



Event-driven Network Automation and Orchestration

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Cloudflare

- How big?
 - 7+ million zones/domains
 - Authoritative for ~40% of Alexa top 1 million
 - 200 million Internet users served
 - 100+ billion DNS queries/day
 - Largest
 - Fastest
 - 35% of the Internet requests
 - Now also a resolver (1.1.1.1)
 - 10 trillion requests / month
 - 10% of the Internet traffic
- 150+ anycast locations globally
 - 74 countries (and growing)
 - Many hundreds of network devices



Agenda

- Why automate and how to start
- Vendor-agnostic automation using Salt
- YANG
- Using [*napalm-logs*](#) for event-driven network automation
- Live demo

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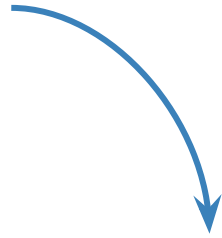
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WRONG!

Do not jump into implementation.
Design first!

What's the best tool?

Wrong question.



~~What's the best tool?~~

What's the best tool for my network?

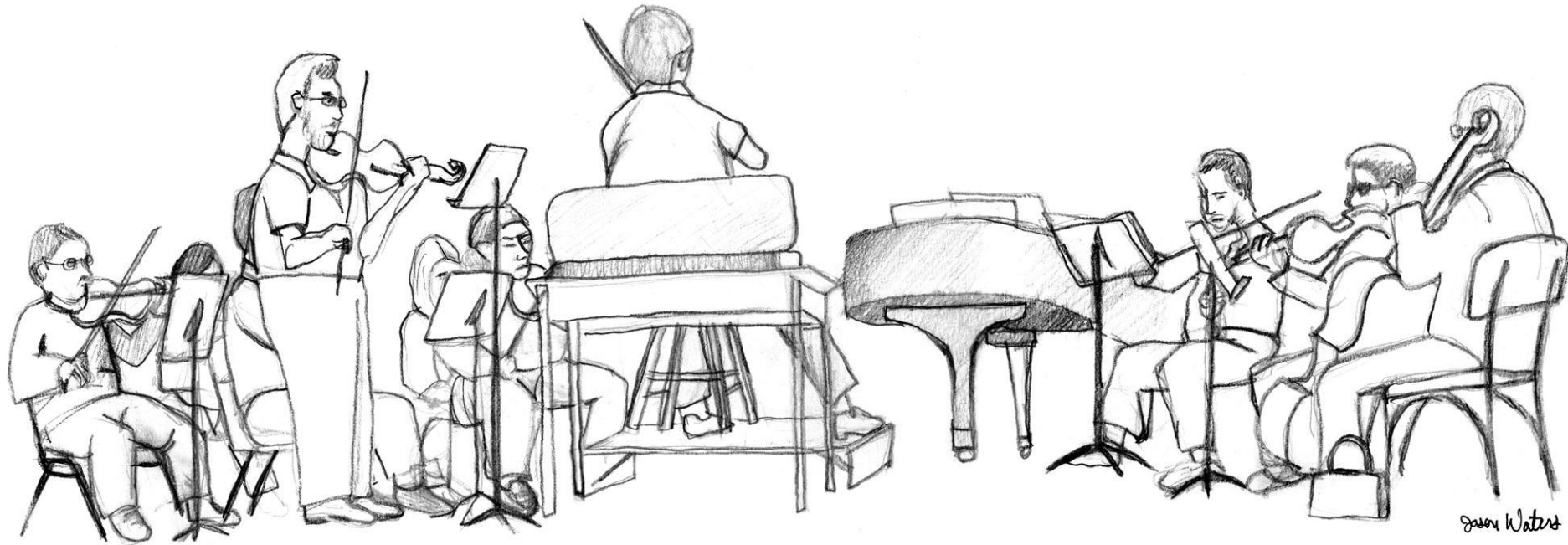
What's the best tool for my network?

- How large is your network?
- How many platforms / operating systems?
- How dynamic?
- External sources of truth? e.g., IPAM
- Do you need native caching? REST API?
- Event-driven automation?
- **Community**

Why Salt

- Very scalable
- Concurrency
- Event-driven automation
- Easily configurable & customizable
- Native caching and drivers for useful tools
- One of the friendliest communities
- Great documentation

Why Salt Orchestration vs. Automation



Why Salt

“

In SaltStack, speed isn't a byproduct, it is a design goal. SaltStack was created as an extremely fast, lightweight communication bus to provide the foundation for a remote execution engine.

SaltStack now provides orchestration, configuration management, event reactors, cloud provisioning, and more, all built around the SaltStack high-speed communication bus.

... + cross-vendor network automation from 2016.11 (Carbon)

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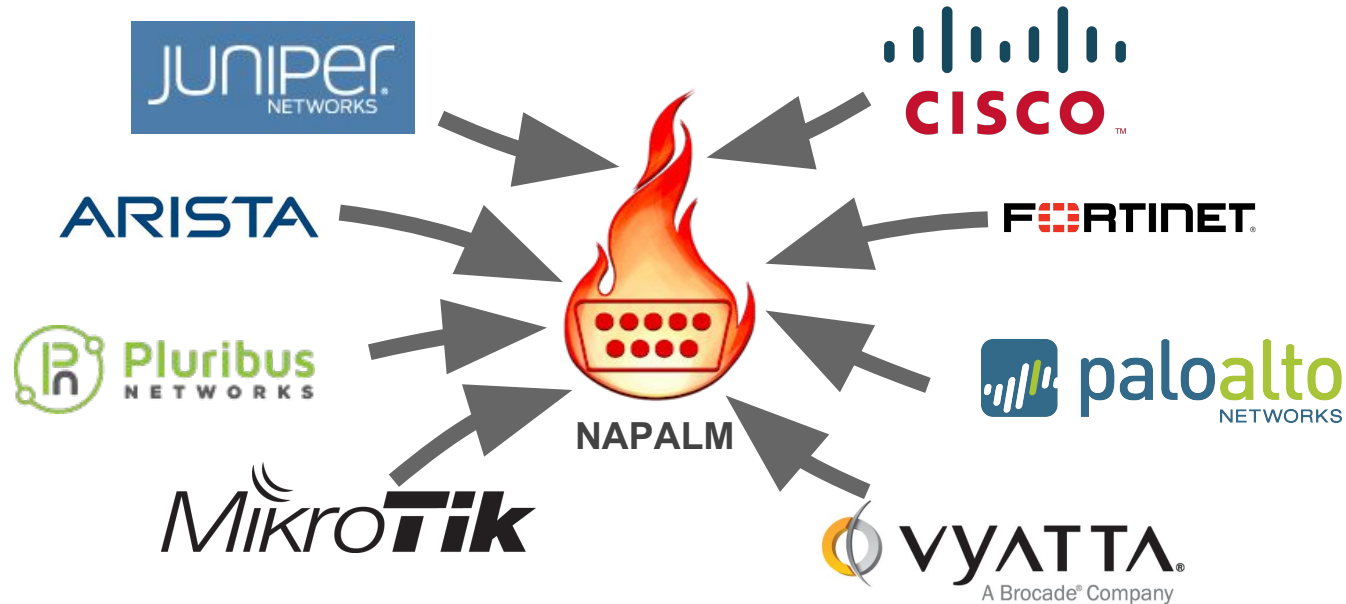
<https://docs.saltstack.com/en/getstarted/speed.html>

Who's Salty



Vendor-agnostic API: NAPALM

(Network Automation and Programmability Abstraction Layer with Multivendor support)



<https://github.com/napalm-automation>

NAPALM integrated in Salt: Carbon

NETWORK AUTOMATION: NAPALM

Beginning with 2016.11.0, network automation is included by default in the core of Salt. It is based on the [NAPALM](#) library and provides facilities to manage the configuration and retrieve data from network devices running widely used operating systems such as: JunOS, IOS-XR, eOS, IOS, NX-OS etc. - see [the complete list of supported devices](#).

The connection is established via the `NAPALM proxy`.

In the current release, the following modules were included:

- `NAPALM grains` - Select network devices based on their characteristics
- `NET execution module` - Networking basic features
- `NTP execution module`
- `BGP execution module`
- `Routes execution module`
- `SNMP execution module`
- `Users execution module`
- `Probes execution module`
- `NTP peers management state`
- `SNMP configuration management state`
- `Users management state`

<https://docs.saltstack.com/en/develop/topics/releases/2016.11.0.html>

NAPALM integrated in Salt: Nitrogen

Introduced in 2016.11, the modules for cross-vendor network automation have been improved, enhanced and widened in scope:

- Manage network devices like servers: the NAPALM modules have been transformed so they can run in both proxy and regular minions. That means, if the operating system allows, the salt-minion package can be installed directly on the network gear. Examples of such devices (also covered by NAPALM) include: Arista, Cumulus, Cisco IOS-XR or Cisco Nexus.
- Not always alive: in certain less dynamic environments, maintaining the remote connection permanently open with the network device is not always beneficial. In those particular cases, the user can select to initialize the connection only when needed, by specifying the field `always_alive: false` in the `proxy configuration` or using the `proxy_always_alive` option.
- Proxy keepalive: due to external factors, the connection with the remote device can be dropped, e.g.: packet loss, idle time (no commands issued within a couple of minutes or seconds), or simply the device decides to kill the process. In Nitrogen we have introduced the functionality to re-establish the connection. One can disable this feature through the `proxy_keep_alive` option and adjust the polling frequency specifying a custom value for `proxy_keep_alive_interval`, in minutes.

