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A Custom Compliance

Implementing with Cisco NSO

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```
username admin privilege 15 password 7 0...9
username cisco ...
```

Risks of Default Passwords on the Internet

<https://www.cisa.gov/uscert/ncas/alerts/TA13-175A>



```
switch#show vstack config | inc Role
Role: Client (SmartInstall enabled)
```



*Nipper for performing config reviews for security to identify such *known* security problems

```
router bgp
no sync

router isis 1
net 49.0000.0000.0001.00
is-type level-1
```

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Cisco Removes Backdoor Account from IOS XE Software

```
conf t
no identd
no ip domain-lookup
no ip http server
no ip finger
no service pad
no snmp-serverno
no snmp-server community private
no snmp-server community public
no service tcp-small-servers
no service udp-small-servers
no ip gratuitous-arps
...
interface GigabitEthernet 0/1
ip redirects
ip directed-broadcast
```



Agenda

- Our compliance requirement
- Compliance tool in NSO
- Running NSO compliance report
- Implementation using NSO py
- Q&A

Session Objectives

- Main goals

- Introduce compliance tool on NSO
- Feature a business requirement to explore development on NSO
- Design custom compliance
- Demonstrate the implemented python logic with a sample NSO action package

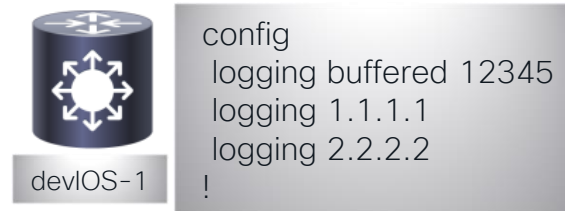
- This session does not include

- Python training
- NSO training
- YANG training
- Coding skills and best practices

Compliance Requirement

- all the ios devices must have below logging settings:

```
config
logging buffered 12345
logging 1.1.1.1
logging 2.2.2.2
!
```



Compliance Tool in NSO

- Verify the network has the *correct* configuration!
 - Useful when network connectivity is broken
 - For audit reporting, health checks, preparations for critical operations
 - For comparison of current network vs. what supposed to be configured
- NSO Compliance Tool and Reporting
 - Refer to: “Compliance Reporting” in nso_user_guide-5.7.6.pdf
- NSO compliance can:
 - check the live devices against NSO stored device configuration
 - compare live devices against templates

How to run compliance on NSO

- Create device template
- Create device groups
- Run/schedule the compliance tool
- View the compliance report

Key highlights of the compliance

- Template based
- Variables
- xpath
- Scales with device-groups
- Comparison
- Reporting
 - html, text, xml
 - historical results

Template creation

```
set devices template template_ios_logging ned-id cisco-ios-cli-6.46 config logging buffered buffer-size "${buffer_size}"
set devices template template_ios_logging ned-id cisco-ios-cli-6.46 config logging hostname "${host1_ip}"
set devices template template_ios_logging ned-id cisco-ios-cli-6.46 config logging hostname "${host2_ip}"
commit
```



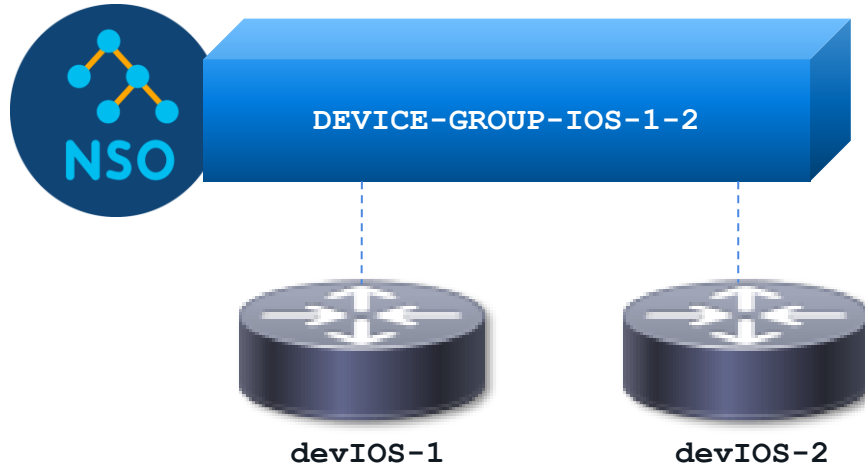
device template

