

Lab 14 Use the Cisco IOS XE NETCONF API

Do Lab 14 Tasks 1 and 2 in full before starting the following task 3.

Task 3: NETCONF on IOS XE initial configuration with complete XML configuration data.

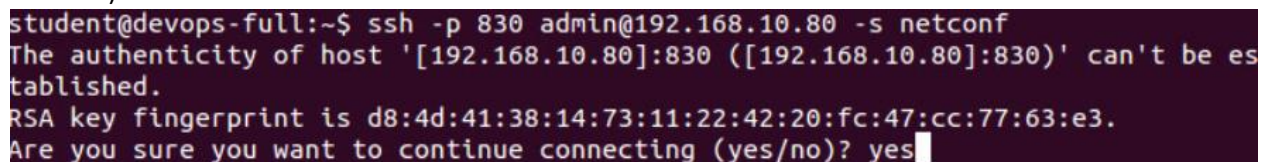
Ensure that Labs **9, 10, 13, 14** and Lab **14** tasks 1 and 2 are completed in full *before* starting this task.

In this task you will use **NETCONF** on your **CSR1000v** to extract the entire XML configuration and use that to perform configuration changes with Python.

How-to Steps

1. Connect to your **Ubuntu Configured** VM. Be **SURE** you do these steps from **Ubuntu Configured** and *not* **Ubuntu Unconfigured** as you will be relying on some Sublime XML pre-configurations.
2. Open a Terminal widow.
3. Type in the command to connect to your **CSR1000v** router with NETCONF.
`ssh -p 830 admin@192.168.10.80 -s netconf`

4. Respond with a **yes** if prompted about an RSA key. (you will likely not be prompted for later ssh sessions)



```
student@devops-full:~$ ssh -p 830 admin@192.168.10.80 -s netconf
The authenticity of host '[192.168.10.80]:830 ([192.168.10.80]:830)' can't be es
tablished.
RSA key fingerprint is d8:4d:41:38:14:73:11:22:42:20:fc:47:cc:77:63:e3.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes
```

5. Enter the password **cisco** when prompted. Simply note all the XML output of this device capabilities. Maximize your terminal screen.
6. Enter in this exact XML code directly after the NETCONF prompt. This is stating your NETCONF client capabilities. You can type this in exactly or copy the identical content from the file in your **Class_Share** link on your Ubuntu desktop: **XML\NetconfClient.xml**.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<hello xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
  <capabilities>
    <capability>urn:ietf:params:netconf:base:1.0</capability>
  </capabilities>
</hello>]]>]]>
```

Note: Additional capabilities can be entered above obtained from the NETCONF device during the initial capabilities exchange.

7. You can hit enter a few times. Note how you *don't* have a left indented prompt at this point.

```
<session-id>31123</session-id></hello>]]>]]><?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"
?>
<hello xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
  <capabilities>
    <capability>urn:ietf:params:netconf:base:1.0</capability>
  </capabilities>
</hello>]]>]]>
```

8. Maximize your terminal window to minimize the character returns within longer XML lines.

Note: NETCONF messages always end with the unique prompt of `]]>]]>`. This prompt occurs after each NETCONF communication, and is not itself valid XML.

9. To get the entire device config in XML, enter in this entire NETCONF **get** command after the prompt. You can type this in exactly, or copy the identical content from the file:

Z:\XML\NetconfConfig.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<nc:rpc message-id="101" xmlns:nc="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
  <nc:get>
    <nc:filter type="subtree">
      <native xmlns="http://cisco.com/ns/yang/ned/ios">
        </native>
      </nc:filter>
    </nc:get>
  </nc:rpc>
]]>]]>
```

10. Note all the output which is your entire IOS XE router running configuration in XML. Copy the entire XML output code starting right *after* the NETCONF prompt to the very end *excluding* the trailing NETCONF prompt of:

