

# Autocon2 WS:A1 - Utilize GenAI for Network Troubleshooting

*Instructions for workshop participants*

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## Before we begin

We strongly encourage you to join our Slack channel for this workshop:

- URL: <https://networkautomationfrm.slack.com>
- Channel: `#ac2-ws-a1`

You can use this invite link (expires on mid Dec 2024):

[https://join.slack.com/t/networkautomationfrm/shared\\_invite/zt-2um4j8wld-pGr3P2Hi0Dx1KfMhjCEy8g](https://join.slack.com/t/networkautomationfrm/shared_invite/zt-2um4j8wld-pGr3P2Hi0Dx1KfMhjCEy8g)

## Get familiar with the setup

The setup used during the workshop consists of two main components:

- The Net-Chat Assistant running as a docker container
- Containerlab environment simulating network topology

## Network topology overview

The diagram below presents the network topology to be used during the workshop. This is a simple ISP topology with PE, CE routers and PCs emulating customer endpoints. To keep things simple we only used BGP and OSPF here. No MPLS/LDP/ISIS/RSVP will be used during the hands-on. The entire environment will come installed and ready to use on VMs running in a public cloud. To avoid any licensing issues, we decided to use open-source NOS such as Alpine & FRR for PEs and VYOS for CEs.

**Note:** Although full administrative access is granted to each device participating in the topology, we strongly recommend that you do not change existing configurations unless explicitly asked to do so.

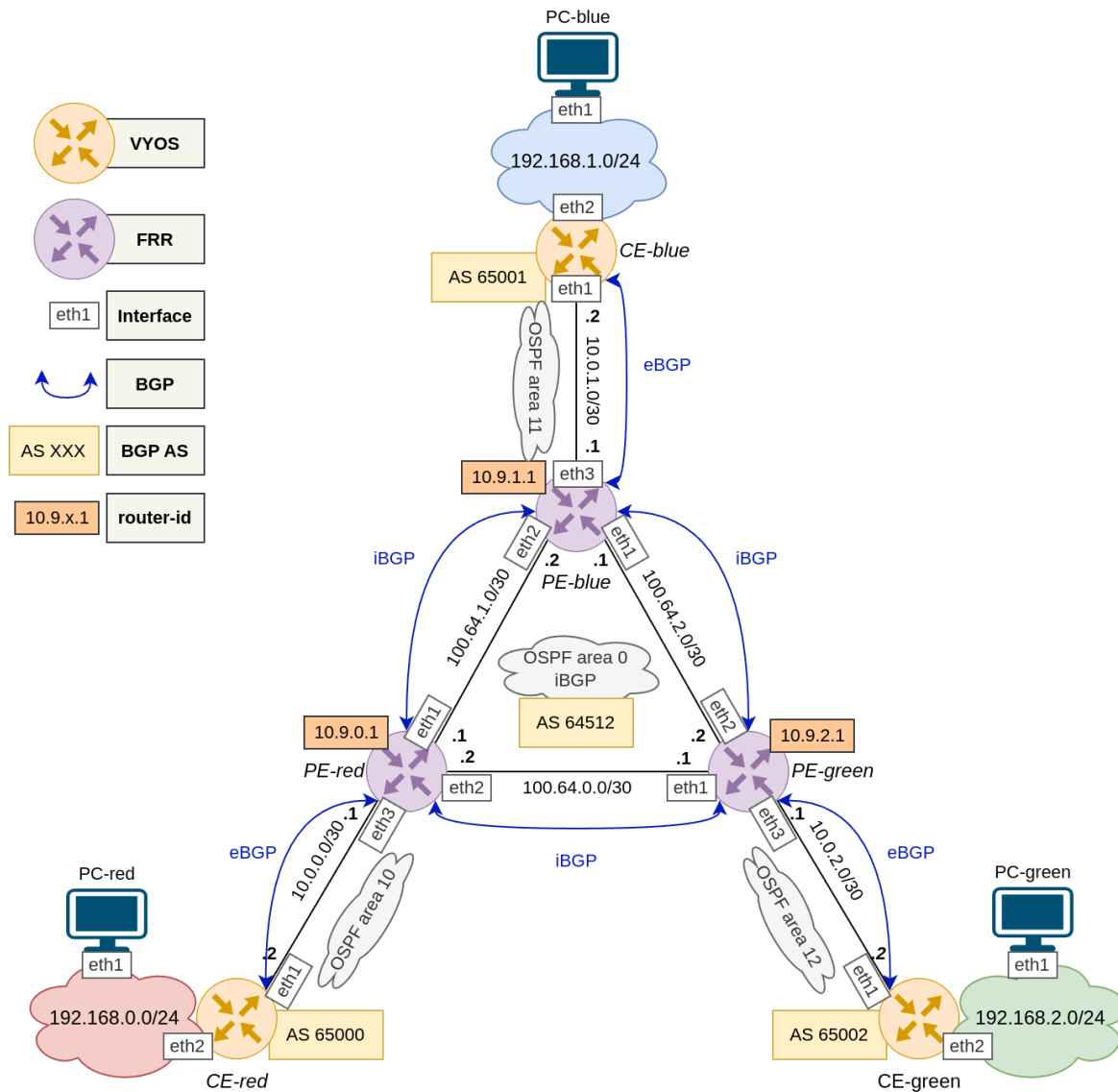


Figure 1: Network topology overview

## Access to VMs

Each workshop participant will have access to a dedicated VM in the cloud. Hostname and login credentials will be given during the workshop. Access is provided via SSH protocol. However, since the Net-Chat Assistant is available via web interface and listening on its **loopback** on **8501** TCP port, an SSH tunnel is needed to gain access.

## SSH session with port forwarding using PuTTY

Here's how to set it up in PuTTY (**vm\_nb** and **password** will be given to you at the beginning of the workshop) :

1. **Open PuTTY:** Launch the PuTTY application.
2. **Session Settings:**
  - In the left pane, go to **Session**.
  - Enter the **Host Name (or IP address)** as **vm-<vm\_nb>.ac2.codilime.com**.
  - Set the **Port** to **22** (default for SSH).
  - Under **Connection type**, select **SSH**.
3. **Define the SSH Tunnel (Port Forwarding):**
  - In the left pane, expand **Connection > SSH** and then select **Tunnels**.
  - In the **Source port** field, enter **8501** (the local port).
  - In the **Destination** field, enter **127.0.0.1:8501** (the address and port on the remote server).
  - Ensure **Local** is selected (for local port forwarding).
  - Click **Add**. The forwarded port should now appear in the **Forwarded ports** list as **L8501 127.0.0.1:8501**.
4. **Save the Session** (optional):
  - Return to the **Session** category at the top of the left pane.

