



NX-API Developer Sandbox

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About the NX-API Developer Sandbox

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

Figure 1: NX-API Developer Sandbox with Example Request and Output Response

The screenshot shows the NX-API Developer Sandbox web interface. At the top, there's a header with the Cisco logo and the title "NX-API Developer Sandbox". Below the header, there's a "Command" pane with a text input field containing "show version". To the right of the input field are buttons for "POST" and "Reset". To the right of the "Command" pane are controls for "Message format" (with buttons for json-rpc, xml, json, nx-api rest, nx yang) and "Command type" (with buttons for cli, cli_ascii). Below the "Command" pane are two panes: "Request" and "Response". The "Request" pane shows a JSON payload for the "show version" command. The "Response" pane shows the corresponding JSON response from the switch. The interface includes a Cisco logo and version information at the bottom.

Controls in the Command pane allow you to choose a message format for a supported API, such as NX-API REST, and a command type, such as XML or JSON. The available command type options vary depending on the selected message format.

When you type or paste one or more CLI commands into the Command pane, the web form converts the commands into an API payload, checking for configuration errors, and displays the resulting payload in the Request pane. If you then choose to post the payload directly from the Sandbox to the switch, using the POST button in the Command pane, the Response pane displays the API response.

Conversely, when you type an NX-API REST designated name (DN) and payload into the Command pane and select the **nx-api rest** Message format and the **model** Command type, Developer Sandbox checks the payload for configuration errors, then the Response pane displays the equivalent CLIs.

Guidelines and Limitations

Following are the guidelines and limitations for the Developer Sandbox:

- Clicking **Send** in the Sandbox commits the command to the switch, which can result in a configuration or state change.
- Some feature configuration commands are not available until their associated feature has been enabled. For example, configuring a BGP router requires first enabling BGP with the **feature bgp** command. Similarly, configuring an OSPF router requires first enabling OSPF with the **feature ospf** command. This also applies to **evpn esi multihoming**, which enables its dependent commands such as **evpn multihoming core-tracking**. For more information about enabling features to access feature dependent commands, see the [Cisco Nexus 9000 Configuration Guides](#) [Cisco Nexus 3000 Configuration Guides](#).
- Using Sandbox to convert with DN is supported only for finding the DN of a CLI config. Any other workflow, for example, using DME to convert DN for CLI configuration commands is not supported.
- CLI to model or xml conversion will not happen for OSPFv2 interface commands until you explicitly enable OSPF on interface by configuring router instance and area using **[no] ip router ospf <tag> area {<area-id-ip> | <area-id-int>} [secondaries none]** command.
- The Command pane (the top pane) supports a maximum of 10,000 individual lines of input.
- When you use XML or JSON as the Message Type for CLI input, you can use semicolon to separate multiple commands on the same line. However, when you use JSON RPC as the Message Type for CLI input, you cannot enter multiple commands on the same line and separate them with a semicolon (;).

For example, assume that you want to send **show hostname** and **show clock** commands through JSON RPC as the following.

In the Sandbox, you enter the CLIs as follows.

```
show hostname ; show clock
```

In the JSON RPC request, the input is formatted as follows.

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

When you send the request, the response returns the following error.

```
{
  "jsonrpc": "2.0",
  "error": {
    "code": -32602,
    "message": "Invalid params",
    "data": {
      "msg": "Request contains invalid special characters"
    }
  },
  "id": 1
}
```

This situation occurs because the Sandbox parses each command in a JSON RPC request as individual items and assigns an ID to each. When using JSON RPC requests, you cannot use internal punctuation to separate multiple commands on the same line. Instead, enter each command on a separate line and the request completes successfully.

Continuing with the same example, enter the commands as follows in the NX-API CLI.

```
show hostname
show clock
```

In the request, the input is formatted as follows.

```
[
  {
    "jsonrpc": "2.0",
    "method": "cli",
    "params": {
      "cmd": "show hostname",
      "version": 1
    },
    "id": 1
  },
  {
    "jsonrpc": "2.0",
    "method": "cli",
    "params": {
      "cmd": "show clock",
      "version": 1
    },
    "id": 2
  }
]
```

The response completes successfully.

```
[
  {
    "jsonrpc": "2.0",
    "result": {
      "body": {
        "hostname": "switch-1"
      }
    },
    "id": 1
  },
  {
    "jsonrpc": "2.0",
    "result": {
      "body": {
        "simple_time": "12:31:02.686 UTC Wed Jul 10 2019\n",
        "time_source": "NTP"
      }
    },
    "id": 2
  }
]
```

```
    "id": 2  
  }  
]
```

Configuring the Message Format and Command Type

The **Message Format** and **Command Type** are configured in the upper right corner of the Command pane (the top pane). For **Message Format**, choose the format of the API protocol that you want to use. The Developer Sandbox supports the following API protocols:

Table 1: NX-OS API Protocols

Protocol	Description
json-rpc	A standard lightweight remote procedure call (RPC) protocol that can be used to deliver NX-OS CLI commands in a JSON payload. The JSON-RPC 2.0 specification is outlined by jsonrpc.org .
xml	Cisco NX-API proprietary protocol for delivering NX-OS CLI or bash commands in an XML payload.
json	Cisco NX-API proprietary protocol for delivering NX-OS CLI or bash commands in a JSON payload.
nx-api rest	Cisco NX-API proprietary protocol for manipulating and reading managed objects (MOs) and their properties in the internal NX-OS data management engine (DME) model. For more information about the Cisco Nexus 3000 and 9000 Series NX-API REST SDK, see https://developer.cisco.com/site/cisco-nexus-nx-api-references/ .
nx yang	The YANG ("Yet Another Next Generation") data modeling language for configuration and state data.

