Nautobot 1.1.0 Key Features

New Features Overview

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AGENDA

- Computed Custom Fields
- Config Context Schemas
- Saved GraphQL Queries
- Read-Only Jobs
- Plugin-Defined Navigation

Computed Custom Fields

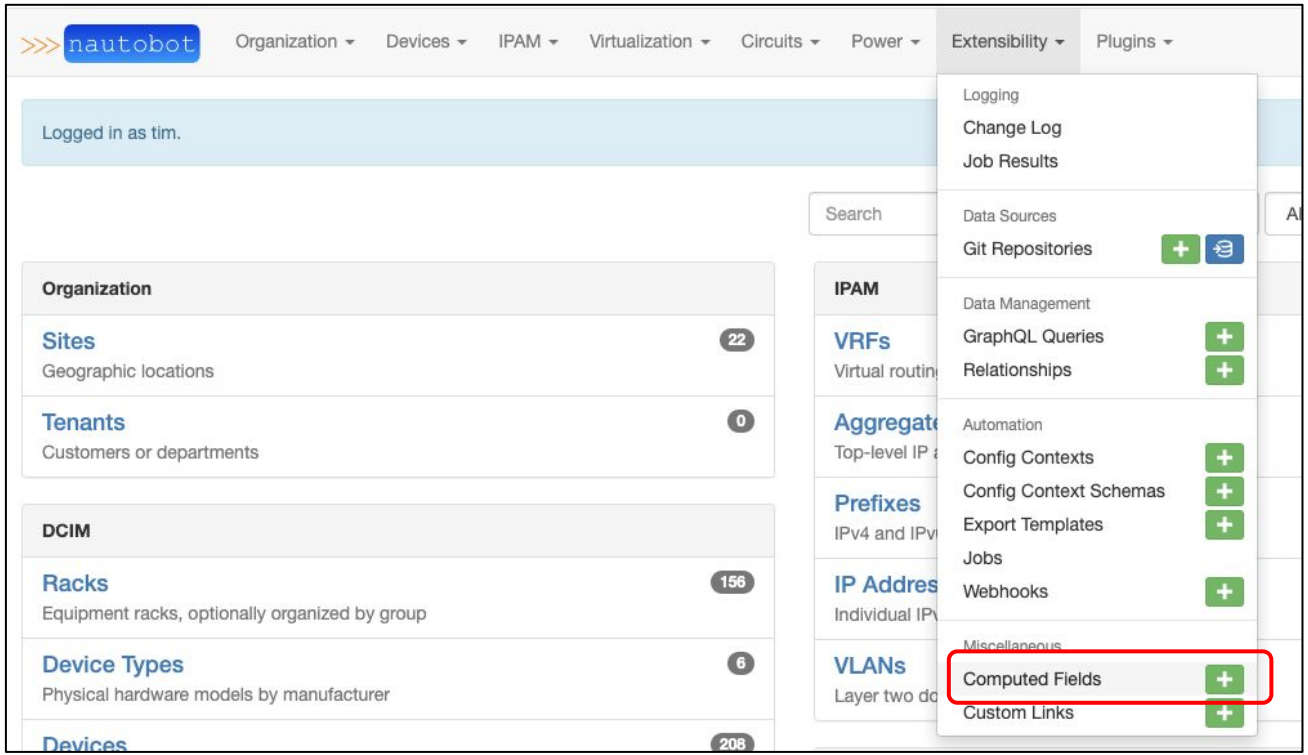
>>> Computed Fields

Computed Fields allow users to create *read-only* custom fields from data already in the database

The following slides will walk you through an example

>>> Computed Fields

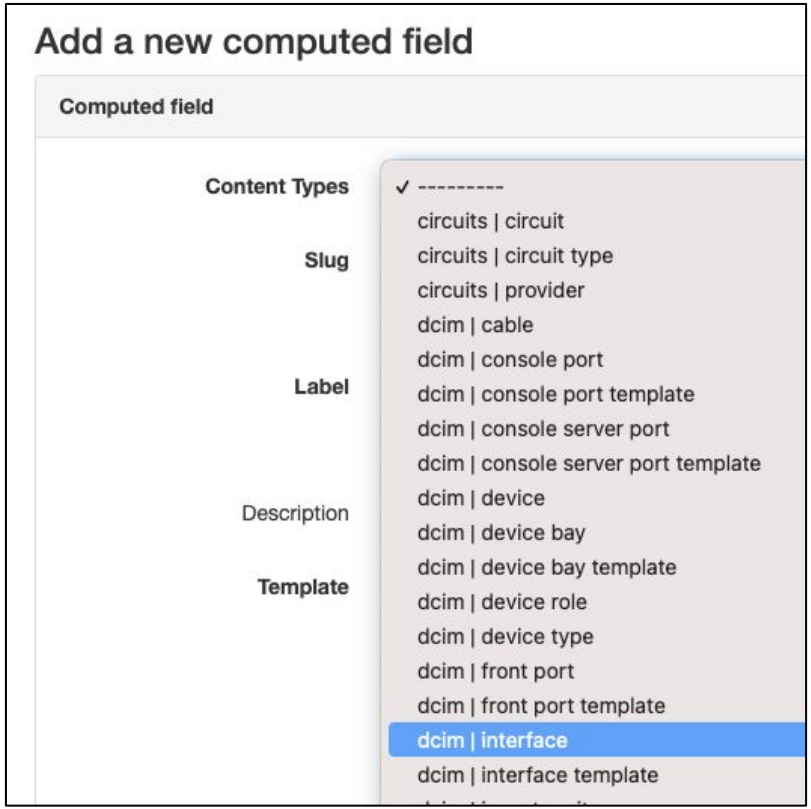
From the Web UI → Extensibility → Computed Fields



>>> Computed Fields Example

This computed fields example will deal with Interface objects

In the ***Add a new computed field*** form, specify **dcim|interface** in the *Content Types* dropdown selector

