Peering Automation using OpenConfig

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On a side note: MANRS Equipment Vendor





"For Arista, security is a key attribute of our overall solution, starting at the routing perimeter for worldwide internet resiliency. As a global industry leader in cloud networking, we want to take part in the efforts to secure the internet as well," said Ashwin Kohli, Senior Vice President, Customer Engineering for Arista Networks. "MANRS is providing great guidelines to achieve that goal and Arista Networks is proud to be a founding participant of the MANRS Vendor Program."

Arista is proud to support MANRS efforts to secure the Internet Edge as a Founding Member!

What is OpenConfig?



Vendor-neutral, model-driven network management designed by users

What is OpenConfig?

OpenConfig is an informal working group of network operators sharing the goal of moving our networks toward a more dynamic, programmable infrastructure by adopting software-defined networking principles such as declarative configuration and model-driven management and operations.

Common data models

Our initial focus in OpenConfig is on compiling a consistent set of vendor-neutral data models (written in YANG) based on actual operational needs from use cases and requirements from multiple network operators.

Streaming telemetry

Streaming telemetry is a new paradigm for network monitoring in which data is streamed from devices continuously with efficient, incremental updates. Operators can subscribe to the specific data items they need, using OpenConfig data models as the common interface.

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- https://www.openconfig.net
- https://github.com/openconfig/public



Advantages of OpenConfig

- Vendor-agnostic abstraction model
- Mainly driven by network 'users' (in conjunction with networking vendors)
- Makes some level of automation easy to achieve due to the standardized approach

Disadvantages of OpenConfig

- Besides OpenConfig models, there are also vendor-specific YANG models
- Incomplete coverage of available functionality and services

gNMI (gRPC Network Management Interface)

- Service definitions and message formats are specified in Protobuf IDL (v3)
- Minimal service interface defined for simplicity
 - Capabilities
 - Get
 - Set
 - Subscribe
- Supports config get/set, state get and bi-directional streaming telemetry
- Various authentication methods (user/pass to certificate-based)
- Tooling:
 - https://gnmic.kmrd.dev/

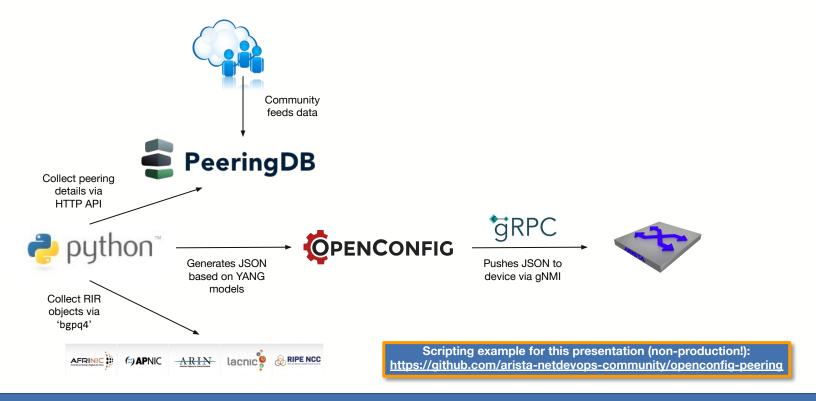
gNOI (gRPC Network Operations Interface)

- Defines a set of RPC services and message formats in Protobuf IDL
- Example service interfaces:
 - System (reboot, upgrade, etc.)
 - Operations (ping, traceroute)
 - Certificate provisioning
 - File operations

Tooling:

- https://github.com/openconfig/gnoi
- https://github.com/fullstorydev/grpcurl

Leveraging public APIs for Peering information



Script written for this workflow has ~150 lines of code (non-optimized)



Checking the device for OpenConfig capabilities

```
florian@florian ~ % gnmic -a device:6030 -u user -p pass capabilities | grep bgp

- arista-bgp-deviations, Arista Networks, Inc., 1.3.0
- arista-bgp-augments, Arista Networks, Inc., 2.6.0
- openconfig-bgp-policy, OpenConfig working group, 6.0.2
- openconfig-bgp-types, OpenConfig working group, 5.3.0
- openconfig-bgp-types, OpenConfig working group, 0.5.0
- openconfig-bgp, OpenConfig working group, 0.6.1
- openconfig-rib-bgp, OpenConfig working group, 0.7.0
- arista-bgp-notsupported-deviations, Arista Networks, Inc.,
```

This example just checks for BGP capabilities. Those are defined by the OpenConfig working group and/or a vendor.

