

functional Systems Administration



Fedora Unified Network Controller
<https://fedorahosted.org/func/>

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Func?

- Have you ever tried to command or query a large number of systems with SSH? Have you wanted a better way?
- Have you wanted a way to audit all of your remote commands on all of your systems?
- Tired of writing shell scripts and parsing command output?
- Well have we got a solution for you. It's Func.



What is it?

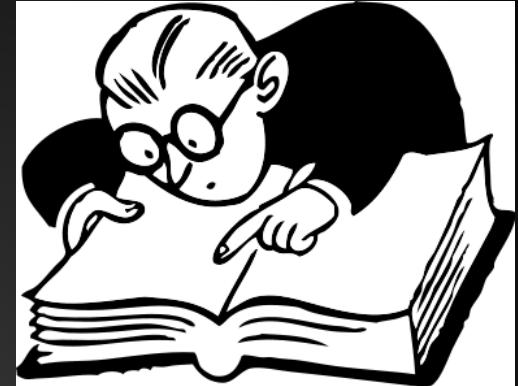
- Python API
- SimpleXMLRPCServer
(*port 51234*)
- X509 Certificate Authority
(*certmaster port 51235*)
- command line
func



Why would I want to use it?

What it isn't	What it is
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No X11 (cssh)• Not expect• Not pdsh• sed/awk/tr/xargs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Python• Secure

Terminology

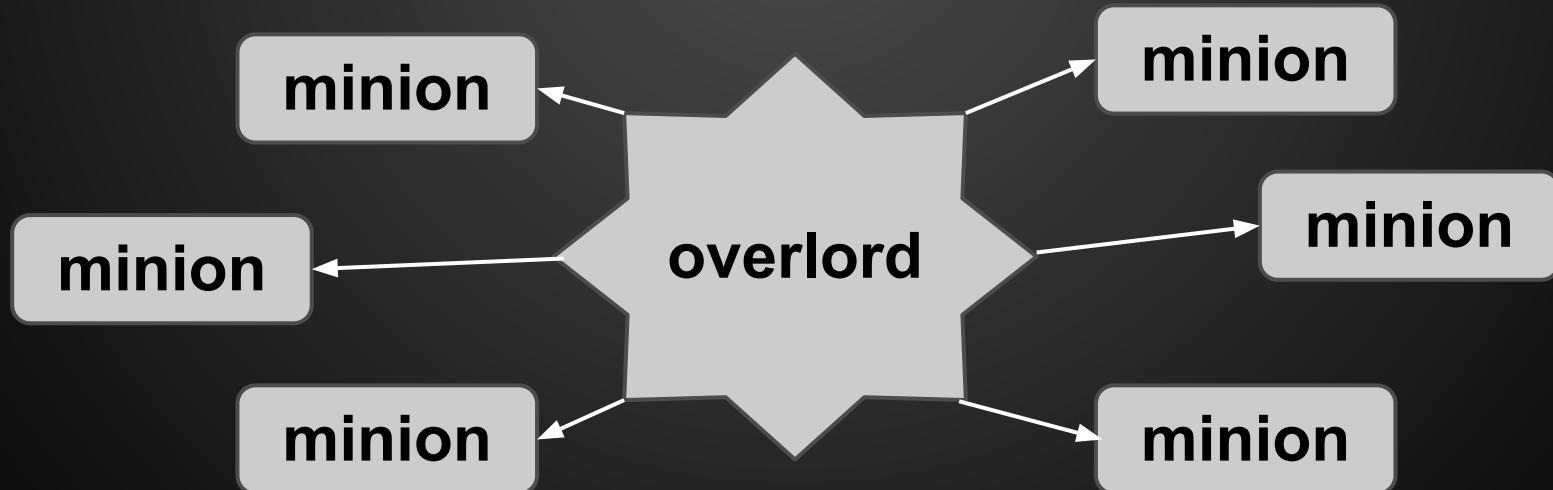


minions

a follower devoted to serving his/her master relentlessly.

overlord

a particularly powerful lord, who has power over many people



PKI

certmaster

<https://fedorahosted.org/certmaster/>

client

/etc/pki/certmaster

server

/var/lib/certmaster

certmaster-ca, certmaster-request

Allow users to run func

```
setfacl -R -m 'u:username:rX' /var/lib/certmaster  
setfacl -d -R -m 'u:username:rX' /var/lib/certmaster
```

Installation/Configuration

- Install the server
- Install the client
- start certmaster
- sign certificates / autosign certificates
- run something

Server

- certmaster
 - install
 - start
- firewall (51235)
- sign certificates



Client

- func
 - install
 - /etc/certmaster/minion.conf
certmaster=myfunc.example.com
 - start
 - open firewall 51234 (overlord)

Demo

FUNC command line

```
[root@func ~]# func 'minion1*' call command run 'sync'
```

minion1* = Host regex

to which hosts shall we apply the following?

call = Command.

