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FOR NETWORK ENGINEERS

Onsite Training Session
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Teach Python, Ansible, Nornir in
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R/S and Data Center focus, then
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Help folks to learn and
implement network automation



General:

November 19, 9:00AM - 5:00PM

November 20, 9:00AM - 5:00PM

November 21, 9:00AM - 5:00PM

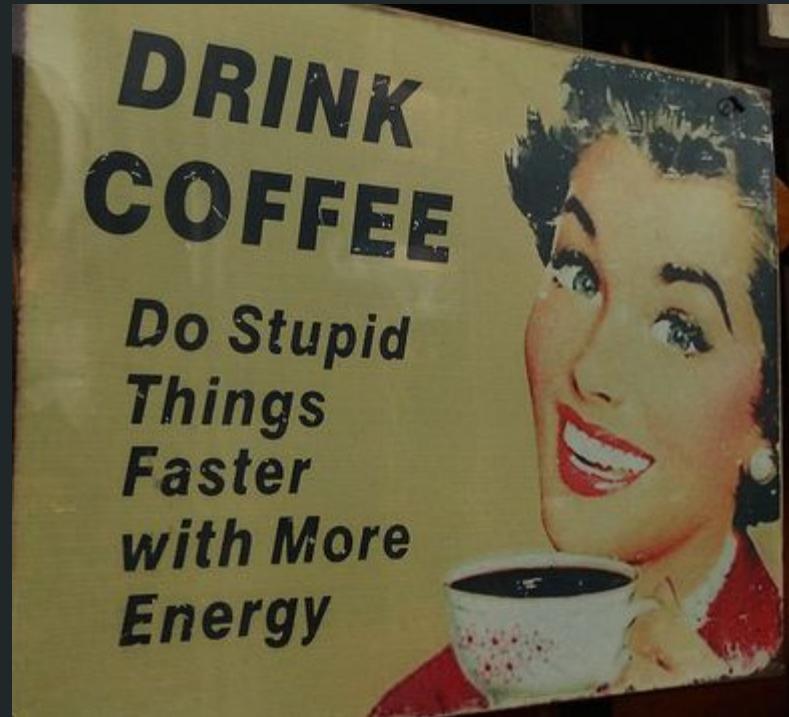
November 22, 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Focused/Minimize Distractions

Exercises and Examples

Examples in the Python Shell

Try not to fall behind on day 1 & 2!

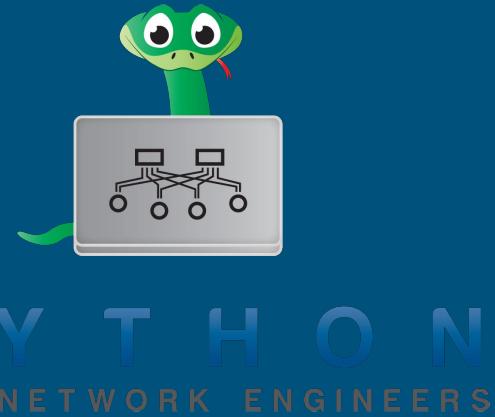


Course Overview

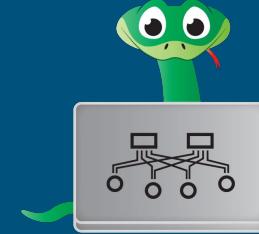
- Day 1 - The Foundational Bits
 - Git
 - Why Python
 - Python Fundamentals
- Day 2 - Connecting to Devices
 - Regex
 - Netmiko, Netmiko, Netmiko!
 - Python LEGOs (reuse functions, classes, objects)
- Day 3 - Data and APIs
 - Data serialization
 - Parsers: TextFSM, Genie
 - APIs: NX-API, REST-API
- Day 4 -
 - Templating (seriously, a super power)
 - NAPALM
 - Concurrency

Day 1 Schedule

- vi in Five Minutes(ish)
- Working with Git
- Why Python?
- Python Fundamentals
 - Strings
 - Lists, Dictionaries
 - Files
 - Conditionals
 - Loops
 - Exceptions
 - And more!



vi in Five Minutes(ish)



SSH into lab environment

vi test1.txt

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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 destruction and ruin.

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

Note: type `vimtutor` at the lab host prompt to be dropped into an interactive tutorial for vi!

vi in Five Minutes(ish)

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

l - 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

u - undo the last command

yy - yank a line

p - put a line

REMEMBER:

<esc> is your friend

What and Why: Git

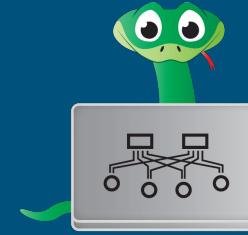
- Why care about Git?
- Git and GitHub
- Some principles of how Git works
 - Tracking files and directories across time
 - All objects are stored in the .git directory
 - You can swap your working set of files
 - Distributed



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Git'ing Started... (we're sorry)

- Creating a repository on GitHub
- Cloning a repository
- git init
- Files have four different states:
 - Untracked
 - Modified
 - Staged
 - Committed



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*I blame Carl for all the bad puns....
^ facts /CM*

Git Adding/Removing Files

- git status # *basically what is the current state of this repository*
- git branch # *which branches are there and which branch am I working on*
- Adding/Removing files
 - git add / git rm / git commit
 - git diff # *to see what changed on a file or set of files*
- git log # *to see the history of commits*

Git Push & Pull

Changes have been committed locally, but haven't been pushed up to GitHub

- git pull / git push
 - git remote -v
 - git remote add
 - git branch -vv



Git Exercises

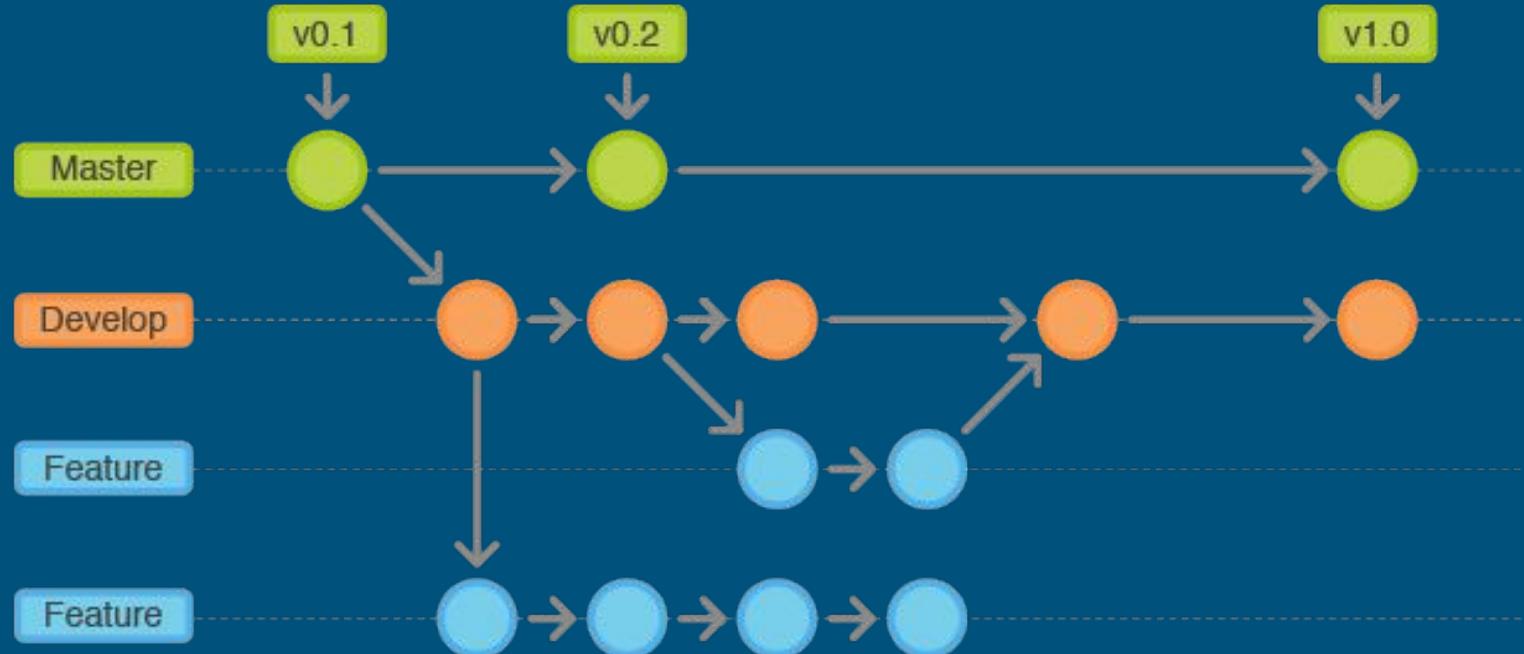
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Exercises:

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Git Branches



Git Branches



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Creating a branch

- git checkout -b dev origin/master
- git branch dev2
- git checkout dev2
- git branch # *Look at your current branches*
- Switching branches
 - Underlying files in the working directory change

Merge operation

- Checkout the branch you want to merge into
- git merge dev2

Git Handling Merge Conflicts

A set of changes that Git can't reconcile

```
$ git merge dev
```

Auto-merging test2.py

CONFLICT (content): Merge conflict in test2.py

Automatic merge failed; fix conflicts and then commit the result.

```
$ cat test2.py
```

```
while True:  
    print("Hello world")  
    break
```

```
for x in range(10):  
    x = 0
```

```
<<<<< HEAD  
    y = 1 * x  
    z = 3  
    print(y)
```

```
    print("Foo")
```

```
    y += 1  
    z = 3
```

```
>>>>> dev
```

Git Pull Requests / Git Rebase

Pull Request - Submit changes from your copy of a repository for review and potentially integration into the main repository for the project.

Rebase - One of your branches has become out of date (relative to another copy of the repository) and you want to bring it back up to date.



Git Exercises

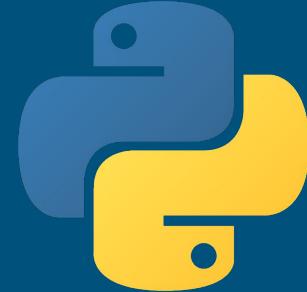
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Why Python?



- Widely supported
 - Libraries covering all sorts of use cases
 - Runs on pretty much everything
- Language accommodates beginners through advanced.
- Promotes Maintainable / Readable Code
- Allows for easy code reuse
 - Classes, functions, modules, packages
- High-level / General Purpose Language.

