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Intent APIs in Cisco DNA Center

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Agenda

- Cisco DNA Center Platform
- Intent API - overview
- Intent API - how to use?
- Intent API - demo
- References

What's in it for me?

In this Session

Out of Scope

Cisco DNA-Center Platform overview

Cisco DNA-Center basics

How to start & basic API examples

Advanced API examples

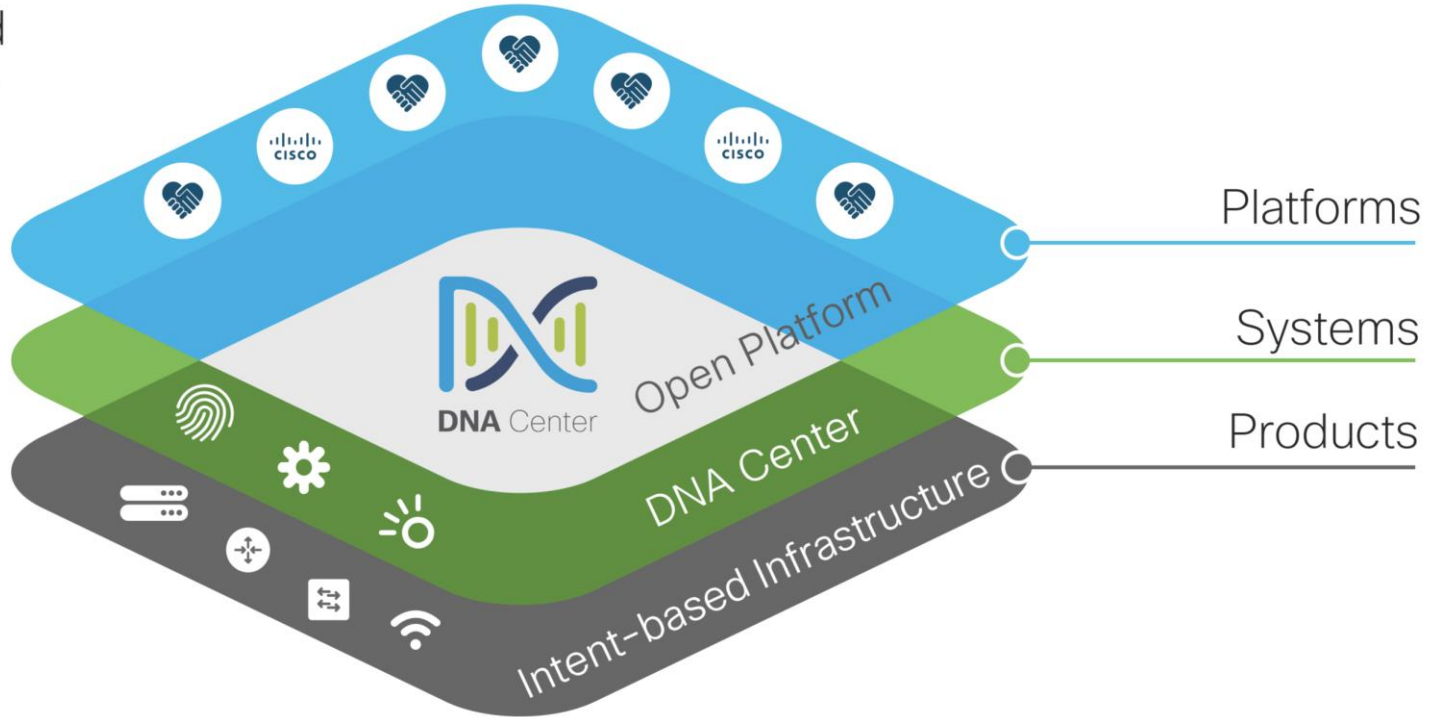
Live demo during the session

Troubleshooting & debugging

Target audience is **technical attendees** knowing the basics of Cisco DNA-Center and looking for **overview and basic understanding how to start and effectively use APIs** in Cisco DNA-Center.

Cisco DNA – from products to platforms

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Cisco DNA Center – platform overview

IT and Network System Process

servicenow	ITSM
Infoblox	IPAM
+ a b l e a v	Reporting
MICRO FOCUS	ITSM
LiveAction	Analytics

Business and Network Intent APIs

Application Policy Assurance	Software Image Management (SWIM)
Wireless Provisioning	Network Inventory / Discovery
Plug-n-Play Topology	Command Runner
	Template Programmer
	eNFV Provisioning

X-Domain Integration

3rd Party SDKs

Map 3rd Party Network Devices to Data Model
Level 1 Operations support:
Discovery, Inventory, Topology, Availability, Health Score

Networking	
Security	
Data Center	

Business and Network Intent API

Intent API:

- exposes specific capabilities of Cisco DNA Center Platform (Northbound REST API),
- provides standard network-based resource operations such as create/update/delete on objects,
- supports the standard HTTP verbs GET, POST, PUT and DELETE,
- simplifies the process of creating workflows that consolidate multiple network actions.

