

Skalierbare Automatisierung und Orchestrierung im Netzwerk – Welche Vorteile sind entscheidend?

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Juniper Networks at a glance

Who are we?

Founded: February 1996
 Headquarters: Sunnyvale, California
 Employees: 9,300+
 Offices: 88 locations in 43 countries
 Revenue: USD \$4.99 billion (2016)



JUNIPER NETWORKS SUPPORTS

- The Top 10 telecom companies in the world
- 10 of the top 12 global technology companies
- More than 1,400 national government organizations around the world.
- We operate 16 around-the-clock technical support centers around the world.

NETWORKING SPECIALISTS



Routing



Switching



Security



Software

What do we do?

Our customers don't set out to build networks. They build on ideas that reinvent, reimagine, and improve the world around them.

If your business depends on the network to deliver mission-critical transactions, applications, and services, you do business with Juniper Networks.

3 PRIMARY SOLUTION AREAS

OPEN AND AUTOMATED CLOUD
 Spine & Leaf Switching
 SDN Automation
 Network Analytics

HIGH PERFORMANCE AGILE WAN
 Core & Edge Routing
 Branch SD-WAN
 Data Centre Interconnect
 Optical Transport

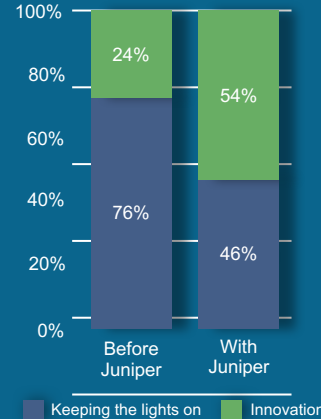
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 Virtual & Physical Security
 Dynamic Anti-Malware Protection
 Software Defined Security



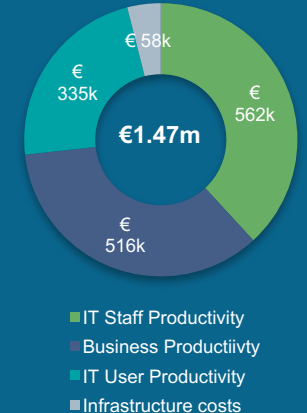
Why work with us?



IT NETWORKING STAFF EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT*



PROVING THE BUSINESS VALUE OF NETWORK TRANSFORMATION



* IDC White Paper, sponsored by Juniper, Juniper Networks: Proving the Business Value of Network Transformation, September 2016 Juniper calculations based on IDC estimates for savings per 100 users

Automation: It's changing life around us

HOMES



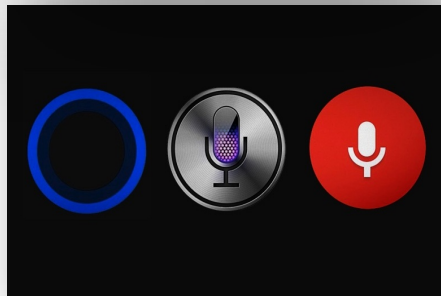
CARS



SHOPPING



ASSISTANTS



LANGUAGE



GAMES



Automation: Setting the context

What?

“Using machines to run machines”

-- Peter F Drucker'1955

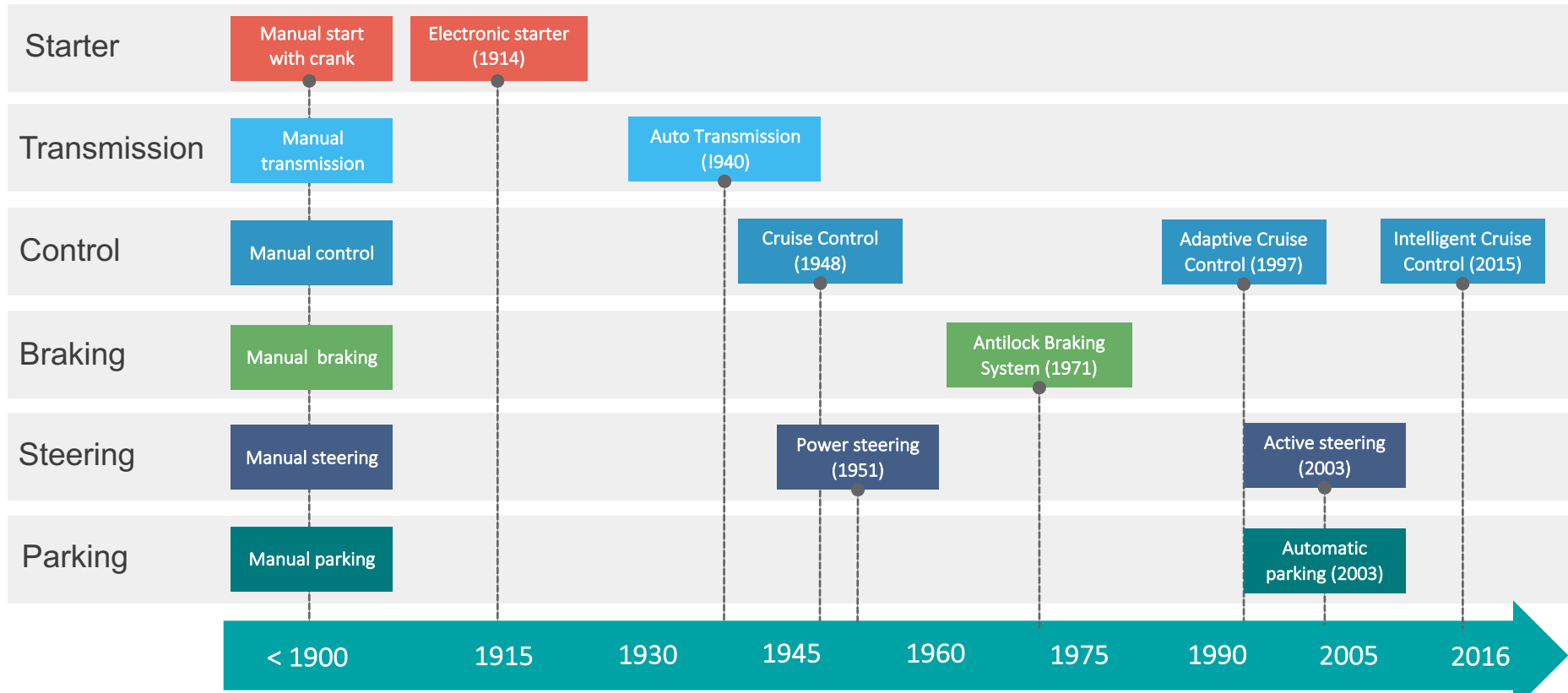
Why?

