

ACE in the Cloud

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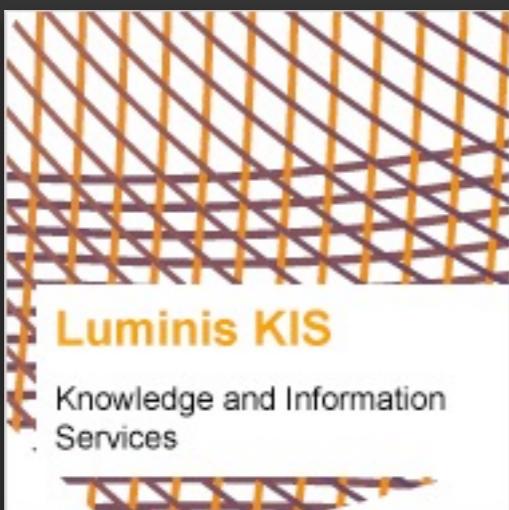
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Requirements for exercises

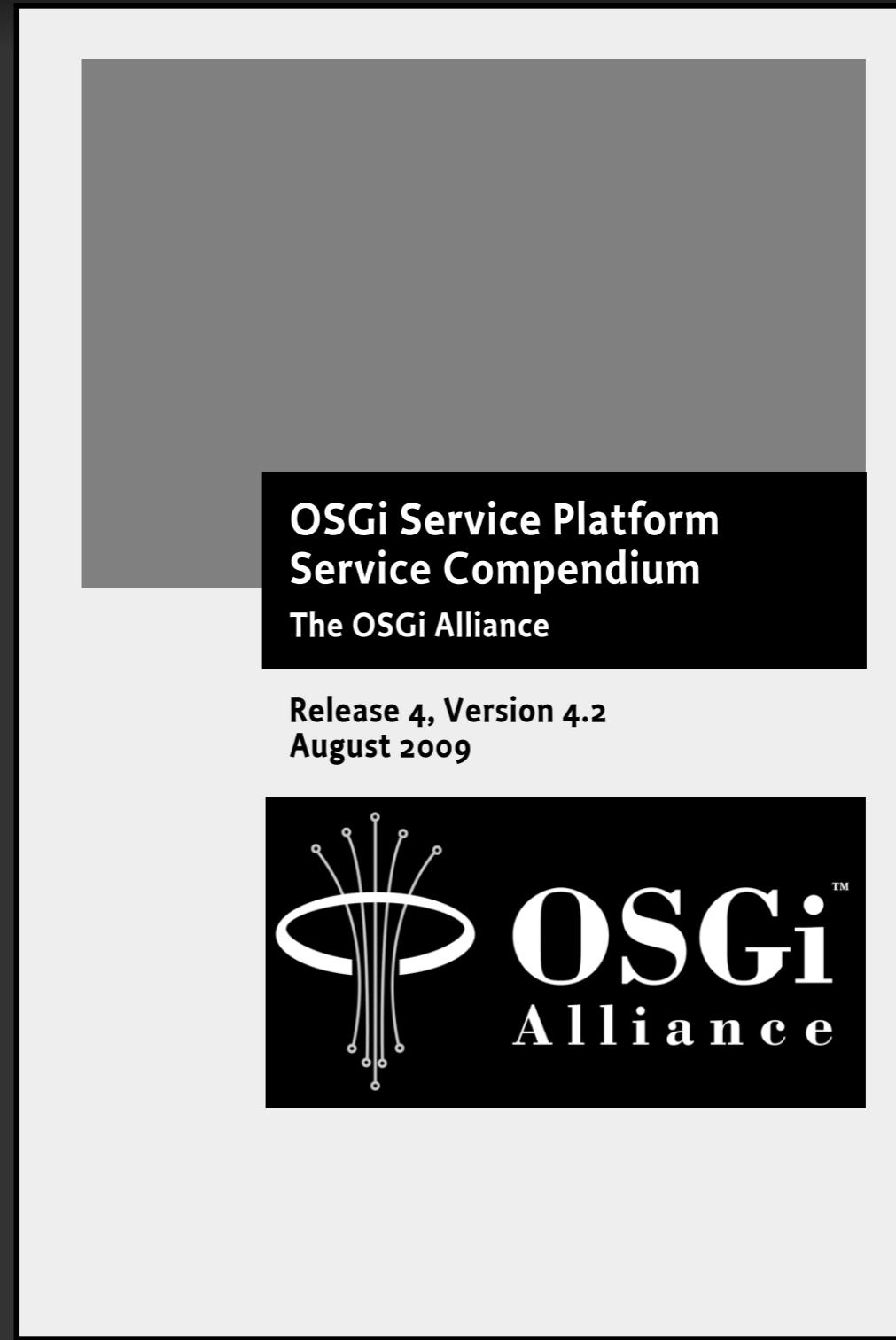
- Eclipse IDE
- Apache Maven
- Java 6
- BndTools
 - at <http://njbartlett.name/bndtools.html>
- E-mail eclipsecon-2011@luminis.eu for:
 - access to your EC-2 node with Apache ACE
 - a shared DropBox folder with the exercises

Agenda

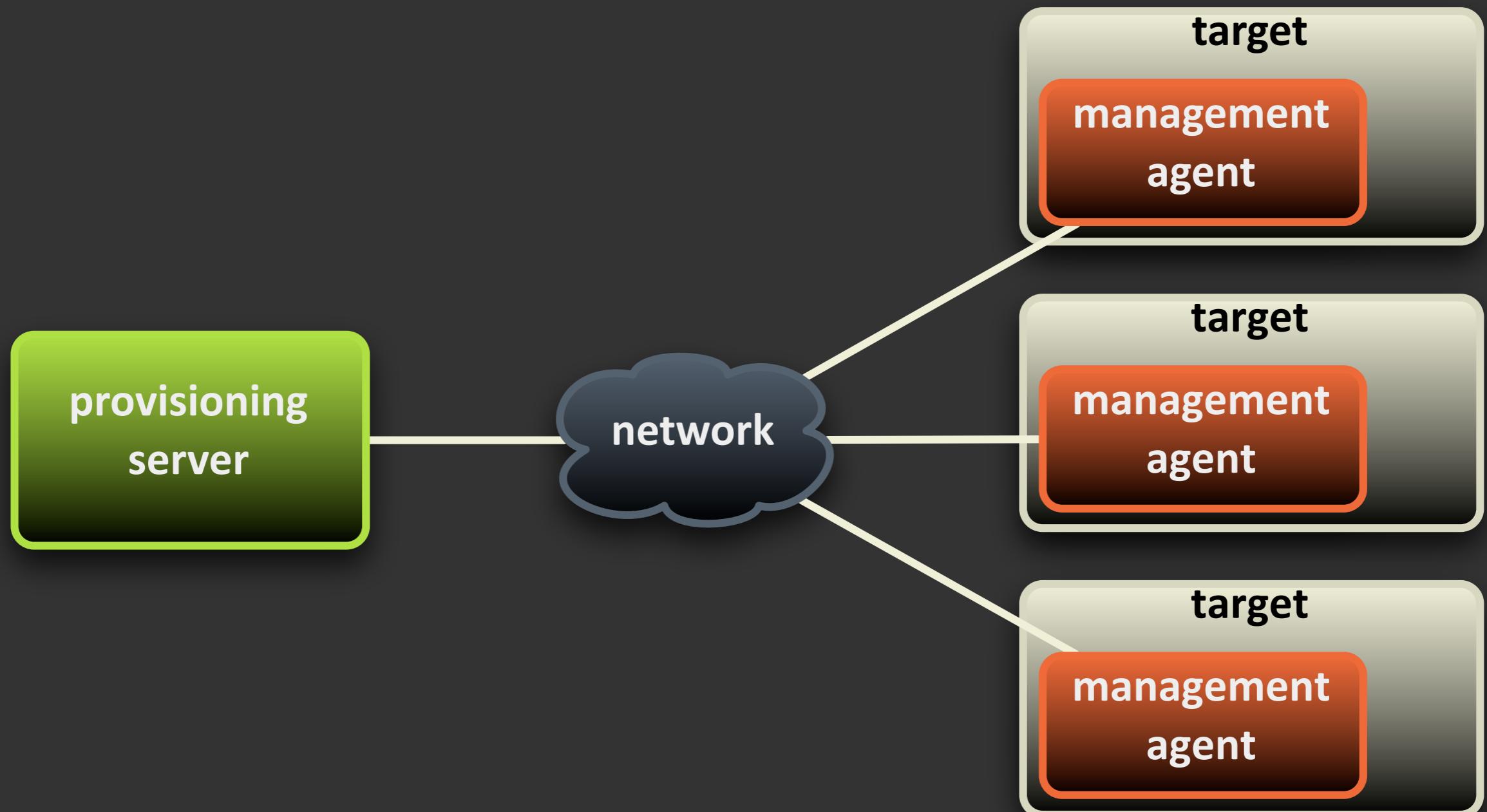
- Provisioning in OSGi
- Hands on: creating an OSGi application
- Overview of Apache ACE
- Cloud extensions
- Hands on: deploying in the cloud
- Hands on: building and using ACE locally
- Closing Remarks

