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Module 2 NAPALM INTRODUCTION

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NAPALM Intro — What is NAPALM

- NAPALM is an Open Source project for Network device managment.
- NAPALM (Network Automation and Programmability
 Abstraction Layer with Multivendor support) tries to deliver a common API to manage different vendor OS.
- It is a python library that utilizes existing python libraries for each vendor (like Juniper Pyez) to communicate with each vendor Nodes.
- It abstracts these different libraries into a command API libraries which based on the device OS being managed triggers the correct API call to the target node.

https://github.com/napalm-automation/napalm

NAPALM Intro – NAPALM Device Support

- NAPALM Support Only the following devices
 - ✓ Arista EOS
 - ✓ Cisco IOS
 - ✓ Cisco IOS-XR
 - ✓ Cisco NX-OS
 - ✓ Juniper JunOS

NAPALM Intro – NAPALM and Ansible





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NAPALM

NAPALM

Modules

napalm_get_facts

napalm_install_config

Network OS Juniper JunOS Cisco IOS/IOS-XE Cisco Nexus-OS Cisco IOS-XR

Library

PyeZ

netmiko

pycsco

pyIOSXR

Transport/ API

NETCONF

SSH

NX-API

SSH/XML-API

Output

XML

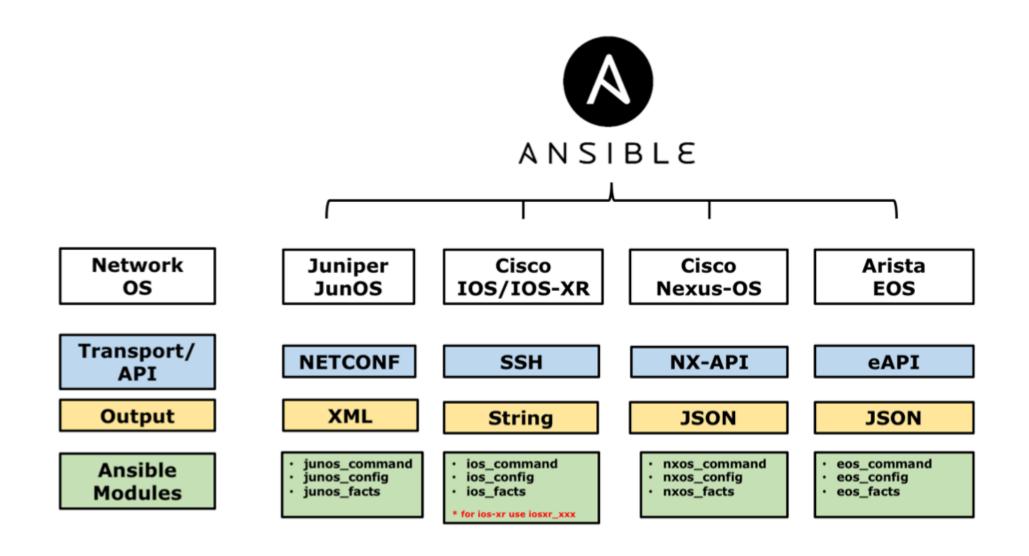
String

JSON

XML

NAPALM Modules Ansible Facts (Native python Data Structures) common across all platforms with the same data

NAPALM Intro — Ansible with no NAPALM



NAPALM Intro – NAPALM Modules

- NAPALM provides two main functions to manage network devices.
 - ✓ napalm_get_facts, this is used to get different output from the devices and return a common data structure.
 - ✓ napalm_install_config, this load the configuration into the managed nodes.
- NAPALM emulate operation like compare Config and commit Config which is not available natively by some Networking OS like Cisco-IOS. Thus, it delivers a common API to interact with different vendors Network OS.
- Other Modules supported are in the below link

http://napalm.readthedocs.io/en/latest/integrations/ansible/modules/index.html

NAPALM Intro — Why NAPALM

NOT Consistent Data Structure

```
"rpc-reply": {
    "bgp-information": {
       "bgp-peer": [
                "bgp-rib": [
                        "accepted-prefix-count": "1",
                        "active-prefix-count": "1",
                        "name": "inet.0",
                        "received-prefix-count": "1",
                        "suppressed-prefix-count": "0"
                    },
                        "accepted-prefix-count": "0",
                        "active-prefix-count": "0",
                        "name": "bgp.l3vpn.0",
                        "received-prefix-count": "0",
                        "suppressed-prefix-count": "0"
                "elapsed-time": "9:49:06",
                "flap-count": "0",
                "input-messages": "1298",
                "output-messages": "1302",
                "peer-address": "10.100.2.2",
                "peer-as": "65000",
                "peer-state": "Established",
                "route-queue-count": "0"
        "down-peer-count": "0",
       "group-count": "1",
       "peer-count": "3"
```

```
BGP router identifier 10.100.4.4, local AS number 65000
BGP generic scan interval 60 secs
Non-stop routing is enabled
BGP table state: Active
Table ID: 0xe0000000 RD version: 4
BGP main routing table version 4
BGP NSR Initial initsync version 3 (Reached)
BGP NSR/ISSU Sync-Group versions 0/0
BGP scan interval 60 secs
BGP is operating in STANDALONE mode.

Process RcvTblVer bRIB/RIB LabelVer ImportVer SendTblVer StandbyVer
Speaker 4 4 4 4 0

Neighbor Spk AS MsgRcvd MsgSent TblVer InQ OutQ Up/Down St/PfxRcd
10.100.1.1 0 65000 1353 1226 4 0 0 10:11:35 4
```

