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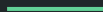
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Teach Python and Ansible in a
Network Automation context



General:

8:30AM - 4:30PM

Lunch

Some breaks

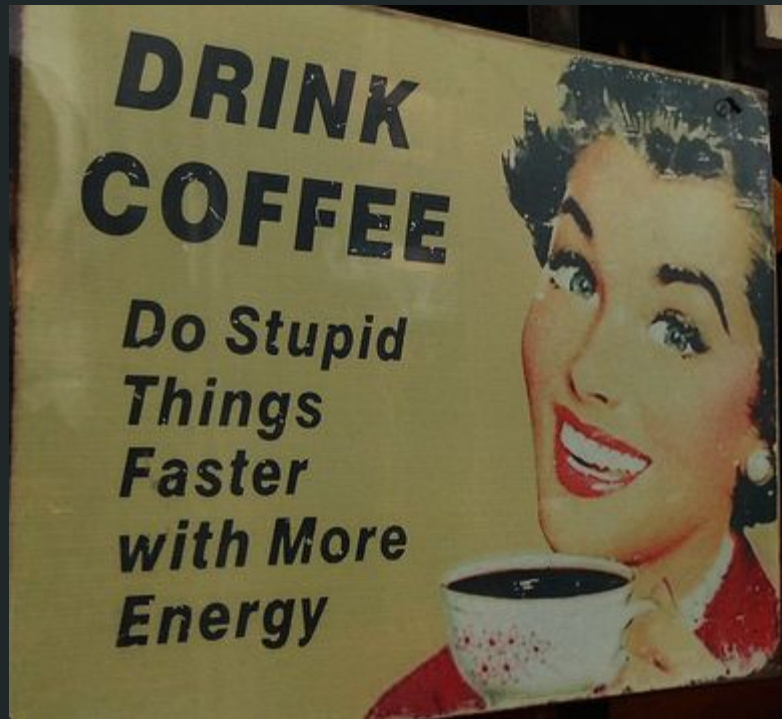
Focused

Minimize Distractions

Exercises and Examples

Examples in the Python Shell

Try not to fall behind on day1 & 2



Day1 Schedule

1a. GIT Basics

1b. VI in five minutes

2. Python Fundamentals - General

3. Strings

4. Numbers

5. Files

6. Lists / Tuples

7. Booleans / None

8. Conditionals

9. Loops

10. Dictionaries

11. Exceptions

12. Functions

13. Regular Expressions

Git

- Why care about Git?
- Git and GitHub
- Some principles of how Git works
 - Tracking files and directories across time
 - All objects are stored in the .git directory
 - You can swap your working set of files
 - Distributed
- Creating a repository on GitHub
- Cloning a repository
- `git init`
- Files have four different states: untracked, modified, staged, committed

Git Adding/Removing Files

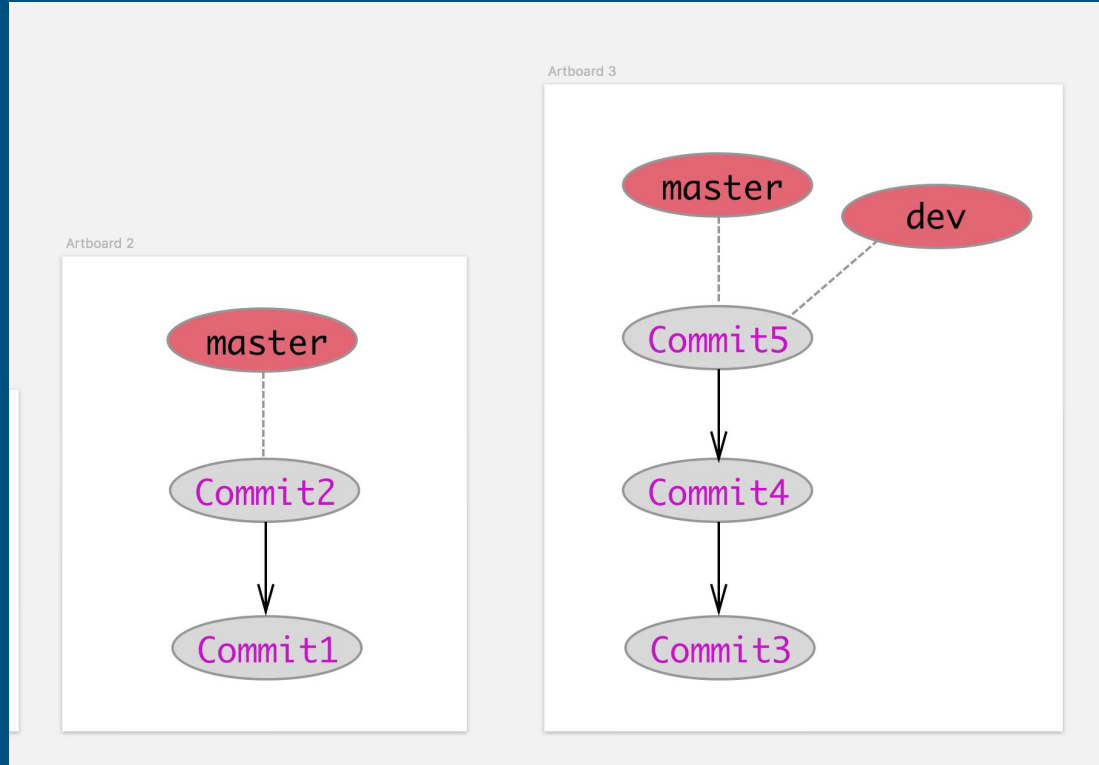
- `git status` *# basically what is the current state of this repository*
- `git branch` *# which branches are there and which branch am I working on*
- Adding/Removing files
 - `git add / git rm / git commit`
 - `git diff` *# to see what changed on a file or set of files*
- `git log` *# to see the history of commits*

Git Push & Pull

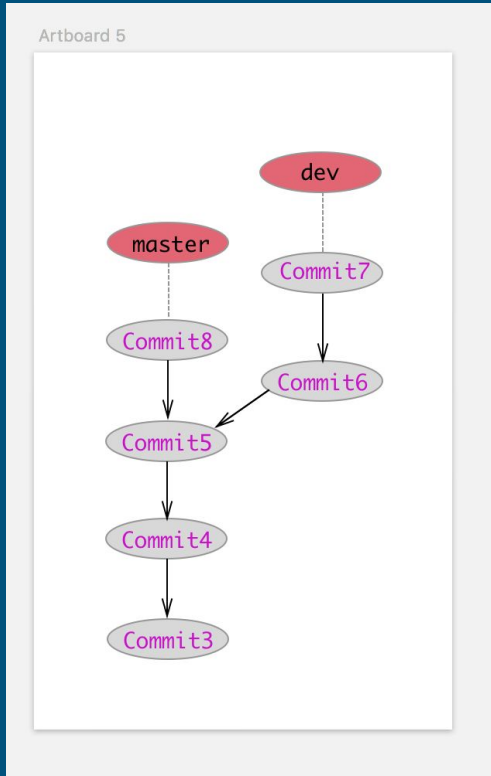
Changes have been committed locally, but haven't been pushed up to GitHub

- git pull / git push
 - git remote -v
 - git remote add
 - git branch -vv

Git Branches



Git Branches



Git Branches

Creating a branch

- `git checkout -b dev origin/master`
- `git branch dev2`
- `git checkout dev2`
- `git branch` *# Look at your current branches*
- Switching branches
 - Underlying files in the working directory change

Merge operation

- Checkout the branch you want to merge into
- `git merge dev2`

Git Handling Merge Conflicts

A set of changes that Git can't reconcile

```
$ git merge dev
```

```
Auto-merging test2.py
```

```
CONFLICT (content): Merge conflict in test2.py
```

```
Automatic merge failed; fix conflicts and then  
commit the result.
```

```
$ cat test2.py
```

```
-----
```

```
while True:  
    print("Hello world")  
    break
```

```
for x in range(10):
```

```
    x = 0
```

```
<<<<<< HEAD
```

```
    y = 1 * x
```

```
    z = 3
```

```
    print(y)
```

```
print("Foo")
```

```
=====
```

```
    y += 1
```

```
    z = 3
```

```
>>>>>> dev
```

Git Pull Requests / Git Rebase

Pull Request - Submit changes from your copy of a repository for review and potentially integration into the main repository for the project.

Rebase - One of your branches has become out of date (relative to another copy of the repository) and you want to bring it back up to date.

