



# NX-API

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## About NX-API

NX-API is an enhancement to the Cisco MDS 9000 Series CLI system.

Cisco MDS 9000 NX-API is an RPC-style API, taking and executing CLI commands. Based on HTTP or HTTPS protocols as common to other Representational State Transfer (REST) API frameworks, it allows programmatic access to a Cisco MDS switch. NX-API provides the configuration and management capabilities of Cisco MDS NX-OS CLI with a modern web-based API, enabling users to control a Cisco MDS switch using a web browser. When coupled with a programming language like Python and the appropriate libraries, it facilitates storage networking automation.

Cisco MDS NX-API supports certain **show** commands and configuration commands that are noninteractive.



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**Note**

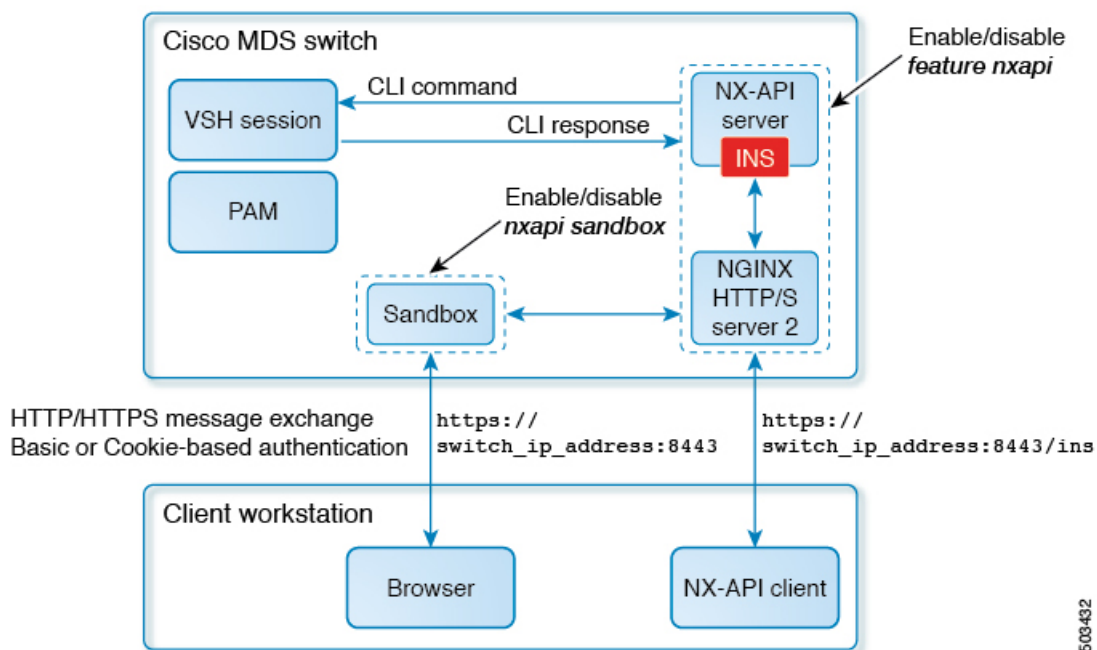
A noninteractive command is a command that does not prompt the user to enter an input from the keyboard to proceed further.

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## NX-API Workflow

The NX-API backend uses the NGINX HTTP server. The NGINX server interfaces between the external client and the NXAPI server in the switch.

Figure 1: NX-API Workflow



## NX-API Performance

NX-API throughput performance depends on the following factors:

- **HTTP and HTTPS**—NX-API performance on an HTTP server is better compared to that on an HTTPS server. This is because an HTTPS server has an overhead of encrypting and decrypting data to provide more security.
- **Cisco MDS Switches (memory and process limitation)**—NX-API performance is better in devices with more memory.
- **Command output size**—NX-API performance is better when the command outputs are smaller.
- **Structured and unstructured outputs of the `show` commands**—NX-API performance is better with unstructured outputs. Commands that support structured outputs are also called as **NX-API aware** commands in the document.

# About NX-API Messages

## HTTP Header

A header allows a client and a server to pass extra information as colon separated property-value pairs in requests and responses.

This is where the content encoding is specified for an NX-API request. The supported content types are:

Tag	Description	Type	Values
content-type	Request encoding type	string	application/json application/json-rpc application/xml

## HTTP Method

Cisco MDS NX-API uses the POST method.

## Message Body

The message body or payload contains the data for the HTTP method. For a list of supported objects see the [NX-API Request Elements](#) section.

## Message Response

The message response is an HTTP return code and an HTTP response body that contains the data returned by the method. For a list of supported elements see the [NX-API Response Elements](#) section. For a list of response codes refer to the [NX-API Response Codes](#) section.

# Message Format

- Cisco NX-API output of supported commands can be viewed in XML, JSON, and JSON-RPC. This message format can be used for both requests and responses.
  - XML—Cisco NX-API proprietary protocol for delivering Cisco MDS NX-OS CLI commands in an XML payload.
  - JSON—Cisco NX-API proprietary protocol for delivering Cisco MDS NX-OS CLI commands in a JSON payload.
  - JSON-RPC—A standard lightweight remote procedure call (RPC) protocol that can be used to deliver Cisco MDS NX-OS CLI commands in a JSON payload. The JSON-RPC 2.0 specification is outlined by [jsonrpc.org](http://jsonrpc.org).

NX-API does not map directly to the Cisco NX-OS NETCONF implementation.

# Security

By default, Cisco MDS NX-API uses HTTP basic authentication (that is, all command requests must contain the username and password of the device in the HTTP header). NX-API can also leverage HTTPS to secure and encrypt data. An HTTPS connection provides more security over an HTTP connection. NX-API provides session-based cookie authentication as an alternative to the HTTP authentication method.

On Cisco NX-OS Releases 8.1(x) and 8.2(x), when NX-API is enabled over HTTPS, a 2048-bit SHA-1 self-signed certificate is created. This certificate is valid for two years. When an expired certificate is used, the browser displays a warning about security vulnerabilities. To avoid such vulnerabilities, we recommend the use of a CA-signed certificate. From Cisco NX-OS Release 8.3(1) and later, the self-signed certificate expires after 24 hours. We recommend that you use a CA-signed certificate.

For information on configuring CA-signed certificates, see the [Configuring Certificate Authorities and Digital Certificates](#) section in the *Cisco MDS 9000 Series Security Configuration Guide, Release 8.x*.

NX-API is integrated into the CLI authentication system of the Cisco MDS switch. This means that users must have the appropriate privilege to run CLI commands on the switch that are posted through NX-API. For example, a user with read only privileges on a Cisco MDS 9000 switch, cannot execute configuration commands through NX API.

NX-API performs authentication through a programmable authentication module (PAM) on a switch. Use cookies to reduce the number of PAM authentications, which in turn reduces the load on the PAM.

NX-API provides a session-based cookie, `nxapi_auth` when users first authenticate successfully. An `nxapi_auth` cookie expires in 600 seconds (10 minutes). This value is fixed and cannot be configured. The session cookie is used to avoid reauthentication during communication. If the session-based cookie is not included with subsequent requests, another session-based cookie is required; this is obtained through a full authentication process. Avoiding unnecessary use of the authentication process helps to reduce the workload of the MDS switch.

## Limitations

- The XML output for FCIP interface related commands is not supported.
- The XML output for consistency checker commands is not supported.