- Under **Saved Sessions**, type a name (e.g., **VM SSH Tunnel**) and click **Save** to easily reuse this configuration in the future.

5. **Connect:**

- Click **Open** to start the SSH connection.
- A terminal window will open, prompting you to enter the password for **codi** user.

## SSH session with port forwarding using Linux terminal (alternative)

Here's how to set it up in Linux (**vm\_nb** and **password** will be given to you at the beginning of the workshop) :

1. Open a terminal and type the following command:

```
# ssh -L 8501:127.0.0.1:8501 codi@vm-<vm_nb>.ac2.codilime.com
```

2. Enter the **password** for **codi** user for your VM

**Note:** Please always keep at least one SSH session open to ensure that the web UI is accessible at all times.

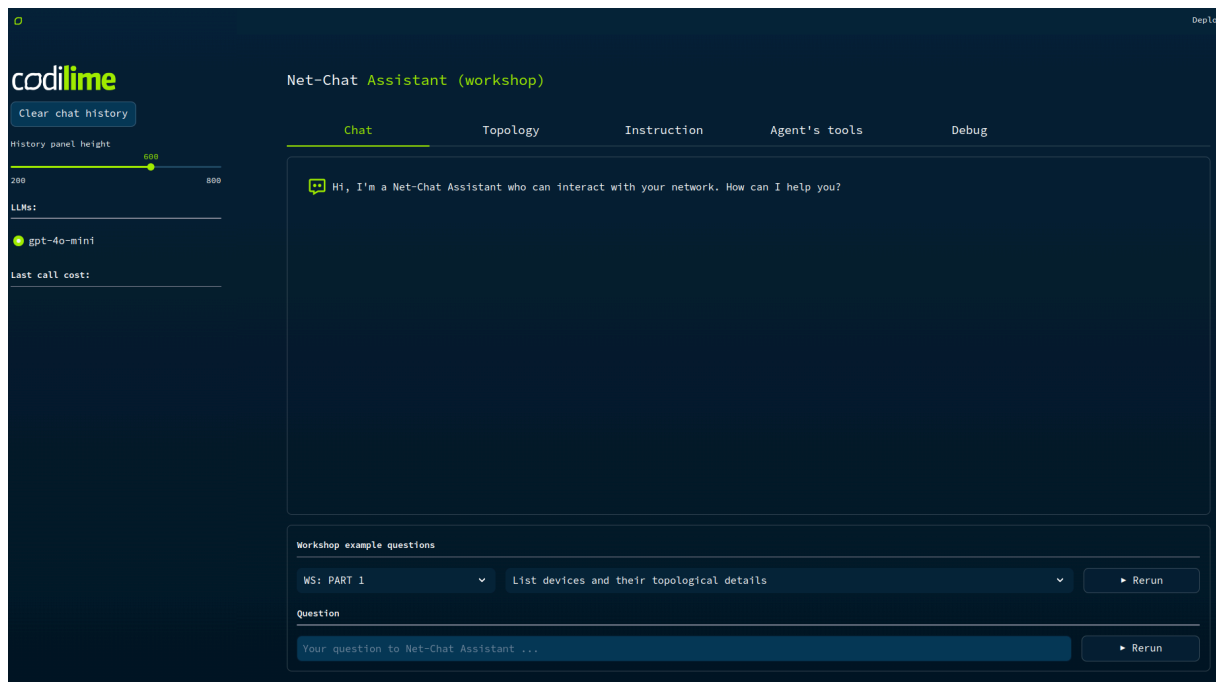
## Web access

Having SSH tunneling up and running, you can access the web interface of the Net-Chat Assistant:

1. Open your browser (Chrome/Firefox) and paste the link:

**<http://localhost:8501>**

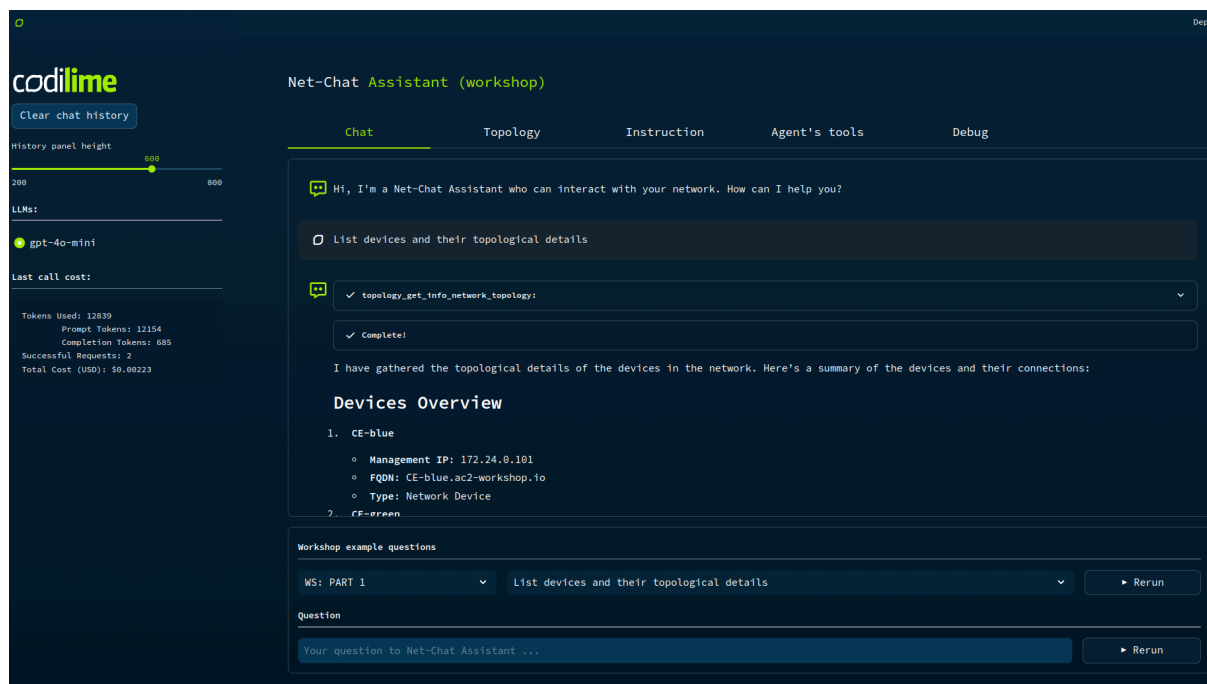
2. You should see the Net-Chat Assistant web application.



3. Ask a question to the Net-Chat Assistant (in order to check if everything is working as intended):

List devices and their topology details

4. You should see a response from the Net-Chat Assistant



## What the VM contains

The following chapter is mostly optional; however, you should familiarize yourself with the section about accessing Containerlab devices, as this knowledge will be needed later on.

