Python for Network Engineers

Onsite Training Session

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Teach Python and Ansible SF Network Automation Meetup



General:

Lunch
Some breaks

Focused
Minimize Distractions
Exercises and Examples
Examples in the Python Shell
Try not to fall behind on day1 & 2



Day1 Schedule

- 1. GIT Basics
- 1a. VI in five minutes
- 2. Python Fundamentals General
- 3. Strings
- 4. Numbers
- 5. Files
- 6. Lists / Tuples

- 7. Booleans / None
- 8. Conditionals
- 9. Loops
- 10. Dictionaries

Git

- Why care about Git?
- Git and GitHub
- Cloning a Project
- git init / git add / git rm / git commit
- git pull / git push
- Managing Git branches
- Making a Pull Request
- Git Rebase

```
Reference Commands:
{{ github_repo }}/git_notes/git_commands.md
```

Exercises: ./day1/git_ex1.txt ./day1/git_ex2.txt

VI in five minutes

SSH into lab environment

vi test1.txt

Two modes: edit-mode and command-mode (ESC is your path to safety)

i - insert (switch to edit-mode)

a - append (switch to edit-mode)

Never-absolutely never hit caps-lock it is the path to great destruction and ruin.

Use h, j, k, I to navigate (in command-mode)

VI in five minutes

Use h, j, k, l to navigate (in command-mode)

h - move left one space

j - move down one space

k - move up one space

I - move right one space

Arrow keys will also probably work.

x - delete a character dw - delete a word dd - delete a line

To exit

:wq - saves file and exits

:q! - exits WITHOUT saving

REMEMBER:

<esc> is your friend

Why Python?

- Widely supported (meaning lots of library support)
- Easily available on systems
- Language accommodates beginners through advanced
- Maintainable
- Allows for easy code reuse
- High-level

Python Characteristics

Indentation matters.

Use spaces not tabs.

Python programmers are particular.

Py2 or Py3.

General Items

The Python interpreter shell
Assignment and variable names
Python naming conventions
Printing to standard out/reading from standard in
Creating/executing a script
Quotes, double quotes, triple quotes
Comments
dir() and help()

Strings

- String methods
- Chaining
- split()
- strip()
- substr in string
- unicode
- raw strings
- format() method

Exercises: ./day1/str_ex1.txt ./day1/str_ex2.txt

Numbers

Integers
Floats
Math Operators (+, -, *, /, **, %)
Strange Behavior of Integer Division

Exercises: ./day1/numbers_ex1.txt

Writing to a file/reading from a file:

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

```
with open(file_name) as f:
output = f.read()
```

Exercises:
./day1/files_ex1.txt
./day1/files_ex2.txt

Lists

Zero-based indices

.append()

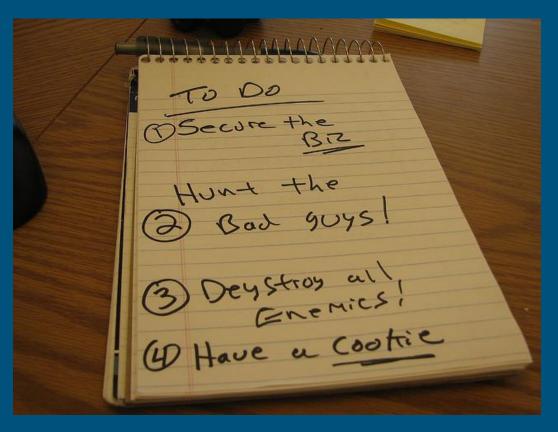
.pop()

.join()

List slices

Tuple

Copying a list



Exercises: ./day1/lists_ex1.txt ./day1/lists_ex2.txt

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Booleans and None

Boolean operators (and, or, not)

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Comparison operators (==, !=, <, >, >=, <=)

None

Conditionals

```
if a == 15:
    print "Hello"
elif a >= 7:
    print "Something"
else:
    print "Nada"
```

Loops

- for
- while
- break
- continue
- range(len())
- enumerate



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For/while syntax

```
for my_var in iterable:
print my_var
```

```
i = 0
while i < 10:
print i
i += 1
```

Exercises: ./day1/loops_ex1.txt ./day1/loops_ex2.txt

Exercise:

Exercises:
./day1/for_bgp_parse_ex1.txt

Show IP BGP Parsing

Read the 'show_ip_bgp.txt' file.

Strip out the header information so you are just left with the routes.

