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Drive Network Automation Using Programmable YANG Data Models

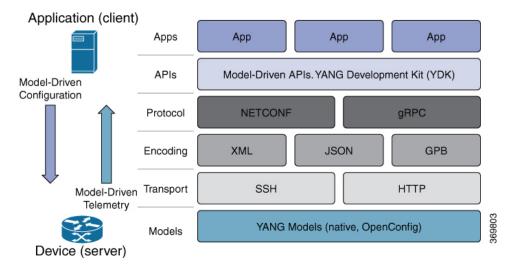
Typically, a network operation center is a heterogeneous mix of various devices at multiple layers of the network. Such network centers require bulk automated configurations to be accomplished seamlessly. CLIs are widely used for configuring and extracting the operational details of a router. But the general mechanism of CLI scraping is not flexible and optimal. Small changes in the configuration require rewriting scripts multiple times. Bulk configuration changes through CLIs are cumbersome and error-prone. These limitations restrict automation and scale. To overcome these limitations, you need an automated mechanism to manage your network.

Cisco IOS XR supports a programmatic way of configuring and collecting operational data of a network device using data models. They replace the process of manual configuration, which is proprietary, and highly text-based. The data models are written in an industry-defined language and is used to automate configuration task and retrieve operational data across heterogeneous devices in a network. Although configurations using CLIs are easier and human-readable, automating the configuration using model-driven programmability results in scalability.

Model-driven programmability provides a simple, flexible and rich framework for device programmability. This programmability framework provides multiple choices to interface with an IOS XR device in terms of transport, protocol and encoding. These choices are decoupled from the models for greater flexibility.

The following image shows the layers in model-driven programmability:

Figure 1: Model-driven Programmability Layers



Data models provides access to the capabilities of the devices in a network using Network Configuration Protocol (NETCONF Protocol) or google-defined Remote Procedure Calls (gRPC Protocol). The operations on the router are carried out by the protocols using YANG models to automate and programme operations in a network.

Benefits of Data Models

Configuring routers using data models overcomes drawbacks posed by traditional router management because the data models:

- Provide a common model for configuration and operational state data, and perform NETCONF actions.
- Use protocols to communicate with the routers to get, manipulate and delete configurations in a network.
- Automate configuration and operation of multiple routers across the network.

This article describes how you benefit from using data models to programmatically manage your network operations.

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YANG Data Model

A YANG module defines a data model through the data of the router, and the hierarchical organization and constraints on that data. Each module is uniquely identified by a namespace URL. The YANG models describe the configuration and operational data, perform actions, remote procedure calls, and notifications for network devices.

The YANG models must be obtained from the router. The models define a valid structure for the data that is exchanged between the router and the client. The models are used by NETCONF and gRPC-enabled applications.



Note

gRPC is supported only in 64-bit platforms.

- Cisco-specific models: For a list of supported models and their representation, see Native models.
- Common models: These models are industry-wide standard YANG models from standard bodies, such as IETF and IEEE. These models are also called Open Config (OC) models. Like synthesized models, the OC models have separate YANG models defined for configuration data and operational data, and actions.

YANG models can be: For a list of supported OC models and their representation, see OC models.

All data models are stamped with semantic version 1.0.0 as baseline from release 7.0.1 and later.

For more details about YANG, refer RFC 6020 and 6087.

Data models handle the following types of requirements on routers (RFC 6244):

- Configuration data: A set of writable data that is required to transform a system from an initial default state into its current state. For example, configuring entries of the IP routing tables, configuring the interface MTU to use a specific value, configuring an ethernet interface to run at a given speed, and so on.
- Operational state data: A set of data that is obtained by the system at runtime and influences the behavior of the system in a manner similar to configuration data. However, in contrast to configuration data, operational state data is transient. The data is modified by interactions with internal components or other systems using specialized protocols. For example, entries obtained from routing protocols such as OSPF, attributes of the network interfaces, and so on.
- Actions: A set of NETCONF actions that support robust network-wide configuration transactions. When
 a change is attempted that affects multiple devices, the NETCONF actions simplify the management of
 failure scenarios, resulting in the ability to have transactions that will dependably succeed or fail atomically.

For more information about Data Models, see RFC 6244.

YANG data models can be represented in a hierarchical, tree-based structure with nodes. This representation makes the models easy to understand.

Each feature has a defined YANG model, which is synthesized from schemas. A model in a tree format includes:

- Top level nodes and their subtrees
- Subtrees that augment nodes in other YANG models
- Custom RPCs

YANG defines four node types. Each node has a name. Depending on the node type, the node either defines a value or contains a set of child nodes. The nodes types for data modeling are:

- leaf node contains a single value of a specific type
- leaf-list node contains a sequence of leaf nodes

- list node contains a sequence of leaf-list entries, each of which is uniquely identified by one or more key leaves
- container node contains a grouping of related nodes that have only child nodes, which can be any of the four node types

Structure of LLDP Data Model

The Link Layer Discovery Protocol (LLDP) data model is represented in the following structure:

```
$ cat Cisco-IOS-XR-ethernet-lldp-cfg.yang
module Cisco-IOS-XR-ethernet-lldp-cfg {
  /*** NAMESPACE / PREFIX DEFINITION ***/
  namespace "http://cisco.com/ns"+
   "/yang/Cisco-IOS-XR-ethernet-lldp-cfg";
  prefix "ethernet-lldp-cfg";
  /*** LINKAGE (IMPORTS / INCLUDES) ***/
  import cisco-semver { prefix "semver"; }
  import Cisco-IOS-XR-ifmgr-cfg { prefix "a1"; }
  /*** META INFORMATION ***/
  organization "Cisco Systems, Inc.";
  contact
    "Cisco Systems, Inc.
    Customer Service
     Postal: 170 West Tasman Drive
     San Jose, CA 95134
     Tel: +1 800 553-NETS
     E-mail: cs-yang@cisco.com";
  description
    "This module contains a collection of YANG definitions
    for Cisco IOS-XR ethernet-lldp package configuration.
    This module contains definitions
     for the following management objects:
       lldp: Enable LLDP, or configure global LLDP subcommands
     This YANG module augments the
      Cisco-IOS-XR-ifmgr-cfg
     module with configuration data.
     Copyright (c) 2013-2019 by Cisco Systems, Inc.
    All rights reserved.";
  revision "2019-04-05" {
    description
      "Establish semantic version baseline.";
    semver:module-version "1.0.0";
```

```
revision "2017-05-01" {
   description
     "Fixing backward compatibility error in module.";
 revision "2015-11-09" {
  description
     "IOS XR 6.0 revision.";
 container lldp {
   description "Enable LLDP, or configure global LLDP subcommands";
   container tlv-select {
     presence "Indicates a tlv-select node is configured.";
     description "Selection of LLDP TLVs to disable";
     container system-name {
      description "System Name TLV";
       leaf disable {
        type boolean;
        default "false";
        description "disable System Name TLV";
      }
     }
     container port-description {
       description "Port Description TLV";
       leaf disable {
        type boolean;
        default "false";
        description "disable Port Description TLV";
..... (snipped) ......
    container management-address {
       description "Management Address TLV";
       leaf disable {
        type boolean;
        default "false";
        description "disable Management Address TLV";
     leaf tlv-select-enter {
      type boolean;
      mandatory true;
       description "enter lldp tlv-select submode";
   leaf holdtime {
     type uint32 {
      range "0..65535";
     description
      "Length of time (in sec) that receiver must
       keep this packet";
  ..... (snipped)
 augment "/al:interface-configurations/al:interface-configuration" {
```

The structure of a data model can be explored using a YANG validator tool such as pyang and the data model can be formatted in a tree structure.

LLDP Configuration Data Model

The following example shows the LLDP interface manager configuration model in tree format.

```
module: Cisco-IOS-XR-ethernet-lldp-cfg
    +--rw lldp
      +--rw tlv-select!
      | +--rw system-name
      | | +--rw disable?
                           boolean
        +--rw port-description
      | +--rw disable?
         +--rw system-description
      | | +--rw disable? boolean
        +--rw system-capabilities
      | | +--rw disable? boolean
         +--rw management-address
         | +--rw disable? boolean
         +--rw tlv-select-enter boolean
      +--rw holdtime?
                                  uint32
      +--rw enable-priority-addr? boolean
      +--rw extended-show-width? boolean
      +--rw enable-subintf?
                                  boolean
                               boolean
      +--rw enable-mgmtintf?
      +--rw timer?
                                 uint32
      +--rw reinit?
                                  uint32
      +--rw enable?
                                  boolean
module: Cisco-IOS-XR-ifmgr-cfg
    +--rw global-interface-configuration
    | +--rw link-status? Link-status-enum
    +--rw interface-configurations
      +--rw interface-configuration* [active interface-name]
         +--rw dampening
           +--rw args?
           +--rw half-life?
                                      11in+32
         | +--rw reuse-threshold?
                                     uint32
         | +--rw suppress-threshold? uint32
           +--rw suppress-time? uint32
            +--rw restart-penalty?
                                     uint32
         +--rw mtus
         | +--rw mtu* [owner]
              +--rw owner xr:Cisco-ios-xr-string
              +--rw mtu
                           uint32
         +--rw encapsulation
         | +--rw encapsulation?
                                       string
           +--rw capsulation-options? uint32
         +--rw shutdown?
                                            emptv
         +--rw interface-virtual?
                                           empty
         +--rw secondary-admin-state?
                                            Secondary-admin-state-enum
         +--rw interface-mode-non-physical? Interface-mode-enum
         +--rw bandwidth?
                                            11 in + 32
         +--rw link-status?
                                            emptv
         +--rw description?
                                           string
```

```
+--rw active Interface-active
+--rw interface-name xr:Interface-name
+--rw ethernet-lldp-cfg:lldp!
+--rw ethernet-lldp-cfg:transmit
| +--rw ethernet-lldp-cfg:disable? boolean
+--rw ethernet-lldp-cfg:receive
| +--rw ethernet-lldp-cfg:disable? boolean
+--rw ethernet-lldp-cfg:lldp-intf-enter boolean
+--rw ethernet-lldp-cfg:enable? Boolean
---rw ethernet-lldp-cfg:enable? Boolean
```

LLDP Operational Data Model

The following example shows the Link Layer Discovery Protocol (LLDP) interface manager operational model in tree format.

```
$ pyang -f tree Cisco-IOS-XR-ethernet-lldp-oper.yang
module: Cisco-IOS-XR-ethernet-lldp-oper
   +--ro lldp
      +--ro global-lldp
      | +--ro lldp-info
          +--ro chassis-id?
                                  string
          +--ro chassis-id-sub-type? uint8
          +--ro system-name?
                                   string
                                   uint32
          +--ro timer?
          +--ro hold-time?
                                  uint32
          +--ro re-init?
                                  uint32
      +--ro nodes
        +--ro node* [node-name]
           +--ro neighbors
           I +--ro devices
           | | +--ro device*
..... (snipped) ......
 notifications:
   +---n lldp-event
     +--ro global-lldp
      | +--ro lldp-info
          +--ro chassis-id? string
+--ro chassis-id-sub-type? uint8
          +--ro chassis-id?
          +--ro system-name?
                                   string
          +--ro timer?
                                  uint32
          +--ro hold-time?
                                  uint32
          +--ro re-init?
                                   uint32
      +--ro nodes
        +--ro node* [node-name]
           +--ro neighbors
           | +--ro devices
           | | +--ro device*
                  +--ro device-id?
                                      string
           1 1
                  +--ro interface-name? xr:Interface-name
             +--ro lldp-neighbor*
             +--ro detail
           | +--ro network-addresses
                    | | +--ro lldp-addr-entrv*
           1 1
                           +--ro address
                    1 1
 ..... (snipped) ......
          +--ro interfaces
           | +--ro interface* [interface-name]
               +--ro interface-name
                                            xr:Interface-name
           +--ro local-network-addresses
               | +--ro lldp-addr-entry*
                    +--ro address
```

```
| +--ro address-type? Lldp-13-addr-protocol
| +--ro ipv4-address? inet:ipv4-address
           +--ro ipv6-address? In6-addr
           +--ro ma-subtype? uint8
           +--ro if-num? uint32
      +--ro interface-name-xr? xr:Interface-name
      +--ro tx-enabled?
                                    uint8
      +--ro rx-enabled?
                                    uint.8
      +--ro tx-state?
                                   string
     +--ro rx-state?
                                   string
     +--ro if-index?
                                   uint32
     +--ro port-id?
                                    string
                                    uint8
     +--ro port-id-sub-type?
      +--ro port-description?
                                   string
..... (snipped) ......
```

Components of a YANG Module

A YANG module defines a single data model. However, a module can reference definitions in other modules and sub-modules by using one of these statements:

The YANG models configure a feature, retrieve the operational state of the router, and perform actions.

- import imports external modules
- include includes one or more sub-modules
- augment provides augmentations to another module, and defines the placement of new nodes in the data model hierarchy
- when defines conditions under which new nodes are valid
- prefix references definitions in an imported module



Note

The gRPC YANG path or JSON data is based on YANG module name and not YANG namespace.

YANG Module Set

You can provide structured, protocol-driven access to a network management configuration and its state information using YANG models. By default, all YANG models (native and OpenConfig) are accessible. You can activate a desired module-set using the **yang-server module-set** command to access a specific set of YANG modules.

Accessing the deprecated Cisco IOS XR YANG models generates a syslog message only once until the YANG agent (NETCONF or Emsd) restarts. After a restart, the message is generated again. For deprecated Cisco IOS XR data models, see Backward InCompatible (BIC) folder from Deprecated XPaths.

Configure YANG Module Set

To activate a specific set of YANG module, use the **yang-server module-set** command.

```
Router# config
Router(config)# yang-server module-set XR-only
Router# end
```

Access the Data Models

You can access the Cisco IOS XR native and OpenConfig data models from GitHub, a software development platform that provides hosting services for version control.

CLI-based YANG data models, also known as unified configuration models were introduced in Cisco IOS XR, Release 7.0.1. The new set of unified YANG config models are built in alignment with the CLI commands.

You can also access the supported data models from the router. The router ships with the YANG files that define the data models. Use NETCONF protocol to view the data models available on the router using ietf-netconf-monitoring request.

All the supported YANG models are displayed as response to the RPC request.

```
<rpc-reply message-id="16a79f87-1d47-4f7a-a16a-9405e6d865b9"</pre>
xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
<netconf-state xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-netconf-monitoring">
<schemas>
<schema>
   <identifier>Cisco-IOS-XR-crypto-sam-oper</identifier>
   <version>1.0.0
   <format>yang</format>
   <namespace>http://cisco.com/ns/yang/Cisco-IOS-XR-crypto-sam-oper/namespace>
   <location>NETCONF</location>
</schema>
<schema>
   <identifier>Cisco-IOS-XR-crypto-sam-oper-sub1</identifier>
   <version>1.0.0
   <format>yang</format>
   <namespace>http://cisco.com/ns/yang/Cisco-IOS-XR-crypto-sam-oper</namespace>
   <location>NETCONF</location>
</schema>
<schema>
   <identifier>Cisco-IOS-XR-snmp-agent-oper</identifier>
   <version>1.0.0
   <format>yang</format>
   <namespace>http://cisco.com/ns/yang/Cisco-IOS-XR-snmp-agent-oper</namespace>
   <location>NETCONF</location>
</schema>
  -----<snipped>-----
<schema>
   <identifier>openconfig-aft-types</identifier>
   <version>1.0.0
   <format>yang</format>
   <namespace>http://openconfig.net/yang/fib-types</namespace>
   <location>NETCONF</location>
</schema>
<schema>
```

CLI to Yang Mapping Tool

Table 1: Feature History Table

Feature Name	Release Information	Description
CLI to YANG Mapping Tool	Release 7.4.1	This tool provides a quick reference for IOS XR CLIs and a corresponding YANG data model that could be used. New command introduced for this feature: yang describe



Note

Starting from Release 7.11.1, the command yang-describe in the Command Line Interface (CLI) is deprecated.

CLI commands are widely used for configuring and extracting the operational details of a router. But bulk configuration changes through CLIs are cumbersome and error-prone. These limitations restrict automation and scale. To overcome these limitations, you need an automated mechanism to manage your network. Cisco IOS XR supports a programmatic way of configuring and collecting operational data of a router using Yang data models. However, owing to the large number of CLI commands, it is cumbersome to determine the mapping between the CLI command and its associated data model.

The CLI to Yang describer tool is a component in the IOS XR software. It helps in mapping the CLI command with its equivalent data models. With this tool, network automation using data models can be adapted with ease.

The tool simulates the CLI command and displays the following data:

- Yang model mapping to the CLI command
- List of the associated sensor paths

To retrieve the Yang equivalent of a CLI, use the following command:

```
Router#yang-describe ?
configuration Describe configuration commands(cisco-support)
operational Describe operational commands(cisco-support)
```

The tool supports description of both operational and configurational commands.

Example: Configuration Data

In the following example, the Yang paths for configuring the MPLS label range with minimum and maximum static values are displayed:

```
Router#yang-describe configuration mpls label range table 0 34000 749999 static 34000 99999

Mon May 10 12:37:27.192 UTC

YANG Paths:
    Cisco-IOS-XR-um-mpls-lsd-cfg:mpls/label/range/table-0
    Cisco-IOS-XR-mpls-lsd-cfg:mpls-lsd/label-databases/label-database/label-range
    Cisco-IOS-XR-mpls-lsd-cfg:mpls-lsd/label-databases/label-database/label-range/minvalue
    Cisco-IOS-XR-mpls-lsd-cfg:mpls-lsd/label-databases/label-database/label-range/max-value

Cisco-IOS-XR-mpls-lsd-cfg:mpls-lsd/label-databases/label-database/label-range/min-static-value
```

Cisco-IOS-XR-mpls-lsd-cfg:mpls-lsd/label-databases/label-database/label-range/max-static-value

In the following example, the Yang paths for configuring the gRPC address are displayed:

```
Router#yang-describe configuration grpc address-family ipv4
Mon May 10 12:39:56.652 UTC
YANG Paths:
Cisco-IOS-XR-man-ems-cfg:grpc/enable
Cisco-IOS-XR-man-ems-cfg:grpc/address-family
```

Example: Operational Data

The operational data includes support for the show CLI commands.

The example shows the Yang paths to retrieve the operational data for MPLS interfaces:

```
Router#yang-describe operational show mpls interfaces
Mon May 10 12:34:05.198 UTC
YANG Paths:
Cisco-IOS-XR-mpls-lsd-oper:mpls-lsd/interfaces/interface
```

The following example shows the Yang paths to retrieve the operational data for Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol (VRRP):

```
Router#yang-describe operational show vrrp brief
Mon May 10 12:34:38.041 UTC
YANG Paths:
Cisco-IOS-XR-ipv4-vrrp-oper:vrrp/ipv4/virtual-routers/virtual-router
Cisco-IOS-XR-ipv4-vrrp-oper:vrrp/ipv6/virtual-routers/virtual-router
```

Communication Protocols

Communication protocols establish connections between the router and the client. The protocols help the client to consume the YANG data models to, in turn, automate and programme network operations.

YANG uses one of these protocols:

- Network Configuration Protocol (NETCONF)
- RPC framework (gRPC) by Google



Note

gRPC is supported only in 64-bit platforms.

The transport and encoding mechanisms for these two protocols are shown in the table:

Protocol	Transport	Encoding/ Decoding
NETCONF	ssh	xml
gRPC	http/2	json

NETCONF Protocol

NETCONF provides mechanisms to install, manipulate, or delete the configuration on network devices. It uses an Extensible Markup Language (XML)-based data encoding for the configuration data, as well as protocol messages. You use a simple NETCONF RPC-based (Remote Procedure Call) mechanism to facilitate communication between a client and a server. To get started with issuing NETCONF RPCs to configure network features using data models

gRPC Protocol

gRPC is an open-source RPC framework. It is based on Protocol Buffers (Protobuf), which is an open source binary serialization protocol. gRPC provides a flexible, efficient, automated mechanism for serializing structured data, like XML, but is smaller and simpler to use. You define the structure by defining protocol buffer message types in .proto files. Each protocol buffer message is a small logical record of information, containing a series of name-value pairs. To get started with issuing NETCONF RPCs to configure network features using data models



Note

gRPC is supported only in 64-bit platforms.

YANG Actions

IOS XR actions are RPC statements that trigger an operation or execute a command on the router. Theses actions are defined as YANG models using RPC statements. An action is executed when the router receives the corresponding NETCONF RPC request. Once the router executes an action, it replies with a NETCONF RPC response.

For example, **ping** command is a supported action. That means, a YANG model is defined for the **ping** command using RPC statements. This command can be executed on the router by initiating the corresponding NETCONF RPC request.



Note

NETCONF supports XML format, and gRPC supports JSON format.

The following table shows a list of actions. For the full list of supported actions, query the device or see the YANG Data Models Navigator.

Actions	YANG Models
logmsg	Cisco-IOS-XR-syslog-act
snmp	Cisco-IOS-XR-snmp-test-trap-act
rollback	Cisco-IOS-XR-cfgmgr-rollback-act
clear isis	Cisco-IOS-XR-isis-act
clear bgp	Cisco-IOS-XR-ipv4-bgp-act

Example: PING NETCONF Action

This use case shows the IOS XR NETCONF action request to run the ping command on the router.

```
<rpc message-id="101" xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
    <ping xmlns="http://cisco.com/ns/yang/Cisco-IOS-XR-ping-act">
        <destination>
        <destination>1.2.3.4</destination>
        </ping>
```

This section shows the NETCONF action response from the router.

```
<rpc-reply message-id="101" xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
<ping-response xmlns="http://cisco.com/ns/yang/Cisco-IOS-XR-ping-act">
  <destination>1.2.3.4</destination>
  <repeat-count>5</repeat-count>
  <data-size>100</data-size>
  <timeout>2</timeout>
   <pattern>0xabcd</pattern>
  <rotate-pattern>0</rotate-pattern>
  <reply-list>
   <result>!</result>
    <result>!</result>
    <result>!</result>
   <result>!</result>
   <result>!</result>
  </reply-list>
  <hits>5</hits>
   <total>5</total>
  <success-rate>100</success-rate>
  <rtt-min>1</rtt-min>
  <rtt-avg>1</rtt-avg>
  <rtt-max>1</rtt-max>
 </ipv4>
</ping-response>
</rpc-reply>
```

Example: XR Process Restart Action

This example shows the process restart action sent to NETCONF agent.

```
<location>0/RP0/CPU0</location>
</sysmgr-process-restart>
</rpc>
```

This example shows the action response received from the NETCONF agent.