]]>]]>


```

1  <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2  <rpc-reply
3      xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0" message-id="101"
4      xmlns:nc="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
5      <data>
6          <native
7              xmlns="http://cisco.com/ns/yang/ned/ios">
8              <device-model-version>
9                  <major>2</major>
10                 <minor>1</minor>
11                 <bug-fix>0</bug-fix>
12             </device-model-version>
13             <version>16.3</version>
14             <boot-start-marker/>
15             <boot-end-marker/>
16             <service>
17                 <timestamps>
18                     <debug>
19                         <datetime>
20                             <msec/>
21                         </datetime>
22                     </debug>
23                     <log>
24                         <datetime>
25                             <msec/>
26                         </datetime>
27                     </log>
28                 </timestamps>
29             </service>
30             <platform>
31                 <console>
32                     <output>auto</output>
33                 </console>

```





16. In **PyCharm**, open the Python file as needed from **Z:\Python**.
xe_nc_configure_interface.py
17. Ensure you have the proper router credentials in your Python code from prior lab steps.
18. Take careful note of the **XML** that exists between the triple quotes **"""**.

```

xe_nc_configure_interface.py x
5
6  with manager.connect(host='192.168.10.80', port=830, username='admin', password='cisco',
7                          hostkey_verify=False, device_params={'name': 'csr'},
8                          allow_agent=False, look_for_keys=False) as device:
9
10
11  nc_filter = """
12      <config>
13      <native xmlns="http://cisco.com/ns/yang/ned/ios">
14          <interface>
15              <Loopback>
16                  <name>700</name>
17                  <ip>
18                      <address>
19                          <primary>
20                              <address>10.200.20.1</address>
21                              <mask>255.255.255.0</mask>
22                          </primary>
23                          <secondary>

```

19. At this point, you have all you need to make any router configuration change, based on your XML content and your Python script. As an example, review your existing NTP configurations on the **CSR1000v** device.

```

CSR1000v#sh run | begin ntp
ntp server pool.ntp.org
ntp server time-pnp.cisco.comi.
!
!

```

20. In **Notepad++**, highlight and copy exactly the NTP configuration in **XML**. Pay very close attention to every character that relates to NTP. Depending on your existing configuration, you may have to scroll down further than the line numbers in this screen shot.

```

178 <vty>
179   <first>1</first>
180   <last>4</last>
181 </vty>
182 <vty>
183   <first>5</first>
184   <last>15</last>
185 </vty>
186 </line>
187 <multilink>
188   <bundle-name>authenticated</bundle-name>
189 </multilink>
190 <ntp>
191   <server>
192     <server-list>
193       <ip-address>pool.ntp.org</ip-address>
194     </server-list>
195     <server-list>
196       <ip-address>time-pnp.cisco.comi.</ip-address>
197     </server-list>
198   </server>
199 </ntp>
200 <redundancy></redundancy>
201 <spanning-tree>
202   <extend>
203     <system-id/>
204   </extend>
205 </spanning-tree>
206 <subscriber>

```

21. Paste the XML into your Python script after the first 2 lines and before the last two XML lines. You may have to clean up your indenting after pasting. As an example, change the ntp settings to:

```

test.ntp.org
time-pnp.cisco.com

```

```

10
11 nc_filter = """
12     <config>
13     <native xmlns="http://cisco.com/ns/yang/ned/ios">
14     <ntp>
15     <server>
16         <server-list>
17             <ip-address>test.ntp.org</ip-address>
18         </server-list>
19         <server-list>
20             <ip-address>time-pnp.cisco.com</ip-address>
21         </server-list>
22     </server>
23     </ntp>
24     </native>
25     </config>
26     """
27
28 nc_reply = device.edit_config(target='running', config=nc_filter)

```

22. From **PyCharm**, run or step through your code in full and ensure no errors.
23. Return to the **CSR1000v** device and verify the two new added NTP entries.

```

CSR1000v#sh run | begin ntp
ntp server pool.ntp.org
ntp server time-pnp.cisco.com
ntp server time-pnp.cisco.comi.
ntp server test.ntp.org
!

```

24. Optionally, take any other XML code from Notepad++ and repeat these steps to perform any other configuration change to your **CSR1000v**. Be very careful to get the *exact* XML code for each configuration change.

Task 4: Use Wireshark to view the network traffic from configuration.

In this task you will use **Wireshark** to view the network traffic of **NETCONF** and **RESTCONF**.