Agility! Delivering outcomes @ speed

How?

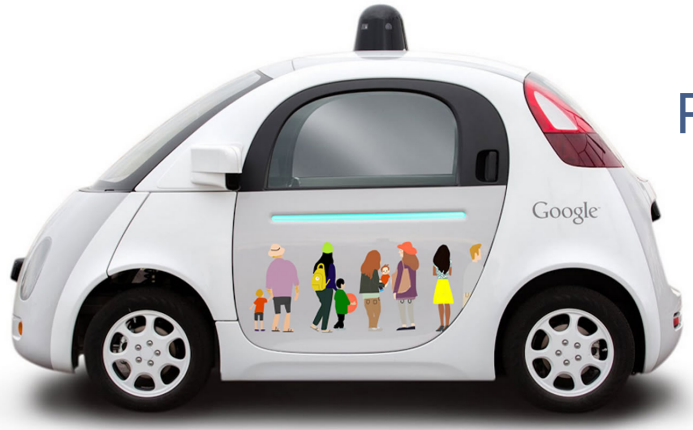
Technology, Culture and Process

Evolution of the automobile



Disruption of the automobile

- Not just an incremental improvement, a disruptive change



The Self-Driving Car

Is it a Car....Is it a Computer?

The Promise

The Impact

Ownership: Delineate ownership & usage. Uber++, ZipCar++

Safety: Human errors cause 94% of car crashes

Planning: No more traffic lights? Triple highway capacity?

Logistics: Self-driving trucks to revolutionize package delivery

Don't need drivers: Need programmers, operational folks

Don't need cops: Cars can (will) self-police

Don't need witnesses: Cars will be the most objective witnesses

How does insurance work: Who pays for the glitches?

Disruption of the Network

- Self-Driving Cars ‘need’ Self-Driving Networks



A self-driving network would

- Accept “*guidance*” from a network operator
- **Self**-discover its constituent parts
- **Self**-configure
- **Self**-monitor using probes and other techniques
- **Auto**-detect when a new service is needed and auto-enable it
- **Auto**matically monitor and update services to optimize service delivery
- Use machine learning for introspection (**self**-analysis)
- **Self**-report periodically or when an unexpected situation arises

Self-Driving Networks: A vision worth pursuing

The background features a dense, interconnected network of blue lines and nodes, creating a spherical or globe-like structure. The nodes are small white circles, and the lines are thin blue lines connecting them. The overall effect is a complex, multi-dimensional network that suggests data connectivity and automation at a large scale.

Automation @ scale

WEB 2.0 COMPANIES



Reduce DC cooling bill by 40%

2014: Machine-learning algorithms used to predict Power Usage Effectiveness (PUE) of the datacenters with up to 99.6% accuracy

2016: Google DeepMind AI uses *historical data, telemetry & deep neural networks* to reduce Datacenter cooling bills by 40%



1 Engineer = 25,000 servers

2011: Facebook Auto Remediation (FBAR) to proactively detect and address production problems on *individual servers*.

2016: Automated Maintenance Handlers to safely automate maintenance on *multiple servers*. Dapper to co-ordinate both *automated and manual processes*



