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# PARAMIKO

Low Level Interactions

# Introduction



Paramiko itself is a pure Python interface around SSH and networking concepts.



It uses the C programming language to obtain the highest performance for low level cryptographic concepts.



This section is especially important because SSH is probably the most to use the network protocol.



When a network engineer wants to configure or troubleshoot a networking device like a Cisco Router, security appliance or a Linux Enterprise server he will use in most cases SSH.

# Introduction (cont)



Paramiko gives us the opportunity to automate the configuration of networking devices using Python scripts.



Repetitive tasks which are boring but also prone to errors, can be easily automated to save



Any device that can be configured using SSH can be also configured from Python using Paramiko.



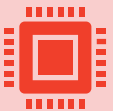
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It is a 7.5GB linux Virtual Machine.



With Python IDE is Visual Studio Code.

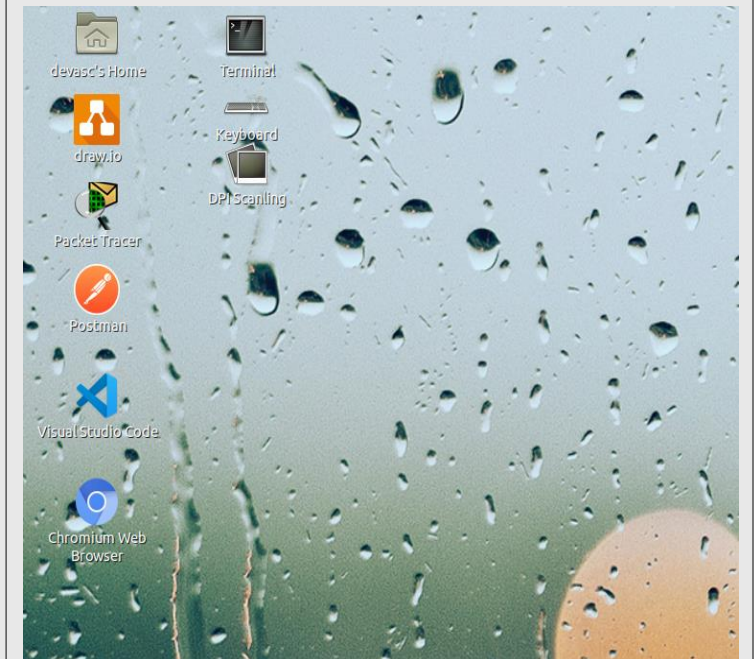


GNS3 Simulation for Routers and Switches.