New modules:

- `Netconfig state` - Manage the configuration of network devices using arbitrary templates and the Salt-specific advanced templating methodologies.
- `Network ACL execution module` - Generate and load ACL (firewall) configuration on network devices.
- `Network ACL state` - Manage the firewall configuration. It only requires writing the pillar structure correctly!
- `NAPALM YANG execution module` - Parse, generate and load native device configuration in a standard way, using the OpenConfig/IETF models. This module contains also helpers for the states.
- `NET finder` - Runner to find details easily and fast. It's smart enough - to know what you are looking for. It will search in the details of the network interfaces, IP addresses, MAC address tables, ARP tables and LLDP neighbors.
- `BGP finder` - Runner to search BGP neighbors details.
- `NAPALM syslog` - Engine to import events from the napalm-logs library into the Salt event bus. The events are based on the syslog messages from the network devices and structured following the OpenConfig/IETF YANG models.

<https://docs.saltstack.com/en/develop/topics/releases/nitrogen.html>

Vendor-agnostic automation (1)

```
$ sudo salt junos-router net.arp
```

```
junos-router:
```

```
-----
```

```
out:
```

```
|_
```

```
-----
```

```
age:
```

```
129.0
```

```
interface:
```

```
ae2.100
```

```
ip:
```

```
10.0.0.1
```

```
mac:
```

```
84:B5:9C:CD:09:73
```

```
|_
```

```
-----
```

```
age:
```

```
1101.0
```

```
$ sudo salt iosxr-router net.arp
```

```
iosxr-router:
```

```
-----
```

```
out:
```

```
|_
```

```
-----
```

```
age:
```

```
1620.0
```

```
interface:
```

```
Bundle-Ether4
```

```
ip:
```

```
10.0.0.2
```

```
mac:
```

```
00:25:90:20:46:B5
```

```
|_
```

```
-----
```

```
age:
```

```
8570.0
```

Vendor-agnostic automation (2)

```
$ sudo salt junos-router state.sls ntp
```

```
junos-router:
```

```
-----
```

```
      ID: oc_ntp_netconfig
```

```
Function: netconfig.managed
```

```
Result: True
```

```
Comment: Configuration changed!
```

```
Started: 10:53:25.624396
```

```
Duration: 3494.153 ms
```

```
Changes:
```

```
-----
```

```
diff:
```

```
    [edit system ntp]
```

```
    - peer 172.17.17.2;
```

```
    [edit system ntp]
```

```
    + server 10.10.10.1 prefer;
```

```
    + server 10.10.10.2;
```

```
    - server 172.17.17.1 version 2 prefer;
```

```
$ sudo salt iosxr-router state.sls ntp
```

```
iosxr-router:
```

```
-----
```

```
      ID: oc_ntp_netconfig
```

```
Function: netconfig.managed
```

```
Result: True
```

```
Comment: Configuration changed!
```

```
Started: 11:02:39.162423
```

```
Duration: 3478.683 ms
```

```
Changes:
```

```
-----
```

```
diff:
```

```
---
```

```
+++
```

```
@@ -1,4 +1,10 @@
```

```
+ntp
```

```
+ server 10.10.10.1 prefer
```

```
+ server 10.10.10.2
```

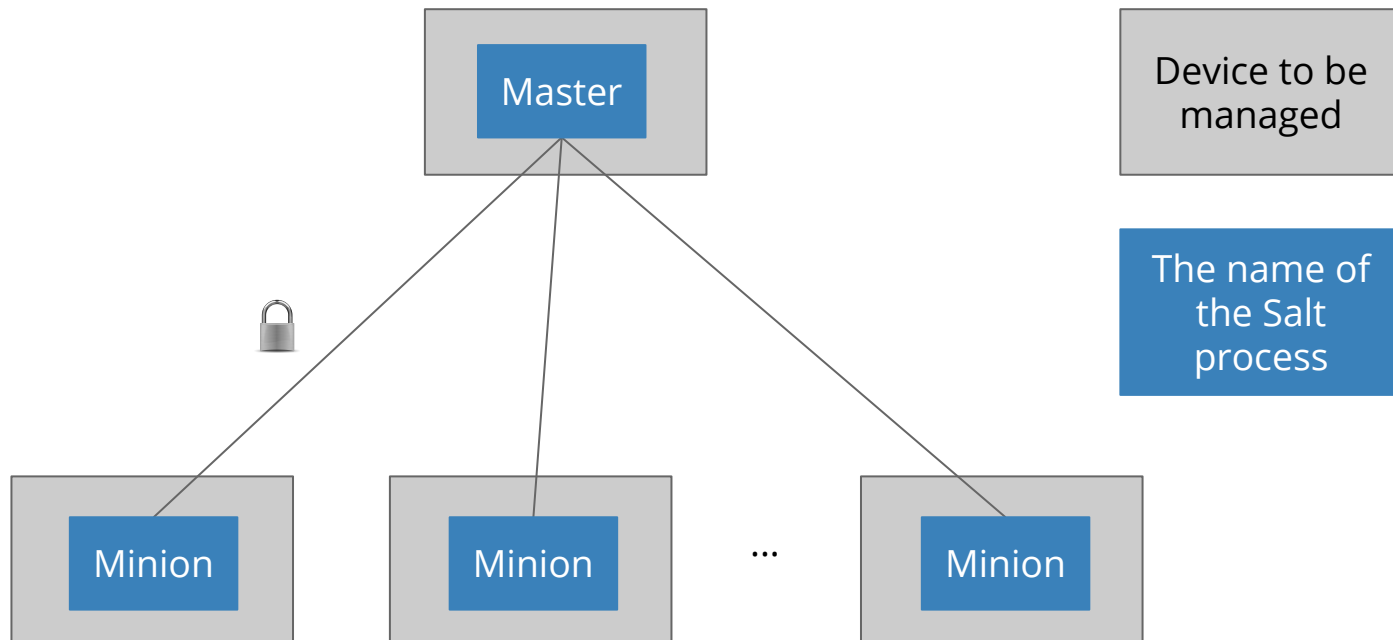
```
!
```

Vendor-agnostic automation: how to

- [Salt in 10 minutes](#)
- [Salt fundamentals](#)
- [Configuration management](#)
- [Network Automation official Salt docs](#)
- [Step-by-step tutorial](#) -- up and running in 60 minutes
- [Using Salt at Scale](#)

Introduction to Salt

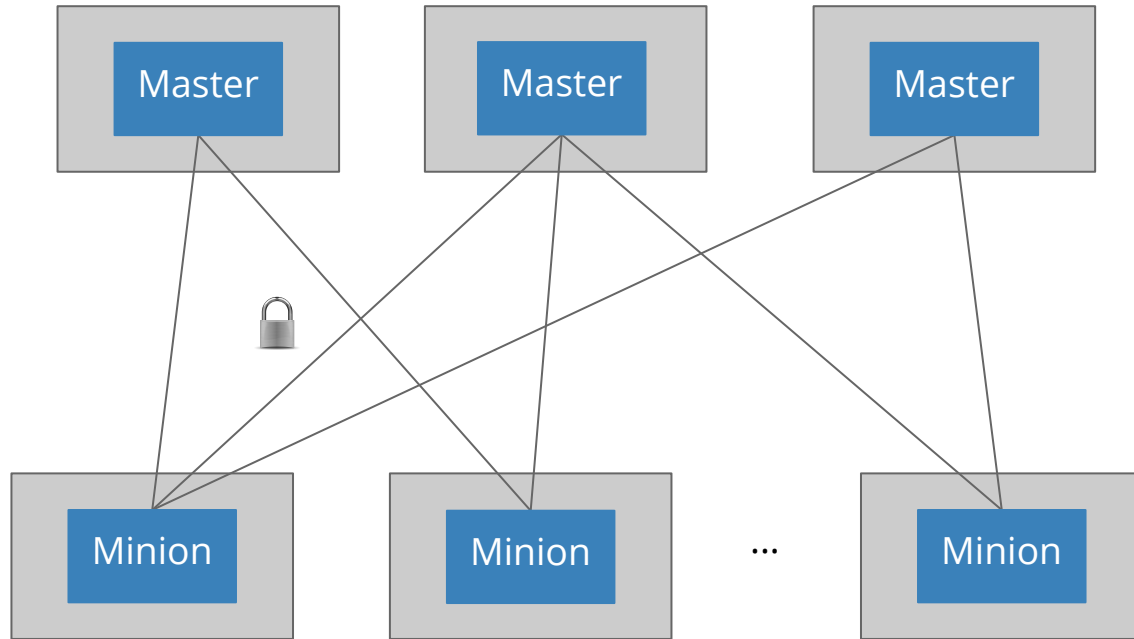
Salt Architectures: typical hub and spoke