How-to Steps

1. Connect to your **Win7** VM. Note the existing IP address of your Management interface with **ipconfig** from a **Command Prompt**.

```
Administrator: Command Prompt

Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : 
Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::f47a:3820:8a62:c73f%13
IPv4 Address. . . . . : 172.16.1.1
Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
Default Gateway . . . . . : 

Ethernet adapter Management:

Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : 
Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::7479:1f76:e2ff:b2d2%11
IPv4 Address. . . . . : 192.168.10.40
Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
Default Gateway . . . . . : 192.168.10.10

Tunnel adapter isatap.{069E4955-6C70-4A85-B1E9-864696B2DF63}:

Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : 

Tunnel adapter isatap.{C5A83A57-EB78-4C59-AF07-082386B59F99}:

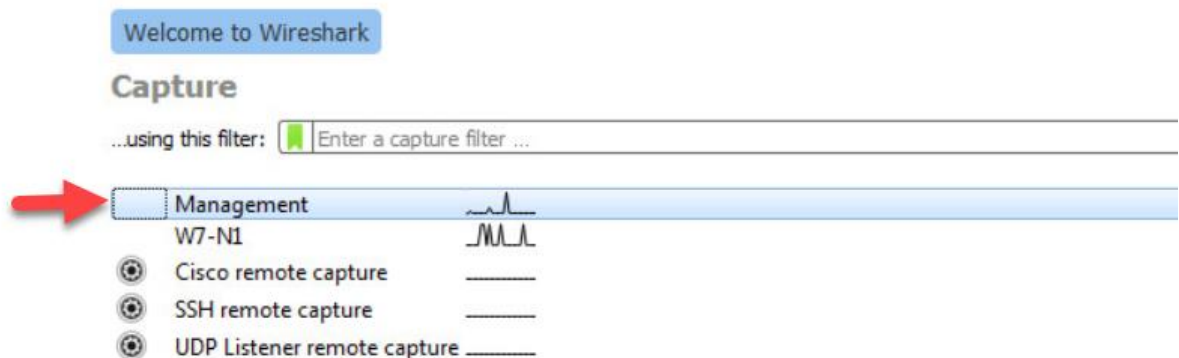
Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : 

C:\Users\Student>
```

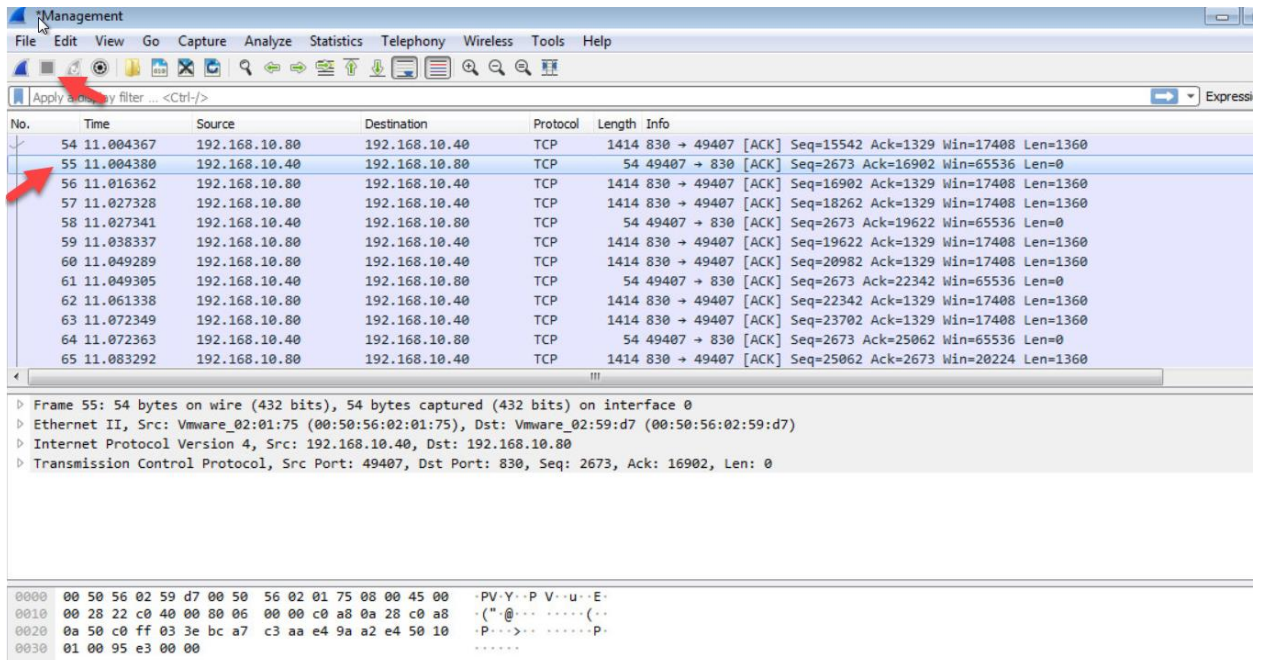
2. Start **Wireshark**. You can download and install **Wireshark** on your **Win7** VM if it is not already installed.