Example: Copy Action

This example shows the RPC request and response for copy action:

RPC request:

RPC response:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<rpc-reply message-id="101" xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
    <response xmlns="http://cisco.com/ns/yang/Cisco-IOS-XR-shellutil-copy-act">Successfully completed copy operation</response>
    </rpc-reply>
8.261830565s elapsed
```

Example: Delete Action

This example shows the RPC request and response for delete action:

RPC request:

RPC response:

Example: Install Action

This example shows the Install action request sent to NETCONF agent.

This example shows the Install action response received from NETCONF agent.

This example shows how to use *install add rpc* request with multiple packages enclosed within *packagename* tag.

Restrictions for Install Action

- **Install upgrade** command is deprecated. Hence, use **install update** command instead of the **install upgrade** command.
- Only one request can be sent at a time.
- ISSU is not supported.
- Install Yang using NETCONF action can accept a maximum of 32 input parameters. Input parameters can be any inputs used in **install action** commands, such as package names to add, activate, deactivate, or remove, and operation IDs to retrieve any particular log related to that operation.

YANG Actions



Use NETCONF Protocol to Define Network Operations with Data Models

Table 2: Feature History Table

Feature Name	Release Information	Description
Unified NETCONF V1.0 and V1.1	Release 7.3.1	Cisco IOS XR supports NETCONF 1.0 and 1.1 programmable management interfaces. With this release, a client can choose to establish a NETCONF 1.0 or 1.1 session using a separate interface for both these formats. This enhancement provides a secure channel to operate the network with both interface specifications.

XR devices ship with the YANG files that define the data models they support. Using a management protocol such as NETCONF or gRPC, you can programmatically query a device for the list of models it supports and retrieve the model files.

Network Configuration Protocol (NETCONF) is a standard transport protocol that communicates with network devices. NETCONF provides mechanisms to edit configuration data and retrieve operational data from network devices. The configuration data represents the way interfaces, routing protocols and other network features are provisioned. The operational data represents the interface statistics, memory utilization, errors, and so on.

NETCONF uses an Extensible Markup Language (XML)-based data encoding for the configuration data, as well as protocol messages. It uses a simple RPC-based (Remote Procedure Call) mechanism to facilitate communication between a client and a server. The client can be a script or application that runs as part of a network manager. The server is a network device such as a router. NETCONF defines how to communicate with the devices, but does not handle what data is exchanged between the client and the server.



Note

Accessing the router via NETCONF grants by default write permissions for a user, in spite of read-only access configured for this user for CLI access, as CLI authorization is bypassed.

NETCONF Session

A NETCONF session is the logical connection between a network configuration application (client) and a network device (router). The configuration attributes can be changed during any authorized session; the effects are visible in all sessions. NETCONF is connection-oriented, with SSH as the underlying transport. NETCONF sessions are established with a hello message, where features and capabilities are announced. At the end of each message, the NETCONF agent sends the <code>llose</code> or <code>kill</code> messages.

Cisco IOS XR supports NETCONF 1.0 and 1.1 programmable management interfaces that are handled using two separate interfaces. From IOS XR, Release 7.3.1, a client can choose to establish a NETCONF 1.0 or 1.1 session using an interface for both these formats. A NETCONF proxy process waits for the hello message from its peer. If the proxy does not receive a hello message within the timeout period, it sends a NETCONF 1.1 hello message.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<hello xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
<capabilities>
<capability>urn:ietf:params:netconf:base:1.0</capability>
<capability>urn:ietf:params:netconf:base:1.1</capability>
<capability>urn:ietf:params:netconf:capability:writable-running:1.0</capability>
<capability>urn:ietf:params:netconf:capability:xpath:1.0</capability>
<capability>urn:ietf:params:netconf:capability:validate:1.0</capability>
<capability>urn:ietf:params:netconf:capability:validate:1.1</capability>
<capability>urn:ietf:params:netconf:capability:validate:1.1</capability>
<capability>urn:ietf:params:netconf:capability:rollback-on-error:1.0</capability-snip--
</capabilities>
<session-id>5</session-id>
</hello>]]>]
```

The following examples show the hello messages for the NETCONF versions:

```
netconf-xml agent listens on port 22
netconf-yang agent listens on port 830
```

Version 1.0 The NETCONF XML agent accepts the message.

```
<hello xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
<capabilities>
<capability>urn:ietf:params:netconf:base:1.0</capability>
</capabilities>
</hello>
```

Version 1.1 The NETCONF YANG agent accepts the message.

```
<hello xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
<capabilities>
<capability>urn:ietf:params:netconf:base:1.1</capability>
</capabilities>
</hello>
```

Using NETCONF 1.1, the RPC requests begin with #<number> and end with ##. The number indicates how many bytes that follow the request.

Example:

Configure NETCONF Agent

To configure a NETCONF TTY agent, use the **netconf agent tty** command. In this example, you configure the *throttle* and *session timeout* parameters:

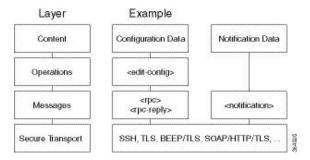
To enable the NETCONF SSH agent, use the following command:

```
ssh server v2
netconf-yang agent ssh
```

NETCONF Layers

NETCONF protocol can be partitioned into four layers:

Figure 2: NETCONF Layers



- Content layer: includes configuration and notification data
- Operations layer: defines a set of base protocol operations invoked as RPC methods with XML-encoded parameters
- Messages layer: provides a simple, transport-independent framing mechanism for encoding RPCs and notifications
- Secure Transport layer: provides a communication path between the client and the server

For more information about NETCONF, refer RFC 6241.

This article describes, with a use case to configure the local time on a router, how data models help in a faster programmatic configuration as compared to CLI.

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NETCONF Operations

NETCONF defines one or more configuration datastores and allows configuration operations on the datastores. A configuration datastore is a complete set of configuration data that is required to get a device from its initial default state into a desired operational state. The configuration datastore does not include state data or executive commands.

The base protocol includes the following NETCONF operations:

```
+--get-config
+--edit-Config
   +--merge
   +--replace
   +--create
   +--delete
   +--remove
   +--default-operations
      +--merge
      +--replace
      +--none
+--get
+--lock
+--unLock
+--close-session
+--kill-session
```

These NETCONF operations are described in the following table:

NETCONF Operation	Description	Example
<get-config></get-config>		Retrieve specific interface configuration details from running configuration using filter option <rpc message-id="101" xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0"> xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0"> xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0" xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0" xmlns="urn:ietf:p</rpc>
		<pre> <mins="urr:left:params:xmf:ns:netconf:base:1.0"> <get-config> <source/> <running></running> <filter> <interface-configurations \="" xmlns="http://cisco.com/ns/yang/Cisco-IOS-XR-ifmgr-cfg"> <interface-configuration> <active>act</active> <interface-name>TenGigE0/0/0/2</interface-name> </interface-configuration> </interface-configurations></filter> </get-config> </mins="urr:left:params:xmf:ns:netconf:base:1.0"></pre>

NETCONF Operation	Description	Example
<get></get>	Retrieves running configuration and device state information	Retrieve all acl configuration and device state information.
		Request: <get> <filter> <filter> <ipv4-acl-and-prefix-list xmlns="http://cisco.com/ns/yang/Cisco-IOS-XR-ipv4-acl-oper"></ipv4-acl-and-prefix-list> </filter> </filter></get>
<edit-config></edit-config>	Loads all or part of a specified configuration to the specified target configuration	<pre>Configure ACL configs using Merge operation <rpc message-id="101" xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0"> <edit-config> <target><candidate></candidate></target> <config xmlns:xc="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0"> <ipv4-acl-and-prefix-list <="" td="" xmlns="http://cisco.com/ns/yang/Cisco-IOS-XR-ipv4-acl-cfg"></ipv4-acl-and-prefix-list></config></edit-config></rpc></pre>
		<pre> <sequence-number>10</sequence-number> <remark>GUEST</remark> <access-list-entry> <sequence-number>20</sequence-number> <grant>permit</grant> <source-network> <source-address>172.0.0.0</source-address> <source-wild-card-bits>0.0.255.255</source-wild-card-bits> </source-network> </access-list-entry> </pre>
		<pre>Commit:</pre>

NETCONF Operation	Description	Example
<lock></lock>	Allows the client to lock the entire configuration datastore system of a device	Lock the running configuration. Request: <rpc message-id="101" xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0"> <lock> <target> <running></running> </target> </lock> </rpc> Response : <rpc-reply message-id="101" xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0"> <ok></ok> <ok></ok> </rpc-reply>
<unlock></unlock>	Releases a previously locked configuration. An <unlock> operation will not succeed if either of the following</unlock>	Lock and unlock the running configuration from the same session. Request: rpc message-id="101"
	 The specified lock is not currently active. The session issuing the <unlock> operation is not the same session that obtained the lock.</unlock> 	<pre>xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0"> <unlock> <target> <running></running> </target> </unlock> Response - <rpc-reply message-id="101" xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0"> <ok></ok> </rpc-reply></pre>
<close-session></close-session>	Closes the session. The server releases any locks and resources associated with the session and closes any associated connections.	<pre>Close a NETCONF session. Request :</pre>
		Response: <rpc-reply message-id="101" xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0"> <ok></ok> </rpc-reply>

NETCONF Operation	Description	Example
<kill-session></kill-session>	Terminates operations currently in process, releases locks and resources associated with the session, and close any associated connections.	Terminate a session if the ID is other session ID. Request: <rpc message-id="101" xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0"> <kill-session></kill-session></rpc>



Note

The system admin models support <get> and <get-config> operations, and only <edit-config> operations with the <merge> operation. The other operations such as <delete>, <remove>, and <replace> are not supported for the system admin models.

NETCONF Operation to Get Configuration

This example shows how a NETCONF <get-config> request works for LLDP feature.

The client initiates a message to get the current configuration of LLDP running on the router. The router responds with the current LLDP configuration.

Netconf Request (Client to Router)	Netconf Response (Router to Client)	
<pre><rpc <="" message-id="101" pre=""></rpc></pre>	xml version="1.0"?	
xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0"	<pre><rpc-reply <="" message-id="101" pre=""></rpc-reply></pre>	
<pre><get-config></get-config></pre>	xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">	
<pre><source/><running></running></pre>	<data></data>	
<filter></filter>	<1ldp	
<11dp	xmlns="http://cisco.com/ns/yang/Cisco-IOS-XR-ethernet-lldp-cfg">	
xmlns="http://cisco.com/ns/yeng/Cisco-IOS-XR-ethemet-lldp-cfg"/	>	
	<timer>60</timer>	
	<pre><enable>true</enable></pre>	
	<reinit>3</reinit>	
	<holdtime>150</holdtime>	
· ·		
	319 bytes received	
	6.409561ms elapsed	

The <rpc> element in the request and response messages enclose a NETCONF request sent between the client and the router. The message-id attribute in the <rpc> element is mandatory. This attribute is a string chosen by the sender and encodes an integer. The receiver of the <rpc> element does not decode or interpret this string but simply saves it to be used in the <rpc-reply> message. The sender

must ensure that the message-id value is normalized. When the client receives information from the server, the rpc-reply> message contains the same message-id.

Retrieve Default Parameters Using with-defaults Capability

NETCONF servers report default data nodes in response to RPC requests in the following ways:

- report-all: All data nodes are reported
- trim: Data nodes set to the YANG default aren't reported
- explicit: Data nodes set to the YANG default by the client are reported

Cisco IOS XR routers support only the explicit basic mode. A server that uses this mode must consider any data node that isn't explicitly set to be the default data.

As per RFC 6243, the router supports <with-defaults> capability to retrieve the default parameters of configuration and state data node using a NETCONF protocol operation. The <with-defaults> capability indicates which default-handling basic mode is supported by the server. It also indicates support for additional retrieval modes. These retrieval modes allow a NETCONF client to control whether the server returns the default data.

By default, <with-defaults> capability is disabled. To enable this capability, use the following command in Config mode:

```
netconf-yang agent
  ssh
  with-defaults-support enable
'
```

Once enabled, the capability is applied to all netconf-yang requests.

After enabling, the router must return the new capability as:

```
urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-netconf-with-defaults:1.0?basic-mode=explicit
```

The <get>, <get-config>, <copy-config> and ,<edit-config> operations support with-defaults capability.

Example 1: Create Operation

A valid create operation attribute for a data node that is set by the server to its schema default value must succeed. It is set or used by the device whenever the NETCONF client does not provide a specific value for the relevant data node. In the following example, an edit-config request is sent to create a configuration:

<edit-config> request sent to the NETCONF agent:

```
<rpc xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0"
message-id="urn:uuid:43efc290-c312-4df0-bb1b-a6e0bf8aac50">
<edit-config>
<target>
<candidate/>
</target>
<config xmlns:xc="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
<interfaces xmlns="http://openconfig.net/yang/interfaces">
<interface>
<name>TenGigE0/0/0/0</name>
<subinterfaces>
<subinterface>
<index>2</index>
<config>
```

```
<enabled xc:operation="create">false</enabled>
<index xc:operation="create">2</index>
</config>
</subinterface>
</subinterface>
</interface>
</interface>
</interface>
</config>
</edit-config>
</rpc>
```

Response received from the NETCONF agent:

Commit the configuration.

A create operation attribute for a data node that has been set by a client to its schema default value must fail with a data-exists error tag. The client can only create a default node that was not previously created by it. Else, the operation is rejected with the data-exists message.

```
<rpc xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0"</pre>
message-id="urn:uuid:1f29267f-7593-4a3c-8382-6ab9bec323ca">
<edit-config>
 <target>
 <candidate/>
 </target>
 <config xmlns:xc="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
  <interfaces xmlns="http://openconfig.net/yang/interfaces">
   <interface>
    <name>TenGigE0/0/0/0</name>
     <subinterfaces>
      <subinterface>
       <index>2</index>
         <enabled xc:operation="create">false</enabled>
         <index xc:operation="create">2</index>
        </config>
      </subinterface>
     </subinterfaces>
    </interface>
   </interfaces>
 </config>
</edit-config>
</rpc>
```

Example 2: Delete Operation

A valid delete operation attribute for a data node set by a client to its schema default value must succeed. Whereas a valid delete operation attribute for a data node set by the server to its schema default value fails with a data-missing error tag.

<edit-config> request sent to the NETCONF agent:

```
<rpc xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0"</pre>
message-id="urn:uuid:de95a248-29d7-4030-8351-cef8b8d47cdb">
<edit-config>
<target>
<candidate/>
</target>
<config xmlns:xc="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
<interfaces xmlns="http://openconfig.net/yang/interfaces">
<interface>
<name>TenGigE0/0/0/0</name>
<subinterfaces>
<subinterface xc:operation="delete">
<index>2</index>
</subinterface>
</subinterfaces>
</interface>
</interfaces>
</config>
</edit-config>
```

Response received from the NETCONF agent:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<rpc-reply message-id="urn:uuid:de95a248-29d7-4030-8351-cef8b8d47cdb"
xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
<rpc-error>
<rpc-error>
<error-type>application</error-type>
<error-tag>data-missing</error-tag>
<error-severity>error</error-severity>
<error-path xmlns:ns1="http://openconfig.net/yang/interfaces">ns1:interfaces/ns1:interface[index = '2']/ns1:config</error-path></rpc-error>
</rpc-reply>
```

Example 3: Copy Configuration

In the following example, a copy-config request is sent to copy a configuration.

<copy-config> request sent to the NETCONF agent:

```
<rpc message-id="101" xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
<copy-config>
<target>
 <candidate/>
 </target>
 <source>
 <config>
  <interfaces xmlns="http://openconfig.net/yang/interfaces">
   <interface>
    <name>TenGigE0/0/0/0</name>
    <subinterfaces>
     <subinterface>
      <index>2</index>
     <config>
      <index>2</index>
      </config>
     </subinterface>
    </subinterfaces>
   </interface>
  </interfaces>
</config>
</source>
<with-defaults
xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-netconf-with-defaults">explicit</with-defaults>
</copy-config>
</rpc>
<rpc xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0" message-id="102">
 <commit/>
</rpc>
```

The show run command shows the copied configuration.

```
Router#show run <data and time stamp> Building configuration... !! IOS XR Configuration 7.2.1 !! Last configuration change at <data and time stamp> by root ! interface TenGigE0/0/0/0.2 ! end
```

Example 4: Get Configuration

The following example shows a get-config request with explicit mode to query the default parameters from the oc-interfaces.yang data model. The client gets the configuration values of what it sets.

<get-config> request sent to the NETCONF agent:

```
</get-config> </rpc>
```

<get-config> response received from the NETCONF agent:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<rpc-reply message-id="urn:uuid:99d8b2d0-ab05-474a-bc02-9242ba511308"</pre>
xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
  <interfaces xmlns="http://openconfig.net/yang/interfaces">
   <interface>
     <name>TenGigE0/0/0/0</name>
      <subinterfaces>
       <subinterface>
        <index>2</index>
          <config>
           <index>2</index>
           <enabled>false
           </config>
         <ipv6 xmlns="http://openconfig.net/yang/interfaces/ip">
         <config>
           <enabled>false
          </config>
          </ipv6>
        </subinterface>
     </subinterfaces>
    </interface>
  <interface>
   <name>MgmtEth0/RSP0/CPU0/0</name>
    <name>MgmtEth0/RSP0/CPU0/0</name>
      <type xmlns:idx="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:iana-if-type">idx:ethernetCsmacd</type>
    </config>
     <ethernet xmlns="http://openconfig.net/yang/interfaces/ethernet">
      <auto-negotiate>false</auto-negotiate>
      </config>
     </ethernet>
  <subinterfaces>
  <subinterface>
  <index>0</index>
 <ipv4 xmlns="http://openconfig.net/yang/interfaces/ip">
  <address>
  <ip>172.xx.xx</ip>
    <config>
    <ip>172.xx.xx.xx</ip>
    <prefix-length>24</prefix-length>
    </config>
  </address>
 </addresses>
 </ipv4>
 </subinterface>
  </subinterfaces>
   </interface>
   <interface>
     <name>MgmtEth0/RSP1/CPU0/0</name>
     <name>MgmtEth0/RSP1/CPU0/0</name>
      <type xmlns:idx="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:iana-if-type">idx:ethernetCsmacd</type>
      <enabled>false
    <ethernet xmlns="http://openconfig.net/yang/interfaces/ethernet">
```

Example 5: Get Operation

The following example shows a get request with explicit mode to query the default parameters from the oc-interfaces.yang data model.