When the **Message Format** has been chosen, a set of **Command Type** options are presented just below the **Message Format** control. The **Command Type** setting can constrain the input CLI and can determine the **Request** and **Response** format. The options vary depending on the **Message Format** selection. For each **Message Format**, the following table describes the **Command Type** options:

Table 2: Command Types

Message format	Command type
json-rpc	- cli — show or configuration commands - cli-ascii — show or configuration commands, output without formatting

Message format	Command type
xml	• cli_show — show commands. If the command does not support XML output, an error message will be returned. • cli_show_ascii — show commands, output without formatting • cli_conf — configuration commands. Interactive configuration commands are not supported. • bash — bash commands. Most non-interactive bash commands are supported. Note The bash shell must be enabled in the switch.
json	• cli_show — show commands. If the command does not support XML output, an error message will be returned. • cli_show_ascii — show commands, output without formatting • cli_conf — configuration commands. Interactive configuration commands are not supported. • bash — bash commands. Most non-interactive bash commands are supported. Note The bash shell must be enabled in the switch.
nx-api rest	• cli — configuration commands • model — DN and corresponding payload.
nx yang	• json — JSON structure is used for payload • xml — XML structure is used for payload

Output Chunking

In order to handle large show command output, some NX-API message formats support output chunking for show commands. In this case, an **Enable chunk mode** checkbox appears below the **Command Type** control along with a session ID (**SID**) type-in box.

When chunking is enabled, the response is sent in multiple "chunks," with the first chunk sent in the immediate command response. In order to retrieve the next chunk of the response message, you must send an NX-API request with **SID** set to the session ID of the previous response message.

Using the Developer Sandbox

Using the Developer Sandbox to Convert CLI Commands to REST Payloads



Tip Online help is available by clicking **Quick Start** in the upper right corner of the Sandbox window. Additional details, such as response codes and security methods, can be found in the chapter "NX-API CLI". Only configuration commands are supported.

Procedure

- Step 1** Configure the **Message Format** and **Command Type** for the API protocol you want to use. For detailed instructions, see [Configuring the Message Format and Command Type, on page 4](#).
- Step 2** Type or paste NX-OS CLI configuration commands, one command per line, into the text entry box in the top pane. 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.

Step 3 Click the **Convert** at the bottom of the top pane.

If the CLI commands contain no configuration errors, the payload appears in the **Request** pane. If errors are present, a descriptive error message appears in the **Response** pane.

The screenshot shows the NX-API Developer Sandbox interface. At the top, there's a header with the Cisco logo, the title "NX-API Developer Sandbox", and links for "Quick Start" and "Logout". Below the header is a large text area for the payload. It contains a JSON object:

```
api/mo/sys.json
{
  "topSystem": {
    "attributes": {
      "name": "REST2CLI"
    }
  }
}
```

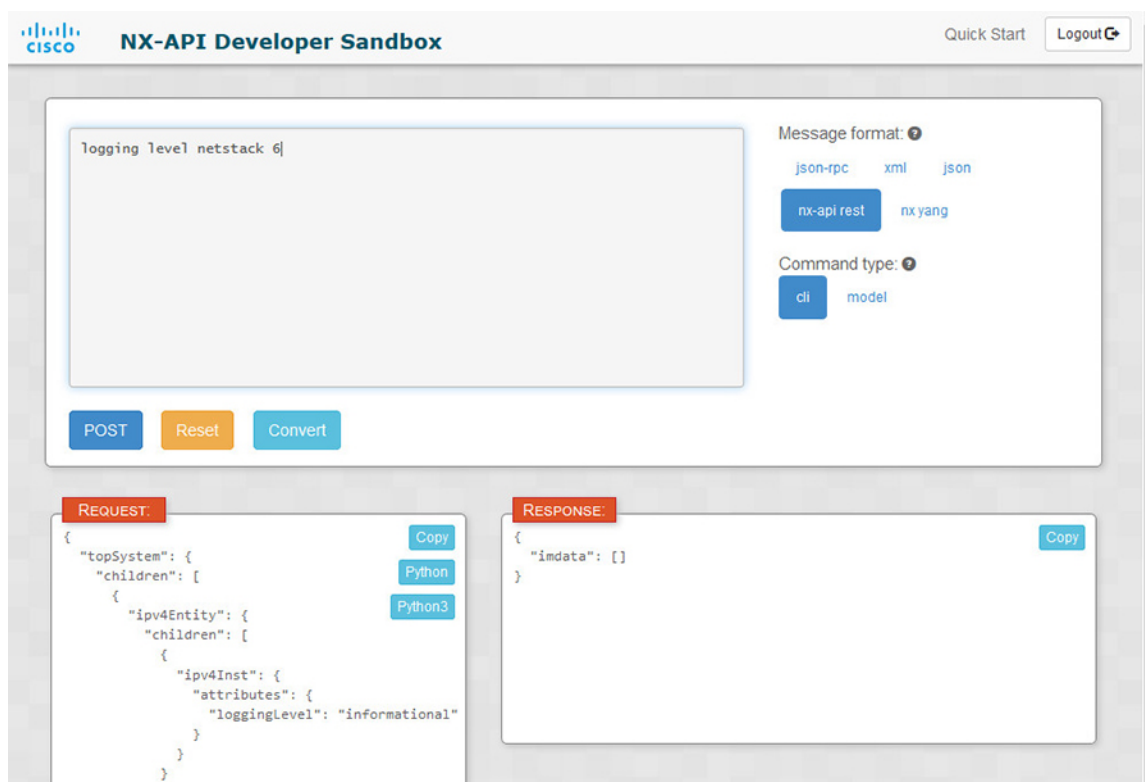
 To the right of the text area are two sections: "Message format:" with buttons for "json-rpc", "xml", "json", "nx-api rest" (selected), and "nx yang"; and "Command type:" with buttons for "cli" (selected) and "model". Below the text area are "Convert" and "Reset" buttons. At the bottom, there are two panes: "CLI" and "ERROR". The "CLI" pane shows the command "hostname REST2CLI" with a "Copy" button. The "ERROR" pane is empty with a "Copy" button. At the very bottom, there's a status bar with "Copyright © 2014-2016 Cisco Systems, Inc. All rights reserved." and "NX-API version 1.1". A small status message at the bottom left says "Waiting for bam.nr-data.net..."