## [OPTIONAL] Directory contents

In order to get familiar with the VM content, you can also use the `ls` command to list the directories that will be used during the workshop:

- **clab/** - directory with a network model used by containerlab
- **clab\_backup/** - backup directory with a network model used by containerlab
- **src/** - directory with the Net-Chat Assistant python code
- **ac2.env** - env variables with OPENAI\_API\_KEY and credentials to network devices

- **docker-compose.yml** - docker compose config for convenient restarts of the Net-Chat Assistant
- **scripts/failure\_\*.sh** - scripts for simulating failures in the network during the workshop
- **scripts/recovery\_\*.sh** - scripts for network recovery after each hands-on part
- **scripts/fix\_code\_\*.sh** - scripts for proper code changes in the Net-Chat Assistant
- **scripts/reset\_net\_chat.sh** - script to reset the Net-Chat Assistant (redeploy it from scratch)
- **scripts/restart\_net\_chat.sh** - script to restart the Net-Chat Assistant (after code change)
- **scripts/reset\_containerlab.sh** - script to reset the Containerlab network (redeploy it from scratch)

**Note:** Please do not execute any scripts or change the contents of any file at this time.

## [OPTIONAL] Containers are running on VM

To check what containers are running on the VM you also execute:

```
# sudo docker ps --format "table {{.Names}}\t{{.Status}}"
```

This command should give you the following output:

Unset

```
# sudo docker ps --format "table {{.Names}}\t{{.Status}}"
NAMES      STATUS
# docker container running the Net-Chat Assistant
```



```
net-chat    Up 10 minutes
# docker containers running network devices (Containerlab)
PE-blue     Up 8 hours
PE-red      Up 8 hours
PE-green    Up 8 hours
CE-blue     Up 8 hours
CE-green    Up 8 hours
CE-red      Up 8 hours
# docker containers running endpoint devices (Containerlab)
PC-red      Up 8 hours
PC-green    Up 8 hours
PC-blue     Up 8 hours
```

## Access to network devices via SSH

Using the credentials provided in the tables below, you can gain access to specific devices used in the network topology. Access is provided via SSH from the VM. You can use either their hostnames or IP addresses:

### PE devices:

Hostname	IP	Login	Password
PE-red	172.24.0.10	root	root
PE-blue	172.24.0.11	root	root
PE-green	172.24.0.12	root	root

### CE devices:

Hostname	IP	Login	Password
CE-red	172.24.0.100	vyos	vyos
CE-blue	172.24.0.101	vyos	vyos
CE-green	172.24.0.102	vyos	vyos

#### PC endpoints:

Hostname	IP	Login	Password
PC-red	172.24.0.200	root	root
PC-blue	172.24.0.201	root	root
PC-green	172.24.0.202	root	root

#### Examples:

1. **\$ ssh -t root@PE-red vtysh**  
PE-red# show version  
PE-red# exit
2. **\$ ssh vyos@CE-blue**  
vyos@CE-blue:~\$ show version  
vyos@CE-blue:~\$ exit
3. **\$ ssh root@172.24.0.202**  
PC-green:~# cat /etc/os-release  
PC-green:~# exit

**Note:** Please do not execute any configuration commands or change device states at this time.

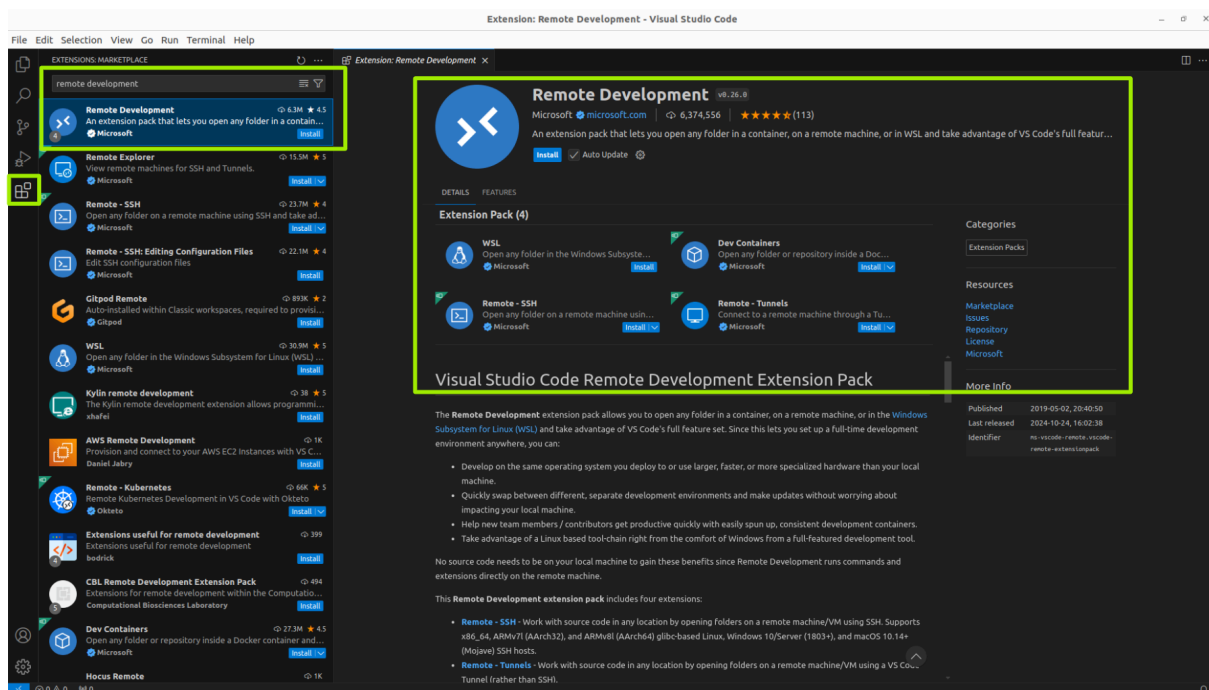
**Note:** On VyOS (CE devices) missing interface configuration is intentional.