<https://docs.saltstack.com/en/latest/topics/topology/index.html>

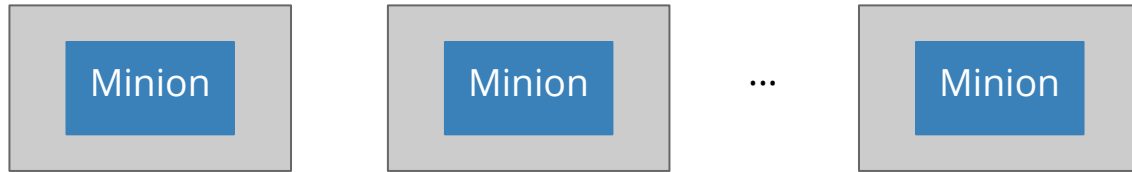
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Salt Architectures: multiple Masters



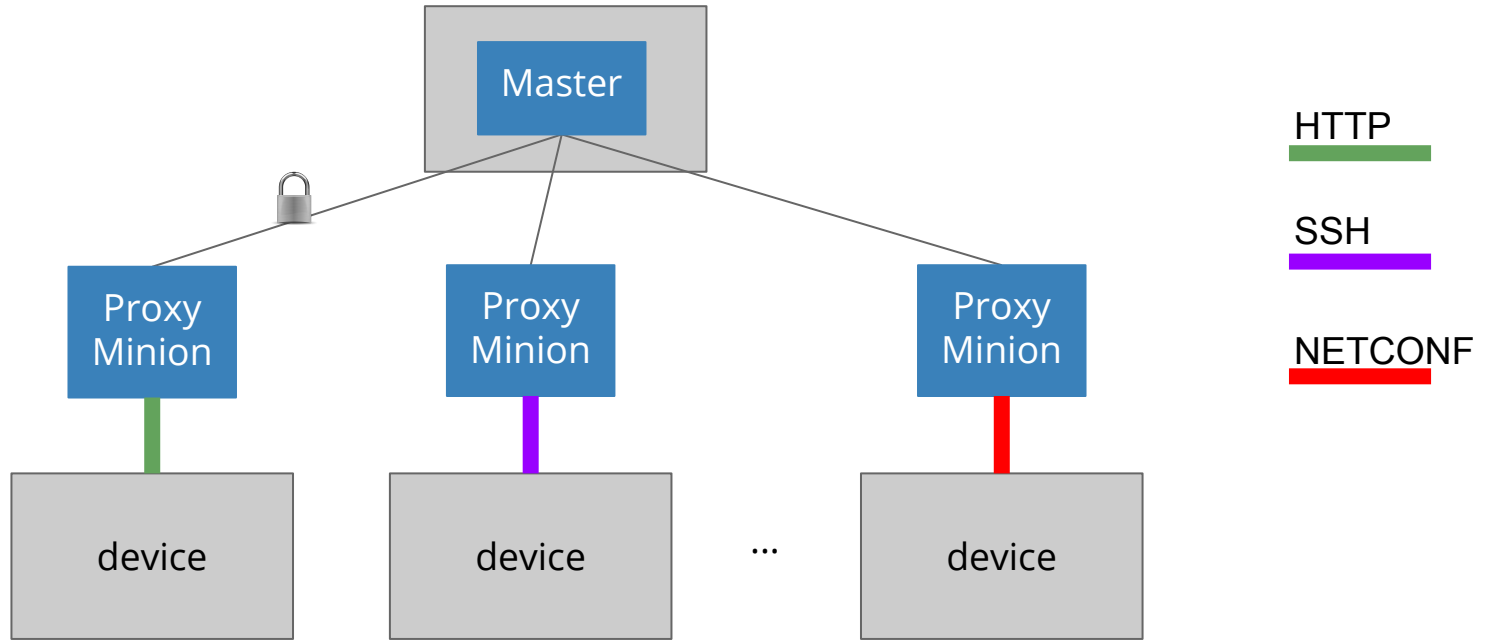
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Salt Architectures: Masterless



Introduction to Salt

Salt Architectures: Proxy Minions



<https://docs.saltstack.com/en/latest/topics/topology/index.html>

Introduction to Salt Nomenclature

Pillar

Free-form data that can be used to organize configuration values or manage sensitive data, e.g.: interface details, NTP peers, BGP config...

Data provided by the user (as file, HTTP API, database, etc.)

Grains

Data collected from the device, e.g., device model, vendor, uptime, serial number etc.

Salt handles this, you don't need to do anything

Salt in 10 minutes: <https://docs.saltstack.com/en/latest/topics/tutorials/walkthrough.html>

Introduction to Salt Nomenclature

SLS

File format used by Salt in various subsystems.

It can be used for both data and automation logic.

By default, SLS = Jinja + YAML.

Can be changed to any other [Renderer](#) combination.

Introduction to Salt SLS

The following SLS files are equivalent:

Pure YAML

```
list_with_ten_elements:  
  - 0  
  - 1  
  - 2  
  - 3  
  - 4  
  - 5  
  - 6  
  - 7  
  - 8  
  - 9
```

Default SLS (Jinja + YAML)

```
list_with_ten_elements:  
{%- for i in range(10) %}  
  - {{ i }}  
{%- endfor %}
```

Other combination: Pure Python

```
#!/py  
  
def run():  
    return {  
        'list_with_ten_elements': [ i  
for i in range(10) ]  
    }
```

YANG

YANG

- Data modeling language
 - A language of its own
 - It is not XML, JSON, YAML etc.
 - It describes hierarchies and the types of data
- Standardised in RFC 6020
- Aims to solve the vendor discrepancy in terms of operational and configuration data

YANG for dummies:

<https://napalm-automation.net/yang-for-dummies/>

YANG

A quick example

```
// module name
module napalm-star-wars {

    grouping personal-data {
        leaf name {
            type string;
        }
        leaf age {
            type age;
        }
    }

    // this is the root object defined by the model
    container universe {
        list individual {
            // identify each individual by using the name as key
            key "name";

            uses personal-data;
        }
    }
}
```

YANG

A quick example: the structure

```
$ pyang -f tree napalm-star-wars.yang
module: napalm-star-wars
  |--rw universe
    |--rw individual* [name]
      |--rw name          string
      |--rw age?         age
```


YANG

A quick example

A JSON document following the hierarchy defined in the YANG model defined previously.

```
{
  "universe": {
    "individual": {
      "Obi-Wan Kenobi": {
        "age": 57,
        "name": "Obi-Wan Kenobi"
      },
      "Luke Skywalker": {
        "age": 19,
        "name": "Luke Skywalker"
      },
      "Darth Vader": {
        "age": 42,
        "name": "Darth Vader"
      },
      "Yoda": {
        "age": 896,
        "name": "Yoda"
      }
    }
  }
}
```

YANG

A quick example

A XML document following the hierarchy defined in the YANG model defined previously.

```
<universe>
  <individual>
    <Luke Skywalker>
      <age>
        19
      </age>
    <name>
      Luke Skywalker
    </name>
  </Luke Skywalker>
  <Darth Vader>
    <age>
      42
    </age>
    <name>
      Darth Vader
    </name>
  <Yoda>
    <age>
      896
    </age>
    <name>
      Yoda
    </name>
  </Yoda>
</individual>
```