<get-config> request sent to the NETCONF agent:

```
<rpc xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0"</pre>
message-id="urn:uuid:d8e52f0f-ceac-4193-89f6-d377ab8292d5">
<get>
<with-defaults
xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-netconf-with-defaults">explicit</with-defaults>
<filter type="subtree">
<interfaces xmlns="http://openconfig.net/yang/interfaces">
<name>TenGigE0/0/0/0</name>
<subinterfaces>
<subinterface>
<index>2</index>
<state/>
</subinterface>
</subinterfaces>
</interface>
</interfaces>
</filter>
</get>
</rpc>
```

<get> response received from the NETCONF agent:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<rpc-reply message-id="urn:uuid:933df011-191f-4f31-9549-c4f7f6edd291"</pre>
xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
   <interfaces xmlns="http://openconfig.net/yang/interfaces">
    <interface>
    <name>TenGigE0/0/0/0</name>
    <subinterfaces>
      <subinterface>
     <index>2</index>
     <state>
      <index>2</index>
     <name>TenGigE0/0/0/0.2</name>
      <enabled>false</enabled>
      <admin-status>DOWN</admin-status>
      <oper-status>DOWN</oper-status>
      <last-change>0</last-change>
     <counters>
      <in-unicast-pkts>0</in-unicast-pkts>
      <in-pkts>0</in-pkts>
      <in-broadcast-pkts>0</in-broadcast-pkts>
      <in-multicast-pkts>0</in-multicast-pkts>
      <in-octets>0</in-octets>
```

```
<out-unicast-pkts>0</out-unicast-pkts>
      <out-broadcast-pkts>0</out-broadcast-pkts>
      <out-multicast-pkts>0</out-multicast-pkts>
      <out-pkts>0</out-pkts>
      <out-octets>0</out-octets>
      <out-discards>0</out-discards>
      <in-discards>0</in-discards>
      <in-unknown-protos>0</in-unknown-protos>
      <in-errors>0</in-errors>
      <in-fcs-errors>0</in-fcs-errors>
      <out-errors>0</out-errors>
     <carrier-transitions>0</carrier-transitions>
    <last-clear>2020-03-02T15:35:30.927+00:00</last-clear>
   </counters>
  <ifindex>92</ifindex>
  <logical>true</logical>
  </state>
 </subinterface>
 </subinterfaces>
 </interface>
</interfaces>
</data>
</rpc-reply>
READ operation completed
```

Retrieve Transaction ID for NSO Operations

Table 3: Feature History Table

Feature Name	Release Information	Description
Unique Commit ID for Configuration State	Release 7.4.1	The network orchestrator is a central point of management for the network and typical workflow involves synchronizing the configuration states of the routers it manages. Loading configurations for comparing the states involves unnecessary data and subsequent comparisons are load intensive. This feature synchronizes the configuration states between the orchestrator and the router using a unique commit ID that the router maintains for each configuration commit. The orchestrator retrieves this commit ID from the router using NETCONF Remote Procedure Calls (RPCs) to identify whether the router has the latest configuration.

Cisco Network Services Orchestrator (NSO) is a data model-driven platform for automating your network orchestration. NSO uses NETCONF-based Network Element Drivers (NED) to synchronize the configuration

states of the routers it manages. NEDs comprise of the network-facing part of NSO and communicate over the native protocol supported by the router, such as Network Configuration Protocol (NETCONF).

IOS XR configuration manager maintains commit IDs (also known as the transaction IDs) for each commit operation. The manageability interfaces use these IDs. Currently, the operational data model provides a list of up to 100 last commits for NETCONF requests. The YANG client querying the last commit ID collects the entire list and finds the latest ID. Loading configurations for comparison to the orchestrator's configuration state can involve huge redundant data. The subsequent comparisons are also load intensive.

To overcome these limitations, the router maintains a unique last commit ID that is ideal for NSO operations. This ID indicates the latest configuration state on the router. The ID provides a one-step operation and increases the performance of configuration updates for the orchestrator.

An augmented configuration manageability model <code>cisco-IOS-XR-config-cfgmgr-exec-augmented-oper</code> provides a single <code>last-commit-id</code> for the unique commit state. This model is available as part of the base package.

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Entity	64-bit Routers (Releases Earlier than 7.4.1)	64-bit Routers (Releases 7.4.1 and Later)
cfgmgr	Yes	Yes
sysadmin	Yes	Yes
cfgmgr-aug	No	Yes
Leaf Data	NA	cfgmgr-aug
Check synchronization (NSO functionality from release 7.4.1 and later)	No	Yes

Where:

- commit-id represents
 - ${\tt Cisco-IOS-XR-config-cfgmgr-exec-oper:config-manager/global/config-commit/commits/commit-id}$
- cfgmgr is the XR configuration manager
- sysadmin represents the Cisco-IOS-XR-sysadmin-system data model
- cfgmgr-aug represents the Cisco-IOS-XR-config-cfgmgr-exec-augmented-oper data model

The last commit ID is obtained from the configuration manager. The following example shows a sample NETCONF request and response to retrieve the commit ID:

```
</global>
    </config-manager>
 </filter>
</get>
</rpc>
<rpc-reply message-id="test" xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
  <config-manager xmlns="http://cisco.com/ns/yang/Cisco-IOS-XR-config-cfgmgr-exec-oper">
   <global>
    <config-commit>
     <last-commit-id</pre>
xmlns="http://cisco.com/ns/yang/Cisco-IOS-XR-config-cfgmgr-exec-augmented-oper">
       XR:1000000009;Admin:1595-891537-949905</last-commit-id>
   </global>
  </config-manager>
 </data>
</rpc-reply>
```

Set Router Clock Using Data Model in a NETCONF Session

The process for using data models involves:

- · Obtain the data models.
- Establish a connection between the router and the client using NETCONF communication protocol.
- Manage the configuration of the router from the client using data models.



Note

Configure AAA authorization to restrict users from uncontrolled access. If AAA authorization is not configured, the command and data rules associated to the groups that are assigned to the user are bypassed. An IOS-XR user can have full read-write access to the IOS-XR configuration through Network Configuration Protocol (NETCONF), google-defined Remote Procedure Calls (gRPC) or any YANG-based agents. In order to avoid granting uncontrolled access, enable AAA authorization using **aaa authorization exec** command before setting up any configuration. For more information about configuring AAA authorization, see the *System Security Configuration Guide*.

The following image shows the tasks involved in using data models.

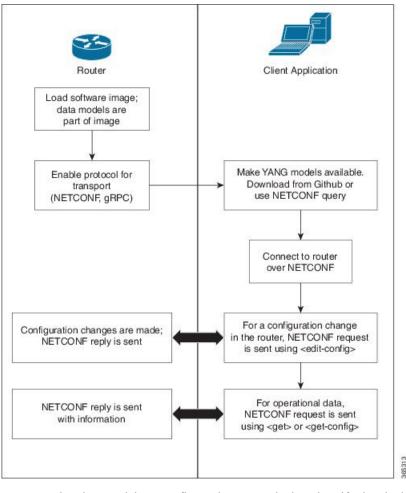


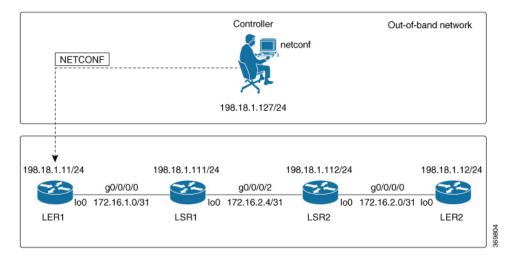
Figure 3: Process for Using Data Models

In this section, you use native data models to configure the router clock and verify the clock state using a NETCONF session.

Consider a network topology with four routers and one controller. The network consists of label edge routers (LER) and label switching routers (LSR). Two routers LER1 and LER2 are label edge routers, and two routers LSR1 and LSR2 are label switching routers. A host is the controller with a gRPC client. The controller communicates with all routers through an out-of-band network. All routers except LER1 are pre-configured with proper IP addressing and routing behavior. Interfaces between routers have a point-to-point configuration with /31 addressing. Loopback prefixes use the format 172.16.255.x/32.

The following image illustrates the network topology:

Figure 4: Network Topology for gRPC session



You use Cisco IOS XR native models <code>cisco-IOS-XR-infra-clock-linux-cfg.yang</code> and <code>cisco-IOX-XR-shellutil-oper</code> to programmatically configure the router clock. You can explore the structure of the data model using YANG validator tools such as pyang.

Before you begin

Retrieve the list of YANG modules on the router using NETCONF monitoring RPC. For more information

Procedure

Step 1 Explore the native configuration model for the system local time zone.

Example:

Step 2 Explore the native operational state model for the system time.

Example:

Step 3 Retrieve the current time on router LER1.

Example:

```
controller:netconf$ more xr-system-time-oper.xml <system-time
xmlns="http://cisco.com/ns/yang/Cisco-IOS-XR-shellutil-oper"/>
controller:netconf$ netconf get --filter xr-system-time-oper.xml
198.18.1.11:830
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<system-time xmlns="http://cisco.com/ns/yang/Cisco-IOS-XR-shellutil-oper">
    <clock>
        <year>2019
        <month>8</month>
        <day>22</day>
        <hour>17</hour>
        <minute>30</minute>
        <second>37</second>
        <millisecond>690</millisecond>
        <wday>1</wday>
        <time-zone>UTC</time-zone>
        <time-source>calendar</time-source>
    </clock>
    <uptime>
        <host-name>ler1</host-name>
        <uptime>851237</uptime>
   </uptime>
</system-time>
```

Notice that the timezone UTC indicates that a local timezone is not set.

Step 4 Configure Pacific Standard Time (PST) as local time zone on LER1.

Example:

```
controller:netconf$ more xr-system-time-oper.xml <system-time</pre>
xmlns="http://cisco.com/ns/yang/Cisco-IOS-XR-shellutil-oper"/>
controller:netconf$ get --filter xr-system-time-oper.xml
<username>:<password>@198.18.1.11:830
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
  <system-time xmlns="http://cisco.com/ns/yang/Cisco-IOS-XR-shellutil-oper">
    <clock>
        <year>2019</year>
        <month>8</month>
        <day>22</day>
        <hour>9</hour>
        <minute>52</minute>
        <second>10</second>
        <millisecond>134</millisecond>
        <wday>1</wday>
        <time-zone>PST</time-zone>
        <time-source>calendar</time-source>
    </clock>
    <uptime>
        <host-name>ler1</host-name>
        <uptime>852530</uptime>
    </uptime>
</system-time>
```

Step 5 Verify that the router clock is set to PST time zone.

Example:

```
controller:netconf$ more xr-system-time-oper.xml
<system-time xmlns="http://cisco.com/ns/yang/Cisco-IOS-XR-shellutil-oper"/>
controller:netconf$ netconf get --filter xr-system-time-oper.xml
<username>:<password>@198.18.1.11:830
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<system-time xmlns="http://cisco.com/ns/yang/Cisco-IOS-XR-shellutil-oper">
   <clock>
        <year>2018
        <month>12</month>
        <day>22</day>
        <hour>9</hour>
        <minute>52</minute>
        <second>10</second>
        <millisecond>134</millisecond>
        <wday>1</wday>
        <time-zone>PST</time-zone>
        <time-source>calendar</time-source>
    </clock>
   <uptime>
        <host-name>ler1</host-name>
        <uptime>852530</uptime>
    </uptime>
</system-time>
```

In summary, router LER1, which had no local timezone configuration, is programmatically configured using data models.



Use gRPC Protocol to Define Network Operations with Data Models

XR devices ship with the YANG files that define the data models they support. Using a management protocol such as NETCONF or gRPC, you can programmatically query a device for the list of models it supports and retrieve the model files.

gRPC is an open-source RPC framework. It is based on Protocol Buffers (Protobuf), which is an open source binary serialization protocol. gRPC provides a flexible, efficient, automated mechanism for serializing structured data, like XML, but is smaller and simpler to use. You define the structure using protocol buffer message types in .proto files. Each protocol buffer message is a small logical record of information, containing a series of name-value pairs.

gRPC encodes requests and responses in binary. gRPC is extensible to other content types along with Protobuf. The Protobuf binary data object in gRPC is transported over HTTP/2.

gRPC supports distributed applications and services between a client and server. gRPC provides the infrastructure to build a device management service to exchange configuration and operational data between a client and a server. The structure of the data is defined by YANG models.



Note

All 64-bit IOS XR platforms support gRPC and TCP protocols. All 32-bit IOS XR platforms support only TCP protocol.

Cisco gRPC IDL uses the protocol buffers interface definition language (IDL) to define service methods, and define parameters and return types as protocol buffer message types. The gRPC requests are encoded and sent to the router using JSON. Clients can invoke the RPC calls defined in the IDL to program the router.

The following example shows the syntax of the proto file for a gRPC configuration:

```
syntax = "proto3";
package IOSXRExtensibleManagabilityService;
service gRPCConfigOper {
    rpc GetConfig(ConfigGetArgs) returns(stream ConfigGetReply) {};
    rpc MergeConfig(ConfigArgs) returns(ConfigReply) {};
    rpc DeleteConfig(ConfigArgs) returns(ConfigReply) {};
```

```
rpc ReplaceConfig(ConfigArgs) returns(ConfigReply) {};
    rpc CliConfig(CliConfigArgs) returns(CliConfigReply) {};
    rpc GetOper(GetOperArgs) returns(stream GetOperReply) {};
    rpc CommitReplace(CommitReplaceArgs) returns(CommitReplaceReply) {};
}
message ConfigGetArgs {
    int64 ReqId = 1;
    string yangpathjson = 2;
message ConfigGetReply {
   int64 ResReqId = 1;
   string yangjson = 2;
   string errors = 3;
message GetOperArgs {
    int64 ReqId = 1;
    string yangpathjson = 2;
message GetOperReply {
   int64 ResReqId = 1;
   string yangjson = 2;
   string errors = 3;
message ConfigArgs {
   int64 ReqId = 1;
   string yangjson = 2;
message ConfigReply {
   int64 ResReqId = 1;
   string errors = 2;
message CliConfigArgs {
   int64 ReqId = 1;
   string cli = 2;
message CliConfigReply {
   int64 ResReqId = 1;
   string errors = 2;
message CommitReplaceArgs {
    int64 ReqId = 1;
    string cli = 2;
    string yangjson = 3;
message CommitReplaceReply {
    int64 ResReqId = 1;
    string errors = 2;
```

Example for gRPCExec configuration:

```
service gRPCExec {
    rpc ShowCmdTextOutput(ShowCmdArgs)    returns(stream ShowCmdTextReply) {};
    rpc ShowCmdJSONOutput(ShowCmdArgs)    returns(stream ShowCmdJSONReply) {};
}

message ShowCmdArgs {
    int64 ReqId = 1;
    string cli = 2;
}

message ShowCmdTextReply {
    int64 ResReqId = 1;
    string output = 2;
    string errors = 3;
}
```

Example for OpenConfiggRPC configuration:

```
service OpenConfiggRPC {
    rpc SubscribeTelemetry(SubscribeRequest) returns (stream SubscribeResponse) {};
    rpc UnSubscribeTelemetry(CancelSubscribeReq) returns (SubscribeResponse) {};
    rpc GetModels(GetModelsInput) returns (GetModelsOutput) {};
message GetModelsInput {
    uint64 requestId = 1;
    string name = 2;
   string namespace = 3;
   string version
    enum MODLE REQUEST TYPE {
        SUMMARY = 0;
        DETAIL = 1;
    MODLE REQUEST TYPE requestType = 5;
message GetModelsOutput {
    uint64 requestId = 1;
    message ModelInfo {
        string name
        string namespace = 2;
       string version = 3;
        GET MODEL TYPE modelType = 4;
        string modelData = 5;
    repeated ModelInfo models = 2;
    OC RPC RESPONSE TYPE responseCode = 3;
    string msg = 4;
```

This article describes, with a use case to configure interfaces on a router, how data models helps in a faster programmatic and standards-based configuration of a network, as comapared to CLI.

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gRPC Operations

The following are the defined manageability service gRPC operations for Cisco IOS XR:

gRPC Operation	Description
GetConfig	Retrieves the configuration from the router.
GetModels	Gets the supported Yang models on the router
MergeConfig	Merges the input config with the existing device configuration.
DeleteConfig	Deletes one or more subtrees or leaves of configuration.
ReplaceConfig	Replaces part of the existing configuration with the input configuration.
CommitReplace	Replaces all existing configuration with the new configuration provided.
GetOper	Retrieves operational data.
CliConfig	Invokes the input CLI configuration.
ShowCmdTextOutput	Returns the output of a show command in the text form
ShowCmdJSONOutput	Returns the output of a show command in JSON form.

gRPC Operation to Get Configuration

This example shows how a gRPC GetConfig request works for LLDP feature.

The client initiates a message to get the current configuration of LLDP running on the router. The router responds with the current LLDP configuration.

gRPC Request (Client to Router)	gRPC Response (Router to Client)
<pre>rpc GetConfig { "Cisco-IOS-XR-cdp-cfg:cdp": ["cdp": "running-configuration"] } rpc GetConfig { "Cisco-IOS-XR-ethernet-lldp-cfg:lldp": ["lldp": "running-configuration"] } }</pre>	<pre>{ "Cisco-IOS-XR-cdp-cfg:cdp": { "timer": 50, "enable": true, "log-adjacency": [null], "hold-time": 180, "advertise-v1-only": [null] } } { "Cisco-IOS-XR-ethernet-lldp-cfg:lldp": { "timer": 60, "enable": true, "reinit": 3, "holdtime": 150 } }</pre>

gRPC Network Management Interface

gRPC Network Management Interface (gNMI) is a gRPC-based network management protocol used to modify, install or delete configuration from network devices. It is also used to view operational data, control and generate telemetry streams from a target device to a data collection system. It uses a single protocol to manage configurations and stream telemetry data from network devices.

The subscription in a gNMI does not require prior sensor path configuration on the target device. Sensor paths are requested by the collector (such as pipeline), and the subscription mode can be specified for each path. gNMI uses gRPC as the transport protocol and the configuration is same as that of gRPC.

gRPC Network Operations Interface

gRPC Network Operations Interface (gNOI) defines a set of gRPC-based microservices for executing operational commands on network devices. These services are to be used in conjunction with gRPC network management interface (gNMI) for all target state and operational state of a network. gNOI uses gRPC as the transport protocol and the configuration is same as that of gRPC. For more information about gNOI, see the Github repository.



Note

This feature is not supported for the following PIDs:

- N540-ACC-SYS
- N540X-ACC-SYS (Premium)
- N540-24Z8Q2C-SYS

gRPC Network Security Interface

Table 4: Feature History Table

Feature Name	Release Information	Feature Description
gRPC Network Security Interface	Release 7.11.1	This release implements authorization mechanisms to restrict access to gRPC applications and services based on client permissions. This is made possible by introducing an authorization protocol buffer service for gRPC Network Security Interface (gNSI).
		Prior to this release, the gRPC services in the gNSI systems could be accessed by unauthorized users.
		This feature introduces the following change:
		CLI:
		• gnsi load service authorization policy
		• show gnsi service authorization policy
		To view the specification of gNSI, see Github repository.

gRPC Network Security Interface (gNSI) is a repository which contains security infrastructure services necessary for safe operations of an OpenConfig platform. The services such as authorization protocol buffer manage a network device's certificates and authorization policies.

This feature introduces a new authorization protocol buffer under gRPC gNSI. It contains gNSI.authz policies which prevent unauthorized users to access sensitive information. It defines an API that allows the configuration of the RPC service on a router. It also controls the user access and restricts authorization to update specific RPCs.

By default, gRPC-level authorization policy is provisioned using Secure ZTP. If the router is in zero-policy mode that is, in the absence of any policy, you can use gRPC authorization policy configuration to restrict access to specific users. The default authorization policy at the gRPC level can permit access to all RPCs except for the gNSI authorization policy.

If there is no policy specified or the policy is invalid, the router will fall back to zero-policy mode, in which the default behavior allows access to all gRPC services to all the users if their profiles are configured. If an invalid policy is configured, you can revert it by loading a valid policy using exec command **gnsi load service authorization policy.** For more information on how to create user profiles and update authorization policy for these user profiles, see How to Update gRPC-Level Authorization Policy, on page 43. Using **show gnsi service authorization policy** command, you can see the active policy in a router.

We have introduced the following commands in this release:

- gnsi load service authorization policy: To load and update the gRPC-level authorization policy in a router.
- show gnsi service authorization policy: To see the active policy applied in a router.



Note

When both gNSI and gNOI are configured, gNSI takes precedence over gNOI. If niether gNSI nor gNOI is configured, then tls trsutpoint's data is considered for certificate management.

The following RPCs are used to perform key operations at the system level such as updating and displaying the current status of the authorization policy in a router.

Table 5: Operations

RPC	Description
gNSI.authz.Rotate()	Updates the gRPC-level authorization policy.
gNSI.authz.Probe()	Verifies the authenticity of a user based on the defined policy of the gRPC-level authorization policy engine.
gNSI.authz.Get()	Shows the current instance of the gRPC-level authorization policy, including the version and date of creation of the policy.

How to Update gRPC-Level Authorization Policy

gRPC-level authorization policy is configured by default at the time of router deployment using secure ZTP. You can update the same gRPC-level authorization policy using any of two the following methods:

- Using gNSI Client.
- Using exec command.

Updating the gRPC-Level Authorization Policy in the Router Using gNSI Client

Before you start

When a router boots for the first time, it should have the following prerequisites:

- The gNSI.authz service is up and running.
- The default gRPC-level authorization policy is added for all gRPC services.
- The default gRPC-level authorization policy allows access to all RPCs.

The following steps are used to update the gRPC-level authorization policy:

1. Initiate the gNSI.authz.Rotate() streaming RPC. This step creates a streaming connection between the router and management application (client).



Note

Only one gNSI.authz.Rotate() must be in progress at a time. Any other RPC request is rejected by the server.

2. The client uploads new gRPC-level authorization policy using the UploadRequest message.



Note

- There must be only one gRPC-level authorization policy in the router. All the policies must be defined in the same gRPC-level authorization policy which is being updated. As gnsi.authz.Rotate() method replaces all previously defined or used policies once the **finalize** message is sent.
- The upgrade information is passed to the version and the created_on fields. These information are not used by the gNSI.authz service. It is designed to help you to track the active gRPC-level authorization policy on a particular router.
- 3. The router activates the gRPC-level authorization policy.
- 4. The router sends the UploadResponse message back to the client after activating the new policy.
- 5. The client verifies the new gRPC-level authorization policy using separate gNSI.authz.Probe() RPCs.
- 6. The client sends the FinalizeRequest message, indicating the previous gRPC-level authorization policy is replaced.



Note

It is not recommended to close the stream without sending the **finalize** message. It results in the abandoning of the uploaded policy and rollback to the one that was active before the gnsi.authz.Rotate() RPC started.

Below is an example of a gRPC-level authorization policy that allows admins, V1,V2,V3 and V4, access to all RPCs that are defined by the gNSI.ssh interface. All the other users won't have access to call any of the gNSI.ssh RPCs:

```
"version": "version-1",
"created on": "1632779276520673693",
"policy": {
  "name": "gNSI.ssh policy",
  "allow rules": [{
    "name": "admin-access",
    "source": {
      "principals": [
        "spiffe://company.com/sa/V1",
        "spiffe://company.com/sa/V2"
    },
    "request": {
      "paths": [
        "/gnsi.ssh.Ssh/*"
  }],
  "deny_rules": [{
    "name": "sales-access",
```

Updating the gRPC-Level Authorization Policy file Using Exec Command

Use the following steps to update the authorization policy in the router.

1. Create the users profiles for the users who need to be added in the authorization policy. You can skip this step if you have already defined the user profiles.

The following example creates three users who are added in the authorization policy.

```
Router(config) #username V1
Router(config-un) #group root-lr
Router(config-un) #group cisco-support
Router(config-un) #secret x
Router(config-un) #exit
Router(config) #username V2
Router(config-un) #group root-lr
Router(config-un) #password x
Router(config-un) #exit
Router(config-un) #exit
Router(config-un) #group root-lr
Router(config-un) #group root-lr
Router(config-un) #group root-lr
Router(config-un) #password x
Router(config-un) #password x
```

2. Enable **tls-mutual** to establish the secure mutual between the client and the router.