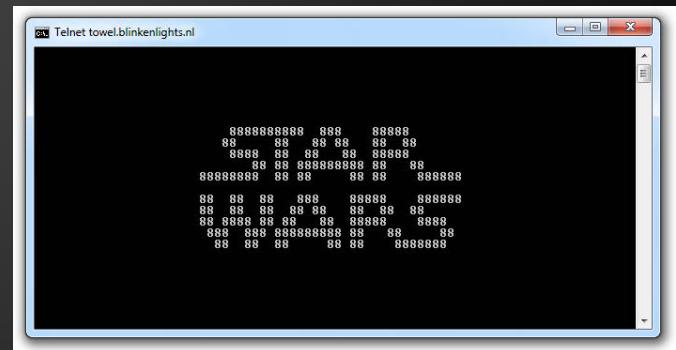
Usually "call" but there's also check, ping, etc

command = Module

Many are available, which do you choose?

run = Method

'sync' = Input to the method (if required).



Grouping

```
[root@example1 ~]# cat /etc/func/groups  
[sqlservers]  
host = sql1.example.com, sql2.example.com
```

factored

```
[subdomain]  
host = *.subdomain.example.com
```

```
>>> from func.overlord import client  
>>> client.Client(@sqlservers).service.restart("mysqld");  
>>> client.Client(@subdomain).command.run("sync; reboot")
```



Modules

python-site-packages/func/modules

func-create-module

```
import func_module
import os
import subprocess

class Facter(func_module.FuncModule):

    # Update these if need be.
    version = "0.0.1"
    api_version = "0.0.1"
    description = "Puppet Facter Interface, returns facts about the minion"

    def facts(self):
        """
        Return an array of facts
        """
        facter = subprocess.Popen(['facter'], stdout=subprocess.PIPE).communicate()[0]
        facts = {}
        for fact in facter.splitlines():
            (name,value) = fact.split('=>')
            facts[name] = value
        return facts
```

Calling from Python

```
import func.overlord.client as fc  
fc.Client('minion_regex').module.method('input')
```

where **minion_regex** can take many forms:
minion1;minion2;@group1;*.example.com



Examples

python API

Turning off swap for virtual servers

```
#!/usr/bin/python
import func.overlord.client as fc
info = fc.Client("*").hardware.hal_info()

for host, details in info.iteritems():

    if type(details) != dict:
        print "Host {0} had an error.".format(
            host
        )
        break

    for (device, full_output) in details.iteritems():
        if full_output.upper().find("VMWARE") != -1:
            fc.Client(host).command.run("swapoff -a")
            print "Disabled swap on host {0}".format(
                host
            )
            break
```

Managing Updates - Report Generation

```
#!/usr/bin/python

import func.overlord.client as fc
client = fc.Client("*")
client.timeout = 100

client.command.run("yum clean all")
output = client.yumcmd.check_update()

for i in sorted(output):
    print "{0} [ {1} ] {0}{2}\n".format(
        "="*25,
        i.upper(),
        (output[i][1])[:-1]
    )
```

Managing Updates - Report Content

```
===== [ EXAMPLE1.CS.PRINCETON.EDU ] =====  
ipmitool.x86_64          1.8.11-12.el6_2.1          PUIAS6_core_Updates_local  
  
===== [ EXAMPLE2.CS.PRINCETON.EDU ] =====  
  
===== [ EXAMPLE3.CS.PRINCETON.EDU ] =====  
  
===== [ EXAMPLE4.CS.PRINCETON.EDU ] =====  
ipmitool.x86_64          1.8.11-12.el6_2.1          PUIAS6_core_Updates_local  
  
===== [ EXAMPLE5.CS.PRINCETON.EDU ] =====  
  
===== [ EXAMPLE6.CS.PRINCETON.EDU ] =====  
ipmitool.x86_64          1.8.11-12.el6_2.1          PUIAS6_core_Updates_local
```

Kernel Version Tracking

```
#!/usr/bin/python
# Thomas Uphill <thomas at narrabilis dot com>
# suggestion to use setdefault from Matthew Cahn

import func.overlord.client as fc
client = fc.Client('*')

hardware = client.hardware.info()
kernels = {}
for host, fields in hardware.items():
    if type(fields) == dict:
        kernels.setdefault(fields['kernelVersion'], [])
        kernels[fields['kernelVersion']].append(host)
k = kernels.keys()
k.sort()
for version in k:
    print '%s:' % version
    for host in kernels[version]:
        print '\t%s' % host
```

Demo

Examples

Command Line

command line usage

Running kernel on all minions:

```
func '*' call command run 'uname -r'
```

Available modules:

```
func minion_name call system list_modules
```

Methods of a module:

```
func minion_name call modulename list_methods
```

Demo

Questions/Comments/Concerns

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