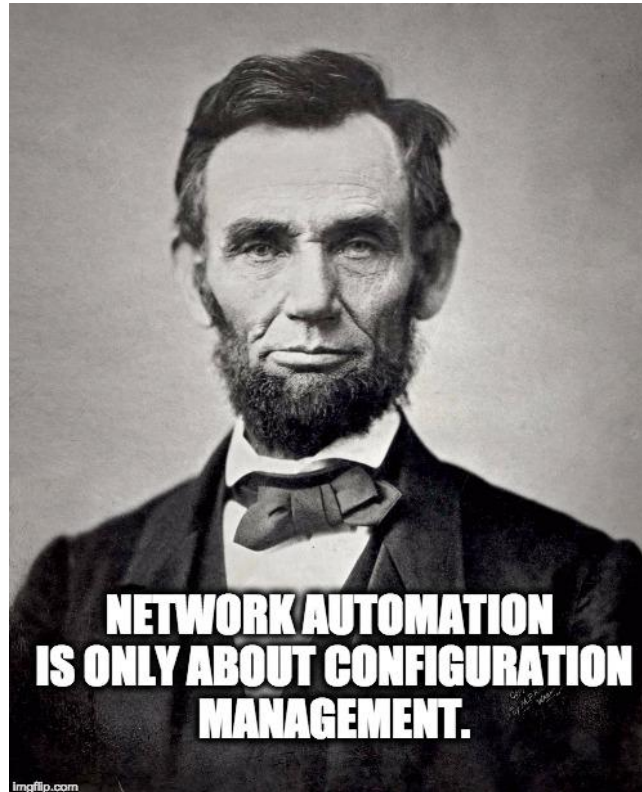
YANG

Standards Organizations

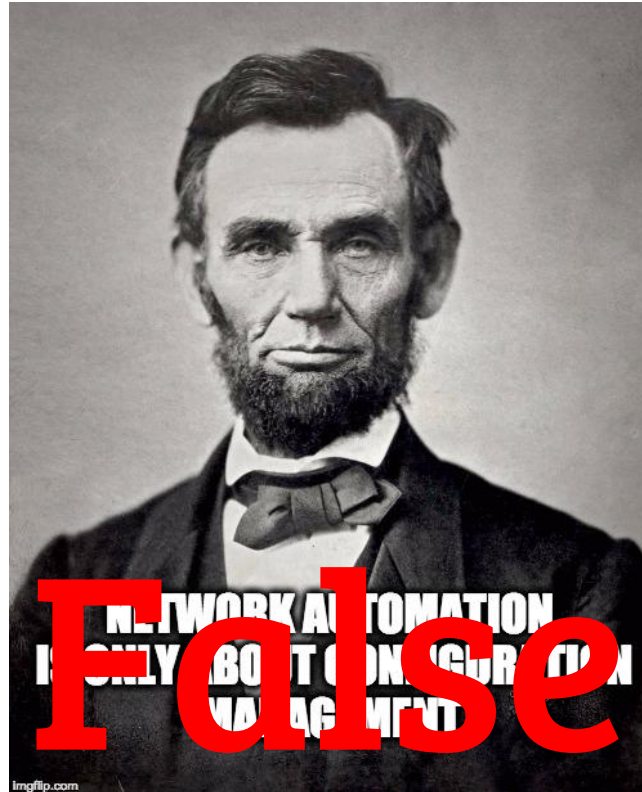
- OpenConfig
 - OpenConfig is an informal working group of network operators
 - YANG models available at <https://github.com/openconfig/public>
- IETF
- IEEE
- BBF (Broadband Forum)

Event-driven automation

Event-driven network automation (1)



Event-driven network automation (1)



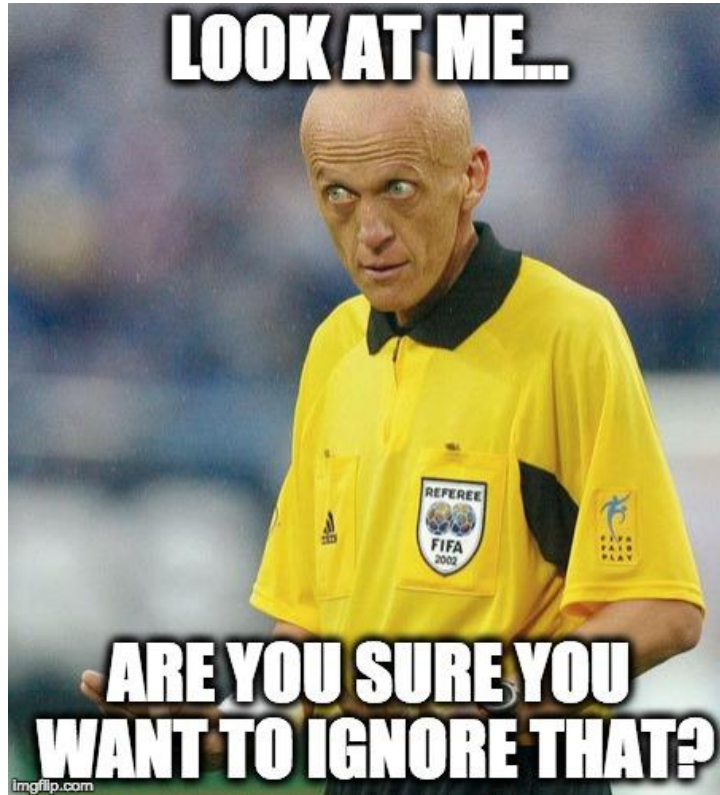
Event-driven network automation (2)

- Several of ways your network is trying to communicate with you
- Millions of messages

Event-driven network automation (3)

- SNMP traps
- Syslog messages
- Streaming telemetry

Event-driven network automation (4)



Event-driven network automation

Streaming Telemetry

- Push notifications
 - Vs. pull (SNMP)
- Structured data
 - Structured objects, using the [YANG](#) standards
 - [OpenConfig](#)
 - [IETF](#)
- Supported on very new operating systems
 - IOS-XR $\geq 6.1.1$
 - Junos ≥ 15.1 (depending on the platform)

Event-driven network automation

Syslog messages

- Junos

```
<99>Jul 13 22:53:14 device1 xntpd[16015]: NTP Server 172.17.17.1 is Unreachable
```

- IOS-XR

```
<99>2647599: device3 RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:Aug 21 09:39:14.747 UTC: ntpd[262]: %IP-IP_NTP-5-SYNC_LOSS : Synchronization lost :  
172.17.17.1 :The association was removed
```

Event-driven network automation

Syslog messages: napalm-logs (1)

<https://napalm-logs.com>

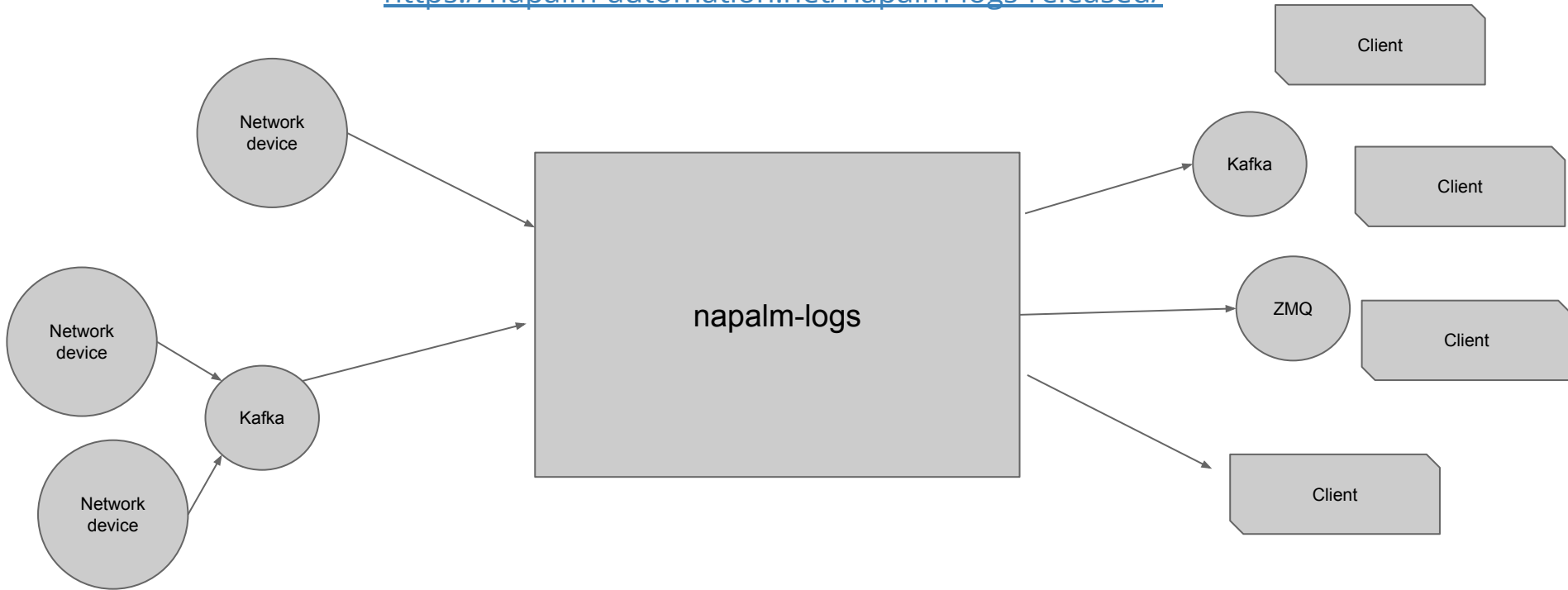


- Listen for syslog messages
 - Directly from the network devices, via UDP or TCP
 - Other systems: Apache Kafka, ZeroMQ, etc.
- Publish encrypted messages
 - Structured documents, using the [YANG](#) standards
 - [OpenConfig](#)
 - [IETF](#)
 - Over various channels: ZeroMQ, Kafka, etc.