Git Exercises

Reference Commands:

`{{ github_repo }}/git_notes/git_commands.md`

Exercises:

`./day1/git_ex1.txt`

`./day1/git_ex2.txt`

VI in five minutes

SSH into lab environment

```
vi test1.txt
```

Two modes: edit-mode and command-mode (ESC is your path to safety).

i - insert (switch to edit-mode)

a - append (switch to edit-mode)

Never, absolutely never, hit caps-lock it is the path to destruction and ruin.

Use h, j, k, l to navigate (in command-mode)

VI in five minutes

Use h, j, k, l to navigate (in command-mode)

h - move left one space

j - move down one space

k - move up one space

l - move right one space

Arrow keys will also probably work.

x - delete a character

dw - delete a word

dd - delete a line

To exit

:wq - saves file and exits

:q! - exits WITHOUT saving

u - undo the last command

yy - yank a line

p - put a line

REMEMBER:

<esc> is your friend

Why Python?



- Widely supported (meaning lots of library support)
- Easily available on systems
- Language accommodates beginners through advanced
- Maintainable
- Allows for easy code reuse
- High-level

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Python Characteristics

Indentation matters.

Use spaces not tabs.

Python programmers are particular.

Py2 or Py3. *# The battle is now largely over: use Python3.*

Python2 support ends on Jan1, 2020.

General Items

The Python interpreter shell

Assignment and variable names

Python naming conventions

Printing to standard out/reading from standard in

Creating/executing a script

Quotes, double quotes, triple quotes

Comments

`dir()` and `help()`

Strings

- String methods
- Chaining
- `split()`
- `strip()`
- `substr` in string
- unicode
- raw strings
- `format()` method
- f-strings

Exercises:

`./day1/str_ex1.txt`

`./day1/str_ex2.txt`

Numbers

Integers

Floats

Math Operators (+, -, *, /, **, %)

~~Strange Behavior of Integer Division~~

Exercises:
`./day1/numbers_ex1.txt`

Writing to a file/reading from a file:

```
with open(file_name, "w") as f:  
    f.write(output)
```

```
with open(file_name) as f:  
    output = f.read()
```

Exercises:
./day1/files_ex1.txt

Lists

Zero-based indices

.append()

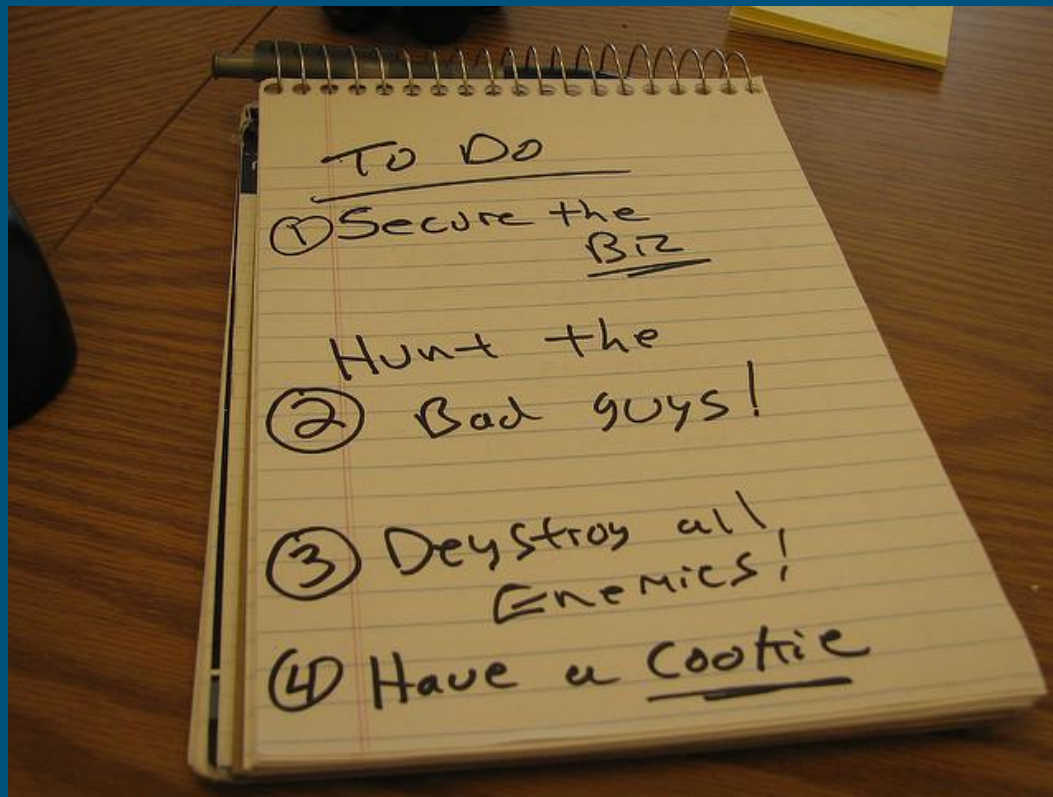
.pop()

.join()

List slices

Tuple

Copying a list



Exercises:

./day1/lists_ex1.txt

./day1/lists_ex2.txt

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Booleans and None

Boolean operators (and, or, not)

is

Truthy

Comparison operators (==, !=, <, >, >=, <=)

None

Conditionals

```
if a == 15:  
    print "Hello"  
elif a >= 7:  
    print "Something"  
else:  
    print "Nada"
```


Loops

- for
- while
- break
- continue
- range(len())
- enumerate



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For/while syntax

```
for my_var in iterable:  
    print my_var
```

```
i = 0  
while i < 10:  
    print i  
    i += 1
```

Exercises:
./day1/loops_ex1.txt
./day1/loops_ex2.txt

Exercise:

Exercises:

`./day1/for_bgp_parse_ex1.txt`

Show IP BGP Parsing

Read the 'show_ip_bgp.txt' file.

Strip out the header information so you are just left with the routes.

Parse each BGP line such that you retrieve the prefix and the as_path.

Save the prefix and as_path to a file.

Exercise:

Exercises:

`./day1/for_cond_show_ver_ex1.txt`

Show Version Exercise

- a. Read a show version output from a router (in a file named, "show_version.txt").
- b. Find the router serial number in the output.
- c. Parse the serial number and return it as a variable. Use `.split()` and `substr` in `str` to accomplish this.

Dictionaries

- Creating
- Updating
- `get()`
- `pop()`
- Iterating over keys
- Iterating over keys and values

Exercises:
`./day1/dict_ex1.txt`



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Exception Handling

```
try:  
    my_dict['missing_key']  
except KeyError:  
    do_something
```

- Trying to gracefully handle errors.
- finally: - always ran if you have a cleanup condition.

Exercises:
./day1/except_dict_ex1.txt

Functions:

- Defining a function
- Positional arguments
- Named arguments
- Mixing positional and named arguments
- Default values
- Passing in `*args`, `**kwargs`
- Functions and promoting the reuse of code

Exercises:

`./day1/func_ex1.txt`
`./day1/func_ex2.txt`
`./day1/func_ex3.txt`
`./day1/func_ex4.txt`

Python Regular Expressions

```
import re
```

Other re methods

```
re.split()
```

```
re.sub()
```

```
re.findall()
```

Exercises:

```
./day1/regex_ex1.txt
```

```
./day1/regex_ex2.txt
```

re.search(pattern, string)

- always use raw strings
- re.M/re.MULTILINE
- re.DOTALL
- re.I
- Parenthesis to retain patterns
- greedy/not greedy (.*)

```
match.group(0)
```

```
match.groups()
```

```
match.groupdict()
```

Named patterns

```
(?P<software_ver>Ver.*)
```


Regular Expression Resources

Regular Expression Tutorial

https://regexone.com/lesson/introduction_abcs

This is a good resource if you are new to regular expressions.

Online Regular Expression Tester

<https://regex101.com/>

Select 'Python' on the left-hand side.

Python Regular Expression HowTo

<https://docs.python.org/2/howto/regex.html>

This is a good overview of regular expression special characters.

Start at the very top of the page and read through the 'Repeating Things' section.