## Structured Output

The NX-OS supports redirecting the standard output of various **show** commands in the following structured output formats:

- XML
- JSON. The limit for JSON output is 60 MB.
- JSON Native

Converting the standard Cisco MDS NX-OS output to any of these formats occurs on the Cisco MDS NX-OS CLI by "piping" the output to a JSON, JSON Native, or a XML interpreter. The JSON and XML interpreters

are built-in into Cisco MDS NX OS software. For example, you can issue the **show ip access** command with the logical pipe (|) and specify the output format. The Cisco MDS NX-OS command output is properly structured and encoded in that format. This feature enables programmatic parsing of the data and supports streaming data from the switch through software streaming telemetry.

For more information on how to select different output formats, see [NX-API Developer Sandbox, on page 12](#) section.

From Cisco MDS NX-OS Release 8.3(1), Cisco has implemented an enhanced version of JSON called JSON Native. This is a new CLI option to choose from. JSON Native displays the JSON output faster and more efficiently by bypassing an extra layer of command interpretation. In fact, JSON Native preserves the data type in the output; it displays integers as integers instead of converting them to a string for an output. We recommend to use JSON Native.

## About JSON

JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) is a light-weight text-based open standard that is designed for human-readable data and is an alternative to XML. JSON was originally designed from JavaScript, but it is language-independent data format. JSON and JSON Native are supported for command output.

The two primary data structures that are supported in some way by all modern programming languages are as follows:

- Ordered List of values—Often known as Array or List (for example, it is List in Python)
- Collection of Key/Value pairs—Often known as Objects or Dictionary (for example, it is Dictionary in Python)

### CLI Execution

```
switch# show cdp neighbors | json
{
  "TABLE_cdp_neighbor_brief_info": {
    "ROW_cdp_neighbor_brief_info": {
      "device_id": "SW-DRISHTI-ECBU-L13",
      "interface": "mgmt0",
      "ttl": "168",
      "capability": [
        "switch",
        "IGMP_cnd_filtering"
      ],
      "platform_id": "cisco",
      "port_id": "GigabitEthernet0/7"
    }
  },
  "neigh_count": "1"
}
```

## Configuring NX-API CLI

The commands, command type, and output type for the Cisco MDS 9000 Series devices are entered using Cisco MDS NX-API by encoding the CLIs into the body of a HTTP/HTTPS POST. The response to the request is returned in XML or JSON output format.

For more details about NX-API response codes, see [Table of NX-API Response Codes, on page 28](#).

After configuring NX-API on the MDS switch, it may be accessed through the following URLs:

- HTTP - `http://switch_ip_address:port-number/ins`
- HTTPS - `https://switch_ip_address:port-number/ins`

For default HTTP and HTTPS settings, refer the [Default Settings, on page 29](#) section.

The following example shows how to configure and enable NX-API:

1. Ensure that the switch is accessible through the management interface.

Refer to the [Configuring the Management Interface](#) section in the *Cisco MDS 9000 Series Fundamentals Configuration Guide* on how to enable the management interface.

2. Enable the NX-API feature.

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# feature nxapi
```

3. (Optional) Disable the NX-API feature.

```
switch(config)# no feature nxapi
```

4. After configuring NX-API on the MDS switch, it may be accessed through the HTTP/HTTPS ports:

(Optional) Configure HTTP port for NX-API.

```
switch(config)# nxapi http port 8080
```

Use the **no** form of the command to disable it.

(Optional) Configure HTTPS port for NX-API.

```
switch(config)# nxapi https port 8443
```

Use the **no** form of the command to disable it.

5. (Optional) Install an identity certificate for NX-API HTTPS connections. Either a trust point or NX-API certificate may be used. You cannot configure both sources at the same time.

- a. Install a certificate with an unencrypted private key that is used only by the NX-API feature:

```
switch(config)# nxapi certificate certfile key keyfile
```

- b. Install a certificate with an encrypted private key that is used only by the NX-API feature:

```
switch(config)# nxapi certificate certfile key keyfile password passphrase
```




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**Note** Installing a new NX-API certificate will reset the NX-API server. Installing a certificate from a host with NX-API may cause the script to fail.

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For information about configuring trust points, see the [Configuring Certificate Authorities and Digital Certificates](#) chapter in the *Cisco MDS 9000 Series Security Configuration Guide, Release 8.x*.

- *certfile* is a signed certificate for this switch in privacy-enhanced mail (PEM) format. PEM format is a standard file format for storing and sending cryptographic RSA keys, certificates, and other data, based on a set of 1993 IETF standards.
- *keyfile* is the private key for this switch in the PEM format. If the key is encrypted then the **password** option must also be specified.

- *passphrase* is the password that is used to encrypt the private key.
- *label* is the name of an already configured cryptographic trust point.

**Note**

- Certificates and keys installed using the **nxapi certificate key** command are not shared with any other cryptographic features on the switch.
- The **password** option used in the **nxapi certificate key** command is available only from Cisco MDS NX-OS Release 8.5(1).

6. (Optional) If required, allow weak SSL ciphers for NX-API HTTPS connections. This reduces the security of SSL connections. However, this may be required for older devices to communicate with the switch.

```
switch(config)# nxapi ssl ciphers weak
```

7. (Optional) If required, configure SSL transports for NX-API HTTPS connections. Enabling non-default older transports reduces the security of SSL connections. However, this may be required for older devices to communicate with the switch. See [Configuring SSL Transport for an LDAP Server](#) to configure a SSL between LDAP client and server.

```
• switch(config)# nxapi ssl protocols TLSv1.1 TLSv1.2 TLSv1.3
```

```
• switch(config)# nxapi ssl protocols TLSv1.3
```

### Preparing an Identity Certificate for Use in NX-API

An identity certificate for NX-API must be created before it can be imported with the **nxapi certificate** command. The certificate must consist of the switch identity certificate only; all CA and intermediate authority certificates must be removed. The private key must be removed and the total size must be less than 4096 bytes.

If a switch identity certificate is already installed in the switch crypto infrastructure under a trustpoint, this may be exported and reformatted, and the private key extracted, to be used in NX-API. If there is no switch identity certificate already installed, then it needs to be created by the CA.

For information on how to create a certificate, see the [Configuring Certificate Authorities and Digital Certificates](#) chapter in the *Cisco MDS 9000 Series Security Configuration Guide, Release 8.x*.

**Note**

The tools to prepare an existing identity certificate for NX-API use are not available on the switch. This must be done on another device such as a host with OpenSSL installed.

1. (Optional) If a switch identity certificate is already installed on the switch, export it in PKCS12 format using the following command:

```
switch(config)# crypto ca export trustpoint_name pkcs12 mytpexport.pkcs12 my_passphrase
```

2. Upload the file to a host with OpenSSL installed on it:

```
switch# copy mytpexport.pkcs12 sftp://10.10.2.2
```

3. Extract the identity certificate:

```
host$ openssl pkcs12 -in mytpexport.pkcs12 -nokeys -clcerts -out idcert.pem
Enter Import Password: my_passphrase
host$
```

#### 4. Extract unencrypted private key:

```
host$ openssl pkcs12 -in mytpexport.pkcs12 -nocerts -nodes | openssl rsa -out
unencryptedprivkey.pem
Enter Import Password:
writing RSA key
host$
```

#### 5. Download the 2 files to the switch bootflash:

```
switch# copy sftp://10.10.2.2/idecert.pem bootflash:
switch# copy sftp://10.10.2.2/unencryptedprivkey.pem bootflash:
```

The files are now ready to be imported using the **nxapi certificate** command.

### Using NX-API with cURL

Let us now examine the content of the **show.version.json** file on the host.

