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Emerging Technologies Workshop :

Network Programmability with Cisco APIC-EM

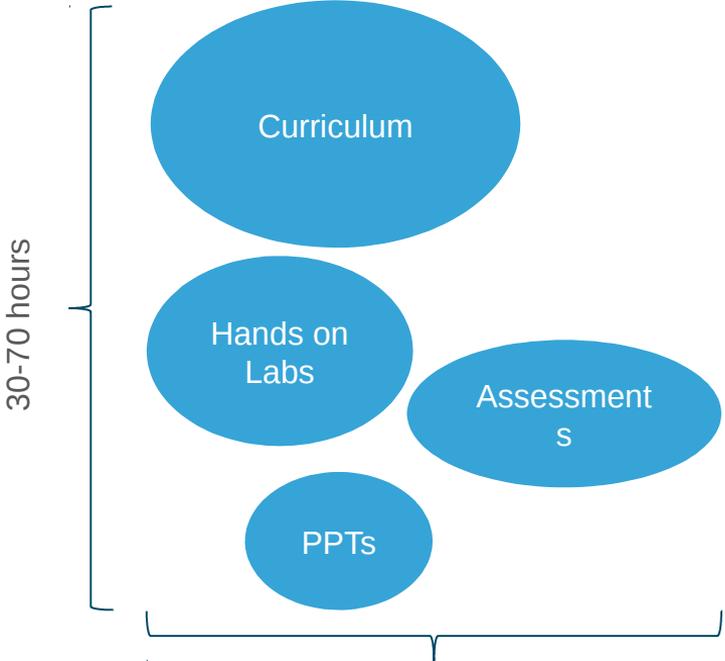


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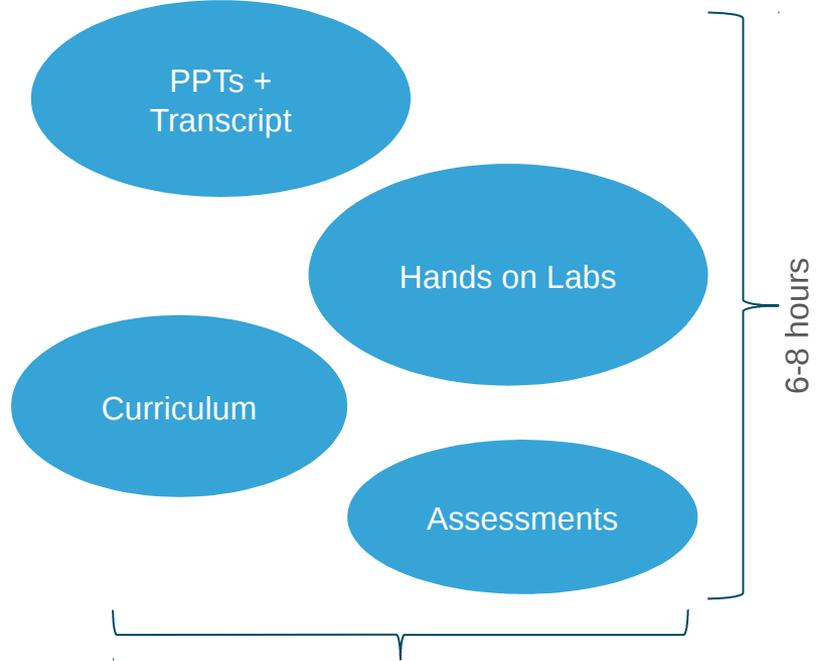
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Traditional offering



Very comprehensive, end to end, up to carrier ready

Workshop offering



From Buzzwords to Hello World



1.0 Network Programmability

1.1 Devnet

1.2 SDN

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Workshop Objectives

At the end of this workshop you will be able to:

- Explain how the Cisco APIC-EM enhances network management and performance software defined networking (SDN) and network programmability.
- Create an inventory of network devices by using the APIC-EM REST API.
- Create Python software tools for working with the APIC-EM API.

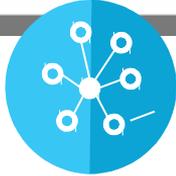
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1.0 Network Programmability

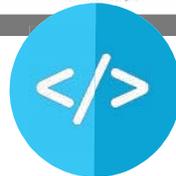
1.1 Devnet



Why are we here?



Everything becomes connected



Everything becomes software-based



Everything generates data



Everything can be automated



Everything needs to be secured

Networking

Programmability

Security

Building an Industry Ecosystem with DevNet



Cisco's portfolio as a Platform for Innovation

<https://developer.cisco.com/>



IoT



Cloud



Networking



Data Center



Security



Analytics & Automation



Open Source



Collaboration



Mobility



<https://learninglabs.cisco.com/tracks/devnet-beginner>

- [Overview & DevNet Resources Beginner](https://learninglabs.cisco.com/tracks/devnet-beginner/devnet-beginner-overview/01-intro-01-intro-to-devnet/step/1)
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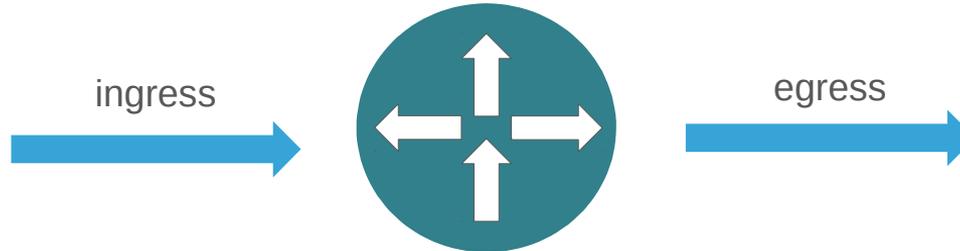
1.0 Network Programmability

1.2 SDN

SDN: Control Plane and Data Plane

Control Plane

Hardware	Purpose	Example Processes
Device CPU	makes decisions about where traffic is sent	routing protocols, spanning tree, AAA, SNMP, CLI

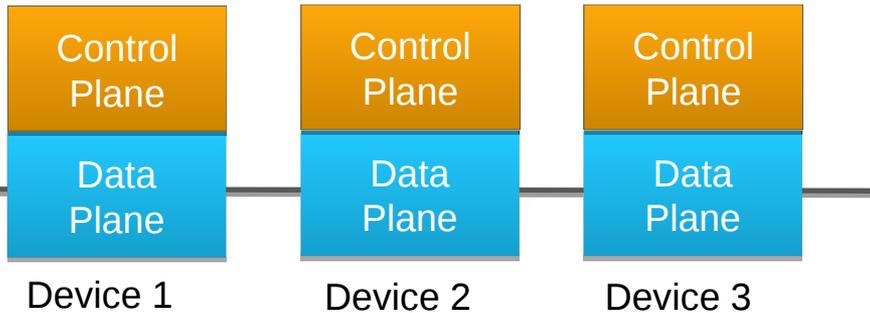


Data Plane

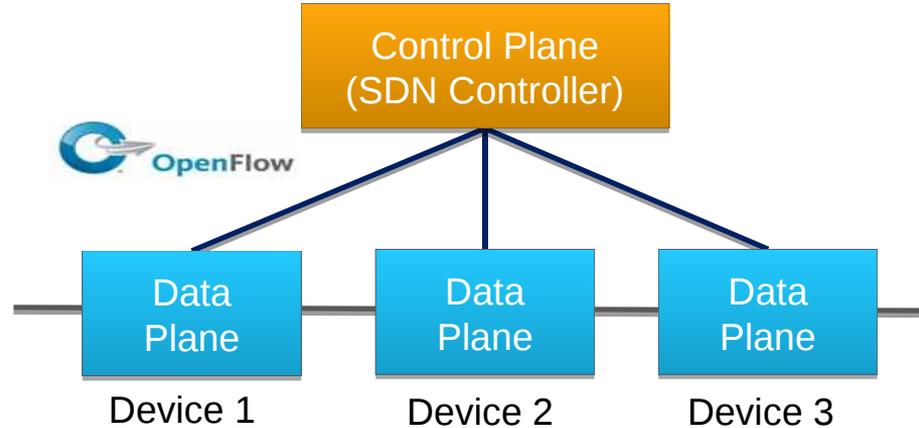
Hardware	Purpose	Example Processes
Dedicated ASICs	forwards traffic to the selected destination	packet switching, L2 switching, MPLS, QOS, policies, ACLs

Traditional and SDN Architectures

Traditional Architecture



SDN Architecture

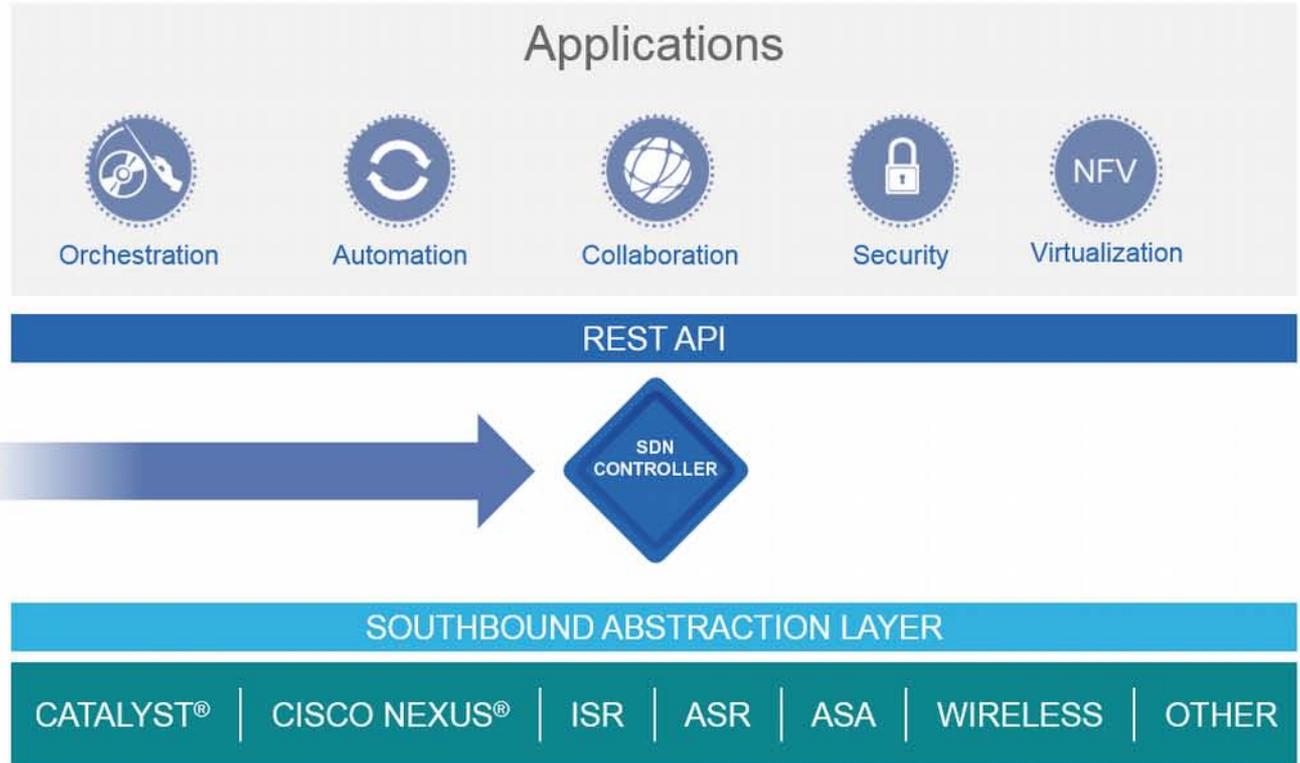


OpenFlow is a protocol between SDN controllers and network devices, as well as a specification of the logical structure of the network switch functions.