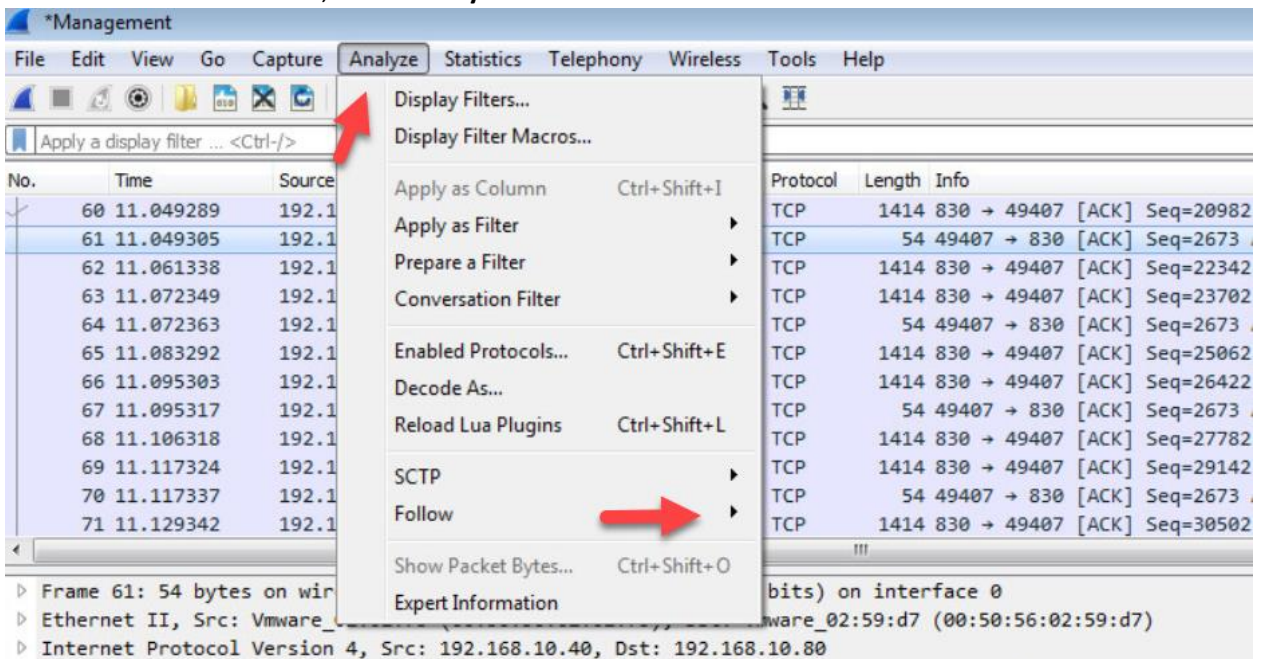
3. Double click the **Management** interface.