Provisioning in OSGi

OSGi: core + compendium



Topology



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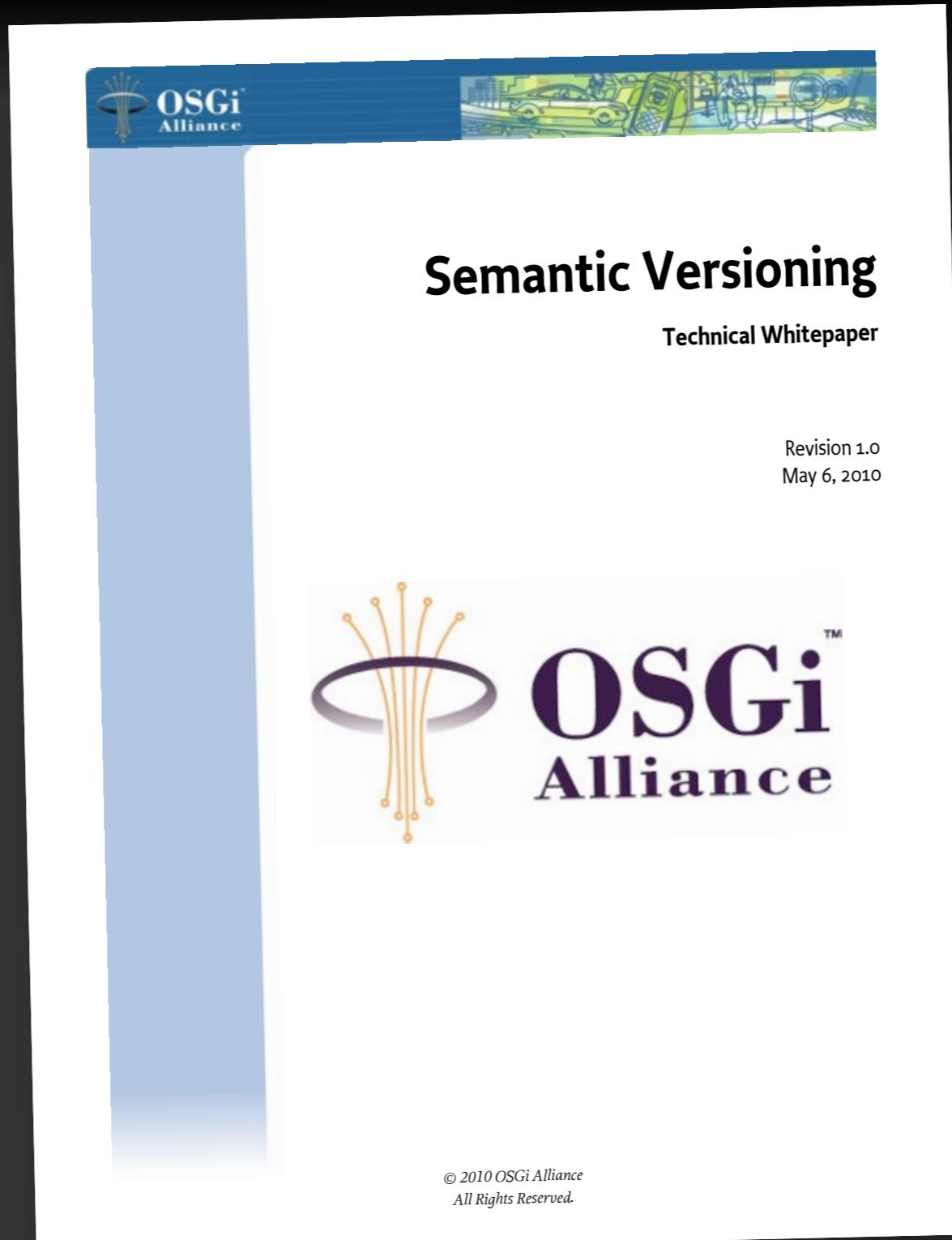
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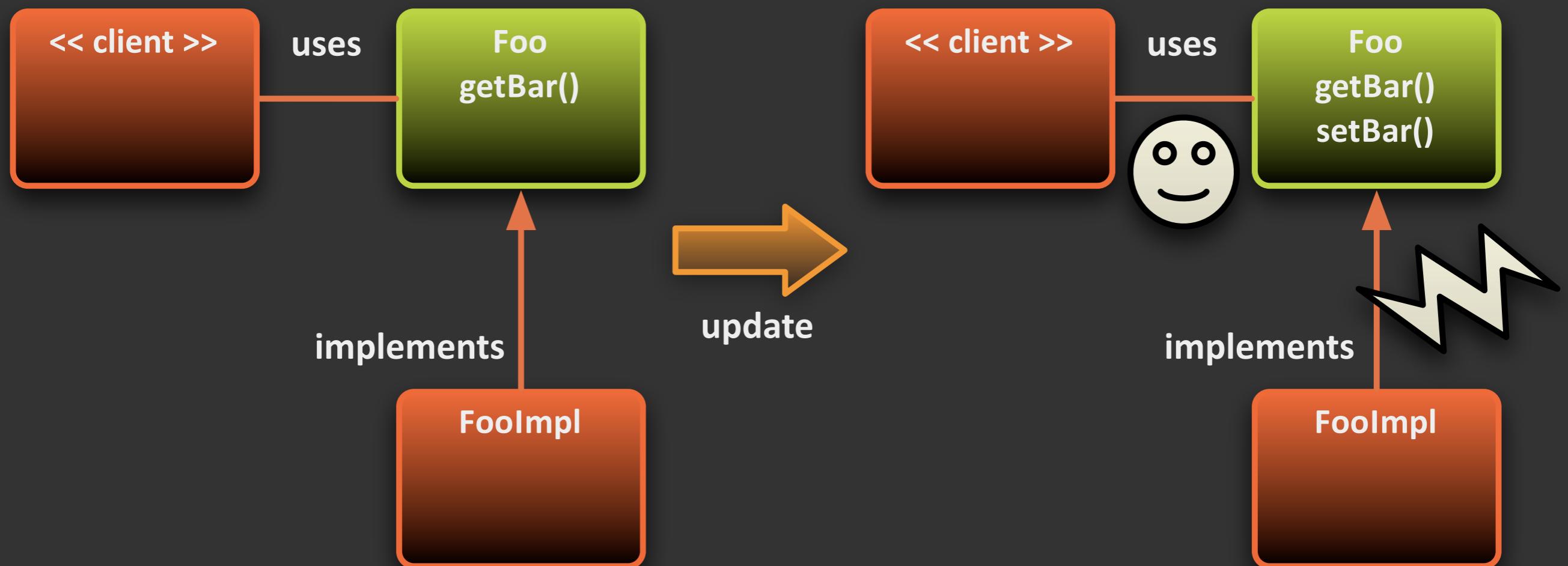


Tip: Semantic Versioning whitepaper

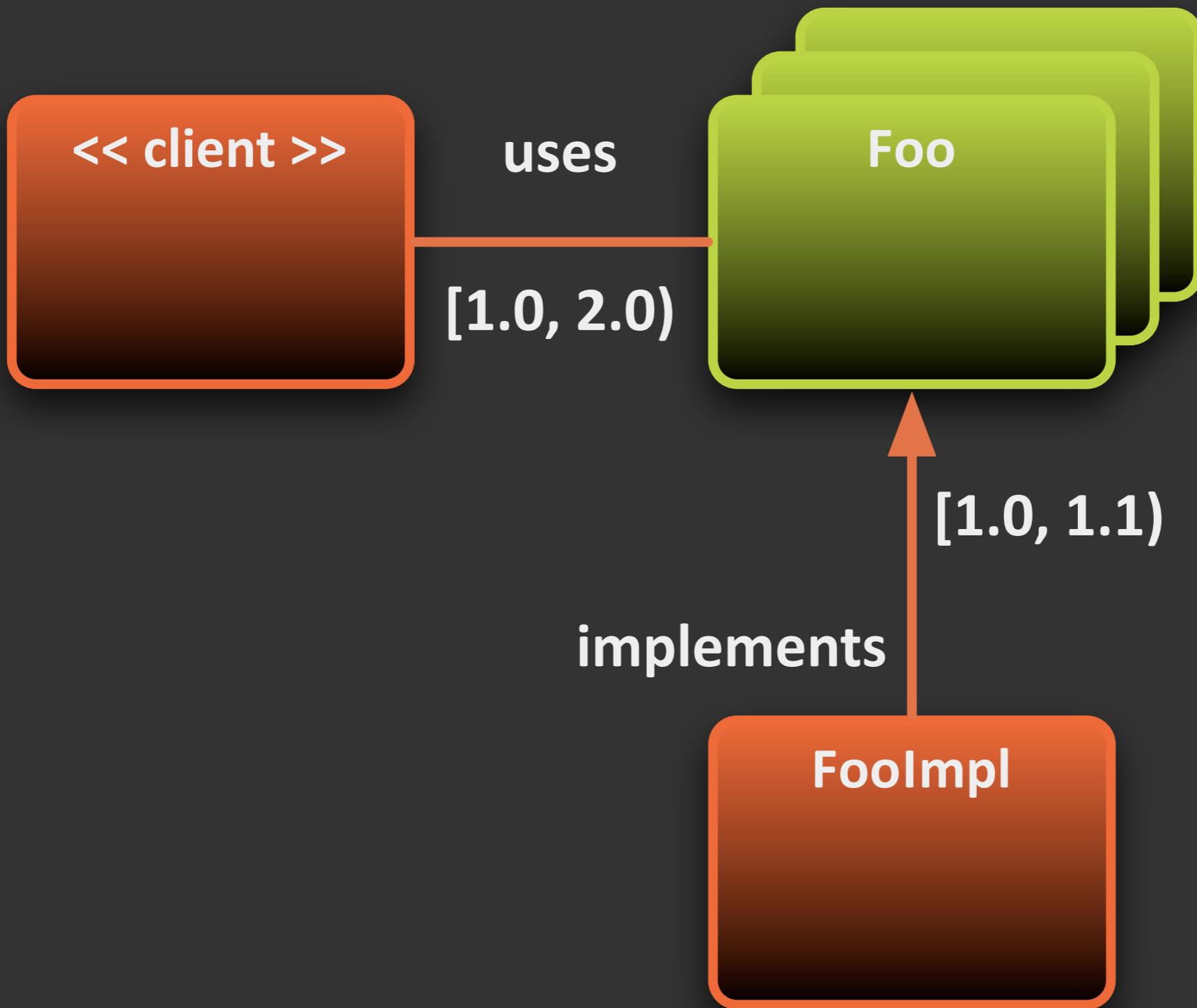


Source: <http://www.osgi.org/wiki/uploads/Links/SemanticVersioning.pdf>

Downsides and Pitfalls



Best Practice





bndtools

Bnd

- Tool to create bundles
- .bnd files are “manifests on steroids”
 - **Bundle-Version: 1.0.0**
 - **Bundle-Activator: search.solr.Activator**
 - **Private-Package: search.solr,\org.apache.lucene*, org.apache.solr*,\Import-Package: org.w3c.*,\javax.xml*, !junit.*, !sun.misc,***
 - **Include-Resource: conf**
- Details at:
<http://www.aquute.biz/Code/Bnd>

BndTools

- Eclipse tools, based on Bnd
- very fast development cycle
- one or more bundles per project
- supports OSGi versioning policies
- Documentation and installation:
<http://njbartlett.name/bndtools.html>

Hands On

1. OSGi application

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Exercise

- Create a new Eclipse workspace
- Import projects from the projects.zip located on the dropbox folder or memory stick
- Go to webshell/bnd.bnd, in the context menu do “Run As/OSGi Run”
- Point your browser at <http://localhost:9090/demo/webshell>



Apache
ACE

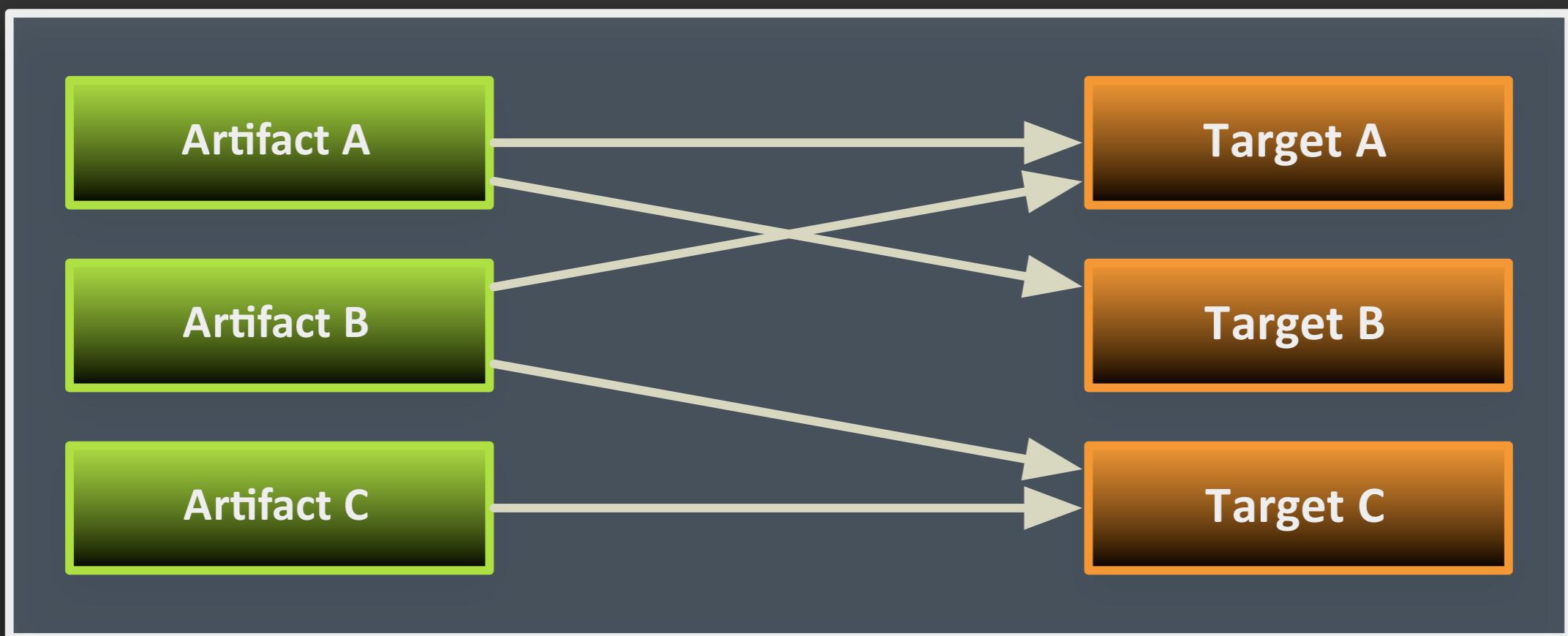
Provisioning Solutions

- Apache Felix File Install
- Apache Karaf
- Equinox p2
- OSGi Bundle Repository Client
- Pax Runner
- Apache ACE