YANG models of the capabilities are usually published either on the OpenConfig GitHub repo or the vendor website.

How to generate OpenConfig JSON files (example)

```
########################
## Generate OpenConfig interface config
#######################
interface = "Ethernet1"
ipv4 = "193.178.185.250"
ipv4 prefix length = 24
                                                             Add interface
ipv6 = "2001:7f8:19:1::250:1"
                                                              'Ethernet1'
ipv6 prefix length = 64
                                                                                            Configure interface
oc = openconfig interfaces()
oc.interfaces.interface.add(interface
oc.interfaces.interface[interface]. config.description = 'IXP Port
oc.interfaces.interface[interface]. config.enabled = True
                                                                                                    Add subinterface
oc.interfaces.interface[interface].subinterfaces.subinterface.add(0)
                                                                                                                        Configure IPv4 address
oc.interfaces.interface[interface].subinterfaces.subinterface[0].
                                                                    ipv4.addresses.address.add(ip=ipv4)
                                                                    ipv4.config.enabled = True
oc.interfaces.interface[interface].subinterfaces.subinterface[0].
                                                                    ipv4.addresses.address[ipv4].config.ip = ipv
oc.interfaces.interface[interface].subinterfaces.subinterface[0].
                                                                    ipv4.addresses.address[ipv4].config.prefix length = ipv4 prefix length
oc.interfaces.interface[interface].subinterfaces.subinterface[0].
oc.interfaces.interface[interface].subinterfaces.subinterface[0].ipv4.addresses.address[ipv4].config.addr type = 'PRIMARY'
oc.interfaces.interface[interface].subinterfaces.subinterface[0].
                                                                    ipv6.addresses.address.add(ip=ipv6)
oc.interfaces.interface[interface].subinterfaces.subinterface[0].
                                                                    ipv6.config.enabled = True
                                                                    ipv6.addresses.address[ipv6].config.ip = ipv6
oc.interfaces.interface[interface].subinterfaces.subinterface[0].
oc.interfaces.interface[interface].subinterfaces.subinterface[0].
                                                                    ipv6.addresses.address[ipv6].config.prefix length = ipv6 prefix length
with open ("json/interfaces.json", "w") as f:
   f.write(pybindJSON.dumps(oc.interfaces, mode="ietf"))
                                                                                                                Configure IPv6 address
```

Write JSON

Configure Peering Interface - Part 1

```
florian@florian ~ % cat interface.json
    "openconfig-interfaces:interface": [
                                                                       OpenConfig context
            "name": "Ethernet1",
            "config": {
                "description": "IXP Port"
            "subinterfaces": {
                "subinterface": [
                                                                                Identifier for
                        "index": "0",
                                                                                sub-context
                        "openconfig-if-ip:ipv4": {
                             "addresses": {
                                 "address": [
                                         "ip": "193.178.185.250",
                                                                                                      Actual IP config
                                         "config": {
                                             "ip": "193.178.185.250",
                                             "prefix-length": 24,
                                             "arista-intf-augments:addr-type": "PRIMARY"
                                                                                                   Vendor-specific
                                                                                                      attribute
```

Configure Peering Interface - Part 2

Push config to device via gNMI as JSON

Device configuration

```
vEOS# show run int Ethernet1
interface Ethernet1
description IXP Port
ip address 193.178.185.250/24
ipv6 address 2001:7f8:19:1::250:1/64
```

PeeringDB API (example)

```
#######################
## Peer information from PeeringDB
                                                                         Specify ASN
#####################
url = "https://www.peeringdb.com/api/net?asn= 44194&depth=2&="
payload={}
headers = {}
response = requests.request("GET", url, headers=headers, data=payload)
                                                                               Obtain peer name (clear text)
data = json.loads(response.text)
name = data['data'][0][ 'name']
                                                                                           Obtain AS-SET
irr as set = data['data'][0][ 'irr as set']
for i in data['data'][0]['netixlan set']:
                                                        Specify IX
   ipaddr4 = i['ipaddr4']
       ipaddr6 = i['ipaddr6']
                                                                   Obtain peer IPs
print(f"ASN: {asn} \nIPv4: {ipaddr4} \nIPv6: {ipaddr6}")
```

