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Sesión 8 – APIC-EM Automatization & Python for Network Engineers

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- Lab: APIC-EM, Postman & Python
- Python Libraries
- Data formatting: JSON, XML, YAML & CSV

LAB: APIC-EM, POSTMAN & PYTHON



The Cisco Application Policy Infrastructure Controller Enterprise Module (APIC-EM) is an SDN controller. It is a software device that runs on servers and concentrates the control plane of the physical network infrastructure.

Cisco APIC-EM SDN controller communicates with the Physical Topology using standard Southbound API protocols such as SNMP, SSH and Telnet rather than a protocol like OpenFlow.

Easy abstraction of the network using a standard **REST API interface**. Therefore, it removes the need for the network staff to configure and manage every single networking device (routers, switches, access points, wireless controllers, etc.) one by one.

APIC-EM: log in

Virtualized APIC-EM Controllers are available in several DevNet Sandboxes:

Always On, NetAcad instances

- For NetAcad users only
- <https://DevNetSBX-NetAcad-APICEM-3.cisco.com>
 - **User:** *devnetuser* **PW:** Xj3BDqbU

Always on, public instance

- For to all DevNet users
- <https://SandBoxAPICEM.cisco.com>
 - **User:** *devnetuser* **PW:** *Cisco123!*



APIC-EM: home page (I)

Expand Navigation Bar

Services

Applications


API documentation










The screenshot shows the APIC-EM home page. On the left, a navigation bar is expanded, showing options: Home, Discovery, Device Inventory, Host Inventory, Topology, IWAN, Path Trace, Network Plug and Play, and EasyQoS. Annotations with arrows point to the 'Expand Navigation Bar' (the navigation bar icon), 'Services' (the Discovery, Device Inventory, Host Inventory, and Topology group), and 'Applications' (the IWAN, Path Trace, Network Plug and Play, and EasyQoS group). In the top right corner, an annotation 'API documentation' with an arrow points to the 'API' button. The main content area displays a 'DEVICE INVENTORY' donut chart with 13 devices: 1 Managed (green), 11 In-Progress (yellow), and 1 Collection Failure (red). Other sections include 'DISCOVERY - UNREACHABLE DEVICES' (4 Devices), 'BRANCH SITES' (with a link to the IWAN app), 'NETWORK PLUG AND PLAY PROJECTS' (4 projects: 1 Provisioned, 3 Pre-Provisioned, 0 In-Progress, 0 Failed), 'EASYQOS SCOPES', and 'PATH TRACE' (All Path traces are successful).

Status	Count
Managed	1
In-Progress	11
Collection Failure	1
Total	13

Status	Count
Provisioned	1
Pre-Provisioned	3
In-Progress	0
Failed	0
Total	4

APIC-EM: API (I)

 APIC - Enterprise Module / Swagger



Available APIs
[File](#)
[Flow Analysis](#)
[Grouping](#)
[IP Geolocation](#)
[IP Pool Manager](#)
[Identity-Manager](#)
Inventory
[Network Discovery](#)
[Network Plug and Play](#)
[PKI Broker Service](#)
[Policy Administration](#)
[Role Based Access Control](#)
[Scheduler](#)
[Task](#)
[Topology](#)
[Visibility](#)

Inventory

APIC-EM Service API based on the Swagger™ 1.2 specification

[Terms of service](#)
[Cisco DevNet](#)

device-credential : Device Credential API	Show/Hide	List Operations	Expand Operations	Raw
discovery : Discovery API	Show/Hide	List Operations	Expand Operations	Raw
host : host API	Show/Hide	List Operations	Expand Operations	Raw
GET /host	Retrieve hosts			
GET /host/count	Gives total number of hosts			
GET /host/{id}	Retrieves host based on id			
interface : Interface API	Show/Hide	List Operations	Expand Operations	Raw
license : license API	Show/Hide	List Operations	Expand Operations	Raw
location : Location API	Show/Hide	List Operations	Expand Operations	Raw
network-device : network-device API	Show/Hide	List Operations	Expand Operations	Raw
network-device-config : Network Device Configuration API	Show/Hide	List Operations	Expand Operations	Raw
segment : Segment API. Currently, wireless type is supported	Show/Hide	List Operations	Expand Operations	Raw
tag : Tag API	Show/Hide	List Operations	Expand Operations	Raw
vlan : Vlan API	Show/Hide	List Operations	Expand Operations	Raw

