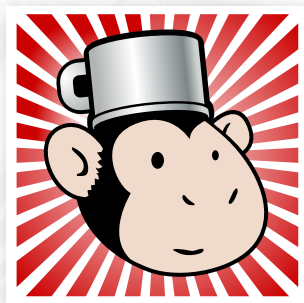






BoxGrinder

Who's Marek?

- 
- JBoss Developer
 - Lead of  BoxGrinder
 - JBoss AS in Fedora
- Part of **project:odd**
- Electronic music lover



Agenda

- Some background and terminology
- BoxGrinder
 - Appliance definition files
 - Architecture overview
 - Build process
 - Writing a plugin
- Small demo



Some terminology



Appliance is a preconfigured disk image (virtual machine) with operating system and all required applications to do specific job



Appliance examples with tasks

- **Database**
 - Storing data
- **Front-end**
 - Load balancing
- **Back-end**
 - Actual servers



Bake vs. Fry

Bake: Produce a complete virtual machine offline, before first use.

Fry: Produce a complete virtual machine by booting a basic VM and then applying configuration.



Bake!

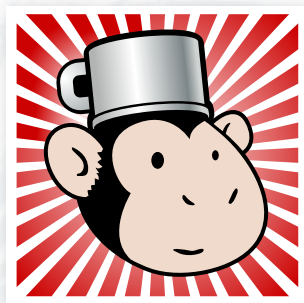
We think **baking** is The Right Way,
especially for developers simply
looking for reliable platforms.



Bake, then fry

If you **bake** an image you can **fry** it then later too! Baked image can be your **start point**.





BoxGrinder



BoxGrinder is a family of tools
to grind out **appliances** for
various **platforms**