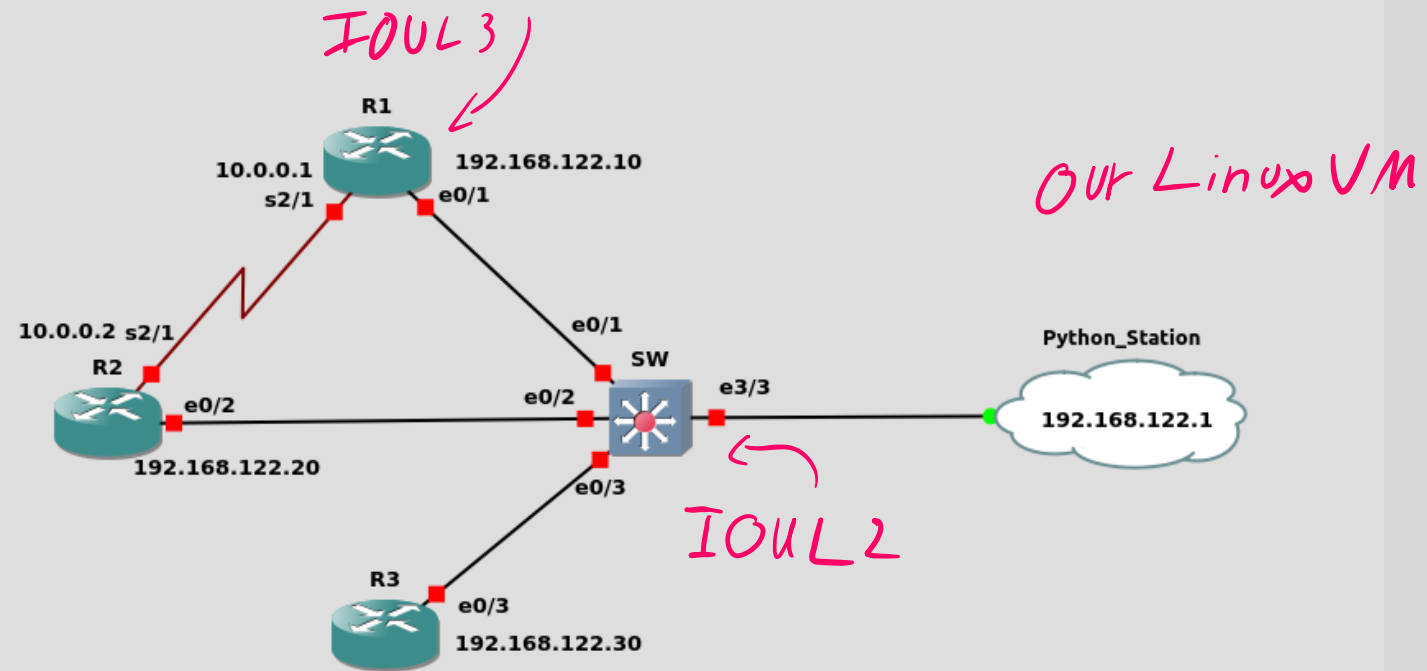


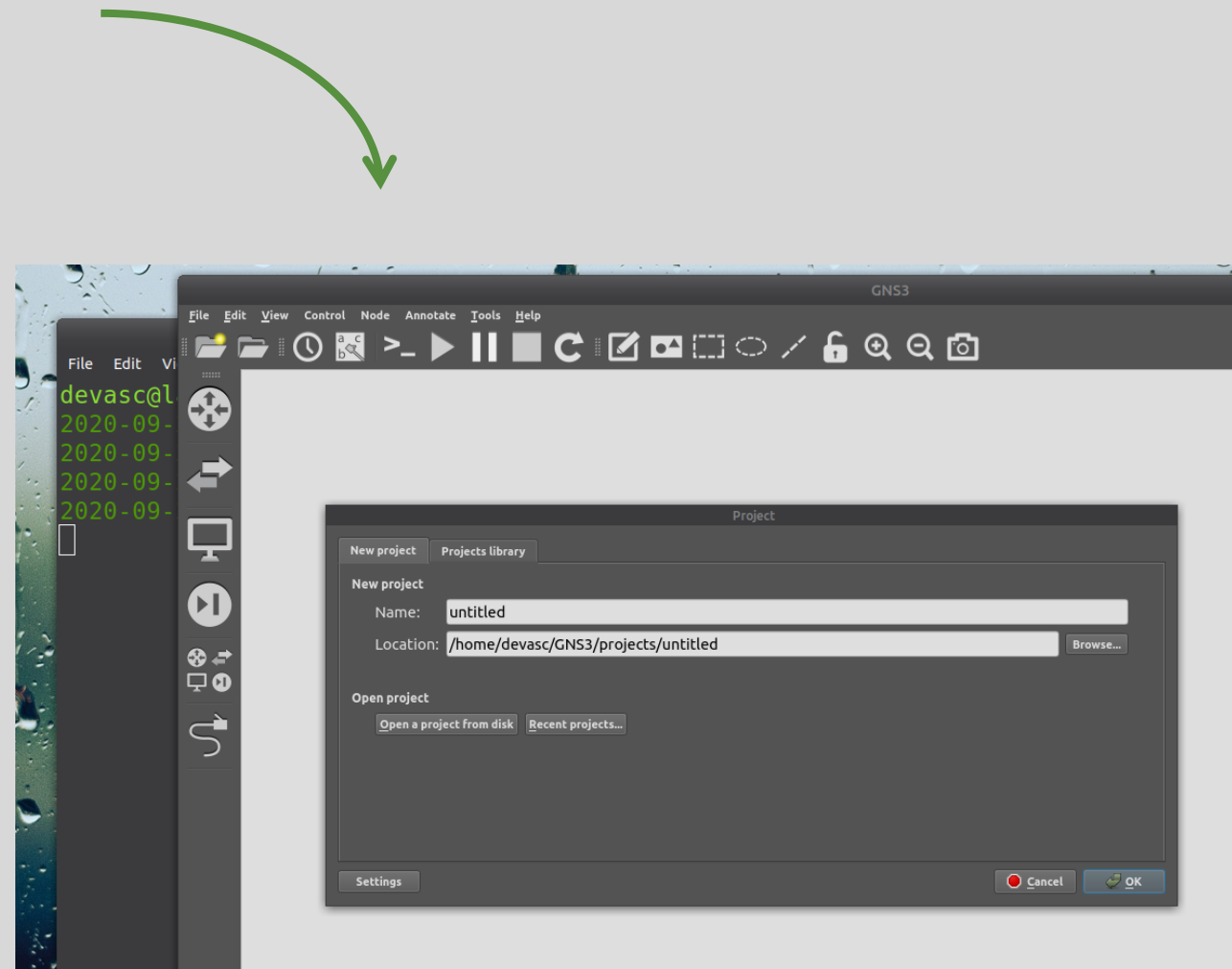
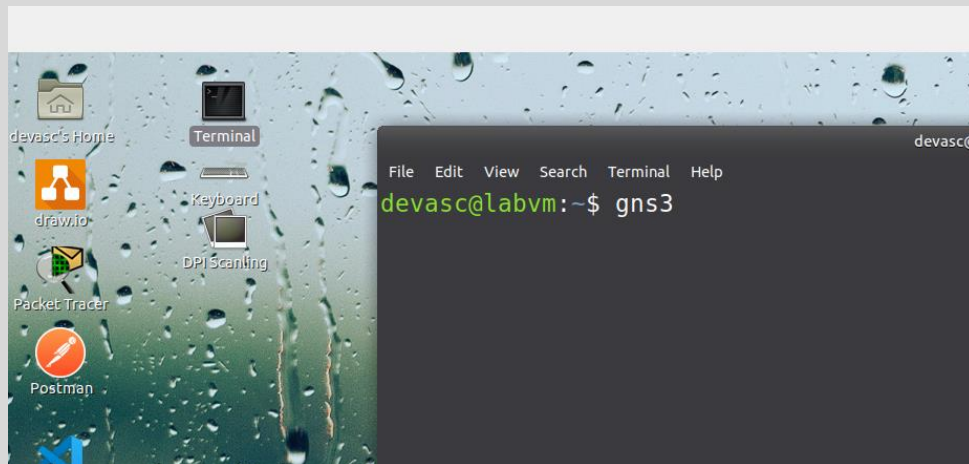
Installed Library are: Paramiko, Netmiko, Ansible, NetConfig, Yang and more.

