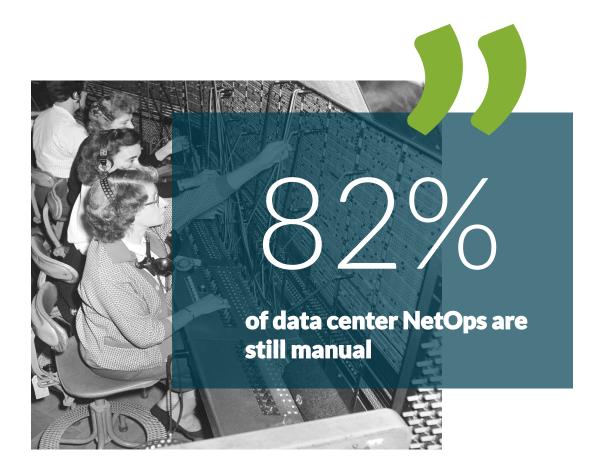
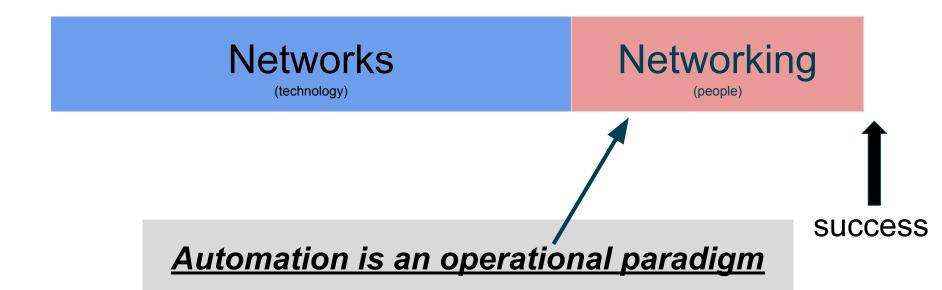
# Highlighting Automation Bright Spots with NRE Labs

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# **The Automation Last Mile**



# **Network Reliability Engineering**

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Core networking fundamentals still matter. It's right in the name.

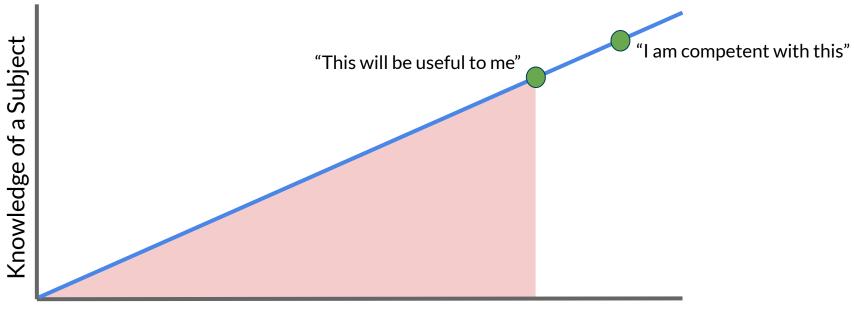
Represents a better way of doing things.
Emphasizes the true goal of automation

You can't buy engineering
- you DO it. Sidesteps the
"productization" of
automation

Codify Automate Test

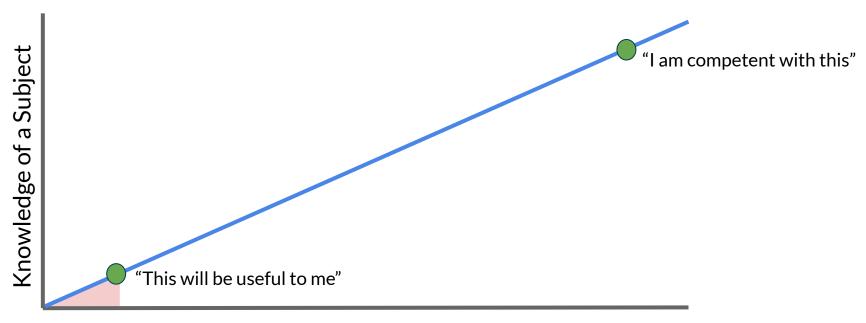
Monitor Measure Simplify

### **Time Investment Minimum (TIM) - HIGH**



Time and Energy Spent Learning Subject

### **Time Investment Minimum (TIM) - LOW**



Time and Energy Spent Learning Subject



Jerry Sternin

### **Mission: Bright Spot Evangelism**

Get the success of the few into the hands of the many



# **NRE Labs**

Community platform for learning and teaching automation and Network Reliability Engineering