## [OPTIONAL] VS Code configuration steps

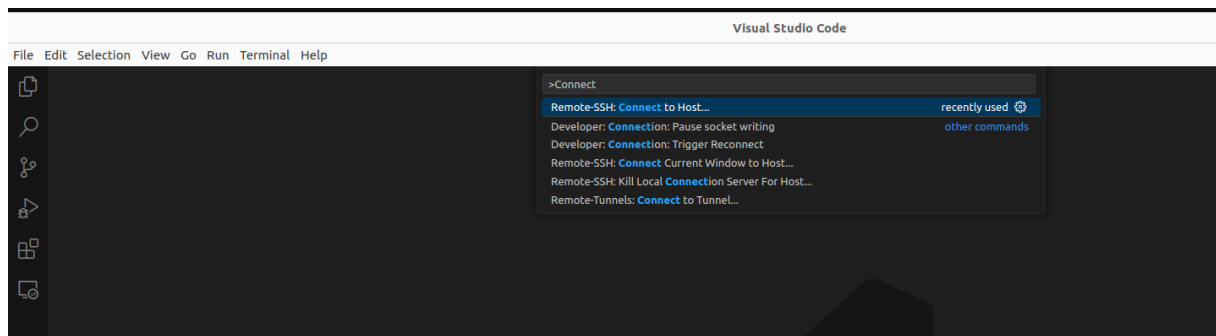
**Note:** If you decide not to use VS code, please skip this chapter.

To configure your VS Code to access Python code on a remote VM, please take the following steps :

1. Open VS Code
  - a. If you haven't done it already, install the "Remote Development" extension from Microsoft to VS Code

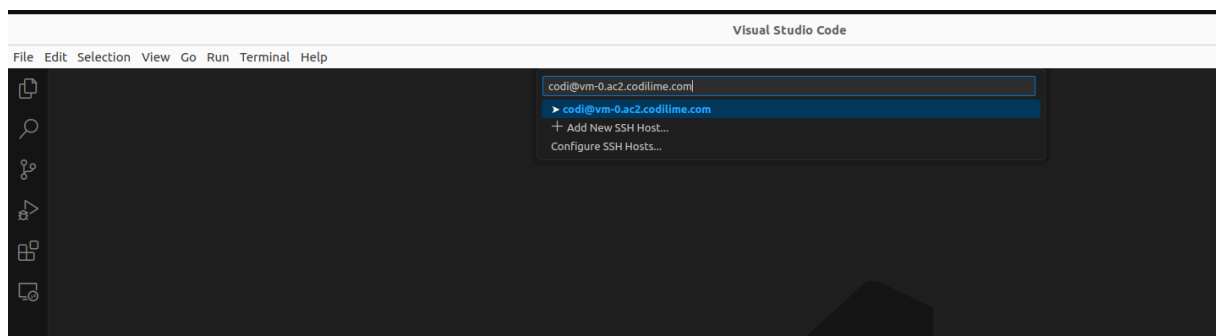


2. Click on menu **View>Command Palette...** (Ctrl+Shift+P), find and select the **Remote SSH: Connect to Host...** action and click it (see next screenshot for details)

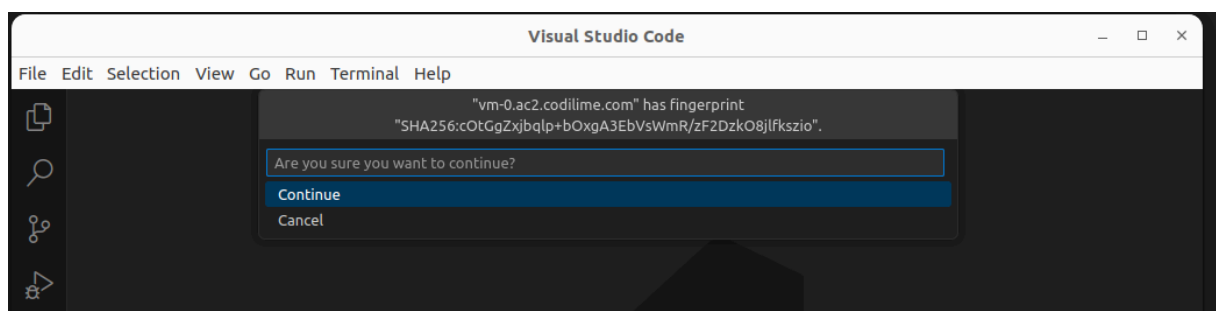


### 3. Enter connection details (user@host) to your VM:

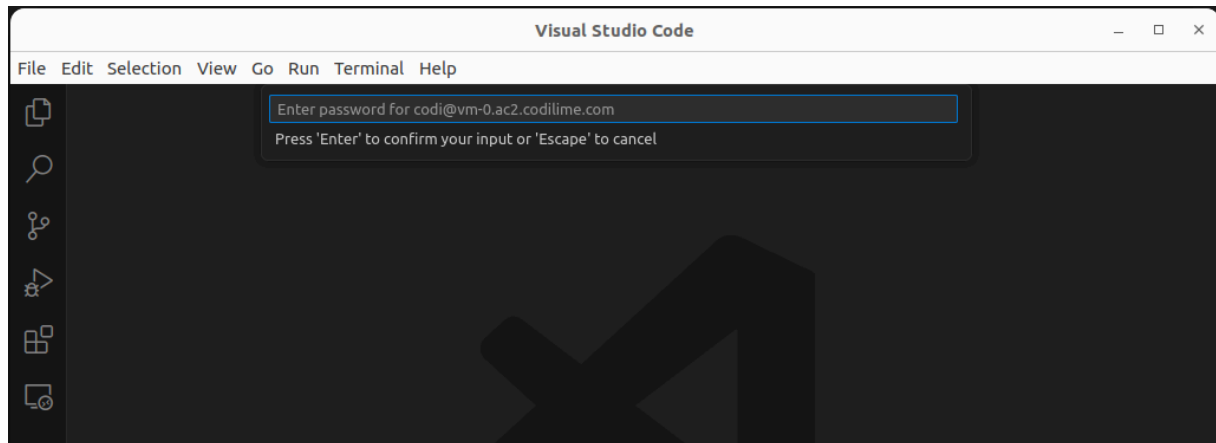
`codi@vm-<vm_nb>.ac2.codilime.com`. Be sure to provide the user name "**codi**" at the beginning. Press enter.



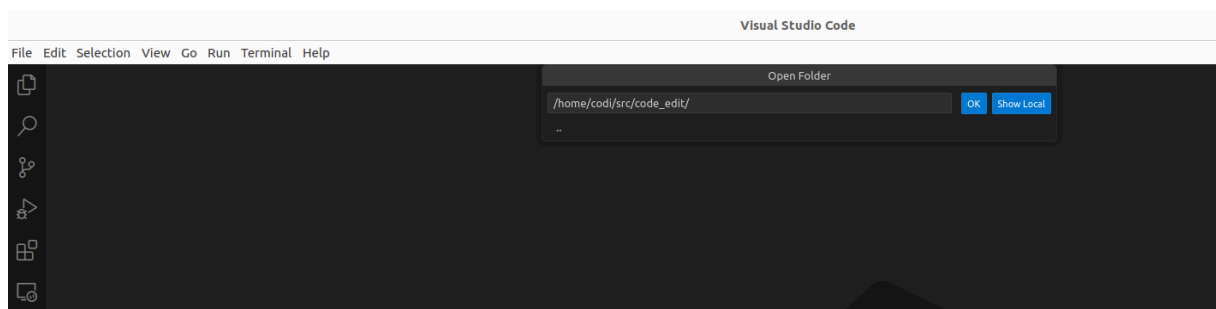
### 4. Click **Continue** if you see the following window:



### 5. Enter your **password** (see next screenshot for details)



6. After successful connection click on menu **File>Open Folder...** (Ctrl+K), select remote folder `/home/codi/src/code_edit/` and click **OK**.