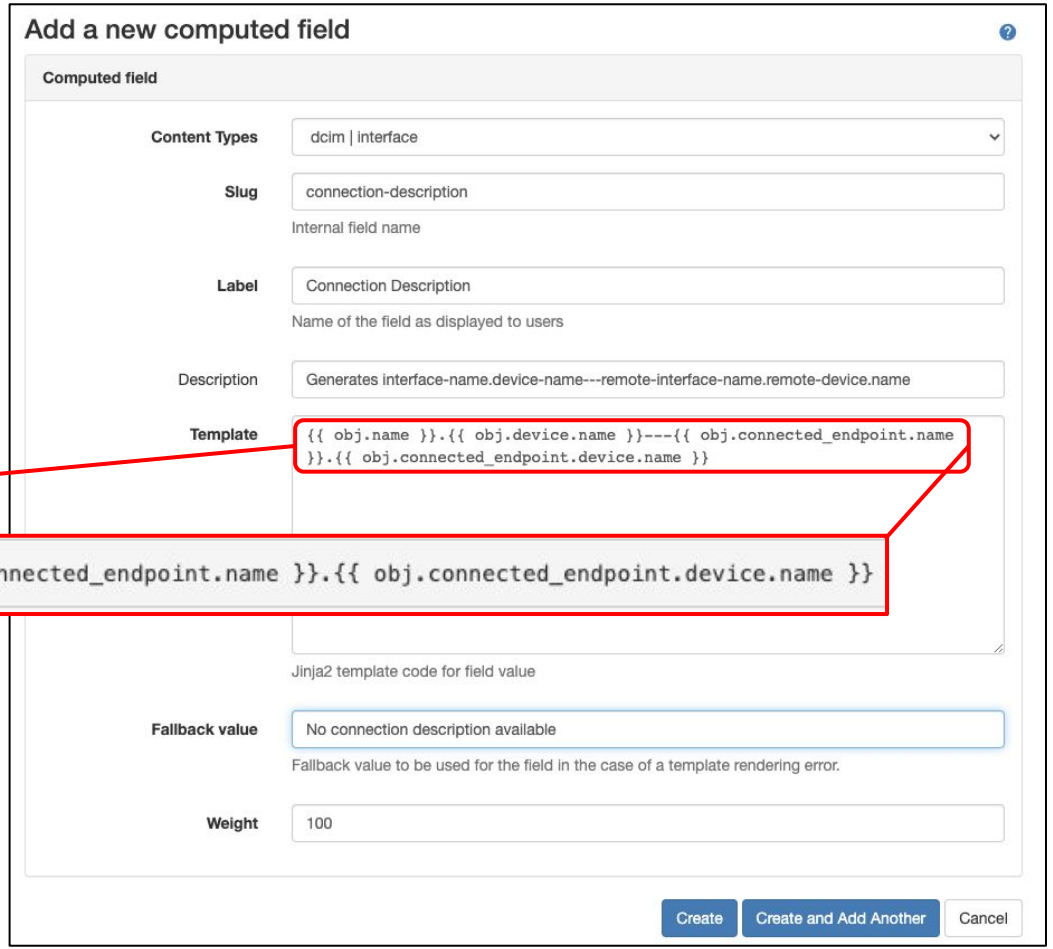


>>> Computed Fields

The *Template* field holds Jinja2 template code

Within the *Template* field, **obj** refers to the object type specified in the *Content Types* field

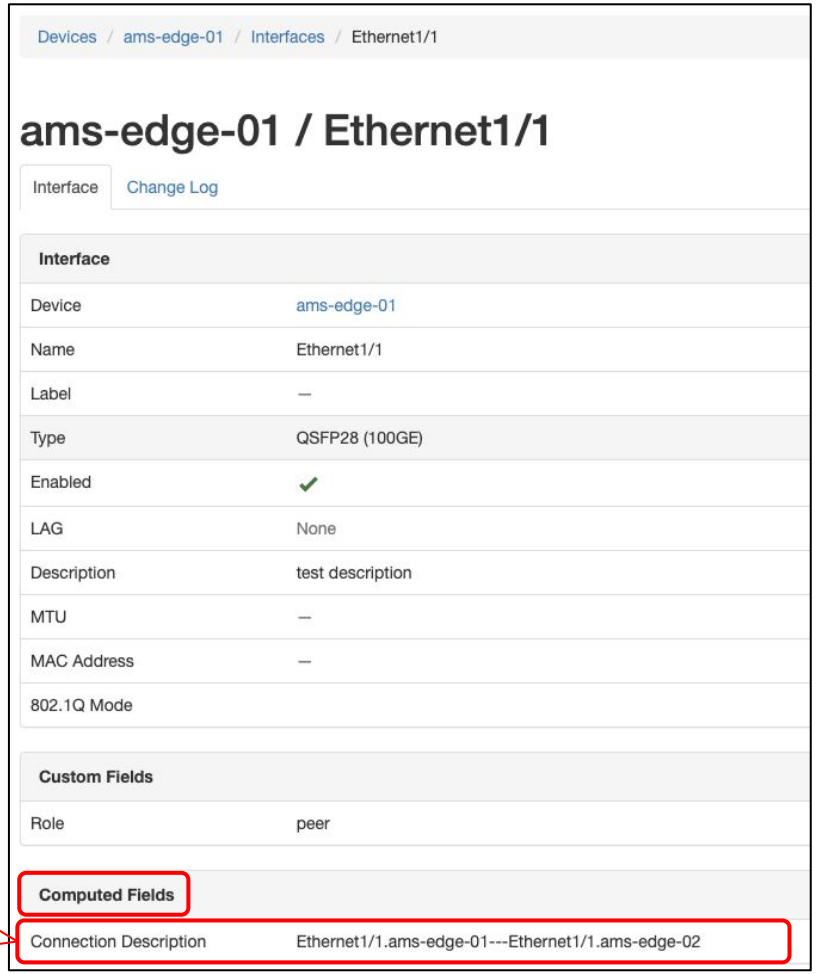
Also specify a *Fallback value* to display, in the event the field can't be computed



{{ obj.name }}.{{ obj.device.name }}---{{ obj.connected_endpoint.name }}.{{ obj.connected_endpoint.device.name }}

>>> Computed Field Takes Effect

As soon as it's created, the Computed Field takes effect on the specified objects



Ethernet1/1.ams-edge-01---Ethernet1/1.ams-edge-02

>>> Computed Fields and APIs

You can also retrieve computed fields programmatically via the **opt_in_fields=computed_fields** qualifier.