Parse each BGP line such that you retrieve the <u>prefix</u> and the <u>as_path</u>.

Save the prefix and as_path to a file.

Exercise:

Exercises: ./day1/for_cond_show_ver_ex1.txt

Show Version Exercise

- a. Read a show version output from a router (in a file named, "show_version.txt".
- b. Find the router serial number in the output.
- c. Parse the serial number and return it as a variable. Use .split() and substr in str to accomplish this.

Dictionaries

- Creating
- Updating
- get()
- pop()
- Iterating over keys
- Iterating over keys and values

Exercises: ./day1/dict_ex1.txt



Day2

- 1. Exceptions
- 2. Regular Expressions
- 3. Functions
- 4. Python Code Structure
- 5. Linters
- 6. Classes and Objects (HERE)
- 7. Managing Python Libraries
- 8. Modules and Packages



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Exception Handling

```
try:
    my_dict['missing_key']
except KeyError:
    do_something
```

- Trying to gracefully handle errors.
- finally: always ran if you have a cleanup condition.

Exercises: ./day2/except_dict_ex1.txt

Python Regular Expresions

import re

Other re methods re.split() re.sub() re.findall()

Exercises: ./day2/regex_ex1.txt ./day2/regex ex2.txt

re.search(pattern, string)

- always use raw strings
- re.M/re.MULTILINE
- re.DOTALL
- re.l
- Parenthesis to retain patterns
- greedy/not greedy (.*?)

match.group(0)
match.groups()
match.groupdict()

Named patterns
(?P<software_ver>Ver.*)

Functions:

- Defining a function
- Positional arguments
- Named arguments
- Mixing positional and named arguments
- Default values
- Passing in *args, **kwargs
- Functions and promoting the reuse of code

Exercises: ./day2/func_ex1.txt ./day2/func_ex2.txt ./day2/func_ex3.txt ./day2/func_ex4.txt

Python Code Structure:

- Imports at top of the file
- CONSTANTS
- Functions / classes
- if __name__ == "__main__":
- Main code or main() function call

Exercises: ./day2/reuse_ex1.txt

Python Linters

pylint or pycodestyle

Consistency and conventions make your life easier.

Finds obvious errors. Finds problems you might not be aware of (reuse of builtins).

pylint my_file.py
pycodestyle my_file.py

Classes and Objects

class NetDevice(object):

```
def __init__(self, ip_addr, username, password):
  self.ip_addr = ip_addr
  self.username = username
  self.password = password
def test_method(self):
  print "Device IP is: {}".format(self.ip_addr)
  print "Username is: {}".format(self.username)
rtr1 = NetDevice('10.22.1.1', 'admin', 'passw')
rtr1.test_method()
```

Exercises:
./day2/classes_ex1.txt
./day2/classes ex2.txt

Libraries

sys.path

PYTHONPATH

Installing packages (pip)

import x

from x import y

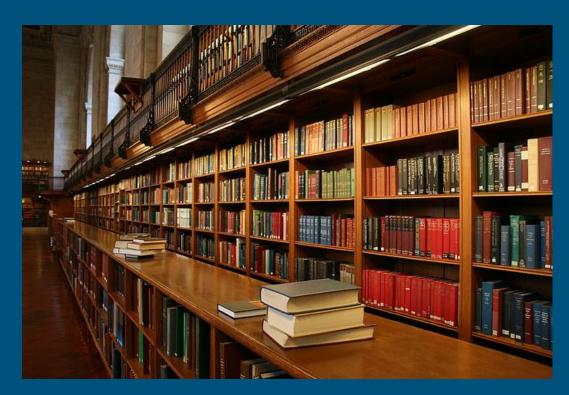


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Modules and Packages

Python Module

A Python file that you can import into another Python program

Example, storing device's definitions in an external file.

Python Package

An importable Python directory

__init__.py

Exercises:
./day2/reuse_ex2.txt
./day2/reuse ex3.txt

Review Exercise

Process the 'show_ip_int_brief.txt' file and create a data structure from it.

- 1. Create a dictionary of dictionaries.
- 2. The keys for the outermost dictionary should be the interface names.
- 3. The value corresponding to this interface name is another dictionary with the fields 'ip_address', 'line_status', and 'line_protocol'.
- 4. Use pretty-print to print out your data structure.

```
Your output should be similar to the following: {'FastEthernet0': {'ip_address': 'unassigned', 'line_protocol': 'down', 'line_status': 'down'}, ... }
```

```
Exercises: ./day2/review_ex1.txt
```

Review Exercise

Process the 'show_arp.txt' file and create a data structure from it.