```
nsoadmin@ncs% show devices template
template_ios_logging
ned-id cisco-ios-cli-6.46 {
    config {
        logging {
            buffered {
                buffer-size "${buffer_size}";
            }
            hostname "${host1_ip}";
            hostname "${host2_ip}";
        }
    }
}
```

Device-group

```
nsoadmin@ncs% set devices device-group DEVICE-GROUP-IOS-1-2 device-name [ devIOS-1 devIOS-2 ]  
[ok][2023-02-01 23:18:12]
```

```
[edit]  
nsoadmin@ncs% show devices device-group DEVICE-GROUP-IOS-1-2  
device-name [ devIOS-1 devIOS-2 ];
```



Compliance report creation

```
set compliance reports report report_ios_logging compare-template template_ios_logging DEVICE-GROUP-IOS-1-2 variable buffer_size value 12345
set compliance reports report report_ios_logging compare-template template_ios_logging DEVICE-GROUP-IOS-1-2 variable host1_ip value '1.1.1.1'
set compliance reports report report_ios_logging compare-template template_ios_logging DEVICE-GROUP-IOS-1-2 variable host2_ip value '2.2.2.2'
```



commit dry-run



compliance report

```
reports {
+   report report_ios_logging {
+       compare-template template_ios_logging DEVICE-GROUP-IOS-1-2 {
+           variable buffer_size {
+               value 12345;
+           }
+           variable host1_ip {
+               value '1.1.1.1';
+           }
+           variable host2_ip {
+               value '2.2.2.2';
+           }
+       }
+   }
}
```

Compliance report run

```
nsoadmin@ncs% request compliance reports report
report_ios_logging run outformat html
..
location http://localhost:8080/compliance-
reports/report_36_nsoadmin_1_2023-2-6T11:53:25:0.html
```

```
devices device devIOS-1
config
  logging buffered 12345
  logging 1.1.1.1
  logging 2.2.2.2
!
```



devIOS-1

```
devices device devIOS-2
config
  logging 1.1.1.1
!
```



devIOS-2

localhost:8080/compliance-reports/report_36_nsoadmin_1_2023-2-6T11:53:25:0.html

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Publication date : 2023-2-6 11:53:25

Produced by user : nsoadmin

Summary

Compliance result titled "" defined by report "report_ios_logging"

Resulting in **violations**

Checking 2 devices and no services

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Template discrepancies

template_ios_logging

Discrepancies in device

devIOS-2

Details

Template discrepancies details

template_ios_logging

Device devIOS-2

```
config {
  logging {
    buffered {
+      buffer-size 12345;
    }
+    hostname 2.2.2.2 {
+    }
  }
}
```

compliant!

```
nsoadmin@ncs% request compliance reports report
report_ios_logging run outformat html
..
location http://localhost:8080/compliance-
reports/report_40_nsoadmin_0_2023-2-6T19:25:45:0.html
```

```
devices device devIOS-1
config
  logging buffered 12345
  logging 1.1.1.1
  logging 2.2.2.2
!
```



devIOS-1