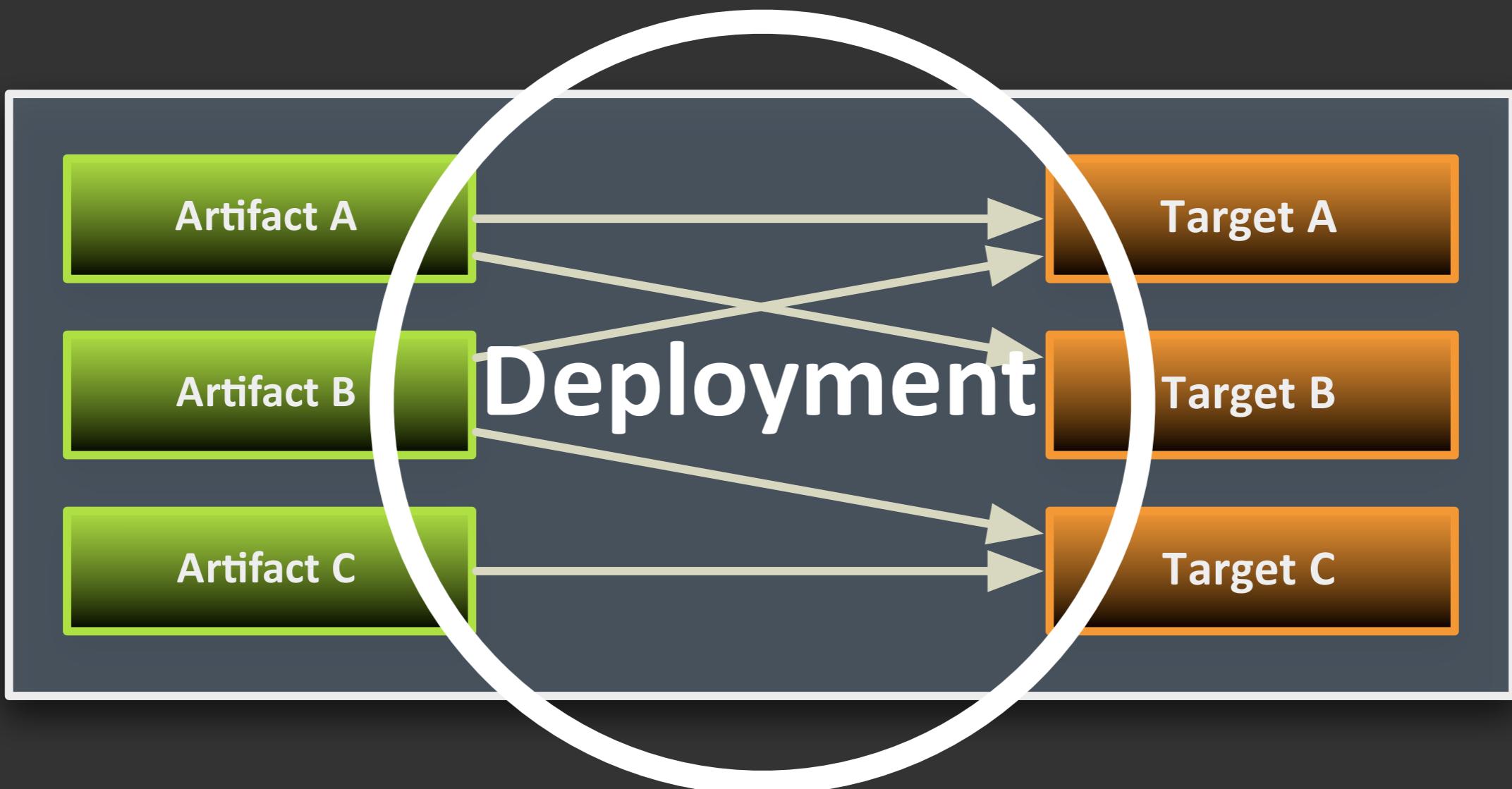
Apache ACE

- Started in incubator on April 24th 2009
- Software distribution framework based on OSGi
- 12 committers
- working codebase
- <http://incubator.apache.org/ace/>