```
Router(config) #grpc
Router(config-grpc) #port 0
Router(config-grpc) #tls-mutual
Router(config-grpc) #certificate-authentication
Router(config-grpc) #commit
```

3. Define the gRPC-level authorization policy.

The following sample gRPC-level authorization policy defines authorization policy for the users V1, V2 and V3.

```
"request": {
                "paths": [
                    " * "
                ]
        }
    ],
    "deny rules": [
            "name": "deny qNMI set for oper users",
            "source": {
                "principals": [
                    "V1"
            },
            "request": {
                "paths": [
                    "/gnmi.gNMI/Get".
            }
        },
        {
            "name": "deny gNMI set for oper users",
            "source": {
                "principals": [
                    "V2"
                ]
            },
            "request": {
                "paths": [
                    "/gnmi.gNMI/Get"
            }
        },
            "name": "deny gNMI set for oper users",
            "source": {
                "principals": [
                    "V3"
            },
            "request": {
                "paths": [
                    "/gnmi.gNMI/Set"
                ]
            }
        }
   ]
}
```

4. Copy the gRPC-level authorization policy to the router.

The following example copies the gNSI Authz policy to the router:

```
-bash-4.2$ scp test.json V1@192.0.2.255:/disk0:/
Password:
test.json
100% 993 161.4KB/s 00:00
-bash-4.2$
```

5. Activate the gRPC-level authorization policy to the router.

The following example loads the policy to the router.

```
\label{localization} \mbox{Router(config) \#gnsi load service authorization policy /disk0:/test.json} \\ \mbox{Successfully loaded policy}
```

Verification

Use the **show gnsi service authorization policy** to verify if the policy is active in the router.

```
Router#show gnsi service authorization policy
Wed Jul 19 10:56:14.509 UTC{
    "version": "1.0",
    "created on": 1700816204,
    "policy": {
        "name": "authz",
        "allow_rules": [
            {
                 "name": "allow all gNMI for all users",
                 "request": {
                     "paths": [
                    ]
                 "source": {
                    "principals": [
                    ]
            }
        1,
        "deny_rules": [
            {
                 "name": "deny qNMI set for oper users",
                 "request": {
                     "paths": [
                         "/gnmi.gNMI/*"
                    ]
                },
                 "source": {
                     "principals": [
                         "User1"
                }
            }
        ]
    }
```

In the following example, User1 user tries to access the **get** RPC request for which the permission is denied in the above authorization policy.

```
bash-4.2$ ./gnmi_cli -address 198.51.100.255 -ca_crt
certs/certs/ca.cert -client_crt certs/certs/User1.pem -client_key
certs/certs/User1.key -server_name ems.cisco.com -get -proto get-oper.proto
```

Output

```
E0720 14:49:42.277504 26473 gnmi_cli.go:195]
target returned RPC error for Get("path:{origin:"openconfig-interfaces" elem:{name:"interfaces"}
elem:{name:"interface" key:{key:"name" value:"HundredGigE0/0/0/0"}}
type:OPERATIONAL encoding:JSON_IETF"):
```

rpc error: code = PermissionDenied desc = unauthorized RPC request rejected

Configure Interfaces Using Data Models in a gRPC Session

Google-defined remote procedure call () is an open-source RPC framework. gRPC supports IPv4 and IPv6 address families. The client applications use this protocol to request information from the router, and make configuration changes to the router.

The process for using data models involves:

- Obtain the data models.
- Establish a connection between the router and the client using gRPC communication protocol.
- Manage the configuration of the router from the client using data models.



Note

Configure AAA authorization to restrict users from uncontrolled access. If AAA authorization is not configured, the command and data rules associated to the groups that are assigned to the user are bypassed. An IOS-XR user can have full read-write access to the IOS-XR configuration through Network Configuration Protocol (NETCONF), google-defined Remote Procedure Calls (gRPC) or any YANG-based agents. In order to avoid granting uncontrolled access, enable AAA authorization using aaa authorization exec command before setting up any configuration. For more information about configuring AAA authorization, see the *System Security Configuration Guide*.

In this section, you use native data models to configure loopback and ethernet interfaces on a router using a gRPC session.

Consider a network topology with four routers and one controller. The network consists of label edge routers (LER) and label switching routers (LSR). Two routers LER1 and LER2 are label edge routers, and two routers LSR1 and LSR2 are label switching routers. A host is the controller with a gRPC client. The controller communicates with all routers through an out-of-band network. All routers except LER1 are pre-configured with proper IP addressing and routing behavior. Interfaces between routers have a point-to-point configuration with /31 addressing. Loopback prefixes use the format 172.16.255.x/32.

The following image illustrates the network topology:

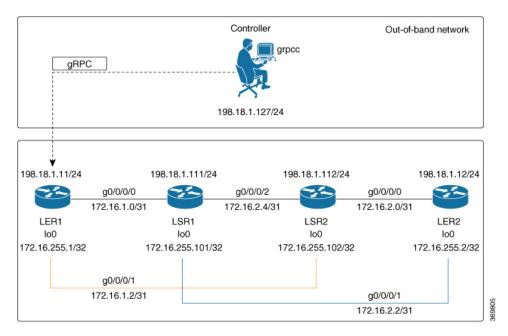


Figure 5: Network Topology for gRPC session

You use Cisco IOS XR native model <code>cisco-IOS-XR-ifmgr-cfg.yang</code> to programmatically configure router LER1.

Before you begin

- Retrieve the list of YANG modules on the router using NETCONF monitoring RPC. For more information
- Configure Transport Layer Security (TLS). Enabling gRPC protocol uses the default HTTP/2 transport
 with no TLS. gRPC mandates AAA authentication and authorization for all gRPC requests. If TLS is
 not configured, the authentication credentials are transferred over the network unencrypted. Enabling
 TLS ensures that the credentials are secure and encrypted. Non-TLS mode can only be used in secure
 internal network.

Procedure

Step 1 Enable gRPC Protocol

To configure network devices and view operational data, gRPC proptocol must be enabled on the server. In this example, you enable gRPC protocol on LER1, the server.

Note

Cisco IOS XR 64-bit platforms support gRPC protocol. The 32-bit platforms do not support gRPC protocol.

a) Enable gRPC over an HTTP/2 connection.

Example:

Router#configure
Router(config)#grpc
Router(config-grpc)#port <port-number>

The port number ranges from 57344 to 57999. If a port number is unavailable, an error is displayed.

b) Set the session parameters.

Example:

```
Router(config) #grpc {address-family | certificate-authentication | dscp | max-concurrent-streams | max-request-per-user | max-request-total | max-streams | max-streams-per-user | no-tls | tlsv1-disable | tls-cipher | tls-mutual | tls-trustpoint | service-layer | vrf}
```

where:

- address-family: set the address family identifier type.
- certificate-authentication: enables certificate based authentication
- dscp: set QoS marking DSCP on transmitted gRPC.
- max-request-per-user: set the maximum concurrent requests per user.
- max-request-total: set the maximum concurrent requests in total.
- max-streams: set the maximum number of concurrent gRPC requests. The maximum subscription limit is 128 requests. The default is 32 requests.
- max-streams-per-user: set the maximum concurrent gRPC requests for each user. The maximum subscription limit is 128 requests. The default is 32 requests.
- no-tls: disable transport layer security (TLS). The TLS is enabled by default
- tlsv1-disable: disable TLS version 1.0
- service-layer: enable the grpc service layer configuration.

This parameter is not supported in Cisco ASR 9000 Series Routers, Cisco NCS560 Series Routers, , and Cisco NCS540 Series Routers.

- tls-cipher: enable the gRPC TLS cipher suites.
- tls-mutual: set the mutual authentication.
- tls-trustpoint: configure trustpoint.
- server-vrf: enable server vrf.

After gRPC is enabled, use the YANG data models to manage network configurations.

Step 2 Configure the interfaces.

In this example, you configure interfaces using Cisco IOS XR native model <code>cisco-IOS-XR-ifmgr-cfg.yang</code>. You gain an understanding about the various gRPC operations while you configure the interface. For the complete list of operations, see gRPC Operations, on page 40. In this example, you merge configurations with <code>merge-config</code> RPC, retreive operational statistics using <code>get-oper</code> RPC, and delete a configuration using <code>delete-config</code> RPC. You can explore the structure of the data model using YANG validator tools such as pyang.

LER1 is the gRPC server, and a command line utility grpcc is used as a client on the controller. This utility does not support YANG and, therefore, does not validate the data model. The server, LER1, validates the data mode.

Note

The OC interface maps all IP configurations for parent interface under a VLAN with index 0. Hence, do not configure a sub interface with tag 0.

a) Explore the XR configuration model for interfaces and its IPv4 augmentation.

Example:

```
controller:grpc$ pyang --format tree --tree-depth 3 Cisco-IOS-XR-ifmgr-cfg.yang
Cisco-IOS-XR-ipv4-io-cfg.yang
module: Cisco-IOS-XR-ifmgr-cfg
   +--rw global-interface-configuration
    | +--rw link-status? Link-status-enum
    +--rw interface-configurations
        +--rw interface-configuration* [active interface-name]
            +--rw dampening
            | ...
            +--rw mtus
            | ...
            +--rw encapsulation
            | ...
            +--rw shutdown? empty
            +--rw interface-virtual? empty
            +--rw secondary-admin-state? Secondary-admin-state-enum
            +--rw interface-mode-non-physical? Interface-mode-enum
            +--rw bandwidth? uint32
            +--rw link-status? empty
            +--rw description? string
            +--rw active Interface-active
            +--rw interface-name xr:Interface-name
            +--rw ipv4-io-cfg:ipv4-network
            | ...
            +--rw ipv4-io-cfg:ipv4-network-forwarding \dots
```

b) Configure a loopback0 interface on LER1.

Example:

c) Merge the configuration.

Example:

```
controller:grpc$ grpcc -username admin -password admin -oper merge-config -server addr 198.18.1.11:57400 -json in file xr-interfaces-gi0-cfg.json
```

```
emsMergeConfig: Sending ReqId 1
emsMergeConfig: Received ReqId 1, Response '
```

d) Configure the ethernet interface on LER1.

Example:

e) Merge the configuration.

Example:

```
controller:grpc$ grpcc -username admin -password admin -oper merge-config -server_addr 198.18.1.11:57400 -json_in_file xr-interfaces-gi0-cfg.json emsMergeConfig: Sending ReqId 1 emsMergeConfig: Received ReqId 1, Response '
```

f) Enable the ethernet interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0/0 on LER1 to bring up the interface. To do this, delete shutdown configuration for the interface.

Example:

Step 3 Verify that the loopback interface and the ethernet interface on router LER1 are operational.

Example:

```
controller:grpc$ grpcc -username admin -password admin -oper get-oper
-server_addr 198.18.1.11:57400 -oper_yang_path "$(< xr-interfaces-briefs-oper-filter.json )"
emsGetOper: Sending ReqId 1, yangPath {
  "Cisco-IOS-XR-pfi-im-cmd-oper:interfaces": {
    "interface-briefs": [
     null
     1
 "Cisco-IOS-XR-pfi-im-cmd-oper:interfaces": {
  "interface-briefs": {
    "interface-brief": [
      "interface-name": "GigabitEthernet0/0/0/0",
      "interface": "GigabitEthernet0/0/0/0",
      "type": "IFT GETHERNET",
      "state": "im-state-up",
      "actual-state": "im-state-up",
      "line-state": "im-state-up",
      "actual-line-state": "im-state-up",
      "encapsulation": "ether",
      "encapsulation-type-string": "ARPA",
      "mtu": 1514,
      "sub-interface-mtu-overhead": 0,
      "12-transport": false,
      "bandwidth": 1000000
     },
      "interface-name": "GigabitEthernet0/0/0/1",
      "interface": "GigabitEthernet0/0/0/1",
      "type": "IFT GETHERNET",
      "state": "im-state-up",
      "actual-state": "im-state-up",
      "line-state": "im-state-up",
      "actual-line-state": "im-state-up",
      "encapsulation": "ether",
      "encapsulation-type-string": "ARPA",
      "mtu": 1514,
      "sub-interface-mtu-overhead": 0,
      "12-transport": false,
      "bandwidth": 1000000
      "interface-name": "Loopback0",
      "interface": "Loopback0",
      "type": "IFT LOOPBACK",
      "state": "im-state-up",
      "actual-state": "im-state-up",
      "line-state": "im-state-up",
      "actual-line-state": "im-state-up",
      "encapsulation": "loopback",
      "encapsulation-type-string": "Loopback",
      "mtu": 1500,
      "sub-interface-mtu-overhead": 0,
      "12-transport": false,
      "bandwidth": 0
   },
      "interface-name": "MgmtEth0/RP0/CPU0/0",
      "interface": "MgmtEth0/RP0/CPU0/0",
      "type": "IFT ETHERNET",
      "state": "im-state-up",
```

```
"actual-state": "im-state-up",
      "line-state": "im-state-up",
      "actual-line-state": "im-state-up",
      "encapsulation": "ether",
      "encapsulation-type-string": "ARPA",
      "mtu": 1514,
      "sub-interface-mtu-overhead": 0,
      "12-transport": false,
      "bandwidth": 1000000
   },
      "interface-name": "Null0",
      "interface": "Null0",
      "type": "IFT NULL",
      "state": "im-state-up",
      "actual-state": "im-state-up",
      "line-state": "im-state-up",
      "actual-line-state": "im-state-up",
      "encapsulation": "null",
      "encapsulation-type-string": "Null",
      "mtu": 1500,
      "sub-interface-mtu-overhead": 0,
      "12-transport": false,
      "bandwidth": 0
   ]
  }
emsGetOper: RegId 1, byteRecv: 2325
```

In summary, router LER1, which had minimal configuration, is now programmatically configured using data models with an ethernet interface and is assigned a loopback address. Both these interfaces are operational and ready for network provisioning operations.



Enhancements to Data Models

This section provides an overview of the enhancements made to data models.

- Improved YANG Input Validator and Get Requests, on page 55
- OpenConfig Data Model Enhancements, on page 57
- OAM for MPLS and SR-MPLS in mpls-ping and mpls-traceroute Data Models, on page 58
- Automatic Resynchronization of OpenConfig Configuration, on page 63

Improved YANG Input Validator and Get Requests

Table 6: Feature History Table

Feature Name	Release Information	Description
Improved YANG Input Validator and Get Requests	Release 7.10.1	The OpenConfig data models provide a structure for managing networks via YANG protocols. With this release, enhancements to the configuration architecture improve input validations and ensure that the Get requests made through gNMI or NETCONF protocols return only explicitly configured OpenConfig leaves. Previously, Get requests returned all the items in the Cisco native data models that the system could convert into OpenConfig items, regardless of whether they were initially configured via OpenConfig. We have added a new legacy mode option for a limited number of releases which helps you preserve this behaviour.

In IOS XR Software Release 7.10.1, the following are the enhancements to improve YANG Input Validator and Get Requests:

• Get requests made via NETCONF or gNMI now return only OpenConfig leaves that were configured using OpenConfig models.

Use the legacy mode as follows:

NETCONF: Add a legacy mode attribute to the **get-config** request tag,

Example: get-config xmlns:xr-md="http://cisco.com/ns/yang/cisco-xr-metadata" xr-md:mode="legacy"

gNMI: Set the origin to **openconfig-legacy**.

• Improved input validation for OpenConfig configurations to provide a more consistent experience across the schema.

The new validation includes enhanced error reporting, though some errors may include references to XR configuration schema paths and item values in the message string.

• OpenConfig leaves now return default values consistently.

Get requests use the **Explicit Basic Mode** (refer RFC6243) to return only the OpenConfig leaves that were explicitly configured.

Usage Guidelines and Limitations

In this release, the following usage guidelines and limitations apply based on the following functionalities:

- Upgrades to Cisco IOS XR Software Release 7.10.1 and later will not show OpenConfig leaves in Get requests until OpenConfig has been successfully committed.
- Similarly, downgrading from Release 7.10.1 to an earlier version and then upgrading back to Release 7.10.1 will not show OpenConfig leaves in Get requests until OpenConfig has been successfully committed.
- Each feature must be fully configured using OpenConfig or Cisco native data model or CLI.

If configuration items applied to a feature via OpenConfig are overridden by configuring those items directly via Cisco native data model, this will not be reflected in the system view of currently configured OpenConfig items.

Use the Cisco native data model to configure features not supported by OpenConfig data model.

• Use either gNMI or NETCONF to manage configuration via OpenConfig. We recommend not to use both the management agents on the same device simultaneously.

Once a successful commit has been made using gNMI or NETCONF, that management agent is considered the **active agent**.

OpenConfig items cannot be configured by the non-active agent. However, the non-active agent can configure Cisco native data model items and perform Get requests on any configuration items.

All OpenConfig leaves must first be removed by the active agent before a different agent can be used.

 During the commit process (which can take many minutes for large changesets), Get requests can be made on the running datastore.

Other request types like, Edit request, Commit request from other clients, and Get request on the candidate datastore of another client are rejected.

• When ACLs are configured via OpenConfig, CLI actions such as resequencing ACLs and copying ACLs will not be reflected in the system view of the current OpenConfig configuration.

- Configuration modifications made by Config Scripts to features configured through OpenConfig will not be reflected in the system view of the current OpenConfig configuration which is returned from Get-config operations.
- Configuration removal from the system may occur as a result of some events, such as install operations and startup configuration failures during line card insertion.
- OpenConfig items currently configured do not reflect this change. In such cases, a syslog will be generated to remind the user to manually apply OpenConfig configurations to the system.
- All OpenConfig will be removed from the system when a **Commit Replace** operation is performed using the CLI.
- By using the **show running-config** | (**xml** | **json**) **openconfig** command, you can still view the running OpenConfig. However, you cannot filter the view using XR CLI configuration keywords.



Note

Starting from Cisco IOS XR Release 24.4.1, the **show running-config** | (**xml** | **json**) **openconfig**command is not supported.

• The **load rollback changes** and **load commit changes** commands are not supported for rollback or commit that include OpenConfig leaves.

OpenConfig Data Model Enhancements

Table 7: Feature History Table

Feature Name	Release Information	Description
Revised OpenConfig MPLS Model to Version 3.0.1 for Streaming Telemetry	Release 7.3.3	The OpenConfig MPLS data model provides data definitions for Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) configuration and associated signaling and traffic engineering protocols. In this release, the following data models are revised for streaming telemetry from OpenConfig version 2.3.0 to version 3.0.1:
		• openconfig-mpls
		• openconfig-mpls-te
		openconfig-mpls-rsvp
		• openconfig-mpls-igp
		openconfig-mpls-types
		• openconfig-mpls-sr
		You can access this data model from the Github repository.

OAM for MPLS and SR-MPLS in mpls-ping and mpls-traceroute Data Models

Table 8: Feature History Table

Feature Name	Release Information	Description
YANG Data Models for MPLS OAM RPCs	Release 7.3.2	This feature introduces the Cisco-IOS-XR-mpls-ping-act and Cisco-IOS-XR-mpls-traceroute-act YANG data models to accommodate operations, administration and maintenance (OAM) RPCs for MPLS and SR-MPLS. You can access these Cisco IOS XR native data models from the Github repository.

The Cisco-IOS-XR-mpls-ping-act and Cisco-IOS-XR-mpls-traceroute-act YANG data models are introduced to provide the following options:

- Ping for MPLS:
 - · MPLS IPv4 address
 - MPLS TE
 - FEC-129 Pseudowire
 - FEC-128 Pseudowire
 - Multisegment Pseudowire
- Ping for SR-MPLS:
 - SR policy name or BSID with LSP end-point
 - SR MPLS IPv4 address
 - SR Nil-FEC labels
 - SR Flexible Algorithm
- Traceroute for MPLS:
 - · MPLS IPv4 address
 - MPLS TE
- Traceroute for SR-MPLS:
 - SR policy name or BSID with LSP end-point

- SR MPLS IPv4 address
- SR Nil-FEC labels
- SR Flexible Algorithm

The following example shows the ping operation for an SR policy and LSP end-point:

Response:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<mpls-ping-response xmlns="http://cisco.com/ns/yang/Cisco-IOS-XR-mpls-ping-act">
 <request-options-parameters>
  <exp>0</exp>
  <fec>false</fec>
  <interval>0</interval>
  <ddmap>false</ddmap>
  <force-explicit-null>false</force-explicit-null>
  <packet-output>
   <interface-name>None</interface-name>
   <next-hop>0.0.0</next-hop>
  </packet-output>
  <pad>abcd</pad>
  <repeat>5</repeat>
  <reply>
   <dscp>255</dscp>
   <reply-mode>default</reply-mode>
   <pad-tlv>false</pad-tlv>
   </reply>
  <size>100</size>
   <source>0.0.0</source>
   <destination>127.0.0.1</destination>
   <sweep>
   <minimum>100</minimum>
   <maximum>100</maximum>
   <increment>1</increment>
   </sweep>
  <brief>true</prief>
  <timeout>2</timeout>
  <ttl>255</ttl>
 </request-options-parameters>
 <replies>
   <reply>
   <reply-index>1</reply-index>
   <return-code>3</return-code>
   <return-char>!</return-char>
   <reply-addr>14.14.14.3</reply-addr>
   <size>100</size>
   </reply>
   <replv>
   <reply-index>2</reply-index>
```

```
<return-code>3</return-code>
   <return-char>!</return-char>
  <reply-addr>14.14.14.3</reply-addr>
  <size>100</size>
  </reply>
  <reply>
  <reply-index>3</reply-index>
  <return-code>3</return-code>
  <return-char>!</return-char>
  <reply-addr>14.14.14.3</reply-addr>
  <size>100</size>
  </reply>
 <reply>
  <reply-index>4</reply-index>
  <return-code>3</return-code>
  <return-char>!</return-char>
   <reply-addr>14.14.14.3</reply-addr>
  <size>100</size>
 </reply>
 <reply>
  <reply-index>5</reply-index>
  <return-code>3</return-code>
   <return-char>!</return-char>
  <reply-addr>14.14.14.3</reply-addr>
  <size>100</size>
 </reply>
</replies>
</mpls-ping-response>
```

