# NSO Hands-On session WORKBOOK

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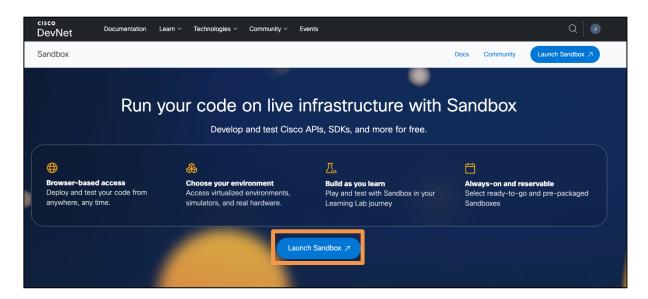
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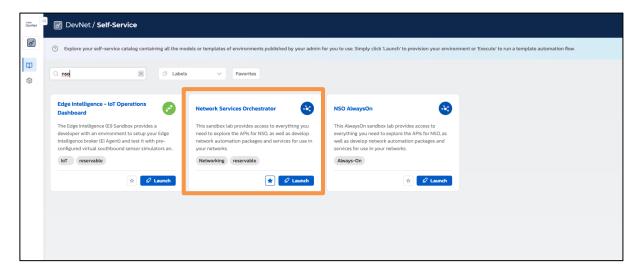
#### **Cisco Network Services Orchestrator**

#### 1 - Launch the Devnet Sanbox

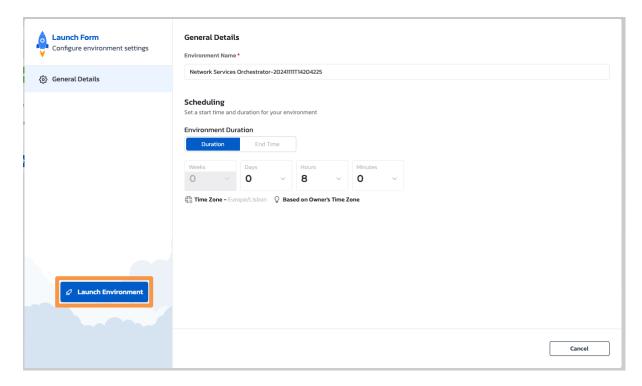
Access <a href="https://developer.cisco.com/site/sandbox/">https://developer.cisco.com/site/sandbox/</a> and click on the "Launch Sandbox" button. (Login may be required.)



Use the search bar and enter the word "nso", then click on the "Launch" button for the "Network Services Orchestrator"

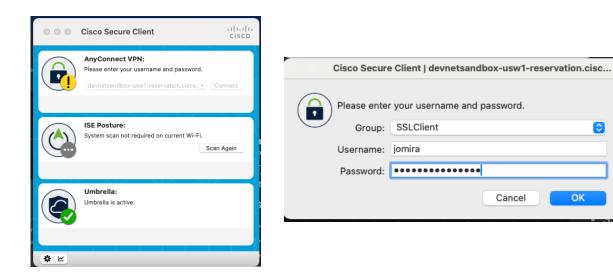


Choose the duration you wish to book the lab, and click the button "Launch Environment"



The lab will now take some time to setup. An e-mail, containing the AnyConnect ( VPN ) credentials will be sent to you ( logged in account ) once the lab is ready.

Connect to the Sandbox VPN with the credentials sent by e-mail.



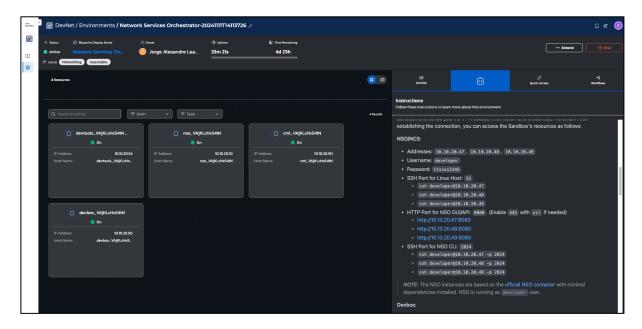
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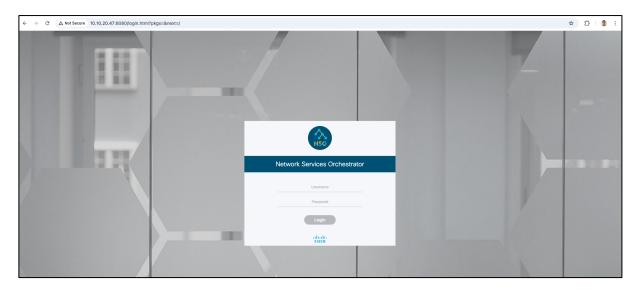
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Click on the active one. You should see a screen similar to the one bellow.