- 1. Create a dictionary where the keys are the ip addresses and the corresponding values are the mac-addresses.
- 2. Create a second dictionary where the keys are the mac-addresses and the corresponding values are the ip addresses.
- 3. Use pretty print to print these two data structures to the screen.

Exercises: ./day2/review_ex2.txt

Day3 Schedule

- 1. Writing reusable code
- 2. Virtualenv
- 3. Namespaces

Python Applied to Network Engineering

- 4. Python + SNMP
- 5. Sending Email Notifications
- 6. CiscoConfParse
- Python and SSH
- 8. netmiko-tools



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Writing reusable code

Basic Building Blocks (functions/classes)
Python Modules
if __name__
Python Packages
Don't repeat yourself



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Virtualenv

virtualenv -p /usr/bin/python27 test_venv

source /path/to/virtualenv/bin/activate

deactivate

pip list

pip install netmiko==1.4.3 pip install pycodestyle

Exercises: ./day3/virtualenv_ex1.txt

Namespaces (very briefly)

General rules:

- 1. Look in function first.
- 2. Look in global.
- 3. Look in builtins.

global my_var # generally avoid doing this

Python + SNMP

Using PySNMP library

Using helper library I created, see:

~/python-libs/snmp_helper.py

Reference Material in {{ github_repo }}/snmp_example

Exercises: ./day3/snmp_ex1.txt ./day3/snmp_ex2.txt

Email notifications

Using helper library I created, see:

~/python-libs/email_helper.py

from email_helper import send_mail

sender = 'twb@twb-tech.com'
recipient = 'ktbyersx@gmail.com'
subject = 'This is a test message.'
message = '''Whatever'''

send_mail(recipient, subject, message, sender)

Reference Material in: {{ github_repo }}/email_example

CiscoConfParse

#!/usr/bin/env python from ciscoconfparse import CiscoConfParse

```
cisco_file = 'cisco_config.txt'
cisco_cfg = CiscoConfParse(cisco_file)
intf_obj = cisco_cfg.find_objects(r"^interf")
print
for intf in intf_obj:
    print intf.text
    for child in intf.children:
        print child.text
    print
```

Reference Material in: {{ github repo }}/confparse example

Paramiko & Netmiko

Paramiko is the standard Python SSH library.

Netmiko is a multi-vendor networking library based on Paramiko.

Netmiko Vendors

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Regularly tested	<u>Limited testing</u>	<u>Experimental</u>
Arista vEOS	Alcatel AOS6/AOS8	A10
Cisco ASA	Avaya ERS	Accedian
Cisco IOS	Avaya VSP	Alcatel-Lucent SR-OS
Cisco IOS-XE	Brocade VDX	Aruba
Cisco IOS-XR	Brocade ICX/FastIron	Ciena SAOS
Cisco NX-OS	Brocade MLX/NetIron	Cisco Telepresence
Cisco SG300	Cisco WLC	CheckPoint Gaia
HP Comware7	Dell-Force10 DNOS9	Enterasys
HP ProCurve	Dell PowerConnect	Extreme EXOS
Juniper Junos	Huawei	Extreme Wing
Linux	Mellanox	F5 LTM
	Palo Alto PAN-OS	Fortinet
	Pluribus	MRV Communications OptiSwitch
	Vyatta VyOS	

Key Netmiko Methods

```
.send_command()
.send_command_timing()
.send_config_set()
.send_config_from_file()
.commit()
.enable()
.disconnect()
.write_channel()
.read_channel()
```

FileTransfer Class

Netmiko example

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
from getpass import getpass
from netmiko import ConnectHandler
if __name__ == "__main__":
  password = getpass("Enter password: ")
  srx = {
    'device_type': 'juniper_junos',
    'ip': '184.105.247.76',
    'username': 'pyclass',
    'password': password
  net_connect = ConnectHandler(**srx)
  print net_connect.find_prompt()
```

Reference Material in:

```
{{ github_repo }}/netmiko_example
{{ github_repo }}/paramiko_example
{{ github_repo }}/pexpect_example
```

Exercises: ./day4/netmiko_ex1.txt ./day4/netmiko ex2.txt

Netmiko Tools

git clone https://github.com/ktbyers/netmiko_tools

In your .bashrc file if you want to retain it export PATH=~/netmiko_tools/netmiko_tools:\$PATH

~/.netmiko.yml

netmiko-grep netmiko-show netmiko-cfg

Day4 Schedule

- 1. Serialization: JSON and YAML
- 2. Concurrency: Threads and Processes
- 3. Arista eAPI
- 4. Juniper, NETCONF, and PyEZ

Data Serialization

Why do we need data serialization?

Characteristics of JSON

Characteristics of YAML

Reference Material in: {{ github_repo }}/json_yaml

Exercises: ./day4/yaml_ex1.txt ./day4/yaml_ex2.txt

Threads/Processes

- Concurrency
- Python and the GIL
- Example with threads
- Example with processes
- Example with a queue

```
Reference Material in:
{{ github_repo }}/threads_procs
```

```
Exercises: ./day4/threads_ex1.txt
```

Arista eAPI

import ssl

import jsonrpclib

Reference Material in:

{{ github_repo }}/arista_pyeapi_example

```
from getpass import getpass

ssl._create_default_https_context = ssl._create_unverified_context

ip = '184.105.247.72'

username = 'admin1'

password = getpass()

url = 'https://{}:{}@{}:{}/command-api'.format(username, password, ip, port='443')

eapi_connect = jsonrpclib.Server(url)

response = eapi_connect.runCmds(1, ['show version'])
```

Using pyeapi library

import pyeapi

pynet_sw = pyeapi.connect_to("pynet-sw2")
show_version = pynet_sw.enable("show version")

~/.eapi.conf file contains connection definition information

Exercises: ./day4/arista_ex1.txt ./day4/arista_ex2.txt

Juniper, NETCONF, and PyEZ

- What is NETCONF?
- PyEZ
- PyEZ get operations
- PyEZ config operations

NETCONF

```
NETCONF by Example
https://trac.ietf.org/trac/edu/raw-attachment/wiki/IETF94/94-module-3-netconf.pdf
<rpc message-id="1" xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
    <get/>
</rp>
<rpc-reply message-id="1" xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
    <data>
        <!-- ... entire set of data returned ... -->
    </data>
</rpc-reply>
```

NETCONF Operations

The base protocol includes the following protocol operations:

- o get
- o get-config
- o edit-config
- o copy-config
- o delete-config
- o lock
- o unlock
- o close-session
- o kill-session

^{*}From RFC6241

PyEZ simple connect / facts

```
from jnpr.junos import Device
from getpass import getpass
from pprint import pprint
juniper_srx = {
     "host": "184.105.247.76",
     "user": "pyclass",
     "password": getpass(),
a_device = Device(**juniper_srx)
a_device.open()
pprint(a device.facts)
```

```
Reference Material in: {{ github_repo }}/juniper_example
```

```
Exercises: ./day4/juniper_ex1.txt
```

PyEZ table operations

from jnpr.junos import Device from jnpr.junos.op.ethport import EthPortTable from getpass import getpass

```
juniper_srx = {
    "host": "184.105.247.76",
    "user": "pyclass",
    "password": getpass(),
}
a_device = Device(**juniper_srx)
a_device.open()
eth_ports = EthPortTable(a_device)
eth_ports.get()
```

Reference Material in:
{{ github_repo }}/juniper_example

PyEZ config operations

Reference Material in:
{{ github_repo }}/juniper_example

#!/usr/bin/env python from jnpr.junos import Device from jnpr.junos.utils.config import Config from getpass import getpass

Exercises: ./day4/juniper.cfg_ex1.txt

```
juniper_srx = {
    "host": "184.105.247.76",
    "user": "pyclass",
    "password": getpass(),
}
a_device = Device(**juniper_srx)
a_device.open()
cfg = Config(a_device)
```

```
cfg.load("set system host-name test1", format="set", merge=True) cfg.load(path="load_hostname.conf", format="text", merge=True) cfg.load(path="load_hostname.xml", format="xml", merge=True)
```