The following example shows the ping operation for an SR policy BSID and LSP end-point:

Response:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
 <mpls-ping-response xmlns="http://cisco.com/ns/yang/Cisco-IOS-XR-mpls-ping-act">
 <request-options-parameters>
   <exp>0</exp>
   <fec>false</fec>
   <interval>0</interval>
   <ddmap>false</ddmap>
   <force-explicit-null>false</force-explicit-null>
   <packet-output>
    <interface-name>None</interface-name>
   <next-hop>0.0.0.0</next-hop>
   </packet-output>
   <pad>abcd</pad>
   <repeat>5</repeat>
   <reply>
    <dscp>255</dscp>
    <reply-mode>default</reply-mode>
    <pad-tlv>false</pad-tlv>
```

```
</reply>
 \langle size \rangle 100 \langle /size \rangle
  <source>0.0.0</source>
 <destination>127.0.0.1</destination>
  <sweep>
   <minimum>100</minimum>
   <maximum>100</maximum>
   <increment>1</increment>
 <brief>true</prief>
 <timeout>2</timeout>
  <tt1>255</tt1>
</request-options-parameters>
<replies>
  <reply>
  <reply-index>1</reply-index>
   <return-code>3</return-code>
   <return-char>!</return-char>
  <reply-addr>14.14.14.3</reply-addr>
  <size>100</size>
  </reply>
  <reply>
   <reply-index>2</reply-index>
   <return-code>3</return-code>
   <return-char>!</return-char>
  <reply-addr>14.14.14.3</reply-addr>
  <size>100</size>
  </reply>
  <reply>
  <reply-index>3</reply-index>
  <return-code>3</return-code>
  <return-char>!</return-char>
  <reply-addr>14.14.14.3</reply-addr>
   <size>100</size>
  </reply>
  <reply>
  <reply-index>4</reply-index>
  <return-code>3</return-code>
   <return-char>!</return-char>
   <reply-addr>14.14.14.3</reply-addr>
  <size>100</size>
  </reply>
  <reply>
  <reply-index>5</reply-index>
   <return-code>3</return-code>
  <return-char>!</return-char>
  <reply-addr>14.14.14.3</reply-addr>
  <size>100</size>
 </reply>
 </replies>
</mpls-ping-response>
```

The following example shows the traceroute operation for an SR policy and LSP end-point:

</mpls-traceroute>

Response:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<mpls-traceroute-response xmlns="http://cisco.com/ns/yang/Cisco-IOS-XR-mpls-traceroute-act">
 <request-options-parameters>
  <exp>0</exp>
  <fec>false</fec>
  <ddmap>false</ddmap>
  <force-explicit-null>false</force-explicit-null>
  <packet-output>
   <interface-name>None</interface-name>
   <next-hop>0.0.0.0</next-hop>
  </packet-output>
  <reply>
   <dscp>255</dscp>
   <reply-mode>default</reply-mode>
  </reply>
  <source>0.0.0.0</source>
  <destination>127.0.0.1</destination>
  <br/>
<brief>true</brief>
  <timeout>2</timeout>
  <ttl>30</ttl>
 </request-options-parameters>
 <paths>
  <path>
   <path-index>0</path-index>
   <hops>
   <hop>
       <hop-index>0</hop-index>
        <hop-origin-ip>11.11.11.1/hop-origin-ip>
        <hop-destination-ip>11.11.11.2
       <mtu>1500</mtu>
       <dsmap-label-stack>
           <dsmap-label>
                <label>16003</label>
           </dsmap-label>
       </dsmap-label-stack>
        <return-code>0</return-code>
       <return-char> </return-char>
   </hop>
   <hop>
       <hop-index>1</hop-index>
       <hop-origin-ip>11.11.11.2
       <hop-destination-ip>14.14.14.3/hop-destination-ip>
       <mtu>1500</mtu>
        <dsmap-label-stack>
           <dsmap-label>
               <label>3</label>
           </dsmap-label>
       </dsmap-label-stack>
       <return-code>8</return-code>
        <return-char>L</return-char>
   </hop>
   <hop>
        <hop-index>2</hop-index>
       <hop-origin-ip>14.14.14.3/hop-origin-ip>
        <hop-destination-ip></hop-destination-ip>
        <mtu>0</mtu>
       <dsmap-label-stack/>
       <return-code>3</return-code>
       <return-char>!</return-char>
```

```
</hop>
</hops>
</path>
</paths>
</mols-traceroute-response>
```

Automatic Resynchronization of OpenConfig Configuration

Table 9: Feature History Table

Feature Name	Release Information	Feature Description
Automatic Resynchronization of OpenConfig Configuration	Release 7.11.1	OpenConfig infrastructure can now reapply all the OpenConfig configurations automatically if there are any discrepancies in the running configuration.
		With this feature, there is no need for manual replacement of the OpenConfig configuration using Netconf or gNMI.
		The re-sync operation is triggered if the running configurations and the OpenConfig configuration go out of sync after any system event that removes some running configurations from the system. A corresponding system log gets generated to indicate the re-sync status.

In the earlier releases, when activities such as interface breakout operations, installation activities or insertion of a new line card took place, there was a risk of OpenConfig configuration and the running configuration going out of sync. A full replacement of the OpenConfig configuration was required in order to get the OpenConfig configurations back in sync using Netconf or gNMI.

From the Cisco IOS XR Software Release 7.11.1, if the OpenConfig configurations and running configurations go out of sync, or any activities takes place which may result in the two configurations to go out of sync, the system automatically reapplies all the OpenConfig configurations and resolve the sync issue. If there is a synchronization issue between the running configuration and the OpenConfig configuration, a corresponding system log is generated to indicate it. Similarly, a corresponding system log is generated indicating the status of the re-synchronization attempt.

This feature is enabled by default. This process is completely automated.

Operations that Remove Running Configuration

Here are three types of operation that can have the effect of removing running configuration from the system. Running configurations are either affected because they directly remove configuration in the system or because they result in configuration failing to be accepted by the system during start-up.

- Install operations: Running configuration can be removed during non-reload and reload install operations. During non-reload install, running configuration is removed when it is incompatible with the new software. In this case, it is directly removed by the Install infra. The configuration is removed during reload install operations if the attempt to restore the startup configuration is partially successful.
- **Breakout interfaces configuration**: When breakout interfaces are configured or de-configured, all the existing configuration on interfaces is affected. The affect may be creation or deletion of the parent and child interfaces. This results in an inconsistency between the running configuration and the OpenConfig datastore for any of the removed configurations that was mapped from OpenConfig configuration.

The automatic restoration of OpenConfig configuration resolves this inconsistency by re-adding that removed configuration.

• **New line card insertion**: On insertion of a new line card into the system, any pre-configuration for that card is verified for the first time and may be rejected, causing it to be removed. This results in an inconsistency between the running configuration and the OpenConfig datastore.

In any of the above scenarios, if there is a sync issue, system logs are generated and the system tries to reapply all the OpenConfig configurations. If the re-sync attempt is successful, the configurations which were removed earlier, are re-applied. If the re-sync attempt fails, this means that some of the OpenConfig configuration is no longer valid.



Note

The above scenarios are invalid if there are no OpenConfig configuration present in the system.

System Logs Indicating Out-of-Sync Configuration

System log messages are generated due to the above operations that can lead to discrepancies in configurations on the router. Listed are examples of system log messages raised if any such discrepancies occur.

Table 10: Examples of system log messages generated due to Out-of-Sync Configurations :

Event Name Displayed in the System Log	Description
unexpected commit errors	When an unexpected commit errors in case of a SysDB server crash.
config rollback (to a commit ID created using a different software version)	When a configuration rollbacks back to a commit ID created using a different software version.
inconsistent configuration	This system log is generated when an inconsistency alarm is raised due to failure in restoring the start-up configurations after activities like system reload or insertion of a new line card. Re-synchronization of the configuration is triggered only after the alarm is cleared.
configuration removal (triggered on 0/2/CPU0 by the last config operation for interface GigabitEthernet0/2/0/0 and 6 other interfaces)	When interface configuration is removed in response to a change in interface breakout configuration.
configuration removal (to prepare for an install operation)	Configuration is removed from the system during a non-reload install operation due to incompatibility with the new software.

Alarms Related to Out-of-Sync OpenConfig Configuration

• Inconsistency alarm: When a there is a failure in restoring the start-up configurations after a system reload or insertion of a new line card, inconsistency alarm is raised. If the inconsistency alarm is raised, you can see an informational system log is generated which indicates that the OpenConfig configuration and running configuration may be out of sync. A re-sync attempt will be made when the configuration inconsistency alarm is cleared. This system log is an early warning that the system is potentially out of sync.

Inconsistency alarm message:

NMI OpenConfig configuration is potentially out of sync with the running configuration (details: system configuration become inconsistent during OIR restore on 0/0/CPU0). An automatic reapply of the OpenConfig configuration will be performed when the inconsistency alarm is cleared.

• Missing item in the OpenConfig datastore alarm: If there are missing items in the configurations which could not be added to the OpenConfig datastore while loading in a snapshot from disk, you can see an error system log is raised which indicates that there are some items which are absent in the running OpenConfig configuration. This scenario occurs when the yang schema is changed from the time the snapshot was created.

Item missing alarm message:

gNMI OpenConfig configuration is potentially out of sync with the running configuration: 3 failed to be applied to the system (details: snapshot 2 was created with a different schema version). The system may contain config items mapped from OC that no longer exist in the OC datastore. Automatic attempts to reapply OC will not remove these items, even if they otherwise succeed. Config should be replaced manually using a GNMI Replace operation.

System Logs Generated During Configuration Resynchronization:

When an attempt to re-apply OpenConfig (resynchronization) is complete, the following informational system logs are generated to indicate the user that the OpenConfig and running configuration were out of sync, and whether the attempt to resolve this was successful.

• Successful re-sync:

As a result of configuration removal (to prepare for an install operation), the gNMI OpenConfig configuration has been successfully reapplied.

• Unsuccessful re-sync:

As a result of configuration removal (to prepare for an install operation), an attempt to reapply the gNMI configuration was made, but some items remain out of sync with the running configuration. The configuration should be reapplied manually using a GNMI Replace operation.

• Re-sync failure during mapping of OpenConfig configurations to XR configurations:

As a result of configuration removal (to prepare for an install operation), the attempt to reapply the gNMI OpenConfig configuration failed, and the out of sync configuration could not be updated. gNMI OpenConfig configuration is potentially out of sync with the running configuration. Configuration should be reapplied manually using a GNMI Replace operation

Re-sync failure during mapping of OpenConfig configurations to XR configurations is a rare scenario. When there is a failure in the re-sync process while mapping the OpenConfig configuration to XR items, it causes the re-sync request to aborted. This scenario is only possible after an install which changes the OpenConfig mappings such that some configuration is no longer supported.



Unified Configuration Models

Table 11: Feature History Table

Feature Name	Release Information	Description
Unified Data Model to map script file to the custom OID	Release 7.5.3	Use the Cisco-IOS-XR-um-script-server-cfg. yang unified data model to map script file to the custom OID.
Transitioning Native Models to Unified Models (UM)	Release 7.4.1	Unified models are CLI-based YANG models that are designed to replace the native schema-based models. UM models are generated directly from the IOS XR CLIs and mirror them in several ways. This results in improved usability and faster adoption of YANG models. You can access the new unified models from the Github repository.

The following table lists the unified models supported on Cisco IOS XR routers.

Table 12: Unified Models

Unified Models	Introduced in Release
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-script-server-cfg	Release 7.5.3
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-script-cfg	Release 7.5.3
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-if-ipsubscriber-cfg	Release 7.5.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-session-redundancy-cfg	Release 7.5.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-subscriber-accounting-cfg	Release 7.5.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-subscriber-cfg	Release 7.5.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-subscriber-redundancy-cfg	Release 7.5.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-dyn-tmpl-opendns-cfg	Release 7.5.1

Unified Models	Introduced in Release
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-dynamic-template-cfg	Release 7.5.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-dynamic-template-cfg	Release 7.5.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-lpts-profiling-cfg	Release 7.5.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-ppp-cfg	Release 7.5.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-pppoe-cfg	Release 7.5.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-vpdn-cfg	Release 7.5.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-aaa-subscriber-cfg	Release 7.5.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-dynamic-template-ipv4-cfg	Release 7.5.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-dynamic-template-ipv6-cfg	Release 7.5.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-dynamic-template-vrf-cfg	Release 7.5.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-mibs-subscriber-cfg	Release 7.5.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-dyn-tmpl-monitor-session-cfg	Release 7.5.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-l2tp-class-cfg	Release 7.5.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-dynamic-template-dhcpv6d-cfg	Release 7.5.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-dyn-tmpl-service-policy-cfg	Release 7.5.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-snmp-server mroutemib send-all-cfg	Release 7.5.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-aaa-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-aaa-diameter-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-aaa-nacm-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-aaa-tacacs-server-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-aaa-task-user-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-banner-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-bfd-sbfd-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-call-home-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-cdp-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-cef-accounting-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-cfg-mibs-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-cli-alias-cfg	Release 7.4.1

Introduced in Release
Release 7.4.1

Unified Models	Introduced in Release
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-lpts-pifib-dynamic-flows-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-mibs-cbqosmib-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-mibs-fabric-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-mibs-ifmib-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-mibs-rfmib-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-mibs-sensormib-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-monitor-session-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-mpls-oam-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-ntp-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-pce-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-pool-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-priority-flow-control-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-rcc-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-router-hsrp-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-router-vrrp-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-service-timestamps-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-ssh-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-tcp-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-telnet-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-tpa-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-traps-bridgemib-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-traps-config-copy-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-traps-entity-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-traps-entity-redundancy-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-traps-entity-state-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-traps-flash-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-traps-fru-ctrl-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-traps-ipsec-cfg	Release 7.4.1

Unified Models	Introduced in Release
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-traps-l2tun-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-traps-otn-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-traps-power-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-traps-selective-vrf-download-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-traps-syslog-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-traps-system-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-udp-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-vty-pool-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-xml-agent-cfg	Release 7.4.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-conflict-policy-cfg	Release 7.3.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-flow-cfg	Release 7.2.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-if-access-group-cfg	Release 7.2.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-if-ipv4-cfg	Release 7.2.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-if-ipv6-cfg	Release 7.2.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-if-service-policy-qos-cfg	Release 7.2.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-ipv4-access-list-cfg	Release 7.2.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-ipv6-access-list-cfg	Release 7.2.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-l2-ethernet-cfg	Release 7.2.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-multicast-routing-cfg	Release 7.2.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-object-group-cfg	Release 7.2.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-policymap-classmap-cfg	Release 7.2.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-router-igmp-cfg	Release 7.2.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-router-pim-cfg	Release 7.2.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-statistics-cfg	Release 7.2.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-ethernet-services-access-list-cfg	Release 7.2.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-if-12transport-cfg	Release 7.2.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-ipv4-prefix-list-cfg	Release 7.2.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-ipv6-prefix-list-cfg	Release 7.2.1

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Cisco-IOS-XR-um-if-ip-address-cfg R	Release 7.0.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-if-vrf-cfg R	Release 7.0.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-interface-cfg R	Release 7.0.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-mpls-l3vpn-cfg R	Release 7.0.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-netconf-yang-cfg R	Release 7.0.1
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Cisco-IOS-XR-um-telemetry-model-driven-cfg R	telease 7.0.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-vrf-cfg R	delease 7.0.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-arp-cfg R	telease 7.0.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-if-arp-cfg R	telease 7.0.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-if-mpls-cfg R	Release 7.0.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-if-tunnel-cfg R	Release 7.0.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-mpls-ldp-cfg R	Release 7.0.1
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-mpls-lsd-cfg R	
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-rsvp-cfg R	telease 7.0.1

Unified Models	Introduced in Release
Cisco-IOS-XR-um-traps-mpls-ldp-cfg	Release 7.0.1



PART

Automation Scripts

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Achieve Network Operational Simplicity Using Automation Scripts

Network automation is imperative to deploy and manage the networks with large-scale cloud-computing architectures. The automation can be achieved through standard model-driven data models. To cater to the automation requirements, you leverage the Cisco IOS XR infrastructure to make API calls and run scripts from an external controller. These off-box scripts take advantage of the exposed interfaces such as NETCONF, SNMP, SSH to work on the network element. However, there is need to maintain an external controller to interact with the router.

To simplify the operational infrastructure, the automation scripts can be run on the router, eliminating the need for an external controller. The execution of the different types of scripts are faster and reliable as it is not dependent on the speed or network reachability of the external controller. Most script types interact with IOS XR Software using standard protocols such as NETCONF. You can download script to the router, configure scripts, view operational data, and set responses to events in the router.

In summary, on-box scripting is similar to off-box scripting, with the exception that the management software that runs in an external controller is now part of the router software. The scripts programmatically automate configuration and operational tasks on the network devices. You can create customized scripts that are based on your network requirement and execute scripts on routers running Cisco IOS XR operating system. The packages that support scripting are provided in the software image.



Note

You can create scripts using Python 3.5.

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Explore the Types of Automation Scripts

There are four types of on-box automation scripts that you can leverage to automate your network operations:

- Configuration (Config) scripts
- Execution (Exec) scripts
- Process scripts
- EEM scripts

The following table provides the scope and benefit of on-box scripts:

Table 13: On-Box Automation Scripts

	Config Scripts	Exec Scripts	Process Scripts	EEM Scripts
What is the scope of the script?	Enforce contextual and conditional changes to configurations, validate configurations before committing the changes to detect and notify potential errors. If configuration does not comply with the rules that are defined in the script, an action can be invoked. For example, generate a warning, syslog message, or halt a commit operation.	Run operational commands or RPCs, process the output, generate syslogs, configure system, perform system action commands such as system reload, process restarts, and collect logs for further evaluation.	Daemonize to continuously run as an agent on the router to execute additional checks outside traditional ZTP. Daemonized scripts are similar to exec scripts but run continuously. The script executes operational commands on the router and analyzes the output.	Run operational commands or RPCs, generate, and determine the next steps like logging the root cause or changing device configuration. Event policies can upload the output of event scripts to an on-box or off-box location for further analysis.
How to invoke the script?	All config scripts are processed automatically when commit command is executed on the router.	Exec script is invoked manually via CLI command or RPC.	Process script is activated via configuration CLI command.	Event scripts are invoked by defined event policies in response to a system event and allow for immediate action to take effect.
What are the main benefits of using the script?	Simplifies complex configurations and averts potential errors before a configuration is committed.	Collects operational information, and decreases the time that is involved in troubleshooting issues.	Runs scripts as a daemon to continuously perform tasks that are not transient.	Automates log collection upon detecting error conditions that are defined by event policies.
	Ensures that the network configuration complies with rules and policies that are defined in the script.	Provides flexibility in changing the input parameters for every script run. This fosters dynamic automation of operational information.		Uploads the output of event scripts to an on-box or off-box location for further analysis.



Config Scripts

Cisco IOS XR config scripts can validate and make modifications to configuration changes. They allow device administrators to enforce custom configuration validation rules, or to simplify certain repetitive configuration tasks. These scripts are invoked automatically when you change a configuration and commit the changes. When a configuration commit is in progress, a config script inserts itself into the commit process. The config script can modify the current config candidate. For example, consider you want to maintain certain parameters for routers such as switched off ports or security policies. The config script is triggered to validate the updated configuration and take appropriate action. If the change is valid, the script allows committing the new configuration. If the configuration is invalid, or does not adhere to the enforced constraints, the script notifies you about the mismatch and blocks the commit operation. Overall, config scripts help to maintain crucial device parameters, and reduce human error in managing the network.

When you commit or validate a configuration change, the system invokes each of the active scripts to validate that change. Config scripts can perform the following actions:

- Analyze the proposed new configuration.
- If the configuration is invalid, block the commit by returning an error message along with the set of configuration items to which it relates.
- Return a warning message with the related details but does not block the commit operation.
- Modify the configuration to be included in the commit operation to make the configuration valid, or to simplify certain repetitive configuration tasks. For example, where a value needs duplicating between one configuration item and another configuration item.
- Generate system log messages for in-depth analysis of the configuration change. This log also helps in troubleshooting a failed commit operation.

Config Scripts Limitations

The following are the configuration and software restrictions when using config scripts:

- Config scripts cannot make modifications to configuration that is protected by CCV process, in particular:
 - Script checksum configuration.
 - Other sensitive security configuration such as AAA configuration.
- Config scripts do not explicitly support importing helper modules or other custom imports to provide shared functionality. Although such imports appear to function correctly when set up, they can potentially represent a security risk becaue there is no checksum validation on the imported modules. Modifications

to these imported modules are not automatically detected. To reflect changes to the imported module in the running scripts, you must manually unconfigure and reconfigure any scripts using the imported module.

Get Started with Config Scripts

Config scripts can be written in Python 3.5 programming language using the packages that Cisco supports. For more information about the supported packages

This chapter gets you started with provisioning your Python automation scripts on the router.



Note

This chapter does not delve into creating Python scripts, but assumes that you have basic understanding of Python programming language. This section will walk you through the process involved in deploying and using the scripts on the router.

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- Example: Validate and Activate an SSH Config Script, on page 89

Workflow to Run Config Scripts

Complete the following tasks to provision config scripts:

- Enable the config scripts feature—Globally activate the config scripts feature on the router using **configuration validation scripts** command.
- Download the script—Store the config script on an HTTP server or copy to the harddisk of the router. Add the config script from the HTTP server to the script management repository (hardisk:/mirror/script-mgmt) on the router using the **script add config** command.
- Validate the script—Check script integrity and authenticity using the **script config** *script.py* **checksum** command. A script cannot be used unless the checksum is configured. After the checksum is configured, the script is active.