```
linux$ cat show.version.json
[{"jsonrpc": "2.0", "method": "cli", "params": { "cmd": "show version", "version": 1 },
"id": 1 }]
EOF
```

Now use cURL on host to authenticate the switch and send it the desired POST request.

```
linux$ curl -v -u admin:cisco -H "Content-Type: application/json-rpc" -H "Cache-Control:
no-cache" -d @show.version.json -X POST http://10.10.2.2:80/ins
```

```
Note: Unnecessary use of -X or --request, POST is already inferred.
* Trying 10.10.2.2:80...
* Connected to 10.10.2.2:80 (10.10.2.2:80) port 80 (#0)
* Server auth using Basic with user 'admin'
> POST /ins HTTP/1.1
> Host: 10.10.2.2:80
> Authorization: Basic YWRtaW46bmJ2ZXZyMzQ1
> User-Agent: curl/7.70.0
> Accept: */*
> Content-Type: application/json-rpc
> Cache-Control: no-cache
> Content-Length: 99
>
* upload completely sent off: 99 out of 99 bytes
* Mark bundle as not supporting multiuse
< HTTP/1.1 200 OK
< Server: nginx/1.7.10
< Date: Mon, 14 Jun 1976 13:28:43 GMT
< Content-Type: application/json-rpc; charset=UTF-8
< Transfer-Encoding: chunked
< Connection: keep-alive
< Set-Cookie: nxapi_auth=dzqnf:1fNa+E8KGq0ZZM6TRZTFKTWejBg=; Secure; HttpOnly;
< X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
< X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block
< X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
< Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains
< Content-Security-Policy: block-all-mixed-content; base-uri 'self'; default-src 'self';
script-src 'self'; style-src 'self'; img-src 'self' ; connect-src 'self'; font-src 'self';
object-src 'none'; media-src 'self'; form-action 'self'; frame-ancestors 'self';
<
```



```

{
  "jsonrpc": "2.0",
  "result": {
    "header_str": "Cisco Nexus Operating System (NX-OS) Software\nTAC support:
http://www.cisco.com/tac\nDocuments:
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps9372/tsd_products_support_series_home.html\nCopyright
(c) 2002-2020, Cisco Systems, Inc. All rights reserved.\nThe copyrights to certain works
contained herein are owned by\nother third parties and are used and distributed under
license.\nSome parts of this software are covered under the GNU Public\nLicense. A copy of
the license is available at\nhttp://www.gnu.org/licenses/gpl.html.\n",
    "bios_ver_str": "2.1.17",
    "loader_ver_str": "N/A",
    "kickstart_ver_str": "8.4(1)SK(0) [build 8.4(1)SK(0.160)] [gdb]",
    "sys_ver_str": "8.4(1)SK(0) [build 8.4(1)SK(0.160)] [gdb]",
    "bios_cmpl_time": "01/08/14",
    "kick_file_name": "bootflash:///kick-sky160",
    "kick_cmpl_time": "12/20/2020 12:00:00",
    "kick_tmstamp": "09/08/2020 09:42:15",
    "isan_file_name": "bootflash:///sky-sep14-02",
    "isan_cmpl_time": "12/20/2020 12:00:00",
    "isan_tmstamp": "09/14/2020 05:56:35",
    "chassis_id": "MDS 9250i 40 FC 2 IPS 8 FCoE (2 RU) Chassis",
    "module_id": "40FC+8FCoE+2IPS Supervisor",
    "cpu_name": "Motorola, e500v2",
    "memory": 4088480,
    "mem_type": "kB",
    "proc_board_id": "JAF1852AAFC",
    "host_name": "host",
    "bootflash_size": 4001760,
    "kern_uptm_days": 0,
    "kern_uptm_hrs": 1,
    "kern_uptm_mins": 25,
    "kern_uptm_secs": 13,
    "rr_usecs": 715180,
    "rr_ctime": "Mon Jun 14 12:02:47 1976",
    "rr_reason": "Reset Requested by CLI command reload",
    "rr_sys_ver": "8.4(1)SK(0.160)",
    "rr_service": "",
    "manufacturer": "Cisco Systems, Inc."
  },
  "id": 1,
  "cmd": "show version"
}
* Connection #0 to host 10.197.155.246 left intact

```

## Sample NX-API Scripts

You can access sample scripts that demonstrate how to use a script with NX-API. To access a sample script, click the following link then choose the directory that corresponds to the required software release:

<https://github.com/datacenter/nxos/tree/master/nxapi/samples>.

## Examples of Structured Output

This section lists a selected few examples of Cisco MDS NX-OS commands that are displayed as XML, JSON and JSON Native output formats.

To check if a particular **show** command is NX-API-aware, enter the command along with **| xml** on the switch:

**command | xml**

If a command is NX-API-aware (supports structured output), the resulting output is in XML format:

```
switch# show device-alias merge status | xml

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
<nf:rpc-reply xmlns="http://www.cisco.com/nxos:8.4.1.SK.0.:ddas"
xmlns:nf="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
<nf:data>
<show>
<device-alias>
<merge>
<status>
<__readonly__>
<result>Success</result>
<reason>None</reason>
</__readonly__>
</status>
</merge>
</device-alias>
</show>
</nf:data>
</nf:rpc-reply>
]]>]]>
```

If a command is not NX-API-aware, the resulting output has the following error:

```
switch# show logging logfile | xml
```

Error: This command does not support XML output.

This example shows how to display the **show version** command in the XML format:

```
switch(config)# show version | xml

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
<nf:rpc-reply xmlns="http://www.cisco.com/nxos:8.4.2.:sysmgrcli"
xmlns:nf="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
<nf:data>
<show>
<version>
<__readonly__>
<header_str>Cisco Nexus Operating System (NX-OS) Software
TAC support: http://www.cisco.com/tac
Documents: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps9372/tsd\_products\_support\_series\_home.html
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the GNU General Public License (GPL) version 2.0 or the GNU
Lesser General Public License (LGPL) Version 2.1. A copy of each
such license is available at
http://www.opensource.org/licenses/gpl-2.0.php and
http://www.opensource.org/licenses/lgpl-2.1.php
</header_str>
<bios_ver_str>3.7.0</bios_ver_str>
<kickstart_ver_str>8.4(2) [build 8.4(2.191)] [gdb]</kickstart_ver_str>
<sys_ver_str>8.4(2) [build 8.4(2.191)] [gdb]</sys_ver_str>
<bios_cmpl_time>04/01/2019</bios_cmpl_time>
<kick_file_name>bootflash:///m9700-sf3ek9-kickstart-mzg.8.4.2.191.bin</kick_file_name>

<kick_cmpl_time> 2/5/2020 12:00:00</kick_cmpl_time>
<kick_tmstamp>01/08/2020 18:27:03</kick_tmstamp>
<isan_file_name>bootflash:///m9700-sf3ek9-mzg.8.4.2.191.bin</isan_file_name>
```