API vs Intent API

"Atomic" API:

- create wireless interface API
- configure WLAN settings API
- change security settings API

etc.

Intent API:

- SSID provisioning API

Intent API – purpose – why should I care?

- Enhance the overall network experience by:
 - optimizing end-to-end IT processes,
 - reducing Total Cost of Ownership (TCO),
 - developing new value-added network solutions.

Cisco DNA Center Platform – installation

Cisco DNA Center

DESIGN POLICY PROVISION ASSURANCE PLATFORM

System 360 **Software Updates** Settings Data Platform Users Backup & Restore

Updates

Installed Apps

Installed Applications

	Version	Action
DNA Center Core		
Automation - Base <i>i</i>	2.1.78.60109	Uninstall <i>i</i>
Cisco DNA Center Global Search <i>i</i>	1.0.0.44	Uninstall <i>i</i>
Cisco DNA Center UI <i>i</i>	1.4.0.244	Uninstall <i>i</i>
NCP - Base <i>i</i>	2.1.78.60109	Uninstall <i>i</i>
NCP - Services <i>i</i>	2.1.78.60109	Uninstall <i>i</i>
Network Controller Platform <i>i</i>	2.1.78.60109	Uninstall <i>i</i>
Network Data Platform - Base Analytics <i>i</i>	1.4.0.116	Uninstall <i>i</i>
Network Data Platform - Core <i>i</i>	1.4.0.328	Uninstall <i>i</i>
Network Data Platform - Manager <i>i</i>	1.4.0.101	Uninstall <i>i</i>
Automation		
Application Policy <i>i</i>	2.1.75.170275	Uninstall <i>i</i>
Command Runner <i>i</i>	2.1.78.60109	Uninstall <i>i</i>
Device Onboarding <i>i</i>	2.1.78.60109	Uninstall <i>i</i>
Image Management <i>i</i>	2.1.78.60109	Uninstall <i>i</i>
SD Access <i>i</i>	2.1.78.60109	Uninstall <i>i</i>
Stealthwatch Security Analytics <i>i</i>	2.1.78.1090091	Uninstall <i>i</i>
Assurance		
Assurance - Base <i>i</i>	1.4.0.488	Uninstall <i>i</i>
Automation - Sensor <i>i</i>	2.1.78.60109	Uninstall <i>i</i>
Machine Reasoning <i>i</i>	2.1.78.210010	Uninstall <i>i</i>
Path Trace <i>i</i>	2.1.78.60109	Uninstall <i>i</i>
Programmability And Integrations		
Cisco DNA Center Platform <i>i</i>	1.2.0.50	Uninstall <i>i</i>

Cisco DNA Center Platform – API activation

Cisco DNA Center

DESIGN

POLICY

PROVISION

ASSURANCE

PLATFORM

1

Overview

Manage ▾

Developer Toolkit ▾

Runtime Dashboard

Welcome to the DNA Center Platform. Programmatically access your network through Intent APIs, integrate with your preferred IT systems to create end-to-end solutions and add support for multi-vendor devices.

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Bundles

Bundles are easy to use feature sets for consuming Intent APIs, integrations, events and notifications. View all the available bundles, enable relevant bundles and customize the configuration preferences to consume events as per your application(s) or IT system(s) needs.

Developer Toolkit

Discover APIs to manage your network, configure integration flows and access network data to analyze, export and visualize complex reports.

Runtime Dashboard

Get insights into API usage, view events published to IT systems such as number of API calls, response time(s), events published, bundles activated etc.

Configurations

View and set global or bundle specific settings to manage your integration configurations and modify event specific settings.