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Build



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REST



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Current status



BoxGrinder
Build



stable



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REST



slow
development

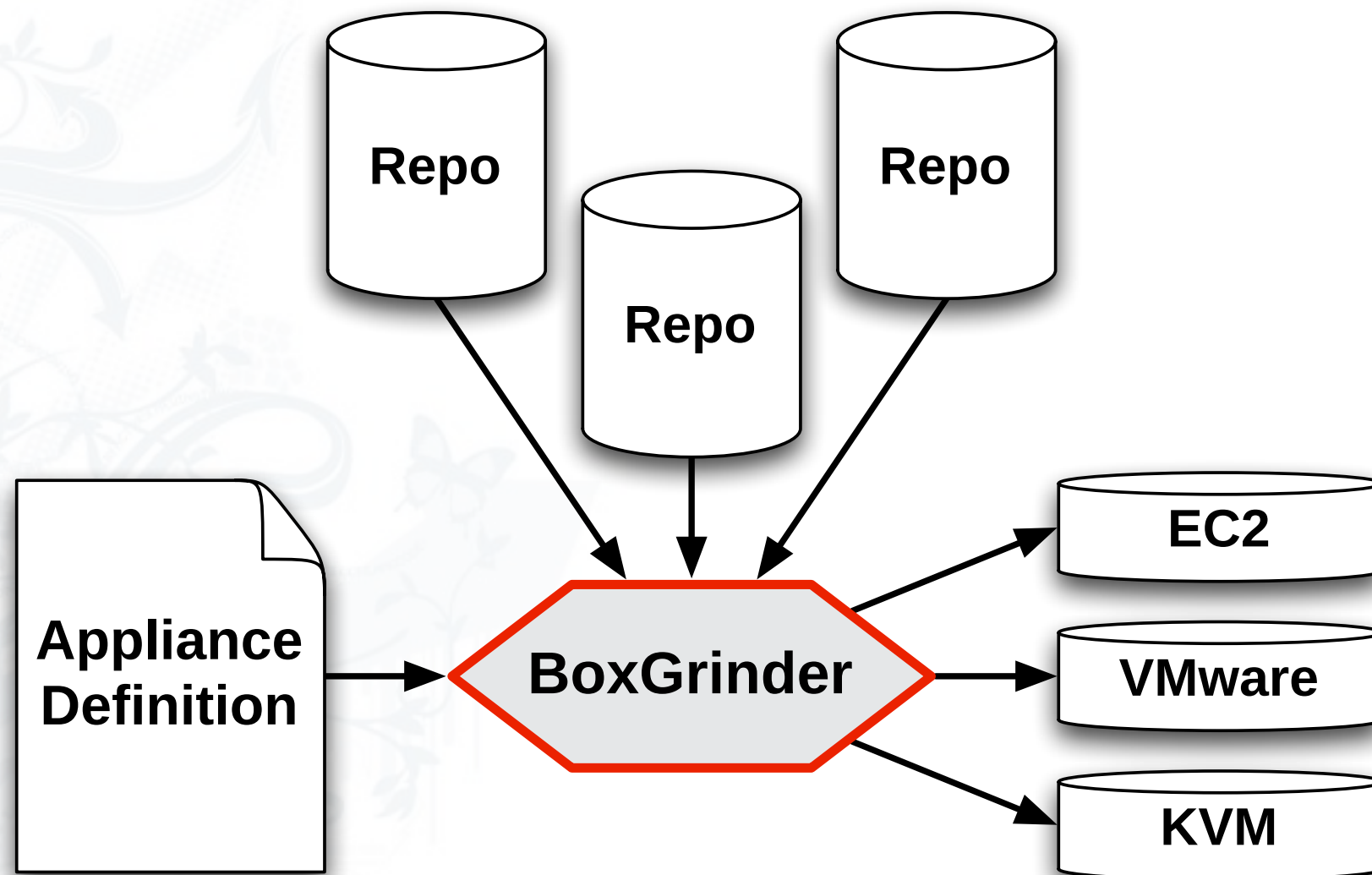


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planning





Closer look at **appliance** **definition file**



Appliance definition, huh?

- Plain text file – **YAML** format
- Very easy to understand, modify
- Inheritance (mixins)
- More and more powerful



Appliance example

```
name: back-end
version: 1
release: 1
summary: back-end appliance with JBoss AS 6
hardware:
  memory: 512
  partitions:
    "/":
      size: 2
appliances:
  - fedora-base
packages:
  - jboss-as6
  - jboss-as6-cloud-profiles
  - java-1.6.0-openjdk
...
```



General information

should match the filename: back-end.appl



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Hardware

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memory: 512

partitions:

"/":

size: 2

512MB

2GB



Appliance Mix-ins

Mixing in **fedora-base.app1**

appliances:
- fedora-base



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```



fedora-base.appl

```
name: fedora-base
summary: Basic Fedora OS
os:
  name: fedora
  version: 14
hardware:
  memory: 256
  partitions:
    "/":
      size: 1
packages:
  - @core
  - openssh-server
  - openssh-clients
  - wget
```



Appliance Mix-ins

back-end.app1

fedora-base.app1

overrides



```
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  partitions:  
    "/":  
      size: 2
```

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    "/":  
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```



Appliance content

packages:

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- jboss-as6-cloud-profiles
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Appliance content

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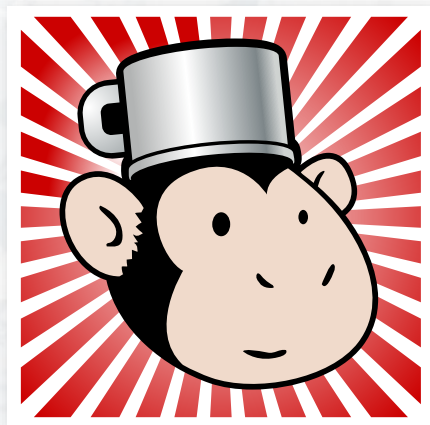
Plus everything from
fedora-base.app1



There is a lot more!

- Additional sections
 - **repos**
 - ephemeral repos
 - **files**
 - **post**
 - What should be done **after** you build you appliance
 - Different commands for different platform
 - Using **libguestfs**
- Learn more!