[BASE URL: <https://devnetsbx-netacad-apicem-3.cisco.com/api/v1/api-docs/inventory-manager> , API VERSION: 1.0]

APIC-EM: API (II)

host : host API

[Show/Hide](#)[List Operations](#)[Expand Operations](#)[Raw](#)

GET

[/host](#)[Retrieve hosts](#)

Implementation Notes

Get Hosts

Response Class

Model | [Model Schema](#)

HostListResult {

version (string, optional),

response (array[HostDTO], optional)

}

HostDTO {

hostName (string, optional): Name of the host,

source (string): Source from which the host gets collected. Available option:200 for inventory collection and 300 for trap based data collection,

id (string): Id of the host,

vlanId (string, optional): Vlan Id of the host,

subType (string, optional) = ['UNKNOWN' or 'IP_PHONE' or 'TELEPRESENCE' or 'VIDEO_SURVEILLANCE_IP_CAMERA' or 'VIDEO_ENDPOINT'],

lastUpdated (string): Time when the host info last got updated,

avgUpdateFrequency (string): Frequency in which host info gets updated,

connectedAPMacAddress (string, optional): Mac address of the AP to which wireless host gets connected,

connectedAPName (string, optional): Name of the AP to which wireless host gets connected,

connectedInterfaceId (string, optional): Id of the interface to which host gets connected,

connectedInterfaceName (string, optional): Name of the interface to which host gets connected,

connectedNetworkDeviceId (string): Id of the network device to which host gets connected,

connectedNetworkDeviceIpAddress (string): Ip address of the network device to which host gets connected,

hostIp (string): Ip address of the host,

hostMac (string): Mac address of the host,

hostType (string): Type of the host. Available options are: Wired, Wireless,

pointOfAttachment (string, optional): Id of the Host's Point of attachment network device (wlc). Based on mobility,

pointOfPresence (string, optional): Id of the Host's Point of presence network device (wlc). Based on mobility,

attributeInfo (object, optional)

}

Response Content Type: application/json

APIC-EM: API (III)

Parameters

Parameter	Value	Description	Parameter Type	Data Type
limit	<input type="text"/>	limit	query	string
offset	<input type="text"/>	offset	query	string
sortBy	<input type="text"/>	sortBy	query	string
order	<input type="text"/>	order	query	string
hostName	<input type="text"/>	hostName	query	List
hostMac	<input type="text"/>	hostMac	query	List
hostType	<input type="text"/>	hostType	query	List
connectedInterfaceName	<input type="text"/>	connectedInterfaceName	query	List
hostIp	<input type="text"/>	hostIp	query	List
connectedNetworkDeviceIpAddress	<input type="text"/>	connectedNetworkDeviceIpAddress	query	List
subType	<input type="text"/>	Available values: 'UNKNOWN' or 'IP_PHONE' or 'TELEPRESENCE' or 'VIDEO_SURVEILLANCE_IP_CAMERA' or 'VIDEO_ENDPOINT'. Only exact match filtering supported on this field	query	List
filterOperation	<input type="text"/>	startswith/contains/endswith	query	string

Error Status Codes

HTTP Status Code	Reason
200	This Request is OK
403	This user is Forbidden Access to this Resource
401	Not Authorized Yet, Credentials to be supplied
404	No Resource Found

Try it out!