Day2

1. Python Classes and Objects
2. Python Code Structure
3. Libraries
4. Modules
5. Linters
6. Email Notifications
7. CiscoConfParse
8. Netmiko
9. Netmiko Tools



Classes and Objects

```
class NetDevice(object):  
    def __init__(self, ip_addr, username, password):  
        self.ip_addr = ip_addr  
        self.username = username  
        self.password = password
```

```
    def test_method(self):  
        print "Device IP is: {}".format(self.ip_addr)  
        print "Username is: {}".format(self.username)
```

```
rtr1 = NetDevice('10.22.1.1', 'admin', 'passw')  
rtr1.test_method()
```

Exercises:

[./day2/classes_ex1.txt](#)

[./day2/classes_ex2.txt](#)

Python Code Structure:

- Imports at top of the file
- CONSTANTS
- Functions / classes
- if `__name__ == "__main__"`:
- Main code or `main()` function call

Exercises:

`./day2/reuse_ex1.txt`

Libraries

`import x`

`from x import y`

`sys.path`

`PYTHONPATH`

Installing packages (pip)

Virtual Environments



Virtualenv

```
virtualenv-3.6 -p /usr/bin/python3.6 test_venv
```

```
source /path/to/virtualenv/bin/activate
```

```
deactivate
```

```
pip list
```

```
pip install netmiko==2.3.0
```

```
pip install pycodestyle
```

```
pip freeze
```

Exercises:
./day2/virtualenv_ex1.txt

Modules and Packages

Python Module

A Python file that you can import into another Python program

Example, storing device definition in an external file.

Python Package

An importable Python directory

`__init__.py`

Exercises:

`./day2/reuse_ex2.txt`

`./day2/reuse_ex3.txt`

Python Linters

Auto formatting with Python Black

pylint or pycodestyle

Consistency and conventions make your life easier.

Finds obvious errors. Finds problems you might not be aware of (reuse of builtins).

```
pylint my_file.py
```

```
pycodestyle my_file.py
```

```
pylama my_file.py
```


Review Exercise

Process the 'show_ip_int_brief.txt' file and create a data structure from it.

1. Create a dictionary of dictionaries.
2. The keys for the outermost dictionary should be the interface names.
3. The value corresponding to this interface name is another dictionary with the fields 'ip_address', 'line_status', and 'line_protocol'.
4. Use pretty-print to print out your data structure.

Your output should be similar to the following:

```
{'FastEthernet0': {'ip_address': 'unassigned',  
                  'line_protocol': 'down',  
                  'line_status': 'down'},  
 ... }
```

Exercises:
./day2/review_ex1.txt

Review Exercise

Process the 'show_arp.txt' file and create a data structure from it.

1. Create a dictionary where the keys are the ip addresses and the corresponding values are the mac-addresses.
2. Create a second dictionary where the keys are the mac-addresses and the corresponding values are the ip addresses.
3. Use pretty print to print these two data structures to the screen.

Exercises:
./day2/review_ex2.txt

Email notifications

Reference Material in:

{{ github_repo }}/email_example

Using helper library I created, see:

~/python-libs/email_helper.py

```
from email_helper import send_mail
```

```
sender = 'twb@twb-tech.com'
```

```
recipient = 'ktbyersx@gmail.com'
```

```
subject = 'This is a test message.'
```

```
message = '''Whatever'''
```

```
send_mail(recipient, subject, message, sender)
```

CiscoConfParse

Reference Material in:

{{ github_repo }}/confparse_example

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
from ciscoconfparse import CiscoConfParse
```

```
cisco_file = 'cisco_config.txt'
cisco_cfg = CiscoConfParse(cisco_file)
intf_obj = cisco_cfg.find_objects(r"^interf")
print
for intf in intf_obj:
    print intf.text
    for child in intf.children:
        print child.text
    print
```

Exercises:

./day2/confparse_ex1.txt
./day2/confparse_ex2.txt

Netmiko

Paramiko is the standard Python SSH library.

Netmiko is a multi-vendor networking library based on Paramiko.

Netmiko Vendors

Regularly tested

Arista vEOS
Cisco ASA
Cisco IOS
Cisco IOS-XE
Cisco IOS-XR
Cisco NX-OS
Cisco SG300
HP Comware7
HP ProCurve
Juniper Junos
Linux

Limited testing

Alcatel AOS6/AOS8
Avaya ERS
Avaya VSP
Brocade VDX
Brocade MLX/NetIron
Calix B6
Cisco WLC
Dell-Force10
Dell PowerConnect

Limited testing

Huawei
Mellanox
NetApp cDOT
Palo Alto PAN-OS
Pluribus
Ruckus ICX/FastIron
Ubiquity EdgeSwitch
Vyatta VyOS

Experimental

A10
Accedian
Aruba
Ciena SAOS
Cisco Telepresence
CheckPoint GAiA
Coriant
Eltex
Enterasys
Extreme EXOS
Extreme Wing
F5 LTM
Fortinet
MRV OptiSwitch
Nokia SR-OS
QuantaMesh

Key Netmiko Methods

`.send_command()`
`.send_command_timing()`

`.send_config_set()`
`.send_config_from_file()`

`.save_config()`

`.commit()`
`.enable()`
`.disconnect()`

`.write_channel()`
`.read_channel()`

FileTransfer Class

Netmiko example

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
from getpass import getpass
from netmiko import ConnectHandler

if __name__ == "__main__":
    password = getpass("Enter password: ")
    srx = {
        'device_type': 'juniper_junos',
        'host': '184.105.247.76',
        'username': 'pyclass',
        'password': password
    }

    net_connect = ConnectHandler(**srx)
    print net_connect.find_prompt()
```

Reference Material in:

```
{{ github_repo }}/netmiko_example
{{ github_repo }}/paramiko_example
{{ github_repo }}/pexpect_example
```

Exercises:

```
./day2/netmiko_ex1.txt
./day2/netmiko_ex2.txt
```


Netmiko Tools

git clone https://github.com/ktbyers/netmiko_tools

In your .bashrc file if you want to retain it
export PATH=~/.netmiko_tools/netmiko_tools:\$PATH

~/.netmiko.yml

netmiko-grep

netmiko-show

netmiko-cfg

Day3 Schedule

- Serialization: JSON and YAML
- XML
- NX-API
- Requests and using a REST-API



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Data Serialization

Why do we need data serialization?

Characteristics of JSON

Characteristics of YAML

Reference Material in:

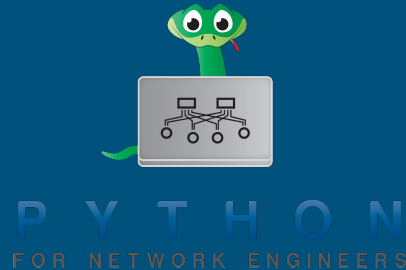
`{{ github_repo }}/json_yaml`

Exercises:

`./day3/yaml_ex1.txt`

`./day3/yaml_ex2.txt`

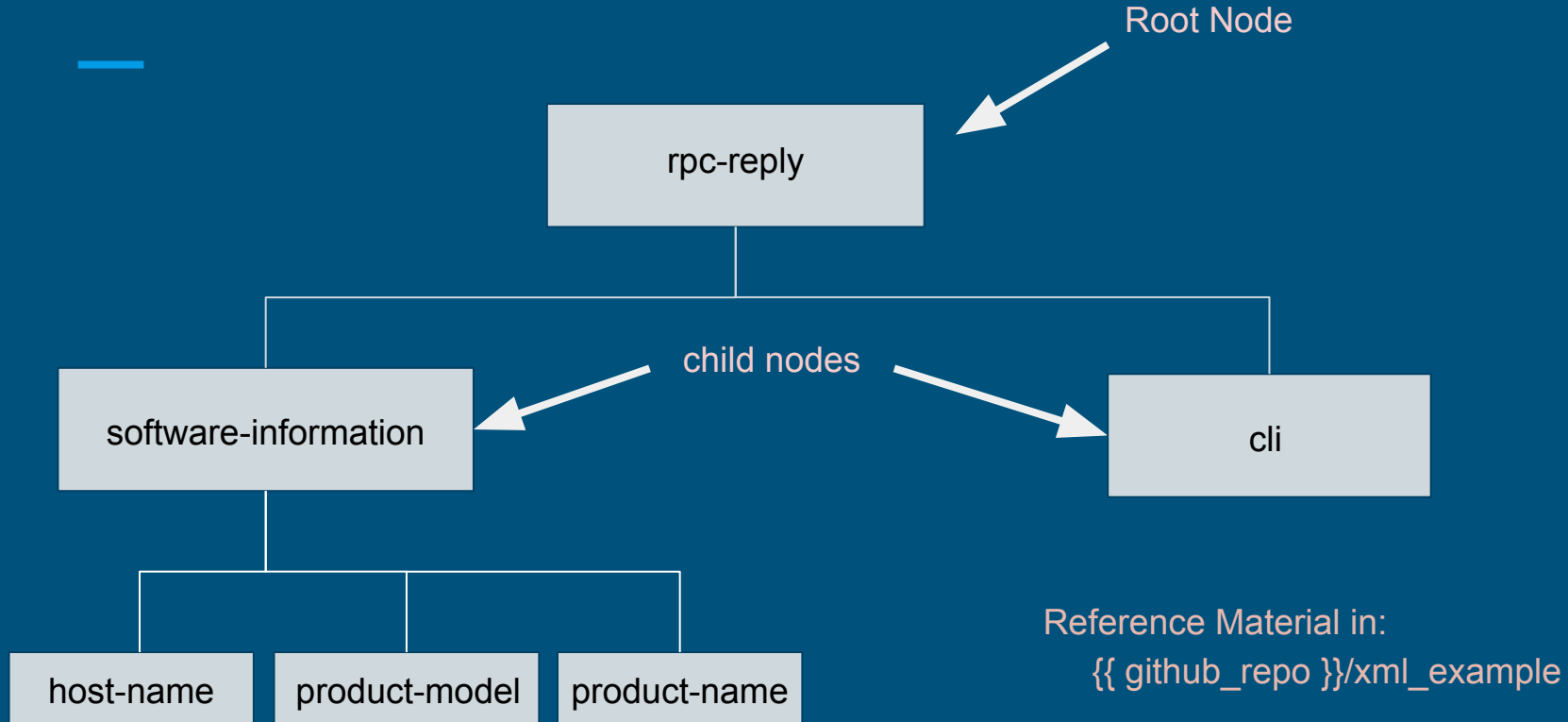
`./day3/netmiko_ex3.txt`



XML: the good, the bad, and the ugly

```
> show version | display xml
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="http://xml.juniper.net/junos/12.1X44/junos">
  <software-information>
    <host-name>pynet-jnpr-srx1</host-name>
    <product-model>srx100h2</product-model>
    <product-name>srx100h2</product-name>
    <jsr/>
    <package-information>
      <name>junos</name>
      <comment>JUNOS Software Release [12.1X44-D35.5]</comment>
    </package-information>
  </software-information>
</cli>
  <banner></banner>
</cli>
</rpc-reply>
```

XML - Think of it as a tree of nodes

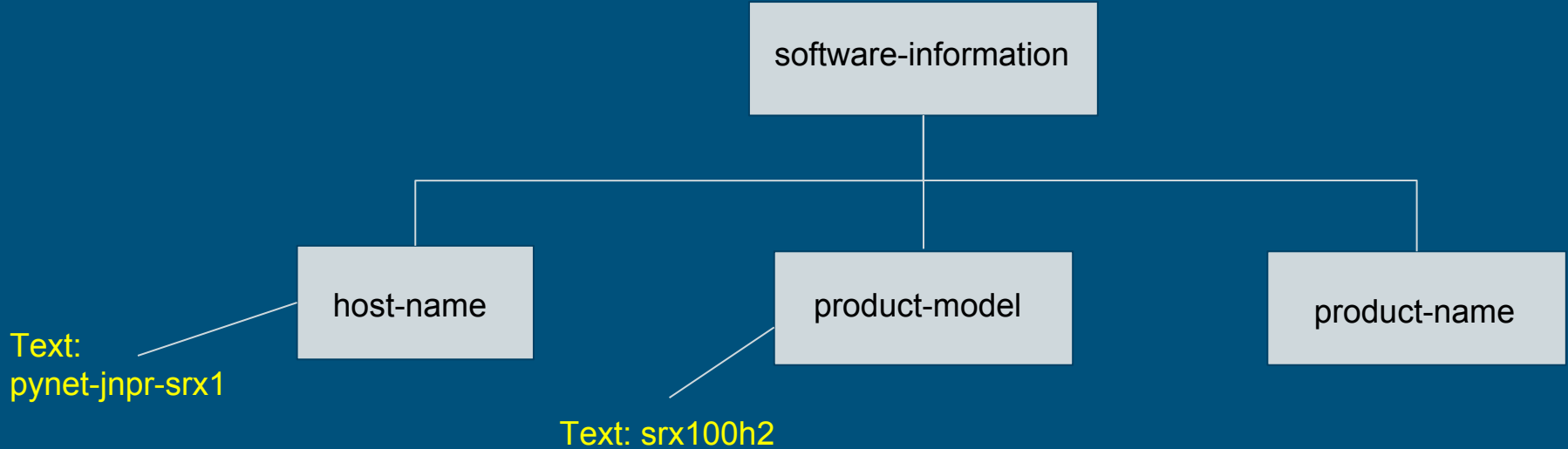


XML Text “Nodes”

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    </package-information>
  </software-information>
</cli>
  <banner></banner>
</cli>
</rpc-reply>
```

XML Text “Nodes” (ElementTree/lxml Perspective)

Treat the Text as an attribute of the Element Node

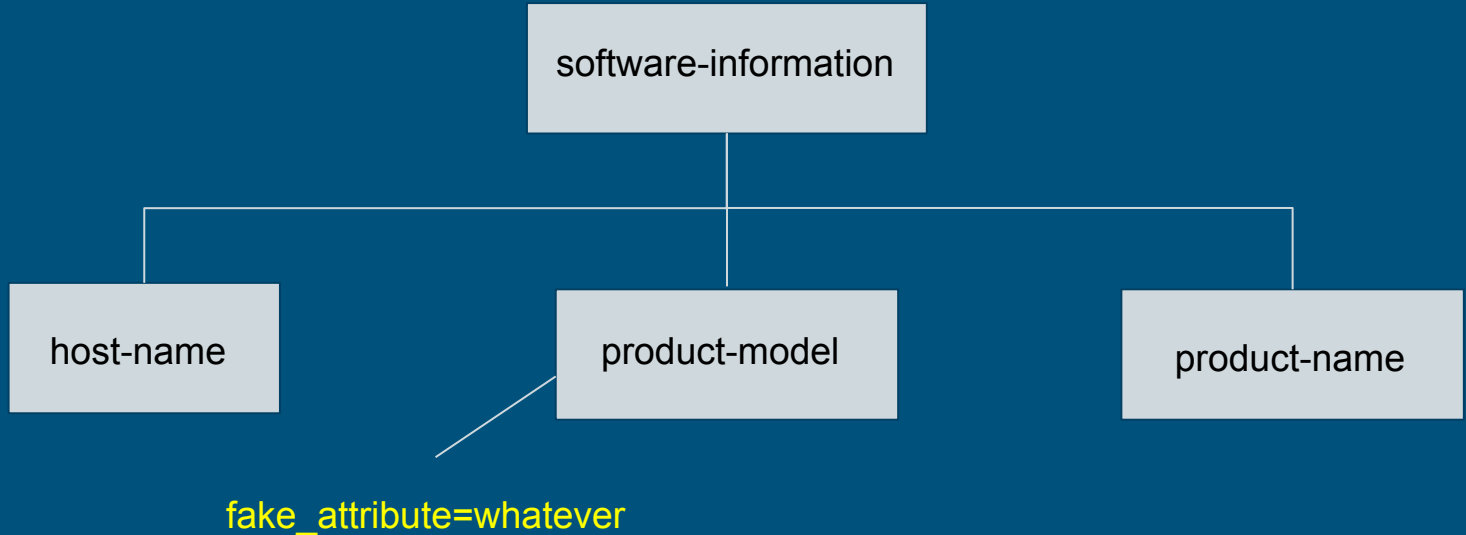


XML Attribute “Nodes”

```
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  <software-information>
    <host-name>pynet-jnpr-srx1</host-name>
    <product-model fake_attribute='whatever'>srx100h2</product-model>
    <product-name>srx100h2</product-name>
    <jsr/>
    <package-information>
      <name>junos</name>
      <comment>JUNOS Software Release [12.1X44-D35.5]</comment>
    </package-information>
  </software-information>
  <cli>
    <banner></banner>
  </cli>
</rpc-reply>
```


XML Attribute “Nodes” (ElementTree/lxml Perspective)

Treat the Attribute as an attribute of the Element Node



This is not what the DOM does?

In the DOM (document object model):

The following are nodes (and other things are also nodes):

- Element Nodes
- Text Nodes
- Attribute Nodes

Implications of this when using Python

Terminology: Element