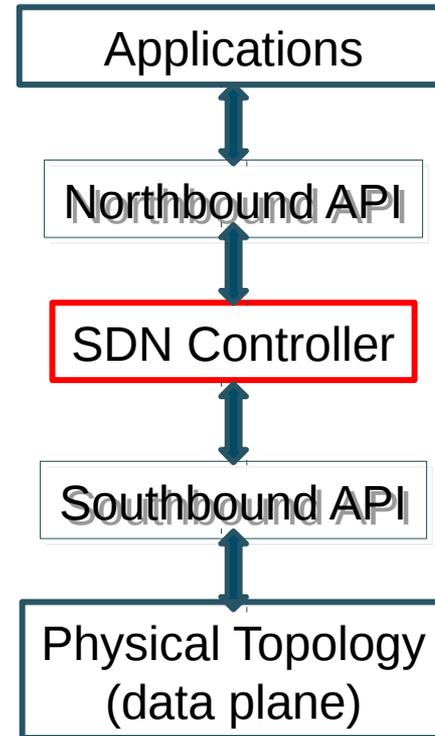
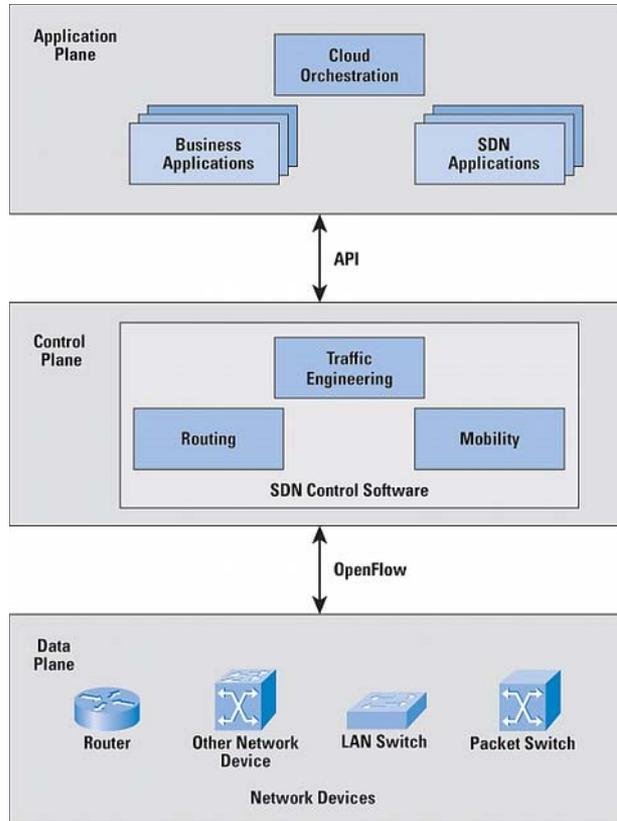
Network-wide Abstractions Simplify the Network

Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) enable control between layers.

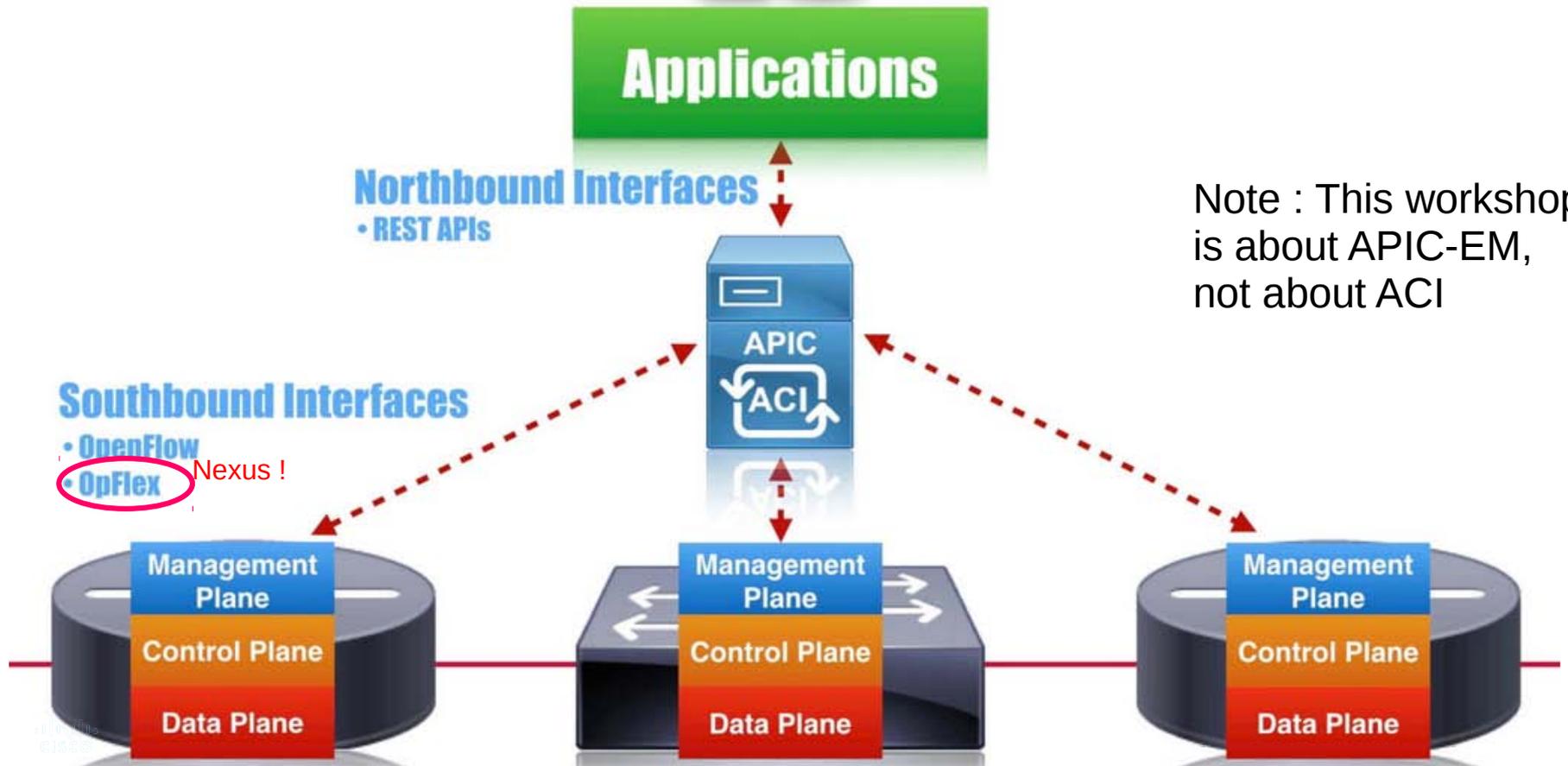
**The SDN Ideal:
Controller as the Application Platform**



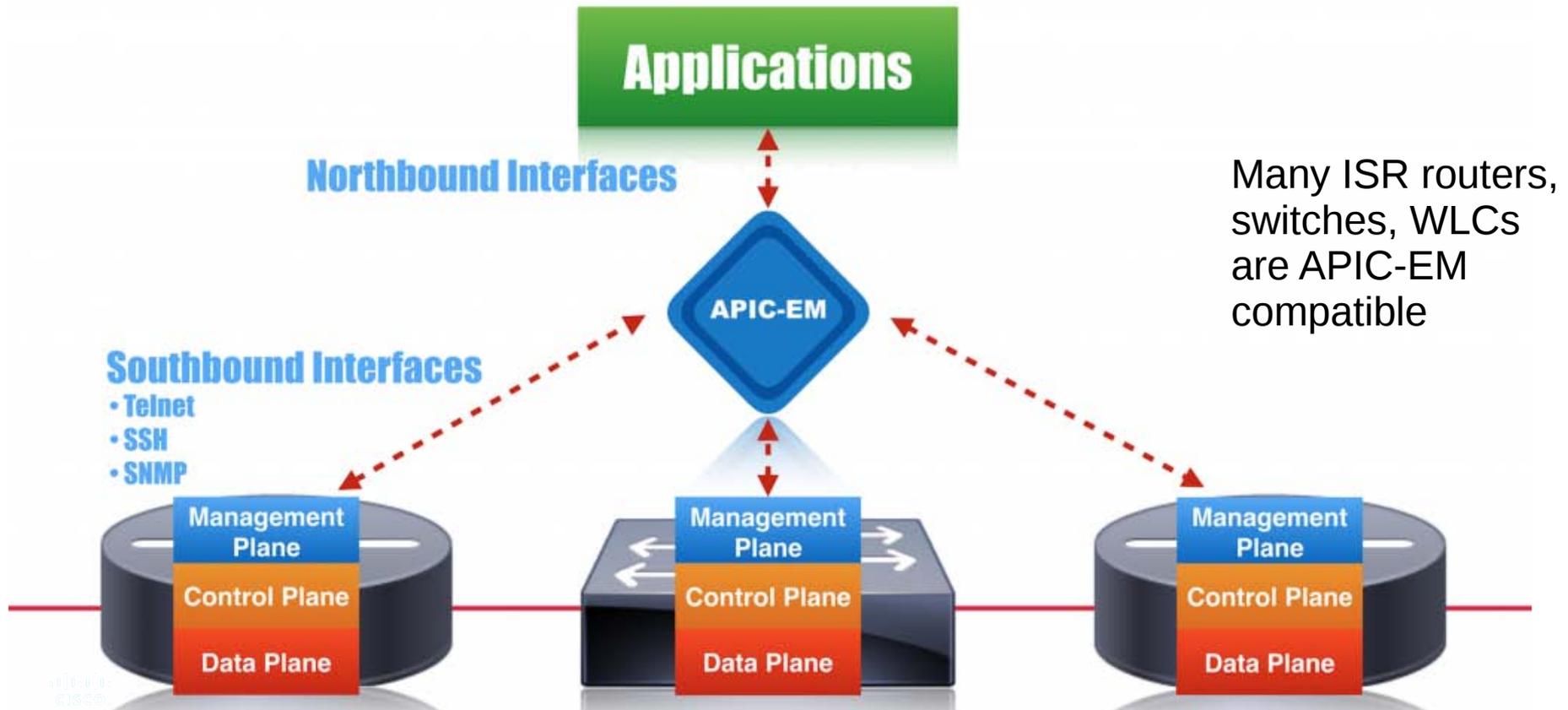
SDN Framework



SDN : Cisco point of view in the Data Center : ACI



SDN : Cisco point of view in the campus : APIC-EM



1.0 Network Programmability

1.3 The APIC-EM

What is the APIC-EM?