For example - *to get computed fields for ams-edge-01 interface Ethernet1/1*:

https://192.168.18.2/api/dcim/interfaces/?name=Ethernet1%2F1&device=ams-edge-01&**opt_in_fields=computed_fields**


Config Context Schemas

>>> Background on Config Contexts

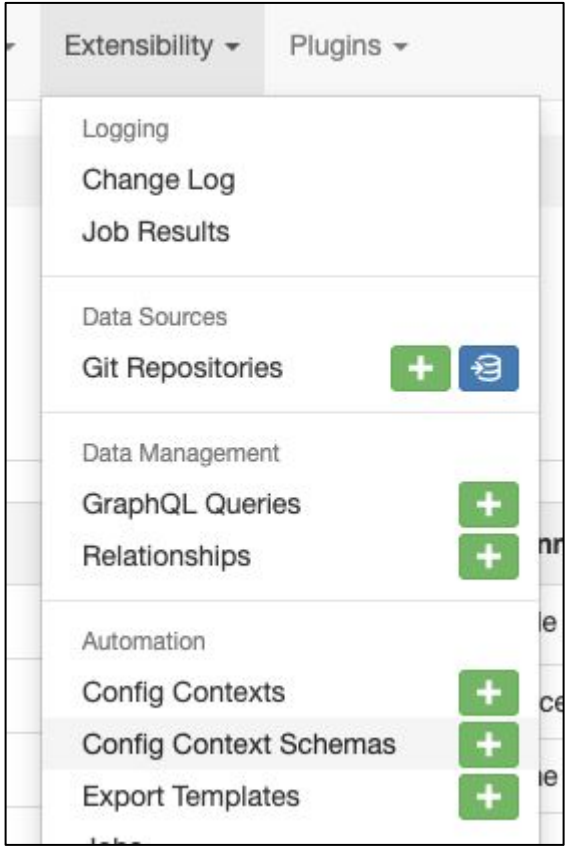
Config contexts are an existing feature within Nautobot

Config contexts allow Nautobot to store arbitrary YAML and JSON data

At scale, it is helpful to have constraints on that data

Data

```
{
    "ntp-servers": [
        "172.16.10.22",
        "172.16.10.33"
    ]
}
```

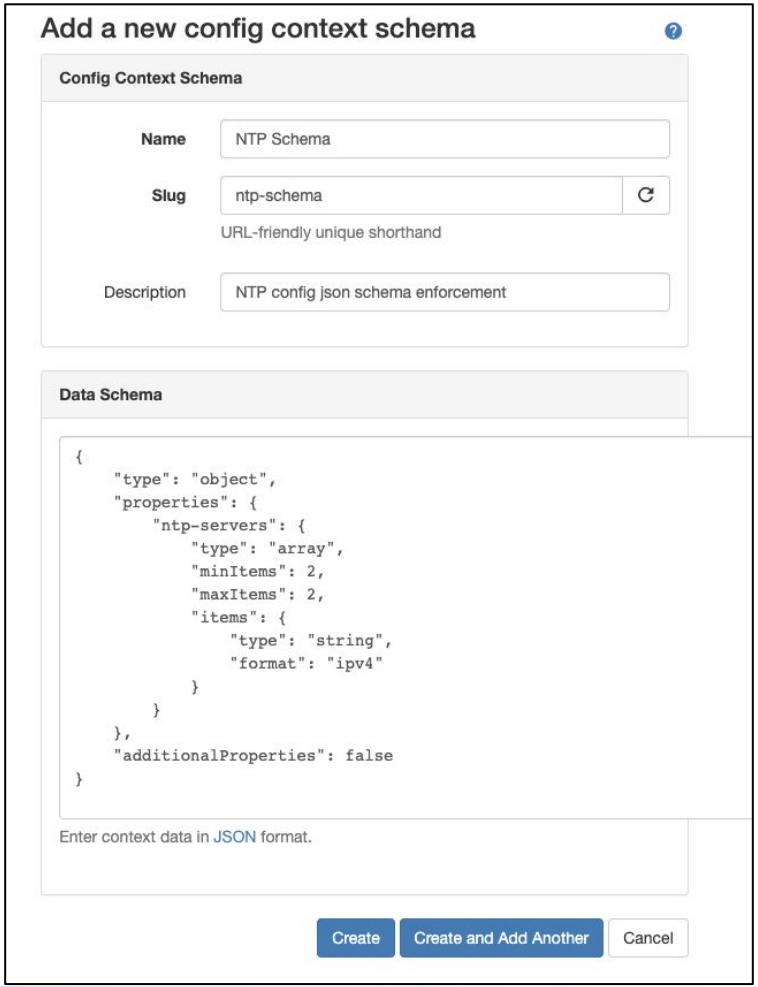


>>> Example Config Context Schema

The config context schema here specifies the following restrictions for config schema data for NTP servers:

- Min items = 2
- Max items = 2
- String type
- IPv4 format

Example here is from
https://nautobot.readthedocs.io/en/latest/additional-features/config-contexts/#config-context-schemas



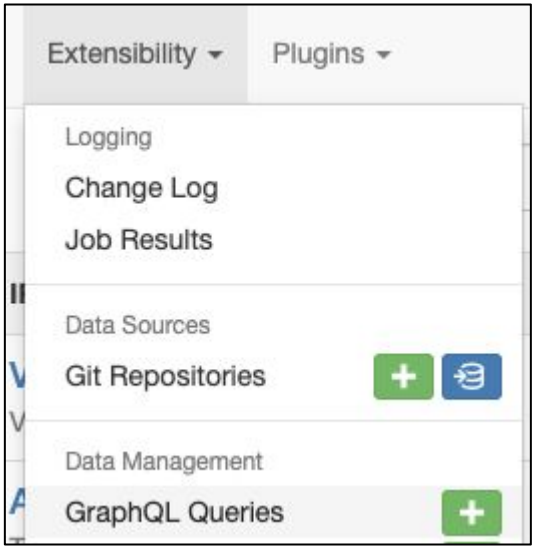
>>> A better look at the schema we created

Data Schema

```
{
    "type": "object",
    "properties": {
        "ntp-servers": {
            "type": "array",
            "minItems": 2,
            "maxItems": 2,
            "items": {
                "type": "string",
                "format": "ipv4"
            }
        }
    },
    "additionalProperties": false
}
```

Enter context data in JSON format.