Testing connectivity to neighbor via gNOI

```
florian@florian ~ % grpcurl -H 'username: user' -H 'password: pass' \
   -d '{"destination": "192.168.3.1", "count": 2, "do not resolve":true }' \
   -import-path ${GOPATH}/src \
   -proto github.com/openconfig/gnoi/system/system.proto \
   -plaintext \
   device:6030 gnoi.system.System/Ping
 "source": "192.168.3.1",
                                                                              gNOI call
 "time": "295000",
 "bytes": 64,
 "sequence": 1,
 "ttl": 64
 "source": "192.168.3.1",
 "time": "441000",
 "bytes": 64,
 "sequence": 2,
 "source": "192.168.3.1",
                                                                                   JSONized Ping
 "time": "1032000000",
 "sent": 2,
 "received": 2,
 "minTime": "295000",
 "avgTime": "368000",
 "maxTime": "441000",
 "stdDev": "73000"
```

Obtaining IP prefixes from IRR (example)

```
########################
## Prefix list from IRR
                                                            Call 'bgpq4' for IPv4 and IPv6
#########################
fullCmd4 = cwd + "/tools/bgpq4/bgpq4 -4 -A -j -1 temp {}".format(irr as set)
fullCmd6 = cwd + "/tools/bgpq4/bgpq4 -6 -A -j -1 temp {}".format(irr as set)
output4 = subprocess.check output(fullCmd4, shell=True)
                                                                            Output is JSON
bgpq4 = json.loads(output4)
output6 = subprocess.check output(fullCmd6, shell=True)
bgpq6 = json.loads(output6)
#########################
## Generate OpenConfig prefix-lists
#######################
                                                                              Create prefix list
oc = openconfig routing policy()
pfxname4 = 'PFX AS' + str(asn) + '-v4'
oc.routing policy.defined sets.prefix sets. prefix set.add(pfxname4)
oc.routing policy.defined sets.prefix sets.prefix set[pfxname4].config.name = pfxname4
for pfxlist in bgpq4['temp']:
    print(f"prefix: {pfxlist['prefix']}")
    oc.routing policy.defined sets.prefix sets.prefix set[pfxname4].prefixes.prefix.add(ip prefix=pfxlist['prefix'],
masklength range='exact')
    oc.routing policy.defined sets.prefix sets.prefix set[pfxname4].prefixes.prefix[(pfxlist['prefix'] + ' exact')].config.
                                                                                                                                   ip prefix =
pfxlist['prefix']
    oc.routing policy.defined sets.prefix sets.prefix set[pfxname4].prefixes.prefix[(pfxlist['prefix'] + '
exact')].config.masklength range = 'exact'
                                                                                                                       Add prefix to prefix list
```

Generate IP prefix list - Part 1

```
florian@florian ~ % cat routing_policy.json
    "openconfig-routing-policy:defined-sets": {
        "prefix-sets": {
            "prefix-set": [
                    "name": "PFX AS44194-v4",
                    "config": {
                        "name": "PFX AS44194-v4"
                                                                                 Multiple key identifier
                                                                                    for sub-context
                    "prefixes": {
                        "prefix": [
                                 "ip-prefix": "77.87.48.0/21",
                                 "masklength-range": "exact",
                                 "config": {
                                     "ip-prefix": "77.87.48.0/21",
                                                                                                   Actual prefix list entry
                                     "masklength-range": "exact"
```

Generate IP prefix list - Part 2

Push config to device via gNMI as JSON

Device configuration

```
vEOS# show ip prefix-list PFX_AS44194-v4

ip prefix-list PFX_AS44194-v4
    seq 10 permit 77.87.48.0/21
    seq 20 permit 77.87.48.0/23
(...)
```

Generate route-map - Part 1

```
florian@florian ~ % cat routing policy.json
    "openconfig-routing-policy:policy-definitions": {
        "policy-definition": [
                "name": "RM AS44194-in",
                "config": {
                    "name": "RM AS44194-in"
                "statements": {
                    "statement": [
                            "name": "10",
                            "config": {
                                "name": "10"
                                                                                             Define match
                            "conditions": {
                                "match-prefix-set": {
                                    "config": {
                                        "prefix-set": "PFX AS44194-v4"
                            "actions": {
                                "config": {
                                                                                                          Match action
                                    "policy-result": "ACCEPT ROUTE"
```

Generate route-map - Part 2

Push config to device via gNMI as JSON

Device configuration

```
vEOS# show route-map RM_AS44194-in

route-map RM_AS44194-in permit 10

Match clauses:

match ip address prefix-list PFX_AS44194-v4

(...)
```