7. You should see 2 python files to be edited in WS PART-3 (see next screenshot for details).

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add_ospf_tools.py - code_edit [SSH: vm-0-ac2.codilime.com] - Visual Studio Code
File Edit Selection View Go Run Terminal Help

EXPLORER
CODE_EDIT [SSH: VM-0-AC2.CODILIME.COM]
  add_ospf_tools.py
  agents.py

add_ospf_tools.py
1 from langchain.tools import tool
2 from net_tools.common import _base_parallel_executor, _base_method, get_not_implemented_message
3 from net_tools.frr_tools import PHRASES_TO_CLEAR_LIST
4 from net_tools.multi_vendor_tools import _base_vendor_dependent_exec
5 from net_tools.topology_tools import Vendor
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8 def frr_show_ip_ospf_neighbor_detail(device: str) -> str:
9     """Returns the output of command 'show ip ospf neighbor detail' on an FRR (Free Range Routing) device.
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11     Args:
12         device (str): shortname of the device or IP address of the device
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14     Returns (str): string with details of ip ospf neighbors of the device
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16     """
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18     # WORKSHOP-PART3 CODE MODIFICATION - START
19     # UNCOMMENT THE NEXT LINE
20     # command = "vtysh -c 'show ip ospf neighbor detail'"
21     # WORKSHOP-PART3 CODE MODIFICATION - END
22
23     # _base_method: opens ssh connection, executes command on the device and returns output
24     return _base_method(vendor=Vendor.FRR, device=device, command=command,
25                         output_phrases_to_clear=PHRASES_TO_CLEAR_LIST)
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28 def vyos_show_ip_ospf_neighbor_detail(device: str) -> str:
29     """Returns the output of the command 'show ip ospf neighbor detail' on a VyOS device.
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31     Args:
32         device (str): shortname of the device or IP address of the device
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## Hands-on

### Part 1 - Obtaining information about the network

#### Objectives

- Get familiar with the Net-Chat Assistant UI and underlying network topology
- Use AI to obtain network inventory information

#### Steps

##### *Query the Net-Chat Assistant*

- Switch to the Net-Chat Assistant in the browser and ask the following questions
- Observe the results and verify them against the network topology described in this guide
- If the output is not satisfactory, try repeating the same query or rephrasing it

**Note:** In order to repeat the last question, please use the **Rerun** button near the input GUI components.

- Example queries:

List devices and their topological details

List links and their topological details

List networking devices with their platform and OS version

List networking devices with their platform and OS version in tabular format

How are CE devices connected?

Check connectivity from CE to PE devices, present the results in tabular form

Check connectivity between PC endpoints, present the results in tabular form

Check WWW connectivity from PC endpoints to www.google.com, present the results in tabular form

Check WWW connectivity from PC endpoints to PC-blue, present the results in tabular form

Get basic data on interfaces on PE devices, present the results in tabular form

Get the ip addressing for loopback interfaces on PE-red

Is there a direct connection between PE-red and PE-green? If so, present its details.

Summarize the connection details between PE-red and PE-green and provide IP addresses on those interfaces



## Part 2 - Failure scenario I

### Objectives

- Introduce a link failure between PE-red and PE-green
- Debug a link failure between PE devices

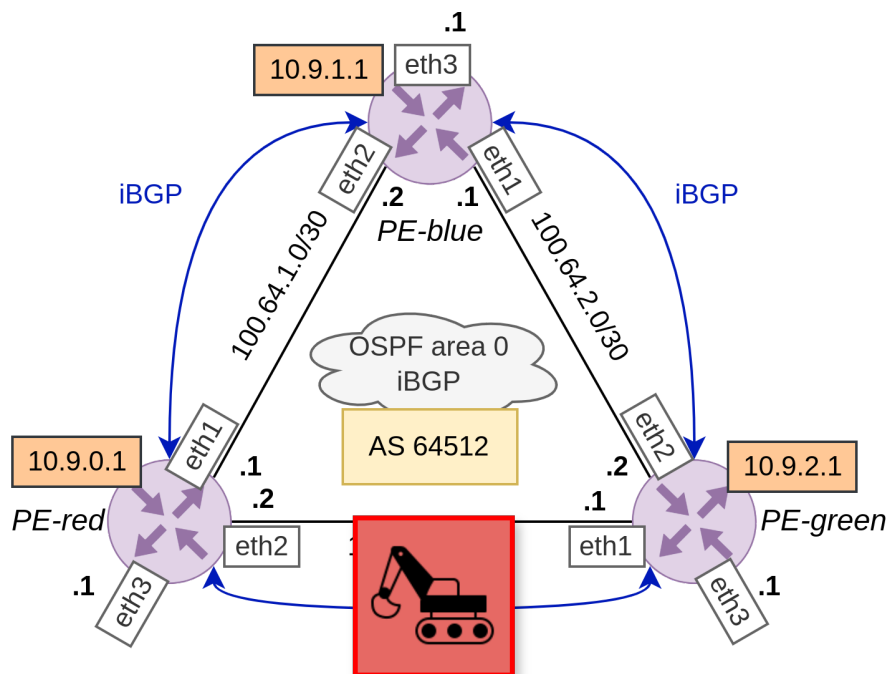
### Steps

#### Introduce a failure

Execute the following script in the VM shell:

```
$ sudo ~/scripts/failure_2.sh
```

INFO[0000] Executed command "ip link set eth2 down" on the node "PE-red". stdout:



*Figure 2: Simulated failure in Part 2*

The `failure_2.sh` script simulates a network link failure by bringing down the eth2 interface on the PE-red node. This failure can disrupt connectivity for any route or traffic that relies on eth2, potentially causing network congestion or rerouting as alternative paths are utilized, impacting network performance and availability.