Test the connectivity by accessing one instance of NSO WebUI ( http://10.10.20.47:8080/)



#### Or, using SSH

```
Last login: Mon Nov 11 12:04:07 on ttys001
user@pc ~ % ssh developer@10.10.20.47 -p 2024

The authenticity of host '[10.10.20.47]:2024 ([10.10.20.47]:2024)'
can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is
SHA256:kc0ewQEkFQgnW4CrqfW4oiT3K8DgaXwpKJ85wvctBdk.
This key is not known by any other names.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])?
yes
Warning: Permanently added '[10.10.20.47]:2024' (ED25519) to the
list of known hosts.
developer@10.10.20.47's password:
```

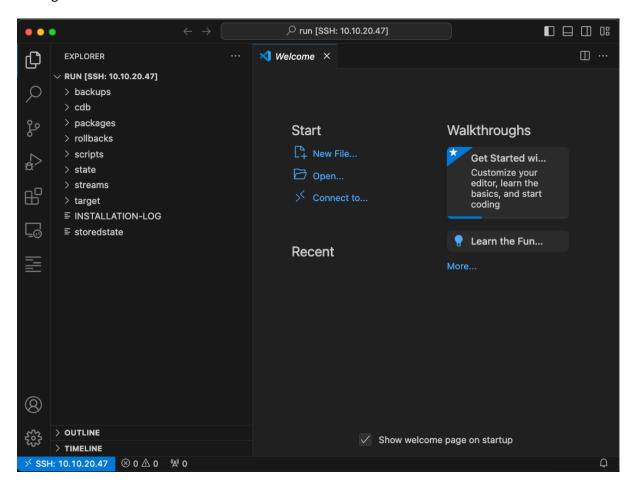
```
developer connected from 192.168.254.11 using ssh on nso-
sandbox1.devnet
developer@ncs> switch cli
developer@ncs#
```

## 1.1 - Create the Nano Service skeleton package

Navigate to the packages folder under run.

```
developer@nso-sandbox1: > cd /nso/run/packages/
developer@nso-sandbox1:packages > ncs-make-package --nano-service-
skeleton python-and-template NTP
```

Use the Visual Studio Code (in your machine) with the extension "Remote – SSH" to facilitate the editing of the service files.



Login into NSO and run the "packages reload" command.

```
developer@nso-sandbox1:run > ncs_cli -Cu admin

User admin last logged in 2024-11-11T15:15:56.185475+00:00, to nso-sandbox1, from 192.168.254.11 using cli-ssh
admin connected from 192.168.254.11 using ssh on nso-sandbox1.devnet
admin@ncs# packages reload
reload-result {
```

```
package NTP
  result false
  info NTP-template.xml:4 Unknown namespace: 'NTP:vm-configured'
}
reload-result {
   package cisco-asa-cli-6.18
   result true
}
...
```

We can see the package shows up in the "packages reload" result ( ignore the result message ).

Its now time to edit our service.

#### 1.2 - Nano Service Definition

We will create a service with 3 stages, to navigate between stages you will a variable ( leaf ) will need to be affected with the True state.

In each stage, we will apply a different set of device commands.

```
1<sup>st</sup> stage we will apply the NTP Server configurations "ntp server X.X.X.X minpoll X maxpoll X"

2<sup>nd</sup> stage we will apply the NTP Peer configurations "ntp peer X.X.X.X"

3<sup>rd</sup> stage we will apply the NTP MAX Association configurations "ntp max-associations X"
```

Each stage will be represented on its own XML Template.

# 1.3 - Service Templates Definition

1<sup>st</sup> stage template creation

Replace the **<vm-instance>** block present in the skeleton template ( **NTP-template.xml** ) with the **<devices>** block you got from the CLI.