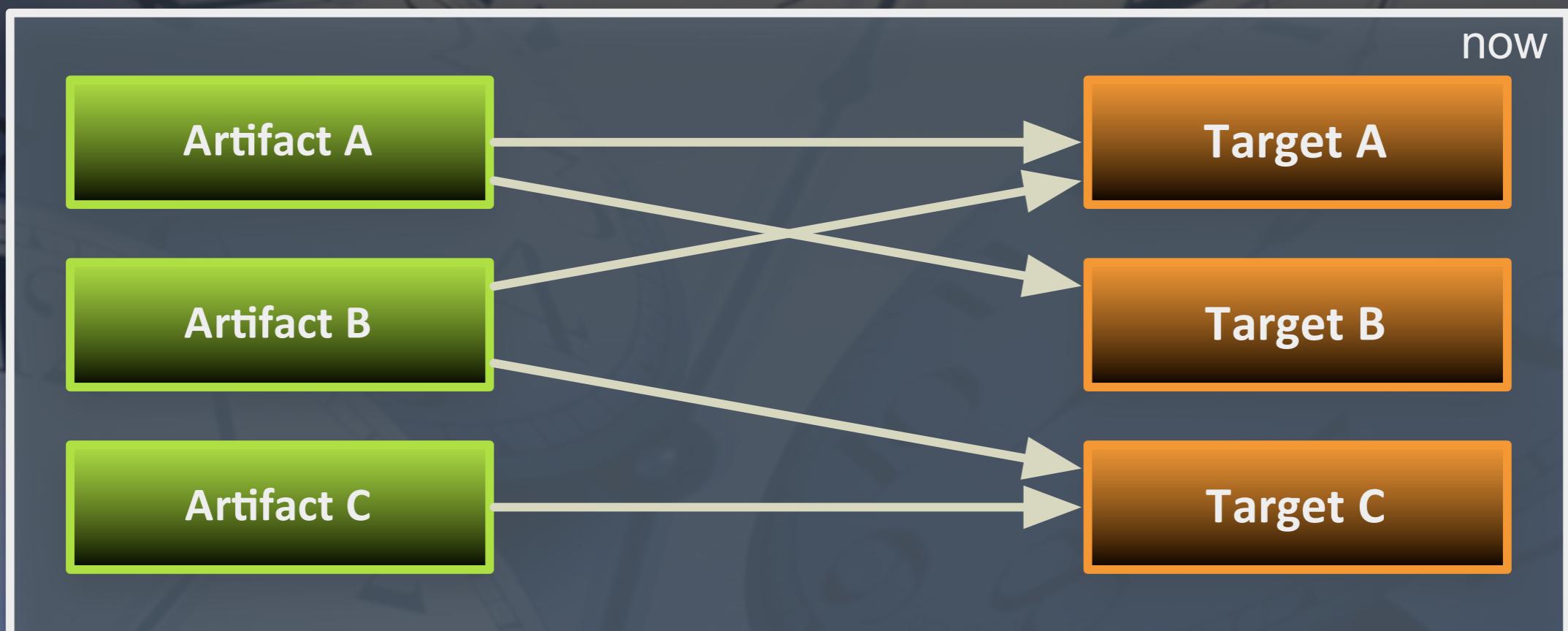
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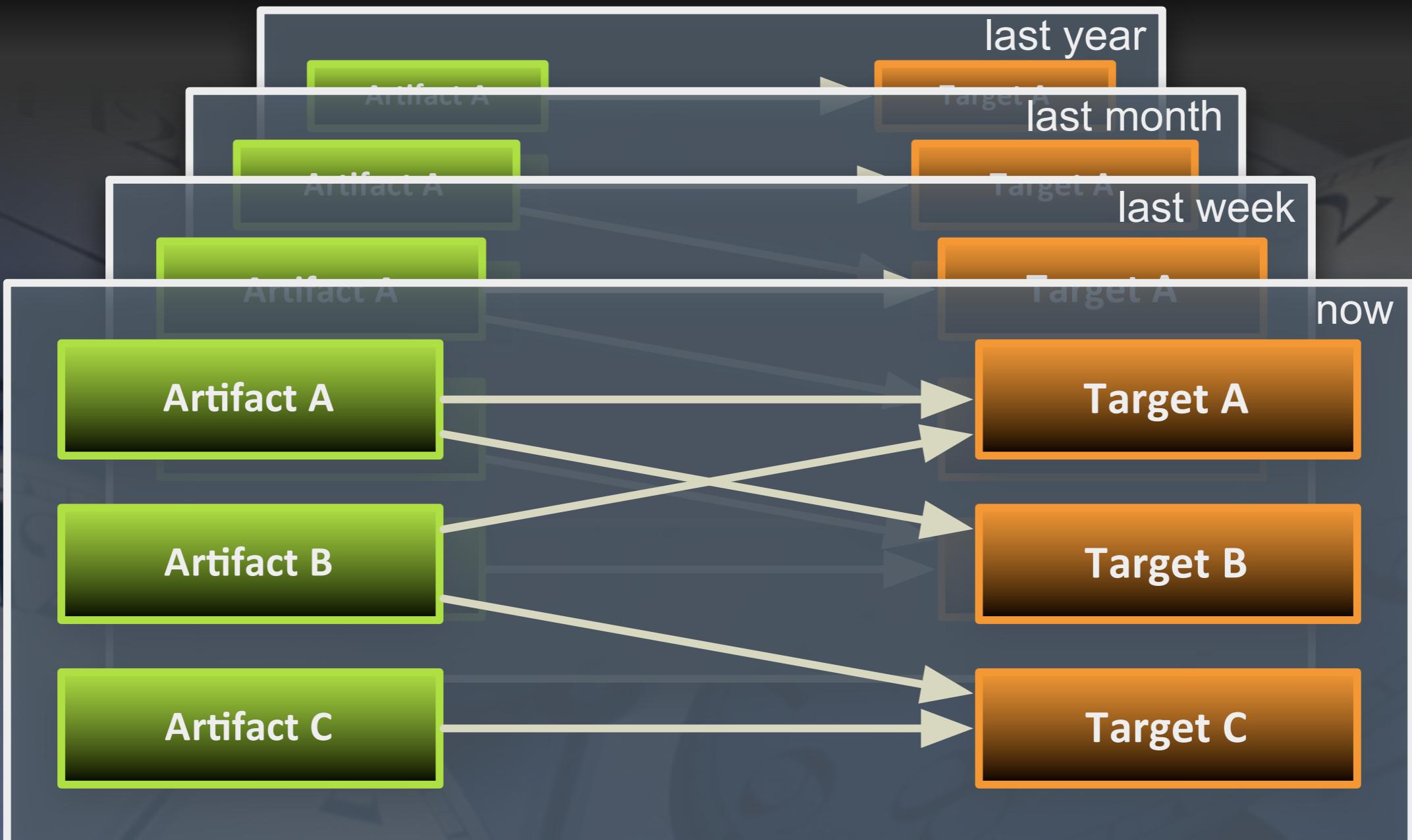
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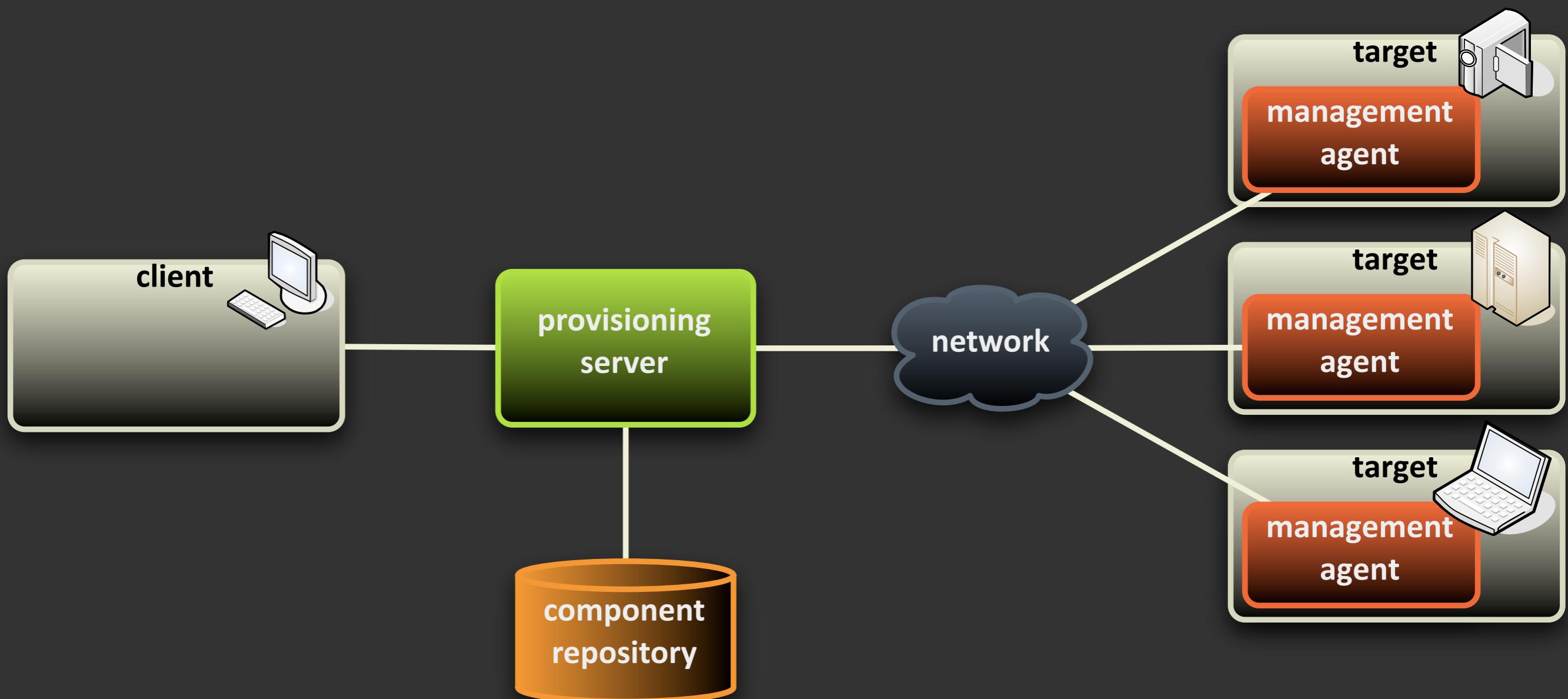
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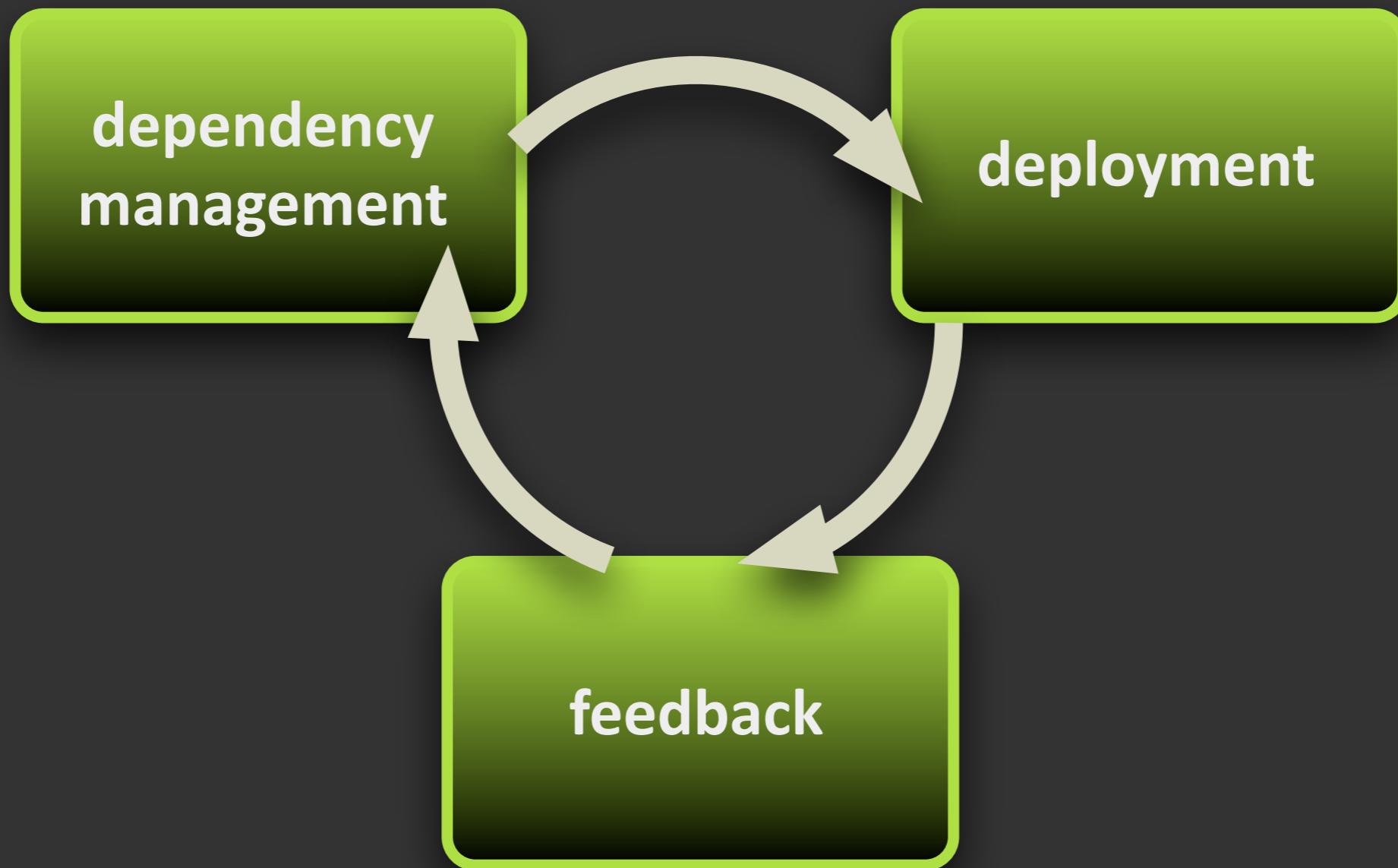
Why?

- Automate deployment
- Insight into who uses what
- History of each system
- Consistent development, testing, production
- Basis for several possible extensions

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High level overview



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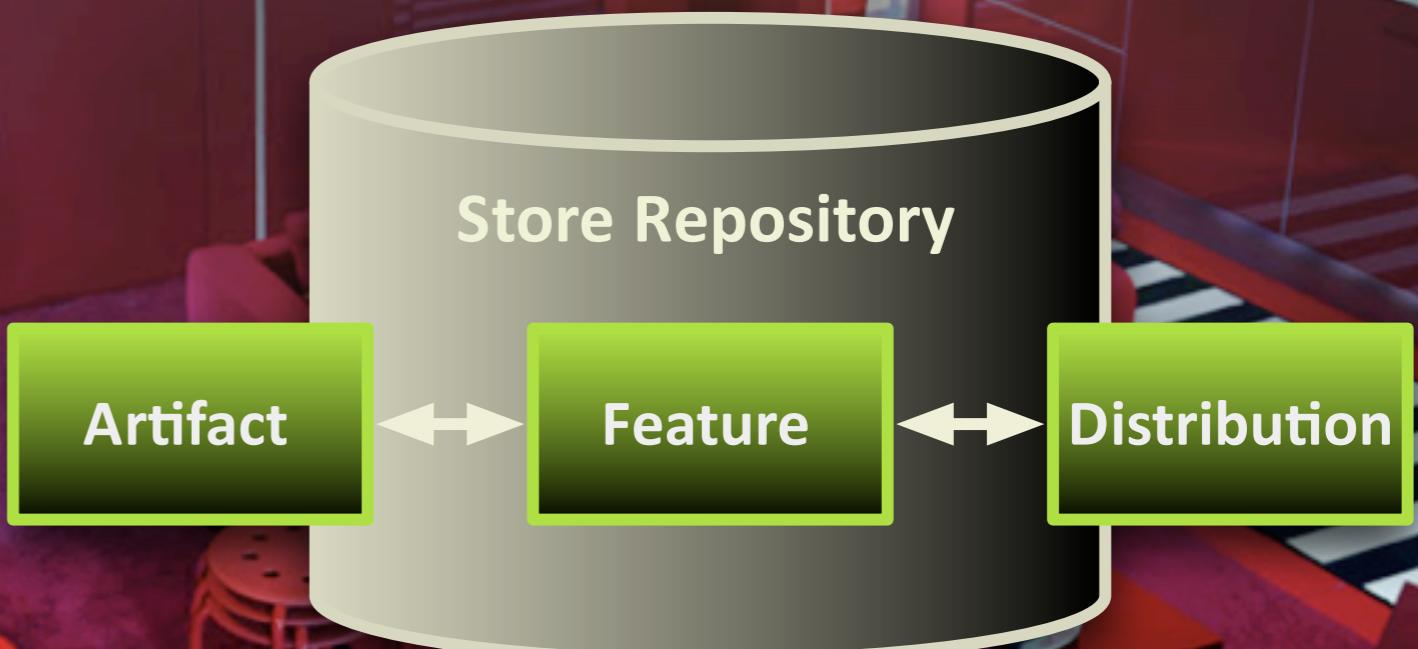
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Dependency Management