Configure BGP neighbor - Part 1

```
florian@florian ~ % cat bgp.json
                                                                                                Identifier for
                                                                                                sub-context
                        "bgp": {
                             "neighbors": {
                                 "neighbor": [
                                         "neighbor-address": "193.178.185.82",
                                         "config": {
                                                                                                             Actual BGP neighbor
                                             "neighbor-address": "193.178.185.82",
                                             "peer-as": 44194,
                                                                                                            config from PeeringDB
                                             "description": "freifunk.net"
                                         "apply-policy": {
                                                                                                  Apply previously
                                             "config": {
                                                                                                 generated inbound
                                                 "import-policy": [
                                                                                                    route-map
                                                      "RM AS44194-in"
                                                 "export-policy": [
                                                     "RM Outbound"
                                                                           Apply outbound
                                                                              route-map
```

Configure BGP neighbor - Part 2

Push config to device via gNMI as JSON

Device configuration

```
vEOS# show run | i 193.178.185.82

neighbor 193.178.185.82 remote-as 44194

neighbor 193.178.185.82 description freifunk.net

neighbor 193.178.185.82 route-map RM_AS44194-in in

neighbor 193.178.185.82 route-map RM_Outbound out
```

Remove BGP neighbor

Specify deletion path via gNMI

Device configuration

```
vEOS# show run | i 193.178.185.82
vEOS#
```

Get BGP neighbor state

Check BGP session state

```
florian@florian ~ % gnmic -a device:6030 -u user -p pass get \
--path \
'/network-instances/network-instance[name=default]/protocols/protocol[name=BGP]/bgp/neighbors/neighbors/neighbor-address=193.178.185.82]/state
(\ldots)
"network-instances/network-instance[name=default]/protocols/protocol[name=BGP][identifier=BGP]/bqp/neighbors/neighbors/neighbor-address=19
3.178.185.82]/state",
        "values": {
          "network-instances/network-instance/protocols/protocol/bqp/neighbors/neighbor/state": {
            "openconfig-network-instance:description": "freifunk.net",
            "openconfig-network-instance:established-transitions": "1",
            "openconfig-network-instance:last-established": "1632938473661492992",
                                                                                                 Neighbor description
            "openconfig-network-instance:messages": {
              "received": {
              "sent": {
                "UPDATE": "0"
            "openconfig-network-instance:neighbor-address": "193.178.185.82",
            "openconfig-network-instance:peer-as": 44194,
            "openconfig-network-instance:session-state": "ESTABLISHED"
                                                                                                 Session state
```

Get BGP neighbor state

Get BGP AFI/SAFI details

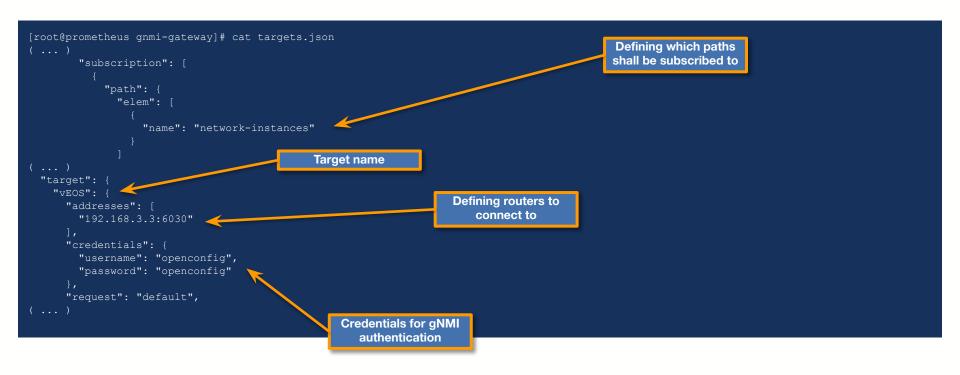
```
florian@florian ~ % gnmic -a device:6030 -u user -p pass get \
--path \
'/network-instances/network-instance[name=default]/protocols/protocol[name=BGP]/bqp/neiqhbors/neiqhbors/neiqhbor-address=193.178.185.82]/afi-s
afis/afi-safi[afi-safi-name=IPV4 UNICAST]'
        "values": {
          "network-instances/network-instance/protocols/protocol/bqp/neighbors/neighbor/afi-safis/afi-safi": {
            "openconfig-network-instance:afi-safi-name": "openconfig-bqp-types:IPV4 UNICAST",
            "openconfig-network-instance:config": {
              "afi-safi-name": "openconfig-bgp-types:IPV4 UNICAST",
              "enabled": true
            "openconfig-network-instance:state": {
                                                                                                    Address family
              "afi-safi-name": "openconfig-bgp-types:IPV4 UNICAST",
              "enabled": true,
              "prefixes": {
                "arista-bgp-augments:best-ecmp-paths": 0,
                                                                                        Vendor specific details
                "arista-bgp-augments:best-paths": 0,
                "installed": 0,
                "received": 0,
                                                                 Prefix statistics
                "sent": 0
```