- Totally browser-based
- Free no login, paywall or creepy trackers
- Vendor-neutral
- Open Source (curriculum too!)

### **DEMO - Advisor and Lesson Catalog**

- (might want to just show this while browsing Github)
- Workflow-specific scripts or playbooks limited in scope but powerful solution to a given use case.
- Tools like NAPALM, Netmiko, Nornir, etc "indie" projects like that
- Fundamental skills like data modeling, templating, shell scripting, etc.

### **DEMO - StackStorm and NAPALM Lessons**

- StackStorm
- NAPALM



#### NRE LABS

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2 - Correct BGP config - tests pass

cd /antidote/lessons/lesson-12/
cat jsnapy\_tests.yaml

#### Run this snippe

To review, these tests assert:

- · There must be one BGP group configured
- . There must be two BGP peers configured
- . There must not be any "down" BGP peers

In this part (Part 2), our routers have been configured with the correct BGP peers. We can verify this by checking on the current BGP summary:

show bgp summary

#### Run this snippet

It *looks* good, but as they say, "successful tests or it didn't happen". Let's re-run JSNAPy to make sure our tests are passing with the new configuration:

jsnapy --snapcheck -f jsnapy\_config.yaml -v

#### Run this snippet

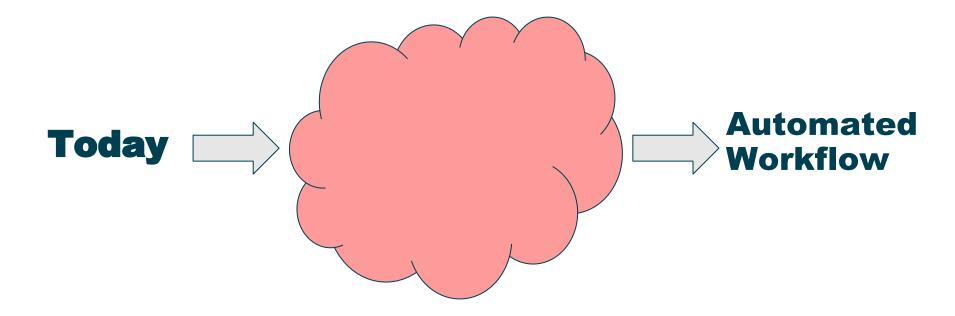
This time, our network is behaving the way we've declared in the tests, so they pass. It's important to note that our tests not only assert that the right configuration exists, but that the operational state of each router's BGP peer status is correct. This is a nice feature of JSNAPy - it can make assertions over anything in the entire Junos data model.

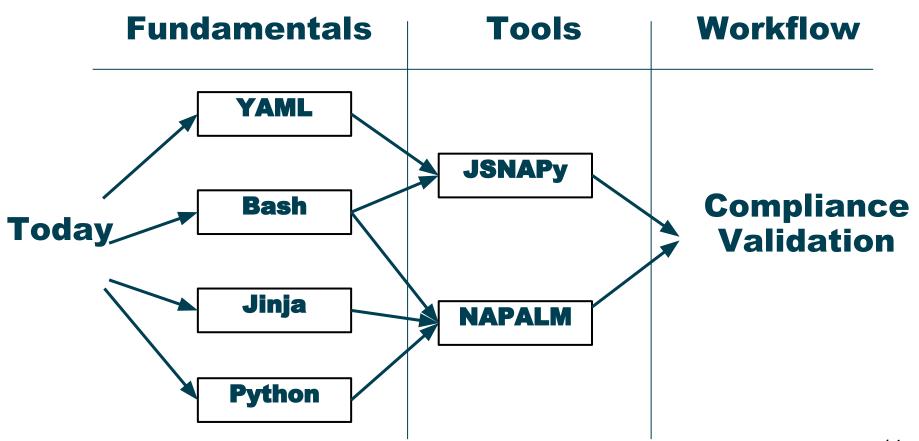
This was a lightning-quick introduction to JSNAPy. Please see the wiki for more details - there's a lot more capability than we covered here.