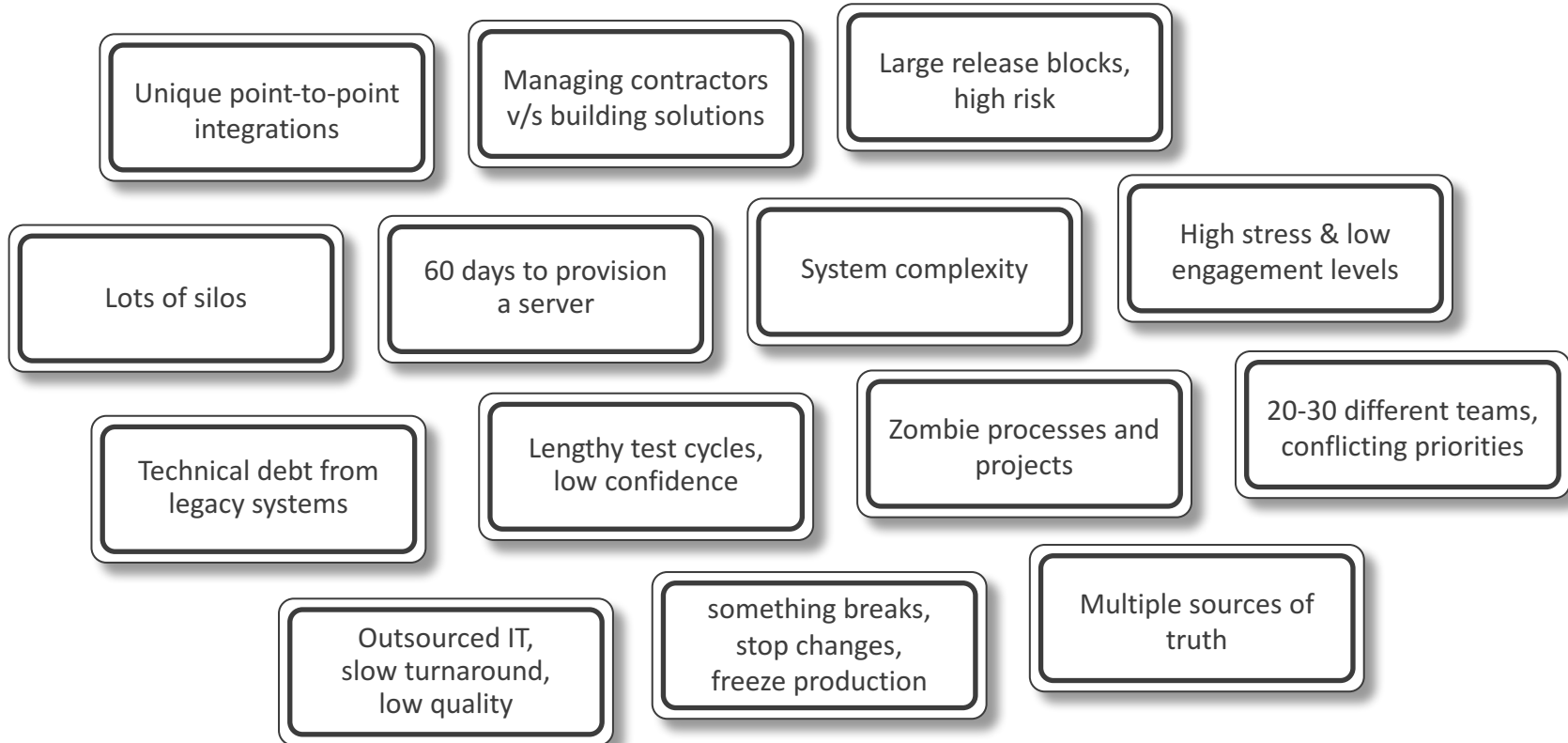
Helping developers sleep better

2013: Atlas, a sophisticated home-grown telemetry tool that collects up to *1.2 Billion data points per minute*

2016: Winston, outsources *repeatable diagnostics and remediation* tasks. Run automatically in response to events from Atlas

Charting the course for Automation

- *Identify, acknowledge and target your roadblocks*



Charting the course for Automation

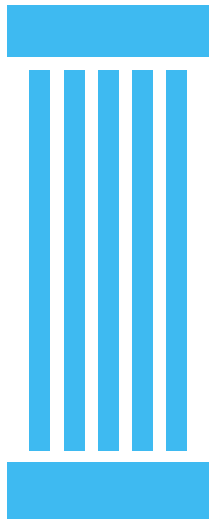
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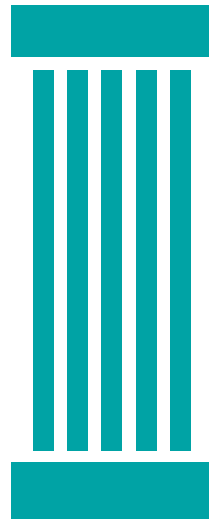
Charting the course for Automation

Three building blocks of Automation

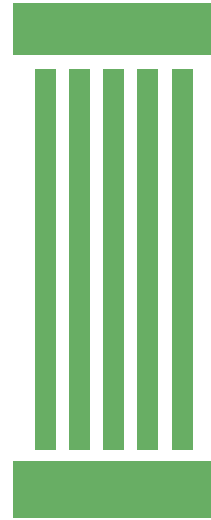
TECHNOLOGY



CULTURE



PROCESS

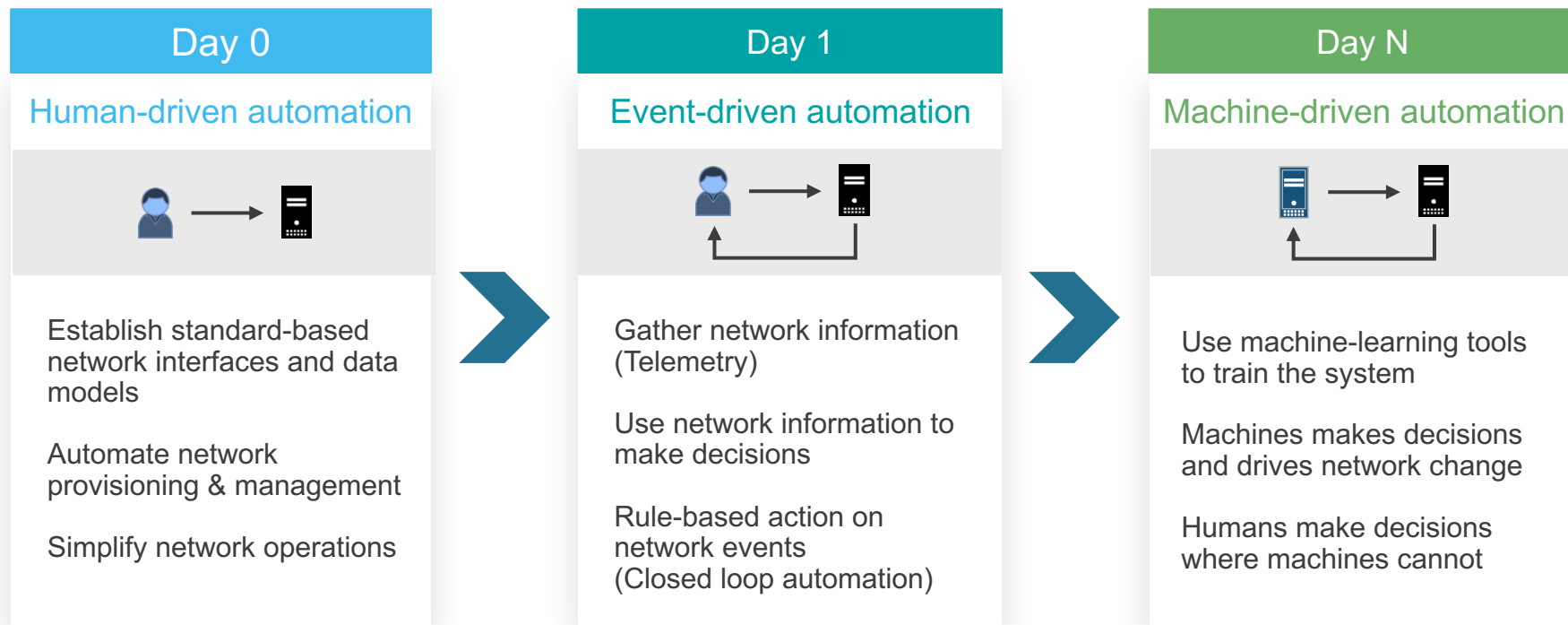


Find the right balance

Technology: 'Leading the change'

Network Automation: How do we get there?

