Network Programmability YANG/NETCONF/RESTCONF

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Introduction to Model Driven Programmability

Breaking down YANG, NETCONF, and RESTCONF

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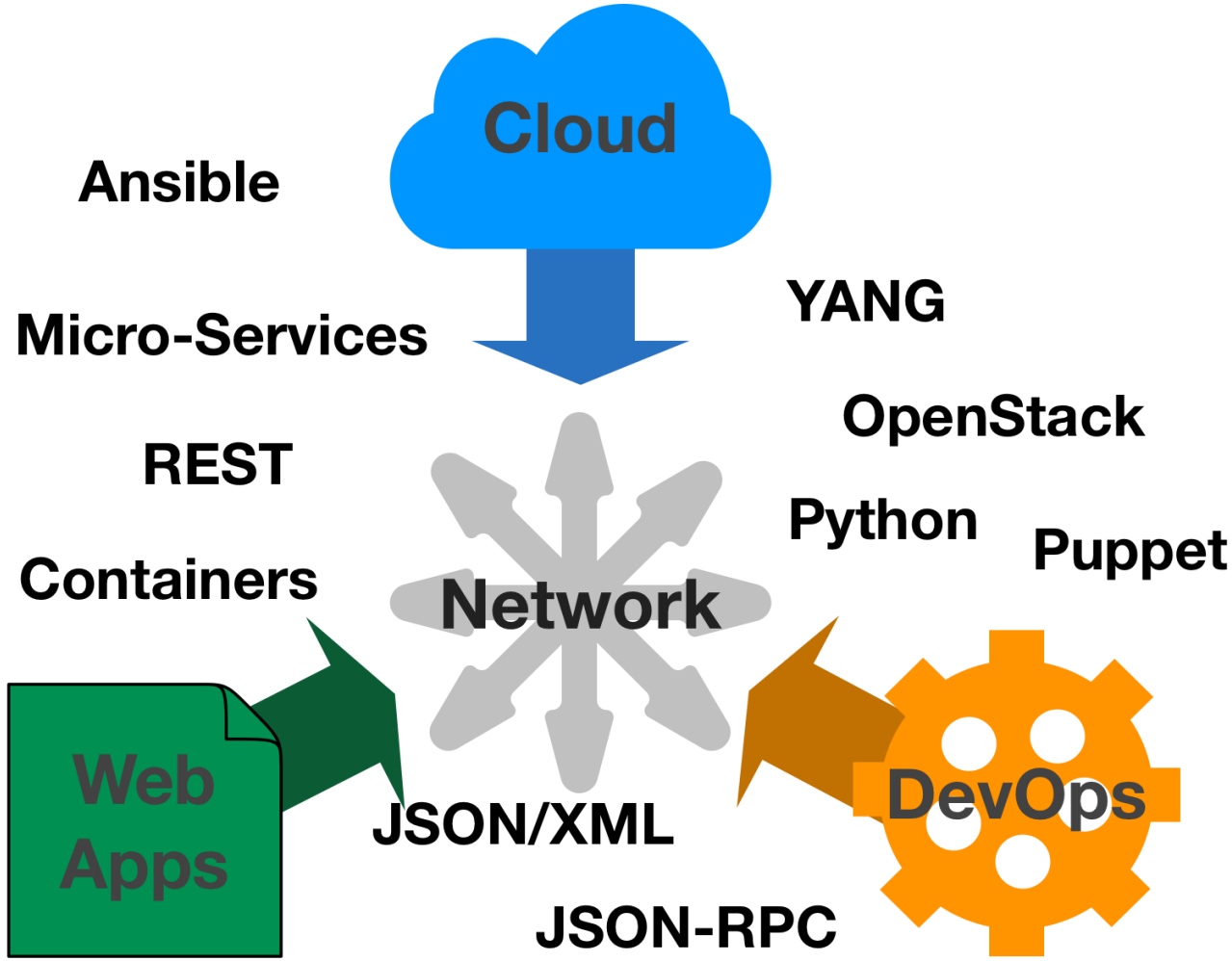
Agenda

- The Road to Model Driven Programmability
- Introduction to YANG Data Models
- Introduction to NETCONF
- Introduction to RESTCONF
- Conclusion and Q/A

Note: All code samples referenced in this presentation are available at https://github.com/CiscoDevNet/BRKDEV-1368

The Road to Model Driven Programmability

The Network is No Longer Isolated



What about SNMP?

SNMP works "reasonably well for device monitoring"

RFC 3535: Overview of the 2002 IAB Network Management Workshop – 2003
https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3535

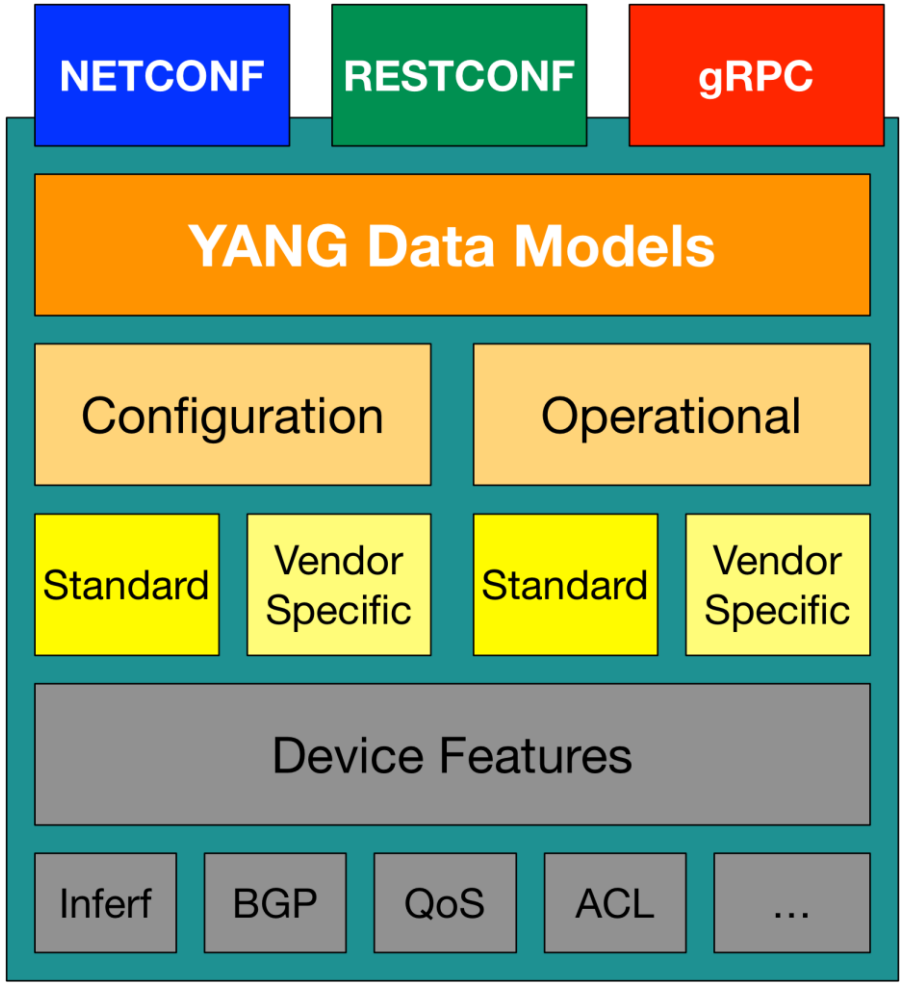
- Typical config: SNMPv2 read-only community strings
- Typical usage: interface statistics queries and traps
- Empirical Observation: SNMP is not used for configuration
  - Lack of Writeable MIBs
  - Security Concerns
  - Difficult to Replay/Rollback
  - Special Applications

RFC 3535: What is Needed?