Let's create 2 more templates. Copy and paste the NTP-template.xml twice. Rename the templates to :

```
NTP-template-1-server.xml ( original )
NTP-template-2-peer.xml ( copy )
NTP-template-3-max.xml ( copy )
```

We will now create the second template ( NTP-template-2-peer.xml ) content. Go back to NSO cli and get the XML equivalent of the peer configuration.

```
admin@ncs# conf
Entering configuration mode terminal
admin@ncs(config)# devices device core-rtr01 config
admin@ncs(config-config)# ntp peer 1.2.3.4
admin@ncs(config-ntp)# commit dry-run outformat xml
result-xml {
   local-node {
```

Do the same for the max association's configuration ( NTP-template-3-max.xml )

```
admin@ncs(config) # devices device core-rtr01 config
admin@ncs(config-config) # ntp max-associations 10
admin@ncs(config-ntp)# commit dry-run outformat xml
result-xml {
    local-node {
        data <devices xmlns="http://tail-f.com/ns/ncs">
               <device>
                 <name>core-rtr01</name>
                 <config>
                   <ntp xmlns="http://tail-f.com/ned/cisco-ios-xr">
                     <max-associations>10</max-associations>
                   </ntp>
                 </config>
               </device>
             </devices>
   }
```

```
NTP-template-3-max.xml ×
                            NTP-template-2-peer.xml
                                                         NTP-template-1-server.xml
                                                                                       ■ NTP.yang
packages > NTP > templates > Mac NTP-template-3-max.xml
       <config-template xmlns="http://tail-f.com/ns/config/1.0"</pre>
                        servicepoint="NTP-servicepoint"
                        componenttype="ncs:self"
                        state="NTP:vm-configured">
        <devices xmlns="http://tail-f.com/ns/ncs">
            <name>core-rtr01</name>
              <ntp xmlns="http://tail-f.com/ned/cisco-ios-xr">
                <max-associations>10</max-associations>
             </config>
           </device>
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       </config-template>
```

The base for our templates is ready.

### 1.4 - Service Modeling Definition

Let's start the works in our YANG model.

Look for the "Service model" words in the "NTP.yang" file.

```
// Service model
list NTP {
   key name;

   uses ncs:nano-plan-data;
   uses ncs:service-data;
   ncs:servicepoint "NTP-servicepoint";

   leaf name {
      type string;
   }

   leaf vm-up-and-running {
      type boolean;
      config false;
   }
}
```

Inside this list we will create our service inputs and stage vars.

```
Create the
```

```
leaf-list device ( will pull the device list on NSO ) leaf ADDRESS ( ipv4 address for the ntp server ) leaf server-done ( boolean )
```

leaf **peer-done** ( boolean ) leaf **max-associations-done** ( boolean )

```
module NTP {
  list NTP {
    key name;
    uses ncs:nano-plan-data;
    uses ncs:service-data;
    ncs:servicepoint "NTP-servicepoint";
    leaf name {
      type string;
    leaf vm-up-and-running {
      type boolean;
      config false;
    leaf-list device {
      type leafref {
        path "/ncs:devices/ncs:device/ncs:name"
    leaf ADDRESS {
      type inet:ipv4-address;
    leaf server-done {
      type boolean;
    leaf peer-done {
      type boolean;
    leaf max-associations-done {
      type boolean;
```

Now in the Model, look for the words "Nano service specifics" and let's define the identities.

```
// Nano service specifics
identity vm-requested {
   base ncs:plan-state;
}

identity vm-configured {
   base ncs:plan-state;
}
```

Define the identities, "server-configured", "peer-configured", "max-associations-configured".

```
// Nano service specifics
/*
identity vm-requested {
   base ncs:plan-state;
}

identity vm-configured {
   base ncs:plan-state;
}

*/
identity server-configured {
   base ncs:plan-state;
}

identity peer-configured {
   base ncs:plan-state;
}

identity max-associations-configured {
   base ncs:plan-state;
}
```

Next step, its to edit the plan, and define what we will do in each stage.