Python Characteristics

- Indentation matters!
 - Spaces, not tabs!
 - Four spaces!
- Python Programmers are very particular!
- Python 2 vs Python 3
 - Battle is over... (it has been for a while now!)
 - Python 2 support ends 1 January 2020!
- Dynamically typed
- Interpreted
- “Batteries included”



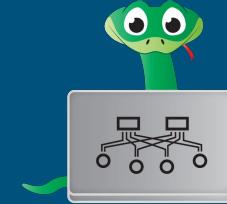
General Items

- Python Interpreter shell (REPL)
 - Read, Evaluate, Print, Loop
- Variable assignment and naming
 - `my_var = 1234`
 - `Variable naming rules`
- Printing
 - `print("stuff here!")`
 - `print(my_var)`
- Creating and executing a script
 - `#!/usr/bin/env python`
 - `chmod +x`
 - `python(version) myscript.py`

General Items

- Quotes, double quotes, triple quotes, oh my!
 - `x = 'this is a string'`
 - `x = "this is also a string"`
 - `x = """a multiline string"""`
- Comments
 - `# comments are good!`
 - `"""big comments are good too!"""`
- ``dir()`` and ``help()``
 - `help(some_function)`
 - `dir(some_function)`

Strings



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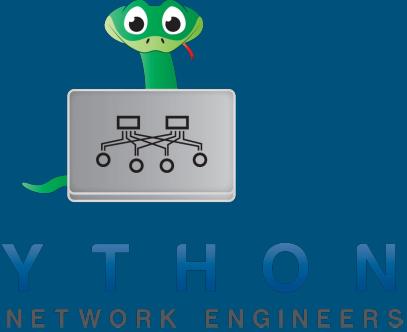
- String methods
 - `split()` – split on some delimiter (whitespace by default)
 - `strip()` – strip leading/trailing whitespace
 - `upper()` – make it all upper case!
 - Lots more!
- “in” checks for membership (for strings: substring in broader string)

```
if "str" in "substring":  
    do a thing
```

- “Chain” string methods together
 - `my_string.strip().upper().split()`

Strings

- Unicode (all Python3 strings are unicode)
 - `print("\u2168")`
- Raw strings
 - `print(r"\n<- see a newline!")`
- String formatting
 - `.format()`
 - `print("some useful info for {}".format(person))`
 - F-Strings
 - `print(f"some useful info for {person}")`



String Exercises

Exercises:

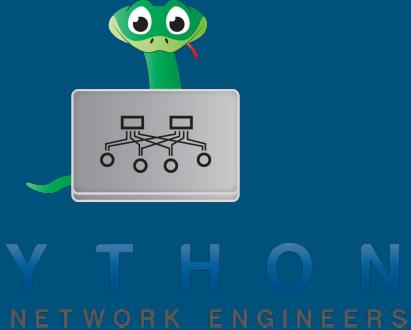
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Numbers

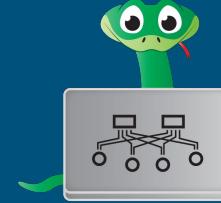
- Integers
 - `my_int = 1234`
- Floats
 - `my_float = 1.234`
- Operators
 - Addition (+) / Subtraction (-)
 - Multiplication (*) / Division (/)
 - Exponent (**) / Modulus (%)
 - Modulus returns remainder of the quotient ex:
 - $5 \% 2 \rightarrow 1$
- Note: Math operators may work in other places too!
 - `print("-" * 80)` -> will print a “-” 80 times



Numbers Exercises

Exercises:

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Writing to a file/reading from a file:

- Basic Method:

```
my_file = open("somefile.txt")
```

- Better Method (Context Manager):

```
with open("somefile.txt") as infile:  
    my_file = infile.read()
```

- File modes:

- “r”: read (default)
- “w”: write
- “a”: append

Files Exercises

Exercises:

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Lists

- Zero-indexed!
- List methods:
 - `append()` – add item to end of the list
 - `pop()` – remove item at given index
 - `sort()` – sort list items
- Related String method:
 - `join()` – join members of iterable with a str separator. Ex:

```
>>> my_list = ["one", "two"]
>>> x = "-".join(my_list)
>>> x
"one-two"
```

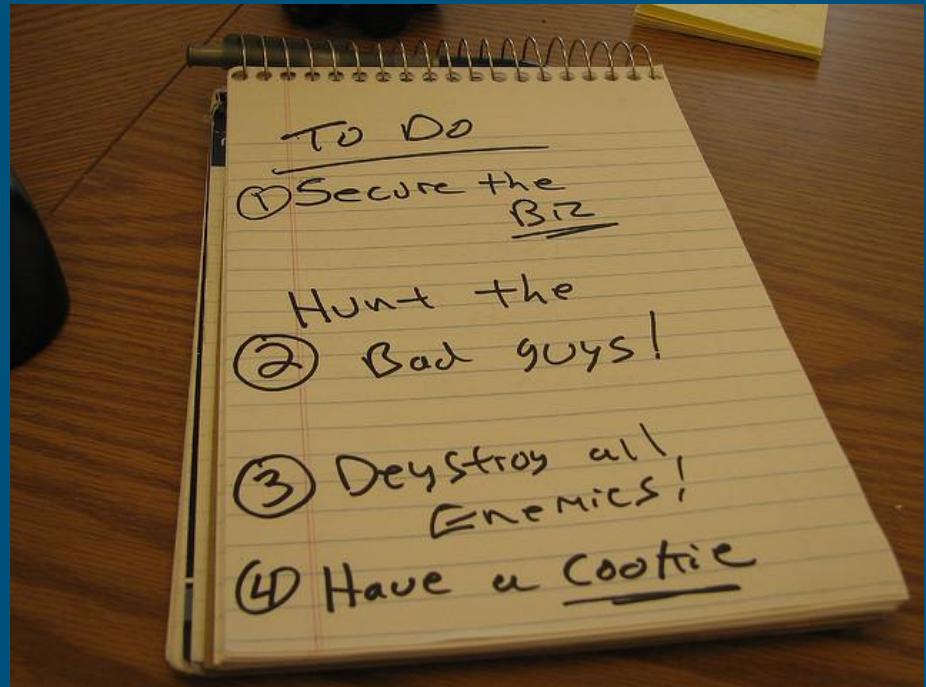


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Lists

- Slicing
 - “Slice” a list into a new list

```
>>> my_list = ["one", "two", "three", "four", "five"]
>>> x = my_list[1:4]
>>> x
['two', 'three', 'four']
```

- Copy a list... a bit more complicated than it may seem!

```
>>> my_list = ["one", "two", "three", "four", "five"]
>>> new_list = my_list
>>> new_list.append("six")
>>> print(my_list)
>>> ["one", "two", "three", "four", "five", "six"]
```

Lists

- Copy a list... for real this time... (shallow copy)

```
>>> my_list = ["one", "two", "three", "four", "five"]
>>> new_list = my_list.copy()
>>> new_list.append("six")
>>> print(my_list)
>>> ["one", "two", "three", "four", "five"]
>>> print(new_list)
>>> ["one", "two", "three", "four", "five", "six"]
```

- Tuple
 - Very similar to a list, but is IMMUTABLE!

Lists

- Tuple
 - Very similar to a list, but is IMMUTABLE! (unchangeable)

```
>>> my_list = ["one", "two"]
>>> my_list.append("three")
>>> my_tuple = ("one", "two")
>>> my_tuple.append("three")
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
AttributeError: 'tuple' object has no attribute 'append'
>>>
```

Lists Exercises

Exercises:

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Booleans and None

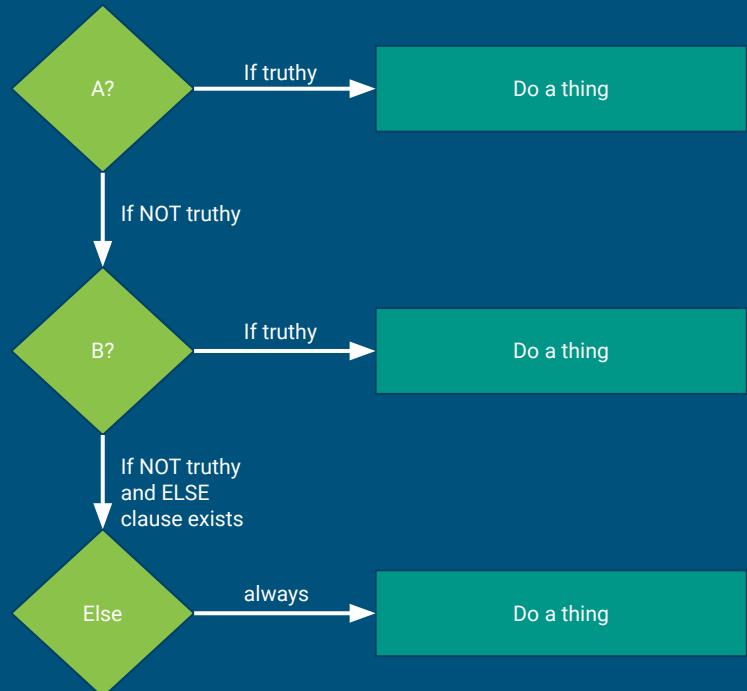
- Booleans
 - True, False
- Boolean Operators
 - and, or, not
- Identity (crisis) vs Equality
 - Identity: is, is not
 - Equality: “==”, “!=”
 - Other equality comparison operators: “<”, “>”, “<=”, “>=”
- What is TRUE anyways...
- None, the absence of... things?

```
>>> a = [1, 2, 3]
>>> b = a
>>> a == b
True
>>> a is b
True
>>> c = list(a)
>>> a == c
True
>>> a is c
False
>>> bool(a)
True
>>> bool(0)
False
>>> bool(None)
False
>>> if a is not None:
    print("yay!")
...
yay!
>>>
```

Conditionals

- Evaluate “truthiness” at each check

```
if a == 15:  
    print("Hello")  
elif a == 16:  
    print("Racecar")  
elif a == 412:  
    print("Tacocat")  
elif a >= 7:  
    print("Something")  
else:  
    print("Nada")
```



Loops

- “for” loop
 - Loop over a collection of things (a common case is looping over a list).
 - Similar to a “foreach” in other languages

```
>>> my_list = ["one", "two", "three"]
>>> for x in my_list:
...     print(x)
...
one
two
three
```



Loops

- “while” loop
 - While some condition is True, execute this code

```
>>> my_list = ["one", "two", "three"]
>>> counter = 0
>>> while counter < len(my_list):
...     print(my_list[counter])
...     counter += 1
...
one
two
three
```

Loops

- Loop controls
 - Break: terminate “nearest enclosing loop”
 - Continue: jump to end of current iteration
- Range/Enumerate
 - Range returns a “sequence” of numbers
 - Enumerate provides both the index and the value.

```
>>> for x in range(10):
...     print(x)
...
0
<SNIP>
9
>>> my_list = ["one", "two", "three"]
>>> for index, item in
enumerate(my_list):
...     print(index, item)
...
0 one
1 two
2 three
>>>
```

Loops Exercises

Exercises:

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Dictionaries

- Structured key/value store
- Keys are almost always strings
- Values can be any Python object
- Historically unordered; ordered in newer Python

```
>>> my_dict = {}
>>> my_dict["akey"] = "avalue"
>>> my_dict
{'akey': 'avalue'}
>>> my_dict["akey"] = "anewvalue"
>>> my_dict
{'akey': 'anewvalue'}
>>> my_dict[1] = "intaskey"
>>> my_dict
{'akey': 'anewvalue', 1: 'intaskey'}
>>> del(my_dict[1])
>>> my_dict
{'akey': 'anewvalue'}
>>>
```

Dictionaries

- Dictionary methods
 - `get()`
 - `pop()`
 - `keys()`
 - `values()`
 - `items()`
- Copying has similar challenges as lists!
 - `copy.deepcopy()` copies nested values in a dictionary!