IOS-XR Output

NAPALM Intro — Why NAPALM

Consistent Data Structure

```
"napalm_bgp_neighbors": {
   "global": {
       "peers": {
            "10.100.2.2": {
                "address_family": {
                    "ipv4": {
                        "accepted_prefixes": 1,
                        "received_prefixes": 1,
                        "sent_prefixes": 3
                    "ipv6": {
                        "accepted_prefixes": -1,
                        "received_prefixes": -1,
                        "sent_prefixes": -1
                    },
                    "l3vpn": {
                        "accepted_prefixes": 0,
                        "received_prefixes": 0,
                        "sent_prefixes": 0
                "description": "",
                "is_enabled": true,
                "is_up": true,
                "local as": 65000,
                "remote_as": 65000,
                "remote_id": "10.100.2.2",
                "uptime": 37317
        "router id": "10.100.1.1"
```

```
"napalm_bgp_neighbors": {
    "global": {
        "peers": {
            "10.100.1.1": {
                "address_family": {
                    "ipv4": {
                        "accepted_prefixes": 4,
                        "received_prefixes": 4,
                        "sent_prefixes": 0
                "description": "",
                "is enabled": false,
                "is_up": true,
                "local_as": 65000,
                "remote as": 65000,
                "remote_id": "10.100.1.1",
                "uptime": 37198
       },
        "router_id": "10.100.4.4"
```

IOS-XR Output

JunOS Output

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NAPALM Intro – Operational Data

- NAPALM use Ansible module napalm_get_facts, to execute some pre-defined show commands on the networking node.
- ONLY pre defined show commands can be executed on the remote nodes.
- The required show commands are passed as filter to the module.
- Below is sample of the filters
 - get_bgp_neighbors
 - get_interfaces
 - get_lldp_neighbors
- Full list of all supported filters

https://napalm.readthedocs.io/en/latest/support/index.html

NAPALM Intro – Operational Data

```
"napalm_bgp_neighbors": {
   "global": {
       "peers": {
           "10.100.1.1": {
               "address_family": {
                   "ipv4": {
                       "accepted_prefixes": -1,
                       "received_prefixes": -1,
                        "sent_prefixes": -1
                    "ipv6": {
                       "accepted_prefixes": -1,
                       "received_prefixes": -1,
                        "sent_prefixes": -1
               "description": "",
               "is_enabled": true,
               "is_up": false,
               "local_as": 100,
               "remote_as": 100,
               "remote_id": "",
               "uptime": 2944
       },
```

NAPALM Intro – Operational Data Validation

```
- name: GET NAPALM Facts
 hosts: all
  vars:
   BGP_setup:
     vMX1:
       peers: [10.100.2.2, 10.100.4.4, 10.100.5.5]
      vMX2:
       peers: [10.100.1.1]
      R4:
       peers: [10.100.1.1]
      XR5:
       peers: [10.100.1.1]
  tasks:
 - name: GET BGP Peers
   napalm_get_facts:
     hostname: "{{ ansible_host }}"
     username: "{{ ansible_user }}"
     dev_os: "{{dev_os}}"
     password: "{{ ansible_ssh_pass }}"
     optional_args:
       port: "{{ ansible_port }}"
      filter:
       - bgp_neighbors
 - name: BGP Validation
   assert:
        that: hostvars[inventory_hostname].napalm_bgp_neighbors.global.peers[item].is_up == true
        msg: "{{inventory_hostname}} BGP Peer {{item}} is down"
   with_items: "{{BGP_setup[inventory_hostname].peers}}"
    ignore_errors: yes
```

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NAPALM Intro – Configuration

```
- name: push the configuration to the devices
  hosts: all
  vars:
   mdt_nodes: [vMX1, vMX2,XR5]
  tasks:
   - file: path=diff state=directory
      run_once: true
   - name: load the configuration to the devices
      napalm_install_config:
       hostname: "{{ ansible_host }}"
        username: "{{ ansible_user }}"
        dev_os: "{{dev_os}}"
        password: "{{ ansible_ssh_pass }}"
        optional_args:
          port: "{{ ansible_port }}"
        config_file: ./{{inventory_hostname}}-config.txt
        commit_changes: "{{commit| default('no')}}"
        diff_file: diff/{{inventory_hostname}}-diff.txt
      when: "inventory_hostname in mdt_nodes"
```