In each stage we will call the python logic and apply the template associated with each stage.

```
ncs:plan-outline NTP-plan {
  description "Plan for configuring a VM-based router";
  ncs:component-type "ncs:self" {
    ncs:state "ncs:init";
    ncs:state "NTP:server-configured" {
      ncs:create {
       // Invoke a service template to configure the NTP
       ncs:nano-callback;
       ncs:pre-condition {
         // Wait for a state to become true
          ncs:monitor "$SERVICE" {
            ncs:trigger-expr "server-done = 'true'";
     ncs:state "NTP:peer-configured" {
      ncs:create {
       // Invoke a service template to configure the NTP
       ncs:nano-callback;
       ncs:pre-condition {
         ncs:monitor "$SERVICE" {
           ncs:trigger-expr "peer-done = 'true'";
     ncs:state "NTP:max-associations-configured" {
      ncs:create {
       // Invoke a service template to configure the NTP
        ncs:nano-callback;
        ncs:pre-condition {
          ncs:monitor "$SERVICE" {
            ncs:trigger-expr "max-associations-done = 'true'";
    ncs:state "ncs:ready";
```

This is how your "plan-outline" should look like.

The list "vm-instance" can be deleted.

Our service model is ready. Let's compile it.

```
developer@nso-sandbox1:run > pwd
/nso/run
developer@nso-sandbox1:run > cd packages/
developer@nso-sandbox1:packages > cd NTP/
```

## 1.5 - Service Logic Definition

It's time for login definition.

In the "class Main" of the "main.py" you will find the place for the first changes. that's where we will register our stages that need callbacks from python.

```
# COMPONENT THREAD THAT WILL BE STARTED BY NCS.
class Main(ncs.application.Application):
    '''Nano service appliction implementing the nano create callback'''
   def setup(self):
       # The application class sets up logging for us. It is accessible
        # through 'self.log' and is a ncs.log.Log instance.
       self.log.info('Main RUNNING')
       # Nano service callbacks require a registration for a service point,
       # component, and state, as specified in the corresponding data model
       # and plan outline.
        self.register_nano_service('NTP-servicepoint', # Service point
                                   'ncs:self',
                                                            # Component
                                   'NTP:vm-requested',
                                                             # State
                                   NanoServiceCallbacks)
       # If we registered any callback(s) above, the Application class
       # took care of creating a daemon (related to the service/action point).
        # considered done and the application is 'started'.
```

After the changes your "setup" function should look like this

```
class Main(ncs.application.Application):
    '''Nano service appliction implementing the nano create callback'''
   def setup(self):
       # The application class sets up logging for us. It is accessible
       self.log.info('Main RUNNING')
       # Nano service callbacks require a registration for a service point,
       # component, and state, as specified in the corresponding data model
       # and plan outline.
       self.register_nano_service('NTP-servicepoint', # Service point
                                   'ncs:self',
                                   'NTP:server-configured',
                                                            # State
                                  NanoServiceCallbacks)
       self.register_nano_service('NTP-servicepoint', # Service point
                                   'ncs:self',
                                   'NTP:peer-configured',
                                                               # State
                                   NanoServiceCallbacks)
       self.register_nano_service('NTP-servicepoint', # Service point
                                   'ncs:self',
                                   'NTP:max-associations-configured',
                                                                            # State
                                   NanoServiceCallbacks)
```

Next change is handling the callbacks in python. The current callback looks like this

In this case the boolean variable is being affected automatically in the callback, making the nano service to move to the next stage. In our case we will force the Booleans to be changed manually.

In the "cb\_nano\_create" function, the "state" var is where we handle the stage the nano service is present.

Your callback handling should look like this

```
class NanoServiceCallbacks(NanoService):
    '''Nano service callbacks'''
   @NanoService.create
   def cb_nano_create(self, tctx, root, service, plan, component, state,
                       proplist, component_proplist):
        '''Nano service create callback'''
        self.log.info('Nano create(state=', state, ')')
        if state == 'NTP:server-configured':
           vars = ncs.template.Variables()
           vars.add('DUMMY', '127.0.0.1')
            template = ncs.template.Template(service)
            template.apply('NTP-template-1-server', vars)
        elif state == 'NTP:peer-configured':
           vars = ncs.template.Variables()
           vars.add('DUMMY', '127.0.0.1')
            template = ncs.template.Template(service)
            template.apply('NTP-template-2-peer', vars)
        elif state == 'NTP:max-associations-configured':
           vars = ncs.template.Variables()
            vars.add('DUMMY', '127.0.0.1')
            template = ncs.template.Template(service)
            template.apply('NTP-template-3-max', vars)
```

"vars.add" is where you handle the variables you want to pass to the template via python.