Cisco DNA Center Platform – API activation

Cisco DNA Center

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Bundles

Filter

Find

Bundle ▾	Status	Description	
<div><div>B</div><div>Basic ITSM (ServiceNow) CMDB synchronization</div><div>Cisco Systems, Inc. v1.2.0 DNAC 1.2.5 + Version Dated Oct 24, 2019</div></div>	NEW	You can schedule a synchronization or trigger an update between the DNA Center device inventory and your ITSM(ServiceNow) configuration management database(CMDB). These activities integrate DNA Center processes into the IT System Management processes of incident, change and problem management. Note: If your network devices...	<div>Enable</div>
<div><div>D</div><div>DNA Center REST API</div><div>Cisco Systems, Inc. v1.2.0 DNAC 1.2.5 + Version Dated Aug 28, 2019</div></div>	DISABLED	This bundle contains the REST API supported by Cisco DNA Center. These REST APIs provide a rich set of capabilities, including the ability to discover network devices, query network health and provision network devices.	<div>1<div>Enable</div></div>
<div><div>N</div><div>Network Events for REST API Endpoint</div><div>Cisco Systems, Inc. v1.2.0 DNAC 1.2.5 + Version Dated Aug 19, 2019</div></div>	NEW	This bundle is deprecated from Release 1.3.1.0 and will be removed from the future releases. See Release Notes for more details.	<div>Enable</div>
<div><div>N</div><div>Network Issue Monitor and Enrichment for ITSM (ServiceNow)</div><div>Cisco Systems, Inc. v1.2.0 DNAC 1.2.5 + Version Dated Oct 24, 2019</div></div>	NEW	You can use this bundle to monitor your network for assurance and maintenance issues, and then publish the event details about these issues to an ITSM(ServiceNow) system. This bundle also contains APIs that extract rich network context data. Please note that, if your network devices have not yet been synchronized between...	<div>Enable</div>

Cisco DNA Center Platform – API overview

Cisco DNA Center

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APIs

Authentication

> Know Your Network

> Site Management

> Connectivity

> Operational Tasks

> Policy

Event Management

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APIs

Integration Flows

Data and Reports

Multivendor Support

Events

on APIs provide an authorized token for accessing any REST API.

te*: Add the request header 'x-auth-token' with the generated authorized token to get a successful API response.

Method	Name	Description	URL
POST	Authentication API	API to obtain an access token. The token obtained using this API is required to be set as value to the X-Auth-Token HTTP Header for all API calls to Cisco DNA...	/auth/token

Know Your Network

Know your Network APIs can be used to discover details about clients, sites, topology and devices. It also provides programmatic REST APIs to add devices to the network and export device data.


Sites

Method	Name		URL
POST	Assign Device To Site		/site/{siteId}/device
GET	Get Site Health ^{Intent}		/site-health
POST	Create Site ^{Intent}	Creates site with area/building/floor with specified hierarchy.	/site
GET	Get Site ^{Intent}	Get site with area/building/floor with specified hierarchy.	/site

2 Click on hyperlink to get access to built-in documentation

API online documentation – DevNet

<https://developer.cisco.com/docs/dna-center/api/1-3-1-x/#!intent-api-v1-3-1-x>

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Documentation > Cisco DNA Center Release: 1.3.1.x

Cisco DNA Center Release: 1.3.1.x

[Cisco DNA Center Platform v1.3.1.x](#)
[Intent API v1.3.1.x](#)
[API Lifecycle](#)

Intent API ^{1.3.1.0}

[Release-1310-swagger-Build1220.annotated.json](#)

Cisco DNA Center Platform v. 1.3.1.0

Filter by tag

Authentication

Access Token Request

Sites

Create sites, assign devices to them and get site health

Topology

Get topology details and overall network health

Devices

Manage network devices

GET **/dna/intent/api/v1/interface/count** Get Device Interface Count

POST **/dna/intent/api/v1/network-device** Add Device

GET **/dna/intent/api/v1/network-device** Get Device list

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API – built-in documentation

Get Site Health

DESCRIPTION

Returns Overall Health information for all sites

Method	URL
GET	https://10.48.18.192/dna/intent/api/v1/site-health

TAGS

site health API

PARAMETERS

Request Query Parameters

Name	Description	DataType	Default Value	Required
timestamp	Epoch time(in milliseconds) when the Site Hierarchy data is required	string		false

RESPONSES

Response Codes

Code	Message
200	The request was successful. The result is contained in the response body.
400	The client made a request that the server could not understand (for example, the request syntax is incorrect).
401	The client's authentication credentials included with the request are missing or invalid.
404	The client made a request for a resource that does not exist.
500	The server could not fulfill the request.