Build an evolution path to fuel disruption



Automation Technologies - Landscape



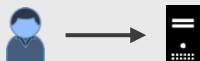
Automation Technologies - Landscape



Day 0 - Human-driven Automation

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Human-driven automation



Establish standard-based network interfaces and data models

Automate network provisioning & management

Simplify network operations

Standards-based network interfaces and data-models



Automate network provisioning & management

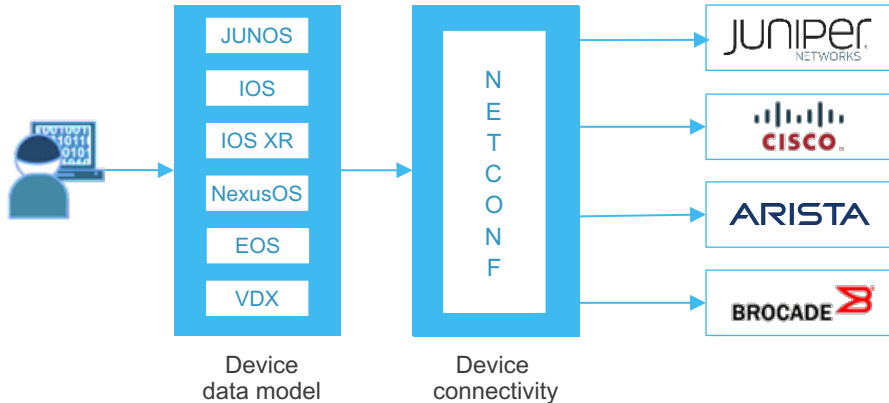


Simplify network operations



Standards-based Network interfaces

- Uniform, vendor-neutral approach to access and configure devices



NETCONF

Protocol to “install, manipulate and delete configuration”

Uses XML-based data encoding for configuration data and protocol messages

NETCONF protocol operations over a simple RPC layer

Programmable: Python libraries (ncclient), Juniper PyEZ

Based on RFC Standards (RFC 4741, 4742, 6241, 6242)

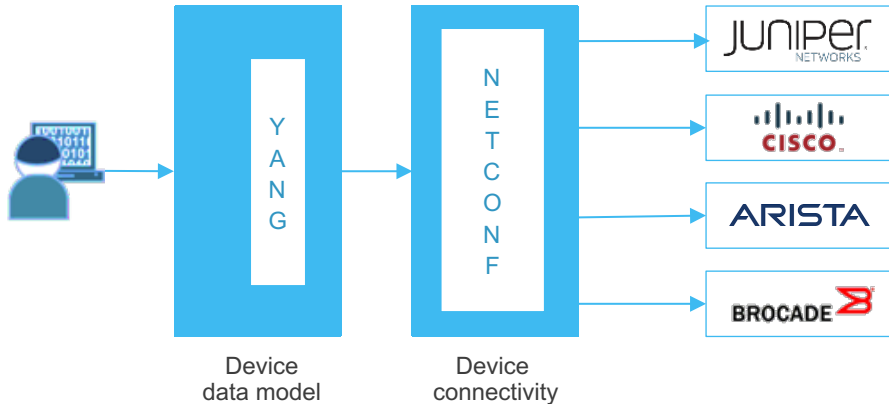
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NETCONF is the IETF standard for managing devices and is derived from JUNOScript API (2001)

Supported on all Juniper platforms, pre-JUNOS 4.0

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YANG

Data model language for the Network Configuration Protocol (NETCONF)

Human readable, Supports multiple encoding formats, including XML and JSON

Transport over NETCONF over SSH and recently also over gRPC

Based on RFC standards (RFC 6020)

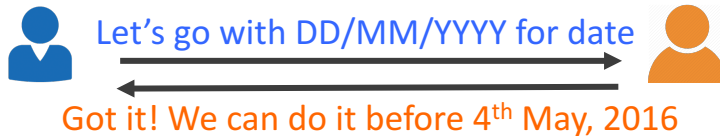
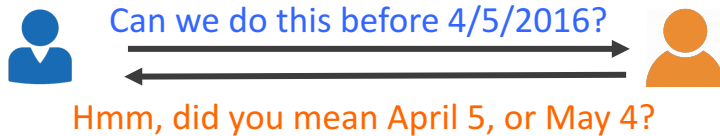
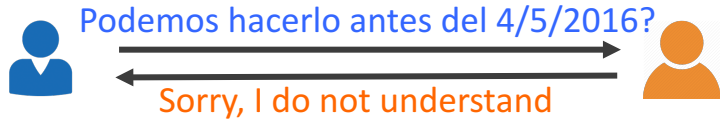
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YANG is the industry-standard data modeling language and is based of Juniper's Data Definition Language (DDL, 2001)

Active IETF participation to define standard YANG modules, Support for custom YANG modules

Supported on MX/EX/M/PTX/T-series platforms, JUNOS 14.2 onwards

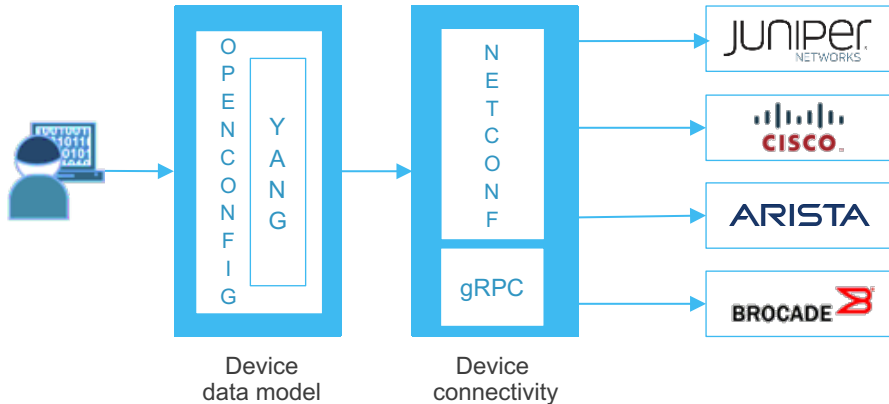
An Analogy to Netconf and YANG



- Different communication protocols
- Systems do not understand each other without translation
- **Common protocol between systems (i.e Netconf)**
- However, model for representing date is unclear
- **Common data model for date: DD/MM/YY (i.e YANG)**
- Unambiguous and easy communication

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OPENCONFIG

Vendor-neutral, model-driven network management

Common Data Models written in YANG

Streaming Telemetry

Industry-driven: *Google, AT&T, British Telecom, Microsoft, Facebook, Comcast, Verizon, Level3, Apple, Deutsche Telekom, Bell Canada*