```
devices device devIOS-2
config
  logging buffered 12345
  logging 1.1.1.1
  logging 2.2.2.2
  logging 3.3.3.3
!
```



devIOS-2

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Summary

Compliance result titled "" defined by report "report_ios_logging"

Resulting in **no-violation**

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Template discrepancies

template_ios_logging

No discrepancies found

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Template discrepancies details

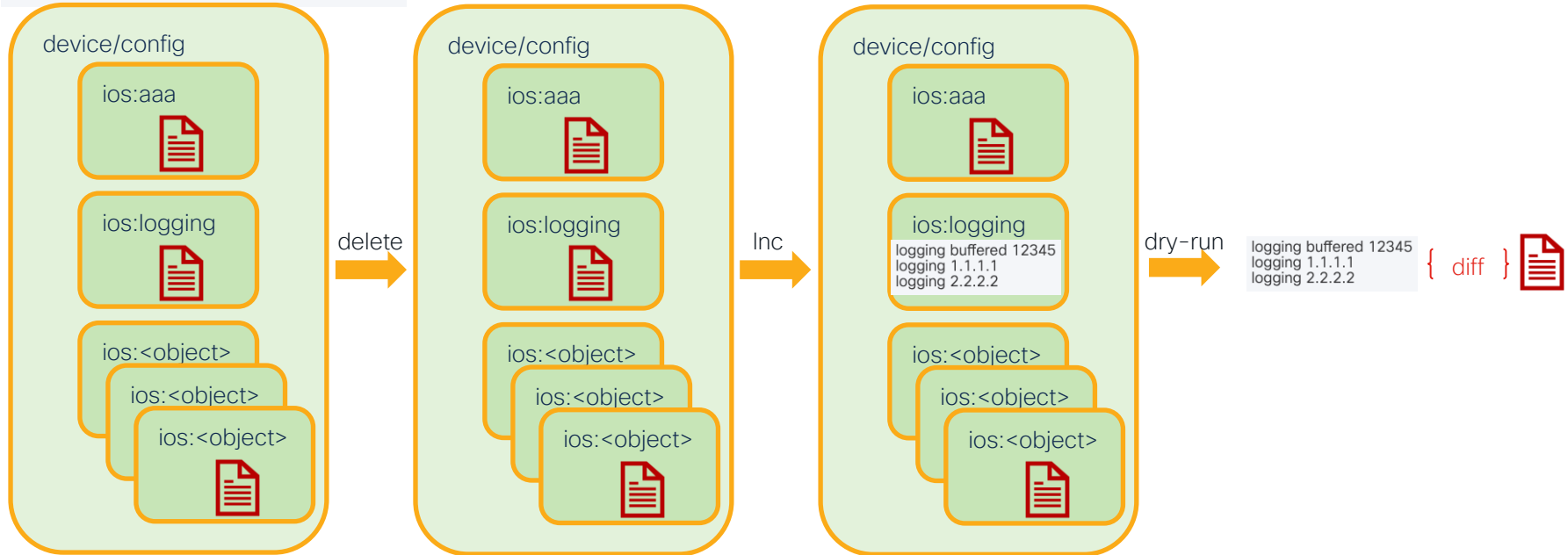
template_ios_logging

No device diffs found

Strict Compliance Action Design

Expected config (golden template):

```
logging buffered {{buffer_size}}
logging {{host1_ip}}
logging {{host2_ip}}
```



NSO action package

- Model (YANG)

```
module compliance-action {  
  
  namespace "http://cisco.com/compliance-action";  
  prefix compliance-action;  
  
  import tailf-ncs {  
    prefix ncs;  
  }  
  
  description  
    "Custom compliance tool";  
  
  revision 2023-02-09 {  
    description  
      "Initial revision.";  
  }  
  
  container compliance-action {  
    tailf:action run-compliance {
```

- Logic (python)

```
import ncs  
from ncs.application import Service  
from ncs.dp import Action  
...  
class run_complianceAction(Action):  
    @Action.action  
    def cb_action(self, uinfo, name, kp, input, output, trans):  
        ...  
        with ncs.maapi.single_write_trans('admin', 'system',  
            groups=['ncsadmin']) as trans:  
            root = ncs.maagic.get_root(trans)  
            for dev in devicelist:  
                #paths = get_ios_paths() + get_xr_paths()  
                paths = configtarget  
                delete_configs(paths, trans, dev)  
                load_native_config(root, device=dev,  
                    config=compliance_config)  
                raw_output = get_dry_run_raw_output(trans,  
                    outformat="cli")  
                print(parse_dry_run_output(raw_output, outformat="cli"))  
                output.compliance_action_info +=  
                    parse_dry_run_output(raw_output, outformat="cli") + "\n"
```

Custom compliance run and result