#### \*To remember\*

in the xml template you can insert data from

- python, using {\$python\_var}
  or
- directly from the user input , yang {/yang\_var}

Our python code is ready.

## 1.6 - Adjustments in the XML templates

Let's now add reflect our pyhton/yang changes in the XML template.

```
NTP-template-3-max.xml ×
                                                                                                                             NTP-template-2-peer.xml
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             NTP-template-1-server.xml ×
   /nso/run/packages/NTP/templates/NTP-template-3-max.xml .xml

| config-template xmlns="http://tail-f.com/ns/config/1.0"
| config-
                                                                                                            servicepoint="NTP-servicepoint"
                                                                                                            componenttype="ncs:self"
                                                                                                            state="NTP:vm-configured">
          4
                                       <devices xmlns="http://tail-f.com/ns/ncs">
                                                <device>
                                                          <name>core-rtr01</name>
                                                          <config>
                                                                    <ntp xmlns="http://tail-f.com/ned/cisco-ios-xr">
                                                                            <server>
                                                                                     <server-list>
                                                                                              <name>1.1.1.1</name>
                                                                                              <minpoll>8</minpoll>
                                                                                              <maxpoll>12</maxpoll>
                                                                                      </server-list>
                                                                            </server>
                                                                   </ntp>
                                                          </config>
                                                 </device>
                                        </devices>
                              </config-template>
```

We will change the device name from static to yang variable, as well, the server-list name.

Because we will use the python callback to apply the template, the information related to the state, component and servicepoint can be deleted.

In the end it should look like this.

```
NTP-template-3-max.xml
                             NTP-template-2-peer.xml

    NTP-template-1-server.xml 
    ×

packages > NTP > templates > M NTP-template-1-server.xml
       <config-template xmlns="http://tail-f.com/ns/config/1.0">
         <devices xmlns="http://tail-f.com/ns/ncs">
           <device>
             <name>{/device}</name>
             <config>
               <ntp xmlns="http://tail-f.com/ned/cisco-ios-xr">
                 <server>
                   <server-list>
                     <name>{/ADDRESS}</name>
                     <minpoll>8</minpoll>
                     <maxpoll>12</maxpoll>
                   </server-list>
                 </server>
               </ntp>
             </config>
           </device>
         </devices>
 18
       </config-template>
```

Proceed with the changes on the remaining templates ( NTP-template-2-peer.xml and NTP-template-3-max.xml )

```
NTP-template-3-max.xml
                            NTP-template-2-peer.xml ×
                                                        NTP-template-1-server.xml
packages > NTP > templates > NTP-template-2-peer.xml
  1
      <config-template xmlns="http://tail-f.com/ns/config/1.0">
         <devices xmlns="http://tail-f.com/ns/ncs">
           <device>
             <name>{/device}</name>
             <config>
               <ntp xmlns="http://tail-f.com/ned/cisco-ios-xr">
                   <address>1.2.3.4</address>
                 </peer>
               </ntp>
             </config>
           </device>
         </devices>
      </config-template>
```

All the main changes are performed.

Let's now update the service version to 1.1. Do this by opening the **package-meta-data.xml** file in the service root directory **/nso/run/packages/NTP** 

```
NTP-template-3-max.xml
                           NTP-template-2-peer.xml
                                                        package-meta-data.xml ×
packages > NTP > nackage-meta-data.xml
      <ncs-package xmlns="http://tail-f.com/ns/ncs-packages">
         <name>NTP</name>
         <package-version>1.1/package-version>
  3
         <description>Generated Nano Services python skeleton</description>
        <ncs-min-version>6.2</ncs-min-version>
        <component>
          <name>main</name>
          <application>
            <python-class-name>NTP.main.Main</python-class-name>
          </application>
         </component>
      </ncs-package>
```

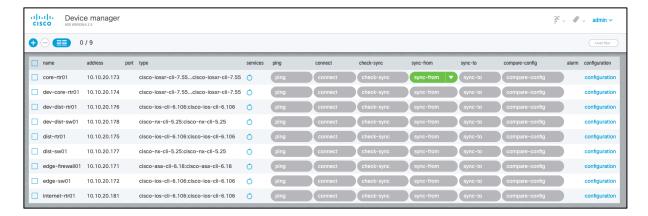
## 1.7 - Service usage

Reload the package and apply the changes.