Step 4 When a valid payload is present in the **Request** pane, you can click **POST** to send the payload as an API call to the switch.

The response from the switch appears in the **Response** pane.

Warning

Clicking **POST** commits the command to the switch, which can result in a configuration or state change.



Step 5 You can copy the contents of the **Request** or **Response** pane to the clipboard by clicking **Copy** in the pane.

Step 6 You can obtain a Python implementation of the request on the clipboard by clicking **Python** in the **Request** pane.

Using the Developer Sandbox to Convert from REST Payloads to CLI Commands



Tip Online help is available by clicking **Quick Start** in the upper right corner of the Sandbox window. Additional details, such as response codes and security methods, can be found in the chapter "NX-API CLI".

SUMMARY STEPS

1. Select **nx-api rest** as the **Message Format** and **model** as the **Command Type**.
2. Enter a DN and payload into the text entry box in the top pane. Then click on the **Convert** button below the top pane.

DETAILED STEPS

Procedure

Step 1 Select **nx-api rest** as the **Message Format** and **model** as the **Command Type**.

Example:

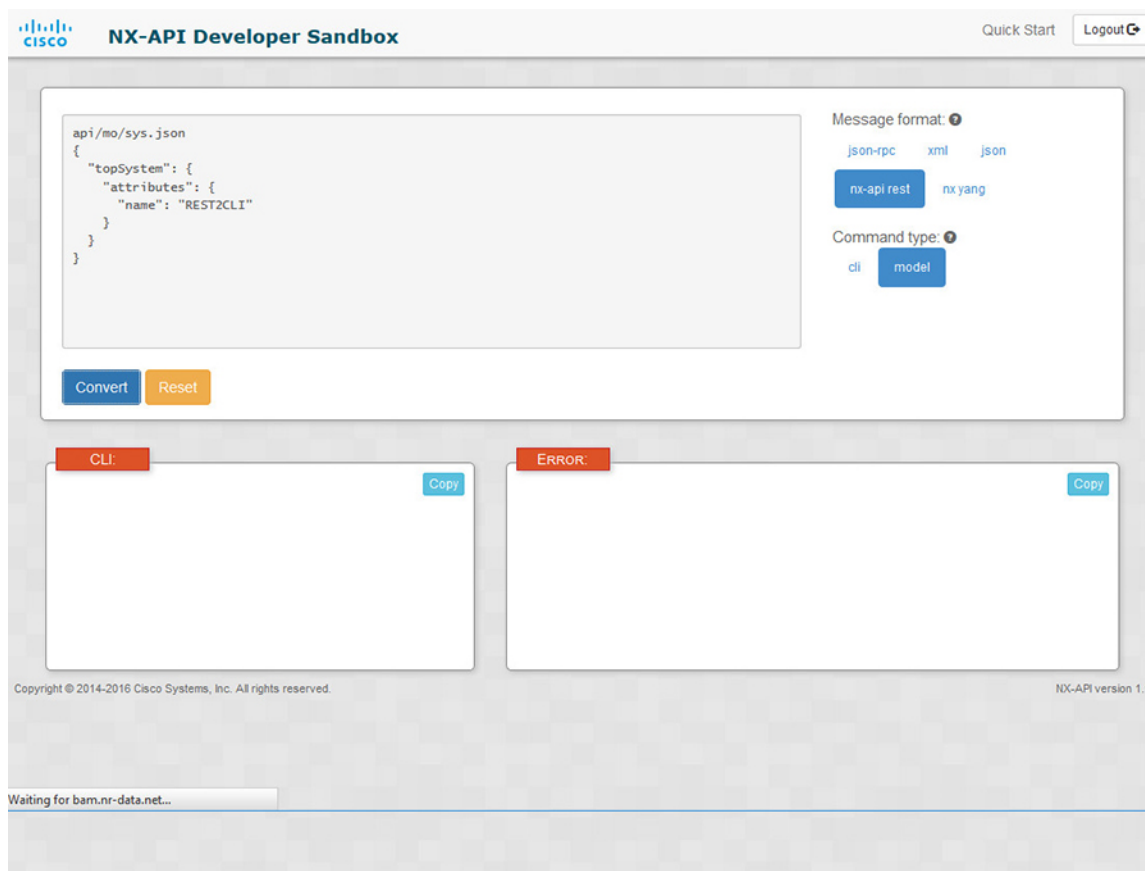
The screenshot shows the NX-API Developer Sandbox interface. At the top, there's a header with the Cisco logo and 'NX-API Developer Sandbox' text, along with 'Quick Start' and 'Logout' links. The main area contains a large text input box with the placeholder 'Enter CLI commands here, one command per line.' Below this box are 'Convert' and 'Reset' buttons. To the right of the input box, there are two dropdown menus: 'Message format' with options 'json-rpc', 'xml', 'json', 'nx-api rest', and 'nx yang'; and 'Command type' with options 'cli' and 'model'. Below these are two output panes: 'CLI' and 'ERROR', each with a 'Copy' button. The footer contains the copyright notice 'Copyright © 2014-2016 Cisco Systems, Inc. All rights reserved.' and the version 'NX-API version 1.1'.