The Cisco Application Policy Infrastructure Controller Enterprise Module (APIC-EM):

- A Software-Defined Networking (SDN) controller for enterprise networks
- A virtual, software-only, or physical appliance (>32GB RAM, 6 cores,...)
- Creates an intelligent, open, programmable network with open APIs
- Can transform business-intent policies into dynamic network configuration
- Provides a single point for network-wide automation and control
- The built in applications IWAN, Path Trace, Plug and Play, EasyQoS support enterprise routers, switches and Access Points
- All capabilities are exposed via a REST API

APIC-EM – Log in

<https://sandboxapicem.cisco.com/>

APIC-EM

Cisco Application Policy Infrastructure Controller Enterprise Module

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Log In

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P/W: **Cisco123!**

APIC-EM Home Page

API documentation



Services

- Discovery
- Device Inventory
- Host Inventory
- Topology

Applications

- IWAN
- Path Trace
- Network Plug and Play
- EasyQoS

APIC - Enterprise Module / Home

API

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DASHBOARD SYSTEM INFO

DEVICE INVENTORY

13 Devices

- Managed (1)
- In-Progress (11)
- Collection Failure (1)

DISCOVERY - UNREACHABLE DEVICES

4 Devices

BRANCH SITES

To set up branch sites, use IWAN app!

PATH TRACE

All Path traces are successful.

NETWORK PLUG AND PLAY PROJECTS

4

- 1 Provisioned
- 3 Pre-Provisioned
- 0 In-Progress
- 0 Failed

EASYQOS SCOPES

APIC-EM Applications

- **Plug-and-Play (PnP)**

Provides a unified approach to provision enterprise networks comprised of Cisco routers, switches, and wireless access points with a near-zero-touch deployment experience.

- **Easy QoS**

Provides a simple way to classify and assign application priority.

- **Intelligent WAN (IWAN) Application**

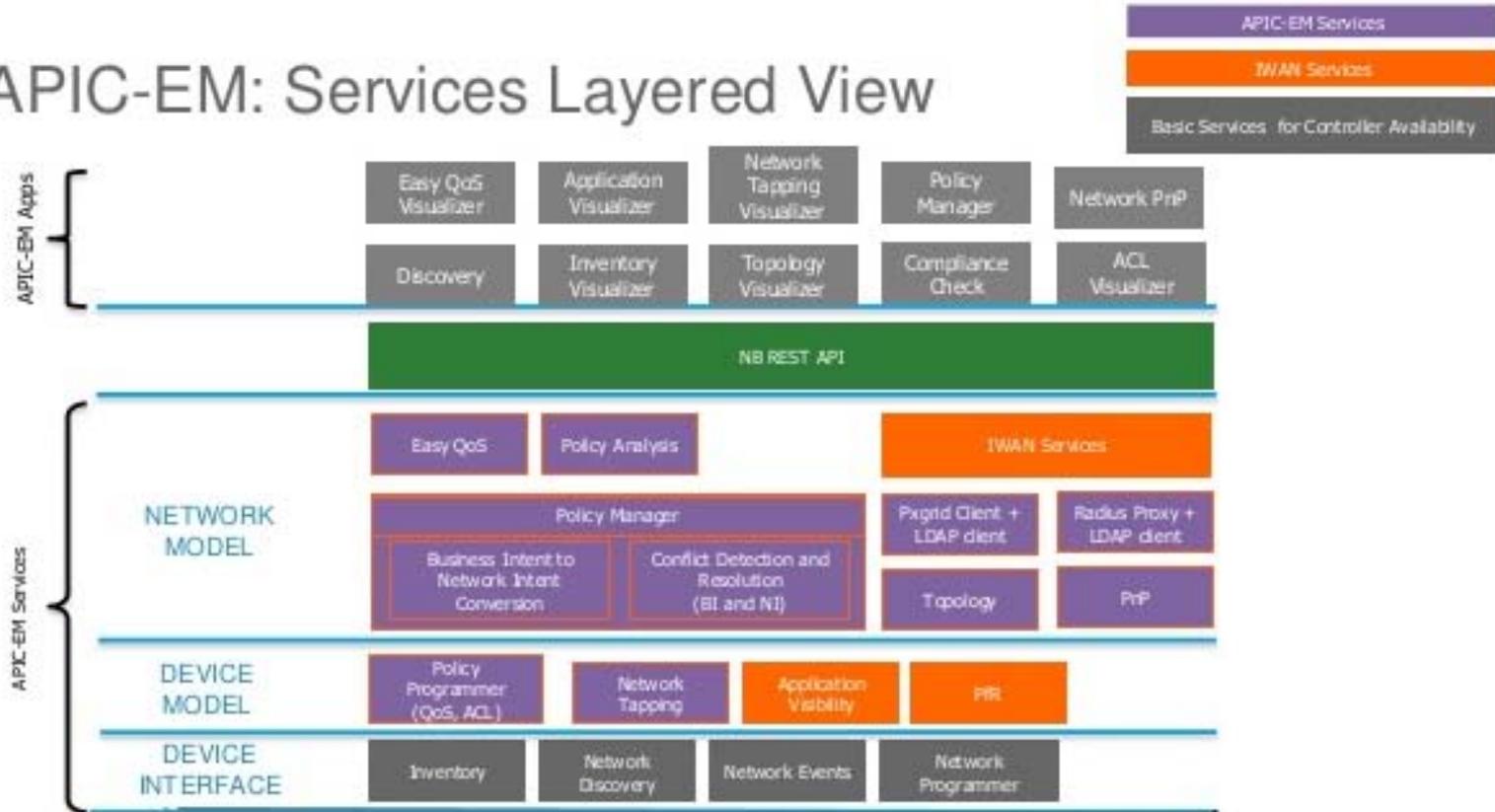
Simplifies WAN deployments by providing an intuitive, policy-based interface that helps IT abstract network complexity and design for business intent.

- **Path Trace**

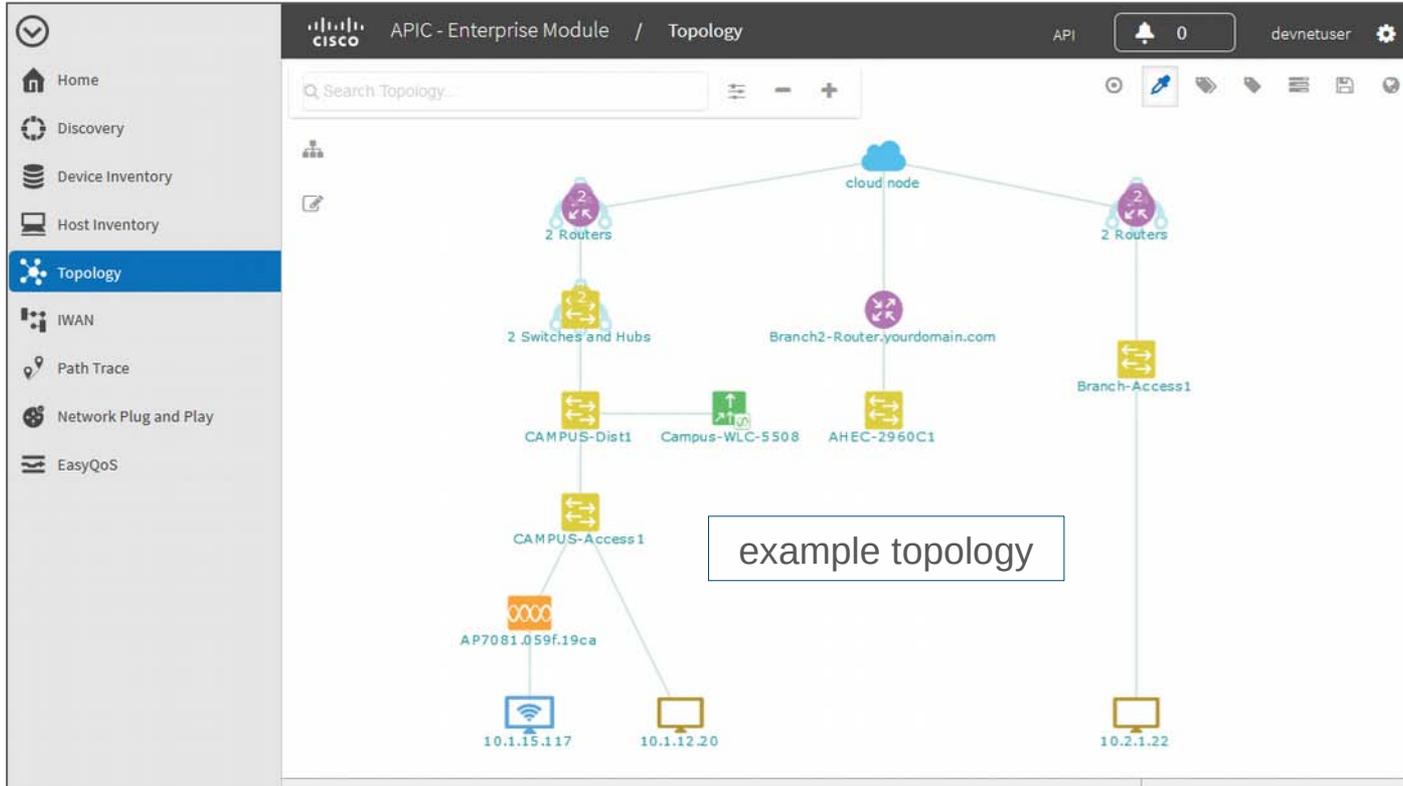
Greatly eases and accelerates the task of connection monitoring and troubleshooting.

APIC-EM : What can it be used for ?

APIC-EM: Services Layered View



APIC-EM Topology Page



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2.0 Programming the APIC-EM REST API

2.1 REST

What is a web service?

- A web service is a way for two systems to communicate through a defined interface. Expl of web services : REST (Representational State Transfer) and SOAP (Simple Object Access Protocol)
- REST is an architecture style for designing networked applications.
- In REST, HTTP is used to communicate between 2 machines
- REST is a lightweight alternative to RPC, SOAP, Corba, ...
- Example :
GET <http://www.acme.com/phonebook/UserDetails/12345>

REST APIs

- Use HTTP protocol methods and transport
- API **endpoints** exist as server processes that are accessed through URIs
- Webpages present data and functionality in human-machine interaction driven by a user.
- APIs present data and functionality in machine-machine interactions driven by software.