```

<isan_cmpl_time> 2/5/2020 12:00:00</isan_cmpl_time>
<isan_tmstamp>01/14/2020 05:36:15</isan_tmstamp>
<chassis_id>MDS 9706 (6 Slot) Chassis</chassis_id>
<module_id>Supervisor Module-3</module_id>
<cpu_name>Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU C5528 @ 2.13GHz</cpu_name>
<memory>8167228</memory>
<mem_type>kB</mem_type>
<proc_board_id>JAE19220AQJ</proc_board_id>
<host_name>abc</host_name>
<bootflash_size>3915776</bootflash_size>
<slot0_size>0</slot0_size>
<kern_uptime_days>19</kern_uptime_days>
<kern_uptime_hrs>23</kern_uptime_hrs>
<kern_uptime_mins>16</kern_uptime_mins>
<kern_uptime_secs>11</kern_uptime_secs>
<rr_usecs>768558</rr_usecs>
<rr_ctime>Tue Jan 14 05:58:26 2020</rr_ctime>
<rr_reason>Reset Requested by CLI command reload</rr_reason>
<rr_sys_ver>8.4(2.171)</rr_sys_ver>
<rr_service></rr_service>
<manufacturer>Cisco Systems, Inc.</manufacturer>
</__readonly__>
</version>
</show>
</nf:data>
</nf:rpc-reply>
]]>]]>

```

This example shows how to display the **show version** in the JSON format:

```
switch(config)# show version | json
```

```

{
  "header_str": "Cisco Nexus Operating System (NX-OS) Software\nTAC support:
http://www.cisco.com/tac\nDocuments: http://www.cisco.c
om/en/US/products/ps9372/tsd_products_support_series_home.html\nCopyright (c) 2002-2020,
Cisco Systems, Inc. All rights reserved.\nT
he copyrights to certain works contained in this software are\nowned by other third parties
and used and distributed under\nlicense.
Certain components of this software are licensed under\nthe GNU General Public License
(GPL) version 2.0 or the GNU\nLesser General
Public License (LGPL) Version 2.1. A copy of each\nsuch license is available
at\nhttp://www.opensource.org/licenses/gpl-2.0.php and
\nhttp://www.opensource.org/licenses/lgpl-2.1.php",
  "bios_ver_str": "3.7.0",
  "kickstart_ver_str": "8.4(2) [build 8.4(2.191)] [gdb]",
  "sys_ver_str": "8.4(2) [build 8.4(2.191)] [gdb]",
  "bios_cmpl_time": "04/01/2019",
  "kick_file_name": "bootflash:///m9700-sf3ek9-kickstart-mzg.8.4.2.191.bin",
  "kick_cmpl_time": "2/5/2020 12:00:00",
  "kick_tmstamp": "01/08/2020 18:27:03",
  "isan_file_name": "bootflash:///m9700-sf3ek9-mzg.8.4.2.191.bin",
  "isan_cmpl_time": "2/5/2020 12:00:00",
  "isan_tmstamp": "01/14/2020 05:36:15",
  "chassis_id": "MDS 9706 (6 Slot) Chassis",
  "module_id": "Supervisor Module-3",
  "cpu_name": "Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU C5528 @ 2.13GHz",
  "memory": 8167228,
  "mem_type": "kB",
  "proc_board_id": "JAE19220AQJ",
  "host_name": "abc",
  "bootflash_size": 3915776,
  "slot0_size": 0,
  "kern_uptime_days": 19,

```

```

    "kern_uptm_hrs": 23,
    "kern_uptm_mins": 16,
    "kern_uptm_secs": 22,
    "rr_usecs": 768558,
    "rr_ctime": "Tue Jan 14 05:58:26 2020",
    "rr_reason": "Reset Requested by CLI command reload",
    "rr_sys_ver": "8.4(2.171)",
    "rr_service": null,
    "manufacturer": "Cisco Systems, Inc."
}

```

This example shows how to display the **show version** in the JSON Native format:

```

switch(config)# show version | json native

{
  "header_str": "Cisco Nexus Operating System (NX-OS) Software\nTAC support: http://www.cisco.com/tac\nDocuments: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps9372/tsd_products_support_series_home.html\nCopyright (c) 2002-2020, Cisco Systems, Inc. All rights reserved.\nThe copyrights to certain works contained herein are owned by\nother third parties and are used and distributed under license.\nSome parts of this software are covered under the GNU Public\nLicense. A copy of the license is available at\nhttp://www.gnu.org/licenses/gpl.html.\n",
  "bios_ver_str": "2.1.18",
  "loader_ver_str": "N/A",
  "kickstart_ver_str": "8.4(2a)",
  "sys_ver_str": "8.4(2a)",
  "bios_cmpl_time": "04/06/20",
  "kick_file_name": "bootflash:///m9100-s5ek9-kickstart-mz.8.4.2a.bin",
  "kick_cmpl_time": " 7/11/2020 12:00:00",
  "kick_tmstamp": "06/20/2020 20:50:09",
  "isan_file_name": "bootflash:///m9100-s5ek9-mz.8.4.2a.bin",
  "isan_cmpl_time": " 7/11/2020 12:00:00",
  "isan_tmstamp": "06/20/2020 22:05:47",
  "chassis_id": "MDS 9148S 16G 48 FC (1 Slot) Chassis",
  "module_id": "2/4/8/16 Gbps FC/Supervisor",
  "cpu_name": "Motorola, e500v2",
  "memory": 4088620,
  "mem_type": "kB",
  "proc_board_id": "JAF1751BGPS",
  "host_name": "sw109-Mini",
  "bootflash_size": 4001760,
  "kern_uptm_days": 7,
  "kern_uptm_hrs": 1,
  "kern_uptm_mins": 13,
  "kern_uptm_secs": 0,
  "rr_usecs": 362070,
  "rr_ctime": "Mon Sep 28 07:43:36 2020",
  "rr_reason": "Reset due to upgrade",
  "rr_sys_ver": "8.4(2b)",
  "rr_service": "",
  "manufacturer": "Cisco Systems, Inc."
}

```

## NX-API Developer Sandbox

The NX-API Developer Sandbox is a Cisco-developed web-based user interface that is used to make NX-API requests and receive responses. Requests are in the form of **show** commands, and noninteractive configuration commands.

## Configuring NX-API Sandbox

1. Enable and configure the NX-API feature. For information on how to enable and configure the NX-API feature, refer the [Configuring NX-API CLI, on page 5](#) section.
2. Enable the NX-API sandbox:

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# nxapi sandbox
```

To view the NX-API settings, use **show nxapi** command.

```
switch# show nxapi
```

```
NX-API:      Enabled      Sandbox:      Enabled
HTTP Port:   Disabled     HTTPS Port:   8443
```