Step 2 Enter a DN and payload into the text entry box in the top pane. Then click on the **Convert** button below the top pane.

Example:

For this example, the DN is **api/mo/sys.json** and the NX-API REST payload is:

```
{
  "topSystem": {
    "attributes": {
      "name": "REST2CLI"
    }
  }
}
```



When you click on the **Convert** button, the CLI equivalent appears in the **CLI** pane as shown in the following image.

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Quick Start [Logout](#)

```
api/mo/sys.json
{
  "topSystem": {
    "attributes": {
      "name": "REST2CLI"
    }
  }
}
```

Message format: 
[json-rpc](#) [xml](#) [json](#)
[nx-api rest](#) [nx yang](#)

Command type: 
[cli](#) [model](#)

[Convert](#) [Reset](#)

CLI:

hostname REST2CLI [Copy](#)

ERROR:

[Copy](#)

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NX-API version 1.1

Waiting for bam.nr-data.net...

Note

The Developer Sandbox cannot convert all payloads into equivalent CLIs, even if the Sandbox converted the CLIs to NX-API REST payloads. The following is a list of possible sources of error that can prevent a payload from completely converting to CLI commands:

Table 3: Sources of REST2CLI Errors

Payload Issue	Result
The payload contains an attribute that does not exist in the MO. Example: <pre>api/mo/sys.json { "topSystem": { "children": [{ "interfaceEntity": { "children": [{ "l1PhysIf": { "attributes": { "id": "eth1/1", "fakeattribute": "totallyFake" } } }] } }] } }</pre>	The Error pane will return an error related to the attribute. Example: CLI Error unknown attribute 'fakeattribute' in element 'l1PhysIf'
The payload includes MOs that aren't yet supported for conversion: Example: <pre>api/mo/sys.json { "topSystem": { "children": [{ "dhcpEntity": { "children": [{ "dhcpInst": { "attributes": { "SnoopingEnabled": "yes" } } }] } }] } }</pre>	The Error Pane will return an error related to the unsupported MO. Example: CLI Error The entire subtree of "sys/dhcp" is not converted.

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The web form is a single screen with three panes — Command (top pane), Request (middle pane), and Response (bottom pane) — as shown in the figure below. The designated name (DN) field is located between the Command and Request panes (seen in the figure below located between the **POST** and **Send** options).

The Request pane also has a series of tabs. Each tab represents a different language: **Python**, **Python3**, **Java**, **JavaScript**, and **Go-Lang**. 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.

Figure 2: NX-API Developer Sandbox with Example Request and Output Response

The screenshot displays the NX-API Developer Sandbox interface. At the top, there's a header with the Cisco logo and 'NX-API Sandbox', along with links for 'Quick Start', 'Command Reference', and 'Logout'. The main area is divided into three panes. The top pane, 'Command', contains the text 'show version'. To its right are dropdown menus for 'Method' (set to 'NX-API-CLI'), 'Message format' (set to 'json-rpc'), and 'Input type' (set to 'cli_ascii'). Below the command pane is a 'POST' button and a text input field containing '/ins'. To the right of this input are 'Send', 'Reset', and 'Output Schema' buttons. The middle pane, 'Request', has tabs for 'Request', 'Python', 'Python3', 'Java', 'JavaScript', and 'Go-Lang'. The 'Request' tab is active, showing a JSON payload:

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

 A 'Copy' button is next to the JSON. The bottom pane, 'Response', shows the resulting JSON response:

```
{  "jsonrpc": "2.0",  "result": {    "msg": "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.",  },  "id": 1}
```

 A 'Copy' button is also present next to the response JSON.

Controls in the Command pane enable you to choose a supported API, such as NX-API REST, an input type, such as model (payload) or CLI, and a message format, such as XML or JSON. The available options vary depending on the chosen method.

When you choose the NX-API-REST (DME) method, type or paste one or more CLI commands into the Command pane, and click **Convert**, the web form converts the commands into a REST API payload, checking for configuration errors, and displays the resulting payload in the Request pane. If you then choose to post

the payload directly from the sandbox to the switch (by choosing the **POST** option and clicking **SEND**), the Response pane displays the API response. For more information, see [Using the Developer Sandbox to Convert CLI Commands to REST Payloads, on page 19](#)

Conversely, the Cisco NX-API Developer Sandbox checks the payload for configuration errors then displays the equivalent CLIs in the Response pane. For more information, see [Using the Developer Sandbox to Convert from REST Payloads to CLI Commands, on page 22](#)

Guidelines and Limitations

Following are the guidelines and limitations for the Developer Sandbox:

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- Some feature configuration commands are not available until their associated feature has been enabled. For example, configuring a BGP router requires first enabling BGP with the **feature bgp** command. Similarly, configuring an OSPF router requires first enabling OSPF with the **feature ospf** command. This also applies to **evpn esi multihoming**, which enables its dependent commands such as **evpn multihoming core-tracking**. For more information about enabling features to access feature dependent commands, see the [Cisco Nexus 9000 Configuration Guides](#) [Cisco Nexus 3000 Configuration Guides](#).
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- The Command pane (the top pane) supports a maximum of 10,000 individual lines of input.
- When you use XML or JSON as the Message Type for CLI input, you can use semicolon to separate multiple commands on the same line. However, when you use JSON RPC as the Message Type for CLI input, you cannot enter multiple commands on the same line and separate them with a semicolon (;).

For example, assume that you want to send **show hostname** and **show clock** commands through JSON RPC as the following.