Dictionaries

- `get()` “gets” value of a given key
- Does not fail if key is not present (returns `None`)
- Optionally assign a default value if key not present

```
>>> my_dict
{'akey': 'anewvalue', 'racecar': 'ferrari', 'meme': 'tacocat'}
>>> x = my_dict.get("racecar")
>>> x
'ferrari'
>>> x = my_dict.get("notakey")
>>> x
>>> x = my_dict.get("notakey", "Nothing to see here")
>>> x
'Nothing to see here'
```

Dictionaries

- `pop()` “removes” and assigns value of a given key
- Returns `KeyError` if key is not present
- Optionally assign a default value if key not present

```
>>> my_dict
{'akey': 'anewvalue', 'racecar': 'ferrari', 'meme': 'tacocat'}
>>> x = my_dict.pop("racecar")
>>> x
'ferrari'
>>> x = my_dict.pop("notakey", "Nope!")
>>> x
'Nope!'
>>>
```

Dictionaries

- `keys()` returns “list” of keys
- `values()` returns “list” of values
- `items()` returns “list” of tuples of keys/values

```
>>> my_dict.keys()
dict_keys(['akey', 'meme'])
>>> my_dict.values()
dict_values(['anewvalue', 'tacocat'])
>>> my_dict.items()
dict_items([('akey', 'anewvalue'), ('meme', 'tacocat')])
>>>
```



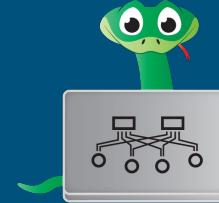
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Technically not a “list”, but a list-like object

Dictionaries Exercises

Exercises:

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Exception Handling

- “Try” to gracefully handle errors
- “Except” exception that would be raised
- Optional “Finally” do something else (always happens)

```
>>> try:  
...     my_dict["tacos"]  
... except KeyError:  
...     print("Sad... no tacos :(")  
...  
Sad... no tacos :(
```

Exception Handling Exercises

Exercises:

`{{ github_repo }}/day1/exception/exercise1.md`

Day 1 Complete!



Day 2 Schedule

- Review!
- Regular Expressions
- Reusable code with Functions
- Netmiko
- More Netmiko
- More Reusable code - Classes/Objects
- Python Code Structure



Day 1 Review

- Git
 - git [add|commit|push|pull|status]
- Strings/Numbers
 - String formatting / dealing with types – i.e. int vs float vs str
 - Math on strings! Concatenation of str/int
- Files
 - Context Managers are good!
- Lists
 - Zero indexed, creating, accessing, modifying
- Loops
 - for/while

Day 1 Review

- Dictionaries
 - Key/Value pair
 - Ordered, but order shouldn't matter as the "keys" are the index!
- Booleans/Conditionals
 - == vs "is"
 - Truthiness
- Exceptions
 - *Try* to catch exact exceptions where possible
 - .get() can help avoiding common KeyError exception/issue

Day 1 Review Exercises

Exercises:

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Regular Expressions

- Super powerful “find and replace”!
- Cryptic patterns to ensure nobody can read the regex you write (including yourself 3 weeks from now)
- “re” module (standard library)
 - search (given pattern anywhere in string)
 - findall (of a given pattern in string)
 - sub (substitute pattern in string)

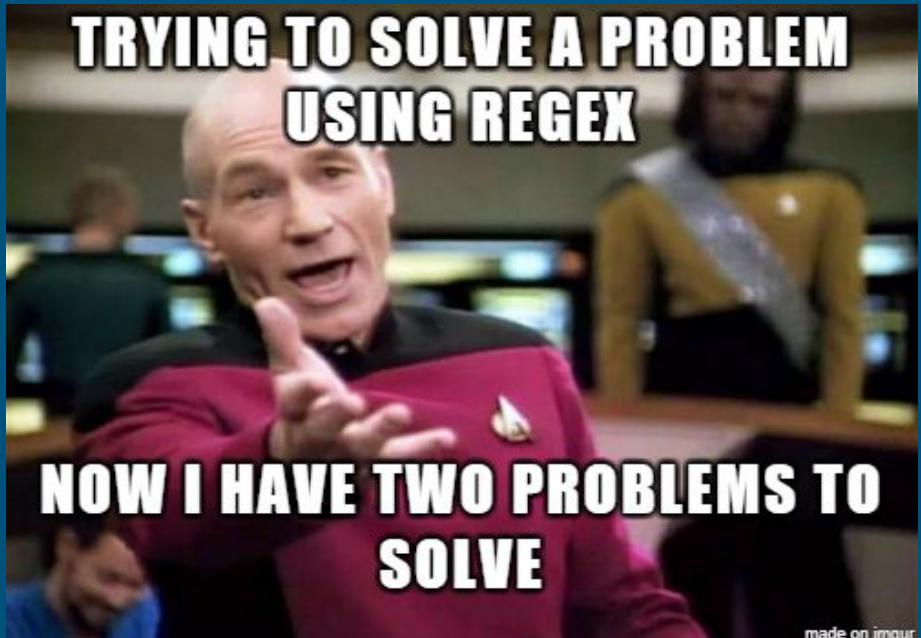


Regular Expressions - Pattern Basics

Character Classes	Quantifiers	Flags
Symbol: "\w", Name: "word" match any alphanumeric & underscore "word"	Symbol: "+", Name: "plus" match one or more of preceding token	Flag: "re.M", Name: "multiline" Anchors (^,\$) match on each line instead of the entire string.
Symbol: "\d", Name: "digit" match any digit character 0-9	Symbol: "*", Name: "star" match zero or more of preceding token	Flag: "re.I", Name: "ignore case" make all matches case insensitive.
Symbol: "\s", Name: "whitespace" match any whitespace character (space, tabs, line breaks)	Symbol: "{1,5}", Name: "quantifier" match X up to Y ({X,Y}) of previous token	Flag: "re.DOTALL", Name: "dotall" Make period character also match newlines. By default, "." won't span across newlines.
Symbol: "." Name: "dot" match any character except line breaks		

Regular Expressions

- Always use “raw” strings
- Parenthesis used to retain a pattern (group)
- Name patterns:
`(?P<software_ver>Ver.*)`
- Greedy vs Lazy (default greedy):
 - “?” is lazy quantifier



Regular Expressions - Examples

- “search” - Return first pattern match from a string:

```
>>> sh_version = """Cisco IOS Software, C3560CX Software
SNIP
cisco WS-C3560CX-8PC-S (APM86XXX) processor (revision A0) with
>>> res = re.search(r"ws-c3560[\w\d-]*", sh_version, flags=re.I)
>>> res
<re.Match object; span=(1498, 1514), match='WS-C3560CX-8PC-S'>
>>> res.group()
'WS-C3560CX-8PC-S'
>>>
```

- Flags can modify behavior of matching (multiline, case insensitive, dotall)

Regular Expressions - Examples

- “`.findall`” - Return all hostnames from a string:

```
>>> hosts = "cisco1.lasthop.io, arista1.lasthop.io"
>>> res = re.findall(r"\w+\.\w+\.\w+", hosts)
>>> res
['cisco1.lasthop.io', 'arista1.lasthop.io']
```

- “`sub`” - Replace “`:80`” with “`:443`” in a given string:

```
>>> ahost = "somehost:80"
>>> res = re.sub(r":80", ":443", ahost)
>>> res
'somehost:443'
```

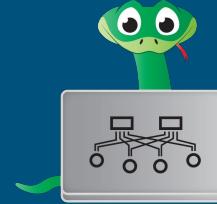
Regular Expressions - Resources

- Intro Tutorial
 - https://regexone.com/lesson/introduction_abcs
- Regex Online Testers
 - <https://regex101.com>
 - <https://pythex.org>
- Python re module docs
 - <https://docs.python.org/3/library/re.html>

Regular Expressions Exercises

Exercises:

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Functions

- What even is a function?

- A chunk of code that can be “called” (told to execute)
 - Yes, “print” is a function! So is “dir”.

● Why care?