```
cfg.diff()
cfg.rollback(0)
cfg.commit()
```

PyEZ RPC operations

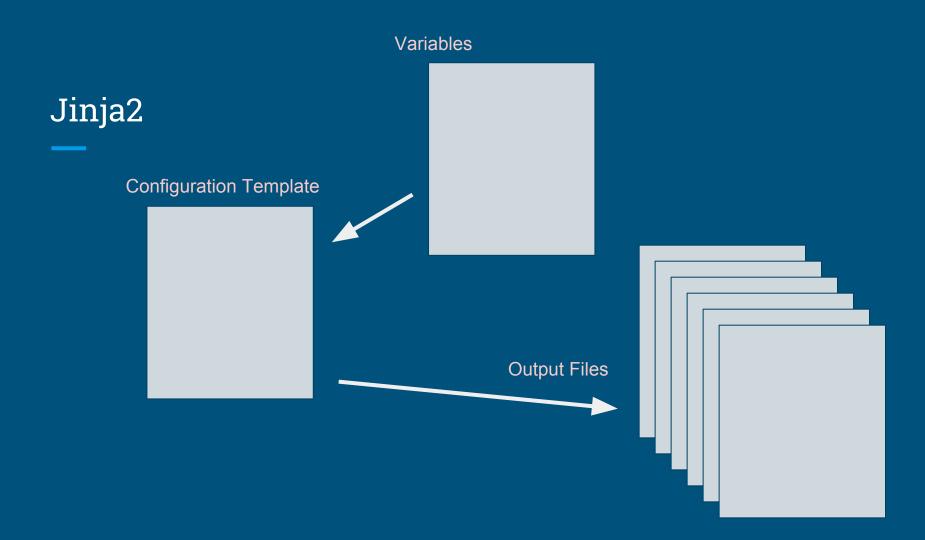
Reference Material in:
{{ github repo }}/juniper example

show version | display xml rpc

Exercises: ./day4/juniper_ex2.txt

Day5 Schedule

- 1. Jinja2 Templating
- 2. Integrating to a Database
- 3. NAPALM
- 4. Pulling data from a CSV file
- 5. Unit Testing
- 6. Continuous Integration



Jinja2 Template - the double curly-brace

```
import jinja2
my dict = {'a': 'whatever'}
my template = '''
Some text
of something
{{ a }}
something
111
t = jinja2.Template(my template)
print(t.render(my dict))
```

Reference Material in:

```
{{ github_repo }}/jinja2_example/jinja2_simple.py 
{{ github_repo }}/jinja2_example/jinja2_bgp.py 
{{ github_repo }}/jinja2_example/jinja2_bgp2.py
```

Jinja2 Template - Loading Template from a File

```
import jinja2
                                           Reference Material in:
template file = 'juniper bgp.j2'
                                              {{ github repo }}/jinja2 example/jinja2 bgp file.py
with open(template file) as f:
    bgp template = f.read()
                                            Exercises:
my vars = {
                                           ./day5/jinja ex1.txt
    'peer as': '22',
    'neighbor1': '10.10.10.2',
    'neighbor2': '10.10.10.99',
    'neighbor3': '10.10.10.220',
template = jinja2.Template(bgp template)
print(template.render(my vars))
```

Jinja2 Template - Conditionals

```
{% if SNMPv3 %}
access-list 98 remark *** SNMP ***
access-list 98 permit any
!
snmp-server view VIEWSTD iso included
snmp-server group READONLY v3 priv read VIEWSTD access 98
snmp-server user pysnmp READONLY v3 auth sha auth_key priv aes 128
encrypt_key
{% endif %}
```

Jinja2 Template - Loops

```
protocols {
    bgp {
        group external-peers {
             type external;
             {% for neighbor ip, neighbor as in my list %}
                 neighbor {{ neighbor ip }} {
                     peer-as {{ neighbor as }};
             {% endfor %}
                                            Reference Material in:
                                               {{ github_repo }}/jinja2_example/jinja2_bgp_loop.py
```

Exercise

On juniper1.twb-tech.com and juniper2.twb-tech.com configure an IP address on the ge-0/0/2 interface. Additionally configure eBGP peering between the two devices.

Use the ./day5/build_bgp.j2 template to accomplish this.

At the end of the configuration, you should be able to ping across the ge-0/0/2 links and BGP should be in the established state.

Integrating to a DB

- Django ORM
- Defining the DB
- Creating the DB
- Primary Keys, Foreign Keys
- CRUD Operations

```
Reference notes in:
{{ github_repo }}/django/django_notes.txt
```

Defining the Database Fields (models.py)

