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CHAPTER 1

New and Changed Information

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New and Changed Information

The following table provides an overview of the significant changes to the organization and features in this guide from the release the guide was first published to the current release. The table does not provide an exhaustive list of all changes made to the guide.

Table 1: Latest Updates

Release	New Feature or Update	Where Documented
3.0(1)	--	--



CHAPTER 2

Cisco ACI Multi-Site REST API

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REST API Overview

Cisco ACI Multi-Site REST API is a set of programming interfaces that uses Representational State Transfer (REST) architecture. The API contains resources represented by Uniform Resource Identifiers (URIs), which allow to unambiguously identify each resource. Each URI contains a protocol used to exchange the messages and the resource location string. For example, the `https://<mso-ip>/api/v1/schemas` URI specifies that the HTTPS protocol is to be used and the schemas resource path relative to the Cisco ACI Multi-Site Orchestrator address.

URIs can refer to a single object or a collection of objects. For example, `http://<mso-ip>/api/v1/schemas` represents all the schemas that exist in the fabric, whereas `http://<mso-ip>/api/v1/schemas/{id}` specifies a schema with a specific ID.

When you want to retrieve information or make changes to the fabric, you use API calls to exchange messages between your client and an URI. The messages must be in JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) format, but you can use any programming language to generate and send them.

The following standard REST methods are supported by the Cisco ACI Multi-Site REST API:

- GET
- POST
- PUT
- DELETE
- PATCH

The `PUT` and `PATCH` methods are idempotent, which means that there is no additional effect if they are called more than once with the same input parameters. The `GET` method is nullipotent, meaning that it can be called zero or more times without making any changes, in other words it is a read-only operation.

REST API Requests

The Cisco ACI Multi-Site REST API supports a number of standard API calls, which allow you to retrieve information about or make changes to your fabric. A typical REST API operation consists of three elements:

- **Request URL:** The address of the resource to which you make the API call.
- **Request message:** The JSON-formatted payload that contains the new data you want to add or update. For read-only operation (`GET`) the request message is empty.
- **Request response:** The JSON-formatted response that contains the requested information.

The following sections provide an overview of each call as well as an example JSON payload.

GET Requests

The `GET` request is a read-only operation that allows you to retrieve information about one or more objects in the fabric. The following example uses a `GET` request to obtain information about Cisco ACI Multi-Site Orchestrator users, such as their names, contact information, status, and privileges.

Request URL:

```
https://<mso-ip>/api/v1/users
```

Request payload:

```
EMPTY
```

Request response:

```
{
  "users": [{
    "id": "5b6380972d0000f85ddea55e",
    "username": "User01",
    "password": "*****",
    "firstName": "fName01",
    "lastName": "lName01",
    "emailAddress": "User01@cisco.com",
    "phoneNumber": "098-765-4321",
    "accountStatus": "active",
    "needsPasswordUpdate": true,
    "roles": [{
      "roleId": "0000ffff0000000000000031"
    }, {
      "roleId": "0000ffff0000000000000033"
    }, {
      "roleId": "0000ffff0000000000000035"
    }
  ],
  "domainId": "0000ffff0000000000000090"
}, {
  "id": "5bb7aabc2c0000f34c7b89f7",
  "username": "User02",
  "password": "*****",
  "firstName": "fName02",
```



```

        "lastName": "lName02",
        "emailAddress": "User02@cisco.com",
        "phoneNumber": "123-456-7890",
        "accountStatus": "active",
        "needsPasswordUpdate": true,
        "roles": [{
            "roleId": "0000ffff000000000000000031"
        }, {
            "roleId": "0000ffff000000000000000032"
        }
    ],
    "domainId": "0000ffff000000000000000090"
}
]
}

```

POST and PUT Requests

The `POST` and `PUT` requests are write operations that allow you to create a new or update an existing object. Keep in mind, that if you are updating an existing object, you must provide the object in its entirety. Any previously existing fields that are missing from the `POST` payload, will be replaced by an empty string or `null`.

A `PUT` request is idempotent, which is the main difference between the `PUT` and `POST` requests.

The following example uses a `POST` request to create a new user. The request response contains the newly created object.

Request URL:

```
https://<mso-ip>/api/v1/users
```

Request payload:

```

{
  "id": "",
  "username": "<username>",
  "password": "<user-pass>",
  "confirmPassword": "<user-pass>",
  "firstName": "<user-first-name>",
  "lastName": "<user-last-name>",
  "emailAddress": "<user-email>",
  "phoneNumber": "<user-phone>",
  "accountStatus": "active",
  "needsPasswordUpdate": true,
  "roles": [{
    "roleId": "0000ffff000000000000000031"
  }
]
}

```

Request response:

```

{
  "id": "5c40b8832b0000744a77e1a",
  "username": "<username>",
  "password": "*****",
  "firstName": "<user-first-name>",
  "lastName": "<user-last-name>",
  "emailAddress": "<user-email>",
  "phoneNumber": "<user-phone>",
  "accountStatus": "active",
  "needsPasswordUpdate": true,
  "roles": [{
    "roleId": "0000ffff000000000000000031"
  }
]
}

```

```

    }
  ],
  "domainId": "0000ffff0000000000000090"
}

```

DELETE Requests

The `DELETE` request is a write operation that allows you to delete an existing object. A `DELETE` request does not require a payload and does not return a response.