Certificate Information:

```
Issuer:      C=US, ST=CA, L=San Jose, O=Cisco Systems Inc., OU=dcnxos, CN=nxos
Expires:     Nov 26 09:26:12 2019 GMT
Content:     -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
```

```
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BAYTA1VTMQswCQYDVQQIDAJDQTERMA8GA1UEBwwIU2FuIEpvc2UxGzAZBgNVBAoM
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GDAWgBTUI4IqOqmoKy5LEjygiJzd2nEGWzAMBgNVHRMEBTADAQH/MA0GCSqGSIb3
DQEBCwUAA4IBAQC+7TPfDAz1t4yvG4rpyPinU2Plp2FOBRdU85CIVREIplbRX8Vv
VMXYySnrKDJVRPcWtY+EtDW91BfS2I2usHkiKcnOYazDoxpamFI3D6lmb82JAAQG
NMV56hIJAYMpVqfbI+vtC93NR3F2fLD8/Hm/X4L8U6kdu2o+vgqYtc4001871hJS
R8xA2N9kihoA1FUMVL89cFgRvxONjAyQImTB8uW11stUGpH2ke3dABHC1sbZ1dNw
2/OxpGfGnj1Qjvi4wKqjGpX/Kqc0AIX2zsKEX9hpPMQK/wlaRg8h1NCXJzzTQ7IVX
7PWJSqn7gpfyZIGZ9JQQ/WieCH32mQ2xGMDD
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

To access the NX-API Developer Sandbox, follow these steps:

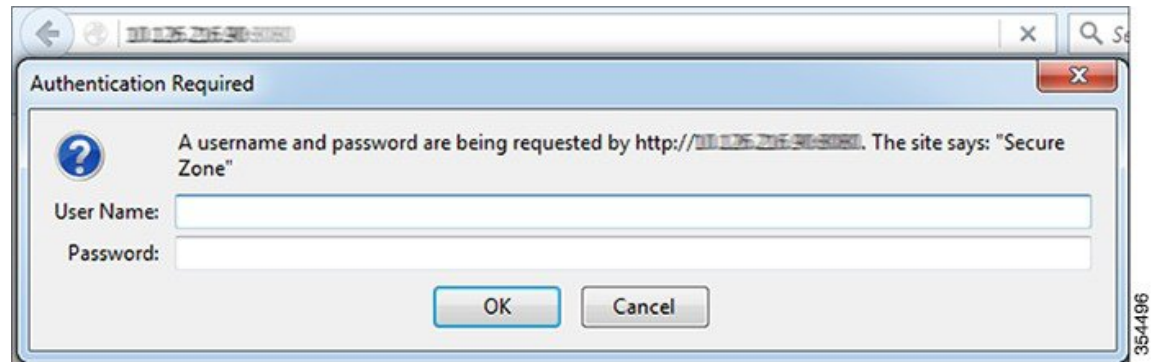


**Note** When using the NX-API Developer Sandbox, we recommend that you use Firefox Release 24.0 or later. The browser must be installed with the latest Adobe Flash player for the **Copy** and **Python** buttons in the NX-API Developer Sandbox to function.

1. Open a browser and enter `http://switch_ip_address:port-number` for HTTP, or `https://switch_ip_address:port-number` for HTTPS in the address bar.

The NX-API Developer Sandbox Authentication window is displayed:

Figure 2: NX-API Developer Sandbox Authentication



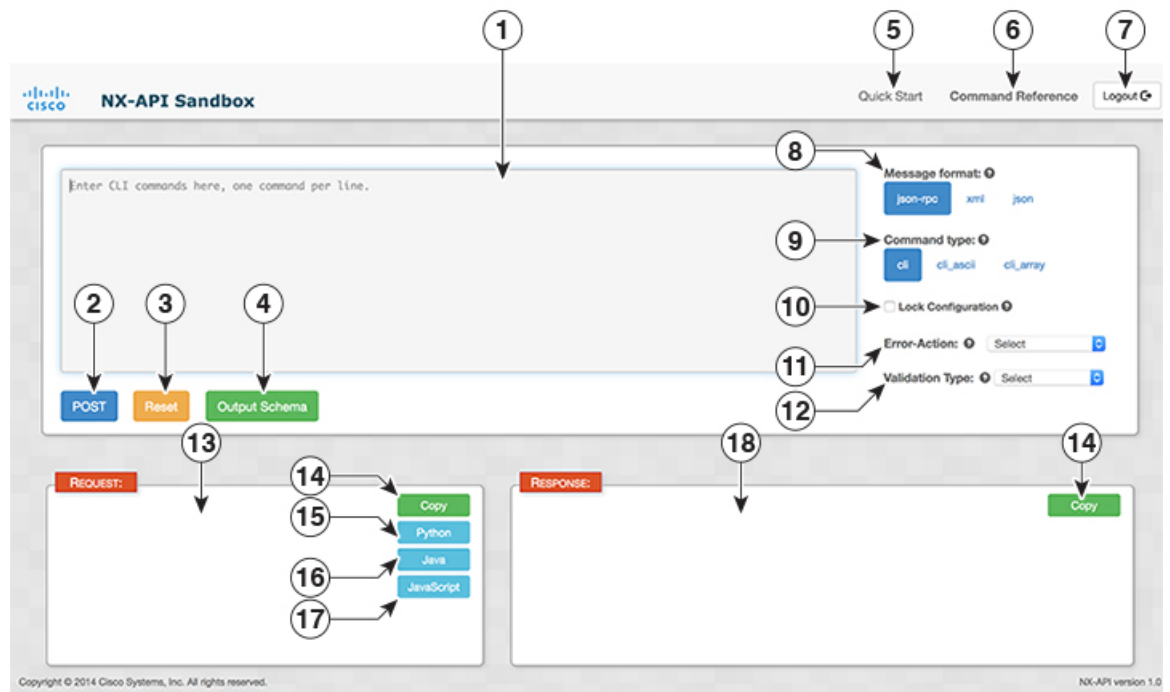
2. Log in using your switch credentials.

The NX-API Developer Sandbox window is displayed.

The NX-API Developer Sandbox is a web form that is hosted on the switch. It translates NX-OS CLI commands into equivalent XML or JSON payloads, and converts NX-API payloads into their CLI equivalents.

The web form is a single screen with three panes—Command (top pane), Request, and Response—as shown in the Figure 3.

Figure 3: NX-API Developer Sandbox



1	Command entry—Allows you to enter a command. Type or paste NX-OS CLI configuration commands, one command per line, into the text entry box.	10	Lock Configuration—Provides an exclusive lock to the configuration, whereby no other management agent will be able to modify the configuration.
2	POST—Generates the output for a given command.	11	<p>Error Action—Specifies the error action options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stop-on-error—Stops at the first CLI that fails.</li> <li>• Continue-on-error—Ignores and continues with other CLIs.</li> <li>• Rollback-on-error—Performs a rollback to the previous state the system was in.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b> The rollback-on-error option is removed from Cisco MDS NX-OS Release 9.2(2).</p>
3	Reset—Clears the command and the corresponding output	12	<p>Validation Type—Specifies validation settings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Validate-Only—Validates the configurations but does not apply the configurations.</li> <li>• Validate-and-Set—Validates the configurations, and applies the configurations on the switch if the validation is successful.</li> </ul>
4	Output Schema—Displays the command schema for a command entered in the command pane.	13	REQUEST—Displays the output for a command that is entered in the selected message format.
5	Quick Start—Displays the online help for Cisco MDS NX-API.	14	Copy—Copies the data populated in the <b>REQUEST</b> or <b>RESPONSE</b> area.

6	<p>Command Reference—Displays the <b>Command Reference</b> pane.</p> <p>The <b>Command Reference</b> pane displays the command schema details of the command that is selected in the <b>Show commands</b> pane.</p> <p><b>Note</b> Supported from Cisco MDS NX-OS Release 8.4(1).</p>	15	Python
7	<p>Logout—Logs the user out of NX-API sandbox.</p>	16	<p>Java</p> <p><b>Note</b> Supported from Cisco MDS NX-OS Release 8.4(1).</p>
8	<p>Message format—Provides different message formats in which the command output is to be displayed.</p>	17	<p>Javascript</p> <p><b>Note</b> Supported from Cisco MDS NX-OS Release 8.4(1).</p>



9	<p>Command type</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>cli</b>— show or configuration commands.</li> <li>• <b>cli_ascii</b> — show or configuration commands, output without formatting.</li> <li>• <b>cli_array</b> — CLI show commands. CLI show commands that expect structured output. Only for show commands. If the command does not support XML output, an error message is returned. Similar to cli, but with cli_array, data is returned as a list of one element, or an array, within square brackets [ ].</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b> The <b>cli_array</b> command type is supported from Cisco MDS NX-OS Release 8.4(1).</p>	18	<p>RESPONSE—Displays the API response for the command entered in the command entry area.</p>
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Controls in the Command pane allow you to choose a message format for a supported API, such as NX-API, and a command type, such as XML or JSON. The available command type options vary depending on the selected message format.

To generate an output of a command using the NX-API Developer Sandbox, follow these steps:

1. Click the Message format type (**json-rpc**, **xml**, **json**) in which the command output is to be displayed. (By default, **json-rpc** is selected.)
2. Click the Command type you have entered. The options differ based on the Message format type selected. (By default, **cli** is selected.)

You can erase the contents of the text entry box (and the **Request** and **Response** panes) by clicking **Reset** at the bottom of the top pane.



#### Note

- If you select the **xml** Message format, you can enable chunk mode for the **cli\_show** and **cli\_show\_ascii** Command types. Check the **Enable chunk mode** check box to chunk large **show** command outputs. To view the next chunk of the output, copy the session ID (SID) mentioned in between **<sid>** and **</sid>** tags in the **RESPONSE** area and paste it in the SID box below the **Enable chunk mode** check box.

3. Type or paste NX-OS CLI configuration commands, one command per line, into the text entry box in the top pane.

4. The command that you entered is displayed in the selected Message format in the **REQUEST** area.

The Request pane also has a series of tabs. Each tab represents a different language: **Python**, **Java**, and **JavaScript**. Each tab enables you to view the request in the respective language. For example, after converting CLI commands into an XML or JSON payload, click the **Python** tab to view the request in Python, which you can use to create scripts.

- To copy the data populated in the **REQUEST** area, click **Copy**.
- To generate a Python code for the command entered, click **Python**.




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**Note** The **xml** Message format does not support the **Python** button.

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5. Click **POST** to generate the output of the command.

The output of the command is displayed in the **RESPONSE** area.

- To copy the data populated in the **RESPONSE** area, click **Copy**.

To clear the command and the corresponding output, and reset the page, click **Reset**.

6. Click **Command Reference** to view the list of show commands that are supported for NX-API.

The **Command Schema** pane displays the details of the command that is selected in the **Show commands** pane.




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**Note** Currently, the **Command Reference** tab supports only the **show** commands.

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Figure 4: NX-API Show Command Reference

The screenshot shows the 'NXAPI Show Command Reference' interface. On the left, under 'Show commands', there is a list of commands including 'show system login', 'show system login failures', 'show system reset-reason', 'show system poap', 'show system error-id list', 'show system exception-info', 'show system auto-upgrade epid status', 'show system vqi allocations', 'show system vian reserved', 'show system cores', 'show system pss shrink status details', 'show system pss shrink status', 'show system redundancy status', 'show system redundancy ha status', 'show system standby manual-boot', 'show system uptime', 'show system auto-collect tech-support', 'show system inband queuing status', 'show system inband queuing statistics', 'show system resources', 'show system default zone', 'show feature', 'show feature-set', 'show hardware', 'show hardware capacity module', 'show hardware capacity power', 'show hardware capacity eobc', and 'show hardware capacity fabric-utilization'. On the right, under 'Command Schema', the schema for 'show system login' is displayed as a table.

Field	Data Type	Description
acc_list	string	Applied ACL's
attempts	integer	Number of login failures
block_for	integer	Login disabled for time
fail_count	integer	Login failure count
switch_mode	string	Mode of operation
time	integer	Time remaining to re-enable login
within	integer	Number of login failures within time

1	Show commands—Displays the list of supported show commands.
2	Command Schema—Displays the NX-API schema (keywords and description) for a command selected in the <b>Show commands</b> pane.

### Example: Displaying NX-API Status

The following example displays the NX-API status response in different output formats:

#### XML Format

**show nxapi**

Request:

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

Response:

```
<ins_api>
  <type>cli_show</type>
```

```

<version>1.2</version>
<sid>eoc</sid>
<outputs>
  <output>
    <body>
      <nxapi_status>Enabled</nxapi_status>
      <sandbox_status>Enabled</sandbox_status>
      <http_port>8080</http_port>
    </body>
    <input>show nxapi</input>
    <msg>Success</msg>
    <code>200</code>
  </output>
</outputs>
</ins_api>

```

## JSON Format

**show nxapi**

Request:

```

{
  "ins_api": {
    "version": "1.2",
    "type": "cli_show",
    "chunk": "0",
    "sid": "1",
    "input": "show nxapi",
    "output_format": "json"
  }
}

```

Response:

```

{
  "ins_api": {
    "type": "cli_show",
    "version": "1.2",
    "sid": "eoc",
    "outputs": {
      "output": {
        "input": "show nxapi",
        "msg": "Success",
        "code": "200",
        "body": {
          "nxapi_status": "Enabled",
          "sandbox_status": "Enabled",
          "http_port": "8080"
        }
      }
    }
  }
}

```

## JSON-RPC Format

**show nxapi**

Request:

```

[
  {
    "jsonrpc": "2.0",

```

```

    "method": "cli",
    "params": {
      "cmd": "show nxapi",
      "version": 1.2
    },
    "id": 1
  }
]

```

Response:

```

{
  "jsonrpc": "2.0",
  "result": {
    "body": {
      "nxapi_status": "Enabled",
      "sandbox_status": "Enabled",
      "http_port": "8080"
    }
  },
  "id": 1
}

```

### Example: Configuring VSAN to VLAN Mapping

The following example shows how to configure VSAN to VLAN mapping in global configuration mode (**cli\_conf**):

```

vlan 3
fcoe vsan 3
vsan database
vsan 3
vsan 3 interface vfc1/8

```

Request:

```

<?xml version="1.0"?>
<ins_api>
  <version>1.2</version>
  <type>cli_conf</type>
  <chunk>0</chunk>
  <sid>sid</sid>
  <input>vlan 3 ;fcoe vsan 3 ;vsan database ;vsan 3 ;vsan 3 interface vfc1/8</input>
  <output_format>xml</output_format>
</ins_api>

```

Response:

```

<?xml version="1.0"?>
<ins_api>
  <type>cli_conf</type>
  <version>1.2</version>
  <sid>eoc</sid>
  <outputs>
    <output>
      <body/>
      <input>vlan 3</input>
      <code>200</code>
      <msg>Success</msg>
    </output>
    <output>
      <body/>
      <input>fcoe vsan 3</input>
    </output>
  </outputs>

```