Create | Create and Add Another | Cancel



NOTE: the data schemas can be stored in a git repository as well

>>> Make Config Context

The ***Add a new config context*** form now has a field to specify the config context schema

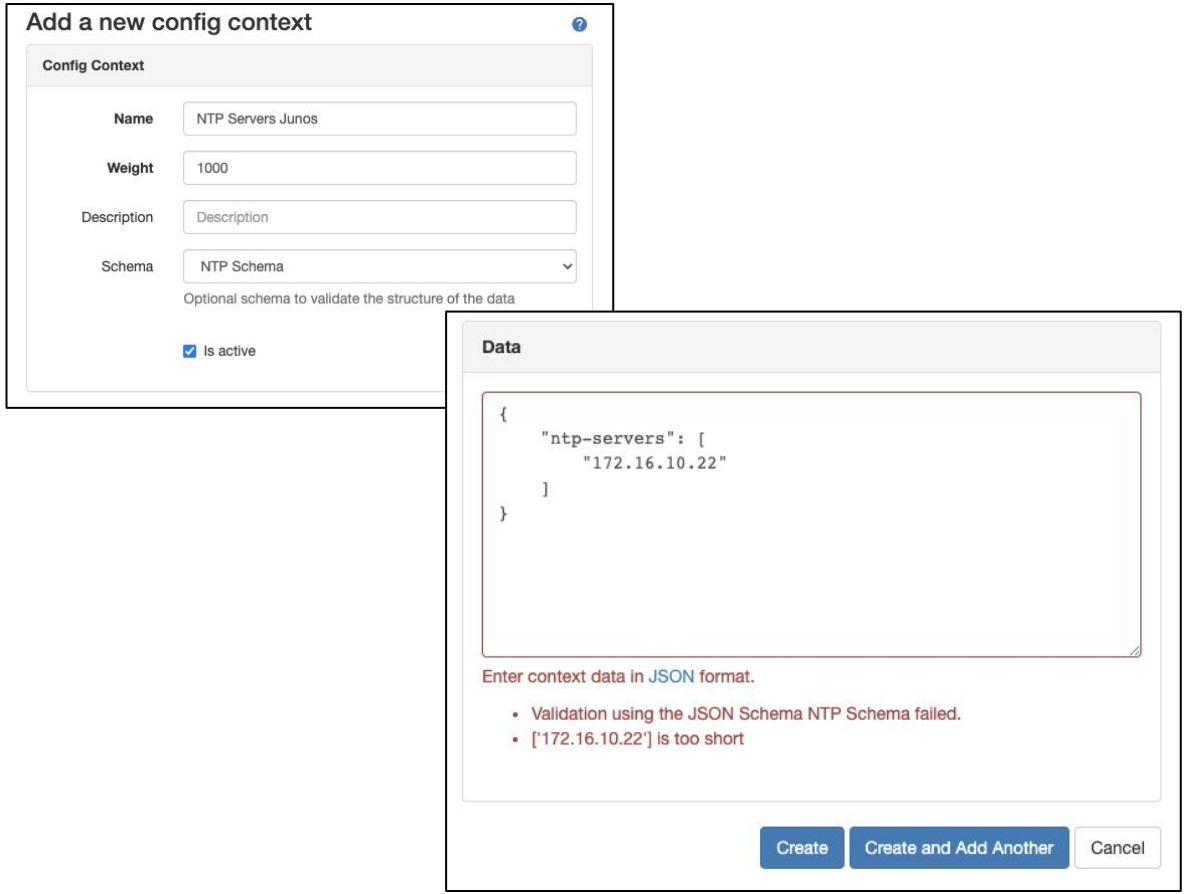
This new config context will specify schema constraints on NTP server data

- The config context will then be bound by the *NTP Schema* config context

>>> Make Config Context (continued)

This is the data we will specify in the ***Add a new config context*** form

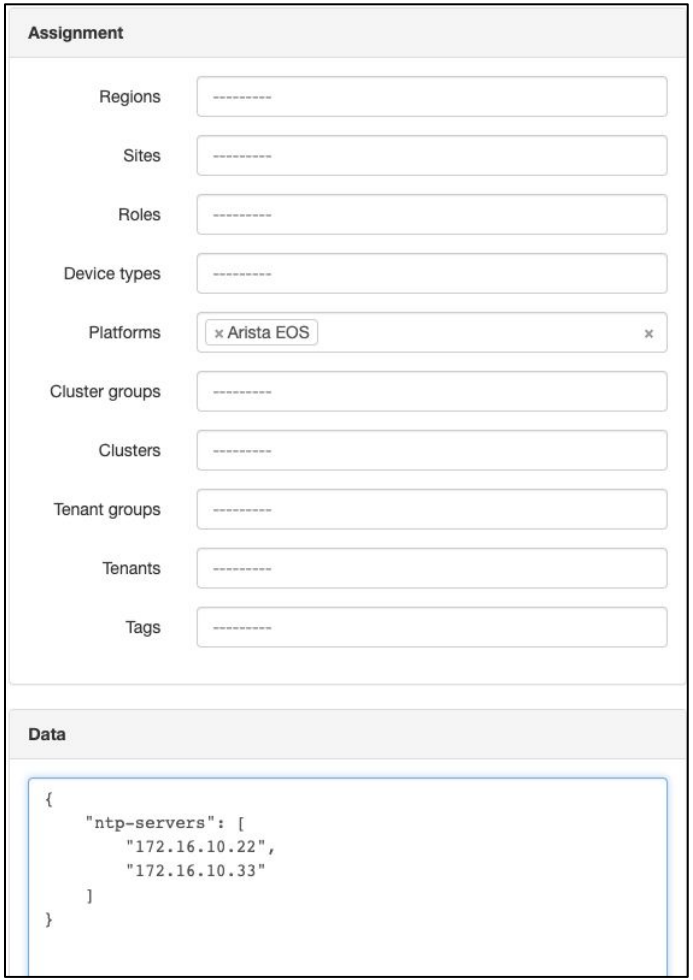
Creating this config context **fails** because the data does not meet the *NTP Schema* config context schema



>>> Compliance

The config context can be modified on the ***Add a new config context*** form to comply with the schema, which allows the config context to be created

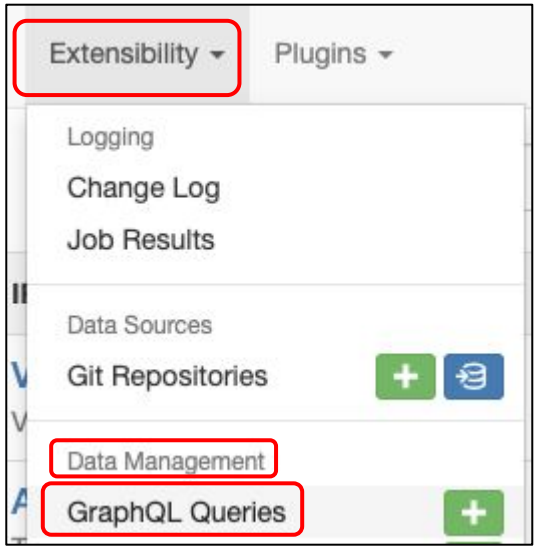
- In this case, IPv4 data for a second server is added