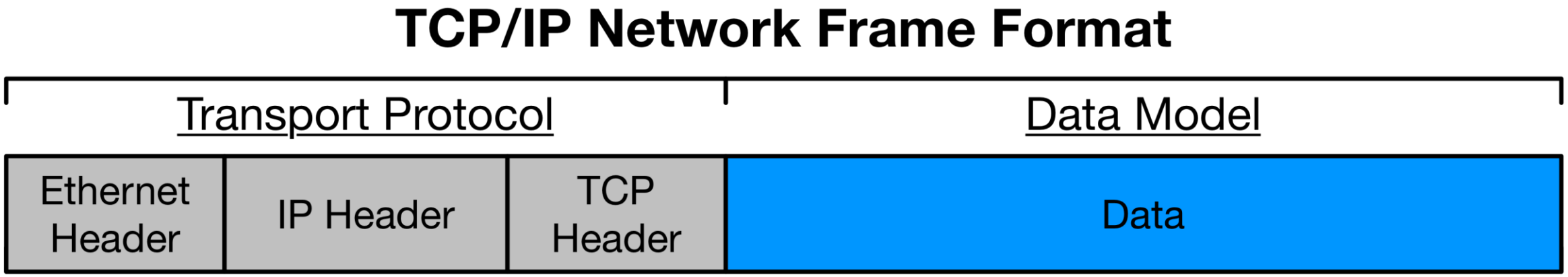
- A programmatic interface for device configuration
- Separation of Configuration and State Data
- Ability to configure " services" NOT " devices"
- Integrated error checking and recovery

Model Driven Programmability

- NETCONF – 2006 – RFC 4741
  (RFC 6241 in 2011)
- YANG – 2010 – RFC 6020
- RESTCONF – 2017 – RFC 8040
- gRPC – 2015 – OpenSource project by Google
  - *Not covered in today's session*



Transport (Protocol) vs Data (Model)

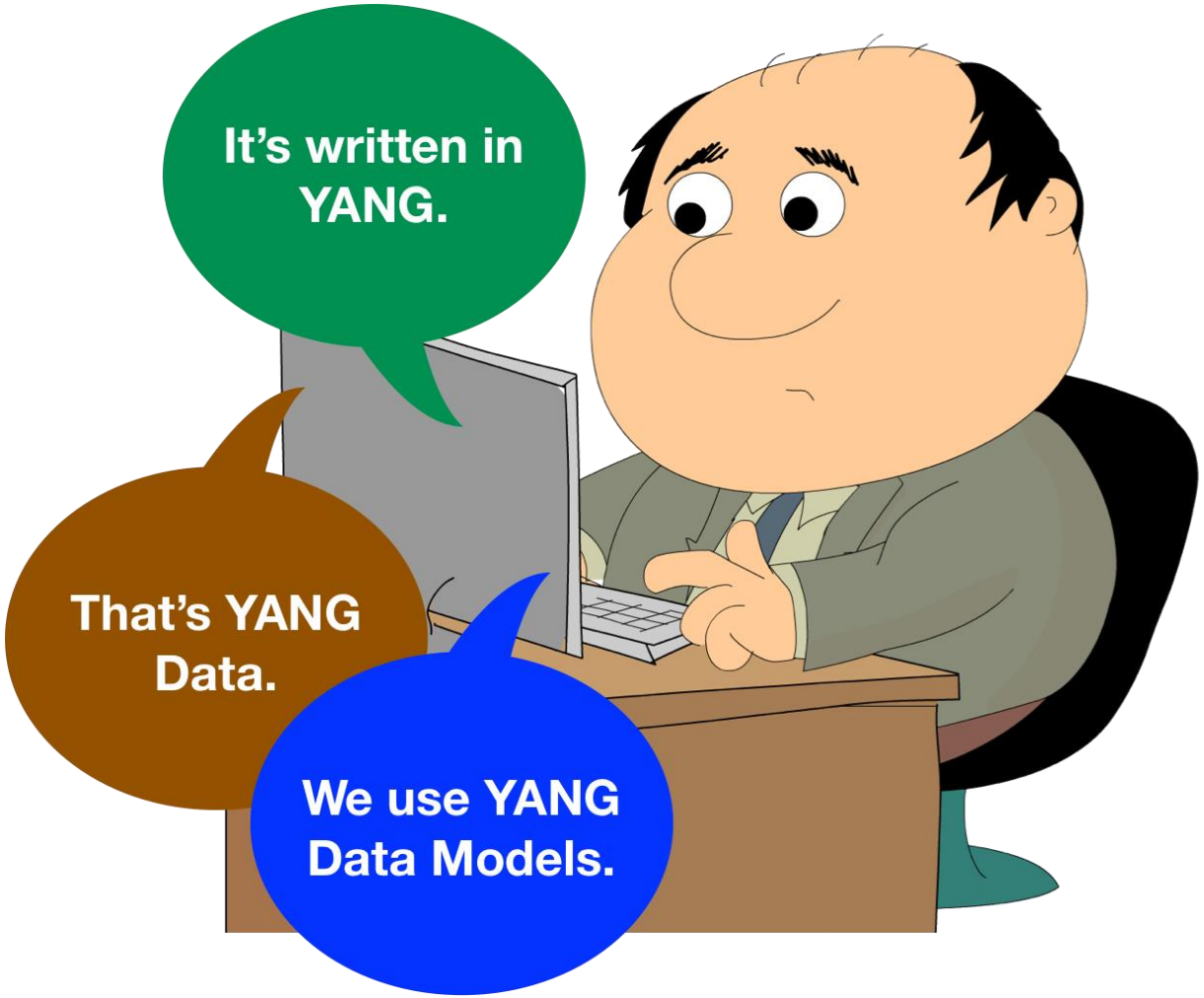


- NETCONF
- RESTCONF
- gRPC

- YANG

What is YANG?

Three Meanings of “YANG”



YANG Modeling Language

- Module that is a self-contained top-level hierarchy of nodes
- Uses containers to group related nodes
- Lists to identify nodes that are stored in sequence
- Each individual attribute of a node is represented by a leaf
- Every leaf must have an associated type

```
module ietf-interfaces {
  import ietf-yang-types {
    prefix yang;
  }
  container interfaces {
    list interface {
      key "name";
      leaf name {
        type string;
      }
      leaf enabled {
        type boolean;
        default "true";
      }
    }
}
```

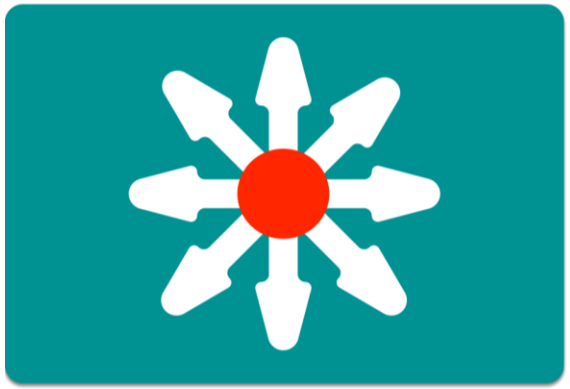
Example edited for simplicity and brevity

What is a Data Model?

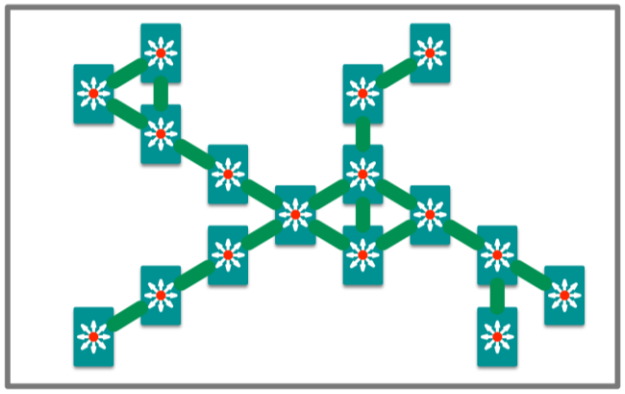
A data model is simply a well understood and agreed upon method to describe " something" . As an example, consider this simple " data model" for a person.

- *Person*
  - **Gender** – male, female, other
  - **Height** – Feet/Inches or Meters
  - **Weight** – Pounds or Kilos
  - **Hair Color** – Brown, Blond, Black, Red, other
  - **Eye Color** – Brown, Blue, Green, Hazel, other

What might a YANG Data Model describe?



Device Data Models
- Interface
- VLAN
- Device ACL
- Tunnel
- OSPF
- etc



Service Data Models
- L3 MPLS VPN
- MP-BGP
- VRF
- Network ACL
- System Management
- Network Faults
- etc

Working with YANG Data Models

Where do Models Come From?

- **Standard definition**
  (IETF, ITU, OpenConfig, etc.)
- Compliant with standard
  `ietf-diffserv-policy.yang`
  `ietf-diffserv-classifer.yang`
  `ietf-diffserv-target.yang`