```
nsoadmin@ncs% request compliance-action run-compliance ned-id cisco-ios-cli-6.46 device-selection { device-group-list [ DEVICE-GROUP-IOS-1-2 ] } config-targets [ logging ] variable-values { variable-value-list { variable-name buffer_size variable-value 12345 } variable-value-list { variable-name host1_ip variable-value 1.1.1.1 } variable-value-list { variable-name host2_ip variable-value 2.2.2.2 } } config-lines
```

Value for 'config-lines' (<string>):

[Multiline mode, exit with ctrl-D.]

```
> logging buffered {{buffer_size}}
```

```
> logging {{host1_ip}}
```

```
> logging {{host2_ip}}
```

```
>
```

```
devices device devIOS-1
config
  logging buffered 12345
  logging 1.1.1.1
  logging 2.2.2.2
```

```
!
!
```

```
devices device devIOS-2
config
  logging buffered 12345
  logging 1.1.1.1
  logging 2.2.2.2
  logging 3.3.3.3
```

```
!
!
```



devIOS-1

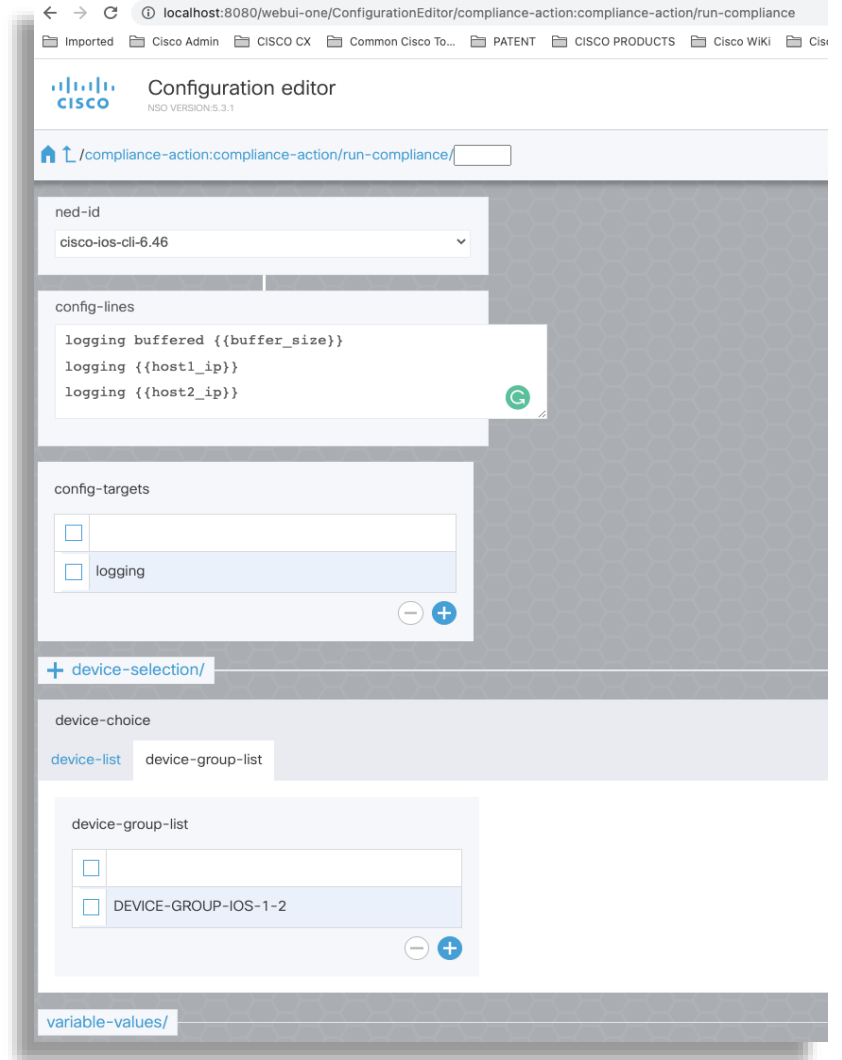


devIOS-2

```
...
COMPLIANCE REPORT:

devices {
  device devIOS-2 {
    config {
      logging {
-         hostname 3.3.3.3 {
-           }
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