- <https://www.getpostman.com/downloads/>



- Available for Windows, Linux and macOS.
- After install it:
 - File -> Settings -> General -> SSL certificate verification: OFF

APIC-EM: getting service ticket

- The service ticket is a token to realize queries to get info (hosts, networks...)
- <https://DevNetSBX-NetAcad-APICEM-3.cisco.com>
 - **User:** *devnetuser* **PW:** *Xj3BDqbU*
- API -> Role Based Access Control -> ticket
 - POST /ticket
 - Model Schema -> click over yellow box
 - Value -> fill “password” and “username” with *Xj3BDqbU/devnetuser*
 - Try it out!
 - Response Body -> Service Ticket

Postman: getting service ticket

https://devnetsbx-netacad-apicem-3.cisco.com/api/v1/ticket

POST

https://devnetsbx-netacad-apicem-3.cisco.com/api/v1/ticket

Params Authorization Headers (1) Body ● Pre-request Script Tests

KEY

VALUE

☒ Content-Type

application/json

Key

Value

Params Authorization Headers (1) Body ● Pre-request Script Tests

● none

● form-data

● x-www-form-urlencoded

● raw

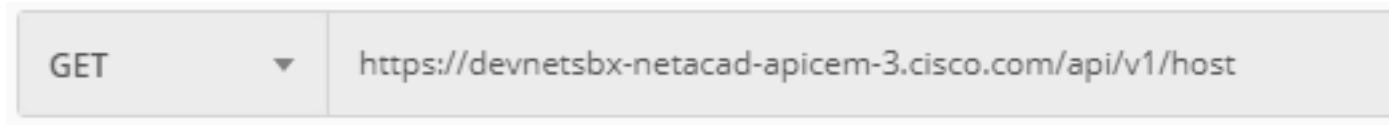
● binary

JSON (application/json)

```
1 {  
2   "password": "Xj3BDqbU",  
3   "username": "devnetuser"  
4 }
```

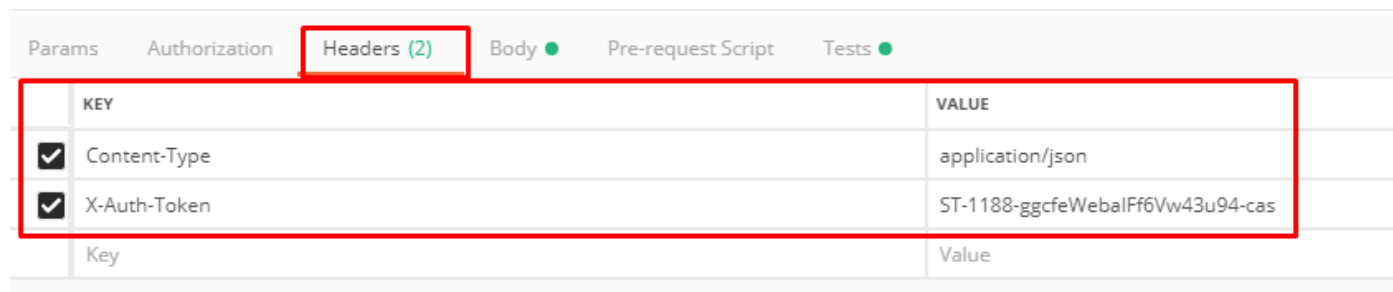
Postman: Getting Host Inventory (I)

- Select method and URL:
 - Method: GET
 - URL: <https://devnetsbx-netacad-apicem-3.cisco.com/api/v1/host>



GET ▼ <https://devnetsbx-netacad-apicem-3.cisco.com/api/v1/host>

- Add Headers as key/value pairs:
 - Content-Type: application/json
 - X-Auth-Token: <id from Service Ticket>



Params Authorization **Headers (2)** Body ● Pre-request Script Tests ●

KEY	VALUE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Content-Type	application/json
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X-Auth-Token	ST-1188-ggcfeWebalFf6Vw43u94-cas
Key	Value