```

        <code>200</code>
        <msg>Success</msg>
    </output>
    <output>
        <body/>
        <input>vsan database</input>
        <code>200</code>
        <msg>Success</msg>
    </output>
    <output>
        <body/>
        <input>vsan 3</input>
        <code>200</code>
        <msg>Success</msg>
    </output>
    <output>
        <body/>
        <input>vsan 3 interface vfc1/8</input>
        <code>200</code>
        <msg>Success</msg>
    </output>
</outputs>
</ins_api>

```

### Example: Configuring Zones and Zonesets

The following example shows how to configure a zone in global configuration mode (**cli\_conf**):

```

zone name zone2 vsan 1
member pwn 10:00:00:23:45:67:89:ab
member pwn 10:00:00:23:45:67:89:cd

```

Request:

```

<?xml version="1.0"?>
<ins_api>
  <version>1.2</version>
  <type>cli_conf</type>
  <chunk>0</chunk>
  <sid>sid</sid>
  <input>zone name zone2 vsan 1 ;member pwn 10:00:00:23:45:67:89:ab ;member pwn
10:00:00:23:45:67:89:cd</input>
  <output_format>xml</output_format>
</ins_api>

```

Response:

```

<?xml version="1.0"?>
<ins_api>
  <type>cli_conf</type>
  <version>1.2</version>
  <sid>eoc</sid>
  <outputs>
    <output>
      <body/>
      <input>zone name zone2 vsan 1</input>
      <code>200</code>
      <msg>Success</msg>
    </output>
    <output>
      <body/>
      <input>member pwn 10:00:00:23:45:67:89:ab</input>
      <code>200</code>
      <msg>Success</msg>
    </output>
  </outputs>
</ins_api>

```

```

    <output>
      <body/>
      <input>member pwnn 10:00:00:23:45:67:89:cd</input>
      <code>200</code>
      <msg>Success</msg>
    </output>
  </outputs>
</ins_api>

```

The following example shows how to configure a zoneset in global configuration mode (**cli\_conf**):

```

zoneset name Zoneset1 vsan 1
member zone2
zoneset activate name Zoneset1 vsan 1

```

Request:

```

<?xml version="1.0"?>
<ins_api>
  <version>1.2</version>
  <type>cli_conf</type>
  <chunk>0</chunk>
  <sid>sid</sid>
  <input>zoneset name Zoneset1 vsan 1 ;member zone2 ;zoneset activate name Zoneset1 vsan
1</input>
  <output_format>xml</output_format>
</ins_api>

```

Response:

```

<?xml version="1.0"?>
<ins_api>
  <type>cli_conf</type>
  <version>1.2</version>
  <sid>eoc</sid>
  <outputs>
    <output>
      <body/>
      <input>zoneset name Zoneset1 vsan 1</input>
      <code>200</code>
      <msg>Success</msg>
    </output>
    <output>
      <body/>
      <input>member zone2</input>
      <code>200</code>
      <msg>Success</msg>
    </output>
    <output>
      <body>Zoneset activation initiated. check zone status
</body>
      <input>zoneset activate name Zoneset1 vsan 1</input>
      <code>200</code>
      <msg>Success</msg>
    </output>
  </outputs>
</ins_api>

```

If a **show** command is not NX-API-aware, the output can still be accessed by setting the **Command type** element to **cli\_show\_ascii** for JSON and XML encoded requests, or **show\_ascii** for JSON-RPC encoded requests. The command output is returned in the response body as a single flat string.

The following figure provides an example for a **show** command output that is not NX-API-aware, in the NX-API Developer Sandbox.

The screenshot shows the NX-API configuration interface. At the top, there is a text input field containing the command "show logging logfile". To the right of this field are three buttons: "POST" (blue), "Reset" (orange), and "Output Schema" (green). Below the input field, there are two tabs: "REQUEST" and "RESPONSE". The "REQUEST" tab is active, showing a JSON-RPC request object. The "RESPONSE" tab is also visible, showing a JSON-RPC response object. On the right side of the interface, there are several configuration options: "Message format" (with buttons for json-rpc, xml, and json), "Command type" (with buttons for cli, cli\_ascii, and cli\_array), "Lock Configuration" (a checkbox), "Error-Action" (a dropdown menu), and "Validation Type" (a dropdown menu).

**REQUEST:**

```
{
  "jsonrpc": "2.0",
  "method": "cli_ascii",
  "params": {
    "cmd": "show logging logfile",
    "version": 1.2
  },
  "id": 1
}
```

**RESPONSE:**