- Organizing artifacts
- Mapping them to targets

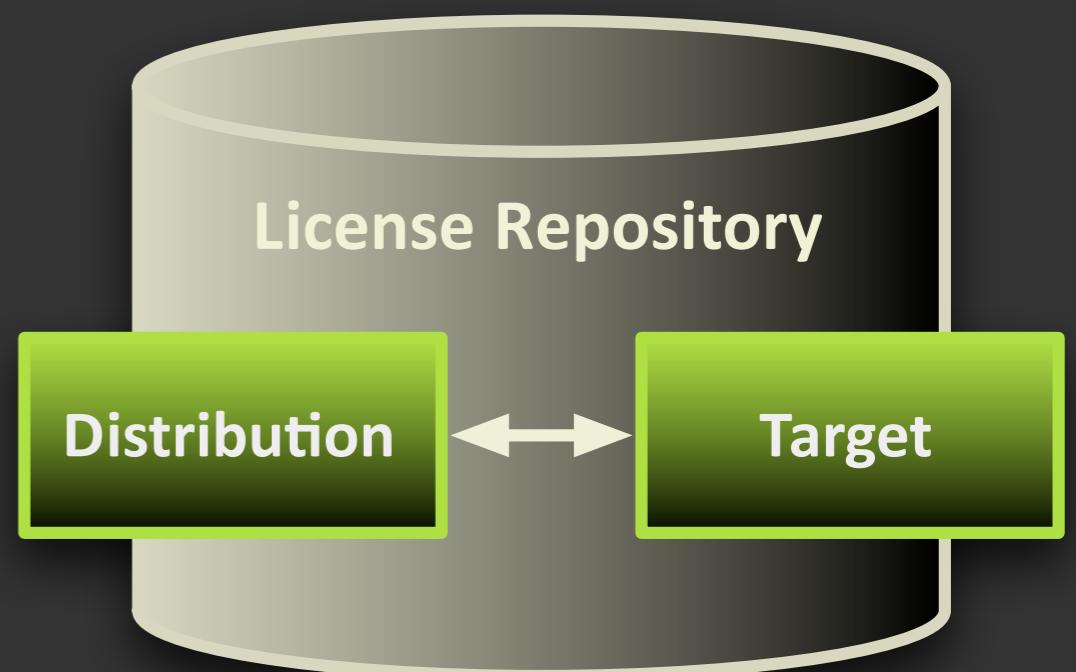
Organizing artifacts

- group artifacts: makes them manageable
- two levels: feature and distribution
- Analogy: IKEA catalog
- data is kept in “store repository”



Mapping them onto targets

- mapping distributions to targets
- sometimes done by an external system
- data kept in “license repository”



User Interface

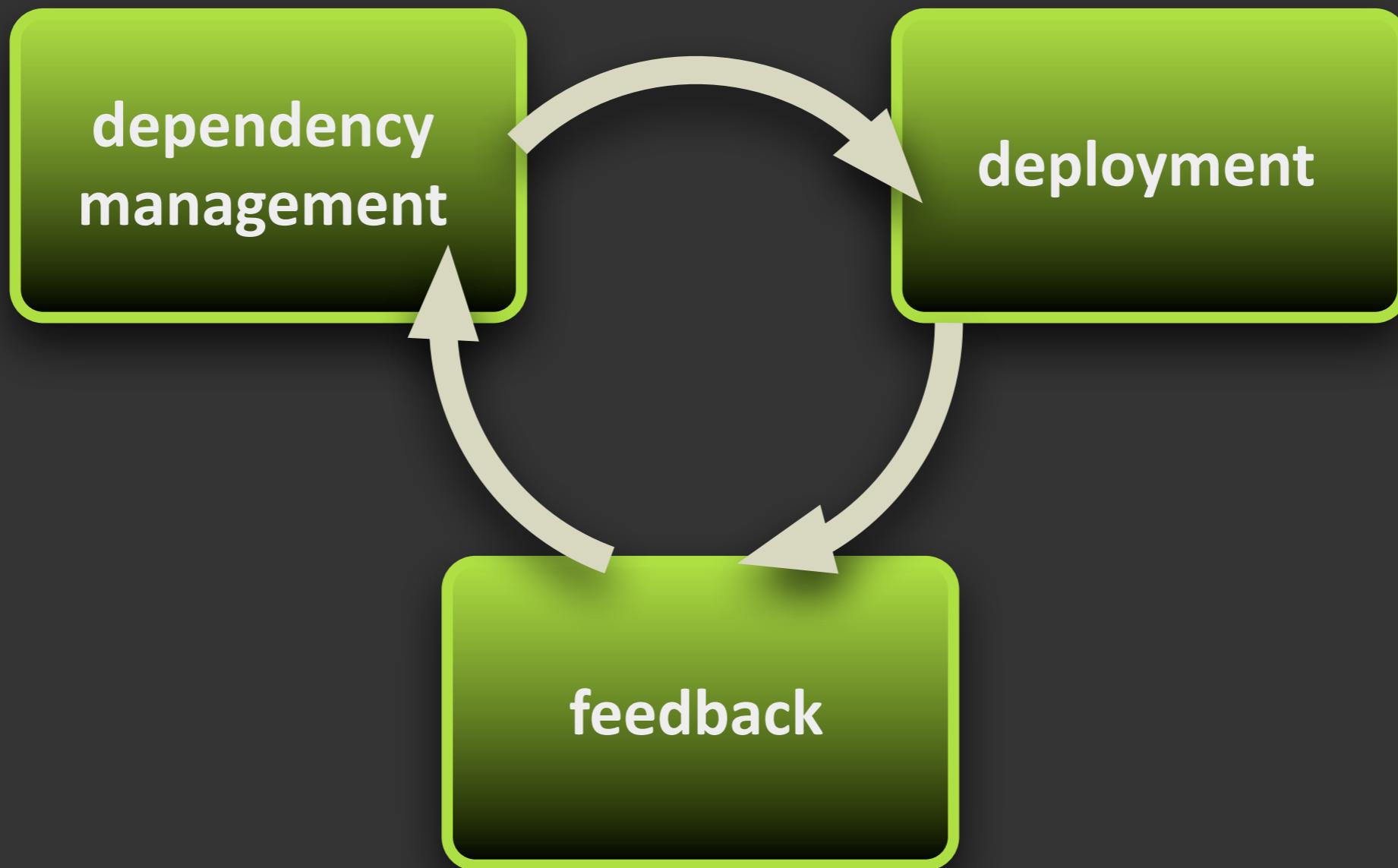
- retrieve, modify and store
- interact with OBR

The screenshot shows the Apache ACE user interface running in a web browser at `localhost:8080/ace`. The interface is divided into four main sections: Artifacts, Features, Distributions, and Targets.

- Artifacts:** A list of available artifacts. One item, "Apache Felix Gogo Shell-0.7.0.SNAPSHOT", is selected and highlighted in blue. Other items include "Apache Felix Gogo Command-0.7.0.SNAPSHOT", "Apache Felix Gogo Runtime-0.7.0.SNAPSHOT", "Apache Felix Service-Based Host-1.0.0", and "Apache Felix Triangle Service-1.0.0".
- Features:** A list of features. Two items are listed: "Gogo Shell" (description: "the new O") and "Draw App" (description: "example fr").
- Distributions:** A list of distributions. One item, "Default" (description: "demo distro"), is selected and highlighted in blue.
- Targets:** A list of targets. One item, "configuredGatewayID", is listed.

At the top of the interface, there are several buttons and links: "Retrieve", "Store", "Revert", "Add artifact...", "Dynamic Links" (with a checked checkbox), "Add Feature...", "Add Distribution...", "Add target...", and "Other Bookmarks".

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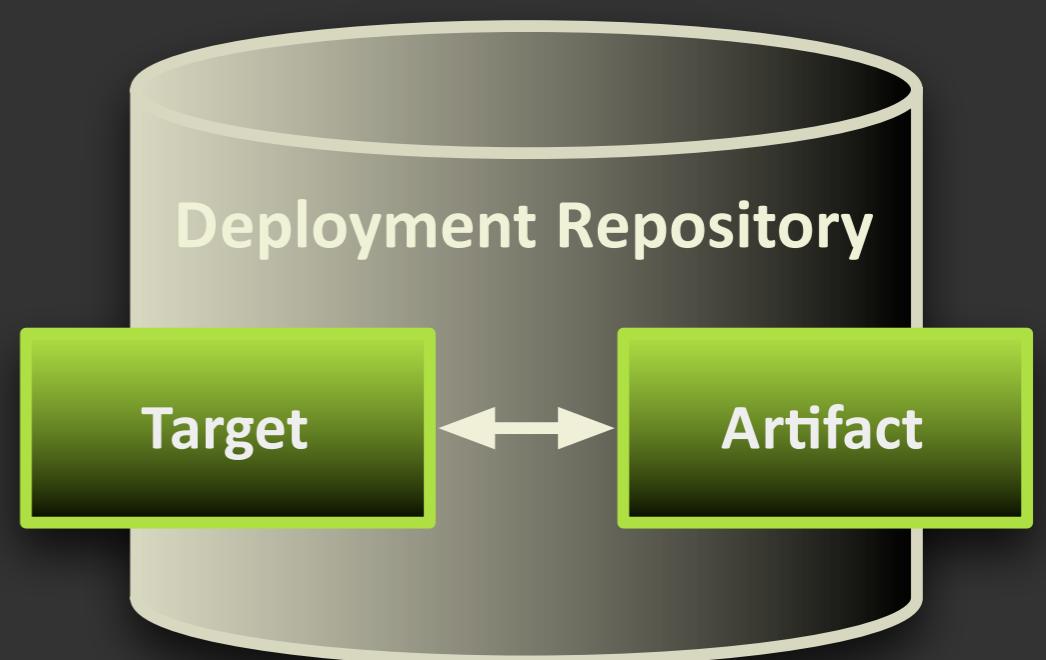


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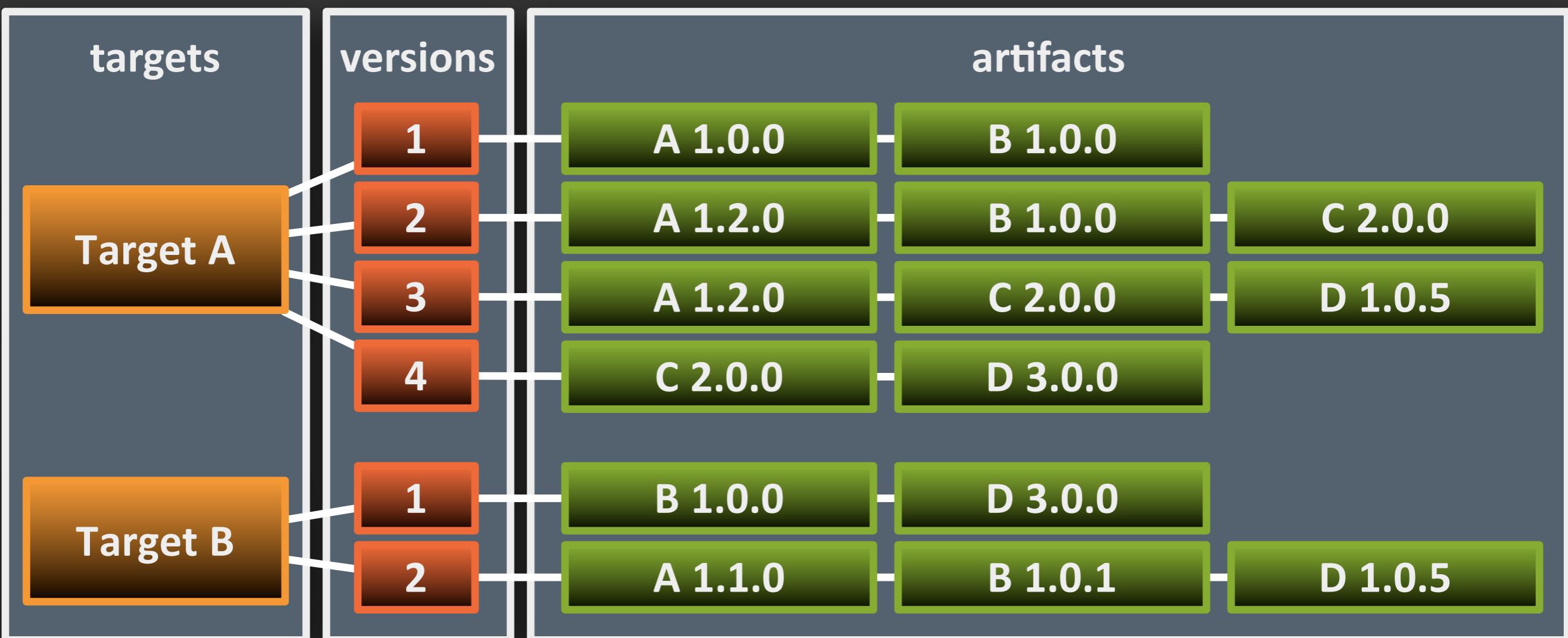
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Deployment