Event-driven network automation

Syslog messages: napalm-logs (2)

<https://napalm-automation.net/napalm-logs-released/>



Event-driven network automation

Syslog messages: napalm-logs startup

```
$ napalm-logs --listener udp --address 172.17.17.1 --port 5514 --publish-address 172.17.17.2 --publish-port 49017  
--publisher zmq --disable-security
```

More configuration options:

<https://napalm-logs.readthedocs.io/en/latest/options/index.html>

Event-driven network automation

Syslog messages: napalm-logs clients

```
import zmq # when using the ZeroMQ publisher
import napalm_logs.utils

server_address = '127.0.0.1' # IP
server_port = 49017 # Port for the napalm-logs publisher interface

context = zmq.Context()
socket = context.socket(zmq.SUB)
socket.connect('tcp://{address}:{port}'.format(address=server_address,
                                               port=server_port))
socket.setsockopt(zmq.SUBSCRIBE, '') # subscribe to the napalm-logs publisher

while True:
    raw_object = socket.recv() # binary object
    print(napalm_logs.utils.unserialize(raw_object)) # deserialize
```

More complete example:

https://github.com/napalm-automation/napalm-logs/blob/master/examples/client_auth.py

Event-driven network automation

Syslog messages (again)

- Junos

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172.17.17.1 :The association was removed
```


Event-driven network automation

Syslog messages: *napalm-logs* structured objects

```
{  
  "error": "NTP_SERVER_UNREACHABLE",  
  "facility": 12,  
  "host": "device1",  
  "ip": "127.0.0.1",  
  "os": "junos",  
  "severity": 4,  
  "timestamp": 1499986394,  
  "yang_message": {  
    "system": {  
      "ntp": {  
        "servers": {  
          "server": {  
            "172.17.17.1": {  
              "state": {  
                "stratum": 16,  
                "association-type": "SERVER"  
              }  
            }  
          }  
        }  
      }  
    }  
  },  
  "yang_model": "openconfig-system"  
}
```

Event-driven network automation

Other raw syslog message example

- Junos

```
<149>Jun 21 14:03:12 vmx01 rpd[2902]: BGP_PREFIX_THRESH_EXCEEDED: 192.168.140.254 (External AS 4230): Configured maximum prefix-limit threshold(140) exceeded for inet4-unicast nlri: 141 (instance master)
```

- IOS-XR

```
<149>2647599: xrv01 RP/0/RSP1/CPU0:Mar 28 15:08:30.941 UTC: bgp[1051]: %ROUTING-BGP-5-MAXPFX : No. of IPv4 Unicast prefixes received from 192.168.140.254 has reached 94106, max 12500
```

Event-driven network automation Syslog messages: *napalm-logs* structured objects

```
"yang_message": {
  "bgp": {
    "neighbors": {
      "neighbor": {
        "192.168.140.254": {
          "afi_safis": {
            "afi_safi": {
              "inet4": {
                "ipv4_unicast": {
                  "prefix_limit": {
                    "state": {
                      "max_prefixes": 140
                    }
                  }
                }
              },
              "state": {
                "prefixes": {
                  "received": 141
                }
              }
            }
          }
        }
      },
      "state": {
        "peer_as": "4230"
      }
    }
  }
},
"yang_model": "openconfig-bgp"
}
```

Event-driven network automation

napalm-logs key facts to remember

- Continuously listening to syslog messages
- Continuously publishing structured data
 - Structure following the YANG standards
 - OpenConfig
 - IETF

Event-driven network automation

Salt event system

Salt is a [data driven system](#). Each action (job) performed (manually from the CLI or automatically by the system) is uniquely identified and has an identification tag:

```
$ sudo salt junos-router net.arp
# output omitted
```



```
$ sudo salt-run state.event pretty=True
salt/job/20170110130619367337/new {
  "_stamp": "2017-01-10T13:06:19.367929",
  "arg": [],
  "fun": "net.arp",
  "jid": "20170110130619367337",
  "minions": [
    "junos-router"
  ],
  "tgt": "junos-router",
  "tgt_type": "glob",
  "user": "mircea"
}
```

Unique job tag

Event-driven network automation

Syslog messages: napalm-syslog Salt engine (1)

https://docs.saltstack.com/en/latest/ref/engines/all/salt.engines.napalm_syslog.html

Imports messages from *napalm-logs* into the Salt event bus

```
/etc/salt/master
```

```
engines:  
  - napalm_syslog:  
    transport: zmq  
    address: 172.17.17.2  
    port: 49017  
    auth_address: 172.17.17.3  
    auth_port: 49018
```

Event-driven network automation Syslog messages: *napalm-logs* structured objects

(from slide #43)

```
{
  "error": "NTP_SERVER_UNREACHABLE",
  "facility": 12,
  "host": "device1",
  "ip": "127.0.0.1",
  "os": "junos",
  "severity": 4,
  "timestamp": 1499986394,
  "yang_message": {
    "system": {
      "ntp": {
        "servers": {
          "server": {
            "172.17.17.1": {
              "state": {
                "stratum": 16,
                "association-type": "SERVER"
              }
            }
          }
        }
      }
    }
  }
},
  "yang_model": "openconfig-system"
}
```

Event-driven network automation

Salt event bus

Using the *napalm-syslog* Salt engine you can inject *napalm-logs* events into the Salt event bus.

See

<https://napalm-automation.net/napalm-logs-released/>

and

<https://mirceaulinic.net/2017-10-19-event-driven-network-automation/>

For more examples

```
napalm/syslog/junos/NTP_SERVER_UNREACHABLE/edge01.bjm01 {
  "error": "NTP_SERVER_UNREACHABLE",
  "facility": 12,
  "host": "edge01.bjm01",
  "ip": "10.10.0.1",
  "os": "junos",
  "timestamp": 1499986394,
  "yang_message": {
    "system": {
      "ntp": {
        "servers": {
          "server": {
            "172.17.17.1": {
              "state": {
                "association-type": "SERVER",
                "stratum": 16
              }
            }
          }
        }
      }
    }
  },
  "yang_model": "openconfig-system"
}
```


Event-driven network automation

Fully automated configuration changes

/etc/salt/master

reactor:

- 'napalm/syslog/*/NTP_SERVER_UNREACHABLE/*':
- salt://reactor/exec_ntp_state.sls

/etc/salt/reactor/exec_ntp_state.sls

triggered NTP state:

cmd.state.sls:

- tgt: {{ data.host }}
- arg:
- ntp

Matches the event tag

napalm/syslog/junos/NTP_SERVER_UNREACHABLE/edge01.bjm01

CLI Equivalent:
(see slide #20)

\$ sudo salt edge01.bjm01 state.sls ntp

Event-driven network automation

Fully automated configuration changes & more

```
/etc/salt/master
```

```
reactor:
```

```
- 'napalm/syslog/*/INTERFACE_DOWN*':  
  - salt://reactor/if_down_shutdown.sls  
  - salt://reactor/if_down_send_mail.sls
```

Shutdown the interface

Send an email notification

Matches the event tag