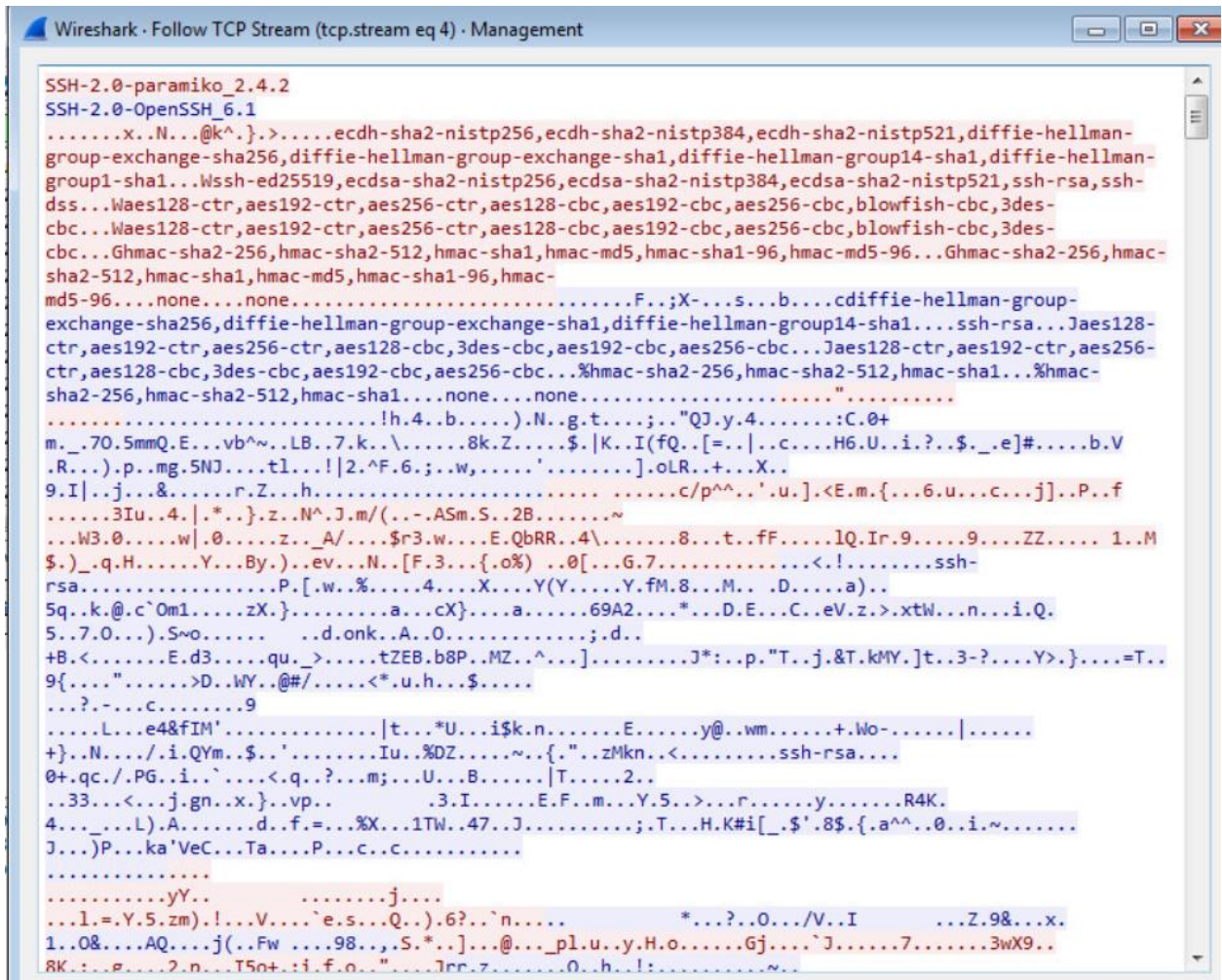
4. Return to **PyCharm**, and run your **NETCONF** script again from the last task.
5. Return to **Wireshark** and stop your capture. Select any packet in the **NETCONF** traffic.