The following example uses a `DELETE` request to delete the user we created in the `POST` example.

Request URL:

```
https://<mso-ip>/api/v1/users/5c40b8832b0000744a77e1a
```

Request payload:

```
EMPTY
```

Request response:

```
EMPTY
```

PATCH Requests

The `PATCH` request is a write operation that allow you to update an existing object. The main difference between `PATCH` and `POST` or `PUT` requests is that you can provide only the fields that contain new data rather than the entire object being updated. A `PATCH` request is neither safe nor idempotent, because a `PATCH` operation cannot ensure the entire resource has been updated. Also, unlike other API requests, a `PATCH` request contains instructions on how to modify a resource, rather than a version of the resource itself.



Note

The current release of Cisco ACI Multi-Site Orchestrator supports `PATCH` requests only for some objects. Check the Swagger API reference to see if an object supports `PATCH` requests.

When creating `PATCH` requests, the payload must contain the following:

- `op`: the operation to be performed by the request. Currently supported operations are `add`, `remove`, or `replace`.
- `path`: the path to the resource that you are updating. The value contains the URI of the resource and the position inside that resource where the information will be added.

For `add` operations, the position value can be any positive integer or a dash (-) to specify the end of the schema. For example, `/templates/<template-name>/vrf/-` would indicate adding a new VRF at the end of the current list, whereas `/templates/<template-name>/vrf/2` would add the VRF at the second position.

For `replace` operations, the position value can also be the name of the object to replace in addition to the index. For example, `/templates/<template-name>/anps/AP1` would replace the application profile named `AP1`.

- `value`: the new or updated value or object. For example, `{"vrfname" : "vrf1"}` would specify a new VRF with the name `vrf1`.

You do not need to provide the `value` field for `remove` operations.

PATCH API has the following limitations:

- You cannot use the PATCH API to change a template name, because multiple references in the fabric must be updated. Use PUT request instead.

Names should not contain the slash (/) character. If the name contains a slash, you cannot use it to access an element in an array and must use the element's index instead.

Names must not contain numbers only. This limitation is caused by the fact that pure numbers are interpreted as the PATCH index.

For site local schema objects, refer to the Site ID and Template name combination as

`<site-id>-<template-name>`, for example `/sites/5b7d29c2a7fa00a7fae9bbf3-SampleTemplate/epgs`

The following two example illustrate how to uses the PATCH requests to add and remove a VRF in a template in an existing schema. The request response contains the entire object that was updated.

Add an Object Using PATCH Request

The following example uses a PATCH request to add a VRF to a template in an existing schema. The request response contains the entire object that was updated.

Original schema:

```
{
  "id": "5c4b55db1a00003422f2215e",
  "displayName": "SampleSchema",
  "templates": [
    {
      "name": "Template1",
      "displayName": "Template1",
      "tenantId": "0000ffff00000000000000010",
      "anps": [],
      "vrfs": [],
      "bds": [],
      "contracts": [],
      "filters": [],
      "externalEpgs": [],
      "serviceGraphs": [],
      "intersiteL3outs": []
    }
  ]
}
```

Request URL:

PATCH `https://<mso-ip>/api/v1/schemas/5c4b55db1a00003422f2215e`

Request payload:

```
[{
  "op": "add",
  "path": "/templates/Template1/vrfs/-",
  "value": {
    "displayName": "vrf1",
    "name": "vrf1"
  }
}]
```

Request response:

```
{
  "id": "5c4b55db1a00003422f2215e",
  "displayName": "SampleSchema",
  "templates": [
```

```

{
  "name": "Templatel",
  "displayName": "T1",
  "tenantId": "0000ffff0000000000000010",
  "anps": [],
  "vrfs": [
    {
      "name": "vrf1",
      "displayName": "vrf1",
      "vrfRef": "/schemas/5c4b55db1a00003422f2215e/templates/Templatel/vrfs/vrf1",
      "vzAnyProviderContracts": [],
      "vzAnyConsumerContracts": []
    }
  ],
  "bds": [],
  "contracts": [],
  "filters": [],
  "externalEpgs": [],
  "serviceGraphs": [],
  "intersiteL3outs": []
}
]
}

```

Remove an Object Using PATCH Request (VRF Example)

The following example uses a `PATCH` request to remove a VRF from a template in an existing schema. The request response contains the entire object that was updated.

