

# Model driven network programming made easy by open source

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Software Defined Networking (SDN) started as the separation of the control plane and the data plane, but the true power of SDN lies in the ability to communicate with the network through well defined interfaces using standard protocols.

This tutorial provides a brief introduction to APIs and programmability in general, then dives into model driven network programmability and the role of YANG, NETCONF and RESTCONF. We then take a look at the wealth of open source and/or free software tools that exists to help master these technologies, including OpenDaylight, pyang, Postman, ncclient, YANG Development Kit (YDK), and YANG Explorer. We cover what they are, how to use them, and how to contribute back.

To get the most out of the tutorial and follow along with the hands-on exercises, you need a laptop with a development environment. You can follow these step-by-step instructions to setup your own development environment:  
<https://developer.cisco.com/learning/modules/dev-setup/dev-what/step/1>.

Note, access to online learning labs is free but requires a Cisco DevNet account, which can be setup easily using this RIPE 78 specific URL:

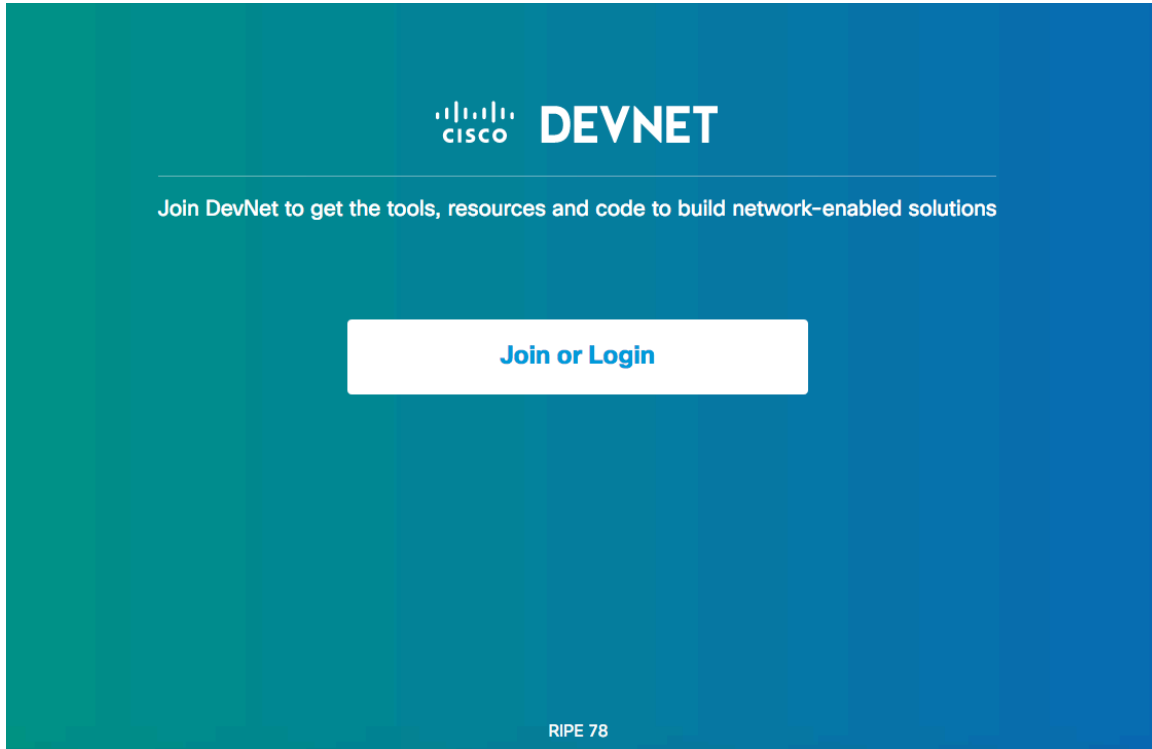
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# Agenda

- Setup
- Introduction to APIs
- REST APIs
- Network programmability
- Hands-on exercises

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# <https://developer.cisco.com/learning/modules/intro-device-level-interfaces>

## Introduction to Model Driven Programmability (ex: NETCONF/YANG)

Explore the reasons behind the move to Model Driven Programmability from traditional interfaces such as CLI/SNMP.

Learn about the interaction between YANG data models and the new standard transport protocols of NETCONF and RESTCONF. Discover how to leverage NETCONF/RESTCONF to query and configure network devices.

🕒 1 Hour 30 Minutes



### 💡 What and Why of Model Driven Programmability

What is "Model Driven Programmability" and why was it developed? What purpose do the new protocols and standards of YANG, NETCONF, and RESTCONF provide? Get the answers to these questions in this lab!

### 💡 Introducing YANG Data Modeling for the Network

What's YANG got to do with it? In this lab you'll find out all about it! Learn about the YANG modeling language, checkout some of the available model options, and even see what network data looks like when fit into those models!

### 💡 Exploring IOS XE YANG Data Models with NETCONF

Learn the ins and outs to working with NETCONF to access the YANG modeled configuration and operational data on your network devices. Get hands-on by initiating NETCONF connections, retrieving data, and sending configurations to the network.

### 💡 Exploring IOS XE YANG Data Models with RESTCONF

So you want a REST API for the network? Well RESTCONF is your tool then. Checkout how YANG models become URIs with RESTCONF learn all there is to know about CRUD! You'll explore RESTCONF with basic API calls and with Python!



Login to Start Module



## What and Why of Model Driven Programmability

**1 Introduction**

2 Step 1: Who cares about the network today?

3 Step 2: What about SNMP?

4 Step 3: What was RFC3535?

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### Objectives

1. Understand the history that lead to model driven programmability
2. Understand how device features, data models, and transport protocols relate within a network element
3. Understand the purpose of a YANG Data Model, where they come from, and how to work with them.

### Prerequisites

To complete this lab you need:

- A development environment with typical tools and applications. If you are at a DevNet Event using a provided workstation, you are ready to go. If you are working from your own workstation, please review the **"How to setup your own computer"** link at the top of this page.
- Lab infrastructure to target API calls and code. These labs and code examples are written to leverage the [DevNet IOS XE Always On Sandbox](#). This lab is available for anyone to use, with only access to the Internet as a requirement. To use a different device, ensure the device is running IOS XE 16.6 or higher.

## How To Setup Your Own Computer

### Setting Up a Development Workstation for this Lab

Before beginning this lab on your workstation, you'll want to install a standard set of development applications, tools, and interfaces. To learn more about what tools and what they offer, you can explore the [What is a Development Environment, and why do you need one?](#) Learning Lab.

To assist you with getting setup, DevNet has created Learning Labs that walk through the installation on different platforms.

- [Setting up your Windows workstation as a development environment](#)
- [Setting up your MacOS workstation as a development environment](#)
- [Setting up your Linux \(CentOS\) workstation as a development environment](#)

### "Git" ting the Code and Setting Up the Local Environment

Now that your workstation is ready to go, the next step is to retrieve the code and install the lab specific requirements.

1. The code for this lab is available on GitHub at [CiscoDevNet/dnav3-code](#).
2. Open a bash terminal and change to the directory where you would like to clone the repository. For example, a directory called `code/` under your `$HOME`.

```
cd ~/code
```

3. Clone the repository and change into the new folder.

```
git clone https://github.com/CiscoDevNet/dnav3-code
cd dnav3-code
```

# Introduction to APIs



# *Application Programming Interface*

*“It’s a way for two pieces of software to talk to each other”*

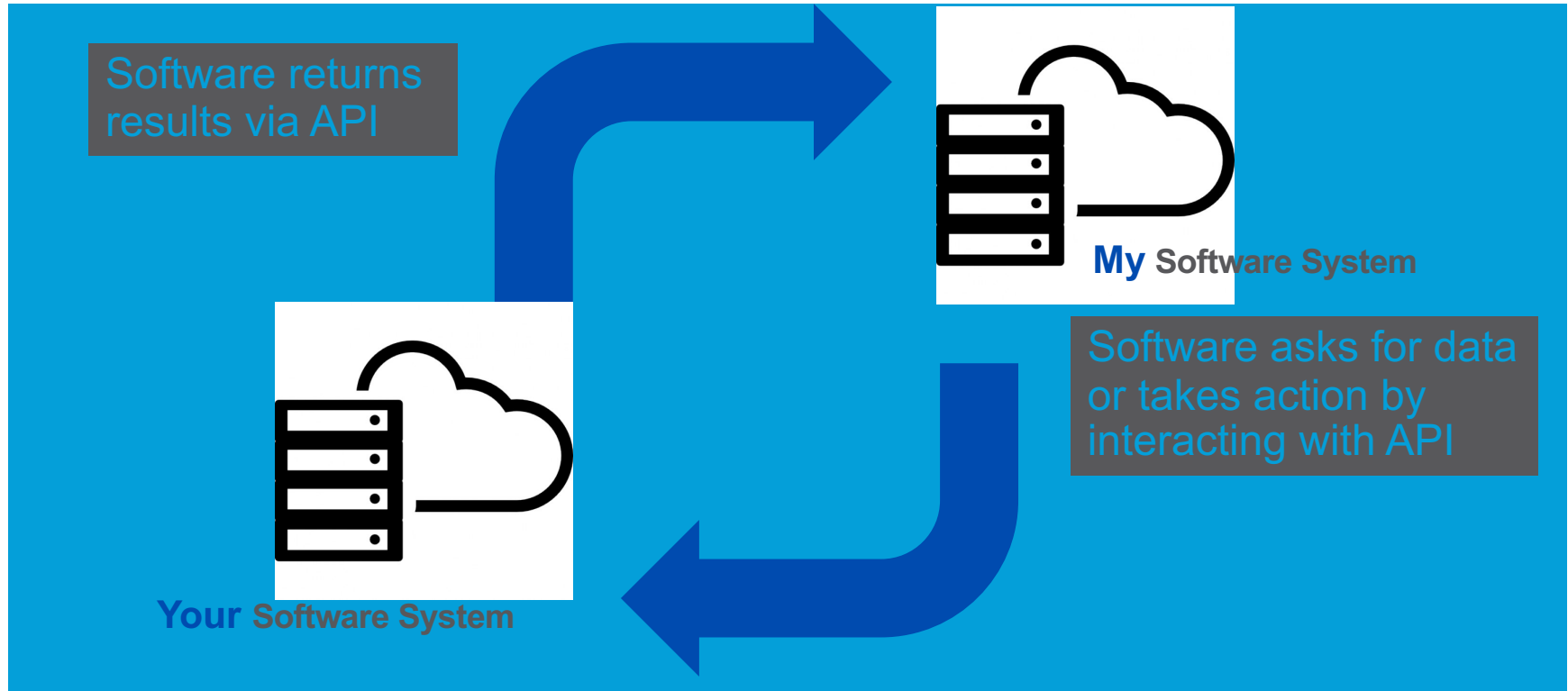
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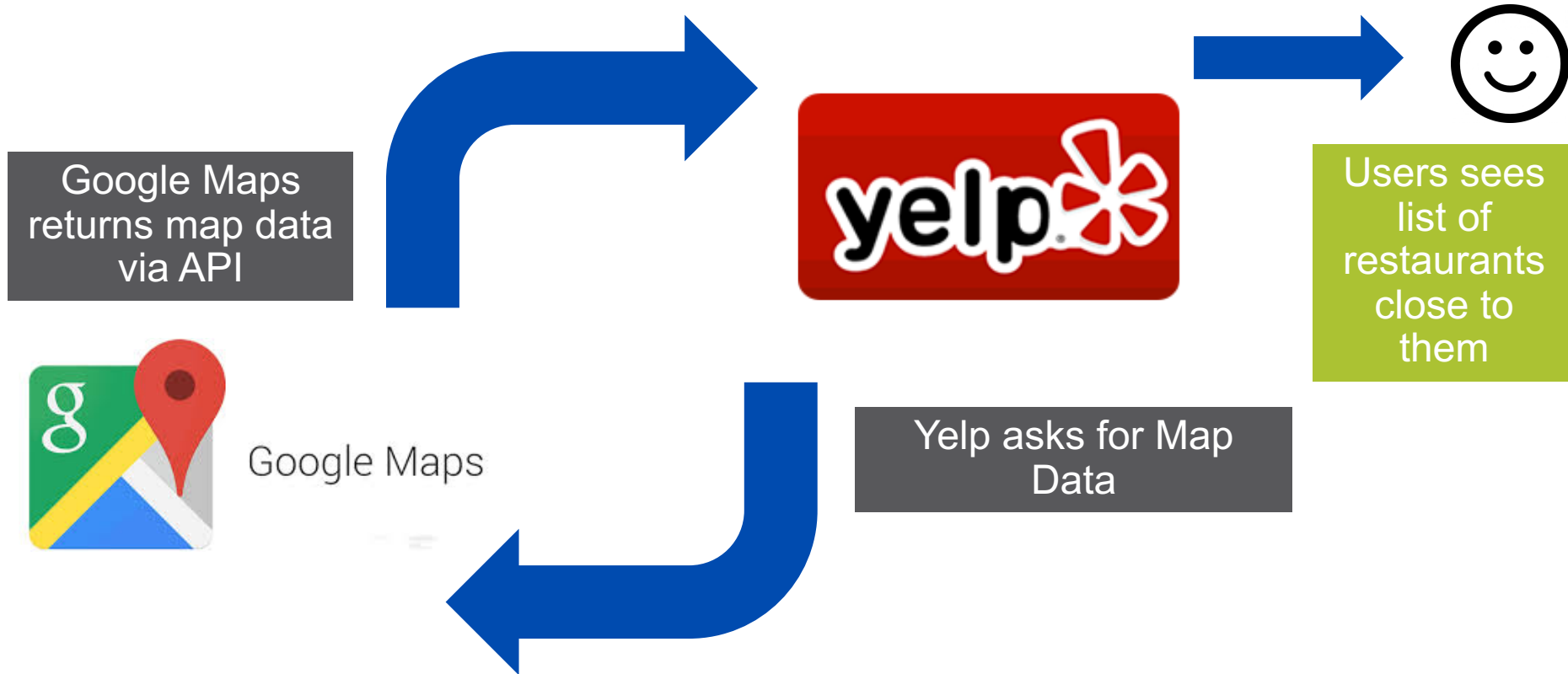
# But what about when the user is another software system....