- Functions are reusable!
 - DRY*: do not repeat yourself
 - Single Responsibility Principle*: module/function/class should do just *one* thing

Functions

- Positional Arguments
 - As the name implies are based on position

```
>>> def hello_world_v2(arg1, arg2, arg3):  
...     print(f"Hello, {arg1}, {arg2}, {arg3}!")  
...  
>>> hello_world_v2("ollie", "luna", "luca")  
Hello, ollie, luna, luca!  
>>> hello_world_v2("luca", "luna", "ollie")  
Hello, luca, luna, ollie!  
>>>
```

Functions

- Keyword Arguments
 - Order does not matter because, like a dictionary, keys are used to associate arguments.

```
>>> def hello_world_v2(arg1, arg2, arg3):  
...     print(f"Hello, {arg1}, {arg2}, {arg3}!")  
...  
>>> hello_world_v2("ollie", "luna", arg3="luca")  
Hello, ollie, luna, luca!  
>>> hello_world_v2("ollie", arg3="luna", arg2="luca")  
Hello, ollie, luca, luna!  
>>>
```

Functions

- Default Parameters
 - Function parameters with default values.
 - Useful for parameters that *usually* are set to one value but can sometimes be overridden.
 - Allows you to augment existing functions.

```
>>> def hello_world_v2(arg1, arg2, arg3="seattle"):  
...     print(f"Hello, {arg1}, {arg2}, {arg3}!")  
...  
>>> hello_world_v2("san francisco", "portland")  
Hello, san francisco, portland, seattle!  
>>> hello_world_v2("san francisco", "portland", "vancouver")  
Hello, san francisco, portland, vancouver!  
>>>
```

Functions

- Argument “unpacking”
 - Unpack an iterable with “*” (convert a list from being one argument to being an argument for each list element)

```
>>> def hello_world_v3(arg1, arg2, arg3):  
...     print(f"Hello, {arg1}, {arg2}, {arg3}!")  
...  
>>> list_of_args = ["sfo", "pdx", "sea"]  
>>> hello_world_v3(*list_of_args)  
Hello, sfo, pdx, sea!  
>>>
```

Functions

- Keyword Argument “unpacking”
 - Unpack a dict with “**” – convert dictionary from being one argument to individual key-value pairs (for arguments)

```
>>> def hello_world_v3(arg1, arg2, arg3="seattle"):  
...     print(f"Hello, {arg1}, {arg2}, {arg3}!")  
...  
>>> dict_of_args = {"arg1": "sfo", "arg2": "pdx", "arg3": "sea"}  
>>> hello_world_v3(**dict_of_args)  
Hello, sfo, pdx, sea!  
>>> dict_of_args.pop("arg1")  
'sfo'  
>>> small_list = ["sfo"]  
>>> hello_world_v3(*small_list, **dict_of_args)  
Hello, sfo, pdx, sea!
```

Functions Exercises

Exercises:

`{{ github_repo }}/day2/functions/exercise1.md`

`{{ github_repo }}/day2/functions/exercise2.md`

`{{ github_repo }}/day2/functions/exercise3.md`

`{{ github_repo }}/day2/functions/exercise4.md`

Netmiko Introduction



- “Multi-vendor library to simplify Paramiko SSH connections to network devices”
- Lower-level // (p)expect → Paramiko → Netmiko // Higher-level
- Paramiko is the “standard” SSH Python library
- Netmiko abstracts paramiko and makes it network device-friendly
- Netmiko: <https://github.com/ktbyers/netmiko>

Netmiko Platforms/Vendors



- Currently (very) roughly 60 different platforms supported by Netmiko.
- Three different categories of supported platform:
 - Regularly tested
 - Limited testing
 - Experimental
- Platforms: <https://ktbyers.github.io/netmiko/PLATFORMS.html>

Regularly Tested Platforms			
Arista EOS	Cisco ASA	Cisco IOS	Cisco IOS-XE
Cisco IOS-XR	Cisco NX-OS	Cisco SG300	HP ProCurve
Juniper Junos	Linux		

Netmiko ConnectHandler



- “ConnetHandler” is entry point into Netmiko
- Accepts many arguments to establish SSH (or telnet) connection such as:
 - ip/host
 - port
 - username
 - password
 - SSH Key Information (key_file)
 - etc.
- Determines proper device handling based on “device_type” argument
- Common to invoke ConnectHandler using **device

Netmiko Example



```
>>> from getpass import getpass
>>> from netmiko import ConnectHandler
>>>
>>> my_device = {}
>>> my_device["device_type"] = "arista_eos"
>>> my_device["host"] = "arista1.lasthop.io"
>>> my_device["username"] = "pyclass"
>>> my_device["password"] = getpass()
Password:

>>> conn = ConnectHandler(**my_device)

>>> print(conn.find_prompt())
arista1#
>>>
```

Netmiko - Key Methods



Method	Purpose
send_command()	Send command, use pattern matching to know when “done”
send_command_timing()	Send command, use timing to know when “done”
send_config_set()	Send list of configuration commands
send_config_from_file()	Send configuration commands from a file
save_config()	Delete config... just kidding... save the config
commit()	Commit configuration (for specific platforms)
enable()	Enter “enable”/privilege mode
disconnect()	Close connection
write_channel()	Write to channel directly (bypass Netmiko prompt searching/timing)
read_channel()	Read directly from channel (bypass Netmiko prompt searching/timing)
File Transfer Class	SCP files to/from devices

Netmiko Session Log



SNIP

```
>>> my_device["session_log"] = "session.log"
Password:
```

```
>>> conn = ConnectHandler(**my_device)
```

```
>>> print(conn.find_prompt())
arista1#
```

```
$ cat session.log
```

SNIP

```
arista1#terminal length 0
Pagination disabled.
arista1#terminal width 511
Width set to 511 columns.
arista1#
arista1#
```

Netmiko Exercises



Examples:

https://github.com/ktbyers/netmiko/tree/develop/examples/use_cases

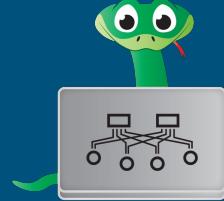
Reference Material:

`{{ github_repo }}/day2/netmiko/collateral/`

Exercises:

`{{ github_repo }}/day2/netmiko/exercise1.md`

`{{ github_repo }}/day2/netmiko/exercise2.md`



Classes and Objects

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- What even is a Class?

- A “template” for creating objects
- Can have associated methods (functions of a class) and attributes

```
>>> class ClassA():
...     def __init__(self, name):
...         self.name = name
...     def say_hello(self):
...         print(f"{self.name} says hello!")
```

Classes and Objects

- What even is an Object??
 - An instance of a class – in other words an individual representation of the class.

```
>>> class ClassA():
...     def __init__(self, name):
...         self.name = name
...     def say_hello(self):
...         print(f"{self.name} says hello!")

>>> carl_obj = ClassA("carl")
>>> carl_obj.say_hello()
carl says hello!
```

Classes and Objects



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- Why care?
 - Classes are reusable!
 - DRY*: do not repeat yourself
 - Single Responsibility Principle*: module/function/class should do one *one* thing

```
>>> class ClassA():
...     def __init__(self, name):
...         self.name = name
...     def say_hello(self):
...         print(f"{self.name} says hello!")
>>> carl_obj = ClassA("carl")
>>> carl_obj.say_hello()
carl says hello!
>>> kirk_obj = ClassA("kirk")
>>> kirk_obj.say_hello()
kirk says hello!
```

Classes

- Classes generally have a special “`__init__`” method that is called as part of the object creation process.
- Functions that are part of a class are called “methods”
 - “methods” usually* contain a first argument named “self”
 - “self” is a reference to the object itself
- Inheritance is mostly* out of scope for now, but can be powerful/useful for reducing code duplication (i.e. for sharing common code).

Classes and Objects Exercises

Exercises:

`{{ github_repo }}/day2/classes/exercise1.md`
`{{ github_repo }}/day2/classes/exercise2.md`



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Python Code Structure

- Imports at top of the file
- Naming Standards
 - CONSTANT variables in all upper
 - Variables and functions—all lower case with “_” word separation
 - Classes use “CapWords”
- `if __name__ == "__main__":`
- `main()` function call

Structure Exercises

Exercises:

`{{ github_repo }}/day2/structure/exercise1.md`
`{{ github_repo }}/day2/structure/exercise2.md`



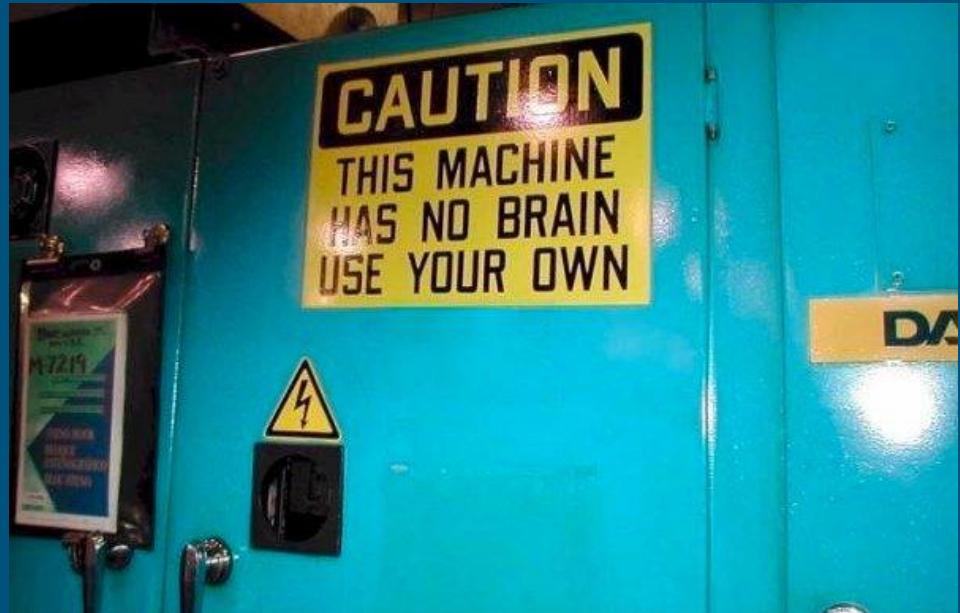
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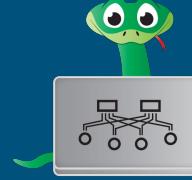
Day 2 Complete!