That's it for this lesson

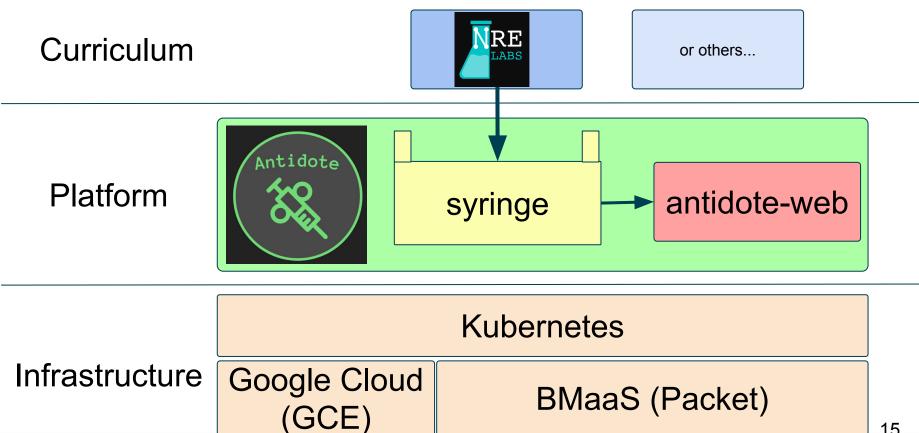
Use the tabs below to use this lesson's resources. Play around and explore, they're yours! linux1 est succeeded!! BGP group count is: <1> est succeeded!! BGP group configured peer count is: <2> est succeeded!! BGP down peer count is: <0> est rpc bap : Passed otal No of tests passed: 3 verall Tests passed!!! ests Included: test rpc bgp est succeeded!! BGP group count is: <1> est succeeded!! BGP group configured peer count is: <2> est succeeded!! BGP down peer count is: <0> otal No of tests passed: 3 verall Tests passed!!!

RE Labs Public Test Realm. Curriculum: 4bd8282 | Antidote-Web: ba28877 | Syringe: 356c529





### **Antidote Architectural Overview**



### **DEMO - Github source**

- All lesson resources defined in <u>Github</u>
- No web skills needed.
  - 10% providing metadata so Antidote knows how to handle your content
  - 90% the content itself, which you already know
- Contribute via PRs

### **The Barrier-Busting Formula**

Network Devices as QEMU in Docker

Fully web-based presentation layer

+ Automated Configuration and Prep

**GREATLY** reduced Time Investment Minimum (TIM)

### **Network Devices in Docker**

- Originally inspired by vrnetlab (name) but currently a bit more bespoke.
   Hoping to get more standardized soon.
- Images packaged straight into docker and executed by the kubelet on the scheduled host
- ANY vendor is feasible as long as it runs in a VM and talks on a port

