

Describe parsing of common data format (XML, JSON, and YAML) to Python data structures

## XML

OCG\_xml\_sample.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<interface xmlns="ietf-interfaces">
  <name>GigabitEthernet2</name>
  <description>Wide Area Network</description>
  <enabled>true</enabled>
  <ipv4>
    <address>
      <ip>192.168.1.5</ip>
      <netmask>255.255.255.0</netmask>
    </address>
  </ipv4>
</interface>
```

working\_with\_xml.py

```
import xmltodict

with open("OCG_xml_sample.xml") as data:
    xml_example = data.read()

xml_dict = xmltodict.parse(xml_example)

print(xml_dict) # OrderedDict([('interface', OrderedDict([('xmlns', 'ietf-
interfaces'), ('name', 'GigabitEthernet2'), ('description', 'Wide Area Network'),
('enabled', 'true'), ('ipv4', OrderedDict([('address', OrderedDict([('ip',
'192.168.0.2'), ('netmask', '255.255.255.0')]))]))]))])

# Modify an xml interface
xml_dict["interface"]["ipv4"]["address"]["ip"] = "192.168.55.3"

# Print the changes in XML format
print(xmltodict.unparse(xml_dict, pretty=True))

#Output
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<interface xmlns="ietf-interfaces">
  <name>GigabitEthernet2</name>
  <description>Wide Area Network</description>
  <enabled>true</enabled>
  <ipv4>
    <address>
      <ip>192.168.1.5</ip>
      <netmask>255.255.255.0</netmask>
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        </address>
    </ipv4>
</interface>
"""

# Write changes to new file uses 4 spaces for indent
with open("OCG_xml_sample_changed_4spaces.xml", "w") as data:
    data.write(xmltodict.unparse(xml_dict, pretty=True))

# Write changes to new file uses 2 spaces for indent
with open("OCG_xml_sample_changed_2spaces.xml", "w") as data:
    data.write(xmltodict.unparse(xml_dict, pretty=True, indent="  "))

```

When writing to a file, my system uses 4 spaces for indent and it looks like below:

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<interface xmlns="ietf-interfaces">
  <name>GigabitEthernet2</name>
  <description>Wide Area Network</description>
  <enabled>true</enabled>
  <ipv4>
    <address>
      <ip>192.168.55.3</ip>
      <netmask>255.255.255.0</netmask>
    </address>
  </ipv4>
</interface>

```

I can change this to 2 which is more compact and looks nicer in my opinion:

```

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<interface xmlns="ietf-interfaces">
  <name>GigabitEthernet2</name>
  <description>Wide Area Network</description>
  <enabled>true</enabled>
  <ipv4>
    <address>
      <ip>192.168.55.3</ip>
      <netmask>255.255.255.0</netmask>
    </address>
  </ipv4>
</interface>

```