API – built-in documentation

MODEL SCHEMAS

Response

Model Model Schema

```
^ root (map, optional)
  ^ response (array<map>, optional)
    siteName (string, optional)
    siteId (string, optional)
    parentSiteId (string, optional)
    parentSiteName (string, optional)
    siteType (string, optional)
  ^ latitude (map, optional)
  ^ longitude (map, optional)
  healthyNetworkDevicePercentage (string, optional)
  healthyClientsPercentage (string, optional)
  clientHealthWired (string, optional)
  ^ clientHealthWireless (map, optional)
    numberOfClients (string, optional)
  ^ clientNumberOfIssues (map, optional)
  ^ networkNumberOfIssues (map, optional)
    numberOfNetworkDevice (string, optional)
  ^ networkHealthAverage (map, optional)
```

POLICIES

API Throttling

Allow upto 5 requests in 1 minute

How to run API calls?

Option 1 – code snippets

Code Preview

Select Language

Python

Snippet

```
1  //'x-auth-token': 'x-auth-token-value'
2  //'content-type': 'application/json'
3  import http.client
4
5  conn = http.client.HTTPSConnection("10.48.18.192")
6
7  headers = { 'content-type': "application/json" }
8
9  conn.request("POST", "/dna/intent/api/v1/network-device-poller/cli/read-request", headers=headers)
10
11 res = conn.getresponse()
12 data = res.read()
13
14 print(data.decode("utf-8"))
```

Close

API – built-in documentation

MODEL SCHEMAS

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```

POLICIES

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Code Preview

Try It

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How to run API calls?

Option 2 – try it now



Try It

Method

GET

Public URL :

https://10.48.18.192/dna/intent/api/v1/network-device/ip-address/\${ipAddress}

Name
Path Params

ipAddress*

Description

Device IP address

Value

172.31.0.1

Response

Status Code: 200

```
1 {  
2   "response": {  
3     "type": "Cisco Catalyst 9500 Switch",  
4     "memorySize": "NA",  
5     "family": "Switches and Hubs",  
6     "roleSource": "AUTO",  
7     "hostname": "KRK04-BORDER-01.cisco.com",  
8     "lastUpdateTime": 1577098514318,  
9     "macAddress": "00:a3:d1:44:d2:00",  
10    "serialNumber": "FCW2124A4PC",  
11    "collectionInterval": "Global Default",  
12    "inventoryStatusDetail": "<status><general code=\"SYNC\"/></status>",  
13    "..."
```

Cancel

Run

How to run API calls?

Option 3 - CURL

```
$ curl --insecure
  --request POST
  --header "Authorization: Basic $(echo -n api:CiscoLive2020 | base64)"
  https://10.48.18.192/dna/system/api/v1/auth/token
```

```
{ "Token": "eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiJ9.eyJzdWIiOiI1ZTAwOWZhYTZlMzcyZDAwYzIwODQ0Yjk
iLCJhdXRoU291cmNlIjoiaW50ZXJuYWwiLCJ0ZW5hbnROYW1lIjoieVE5UMCIiInJvbGVzIjpbIjVkbWZlMzZlNmUzN
zJkMDBjMjA4MzM0NSJdLCJ0ZW5hbnRJCi6IjVkbWZlMzZlNmUzNzJkMDBjMjA4MzM0MyIsImV4cCI6MTU3NzEwMjg
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n_VpI47UOpkZuc77iWVHDZL3Nm8xzJAHTNngp49TDDbblQxytJCON8lbBQjBsL1zDi46WTE6tWmyGYzfVsOg" }
```

How to run API calls?

Option 4 – Postman



▶ Get auth token

Examples (0) ▼

POST ▼ https://{{dnac}}/dna/system/api/v1/auth/token

Send ▼ Save ▼

Params Authorization ● Headers (2) Body Pre-request Script Tests ●

Cookies Code Comments (0)

TYPEDivBasic Auth ▼The authorization header will be automatically generated when you send the request. Learn more about authorizationPreview Request

Username {{username}}Password {{password}}☒ Show Password

Body Cookies (2) Headers (14) Test ResultsStatus: 200 OKTime: 355 msSize: 1.18 KBSaveDownload

PrettyRawPreviewJSON ▼≡

1 {

2 "Token": "eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiJ9.eyJzdWIiOiI1ZTAwZWZhYTZlMzc5ZDAwYzIwODQ0YjkiLCJhdXRoU291cmNlIjoiaW50eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiJ9"

3 }

Intent API – Available categories

- Authentication
- Know your network
- Site Management
- Connectivity
- Operational Tasks
- Policy

Cisco DNA-Center – Intent API categories

Authentication

- Authentication API provide an authorized token for accessing any REST API.
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Cisco DNA-Center – Intent API categories

Know Your Network

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- provides programmatic REST APIs to add devices to the network and export device data.