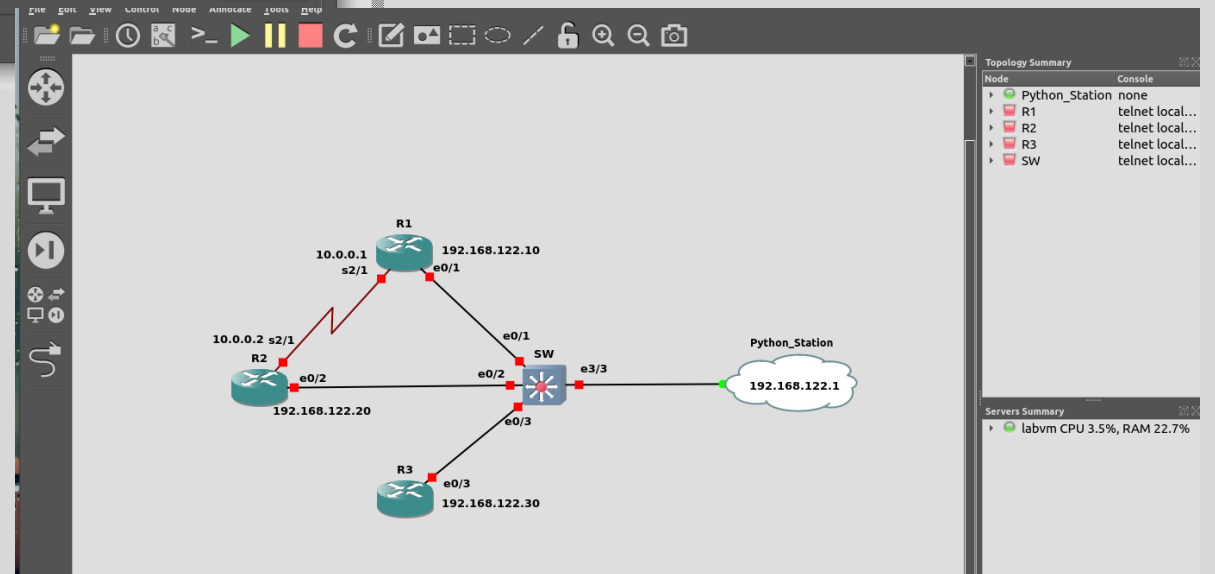
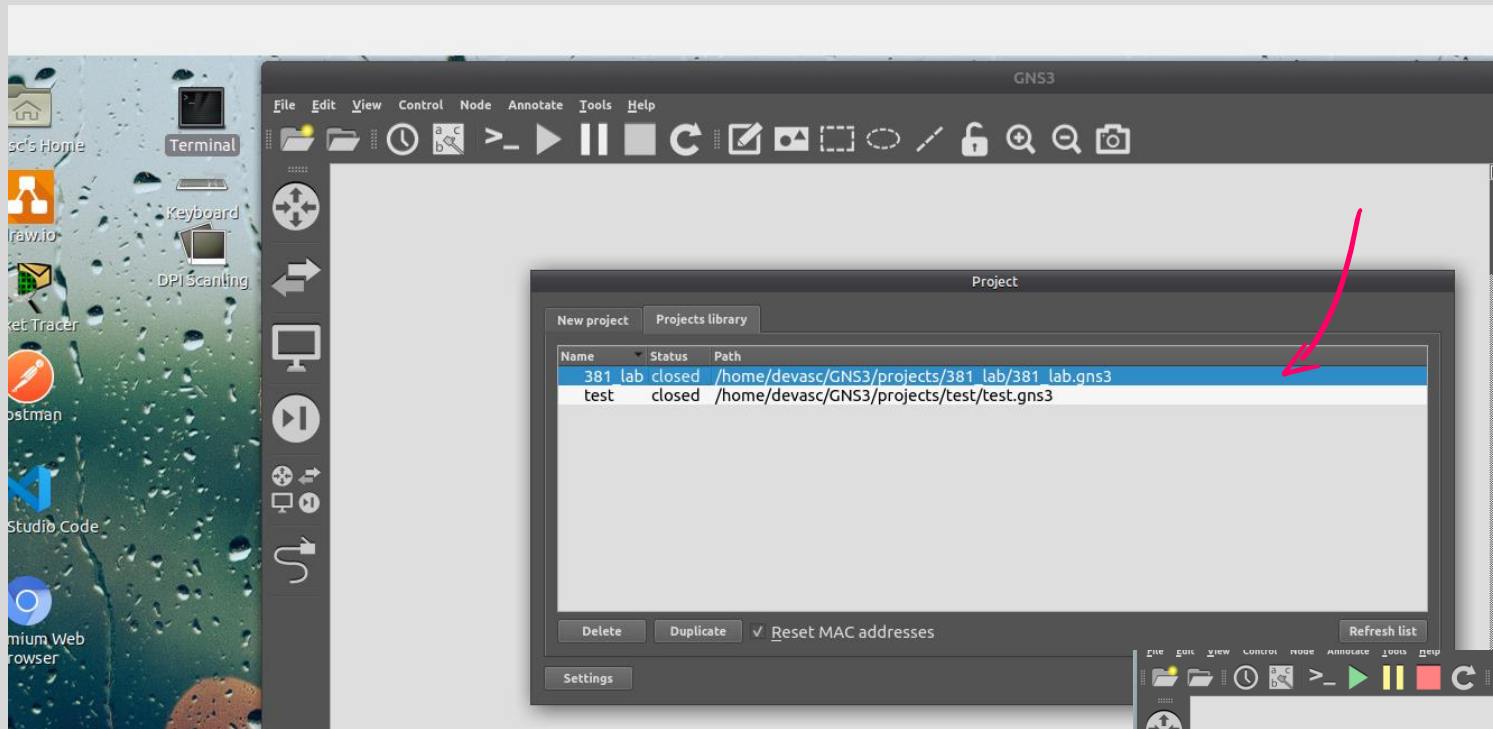
# Your Lab Environment