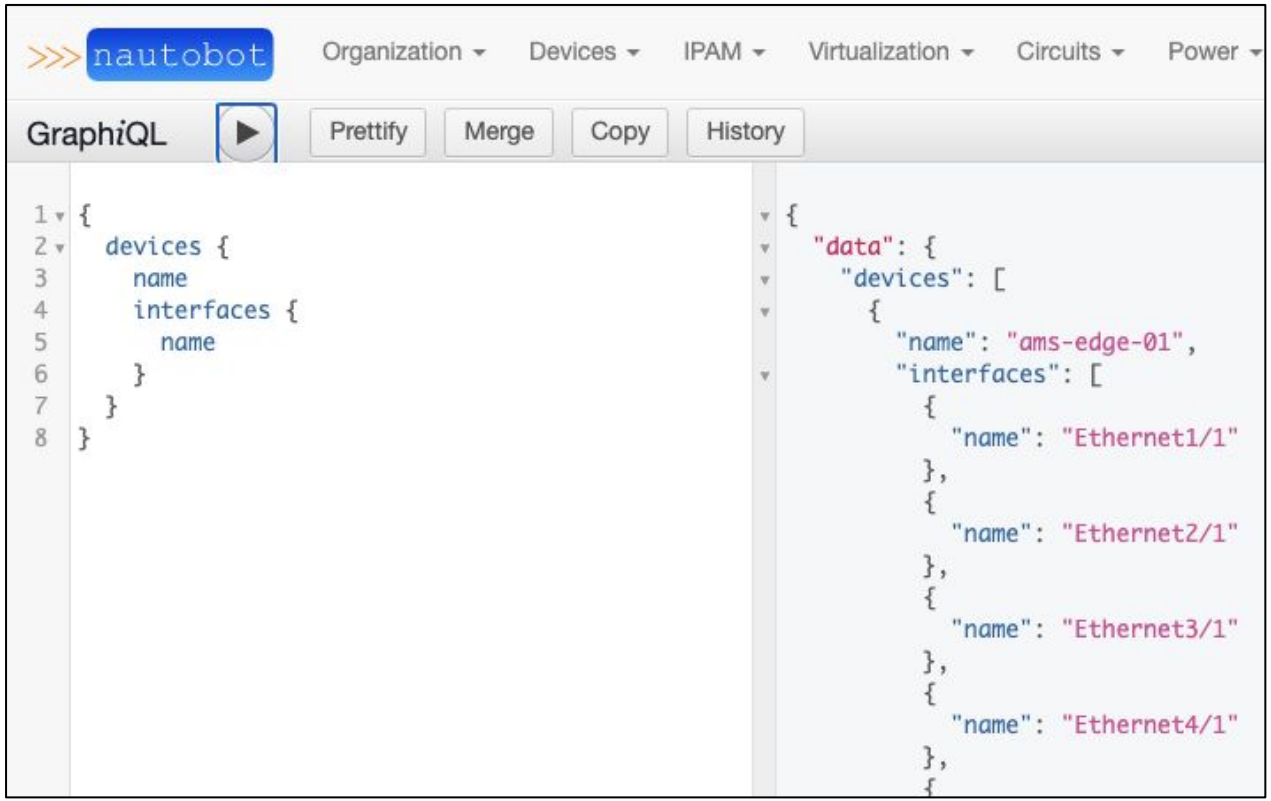
Saved GraphQL Queries

>>> Users Can Save GraphQL Queries

Reach the GraphQL Queries main page via **Extensibility → Data Management → GraphQL Queries**



>>> Test/tune query in Nautobot's GraphiQL interface . . . .

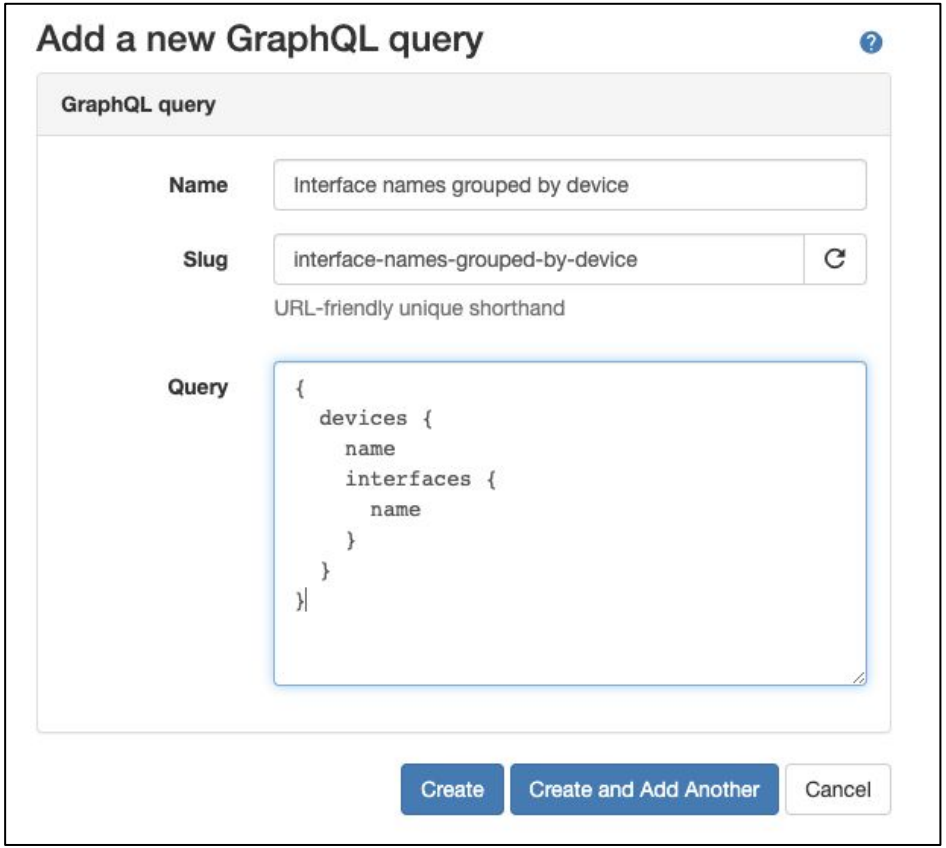


>>> . . . then save the query!