gNMI to Prometheus

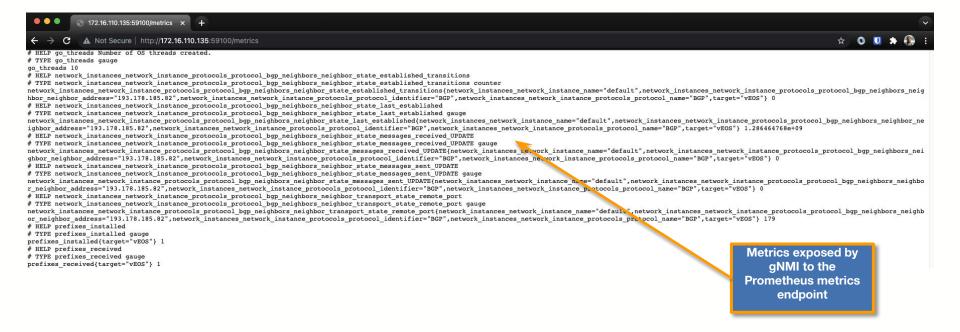
- To provide gNMI state to other ingest systems a 'gNMI Gateway' can be used
- Those gateways can act as exporters (providing endpoints or push data)

```
[root@prometheus gnmi-gateway] # ./gnmi-gateway -EnableGNMIServer -ServerTLSCert=server.crt -ServerTLSKey=server.key -TargetLoaders=json
-TargetJSONFile=targets.json -Exporters=prometheus -OpenConfigDirectory=./oc-models/
{"level":"info", "ime":"2021-11-09T11:11:25Z", "message": "Starting GNMI Gateway."}
{"level":"info",/time":"2021-11-09T11:11:25Z","message":"Clustering is NOT enabled. No locking or cluster coordination will happen."}
                                                                                                 Enable Prometheus
{"level":"info" / "time":"2021-11-09T11:11:25Z", "message": "Starting connection manager:"}
{"level":"info", "time":"2021-11-09T11:11:25Z", "message":"Starting qNMI server on 0.0.0.0:9339
                                                                                                      Exporter
{"level":"infot, "time":"2021-11-09T11:11:25Z", "message":"Starting Prometheus exporter."}
{"level":"inf6","time":"2021-11-09T11:11:25Z","message":"Connection manager received a target control message: 1 inserts 0 removes"}
{"level":"info","time":"2021-11-09T11:11:25Z","message":"Initializing target vEOS ([192.168.3.3:6030]) map[NoTLSVerify:yes]."}
{"level":"info","time":"2021-11-09T11:11:25Z","message":"Target vEOS: Connecting"}
{"level":"#nfo","time":"2021-11-09T11:11:25Z","message":"Target vEOS: Subscribing"}
 Define qNMI targets : "2021-11-09T11:11:25Z", "message": "Target vEOS: Connected"}
                time :"2021-11-09T11:11:25Z", "message": "Target vEOS: Synced" }
"level":"info","time":"2021-11-09T11:11:25Z","message":"Starting Prometheus HTTP server."}
                                                                                                             Gateway subscribed to
                                                                                                                gNMI and synced
                                                                                                    gNMI Gateway on GitHub:
                                                                                           https://github.com/openconfig/gnmi-gateway
```