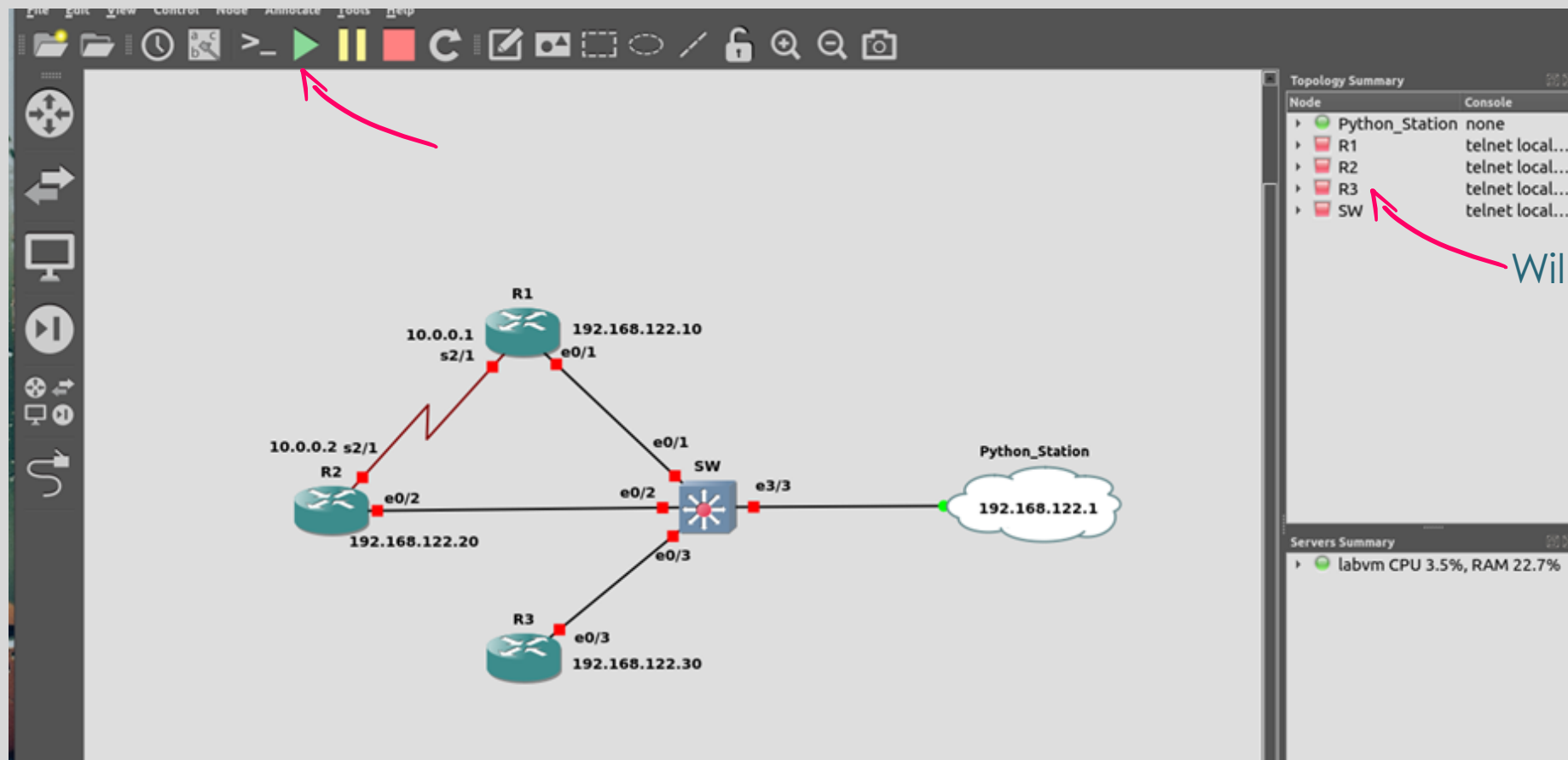
# GNS3 Project



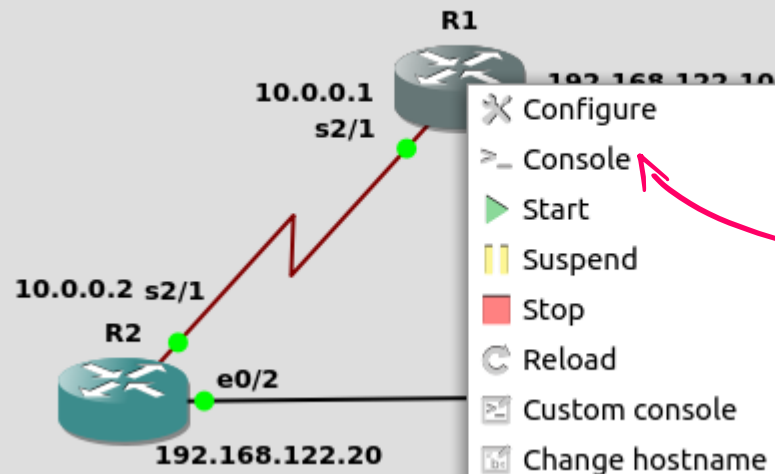








Will go Green



```
R1
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
*Sep 29 19:57:44.542: %LINK-5-CHANGED: Interface Ethernet
0/2, changed state to administratively down
*Sep 29 19:57:44.630: %LINK-5-CHANGED: Interface Ethernet
0/3, changed state to administratively down
*Sep 29 19:57:44.630: %LINK-5-CHANGED: Interface Ethernet
1/0, changed state to administratively down
*Sep 29 19:57:44.630: %LINK-5-CHANGED: Interface Ethernet
1/1, changed state to administratively down
*Sep 29 19:57:44.630: %LINK-5-CHANGED: Interface Ethernet
1/2, changed state to administratively down
*Sep 29 19:57:44.630: %LINK-5-CHANGED: Interface Ethernet
1/3, changed state to administratively down
*Sep 29 19:57:44.630: %LINK-5-CHANGED: Interface Serial2/
0, changed state to administratively down
*Sep 29 19:57:44.721: %LINK-5-CHANGED: Interface Serial2/
1, changed state to administratively down
IOU1#
```

# Setup SSH Server



NEED A  
HOSTNAME.