```
> show version | display xml
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  <software-information>
    <host-name>pynet-jnpr-srx1</host-name>
    <product-model>srx100h2</product-model>
    <product-name>srx100h2</product-name>
    <jsr/>
    <package-information>
      <name>junos</name>
      <comment>JUNOS Software Release [12.1X44-D35.5]</comment>
    </package-information>
  </software-information>
  <cli>
    <banner></banner>
  </cli>
</rpc-reply>
```

Terminology:

Child Nodes

Parent Nodes

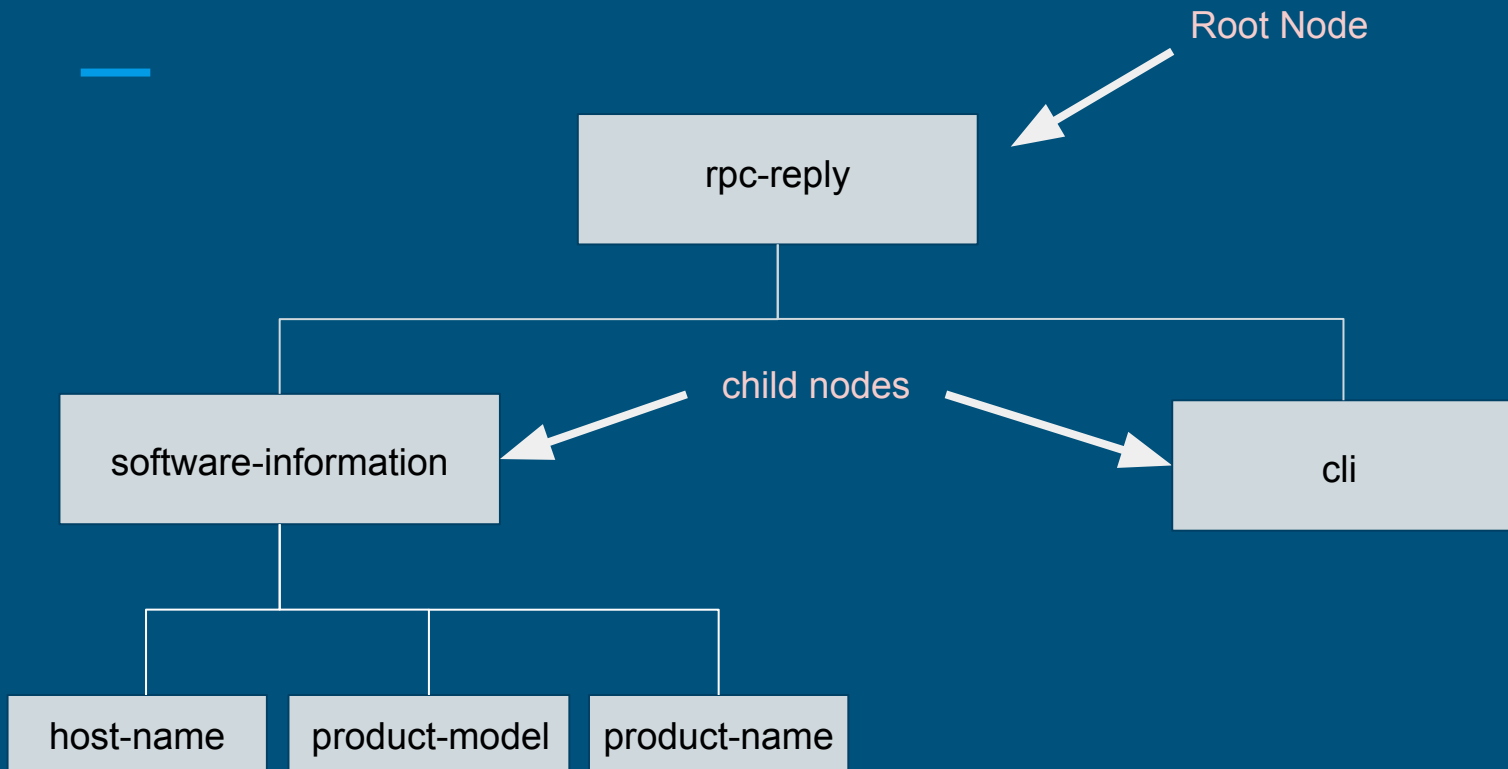
Sibling Nodes

Ancestor Nodes

Descendant Nodes

Namespaces - a way to uniquely identify the names of nodes.

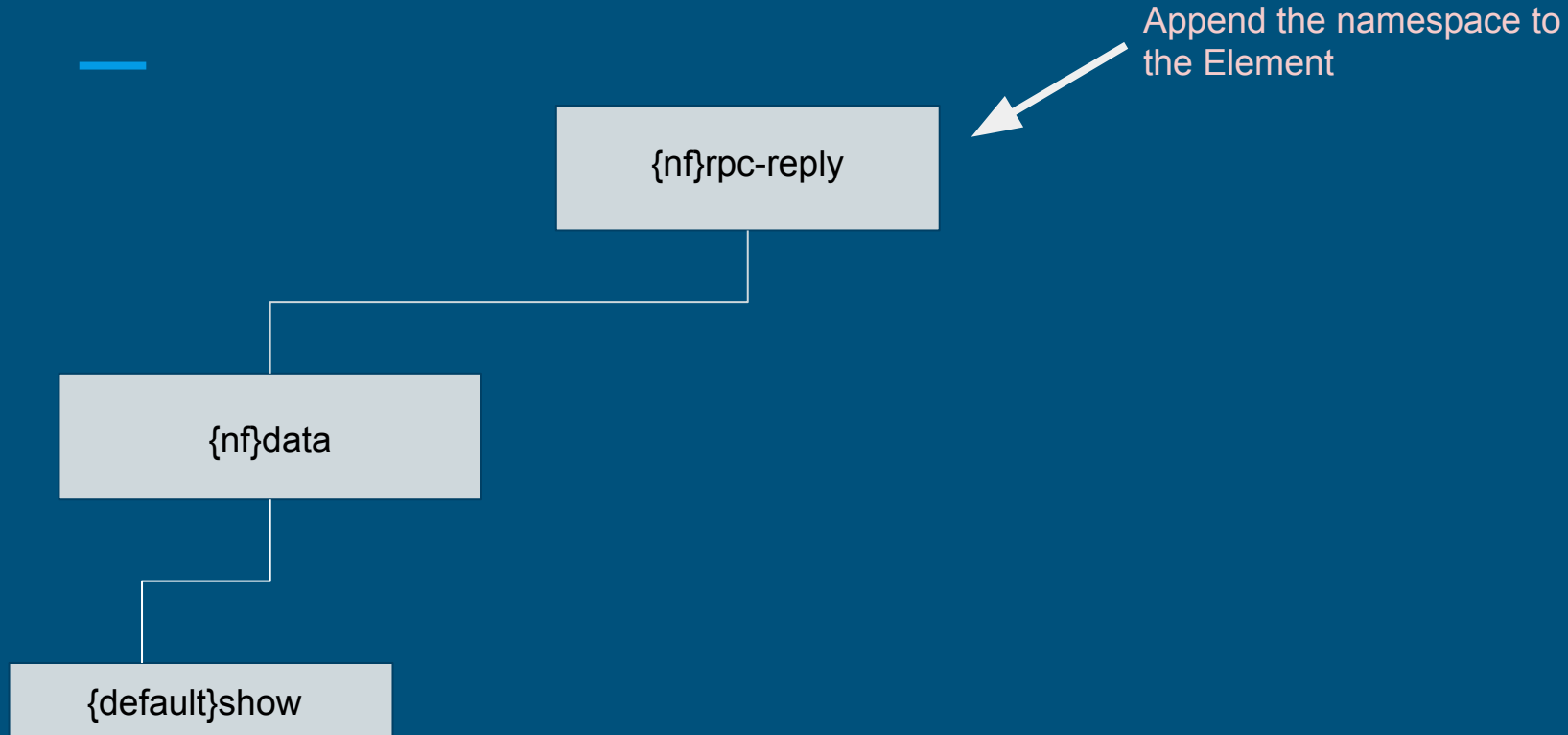
100



Namespaces

```
nxos1# show version | xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
<nf:rpc-reply xmlns:nf="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0"
xmlns="http://www.cisco.com/nxos:1.0:sysmgrcli">
  <nf:data>
    <show>
      <version>
        ...
      </version>
    </show>
  </nf:data>
</nf:rpc-reply>
```

XML with Namespaces



Cisco NX-OS and NX-API

POST

Reset

Output Schema

REQUEST:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<ins_api>
  <version>1.2</version>
  <type>cli_show</type>
  <chunk>0</chunk>
  <sid>sid</sid>
  <input>show version</input>
  <output_format>xml</output_format>
</ins_api>
```

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Python

RESPONSE:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<ins_api>
  <type>cli_show</type>
  <version>1.2</version>
  <sid>eoc</sid>
  <outputs>
    <output>
      <body>
        <header_str>Cisco Nexus Operating System (NX-OS) So
TAC support: http://www.cisco.com/tac
Documents: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps9372/tsc
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Cisco NX-OS and NX-API (JSON-RPC)

POST

Reset

Output Schema

REQUEST:

```
[
  {
    "jsonrpc": "2.0",
    "method": "cli",
    "params": {
      "cmd": "show version",
      "version": 1.2
    },
    "id": 1
  }
]
```