- deployment repository
- management agent



Deployment Repository



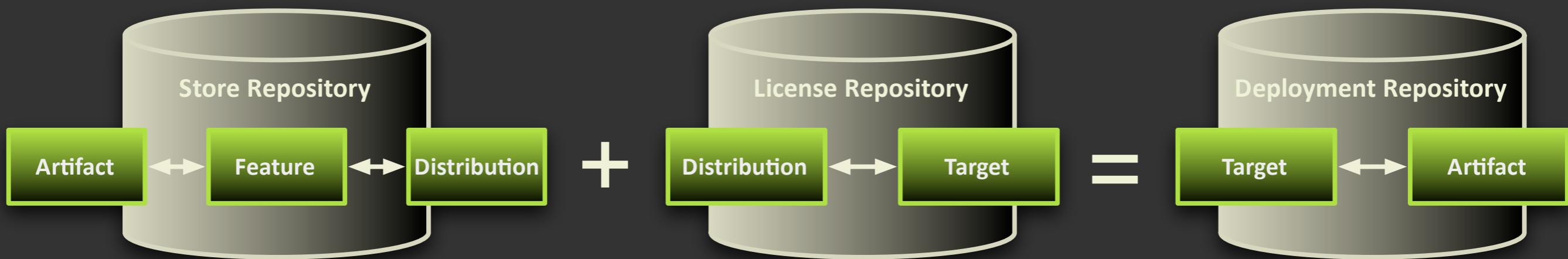
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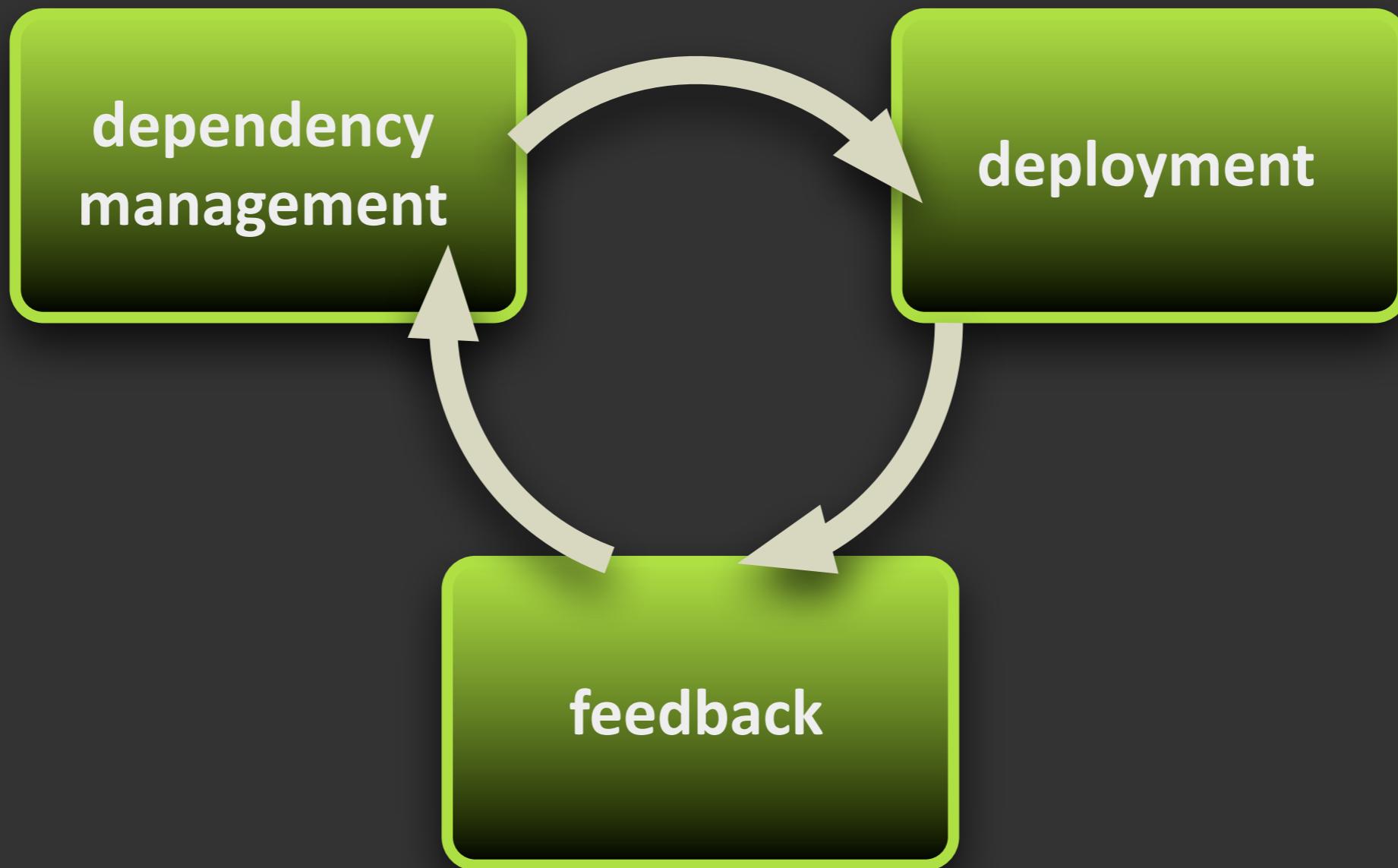
Deployment Admin

- deployment packages
- versioned set of artifacts
- transactional install/update
- fix packages provide deltas
- signing makes them secure
- extensible through resource processors
- AutoConfig defines configuration admin data

From dependency to deployment



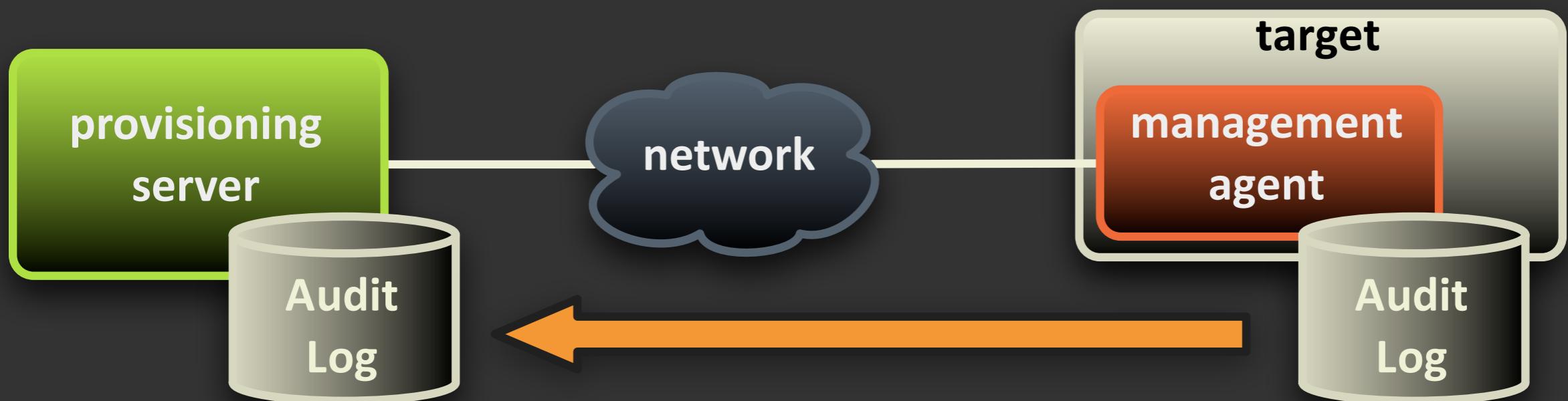
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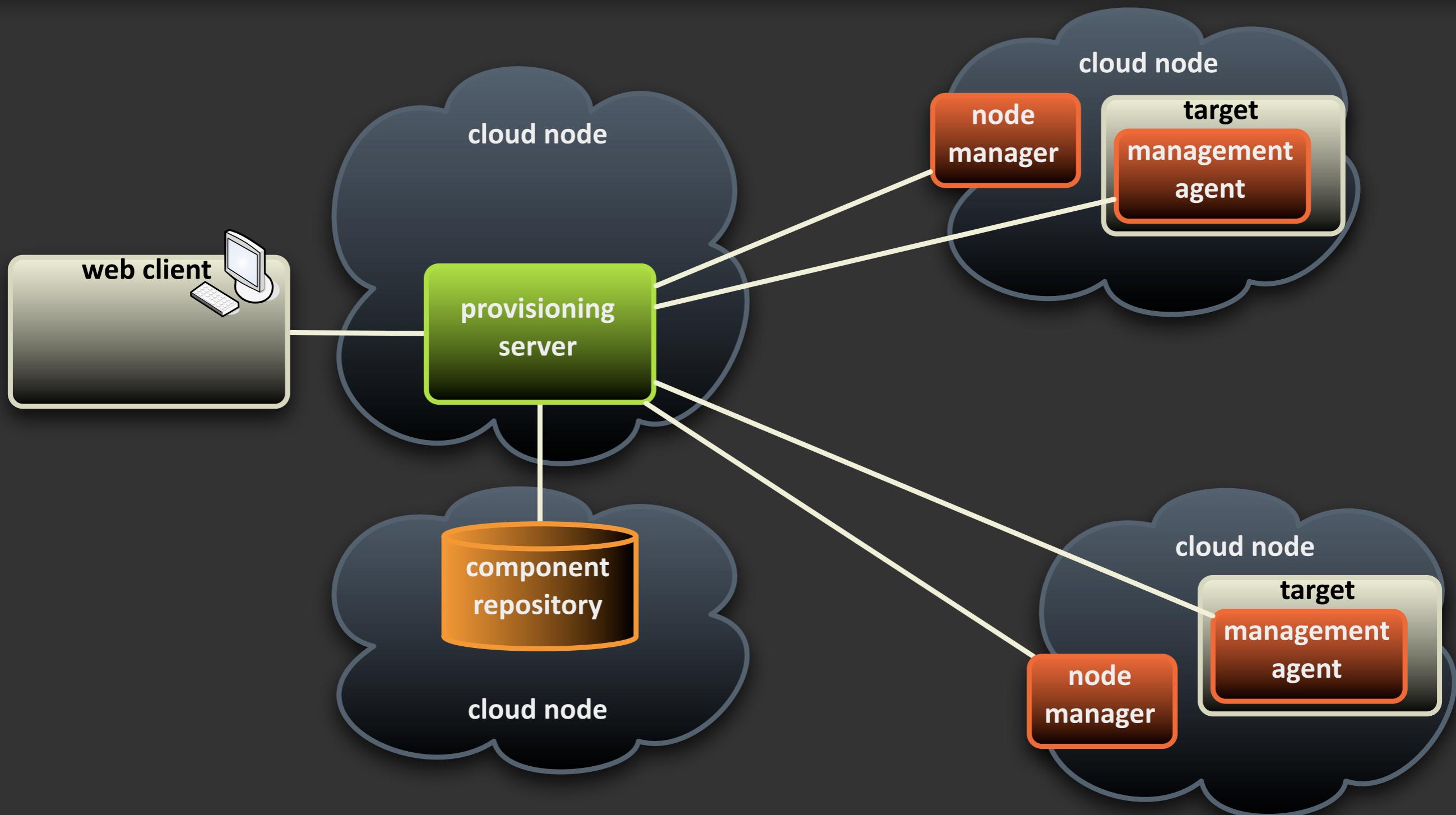