```
napalm/syslog/junos/INTERFACE_DOWN/edge01.bjm01
```

(Event pushed when an interface is operationally down)

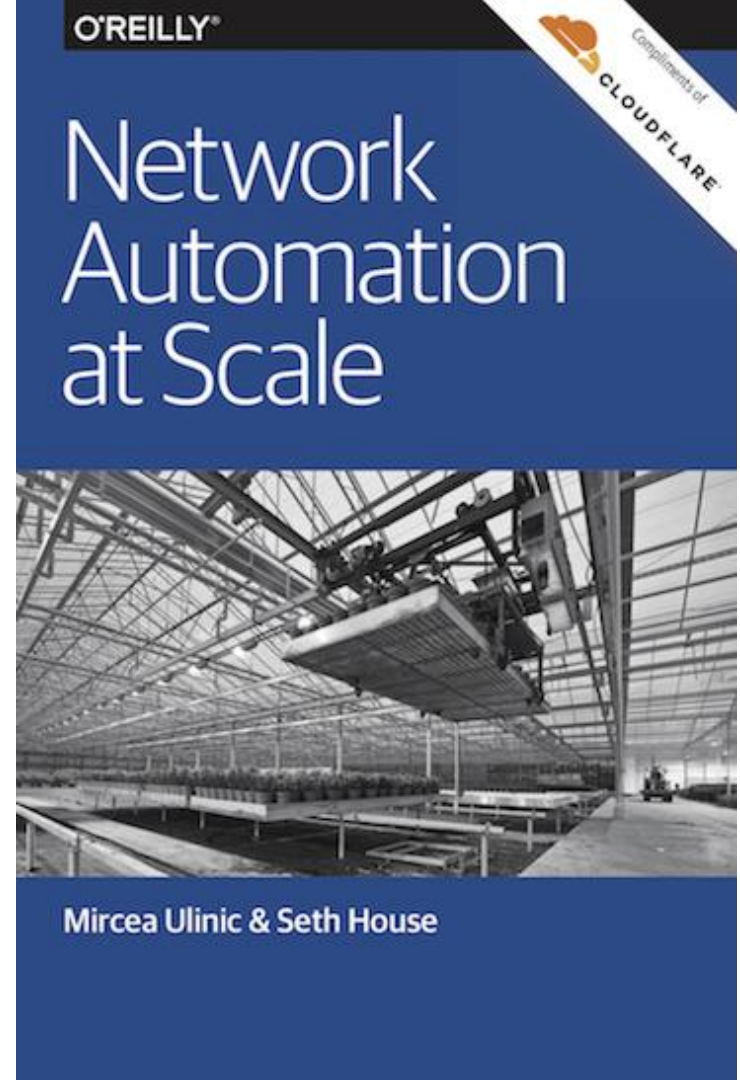
More details at:

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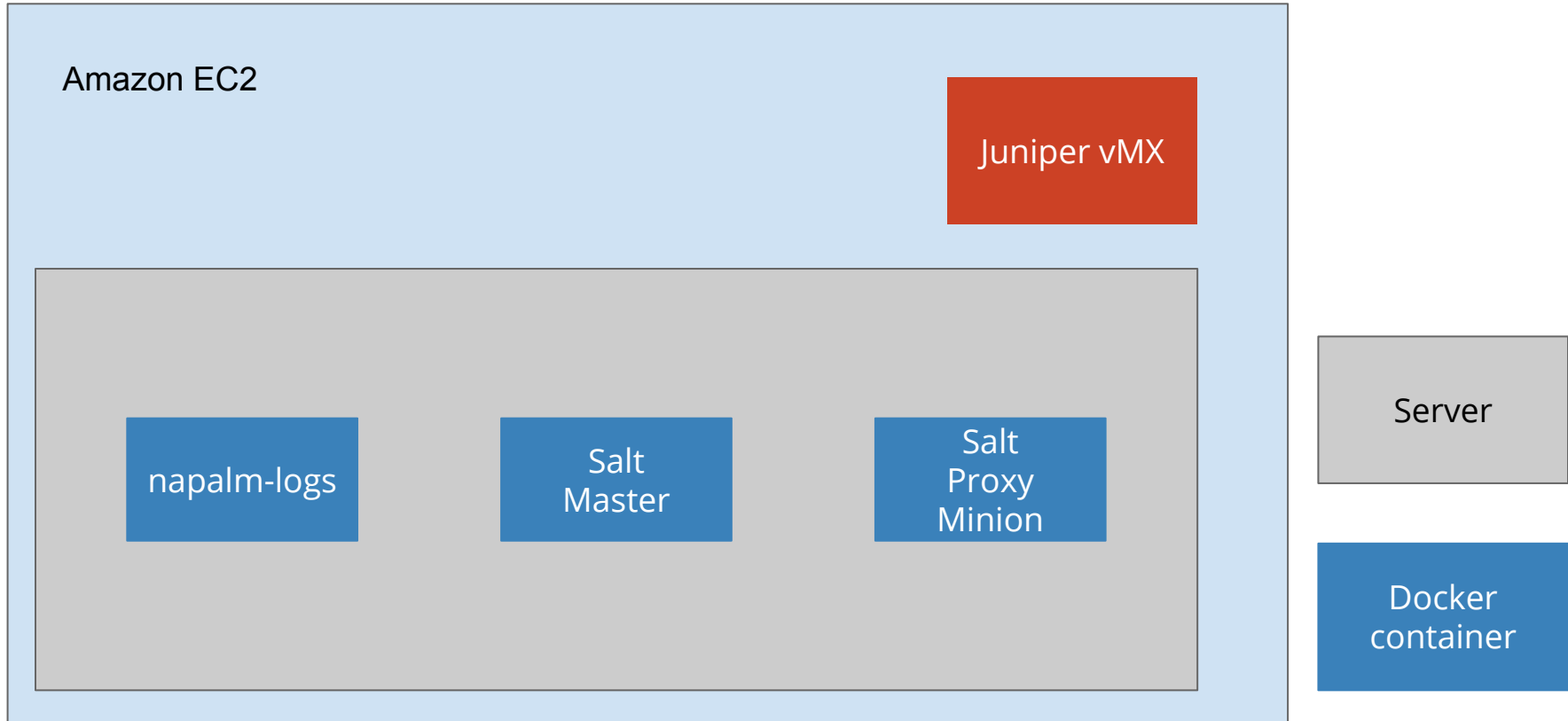


Live demo

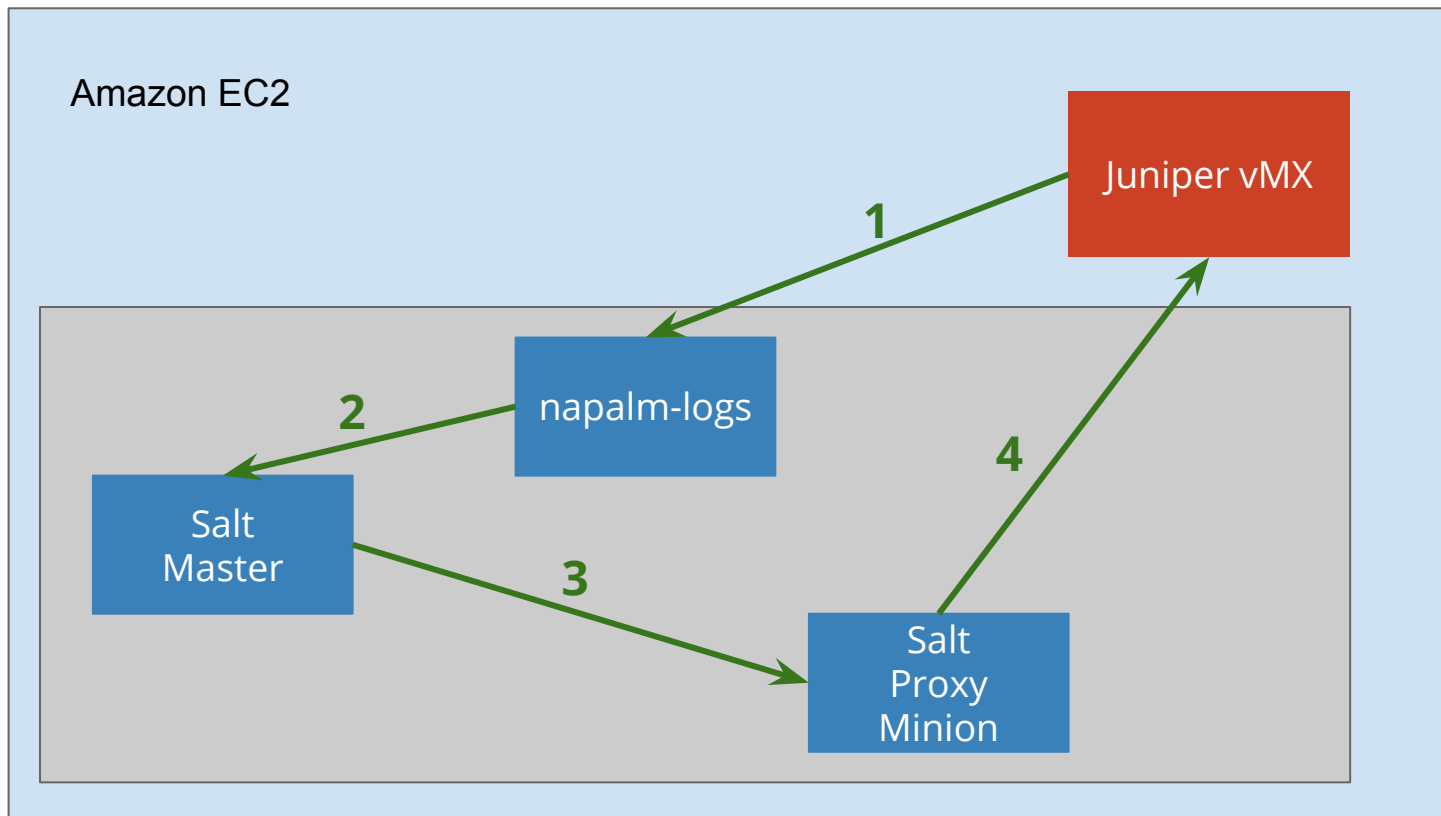
All the files are available on GitHub

<https://github.com/mirceaulinic/ripe76-tutorial>

Live demo Topology



Live demo Topology



1. Syslog notification sent to napalm-logs.
2. Structured napalm-logs message on the Salt bus.
3. Triggered job execution.
4. Configuration changed on the device.

Live demo

Start a Salt Master and Proxy Minion (1)

My Pillar Top file

```
/etc/salt/pillar/top.sls
```

```
base:  
  '*':  
    - ntp  
  {{ opts.id }}:  
    - {{ opts.id }}_pillar
```

How to read this: each Minion will load the contents from a file based on it's ID, e.g., Minion ID *dummy* will load the contents from *dummy_pillar.sls*, etc.
The *ntp.sls* Pillar is spread to all the Minions (thanks to the *).

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Start a Salt Master and Proxy Minion (2)

The shared Pillar for the NTP configuration, structured as defined in the [openconfig-system](#) model

```
/etc/salt/pillar/ntp.sls
```

```
openconfig-system:
  system:
    ntp:
      config:
        servers:
          server:
            17.253.2.125:
              config:
                association_type: SERVER
                prefer: true
```


Live demo

Start a Salt Master and Proxy Minion (3)

The Pillar for the *device1* Proxy Minion

```
/etc/salt/pillar/device1_pillar.sls
```

```
proxy:  
  proxytype: napalm  
  driver: junos  
  host: example.com  
  username: test  
  password: test
```

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Start a Salt Master and Proxy Minion (4)

The Salt Master config file

The configuration for the [napalm-syslog Salt Engine](#), to ingest events from napalm-logs.

Reactor configuration, to trigger a State execution when there's a [NTP_SERVER_UNREACHABLE](#) notification.