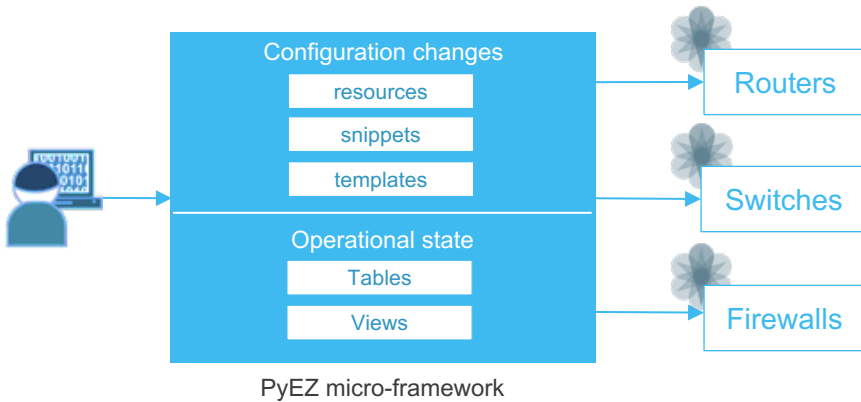
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Actively engaged in the OpenConfig initiative since inception

Supported on MX/M/PTX/T-series platforms, JUNOS 16.1 onwards. EX/QFX platforms on roadmap

Automated network provisioning and management

- Consistent and compliant network operation



PyEZ

Automation micro-framework for JUNOS devices

Remote connectivity and management

Retrieve configuration, operational or run-state information

Make configuration changes, secure copy of files and software updates

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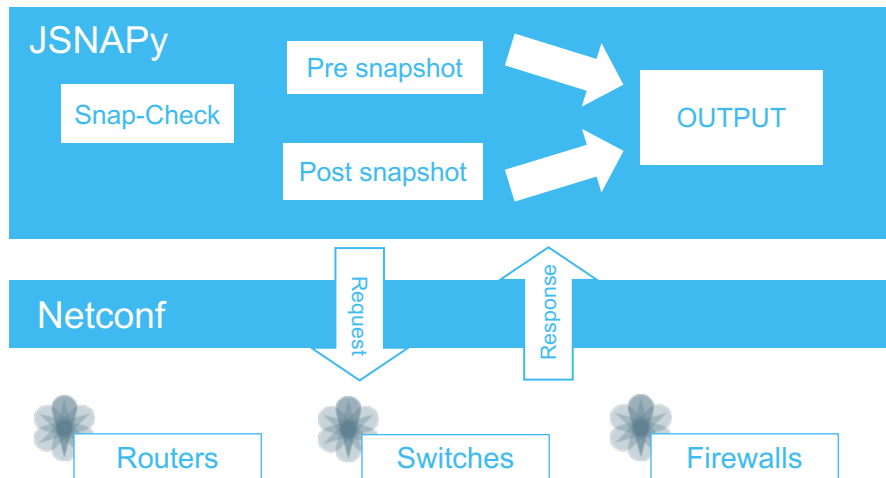
Supported on all Juniper platforms, JUNOS 11.4 onwards

Increasing popularity in the Juniper DevOps community (>300 stars on Github)

<https://github.com/Juniper/py-junos-eznc>

Simplified network operations

- Compare before and after operational state



JSNAPy 

JUNOS Snapshot Administrator in Python

Capture and audit runtime environment snapshots of Juniper devices

Compare pre & post operation outputs

Simplified YAML-based test cases

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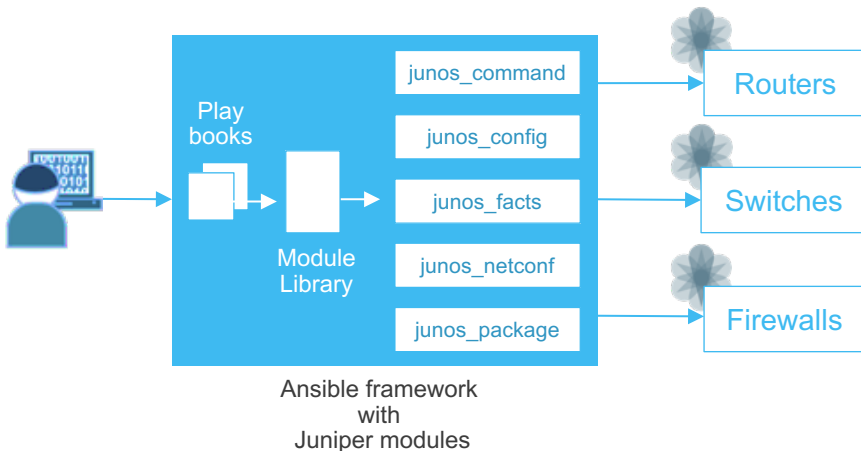
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Supported on all Juniper platforms, JUNOS 16.1 onwards

<https://github.com/Juniper/jsnapy>

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ANSIBLE

Agent-less approach, Easy to deploy

Uses YAML 'playbooks' to define automation tasks

Works by pushing 'Ansible modules' to devices

Supports workflow engine

Juniper support

Supported on all Juniper platforms, JUNOS 12.3 onwards
Enhanced capabilities using Ansible modules for Juniper.

<https://www.ansible.com/ansible-juniper>

Ansible to set SNMP Community on many devices

```
$ cat resources/set-snmp.set
```

```
set snmp community public authorization read-only
```

Junos CLI
Command to apply

```
$ cat set-snmp.yml
```

```
---- name: Enable snmp on my Junos devices
```

```
hosts: mylab
```

```
roles: - Juniper.junos
```

```
connection: local
```

```
gather_facts: no
```

```
tasks:
```

```
- name: Checking NETCONF connectivity
```

```
wait_for: host={{ inventory_hostname }} port=830 timeout=5
```

```
- name: Enable snmp and set community public
```

```
junos_install_config:
```

```
host={{ inventory_hostname }}
```

```
user=mgiget
```

```
file=resources/set-snmp.set
```

```
overwrite=false
```

```
logfile=logs/set-snmp.log
```