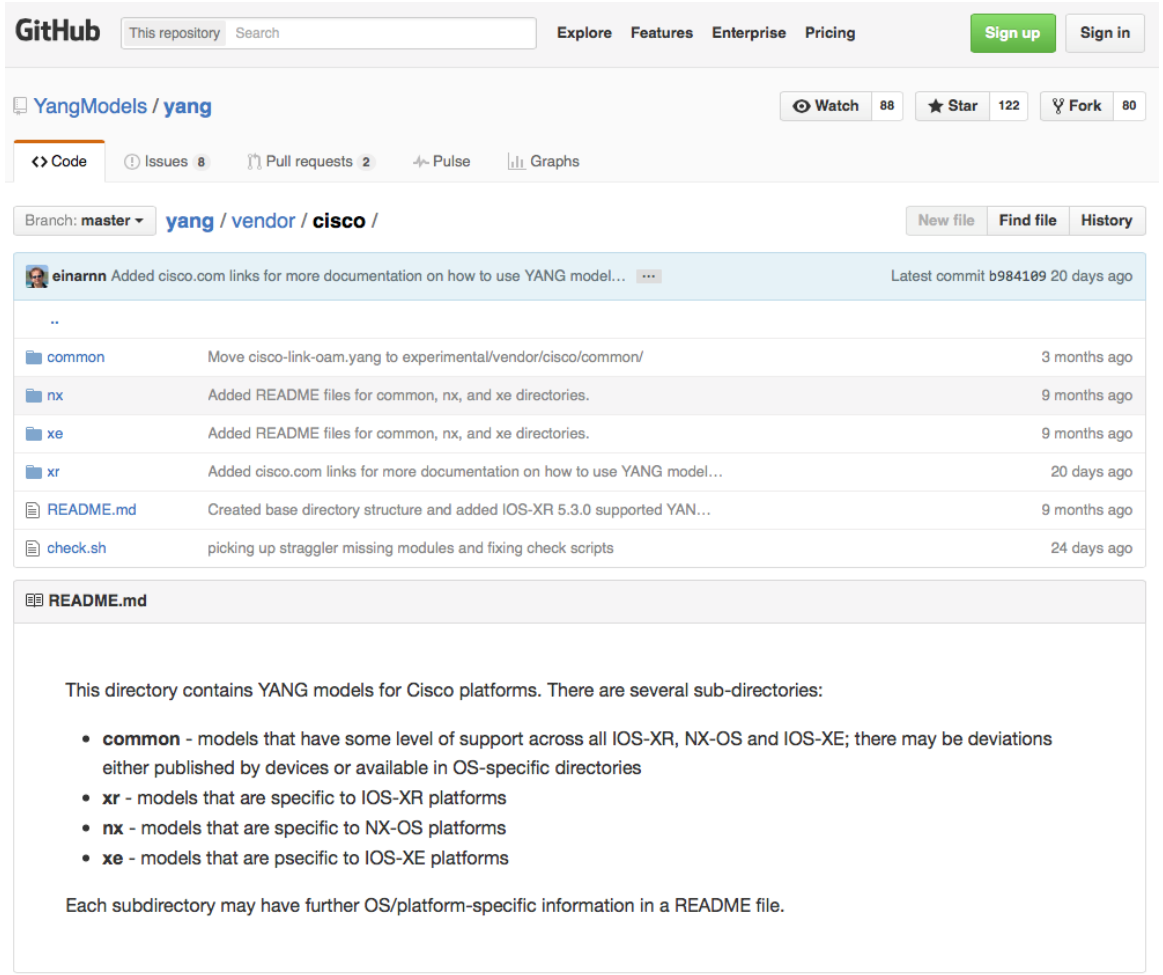
- **Vendor definition**
  (i.e. Cisco)
- Unique to Vendor Platforms
  `cisco-memory-stats.yang`
  `cisco-flow-monitor`
  `cisco-qos-action-qlimit-cfg`

https://github.com/YangModels/yang

Where to get the Models?

- For YANG modules from standard organizations such as the IETF, open source such as Open Daylight or vendor specific modules”
  - https://github.com/YangModels/yang

- For OpenConfig models
  - https://github.com/openconfig/public



YANG Data Models

The model can be displayed and represented in any number of formats depending on needs at the time. Some options include:

- YANG Language
- Clear Text
- XML
- JSON
- HTML/JavaScript

Working with YANG Models

```
DevNet$ pyang -f tree ietf-interfaces.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}?
```

Example output edited for simplicity and brevity

BRKDEV-1368/yang/ietf-interfaces.yang

Using pyang

- Python YANG Library
- Validate and display YANG files
- Many formats for display
  - Text: tree
  - HTML: jstree

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  +--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
           [OUTPUT REMOVED]
```

container

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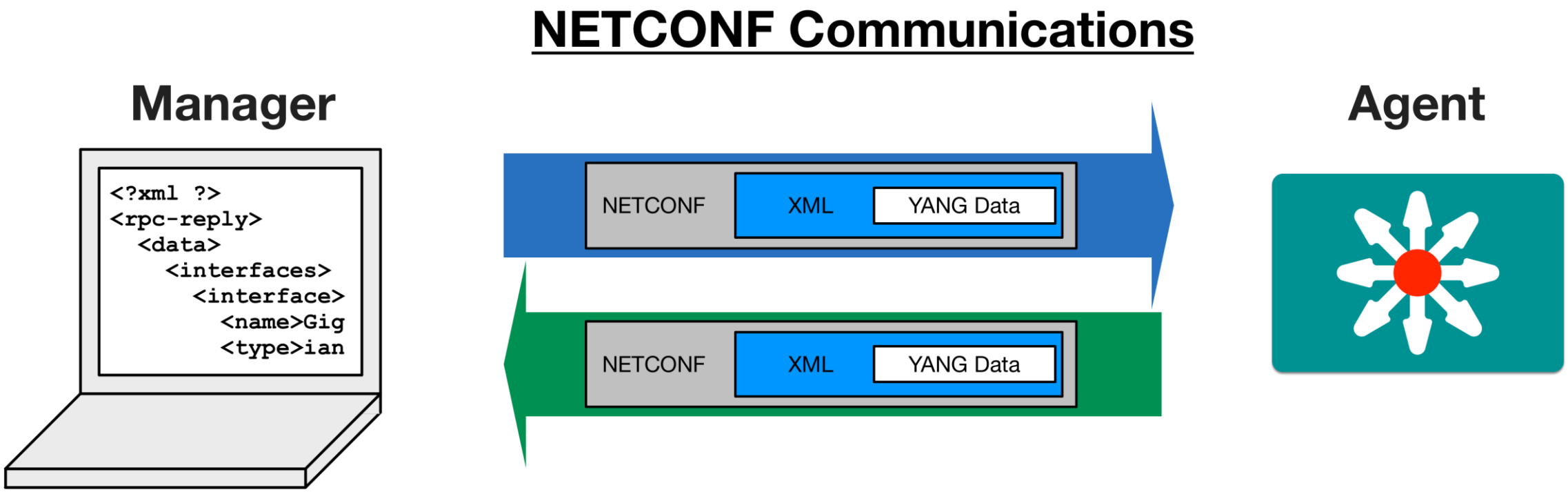
Network Device Data in YANG

Actual Device Data Modeled in YANG



Use NETCONF to Retrieve ietf-interfaces data

```
DevNet$ python example1.py
```

```
<interfaces xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-interfaces">
        <interface>
                <name>GigabitEthernet1</name>
                <description>DON'T TOUCH ME</description>
                <type xmlns:ianaift="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:iana-if-type">ianaift:ethernetCsmacd</type>
                <enabled>true</enabled>
                <ipv4 xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-ip">
                        <address>
                                <ip>10.10.10.48</ip>
                                <netmask>255.255.255.0</netmask>
                        </address>
                </ipv4>
                <ipv6 xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-ip"/>
        </interface>
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```

interface node

interfaces container

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BRKDEV-1368/yang/example1.py

YANG Summary

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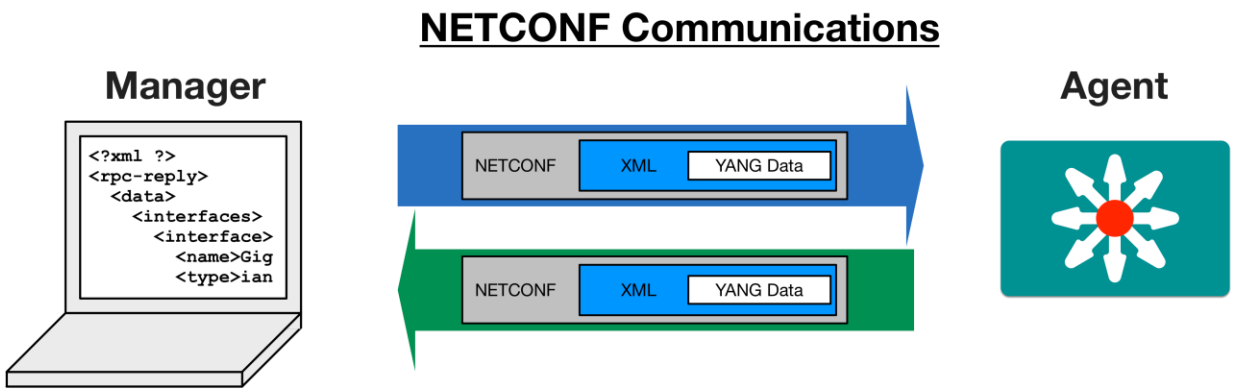
- YANG is a Data Modeling Language
- YANG Modules are constructed to create standard data models for network data
- YANG Data sent to or from a network device will be formatted in either XML or JSON depending on the protocol (ex: NETCONF or RESTCONF)