# The API is the User Interface for software systems

APIs are sets of requirements that govern how one application can talk to another.

# APIs help developers create apps that benefit the end user



*“APIs are often referred to as “an engine of innovation.”*

-- Programmable Web



# REST APIs

# REST Web service

- **What is REST?**

- REpresentational State Transfer (REST)
- API framework built on HTTP

- **What is a REST Web Service?**

- REST is *an architecture style* for designing networked applications.
- Popular due to performance, scale, simplicity, and reliability

GET

POST

PUT

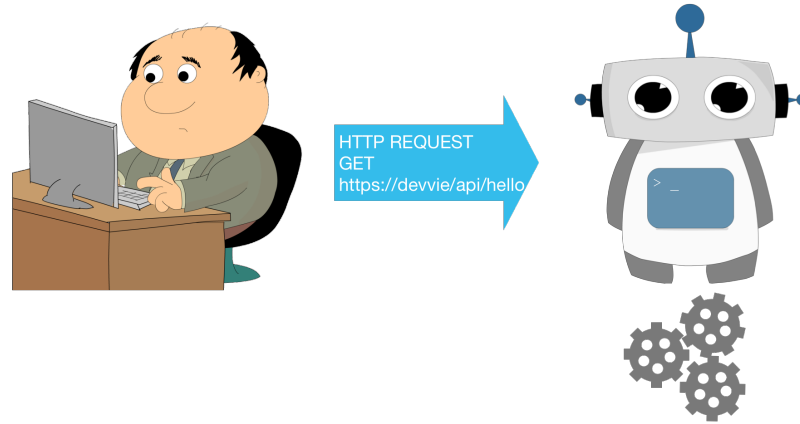
DELETE

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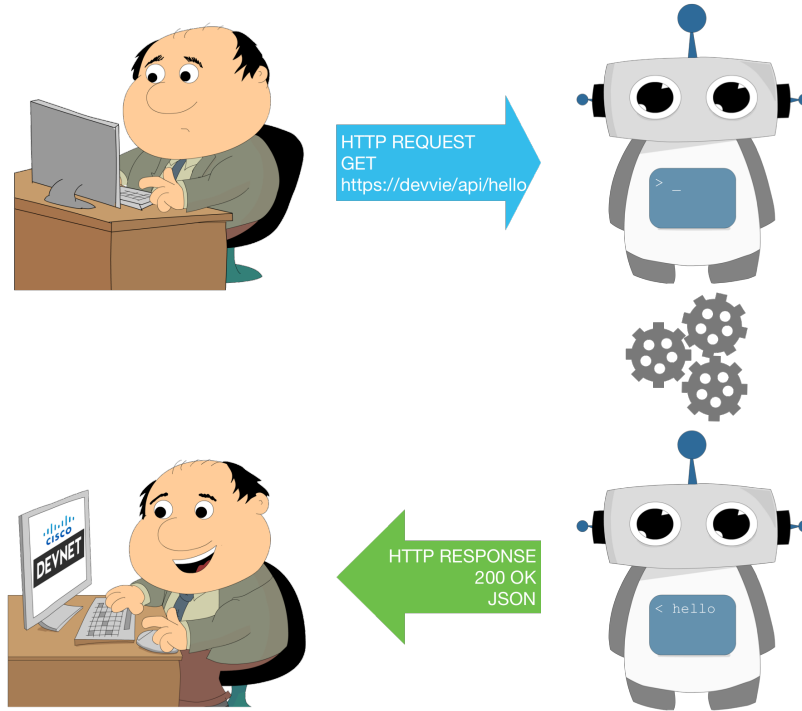
# Request and Response, the REST API Flow



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# HTTP Methods: What to do?

HTTP Verb	Typical Purpose (CRUD)	Description
POST	Create	Used to create a new object, or resource. Example: Add new book to library
GET	Read	Retrieve resource details from the system. Example: Get list of books from the library
PUT	Update	Typically used to replace or update a resource. Can be used to modify or create. Example: Update the borrower details for a book
PATCH	Update	Used to modify some details about a resource. Example: Change the author of a book
DELETE	Delete	Remove a resource from the system. Example: Delete a book from the library.

# Response Status Codes: Did it work?

	Status Code	Status Message	Meaning
2xx	200	OK	All looks good
	201	Created	New resource created
	202	Accepted	Accepted for processing, but processing not completed
	204	No Content	Request succeeded, but no message body returned
4xx	400	Bad Request	Request was invalid
	401	Unauthorized	Authentication missing or incorrect
	403	Forbidden	Request was understood, but not allowed
	404	Not Found	Resource not found
5xx	500	Internal Server Error	Something wrong with the server
	503	Service Unavailable	Server is unable to complete request

# The URI: What are you Requesting?

https://deckofcardsapi.com/api/deck/new/shuffle/?deck\_count=1

Server or Host                      Resource                      Parameters

- **http:// or https://**
  - Protocol over which data is sent between client and server
  - 's' in https stands for secure
- **Server or Host**
  - Resolves to the IP and port to which to connect
- **Resource**
  - The location of the data or object of interest
- **Parameters**
  - Details to scope, filter, or clarify a request. Often optional.



# Data: Sending and Receiving

- Contained in the message body
- GET responses will include a message body
- POST, PUT, PATCH requests typically include a message body
- Format typically JSON or XML
  - Check “Content-Type” header

```
{  
  "success": true,  
  "deck_id": "3p40paa87x90",  
  "shuffled": true,  
  "remaining": 52  
}
```

# Headers:

## What additional details and metadata can I use?

Header	Example Value	Purpose
Content-Type	application/json	Specify the format of the data in the body
Accept	application/json	Specify the requested format for returned data
Authorization	Basic dmFncmFudDp2YWdyYW50	Provide credentials to authorize a request
Date	Tue, 25 Jul 2017 19:26:00 GMT	Date and time of the message

- Used to pass information between client and server
- Included in both REQUEST and RESPONSE
- Some APIs use custom headers for authentication or other purpose