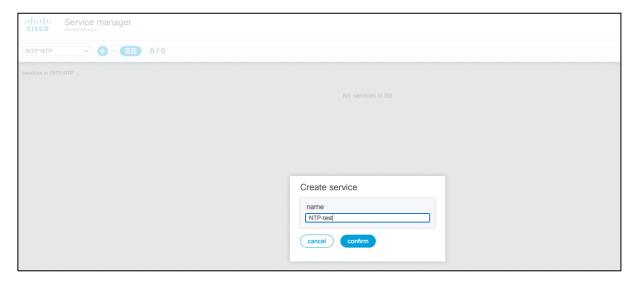
```
developer@nso-sandbox1:NTP > ncs cli -Cu admin
User admin last logged in 2024-11-11T16:18:11.993076+00:00, to nso-
sandbox1, from 192.168.254.11 using cli-ssh
admin connected from 192.168.254.11 using ssh on nso-sandbox1.devnet
admin@ncs# packages reload
>>> System upgrade is starting.
>>> Sessions in configure mode must exit to operational mode.
>>> No configuration changes can be performed until upgrade has
completed.
>>> System upgrade has completed successfully.
reload-result {
    package NTP
   result true
reload-result {
   package cisco-asa-cli-6.18
    result true
}
```

Be sure the devices you want to apply the service are in sync with NSO.

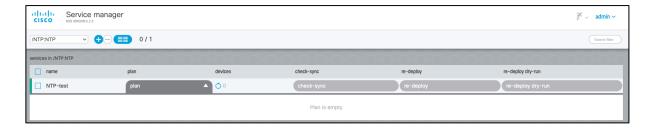
In the WebUI go to the Device Manager and click on the "sync-from" button.



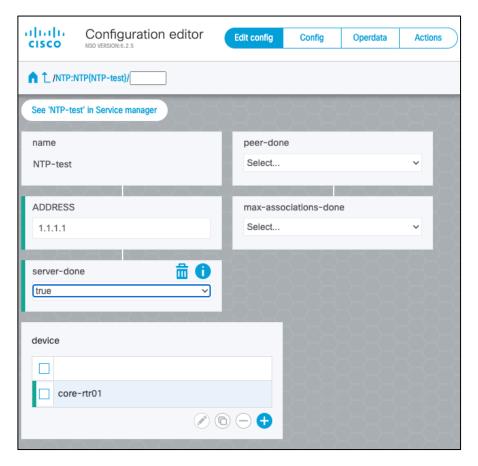
After the sync, go to the Service Manager and Create the NTP service instance.



You can notice the service instance already shows a plan. At this point remains empty because no device is selected.



Let's apply the first service configurations, setting up the "server-done" variable as true.



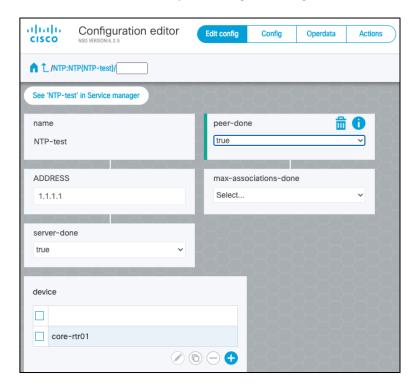
Going to the commit manager, we can notice that only the configurations defined in the first template are applied.



Going back to our plan, we can already see some progress.



Let's now advance to the "peer-configured" stage.



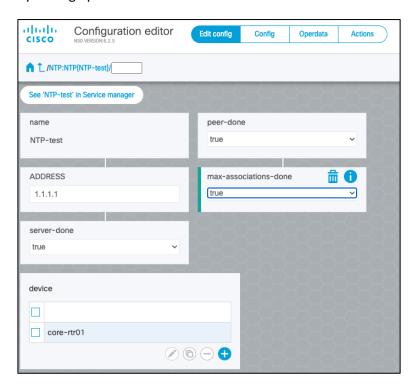
In the commit manager we can see the configuration changes from the second template.



After the commit we can see the plan progress.



By setting up the last variable "max-associations-done" as true we finish the service application.



In the commit manager we will find the final configuration.



After we hit the commit button we can see the plan is now finished as the service arrived in the ncs:ready state



# Thank you!

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