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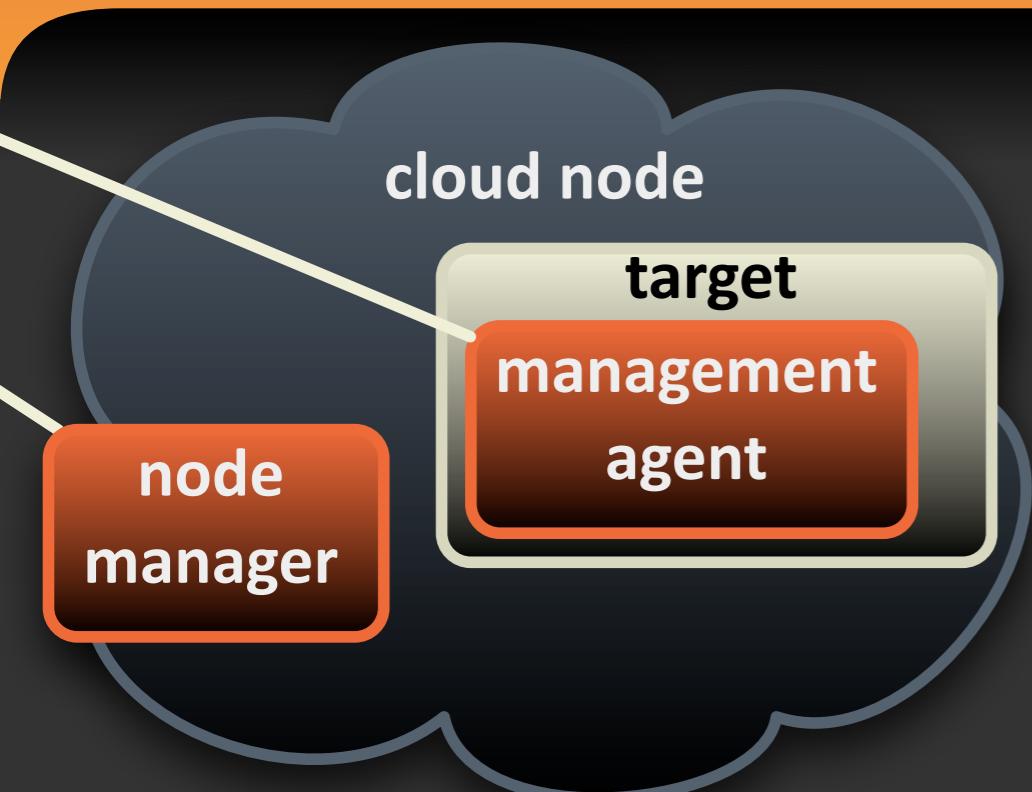
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Node Manager



- **Node Manager**
 - bootstraps the node
 - launches targets
 - measures performance data

ACE UI Extensions

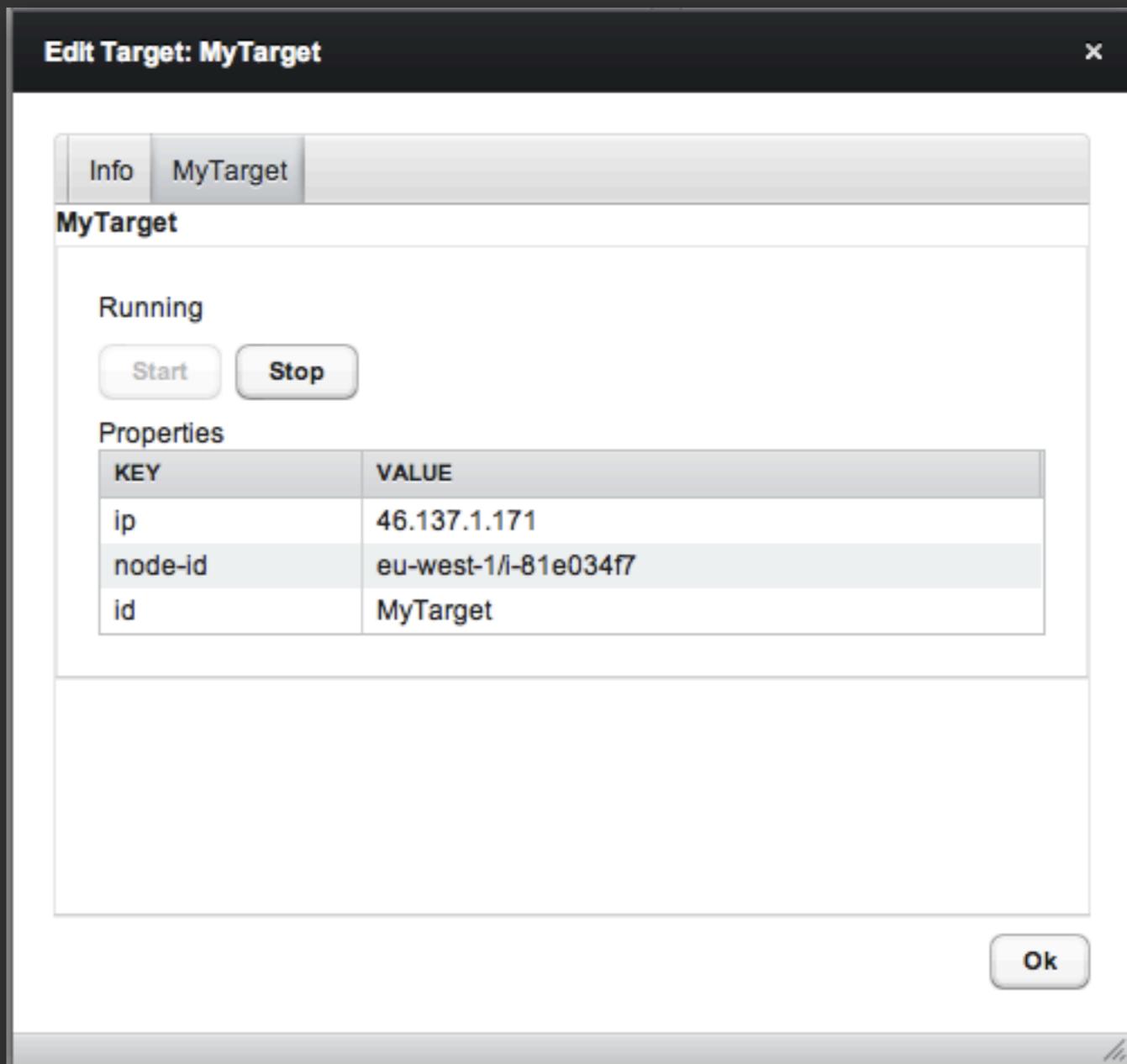
```
/**  
 * Creates components for named extension points in the Vaadin UI. Extension factories  
 * are used throughout the UI to allow other bundles to contribute features.  
 */  
public interface UIExtensionFactory {  
    public static final String EXTENSION_POINT_KEY = "extension_point";  
    public static final Object EXTENSION_POINT_VALUE_ARTIFACT = "artifact";  
    public static final Object EXTENSION_POINT_VALUE_FEATURE = "feature";  
    public static final Object EXTENSION_POINT_VALUE_DISTRIBUTION = "distribution";  
    public static final Object EXTENSION_POINT_VALUE_TARGET = "target";  
  
    /**  
     * Creates a UI component for use in the extension point. The contents of the  
     * context are extension-point dependent.  
     */  
    Component create(Map<String, Object> context);  
}
```

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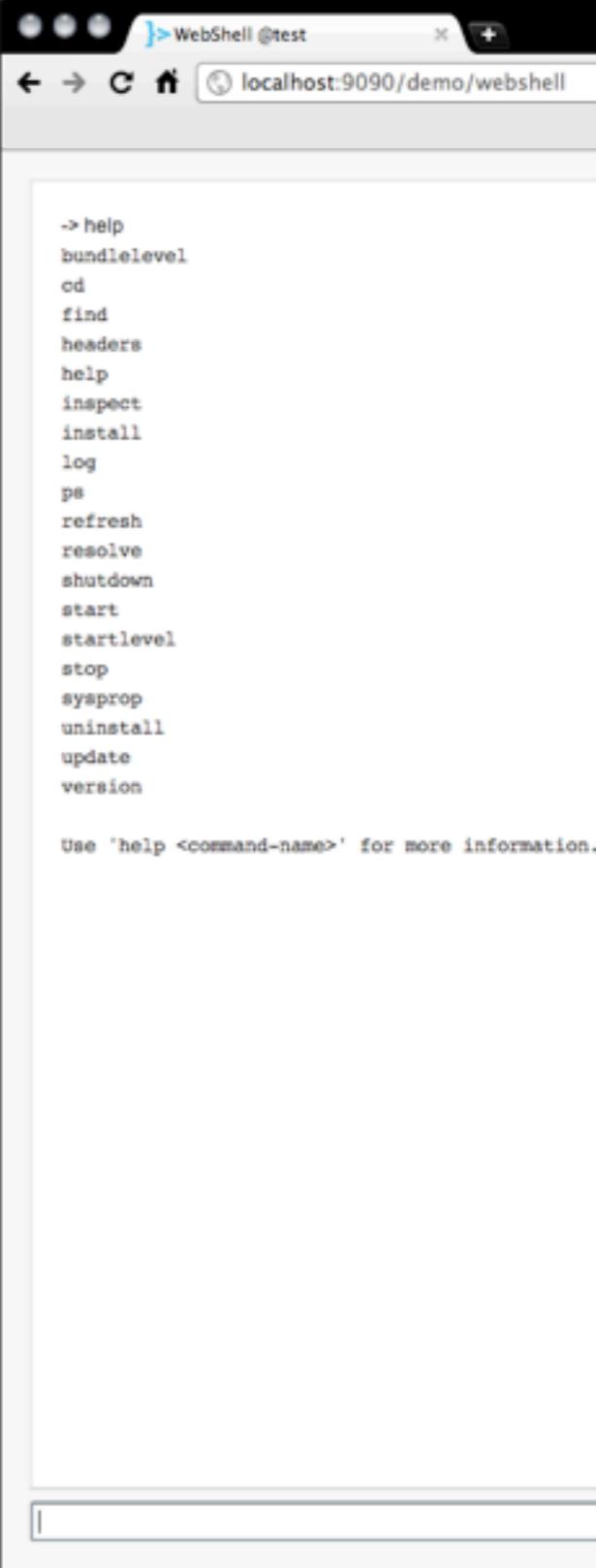
2. the Cloud

Deploying ACE with ACE

- For the next exercise we want to give everybody their own copy of ACE in the cloud
- We've pre-created most of them already, and will show you how to create and deploy a new instance

Exercise: “WebShell” in the cloud

- We've already created a ‘webshell/deploy’ folder containing all relevant artifacts
- Using a pre-installed copy of ACE, we are going to deploy it on a new cloud node



A screenshot of a web browser window titled "WebShell @test". The address bar shows "localhost:9090/demo/webshell". The main content area displays a command-line interface with a list of available commands on the right and a help message at the bottom.