### ***Check the impact of the failure on the network***

To check if there is indeed a problem between devices, issue the following commands and analyze the output:

```
$ ssh -t root@PE-red vtysh
```

```
PE-red# show interface eth2
```

```
Interface eth2 is down
```

```
Link ups:          0      last: (never)
```

```
Link downs:        1      last: 2024/11/12 09:23:44.87
```

```
$ ssh -t root@PE-green vtysh
```

```
PE-green# show interface eth1
```

```
Interface eth1 is up, line protocol is down
```

```
Link ups:          1      last: 2024/11/12 08:46:58.39
```

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Link downs:        1      last: 2024/11/12 09:23:44.87
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### ***Use the Net-Chat Assistant to debug issues***

- Switch to the Net-Chat Assistant in the browser and ask the following questions
- Observe the results and verify them against the network topology affected by the failure

- If the output is not satisfactory, try repeating the same query or rephrasing it

**Note:** In order to repeat the last question, please use the **Rerun** button near the input GUI components.

- Example queries:

Are there any problems in the network? Check each network device.

Which interfaces with IP addresses are down? Check each network device.

Check each network device. Which interfaces with IP addresses are down?

Show me more details about the eth1 interface on the PE-green device.

Show me more details about the eth1 interface on the PE-green device. Outline what is suspicious.

What is suspicious about the PE-red device?

### ***Restore the network to a normal state***

Run the following script:

```
$ sudo ~/scripts/recovery_2.sh
```

```
INFO[0000] Executed command "ip link set eth2 up" on the node  
"PE-red". stdout:
```

## Part 3 - Adding OSPF support & failure scenario II

### Objectives

- Add OSPF support to the Net-Chat Assistant
- Debug a unidirectional link failure

### Steps

#### ***Check the Net-Chat Assistant for OSPF support***

Using the web UI, ask the Net-Chat Assistant for OSPF support:

*Do you have any tools related to OSPF protocol?*

#### ***Get ready for source code editing on the remote VM***

There are three options available:

1. You can use a remote terminal editor such as: *vim, nano, emacs, mc*
2. You can use the VS Code with Remote Development Extension (see [VS Code configuration steps](#) for details)
3. You can also skip code editing and apply pre-prepared code by executing dedicated scripts. In such a case, go directly to the [In case of problems](#) section.

#### ***Edit the first Python file***

1. Open the following file in your favorite editor:

```
~/src/code_edit/add_ospf_tools.py
```

- Find appropriately marked places in the Python code and provide valid **show ip ospf neighbor detail** commands for FRR (PE) and VyOS (CE) devices:

Python

```
def frr_show_ip_ospf_neighbor_detail(device: str) -> str:
    # WORKSHOP-PART3 CODE MODIFICATION - START
    # UNCOMMENT THE NEXT LINE
    # command = "vtysh -c 'show ip ospf neighbor detail'"
    # WORKSHOP-PART3 CODE MODIFICATION - END

    # _base_method: opens ssh connection, executes command on the device and returns
    # output
    return _base_method(vendor=Vendor.FRR, device=device, command=command,
                        output_phrases_to_clear=PHRASES_TO_CLEAR_LIST)
```

Python

```
def vyos_show_ip_ospf_neighbor_detail(device: str) -> str:
    # WORKSHOP-PART3 CODE MODIFICATION - START
    # UNCOMMENT THE NEXT LINE
    # command = "show ip ospf neighbor detail"
    # WORKSHOP-PART3 CODE MODIFICATION - END

    # _base_method: opens ssh connection, executes command on the device and returns
    # output
    return _base_method(vendor=Vendor.VYOS, device=device, command=command,
                        output_phrases_to_clear=[])
```

- Find the appropriately marked place in the Python code and provide the **description** in docstring for the tool delivering output for commands **show ip ospf neighbor detail** for the list of devices:

Python

```
@tool
def show_ip_ospf_neighbor_detail_for_many_devices(devices: list[str], empty_str: str) -> str:
    # WORKSHOP-PART3 CODE MODIFICATION - START
    # PROPOSE DESCRIPTION WHAT THE TOOL IS DOING
    # BASED ON THIS LLM WILL SELECT THE TOOL FOR USER QUERY ANSWERING
    # START WITH THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE AND ADD DETAILS WHAT THE COMMAND IS RETURNING
```

```
"""Returns the output of the command 'show ip ospf neighbor detail' on many network devices.
```

**<PUT YOUR DETAILS HERE>**

Args:

```
devices (list[str]): list of shortnames of the devices
empty_str (str): should be always '' for langchain compatibility
```

Returns (str): Returns details of ip ospf neighbors on specified devices.

```
"""
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# WORKSHOP-PART3 CODE MODIFICATION - END
```

```
# _base_parallel_executor: parallel execution of scripts for many devices and collection of outputs
```

```
return _base_parallel_executor(devices=devices, method=show_ip_ospf_neighbor_detail)
```

Below is our description, but you can provide your own proposal.

Unset

```
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```
Returns the output of the command 'show ip ospf neighbor detail' on many network devices.
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```
It provides comprehensive information about OSPF (Open Shortest Path First) neighbors on each network device.
```

```
It lists neighboring routers involved in the OSPF process, detailing their IP addresses, router IDs, and the interfaces used for the adjacency.
```

```
Key OSPF metrics, such as the neighbor state (e.g., Full, Init) and the neighbor role (e.g., DROther), are displayed to help understand the relationship between routers.
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```
The output also includes priority settings for elections, Dead timers (which indicate how long until a neighbor is declared unreachable), and BFD (Bidirectional Forwarding Detection) status to track neighbor health.
```

```
Additional information, like OSPF database synchronization lists, area details, and interface MTU, ensures the consistency and reliability of routing data.
```

```
For troubleshooting purposes, this command is essential for verifying correct OSPF neighbor relationships and resolving adjacency issues.
```

```
If Graceful Restart Helper is enabled, details about non-disruptive OSPF restarts are also included.
```

Args:

```
devices (list[str]): list of shortnames of the devices
empty_str (str): should be always '' for langchain compatibility
```

Returns (str): Returns details of ip ospf neighbors on specified devices.

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- Find the appropriately marked places in the Python code and provide valid **show ip ospf interface** commands for FRR and VyOS devices

Python

```
def frr_show_ip_ospf_interface(device: str) -> str:
    # WORKSHOP-PART3 CODE MODIFICATION - START
    # UNCOMMENT THE NEXT LINE
    # command = "vtysh -c 'show ip ospf interface'"
    # WORKSHOP-PART3 CODE MODIFICATION - END

    # _base_method: opens ssh connection, executes command on the device and returns
    # output
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    # START WITH THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE AND ADD DETAILS WHAT THE COMMAND IS RETURNING

    """Returns the output of the command 'show ip ospf interface' for each network device provided
    in devices argument.
```

**<PUT YOUR DETAILS HERE>**

```
Args:
    devices (list[str]): list of shortnames of the devices
    empty_str (str): should be always '' for langchain compatibility

Returns (str): Returns details of ip ospf interface on specified devices.

"""
# WORKSHOP-PART3 CODE MODIFICATION - END

# _base_parallel_executor: parallel execution of scripts for many devices and collection of
outputs
return _base_parallel_executor(devices=devices, method=show_ip_ospf_interface)
```

Below is our description, but you can provide your own proposal.