Understanding NETCONF

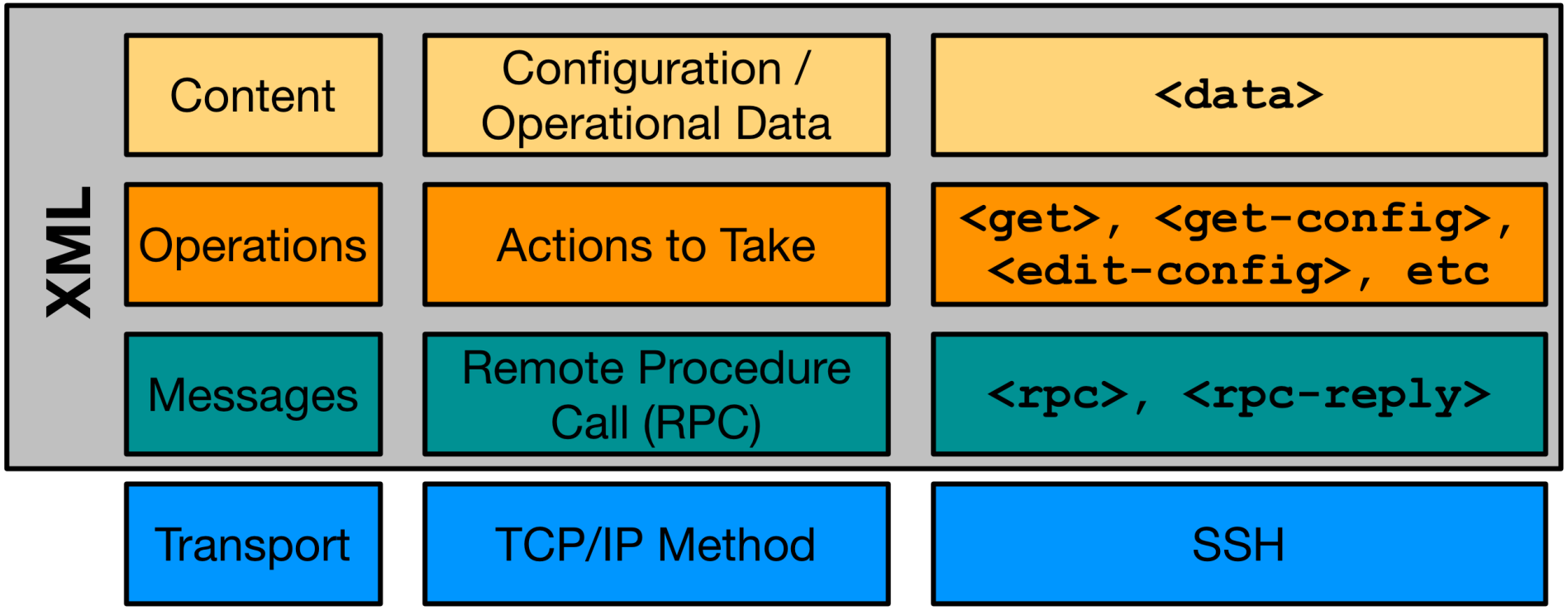
Introducing the NETCONF Protocol



Some key details:

- Initial standard in 2006 with RFC4741
- Latest standard is RFC6241 in 2011
- Does **NOT** explicitly define content

NETCONF Protocol Stack



Transport - SSH

```
$ ssh admin@192.168.0.1 -p 830 -s netconf
admin@192.168.0.1's password:
```

SSH Login

```
<hello xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
<capabilities>
  <capability>urn:ietf:params:netconf:base:1.1</capability>
  <capability>urn:ietf:params:netconf:capability:candidate:1.0</capability>
  <capability>urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-netconf-monitoring</capability>
  <capability>urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-interfaces</capability>
  [output omitted and edited for clarity]
</capabilities>
<session-id>19150</session-id></hello>]]>]]>
```

Server (Agent) sends hello

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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
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Don’t NETCONF Like this!

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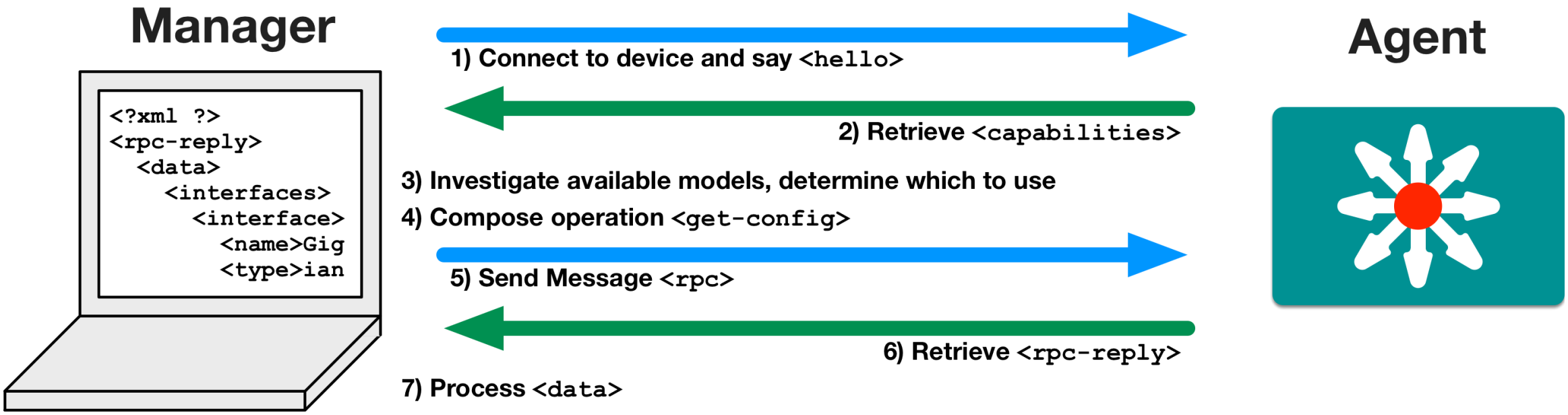
Operations – NETCONF Actions

Operation	Description
<get>	Retrieve running configuration and device state information
<get-config>	Retrieve all or part of specified configuration data store
<edit-config>	Loads all or part of a configuration to the specified configuration data store
<copy-config>	Replace an entire configuration data store with another
<delete-config>	Delete a configuration data store
<commit>	Copy candidate data store to running data store
<lock> / <unlock>	Lock or unlock the entire configuration data store system
<close-session>	Graceful termination of NETCONF session
<kill-session>	Forced termination of NETCONF session

NETCONF Communications



NETCONF in Code with Python

NETCONF and Python: ncclient

- Full NETCONF Manager implementation in Python
  - https://ncclient.readthedocs.io
- Simplifies connection and communication.
- Deals in raw XML

```
from ncclient import manager

m = manager.connect(host="192.168.0.1",
                    port=830,
                    username="admin",
                    password="cisco123",
                    hostkey_verify=False
                    )

m.close_session()
```

From: http://ncclient.readthedocs.io/en/latest/

Saying <hello> with Python and ncclient

- example1.py: Saying `<hello>`
- `manager.connect()` opens NETCONF session with device
  - Parameters: host & port, user & password
  - `hostkey_verify=False` Trust cert
- Stores capabilities

```
from device_info import ios_xe1
from ncclient import manager

if __name__ == '__main__':
    with manager.connect(host=ios_xe1["address"], port=ios_xe1["port"],
                         username=ios_xe1["username"],
                         password=ios_xe1["password"],
                         hostkey_verify=False) as m:

        print("Here are the NETCONF Capabilities")
        for capability in m.server_capabilities:
            print(capability)
```

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Understanding the Capabilities List

```
DevNet$ python example1.py
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urn:ietf:params:netconf:base:1.0
urn:ietf:params:netconf:base:1.1

urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-interfaces?module=ietf-interfaces&revision=2014-05-08&features=pre-
provisioning,if-mib,arbitrary-names&deviations=ietf-ip-devs

http://cisco.com/ns/ietf-ip/devs?module=ietf-ip-devs&revision=2016-08-10

http://cisco.com/ns/yang/Cisco-IOS-XE-native?module=Cisco-IOS-XE-native&revision=2017-02-07
```

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Two General Types

- Base NETCONF capabilities
- Data Models Supported

Understanding the Capabilities List

```
urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-interfaces
   ? module=ietf-interfaces
   & revision=2014-05-08
   & features=pre-provisioning,if-mib,arbitrary-names
   & deviations=ietf-ip-devs
.
http://cisco.com/ns/ietf-ip/devs
   ? module=ietf-ip-devs
   & revision=2016-08-10
```

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Data Model Details

- Model URI
- Module Name and Revision Date
- Protocol Features
- Deviations – Another model that modifies this one

