

SUSECON 23

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# TUT-1117

Integrating SUSE Manager with Ansible



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3. The Uyuni Ansible collection  
Control SUMA/Uyuni via Ansible
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Full automated Ansible-based patch management





# Recap

SUSE Manager automation capabilities

# SUSE Manager Automation possibilities

## XML-RPC API

good ol' default API

Introduced in Spacewalk (2008), hard to use, requires special client libraries

## HTTP API

New JSON over HTTP API, easier to consume than XML-RPC API

Introduced in Uyuni 2022.05, supported in SUSE Manager 4.3

## Salt

Mighty IaC solution for comprehensive configuration management

## spacecmd

Command-line interface to API

Many commands support wildcards, offers shell mode





# Automating SUSE Manager installations

In under 10 minutes

# Installing SUSE Manager

```
---  
- name: Install SUSE Manager  
  hosts: suma.giertz.loc  
  become: true  
  roles:  
    - role: stdevel.uyuni.server  
      uyuni_scc_reg_code: DERP1337LULZ  
      uyuni_scc_mail: simone@gier.tz
```

Installing the most recent supported version  
of SUSE Manager



# Installing Uyuni and some 3<sup>rd</sup> party repositories

```
---  
- name: Install Uyuni  
  hosts: uyuni.giertz.loc  
  become: true  
  roles:  
    - role: stdevl.uyuni.server  
      uyuni_release: '2023.06'  
      uyuni_channels:  
        - name: opensuse_leap15_4  
          arch: x86_64  
      uyuni_enable_monitoring: true  
      uyuni_install_monitoring_formulas: true
```

Installing a **specific** Uyuni version and configuration 3<sup>rd</sup> party repositories using `spacewalk-common-channels`.

Also enables **monitoring** support.





# Registering clients

```
---  
- name: Register clients  
  hosts: clients  
  become: true  
  roles:  
    - role: stdevel.uyuni.client
```

Downloads and executes a bootstrap.sh script.

By default, it searches for the file `bootstrap- $\$distro\$version$ .sh` – e.g. `bootstrap-almalinux9.sh`.

See also SUSE Manager documentation.



# The Uyuni Ansible collection

Plug & automate



# The Uyuni Ansible collection

- Collection of various **roles**
  - storage (server preparation)
  - server (SUMA/Uyuni installation)
  - client (bootstrapping)
- Also contains various **plugins**
  - Managing patches, upgrade
  - Running OpenSCAP checks
  - Dynamic inventory

This is a **work in progress** project.

Available on GitHub and Ansible Galaxy:

<https://github.com/stdevel/ansible-collection-uyuni>

<https://galaxy.ansible.com/stdevel/uyuni>

**Contributions / feedback welcome!**



# Installing patches

```
---  
- name: Installing patches  
  stdevl.uyuni.install_patches:  
    uyuni_host: 192.168.1.1  
    uyuni_user: admin  
    uyuni_password: admin  
    name: myserver.localdomain.loc  
    exclude_patches:  
      - openSUSE-2022-10013  
      - openSUSE-SLE-15.3-2022-2118
```

Modules specify SUMA / Uyuni connection details and managed host.

Can also be used with the dynamic inventory and delegating the task to the management node (`delegate_to`).



# Checking OpenSCAP compliance

```
---  
- name: Check compliance  
  stdev.el.yuni.openscap_run:  
    uyuni_host: 192.168.1.1  
    uyuni_user: admin  
    uyuni_password: admin  
    name: myserver.localdomain.loc  
    document: /opt/scap-yast2sec-xccdf.xml  
    arguments: --profile Default
```

XCCDF catalog (document) and oscap parameters (arguments) can be defined using parameters.



# Dynamic inventory: configuration

```
---
plugin: stdevel.uyuni.inventory
host: 192.168.1.1
user: admin
password: admin
show_custom_values: true
# ipv6_only: true
verify_ssl: false
# groups:
#   - Test
# pending_reboot_only: true
```

Inventory file needs to end with `.uyuni.yml`.

Configuration file specifies:

- Connection details
- Hostgroup / custom value / IPv6 filter
- Filter for pending reboots



# Dynamic inventory: usage

```
$ ansible-inventory homelab.uyni.yml --list
{
  "Test": {
    "hosts": [
      "uyuni-client-opensuse-leap15"
    ]
  },
  "_meta": {
    "hostvars": {
      "uyuni-client-opensuse-leap15": {
        "ansible_host": "192.168.1.2",
        "susecon23_system": "1"
      }
    }
  }
}
...
}
```

The Ansible inventory includes **hostgroups** and **custom system information** specified in the SUSE Manager interface.

Those information can be used in Ansible roles and playbooks.



# Demo time!

AWX-based patch management  
workflow

(vSphere, check\_mk, Uyuni)





# What you're about to see

- Automated patch cycle in the lab
  - vSphere hypervisor for VMs
  - Uyuni
  - check\_mk for monitoring
- AWX uses various Ansible collections
  - `community.vmware`
  - `stdevl.uyuni`
  - `tribe29.checkmk`

The AWX workflow will prepare maintenance by:

- Scheduling downtime
- Creating VM snapshots

Afterwards it will install patches.