Directory of Public APIs: <https://www.programmableweb.com/apis/directory>

What is so great about REST*?



Easy to use:

- In mobile apps
- In console apps
- In web apps

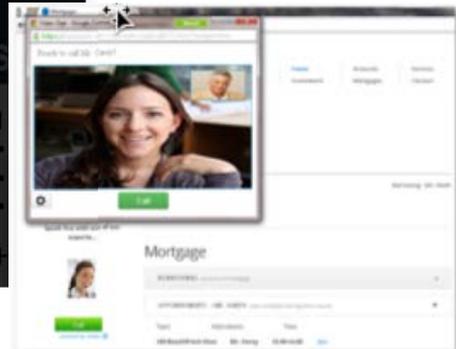


Cisco APIC-EM REST APIs

- Hosts
- Devices
- Users
- + more

How does this work?

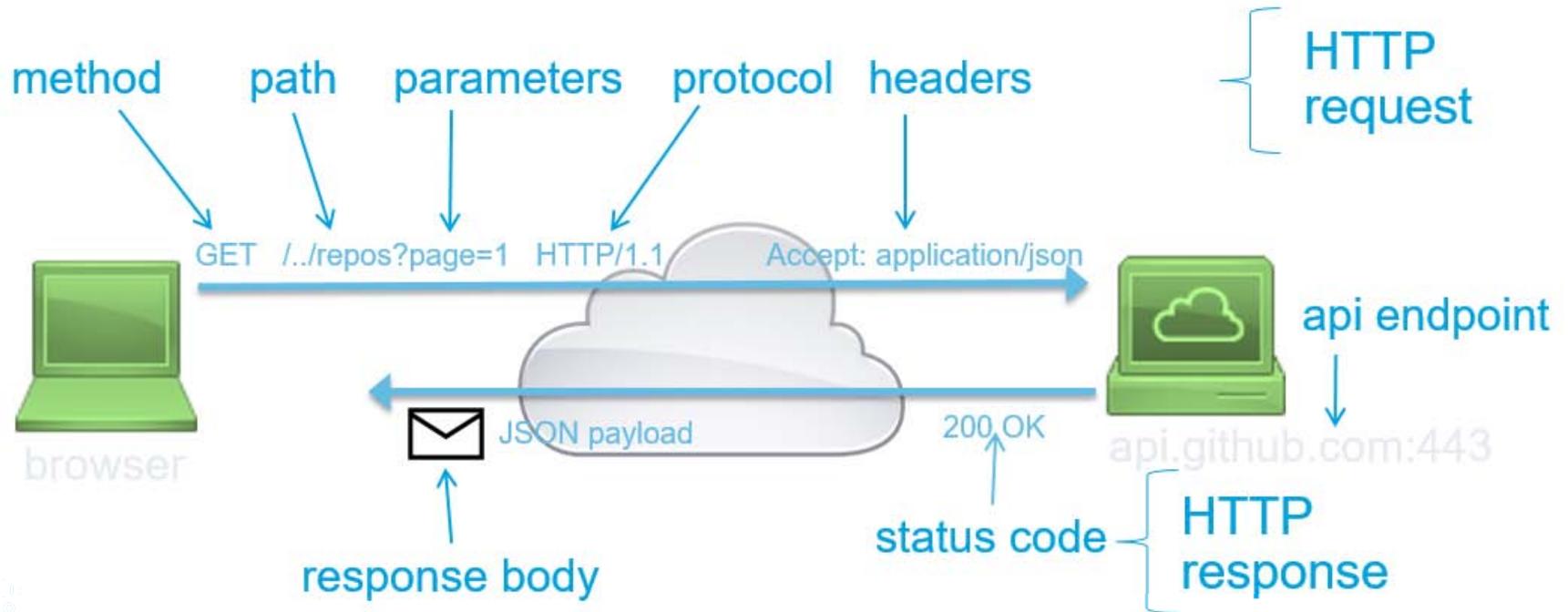
```
apic-em-examples — bash — 90x20
Hosts=
192.168.68.130
26.6.6.9
26.6.6.11
26.6.6.10
25.5.5.56
14.4.4.12
14.4.4.17
14.4.4.11
14.4.4.10
12.2.2.11
12.2.2.10
12.2.2.12
Policies=
419abccf-c2c9-4421-a96a-f3de3981ce5f
180c8e40-fa50-4faf-a099-c0b0436329c0
2a94f0ba-7da2-4730-b1b3-8d1316c69a5
fabcc11-ca01-4a5f-8ba6-e36e0bf8b3
2c27beea-ddef-4b77-ada6-a378d392bbe3
```



*representational state transfer (REST).

Anatomy of a REST API query

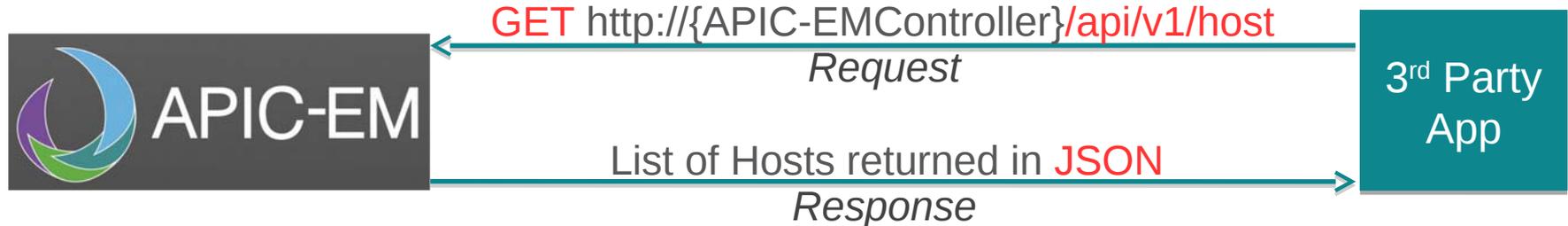
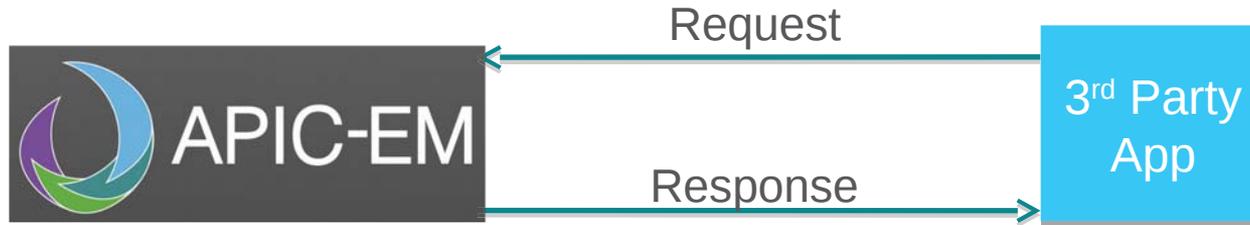
URL: `https://api.github.com/users/CiscoDevNet/repos?page=1&per_page=2`



2.0 Programming the APIC-EM REST API

2.2 The APIC-EM API

How does this work?



Anatomy of a REST Request

REST requests require the following elements (requirements may differ depending on the API):

Method

- GET, POST, PUT, DELETE

URL

- Example: `http://{APIC-EMController}/api/v1/host`

Authentication

- Basic HTTP, OAuth, none, Custom

Custom Headers

- HTTP Headers
- Example: `Content-Type: application/JSON`

Request Body

- JSON or XML containing data needed to complete request

What is in the Response?

HTTP Status Codes

- <http://www.w3.org/Protocols/HTTP/HTRESP.html>
- 200 OK
- 201 Created
- 401, 403 Authorization error
- 404 Resource not found
- 500 Internal Error

Headers

Body

- JSON
- XML



The screenshot shows a web browser's developer tools interface. The 'Body' tab is selected, and the 'JSON' view is active. The response status is '201 Created' and the time taken is '455 ms'. The JSON body contains a 'version' field and a 'response' field with a long alphanumeric string.

```
1 {  
2   "version": "0.0",  
3   "response": "349117ce-3c7f-4e14-bc6f-83071e990198: Acl Policy  
Appended Successfully on the Device : 9cb0df12-b9f7-4551-932e-  
3391974da58f"  
4 }
```

JSON and XML

JSON

```
1 {
2   "response": {
3     "request": {
4       "sourceIP": "10.1.15.117",
5       "destIP": "10.2.1.22",
6       "periodicRefresh": false,
7       "id": "feb8f5c6-56d1-45ec-9a49-bd4afac5c887",
8       "status": "COMPLETED",
9       "createTime": 1506693815419,
10      "lastUpdateTime": 1506693823127
11    },
12    "lastUpdate": "Fri Sep 29 14:03:43 UTC 2017",
13    "networkElementsInfo": [
14      {
15        "id": "48cdeb9b-b412-491e-a80c-7ec5bbe98167",
16        "type": "wireless",
17        "ip": "10.1.15.117",
18        "linkInformationSource": "Switched"
19      },
20      {
21        "id": "cd6d9b24-839b-4d58-adfe-3fdf781e1782",
22        "name": "AP7081.059f.19ca",
23        "type": "Unified AP",
24        "ip": "10.1.14.3",
25        "role": "ACCESS",
26        "linkInformationSource": "Switched",
27        "tunnels": [
28          "CAPWAP Tunnel"
29        ]
30      },
31      {
32        "id": "5b5ea8da-8c23-486a-b95e-7429684d25fc",
33        "name": "CAMPIUS-Access1",
34        "type": "Switches and Hubs",
35        "ip": "10.1.12.1",
36        "ingressInterface": {
37          "physicalInterface": {
38            "id": "dd2c47ea-ad19-4a1e-ad0e-82d9deefd61b",
39            "name": "GigabitEthernet1/0/26"
40          }
41        },
42        "egressInterface": {
43          "physicalInterface": {
44            "id": "38c72319-855e-43bc-8458-94f695d435b6",
45            "name": "GigabitEthernet1/0/1"
```