Day 3 Schedule

- Review!
- Modules/Packages
- sys.path and PYTHONPATH
- Libraries/PIP/Venv/Linting
- TextFSM/Genie (optional)
- pdb - Python debugger
- Complex Data Structures
- Cisco NX-API
- Requests and RESTful APIs





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Day 2 Review

- Regex
 - We still frequently encounter large-string blocks that we must parse.
- Functions
 - DRY, Single Responsibility Principle — write reusable code!
- Netmiko
 - Simplify legacy device management using Python (SSH/telnet)
- Classes and Objects
 - OOP – class is a “template”; object is an instance of that template
- Code Structure
 - OCD is not all bad! Standards/style make your life easier! (especially across team members)

Day 2 Review Exercises

Exercises:

`{{ github_repo }}/day2/recap/exercise1.md`
`{{ github_repo }}/day2/recap/exercise2.md`



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Modules, Packages, Imports

- Module
 - A Python file that you can import into another Python program
- Python Package
 - An importable Python **directory**
 - `__init__.py` indicates a **package**
- Imports
 - `import my_library` -> library now in your namespace (for example: `re.search`)
 - `from my_library import resource` -> import a specific resource into your namespace

How does Python find things? sys.path and PYTHONPATH

- “sys.path” is a list of places Python will look to find modules/packages

```
$ python -c "import sys; print(sys.path)"  
[ '', '/usr/lib64/python3.6',  
 '/usr/lib64/python3.6/lib-dynload', <SNIP>  
 '/home/user/ENV/py3_venv/lib/python3.6/site-packages' ]
```

- PYTHONPATH is an environment variable that can modify sys.path

```
$ export PYTHONPATH=/home/user/python-libs  
$ python -c "import sys; print(sys.path)"  
[ '', '/home/user/python-libs', '/usr/lib64/python3.6',  
 '/usr/lib64/python3.6/lib-dynload', <SNIP>  
 '/home/user/ENV/py3_venv/lib/python3.6/site-packages' ]
```

Modules, Packages, and Paths Exercises

Exercises:

`{{ github_repo }}/day3/modules/exercise1.md`
`{{ github_repo }}/day3/modules/exercise2.md`



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PIP and Libraries

- PIP → PIP Installs Packages
- PyPi → Python Package Index
- pip list
- pip search
- pip install
- pip install netmiko==2.4.2
- pip install -e .
- pip install -r requirements.txt
- pip freeze

“python -m pip” - can be your friend



Virtual Environments

- VRF for Python packages (kinda)!
- Avoid inconsistent requirements
- Avoid stomping on sys packages
- `python -m venv [NAME]`
- `source [NAME]/bin/activate`
- `deactivate`



Virtual Environment Exercises

Exercises:

`{{ github_repo }}/day3/virtualenv/exercise1.md`
`{{ github_repo }}/day3/virtualenv/exercise2.md`



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Linting



- PEP8 (Python Enhancement Proposal) == defacto style guide
- pylint, pycodestyle, pylama good linter choices (pylint is a bit verbose).
- Consistency and conventions make life easier.
- Opinionated auto-formatting is the new craze! Python “black”
- Standards/PEP are good, but don’t let it trick you into writing bad code!

Linting Exercises

Exercises:

`{{ github_repo }}/day3/linting/exercise1.md`
`{{ github_repo }}/day3/linting/exercise2.md`



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The Network Device Parsing Problem

Avoid the problem:

- Use good APIs
- Use “| json” or “| xml”

Get someone else to do the parsing for you:

- ntc-templates
- Cisco genie
- NAPALM getters

Parse yourself...regular expressions or your own TextFSM templates.

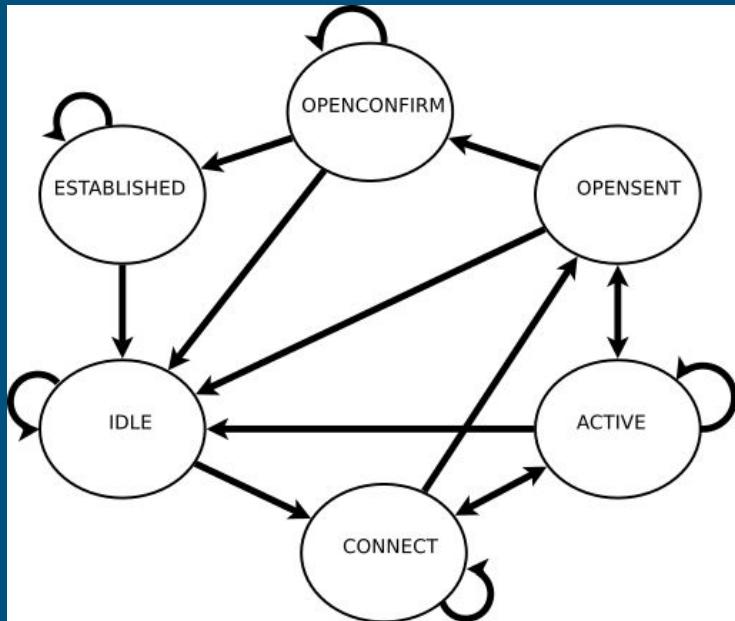
TextFSM

Text + Finite State Machine

TextFSM is a library originally created by Google for parsing complex unstructured strings.

Because who doesn't want to couple Regular Expressions and a State Machine.

BGP State Machine



Source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:BGP_FSM_3.svg

TextFSM

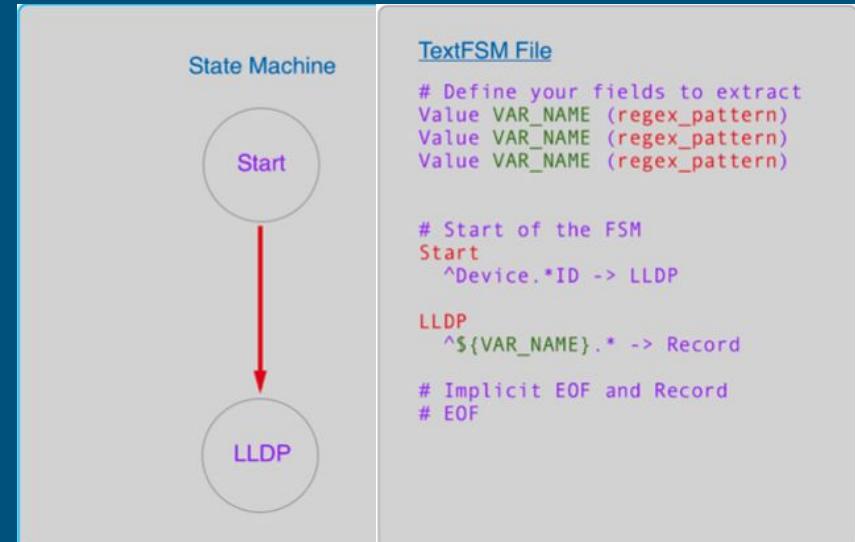
- Unstructured data (text) is messy!

```
$ cat show_ip_bgp.txt
BGP table version is 17889841, local router ID is 128.223.51.103
Status codes: s suppressed, d damped, h history, * valid, > best, i - internal,
               r RIB-failure, S Stale, m multipath, b backup-path, f RT-Filter,
               x best-external, a additional-path, c RIB-compressed,
Origin codes: i - IGP, e - EGP, ? - incomplete
RPKI validation codes: V valid, I invalid, N Not found
```

Network	Next Hop	Metric	LocPrf	Weight	Path
* 1.0.0.0/24	208.74.64.40			0	19214 174 13335 i
*	162.251.163.2			0	53767 13335 i
*	94.142.247.3	0		0	8283 13335 i
*	212.66.96.126			0	20912 13335 i

TextFSM

- Variables > Start > State Transition
- Implicit (or explicit) EOF
- pip install textfsm
- NTC Templates for many network platforms/commands
 - pip install ntc-templates
 - Or clone repo
- But wait... there's more!



Netmiko and TextFSM

```
$ python netmiko_textfsm.py
```

Protocol	Address	Age (min)	Hardware Addr	Type	Interface
Internet	172.31.255.255	-	c800.84b2.e9c4	ARPA	Vlan3967
Internet	172.31.255.254	134	8478.acae.c196	ARPA	Vlan3967

```
[{'protocol': 'Internet', 'address': '172.31.255.255', 'age': '-',
'mac': 'c800.84b2.e9c4', 'type': 'ARPA', 'interface': 'Vlan3967'},
{'protocol': 'Internet', 'address': '172.31.255.254', 'age': '134',
'mac': '8478.acae.c196', 'type': 'ARPA', 'interface': 'Vlan3967'}]
```

Genie

- Unstructured data (text) is messy! (again... err... still...)

```
$ cat show_ip_bgp.txt
BGP table version is 17889841, local router ID is 128.223.51.103
Status codes: s suppressed, d damped, h history, * valid, > best, i - internal,
               r RIB-failure, S Stale, m multipath, b backup-path, f RT-Filter,
               x best-external, a additional-path, c RIB-compressed,
Origin codes: i - IGP, e - EGP, ? - incomplete
RPKI validation codes: V valid, I invalid, N Not found
```

Network	Next Hop	Metric	LocPrf	Weight	Path
* 1.0.0.0/24	208.74.64.40		0	19214	174 13335 i
*	162.251.163.2		0	53767	13335 i
*	94.142.247.3	0	0	8283	13335 i
*	212.66.96.126		0	20912	13335 i

Genie

- Genie is part of the pyats testing/automation framework.
- Let Cisco do the work of writing the parsers for you!
- pubhub.devnetcloud.com/media/genie-feature-browser/docs/#/parsers

```
>>> from netmiko import ConnectHandler
>>> conn = ConnectHandler(host='172.31.254.1', device_type='cisco_ios',
username='user', password='password')
>>> print(conn.send_command("show version", use_genie=True))
{'version': {'version_short': '15.2', 'platform': 'C3560CX', 'version':
'15.2(4)E7', 'image_id': 'C3560CX-UNIVERSALK9-M', 'os': <SNIP>
'curr_config_register': '0xF'}}}
```

TextFSM/Genie Exercises

Reference Examples:

`{{ github_repo }}/day3/parsers/collateral/`

Exercises:

`{{ github_repo }}/day3/parsers/exercise1.md`

`{{ github_repo }}/day3/parsers/exercise2.md`

`{{ github_repo }}/day3/parsers/exercise3.md`

`{{ github_repo }}/day3/parsers/exercise4.md`

Data Serialization: YAML and JSON

- Why do we need serialization?
 - Transfer programming objects between different machines, different languages.
 - Often JSON/YAML files are used for storing configurations/settings.
- JSON
 - A string representation of lists, dictionaries, other data types.
 - Very similar to a Python data structure representation, but not **exactly** the same!
- YAML
 - Superset of JSON that is more human readable*

Data Serialization Exercises

Reference Examples:

`{{ github_repo }}/day3/serialization/collateral/`

Exercises:

`{{ github_repo }}/day3/serialization/exercise1.md`

`{{ github_repo }}/day3/serialization/exercise2.md`

`{{ github_repo }}/day3/serialization/exercise3.md`

Python Debugger

- Because you will 100% need to debug things at some point!
- (i)pdb commands:
 - `(n)ext` # step one line at a time; do not “descend”
 - `(s)tep` # step one line at a time; *do* “descend”
 - `(c)ontinue` # continue execution (until completion or next breakpoint)
 - `(b)reak N` # set a breakpoint at line N
 - `(l)ist [N, N2]` # list lines at current position or starting at N, optionally through N2
 - `(d)own` # move *down* the stack
 - `(u)p` # move *up* the stack
 - `(p)rint` # print a variable
 - `(pp)rint` # pretty print a variable
 - `(q)uit` # quit pdb