# Review: Request/Response

Request: GET https://api.ciscospark.com/v1/people/me



Response: 200 OK + Data

HTTPS Request

Request Headers

HTTPS Response

Response Headers

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Response Payload

**Note:** This is all exchanged as simple text over a TCP/TLS connection.

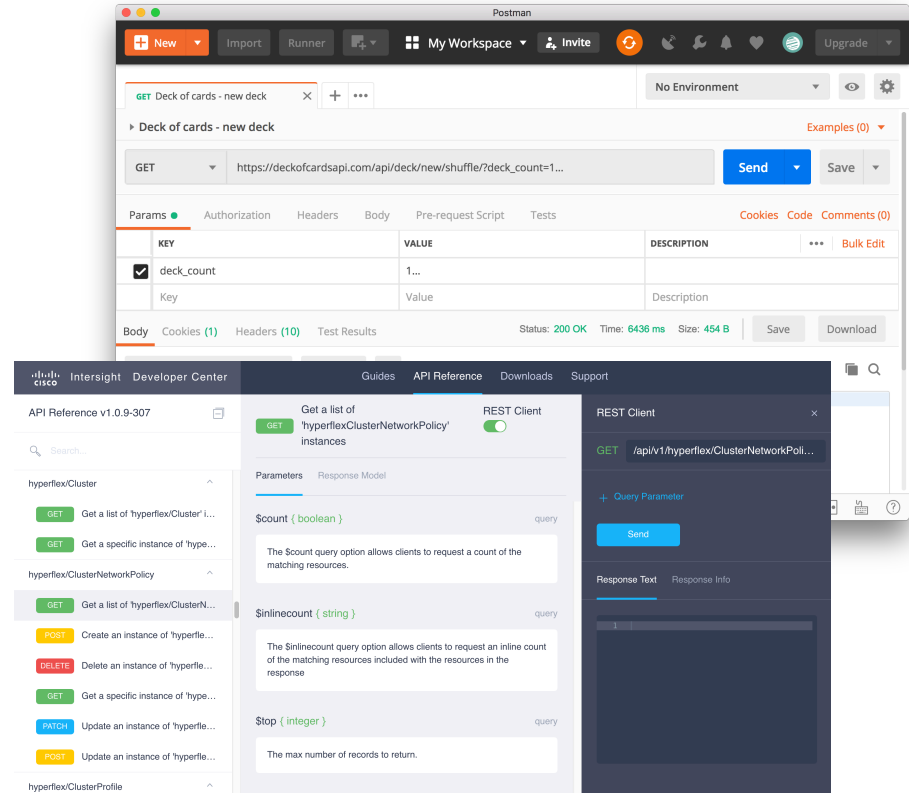
```
GET /v1/people/me HTTPS/1.1
Host: api.ciscospark.com
Authorization: Bearer <redacted>
Accept: */*
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, sdch
Connection: keep-alive
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_11_4) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/49.0.2623.112 Safari/537.36
```

```
HTTPS/1.1 200 OK
Date: Wed, 23 Jan 2019 23:12:11 GMT
Content-Type: application/json; charset=UTF-8
Content-Encoding: gzip
Content-Length: 323
Trackingid: ROUTER_5C48F4B1-9789-01BB-4148-xxxxxxxxx
Vary: Accept-Encoding
Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=63072000; includeSubDomains; preload

{
  "id":
  "Y2lzY29zcGFyazovL3VzL1BFT1BMRS9iODBjM2NmOC01ZGIwLTQyNzAt0ThiZS1mYzFhYjA3MzE1YWE",
  "emails": ["eckelcu@cisco.com"],
  "displayName": "Charles Eckel",
  "nickName": "Charles",
  "firstName": "Charles",
  "lastName": "Eckel",
  :
  "status": "active",
  "type": "person"
}
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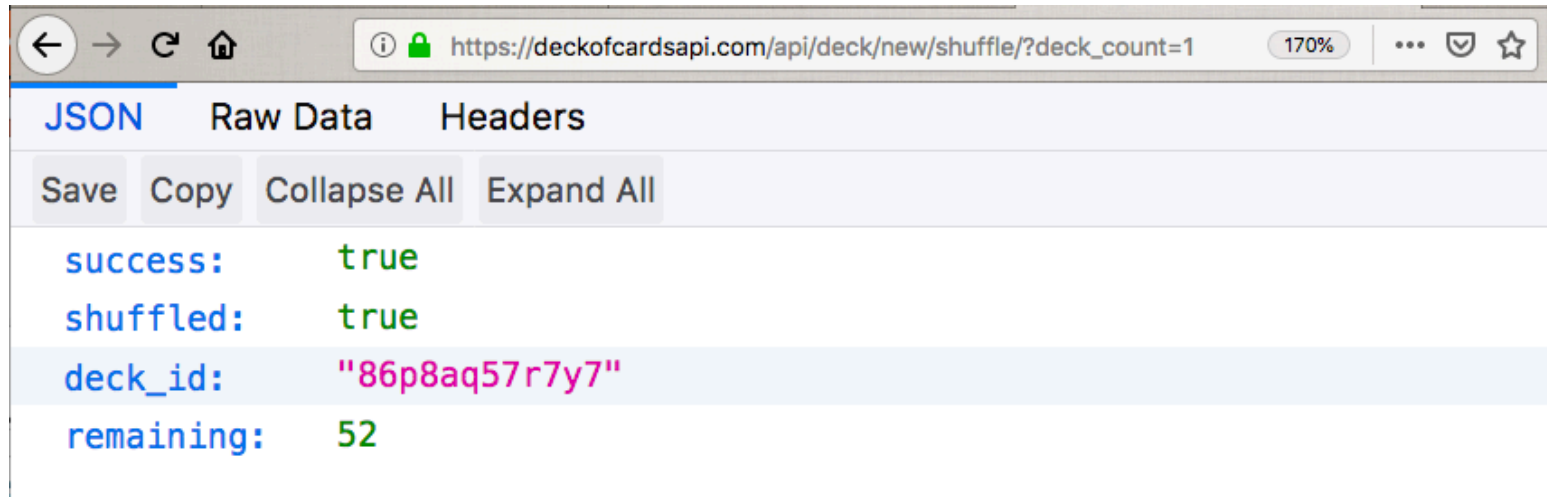
# Many Options for Working with REST APIs

- Web browser
  - Chrome, Firefox, etc.
- curl
  - Linux command line application
- Postman
  - API testing application and framework
- Requests
  - Python library for scripting
- OpenAPI/Swagger
  - Dynamic API Documentation



# Web Browser

[https://deckofcardsapi.com/api/deck/new/shuffle/?deck\\_count=1](https://deckofcardsapi.com/api/deck/new/shuffle/?deck_count=1)



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JSON Raw Data **Headers**

Copy

**X-Firefox-Spdy** h2  
**access-control-allow-origin** \*  
**cf-ray** 49e6655f4898962b-SJC  
**content-encoding** br  
**content-type** application/json  
**date** Thu, 24 Jan 2019 23:49:19 GMT  
**expect-ct** max-age=604800, report-uri="https://report-uri.cloudflare.com/cdn-cgi/beacon/expect-ct"  
**server** cloudflare  
**x-frame-options** SAMEORIGIN

**Request Headers**

**Accept** text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9;\*/\*;q=0.8  
**Accept-Encoding** gzip, deflate, br  
**Accept-Language** en-US,en;q=0.5  
**Connection** keep-alive  
**DNT** 1  
**Host** deckofcardsapi.com  
**Upgrade-Insecure-Requests** 1  
**User-Agent** Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10.13; rv:64.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/64.0

# curl

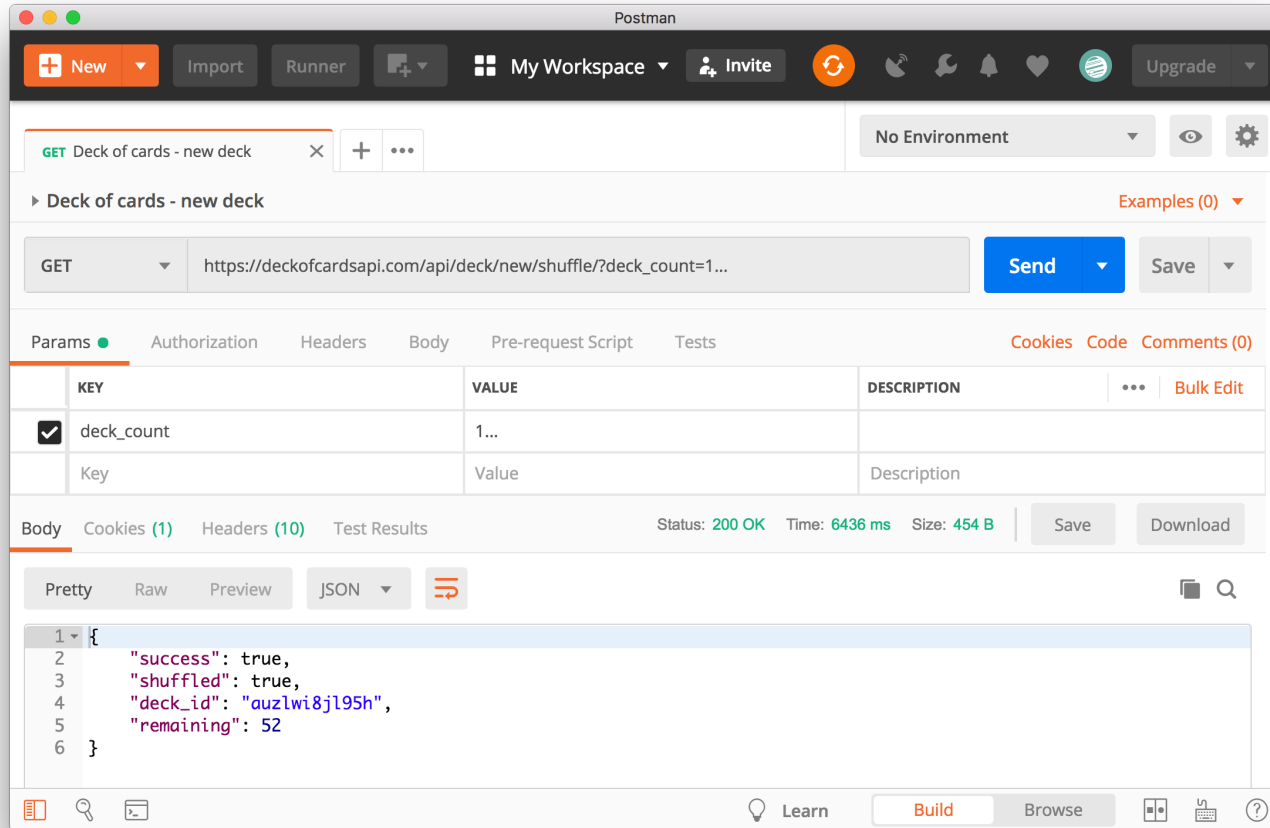
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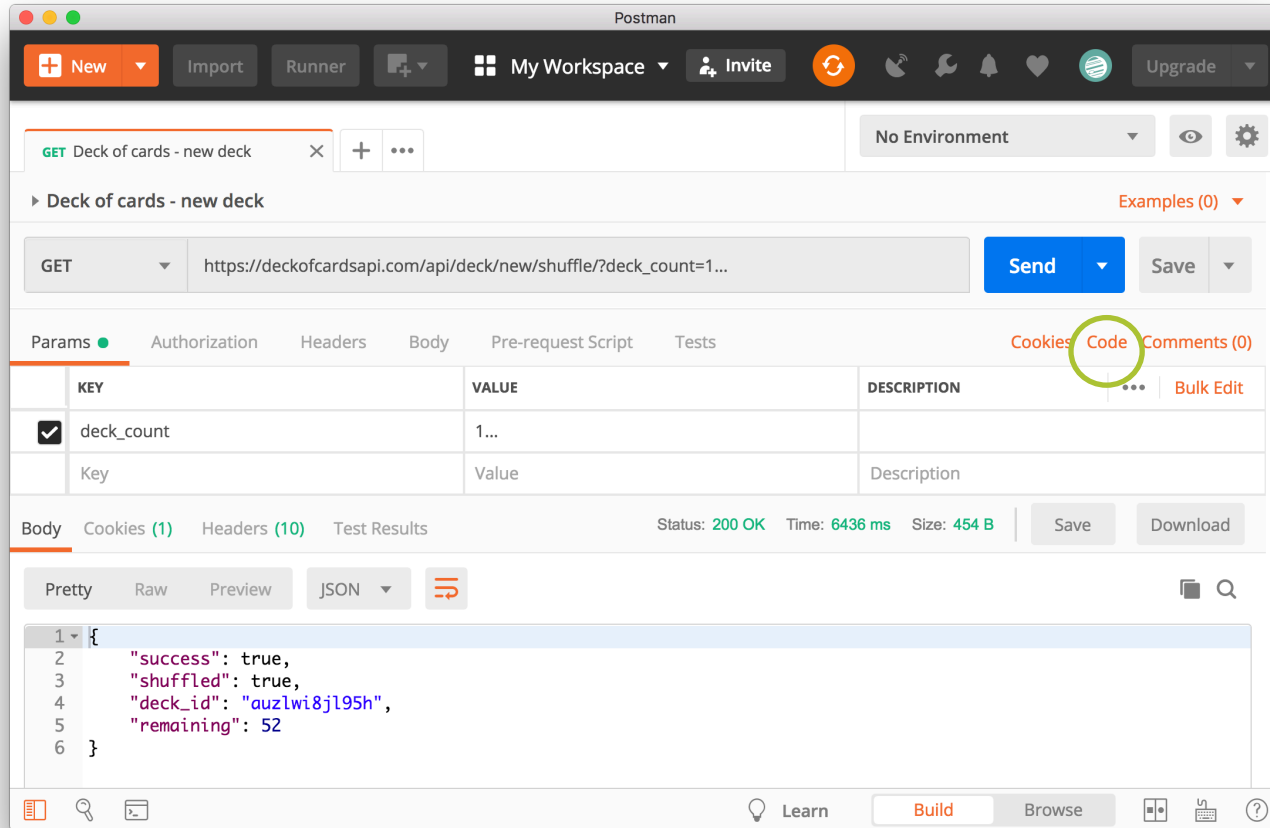
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"remaining": 52}
```