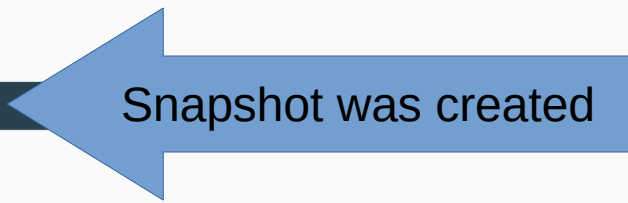




SNAPSHOT ERSTELLEN... | WIEDERHERSTELLEN | BEARBEITEN | LÖSCHEN | ALLE LÖSCHEN

After deployment

Ansible Maintenance



Sie befinden sich hier

Name	Ansible Maintenance
Beschreibung	Snapshot before maintenance created by Ansible
Zeitstempel	02.06.23, 16:19
Größe	1,61 GB
Snapshot des Arbeitsspeichers der virtuellen Maschine erstellen	Nein
Gast-Dateisystem stilllegen	Nein

Kürzlich bearbeitete Aufgaben | Alarme

Name der Aufgabe	Ziel	Status	Details	Initiator	In Warteschlange	Startzeit	Zeitpunkt der Fertigstellung	Server
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Keine Elemente gefunden



checkmk



Monitor



Customize



Setup



Help



User



Sidebar

# Comments of host uyuni-client.labwi.sva.de

Monitor > Overview > All hosts > uyuni-client.labwi.sva.de > Services of Host > Comments of host uyuni-client.labwi.sva.de

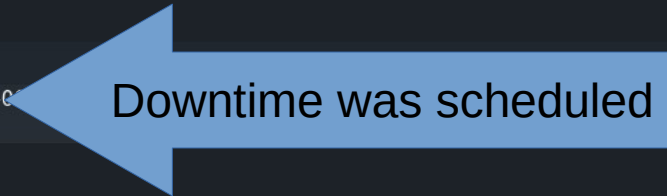
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Commands Host Add to Export Display Help



Remove comments Filter Show checkboxes Services of Host

Author	Comment text	Time	Expires	E.Type
automation	This host has been scheduled for fixed downtime from 2023-0... sent out during that time period.	192 s	-	



## Overview ^

Hosts	1	Unhandled p.	0
Services	3	Unhandled p.	0
Events	0	Unhandled p.	0

## Bookmarks ^

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Delete System | Add to SSM

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- Pending
- History

### System History

The following history events have been noted for this system.  
 Please note that this system has no pending events. Events marked with a star (\*) happened within a different organization: migrate the system back to the original organization to access event details.

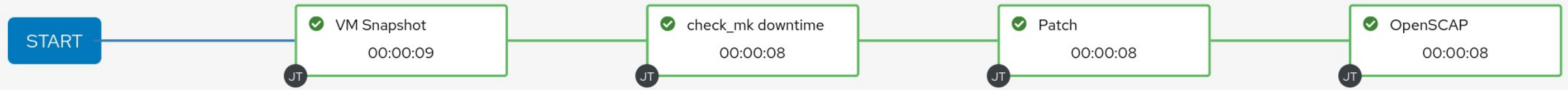
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Type	Status	Summary	Time
🖥️	✅	OpenSCAP xccdf scanning scheduled by admin	2023-06-02 16:22:38 CEST
🔧	✅	Combined Patch Update: openSUSE-SLE-15.4-2023-743 - Recommended update for gnutils (and 0 more patches) scheduled by (none)	2023-06-02 16:22:16 CEST
🔧	✅	Package List Refresh scheduled by admin	2023-06-02 16:02:20 CEST
🔧	✅	Package List Refresh scheduled by admin	2023-06-02 15:53:36 CEST
🖥️	✅	Remote Command on uyuni-client.labwi.sva.de. scheduled by admin	2023-06-02 15:52:28 CEST
🖥️	✅	OpenSCAP xccdf scanning scheduled by admin	2023-06-02 15:37:41 CEST
🔧	✅	Combined Patch Update: openSUSE-SLE-15.4-2023-743 - Recommended update for gnutils (and 0 more patches) scheduled by (none)	2023-06-01 15:41:28 CEST
🔧	✅	Package List Refresh scheduled by admin	2023-06-01 15:38:28 CEST
🖥️	✅	Remote Command on uyuni-client.labwi.sva.de. scheduled by admin	2023-06-01 15:38:19 CEST
🖥️	❌	Remote Command on uyuni-client.labwi.sva.de. scheduled by admin	2023-06-01 15:35:28 CEST
🔧	❌	Package List Refresh scheduled by admin	2023-06-01 15:35:22 CEST
🔧	✅	Package List Refresh scheduled by (none)	2023-06-01 15:28:02 CEST
🔧	✅	Patch Update: Combined update for the software update stack (284 patches) scheduled by (none)	2023-06-01 15:27:55 CEST
🖥️	✅	OpenSCAP xccdf scanning scheduled by admin	2023-06-01 15:09:58 CEST
🖥️	✅	OpenSCAP xccdf scanning scheduled by admin	2023-06-01 14:55:32 CEST
🖥️	✅	OpenSCAP xccdf scanning scheduled by admin	2023-06-01 14:46:40 CEST
🔧	✅	Package List Refresh scheduled by (none)	2023-06-01 14:45:33 CEST

Patch installed

OpenSCAP executed



# Roadmap

0.1. (December 2022)

Initial release

1.0 (later 2023)

- proxy role
- SSL certificate support
- JSON over HTTP API in external Python library (pyuyuni)

0.1.1 (April 2023)

- Added `client` role

Some next version

Your ideas?



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# Thank you

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