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Hands On

3. ACE

Building and running ACE

- **Checkout the sources:**

```
svn co http://svn.apache.org/repos/asf/incubator/ace/trunk/ ace
```

- **Build everything:**

```
cd ace  
mvn -DskipTests=true install
```

- **Launch the server:**

```
cd ace-target-devserver/  
cd target/  
cd org.apache.ace.target.devserver-0.8.0-SNAPSHOT-distribution/  
cd ace-devserver/  
sh run.sh
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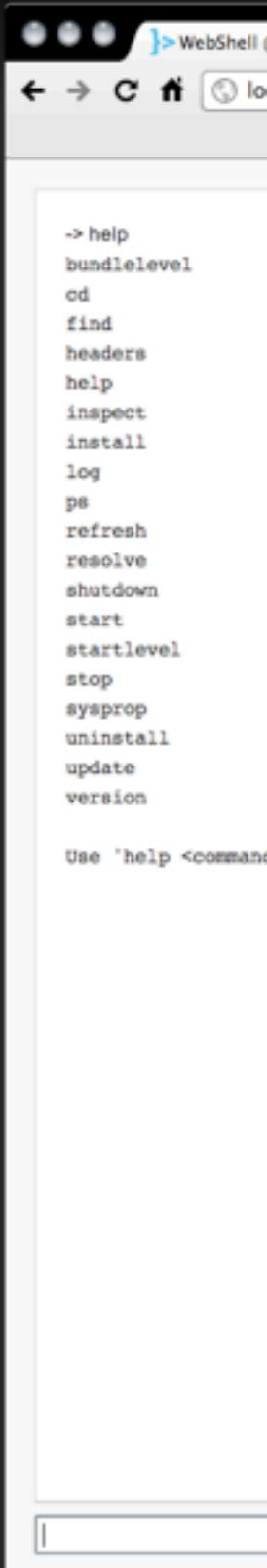
on Windows:
run.bat

- **Launch a target:**

```
cd ace-launcher  
cd target  
java -jar org.apache.ace.launcher-0.8.0-SNAPSHOT.jar
```

Exercise

- After building ACE and running a server and a target, we can now locally deploy the “WebShell”



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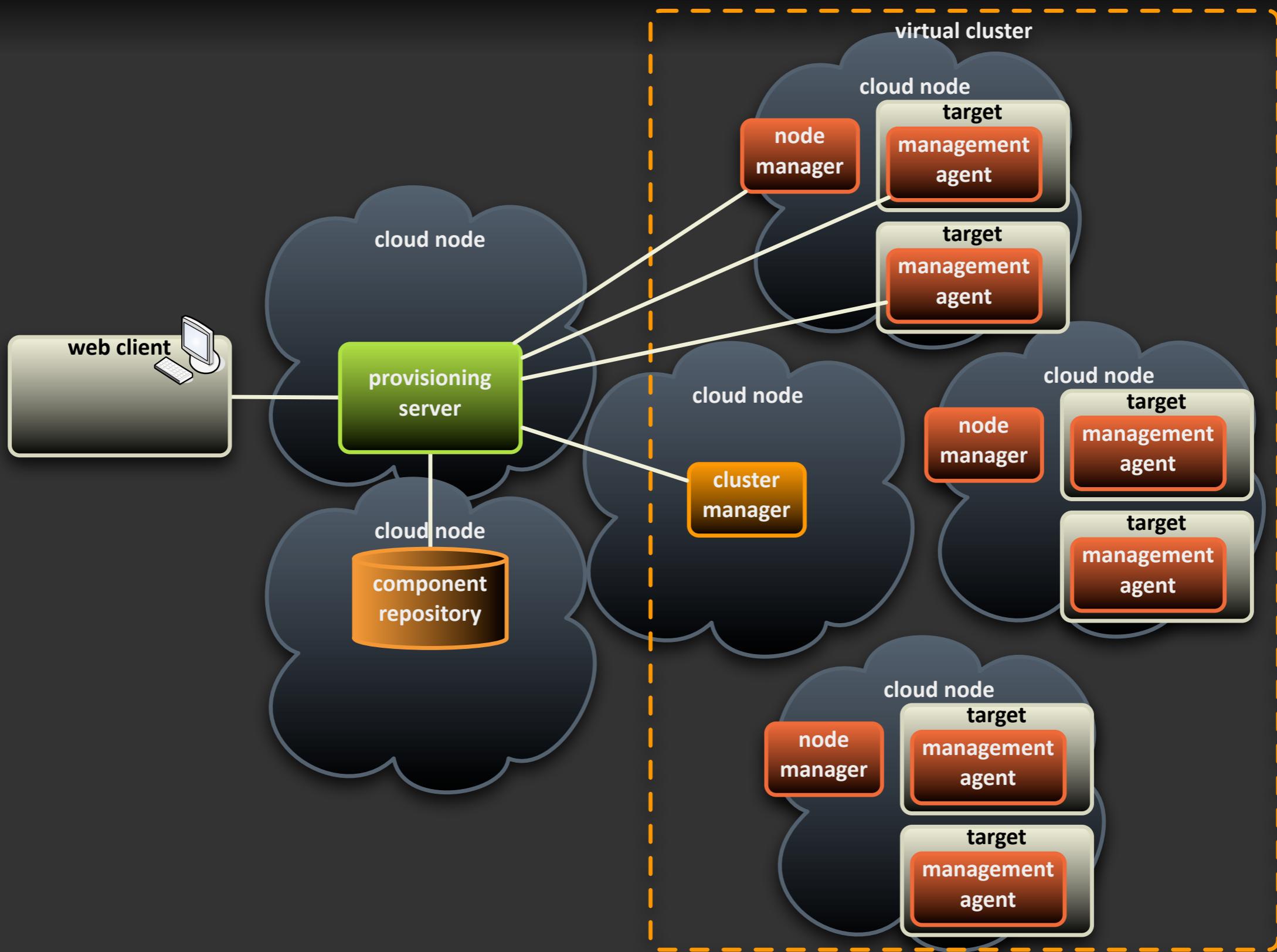
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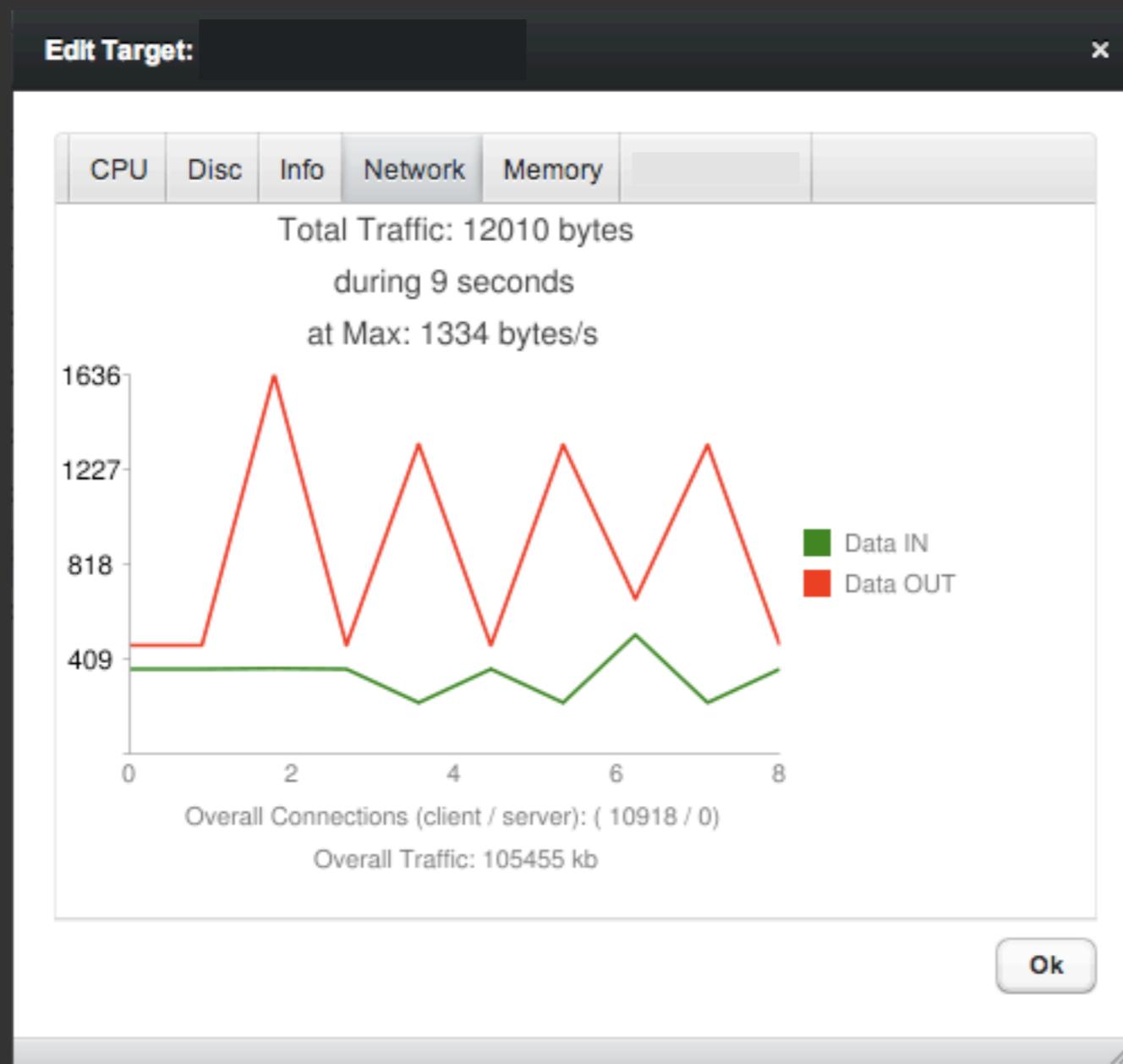
Closing Remarks

- We've looked at ACE, built it and ran it in the cloud and on our local system
- Brief peek into the future of cloud support in ACE
- Announcing a new open source project: Amdatau

Future of ACE in the Cloud



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amdatu

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Amdata Subprojects

- Amdata Core
- Amdata Provisioning
- Amdata Semantic
- Amdata Auth
- Amdata Social
- Amdata Storage
- Amdata Search

Links

- <http://incubator.apache.org/ace/>
- <http://felix.apache.org/>
- <http://amdatu.org/>
- <http://www.luminis.eu/?lang=en>
- <http://luminis-technologies.com/>