Original schema:

```

{
  "id": "5c4b55db1a00003422f2215e",
  "displayName": "SampleSchema",
  "templates": [
    {
      "name": "Templatel",
      "displayName": "T1",
      "tenantId": "0000ffff0000000000000010",
      "anps": [],
      "vrfs": [
        {
          "name": "vrf1",
          "displayName": "vrf1",
          "vrfRef": "/schemas/5c4b55db1a00003422f2215e/templates/Templatel/vrfs/vrf1",
          "vzAnyProviderContracts": [],
          "vzAnyConsumerContracts": []
        }
      ],
      "bds": [],
      "contracts": [],
      "filters": [],
      "externalEpgs": [],
      "serviceGraphs": [],
      "intersiteL3outs": []
    }
  ]
}

```

Request URL:

PATCH <https://<mso-ip>/api/v1/schemas/5c4b55db1a00003422f2215e>

Request payload:

```
[{
  "op": "remove",
  "path": "/templates/Template1/vrfs/vrf1"
}]
```

Request response:

```
{
  "id": "5c4b55db1a00003422f2215e",
  "displayName": "SampleSchema",
  "templates": [
    {
      "name": "Template1",
      "displayName": "T1",
      "tenantId": "0000ffff00000000000000010",
      "anps": [],
      "vrfs": [],
      "bds": [],
      "contracts": [],
      "filters": [],
      "externalEpgs": [],
      "serviceGraphs": [],
      "intersiteL3outs": []
    }
  ]
}
```

Remove an Object Using PATCH Request (staticPort Example)

An additional example of using PATCH request to remove a static port.

Original schema:

```
{
  "id": "601acfed38000070a4ee9ec0",
  "displayName": "Schema1",
  "description": "",
  "templates": [
    {
      "name": "Template1",
      "displayName": "Template 1",
      "tenantId": "0000ffff00000000000000010",
      "anps": [
        {
          "name": "AP1",
          "displayName": "AP 1",
          "anpRef":
            "/schemas/601acfed38000070a4ee9ec0/templates/Template1/anps/AP1",
          "epgs": [
            {
              "name": "EPG1",
              "displayName": "EPG 1",
              "epgRef":
                "/schemas/601acfed38000070a4ee9ec0/templates/Template1/anps/AP1/epgs/EPG1",
              "contractRelationships": [],
              "subnets": [],
              "uSegEpg": false,
              "uSegAttrs": [],
              "intraEpg": "unenforced",
              "prio": "unspecified",
              "proxyArp": false,
              "preferredGroup": false,
              "bdRef":
                "/schemas/601acfed38000070a4ee9ec0/templates/Template1/bds/BD1",
              "vrfRef": ""
            }
          ]
        }
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

```

        "selectors": [],
        "epgType": "application"
    }
}
],
"vrfRefs": [
{
    "name": "VRF1",
    "displayName": "VRF 1",
    "vrfRef":
"/schemas/601acfed38000070a4ee9ec0/templates/Template1/vrfs/VRF1",
    "l3Mcast": false,
    "preferredGroup": false,
    "vzAnyEnabled": false,
    "vzAnyProviderContracts": [],
    "vzAnyConsumerContracts": [],
    "rpConfigs": [],
    "pcEnfPref": "enforced",
    "ipDataPlaneLearning": "enabled"
}
],
"bds": [
{
    "name": "BD1",
    "displayName": "BD 1",
    "bdRef": "/schemas/601acfed38000070a4ee9ec0/templates/Template1/bds/BD1",

    "l2UnknownUnicast": "proxy",
    "intersiteBumTrafficAllow": true,
    "optimizeWanBandwidth": true,
    "l2Stretch": true,
    "subnets": [],
    "vrfRef":
"/schemas/601acfed38000070a4ee9ec0/templates/Template1/vrfs/VRF1",
    "unkMcastAct": "flood",
    "v6unkMcastAct": "flood",
    "arpFlood": true,
    "multiDstPktAct": "bd-flood"
}
],
"contracts": [],
"filters": [],
"externalEpgs": [],
"serviceGraphs": [],
"intersiteL3outs": [],
"templateType": "stretched-template",
"templateSubType": []
}
],
"_updateVersion": 1,
"sites": [
{
    "siteId": "5efceb4a3600002738221157",
    "templateName": "Template1",
    "anps": [
        {
            "anpRef":
"/schemas/601acfed38000070a4ee9ec0/templates/Template1/anps/AP1",
            "epgs": [
                {
                    "epgRef":
"/schemas/601acfed38000070a4ee9ec0/templates/Template1/anps/AP1/epgs/EPG1",
                    "domainAssociations": [],

```