Ansible
Playbook

Running the Ansible Playbook against devices

```
$ export ANSIBLE_HOSTS=$PWD/hosts
$ ansible-playbook -i hosts enable-snmp.yml
```

```
PLAY [Enable snmp on my Junos devices]
*****
```

```
TASK: [Checking NETCONF connectivity]
*****
```

```
ok: [vmx-yang]
ok: [vmx1]
ok: [vmx-automation]
```

```
TASK: [Enable snmp and set community public]
*****
```

```
ok: [vmx1]
ok: [vmx-yang]
changed: [vmx-automation]
```

```
PLAY RECAP
```

```
*****
```

vmx-automation	: ok=2	changed=1	unreachable=0	failed=0
vmx-yang	: ok=2	changed=0	unreachable=0	failed=0
vmx1	: ok=2	changed=0	unreachable=0	failed=0

```
cat ~/hosts
```

```
[mylab]
vmx1
vmx-yang
vmx-automation
```

Day 1 – Event-driven Automation

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Event-driven automation



Gather network information
(Telemetry)

Use network information to
make decisions

Rule-based action on
network events
(Closed loop automation)

Gathering Network Telemetry

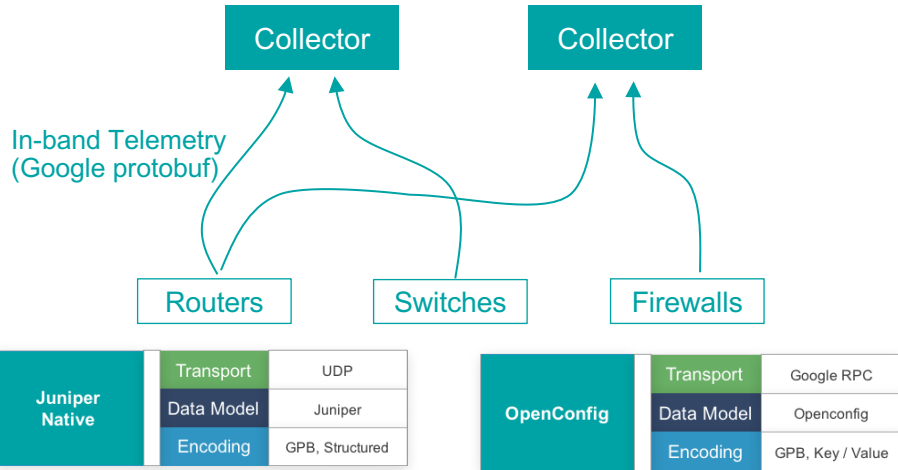


Rule-based actions on network events



Gathering Network Telemetry

- What gets measured, gets managed



Goodbye SNMP, Hello gRPC

Juniper support

Supported on Juniper MX and PTX platforms JUNOS 15.1F3 onwards

OSS Collector OpenNTI <https://github.com/Juniper/open-nti>

gRPC & JVision

Push-based telemetry model (v/s pull-based SNMP)

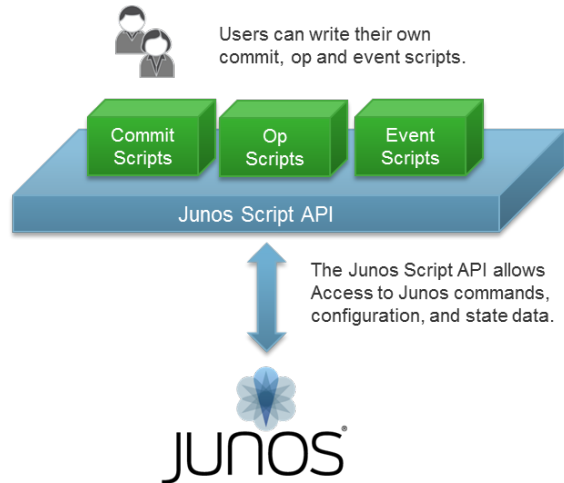
Continuous streaming of Network telemetry data based on subscriptions

Observe network state through time-series data stream and take action.

Uses Google protocol buffer encoding format

Rule-based actions on network events “on box”

- If-This-Then-That (IFTTT) model



SLAX & Python (on-box)



Support for SLAX and now Python on-box on JUNOS devices

Write scripts to react to on-box network events

Commit Script: Configuration consistency checks

Operational Scripts: Monitoring and troubleshooting

Event scripts: Event-based triggers

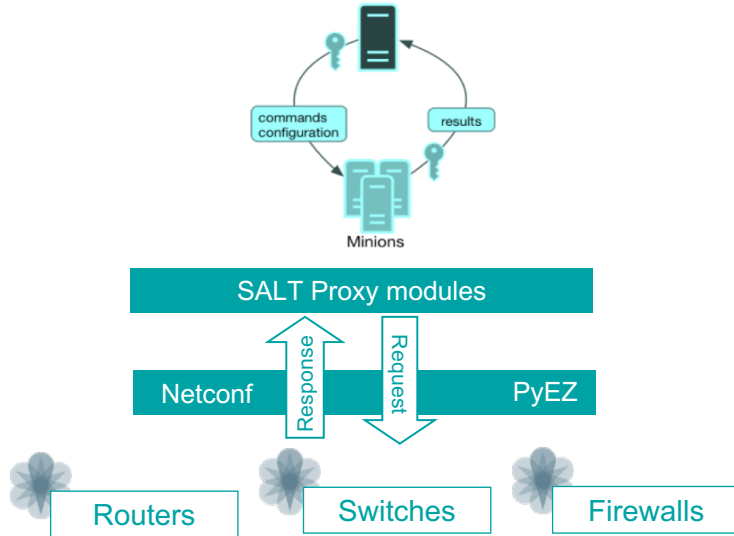
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Supported on all Juniper MX, PTX, QFX platforms,
SLAX: pre-JUNOS 7.0 onwards; Python on-box: JUNOS 16.1 onwards

<https://github.com/Juniper/junoscriptorium>

Rule-based actions on network events “off box”

- If-This-Then-That (IFTTT) model



Salt Stack

Configuration management system, capable of maintaining remote nodes in defined states

Uses a pub/sub model to publish events from master or agent

Rule-based actions can be built to react to these events

Junos support for SaltStack is through a off-box proxy minion

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Example: Automate provisioning devices