IP DOMAIN-  
NAME



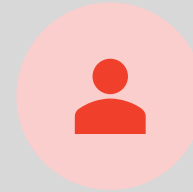
CRYPTO KEY  
RSA 2048 BITS



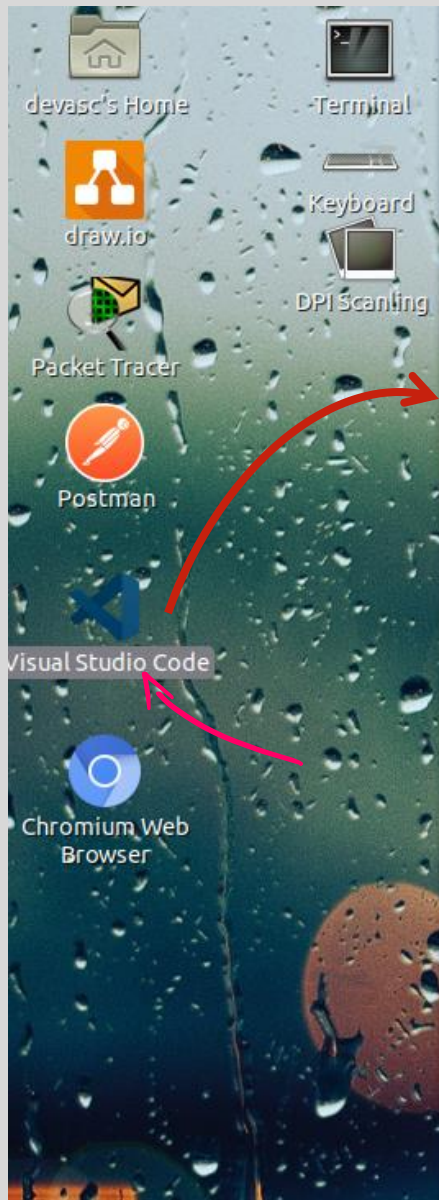
IP SSH  
VERSION 2



ENABLE IN  
VTY 0 4



LOGIN  
LOCAL



paramiko\_connect.py - sample-app - Vis

File Edit Selection View Go Run Terminal Help

EXPLORER

OPEN EDITORS

SAMPLE-APP

- static
- templates
- connect.py
- paramiko\_connect\_kwargs.py
- paramiko\_connect.py
- paramiko\_execute\_commands\_ci...
- paramiko\_execute\_commands\_ci...
- paramiko\_multiple\_routers\_ospf...
- sample\_app.py
- sample-app.sh

paramiko\_connect.py x paramiko\_execute\_commands\_cisco\_ge

```
4  ssh_client = paramiko.SSHClient()
5  # print(type(sssh_client))
6
7  ssh_client.set_missing_host_key_policy(paramiko.AutoAddPolicy())
8  print('Connecting to 192.168.122.10')
9  ssh_client.connect(hostname='192.168.122.10',
10                     username='root',
11                     password='12345678',
12                     look_for_keys=False, allow_agent=False)
13
14 # checking if the connection is active
15 print(sssh_client.get_transport().is_active())
16
17 # sending commands
18 # ...
19
20 print('Closing connection')
21 ssh_client.close()
```

PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL

devasc@labvm:~/labs/devnet-src/sample-app\$

Variable

```
import paramiko
ssh_client = paramiko.SSHClient() # creating an ssh client object
print(type(ssh_client))
```

module

object

Attr  
Methods

<class 'paramiko.client.SSHClient'>

```
import paramiko
```

```
ssh_client = paramiko.SSHClient() # creating an ssh client object
```

```
ssh_client.connect(hostname='192.168.122.10', port='22', username='cisco', password='cisco',  
look_for_keys=False, allow_agent=False)
```

Method

Looks for  
SSH keys

Optional  
SSH Agent

Parameters  
of method  
connect

```
Raise SSHException(  
paramiko.ssh_exception.SSHException: Server '[192.168.122.10]:22' not found in known_hosts
```



```
import paramiko
```

```
ssh_client = paramiko.SSHClient() # creating an ssh client object
```

```
ssh_client.set_missing_host_key_policy(paramiko.AutoAddPolicy())
```

```
ssh_client.connect(hostname='192.168.122.10', port='22', username='cisco', password='cisco',  
                    look_for_keys=False, allow_agent=False)
```

```
print(ssh_client.get_transport().is_active()) # checking if the connection is active
```

*Save Key for 1st time*



```
True
```

```
import paramiko
```

```
ssh_client = paramiko.SSHClient() # creating an ssh client object
```

```
ssh_client.set_missing_host_key_policy(paramiko.AutoAddPolicy())
```

```
print("connecting to 192.168.122.10")
```

```
ssh_client.connect(hostname='192.168.122.10', port='22', username='cisco', password='cisco',  
                    look_for_keys=False, allow_agent=False)
```

```
print(ssh_client.get_transport().is_active()) # checking if the connection is active
```

```
print('Closing connection')
```

```
ssh_client.close()
```

↗ terminate conn

True

Closing connection



Dictionary

```
import paramiko

ssh_client = paramiko.SSHClient() # creating an ssh client object

ssh_client.set_missing_host_key_policy(paramiko.AutoAddPolicy())
#ssh_client.connect(hostname='192.168.122.10', port='22', username='cisco', password='cisco',
#                    look_for_keys=False, allow_agent=False)
router = {'hostname': '192.168.122.10', 'port': '22', 'username': 'cisco', 'password': 'cisco'}
ssh_client.connect(**router, look_for_keys=False, allow_agent=False)

print(f'Connecting to {router["hostname"]}')
print(ssh_client.get_transport().is_active()) # checking if the connection is active
print('Closing connection')
ssh_client.close()
```

```
Connecting to 192.168.122.10
True
Closing connection
```

```

import paramiko
import time
ssh_client = paramiko.SSHClient() # creating an ssh client object
ssh_client.set_missing_host_key_policy(paramiko.AutoAddPolicy())
router = {'hostname': '192.168.122.10', 'port': '22', 'username': 'cisco', 'password': 'cisco'}
ssh_client.connect(**router, look_for_keys=False, allow_agent=False)
print(f'Connecting to {router["hostname"]}')

shell = ssh_client.invoke_shell()
shell.send('show version\n')

time.sleep(1)
output = shell.recv(10000)
print(output)

if print(ssh_client.get_transport().is_active()) == True:
    print('Closing connection')
    ssh_client.close()

```

*→ for sleep*

*Shell object*

*Send commands*

*wait a bit*

*→ get output in bytes*

*} Close if active*

Connecting to 192.168.122.10

```

b'\r\nR1>show version\r\nCisco IOS Software, Linux Software (I86BI_LINUX-
ADVENTERPRISEK9-M), Version 15.2(2.15)T, ENGINEERING WEEKLY BUILD, synced to
V151_4_M3_5\r\nCopyright (c) 1986-2012 by Cisco Systems, Inc.\r\nCompiled Sun
29-Jan-12 02:33 by \r\n\r\nROM: .....