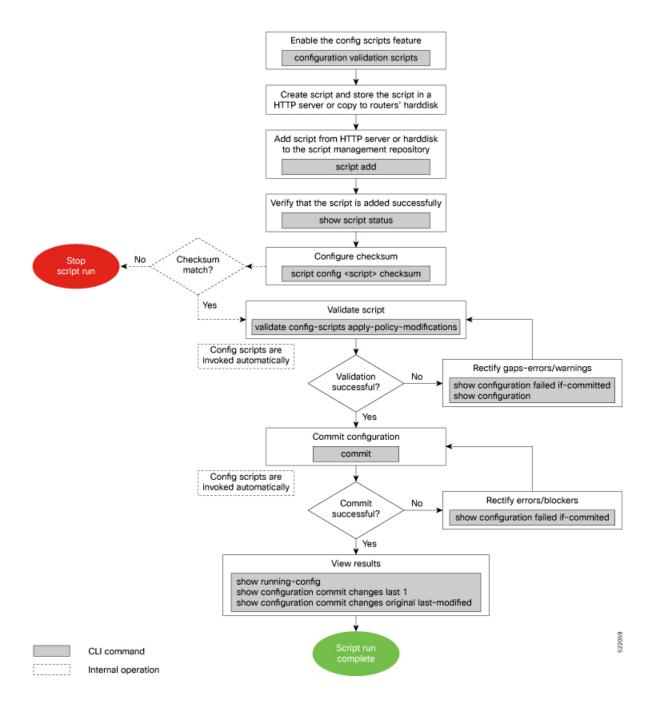


Note

A config script is invoked automatically when you validate or commit a configuration change to modify the candidate configuration.

- Validate the configuration—Ensure that the configuration changes comply with the predefined conditions
 in the script and uncover potential errors using validate config-scripts apply-policy-modifications
 command.
- View the script execution details—Retrieve the operational data using the **show operational Config Global Validation Script Execution** command.

The following image shows a workflow diagram representing the steps involved in using a config script:



Enable Config Scripts Feature

Config scripts are driven by commit operations. To run the config scripts, you must enable the feature on the router. You must have root user privileges to enable the config scripts.



Note

You must commit the configuration to enable the config scripts feature before committing any script checksum configuration.

Procedure

Step 1 Enable the config scripts.

Example:

Router(config) #configuration validation scripts

Step 2 Commit the configuration.

Example:

Router (config) #commit

Download the Script to the Router

To manage the scripts, you must add the scripts to the script management repository on the router. A subdirectory is created for each script type. By default, this repository stores the downloaded scripts in the appropriate subdirectory based on script type.

Script Type	Download Location
config	harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/config
exec	harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/exec
process	harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/process
eem	harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/eem

The scripts are added to the script management repository using two methods:

- Method 1: Add script from a server
- Method 2: Copy script from external repository to harddisk using scp or copy command

In this section, you learn how to add config-script.py script to the script management repository.

Procedure

Step 1 Add the script to the script management repository on the router using one of the two options:

Add Script From a Server

Add the script from a configured HTTP server or the harddisk location in the router.

Router#script add config <script-location> <script.py>

The following example shows a config script <code>config-script.py</code> downloaded from an external repository <code>http://192.0.2.0/scripts:</code>

```
Router#script add config http://192.0.2.0/scripts config-script.py Fri Aug 20 05:03:40.791 UTC config-script.py has been added to the script repository
```

You can add a maximum of 10 scripts simultaneously.

```
Router#script add config <script-location> <script1.py> <script2.py> ... <script10.py>
```

You can also specify the checksum value while downloading the script. This value ensures that the file being copied is genuine. You can fetch the checksum of the script from the server from where you are downloading the script. However, specifying checksum while downloading the script is optional.

Router#script add config http://192.0.2.0/scripts config-script.py checksum SHA256 <checksum-value>

For multiple scripts, use the following syntax to specify the checksum:

```
Router#script add config http://192.0.2.0/scripts <script1.py> <script1-checksum> <script2.py> <script2-checksum> ... <script10.py> <script10-checksum>
```

If you specify the checksum for one script, you must specify the checksum for all the scripts that you download.

Note

Only SHA256 checksum is supported.

Copy the Script from an External Repository

You can copy the script from the external repository to the routers' harddisk and then add the script to the script management repository.

a. Copy the script from a remote location to harddisk using scp or copy command.

```
Router#scp userx@192.0.2.0:/scripts/config-script.py /harddisk:/
```

b. Add the script from the harddisk to the script management repository.

```
Router#script add config /harddisk:/ config-script.py
Fri Aug 20 05:03:40.791 UTC
config-script.py has been added to the script repository
```

Step 2 Verify that the scripts are downloaded to the script management repository on the router.

Example:

```
Router#show script status
Router#show script status
Wed Aug 25 23:10:50.453 UTC

Name | Type | Status | Last Action | Action Time

config-script.py | config | Config Checksum | NEW | Tue Aug 24 10:18:23 2021
```

Script config-script.py is copied to harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/config directory on the router.

Configure Checksum for Config Script

Every script is associated with a checksum hash value. This value ensures the integrity of the script, and that the script is not tampered with. The checksum is a string of numbers and letters that act as a fingerprint for

script. The checksum of the script is compared with the configured checksum. If the values do not match, the script is not run and a syslog warning message is displayed.

It is mandatory to configure the checksum to run the script.



Note

Config scripts support SHA256 checksum.

Before you begin

Ensure that the following prerequisites are met before you run the script:

1. Enable Config Scripts Feature, on page 81

2.

Procedure

Step 1 Retrieve the SHA256 checksum hash value for the script. Ideally this action would be performed on a trusted device, such as the system on which the script was created. This minimizes the possibility that the script is tampered with. However, if the router is secure, you can retrieve the checksum hash value from the IOS XR Linux bash shell.

Example:

```
Router#run
```

[node0 RP0 CPU0:~]\$sha256sum /harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/config/config-script.py 94336f3997521d6e1aec0ee6faab0233562d53d4de7b0092e80b53caed58414b /harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/config/config-script.py

Make note of the checksum value.

Step 2 View the status of the script.

Example:

```
Router#show script status detail
```

Fri Aug 20 05:04:13.539 UTC

| Type | Status | Last Action | Action Time

config-script.py | config | Config Checksum | NEW | Fri Aug 20 05:03:41 2021

Script Name : config-script.py

History:

Action

: NEW : Fri Aug 20 05:03:41 2021 Description : User action IN CLOSE WRITE

The status shows that the checksum is not configured.

Step 3 Configure the checksum.

Example:

```
Router#configure
Router(config) #script config config-script.py checksum SHA256
94336f3997521d6elaec0ee6faab0233562d53d4de7b0092e80b53caed58414b
Router(config) #commit
Tue Aug 24 10:23:10.546 UTC
Router(config) #end
```

Note

When you commit this configuration, the script is automatically run to validate the resulting running configuration. If the script returns any errors, this commit operation fails. This way, the running configuration always remains valid with respect to all currently active scripts with checksums configured.

If you are configuring multiple scripts, the system decides an appropriate order to run the scripts. However, you can control the order in which scripts execute using a priority value. For more information on configuring the priority value, see Control Priority When Running Multiple Scripts, on page 88.

Step 4 Verify the status of the script.

Example:

```
Router#show script status detail
Fri Aug 20 05:06:17.296 UTC
                          | Type | Status
                                                | Last Action | Action Time
config-script.py
                         | config | Ready
                                               | NEW
                                                          | Fri Aug 20 05:03:41 2021
Script Name
              : config-script.py
Checksum
             : 94336f3997521d6e1aec0ee6faab0233562d53d4de7b0092e80b53caed58414b
History:
    Action : NEW
Time : Fri Aug 20 05:03:41 2021
    Checksum : 94336f3997521d6e1aec0ee6faab0233562d53d4de7b0092e80b53caed58414b
    Description : User action IN CLOSE WRITE
______
```

The status Ready indicates that the checksum is configured and the script is ready to be run. When the script is run, the checksum value is recalculated to check if it matches with the configured hash value. If the values differ, the script is not run, and the commit operation that triggered the script is rejected. It is mandatory for the checksum values to match for the script to run.

Validate or Commit Configuration to Invoke Config Script

You can validate a configuration change on the set of active config scripts (including any scripts newly activated as part of the configuration change) before committing the changes. This validation ensures that the configuration complies with predefined conditions defined in the active scripts based on your network requirements. With validation, you can update the target configuration buffer with any modifications that are made by the config scripts. You can review the target configuration using the **show configuration** command, and further refine the changes to resolve any outstanding errors before revalidating or committing the configuration.



Note

If the config script rejects one or more items in the commit operation, the entire commit operation is rejected.

Before you begin

Ensure that the following prerequisites are met before you run the script:

- 1. Enable Config Scripts Feature, on page 81
- 2. Configure Checksum for Config Script, on page 83

Procedure

Step 1 Validate the configuration with the conditions in the config script.

Example:

```
Router(config) #validate config-scripts apply-policy-modifications

Tue Aug 31 08:30:38.613 UTC

% Policy modifications were made to target configuration, please issue 'show configuration' from this session to view the resulting configuration

figuration' from this session to view the resulting configuration
```

The output shows that there are no errors in the changed configuration. You can view the modifications made to the target configuration.

Note

If you do not want the config buffer to be updated with the modifications, omit the apply-policy-modifications keyword in the command

The script validates the configuration changes with the conditions set in the script. Based on the configuration, the script stops the commit operation, or modifies the configuration.

Step 2 View the modified target configuration.

Example:

```
Router(config)#show configuration
Tue Aug 31 08:30:56.833 UTC
Building configuration...
!! IOS XR Configuration 7.3.2
script config config-script.py checksum SHA256
94336f3997521d6elaec0ee6faab0233562d53d4de7b0092e80b53caed58414b
d342adb35cbc8a0cd4b6ea1063d0eda2d58
.....----- configuration details
end
```

Step 3 Commit the configuration.

Example:

```
Router(config)#commit
Tue Aug 31 08:31:32.926 UTC
```

If the script returns an error, use the **show configuration failed if-committed** command to view the errors. If there are no validation errors, the commit operation is successful including any modifications that are made by config scripts.

You can view the recent commit operation that the script modified, and display the original configuration changes before the script modified the values using **show configuration commit changes original last-modified** command.

If the commit operation is successful, you can check what changes were committed including the script modifications using **show configuration commit changes last 1** command.

Note

If a config script returns a modified value that is syntactically invalid, such as an integer that is out of range, then the configuration is not converted to CLI format for use in operational commands. This action impacts the **validate config-scripts apply-policy-modifications** command and **show configuration** command to view the modifications, and **show configuration failed [if-committed]** command during a failed commit operation.

Step 4 After the configuration change is successful, view the running configuration and logs for details.

Example:

Manage Scripts

This section shows the additional operations that you can perform on a script.

| Type | Status

Delete Config Script from the Router

You can delete a config script from the script management repository using the **script remove** command.

Procedure

Step 1 View the active scripts on the router.

Example:

```
Router#show script status
Wed Aug 24 10:10:50.453 UTC
```

| Last Action | Action Time

ssh_config_script.py	config Ready	NEW	Tue Aug 24 09:18:23 2021

Ensure the script that you want to delete is present in the repository.

Alternatively you can also view the list of scripts from the IOS XR Linux bash shell.

```
[node0_RP0_CPU0:/harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/config]$ls -lrt
total 1
-rw-rw-rw-. 1 root root 110 Aug 24 10:44 ssh config script.py
```

Step 2 Delete script ssh config script.py.

Example:

```
Router#script remove config ssh_config_script.py
Tue Aug 24 10:19:38.170 UTC
ssh_config_script.py has been deleted from the script repository
```

You can also delete multiple scripts simultaneously.

Router#script remove config sample1.py sample2.py sample3.py

Step 3 Verify that the script is deleted from the subdirectory.

Example:

```
Router#show script status
Tue Aug 24 10:24:38.170 UTC
### No scripts found ###
```

The script is deleted from the script management repository.

If a config script is still configured when it is removed, subsequent commit operations are rejected. So, you must also undo the configuration of the script:

```
Router(config) #no script config ssh_config_script.py
Router(config) #commit
```

Control Priority When Running Multiple Scripts

If the set of active scripts includes two (or more) that may attempt to modify the same configuration item but to different values, whichever script runs last takes precedence. The script that was last run supersedes the values written by the script (or scripts) that ran before it. It is recommended to avoid such dependencies between scripts. For example, you can combine such scripts into a single script. If the dependency cannot be resolved, you can specify which script takes precedence by ensuring it runs last.

Priority can also be used to ensure scripts run in an optimal order, which may be important if scripts consume resources and impacts performance. For example, consider that script A sets configuration that is validated by script B. Without a set priority, the system may run script B first, then script A, and then script B a second time to validate the changes made by script A. With a configured priority, the system ensures that script A runs first, and script B needs to run only once.

The priority value is an integer between 0-4294967295. The default value is 500.

Consider script sample1.py depends on sample2.py to validate the configuration that the script sets. The script sample1.py must be run first, followed by sample2.py. Configure the priority to ensure that the system runs the scripts in a specified order.

Procedure

Step 1 Configure script sample1.py with a lower priority.

Example:

Router(config)#script config sample1.py checksum sha256
2b061f11ede3c1c0c18f1ee97269fd342adb35cbc8a0cd4b6ea1063d0eda2d58
priority 10

Step 2 Configure script sample2.py with a higher priority.

Example:

Router(config)#script config sample2.py checksum sha256 2fa34b64542f005ed58dcaa1f3560e92a03855223e130535978f8c35bc21290c priority 20

Step 3 Commit the configuration.

Example:

Router(config) #commit

The system checks the priority values, and runs the one with lower priority first (sample1.py), followed by the one with the higher priority value (sample2.py).

Example: Validate and Activate an SSH Config Script

This section presents examples for config script that enforces various constraints related to SSH configuration, including making modifications to the configuration in some cases. The following sub-sections illustrate the behaviour of this script in various scenarios.

Before you begin

Ensure you have completed the following prerequisites before you validate the script:

- 1. Enable config scripts feature on the router. See Enable Config Scripts Feature, on page 81.
- 2. Create a config script ssh_config_script.py. Store the script on an HTTP server or copy the script to the harddisk of the router.

```
import cisco.config_validation as xr
from cisco.script_mgmt import xrlog
syslog = xrlog.getSysLogger('xr_cli_config')

def check_ssh_late_cb(root):
    SSH = "/crypto-ssh-cfg:ssh"
    SERVER = "/crypto-ssh-cfg:ssh/server"
    SESSION_LIMIT = "session-limit"
    LOGGING = "logging"
    RATE_LIMIT = "rate-limit"
    V2 = "v2"
    server = root.get_node(SERVER)
    if server is None:
        xr.add error(SSH, "SSH must be enabled.")
```

```
if server :
    session_limit = server.get_node(SESSION_LIMIT)
    rate_limit = server.get_node(RATE_LIMIT)
    ssh_logging = server.get_node(LOGGING)
    ssh_v2 = server.get_node(V2)

if session_limit is None or session_limit.value >= 100:
        server.set_node(SESSION_LIMIT, 80)
    if rate_limit.value == 60:
        xr.add_warning(rate_limit, "RATE_LIMIT should not be set to default value")

if not ssh_logging:
        server.set_node(LOGGING)
    if not ssh_v2:
        xr.add_error(server, "Server V2 need to be set")

xr.register validate callback(["/crypto-ssh-cfg:ssh/server/*"], check ssh late cb)
```

The script checks the following actions:

- Check if SSH is enabled. If not, generate an error message SSH must be enabled and stop the commit operation.
- Check if the rate-limit is set to 60, display a warning message that the RATE_LIMIT should not be set to default value and allow the commit operation.
- Check if the session-limit is set. If the limit is 100 sessions or more, set the value to 80 and allow the commit operation.
- Set the logging if not already enabled.
- **3.** Add the script from HTTP server or harddisk to the script management repository.

Scenario 1: Validate the Script Without SSH Configuration

In this example, you validate a script without SSH configuration. The script is programmed to check the SSH configuration. If not configured, the script instructs the system to display an error message and stop the commit operation until SSH is configured.

Procedure

- Step 1 Configure the checksum to verify the authenticity and integrity of the script. See Configure Checksum for Config Script, on page 83.
- **Step 2** Validate the config script.

Example:

```
Router(config) #validate config-scripts apply-policy-modifications
Wed Sep 1 23:21:34.730 UTC

% Validation of configuration items failed. Please issue 'show configuration failed if-committed' from this session to view the errors
```

The validation of the configuration failed.

Step 3 View the configuration of the failed operation.

Example:

Router#show configuration failed if-committed Wed Sep 1 22:01:07.492 UTC !! SEMANTIC ERRORS: This configuration was rejected by !! the system due to semantic errors. !! The individual errors with each failed configuration command can be found below. script config ssh_config_script.py checksum SHA256 2b061f11ede3c1c0c18f1ee97269fd342adb35cbc8a0cd4b6ea1063d0eda2d58 !!% ERROR: SSH must be enabled.

The message for the failure is displayed. Here, the error SSH must be enabled is displayed as programmed in the script. The script stops the commit operation because the changes do not comply with the rule set in the script.

Step 4 Check the syslog output for the count of errors, warnings, and modifications.

Example:

```
Router#show logging | in Error

Wed Sep 1 22:02:05.559 UTC

Router:Wed Sep 1 22:45:05.559 UTC: ccv[394]: %MGBL-CCV-6-CONFIG_SCRIPT_CALLBACK_EXECUTED:

The function check_ssh_late_cb registered by the config script ssh_config_script.py was executed in 0.000 seconds.

Error/Warning/Modification counts: 1/0/0
```

In this example, the script displays an error about the missing SSH configuration. When an error is displayed, the warning and modification count always show 0/0 respectively even if modifications exist on the target buffer.

Scenario 2: Configure SSH and Validate the Script

In this example, you configure SSH to resolve the error displayed in scenario 1, and validate the script again.

Procedure

Step 1 Configure SSH.

Example:

```
Router(config) #ssh server v2
Router(config) #ssh server vrf default
Router(config) #ssh server netconf vrf default
```

- **Step 2** Configure the checksum.
- **Step 3** Validate the configuration again.

Example:

```
Router(config) #validate config-scripts apply-policy-modifications
Wed Sep 1 22:03:05.448 UTC

% Policy modifications were made to target configuration, please issue 'show configuration' from this session to view the resulting configuration
```

The script is programmed to display an error and stop the commit operation if the system detects that SSH server is not configured. After the SSH server is configured, the script is validated successfully.

Step 4 Commit the configuration.

Example:

```
Router(config)#commit
Tue Aug 31 08:31:32.926 UTC
```

Step 5 View the SSH configuration that is applied or modified after the commit operation.

Example:

```
Router#show running-config ssh
Wed Sep 1 22:15:05.448 UTC
ssh server logging
ssh server session-limit 80
ssh server v2
ssh server vrf default
ssh server netconf vrf default
```

In addition, you see the modifications that are made by the script to the target buffer. The session-limit is used to configure the number of allowable concurrent incoming SSH sessions. In this example, the default limit is set to 80 sessions. Outgoing connections are not part of the limit. The script is programmed to check the session limit. If the limit is greater or equal to 100 sessions, the script reconfigures the value to the default 80 sessions. However, if the limit is within 100 sessions, the configuration is accepted without modification.

Step 6 Check the syslog output for the count of errors, warnings, and modifications.

Example:

```
Router#show logging | in Error
Wed Sep 1 22:45:05.559 UTC
Router:Wed Sep 1 22:45:05.559 UTC: ccv[394]: %MGBL-CCV-6-CONFIG_SCRIPT_CALLBACK_EXECUTED:
The function check_ssh_late_cb registered by the config script ssh_config_script.py was executed in 0.000 seconds.
Error/Warning/Modification counts: 0/0/2
```

In this example, the script did not display an error or warning, but made two modifications for server logging and session-limit.

Scenario 3: Set Rate-limit Value to Default Value in the Script

In this example, you see the response after setting the rate-limit to the default value configured in the script. The rate-limit is used to limit the incoming SSH connection requests to the configured rate. The SSH server rejects any connection request beyond the rate-limit. Changing the rate-limit does not affect established SSH sessions. For example, if the rate-limit argument is set to 60, then 60 requests are allowed per minute. The script checks if the rate-limit is set to the default value 60. If yes, the script displays a warning message that the RATE LIMIT should not be set to default value, but allow the commit operation.

Procedure

Step 1 Configure rate-limit to the default value of 60.

Example:

Router(config) #ssh server rate-limit 60

Step 2 Commit the configuration.

Example:

```
Router(config) #commit
Wed Sep 1 22:11:05.448 UTC
% Validation warnings detected as a result of the commit operation.
Please issue 'show configuration warnings' to view the warnings
```

The script displays a warning message but proceeds with the commit operation.

Step 3 View the warning message.

Example:

```
Router(config) #show configuration warnings
Wed Sep 1 22:12:05.448 UTC
!! SEMANTIC ERRORS: This configuration was rejected by the system due to
semantic errors. The individual errors with each failed configuration command
can be found below.

script config ssh_config_script.py checksum SHA256
2b061f11ede3c1c0c18f1ee97269fd342adb35cbc8a0cd4b6ea1063d0eda2d58
!!% WARNING: RATE_LIMIT should not be set to default value
```

The rate limit is default value of 60. The script is programmed to display a warning message if the rate limit is set to the default value. You can either change the limit or leave the value as is.

Step 4 View the running configuration.

Example:

```
Router(config) #do show running-config script
Wed Sep 1 22:15:05.448 UTC
script config ssh_config_script.py checksum SHA256
2b061f11ede3c1c0c18f1ee97269fd342adb35cbc8a0cd4b6ea1063d0eda2d58
```

The script ssh_config_script.py is active.