6. From the **Wireshark** menu, select **Analyze > Follow > TCP Stream**.

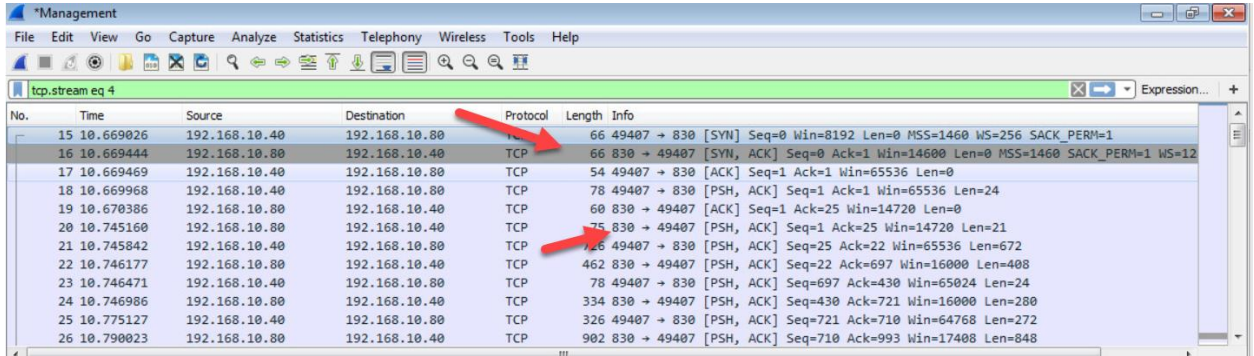


7. Since **NETCONF** must use encrypted data, you can see the SSH negotiation protocols, but the entire content of the configuration is encrypted.