Postman: Getting Host Inventory (II)

- Configure Body:

- Choose JSON (application/json)
- Select “raw”
- Write the credentials:
 - `username: "devnetuser"`
 - `password: "Xj3BDqbU"`

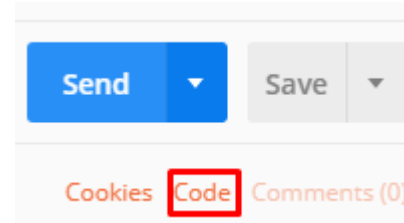


```
{  
  "username": "devnetuser",  
  "password": "Xj3BDqbU"  
}
```

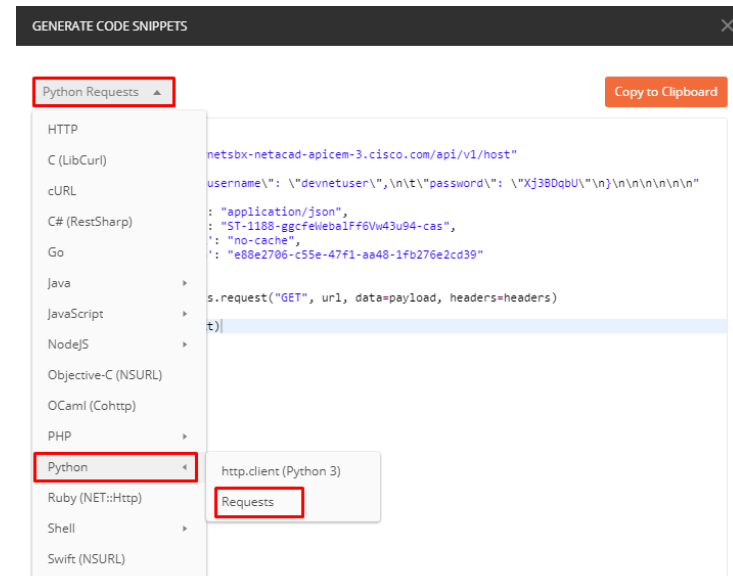
- Click over *Send*
- Compare between JSON and raw or other formats

What happened with Python?

- Click over code



- Choose Python Requests



Getting a ticket with Python

- Disable_warnings
 - Avoid error messages, such as certificate verifications
- json.dumps()
 - Create a json
- resp.json()
 - Json data to dict

```
import json
import requests
import urllib.parse

requests.packages.urllib3.disable_warnings()

api_url = "https://devnetsbx-netacad-apicem-3.cisco.com/api/v1/ticket"
headers = {
    "content-type": "application/json"
}
body_json = {
    "username": "devnetuser",
    "password": "Xj3BDqbU"
}

resp=requests.post(api_url,json.dumps(body_json),headers=headers,verify=False)

print("Ticket request status:",resp.status_code)

response_json = resp.json()
serviceTicket = response_json["response"]["serviceTicket"]
print("The service Ticket number is:",serviceTicket)
```

Getting Host Inventory with Python

```
import requests
import json
from tabulate import *

requests.packages.urllib3.disable_warnings()
url = "https://devnetsbx-netacad-apicem-3.cisco.com/api/v1/host"
ticket = "ST-1246-XAnRUKV3BPntmkw1AteZ-cas"
headers = {
    "content-type": "application/json",
    "X-Auth-Token": ticket
}

resp = requests.get(url, headers=headers, verify=False)
print("\nStatus of host request: ", resp.status_code, "\n")
if resp.status_code != 200:
    raise Exception("Status code does not equal 200. Response text: " + resp.text)
response_json = resp.json()
print(response_json, "\n")
```

Working & Parsing data

```
host_list = []
i = 0
for item in response_json["response"]:
    i+=1
    host = [
        i,
        item["hostType"],
        item["hostIp"],
        item["hostMac"]
    ]
    host_list.append(host)
table_header = ["Number", "Type", "IP", "MAC"]

print(tabulate(host_list, table_header))
```