```



```
import paramiko
import time
ssh_client = paramiko.SSHClient() # creating an ssh client object
ssh_client.set_missing_host_key_policy(paramiko.AutoAddPolicy())
router = {'hostname': '192.168.122.10', 'port': '22', 'username': 'cisco', 'password': 'cisco'}
ssh_client.connect(**router, look_for_keys=False, allow_agent=False)
print(f'Connecting to {router["hostname"]}')
shell = ssh_client.invoke_shell()
shell.send('show version\n')

time.sleep(1)
output = shell.recv(10000)
output = output.decode('utf-8')
print(output)

if print(ssh_client.get_transport().is_active()) == True:
    print('Closing connection')
    ssh_client.close()
```

*decode bytes to string*

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--More--

Closing connection



```
import paramiko
import time
ssh_client = paramiko.SSHClient() # creating an ssh client object
ssh_client.set_missing_host_key_policy(paramiko.AutoAddPolicy())
router = {'hostname': '192.168.122.10', 'port': '22', 'username': 'cisco', 'password': 'cisco'}
ssh_client.connect(**router, look_for_keys=False, allow_agent=False)
print(f'Connecting to {router["hostname"]}')
shell = ssh_client.invoke_shell()
shell.send('show version\n')
shell.send('terminal length 0\n')
time.sleep(1)
output = shell.recv(10000)
output = output.decode('utf-8')
print(output)

if print(ssh_client.get_transport().is_active()) == True:
    print('Closing connection')
    ssh_client.close()
```

*output all without hitting enter*

.....  
Configuration register is 0x0

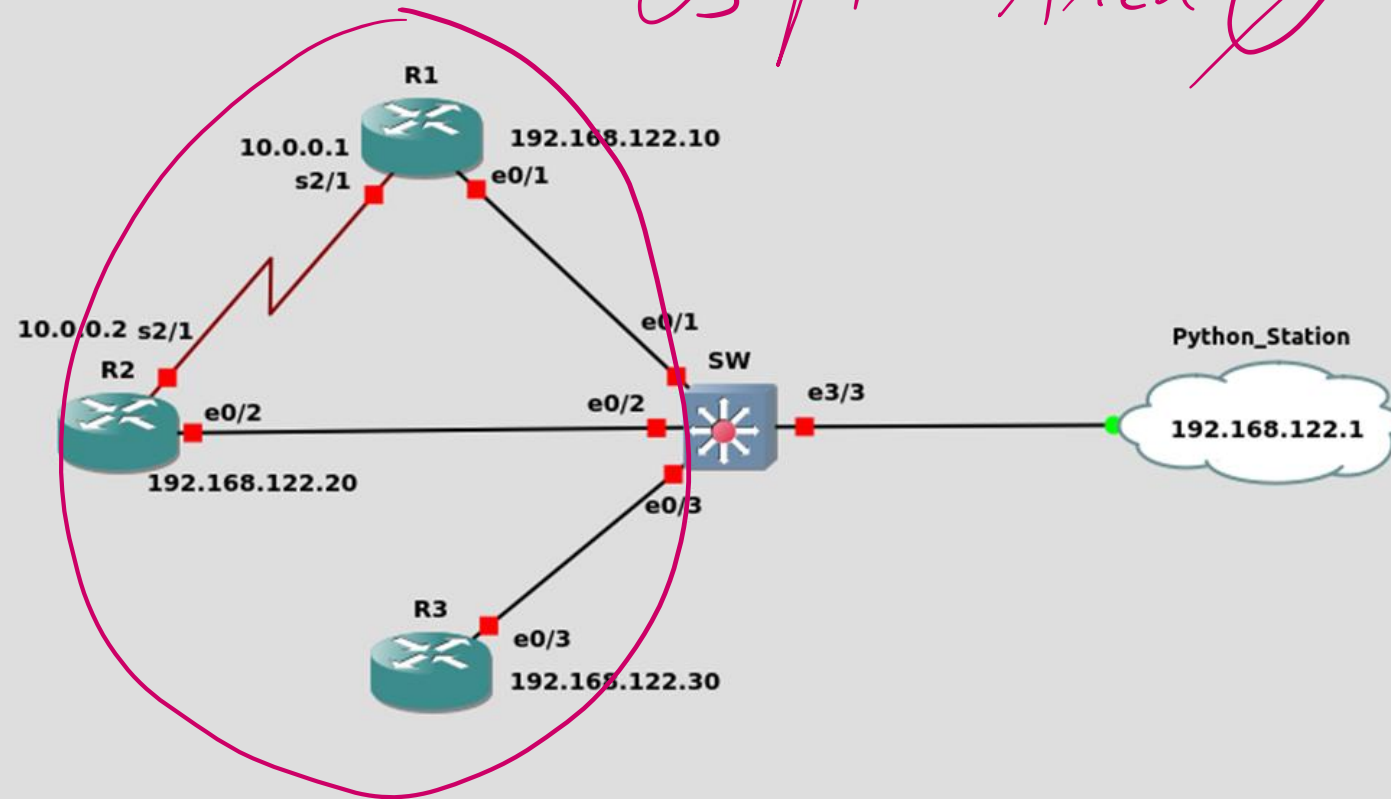
R1>  
Closing connection

```
import paramiko
import time
import getpass
ssh_client = paramiko.SSHClient() # creating an ssh client object
ssh_client.set_missing_host_key_policy(paramiko.AutoAddPolicy())
password = getpass.getpass('Enter password:')
router = {'hostname': '192.168.122.10', 'port': '22', 'username': 'cisco', 'password': password}
ssh_client.connect(**router, look_for_keys=False, allow_agent=False)
print(f'Connecting to {router["hostname"]}')
shell = ssh_client.invoke_shell()
shell.send('show version\n')
shell.send('terminal length 0\n')
time.sleep(1)
output = shell.recv(10000)
output = output.decode('utf-8')
print(output)
if print(ssh_client.get_transport().is_active()) == True:
    print('Closing connection')
    ssh_client.close()
```

*get pass from console*

Enter password:

OSPF Area 0



# OSPF

List



```
import paramiko
import time
ssh_client = paramiko.SSHClient()
ssh_client.set_missing_host_key_policy(paramiko.AutoAddPolicy())
router1 = {'hostname': '192.168.122.10', 'port': '22', 'username': 'cisco', 'password': 'cisco'}
router2 = {'hostname': '192.168.122.20', 'port': '22', 'username': 'cisco', 'password': 'cisco'}
router3 = {'hostname': '192.168.122.30', 'port': '22', 'username': 'cisco', 'password': 'cisco'}
routers = [router1, router2, router3]
for router in routers:
    print(f'Connecting to {router["hostname"]}')
    ssh_client.connect(**router, look_for_keys=False, allow_agent=False)
    shell = ssh_client.invoke_shell()

    shell.send('enable\n')
    shell.send('cisco\n')
    shell.send('conf t\n')
    shell.send('router ospf 1\n')
    shell.send('net 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 area 0\n')
    shell.send('end\n')
    shell.send('terminal length 0\n')
    shell.send('sh ip protocols\n')
    time.sleep(2)

    output = shell.recv(10000).decode()
    print(output)

if ssh_client.get_transport().is_active() == True:
    print('Closing connection')
    ssh_client.close()
```

→ enable pass

enable ospf on all ints

→ check ospf

Connect

Get Shell

Send comm

Show

close

```
import paramiko
import time
ssh_client = paramiko.SSHClient()
ssh_client.set_missing_host_key_policy(paramiko.AutoAddPolicy())
router1 = {'hostname': '192.168.122.10', 'port': '22', 'username': 'cisco', 'password': 'cisco'}
router2 = {'hostname': '192.168.122.20', 'port': '22', 'username': 'cisco', 'password': 'cisco'}
router3 = {'hostname': '192.168.122.30', 'port': '22', 'username': 'cisco', 'password': 'cisco'}
routers = [router1, router2, router3]
for router in routers:
    print(f'Connecting to {router["hostname"]}')
    ssh_client.connect(**router, look_for_keys=False, allow_agent=False)
    shell = ssh_client.invoke_shell()

    shell.send('enable\n')
    shell.send('cisco\n')
    shell.send('conf t\n')
    shell.send('router ospf 1\n')
    shell.send('net 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 area 0\n')
    shell.send('end\n')
    shell.send('terminal length 0\n')
    shell.send('sh ip protocols\n')
    time.sleep(2)

    output = shell.recv(10000).decode()
    print(output)

    if ssh_client.get_transport().is_active() == True:
        print('Closing connection')
        ssh_client.close()
```



Function ↗

```
import paramiko
import time

def connect(server_ip, server_port, user, passwd):
    ssh_client = paramiko.SSHClient()
    ssh_client.set_missing_host_key_policy(paramiko.AutoAddPolicy())
    print(f'Connecting to {server_ip}')
    ssh_client.connect(hostname=server_ip, port=server_port, username=user, password=passwd,
                       look_for_keys=False, allow_agent=False)
    return ssh_client

def get_shell(ssh_client):
    shell = ssh_client.invoke_shell()
    return shell

def send_command(shell, command):
    print(f'Sending command: {command}')
    shell.send(command + '\n')
    #time.sleep(timeout)

def show(shell, command, n=10000, timeout = 1):
    print(f'Sending command: {command}')
    shell.send('terminal length 0\n')
    shell.send(command + '\n')
    time.sleep(timeout)
    output = shell.recv(n)
    output = output.decode()
    print(output)
    return output

def close(ssh_client):
    if ssh_client.get_transport().is_active() == True:
        print('Closing connection')
        ssh_client.close()
```

Save to  
myParamiko.py

```
import myParamiko as m
```

```
router1 = {'server_ip': '192.168.122.10', 'server_port': '22', 'user': 'cisco', 'passwd': 'cisco'}
```

```
router2 = {'server_ip': '192.168.122.20', 'server_port': '22', 'user': 'cisco', 'passwd': 'cisco'}
```

```
router3 = {'server_ip': '192.168.122.30', 'server_port': '22', 'user': 'cisco', 'passwd': 'cisco'}
```

```
routers = [router1, router2, router3]
```

```
for router in routers:
```

```
    print(f'Connecting to {router["server_ip"]}')  
    ssh_client = m.connect(**router)
```

```
    shell = m.get_shell(ssh_client)
```

```
        m.send_command(shell, 'enable')
```

```
        m.send_command(shell, 'cisco')
```

```
        m.send_command(shell, 'conf t')
```

```
        m.send_command(shell, 'router ospf 1')
```

```
        m.send_command(shell, 'net 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 area 0')
```

```
        m.send_command(shell, 'end')
```

```
        m.show(shell, 'show ip protocols')
```

```
        m.close(ssh_client)
```



Call close

Call get shell

Call send command

Call connect

Call show

Save to  
routers.txt

```
x x  
[{'server_ip': '192.168.122.10', 'server_port': '22', 'user': 'cisco', 'passwd': 'cisco'},  
x {'server_ip': '192.168.122.20', 'server_port': '22', 'user': 'cisco', 'passwd': 'cisco'},  
x {'server_ip': '192.168.122.30', 'server_port': '22', 'user': 'cisco', 'passwd': 'cisco'}]
```

x Dictionary

x List

List [Dictionaries]

Read file

turn to  
list

```
def get_list_from_file(filename):  
    with open(filename) as f:  
        data = ast.literal_eval(f.read())  
        f.close()  
        return data
```

Return list

Add this function  
to myParamileo.py

*Routers list* ←

```
import myNewParamiko as m
```

```
routers = m.get_list_from_file('routers.txt')
```

```
for router in routers:
```

```
    print(f'Connecting to {router["server_ip"]}')
    ssh_client = m.connect(**router)
```

```
    shell = m.get_shell(ssh_client)
```

```
    m.send_command(shell, 'enable')
```

```
    m.send_command(shell, 'cisco')
```

```
    m.send_command(shell, 'conf t')
```

```
    m.send_command(shell, 'router ospf 1')
```

```
    m.send_command(shell, 'net 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 area 0')
```

```
    m.send_command(shell, 'end')
```

```
    m.show(shell, 'show ip protocols')
```

```
    m.close(ssh_client)
```

## Backup Config

1st router



```
import myNewParamiko as m

routers = m.get_list_from_file('routers.txt')
router = routers[0]

print(f'Connecting to {router["server_ip"]}')
ssh_client = m.connect(**router)
shell = m.get_shell(ssh_client)
m.send_command(shell, 'terminal length 0')
m.send_command(shell, 'enable')
m.send_command(shell, 'cisco')
output = m.show(shell, 'show run')
```

Building configuration...