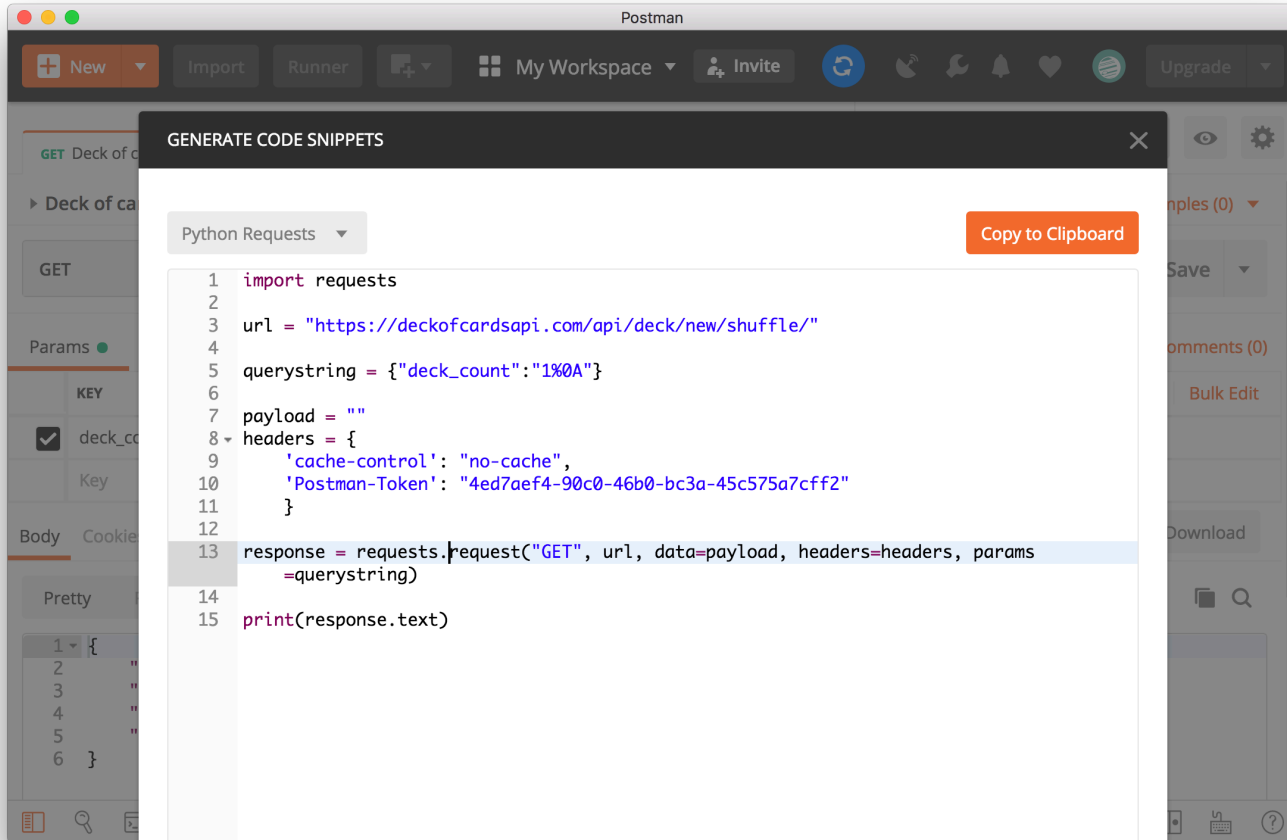
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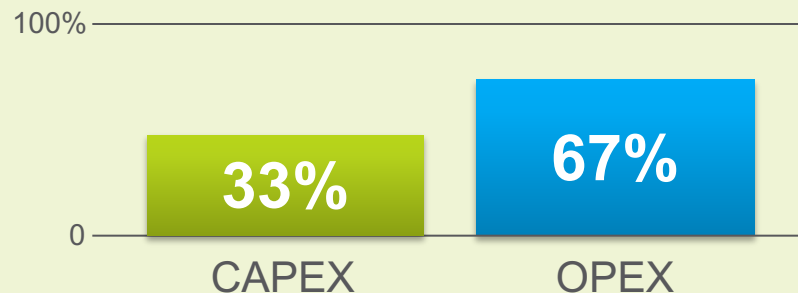
# Python



# Network programmability

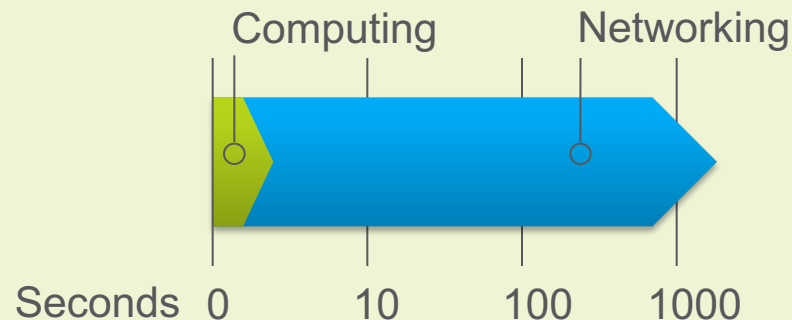
# Why Network Programmability Matters

## Network Expenses



Source: Forrester

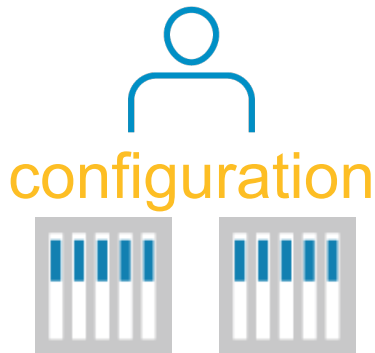
## Deployment Speed



Source: Open Compute Project

# The Need for Something Better

- **SNMP had failed**
  - For configuration, that is
  - Extensive use in fault handling and monitoring
- CLI scripting
  - “Market share” 70%+

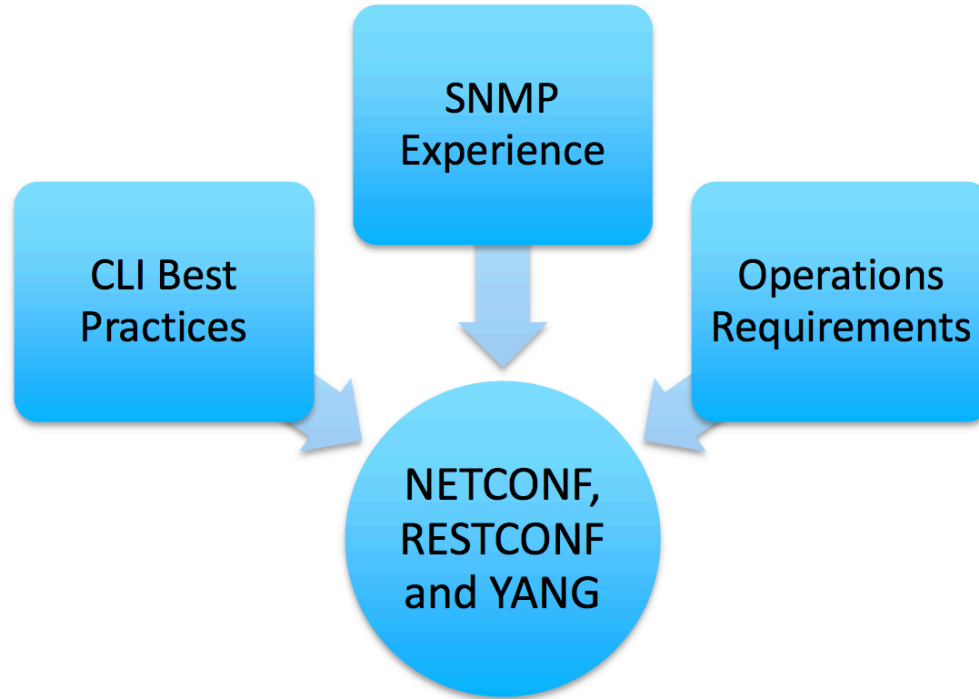


## RFC 3535

### Abstract

This document provides an overview of a workshop held by the Internet Architecture Board (IAB) on Network Management. The workshop was hosted by CNRI in Reston, VA, USA from June 4 thru June 6, 2002. The goal of the workshop was to continue the important **dialog** started between **network operators** and protocol developers, and to guide the IETFs focus on future work regarding network management.