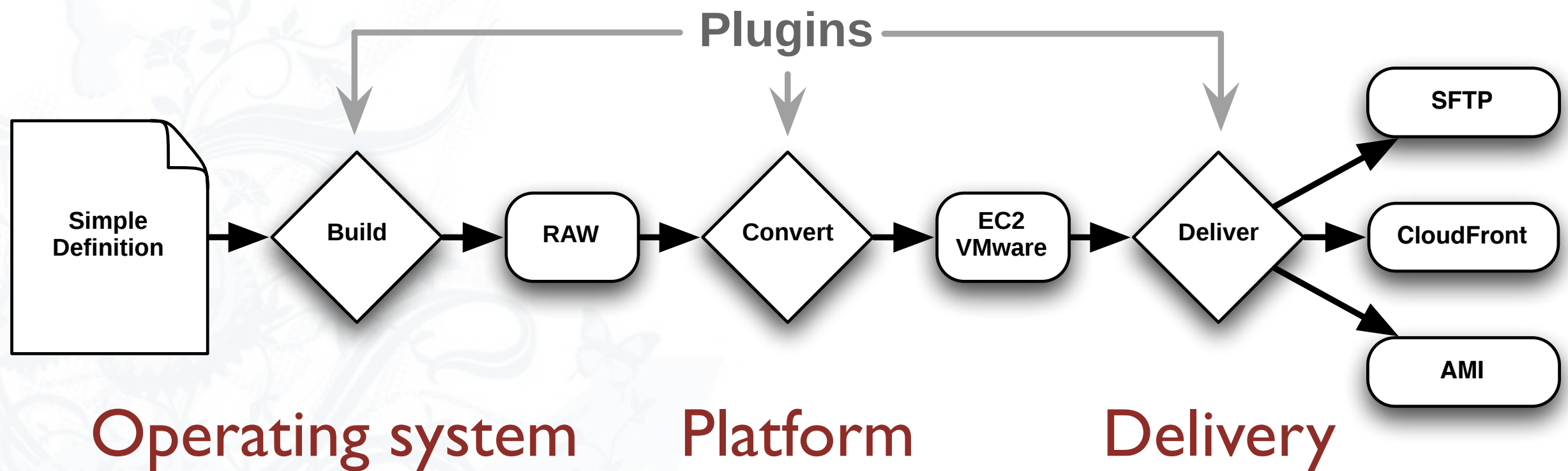


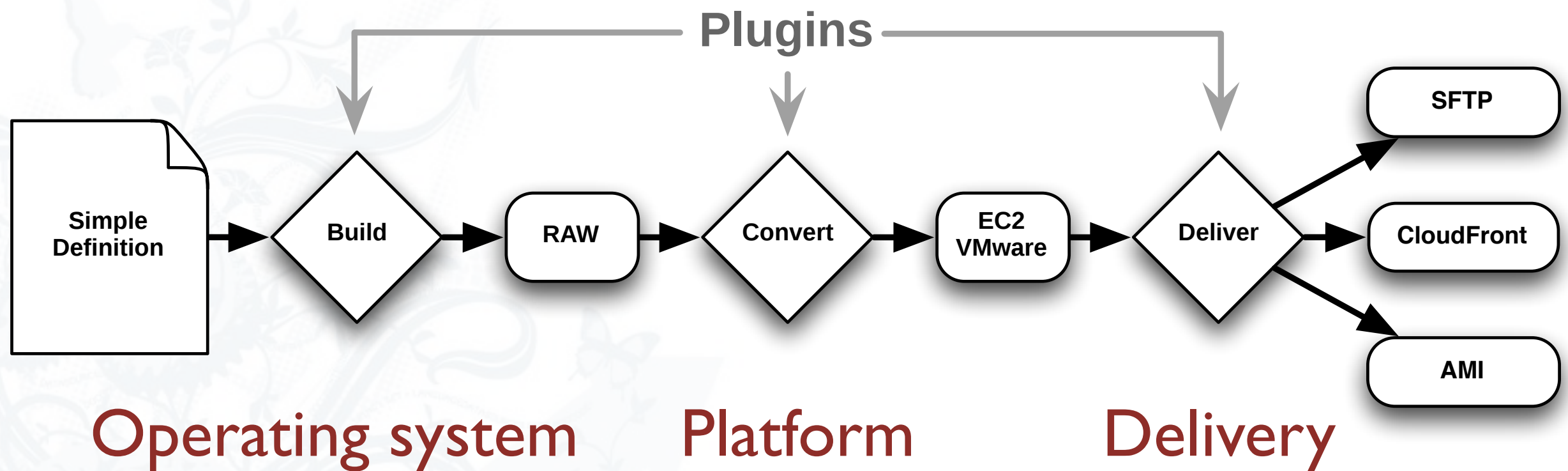
BoxGrinder

Build

BoxGrinder Build **architecture**







Write your **own** plugins, it's easy!