gNMI to Prometheus



Metrics endpoint for Prometheus

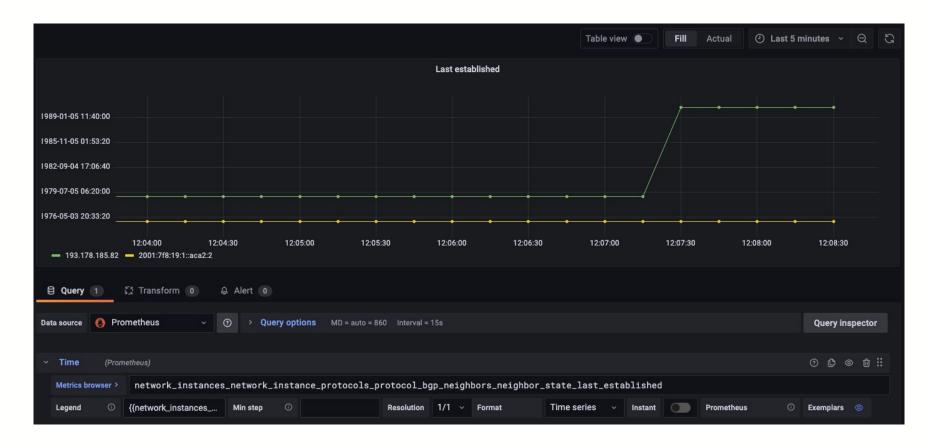


Deploying Prometheus / Grafana

- This demo uses a 'ready-to-go' Prometheus/Grafana docker stack
- Only need to edit 'prometheus/prometheus.yml'

```
$ git clone https://github.com/vegasbrianc/prometheus.git
$ cd prometheus
$ vi prometheus/prometheus.yml
$ docker swarm init
$ HOSTNAME=$(hostname) docker stack deploy -c docker-compose.yml prom
$ docker stack ps prom | grep Run
ybxe20abekgd prom cadvisor.bpo4ex9k1pgdlknkkxvwh6qv0
                                                            google/cadvisor:latest
                                                                                                              Running 2 hours ago
q6x35kj8wuy9 prom node-exporter.bpo4ex9k1pqdlknkkxvwh6qv0
                                                            prom/node-exporter:latest
                                                                                                              Running 2 hours ago
                                                                                       labvm Running
hoag8nj3gncv prom prometheus.1
                                                            prom/prometheus:v2.1.0
                                                                                                              Running 2 hours ago
                                                                                        labvm Running
lcxocx172v2i prom alertmanager.1
                                                            prom/alertmanager:latest
                                                                                                              Running 2 hours ago
                                                                                       labvm
                                                                                              Running
sikfj95q1hmc prom grafana.1
                                                            grafana/grafana:latest
                                                                                                              Running 2 hours ago
$ docker ps
CONTAINER ID
                    TMAGE
                                                                                                                  COMMAND
CREATED
                                        PORTS
                                                            NAMES
                    prom/prometheus@sha256:7b987901dbc44d17a88e7bda42dbbbb743c161e3152662959acd9f35aeefb9a3
                                                                                                                  "/bin/prometheus -..."
888d3bd183f2
2 hours ago
                    Up 2 hours
                                        9090/tcp
                                                            prom prometheus.1.hoag8nj3gncv3lohrfgmdtrhb
```

Visualization in Grafana



Want to learn more?

Check out the Arista Open Management documentation on GitHub:

https://aristanetworks.github.io/openmgmt/

This is still work in progress, but already contains a lot of valuable information around Open Management mechanisms leveraging OpenConfig YANG models.

Most of the details and examples here are vendor-agnostic (but yet subject to the vendor's OpenConfig implementation).

Conclusions

OpenConfig is a mighty framework, also for monitoring and data collection, which I haven't even covered yet!

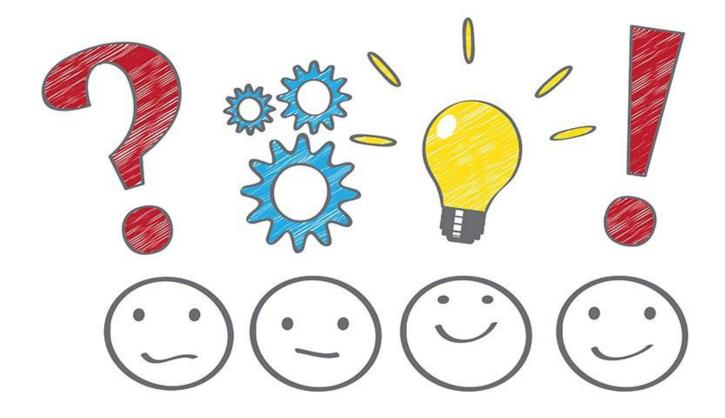
- It might be a good starting point to look at
- Not everything can be achieved as of today
- Vendors are still improving compatibility with OpenConfig YANG models and are also implementing their own YANG models



Demo



Questions?



Thank you for your attention!

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