Scenario 4: Delete SSH Server Configuration

In this example, you delete the SSH server configurations, and see the response when the script is validated.

Procedure

Step 1 Remove the SSH server configuration.

Example:

Router(config) #no ssh server v2

Step 2 Commit the configuration.

Example:

```
Router(config)#commit
Wed Sep 1 22:45:05.559 UTC

% Failed to commit one or more configuration items during an atomic operation.
No changes have been made. Please issue 'show configuration failed if-committed' from this session to view the errors
```

Step 3 View the error message.

Example:

end

Router(config) #show configuration failed if-committed
Wed Sep 1 22:47:53.202 UTC
!! SEMANTIC ERRORS: This configuration was rejected by the system due to semantic errors. The individual
errors with each failed configuration command can be found below.

no ssh server v2
!!% ERROR: Server V2 need to be set

The message is displayed based on the rule set in the script.



Exec Scripts

Cisco IOS XR exec scripts are on-box scripts that automate configurations of devices in the network. The exec scripts are written in Python using the Python libraries that Cisco provides with the base package. For the list of supported packages

A script management repository on the router manages the exec scripts. This repository is replicated on both RPs.

In IOS XR, AAA authorization controls the user access and privileges to perform operations. To run the exec script, you must have root user permissions.

Exec scripts provide the following advantages:

- Provides automation capabilities to simplify complex operations.
- Create customized operations based on the requirement.
- Provide flexibility in changing the input parameters for every script run. This fosters dynamic automation of operational information.
- Detect and display errors and warnings when executing an operation.
- Run multiple automated operations in parallel without blocking the console.

This chapter gets you started with provisioning your Python automation scripts on the router.



Note

This chapter does not delve into creating Python scripts, but assumes that you have basic understanding of Python programming language. This section will walk you through the process involved in deploying and using the scripts on the router.

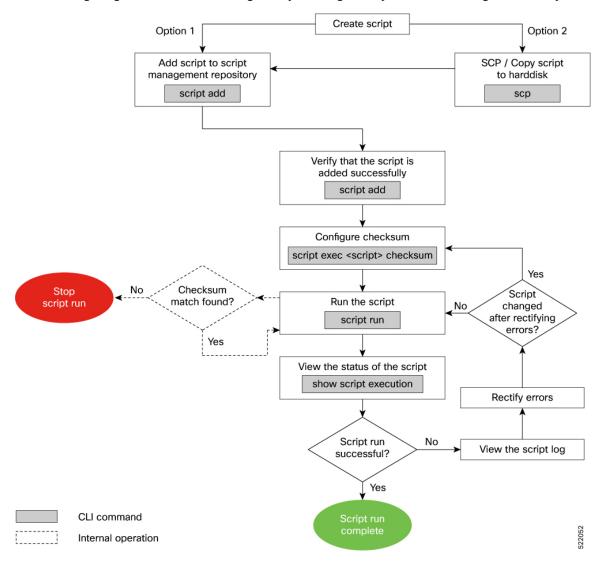
- Workflow to Run an Exec Script, on page 95
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Workflow to Run an Exec Script

Complete the following tasks to provision exec scripts:

- Download the script—Add the script to the appropriate exec script directory on the router. using the **script add exec** command.
- Configure checksum—Check script integrity and authenticity using the **script exec <script.py> checksum** command.
- Run the script—Trigger changes to the router configuration. Include arguments, set the maximum time for the script to run, setup log levels using the **script run** command.
- View the script execution details—Validate the script and retrieve the operational data using the show script execution command.

The following image shows a workflow diagram representing the steps involved in using an exec script:



Download the Script to the Router

To manage the scripts, you must add the scripts to the script management repository on the router. A subdirectory is created for each script type. By default, this repository stores the downloaded scripts in the appropriate subdirectory based on script type.

Script Type	Download Location
config	harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/config
exec	harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/exec
process	harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/process
eem	harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/eem

The scripts are added to the script management repository using two methods:

- Method 1: Add script from a server
- Method 2: Copy script from external repository to harddisk using scp or copy command

In this section, you learn how to add exec-script.py script to the script management repository.

Procedure

Step 1 Add the script to the script management repository on the router using one of the two options:

Add Script From a Server

Add the script from a configured HTTP server or the harddisk location in the router.

```
Router#script add exec <script-location> <script.py>
```

The following example shows a config script exec-script.py downloaded from an external repository http://192.0.2.0/scripts:

```
Router#script add config http://192.0.2.0/scripts exec-script.py Fri Aug 20 05:03:40.791 UTC exec-script.py has been added to the script repository
```

You can add a maximum of 10 scripts simultaneously.

```
Router#script add exec <script-location> <script1.py> <script2.py> ... <script10.py>
```

You can also specify the checksum value while downloading the script. This value ensures that the file being copied is genuine. You can fetch the checksum of the script from the server from where you are downloading the script. However, specifying checksum while downloading the script is optional.

Note

Only SHA256 checksum is supported.

Router#script add exec http://192.0.2.0/scripts exec-script.py checksum SHA256 <checksum-value>
For multiple scripts, use the following syntax to specify the checksum:

```
Router#script add exec http://192.0.2.0/scripts <script1.py> <script1-checksum> <script2.py> <script2-checksum> ... <script10.py> <script10-checksum>
```

If you specify the checksum for one script, you must specify the checksum for all the scripts that you download.

Copy the Script from an External Repository

You can copy the script from the external repository to the routers' harddisk and then add the script to the script management repository.

a. Copy the script from a remote location to harddisk using scp or copy command.

```
Router#scp userx@192.0.2.0:/scripts/exec-script.py /harddisk:/
```

b. Add the script from the harddisk to the script management repository.

```
Router#script add exec /harddisk:/ exec-script.py
Fri Aug 20 05:03:40.791 UTC
exec-script.py has been added to the script repository
```

Step 2 Verify that the scripts are downloaded to the script management repository on the router.

Example:

Router#show script status
Wed Aug 25 23:10:50.453 UTC
-----Name | Type | Status | Last Action | Action Time
----exec-script.py | exec | Config Checksum | NEW | Tue Aug 24 10:18:23 2021

Script exec-script.py is copied to harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/exec directory on the router.

Configure Checksum for Exec Script

Every script is associated with a checksum value. The checksum ensures the integrity of the script that is downloaded from the server or external repository is intact, and that the script is not tampered. The checksum is a string of numbers and letters that act as a fingerprint for script. The checksum of the script is compared with the configured checksum. If the values do not match, the script is not run and a syslog warning message is displayed.

It is mandatory to configure the checksum to run the script.



Note

Exec scripts support SHA256 checksum.

Before you begin

Ensure that the script is added to the script management repository. See Download the Script to the Router, on page 97.

Procedure

Step 1 Retrieve the SHA256 checksum hash value for the script. Ideally this action would be performed on a trusted device, such as the system on which the script was created. This minimizes the possibility that the script is tampered with.

Example:

```
Server$sha256sum sample1.py
94336f3997521d6e1aec0ee6faab0233562d53d4de7b0092e80b53caed58414b sample1.py
```

Make note of the checksum value.

Step 2 View the status of the script.

Example:

```
Router#show script status detail
Fri Aug 20 05:04:13.539 UTC
```

Name	Type	Status	Last Actio	n Action Time
sample1.py	exec	Config Checksum	NEW	Fri Aug 20 05:03:41 2021

```
Script Name : sample1.py
History:
-----

1. Action : NEW
Time : Fri Aug 20 05:03:41 2021
Description : User action IN CLOSE WRITE
```

The status shows that the checksum is not configured.

Step 3 Enter global configuration mode.

Example:

Router#configure

Step 4 Configure the checksum.

Example:

```
Router(config) #script exec sample1.py checksum SHA256
94336f399752ld6e1aec0ee6faab0233562d53d4de7b0092e80b53caed58414b
Router(config) #commit
Tue Aug 24 10:23:10.546 UTC
Router(config) #end
```

Step 5 Verify the status of the script.

Example:

Figure 1. Figure 1. Figure 2. Figure 2. Figure 2. Figure 3. Figur

The status Ready indicates that the checksum is configured and the script is ready to be run. When the script is run, the checksum value is recalculated to check if it matches with the configured hash value. If the values differ, the script fails. It is mandatory for the checksum values to match for the script to run.

Run the Exec Script

To run an exec script, use the **script run** command. After the script is run, a request ID is generated. Each script run is associated with a unique request ID.

Before you begin

Ensure the following prerequisites are met before you run the script:

- 1. Download the Script to the Router, on page 97
- 2. Configure Checksum for Exec Script, on page 98

Procedure

Run the exec script.

Example:

```
Router#script run sample1.py
Wed Aug 25 16:40:59.134 UTC
Script run scheduled: sample1.py. Request ID: 1629800603
Script sample1.py (exec) Execution complete: (Req. ID 1629800603) : Return Value: 0 (Executed)
```

Scripts can be run with more options. The following table lists the various options that you can provide at run time:

Keyword	Description
arguments	Script command-line arguments. Syntax: Strings in single quotes. Escape double quotes inside string arguments (if any).
	For example:
	Router#script run sample1.py arguments 'hello world' '-r' '-t' 'exec' 'sleep'
	'5' description "Sample exec script"
background	Run script in background. By default, the script runs in the foreground.
	When a script is run in the background, the console is accessible only after the script run is complete.
description	Description about the script run.
	Router#script run sample1.py arguments '-arg1' 'reload' '-arg2' 'all' 'description' "Script reloads the router"
	When you provide both the argument and description ensure that the arguments are in single quote and description is in double quotes.
log-level	Script logging level. The default value is INFO.
	You can specify what information is to be logged. The log level can be set to one of these options—Critical, Debug, Error, Info, or Warning.
log-path	Location to store the script logs. The default log file location is in the script management repository harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/logs.
max-runtime	Maximum run-time of script can be set between 1–3600 seconds. The default value is 300.

The script run is complete.

View the Script Execution Details

View the status of the script execution.

Before you begin

Ensure the following prerequisites are met before you run the script:

- 1. Download the Script to the Router, on page 97
- 2. Configure Checksum for Exec Script, on page 98
- 3. Run the Exec Script, on page 100

Procedure

Step 1 View the status of the script execution.

Example:

Router#show script execution Wed Aug 25 18:32:12.351 UTC

Req. ID Name (type)	Start	Duration	Return Status
1629800603 sample1.py (exec)	Wed Aug 25 16:40:59 2021	60.62s	0 Executed

You can view detailed or filtered data for every script run.

Step 2 Filter the script execution status to view the detailed output of a specific script run via request ID.

Example:

Router#show script execution request-id 1629800603 detail output Wed Aug 25 18:37:12.920 UTC

```
| Start
Req. ID | Name (type)
                                                                                | Duration |
Return | Status
1629800603| sample1.py (exec)
                                                     | Wed Aug 25 16:40:59 2021 | 60.62s | 0
   | Executed
Execution Details:
Script Name : sample1.py
Log location : /harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/logs/sample1.py exec 1629800603
Run Options : Logging level - INFO, Max. Runtime - 300s, Mode - Foreground
Events:
1. Event : New
     Time
                 : Wed Aug 25 16:40:59 2021
     Time Elapsed: 0.00s Seconds
     Description : None
   Event : Started
Time : Wed Aug 25 16:40:59 2021
     Time Elapsed : 0.03s Seconds
     Description : Script execution started. PID (20736)
             : Executed
: Wed Aug 25 16:42:00 2021
3. Event
     Time
     Time Elapsed: 60.62s Seconds
     Description : Script execution complete
Script Output:
Output File : /harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/logs/sample1.py exec 1629800603/stdout.log
```

Keyword	Description
detail	Display detailed script execution history, errors, output and deleted scripts.
	Router#show script execution detail [errors output show-del]

Content :

Keyword	Description				
last <number></number>	Show last N (1-100) execution requests.				
	Router#show script execution last 10				
	This example will display the list of last 10 script runs with their request IDs, type of script, timestamp, duration that the script was run, number of errrors, and the status of the script run.				
name <filename></filename>	Filter operational data based on script name. If not specified, all scripts are displayed. Router#show script execution name sample1.py				
request-id <value></value>	Display summary of the script using request-ID that is generated with each script run. Router#show script execution request-ID 1629800603				
reverse	Display the request IDs from the script execution in reverse chronological order. For example, the request-ID from the latest run is displayed first, followed by the descending order of request-IDs. Router#script script execution reverse				
status	Filter data based on script status. Router#[status {Exception, Executed, Killed, Started, Stopped, Timed-out}]				

Manage Scripts

This section shows the additional operations that you can perform on a script.

Delete Exec Script from the Router

Delete the script from the script management repository using the **script remove** command. This repository stores the downloaded scripts.

Procedure

Step 1 View the list of scripts present in the script management repository.

Example:

Router#show script status
Wed Aug 25 23:10:50.453 UTC

Name Ty	pe Status	Last Ac	tion Action Time	
sample2.py ex	ec Config Che ec Config Che nfig Config Che	ecksum NEW	Tue Aug 24 10:18:23 2021 Wed Aug 25 23:44:53 2021 Wed Aug 25 23:44:57 2021	

Ensure the script you want to delete is present in the repository.

Step 2 Delete the script.

Example:

```
Router#script remove exec sample2.py
Wed Aug 25 231:46:38.170 UTC
sample2.py has been deleted from the script repository
```

You can also delete multiple scripts simulataneoulsy.

Step 3 Verify the script is deleted from the subdirectory.

Example:

The script is deleted from the script management repository.

Example: Exec Script to Verify Bundle Interfaces

In this example, you create a script to verify the bandwidth usage of bundle interfaces on the router, and check if it is beyond the defined limit. If usage is above the limit, the script generates a syslog indicating that the bandwidth is above the limit, and additional interfaces must be added to the bundle.

Before you begin

Ensure you have completed the following prerequisites before you validate the script:

1. Create an exec script verify_bundle.py. Store the script on an HTTP server or copy the script to the harddisk of the router.

```
Bundle interfaces bandwidth verification script
Verify bundle interfaces mpls packets per sec is below threshold.
If pkts/sec is greater than threshold then print syslog message
and add list of new interfaces to bundle
Arguments:
 -h, --help
                       show this help message and exit
  -n NAME, --name NAME Bundle interface name
  -t THRESHOLD, --threshold THRESHOLD
                      Bandwidth threshold
 -m MEMBERS, --members MEMBERS
                       interfaces (coma separated) to add to bundle
import re
import argparse
from iosxr.xrcli.xrcli helper import XrcliHelper
from cisco.script mgmt import xrlog
syslog = xrlog.getSysLogger('verify bundle')
log = xrlog.getScriptLogger('verify bundle')
```

```
def add bundle members (bundle name, members):
   helper = XrcliHelper()
   bundle pattern = re.compile('[A-Z, a-z, ]([0-9]+)')
   match = bundle pattern.search(bundle name)
   if match:
       bundle id = match.group(1)
    else:
        raise Exception('Invalid bundle name')
    cfg = ''
    for member in members:
        cfg = cfg + 'interface %s \nbundle id %s mode active\nno shutdown\n' % \
              (member.strip(), bundle id)
    log.info("Configs to be added : \n%s" % cfg)
    result = helper.xr_apply_config_string(cfg)
    if result['status'] == 'success':
       msg = "Configuring new bundle members successful"
        syslog.info(msg)
       log.info(msg)
    else:
       msg = "Configuring new bundle members failed"
        syslog.warning(msg)
       log.warning(msg)
def verify bundle(script args):
   helper = XrcliHelper()
   cmd = "show interfaces %s accounting rates" % script args.name
    cmd out = helper.xrcli exec(cmd)
    if not cmd out['status'] == 'success':
        raise Exception('Invalid bundle or error getting interface accounting rates')
    log.info('Command output : \n%s' % cmd out['output'])
    rate pattern = re.compile("MPLS +[0-9]++[0-9]++[0-9]++([0-9]+)")
   match = rate_pattern.search(cmd_out['output'])
    if match:
        pktspersec = int(match.group(1))
        if pktspersec > int(script args.threshold):
            msg = 'Bundle %s bandwidth of %d pps is above threshold of %s pps' % \
                    (script_args.name, pktspersec, script_args.threshold)
            log.info(msg)
            syslog.info(msg)
           return False
        else:
           msg = 'Bundle %s bandwidth of %d pps is below threshold of %s pps' % \
                   (script args.name, pktspersec, script args.threshold)
            log.info(msg)
            return True
if name == ' main ':
   parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(description="Verify budle")
   parser.add argument ("-n", "--name",
                        help="Bundle interface name")
   parser.add argument("-t", "--threshold",
                        help="Bandwidth threshold")
   parser.add argument("-m", "--members",
                        help="interfaces (coma separated) to add to bundle")
```

- 2. Add the script from HTTP server or harddisk to the script management repository. See Download the Script to the Router, on page 97.
- **3.** Configure the checksum to verify the authenticity and integrity of the script.

Procedure

Step 1 View the script status.

Example:

The status indicates that the script is ready to be run.

Step 2 Run the script.

```
Router#script run verify_bundle.py arguments '--name' 'Bundle-Ether6432' '-t'
'400000' '-m' 'FourHundredGigE0/0/0/2
Sat Sep 25 00:11:14.183 UTC
Script run scheduled: verify_bundle.py. Request ID: 1632528674
[2021-09-25 00:11:14,579] INFO [verify_bundle]:: Script arguments :
[2021-09-25 00:11:14,579] INFO [verify bundle]:: Namespace(members='FourHundredGigE0/0/0/2,
FourHundredGigE0/0/0/3', name='Bundle-Ether6432', threshold='400000')
[2021-09-25 00:11:14,735] INFO [verify_bundle]:: Command output :
----- show interfaces Bundle-Ether6432 accounting rates -----
Bundle-Ether6432
                           Ingress
                                                        Egress
                   Bits/sec Pkts/sec Bits/sec Pkts/sec
 Protocol
                     22000
 IPV4 UNICAST
                                    40
                                                0
                       0
                                         0 1979249000
                                                                430742
 MPLS
                                            0
 ARP
                          Ω
                                         Ω
                                                                0
                        0
 IPV6 ND
                                         0
                                                                     0
                                         1 26000
 CLNS
                       1000
                                                                     3
[2021-09-25 00:11:14,736] INFO [verify bundle]:: Bundle Bundle-Ether6432 bandwidth
```

```
[2021-09-25 00:11:14,736] INFO [verify_bundle]:: Bundle Bundle-Ether6432 bandwidth of 430742 pps is above threshold of 400000 pps [2021-09-25 00:11:14,737] INFO [verify_bundle]:: Configs to be added: interface FourHundredGigE0/0/0/2 bundle id 6432 mode active no shutdown interface FourHundredGigE0/0/0/3 bundle id 6432 mode active
```

```
no shutdown

[2021-09-25 00:11:18,254] INFO [verify_bundle]:: Configuring new bundle members successful

Script verify bundle.py (exec) Execution complete: (Req. ID 1632528674): Return Value: 0 (Executed)
```

Step 3 View the detailed output based on request ID. A request ID is generated for each script run.

```
Router#show script execution request-id 1632528674 detail output
Sat Sep 25 00:11:58.141 UTC
______
Req. ID | Name (type)
                                                         | Duration | Return | Status
                                 | Start
1632528674| verify bundle.py (exec) | Sat Sep 25 00:11:14 2021 | 4.06s | 0
                                                                             | Executed
Execution Details:
Script Name : verify bundle.py
Log location: /harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/logs/verify bundle.py exec 1632528674
Arguments : '--name', 'Bundle-Ether6432', '-t', '400000', '-m', 'FourHundredGigE0/0/0/2,
FourHundredGigE0/0/0/3'
Run Options : Logging level - INFO, Max. Runtime - 300s, Mode - Foreground
Events:
_____
  Event : New
Time : Sat Sep 25 00:11:14 2021
1.
     Time Elapsed: 0.00s Seconds
    Description : None
  Event : Started
               : Sat Sep 25 00:11:14 2021
     Time Elapsed : 0.02s Seconds
     Description : Script execution started. PID (29768)
           : Executed
  Event
                : Sat Sep 25 00:11:18 2021
    Time
     Time Elapsed : 4.06s Seconds
     Description : Script execution complete
Script Output:
______
Output File : /harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/logs/verify bundle.py exec 1632528674/stdout.log
[2021-09-25 00:11:14,579] INFO [verify bundle]:: Script arguments :
[2021-09-25 00:11:14,579] INFO [verify bundle]:: Namespace(members='FourHundredGigE0/0/0/2,
FourHundredGigE0/0/0/3',
name='Bundle-Ether6432', threshold='400000')
[2021-09-25 00:11:14,735] INFO [verify bundle]:: Command output:
----- show interfaces Bundle-Ether6432 accounting rates ------
Bundle-Ether6432
                            Ingress
                                                        Egress
                                 Pkts/sec Bits/sec Pkts/sec
 Protocol
                    Bits/sec
 IPV4 UNICAST
                       22000
                                        40
                                               0
                                                                  0
                                         0 1979249000
 MPT.S
                        Ω
                                                                430742
                          0
                                         0
                                             0
 ARP
                                                                    0
 IPV6 ND
                          Ω
                                         0
                                                     Ω
                                                                     0
                        1000
                                                  26000
 CLNS
                                          1
[2021-09-25 00:11:14,736] INFO [verify bundle]:: Bundle Bundle-Ether6432 bandwidth of 430742 pps is
above threshold
of 400000 pps
[2021-09-25 00:11:14,737] INFO [verify bundle]:: Configs to be added:
interface FourHundredGigE0/0/0/2
bundle id 6432 mode active
```

```
no shutdown interface FourHundredGigE0/0/0/3 bundle id 6432 mode active no shutdown

[2021-09-25 00:11:18,254] INFO [verify_bundle]:: Configuring new bundle members successful
```

Step 4 View the running configuration for the bundle interfaces.