Automate Your Network with NETCONF

Getting Interface Details with XML Filter

- example2.py: Retrieving info with ncclient
- Send <get> to retrieve config and state data
- Process and leverage XML within Python
- Report back current state of interface

```
from device_info import ios_xe1
from ncclient import manager
import xmltodict

# NETCONF filter to use
netconf_filter = open("filter-ietf-interfaces.xml").read()

if __name__ == '__main__':
    with manager.connect(host=ios_xe1["address"], port=ios_xe1["port"],
                         username=ios_xe1["username"],
                         password=ios_xe1["password"],
                         hostkey_verify=False) as m:

        # Get Configuration and State Info for Interface
        netconf_reply = m.get(netconf_filter)

        # Process the XML and store in useful dictionaries
        intf_details = xmltodict.parse(netconf_reply.xml)["rpc-reply"]["data"]
        intf_config = intf_details["interfaces"]["interface"]
        intf_info = intf_details["interfaces-state"]["interface"]

        print("")
        print("Interface Details:")
        print("  Name: {}".format(intf_config["name"]))
        print("  Description: {}".format(intf_config["description"]))
        print("  Type: {}".format(intf_config["type"]["#text"]))
        print("  MAC Address: {}".format(intf_info["phys-address"]))
        print("  Packets Input: {}".format(intf_info["statistics"]["in-unicast-pkts"]))
        print("  Packets Output: {}".format(intf_info["statistics"]["out-unicast-pkts"]))
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```
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    <interface>
      <name>GigabitEthernet2</name>
    </interface>
  </interfaces>
  <interfaces-state xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-interfaces">
    <interface>
      <name>GigabitEthernet2</name>
    </interface>
  </interfaces-state>
</filter>
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Getting Interface Details

```
DevNet$ python  example2.py

Interface Details:
  Name: GigabitEthernet1
  Description: DON'T TOUCH ME
  Type: ianaift:ethernetCsmacd
  MAC Address: 00:50:56:bb:74:d5
  Packets Input: 592268689
  Packets Output: 21839
```

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Configuring Interface Details

- example3.py: Editing configuration with ncclient
- Constructing XML Config Payload for NETCONF
- Sending <edit-config> operation with ncclient
- Verify result

```
from device_info import ios_xe1
from ncclient import manager

# NETCONF Config Template to use
netconf_template = open("config-temp-ietf-interfaces.xml").read()

if __name__ == '__main__':
    # Build the XML Configuration to Send
    netconf_payload = netconf_template.format(int_name="GigabitEthernet2",
                                              int_desc="Configured by NETCONF",
                                              ip_address="10.255.255.1",
                                              subnet_mask="255.255.255.0"
                                              )
    print("Configuration Payload:")
    print("----------------------")
    print(netconf_payload)

    with manager.connect(host=ios_xe1["address"], port=ios_xe1["port"],
                         username=ios_xe1["username"],
                         password=ios_xe1["password"],
                         hostkey_verify=False) as m:

        # Send NETCONF <edit-config>
        netconf_reply = m.edit_config(netconf_payload, target="running")

        # Print the NETCONF Reply
        print(netconf_reply)
```

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config-temp-ietf-interfaces.xml

```
<config>
  <interfaces xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-interfaces">
    <interface>
      <name>{int_name}</name>
      <description>{int_desc}</description>
      <type xmlns:ianaift="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:iana-if-type">ianaift:ethernetCsmacd</type>
      <enabled>true</enabled>
      <ipv4 xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-ip">
        <address>
          <ip>{ip_address}</ip>
          <netmask>{subnet_mask}</netmask>
        </address>
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                                              int_desc="Configured by NETCONF",
                                              ip_address="10.255.255.1",
                                              subnet_mask="255.255.255.0"
                                              )
    print("Configuration Payload:")
    print("----------------------")
    print(netconf_payload)

    with manager.connect(host=ios_xe1["address"], port=ios_xe1["port"],
                         username=ios_xe1["username"],
                         password=ios_xe1["password"],
                         hostkey_verify=False) as m:

        # Send NETCONF <edit-config>
        netconf_reply = m.edit_config(netconf_payload, target="running")

        # Print the NETCONF Reply
        print(netconf_reply)
```

BRKDEV-1368/netconf/config-temp-ietf-interfaces.xml

BRKDEV-1368/netconf/example3.py

Configuring Interface Details

```
DevNet$ python -i example3.py
Configuration Payload:
----------------------
<config>
  <interfaces xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-interfaces">
        <interface>
          <name>GigabitEthernet2</name>
          <description>Configured by NETCONF</description>
          <type xmlns:ianaift="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:iana-if-type">
                   ianaift:ethernetCsmacd
           </type>
          <enabled>true</enabled>
          <ipv4 xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-ip">
                <address>
                  <ip>10.255.255.1</ip>
                  <netmask>255.255.255.0</netmask>
                </address>
          </ipv4>
        </interface>
  </interfaces>
</config>