```
/etc/salt/master
```

```
open_mode: true

pillar_roots:
  base:
    - /etc/salt/pillar

file_roots:
  base:
    - /etc/salt
    - /etc/salt/states
```

```
engines:
  - napalm_syslog:
      address: example.com
      port: 17171
      disable_security: true
```

```
reactor:
  - 'napalm/syslog/*/NTP_SERVER_UNREACHABLE/*':
    - salt://reactor/exec_ntp_state.sls
```

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Start a Salt Master and Proxy Minion (1)

The Proxy config file

```
/etc/salt/proxy
```

```
master: salt-master  
open_mode: true  
multiprocessing: false
```

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Start a Salt Master and Proxy Minion (1)

One Docker container each, using Docker Compose

Share filesystems with the containers, mounting the files as volumes. This way, we can edit the Pillars / States / Reactor etc. files without restarting the container, but simply edit them locally and the changes will be reflected inside the container.

docker-compose.yml (simplified version)

```
services:
  salt-master:
    image: mirceaulinic/salt-master:2017.7.5
    hostname: salt-master
    container_name: salt-master
    environment:
      - LOG_LEVEL
    volumes:
      - ./master:/etc/salt/master
      - ./pillar:/etc/salt/pillar/
      - ./states:/etc/salt/states/
      - ./reactor:/etc/salt/reactor/
    network_mode: host
  salt-proxy:
    image: mirceaulinic/salt-proxy:2017.7.5
    hostname: salt-proxy
    container_name: salt-proxy
    volumes:
      - ./proxy:/etc/salt/proxy
    environment:
      - LOG_LEVEL
      - PROXYID
    network_mode: host
```

Live demo

Start a Salt Master and Proxy Minion (2)

One Docker container each, using Docker Compose

The Proxy Minion ID can be sent from the Makefile

docker-compose.yml (live version)

```
services:
  salt-master:
    image: mirceaulinic/salt-master:2017.7.5
    hostname: salt-master
    container_name: salt-master
    environment:
      - LOG_LEVEL
    volumes:
      - ./master:/etc/salt/master
      - ./pillar:/etc/salt/pillar/
      - ./states:/etc/salt/states/
      - ./reactor:/etc/salt/reactor/
    network_mode: host
  salt-proxy:
    image: mirceaulinic/salt-proxy:2017.7.5
    hostname: ${PROXYID}
    container_name: salt-proxy-${PROXYID}
    volumes:
      - ./proxy:/etc/salt/proxy
    environment:
      - LOG_LEVEL
      - PROXYID
    network_mode: host
```

Live demo

Start a Salt Master and Proxy Minion (1)

The Salt Proxy config file

```
/etc/salt/proxy
```

```
master: salt-master  
open_mode: true  
multiprocessing: false
```

Live demo

Starting napalm-logs (1)

The *napalm-logs* config file

```
/etc/napalm/logs
```

```
log_level: info
log_file: cli
port: 17171
listener:
  - udp: {}
publisher:
  - zmq: {}
disable_security: true
```

Live demo

Starting napalm-logs (2)

Similarly, in a Docker container

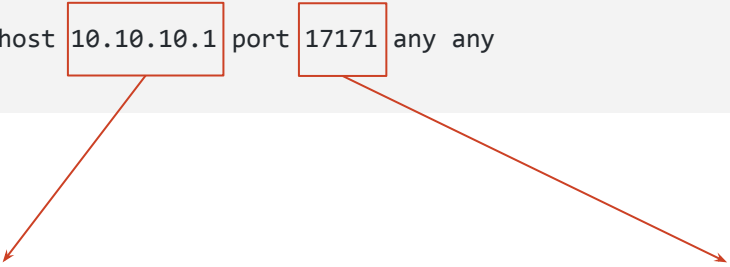
docker-compose.yml (live version)

```
services:
  napalm-logs:
    image: mirceaulinic/napalm-logs:0.5.0
    hostname: napalm-logs
    container_name: napalm-logs
    environment:
      - LOG_LEVEL
    volumes:
      - ./napalm-logs.conf:/etc/napalm/logs
    network_mode: host
    ports:
      - "49017"
```


Live demo

Starting napalm-logs: configure the network box

```
set system syslog host 10.10.10.1 port 17171 any any
```



Where napalm-logs will be running (listening to the syslog messages)

As configured in the *napalm-logs.conf* config file

For more configuration details for other network operating systems, check the [Supported devices and configuration](#) section in the napalm-logs documentation.

Live demo

Starting all the containers (1)

The Makefile

```
export PROXYID ?= dummy

all:
    docker-compose up -d
```

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Starting all the containers (2)

Simply execute

```
$ make PROXYID=device1
docker-compose up -d
Creating napalm-logs      ... done
Creating salt-proxy-device1 ... done
Creating salt-master     ... done
```

Live demo

Starting all the containers (3)

All 3 containers should be up and running

```
$ sudo docker ps
```

CONTAINER ID	IMAGE	COMMAND	CREATED	STATUS
df9019904036	mirceaulinic/salt-master:2017.7.5	"/bin/sh -c \"/usr/lo..."	8 minutes ago	Up 8 minutes
salt-master				
9feb2f32f864	mirceaulinic/salt-proxy:2017.7.5	"/bin/sh -c \"/usr/lo..."	8 minutes ago	Up 8 minutes
salt-proxy-device1				
bc693428c207	mirceaulinic/napalm-logs:0.5.0	"/bin/sh -c 'napalm-..."	8 minutes ago	Up 8 minutes
napalm-logs				

Live demo

Starting all the containers (4)

From the Master can execute:

```
$ docker exec -it salt-master bash
root@salt-master:/# salt device1 test.ping
device1:
  True
```

```
$ docker exec -it salt-master bash
root@salt-master:/# salt device1 route.show
0.0.0.0/0
device1:
  -----
  comment:
  out:
  -----
  0.0.0.0/0:
  |_
  -----
  age:
  113525
  current_active:
  True
  inactive_reason:
  last_active:
  True
  next_hop:
  172.31.0.1
```

Live demo

Starting all the containers

We should notice napalm-logs events on the Salt bus:

```
$ docker exec -it salt-master bash
root@salt-master:/# salt-run state.event pretty=True
```

```
napalm/syslog/junos/USER_ENTER_CONFIG_MODE/edge01.mrs01 {
  "_stamp": "2018-05-09T14:05:10.669616",
  "error": "USER_ENTER_CONFIG_MODE",
  "facility": 23,
  "host": "edge01.mrs01",
  "ip": "172.31.13.150",
  "os": "junos",
  "severity": 5,
  "timestamp": 1525874708,
  "yang_message": {
    "users": {
      "user": {
        "mircea": {
          "action": {
            "enter_config_mode": true
          }
        }
      }
    }
  },
  "yang_model": "NO_MODEL"
}
```

Live demo

Reproduce this yourself

```
$ git clone https://github.com/mirceaulinic/ripe76-tutorial.git
$ cd ripe76-tutorial
### edit pillar/device1_pillar.sls file, and add your authentication details
$ make PROXYID=device1
```

Docker and Docker Compose are assumed to be already installed. Otherwise, follow the installation notes: <https://docs.docker.com/install/> and <https://docs.docker.com/compose/install/>

Live demo

Applying a configuration change

```
[edit]  
napalm@device1# set system ntp server 1.2.3.4
```

```
[edit]  
napalm@device1# show | compare  
[edit system]  
+ ntp {  
+   server 1.2.3.4;  
+ }
```

```
[edit]  
napalm@device1# commit  
commit complete
```


Live demo

Applying a configuration change: as seen on the Salt bus

```
napalm/syslog/junos/CONFIGURATION_COMMIT_REQUESTED/device1 {
  "_stamp": "2018-05-09T14:19:40.733766",
  "error": "CONFIGURATION_COMMIT_REQUESTED",
  "facility": 23,
  "host": "device1",
  "ip": "172.31.13.150",
  "os": "junos",
  "severity": 5,
  "timestamp": 1525875578,
  "yang_message": {
    "users": {
      "user": {
        "napalm": {
          "action": {
            "comment": "none",
            "requested_commit": true
          }
        }
      }
    }
  },
  "yang_model": "NO_MODEL"
}
```

Live demo

Applying a configuration change: as seen on the Salt bus