PYTHON LIBRARIES

Libraries

Many ways to deal with libraries:

- Write ourselves
- Included in Python
- From PyPI (Python Package Index)
 - *pip install <library>*
- Download and install manually

Virtual Environments (I)

- Fully isolated functional environments on a single workstations (they may even run different python versions, different libraries...)
- Windows Set-up:
 - *pip install virtualenv*
 - *python3 -m venv name --> create the environment*
 - *name/Scripts/activate --> activate virtual environment*
 - *deactivate --> deactivate virtual environment*

Virtual Environments (II)

- Linux set-up:
 - *sudo apt install build-essential libssl-dev libffi-dev python3-dev*
 - *sudo apt install -y python3-venv --> install environment*
 - *pip install virtualenv*
 - *python3 -m venv name --> create the environment*
 - *source name/bin/activate --> activate virtual environment*
 - *Deactivate --> deactivate virtual environment*

Foundational libraries (I)

- Pretty Print
 - *from pprint import pprint*
 - *pprint(json_dict)*
- Python Interpreter Utilities
 - *import sys* --> allow you to use system functions
 - Example: *python3 -i test.py "prueba" "hello"*
 - *sys.argv[1]* --> 'prueba'
 - *sys.argv[2]* --> 'hello'
 - *sys.exit("DAMMM")* --> 'damm' and exits from .py

Foundational libraries (II)

- Operating System Interfaces

- *import os*
- *os.getcwd()* --> know working directory
- *os.chdir("../")* --> change working directory
- *os.environ["USER"]* --> print the name of the user
- *os.environ["VARIABLE_YOU_WANT"] = "something to put into"* --> create a variable
- *os.environ["VARIABLE_YOU_WANT"]*

- Date and Time Utilities

- *import datetime*
- *right_now = datetime.datetime.now()*
- *four_weeks_from_now = right_now+datetime.timedelta(weeks=4)*
- *date_display_format = "%l:%m %p on %B %w, %Y"*
- *four_weeks_from_now.strftime(date_display_format)*

DATA FORMATING: JSON, XML, YAML & CSV

Libraries to work with Data (I)

XML --> we have xmltodict

- *pip install xmltodict*
- *import xmltodict*
- *xml_example=open("xml_example.xml").read()*
- *xml_dict = xmltodict.parse(xml_example)*
- *print(xml_dict["interface"]["ipv4"]["address"]["ip"])* -> search values as a common dict
 - we can also unparse the data --> *xmltodict.unparse(xml_dict)*

JSON -->

```
import requests
import time

url = 'http://api.open-notify.org/iss/v1/?lat=30.26715&lon=-97.74306'
json_data = requests.get(url).json()
print(json_data)
epoch = json_data['response'][0]['risetime']
next_pass = time.strftime("%a, %d %b %Y %H:%M:%S %Z", time.localtime(epoch))
print("The next ISS pass will be: " + (next_pass))
```

Libraries to work with Data (II)

YAML --> we have PyYAML

- *pip install PyYAML*
- *import yaml*
- *from pprint import pprint*
- *import os*
- *print(os.getcwd())*
- Example:
 - *open("<path>/yaml_example.yaml").read()*
 - *pprint(yml_example)*
 - *yaml_python = yaml.load(yml_example)* -> convert to dict
pprint(yaml_python)
 - *print(yaml_python["ietf-interfaces:interface"]["ietf-ip:ipv4"]["address"][0]["ip"])*
 - *yaml.dump(yaml_python)* --> come back to yaml

Libraries to work with Data (III)

Example of CSV data:

- *import csv*
- *from pprint import pprint*
- *csv_example = open("path/csv_example.csv")*
- *csv_python = csv.reader(csv_example)*
- *for row in csv_python:*
 - *print("{} is in {} and has IP {}".format(row[0], row[2], row[1]))*

Gracias por vuestra atención



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