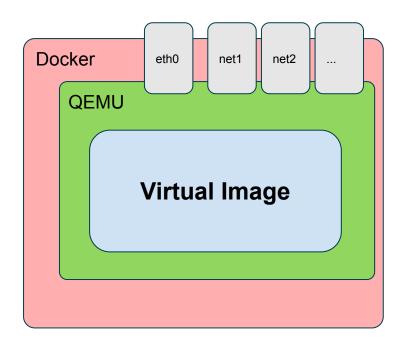
#### **Image Catalog**

#### Current

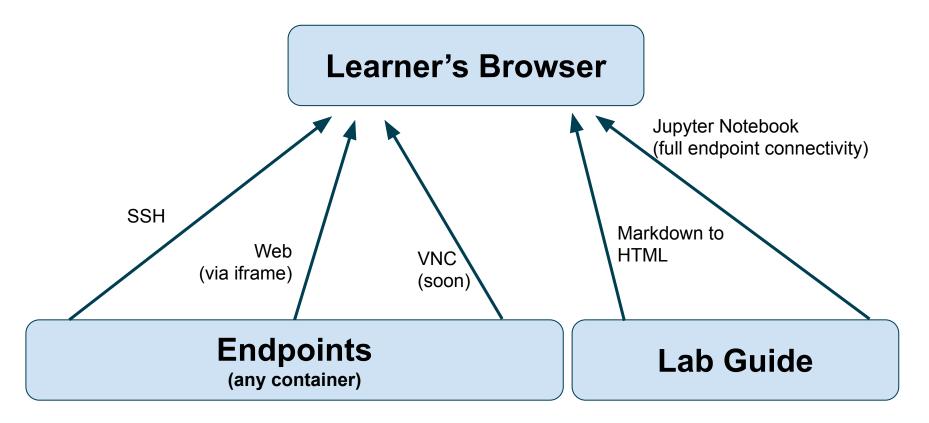
- vQFX
- vMX

#### Soon

- Cumulus VX
- VyOS
- ExtremeXOS
- Yours?

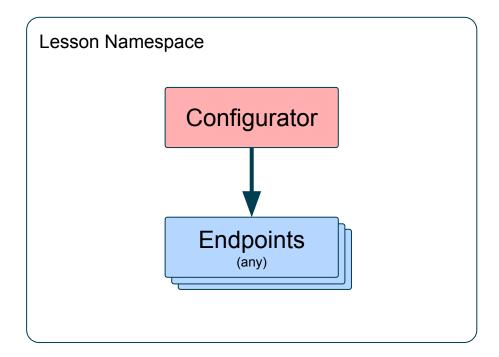


### **Flexible Presentation Layer**



### **Inter-Stage Configuration**

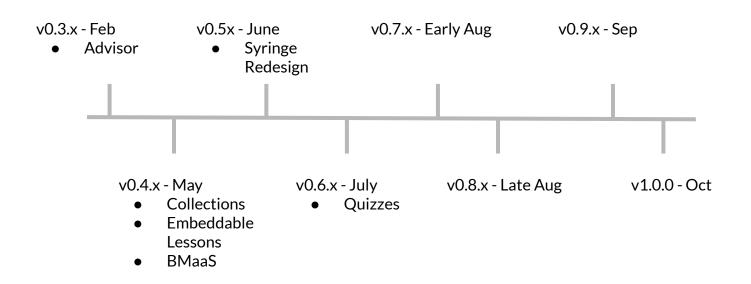
- Hands-Free environment prep while moving within a lesson
- "Configurator" image currently runs NAPALM but will soon support Netmiko, Ansible, or Custom Python or Bash scripts.



# Collections

(Example)