Python Debugger Exercises

Exercises:

`{{ github_repo }}/day3/debugger/exercise1.md`



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Complex Data Structures

1. Investigate layer by layer (simplify the problem)
2. Determine object type (list, dict, or ?)
3. Single or multiple elements?

```
>>> indata
[{'protocol': '0', 'type': 'E2', 'network': '0.0.0.0', 'mask': '0', 'distance': '110', 'metric': '1', 'nexthop_ip': '172.31.255.254', 'nexthop_if': 'Vlan3967', 'uptime': '3w6d'}, {'protocol': 'C', 'type': '', 'network': '172.31.254.0', 'mask': '24', 'distance': '', 'metric': '', 'nexthop_ip': '', 'nexthop_if': 'Vlan254', 'uptime': ''}, {'protocol': 'L', 'type': '', 'network': '172.31.254.2', 'mask': '32', 'distance': '', 'metric': '', 'nexthop_ip': '', 'nexthop_if': 'Vlan254', 'uptime': ''}, {'protocol': 'C', 'type': '', 'network': '172.31.255.5', 'mask': '32', 'distance': '', 'metric': '', 'nexthop_ip': '', 'nexthop_if': 'Loopback0', 'uptime': ''}, {'protocol': 'C', 'type': '', 'network': '172.31.255.254', 'mask': '31', 'distance': '', 'metric': '', 'nexthop_ip': '', 'nexthop_if': 'Vlan3967', 'uptime': ''}, {'protocol': 'L', 'type': '', 'network': '172.31.255.255', 'mask': '32', 'distance': '', 'metric': '', 'nexthop_ip': '', 'nexthop_if': 'Vlan3967', 'uptime': ''}]
>>> type(indata)
<class 'list'>
>>> len(indata)
6
>>> indata[0]
{'protocol': '0', 'type': 'E2', 'network': '0.0.0.0', 'mask': '0', 'distance': '110', 'metric': '1', 'nexthop_ip': '172.31.255.254', 'nexthop_if': 'Vlan3967', 'uptime': '3w6d'}
>>> type(indata[0])
<class 'dict'>
>>> indata[0].keys()
dict_keys(['protocol', 'type', 'network', 'mask', 'distance', 'metric', 'nexthop_ip', 'nexthop_if', 'uptime'])
```

Complex Data Structures Exercises

Exercises:

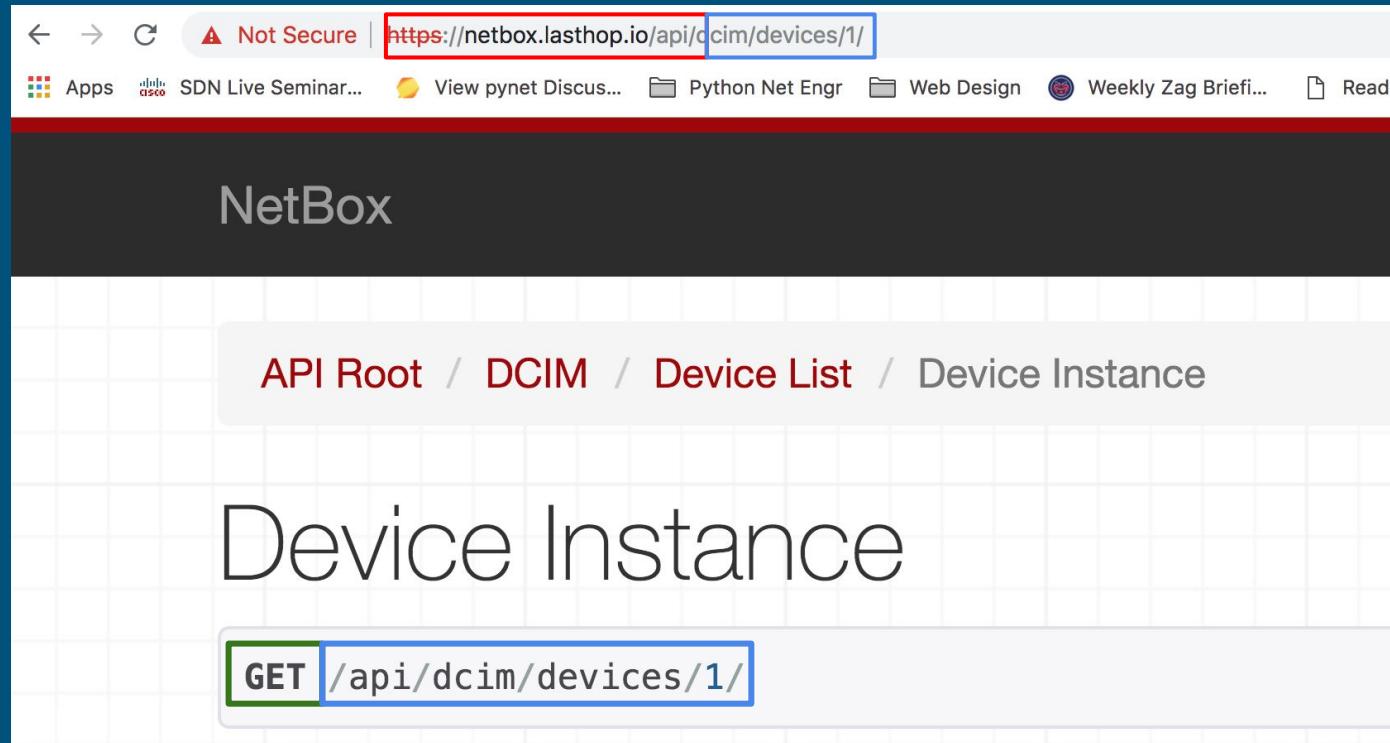
`{{ github_repo }}/day3/data_struct/exercise1.md`



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REST API - Characteristics

- URL
- METHOD



REST API - HTTP Methods

Available HTTP
Methods

The screenshot shows a REST API documentation page with the following structure:

- API Root / DCIM / Device List / Device Instance** (Breadcrumb navigation)
- Device Instance** (Section title)
- GET /api/dcim/devices/1/** (HTTP method and endpoint)
- HTTP 200 OK** (Response status)
- Allow: GET, PUT, PATCH, DELETE, HEAD, OPTIONS** (HTTP headers)
- Content-Type: application/json** (HTTP headers)
- Vary: Accept** (HTTP headers)

A black arrow points from the text "Available HTTP Methods" to the "Allow" header in the screenshot.

REST API - CRUD

- Create - HTTP Post
- Read - HTTP Get
- Replace - HTTP Put
- Update - HTTP Patch
- Delete - HTTP Delete



Remember: Not all APIs are the same!

REST API - Accessing API via Browser + CLI

```
[py3_venv] [kbyers@ip-172-30-0-118 ~]$ curl -s https://netbox.lasthop.io/api/ --insecure | jq "."
{
    "circuits": "http://netbox.lasthop.io/api/circuits/",
    "dcim": "http://netbox.lasthop.io/api/dcim/",
    "extras": "http://netbox.lasthop.io/api/extras/",
    "ipam": "http://netbox.lasthop.io/api/ipam/",
    "secrets": "http://netbox.lasthop.io/api/secrets/",
    "tenancy": "http://netbox.lasthop.io/api/tenancy/",
    "virtualization": "http://netbox.lasthop.io/api/virtualization/"
}
[py3_venv] [kbyers@ip-172-30-0-118 ~]$ █
```

REST API - Base GET Request (Requests)

```
import requests
from pprint import pprint

from urllib3.exceptions import InsecureRequestWarning

requests.packages.urllib3.disable_warnings(category=InsecureRequestWarning)

if __name__ == "__main__":
    url = "https://netbox.lasthop.io/api/dcim/"
    # url = "https://api.github.com/"
    http_headers = {"accept": "application/json; version=2.4;"}
    response = requests.get(url, headers=http_headers, verify=False)
    response = response.json()

    print()
    pprint(response)
    print()
```

Authentication

- Simple Auth
- Token (cookie) Based
- OAuth2

```
import requests
from pprint import pprint

from urllib3.exceptions import InsecureRequestWarning

requests.packages.urllib3.disable_warnings(category=InsecureRequestWarning)

if __name__ == "__main__":
    token = "1234123412341234123412341341341134123433"
    url = "https://netbox.lasthop.io/api/dcim/devices/1"
    http_headers = {"accept": "application/json; version=2.4;"}
    if token:
        http_headers["authorization"] = "Token {}".format(token)

    response = requests.get(url, headers=http_headers, verify=False)
    response = response.json()

    print()
    pprint(response)
    print()
```



REST API - Recap/Strategy

1. Determine if there is an existing Python library available.
 - a. If library exists, does it do everything you need? (if not: requests)
 - b. If no library: requests
2. Determine how to accomplish authentication.
 - a. Library should abstract much of this for you.
 - b. Token based auth is common for non public web services
 - c. OAuth and token auth are common for public web services
3. Gain an understanding of how to access, create, update, delete things in the API.
4. Start building up abstractions to accomplish your goals.