XML

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
2 <response>
3   <request>
4     <sourceIP>10.1.15.117</sourceIP>
5     <destIP>10.2.1.22</destIP>
6     <periodicRefresh>false</periodicRefresh>
7     <id>feb8f5c6-56d1-45ec-9a49-bd4afac5c887</id>
8     <status>COMPLETED</status>
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16    <ip>10.1.15.117</ip>
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42        <name>GigabitEthernet1/0/1</name>
43      </physicalInterface>
44    </egressInterface>
```

APIC-EM Documentation



Select API Version ▾

APIC-EM 1.6 NB REST API

Services ▾

- Application Health
- File
- Flow Analysis
- Grouping
- Identity Manager
- Inventory**
- Network Discovery
- Network Poller
- PKI Broker Service
- Policy Administration
- Role Based Access Control
- Scheduler
- Task
- Topology

Inventory

APIC-EM Service API based on the Swagger™ 1.2 specification

network-device/{id}/vlan

Show/Hide | List Operations | Expand Operations

GET /network-device/{id}/vlan Retrieves list of VLAN data for a device

interface

Show/Hide | List Operations | Expand Operations

GET /interface Retrieves all interfaces

GET /interface/count Retrieves interface count

GET /interface/ip-address/{ipAddress} Retrieves interfaces by IP address

GET /interface/isis Retrieves ISIS interfaces

GET /interface/network-device/{deviceId} Retrieves device interfaces

GET /interface/network-device/{deviceId}/count Retrieves device interface count

GET /interface/network-device/{deviceId}/interface-name Retrieves interface for the given device and interface name

GET /interface/network-device/{deviceId}/{startIndex}/{recordsToReturn} Retrieves device interfaces in the given range

GET /interface/ospf Retrieves OSPF interfaces

GET /interface/{id} Retrieves interface by ID

license

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GET /license-info/network-device/{deviceId} Retrieves the license info for a network device based on filters

GET /license-info/network-device/{deviceId}/count Retrieves the number of licenses for a network device based on filters

GET /network-device/license/{licenseFileName} Retrieves list of devices with given license file name

location

Show/Hide | List Operations | Expand Operations

GET /location



APIC-EM Documentation

Select API Version ▾

APIC-EM v.1.3 NB REST API

Services

- Visibility
- IP Pool Manager
- PKI Broker Service
- Topology
- Inventory
- Network Discovery
- Flow Analysis
- Network Plug and Play
- Role Based Access Control**
- IP Geolocation
- File
- Task
- Identity Manager
- Policy Administration
- Scheduler

Role Based Access Control

APIC-EM Service API based on the Swagger™ 1.2 specification

aaa-server

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GET	/aaa-server	getAAAServers
POST	/aaa-server	addAAAServer
PUT	/aaa-server	updateAAAServers
DELETE	/aaa-server/authorization-attribute	deleteAAAAttribute
GET	/aaa-server/authorization-attribute	getAAAAttribute
POST	/aaa-server/authorization-attribute	addAAAAttribute
DELETE	/aaa-server/{serverId}	deleteAAAServer
GET	/aaa-server/{serverId}	getAAAServer

user/role

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GET	/user/role	getRoles
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ad-server

Show/Hide | List Operations | Expand Operations

GET	/ad-server	getADServer
POST	/ad-server	addADServer
PUT	/ad-server	updateADServer
GET	/ad-server/group-authorization	getADGroupAuthorization
POST	/ad-server/group-authorization	addADGroupAuthorization
PUT	/ad-server/group-authorization	updateADGroupAuthorization
GET	/ad-server/group/{serverId}	getADGroup
DELETE	/ad-server/{serverId}	deleteADServer

ticket

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POST	/ticket	addTicket
POST	/ticket/attribute	

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2.0 Programming the APIC-EM REST API

2.3 Authentication

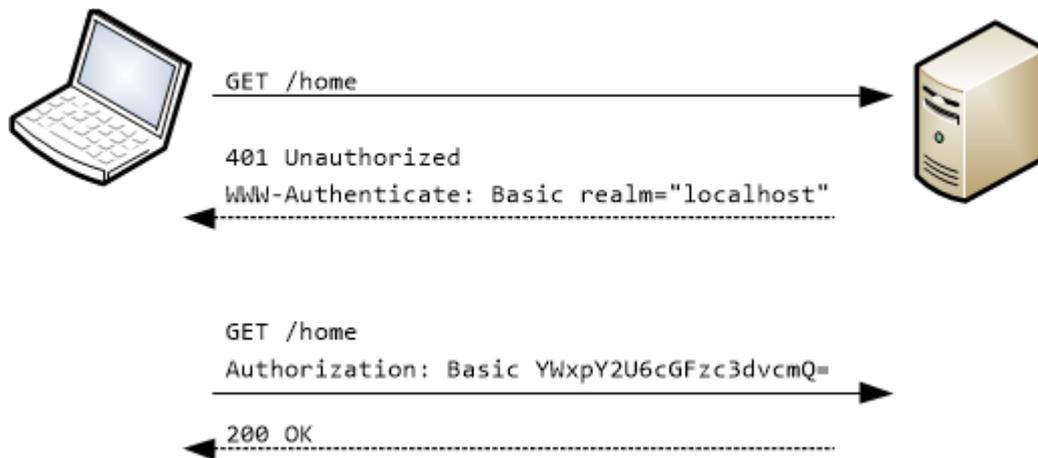
What about authentication?

- **Basic HTTP:** The username and password are passed to the server in an encoded string.
- **Token:** A token is created and passed with each API call, but there is no session management and tracking of clients which simplifies interaction between the server and client.
- **OAuth:** Open standard for HTTP authentication and session management. Creates an access token associated to a specific user that also specifies the user rights. The token is used to identify the user and rights when making APIs calls in order to verify access and control.

APIC-EM uses **Token** for authentication management. The APIC-EM calls this token a **service ticket**.

Basic HTTP

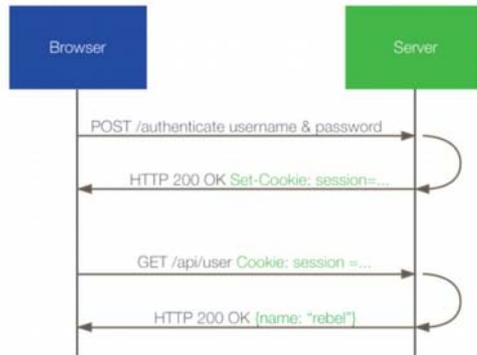
- **Basic HTTP:** The username and password are passed to the server in an encoded string. The server must keep track of this session – not scalable...



Token based authentication

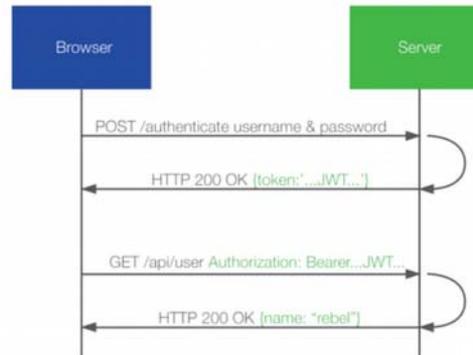
- Stateless – no need to keep track of every user
- Token must be passed in every request from the client
- Token will be placed in the http header

Traditional Cookie-based Authentication



Stateful : session-id must be kept on both ends

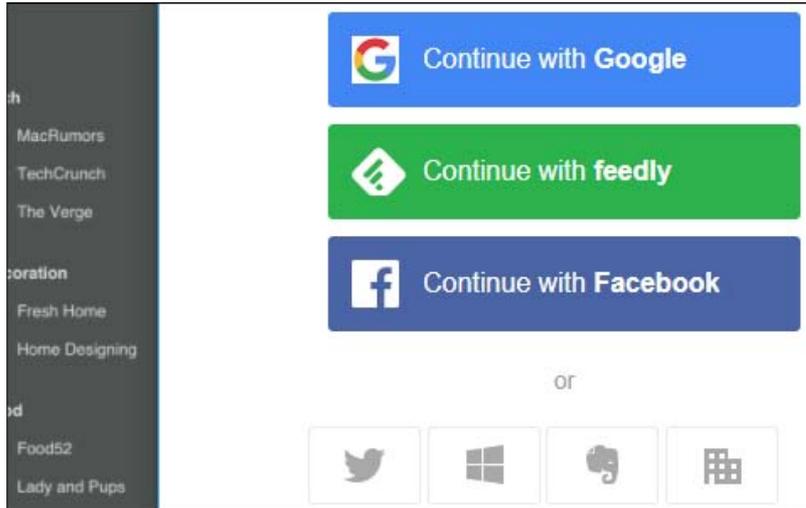
Modern Token-based Authentication



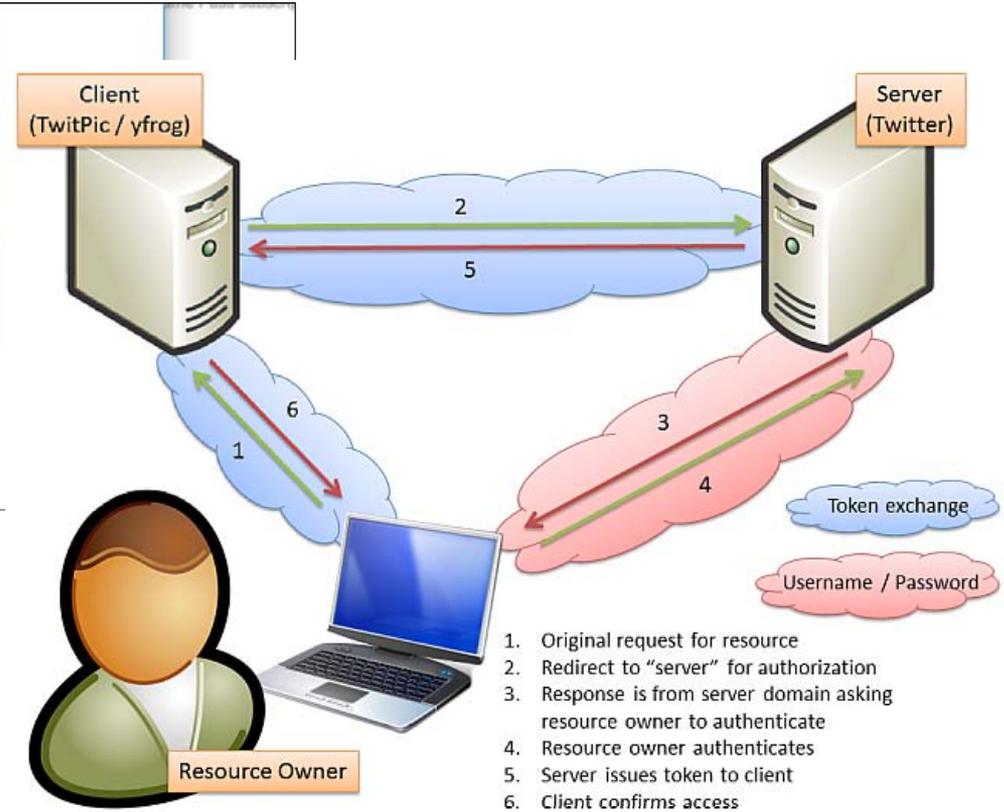
Analogy with
conference
badge...

Stateless : token is signed by server and checked at each request

OAUTH



Client application delegates authentication to authentication provider (twitter/google/facebook/spark/...)



APIC-EM Swagger Documentation

APIC - Enterprise Module / Swagger

API

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Available APIs

- File
- Flow Analysis
- Grouping
- IP Geolocation
- IP Pool Manager
- Identity-Manager
- Inventory
- Network Discovery
- Network Plug and Play
- PKI Broker Service
- Policy Administration
- Role Based Access Control**
- Scheduler
- Task
- Topology
- Visibility

Role Based Access Control

APIC-EM Service API based on the Swagger™ 1.2 specification

[Terms of service](#)

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aaa : APIs to register and manage AAA Servers [Show/Hide](#) [List Operations](#) [Expand Operations](#) [Raw](#)

role : Role Description API [Show/Hide](#) [List Operations](#) [Expand Operations](#) [Raw](#)

ticket : Ticket Management API [Show/Hide](#) [List Operations](#) [Expand Operations](#) [Raw](#)

- POST** **/ticket** [addTicket](#)
- POST** **/ticket/attribute** [createTicketAttribute](#)
- GET** **/ticket/attribute/idletimeout** [getIdleTimeout](#)
- GET** **/ticket/attribute/sessiontimeout** [getSessionTimeout](#)
- DELETE** **/ticket/attribute/{attribute}** [deleteTicketAttribute](#)
- DELETE** **/ticket/{ticket}** [deleteTicket](#)

user : User Management API [Show/Hide](#) [List Operations](#) [Expand Operations](#) [Raw](#)

POST /ticket

Swagger Try it out!

1. Click Model Schema
2. Click the yellow box under Model Schema
3. Enter the DevNet Sandbox APIC-EM credentials between the quotes.
4. Click the “Try it out !” button.
5. If successful, the ticket number will be in the response body JSON.

Swagger UI interface for the POST /ticket endpoint. The interface shows a parameter table, error status codes, request URL, response body, and response code. Red boxes and arrows highlight key elements:

- Parameter Table:** A table with columns: Parameter, Value, Description, Parameter Type, Data Type. The 'user' parameter is highlighted with a red box. Its value is a JSON object: `{ "password": "Cisco123!", "username": "devnetuser" }`. Below the value is a dropdown menu for 'Parameter content type' set to 'application/json'.
- Model Schema:** A yellow box under the 'Data Type' column for 'user' contains a 'Model Schema' link (highlighted with a red box) and a JSON schema: `{ "password": "", "username": "" }`. Below the schema is a 'Click to set as parameter value' link (highlighted with a red box).
- Error Status Codes:** A table with columns: HTTP Status Code, Reason. It lists codes 200, 202, 403, 401, and 404 with their respective reasons.
- Request URL:** A yellow box containing the URL: `https://sandboxapicem.cisco.com/api/v1/ticket`.
- Response Body:** A yellow box containing a JSON response: `{ "response": { "serviceTicket": "ST-9749-ACgNRTbXd37b0jzLQ4wv-cas", "idleTimeout": 1800, "sessionTimeout": 21600 }, "version": "1.0" }`. Red arrows point to the 'serviceTicket' value and the entire response body JSON.
- Response Code:** A yellow box containing the status code: 200.

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2.4 LAB1 : Getting a Service Ticket with Python

2.4.1 Use POSTMAN to get Service Ticket

2.4.2 Use Python to get Service Ticket



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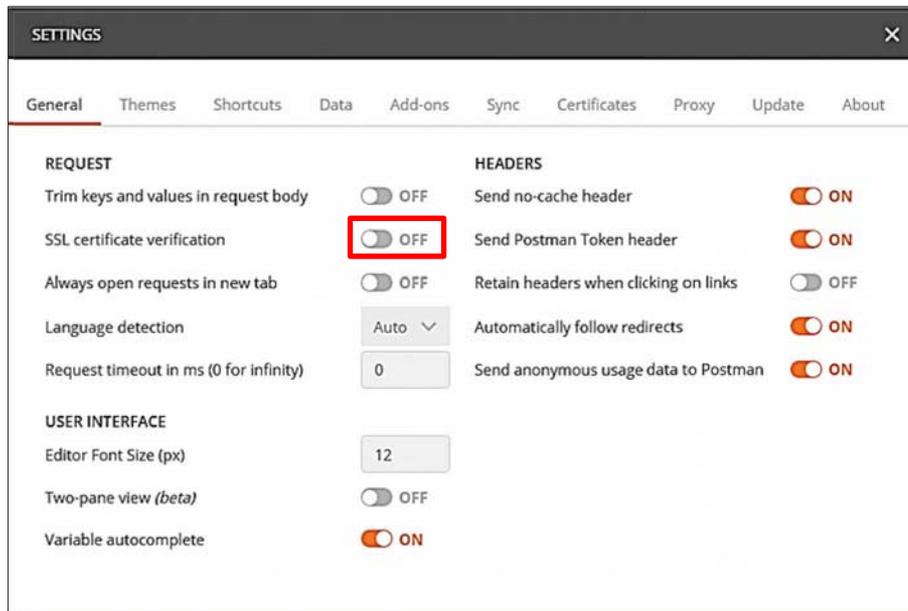
Postman



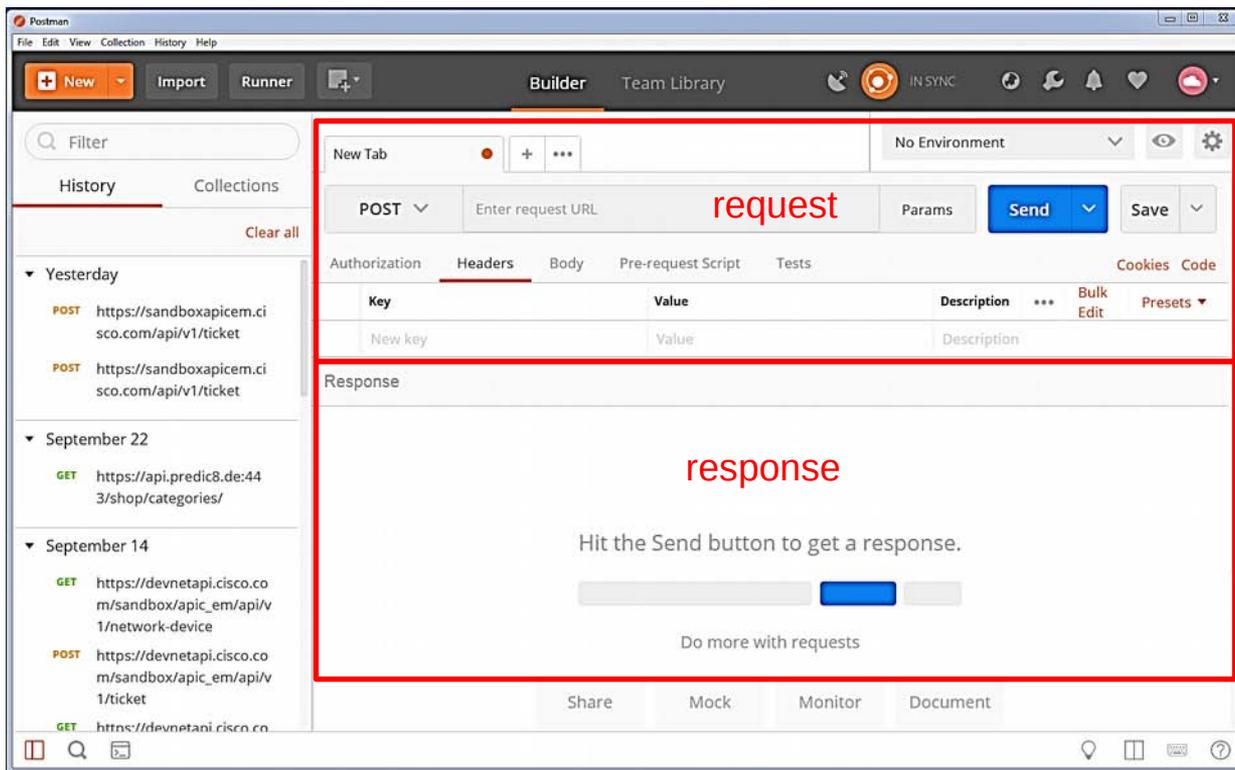
- An HTTP client for MacOS, Linux, Windows that provides an easy way to interact with REST APIs.
- Allows for headers to be easily constructed.
- Displays request status code and response data.
- Frequently used requests can be saved in tabs, history, or collections for reuse.

Step 1: Configure Postman

- We need to disable SSL certificate checking. This can cause requests to fail.
- Open File>Settings.
- Under Request, set SSL Certificate Verification to "OFF"



Postman Features



- History
- Tabs
- Collections
- Presets
- Code
- Environments
- Collaboration

Step 2 : Using Postman to get a Service Ticket: Enter Required Information and Send Request

method URI [Headers](#)

POST https://sandboxapicem.cisco.com/api/v1/ticket Params **Send** Save

Authorization **Headers (1)** Body Pre-request Script Tests Cookies Code

Key	Value	Description	...	Bulk Edit	Presets
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Content-Type	application/json				

Body JSON: {"username": "devnetuser", "password": "Cisco123!"}

POST https://sandboxapicem.cisco.com/api/v1/ticket Params **Send** Save

Authorization Headers (1) **Body** Pre-request Script Tests Cookies Code

form-data x-www-form-urlencoded raw binary **JSON (application/json)**