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<rpc-reply xmlns=”urn.." message-id=”..9784" xmlns:nc="urn..">
  <ok/>
</rpc-reply>
```

Example edited for simplicity and brevity

BRKDEV-1368/netconf/config-temp-ietf-interfaces.xml
BRKDEV-1368/netconf/example3.py

NETCONF Summary

NETCONF Summary

- The elements of the NETCONF transport protocol
- How to leverage ncclient to use NETCONF in Python
- Examples retrieving and configuring data from a NETCONF Agent

Understanding RESTCONF

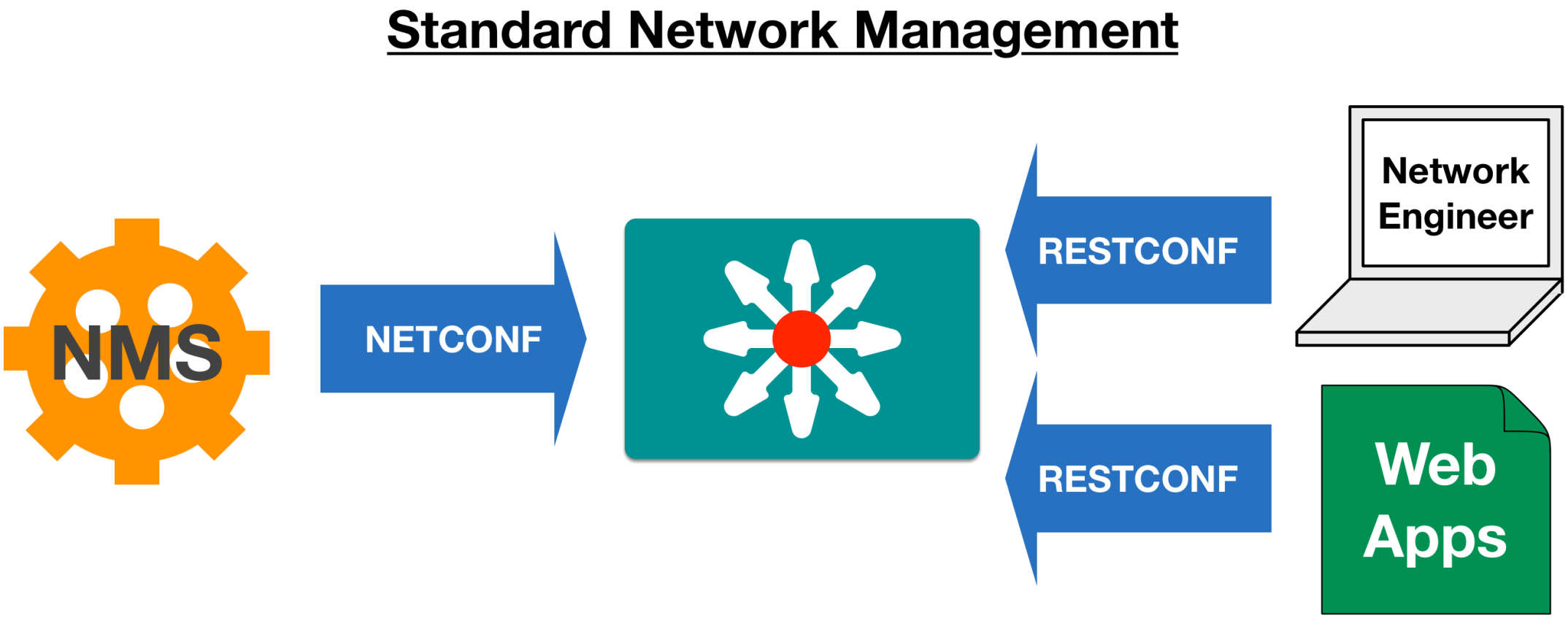
RESTCONF Details

"an HTTP-based protocol that provides a programmatic interface for accessing data defined in YANG..."

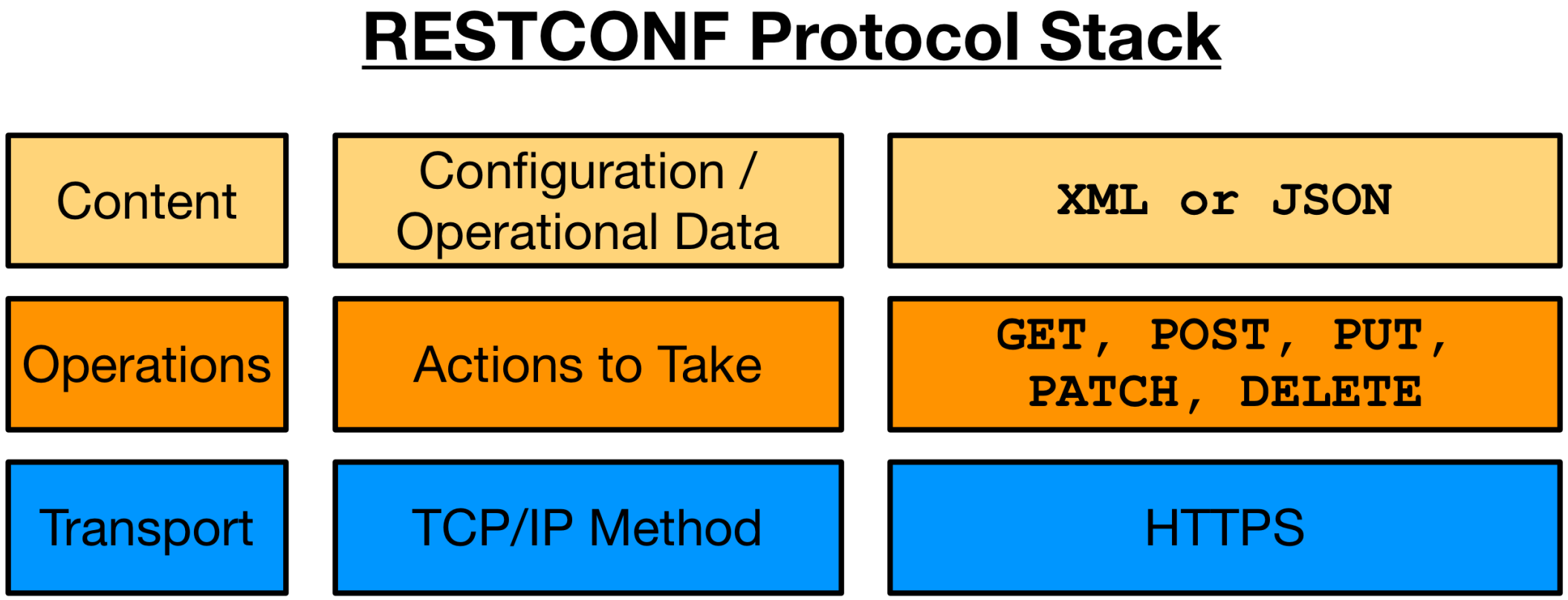
https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc8040

- RFC 8040 - January 2017
- Uses HTTPS for transport
- Tightly coupled to the YANG data model definitions
- Provides JSON or XML data formats

What about NETCONF?



RESTCONF Protocol Stack & Transport



Operations – HTTP CRUD

RESTCONF	NETCONF
GET	<get> , <get-config>
POST	<edit-config> (operation=" create")
PUT	<edit-config> (operation=" create/replace")
PATCH	<edit-config> (operation=" merge")
DELETE	<edit-config> (operation=" delete")

Content – XML or JSON

HTTP Headers

- **Content-Type**: Specify the type of data being sent from the client
- **Accept**: Specify the type of data being requested by the client

RESTCONF MIME Types

- application/yang-data+json
- application/yang-data+xml

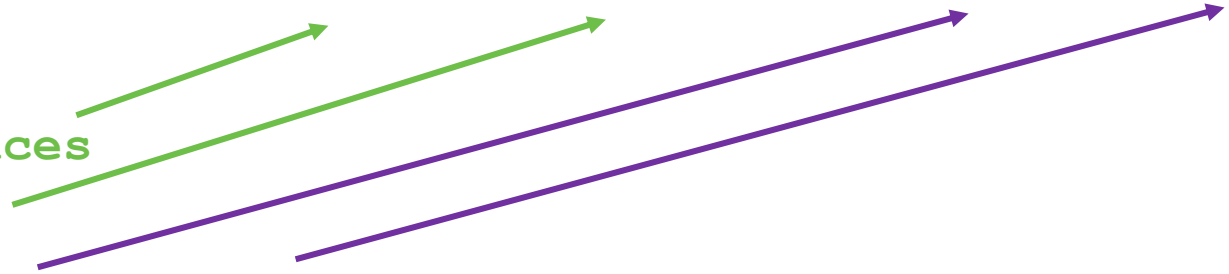
Constructing RESTCONF URIs for Data Resources

https://<ADDRESS>/<ROOT>/data/<[YANG MODULE:]CONTAINER>/<LEAF>[?<OPTIONS>]

- ADDRESS - Of the RESTCONF Agent
- ROOT - The main entry point for RESTCONF requests. Discoverable at `https://<ADDRESS>/.well-known/host-meta`
- data - The RESTCONF API resource type for data
  - *The "operations" resource type used to access RPC operations available*
- [YANG MODULE:]CONTAINER - The base model container being used. Providing the module name is optional.
- LEAF - An individual element from within the container
- [?<OPTIONS>] - optional parameters that impact returned results.

URL Creation Review

```
https://<ADDRESS>/restconf/data/ietf-interfaces:interfaces/interface=GigabitEthernet1?depth=unbounded
```



