Foreman - Feature #459

Parameters should be allowed to be blank

11/12/2010 01:56 PM - Jisakiel Kiel

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Description

There are many valid uses for a blank parameter (say, overriding $sudo_users for a host). However foreman does not accept a blank, and if given "" it returns "\"\"" when used as a external node provisioning tool.

I tried removing the :value checks in in app/models/parameters.rb and it accepts into the database empty values. However it still doesn't work adding a parameter with no value to a host: it doesn't reject it but it doesn't save it either.

History

#1 - 03/15/2011 04:11 AM - Ohad Levy

- Status changed from New to Feedback

the design at the moment relay on having blank parameters as a way to identify delete parameters.

can you provide some more usage cases for empty values?

#2 - 03/23/2011 03:52 AM - Jisakiel Kiel

I just checked in my templates... I mainly use it for defining base configs for a whole "zone" (say, sudo_users=["sysadmin1", "sysadmin2"], netbackup=["server1", "server2"] or time_servers=["x.y.z.t"]), and then overriding it for specific hosts or zones (say, "zone_devel" without backup servers and with diferent sudo_users - in my particular case, sudo_users=[] and then sudo_users_nopasswd=["whomever"]).

Hope it helps clarifying my use cases...

#3 - 06/19/2011 03:48 AM - Ohad Levy

we are currently working on a rework for more generic parameters, we'll try to find a way to include blank values as well.

#4 - 07/05/2012 04:49 AM - Ohad Levy

- Tracker changed from Bug to Feature

#5 - 12/06/2012 11:04 AM - Benjamin Papillon

- Status changed from Feedback to Duplicate

Hello,

This is a duplicate of #215. I'm also waiting for this one :) in the mean time, here we use the word "none" in our variable content to check for existence.

Benjamin