE, I GO TO FILE → SAVE, THEN  
IMPORT THE SAVED PAGE INTO WORD. THEN  
I GO TO "SHARE THIS DOCUMENT" AND  
UNDER "RECIPIENT" I PUT THE EMAIL  
OF THIS VIDEO EXTRACTION SERVICE...



I'LL OFTEN ENCOURAGE RELATIVES TO TRY TO SOLVE  
COMPUTER PROBLEMS THEMSELVES BY TRIAL AND ERROR.  
HOWEVER, I'VE LEARNED AN IMPORTANT LESSON: IF THEY  
SAY THEY'VE SOLVED THEIR PROBLEM, *NEVER* ASK HOW.

<https://xkcd.com/763/>

Guess what?



<https://xkcd.com/1172/>

# Existing deployment methods had limitations

Rigid configuration

Upgrade challenges

Small or no community available  
(vendor lock-in)

Why Ansible?



# Highly extensible

Each task does one action

Tasks are grouped into roles

Roles are tied together with playbooks

# Simple variable scope

Every role or task **variable** can have a **default** value

Additional variables **per environment**

Deployers can **override all** of these variables **easily**

# Dependencies make sense

If you can read top-down, you understand Ansible's dependencies

# Very little baggage

No daemons or agents

No clients or servers

Everything uses ssh

Use your existing keys, users, and auth mechanisms (like Kerberos!)

# Why OpenStack-Ansible?



# Large collection of roles

A backbone of playbooks that links multiple roles together

Each openstack service has its own role

We define “standards” defaults in roles

We give an overridable, opiniated override



OpenStack-Ansible is  
built by **operators**  
for **operators**

# Isolation

Each service deploys into a different lxc container

Each service gets unique message queue and database credentials

Each service queries different databases and message queue virtual hosts

# Coordination and testing

Every change is tested as part of the whole stack

If a keystone change breaks nova, automated testing will fail

We test multiple scenarii per role when possible

Deprecated configurations and imports are handled gracefully

# Documentation

Lots of installation documentation and reference guides

Real-world use cases and integrations

We have openstack docs cores reviewing it on a daily basis!

# Growing, diverse community

Over 5k commits from 42 companies

Top 5 contributors overall: Rackspace, Comcast, Independants, Walmart, Intel

The background image shows a complex industrial facility, likely a water treatment plant, with numerous pipes, valves, and large cylindrical tanks. The entire scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent teal color. In the center, the text "Deploy, maintain, and upgrade with ease" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. On the left side, the text "LAKOS FILTRATION SYSTEMS" is visible in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, oriented vertically. On the right side, a label on a piece of equipment reads "CONDENSER WATER PUMP #5".

**Deploy, maintain,  
and upgrade with ease**

Deploy

Deploy to one host, 100 hosts, or 1,000 hosts

High availability is built-in

Maintain

Control over quantity and location of Openstack services

Upgrade

Comes with opinionated defaults from OpenStack operators

# Deploy

# Maintain

# Upgrade

Change configurations with little or no downtime

Rebuild any container quickly after a failure or disruption

Add, remove or replace control plane nodes as needed

Comprehensive host security hardening

# Deploy

# Maintain

# Upgrade

Upgrading between and within major releases is a first class feature

Services are carefully upgraded along with database migrations

Deprecations are handled gracefully

A close-up photograph of a weathered wooden door. A horizontal metal handle is mounted across the door, secured with decorative metal brackets. A silver padlock is attached to the handle. The padlock has a globe logo and the text "UNIQUE" and "WORLD BALL" on it. The text "What about security?" is overlaid in white on the door.

What about **security**?

# OpenStack-Ansible has a security role

Applies 200+ security configurations  
on hosts and virtual machines

Follows the guidelines from the DISA STIG

Lots of auditor-friendly documentation

Supports Ubuntu 14.04/16.04, CentOS 7 and Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7

# Get involved

```
- name: Set nova get_venv fact
  set_fact:
    nova_get_venv: "{{ get_venv }}"
  when: nova_venv_enabled | bool
  tags:
    - nova-install
    - nova-pip-packages

- name: Remove existing venv
  file:
    path: "{{ nova_venv_bin | dirname }}"
    state: absent
  when:
    - nova_venv_enabled | bool
    - nova_get_venv | changed
  tags:
    - nova-install
    - nova-pip-packages

- name: Create nova venv dir
  file:
    path: "{{ nova_venv_bin | dirname }}"
    state: directory
  when:
    - not nova_developer_mode | bool
    - nova_venv_enabled | bool
    - nova_get_venv | changed
  tags:
    - nova-install
    - nova-pip-packages

- name: Unarchive pre-built venv
  unarchive:
    src: "/var/cache/{{ nova_venv_download_url | basename }}"
    dest: "{{ nova_venv_bin | dirname }}"
    copy: "no"
  when:
    - not nova_developer_mode | bool
    - nova_venv_enabled | bool
    - nova_get_venv | changed
  notify: Restart nova services
  tags:
```

# Join our community

Freenode IRC: #openstack-ansible

Mailing list: [openstack-dev@lists.openstack.org](mailto:openstack-dev@lists.openstack.org)

(use the [openstack-ansible] tag in the subject line)

Code: <https://github.com/openstack/openstack-ansible>

Docs: <http://docs.openstack.org/developer/openstack-ansible/>

AIO quickstart:

<http://docs.openstack.org/developer/openstack-ansible/developer-docs/quickstart-aio.html>

# Try an AIO!

- > git clone <https://git.openstack.org/openstack/openstack-ansible> \  
/opt/openstack-ansible
- > cd /opt/openstack-ansible
- > scripts/bootstrap-ansible.sh
- > scripts/bootstrap-aio.sh
- > cd playbooks
- > openstack-ansible setup-everything.yml

# Future

Improve test coverage (scenarii, upgrades)

Add more roles

Improve the inventory

Blueprints: <https://blueprints.launchpad.net/openstack-ansible>

# Thank you!

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