Get to the Add a new GraphQL query form

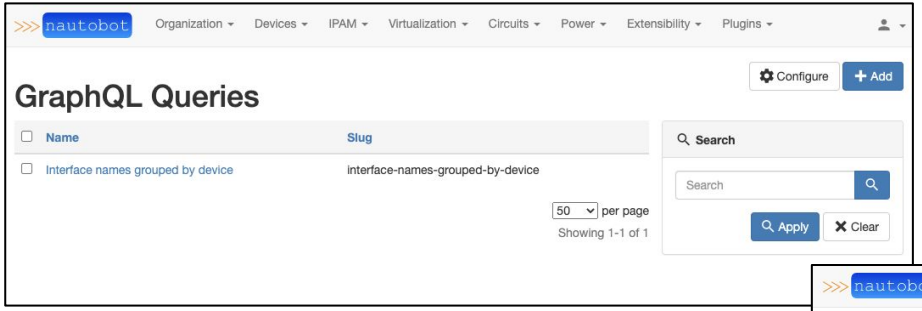
- Navigate to the GraphQL Queries main page and click the + Add button
- Or via the top-level menu: **Extensibility → Data Management → GraphQL Queries →** +

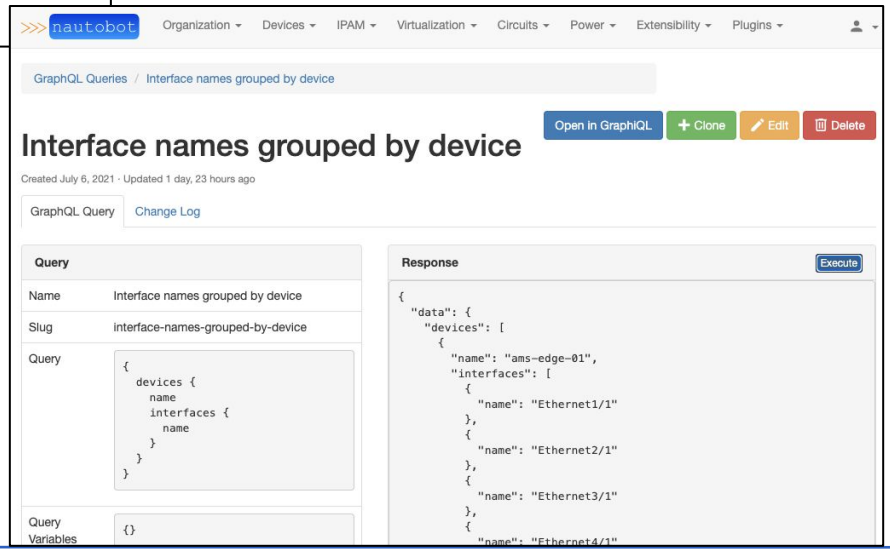
Fill out the form, pasting your query



Accessing a Saved Query

You can access a saved query from the GraphQL Queries main page

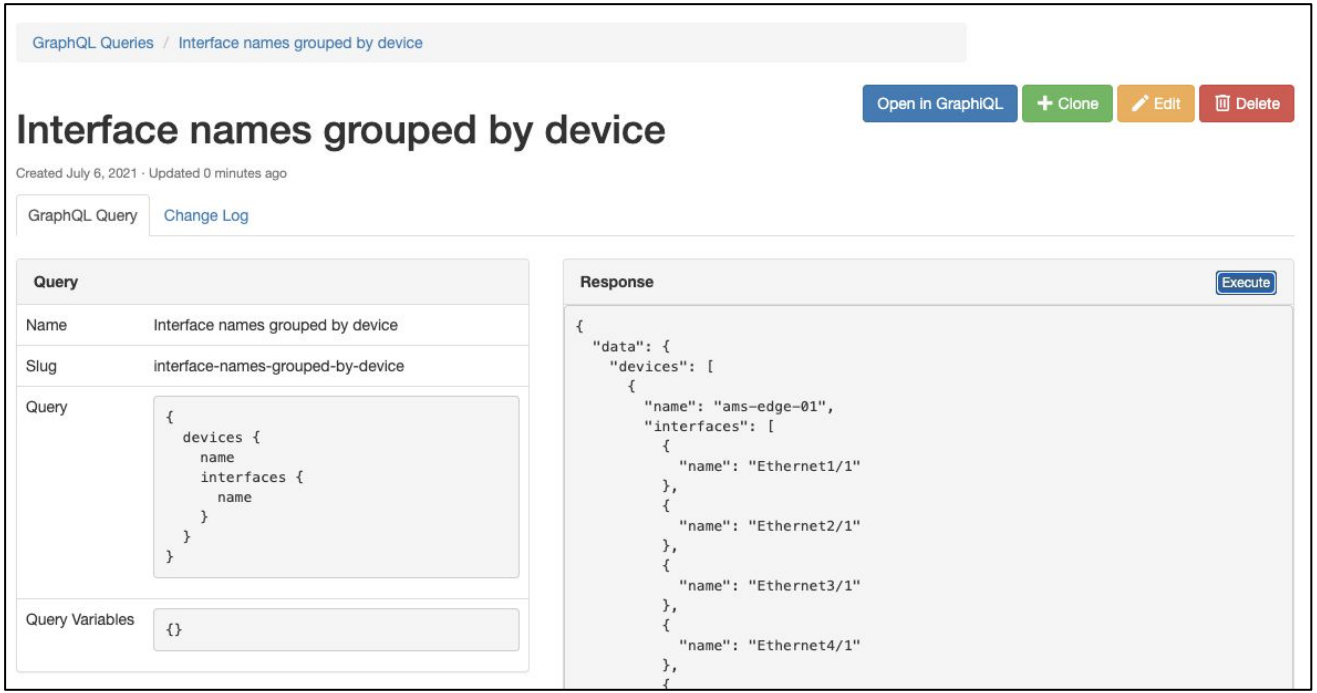




>>> Saved Query Operations

From the query's main page, you can

- Edit the query
- Execute the query
- Open the query in Nautobot's GraphiQL interface
- Clone the query
- Delete the query



>>> Executing a saved query programmatically

To execute a stored query via the REST API, a POST request can be sent to this endpoint:

`/api/extras/graphql-queries/[slug]/run/`

Tip: the slug is available on the query's main page

Read-Only Jobs

>>> Read-Only Jobs

Allows programmer to write a Job that is explicitly *read-only*

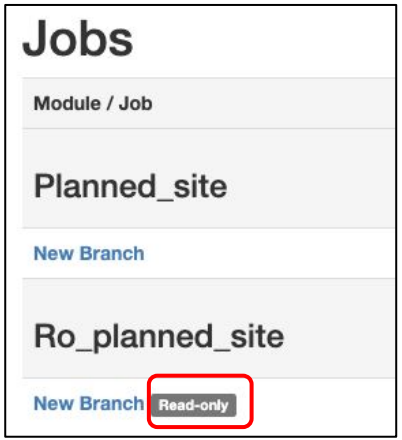
- New *read_only* Meta class attribute
- Defaults to False
- Explicitly set to True for a *read-only* Job