API Exercises

Reference Examples:

`{{ github_repo }}/day3/api/collateral/`

Exercises:

`{{ github_repo }}/day3/api/exercise1.md`

`{{ github_repo }}/day3/api/exercise2.md`

`{{ github_repo }}/day3/api/exercise3.md`

`{{ github_repo }}/day3/api/exercise4.md`

Cisco NX-OS and NX-API

- Uses HTTP/HTTPS transport
- XML or JSON-RPC payload
- Python Libraries: nxapi-plumbing and pynxos
- NAPALM

Cisco NX-OS and NX-API

POSTResetOutput Schema

REQUEST:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<ins_api>
    <version>1.2</version>
    <type>cli_show</type>
    <chunk>0</chunk>
    <sid>sid</sid>
    <input>show version</input>
    <output_format>xml</output_format>
</ins_api>
```

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RESPONSE:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<ins_api>
    <type>cli_show</type>
    <version>1.2</version>
    <sid>eoc</sid>
    <outputs>
        <output>
            <body>
                <header_str>Cisco Nexus Operating System (NX-OS) S
TAC support: http://www.cisco.com/tac
Documents: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps9372/tsd
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other third parties and are used and distributed under li
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```

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Cisco NX-OS and NX-API (JSON-RPC)

The screenshot shows a REST API interface with two main sections: REQUEST and RESPONSE.

REQUEST:

```
[{"jsonrpc": "2.0", "method": "cli", "params": {"cmd": "show version", "version": 1.2}, "id": 1}]
```

RESPONSE:

```
{"jsonrpc": "2.0", "result": {"body": {"header_str": "Cisco Nexus Operating System (NX-OS)", "loader_ver_str": "N/A", "kickstart_ver_str": "7.3(1)D1(1) [build 7.3(1)D1(0.10)", "sys_ver_str": "7.3(1)D1(1) [build 7.3(1)D1(0.10)]", "kick_file_name": "bootflash:///titanium-d1-kicksta", "kick_cmpl_time": " 1/11/2016 16:00:00", "kick_tmstamp": "02/22/2016 23:39:33", "isan_file_name": "bootflash:///titanium-d1.7.3.1.D", "isan_cmpl_time": " 1/11/2016 16:00:00", "isan_tmstamp": "02/23/2016 01:43:36"}, "error": null}}
```

Both sections include 'Copy' and 'Python' buttons.

Cisco NX-OS and NX-API

```
import requests
from requests.packages.urllib3.exceptions import InsecureRequestWarning
from pprint import pprint
from nxapi_plumbing import Device

requests.packages.urllib3.disable_warnings(InsecureRequestWarning)

device = Device(
    api_format="jsonrpc", | "xml"
    host="nxos1.lasthop.io",
    username="admin",
    password="password",
    transport="https",
    port=8443,
    verify=False,
)

output = device.show("show hostname")
print(output)
```

NX-API Plumbing - Key Methods

Method	Purpose
show()	Send a non-configuration command
show_list()	Send a list of non-configuration commands
config()	Send a configuration command
config_list()	Send a list of configuration commands
save()	Save running config (by default to startup-config, but configurable)
rollback()	Write erase, reload...? Actually this is probably rollback to a checkpoint file...
checkpoint()	Create a checkpoint file from the running config

NX-OS NX-API Exercises

Reference Examples:

`{{ github_repo }}/day3/nxapi/collateral/`

Exercises:

`{{ github_repo }}/day3/nxapi/exercise1.md`

`{{ github_repo }}/day3/nxapi/exercise2.md`

Day 3 Complete!



Day 4 Schedule

- Review!
- Subprocess—integrating to the OS
- Working with CSV files
- Working with Excel (optional)
- Jinja2
- More APIs with Slack
- NAPALM
- Concurrency
- Unit Testing and CI/CD



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Day 3 Review

- Modules, Packages, Imports, oh my!
 - Don't forget to avoid namespace collisions – a file named "netmiko.py" is probably a bad idea!
- Pip and Virtual Environments
 - Keep your system(s) clean with venvs; pip freeze is your friend!
- TextFSM and Genie
 - Structured data > enormous strings
- Serialization
 - JSON and YAML are great for storing device information or data (plus they're structured formats, and it turns out we like that...)
- APIs
 - Try to use good APIs whenever you can.

Day 3 Review Exercises

Exercises:

`{{ github_repo }}/day3/recap/exercise1.md`
`{{ github_repo }}/day3/recap/exercise2.md`

Subprocess - Integrating to the OS

```
import os

print()
print("Current working directory")
start_dir = os.getcwd()
print(os.getcwd())

print()
print("Path of module we are executing")
print(os.path.realpath(__file__))

print()
print("Is this a file?")
print(os.path.isfile(__file__))

print()
print("Change directory into /tmp")
os.chdir("/tmp")
print(os.getcwd())
```

Subprocess - Integrating to the OS

```
import subprocess

def subprocess_wrapper(cmd_list):
    """Wrapper to execute subprocess including byte to UTF-8 conversion."""
    proc = subprocess.Popen(cmd_list, stdout=subprocess.PIPE, stderr=subprocess.PIPE)
    std_out, std_err = proc.communicate()
    (std_out, std_err) = [x.decode("utf-8") for x in (std_out, std_err)]

    return (std_out, std_err, proc.returncode)

cmd_list = ["ls", "-a", "-l"]
std_out, std_err, return_code = subprocess_wrapper(cmd_list)
print()
print(f"Return Code: {return_code}")
print(std_out)
print()
```

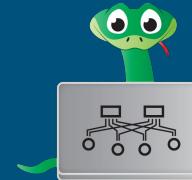
Subprocess Exercises

Reference Examples:

`{{ github_repo }}/day4/subprocess/collateral/`

Exercises:

`{{ github_repo }}/day4/subprocess/exercise1.md`



CSV Exercises

```
device_name,device_type,host,username,password
pynet-rtr1,cisco_ios,184.105.247.70,pyclass,my_pass
pynet-rtr2,cisco_ios,184.105.247.71,pyclass,my_pass
-----
file_name = 'test_net_devices.csv'
with open(file_name) as f:
    read_csv = csv.DictReader(f)
    for entry in read_csv:
        print(entry)
```

CSV Exercises

Reference Examples:

`{{ github_repo }}/day4/csv_excel/collateral/`

Exercises:

`{{ github_repo }}/day4/csv_excel/exercise1.md`

Excel Exercises

```
from openpyxl import load_workbook

wb = load_workbook("excel_wb.xlsx")
print(f"Workbook Sheets: {wb.sheetnames}")
users_sheet = wb["Users"]
users_sheet.cell(row=5, column=3).value
```

Excel Exercises

Reference Examples:

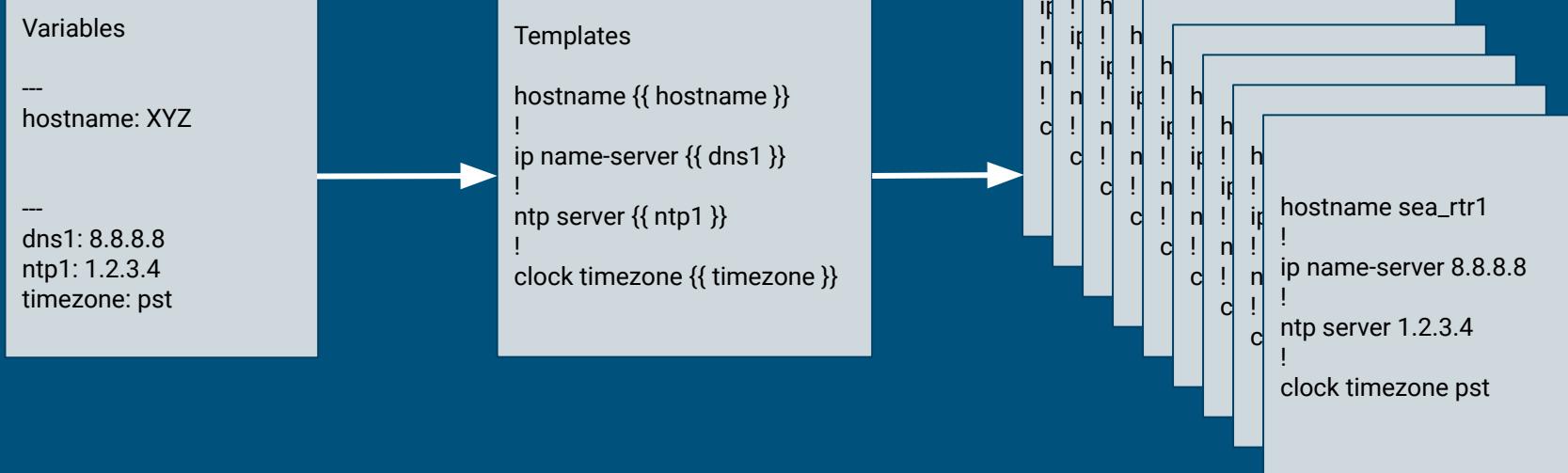
`{{ github_repo }}/day4/csv_excel/collateral/`

Exercises:

`{{ github_repo }}/day4/csv_excel/exercise2.md`

`{{ github_repo }}/day4/csv_excel/exercise3.md`

Jinja2 (Templating)



Jinja2 Templating

```
import jinja2

my_dict = {'a': 'whatever'}

my_template = '''
Some text
of something
{{ a }}
something
'''

t = jinja2.Template(my_template)
print(t.render(my_dict))
```



```
Some text
of something
whatever
something
```



Jinja Exercises

Reference Examples:

`{{ github_repo }}/day4/jinja/collateral/`

Exercises:

`{{ github_repo }}/day4/jinja/exercise1.md`

Jinja2 Templating

Loading Template from a File



```
import jinja2

template_file = 'bgp_config.j2'
with open(template_file) as f:
    bgp_template = f.read()

my_vars = {
    '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))
```

Jinja Exercises

Reference Examples:

`{{ github_repo }}/day4/jinja/collateral/`

Exercises:

`{{ github_repo }}/day4/jinja/exercise2.md`



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Jinja2 Template - Environment

```
from __future__ import unicode_literals, print_function
from jinja2 import FileSystemLoader, StrictUndefined
from jinja2.environment import Environment

env = Environment(undefined=StrictUndefined)
env.loader = FileSystemLoader([".", "./templates/"])

my_vars = {"bgp_as": 22, "router_id": "1.1.1.1", "peer1": "10.20.30.1"}

template_file = "bgp_config.j2"
template = env.get_template(template_file)
output = template.render(**my_vars)
print(output)
```

Jinja2 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 Loops



```
protocols {
    bgp {
        group external-peers {
            type external;
            {% for neighbor_ip, neighbor_as in my_list %}
                neighbor {{ neighbor_ip }} {
                    peer-as {{ neighbor_as }};
                }
            {% endfor %}
        }
    }
}
```

Jinja2 Macros



- Reusable “function” in Jinja2

```
{% macro shutdown() %}  
    Switchport access vlan 999  
    Shutdown  
{% end macro %}
```

```
{% for interface in interfaces %}  
    {% if interface.state == "shutdown" %}  
        {{ shutdown() }}  
{% end for %}
```

Jinja2 Includes / Hierarchy



- Include templates in other templates

```
{% include 'eos_ethernet_interface.j2' %}  
{% include 'eos_loopback_interface.j2' %}  
interface Management1  
    ip address dhcp  
!  
ip routing  
!  
{% include 'eos_bgp.j2' ignore missing %}  
!  
{% include 'eos_ospf.j2'%}
```

- Ignore missing simply skips any “missing” templates

Jinja2 Other



- Create Variables
 - {%- set my_variable = "something neat" %}

- Whitespace

- {%- set my_variable = "something neat" %} - Strip before
- {%- set my_variable = "something neat" -%} - Strip after
- {%- set my_variable = "something neat" %} - Preserve before

- Filters

- Custom ways to modify variables
- Example: {{ my_string | center(80) }}

Jinja Exercises

Reference Examples:

`{{ github_repo }}/day4/jinja/collateral/`

Exercises:

`{{ github_repo }}/day4/jinja/exercise3.md`

Slack API

- Tokens can be included in multiple locations:
 - Headers
 - Encoded in URL
 - In a payload
- POST - expects a “payload”
- Slack has lots of endpoints, things are not always strictly “RESTful”