```
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
```

Options Examples:

- `depth=unbounded`
  Follow nested models to end. Integer also supported
- `content=[all, config, nonconfig]`
  Query option controls type of data returned.
- `fields=expr`
  Limit what leafs are returned

Key:
https://<ADDRESS>/<ROOT>/data>/<[YANG MODULE:]CONTAINER>/<LEAF>[?<OPTIONS>]

Using RESTCONF with Postman

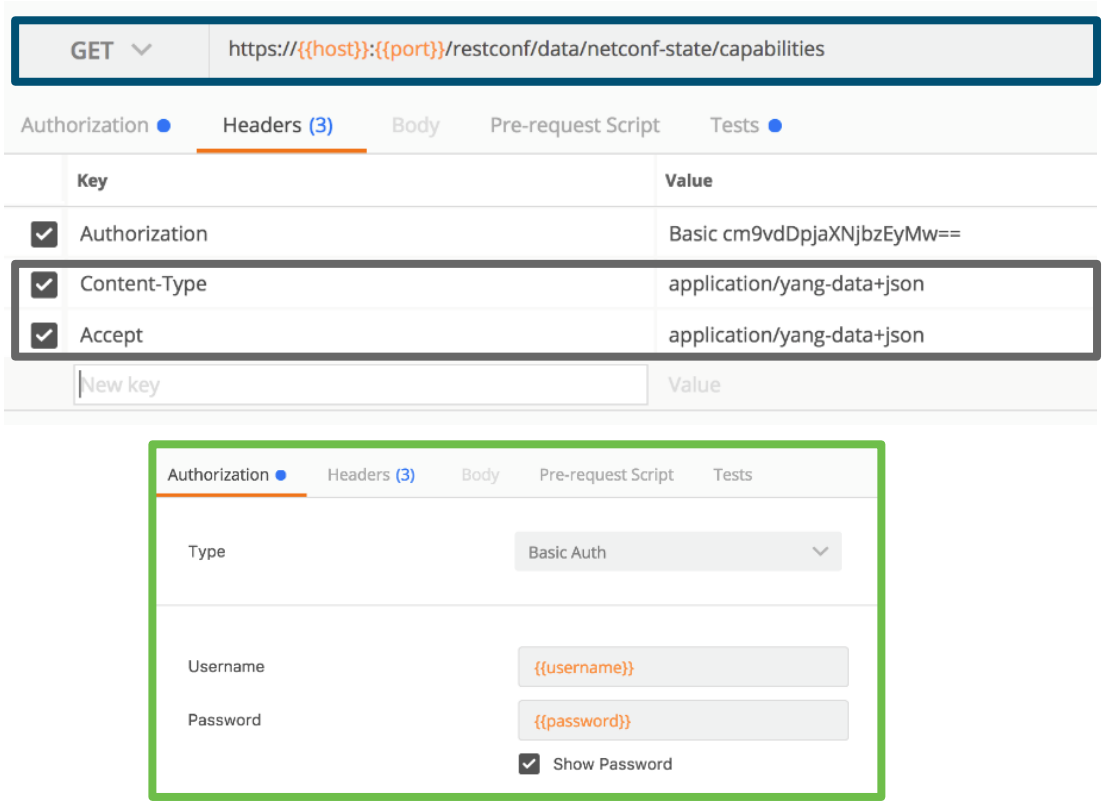
Postman: Powerful but Simple REST API Client

- Quickly test APIs in GUI
- Save APIs into Collections for reuse
- Manage multiple environments
- Auto generate code from API calls
- Standalone Application or Chrome Plugin

https://www.getpostman.com

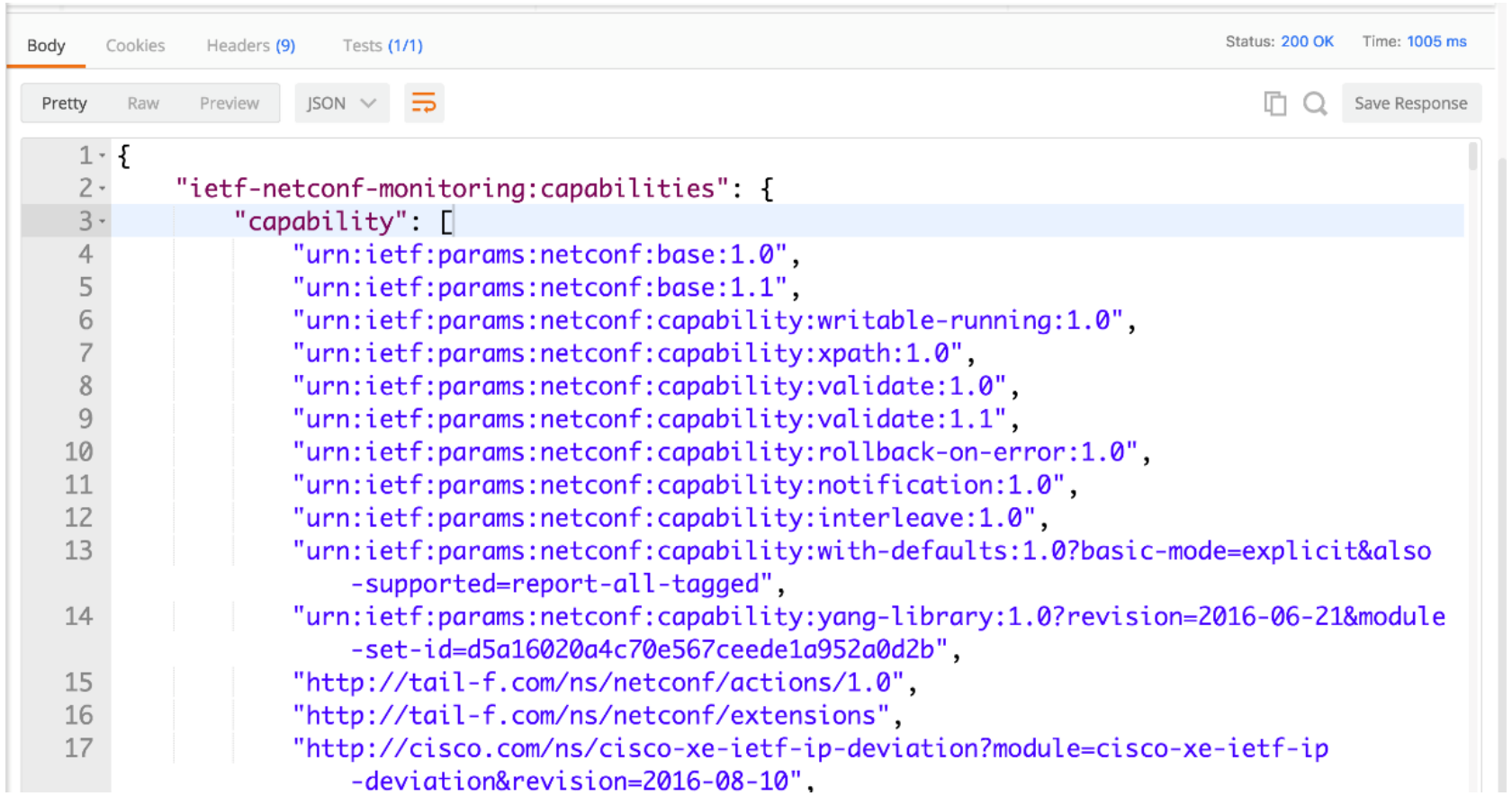
Step 1: Get Capabilities List via RESTCONF

- **GET** `/restconf/data/netconf-state/capabilities`
- Add RESTCONF Headers
  - **Content-Type** and **Accept** `application/yang-data+json` (or xml)
- Configure Basic Auth with username and password variables



Step 1: Get Capabilities List via RESTCONF

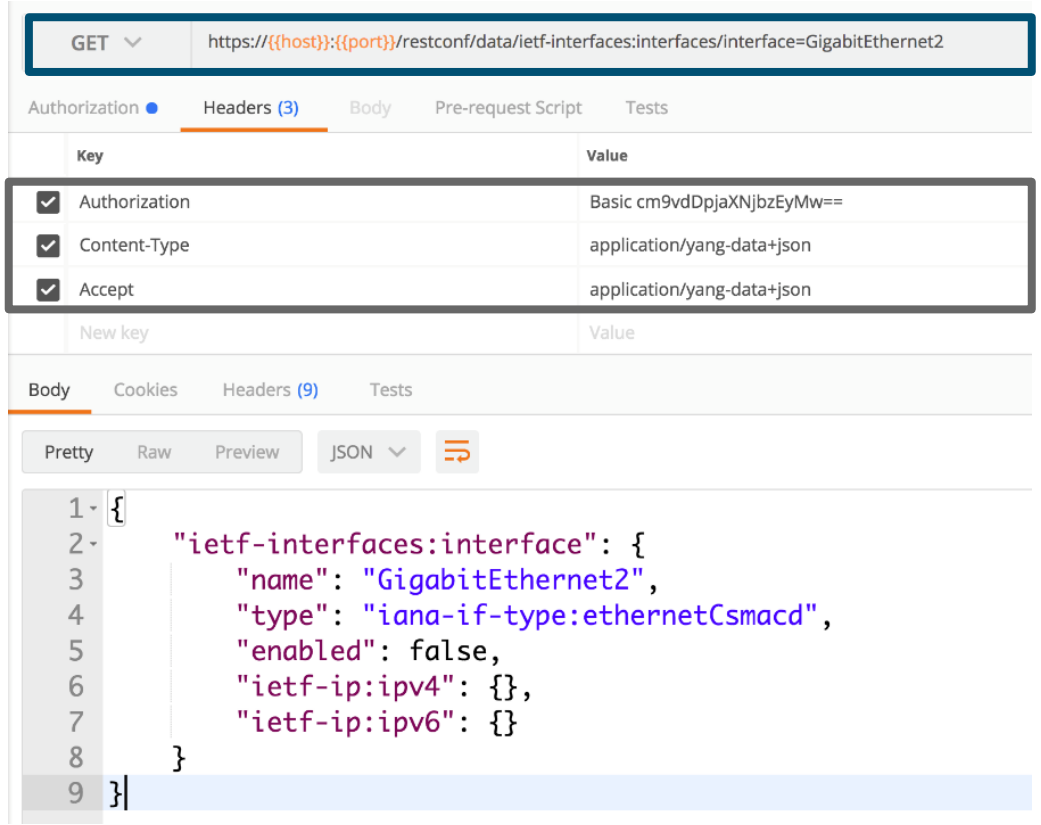
- Send and review results



Automate Your Network with RESTCONF

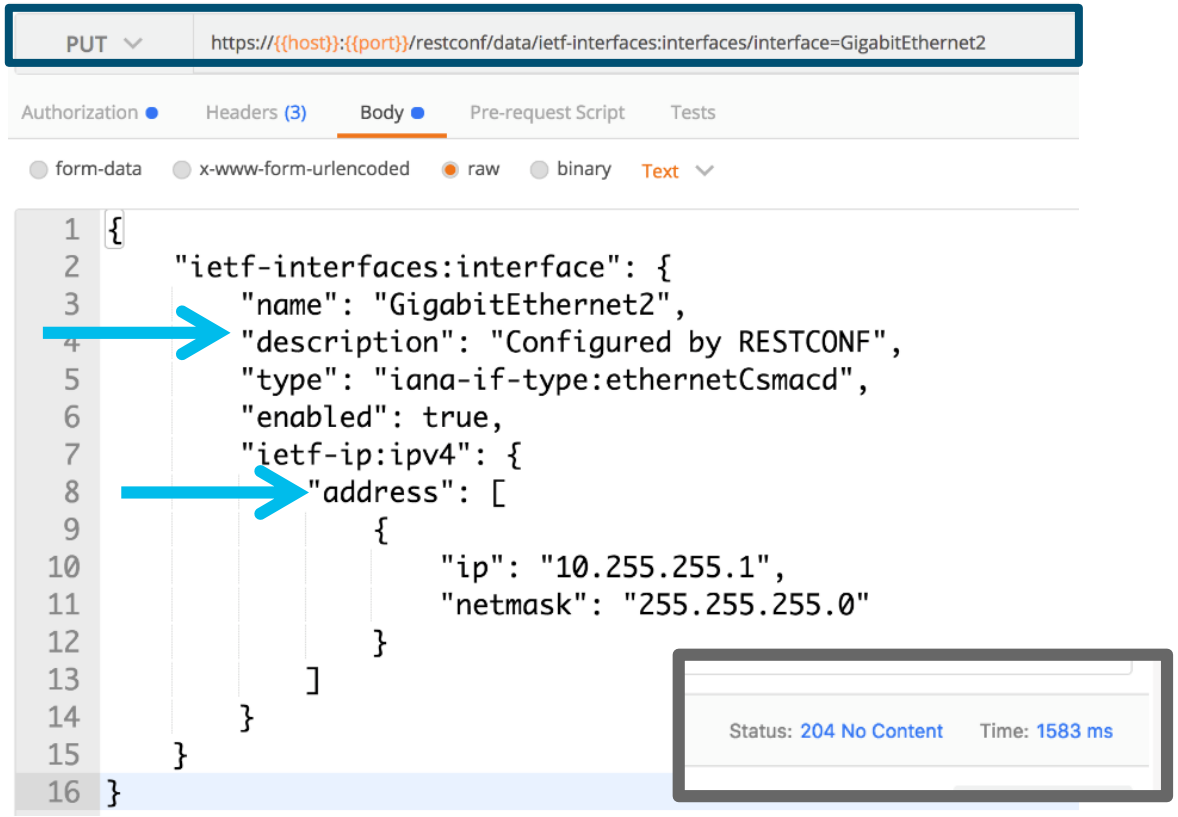
Getting Interface Details

- GET
  `restconf/data/ietf-interfaces:interfaces/interface=GigabitEthernet2`
- Configure Auth and Headers



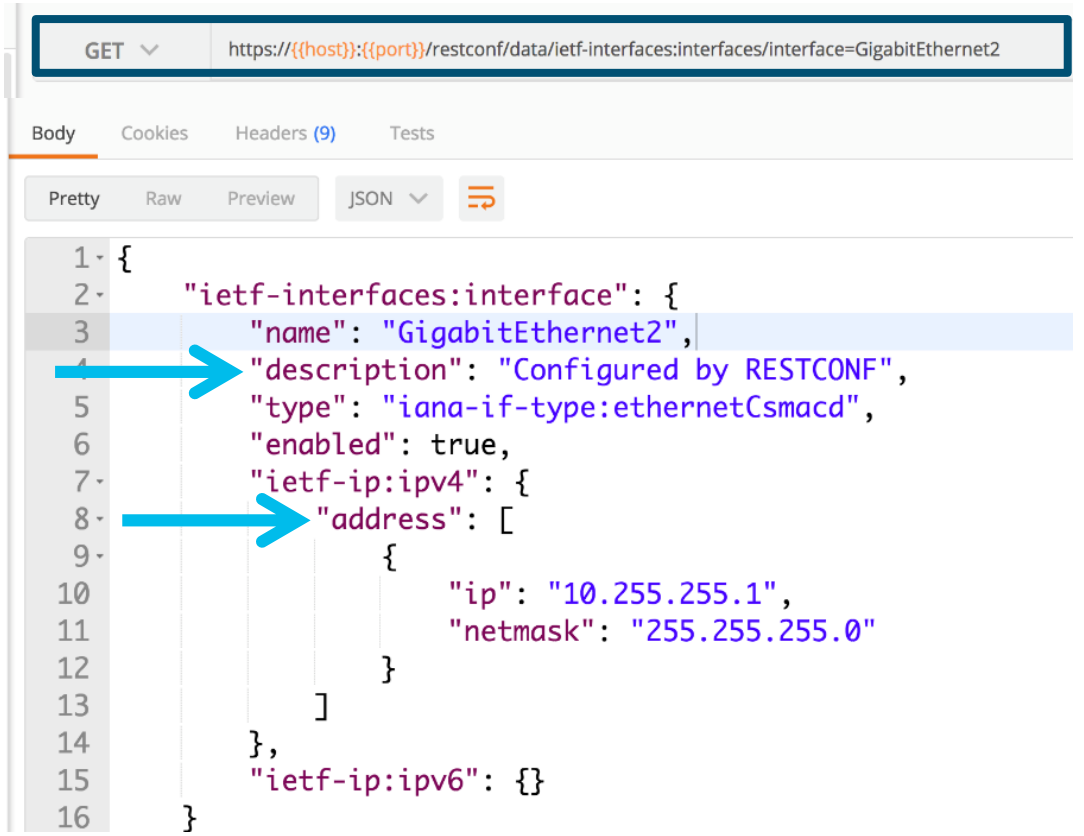
Configuring Interface Details

- PUT
  `restconf/data/ietf-interfaces:interfaces/interface=GigabitEthernet2`