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Python

RESPONSE:

```
{
  "jsonrpc": "2.0",
  "result": {
    "body": {
      "header_str": "Cisco Nexus Operating System (NX-OS)",
      "loader_ver_str": "N/A",
      "kickstart_ver_str": "7.3(1)D1(1) [build 7.3(1)D1(0.10)]",
      "sys_ver_str": "7.3(1)D1(1) [build 7.3(1)D1(0.10)]",
      "kick_file_name": "bootflash:///titanium-d1-kicksta",
      "kick_cmpl_time": " 1/11/2016 16:00:00",
      "kick_tmstamp": "02/22/2016 23:39:33",
      "isan_file_name": "bootflash:///titanium-d1.7.3.1.D",
      "isan_cmpl_time": " 1/11/2016 16:00:00",
      "isan_tmstamp": "02/23/2016 01:43:36",
    }
  }
}
```

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Cisco NX-OS and NX-API

- Uses HTTP/HTTPS transport
- XML or JSON-RPC payload
- Python Libraries: nxapi-plumbing and pynxos
- NAPALM

Cisco NX-OS and NX-API

```
import requests
from requests.packages.urllib3.exceptions import InsecureRequestWarning
from pprint import pprint
from nxapi_plumbing import Device

requests.packages.urllib3.disable_warnings(InsecureRequestWarning)

device = Device(
    api_format="jsonrpc",
    host="nxos1.lasthop.io",
    username="admin",
    password="password",
    transport="https",
    port=8443,
    verify=False,
)

output = device.show("show hostname")
print(output)
```

Cisco NX-OS and NX-API

Exercises:
./day3/nxapi_ex1.txt

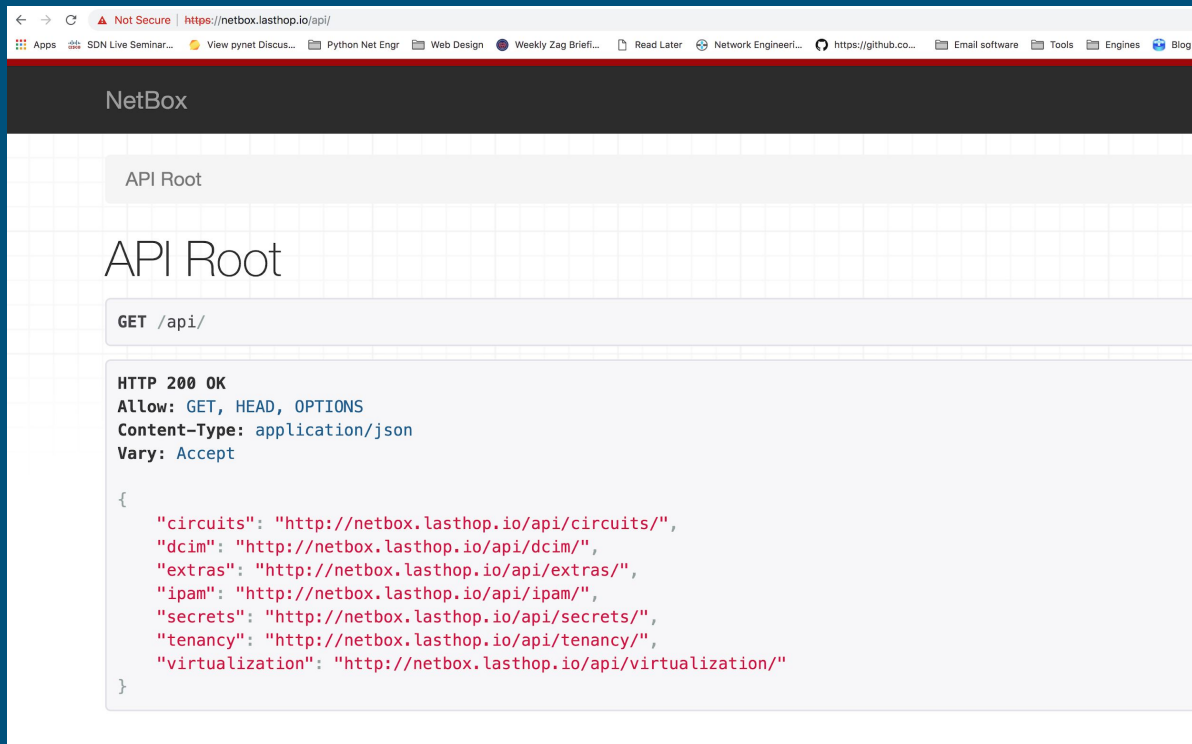
```
import requests
from requests.packages.urllib3.exceptions import InsecureRequestWarning
from lxml import etree
from nxapi_plumbing import Device

requests.packages.urllib3.disable_warnings(InsecureRequestWarning)

device = Device(
    api_format="xml",
    host="nxos1.lasthop.io",
    username="admin",
    password="password",
    transport="https",
    port=8443,
    verify=False,
)

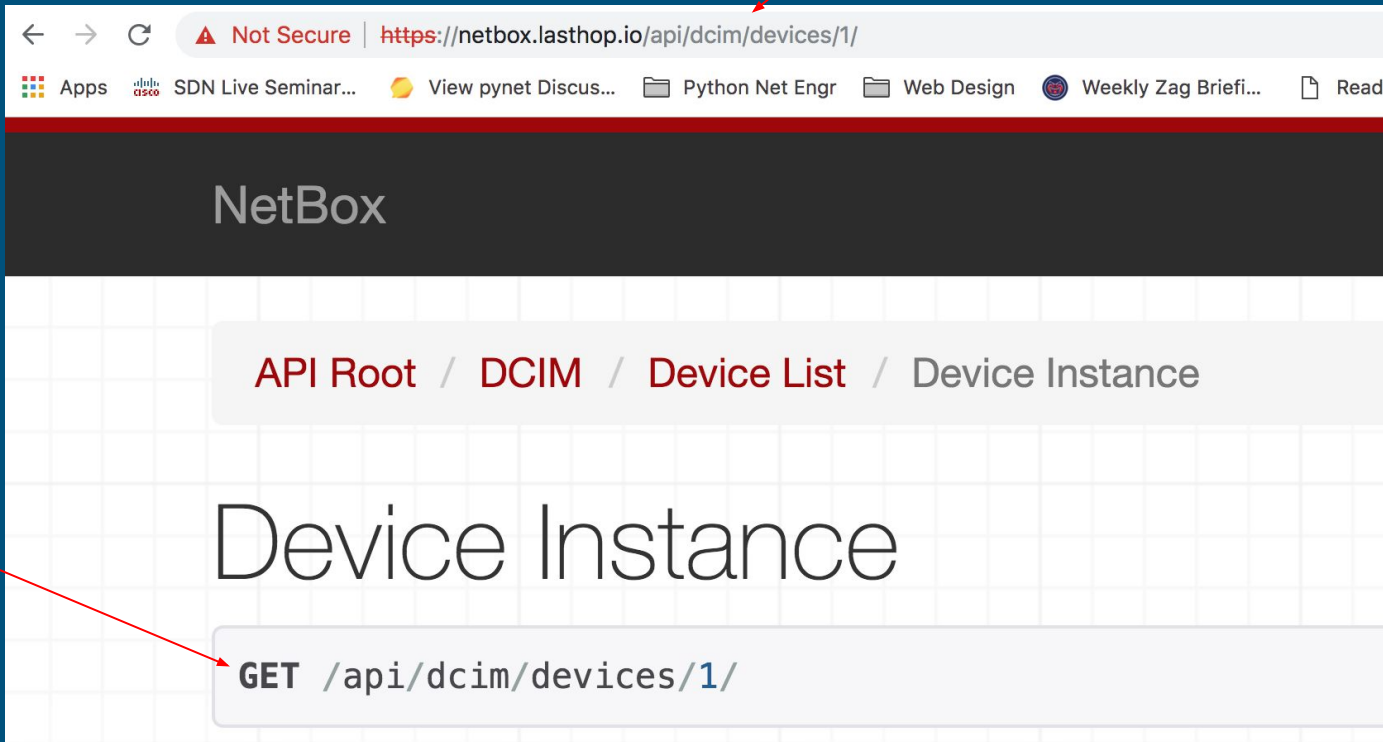
output = device.show("show hostname")
print(etree.tostring(output).decode())
```

REST API



REST API - Characteristics

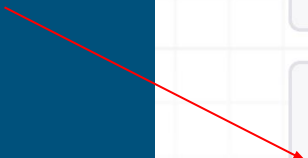
URL - the object I am accessing.