In the Sandbox, you enter the CLIs as follows.

```
show hostname ; show clock
```

In the JSON RPC request, the input is formatted as follows.

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

When you send the request, the response returns the following error.

```
{
  "jsonrpc": "2.0",
```

```

    "error": {
      "code": -32602,
      "message": "Invalid params",
      "data": {
        "msg": "Request contains invalid special characters"
      }
    },
    "id": 1
  }
}

```

This situation occurs because the Sandbox parses each command in a JSON RPC request as individual items and assigns an ID to each. When using JSON RPC requests, you cannot use internal punctuation to separate multiple commands on the same line. Instead, enter each command on a separate line and the request completes successfully.

Continuing with the same example, enter the commands as follows in the NX-API CLI.

```

show hostname
show clock

```

In the request, the input is formatted as follows.

```

[
  {
    "jsonrpc": "2.0",
    "method": "cli",
    "params": {
      "cmd": "show hostname",
      "version": 1
    },
    "id": 1
  },
  {
    "jsonrpc": "2.0",
    "method": "cli",
    "params": {
      "cmd": "show clock",
      "version": 1
    },
    "id": 2
  }
]

```

The response completes successfully.

```

[
  {
    "jsonrpc": "2.0",
    "result": {
      "body": {
        "hostname": "switch-1"
      }
    },
    "id": 1
  },
  {
    "jsonrpc": "2.0",
    "result": {
      "body": {
        "simple_time": "12:31:02.686 UTC Wed Jul 10 2019\n",
        "time_source": "NTP"
      }
    },
    "id": 2
  }
]

```

```
}
]
```

Configuring the Message Format and Input Type

The **Method**, **Message format**, and **Input type** are configured in the upper right corner of the Command pane (the top pane). For **Method**, choose the format of the API protocol that you want to use. The Cisco NX-API Developer Sandbox supports the following API protocols:

Table 4: NX-OS API Protocols

Protocol	Description
NXAPI-CLI	Cisco NX-API proprietary protocol for delivering NX-OS CLI or bash commands in an XML or a JSON payload.
NXAPI-REST (DME)	Cisco NX-API proprietary protocol for manipulating and reading managed objects (MOs) and their properties in the internal NX-OS data management engine (DME) model. The NXAPI-REST (DME) protocol displays a drop-down list that enables you to choose from the following methods: • POST • GET • PUT • DELETE For more information about the Cisco Nexus 3000 and 9000 Series NX-API REST SDK, see https://developer.cisco.com/site/cisco-nexus-nx-api-references/.
RESTCONF (Yang)	The YANG ("Yet Another Next Generation") data modeling language for configuration and state data. The RESTCONF (Yang) protocol displays a drop-down list that enables you to choose from the following methods: • POST • GET • PUT • PATCH • DELETE

When you choose the **Method**, a set of **Message format** or **Input type** options are displayed in a drop-down list. The **Message format** can constrain the input CLI and determine the **Request** and **Response** format. The options vary depending on the **Method** you choose.

The following table describes the **Input/Command type** options for each **Message format**:

Table 5: Command Types

Method	Message format	Input/Command type
NXAPI-CLI	json-rpc	- cli — show or configuration commands - cli-ascii — show or configuration commands, output without formatting - cli-array — show commands. Similar to cli, but with cli_array, data is returned as a list of one element, or an array, within square brackets, [].
NXAPI-CLI	xml	- cli_show — show commands. If the command does not support XML output, an error message will be returned. - cli_show_ascii — show commands, output without formatting - cli_conf — configuration commands. Interactive configuration commands are not supported. - bash — bash commands. Most non-interactive bash commands are supported. Note The bash shell must be enabled in the switch.
NXAPI-CLI	json	- cli_show — show commands. If the command does not support XML output, an error message will be returned. Note Beginning with Cisco NX-OS Release 9.3(3), the cli_show_array command is recommended over the cli_show command. - cli_show_array — show commands. Similar to cli_show, but with cli_show_array, data is returned as a list of one element, or an array, within square brackets []. - cli_show_ascii — show commands, output without formatting - cli_conf — configuration commands. Interactive configuration commands are not supported. - bash — bash commands. Most non-interactive bash commands are supported. Note The bash shell must be enabled in the switch.

Method	Message format	Input/Command type
NXAPI-REST (DME)		- cli — CLI to model conversion - model — Model to CLI conversion.
RESTCONF (Yang)	- json — JSON structure is used for payload - xml — XML structure is used for payload	

Output Chunking

JSON and XML NX-API message formats enable you to receive large show command responses in 10-MB chunks. When received, the chunks are concatenated to create a valid JSON object or XML structure. To view a sample script that demonstrates output chunking, click the following link and choose the directory that corresponds to Release 9.3x: [Cisco NX-OS NXAPI](#).



Note For chunk JSON mode, the browser or python script part does not provide the valid JSON output (there will be no closing tags). To use chunk mode and get valid JSON, use the script provided in the directory.

You receive the first chunk in the immediate command response, which also includes a **sid** field that contains a session Id. To retrieve the next chunk, you enter the session Id from the previous chunk in the **SID** text box. You repeat the process until reaching the last response, which is indicated by the **eoc** (end of content) value in the **sid** field.

Chunk mode is available when using the **NXAPI-CLI** method with the **JSON** or **XML** format type and the **cli_show**, **cli_show_array**, or **cli_show_ascii** command type. For more information about configuring the chunk mode, see the *Chunk Mode Fields* table.



Note NX-API supports a maximum of 2 chunking sessions.

Table 6: Chunk Mode Fields

Field Name	Description
Enable Chunk Mode	Click to place a check mark in the Enable Chunk Mode check box to enable chunking. When you enable chunk mode, responses that exceed 10 MB are sent in multiple chunks of up to 10 MB in size.