# Best Practices Coming Together



# YANG

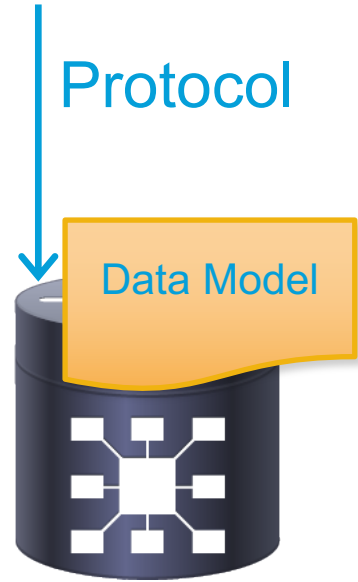


# YANG

## Data Modeling Language for Networking

- Modeling language, YANG version 1 [[RFC6020](#)], YANG version 1.1 [[RFC7950](#)]
- Models configuration and state data, RPCs, and notifications
- Defines semantics
  - Constraints (i.e. “MUSTs”)
  - Reusable structures
  - Built-in and derived types

YANG is a full, formal contract language with rich syntax and semantics for network data



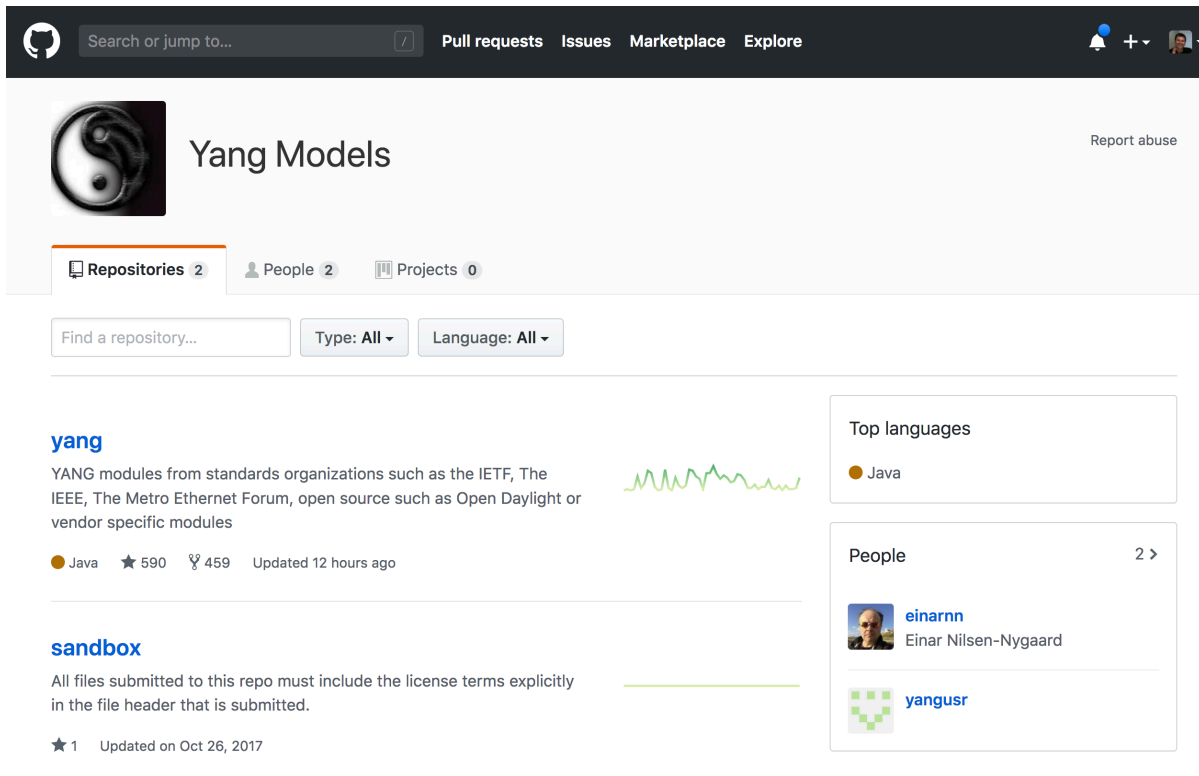
# YANG Model Example

- Screenshot from ietf-interfaces.yang
- Container 'interfaces' with list of interface' items
- List items (leafs) have a 'name' which is also the key for the list

```
container interfaces {  
  description  
    "Interface configuration parameters."  
  
  list interface {  
    key "name";  
  
    description  
      "The list of configured interfaces on the device.  
  
      The operational state of an interface is available in the  
      /interfaces-state/interface list. If the configuration of a  
      system-controlled interface cannot be used by the system  
      (e.g., the interface hardware present does not match the  
      interface type), then the configuration is not applied to  
      the system-controlled interface shown in the  
      /interfaces-state/interface list. If the configuration  
      of a user-controlled interface cannot be used by the system,  
      the configured interface is not instantiated in the  
      /interfaces-state/interface list."  
  
    leaf name {  
      type string;  
      description  
        "The name of the interface.  
  
        A device MAY restrict the allowed values for this leaf,  
        possibly depending on the type of the interface.  
        For system-controlled interfaces, this leaf is the  
        device-specific name of the interface. The 'config false'  
        list /interfaces-state/interface contains the currently  
        existing interfaces on the device."
```


# Finding YANG Models

<https://github.com/YangModels/>



The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for 'Yang Models'. The repository is owned by 'Yang Models' and has 2 repositories, 2 people, and 0 projects. The description states: 'YANG modules from standards organizations such as the IETF, The IEEE, The Metro Ethernet Forum, open source such as Open Daylight or vendor specific modules'. It is a Java repository with 590 stars and 459 forks, updated 12 hours ago. The 'yang' repository is highlighted, and its description is: 'All files submitted to this repo must include the license terms explicitly in the file header that is submitted.' The 'sandbox' repository is also listed, with a description: 'All files submitted to this repo must include the license terms explicitly in the file header that is submitted.' The page also shows a 'Top languages' section with Java as the top language, and a 'People' section with contributors 'einarnn' and 'yangusr'.

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# Tools to work with YANG Models

- pyang - An extensible YANG validator and converter
  - Command line tool
  - Source Code - <https://github.com/mbj4668/pyang>
  - Python Package - <https://pypi.python.org/pypi/pyang>
- YANG Catalog - YANG validator, search, and impact tools
  - Web Based
  - <https://yangcatalog.org/>
- OpenDaylight YANG Tools
  - Tools supporting NETCONF and YANG
  - Code generation from YANG models
  - [https://wiki.opendaylight.org/view/YANG\\_Tools:Main](https://wiki.opendaylight.org/view/YANG_Tools:Main)

```
module: ietf-interfaces
  +-rw interfaces
  |
  | +-rw interface* [name]
  | |
  | | +-rw name string
  | | +-rw description? string
  | | +-rw type identityref
  | | +-rw enabled? boolean
  | | +-rw link-up-down-trap-enable? enumeration {if-mib}?
  | |
  | | +-ro interfaces-state
  | | +-ro interface* [name]
  | | |
  | | | +-ro name string
  | | | +-ro type identityref
  | | | +-ro admin-status enumeration {if-mib}?
  | | | +-ro oper-status enumeration
  | | | +-ro last-change? yang:date-and-time
  | | | +-ro if-index int32 {if-mib}?
  | | | +-ro phys-address? yang:phys-address
  | | | +-ro higher-layer-if* interface-state-ref
  | | | +-ro lower-layer-if interface-state-ref
  | | | +-ro speed? yang:gauge64
  | | |
  | | | +-ro statistics
  | | | |
  | | | | +-ro discontinuity-time yang:date-and-time
  | | | | +-ro in-octets? yang:counter64
  | | | | +-ro in-unicast-pkts? yang:counter64
  | | | | +-ro in-broadcast-pkts? yang:counter64
  | | | | +-ro in-multicast-pkts? yang:counter64
  | | | | +-ro in-discards? yang:counter32
  | | | | +-ro in-errors? yang:counter32
  | | | | +-ro in-unknown-protos? yang:counter32
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  | | | | +-ro out-multicast-pkts? yang:counter64
  | | | | +-ro out-discards? yang:counter32
```

YANG Tree for Module: 'ietf-interfaces@2014-05-08'

Module: ietf-interfaces@2014-05-08, Namespace: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-interfaces, Prefix: if  
Impact Analysis for ietf-interfaces@2014-05-08

Element	[+] Expand All [-] Collapse All	Schema	Type	Flags	Opts
ietf-interfaces		module	module		
interfaces		container	container	config	
interfaces-state		container	container	no config	
interface		list	list	no config	
name		leaf	string	no config	
type		leaf	identityref	no config	
admin-status		leaf	enumeration	no config	
oper-status		leaf	enumeration	no config	
last-change		leaf	yang:date-and-time	no config ?	
if-index		leaf	int32	no config	
phys-address		leaf	yang:phys-address	no config ?	
higher-layer-if		leaf-list	interface-state-ref	no config *	
lower-layer-if		leaf-list	interface-state-ref	no config *	
speed		leaf	yang:gauge64	no config ?	

# pyang

\$ pyang -f tree  
<yang-file>

```
[ECKELCU-M-H15L:RFC eckelcu$ pyang -f tree ietf-interfaces@2014-05-08.yang
module: ietf-interfaces
  +--rw interfaces
  |   +--rw interface* [name]
  |   |   +--rw name                string
  |   |   +--rw description?        string
  |   |   +--rw type                 identityref
  |   |   +--rw enabled?             boolean
  |   |   +--rw link-up-down-trap-enable? enumeration {if-mib}?
  +--ro interfaces-state
  |   +--ro interface* [name]
  |   |   +--ro name                string
  |   |   +--ro type                 identityref
  |   |   +--ro admin-status         enumeration {if-mib}?
  |   |   +--ro oper-status          enumeration
  |   |   +--ro last-change?         yang:date-and-time
  |   |   +--ro if-index             int32 {if-mib}?
  |   |   +--ro phys-address?        yang:phys-address
  |   |   +--ro higher-layer-if*     interface-state-ref
  |   |   +--ro lower-layer-if*     interface-state-ref
  |   |   +--ro speed?               yang:gauge64
  |   +--ro statistics
  |   |   +--ro discontinuity-time   yang:date-and-time
  |   |   +--ro in-octets?           yang:counter64
  |   |   +--ro in-unicast-pkts?     yang:counter64
  |   |   +--ro in-broadcast-pkts?   yang:counter64
  |   |   +--ro in-multicast-pkts?   yang:counter64
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  |   |   +--ro out-broadcast-pkts?  yang:counter64
  |   |   +--ro out-multicast-pkts?  yang:counter64
  |   |   +--ro out-discards?        yang:counter32
  |   |   +--ro out-errors?          yang:counter32
```




# Yang Catalog










<https://yangcatalog.org/yang-search/>

**Specify Module**

Module:

**Get Details**

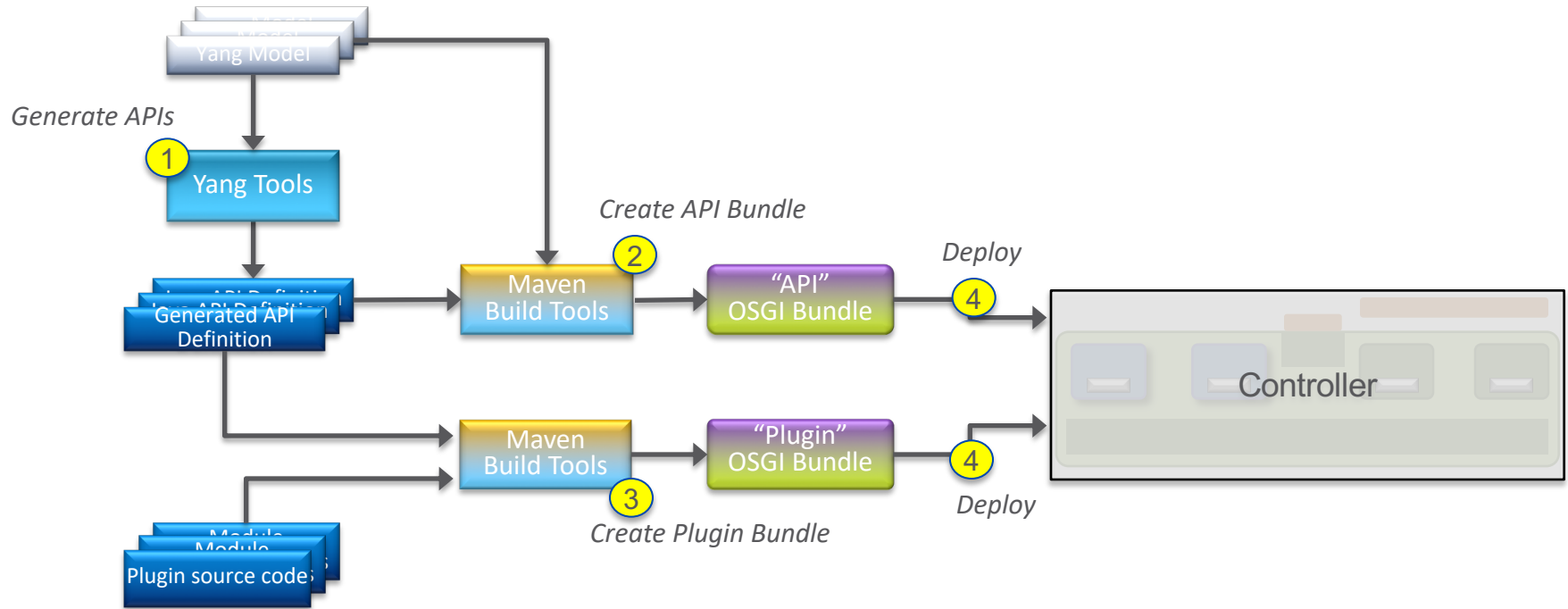
 **Tree View** |  **Impact Analysis** |  **Yang Suite**

Property Name	Property Value
name : 	ietf-interfaces
revision : 	<input type="text" value="2014-05-08"/>
organization : 	ietf
ietf : 	<a href="#">Click to toggle "ietf" details.</a>
namespace : 	urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-interfaces
schema : 	<a href="https://raw.githubusercontent.com/YangModels/yang/master/vendor/cisco/xr/641/ietf-interfaces.yang">https://raw.githubusercontent.com/YangModels/yang/master/vendor/cisco/xr/641/ietf-interfaces.yang</a>
generated-from : 	not-applicable
maturity-level : 	ratified
document-name : 	rfc7223

Module: **ietf-interfaces@2014-05-08**, Namespace: **urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-interfaces**, Prefix: **if**  
[Impact Analysis](#) for ietf-interfaces@2014-05-08

Element	[+] Expand All	[-] Collapse All	Schema	Type	Flags	Opts	Status	Pa
ietf-interfaces			module	module				
interfaces			container	container	config		current	/if:
interface			list	list	config		current	/if:
name			leaf	string	config		current	/if:
description			leaf	string	config	?	current	/if:
type			leaf	identityref	config		current	/if:
enabled			leaf	boolean	config	?	current	/if:
link-up-down-trap-enable			leaf	enumeration	config	?	current	/if:
interfaces-state			container	container	no config		current	/if:
interface			list	list	no config		current	/if:
name			leaf	string	no config		current	/if:
type			leaf	identityref	no config		current	/if:
admin-status			leaf	enumeration	no config		current	/if:
oper-status			leaf	enumeration	no config		current	/if:
last-change			leaf	yang:date-and-time	no config	?	current	/if:
if-index			leaf	int32	no config		current	/if:
phys-address			leaf	yang:phys-address	no config	?	current	/if:
higher-layer-if			leaf-list	interface-state-ref	no config	*	current	/if:
lower-layer-if			leaf-list	interface-state-ref	no config	*	current	/if:
speed			leaf	yang:gauge64	no config	?	current	/if:
statistics			container	container	no config		current	/if:
discontinuity-time			leaf	yang:date-and-time	no config		current	/if:

# Building a Plugin/Application with OpenDaylight YANG tools



# NETCONF



# NETCONF

## IETF network management protocol

- Defined in RFC 4741 (2006), updated by RFC 6241 (2011)
- Connection oriented, with transport via SSH/TSL
- Data defined by YANG models, encoded in XML
- Distinguishes between configuration and state data
- Multiple configuration datastores (candidate, running, startup)
- Change validation, transactions, filtering, and notifications

NETCONF provides fundamental programming features for convenient and robust automation of network services

- NETCONF is connection-oriented
  - SSH, TLS as underlying transport
  - XML for payload
- NETCONF client establishes session with server
- Session establishment: <hello> exchange
  - Announce capabilities, modules, features
- Session termination
  - <close-session>, <kill-session>

- 
- ```

graph LR
    Router["Router  
(NETCONF Server)"] <--> App["3rd Party App  
(NETCONF Client)"]
    style Router fill:#0070C0,color:#fff
    style App fill:#0070C0,color:#fff
    linkStyle 0 stroke:#0070C0,stroke-width:2px
    linkStyle 1 stroke:#0070C0,stroke-width:2px
    
```
- The diagram illustrates an SSH Connection between a Router (NETCONF Server) and a 3rd Party App (NETCONF Client). The Router is represented by a blue box on the left, and the 3rd Party App is represented by a blue box on the right. Two horizontal double-headed arrows connect the Router and the App, with the text "SSH Connection" centered below them.

- 
- ```

graph LR
    Router["Router  
(NETCONF Server)"] <--> App["3rd Party App  
(NETCONF Client)"]
    subgraph Exchange
        direction TB
        HCE["Hello and Capabilities  
Exchange"]
    end

```
- The diagram illustrates the initial communication between a Router (NETCONF Server) and a 3rd Party App (NETCONF Client). A double-headed arrow connects the two entities, with the text "Hello and Capabilities Exchange" centered below it, indicating the nature of the interaction.

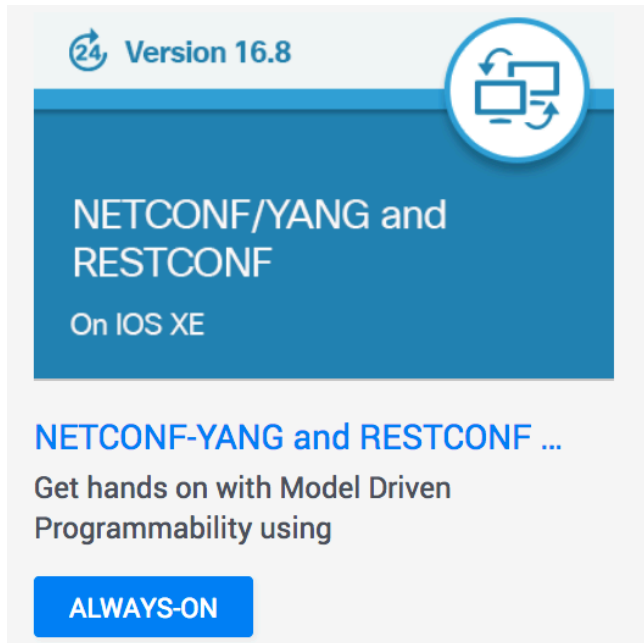
- 
- ```
sequenceDiagram
    participant Router as Router  
(NETCONF Server)
    participant App as 3rd Party App  
(NETCONF Client)
    Router->>App: Issue <get> RPC
    App-->>Router: Return RPC Reply
```

# NETCONF Commands

- get : to retrieve operational data
- get-config : to retrieve configuration data
- edit-config : to edit a device configuration
- copy-config : to copy a configuration to another data store (e.g. non-volatile memory)
- delete-config : to delete a configuration in a data store

# DevNet Always On Sandbox

- CSR1000V Host : [ios-xe-mgmt.cisco.com](https://ios-xe-mgmt.cisco.com)
  - SSH Port: 8181
  - NETCONF Port: 10000
  - RESTCONF Port : 9443 (HTTPS)
- Credentials:
  - Username: **root**
  - Password: **D\_Vay!\_10&**



The screenshot shows the DevNet Always On Sandbox interface for Version 16.8. At the top right, there is a circular icon with a refresh symbol and the text "Version 16.8". Below this, the main heading reads "NETCONF/YANG and RESTCONF On IOS XE". Underneath, it says "NETCONF-YANG and RESTCONF ..." followed by "Get hands on with Model Driven Programmability using". At the bottom, there is a blue button labeled "ALWAYS-ON".

# Connect to DevNet Always on Sandbox

ssh root@ios-xe-mgmt.cisco.com -p 8181

ssh -oHostKeyAlgorithms=+ssh-dss root@ios-xe-mgmt.cisco.com -p 10000 -s netconf

```
ECKELCU-M-H15L:ripe78 eckelcu$ ssh root@ios-xe-mgmt.cisco.com -p 8181
Password:
```

Welcome to the DevNet Always On Sandbox for IOS XE

This is a shared sandbox available for anyone to use to test APIs, explore features, and test scripts. Please keep this in mind as you use it, and respect others use.

The following programmability features are already enabled:

- NETCONF
- RESTCONF

Thanks for stopping by.

```
csr1000v#show run
```

Building configuration...

Current configuration : 5332 bytes

```
!
! Last configuration change at 16:55:51 UTC Fri May 17 2019 by root
!
```