<http://boxgrinder.org/tutorials/how-to-write-a-plugin-for-boxgrinder-build/>



Plugin skeleton

```
require 'boxgrinder-build/managers/plugin-manager'
require 'boxgrinder-build/plugins/base-plugin'

class YourPlugin < BoxGrinder::BasePlugin
  def execute
    # PLACE YOUR CODE HERE
  end
end

plugin :class => YourPlugin,
      :type => :platform,
      :name => :mycloud,
      :full_name => "MyCloud"
```



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```

This will be removed
in future releases



How to **install** BoxGrinder Build



fedora

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BoxGrinder Build installation

yum install rubygem-boxgrinder-build



Meta appliance

- A preconfigured appliance to **build other appliances** using BoxGrinder
- Easy to jump in
 - Available for different platforms: Xen, KVM, EC2, VMware
- **Best way** to build EC2 appliances
- <http://boxgrinder.org/download/boxgrinder-build-meta-appliance/>



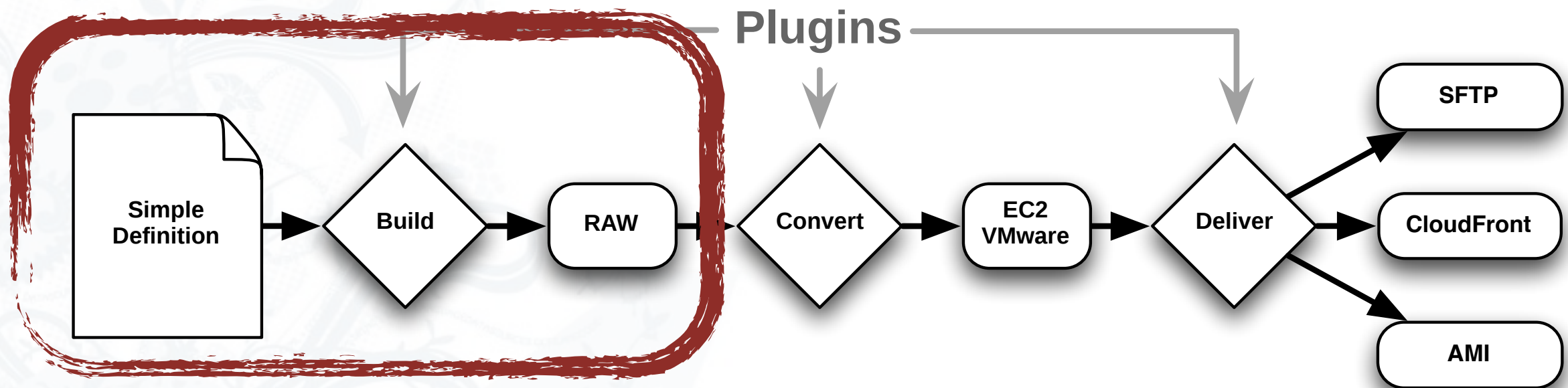
Demo: build a simple appliance



convert and deliver
Demo: ~~build~~ a simple
appliance



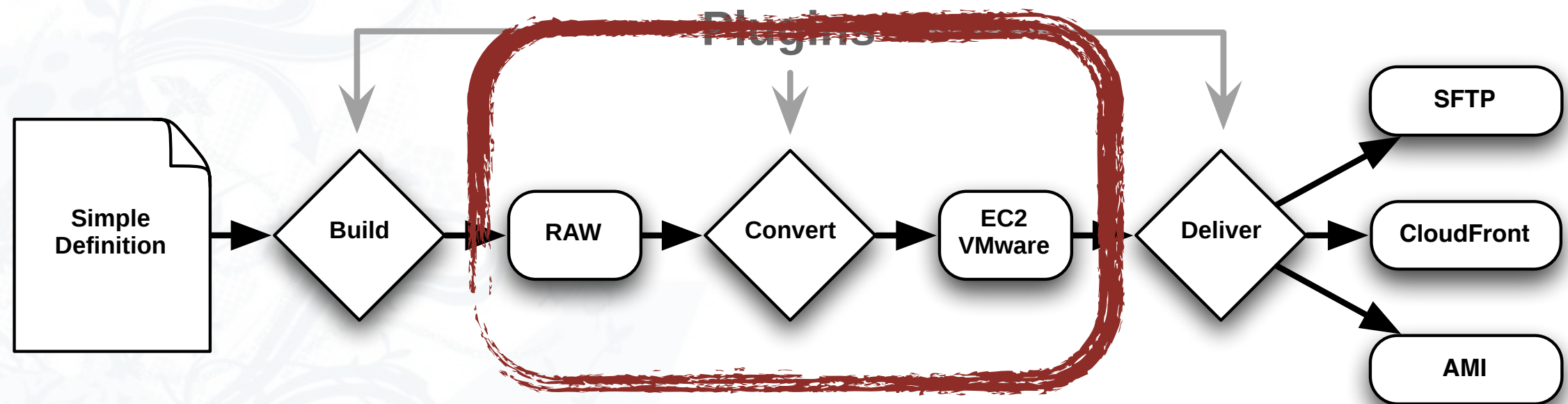
Step 1: create base image



`boxgrinder-build f14-jeos.app1`



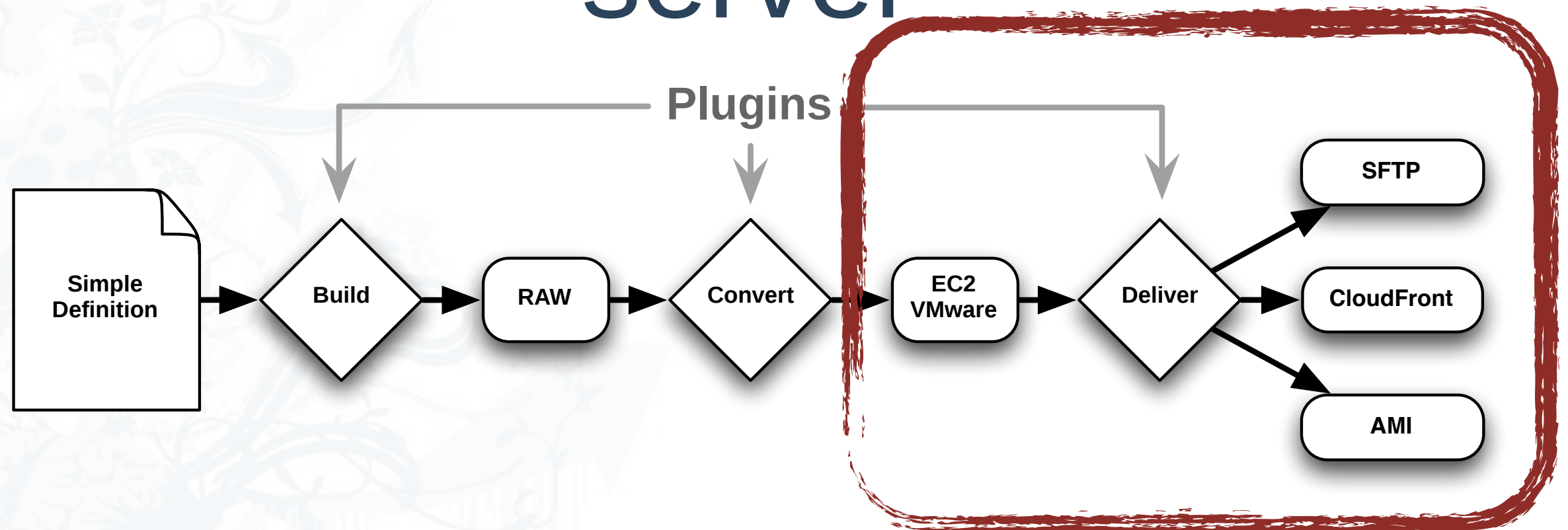
Step 2: convert it to VMware type



```
boxgrinder-build f14-jeos.app1 -p vmware  