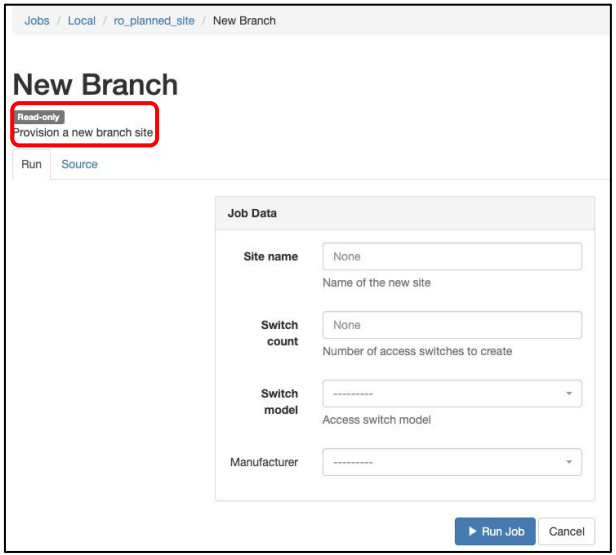
```
class NewBranch(Job):

    class Meta:
        name = "New Branch"
        description = "Provision a new branch site"
        field_order = ['site_name', 'switch_count', 'switch_model']
        read_only = True
```

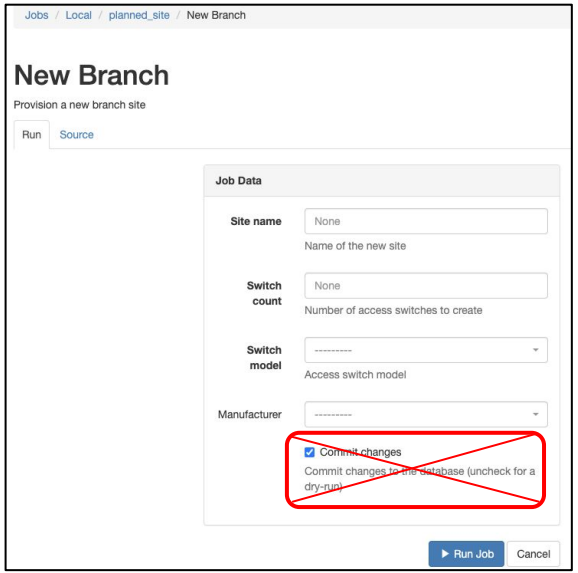
>>> Read-Only Jobs

Marks read-only jobs with a **Read-only** badge

Removes *Commit changes* checkbox







>>> Read-Only Jobs

Eliminates confusion for report-style Job users:

- Log messages that are normally automatically emitted about the database reversions are not included because no changes to data are allowed

Read-only

Summary of Results: Completed started at **July 8, 2021 7:55 p.m.** by **demo** and ran for **0 minutes, 4.46 seconds**

run — 9 1 0 0

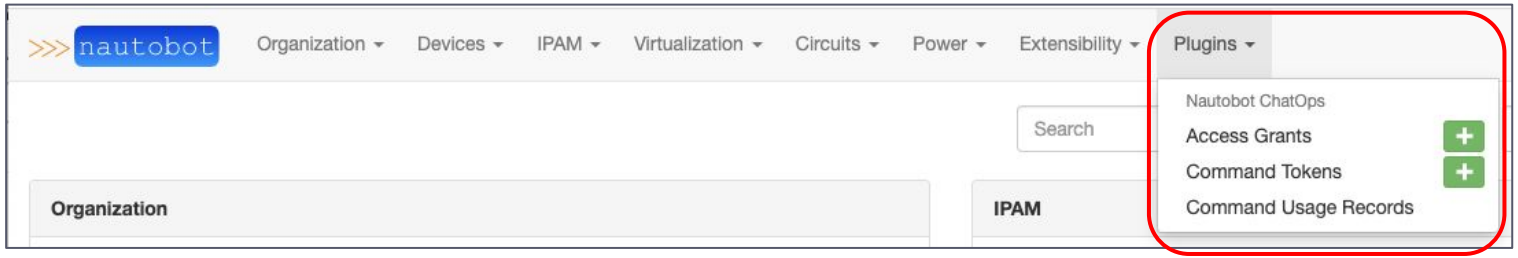
Logs

Time	Level	Object	Message
run			9 1 0 0
2021-07-08T19:55:38.692728	Success	ang	Site ang successfully created
2021-07-08T19:55:39.275642	Success	ang-edge-01	Device ang-edge-01 successfully created
2021-07-08T19:55:39.851262	Success	ang-edge-02	Device ang-edge-02 successfully created
2021-07-08T19:55:40.507504	Success	ang-leaf-01	Device ang-leaf-01 successfully created
2021-07-08T19:55:41.012200	Success	ang-leaf-02	Device ang-leaf-02 successfully created
2021-07-08T19:55:42.213288	Success	tel-30049149940741	Circuit tel-30049149940741 successfully created
2021-07-08T19:55:42.385819	Success	tel-30049149987397	Circuit tel-30049149987397 successfully created
2021-07-08T19:55:42.714595	Success	ntt-30049149940777	Circuit ntt-30049149940777 successfully created
2021-07-08T19:55:42.811428	Success	ntt-30049149987433	Circuit ntt-30049149987433 successfully created
2021-07-08T19:55:42.879454	Info		Database changes have been reverted automatically.