version 16.8

service timestamps debug datetime msec

service timestamps log datetime msec

platform qfp utilization monitor load 80

no platform punt-keepalive disable-kernel-core

platform console virtual

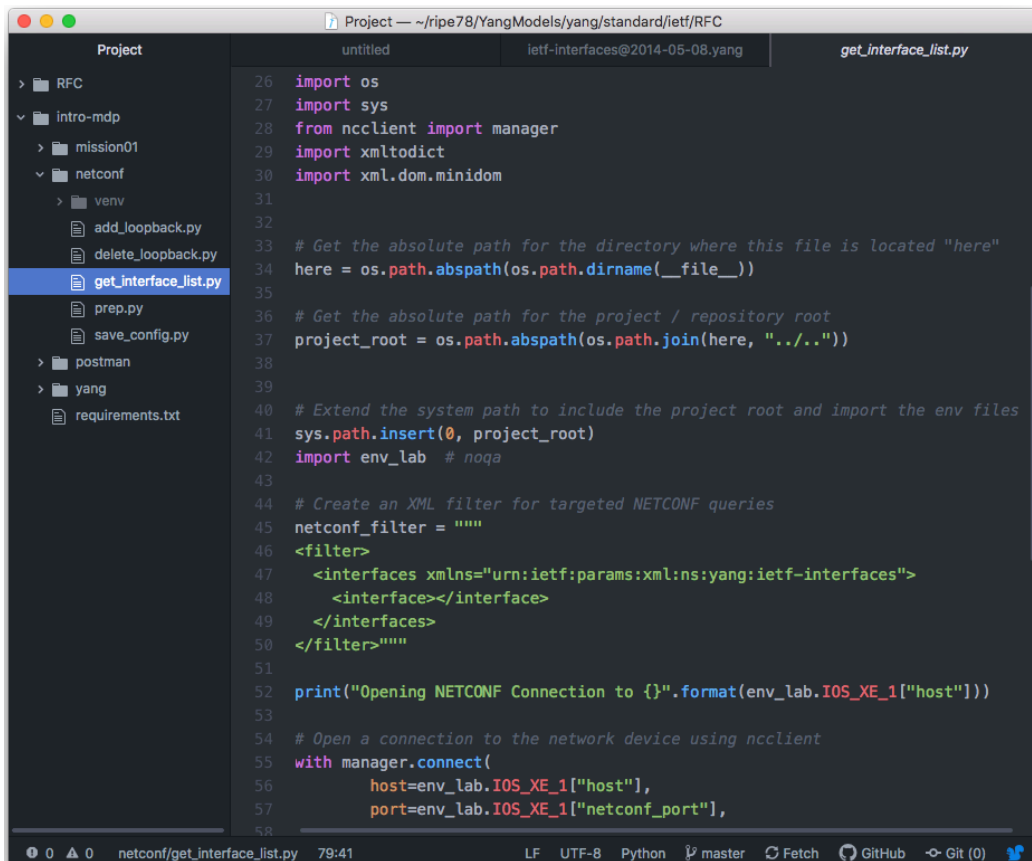
```
!
```

hostname csr1000v

```
ECKELCU-M-H15L:ripe78 eckelcu$ ssh -oHostKeyAlgorithms=+ssh-dss
root@ios-xe-mgmt.cisco.com -p 10000 -s netconf
root@ios-xe-mgmt.cisco.com's password:
<?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</capabil
      ity>
    <capability>urn:ietf:params:netconf:capability:validate:1.0</capa
      bility>
    <capability>urn:ietf:params:netconf:capability:validate:1.1</capa
      bility>
    <capability>urn:ietf:params:netconf:capability:rollback-on-
      error:1.0</capability>
    <capability>urn:ietf:params:netconf:capability:notification:1.0</
      capability>
    <capability>urn:ietf:params:netconf:capability:interleave:1.0</ca
      pability>
    <capability>urn:ietf:params:netconf:capability:with-
      defaults:1.0?basic-mode=explicit&amp;also-supported=report-all-
      tagged</capability>
    <capability>urn:ietf:params:netconf:capability:yang-
      library:1.0?revision=2016-06-21&amp;module-set-
      id=88c694c75e847aba17e8ab19254ad090</capability>
    <capability>http://tail-f.com/ns/netconf/actions/1.0</capability>
    <capability>http://tail-f.com/ns/netconf/extensions</capability>
    <capability>http://cisco.com/ns/cisco-xe-ietf-ip-deviation?module
```

# NETCONF using ncclient – Python code

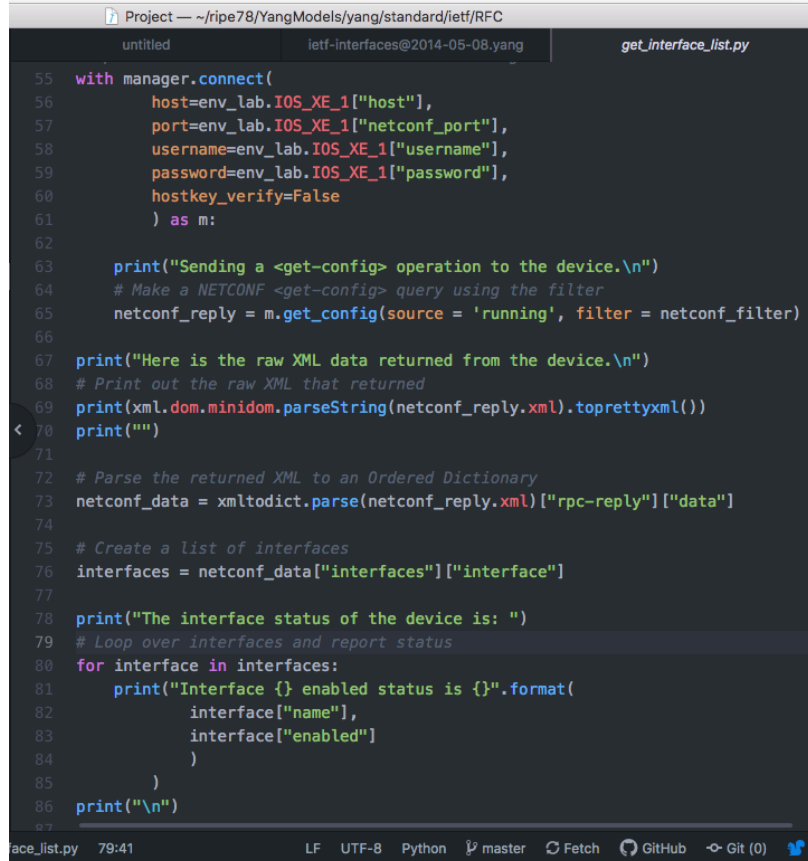
<https://developer.cisco.com/learning/modules/intro-device-level-interfaces/intro-netconf/step/1>



```
Project — ~/ripe78/YangModels/ietf/standard/ietf/RFC
untitled  ietf-interfaces@2014-05-08.yang  get_interface_list.py

> RFC
> intro-mdp
  > mission01
  > netconf
    > env
      add_loopback.py
      delete_loopback.py
      get_interface_list.py
      prep.py
      save_config.py
    > postman
  > yang
    requirements.txt

26 import os
27 import sys
28 from ncclient import manager
29 import xmltodict
30 import xml.dom.minidom
31
32
33 # Get the absolute path for the directory where this file is located "here"
34 here = os.path.abspath(os.path.dirname(__file__))
35
36 # Get the absolute path for the project / repository root
37 project_root = os.path.abspath(os.path.join(here, "../.."))
38
39
40 # Extend the system path to include the project root and import the env files
41 sys.path.insert(0, project_root)
42 import env_lab # noqa
43
44 # Create an XML filter for targeted NETCONF queries
45 netconf_filter = """
46 <filter>
47   <interfaces xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-interfaces">
48     <interface></interface>
49   </interfaces>
50 </filter>"""
51
52 print("Opening NETCONF Connection to {}".format(env_lab.IOS_XE_1["host"]))
53
54 # Open a connection to the network device using ncclient
55 with manager.connect(
56     host=env_lab.IOS_XE_1["host"],
57     port=env_lab.IOS_XE_1["netconf_port"],
58     username=env_lab.IOS_XE_1["username"],
59     password=env_lab.IOS_XE_1["password"],
60     hostkey_verify=False
61 ) as m:
62
63     print("Sending a <get-config> operation to the device.\n")
64     # Make a NETCONF <get-config> query using the filter
65     netconf_reply = m.get_config(source = 'running', filter = netconf_filter)
66
67     print("Here is the raw XML data returned from the device.\n")
68     # Print out the raw XML that returned
69     print(xml.dom.minidom.parseString(netconf_reply.xml).toprettyxml())
70     print("")
71
72     # Parse the returned XML to an Ordered Dictionary
73     netconf_data = xmltodict.parse(netconf_reply.xml)["rpc-reply"]["data"]
74
75     # Create a list of interfaces
76     interfaces = netconf_data["interfaces"]["interface"]
77
78     print("The interface status of the device is: ")
79     # Loop over interfaces and report status
80     for interface in interfaces:
81         print("Interface {} enabled status is {}".format(
82             interface["name"],
83             interface["enabled"]
84         ))
85
86     print("\n")
87
```



```
Project — ~/ripe78/YangModels/ietf/standard/ietf/RFC
untitled  ietf-interfaces@2014-05-08.yang  get_interface_list.py

55 with manager.connect(
56     host=env_lab.IOS_XE_1["host"],
57     port=env_lab.IOS_XE_1["netconf_port"],
58     username=env_lab.IOS_XE_1["username"],
59     password=env_lab.IOS_XE_1["password"],
60     hostkey_verify=False
61 ) as m:
62
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82             interface["name"],
83             interface["enabled"]
84         ))
85
86     print("\n")
87
```

# NETCONF using ncclient - Output

```
(venv) ECKELCU-M-H15L:netconf eckelcu$ python get_interface_list.py
Opening NETCONF Connection to ios-xe-mgmt.cisco.com

Sending a <get-config> operation to the device.

Here is the raw XML data returned from the device.

<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<rpc-reply message-id="urn:uuid:10be2e92-4093-4307-8e80-e13c55b896ed" xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0"
xmlns:nc="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
  <data>
    <interfaces xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-interfaces">
      <interface>
        <name>GigabitEthernet1</name>
        <description>DON'T TOUCH ME</description>
        --- snip ---
      <interface>
        <name>Tunnel2</name>
        <enabled>true</enabled>
      </interface>
    </interfaces>
  </data>
</rpc-reply>

The interface status of the device is:
Interface GigabitEthernet1 enabled status is true
Interface GigabitEthernet2 enabled status is true
Interface GigabitEthernet3 enabled status is false
Interface Loopback0 enabled status is true
Interface Tunnel0 enabled status is true
Interface Tunnel1 enabled status is true
Interface Tunnel2 enabled status is true
```

# RESTCONF



# RESTCONF

## Restful API for YANG data models



- IETF RFC 8040
- Configuration and state data exposed as resources
- Access data using REST verbs (GET / PUT / POST ...)
- Construct URIs, based on structure of YANG model, to access data
- HTTP instead of SSH for transport
- JSON in addition to XML for data encoding

RESTCONF provides light weight interface to network datastores leveraging well known combination of REST and JSON

# RESTCONF URI & JSON Example

```
module: ietf-interfaces
+--rw interfaces
|   +--rw interface* [name]
|   |   +--rw name string
|   |   +--rw description? string
|   |   +--rw type identityref
|   |   +--rw enabled? boolean
|   |   +--rw link-up-down-trap-enable? enumeration {if-mib}?
+--ro interfaces-state
|   +--ro interface* [name]
```