```
class NetworkDevice(models.Model):
   device name
                   = models.CharField(primary key=True, max length=80)
   device type
                   = models.CharField(max length=50)
   ip address
                   = models.GenericIPAddressField()
   port
                   = models.IntegerField()
   vendor
                   = models.CharField(max length=50, blank=True, null=True)
   model
                   = models.CharField(max length=50, blank=True, null=True)
                   = models.CharField(max length=100, blank=True, null=True)
   os version
   serial number
                   = models.CharField(max length=50, blank=True, null=True)
   uptime seconds
                   = models.IntegerField(blank=True, null=True)
   credentials
                   = models.ForeignKey(Credentials, blank=True, null=True)
```

Initializing the DB

cd ~/DJANGOX/djproject

\$ python manage.py makemigrations
Migrations for 'net_system':

- 0001_initial.py:
 - Create model Credentials
 - Create model NetworkDevice

\$ python manage.py migrate

Exercises: Initialize your Django Database

See: ./day5/db ex1a solution.txt

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Create/Delete Objects

```
cd ~/DJANGOX/djproject/
$ python manage.py shell
>>> from net_system.models import NetworkDevice
>>> pynet_sw2 = NetworkDevice(
      device_name='pynet-sw2',
      device_type='arista_eos',
      ip_address='184.105.247.73',
      port=22,
>>> pynet_sw2.save()
>>> pynet_sw2.delete()
>>> pynet_sw2 = NetworkDevice.objects.get_or_create(...)
```

Load Data into the DB

\$ cd ~/DJANGOX/djproject/net_system

\$ python load_devices.py (<NetworkDevice: NetworkDevice object>, True) (<NetworkDevice: NetworkDevice object>, True)

\$ python load_credentials.py
(<Credentials: Credentials object>, True)
(<Credentials: Credentials object>, True)

Exercises: Load your data.

See: ./day5/db ex1b solution.txt

Query the Database

Exercises: Manually query the database

```
See:
$ python manage.py shell
                                                                    ./day5/db ex1c.txt
>>> from net_system.models import NetworkDevice
>>> all_devices = NetworkDevice.objects.all()
>>> all_devices
[<NetworkDevice: pynet-rtr1>, <NetworkDevice: pynet-rtr2>, <NetworkDevice: pynet-sw1>,
<NetworkDevice: pynet-sw2>, <NetworkDevice: pynet-sw3>, <NetworkDevice: pynet-sw4>,
<NetworkDevice: juniper-srx>
>>> all_devices[0]
<NetworkDevice: pynet-rtr1>
>>> all_devices[0].ip_address
'184.105.247.70'
```

Link to credentials

```
>>> NetworkDevice.objects.get(ip_address='184.105.247.72')
<NetworkDevice: pynet-sw1>
>>> arista1 = NetworkDevice.objects.get(ip_address='184.105.247.72')
>>> from net_system.models import Credentials
>>> creds = Credentials.objects.all()
>>> creds
                                                             Exercises:
[<Credentials: pyclass>, <Credentials: admin1>]
                                                             ./day5/db ex1d.txt
>>> arista_creds = creds[1]
                                                             Solution:
>>> arista1.credentials = arista creds
                                                             ./day5/db ex1d solution.txt
                                                             ./day5/db ex1d.py
>>> arista1.save()
```

Retrieving all objects using a given credential

```
>>> arista_creds
<Credentials: admin1>
>>> arista_creds.networkdevice_set.all()
[<NetworkDevice: pynet-sw1>, <NetworkDevice: pynet-sw2>]
```

```
Exercises: ./day5/db_ex2.txt ./day5/db_ex3.txt ./day5/db_ex4.txt
```

NAPALM

Purpose of NAPALM: create a standard set of operations across a range of platforms.

Operations fall into two general categories: Config Operations + Getter Operations.

Reference Material in:
{{ github_repo }}/napalm_example

NAPALM Vendors

CORE

Arista EOS

Cisco IOS

Cisco IOS-XR

Cisco NX-OS

Juniper JunOS

COMMUNITY

Fortinet Fortios

Mikrotik RouterOS

Palo Alto NOS

Pluribus

VyOS

NAPALM Getters

Exercises: ./day5/napalm_ex1.txt ./day5/napalm_ex2.txt

get_facts get_environment get_snmp_information get_ntp_peers get_ntp_stats get_mac_address_table get_arp_table get_interfaces get_interfaces_ip get_lldp_neighbors

get_lldp_neighbors_detail get_bgp_neighbors get_bgp_neighbors_detail get_bgp_config get_route_to get_probes_config get_probes_results get_users get_optics

NAPALM Config Operations

device.load_merge_candidate()
device.load_replace_candidate()

device.compare_config()
device.discard_config()

device.commit_config()

device.rollback()

Exercises:
./day5/napalm_ex3.txt
./day5/napalm_ex4.txt

The end...

Questions?

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