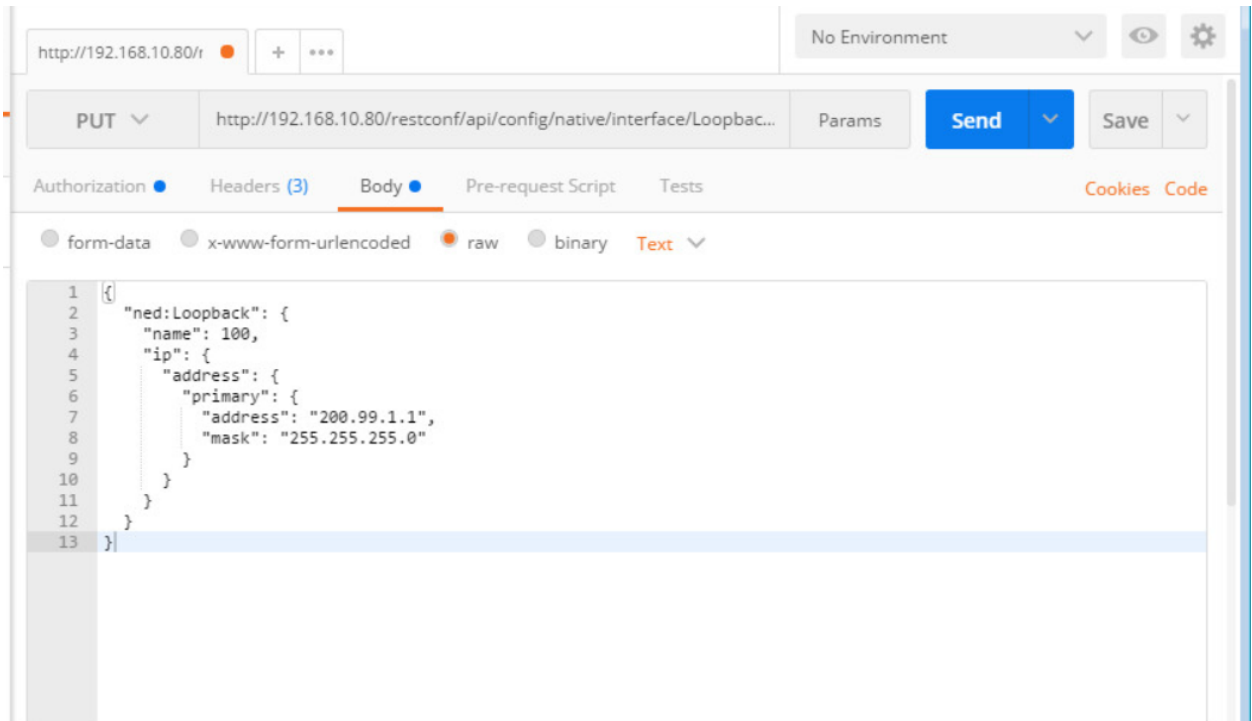
```
SSH-2.0-paramiko_2.4.2
SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_6.1
.....x..N...@k^}.>....ecdh-sha2-nistp256,ecdh-sha2-nistp384,ecdh-sha2-nistp521,diffie-hellman-
group-exchange-sha256,diffie-hellman-group-exchange-sha1,diffie-hellman-group14-sha1,diffie-hellman-
group1-sha1...Wssh-ed25519,ecdsa-sha2-nistp256,ecdsa-sha2-nistp384,ecdsa-sha2-nistp521,ssh-rsa,ssh-
dss...Waes128-ctr,aes192-ctr,aes256-ctr,aes128-cbc,aes192-cbc,aes256-cbc,blowfish-cbc,3des-
cbc...Waes128-ctr,aes192-ctr,aes256-ctr,aes128-cbc,aes192-cbc,aes256-cbc,blowfish-cbc,3des-
cbc...Ghmac-sha2-256,hmac-sha2-512,hmac-sha1,hmac-md5,hmac-sha1-96,hmac-md5-96...Ghmac-sha2-256,hmac-
sha2-512,hmac-sha1,hmac-md5,hmac-sha1-96,hmac-
md5-96...none...none...F...X...s...b...cdiffie-hellman-group-
exchange-sha256,diffie-hellman-group-exchange-sha1,diffie-hellman-group14-sha1...ssh-rsa...Jaes128-
ctr,aes192-ctr,aes256-ctr,aes128-cbc,3des-cbc,aes192-cbc,aes256-cbc...Jaes128-ctr,aes192-ctr,aes256-
ctr,aes128-cbc,3des-cbc,aes192-cbc,aes256-cbc...%hmac-sha2-256,hmac-sha2-512,hmac-sha1...%hmac-
sha2-256,hmac-sha2-512,hmac-sha1...none...none...
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.R...).p..mg.SNJ...tl...!|2.^F.6.;..w,.....].oLR..+...X..
9.I|..j...&.....r.Z..h.....c/p^^..'.u.].<E.m.{...6.u...c...j]..P..f
.....3Iu..4..|.}.z..N^..J.m/((-..ASm.S..2B.....~
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rsa.....P.[.w..%.4....X...Y(Y...Y.fM.8...M...D....a)..
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..33...<...j.gn..x.}.vp..3.I.....E.F..m...Y.5..>..r.....y.....R4K.
4....L)..A....d..f...%X...1TW..47..J.....;T...H.K#i[_.$'.8$.{.a^^..0..i~.....
J...P...ka'VeC...Ta...P...C..C.....
.....yY..j....
...1.=Y.5.zm).!...V...`e.s...Q..).6?..`n....*...?.0.../V..I...Z.9&...x.
1..0&....AQ....j(..Fw...98...S.*..]..@..._pl.u..y.H.o.....Gj....J.....7.....3wX9..
8K...2..p...T5o+..i.f.o...Jr.z...0..h..!.....
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8. **Close** the window when done. Note how you can see the **NETCONF** TCP 3 way handshake and the TCP port 830 traffic.

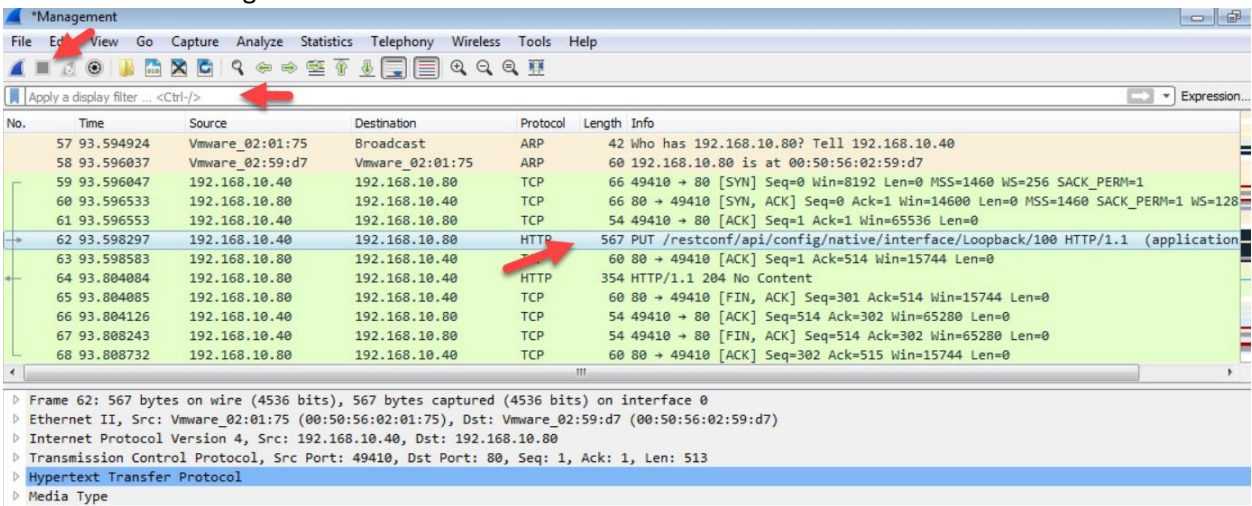


No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
15	10.669026	192.168.10.40	192.168.10.80	TCP	66	49407 → 830 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=8192 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM=1
16	10.669444	192.168.10.80	192.168.10.40	TCP	66	830 → 49407 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14600 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 WS=12
17	10.669469	192.168.10.40	192.168.10.80	TCP	54	49407 → 830 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=65536 Len=0
18	10.669968	192.168.10.40	192.168.10.80	TCP	78	49407 → 830 [PSH, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=65536 Len=24
19	10.670386	192.168.10.80	192.168.10.40	TCP	60	830 → 49407 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=25 Win=14720 Len=0
20	10.745160	192.168.10.80	192.168.10.40	TCP	75	830 → 49407 [PSH, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=25 Win=14720 Len=21
21	10.745842	192.168.10.40	192.168.10.80	TCP	78	49407 → 830 [PSH, ACK] Seq=25 Ack=22 Win=65536 Len=672
22	10.746177	192.168.10.80	192.168.10.40	TCP	462	830 → 49407 [PSH, ACK] Seq=22 Ack=697 Win=16000 Len=408
23	10.746471	192.168.10.40	192.168.10.80	TCP	78	49407 → 830 [PSH, ACK] Seq=697 Ack=430 Win=65024 Len=24
24	10.746986	192.168.10.80	192.168.10.40	TCP	334	830 → 49407 [PSH, ACK] Seq=430 Ack=721 Win=16000 Len=280
25	10.775127	192.168.10.80	192.168.10.40	TCP	326	49407 → 830 [PSH, ACK] Seq=721 Ack=710 Win=64768 Len=272
26	10.790023	192.168.10.80	192.168.10.40	TCP	902	830 → 49407 [PSH, ACK] Seq=710 Ack=993 Win=17408 Len=848

9. Start a new Capture in **Wireshark**. You can save or delete the prior capture as you wish.
10. Return to Postman from the prior lab and run Postman again to change the Loopback interface.



11. Ensure you get a 2xx response.
12. Return to Wireshark and stop your capture. Delete the prior filter. Highlight any one frame in the **RESTCONF** configuration.



13. From the **Wireshark** menu, select **Analyze > Follow > TCP Stream**.
14. As this **RESTCONF** query was based on HTTP port 80, note how you can see the entire content of the configuration change. The router credentials are encrypted.