```

        "epgRef":
"/schemas/601acfed38000070a4ee9ec0/templates/Template1/anps/AP1/epgs/EPG1",
        "contractRelationships": [],
        "subnets": [],
        "uSegEpg": false,
        "uSegAttrs": [],
        "intraEpg": "unenforced",
        "prio": "unspecified",
        "proxyArp": false,
        "preferredGroup": false,
        "bdRef":
"/schemas/601acfed38000070a4ee9ec0/templates/Template1/bds/BD1",
        "vrfRef": "",
        "selectors": [],
        "epgType": "application"
    }
]
},
"vrfs": [
{
    "name": "VRF1",
    "displayName": "VRF 1",
    "vrfRef":
"/schemas/601acfed38000070a4ee9ec0/templates/Template1/vrfs/VRF1",
    "l3Mcast": false,
    "preferredGroup": false,
    "vzAnyEnabled": false,
    "vzAnyProviderContracts": [],
    "vzAnyConsumerContracts": [],
    "rpConfigs": [],
    "pcEnfPref": "enforced",
    "ipDataPlaneLearning": "enabled"
}
],
"bds": [
{
    "name": "BD1",
    "displayName": "BD 1",
    "bdRef": "/schemas/601acfed38000070a4ee9ec0/templates/Template1/bds/BD1",
    "l2UnknownUnicast": "proxy",
    "intersiteBumTrafficAllow": true,
    "optimizeWanBandwidth": true,
    "l2Stretch": true,
    "subnets": [],
    "vrfRef":
"/schemas/601acfed38000070a4ee9ec0/templates/Template1/vrfs/VRF1",
    "unkMcastAct": "flood",
    "v6unkMcastAct": "flood",
    "arpFlood": true,
    "multiDstPktAct": "bd-flood"
}
],
"contracts": [],
"filters": [],
"externalEpgs": [],
"serviceGraphs": [],
"intersiteL3outs": [],
"templateType": "stretched-template",
"templateSubType": []
}
],
"_updateVersion": 1,

```



```

"sites": [
  {
    "siteId": "5efceb4a3600002738221157",
    "templateName": "Template1",
    "anps": [
      {
        "anpRef":
"/schemas/601acfed38000070a4ee9ec0/templates/Template1/anps/AP1",
        "epgs": [
          {
            "epgRef":
"/schemas/601acfed38000070a4ee9ec0/templates/Template1/anps/AP1/epgs/EPG1",
            "domainAssociations": [],
            "staticPorts": [
              {
                "type": "port",
                "path": "topology/pod-1/paths-101/pathep-[eth1/1]",
                "portEncapVlan": 1,
                "deploymentImmediacy": "lazy",
                "mode": "regular"
              }
            ],
            "staticLeafs": [],
            "uSegAttrs": [],
            "subnets": [],
            "selectors": []
          }
        ]
      }
    ]
  },
  "vrfs": [],
  "bds": [],
  "contracts": [],
  "externalEpgs": [],
  "serviceGraphs": [],
  "intersiteL3outs": []
}
]
}

```

REST API User Roles and Authorization

The Cisco ACI Multi-Site Orchestrator API supports multiple users, each with their own user-specific authorization and set of privileges based on their role. A user can be associated with specific roles for access based on their function and REST endpoints can be restricted based on the user's role. The `admin` user has unrestricted access. For more information on creating and manager users and their roles, see the *Cisco ACI Multi-Site Configuration Guide*.

Preventing Conflicting Configuration Updates

The Multi-Site Orchestrator GUI will ensure that any concurrent updates on the same site or schema object cannot unintentionally overwrite each other. If you attempt to make changes to a site or schema that was updated by another user since you opened it, the GUI will reject any subsequent changes you try to make and present a warning requesting you to refresh the object before making additional changes:



Update failed, object version in the DB has changed,
refresh your client and retry



However, the default REST API functionality was left unchanged in order to preserve backward compatibility with existing applications. In other words, while the UI is always enabled for this protection, you must explicitly enable it for your API calls for MSO to keep track of configuration changes.



Note When enabling this feature, note the following:

- This release supports detection of conflicting configuration changes for Site and Schema objects only.
- Only `PUT` and `PATCH` API calls support the version check feature.
- If you do not explicitly enable the version check parameter in your API calls, MSO will not track any updates internally. And as a result, any configuration updates can be potentially overwritten by both subsequent API calls or GUI users.

To enable the configuration version check, you can pass the `enableVersionCheck=true` parameter to the API call by appending it to the end of the API endpoint you are using, for example:

```
https://<mso-ip-address>/mso/api/v1/schemas/<schema-id>?enableVersionCheck=true
```

REST API Reference (OpenAPI/Swagger)

Cisco ACI Multi-Site Orchestrator uses OpenAPI (also known as Swagger) to provide a complete API reference for developers linked directly from the Orchestrator's GUI. OpenAPI allows you to visualize and interact with the API's resources. The direct connection from the reference document to the live Orchestrator API provides an easy way to write and test simple request directly from the OpenAPI reference UI.

- **APIC Information API:** Allows you to query the Cisco APIC sites directly for specific information, such as Pods, Tenants, VMM domains, L3Outs, and so on. This API is part of the `site` API.
- **Audit API:** Allows you to access Cisco ACI Multi-Site Orchestrator's audit logs and query for information, such as records and users, as well as download all or specific records.
- **Backup API:** Allows you to create, update, delete, or restore a backup of Cisco ACI Multi-Site Orchestrator configuration, as well as schedule a backup.
- **Deployment API:** Allows you to deploy the Schemas and Templates directly to sites using `siteId` and `TemplateName`.
- **Fabric Connectivity API:** Allows you to query for fabric connectivity, connectivity status, multipod information, and so on. This API is part of the `site` API.
- **Infrastructure Logs API:** Allows you to query for infrastructure and platform logs. This API is part of the `platform` API.
- **Platform API:** Allows you to query for information about platform nodes and labels.
- **Policy Report API:** Allows you to query for policy deployment reports. This API is part of the `platform` API.

- **Schema API:** Allows you to create, update, patch, or delete schemas, as well as query for information associated with a schema.
- **Site API:** Allows you to create, update, patch, or delete sites. This API is part of the `site` API.
- **Tenant API:** Allows you to create, update, patch, or delete tenants, as well as query for information associated with a tenant. This API is part of the `schema` API.
- **User API:** Allows you to create, update, or delete users, update user roles, and configure authentication providers, such as LDAP, TACACs, or RADIUS.

Accessing OpenAPI Reference

This section describes how to access the OpenAPI (Swagger) reference documentation from your Cisco ACI Multi-Site Orchestrator.

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- Step 1** Log in to your Cisco ACI Multi-Site Orchestrator.
 - Step 2** In the top right corner of the main window, click the **Options** icon.
 - Step 3** Choose **View Swagger Docs**.
 - Step 4** In the **Swagger APIs** window that opens, select the API that you want to view
- For more information on each of the listed APIs, see [REST API Reference \(OpenAPI/Swagger\), on page 14](#)
-

What to do next

The OpenAPI reference provides a simple, visual representation of the Cisco ACI Multi-Site REST API. It also allows you to create and test simple API requests directly on your fabric. The following two sections provide examples that will help you to get started working with Cisco ACI Multi-Site Orchestrator API and OpenAPI reference.

Using OpenAPI for Authentication

The following example shows how to use the OpenAPI GUI to provide your login credentials to log in to the Orchestrator and receive an authentication token for use in any subsequent REST API requests.

Before you begin

-
- Step 1** Navigate to the User API reference as described in [Accessing OpenAPI Reference, on page 15](#), or you can open your browser to `<mso-ip>/docs/userdocs#/` after logging into the Orchestrator.
 - Step 2** Scroll down to **Authentication APIs** section.

Authentication APIs

- POST** /api/v1/auth/login Login into MSC and get Bearer token
- DELETE** /api/v1/auth/logout Logout of MSC
- GET** /api/v1/auth/refresh-token Refresh token

Step 3 Click the `POST /api/v1/auth/login` row to expand the section.

Authentication APIs

POST /api/v1/auth/login Login into MSC and get Bearer token

Parameters Try it out

Name	Description
body * required (body)	Enter username and password [domainId is optional]. Example Value Model <pre>{ "username": "string", "password": "string", "domainId": "string" }</pre>

Parameter content type: application/json

Step 4 Click the **Try it out** button.

Step 5 Edit the `POST` request message

POST /api/v1/auth/login Login into MSC and get Bearer token

Parameters Cancel

Name	Description
body * required (body)	Enter username and password [domainId is optional].

Edit Value | Model

```
{
  "username": "admin",
  "password": "welcome!"
}
```

Cancel

Parameter content type
application/json

Execute

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Step 6 Click **Execute** to send the request.

Step 7 If the request was successful, you will be able to see the server response and get the authentication token you can use in future requests.


```
"domainId": "0000ffff0000000000000090",
"remote": false,
"active": false
}
```

Step 5 If the request is successful, you will receive a response XML message containing the ID of the user that you created. You can verify that the new user was created by logging into your Cisco ACI Multi-Site Orchestrator GUI and checking the **Users** page.

Step 6 Now click on `PATCH /api/v1/users/{id}` and then **Try it out**.

In the following sample post, provide the ID of the user you created in previous steps as well as any details you wish to update.