NSO GUI



A decorative graphic in the top right corner consisting of a dense cluster of circles in various sizes and colors, including shades of blue, green, orange, and red. The circles are arranged in a way that they appear to be floating or expanding from the right edge of the frame.

Demo

- NSO compliance
- NSO python action

```
nsoadmin@ncs%  
[edit]  
nsoadmin@ncs%  
[edit]  
nsoadmin@ncs% # TEAR-DOWN:  
[ok][2023-02-07 13:20:56]  
[edit]  
nsoadmin@ncs% # delete compliance report:  
[ok][2023-02-07 13:20:56]  
[edit]  
nsoadmin@ncs% delete compliance reports report report_ios_logging  
[ok][2023-02-07 13:20:56]  
[edit]  
nsoadmin@ncs%  
[edit]  
nsoadmin@ncs% # delete device group:  
[ok][2023-02-07 13:20:56]  
[edit]  
nsoadmin@ncs% delete devices device-group DEVICE-GROUP-IOS-1-2  
[ok][2023-02-07 13:20:56]  
[edit]  
nsoadmin@ncs%  
[edit]  
nsoadmin@ncs% # delete devices logging  
[ok][2023-02-07 13:20:56]  
[edit]  
nsoadmin@ncs% delete devices device devIOS-1 config logging  
[ok][2023-02-07 13:20:56]  
[edit]  
nsoadmin@ncs% delete devices device devIOS-2 config logging  
[ok][2023-02-07 13:20:56]  
[edit]  
nsoadmin@ncs% commit  
Commit complete.  
[ok][2023-02-07 13:20:59]  
[edit]  
nsoadmin@ncs% █
```

```
localhost:8080/compliance-reports/report_46_nsoadmin_0_2023-2-7T13:10:39:0.html  
Publication date : 2023-2-7 13:10:39  
Produced by user : nsoadmin  


## Summary



Compliance result titled "" defined by report "report_ios_logging"



Resulting in no-violation



Checking 2 devices and no services



Produced 2023-2-7 13:10:39



From : Oldest available information



To : 2023-2-7 13:10:39



## Template discrepancies



### template_ios_logging



No discrepancies found



## Details



### Template discrepancies details



#### template_ios_logging



No device diffs found


```

```
nsx-01 [ncs] (2) | nsadmin | python3 (python3)
```

```
+      local;
+    }
+  }
+}
-accounting {
-  delay-start {
-  }
-}
-interface {
-  Loopback 0 {
+    description "Cisco Live is great!";
+    ip {
+      address {
-        primary {
-          address 127.0.0.1;
-          address 10.10.10.10;
-          mask 255.0.0.0;
+          mask 255.255.255.255;
+        }
-      }
-    }
-  }
-}
-logging {
-  hostname 3.3.3.3 {
-  }
-}
-}
-}
-}
```

```
compliance-report
remediation-report
[ok][2023-02-07 13:27:31]
[edit]
nsoadmin@ncs%
[edit]
nsoadmin@ncs%
[edit]
nsoadmin@ncs%
System message at 2023-02-07 13:44:42...
Commit performed by nsoadmin via http using webui.
nsoadmin@ncs%
```

The screenshot displays the Cisco NSO Configuration Editor web interface. At the top, the browser address bar shows 'localhost:8080/compliance-nc' and the page title is 'Configuration editor'. The main header area includes the Cisco logo, the text 'Configuration editor', and 'NSO VERSION: 5.3.1'. There are also buttons for user management and a 'View options' dropdown menu.