Field Name	Description
SID	Enter the session Id of the previous response in the SID text box to retrieve the next chunk of the response message. Note Only alphanumeric characters and ‘_’ are allowed. Invalid characters receive an error.

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Using the Developer Sandbox to Convert CLI Commands to REST Payloads

**Tip**

- Online help is available by clicking the help icons (?) next to the field names located in the upper-right corner of the Cisco NX-API Developer Sandbox window.
- For additional details, such as response codes and security methods, see the *NX-API CLI* chapter.
- Only configuration commands are supported.

The Cisco NX-API Developer Sandbox enables you to convert CLI commands to REST payloads.

Procedure

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- Step 1** Click the **Method** drop-down list and choose **NXAPI-REST (DME)**.
The **Input** type drop-down list appears.
- Step 2** Click the **Input** type drop-down list and choose **cli**.
- Step 3** Type or paste NX-OS CLI configuration commands, one command per line, into the text entry box in the top pane.
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.

The screenshot displays the NX-API Sandbox web interface. At the top, there's a header with the Cisco logo and 'NX-API Sandbox' title, along with navigation links for 'Quick Start', 'DME Documentation', 'Model Browser', and a 'Logout' button. Below the header, a large text area prompts the user to 'Enter DME payload here.'. To the right of this area, there are dropdown menus for 'Method' (set to 'NXAPI-REST (DME)') and 'Input type' (set to 'model'). Below the text area, a text input field contains the path '/api/mo/sys.json', followed by three buttons: 'Send' (blue), 'Reset' (orange), and 'Convert' (blue). Below these buttons, a tabbed interface shows the 'Request' tab selected, with other tabs for 'Python', 'Python3', 'Java', 'JavaScript', and 'Go-Lang'. The 'Request' tab displays a large empty text area with a 'Copy' button in the top right corner. Below the 'Request' tab, there's a 'Response' section with another large empty text area and a 'Copy' button in the top right corner.

Step 4 Click **Convert**.

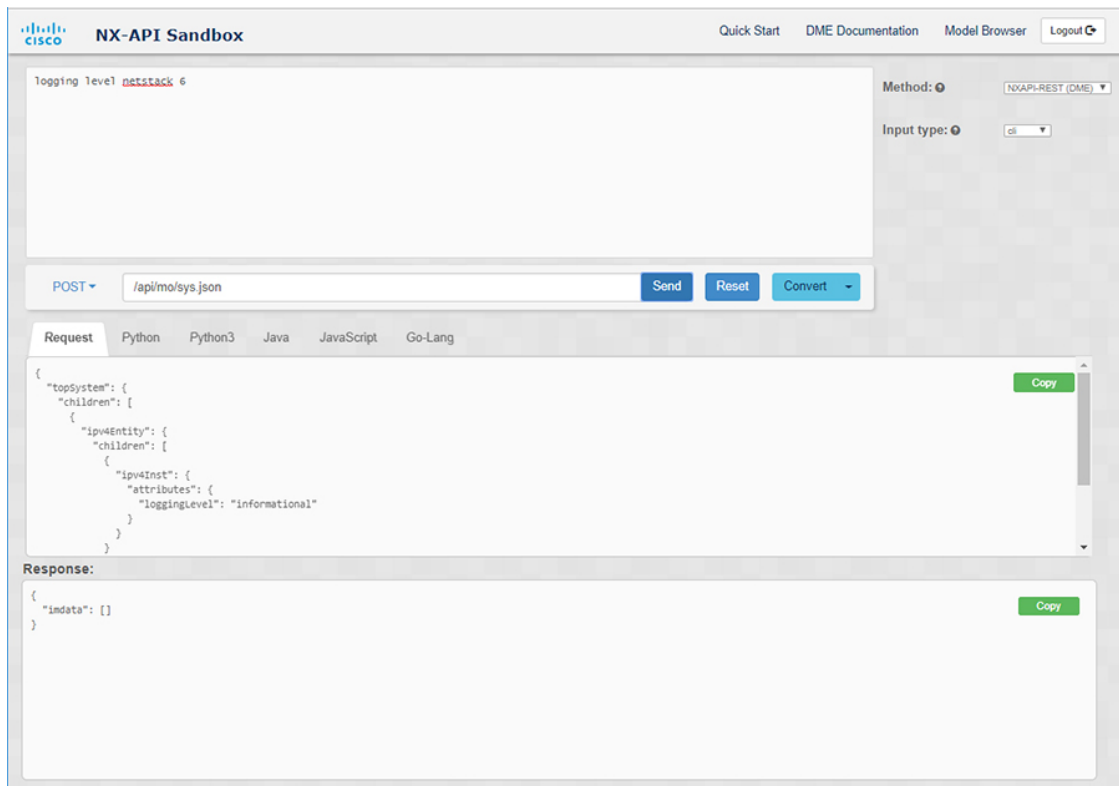
If the CLI commands contain no configuration errors, the payload appears in the **Request** pane. If errors are present, a descriptive error message appears in the **Response** pane.

Step 5 (Optional) To send a valid payload as an API call to the switch, click **Send**.

The response from the switch appears in the **Response** pane.

Warning

Clicking **Send** commits the command to the switch, which can result in a configuration or state change.



Step 6 (Optional) To obtain the DN for an MO in the payload:

- From the **Request** pane, choose **POST**.
- Click the **Convert** drop-down list and choose **Convert (with DN)**.

The payload appears with with a **dn** field that contains the DN that corresponds to each MO in the payload.