- Provision / stage devices
 - SRX / vSRX / EX / NFX
 - Third party using Napalm (Configuration only)
- Verification

- Provisioning can be done using
 - staging area / network
 - drop shipping device

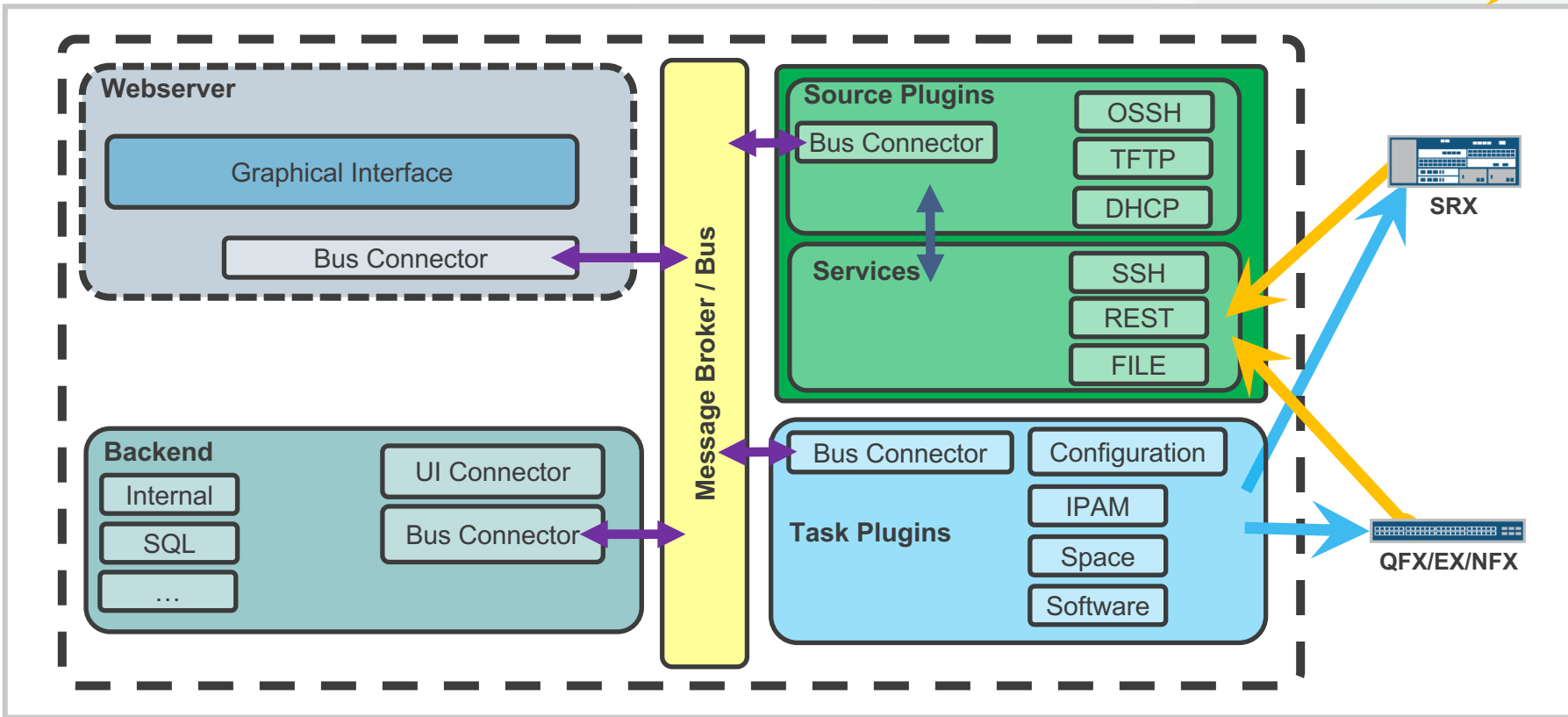
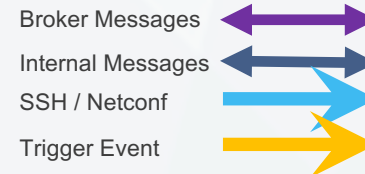
- Real ZTP with
 - staging Area approach (DCHP / TFTP)
 - drop shipping approach (PHS)

Use cases

RMA

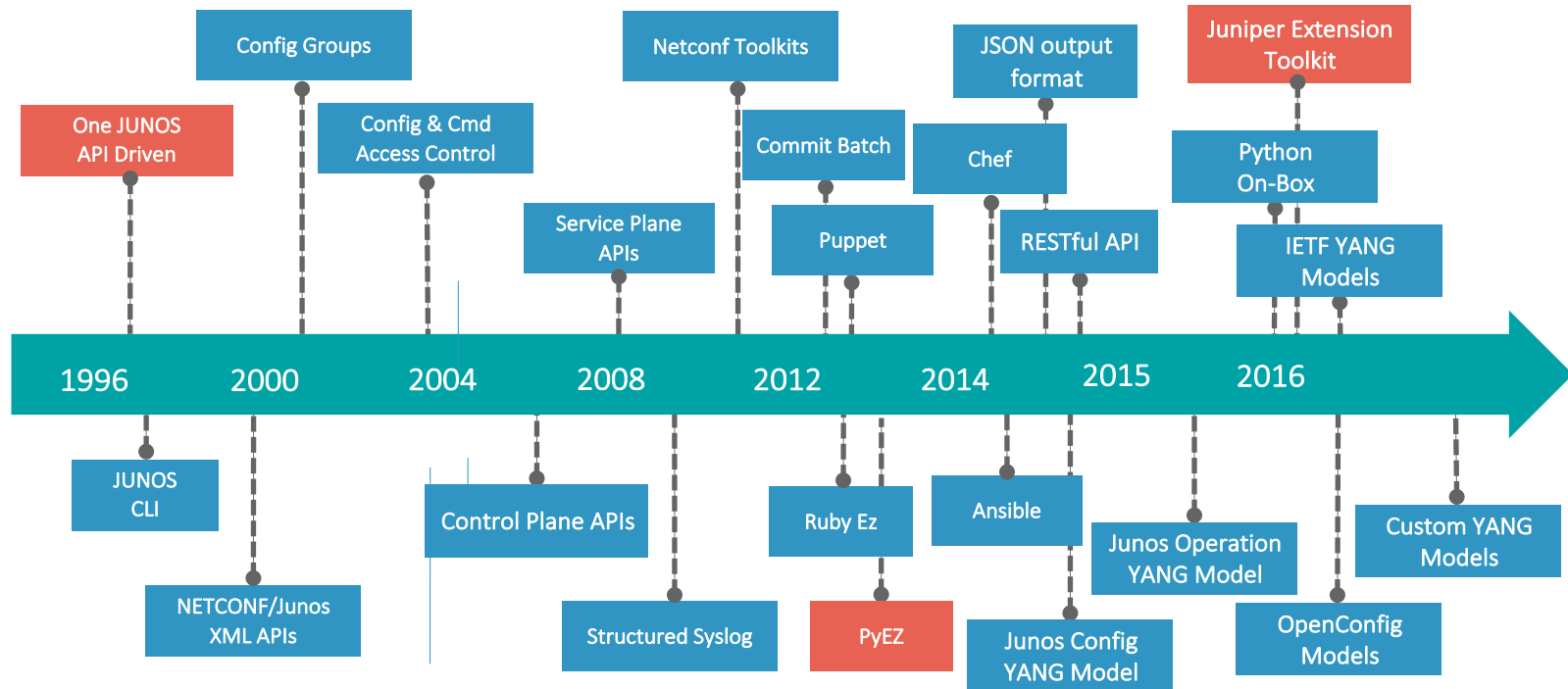
- RMA dead device
- Use drop shipping approach (ZTP)
- Use of additional apps for activation
- Keep RMA process as simple as possible
- IT personnel also need some sleep