✓ Know Your Network

Sites

Topology

Devices

Clients

Users

Issues

Cisco DNA-Center – Intent API categories

Site Management

- help provision enterprise networks with zero touch deployment,
- manage the activation and distribution of software images in the network.

✓ Site Management

Site Design

Network Settings

Software Image Management (SWIM)

Device Onboarding (PnP)

Configuration Templates

Cisco DNA-Center – Intent API categories

Connectivity

- provide the mechanism to configure and manage non-fabric wireless networks as a single step process.

✓ Connectivity

Fabric Wired

Non-Fabric Wireless

Cisco DNA-Center – Intent API categories

Operational Tasks

- provide programmatic access to DNA Center tasks such as configure and manage CLI templates, discover network devices, configure network settings and path trace through the network.

✓ Operational Tasks

Command Runner

Network Discovery

Path Trace

File

Task

Tag

Cisco DNA-Center – Intent API categories

Policy

- allows to create policies that reflect your organization's business intent for a particular aspect of the network, such as network access.

▼ Policy

Application Policy

Demo

Intent API in action



Tickets and requests in ServiceNow automate the process when DNA Center Assurance detects device noncompliance.

INTENT APIS (SOFTWARE IMAGE MANAGEMENT/SWIM), INTEGRATION APIS (SERVICENOW)

Intent API in action



Use DNA Center as a single source of truth for network hardware inventory and port usage to inform business analytics.

INTENT APIS (INVENTORY, COMMAND RUNNER)

Intent API in action



Automated cloning to create quality, efficiency, and cost savings for a large global site rollout.

INTENT APIS (INVENTORY, TOPOLOGY)

How to start?

1) I have Cisco DNA-Center

- Install Cisco DNA-Center Platform
- Enable REST API bundle
- FUN TIME 😊

How to start?

1) I have Cisco DNA-Center

- Install Cisco DNA-Center Platform
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- FUN TIME 😊

2) I do not have Cisco DNA-Center

- Always-on sandbox (shared)
- Reservation-based sandboxes (dedicated)
- FUN TIME 😊

Cisco DNA-Center

Always-on sandbox



ALWAYS ON

Cisco DNA Center v.1.2.10 Always-On Sandbox

- Access at any time without making a reservation or using VPN connection
- Perfect for learning the Cisco DNA Center GUI or experimenting with the REST API
- Provides access to a pre-configured network topology running on genuine Cisco hardware
- Cannot configure the network or devices on it
- Cannot activate and enforce policy on network devices
- Because this sandbox is always available to all users, any other user may potentially overwrite your work at any time.
- **NOTE:** The **Platform** tab of the Cisco DNA Center GUI is not visible in this Sandbox, but the Cisco DNA Center platform is pre-installed. You can use an external HTTP client (such as Postman) to send REST requests to this Sandbox, and you can [view the API documentation on Cisco DevNet](#).



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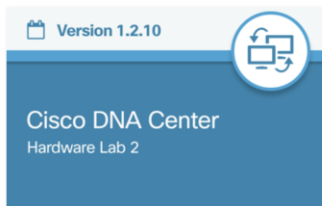
Reservation-based sandboxes



REQUIRES RESERVATION

Cisco DNA Center v.1.2.10 Lab 1

- Requires a reservation and setup of VPN
- Provides your own private lab environment for the duration of the reservation, and you can allow other users to access the lab by invitation.
- Perfect for working on lighter-weight application development projects that do not require a large network
- Provides access to pre-configured network topologies running on genuine Cisco hardware
- You can configure the hardware and network topology.
- Provides a Linux VM development machine that resides on the lab network.
- Supports automated discovery of the hardware by Cisco DNA Center as well as enforcement of policy



REQUIRES RESERVATION

Cisco DNA Center v.1.2.10 Lab 2

- Requires a reservation and setup of VPN
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<https://developer.cisco.com/docs/dna-center/#!/sandboxes/cisco-dna-center-sandboxes>

Reference materials

- 1) DevNet – Cisco DNA-Center:

<https://developer.cisco.com/docs/dna-center/>

- 2) DevNet – Intent API – overview:

<https://developer.cisco.com/docs/dna-center/#!cisco-dna-center-v-1-2-6-and-later>

- 3) DevNet – Cisco DNA-Center – Intent API (docs):

<https://developer.cisco.com/docs/dna-center/api/1-3-1-x/>

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