Step 7 (Optional) To overwrite the current configuration with a new configuration:

- Click the **Convert** drop-down list and choose **Convert (for Replace)**. The **Request** pane displays a payload with a **status** field set to **replace**.
- From the **Request** pane, choose **POST**.
- Click **Send**.

The current configuration is replaced with the posted configuration. For example, if you start with the following configuration:

```
interface eth1/2
  description test
  mtu 1501
```

Then use **Convert (for Replace)** to POST the following configuration:

```
interface eth1/2
  description testForcr
```

The `mtu` configuration is removed and only the new description (`testForcer`) is present under the interface. This change is confirmed when entering **show running-config**.

Step 8 (Optional) To copy the contents of a pane, such as the **Request** or **Response** pane, click **Copy**. The contents of the respective pane is copied to the clipboard.

Step 9 (Optional) To convert the request into one of the formats listed below, click on the appropriate tab in the **Request** pane:

- **Python**
- **Python3**
- **Java**
- **JavaScript**
- **Go-Lang**

Using the Developer Sandbox to Convert from REST Payloads to CLI Commands

The Cisco NX-API Developer Sandbox enables you to convert REST payloads to corresponding CLI commands. This option is only available for the NXAPI-REST (DME) method.



Tip

- Online help is available by clicking help icons (?) next to the Cisco NX-API Developer Sandbox field names. Click a help icon to get information about the respective field.

For additional details, such as response codes and security methods, see the chapter *NX-API CLI*.

- The top-right corner of the Cisco NX-API Developer Sandbox contains links for additional information. The links that appear depend on the **Method** you choose. The links that appear for the NXAPI-REST (DME) method:

- **NX-API References**—Enables you to access additional NX-API documentation.
- **DME Documentation**—Enables you to access the NX-API DME Model Reference page.
- **Model Browser**—Enables you to access Visore, the Model Browser. Note that you might have to manually enter the IP address for your switch to access the Visore page:

`https://management-ip-address/visore.html`.

Procedure

Step 1 Click the **Method** drop-down list and choose **NXAPI-REST (DME)**.

Example:

The screenshot shows the NX-API Sandbox web interface. At the top, there's a header with the Cisco logo and 'NX-API Sandbox' title, along with links for 'Quick Start', 'DME Documentation', 'Model Browser', and a 'Logout' button. Below the header, there's a large text area for 'Enter DME payload here.'. To the right of this area, there are two dropdown menus: 'Method:' set to 'NX-API-REST (DME)' and 'Input type:' set to 'model'. Below these, there's a text input field containing '/api/mo/sys.json'. To the right of this field are three buttons: 'Send' (blue), 'Reset' (orange), and 'Convert' (blue). Below the input field, there's a tabbed interface with 'Request' selected, and other tabs for 'Python', 'Python3', 'Java', 'JavaScript', and 'Go-Lang'. The 'Request' pane is empty, with a 'Copy' button in the top right corner. Below the 'Request' pane is a 'Response:' section, also empty, with a 'Copy' button in the top right corner.

Step 2 Click the **Input Type** drop-down list and choose **model**.

Step 3 Enter the designated name (DN) that corresponds to the payload in the field above the Request pane.

Step 4 Enter the payload in the Command pane.

Step 5 Click **Convert**.

Example:

For this example, the DN is `/api/mo/sys.json` and the NX-API REST payload is:

```
{
  "topSystem": {
    "attributes": {
      "name": "REST2CLI"
    }
  }
}
```

The screenshot shows the NX-API Sandbox interface. At the top, there's a header with the Cisco logo and the title "NX-API Sandbox". Navigation links include "Quick Start", "DME Documentation", "Model Browser", and a "Logout" button. The main area is divided into two sections. The top section contains a JSON payload in a text area:

```
{  "topSystem": {    "attributes": {      "name": "RESTAPI"    }  }}
```

 To the right of the text area, there are two dropdown menus: "Method:" set to "NX-API-REST (DME)" and "Input type:" set to "model". Below the text area is a URL input field containing "/api/mo/sys.json" and three buttons: "Send" (blue), "Reset" (orange), and "Convert" (blue). Below the URL field is a tabbed interface with tabs for "Request", "Python", "Python3", "Java", "JavaScript", and "Go-Lang". The "Request" tab is active, showing a large empty text area for the request body. To the right of this area is a green "Copy" button. Below the "Request" tab is a "Response:" section, also with a large empty text area and a green "Copy" button to its right.

When you click on the **Convert** button, the CLI equivalent appears in the **CLI** pane as shown in the following image.

The screenshot displays the Cisco NX-API Developer Sandbox interface. At the top, there is a header with the Cisco logo and the text "NX-API Sandbox". To the right of the header are links for "Quick Start", "DME Documentation", "Model Browser", and a "Logout" button. The main area is divided into two sections. The top section contains a large text area with a REST payload:

```
{  "aaaSystem": {    "attributes": {      "name": "REST2CLI"    }  }}
```

. To the right of this text area are two dropdown menus: "Method:" with a value of "NX-API REST (DME)" and "Input type:" with a value of "model". Below the text area is a text input field containing the path "/api/mo/sys.json". To the right of this field are three buttons: "Send" (blue), "Reset" (orange), and "Convert" (blue). Below the input field is a tabbed interface with tabs for "Request", "Python", "Python3", "Java", "JavaScript", and "Go-Lang". The "Request" tab is selected, and it shows the output of the conversion: "hostname REST2CLI". To the right of this output is a green "Copy" button. Below the "Request" tab is a section labeled "Response:" with a large empty text area and a green "Copy" button to its right.