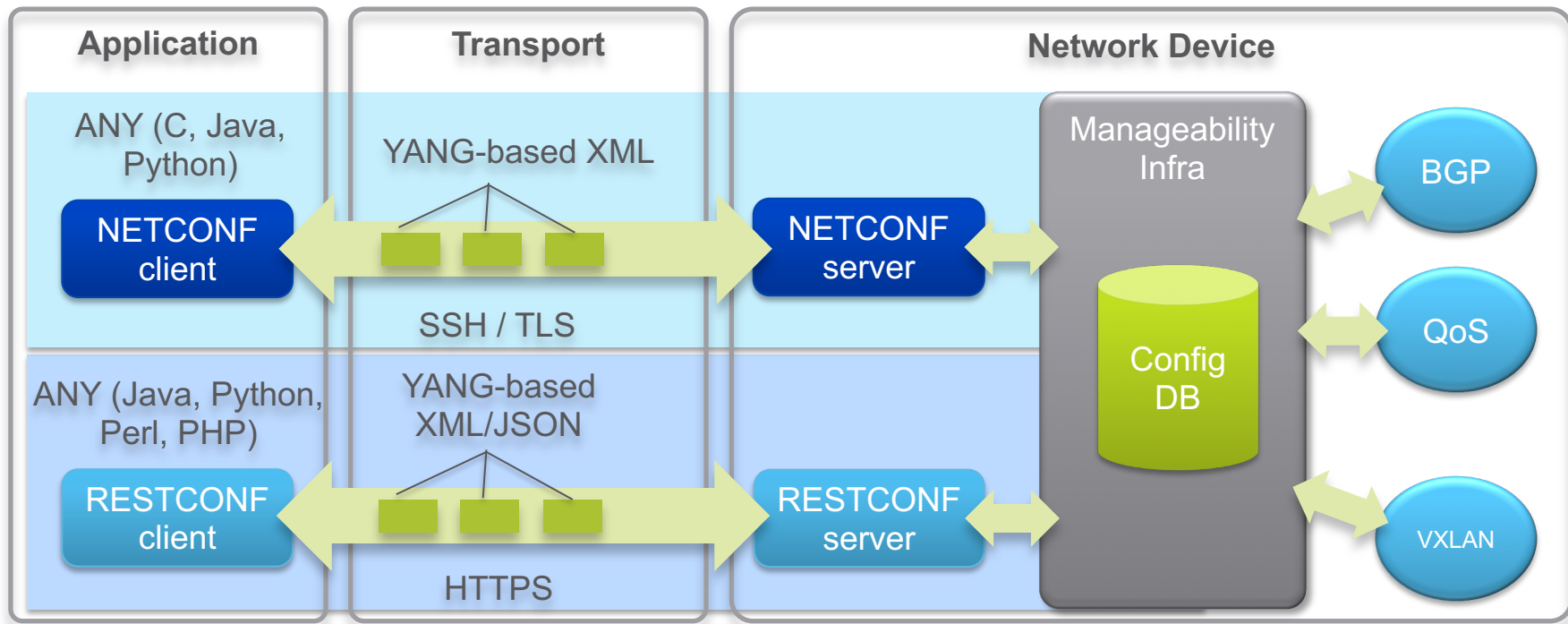
```
      +--ro name string
      +--ro type identityref
      +--ro admin-status enumeration {if-mib}?
      +--ro oper-status enumeration
      +--ro last-change? yang:date-and-time
      +--ro if-index int32 {if-mib}?
      +--ro phys-address? yang:phys-address
      +--ro higher-layer-if* interface-state-ref
      +--ro lower-layer-if* interface-state-ref
      +--ro speed? yang:gauge64
      +--ro statistics
        +--ro discontinuity-time yang:date-and-time
        +--ro in-octets? yang:counter64
        +--ro in-unicast-pkts? yang:counter64
        +--ro in-broadcast-pkts? yang:counter64
        +--ro in-multicast-pkts? yang:counter64
        +--ro in-discards? yang:counter32
        +--ro in-errors? yang:counter32
        +--ro in-unknown-protos? yang:counter32
        +--ro out-octets? yang:counter64
        +--ro out-unicast-pkts? yang:counter64
        +--ro out-broadcast-pkts? yang:counter64
        +--ro out-multicast-pkts? yang:counter64
        +--ro out-discards? yang:counter32
        +--ro out-errors? yang:counter32
```

GET

`https://{host}:{port}/restconf/data/ietf-interfaces:  
interfaces-state/interface=GigabitEthernet1`

```
{
  "ietf-interfaces:interface": {
    "name": "GigabitEthernet1",
    "type": "iana-if-type:ethernetCsmacd",
    "admin-status": "up",
    "oper-status": "up",
    "last-change": "2019-05-16T19:40:02.000393+00:00",
    "if-index": 1,
    "phys-address": "00:50:56:bb:18:c4",
    "speed": "1024000000",
    "statistics": {
      "discontinuity-time": "2019-05-16T19:38:03.000573+00:00",
      "in-octets": "5339802",
      "in-unicast-pkts": "48925",
      "in-broadcast-pkts": "0",
      "in-multicast-pkts": "0",
      "in-discards": 0,
      "in-errors": 0,
      "in-unknown-protos": 0,
      "out-octets": "9405098",
      "out-unicast-pkts": "17451",
      "out-broadcast-pkts": "0",
      "out-multicast-pkts": "0",
      "out-discards": 0,
      "out-errors": 0
    }
  }
}
```

# High Level Manageability Architecture



# RESTCONF with curl

## The Request

```
$ curl -vk \
  -u root:D_Vay\!_10\& \
  -H 'accept: application/yang-data+json' \
  https://ios-xe-mgmt.cisco.com:9443/restconf/data/ietf-interfaces:interfaces/interface=GigabitEthernet1

> GET /restconf/data/ietf-interfaces:interfaces/interface=GigabitEthernet1 HTTP/1.1
> Host: ios-xe-mgmt.cisco.com:9443
> Authorization: Basic cm9vdDpEX1ZheSFfMTAm
> User-Agent: curl/7.54.0
> accept: application/yang-data+json
>
```

- `-u` provides `user:password` for Basic Authentication
- `-H` to set headers
- Lines beginning with “>” indicate Request elements
- Lines beginning with “<” indicate Response elements (next slide)

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NETCONF/YANG and RESTCONF  
On IOS XE

NETCONF-YANG and RESTCONF ...  
Get hands on with Model Driven Programmability using

ALWAYS-ON

# RESTCONF with curl

## The Response - Headers

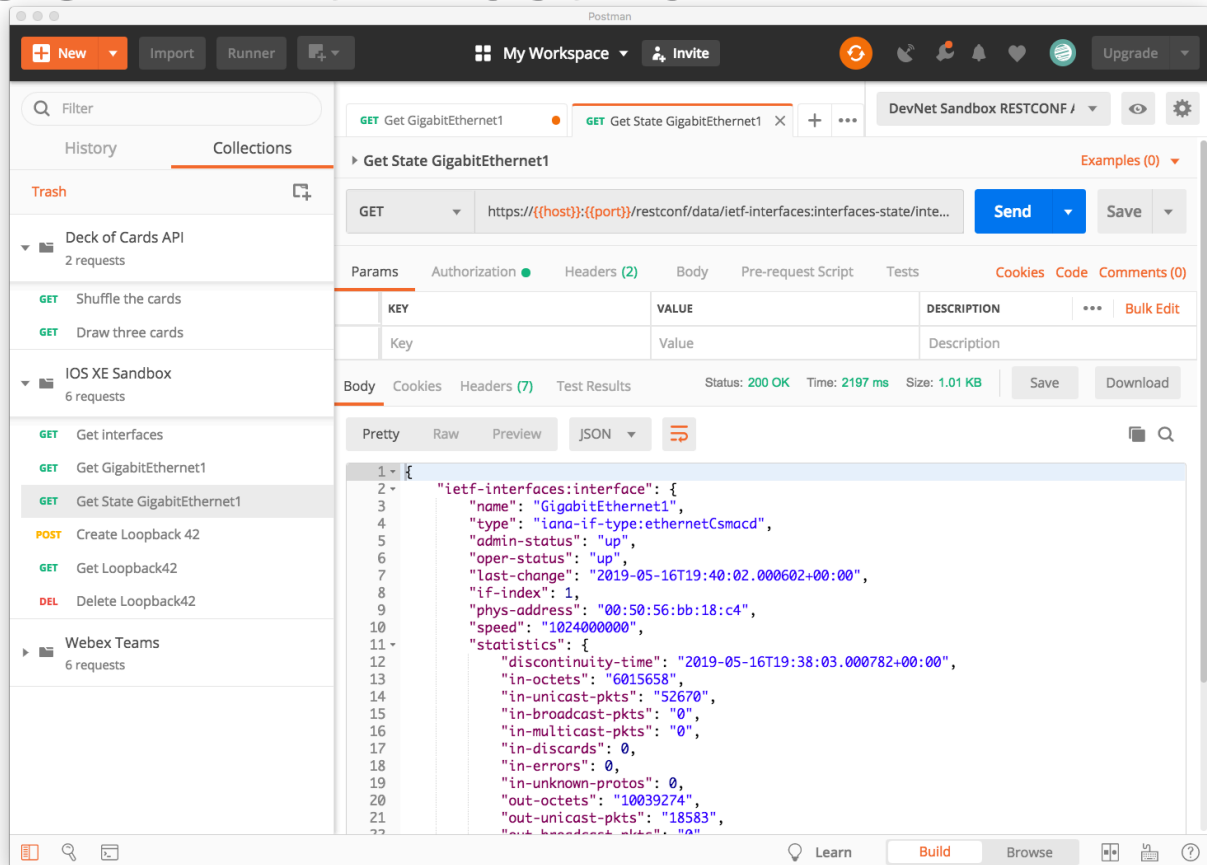
```
< HTTP/1.1 200 OK
< Server: nginx
< Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2019 17:37:43 GMT
< Content-Type: application/yang-data+json
< Transfer-Encoding: chunked
< Connection: close
< Cache-Control: private, no-cache, ...
< Pragma: no-cache
<
```

## The Response - Body

```
{
  "ietf-interfaces:interface": {
    "name": "GigabitEthernet1",
    "description": "DON'T TOUCH ME",
    "type": "iana-if-type:ethernetCsmacd",
    "enabled": true,
    "ietf-ip:ipv4": {
      "address": [
        {
          "ip": "10.10.20.48",
          "netmask": "255.255.255.0"
        }
      ]
    },
    "ietf-ip:ipv6": {
    }
  }
}
```



# RESTCONF with Postman



# OpenDaylight YANG UI

The screenshot displays the OpenDaylight YANG UI interface. The top header features the OpenDaylight logo, the title 'YangUI', and a 'Logout (admin)' button. A left sidebar contains navigation links: 'Nodes', 'Topology', 'Yangman', 'Yang UI' (selected), and 'Yang Visualizer'. The main content area has tabs for 'API', 'HISTORY', 'COLLECTION', and 'PARAMETERS'. Under the 'API' tab, a tree view shows the hierarchy of YANG models. The 'interfaces-state' node is highlighted in orange. Below the tree, a REST API endpoint is shown: 'GET /operational/ietf-interfaces:interfaces-state'. The 'Send' button is highlighted in orange. A green status bar at the bottom indicates 'Loading completed successfully'.

OPEN DAYLIGHT YangUI Logout (admin)

Nodes  
Topology  
Yangman  
Yang UI  
Yang Visualizer

API HISTORY COLLECTION PARAMETERS

ROOT

Expand all Collapse others

- + config rev.2013-04-05
- + entity-owners rev.2015-08-04
- + general-entity rev.2015-08-20
- + ietf-access-control-list rev.2016-02-18
- ietf-interfaces rev.2014-05-08
  - operational
    - interfaces
      - interface {name}
      - interfaces-state
        - + interface {name}
- + ietf-netconf rev.2011-06-01
- + ietf-netconf-monitoring rev.2010-10-04

GET /operational/ietf-interfaces:interfaces-state Send Custom API request

Loading completed successfully

# Questions?



# Thank you!