```
Wireshark · Follow TCP Stream (tcp.stream eq 7) · Management

PUT /restconf/api/config/native/interface/Loopback/100 HTTP/1.1
Content-Type: application/vnd.yang.data+json
Accept: application/vnd.yang.data+json
Authorization: Basic YWRtaW46Y2lzY28=
User-Agent: PostmanRuntime/7.1.1
Host: 192.168.10.80
accept-encoding: gzip, deflate
content-length: 189
Connection: keep-alive

{
  "ned:Loopback": {
    "name": 100,
    "ip": {
      "address": {
        "primary": {
          "address": "200.99.1.1",
          "mask": "255.255.255.0"
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
}HTTP/1.1 204 No Content
Server: nginx
Date: Wed, 07 Nov 2018 02:21:12 GMT
Content-Type: text/html
Content-Length: 0
Connection: close
Last-Modified: Wed, 07 Nov 2018 02:03:57 GMT
Cache-Control: private, no-cache, must-revalidate, proxy-revalidate
Etag: 1541-556237-17065
Pragma: no-cache
```

15. While http is ideal to see the packet content for learning and troubleshooting, it is of course insecure. HTTPS would be the secure RESTful choice.

Challenge results

This lab demonstrated extracting the source XML code of your **CSR1000v** router and editing the configuration of an IOS XE device with Python using NETCONF.