```
1  {"username": "devnetuser",  
2  "password": "Cisco123!"}
```

View the Response

POST ▼ https://sandboxapicem.cisco.com/api/v1/ticket Params **Send** ▼ Save ▼

Authorization **Headers (1)** Body ● Pre-request Script Tests Cookies Code

Key	Value	Description	...	Bulk Edit	Presets ▼
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Content-Type	application/json				
New key	Value	Description			

Body Cookies **Headers (9)** Test Results Status: 200 OK Time: 1107 ms Size: 445 B

Pretty Raw Preview JSON ▼ ≡ 📄 🔍

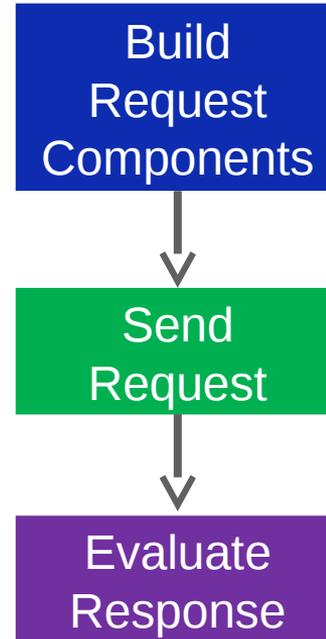
```
1 {
2   "response": {
3     "serviceTicket": "ST-9851-QHfCeeVDPxmNToGRcokq-cas",
4     "idleTimeout": 1800,
5     "sessionTimeout": 21600
6   },
7   "version": "1.0"
8 }
```

response body

**authentication token
(service ticket number)**

Overview of the Request Process

1. Build request
 - Method
 - URL
 - Headers
 - Body
 - Authentication
2. Send request
3. Evaluate response
 - Response code
 - Desired data features



2.0 Programming the APIC-EM REST API

2.4 LAB1 : Getting a Service Ticket with Python

2.4.1 Use POSTMAN to get Service Ticket

2.4.2 Use Python to get Service Ticket



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Python IDLE



Python dictionary