```
{
  "jsonrpc": "2.0",
  "result": {
    "msg": "2020 Jul 17 13:16:55 %SYSLOG-2-SYSTEM_MSG: Syslogs wont be logged into logflash until logflash is enabled"
  },
  "id": 1,
  "cmd": "show logging logfile"
}
```

## NX-API Request Elements

NX-API request elements are sent to a device in XML, JSON, or JSON-RPC formats. The HTTP header of the request must identify the content type of the request.



**Note** A lock will be released by the system if the session that holds the lock is terminated for any reason. The session that acquired the lock can only perform necessary configurations.

**Table 1: NX-API Request Elements for XML or JSON Format**

NX-API Request Element	Description
version	Specifies the NX-API version.



NX-API Request Element	Description
<i>type</i>	<p>Specifies the command type to be executed.</p> <p>The following command types are supported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>cli</b>—CLI configuration commands. CLI <b>show</b> commands that expect structured output. If the command does not support XML output, an error message is returned.</li> <li>• <b>cli_array</b>—CLI show commands. CLI <b>show</b> commands that expect structured output. Only for show commands. If the command does not support XML output, an error message is returned. Similar to <b>cli</b>, but with <b>cli_array</b>, data is returned as a list of one element, or an array, within square brackets [ ].</li> <li>• <b>cli_ascii</b> —CLI configuration commands. CLI <b>show</b> commands that expect ASCII output. This aligns with existing scripts that parse ASCII output. Users can use existing scripts with minimal changes.</li> <li>• <b>cli_show</b> —CLI <b>show</b> commands that expect structured output. If the command does not support XML output, an error message is returned.</li> <li>• <b>cli_show_array</b>—CLI configuration commands. CLI <b>show</b> commands that expect structured output. Only for show commands. Similar to <b>cli_show</b>, but with <b>cli_show_array</b>, data is returned as a list of one element, or an array, within square brackets [ ].</li> <li>• <b>cli_show_ascii</b> —CLI <b>show</b> commands that expect ASCII output. This aligns with existing scripts that parse ASCII output. Users can use existing scripts with minimal changes.</li> <li>• <b>cli_conf</b> —CLI configuration commands.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each command is executable only with the current user's authority.</li> <li>• A maximum of 10 consecutive <b>show</b> commands are supported. If the number of <b>show</b> commands exceeds 10, the 11th and subsequent commands are ignored.</li> <li>• No interactive commands are supported.</li> </ul>

NX-API Request Element	Description
<i>chunk</i>	<p>Some show commands can return a large amount of output. For the NX-API client to start processing the output before the entire command completes, NX-API supports output chunking for show commands.</p> <p>Enable or disable chunk with the following settings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0—Do not chunk output.</li> <li>• 1—Chunk output.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only <b>show</b> commands support chunking. When a series of <b>show</b> commands are entered, only the first command is chunked and returned.</li> </ul> <p>The output message format is XML, which is the default. Special characters, such as &lt; or &gt;, are converted to form a valid XML message (&lt; is converted to &amp;lt; &gt; is converted to &amp;gt;).</p> <p>You can use XML SAX to parse the chunked output.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When chunking is enabled, the message format is limited to XML. JSON output format is not supported when chunking is enabled.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b></p> <p>When chunking is enabled, the maximum message size supported is currently 200 MB of the chunked output.</p>
<i>roll_back</i>	<p>Specifies the configuration rollback options. Specify one of the following options.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stop-on-error—Stops at the first CLI that fails.</li> <li>• Continue-on-error—Ignores and continues with other CLIs.</li> <li>• Rollback-on-error—Performs a rollback to the previous state the system configuration was in.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b></p> <p>The rollback-on-error option is removed from Cisco MDS NX-OS Release 9.2(2).</p>
<i>validate</i>	<p>Configuration validation settings. This element allows you to validate the commands before you apply them on the switch. This enables you to verify the consistency of a configuration (for example, the availability of necessary hardware resources) before applying it. Choose the validation type from the Validation Type drop-down list.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Validate-Only—Validates the configurations, but does not apply the configurations.</li> <li>• Validate-and-Set —Validates the configurations, and applies the configurations on the switch if the validation is successful.</li> </ul>

NX-API Request Element	Description
<i>lock</i>	An exclusive lock on the configuration can be specified, whereby no other management or programming agent will be able to modify the configuration if this lock is held.
<i>sid</i>	The session ID element is valid only when the response message is chunked. To retrieve the next chunk of the message, you must specify a <i>sid</i> to match the <i>sid</i> of the previous response message.
<i>input</i>	<p>Input can be one command or multiple commands. However, commands that belong to different message types should not be mixed. For example, <b>show</b> commands belong to the cli_show message format and are not supported in cli_conf message format.</p> <p><b>Note</b> Multiple commands are separated with a semicolon (;). (The ; must be surrounded with single blank characters.)</p> <p>The following are examples of multiple commands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>cli_show <b>show version ; show interface brief ; show vsan</b></li> <li>cli_conf <b>interface fc4/1 ; no shut</b></li> </ul>
<i>output_format</i>	<p>The available output message formats are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>xml—Specifies output in XML format.</li> <li>json—Specifies output in JSON format.</li> <li>json-rpc—Specifies output in JSON-RPC format.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b> The Cisco MDS 9000 device CLI supports XML output, which means that the JSON output is converted from XML. The conversion is processed on the switch.</p> <p>To manage computational overhead, the JSON output is determined by the amount of output. If the output exceeds 1 MB, the output is returned in XML format. When the output is chunked, only XML output is supported.</p> <p>The content-type header in the HTTP or HTTPS response headers indicate the type of response format (XML, JSON, or JSON-RPC).</p>

## NX-API Response Elements

The following table lists the NX-API elements that respond to a CLI command:

Table 2: NX-API Response Elements

NX-API Response Element	Description
version	NX-API version.
type	Type of command to be executed.
sid	Session ID of the response. This element is valid only when the response message is chunked.
outputs	Tag that encloses all command outputs.  When multiple commands are either of cli_show or cli_show_ascii command type, each command output is enclosed by a single output tag.  When the command type is cli_conf, there is a single output tag for all the commands because cli_conf commands require context.
output	Tag that encloses the output of a single command output.  For cli_conf command type, this element contains the outputs of all the commands.
input	Tag that encloses a single command specified in the request. This element helps associate a request input element with the appropriate response output element.
body	Body of the command response.
code	Error code returned from command execution.  NX-API uses standard HTTP error codes as described by the HTTP Status Code Registry ( <a href="http://www.iana.org/assignments/http-status-codes/http-status-codes.xhtml">http://www.iana.org/assignments/http-status-codes/http-status-codes.xhtml</a> ).
msg	Error message associated with the returned error code.

## Table of NX-API Response Codes

The following are the possible NX-API errors, error codes, and messages pertaining to an NX-API response.

Table 3: NX-API Response Codes

NX-API Response	Code	Message
SUCCESS	200	Success.
CUST_OUTPUT_PIPED	204	Output is piped elsewhere due to request.
CHUNK_ALLOW_ONE_CMD_ERR	400	Chunking allowed only to one command.
CLI_CLIENT_ERR	400	CLI execution error.
CLI_CMD_ERR	400	Input CLI command error.

IN_MSG_ERR	400	Request message is invalid.
NO_INPUT_CMD_ERR	400	No input command.
PERM_DENY_ERR	401	Permission denied.
CONF_NOT_ALLOW_SHOW_ERR	405	Configuration mode does not allow <b>show</b> command .
SHOW_NOT_ALLOW_CONF_ERR	405	Show mode does not allow configuration.
EXCEED_MAX_SHOW_ERR	413	Maximum number of consecutive <b>show</b> commands exceeded. The maximum is 10.
MSG_SIZE_LARGE_ERR	413	Response size too large.
BACKEND_ERR	500	Backend processing error.
FILE_OPER_ERR	500	System internal file operation error.
LIBXML_NS_ERR	500	System internal LIBXML NS error.
LIBXML_PARSE_ERR	500	System internal LIBXML parse error.
LIBXML_PATH_CTX_ERR	500	System internal LIBXML path context error.
MEM_ALLOC_ERR	500	System internal memory allocation error.
USER_NOT_FOUND_ERR	500	User not found from input or cache.
XML_TO_JSON_CONVERT_ERR	500	XML to JSON conversion error.
CHUNK_ALLOW_XML_ONLY_ERR	501	Chunking allows only XML output.
JSON_NOT_SUPPORTED_ERR	501	JSON not supported due to large amount of output.
MSG_TYPE_UNSUPPORTED_ERR	501	Message type not supported.
PIPE_OUTPUT_NOT_SUPPORTED_ERR	501	Pipe operation not supported.
PIPE_XML_NOT_ALLOWED_IN_INPUT	501	Pipe XML is not allowed in input.
RESP_BIG_JSON_NOT_ALLOWED_ERR	501	Response has large amount of output. JSON not supported.
STRUCT_NOT_SUPPORTED_ERR	501	Structured output unsupported.
ERR_UNDEFINED	600	Undefined.

## Default Settings

The following table lists the default settings for HTTP and HTTPS for Cisco MDS Release versions:

Cisco MDS NX-OS Release	HTTP	HTTPS
Cisco MDS NX-OS Release 8.2(2) and earlier	Enabled	Disabled
Cisco MDS NX-OS Release 8.3(1) Cisco MDS NX-OS Release 8.3(2)	Enabled	Enabled
Cisco MDS NX-OS Release 8.4(1) and later	Disabled	Enabled

The [Table 4: Supported HTTP and HTTPS Ports, on page 30](#) table lists the supported HTTP and HTTPS ports for Cisco MDS Release versions:

**Table 4: Supported HTTP and HTTPS Ports**

Cisco MDS NX-OS Release	HTTP Port	HTTPS Port
Cisco MDS NX-OS Release 8.2(1) and earlier	8080	443
Cisco MDS NX-OS Release 8.3(1) and later	8080	8443

## Additional References

This section provides additional information related to implementing NX-API.

- [NX-API DevNet Community](#)
- [MDS NX-API Reference Guide](#)
- [NX-API Github \(NX-OS Programmability scripts\)](#)
- [CISCO DCNM API Reference Guide](#)