Example:

```
Router#show running-config interface FourHundredGigE0/0/0/2 Sat Sep 25 00:12:30.765 UTC interface FourHundredGigE0/0/0/2 bundle id 6432 mode active !

Router#show running-config interface FourHundredGigE0/0/0/3 Sat Sep 25 00:12:38.659 UTC interface FourHundredGigE0/0/0/3 bundle id 6432 mode active !
```

Step 5 View the latest logs for more details about the script run. Here, the last 10 logs are displayed. The logs show that configuring new bundle members is successful.

```
Router#show logging last 10
Sat Sep 25 00:13:34.383 UTC
Syslog logging: enabled (0 messages dropped, 0 flushes, 0 overruns)
    Console logging: level warnings, 178 messages logged
   Monitor logging: level debugging, 0 messages logged
   Trap logging: level informational, 0 messages logged
   Buffer logging: level debugging, 801 messages logged
Log Buffer (2097152 bytes):
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:Sep 25 00:10:05.763 UTC: config[66385]: %MGBL-CONFIG-6-DB COMMIT : Configuration
committed by user 'cisco'.
Use 'show configuration commit changes 1000000045' to view the changes.
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:Sep 25 00:10:07.971 UTC: confiq[66385]: %MGBL-SYS-5-CONFIG I : Configured from console
by cisco on vty0 (6.3.65.175)
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:Sep 25 00:11:14.447 UTC: script control cli[66627]: %OS-SCRIPT MGMT-6-INFO:
Script-control: Script run scheduled:
verify bundle.py. Request ID: 1632528674
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:Sep 25 00:11:14.453 UTC: script_agent_main[347]: %OS-SCRIPT_MGMT-6-INFO :
Script-script agent: Script execution
verify bundle.py (exec) Started: Request ID: 1632528674:: PID: 29768
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:Sep 25 00:11:14.453 UTC: script agent main[347]: %OS-SCRIPT MGMT-6-INFO :
Script-script agent: Starting execution
verify_bundle.py (exec) (Req. ID: 1632528674) : Logs directory:
/harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/logs/verify_bundle.py_exec_1632528674
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:Sep 25 00:11:14.736 UTC: python3 xr[66632]: %OS-SCRIPT MGMT-6-INFO : Script-verify bundle:
Bundle Bundle-Ether6432
bandwidth of 430742 pps is above threshold of 400000 pps
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:Sep 25 00:11:14.736 UTC: python3 xr[66632]: %OS-SCRIPT MGMT-6-INFO : Script-verify bundle:
Adding new members
(FourHundredGigE0/0/0/2, FourHundredGigE0/0/0/3) to bundle interfaces Bundle-Ether6432
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:Sep 25 00:11:16.916 UTC: config[66655]: %MGBL-CONFIG-6-DB COMMIT : Configuration
committed by user 'cisco'. Use 'show
configuration commit changes 1000000046' to view the changes.
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:Sep 25 00:11:18.254 UTC: python3_xr[66632]: %OS-SCRIPT_MGMT-6-INFO : Script-verify_bundle:
```

```
Configuring new bundle members successful RP/0/RP0/CPU0:Sep 25 00:11:18.497 UTC: script_agent_main[347]: %OS-SCRIPT_MGMT-6-INFO: Script-script_agent: Script verify_bundle.py (exec) Execution complete: (Req. ID 1632528674): Return Value: 0 (Executed)
```

Example: Exec Script to Verify Bundle Interfaces



Process Scripts

Cisco IOS XR process scripts are also called daemon scripts. The process scripts are persistent scripts that continue to run as long as you have activated the scripts. An IOS XR process, Application manager (AppMgr or app manager), manages the lifecycle of process scripts. The scripts are registered as an application on the app manager. This application represents the instance of the script that is running on the router.

The app manager is used to:

- Start, stop, monitor, or retrieve the operational status of the script.
- Maintain the startup dependencies between the processes.
- Restart the process if the script terminates unexpectedly based on the configured restart policy.

Process scripts support Python 3.5 programming language. For the list of supported packages, see Cisco IOS XR Python Packages.

This chapter gets you started with provisioning your Python automation scripts on the router.



Note

This chapter does not delve into creating Python scripts, but assumes that you have basic understanding of Python programming language. This section will walk you through the process involved in deploying and using the scripts on the router. A process script refers to code that runs continuously or endlessly.

- Workflow to Run Process Scripts, on page 111
- Managing Actions on Process Script, on page 121
- Example: Check CPU Utilization at Regular Intervals Using Process Script, on page 121

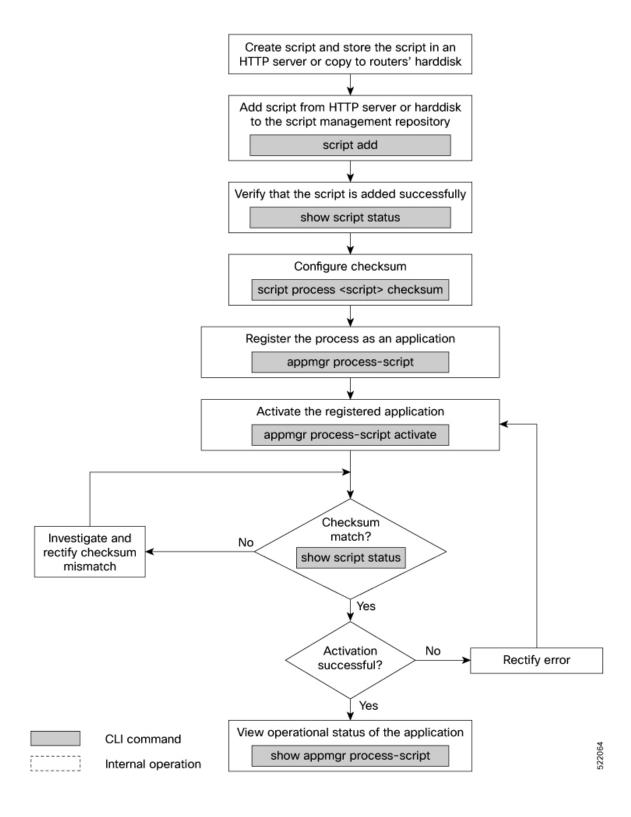
Workflow to Run Process Scripts

Complete the following tasks to provision process scripts:

- Download the script—Store the script on an external server or copy to the harddisk of the router. Add the script from the external server or harddisk to the script management repository on the router using the **script add process** command.
- Configure the checksum—Check script integrity and authenticity using the **script process <script.py> checksum** command.

- Register the script—Register the script as an application in the app manager using **appmgr process-script** command.
- Activate the script—Activate the registered application using appmgr process-script activate command.
- View the script execution details—Retrieve the operational data using the **show appmgr process-script** command.

The following image shows the workflow diagram representing the steps that are involved in using a process script:



Download the Script to the Router

To manage the scripts, you must add the scripts to the script management repository on the router. A subdirectory is created for each script type. By default, this repository stores the downloaded scripts in the appropriate subdirectory based on script type.

Script Type	Download Location
config	harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/config
exec	harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/exec
process	harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/process
eem	harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/eem

The scripts are added to the script management repository using two methods:

- Method 1: Add script from a server
- Method 2: Copy script from external repository to harddisk using scp or copy command

In this section, you learn how to add process-script.py script to the script management repository.

Procedure

Step 1 Add the script to the script management repository on the router using one of the two options:

Add Script From a Server

Add the script from any server or the harddisk location in the router.

```
Router#script add process <script-location> <script.py>
```

The following example shows a process script process-script.py downloaded from an external repository http://192.0.2.0/scripts:

```
Router#script add process http://192.0.2.0/scripts process-script.py Fri Aug 20 05:03:40.791 UTC process-script.py has been added to the script repository
```

The script add process supports the HTTP, HTTPS, FTP, TFTP, and SCP protocols for copying a script.

You can add a maximum of 10 scripts simultaneously.

```
Router#script add process <script-location> <script1.py> <script2.py> ... <script10.py>
```

You can also specify the checksum value while downloading the script. This value ensures that the file being copied is genuine. You can fetch the checksum of the script from the server from where you are downloading the script. However, specifying checksum while downloading the script is optional.

Router#script add process http://192.0.2.0/scripts process-script.py checksum SHA256 <checksum-value>

For multiple scripts, use the following syntax to specify the checksum:

Router#script add process http://192.0.2.0/scripts <script1.py> <script1-checksum> <script2.py> <script2-checksum>

```
... <script10.py> <script10-checksum>
```

If you specify the checksum for one script, you must specify the checksum for all the scripts that you download.

Note

Only SHA256 checksum is supported.

· Copy the Script from an External Repository

You can copy the script from the external repository to the routers' harddisk and then add the script to the script management repository.

a. Copy the script from a remote location to harddisk using scp or copy command.

```
Router#scp userx@192.0.2.0:/scripts/process-script.py /harddisk:/
```

b. Add the script from the harddisk to the script management repository.

```
Router#script add process /harddisk:/ process-script.py
Fri Aug 20 05:03:40.791 UTC
process-script.py has been added to the script repository
```

Step 2 Verify that the scripts are downloaded to the script management repository on the router.

Example:

```
Router#show script status
Wed Aug 25 23:10:50.453 UTC

Name | Type | Status | Last Action | Action Time

process-script.py | process | Config Checksum | NEW | Tue Aug 24 10:44:53 2021
```

Script process-script.py is copied to harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/process directory on the router.

Configure Checksum for Process Script

Every script is associated with a checksum hash value. This value ensures the integrity of the script, and that the script is not tampered. The checksum is a string of numbers and letters that acts as a fingerprint for script. The checksum of the script is compared with the configured checksum. If the values do not match, the script is not run and a warning message is displayed.

It is mandatory to configure the checksum to run the script.



Note

Process scripts support the SHA256 checksum hash.

Before you begin

Ensure that the script is added to the script management repository. See Download the Script to the Router, on page 97.

Procedure

Step 1 Retrieve the SHA256 checksum hash value for the script from the IOS XR Linux bash shell.

Example:

Router#run

[node0_RP0_CPU0:~]\$sha256sum /harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/process/process-script.py 94336f3997521d6e1aec0ee6faab0233562d53d4de7b0092e80b53caed58414b /harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/process/process-script.py

Make note of the checksum value.

Step 2 View the status of the script.

Example:

Router#show script status detail

Fri Aug 20 05:04:13.539 UTC

Name	======== e	======================================	Status	Last Action	
proce	ess-script.py	process	Config Checksum	NEW	Fri Aug 20 05:03:41 2021
	ipt Name tory:	: process-script.py	У		
1.	Action Time Description	: NEW : Fri Aug 20 05:03: : User action IN_CI			

The status shows that the checksum is not configured.

Step 3 Configure the checksum.

Example:

Router#configure

Router(config) #script process process-script.py checksum SHA256 94336f3997521d6elaec0ee6faab0233562d53d4de7b0092e80b53caed58414b

Router(config)#commit
Tue Aug 20 05:10:10.546 UTC
Router(config)#end

Step 4 Verify the status of the script.

Example:

Router#show script status detail

Fri Aug 20 05:15:17.296 UTC

Name			Туре		Status		Last Action		Action Time
process	-script.py	I	process		Ready		NEW		Fri Aug 20 05:20:41 2021
Script Checksu History	ım	-	cess-scri 36f399752	-		ab()233562d53d4d	de'	7b0092e80b53caed58414b
Ti	me		Aug 20 0		20:41 2021				7b0092e80b53caed58414b

```
Description : User action IN_CLOSE_WRITE
```

The status Ready indicates that the checksum is configured and the script is ready to be run. When the script is run, the checksum value is recalculated to check if it matches with the configured hash value. If the values differ, the script fails. It is mandatory for the checksum values to match for the script to run.

Register the Process Script as an Application

Register the process script with the app manager to enable the script. The registration is mandatory for using process script on the router.

Before you begin

Ensure that the following prerequisites are met before you register the script:

- Download the Script to the Router, on page 97
- Configure Checksum for Process Script, on page 115

Procedure

Step 1 Register the script with an application (instance) name in the app manager.

Example:

```
Router#configure
```

```
Fri Aug 20 06:10:19.284 UTC
Router(config) #appmgr process-script my-process-app
Router(config-process) #executable process-script.py
```

Here, my-process-app is the application for the executable process-script.py script.

Step 2 Provide the arguments for the script.

Example:

```
Router(config-process) #run-args --host <host-name> --runtime 3 --log script
```

Step 3 Set a restart policy for the script if there is an error.

Example:

```
Router(config-process) #restart on-failure max-retries 3 Router(config-process) #commit
```

Here, the maximum attempts to restart the script is set to 3. After 3 attempts, the script stops.

You can set more options to restart the process:

Keyword	Description
always	Always restart automatically. If the process exits, a scheduler queues the script and restarts the script.
	Note This is the default restart policy.
never	Never restart automatically. If the process exits, the script is not rerun unless you provide an action command to invoke the process.
on-failure	Restart on failure automatically. If the script exits successfully, the script is not scheduled again.
unless-errored	Restart script automatically unless errored.
unless-stopped	Restart script automatically unless stopped by the user using an action command.

Step 4 View the status of the registered script.

Example:

Router#show appmgr process-script-table

Fri Aug 20 06:15:44.244 UTC

Name	Executable	Activated	Status	Restart Policy	Config Pending
my-process-app	process-script.py	No	Not Started	On Failure	No

The script is registered but is not active.

Activate the Process Script

Activate the process script that you registered with the app manager.

Before you begin

Ensure that the following prerequisites are met before you run the script:

- Download the Script to the Router, on page 97
- Configure Checksum for Process Script, on page 115
- Register the Process Script as an Application, on page 117

Procedure

Step 1 Activate the process script.

```
Router#appmgr process-script activate name my-process-app Fri Aug 20 06:20:55.006 UTC
```

The instance my-process-app is activated for the process script.

Step 2 View the status of the activated script.

Example:

The process script is activated and running.

Note

You can modify the script while the script is running. However, for the changes to take effect, you must deactivate and activate the script again. Until then, the configuration changes are pending. The status of the modification is indicated in the Config Pending option. In the example, value No indicates that there are no configuration changes that must be activated.

Obtain Operational Data and Logs

Retrieve the operational data and logs of the script.

Before you begin

Ensure that the following prerequisites are met before you obtain the operational data:

- Download the Script to the Router, on page 97
- Configure Checksum for Process Script, on page 115
- Register the Process Script as an Application, on page 117
- Activate the Process Script, on page 118

Procedure

Step 1 View the registration information, pending configuration, execution information, and run time of the process script.

```
Router#show appmgr process-script my-process-app info
Fri Aug 20 06:20:21.947 UTC
Application: my-process-app
  Registration info:
   Executable
                                 : process-script.py
                                 : --host <host-name> --runtime 3 --log script
   Run arguments
   Restart policy
                                 : On Failure
   Maximum restarts
                                 : 3
  Pending Configuration:
                                 : --host <host-name> --runtime 3 --log script
   Run arguments
   Restart policy
                                 : Always
```

```
Execution info and status:
    Activated : Yes
    Status : Running
    Executable Checksum : 94336f3997521d6e1aec0ee6faab0233562d53d4de7b0092e80b53caed58414b

Last started time : Fri Aug 20 06:20:21.947
    Restarts since last activate : 0/3
    Log location :
/harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/logs/process-script.py_process_my-process-app
    Last exit code : 1
```

Step 2 View the logs for the process scripts. App manager shows the logs for errors and output.

Example:

The following example shows the output logs:

```
Router#show appmgr process-script my-process-app logs output
Fri Aug 20 06:25:20.912 UTC

[2021-08-20 06:20:55,609] INFO [sample-process]:: Beginning execution of process..

[2021-08-20 06:20:55,609] INFO [sample-process]:: Connecting to host '<host-name>'

[2021-08-20 06:20:56,610] INFO [sample-process]:: Reading database..

[2021-08-20 06:20:58,609] INFO [sample-process]:: Listening for requests..
```

The following example shows the error logs with errors:

```
Router#show appmgr process-script my-process-app logs errors
Fri Aug 20 06:30:20.912 UTC
------Run ID:1632914459 Fri Aug 20 06:30:20 2021-----
Traceback (most recent call last):
 File "/harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/process/process-script.py", line 121, in <module>
   main(args)
 File "/harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/process/process-script.py", line 97, in main
   printer()
 File "/harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/process/process-script.py", line 37, in wrapper
   result = func(*args, **kwargs)
 File "/harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/process/process-script.py", line 88, in printer
   time.sleep(1)
 File "/harddisk:/mirror/script-mgmt/process/process-script.py", line 30, in handle timeout
   raise TimeoutError(error message)
 main .TimeoutError: Timer expired
-----Run ID:1632914460 Fri Aug 20 06:31:03 2021-----
```

This example shows the log without errors:

```
Router#show appmgr process-script my-process-app logs errors
```

Managing Actions on Process Script

The process script runs as a daemon continuously. You can, however, perform the following actions on the process script and its application:

Table 14: Feature History Table

Action	Description			
Deactivate	Clears all the resources that the application uses.			
	Router#appmgr process-script deactivate name my-process-app			
	You can modify the script while the script is running. However, for the changes to take effect, you must deactivate and activate the script again. Until then, the configuration changes do not take effect.			
Kill	Terminates the script if the option to stop the script is unresponsive.			
	Router#appmgr process-script kill name my-process-app			
Restart	Restarts the process script.			
	Router#appmgr process-script restart name my-process-app			
Start	Starts an application that is already registered and activated with the app manager.			
	Router#appmgr process-script start name my-process-app			
Stop	Stops an application that is already registered, activated, and is currently running. Only the application is stopped; resources that the application uses is not cleared.			
	Router#appmgr process-script stop name my-process-app			

Example: Check CPU Utilization at Regular Intervals Using Process Script

In this example, you use the process script to check CPU utilization at regular intervals. The script does the following actions:

- Monitor the CPU threshold value.
- If the threshold value equals or exceeds the value passed as argument to the script, log an error message that the threshold value has exceeded.

Before you begin

Ensure you have completed the following prerequisites before you register and activate the script:

1. Create a process script <code>cpu-utilization-process.py</code>. Store the script on an external server or copy the script to the harddisk of the router.

```
import time
import os
```

```
import xmltodict
import re
import argparse
from cisco.script mgmt import xrlog
from iosxr.netconf.netconf lib import NetconfClient
log = xrlog.getScriptLogger('Sample')
syslog = xrlog.getSysLogger('Sample')
def cpu memory check(threshold):
   Check total routes in router
   filter_string = """
   <system-monitoring xmlns="http://cisco.com/ns/yang/Cisco-IOS-XR-wdsysmon-fd-oper">
     <cpu-utilization>
        <node-name>0/RP0/CPU0</node-name>
         <total-cpu-one-minute/>
     </cpu-utilization>
    </system-monitoring>"""
   nc = NetconfClient(debug=True)
    nc.connect()
   do get(nc, filter=filter string)
   ret_dict = _xml_to_dict(nc.reply, 'system-monitoring')
   total cpu =
int(ret_dict['system-monitoring']['cpu-utilization']['total-cpu-one-minute'])
   if total cpu >= threshold:
       syslog.error("CPU utilization is %s, threshold value is %s"
%(str(total cpu),str(threshold)))
   nc.close()
def _xml_to_dict(xml_output, xml_tag=None):
   convert netconf rpc request to dict
   :param xml output:
    :return:
    if xml tag:
       pattern = "<data>\s+(<%s.*</%s>).*</data>" % (xml tag, xml tag)
       pattern = "(<data>.*</data>)"
   xml_output = xml_output.replace('\n', '')
   xml data match = re.search(pattern, xml output)
    ret_dict = xmltodict.parse(xml_data_match.group(1))
   return ret dict
def do get(nc, filter=None, path=None):
   try:
        if path is not None:
           nc.rpc.get(file=path)
        elif filter is not None:
           nc.rpc.get(request=filter)
        else:
           return False
    except Exception as e:
       return False
   return True
if __name__ == '__main__':
   parser = argparse.ArgumentParser()
   parser.add argument("threshold", help="cpu utilization threshold", type=int)
   args = parser.parse args()
   threshold = args.threshold
```

```
while(1):
    cpu_memory_check(threshold)
    time.sleep(30)
```

Configure the script with the desired threshold criteria. This default threshold is configured to alert when CPU utilization exceeds this value. The script checks the CPU utilization every 30 seconds.

- 2. Add the script from the external server or harddisk to the script management repository. See Download the Script to the Router, on page 97.
- **3.** Configure the checksum to verify the authenticity and integrity of the script. See Configure Checksum for Process Script, on page 115.

Procedure

Step 1 Register the process script cpu-utilization-process.py with an instance name my-process-app in the app manager.

Example:

```
Router(config) #appmgr process-script my-process-app
Router(config-process) #executable cpu-utilization-process.py
Router(config-process) #run-args <threshold-value>
```

Step 2 Activate the registered application.

Example:

Router(config-process) #appmgr process-script activate name my-process-app

Step 3 Check the script status.

Example:

```
Router#show appmgr process-script-table
```

```
Thu Sep 30 18:15:03.201 UTC

Name Executable Activated Status Restart Policy Config Pending

my-process-app cpu-utilization-process.py Yes Running On Failure No
```

Step 4 View the log.

Example:

```
Router#show appmgr process-script my-process-app logs errors
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:Sep 30 18:03:54.391 UTC: python3_xr[68378]: %OS-SCRIPT_MGMT-3-ERROR:
Script-test process: CPU utilization is 6, threshold value is 5
```

An error message is displayed that the CPU utilization has exceeded the configured threshold value, and helps you take corrective actions.

Example: Check CPU Utilization at Regular Intervals Using Process Script