~~Current configuration: 2106 bytes~~

~~!~~

~~! Last configuration change at 04:13:40 UTC Thu Oct 1 2020 by cisco  
version 15.2~~

service timestamps debug datetime msec

.....

end

~~#R1~~



```
import myNewParamiko as m
```

```
routers = m.get_list_from_file('routers.txt')  
router = routers[0]
```

```
print(f'Connecting to {router["server_ip"]}')  
ssh_client = m.connect(**router)  
shell = m.get_shell(ssh_client)  
m.send_command(shell, 'terminal length 0')  
m.send_command(shell, 'enable')  
m.send_command(shell, 'cisco')  
output = m.show(shell, 'show run')  
output_list = output.splitlines() →  
print(output_list)
```

*split to lines  
add each line to list*

```
0 1 2 3 4 5  
['', 'R1>terminal length 0', 'R1>enable', 'Password: ', 'R1#terminal length 0', 'R1#show  
run', 'Building configuration...', '', 'Current configuration : 2106 bytes', '!', '! Last  
configuration change at 04:13:40 UTC Thu Oct 1 2020 by cisco', 'version 15.2', 'service  
timestamps debug datetime msec' ..... '#R1']
```

-1

*slice [11:-1]*

```
import myNewParamiko as m

routers = m.get_list_from_file('routers.txt')
router = routers[0]

print(f'Connecting to {router["server_ip"]}')
ssh_client = m.connect(**router)
shell = m.get_shell(ssh_client)
m.send_command(shell, 'terminal length 0')
m.send_command(shell, 'enable')
m.send_command(shell, 'cisco')
output = m.show(shell, 'show run')
output_list = output.splitlines()
output_list = output_list[11:-1]
print(output_list)
```

*→ slicing*

```
['version 15.2', 'service timestamps debug datetime msec', 'service timestamps log  
datetime msec', 'no service password-encryption', '!', 'hostname R1', '!', 'boot-start-  
marker', 'boot-end-marker', '!. .... !', 'end', '']
```

*) need  
to join*



```
import myNewParamiko as m

routers = m.get_list_from_file('routers.txt')
router = routers[0]
print(f'Connecting to {router["server_ip"]}')
ssh_client = m.connect(**router)
shell = m.get_shell(ssh_client)
m.send_command(shell, 'terminal length 0')
m.send_command(shell, 'enable')
m.send_command(shell, 'cisco')
output = m.show(shell, 'show run')
output_list = output.splitlines()
output_list = output_list[11:-1]
output = '\n'.join(output_list)
print(output_list)
```

*join each element with newline*

```
version 15.2
service timestamps debug datetime msec
service timestamps log datetime msec
no service password-encryption
!
.....
!
end
```

*let's save to file*

```
import myNewParamiko as m

routers = m.get_list_from_file('routers.txt')
router = routers[0]
print(f'Connecting to {router["server_ip"]}')
ssh_client = m.connect(**router)
shell = m.get_shell(ssh_client)
m.send_command(shell, 'terminal length 0')
m.send_command(shell, 'enable')
m.send_command(shell, 'cisco')
output = m.show(shell, 'show run')
output_list = output.splitlines()
output_list = output_list[11:-1]
output = '\n'.join(output_list)
print(output_list)

with open('backupR1.txt', 'w') as f:
    f.write(output)

m.close(ssh_client)
```

→ write output to backupR1.txt

But how about version  
control ???

```
import myNewParamiko as m
```

```
routers = m.get_list_from_file('routers.txt')  
router = routers[0]  
print(f'Connecting to {router["server_ip"]}')  
ssh_client = m.connect(**router)  
shell = m.get_shell(ssh_client)  
m.send_command(shell, 'terminal length 0')  
m.send_command(shell, 'enable')  
m.send_command(shell, 'cisco')  
output = m.show(shell, 'show run')  
output_list = output.splitlines()  
output_list = output_list[11:-1]  
output = '\n'.join(output_list)
```

```
from datetime import datetime  
now = datetime.now()  
year = now.year  
month = now.month  
day = now.day  
hour = now.hour  
minute = now.minute
```

```
file_name = f'{router["server_ip"]}_{year}-{month}-{day}.txt'
```

```
with open(file_name, 'w') as f:  
    f.write(output)
```

How about  
multi router ???

get time

192.168.122.10\_2020-9-30.txt

```
import myNewParamiko as m

def backup(router):
    print(f'Connecting to {router["server_ip"]}')
    ssh_client = m.connect(**router)
    shell = m.get_shell(ssh_client)
    m.send_command(shell, 'terminal length 0')
    m.send_command(shell, 'enable')
    m.send_command(shell, 'cisco')
    output = m.show(shell, 'show run')

    output_list = output.splitlines()
    output_list = output_list[11:-1]
    output = '\n'.join(output_list)

    from datetime import datetime
    now = datetime.now()
    year = now.year
    month = now.month
    day = now.day
    hour = now.hour
    minute = now.minute

    file_name = f'{router["server_ip"]}_{year}-{month}-{day}.txt'
    print(file_name)

    with open(file_name, 'w') as f:
        f.write(output)

    m.close(ssh_client)
```

convert to function  
then save to myBackupRouter.py

```
import myNewParamiko as m  
import myBackupRouter as bk
```

→ backup module

```
routers = m.get_list_from_file('routers.txt')
```

```
for router in routers:  
    bk.backup(router)
```

But! it's too slow

Thread list

```
import myNewParamiko as m
import myBackupRouter as bk
import threading
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```
routers = m.get_list_from_file('routers.txt')
threads = list()
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for router in routers:
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    th = threading.Thread(target=bk.backup, args=(router,))
    threads.append(th) # appending the thread to the list
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for th in threads:
    th.start()
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for th in threads:
    th.join()
```

Start  
Threads

Backup function

list of routers

wait for threads to finish