```
def main():
    # Get list of channels; authenticate with token in the header
    headers = {"Authorization": f"Bearer {SLACK_TOKEN}"}
    resp = requests.get(f"{SLACK_BASE_URL}/channels.list", headers=headers)
    pprint(resp.json())

    print()

    # Get list of channels; authenticate with token encoded in url
    resp = requests.get(f"{SLACK_BASE_URL}/channels.list?token={SLACK_TOKEN}")
    pprint(resp.json())

    print()

    # Get list of channels; authenticate with token encoded in url
    data = {"token": SLACK_TOKEN}
    resp = requests.post(f"{SLACK_BASE_URL}/channels.list", data=data)
    pprint(resp.json())

    print()
```

Slack API Exercises

Exercises:

`{{ github_repo }}/day4/slack/exercise1.md`

`{{ github_repo }}/day4/slack/exercise2.md`

NAPALM

- Create a standard set of operations across a range of platforms.
 - Cisco IOS, NX-OS, IOS-XR
 - Arista EOS
 - Juniper Junos
- Configuration operations: Merge or Replace*
- Getters
 - config, arp, facts, interfaces, lldp_neighbors
 - bgp_neighbors, ntp_stats, get_route_to...
 - + More, not always available on all platforms, check the docs!



NAPALM



Method	Purpose
load_merge_candidate()	Populate a “candidate” configuration for a MERGE operation from string/file
load_replace_candidate()	Populate a “candidate” configuration for a REPLACE operation
compare_config()	Display diff between candidate and running configurations
discard_config()	Discard the candidate configuration
commit_config()	Commit the candidate config (using merge or replace depending on how config was loaded)
rollback()	If any changes were made, revert to initial state
get_*	Get XYZ, arguments dependant upon getter

NAPALM Exercises



Reference Examples:

`{{ github_repo }}/day4/napalm/collateral/`

Exercises:

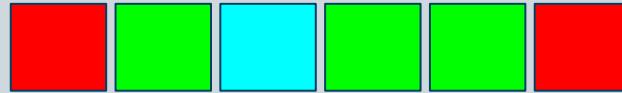
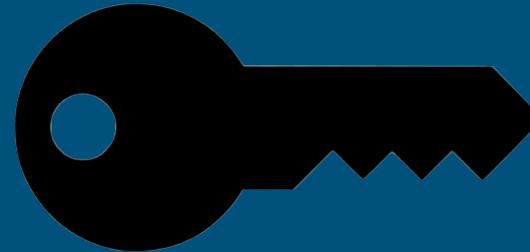
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`{{ github_repo }}/day4/napalmx/exercise2.md`

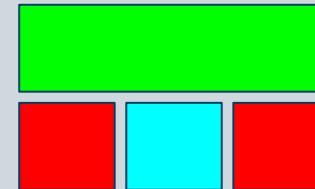
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Concurrency

- Concurrency? Parallelism?
- Python and the GIL
- Concurrent Futures



Concurrency



Parallelism

Concurrent Futures

- Python 3.2 + backported to Python 2
- Wrapper around Threading/Processes
- Provides consistent interface using either Threads or Processes -- meaning very easy to switch concurrency method
- Threads: for I/O bound things (waiting for stuff in the network)
- Processes: for CPU bound things (crunch lots and lots of numbers)

Concurrent Futures - ThreadPool

```
from concurrent.futures import ThreadPoolExecutor

pool = ThreadPoolExecutor(max_workers=8)
futures_threads = []
for _ in range(10):
    futures_threads.append(pool.submit(some_func))
```

Concurrent Futures - ProcessPool

```
from concurrent.futures import ProcessPoolExecutor

pool = ProcessPoolExecutor(max_workers=8)
futures_procs = []
for _ in range(10):
    futures_procs.append(pool.submit(some_func))
```

Concurrent Futures Exercises

Reference Examples:

`{{ github_repo }}/day4/concurrency/collateral/`

Exercises:

`{{ github_repo }}/day4/concurrency/exercise1.md`

`{{ github_repo }}/day4/concurrency/exercise2.md`

Concurrent Futures - As Completed, Wait

```
from concurrent.futures import ProcessPoolExecutor, as_completed, wait

pool = ProcessPoolExecutor(max_workers=8)
futures_procs = []
for _ in range(10):
    futures_procs.append(pool.submit(some_func))
for proc in as_completed(futures_procs):
    print(proc.result())
# wait(futures_procs)
```

Concurrent Futures Exercises

Reference Examples:

`{{ github_repo }}/day4/concurrency/collateral/`

Exercises:

`{{ github_repo }}/day4/concurrency/exercise3.md`



Unit Testing

- What is “unit testing”
 - Testing components of your code to ensure they do what you think they should do.
 - Generally test modular parts of your code (functions, methods, objects).
- Why care about it?
 - Bugs **will** happen
 - Forces you to think about Single Responsibility Principle and DRY.
 - Increase confidence that unintended consequences didn’t happen when making changes.
 - Speed up development process by reducing manual testing and rework.



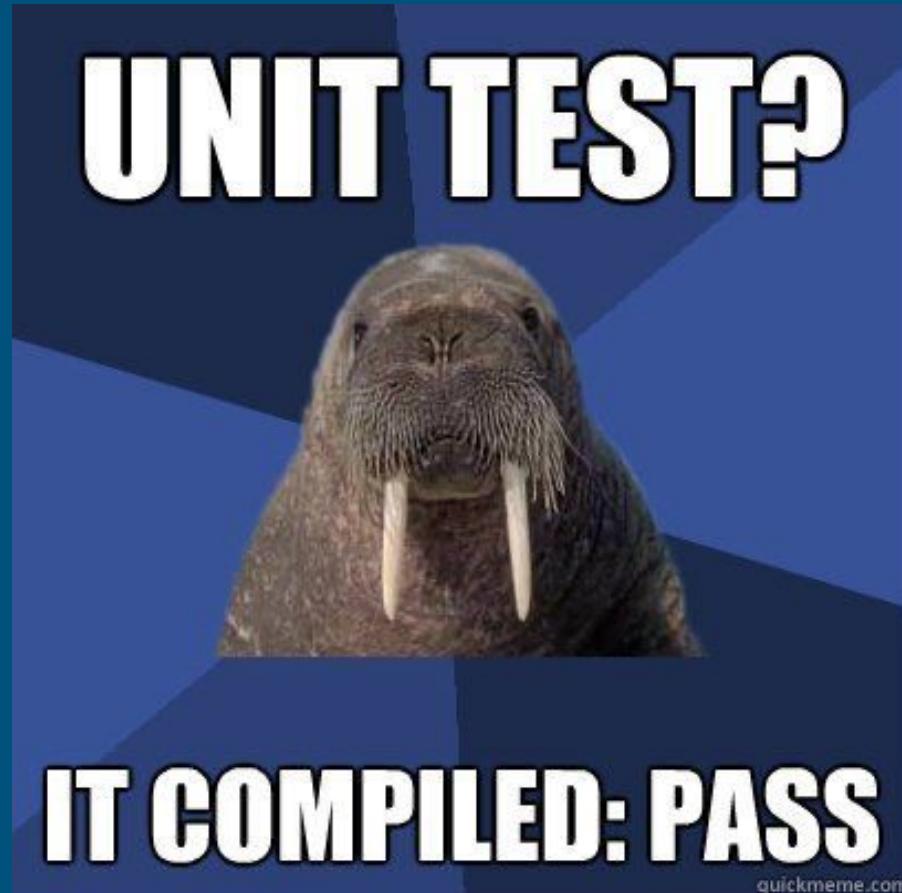
But my unit tests work!

Pytest

```
import pytest

# Functions
def func(x):
    return x + 1

# Tests
def test_answer():
    assert func(3) == 4
```



Pytest



```
$ python -m pytest -s -v ./test_simple.py
```

```
===== test session starts =====
platform linux -- Python 3.6.8, pytest-4.6.2, py-1.8.0, pluggy-0.12.0 --
/home/user/VENV/py3_venv/bin/python36
cachedir: .pytest_cache
rootdir: /home/user/my_repo/testing_example/pytest_dir
plugins: pylama-7.7.1, f5-sdk-3.0.21
collected 2 items

test_simple.py::test_answer PASSED
test_simple.py::test_answer2 PASSED

===== 2 passed in 0.01 seconds =====
```

Pytest Fixtures



```
@pytest.fixture(scope="module")
def netmiko_connect():
    cisco1 = {
        'device_type': 'cisco_ios',
        'ip':      '184.105.247.70',
        'username': 'pyclass',
        'password': getpass()
    }
    return ConnectHandler(**cisco1)
```

Pytest Fixtures



```
def test_prompt(netmiko_connect):
    print(netmiko_connect.find_prompt())
    assert netmiko_connect.find_prompt() == 'pynet-rtr1#'

def test_show_version(netmiko_connect):
    output = netmiko_connect.send_command("show version")
    assert 'Configuration register is 0x2102' in output
```

Unit Testing Exercises



Reference Examples:

`{{ github_repo }}/day4/testing/collateral/`

Exercises:

`{{ github_repo }}/day4/testing/exercise1.md`

`{{ github_repo }}/day4/testing/exercise2.md`

Continuous Integration

If it doesn't happen automatically; you can't rely on it.



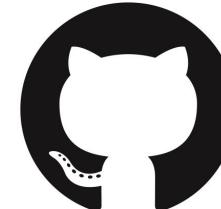
Travis CI



GitLab



Azure Pipelines



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Continuous Integration



Travis CI

- Testing is cool, but *automated* testing is cooler!
- Typically CI creates a test environment
 - Run on as many supported OSes as possible/needed
 - Install any requirements
 - Compile
 - Lint
 - Run unit tests

```
--  
dist: xenial  
language: python  
python:  
  - "3.6"  
  - "3.7"  
install:  
  - pip install -r requirements.txt  
script:  
  - pylama .  
  - black --check .  
  - ./check_line_lengths.sh  
  - py.test -s -v day4/test_ex1.py
```

Unit Testing Exercises

Exercises:

`{{ github_repo }}/day4/ci/exercise1.md`

The end...

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