Architecture



Automation @ Juniper: It's in our DNA

- Built with an *'Automation-first'* mindset



Network Automation: Leading the pack

Third-party perspective on platform-vendor capabilities for Network Automation

1 On-device APIs to read / write configuration and operational data

✓ Juniper Networks: PASS

2 Structured operational data for easy programmatic analysis

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3 Structured device configuration data for easy programmatic analysis

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4 Atomic configuration changes to avoid partial updates

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5 Configuration rollback to minimize risk

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6 Full configuration replace that makes templates easy to use

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7 Configuration difference analysis to simplify manual approvals

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8 Industry standard data models for configurations

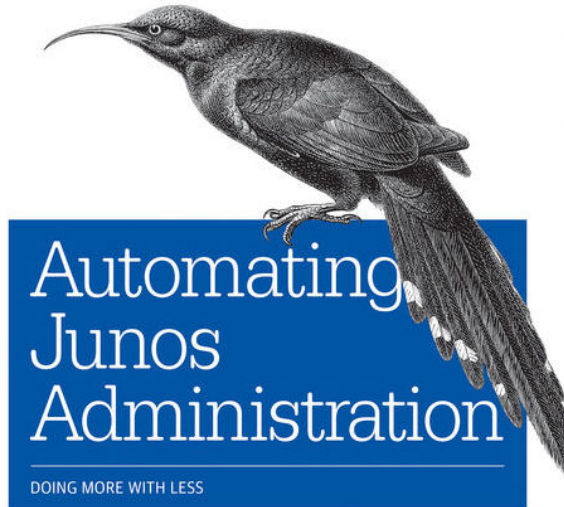
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READ THE BLOG

<http://blog.ipSPACE.net/2016/10/network-automation-rfp-requirements.html>

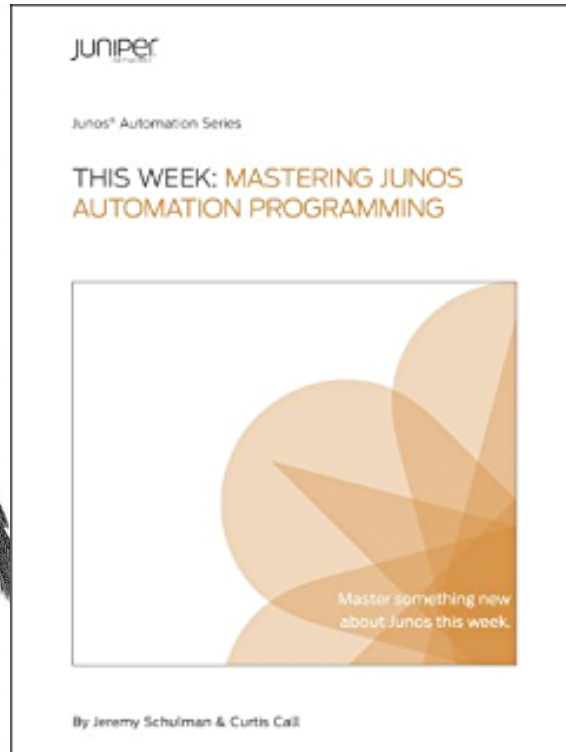
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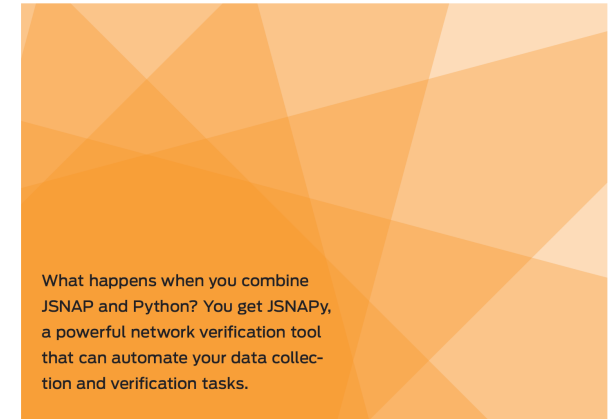
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Automation

DAY ONE: ENABLING AUTOMATED
NETWORK VERIFICATIONS
WITH JSNAPY



By Premesh Shah

The background is a dark, textured surface covered with various mathematical equations and diagrams in a light, chalk-like color. The equations include trigonometric functions like $\sin \theta$, $\cos \theta$, and $\tan \theta$, as well as calculus-related terms like $\frac{d}{dt}$ and $\frac{d}{dx}$. There are also geometric diagrams, including circles, triangles, and coordinate systems. Some text is written in Arabic script. The overall appearance is that of a chalkboard filled with complex mathematical work.

Summary

Automation is here to simplify
network operation, reduce errors
and allow faster time to market