HTTP Method

REST API - Other HTTP Methods

Available HTTP
Methods



API Root / DCIM / Device List / Device Instance

Device Instance

GET /api/dcim/devices/1/

HTTP 200 OK

Allow: GET, PUT, PATCH, DELETE, HEAD, OPTIONS

Content-Type: application/json

Vary: Accept

REST API - CRUD

- Create - HTTP Post
- Read - HTTP Get
- Update - HTTP Put / HTTP Patch
- Delete - HTTP Delete

REST API - Accessing API via Browser + CLI

```
(py3_venv) [kbyers@ip-172-30-0-118 ~]$  
(py3_venv) [kbyers@ip-172-30-0-118 ~]$ curl -s https://netbox.lasthop.io/api/ --insecure | jq "."  
{  
  "circuits": "http://netbox.lasthop.io/api/circuits/",  
  "dcim": "http://netbox.lasthop.io/api/dcim/",  
  "extras": "http://netbox.lasthop.io/api/extras/",  
  "ipam": "http://netbox.lasthop.io/api/ipam/",  
  "secrets": "http://netbox.lasthop.io/api/secrets/",  
  "tenancy": "http://netbox.lasthop.io/api/tenancy/",  
  "virtualization": "http://netbox.lasthop.io/api/virtualization/"  
}
```

REST API - Basic Requests Get

Exercises:
./day3/restapi_ex1.txt

```
import requests
from pprint import pprint

from urllib3.exceptions import InsecureRequestWarning

requests.packages.urllib3.disable_warnings(category=InsecureRequestWarning)

if __name__ == "__main__":

    url = "https://netbox.lasthop.io/api/dcim/"
    # url = "https://api.github.com/"
    http_headers = {"accept": "application/json; version=2.4;"}
    response = requests.get(url, headers=http_headers, verify=False)
    response = response.json()

    print()
    pprint(response)
    print()
```

Authentication

Exercises:
./day3/restapi_ex2.txt

```
import requests
from pprint import pprint

from urllib3.exceptions import InsecureRequestWarning

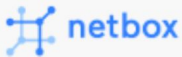

requests.packages.urllib3.disable_warnings(category=InsecureRequestWarning)

if __name__ == "__main__":
    token = "1234123412341234123412341341341134123433"
    url = "https://netbox.lasthop.io/api/dcim/devices/1"
    http_headers = {"accept": "application/json; version=2.4;"}
    if token:
        http_headers["authorization"] = "Token {}".format(token)

    response = requests.get(url, headers=http_headers, verify=False)
    response = response.json()

    print()
    pprint(response)
    print()
```

REST API - Adding a device using HTTP POST

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Devices

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Status	Tenant	Site	Rack	Role	Type	IP Address
<input type="checkbox"/>	arista1	Active	—	Fremont Data Center	RK1	Distribution Switch	Arista vEOS	184.105.247.72
<input type="checkbox"/>	arista2	Active	—	Fremont Data Center	RK1	Distribution Switch	Arista vEOS	
<input type="checkbox"/>	arista3	Active	—	Fremont Data Center	RK1	Distribution Switch	Arista vEOS	
<input type="checkbox"/>	arista4	Active	—	Fremont Data Center	RK1	Distribution Switch	Arista vEOS	
<input type="checkbox"/>	arista5	Active	—	Fremont Data Center	RK1	Distribution Switch	Arista vEOS	
<input type="checkbox"/>	arista6	Active	—	Fremont Data Center	RK2	Distribution Switch	Arista vEOS	
<input type="checkbox"/>	arista7	Active	—	Fremont Data Center	RK1	Distribution Switch	Arista vEOS	

REST API - Modify (put) and Delete

```
response = requests.put(  
    url, headers=http_headers, data=json.dumps(arista6), verify=False  
)
```

```
response = requests.delete(url, headers=http_headers, verify=False)
```

REST API

1. Determine if there is an existing Python library available.
2. Determine how to accomplish authentication.
3. Determine how to do information retrieval.
4. Determine how to create and modify objects.
5. Start building up abstractions to accomplish your goals.

Day4 Schedule

- Jinja2 Templating
- Pulling data from a CSV file
- NAPALM
- Writing Reusable Code
- TextFSM
- Concurrency: Threads and Processes
- Introduction to Nornir
- Unit Testing

Variables



Configuration Template



Output Files



Jinja2 Templating

```
import jinja2

my_dict = {'a': 'whatever'}

my_template = '''
Some text
of something
{{ a }}
something
'''

t = jinja2.Template(my_template)
print(t.render(my_dict))
```

Reference Material in:

`{{ github_repo }}`/jinja2_example/jinja2_simple.py
`{{ github_repo }}`/jinja2_example/jinja2_bgp.py



Jinja2 Templating - Loading Template from a File

```
import jinja2

template_file = 'bgp_config.j2'
with open(template_file) as f:
    bgp_template = f.read()

my_vars = {
    'peer_as': '22',
    'neighbor1': '10.10.10.2',
    'neighbor2': '10.10.10.99',
    'neighbor3': '10.10.10.220',
}

template = jinja2.Template(bgp_template)
print(template.render(my_vars))
```

Reference Material in:

`{{ github_repo }}`/jinja2_example/jinja2_bgp_file.py

Exercises:

`./day4/jinja2_ex1.txt`



Reference Material in:

{{ github_repo }}/jinja2_example/jinja2_env.py

Jinja2 Template - Environment

Exercises:

./day4/jinja2_ex2.txt

```
from __future__ import unicode_literals, print_function
from jinja2 import FileSystemLoader, StrictUndefined
from jinja2.environment import Environment

env = Environment(undefined=StrictUndefined)
env.loader = FileSystemLoader([".", "./templates/"])

my_vars = {"bgp_as": 22, "router_id": "1.1.1.1", "peer1": "10.20.30.1"}

template_file = "bgp_config.j2"
template = env.get_template(template_file)
output = template.render(**my_vars)
print(output)
```

Jinja2 Templating - Conditionals

Exercises:
./day4/jinja2_ex3.txt

```
{% if SNMPv3 %}  
access-list 98 remark *** SNMP ***  
access-list 98 permit any  
!  
snmp-server view VIEWSTD iso included  
snmp-server group READONLY v3 priv read VIEWSTD access 98  
snmp-server user pysnmp READONLY v3 auth sha auth_key priv aes 128  
encrypt_key  
{% endif %}
```



Jinja2 Templating - Loops



```
protocols {  
    bgp {  
        group external-peers {  
            type external;  
            {% for neighbor_ip, neighbor_as in my_list %}  
                neighbor {{ neighbor_ip }} {  
                    peer-as {{ neighbor_as }};  
                }  
            {% endfor %}  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Reference Material in:

{{ github_repo }}/jinja2_example/jinja2_bgp_loop.py

Jinja2 - Other Topics



- Jinja2 Whitespace Stripping
- Jinja2 Create Variables
- Jinja2 Filters
- Jinja2 Macros
- Jinja2 Includes / Hierarchy

CSV Examples

```
device_name,device_type,host,username,password
pynet-rtr1,cisco_ios,184.105.247.70,pyclass,my_pass
pynet-rtr2,cisco_ios,184.105.247.71,pyclass,my_pass
-----
```

```
file_name = 'test_net_devices.csv'
with open(file_name) as f:
    read_csv = csv.DictReader(f)
    for entry in read_csv:
        print(entry)
```

Reference Material in:

[{{ github_repo }}/csv_example](#)

Exercises:

[./day3/csv_ex1.txt](#)

NAPALM

Purpose of NAPALM: create a standard set of operations across a range of platforms.

Operations fall into two general categories: Config Operations + Getter Operations.

Reference Material in:

`{{ github_repo }}/napalm_example`

NAPALM Vendors

CORE

Arista EOS

Cisco IOS

Cisco IOS-XR

Cisco NX-OS

Juniper Junos

NAPALM Community Drivers

<https://github.com/napalm-automation-community>

NAPALM-Salt Integration

NAPALM-Ansible Integration

NAPALM Getters

Exercises:

`./day4/napalm_ex1.txt`

`./day4/napalm_ex2.txt`

<https://napalm.readthedocs.io/en/latest/support/#getters-support-matrix>

`get_arp_table`

`get_bgp_config`

`get_bgp_neighbors`

`get_bgp_neighbors_detail`

`get_config`

`get_environment`

`get_facts`

`get_interfaces`

`get_interfaces_counters`

`get_interfaces_ip`

`get_ipv6_neighbors_table`

`get_lldp_neighbors`

`get_lldp_neighbors_detail`

`get_mac_address_table`

`get_network_instances`

`get_ntp_peers`

`get_ntp_servers`

`get_ntp_stats`

`get_optics`

`get_probes_config`

`get_probes_results`

`get_route_to`

`get_snmp_information`

`get_users`

`is_alive`

`ping`

`traceroute`

NAPALM Config Operations

`device.load_merge_candidate()`

`device.load_replace_candidate()`

`device.compare_config()`

`device.discard_config()`

`device.commit_config()`

`device.rollback()`

Exercises:

`./day4/napalm_ex3.txt`

Writing Reusable Code

- Functions/Classes
- Code Structure
- Linting Tools
- Unit Testing
- Systems Testing
- CI-CD

TextFSM - The Problem