Below the header, the 'PACKAGES' section is active, showing a list of installed and available packages with their versions. The packages listed are:

- cisco-ios-cli-6.46 (v6.46)
- cisco-iosxr-cli-7.22 (v7.22)
- cisco-iosxr_netconf-nc-2019.06 (v2019.06.26)
- ciscoutils (v1.1.16)
- compliance-action (v1.0)
- demo (v1.0)
- etsi-sol003-gen-1.13 (v1.13.9)
- ipython-superuser (v1.0)
- juniper-junos-nc-4.5 (v4.5.22)
- redhat-ansible-gen-1.0 (v1.0.3)
- resource-manager (v3.4.5)

Below the packages section, the 'MODULES' section is visible, showing a list of modules and their versions:

- aaa:aaa
- aaa:alias
- aaa:session
- aaa:user
- al:alarms
- ciscoutils:commands
- compliance-action:compliance-action
- compliance-action:compliance-service
- ncm:netconf-state
- ncs:cluster
- ncs:compliance
- ncs:customers
- ncs:devices
- ncs:java-vm
- ncs:packages
- ncs:python-vm
- ncs:software
- ncs:ssh
- ncs:zombies
- ralloc:resource-pools
- rcmon:restconf-state
- scheduler:scheduler
- snmp:snmp
- tfcp:policy

The bottom navigation bar includes tabs for 'Commit manager', 'Configuration editor' (selected), 'Dashboard', 'Device manager', and 'Service manager'.

Action components

- compliance.yang

- leaf ned-id {
 - container device-selection {
 - choice device-choice {
 - leaf-list device-list {
 - leaf-list device-group-list {
- leaf-list config-targets {
- leaf config-lines {
- container variable-values {
- output {
 - leaf compliance-action-info {
 - leaf compliance-report {
 - leaf remediation-report {

- compliance.py

- def replace_vars(text, parameters):
- def get_dry_run_raw_output(trans: ncs.maapi.Transaction, outformat: str):
- def parse_dry_run_output(dry_run_output_raw: dict, outformat: str) -> str:
- def load_native_config(root, device: str, config: str):
- def delete_configs(paths, trans, dev):

Key features in strict compliance

- Simplifies usage with one action command
 - no need to create template, compliance report, or device group
- Allows individual devices as well as device groups
- Supports native config
- Detects extra lines
- Allows user to specify config targets
- Supports config path
- Extendible to support multiple NEDs in one report
- Supports parameterization
- Flexible for customized reporting requirements
- Can generate remediation config

Relevant sessions

- CISCOU-2664 Compliance with Ansible
- DEWWKS-3984 Infrastructure-as-a-code & CI/CD
- DEVNET-2535 Testing & Deployment of NSO
- WoS Cisco CX Booth
- 2022 Automation Developer Days:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0bWm1q6V0qM>



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Try this on a local-install:

```
(base) → NSO pwd
<your path to NSO installation>
(base) → NSO source ncsrc
(base) → NSO cd ncs-run
(base) → ncs-run ncs
echo $PYTHONPATH
<some path>/src/ncs/pyapi
python3
import ncs
import _ncs
from ncs.application import Service
from ncs.dp import Action
m = ncs.maapi.Maapi()
s = ncs.maapi.Session(m, 'nsoadmin', 'system')
t = m.start_write_trans(ncs.RUNNING)
root = ncs.maagic.get_root(t)
help(root.devices.device['devIOS-1'].config.interface.FastEthernet['0/0'])
root.devices.device['devIOS-1'].config.interface.FastEthernet['0/0'].__dir__()
a = root.devices.device['devIOS-1'].config.interface.FastEthernet['0/0']
setattr(a, 'description', 'cisco live is great')
root.devices.device['devIOS-1'].config.interface.FastEthernet['0/0'].description.upper()
```

use NSO installation path
change NSO username
change device name
change interface name