### The Road to 1.0



### Resources

Labs - labs.networkreliability.engineering

Community - community.networkreliability.engineering

Open Source - github.com/nre-learning

Antidote Docs - antidoteproject.rtfd.io

Twitter - @NRELabs

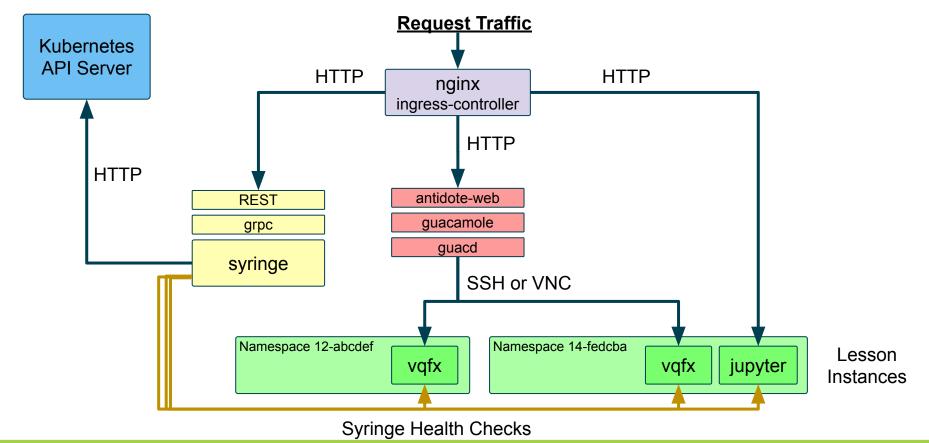
#### **No Contribution Too Small!**

- Use NRE Labs and open issues!
- Lesson Contributions new or existing
- Platform enhancements/fixes

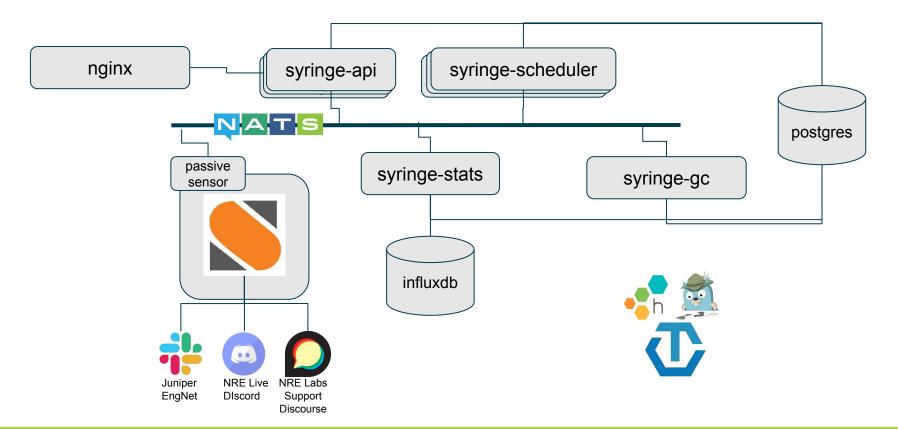
### **Tumble Down the Rabbit Hole**



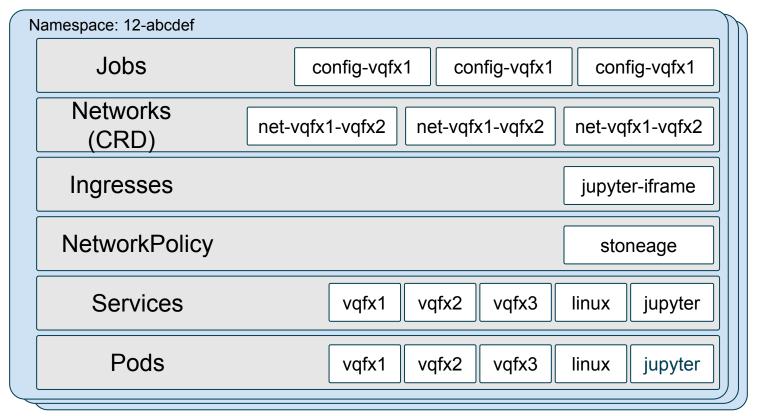
### **Antidote as Deployed in Kubernetes**



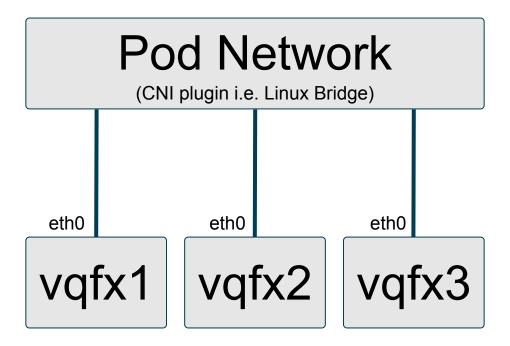
### **Future Syringe Design**



# Anatomy of a Lesson



# Normal Kubernetes Pod Networking



### **Using Multus for Advanced Network Topologies**