```
$ cat show_ip_bgp.txt
```

```
BGP table version is 17889841, local router ID is 128.223.51.103
```

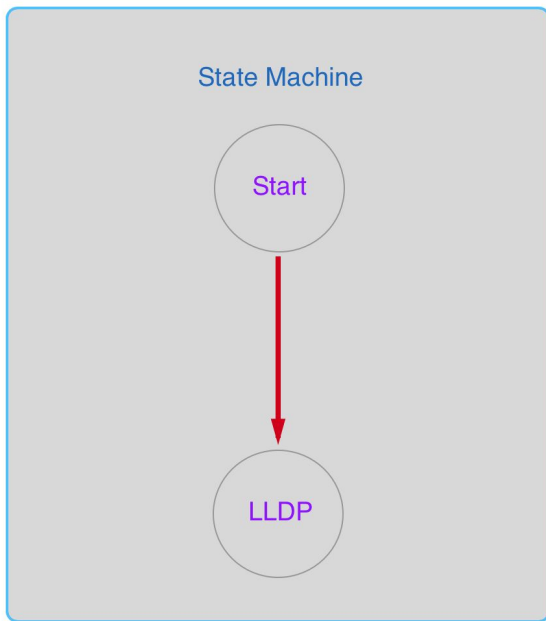
```
Status codes: s suppressed, d damped, h history, * valid, > best, i - internal,  
               r RIB-failure, S Stale, m multipath, b backup-path, f RT-Filter,  
               x best-external, a additional-path, c RIB-compressed,
```

```
Origin codes: i - IGP, e - EGP, ? - incomplete
```

```
RPKI validation codes: V valid, I invalid, N Not found
```

	Network	Next Hop	Metric	LocPrf	Weight	Path
*	1.0.0.0/24	208.74.64.40			0	19214 174 13335 i
*		162.251.163.2			0	53767 13335 i
*		94.142.247.3	0		0	8283 13335 i
*		212.66.96.126			0	20912 13335 i

TextFSM



TextFSM File

```
# Define your fields to extract
Value VAR_NAME (regex_pattern)
Value VAR_NAME (regex_pattern)
Value VAR_NAME (regex_pattern)

# Start of the FSM
Start
    ^Device.*ID -> LLDP

LLDP
    ^${VAR_NAME}.* -> Record

# Implicit EOF and Record
# EOF
```

TextFSM - A minimum set of regular expressions

Regular Expression Special Chars

<code>\d</code>	Digits 0-9
<code>\s</code>	Whitespace characters
<code>\S</code>	Non-whitespace
<code>\w</code>	Alphanumeric includes <code>_</code>
<code>.</code>	Any single character
<code>*</code>	Repeated 0 or more times
<code>+</code>	Repeated 1 or more times
<code>^</code>	Beginning of the line anchor
<code>\$</code>	End of the line anchor

Greedy by-default.

TextFSM - Example

Reference Material in:
`{{ github_repo }}/textfsm`

- Variables > Start > State Transition
- Implicit EOF
- Installing TextFSM
- Installing ntc-templates
- Coupling TextFSM with Netmiko

Threads/Processes

- Concurrency
- Python and the GIL
- Example with threads
- Example with processes
- Example with a queue

Reference Material in:

`{{ github_repo }}/threads_procs`

Exercises:

`./day4/threads_ex1.txt`

Introduction to Nornir - Why?

1. Systematically handle inventory management inventory in a modular way.
2. Handle concurrency.

Nornir - Simple Inventory

hosts.yaml file

```
---
cisco3:
  hostname: cisco3.lasthop.io
  groups:
    - cisco

cisco4:
  hostname: cisco4.lasthop.io
  groups:
    - cisco

arista1:
  hostname: arista1.lasthop.io
  groups:
    - arista

arista2:
  hostname: arista2.lasthop.io
  groups:
    - arista

arista3:
  hostname: arista3.lasthop.io
  groups:
    - arista
```

Nornir - Simple Inventory

groups.yaml file

```
---
cisco:
  platform: ios

arista:
  platform: eos
  connection_options:
    netmiko:
      extras:
        # session_log: "arista.txt"
        global_delay_factor: 5

juniper:
  platform: junos
  data:
    arp_cmd: "show arp"
```

Nornir - Simple Inventory

defaults.yaml file

```
connection_options:  
  netmiko:  
    extras:  
      secret: bogus  
  napalm:  
    extras:  
      optional_args: {}
```

Nornir - Config File

```
--  
core:  
  num_workers: 20  
logging:  
  file: ""  
inventory:  
  plugin: nornir.plugins.inventory.simple.SimpleInventory  
  options:  
    host_file: "/home/student1/nornir_inventory/hosts.yaml"  
    group_file: "/home/student1/nornir_inventory/groups.yaml"  
    defaults_file: "/home/student1/nornir_inventory/defaults.yaml"
```

config.yaml file

Nornir - Example

```
from nornir import InitNornir
from nornir.core.filter import F
from nornir.plugins.tasks.networking import netmiko_send_command
from nornir.plugins.functions.text import print_result

from nornir_utilities import nornir_set_creds, std_print

def main():

    # Initialize Nornir object using hosts.yaml/groups.yaml/defaults.yaml
    norn = InitNornir(config_file="/home/kbyers/nornir_inventory/config.yaml")
    nornir_set_creds(norn)
    result = norn.run(
        netmiko_send_command,
        num_workers=20,
        command_string="show ip arp",
        # use_textfsm=True,
    )
    std_print(result)

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
```

Nornir - Subtask

```
from nornir import InitNornir
from nornir.plugins.tasks.networking import netmiko_send_command
from nornir_utilities import nornir_set_creds, std_print

def test_task(task):
    # net_connect = task.host.get_connection("netmiko", task.nornir.config)
    cmd = task.host.get("arp_cmd", "show ip arp")
    result = task.run(netmiko_send_command, command_string=cmd)
    return result

def main():

    # Initialize Nornir object using hosts.yaml/groups.yaml/defaults.yaml
    norn = InitNornir(config_file="/home/kbyers/nornir_inventory/config.yaml")
    nornir_set_creds(norn)
    result = norn.run(test_task, num_workers=20)
    std_print(result)

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
```


Unit Testing

```
import pytest
```

```
# Functions
```

```
def func(x):  
    return x + 1
```

```
# Tests
```

```
def test_answer():  
    assert func(3) == 4
```

Reference Material in:

`{{ github_repo }}/unittest_example`

Unit Testing

```
py.test -s -v test_simple.py
```

```
===== test session starts =====
```

```
platform linux -- Python 3.5.1, pytest-3.2.3, py-1.4.34, pluggy-0.4.0 --
```

```
/home/kbyers/VEENV/py35_venv/bin/python35
```

```
cachedir: .cache
```

```
rootdir: /home/kbyers/pynet-ons-oct17/unittest_example, inifile:
```

```
plugins: pylama-7.4.3
```

```
collected 1 item
```

```
test_simple.py::test_answer PASSED
```

Creating a fixture

```
@pytest.fixture(scope="module")
def netmiko_connect():
    cisco1 = {
        'device_type': 'cisco_ios',
        'ip': '184.105.247.70',
        'username': 'pyclass',
        'password': getpass()
    }
    return ConnectHandler(**cisco1)
```

Using a fixture

Exercises:

[./day4/unittest_ex1.txt](#)

[./day4/unittest_ex2.txt](#)

```
def test_prompt(netmiko_connect):  
    print(netmiko_connect.find_prompt())  
    assert netmiko_connect.find_prompt() == 'pynet-rtr1#'  
  
def test_show_version(netmiko_connect):  
    output = netmiko_connect.send_command("show version")  
    assert 'Configuration register is 0x2102' in output
```

Continuous Integration using Travis CI

Define a .travis.yml file in your repository.

Link Travis-CI to GitHub account

Add linting

Add automated testing

```
---  
language: python  
python:  
  - "2.7"  
  - "3.5"  
  - "3.6"  
install:  
  - pip install -r requirements.txt  
script:  
  - pylama travis_test/  
  - py.test tests/
```

The end...

Questions?

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