```
napalm/syslog/junos/CONFIGURATION_COMMIT_COMPLETED/device1 {
  "_stamp": "2018-05-09T14:19:50.235894",
  "error": "CONFIGURATION_COMMIT_COMPLETED",
  "facility": 23,
  "host": "device1",
  "ip": "172.31.13.150",
  "os": "junos",
  "severity": 4,
  "timestamp": 1525875587,
  "yang_message": {
    "system": {
      "operations": {
        "commit_complete": true
      }
    }
  },
  "yang_model": "NO_MODEL"
}
```

Live demo

The device is unsynchronised

```
napalm@device1> show ntp associations
```

remote	refid	st	t	when	poll	reach	delay	offset	jitter
=====									
1.2.3.4	.INIT.	16	-	-	64	0	0.000	0.000	4000.00

Live demo

An NTP server becomes unreachable

```
napalm/syslog/junos/NTP_SERVER_UNREACHABLE/device1 {  
  "error": "NTP_SERVER_UNREACHABLE",  
  "facility": 12,  
  "host": "device1",  
  "ip": "172.31.13.150",  
  "os": "junos",  
  "severity": 3,  
  "timestamp": 1525942185,  
  "yang_message": {  
    "system": {  
      "ntp": {  
        "servers": {  
          "server": {  
            "1.2.3.4": {  
              "state": {  
                "association-type": "SERVER",  
                "stratum": 16  
              }  
            }  
          }  
        }  
      }  
    }  
  },  
  "yang_model": "openconfig-system"  
}
```

Live demo

The reactor kicks a State execution (configuration change): Salt Master logs

```
[DEBUG ] Sending event: tag = napalm/syslog/junos/NTP_SERVER_UNREACHABLE/device1; data = {'_stamp':
'2018-05-10T08:49:58.296950', 'yang_message': {'system': {'ntp': {'servers': {'server': {'1.2.3.4': {'state':
{'association-type': 'SERVER', 'stratum': 16}}}}}}}, 'message_details': {'processId': '22637', 'severity': 3, 'facility':
12, 'hostPrefix': None, 'pri': '99', 'host': 'device1', 'tag': 'xntpd', 'time': '09:13:23', 'date': 'May 10', 'message':
'NTP Server 1.2.3.4 is Unreachable'}, 'facility': 12, 'ip': '172.31.13.150', 'error': 'NTP_SERVER_UNREACHABLE', 'host':
'device1', 'yang_model': 'openconfig-system', 'timestamp': 1525943603, 'os': 'junos', 'severity': 3}
[DEBUG ] Gathering reactors for tag napalm/syslog/junos/NTP_SERVER_UNREACHABLE/device1
[DEBUG ] Compiling reactions for tag napalm/syslog/junos/NTP_SERVER_UNREACHABLE/device1
[DEBUG ] Rendered data from file: /var/cache/salt/master/files/base/reactor/exec_ntp_state.sls:
triggered NTP state:
  local.state.sls:
    - tgt: device1
    - arg:
      - ntp
[DEBUG ] Results of YAML rendering:
OrderedDict([('triggered NTP state', OrderedDict([('local.state.sls', [OrderedDict([('tgt', 'device1')]),
OrderedDict([('arg', ['ntp'])])]))]))])
```

Live demo

The reactor kicks a State execution (configuration change): Salt Master logs

```
[DEBUG ] Sending event: tag = 20180510084958473615; data = {'_stamp': '2018-05-10T08:49:58.474571', 'minions': ['device1']}
[DEBUG ] Sending event: tag = salt/job/20180510084958473615/new; data = {'tgt_type': 'glob', 'jid': '20180510084958473615', 'tgt': 'device1', '_stamp': '2018-05-10T08:49:58.474852', 'user': 'root', 'arg': ['ntp'], 'fun': 'state.sls', 'minions': ['device1']}
[DEBUG ] Adding minions for job 20180510084958473615: ['device1']
[INFO ] User root Published command state.sls with jid 20180510084958473615
[DEBUG ] Published command details {'tgt_type': 'glob', 'jid': '20180510084958473615', 'tgt': 'device1', 'ret': '', 'user': 'root', 'arg': ['ntp'], 'fun': 'state.sls'}
[INFO ] Got return from device1 for job 20180510084958473615
[DEBUG ] Sending event: tag = salt/job/20180510084958473615/ret/device1; data = {'fun_args': ['ntp'], 'jid': '20180510084958473615', 'return': {'netconfig_|-oc_ntp_netconfig_|-oc_ntp_netconfig_|-managed': {'comment': 'Configuration changed!\n', 'pchanges': {'diff': '[edit system ntp]\n+ server 17.253.2.125 prefer;\n- server 1.2.3.4;'}, 'name': 'oc_ntp_netconfig', 'start_time': '08:49:58.671645', 'result': True, 'duration': 10704.875, '__run_num__': 0, '__sls__': 'ntp.netconfig', 'changes': {'diff': '[edit system ntp]\n+ server 17.253.2.125 prefer;\n- server 1.2.3.4;'}, '__id__': 'oc_ntp_netconfig'}}, 'retcode': 0, 'success': True, 'cmd': '_return', '_stamp': '2018-05-10T08:50:09.966462', 'fun': 'state.sls', 'id': 'device1', 'out': 'highstate'}
```

Live demo

The reactor kicks a State execution (configuration change): Salt bus

```
20180510084958473615      {
  "_stamp": "2018-05-10T08:49:58.474571",
  "minions": [
    "device1"
  ]
}
salt/job/20180510084958473615/new {
  "_stamp": "2018-05-10T08:49:58.474852",
  "arg": [
    "ntp"
  ],
  "fun": "state.sls",
  "jid": "20180510084958473615",
  "minions": [
    "device1"
  ],
  "tgt": "device1",
  "tgt_type": "glob",
  "user": "root"
}
```

Live demo

The reactor kicks a State Execution (configuration change): result

```
salt/job/20180510084958473615/ret/device1{
  "_stamp": "2018-05-10T08:50:09.966462",
  "cmd": "_return",
  "fun": "state.sls",
  "fun_args": [
    "ntp"
  ],
  "id": "device1",
  "jid": "20180510084958473615",
  "out": "highstate",
  "retcode": 0,
  "return": {
    "netconfig_|-oc_ntp_netconfig_|-oc_ntp_netconfig_|-managed": {
      "changes": {
        "diff": "[edit system ntp]\n+   server
17.253.2.125 prefer;\n-   server 1.2.3.4;"
      },
      "comment": "Configuration changed!\n",
      "duration": 11288.952,
      "name": "oc_ntp_netconfig",
      "result": true,
      "start_time": "08:49:58.671645"
    }
  },
  "success": true
}
```


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Side note: the previous
job output, when
executed from the CLI

```
root@salt-master:/# salt device1 state.sls ntp
device1:
-----
          ID: oc_ntp_netconfig
          Function: netconfig.managed
          Result: True
          Comment: Configuration changed!
          Started: 11:22:21.364131
          Duration: 10644.564 ms
          Changes:
          -----
          diff:
          [edit system ntp]
          +   server 17.253.2.125 prefer;
          -   server 1.2.3.4;

Summary for device1
-----
Succeeded: 1 (changed=1)
Failed:    0
-----
Total states run:    1
Total run time: 10.645 s
root@salt-master:/#
```

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The device is synchronised

```
napalm@device1> show configuration system ntp
```

```
server 17.253.2.125 prefer;
```

```
napalm@device1>
```

```
napalm@device1> show ntp associations
```

remote	refid	st	t	when	poll	reach	delay	offset	jitter
*17.253.2.125	.GPSs.	1	-	8	64	77	39.015	12.527	27.595

Other examples using napalm-logs

- Using BGP NEIGHBOR STATE CHANGED, can send alerts (e.g., chat, SMS, email, etc.)
- On OSPF NEIGHBOR DOWN can adjust the route metric cost.
- On BGP SESSION NOT CONFIGURED, send an email to your peer as a reminder.
- This list can be nearly infinite, and depends on your own use case.

Key takeaways

- *napalm-logs* can be used for event-driven network automation.
- There can be many other good sources of internal and external events, e.g., streaming telemetry, [BGPmon](#), [Prometheus Alertmanager](#), emails from your partners, or other in-house that make sense to your own business model.

“

The only limit to your impact is your imagination and commitment.

”

Tony Robbins

(besides time, mood, human resources, YouTube, Facebook, etc.)

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GitHub

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<https://github.com/napalm-automation/napalm-logs>
- NAPALM Automation:
<https://github.com/napalm-automation>
- Salt
<https://github.com/saltstack/salt>

Questions