- Configure Auth and Headers
- Configure Body (raw)
- Send and check status code



Configuring Interface Details – Verification

- GET
  `restconf/data/ietf-interfaces:interfaces/interface=GigabitEthernet2`
- Configure Auth and Headers
- Check that the new config was successful



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Review

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- Examples retrieving and configuring data using RESTCONF

Questions?

Review

- The Road to Model Driven Programmability
- Introduction to YANG Data Models
- Introduction to NETCONF
- Introduction to RESTCONF
- Conclusion and Q/A

Note: All code samples referenced in this presentation are available at https://github.com/CiscoDevNet/BRKDEV-1368

What do do next?

- Resources
  - Overview of the 2002 IAB Network Management Workshop
  - Network Configuration Protocol (NETCONF)
  - The YANG 1.1 Data Modeling Language
  - RESTCONF Protocol
  - YANG Development Kit (YDK)

- DevNet Learning Labs
  - Introduction to Device Level Interfaces – NETCONF/YANG
  - NETCONF/YANG on Nexus
  - Home Lab: Using NETCONF/YANG from your Desktop OS

- Blogs and Videos
  - Using CLI as Training Wheels with NETCONF/YANG
  - Simplifying Network Programmability with Model Driven APIs
  - Network Device APIs Video Lessons

Got more questions? Stay in touch!

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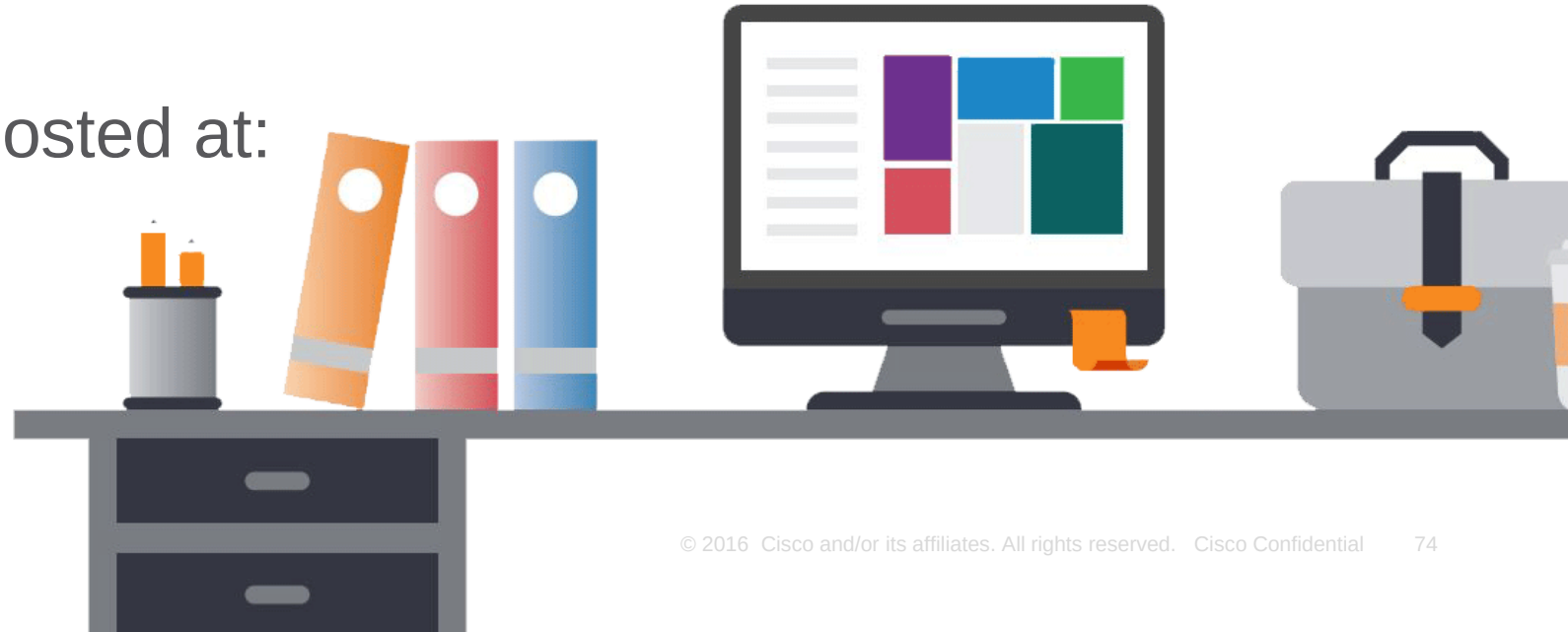

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