```
ipAddress = {"R1":"10.1.1.1","R2":"10.2.2.1","R3":"10.3.3.1"}
```

```
print(ipAddress["R1"])  
10.1.1.1
```

```
ipAddress["R1"]="10.0.0.1"
```

Python for loop

```
devices=["R1","R2","R3","S1","S2"]  
for item in devices:  
    print(item)
```

Lab 1: Getting a Service Ticket with Python

```
"""
01_get_ticket.py
This script retrieves an authentication token from APIC-EM and prints out
it's value. It is standalone, there is no dependency.
MBenson
11/12/2017
"""
import json
import requests

requests.packages.urllib3.disable_warnings()
```

1. Document code with initial comment block.
2. Import required modules: **json** and **requests**
3. Disable SSL certificate warnings

Lab 1: Getting a Service Ticket with Python: Build the Request Components

```
post_url = 'https://sandboxapicem.cisco.com/api/v1/ticket'
```

```
headers = {'content-type': 'application/JSON'}
```

```
body_json = {  
    'username': 'devnetuser',  
    'password': 'Cisco123!'  
}
```

1. Create a string variable for URL.
2. Create header.
3. Provide body requirements.

Note: This is *exactly* what we provided to Postman for the request.

Lab 1: Getting a Service Ticket with Python: Send the Request

```
resp = requests.post(post_url, json.dumps(body_json), headers=headers, verify=False)
```

1. Create a Python object to hold the response to the request.
2. Provide the variables for the request to the **POST** method of the **requests** module.
3. **json.dumps()** encodes a Python object as JSON.

This line of code sends the request using a POST method to the URL of APIC-EM ticket endpoint. The response that is returned by the API is stored in the **resp** variable.

About the JSON

<https://codebeautify.org/jsonviewer>

The screenshot displays the JSON Viewer interface. On the left, the 'JSON Input' field contains the following JSON:

```
1 {  
2   "response": {  
3     "serviceTicket": "ST-2591  
4     -UayPt2fHgDIez5bsBcHD-cas",  
5     "idleTimeout": 1800,  
6     "sessionTimeout": 21600  
7   },  
8   "version": "1.0"  
9 }
```

In the center, the 'Result mode:' dropdown is set to 'tree'. Below it are buttons for 'Load Url', 'Browse', 'Tree Viewer', 'Default Tab Spac', and 'Beautify'.

On the right, the 'Result : Tree Viewer' shows the JSON structure as a tree:

- object {1}
 - array {2}
 - response {3} (highlighted with a red box)
 - serviceTicket: ST-2591-UayPt2fHgDIez5bsBcHD-cas (highlighted with a red box)
 - idleTimeout: 1800
 - sessionTimeout: 21600
 - version: 1.0

```
response_json = resp.json()  
serviceTicket = response_json['response']['serviceTicket']
```

Lab 1: Getting a Service Ticket with Python: Evaluate the Response

```
status = resp.status_code
print ("Ticket request status: " + status\n)

response_json = resp.json()

serviceTicket = response_json['response']['serviceTicket']

print("The service ticket number is: " + serviceTicket)
```

1. Create object with response code of request.
2. Display response code.
3. Decode the JSON **resp** variable into a python object and store in **response_json** object.
4. Extract the service ticket value from the object.
5. Display service ticket value.
6. Save your file as **get_ticket.py** and run the code.

Lab 1: Getting a Service Ticket with Python:

Create a Function from the Program

You will convert your program into a function that can be reused in the future. It will go into a file of APIC-EM utility functions called **my_apic_em_functions.py**

Requirements for the function:

1. Defined with **def get_ticket()**
2. All subsequent lines of code indented an additional four spaces.
3. Function should return the service ticket number for use in other programs.

return serviceTicket

What's next?

- We will create a small program that requests and displays a table of hosts on the network. We convert this to a function and add it to our functions file.
- We will reuse code to create a small program that requests and displays a table of network devices on the network. We convert this to a function and add it to our functions file.
- We will complete code in the Path Trace application and use our functions in that program.

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2.5 Lab 2 : Create a host inventory in Python

2.5.1 Use POSTMAN to get host inventory

2.5.2 Use Python to get host inventory



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Step 1 : Setup the Postman Request

The screenshot shows the Postman interface with a REST client request. The URL is `https://sandboxapicem.cisco.com/api/v1/host`. The method is `GET`. The `Content-Type` header is set to `application/json`. The `X-Auth-Token` header is set to `ST-2650-aKpIXxS6vjNTFdZA7gVk-cas`. Red callouts point to the '+' button for adding a new tab, the URL, and the `X-Auth-Token` value.

Key	Value	Description
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Content-Type	application/json	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X-Auth-Token	ST-2650-aKpIXxS6vjNTFdZA7gVk-cas	

1. Create a new tab select the method, URI, and Content-Type.
2. Run the Postman tab that obtains a service ticket.
3. Build the REST header with **Content-Type** and service ticket number as the value for **X-Auth-Token**
4. Send request, view response.

Step 2 : Evaluate the Response

The screenshot shows a 'Result : Tree Viewer' window with a tree view of a JSON response. The root is an 'object {1}' containing an 'array {2}'. The array contains a 'response [3]' element, which is expanded to show an object with 14 properties. The following table represents the data shown in the screenshot:

Property	Value
hostIp	10.1.15.117
hostMac	00:24:d7:43:59:d8
hostType	wireless
connectedNetworkDeviceId	cd6d9b24-839b-4d58-adfe-3fdf781e1782
connectedNetworkDeviceIpAddress	10.1.14.3
connectedAPMacAddress	68:bc:0c:63:4a:b0
connectedAPName	AP7081.059f.19ca
vlanId	600
lastUpdated	1479514114932
source	200
pointOfPresence	ae19cd21-1b26-4f58-8ccd-d265deabb6c3
pointOfAttachment	ae19cd21-1b26-4f58-8ccd-d265deabb6c3
subType	UNKNOWN
id	48cdeb9b-b412-491e-a80c-7ec5bbe98167

Explore the Response JSON

We want to display a small table of hosts, including the **hostIP** and **hostType** values for each host.

```
response[0]['hostIP']  
response[0]['hostType']
```

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2.5 Lab 2 : Create a host inventory in Python

2.5.1 Use POSTMAN to get host inventory

2.5.2 Use Python to get host inventory



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Lab 2 : Create Host Inventory in Python

```
'''  
02_get_host.py  
gets an inventory of hosts from \host endpoint  
November, 2017  
'''  
import requests  
import json  
import sys  
from tabulate import *  
from my_apic_em_functions import *
```

1. Document
2. Import required modules

Note that the Python file that contains your service ticket function is imported for use here. The name of the functions file will vary depending on whether you are using your own file or the provided solution file.

Lab 2 : Create Host Inventory in Python

Build Request Components

```
post_url = "https://sandboxapicem.cisco.com/api/v1/host"  
  
ticket = get_ticket()  
headers = {'content-type': 'application/json', 'X-Auth-Token': ticket}
```

Note that the **get_ticket()** function that you created earlier is reused here and the value is supplied to the headers object.

Lab 2 : Create Host Inventory in Python

Make the Request and Handle Errors

```
try:
    resp = requests.get(post_url, headers=headers, params='', verify = False)
    response_json = resp.json() # Get the json-encoded content from response
    print ('Status of /host request: ', str(resp.status_code))
except:
    print ('Something is wrong with GET /host request!')
    sys.exit()
```

1. Request is made with **get()** method of the **requests** module.
2. A **try:** **except:** structure is used to handle errors. If an exception is encountered in the **try:** code, the **except:** code executes.
3. Messages are displayed for the status of the request.

Lab 2 : Create Host Inventory in Python

Evaluate the Response

```
host_list=[]
i=0
for item in response_json['response']:
    i+=1
    host_list.append([i,item['hostType'],item['hostIp'])

print (tabulate(host_list,headers=['Number', 'Type', 'IP'],tablefmt="rst"))
```

1. The **for:** loop iterates through the objects in **response_json[response]** key, which corresponds to each host.
2. The data for the host is put in the variable **item**.
3. This variable contains all the keys for the host.
4. We extract the "**hostType**", and "**hostIp**" for each host.
5. Each iteration of the loop appends this information to a new line in the variable.
6. We pass the **host_list** variable to **tabulate** to be formatted and print the result.

Lab 2 : Create Host Inventory in Python

Create the Function

```
def get_host():
    post_url = "https://sandboxapicem.cisco.com/api/v1/host"

    ticket = get_ticket()
    headers = {"content-type" : "application/json", "X-Auth-Token": ticket}

    try:
        resp = requests.get(post_url, headers=headers, params="", verify = False)
        response_json = resp.json()
        print ("Status of /host request: ", str(resp.status_code))
    except:
        print ("Something is wrong with GET /host request!")
        sys.exit()

    host_list=[]
    i=0
    for item in response_json["response"]:
        i+=1
        host_list.append([i, item["hostType"], item["hostIp"]])

    print (tabulate(host_list, headers=['number', 'type', 'host IP'], tablefmt='rst'))
```

1. Copy your program into the functions file.
2. define the function as **get_host()**
3. Indent everything by four *additional* spaces
4. Save the functions file.

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2.6 Lab 3 : Create a network-device inventory in Python



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Lab 3: Create a Network Device Inventory in Python

Replicate your work for the **/network-device** Inventory endpoint.

1. Save your **get_host.py** file as **get_device.py**.
2. Go to the APIC-EM GUI and open the Swagger page for the `inventory/network-device`
3. Click try it and look at the returned JSON.
4. We want to access and print **'type'** and **'managementIpAddress'** instead of **"hostType"** and **"hostIpAddress"**.
5. Inspect the code and make the substitutions everywhere they are required.
6. Save the file and test. Add the function **get_device()** to your functions file.

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2.6 Lab 4 : Path Trace Application

The Path Trace Application

1. Open and run the **04_path_trace_sol.py** file.
2. From the list of devices, enter source and destination IP addresses.
3. The application does the following:
 - a) Obtains a service ticket from the APIC-EM **/ticket** endpoint.
 - b) Obtains and displays an inventory of hosts from the **/hosts** endpoint
 - c) Obtains and displays an inventory of network devices from the **/network-devices** endpoint
 - d) Requests source and destination IP addresses for the Path Trace from the user.
 - e) Requests the Path Trace from the **/flow-analysis** endpoint.
 - f) Monitors the status of the Path Trace until it is complete.
 - g) Displays some of the results of the completed Path Trace.
4. We are going to build this!

Lab 4: Coding the Path Trace Application: Process

- You will work from partially completed code in the **04_path_trace.py** file.
- Copy and paste from what you have already completed.
- Consult the solution files.
- Seek assistance from the workshop community if you are stuck.
- Coders collaborate, so should you!

Lab 4: Coding the Path Trace Application:

About the working code file

- Open the **04_path_trace.py** work file in IDLE.
- The code is divided into six sections. The lab references each section.
- You are directed to complete or supply statements in the code.
- Some material is new. The lab document provides information regarding what is required.
- You are working on a functioning application. Sometimes it is necessary to use code that is more advanced than your current skill level. You are not expected to understand that code, although it can be explained at a later time if you wish.

Lab 4: Coding the Path Trace Application: Testing your code...

- In IDLE, create a new Python file called **test.py**.
- Save it in the same folder as your other lab files.
- As you complete a section of code, copy and paste it into this file, save, and run it.

Lab 4: Path Trace Code: Section 1: Setup the Environment