Unset

```
"""
Returns the output of the command 'show ip ospf interface' for each network device
provided in devices argument.

The output provides detailed insights into the OSPF (Open Shortest Path First)
configuration for each network interface.
This includes the status of the interface (e.g., whether it's up or down), the
interface-specific details such as MTU size, bandwidth, and IP address, along
with the OSPF area and Router ID associated with each interface.
Additionally, the command highlights important OSPF parameters like network type,
cost, Hello and Dead timers, and the current neighbor status, including adjacency
details.
It also provides information about multicast group memberships and protocols like
BFD, used to monitor the health of OSPF sessions. This information is essential
for understanding OSPF operation and behavior on network interfaces.

Args:
    devices (list[str]): list of shortnames of the devices
    empty_str (str): should be always '' for langchain compatibility

Returns (str): Returns details of ip ospf interface on specified devices.

"""
```

6. Save the file.

## Edit the second Python file

1. Open the following file in your favorite editor:



~/src/code\_edit/agents.py

## 2. import the prepared **add\_ospf\_tools** module

```
Python
from langchain.agents import AgentExecutor
from langchain.agents import StructuredChatAgent

from net_agents.custom_prompt import PREFIX, SUFFIX, FORMAT_INSTRUCTIONS,
StructuredChatOutputParser
from net_tools import multi_vendor_tools, topology_tools

# WORKSHOP-PART3 CODE MODIFICATION - START
# UNCOMMENT THE NEXT LINE
# from net_tools import add_ospf_tools
# WORKSHOP-PART3 CODE MODIFICATION - END
```

## 3. Add the prepared tools to the agent's tool\_list

```
Python
tool_list = [
    multi_vendor_tools.run_ping_for_many_devices,
    multi_vendor_tools.run_curl_for_many_devices,
    multi_vendor_tools.show_interfaces_details_for_many_devices,
    multi_vendor_tools.show_bgp_summary_for_many_devices,
    multi_vendor_tools.show_bgp_neighbors_for_many_devices,
    multi_vendor_tools.show_bfd_sessions_for_many_devices,
    multi_vendor_tools.show_ip_route_for_many_devices,
    multi_vendor_tools.show_version_for_many_devices,
    topology_tools.topology_get_info_network_topology,
    topology_tools.topology_get_info_on_links,
    topology_tools.topology_get_links_between_devices,
    topology_tools.topology_get_vendor_of_devices,
```

```
topology_tools.topology_get_list_of_shortnames_of_network_devices,
topology_tools.topology_get_list_shortnames_of_endpoints
]

# WORKSHOP-PART3 CODE MODIFICATION - START
# UNCOMMENT THE NEXT 2 LINES
# tool_list.append(add_ospf_tools.show_ip_ospf_neighbor_detail_for_many_devices)
# tool_list.append(add_ospf_tools.show_ip_ospf_interface_for_many_devices)
# WORKSHOP-PART3 CODE MODIFICATION - END
```

#### 4. Save the file

### ***Restart the Net-Chat Assistant***

Issue the following command in the VM terminal:

```
$ sudo ~/scripts/restart_net_chat.sh
```

```
Restarting net-chat ... done
```

**Note:** The following errors are expected (due to SSH tunnel termination):

```
channel 3: open failed: connect failed: Connection refused
```

```
channel 4: open failed: connect failed: Connection refused
```

### ***In case of problems***

**Note:** If you get lost, you can always use pre-prepared Python code by following the steps below:

```
$ sudo ~/scripts/fix_code_3.sh
```

```
$ sudo ~/scripts/restart_net_chat.sh
```

```
Restarting net-chat ... done
```

By default, the first script returns no output.

**Note:** The following errors are expected (due to SSH tunnel termination):

```
channel 3: open failed: connect failed: Connection refused
channel 4: open failed: connect failed: Connection refused
```

### ***Re-check the Net-Chat Assistant for OSPF support***

Using the web UI, ask the Net-Chat Assistant for OSPF support again:

Do you have any tools related to OSPF protocol?

### ***Introduce a failure***

In the terminal, run the script:

```
$ sudo ~/scripts/failure_3.sh

+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| Interface | Delay | Jitter | Packet Loss | Rate (kbit) |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| eth2      | 0s    | 0s     | 100.00%     | 0           |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

The `failure_3.sh` script simulates an unidirectional network failure on the **PE-red** node by introducing 100% packet loss on interface `eth2`, effectively dropping all packets sent through this interface (RX packets will be fine). This can disrupt connectivity between devices that rely on PE-red for data transmission, potentially causing routing issues, loss of service, and degraded network performance for paths that traverse this interface.

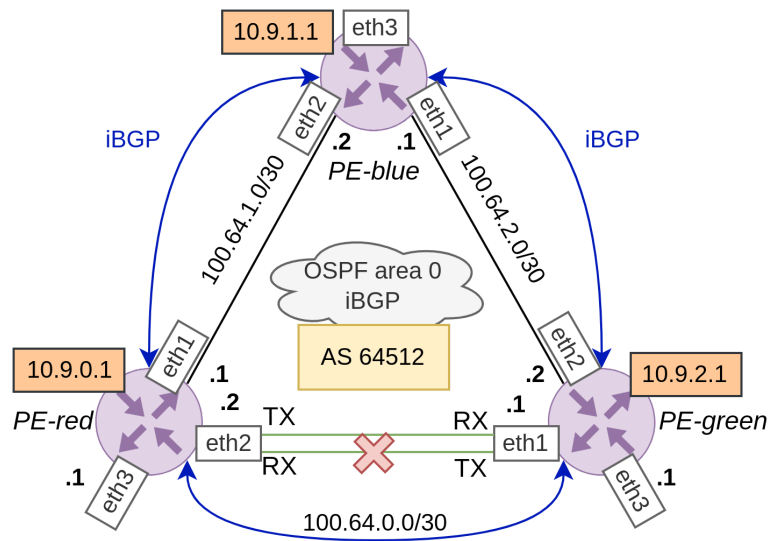


Figure 3: Simulated failure in Part 3

### Check the impact of the failure on the network:

To check if there is indeed a problem between devices, issue the following commands and analyze the output:

```
$ ssh -t root@PE-red vtysh
```

```
PE-red# show ip ospf neighbor eth2
```

Neighbor ID	Pri	State	Up Time	Dead Time	...
10.9.2.1	1	Init/-	34.166s	35.833s	...