-p ec2  
...
```



Step 3: deliver it to a SFTP server



```
boxgrinder-build f14-jeos.app1 -p vmware -d sftp  
-d ebs  
-d s3
```



Of course you can run the
command just **once** with
same result!

```
boxgrinder-build f14-jeos.app1 -p vmware -d sftp
```



What's **hot**?



BoxGrinder Build features

- **Supported OSes: Fedora (14-16), CentOS (5), Scientific Linux (5-6), RHEL (5-6)**
- **Supported platforms: EC2** (S3-based and EBS-based too!), **KVM, VMware, VirtualBox**
- **Many delivery options: local, SFTP, S3 or CloudFront** as tarred image, **AMI**



BoxGrinder Build features

- **Direct injection of files**
- **Cross-arch builds:** producing i386 images on x86_64 hosts
- Caching downloaded resources (RPM's)
- **Pretty fast** – from .appl to registered AMI: **15 minutes** (on EC2, using meta-appliance)



Notes

- If you're building AMI's – **do it on EC2** – this will save your time (uploading to S3 from your local machine isn't fun...)
- Building **EBS-based AMI's** requires to run BoxGrinder on EC2



Questions?

<http://github.com/boxgrinder/> # Code
<http://boxgrinder.org/> # Home page
<http://boxgrinder.org/blog/> # Blog

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one more thing...

JBoss AS 7

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Thanks!