```
#=====
# Section 1. Setup the environment and variables required
to interact with the APIC-EM
#=====
#+++++++Add Values+++++++
#import modules
[REDACTED]
#disable SSL certificate warnings
[REDACTED]
#+++++++

#+++++++Add Values+++++++
# Path Trace API URL for flow_analysis endpoint
post_url = [REDACTED] #URL of API endpoint
# Get service ticket number using imported function
ticket = [REDACTED] # Add function to get service ticket
# Create headers for requests to the API
headers = [REDACTED] # Create dictionary containing headers for
the request
#+++++++
```

Add code where indicated to setup the code environment and build the request components.

Lab 4: Path Trace

Code Section 2: Display list of hosts and devices

```
#####  
# Section 2. Display list of devices and IPs by calling  
# get_host() and get_devices()  
#####  
  
#####Add Values#####  
print('List of hosts on the network: ')  
# Add function to display hosts  
#####  
print('List of devices on the network: ')  
# Add function to display network devices  
#####  
#####
```

Use your **get_host()**
and **get_devices()**
functions here.

Lab 4: Path Trace

Code Section 3: Get Source and Destination IP Addresses from User

```
while True:
    #####Add Values#####
    s_ip =  # Request user input for source IP address
    d_ip =  # Request user input for destination IP address
    #####
    #Various error traps should be completed here - POSSIBLE CHALLENGE

    if s_ip != '' or d_ip != '':
        path_data = {
            "sourceIP": s_ip,
            "destIP": d_ip
        }
        break #Exit loop if values supplied
    else:
        print("\n\nYOU MUST ENTER IP ADDRESSES TO CONTINUE.\nUSE CTRL-C TO QUIT\n")
        continue #Return to beginning of loop and repeat
```

variable = `input("prompt: ")`

Lab 4: Path Trace

Code Section 4: Initiate the Path Trace and get the Flow Analysis ID

```
#=====
# Section 4. Initiate the Path Trace and get the flowAnalysisId
#=====

#+++++++Add Values+++++++
# Post request to initiate Path Trace
path =  #Convert the path_data to JSON using json.dumps()
resp =  #Make the request. Construct the POST request to the API

# Inspect the return, get the Flow Analysis ID, put it into a variable
resp_json = resp.json()
flowAnalysisId =  Assign the value of the flowAnalysisId key of resp_json.
#+++++++

print('FLOW ANALYSIS ID: ' + flowAnalysisId)
```

Lab 4: Path Trace

Code Section 5: Check status of Path Trace request - 1

```
#=====
# Section 5. Check status of Path Trace request, output results when
# COMPLETED
#=====

#initialize variable to hold the status of the path trace
status = ""

#+++++++Add Values+++++++
#Add Flow Analysis ID to URL in order to check the status of this
#specific path trace
check_url =  #Append the /flowAnalysisId to the flow
#analysis end point URL that was created in Section 1
#+++++++
```

Lab 4: Path Trace

Code Section 5: Check status of Path Trace request - 2

```
checks = 0 #variable to increment within the while loop. Will trigger exit from loop after x iterations

while status != 'COMPLETED':
    checks += 1
    r = requests.get(check_url,headers=headers,params="",verify = False)
    response_json = r.json()
    #+++++++Add Values+++++++
    status =  # Assign the value of the status of the path trace request from response_json
    #+++++++

    #wait one second before trying again
    time.sleep(1)
    if checks == 15: #number of iterations before exit of loop; change depending on conditions
        print('Number of status checks exceeds limit. Possible problem with Path Trace.')
        #break
        sys.exit()
    elif status == 'FAILED':
        print('Problem with Path Trace')
        #break
        sys.exit()
    print('REQUEST STATUS: ' + status) #Print the status as the loop runs
```


Lab 4: Path Trace

Code Section 6: Display Results

```
#####  
# Section 6. Display results  
#####  
  
# Create required variables  
#####Add Values#####  
path_source =  #Assign the source address from the trace from response_json  
path_dest =  #Assign the destination address from the trace from response_json  
networkElementsInfo =  #Assign the list of all network element dictionaries from response_json  
#####
```

Supplying these values requires parsing the Path Trace JSON that is has been converted to Python objects and is stored in **response_json**. We will explore an example of the Path Trace JSON now.

Lab 4: Path Trace

JSON Practice - View Tree

1. Open the **json_data.json** file that is in the folder with the lab Python files.
2. Copy the entire contents of the file.
3. Open JSON Viewer and paste the JSON in the left-hand pane.
4. View as a tree.
5. Collapse all levels.

Lab 4 Path Trace: JSON Practice - Tree View

JSON Viewer

Save & Share

JSON Input sample

```
148 },
149   "role": "CORE",
150   "linkInformationSource": "ECMP"
151 },
152 {
153   "id": "55450140-de19-47b5-ae80
154     -bfd741b23fd9",
155   "name": "CAMPUS-Router2",
156   "type": "Routers",
157   "ip": "10.1.4.2",
158   "ingressInterface": {
159     "physicalInterface": {
160       "id": "20c9326c-82b0-47b9-ae5
161         -f57b7725bd01",
162       "name": "GigabitEthernet0/0/1"
163     },
164     "egressInterface": {
165       "physicalInterface": {
166         "id": "e595740b-38fd-4c87-9cb3
167         -407672ed9dc5",
168         "name": "GigabitEthernet0/0/3"
169       }
170     },
171     "role": "BORDER ROUTER",
172     "linkInformationSource": "OSPF"
173   },
174   "id": "UNKNOWN",
175   "name": "UNKNOWN",
176   "ip": "UNKNOWN",
177   "role": "UNKNOWN",
```

Result mode:
tree

Load Url

Browse

Tree Viewer

Default Tab Space

Beautify

Ad closed by Google
Stop seeing this ad
AdChoices

Result : Tree Viewer

- object {1}
 - array {2}
 - response {4}
 - request {7}
 - lastUpdate : Fri Sep 29 14:03:43 UTC 2017
 - networkElementsInfo [12]
 - detailedStatus {1}
 - version : 1.0

Lab 4: Path Trace

JSON Practice - Load Variables

```
import json
json_data=json.load(open('path_trace_json.json'))

>>> print(json_data)
```

1. Import the **json** module.
2. Open the **path_trace_json.json** file, convert it to Python objects, and assign the result to a variable called **json_data** as shown above.
3. Save and run the program.
4. Display the contents of **json_data** in the shell. This is what the imported and converted JSON looks like to Python
5. Display the values of different keys in the json. Example:

```
print(json_data['response']['request'])
```

Lab 4: JSON Practice - Accessing Data in the Response

```
object {1}
  array {2}
    response {4}
      request {7}
        sourceIP : 10.1.15.117
        destIP : 10.2.1.22
        periodicRefresh : false
        id : feb8f5c6-56d1-45ec-9a49-bd4afac5c887
        status : COMPLETED
        createTime : 1506693815419
        lastUpdateTime : 1506693823127
      lastUpdate : Fri Sep 29 14:03:43 UTC 2017
    networkElementsInfo [12]
      0 {4}
      1 {7}
      2 {9}
        id : 5b5ea8da-8c23-486a-b95e-7429684d25fc
        name : CAMPUS-Access1
        type : Switches and Hubs
        ip : 10.1.12.1
      ingressInterface {1}
        physicalInterface {2}
          id : dd2c47ea-ad19-4a1e-ad0e-82d9deefd61b
          name : GigabitEthernet1/0/26
```

`json_data['response']['request']['sourceIP']`

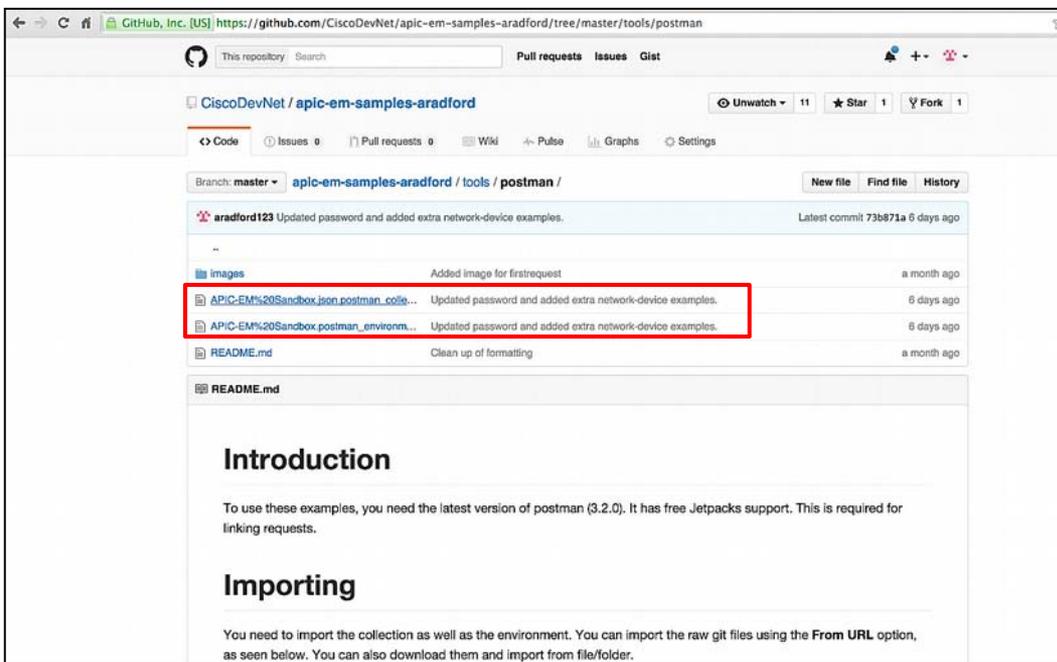
`json_data['response']['request']['destIP']`

`json_data` holds the converted JSON reply from the Path Trace endpoint that is represented in the JSON Viewer tree.

`json_data['response']['networkElementsInfo'][2]['ip']`

APIC-EM Tools Github Collection_

<https://github.com/CiscoDevNet/apic-em-samples-aradford/tree/master/tools/postman>



Can be imported into Postman as files, or directly from URLs. See the README.md file for more information.

Note: Before posting any code your own repository, remove any confidential information from the code and replace it with comments or descriptive placeholder text.

Next steps...

- Go to DevNet and investigate:
 - The DevNet Cisco Community
 - The DevNet Introduction to DevNet interactive course track
 - The APIC-EM Sandbox and Swagger API documentation

**Thank you for attending the
workshop!**