Plugin-Defined Navigation

>>> Plugins and Nav Menus

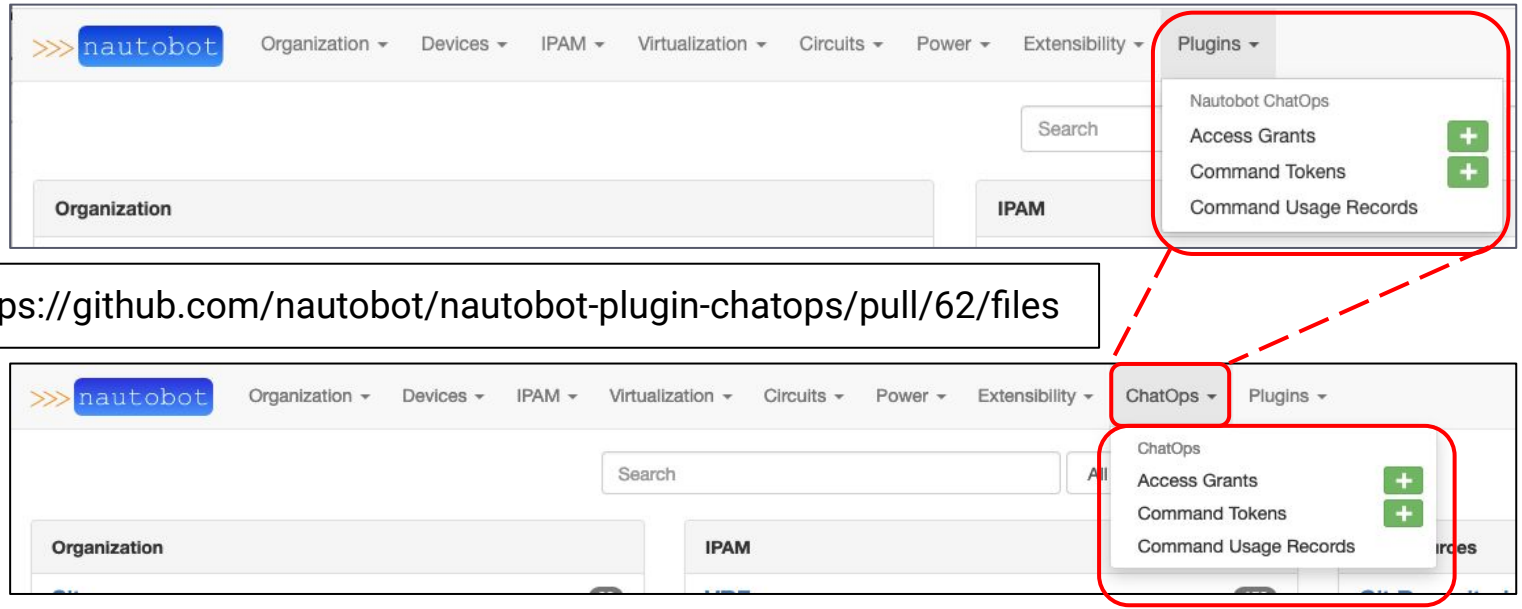
Up until Nautobot 1.1.0, a plugin's menu options resided in a **NavMenuGroup** under the *Plugins* **NavMenuTab**

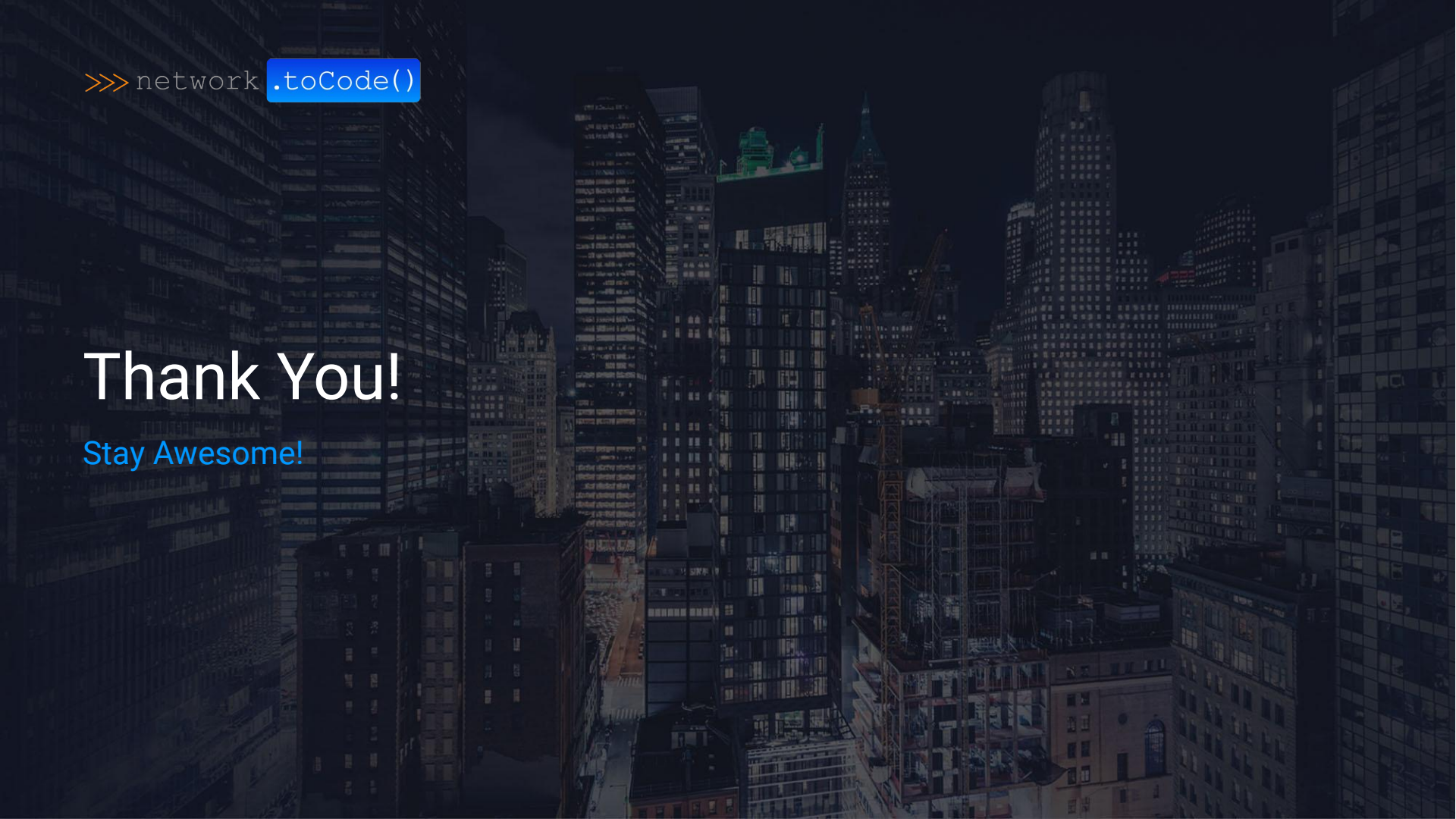


>>> Plugin-Defined Navigation

Starting in 1.1.0, plugin developers can add tabs, groups, items, and buttons in the top navigation menu

- The example below shows the *Nautobot ChatOps* **NavMenuGroup** being promoted to a **NavMenuTab** named *ChatOps*




>>> network .toCode()
Thank You!
Stay Awesome!