Note

The Cisco NX-API Developer Sandbox cannot convert all payloads into equivalent CLIs, even if the sandbox converted the CLIs to NX-API REST payloads. The following is a list of possible sources of error that can prevent a payload from completely converting to CLI commands:

Table 7: Sources of REST2CLI Errors

Payload Issue	Result
The payload contains an attribute that does not exist in the MO. Example: <pre>api/mo/sys.json { "topSystem": { "children": [{ "interfaceEntity": { "children": [{ "l1PhysIf": { "attributes": { "id": "eth1/1", "fakeattribute": "totallyFake" } } }] } }] } }</pre>	The Error pane will return an error related to the attribute. Example: CLI Error unknown attribute 'fakeattribute' in element 'l1PhysIf'
The payload includes MOs that aren't yet supported for conversion: Example: <pre>api/mo/sys.json { "topSystem": { "children": [{ "dhcpEntity": { "children": [{ "dhcpInst": { "attributes": { "SnoopingEnabled": "yes" } } }] } }] } }</pre>	The Error Pane will return an error related to the unsupported MO. Example: CLI Error The entire subtree of "sys/dhcp" is not converted.

Using the Developer Sandbox to Convert from RESTCONF to json or XML

**Tip**

- Online help is available by clicking the help icon (?) in the upper-right corner of the Cisco NX-API Developer Sandbox window.
- Click on the **Yang Documentation** link in the upper right corner of the Sandbox window to go to the Model Driven Programmability with Yang page.
- Click on the **Yang Models** link in the upper right corner of the Sandbox window to access the YangModels GitHub site.

Procedure

Step 1 Click the **Method** drop-down list and choose **RESTCONF (Yang)**.

Example:

The screenshot shows the Cisco NX-API Sandbox interface. At the top, there are links for 'Quick Start', 'Yang Documentation', 'Yang Models', and a 'Logout' button. The main area is divided into two panes. The top pane contains a text entry box with the command 'logging level netstack 4'. To the right of this box are two dropdown menus: 'Method' set to 'RESTCONF (Yang)' and 'Message format' set to 'json'. Below the text entry box is a 'POST' dropdown and a text box containing 'restconf/data/Cisco-NX-OS-device:System/'. To the right of this text box are three buttons: 'Send' (orange), 'Reset' (blue), and 'Convert' (blue). Below the 'POST' dropdown are tabs for 'Request', 'Python', 'Python3', 'Java', 'JavaScript', and 'Go-Lang'. The 'Request' tab is selected, showing a large empty text area with a 'Copy' button in the top right corner. Below the 'Request' tab is a 'Response' section, also with a large empty text area and a 'Copy' button in the top right corner.

Step 2 Click **Message format** and choose either **json** or **xml**.

Step 3 Enter a command in the text entry box in the top pane.

Step 4 Choose a message format.

Step 5 Click **Convert**.

Example:

For this example, the command is **logging level netstack 6** and the message format is json:

The screenshot shows the NX-API Sandbox interface. At the top, there's a header with the Cisco logo, 'NX-API Sandbox', and links for 'Quick Start', 'Yang Documentation', 'Yang Models', and 'Logout'. Below the header, there's a text area containing the command 'logging level netstack 6'. To the right of this text area, there are two dropdown menus: 'Method' set to 'RESTCONF (Yang)' and 'Message format' set to 'json'. Below the text area, there's a 'POST' button and a text input field containing 'restconf/data/Cisco-NX-OS-device:System/'. To the right of the input field are three buttons: 'Send' (orange), 'Reset' (blue), and 'Convert' (blue). Below the input field, there's a tabbed interface with tabs for 'Request', 'Python', 'Python3', 'Java', 'JavaScript', and 'Go-Lang'. The 'Request' tab is selected, showing a JSON object:

```
{  "ipv4-items": {    "inst-items": {      "loggingLevel": "informational"    }  }}
```

 To the right of the JSON object is a green 'Copy' button. Below the 'Request' tab, there's a 'Response' section with a large empty text area and a green 'Copy' button to its right.

Example:

For this example, the command is **logging level netstack 6** and the message format is xml:

The screenshot shows the NX-API Sandbox interface. At the top, there's a header with the Cisco logo and 'NX-API Sandbox' title. Navigation links include 'Quick Start', 'Yang Documentation', 'Yang Models', and 'Logout'. The main area is divided into two sections. The top section contains a text input field with the text 'logging level netstack 6'. To the right of this field, there are two dropdown menus: 'Method' set to 'RESTCONF (Yang)' and 'Message format' set to 'xml'. Below these is a 'POST' dropdown menu and a text input field containing 'restconf/data/Cisco-NX-OS-device/System/'. To the right of this field are three buttons: 'Send' (orange), 'Reset' (blue), and 'Convert' (blue). Below the input fields is a 'Request' tab, which is active. It shows an XML payload:


```
<ipv4-items>
  <inst-items>
    <loggingLevel>informational</loggingLevel>
  </inst-items>
</ipv4-items>
```

 To the right of the XML payload is a green 'Copy' button. Below the 'Request' tab is a 'Response' section, which is currently empty. To the right of the response area is another green 'Copy' button.

Note

When converting a negated CLI to a Yang payload using the XML or JSON message format, the sandbox throws a warning and disables the **Send** option. The warning message that appears depends on the message format:

- For the XML message format — "This is a Netconf payload as it is being generated for DELETE operation(s), hence SEND option is disabled for Restconf!"
- For the JSON message format—"This is a gRPC payload as it is being generated for DELETE operation(s), hence SEND option is disabled for Restconf!"

Step 6

You can also convert the request into the following formats by clicking on the appropriate tab in the **Request** pane:

- Python
- Python3
- Java
- JavaScript
- Go-Lang

Note

The Java-generated script does not work if you choose the PATCH option from the drop-down menu in the area above the Request tab. This is a known limitation with Java and is expected behavior.