```
PE-red#
```

```
$ ssh -t root@PE-green vtysh
```

```
PE-green# show ip ospf neighbor eth1
```

Neighbor ID	Pri	State	Up Time	Dead Time	...
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```
PE-green#
```

## Use the Net-Chat Assistant to debug issues

- Switch to the Net-Chat Assistant in the browser and ask the following questions
- Observe the results and verify them against the examined network topology affected by the failure
- If the output is not satisfactory, try repeating the same query or rephrasing it

**Note:** In order to repeat the last question, please use the **Rerun** button near the input GUI components.

- Example queries:

Check each network device. Are there any problems in the network?

Which OSPF neighbors have problems? Check all devices.

Show me all issues with OSPF on the PE-green device.

What is suspicious about OSPF protocol on PE devices? Check each PE device.

Check each PE device and find the OSPF interfaces that have no OSPF neighbors.

## Restore the network to a normal state

Execute the following script:

```
$ sudo ~/scripts/recovery_3.sh
```

Interface	Delay	Jitter	Packet Loss	Rate (kbit)
eth2	0s	0s	0.00%	0

## Part 4 - Adding a config check capability & debugging misconfigurations

### Objectives

- Add support for checking current configuration on devices
- Debug misconfiguration issue between CE and PE

**Note:** The process of adding a new tool is similar to the one described in Part 3. In order to save time here we will apply changes via script instead of manual file editing. As a result, the new tool `show_configuration_for_many_devices` will give the Net-Chat Assistant the ability to retrieve running configurations from network devices. If you are curious about the internals, after applying code changes, please examine the new file:

```
~/src/code_edit/add_configuration_tool.py.
```

### Steps

#### *Automatically apply code changes*

Change the source code by executing the script:

```
$ sudo ~/scripts/fix_code_4.sh
```

By default, the script returns no output.

Restart the Net-Chat Assistant container afterward:

```
$ sudo ~/scripts/restart_net_chat.sh
```

```
Restarting net-chat ... done
```

## Introduce a network failure

In the console, execute the script introducing misconfiguration between CE-red and PE-red:

```
$ sudo ~/scripts/failure_4.sh
```

By default, the script returns no output.

The script changes OSPF configuration by changing area 10 on the **eth1** interface on **CE-red** and to area 20, effectively breaking the existing OSPF adjacency. This change will disrupt the routing paths between **PE-red** and **CE-red**.

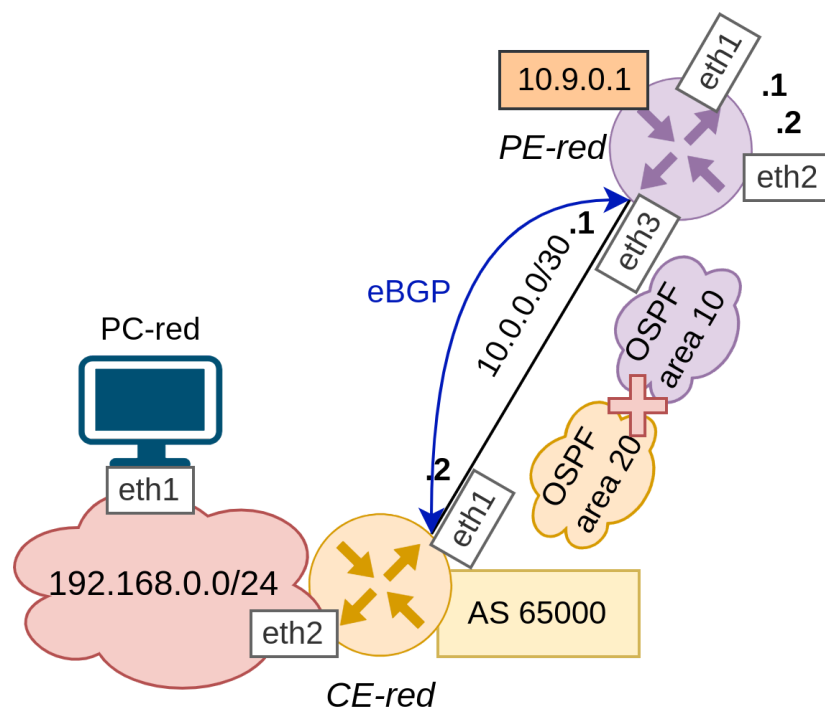


Figure 4: OSPF misconfiguration in Part 4

### ***Check the impact of the failure on the network***

To check if there is indeed a problem between devices, issue the following commands and analyze the output:

```
$ ssh -t root@PE-red vtysh
PE-red# show ip ospf interface eth3
eth3 is up
  ifindex 441, MTU 9500 bytes, BW 10000 Mbit ...
  Internet Address 10.0.0.1/30, Broadcast 10.0.0.3, Area 0.0.0.10
  MTU mismatch detection: enabled
```

```
$ ssh -t vyos@CE-red
CE-red$ show ip ospf interface eth1
eth1 is up
  ifindex 442, MTU 9500 bytes, BW 10000 Mbit ...
  Internet Address 10.0.0.2/30, Broadcast 10.0.0.3, Area 0.0.0.20
  MTU mismatch detection: enabled
```

### ***Use the Net-Chat Assistant to debug issues***

- Switch to Net-Chat Assistant in the browser and ask the following questions
- Observe the results, and verify them against the examined network topology affected by the misconfiguration
- If the output is not satisfactory, try repeating the same query or rephrasing it

**Note:** In order to repeat the last question, please use the **Rerun** button near the input GUI components.

- Example queries:



What is suspicious about OSPF protocol on network devices? Check each network device.

Show me more details about issues with OSPF neighbors on the PE-red device.

Are there any configuration issues in the network? Check each network device.

Is there any misconfiguration issue between the CE-red and the PE-red?

Is there any misconfiguration issue regarding OSPF between the CE-red and the PE-red?

Show me more detailed configuration of the PE-red device. Outline the part related to OSPF.

Are the OSPF areas the same on the PE-red and the CE-red devices?

Do the PE-red and the CE-red devices match the OSPF area?

Show me all details on OSPF configuration on the CE-red device.

### ***Restore the network to a normal state***

Execute the following script:

```
$ sudo scripts/recovery_4.sh
```

By default, the script returns no output.

## **[OPTIONAL] Part 5 - Working on your own**

If there is some time left or if you finish before others, feel free to play with the Net-Chat Assistant or device configuration yourself.

**You have completed the hands-on successfully. Thank  
you for your commitment 😊**

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