```
{
  "id": "<user-id>",
  "emailAddress": "johnsmith@company.com",
}
```

Step 7 If the request is successful, you will receive a response XML message containing the updated user details.

You can verify that the user was updated by logging into your Cisco ACI Multi-Site Orchestrator GUI and checking the **Users** page.

Step 8 Now click on `DELETE /api/v1/users/{id}` and then **Try it out**.

Step 9 Provide the ID of the user you created in previous steps and click **Execute**.

You can verify that the user was deleted by logging into your Cisco ACI Multi-Site Orchestrator GUI and checking the **Users** page.

Using In-Browser DevTools to View REST API Calls

Cisco ACI Multi-Site Orchestrator is fully RESTful, as such each action performed in the GUI triggers one or more REST API calls to retrieve the fabric information to be displayed or to make changes to the fabric. You can view these API calls using the built-in developer tools in your browser of choice. Inspecting API calls associated with one or more UI actions may be useful for becoming familiar with the specific call syntax and contents.

This section describes how to access developer tools in your browser.

Step 1 Open the built-in browser developer tools.

- If you are using Google Chrome, right click in the main browser window and choose **Inspect**.
- If you are using Mozilla Firefox, right click in the main browser window and choose **Inspect Element**.
- If you are using Microsoft Edge, right click in the main browser window and choose **Inspect Element**.
- If you are using Apple Safari, you must first enable the Develop menu.

From the top menu bar, choose **Safari > Preferences**. Then select the **Advanced** tab and check the **Show Develop menu in menu bar** checkbox.

Finally, open the developer tools pane by choosing **Develop > Show Web Inspector** from the top menu bar.

A developer tools panel will open in the main browser window alongside the current page.

Step 2 In the developer tools panel that opens, select the **Network** tab.

Step 3 Navigate to your Multi-Site Orchestrator and log in.

Step 4 Perform an action in the Multi-Site GUI to trigger one or more API calls.

You will be able to see the calls as they are being made by the browser to the Multi-Site Orchestrator.

Note You may want to clear the list before performing an action by clicking **Clear** button in the **Network** tab's menu bar.

Step 5 (Optional) Filter the list of API calls to view the relevant ones.

You can filter the list to display only the REST API calls by clicking the **XHR** button in the **Network** tab's menu bar.

Step 6 (Optional) Sort the list of API calls to group similar ones.

You can click on the column title to sort the network calls based on the property.

Step 7 Select one of the listed API calls to inspect its content.

When you select one of the calls, you can view its details in the pane that opens:

- **Headers** tab shows the general, request, and response headers for the selected API call. You can view the call's request method, such as `GET` or `POST`, the remote address, authorization token, and the cookies.
- **Preview** tab shows the XML text of the call sent to the server.
- **Response** tab shows the XML text of the response received from the server.
- **Cookies** tab shows the cookie information.

What to do next

For in-depth information on each browser's developer tools and their capabilities, see their respective documentation:

- Google Chrome: <https://developers.google.com/web/tools/chrome-devtools/#network>
- Mozilla Firefox: https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Tools/Network_Monitor
- Microsoft Edge: <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-edge/devtools-guide/network>
- Apple Safari: <https://support.apple.com/guide/safari-developer/network-tab-dev1f3525e58/mac>

Using In-Browser DevTools to Work with REST API Calls

This section illustrates some simple examples of using browser tools to view, modify, and re-send REST API calls. The examples presented here use Google Chrome, however the steps are similar for other browsers. Accessing each browser's developer tools is described in [Using In-Browser DevTools to View REST API Calls, on page 19](#).

When you perform an action in the Cisco ACI Multi-Site Orchestrator GUI with DevTools open, you can see a list of the API calls made by the GUI to the Orchestrator. From there on, you can select each individual call to inspect its request and response contents.

For example, if you click on the **Schemas** view in the left-hand navigation sidebar of the GUI, two calls are made to `/api/v1/schemas` – one to get a list of schemas and another to get a list of tenants for each schema:

Figure 1: Schemas API Calls

The screenshot shows the Cisco ACI Multi-Site Orchestrator GUI with the 'Schemas' view selected in the left-hand navigation sidebar. The main content area displays a table of schemas. The DevTools Network tab is open, showing two XHR calls:

Name	Status	Type
list-identity /api/v1/schemas	200 OK	fetch
tenants /api/v1/schemas	200 OK	fetch

If you then select one of the calls, for example `tenants`, you can view the call details, such as the request method, request URL, authentication token, and so on. The response tab provides the exact XML string received in response to the call.

If you right-click on any of the listed API calls, you can choose to copy the call in any of the available formats:


```

        "roleId": "0000ffff00000000000000000035"
      }
    ],
    "domainId": "0000ffff00000000000000000090"
  }, {
    "id": "59f17f9e0e00001701000326",
    "username": "max-schemamgr",
    "password": "*****",
    "firstName": "firstName",
    "lastName": "lastName",
    "emailAddress": "email@domain.com",
    "phoneNumber": "34343442234",
    "accountStatus": "active",
    "needsPasswordUpdate": false,
    "roles": [{
      "roleId": "0000ffff00000000000000000033"
    }
  ],
  "domainId": "0000ffff00000000000000000090"
}, {
  "id": "59f17f6b120000eb00bf0d10",
  "username": "max-sitemgr",
  "password": "*****",
  "firstName": "firstName",
  "lastName": "lastName",
  "emailAddress": "email@domain.com",
  "phoneNumber": "3838833838",
  "accountStatus": "active",
  "needsPasswordUpdate": false,
  "roles": [{
    "roleId": "0000ffff00000000000000000032"
  }
],
"domainId": "0000ffff00000000000000000090"
}
]
}

```

Modifying Examples and Making Changes to the Fabric

In addition to being able to retrieve information about your Cisco ACI Multi-Site environment using the REST API, you can use it to make changes.

For instance, if instead of viewing the users, you create one in the GUI, you can then copy the call as an example, modify it, and then use the modified call in your 3rd party script to create or update user accounts. Below is a sample cURL command to create a user along with the XML POST contents:

```

curl "https://172.31.187.59/api/v1/users" -H "Origin: https://172.31.187.59" -H
"Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br" -H "Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9" -H "Authorization:
Bearer
-----"
-H "Content-Type: application/json" -H "Accept: application/json" -H "Referer:
https://172.31.187.59/users/create" -H "User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64;
x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/69.0.3497.100 Safari/537.36" -H
"Connection: keep-alive" -H "DNT: 1" --data-binary
'{"username": "newUserName", "password": "*****"}'
--compressed --insecure

```

And this is the contents of the POST call to create a user:

```

{
  "id": "5bb7be240f00008206d3f137",
  "username": "newUserName",
  "password": "*****",

```

```
"firstName": "firstName",
"lastName": "lastName",
"emailAddress": "email@domain.com",
"phoneNumber": "1234567890",
"accountStatus": "active",
"needsPasswordUpdate": true,
"roles": [{
  "roleId": "0000ffff00000000000000031"
}, {
  "roleId": "0000ffff00000000000000032"
}
],
"domainId": "0000ffff00000000000000090"
}
```



CHAPTER 3

Cisco ACI Multi-Site REST API Data Structures

This chapter contains the following sections:

- [REST API Data Structures Overview](#), on page 25
- [Schema](#), on page 25
- [Reference Fields](#), on page 29

REST API Data Structures Overview

This section describes the objects used by the Cisco ACI Multi-Site REST API and their hierarchy. The objects are represented using JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) format with the top level containing Schemas. The data structure is consistent across Multi-Site with Schemas containing templates and templates containing lower level objects such as application network profiles (anps), bridge domains (bds), virtual routing and forwarding (vrf) instances and so on. These entities also contain other smaller structures.

A few high-level entities or concepts are described in the following sections. In the examples presented, when a field name is pluralized (such as `vrf`s or `bd`s), the field contains an array of that type of objects associated with the parent structure. For example, the `vrf`s array contains all the VRF instances associated with the template.

For a complete object and method reference, see the OpenAPI reference as described in [REST API Reference \(OpenAPI/Swagger\)](#), on page 14.

Schema

A `schema` object represents a schema. Each `schema` object contains the number templates and sites associated with it. When a site is chosen, it automatically gets added to the schema and mapped to a template in that schema.

Each `schema` object contain the following fields:

- `id`: the ID of the schema object.
- `displayName`: the name of the schema as displayed by the GUI.
- `templates`: templates associated with the schema.
- `sites`: sites associated with the schema.

The following snippet provides a high-level example of a schema object:

```
{
  "id": "583c7c482501002501061985",
  "displayName": "Schema 1",
  "templates": [ ],
  "sites": [ ]
}
```

Template

A template is the detailed structure that contains policies that you want to push to Cisco APIC. Templates exist in the context of a schema and not on their own. You can define the policy of a new template as desired. If there are multiple templates, you can choose a template from which to inherit the policy.

Template objects contain the following fields:

- `name`: the name of the template object.
- `displayName`: the name as displayed by the GUI.
- `tenantId`: the ID of the tenant with which the template is associated.
- `anps`: application network profiles associated with the template.
- `vrf`s: virtual route forwarding instances associated with the template.
- `bds`: bridge domains associated with the template.
- `contracts`: contracts associated with the template.
- `filters`: filters associated with the schema.

The following snippet provides a high-level example of a template object:

```
{
  "name": "Template1",
  "displayName": "Template 1",
  "tenantId": "5b90695f1e00005d3b46efa2",
  "anps": [ ],
  "vrf": [ ],
  "bds": [ ],
  "contracts": [ ],
  "filters": [ ]
}
```

anp

An `anp` object represents an application profile.

Each `anp` object contain the following fields:

- `name`: the name of the application profile.
- `displayName`: the name of the application profile as displayed by the GUI.
- `anpRef`: application profile reference.
- `epgs`: EPGs associated with the application profile.

The following is a sample `anp` object:

```
{
  "name": "anp1",
  "displayName": "Anp 1",
  "anpRef": "/schemas/583c7c482501002501061985/templates/template1/anps/anp1",
  "epgs": [ ]
}
```

epg

An `epg` object represents an End-Point Group (EPG). Each EPG can contain multiple contract relationships, bridge domains (BDs), subnets, and micro-segmentation attributes.

The following snippet provides a sample `epg` object:

```
{
  "name": "epg1",
  "displayName": "EPG 1",
  "epgRef": "/schemas/583c7c482501002501061985/templates/template1/anps/anp1/epgs/epg1",
  "contractRelationships": [ ],
  "subnets": [ ],
  "uSegEpg": true,
  "uSegAttrs": [ ],
  "bdRef": "/schemas/583c7c482501002501061985/templates/template1/bds/bd1"
}
```

bd

An `bd` object represents Bridge Domain (BD).

The following snippet provides a sample `bd` object:

```
{
  "name": "bd1",
  "displayName": "BD 1",
  "bdRef": "/schemas/583c7c482501002501061985/templates/template1/bds/bd1",
  "l3UnknownMulticastFlooding": "opt-flood",
  "intersiteBumTrafficAllow": true,
  "multiDestinationFlooding": "encap-flood",
  "l2UnknownUnicast": "flood",
  "l2Stretch": true,
  "subnets": [...],
  "vrfRef": "/schemas/583c7c482501002501061985/templates/template1/vrfs/vrf1"
}
```

The following values are supported for `l3UnknownMulticastFlooding`:

- flood
- opt-flood

The following values are supported for `multiDestinationFlooding`:

- bd-flood
- drop
- encap-flood

The following values are supported for `l2UnknownUnicast`:

- flood
- proxy

contract

A `contract` object represents a contract between two EPGs.

The following snippet provides a sample `contract` object:

```
{
  "name": "contract1",
  "displayName": "Contract 1",
  "filterRelationships": [{
    "filterRef": "/templates/template1/filters/filter1",
    "directives": [ "log" ]
  }
],
  "scope": "global"
}
```

The following `scope` values are supported:

- global
- tenant
- context
- application-profile

filter

An `filter` object represents a filter for a contract.

The following snippet provides a sample `filter` object:

```
{
  "name": "filter1",
  "displayName": "Filter 1",
  "description": "",
  "entries": [{
    "name": "filterEntry11",
    "displayName": "Filter Entry 11",
    "description": "",
    "etherType": "ip",
    "ipProtocol": "icmp"
  }, {
    "name": "filterEntry12",
    "displayName": "Filter Entry 12",
    "description": "",
    "etherType": "ip",
    "ipProtocol": "udp",
    "matchOnlyFragments": false,
    "sourceFrom": "dns",
    "sourceTo": "http",
    "destinationFrom": "dns",
    "destinationTo": "80"
  }
]
}
```

The following filter criteria are supported:

```
"etherType": "arp|fcoe|ip|mac_security|mpls_ucast|trill|unspecified",
"arpFlag": "request|reply|unspecified",
"ipProtocol": "eigrp|egp|icmp|icmpv6|igmp|igp|l2tp|ospfigp|pim|tcp|udp|unspecified",
"matchOnlyFragments": false,
```



```

"stateful": false,
"sourceFrom": "dns|ftp-data|http|https|pop3|rtsp|smtp|unspecified|[0..65535]",
"sourceTo": "dns|ftp-data|http|https|pop3|rtsp|smtp|unspecified|[0..65535]",
"destinationFrom": "dns|ftp-data|http|https|pop3|rtsp|smtp|unspecified|[0..65535]",
"destinationTo": "dns|ftp-data|http|https|pop3|rtsp|smtp|unspecified|[0..65535]",
"tcpSessionRules": [
  "acknowledgement|established|finish|synchronize|reset|unspecified",
  "acknowledgement|established|finish|synchronize|reset|unspecified"
]

```

site

Each `site` object represents a site associated with a template. The policies from specific templates are pushed to sites based on the list of sites associated with the template.

The `siteId` field contains the ID of the site as defined in Cisco ACI Multi-Site Orchestrator.

Each `siteobject` contain the following fields:

- `siteId`: the ID of the site.
- `templateName`: template associated with the site.
- `bds`: bridge domains associated with the site.

The following is an example of a site API snippet:

```

{
  "siteId": "58202f7066e6e10001c41236",
  "templateName": "template1",
  "bds": [ ]
}

```

Reference Fields

Reference fields are generated for each and every policy to provide relationships between the policies. These fields are typically used in situations when you need to refer to other entities from within a particular entity, for example for policies within a template. A reference is generated on the first save, however, if you define a policy within the Schema and you want to reference it right away, you can specify a reference without having to wait for it to be generated.

Sample References

As an example, the `anpRef` and `vrfRef` fields are automatically generated by the system to identify application profiles (`anpRef`) and virtual routing and forwarding instance (`vrfRef`) respectively.

The following snippet provides an example of the `anpRef` field in an application profile object:

```

{
  "name": "anp1",
  "displayName": "AP 1",
  "anpRef": "/schemas/583c7c482501002501061985/templates/template1/anps/anp1",
  "epgs": [ ]
}

```

The following snippet provides an example of the `vrfRef` field in a VRF instance object:

```

{
  "name": "vrf1",

```

```

    "displayName": "VRF 1",
    "vrfRef": "/schemas/583c7c482501002501061985/templates/templatel/vrfs/vrf1"
  }

```

Local References

In some cases, the reference that is supplied as input to the post operation, does not contain the Schema ID (as system generated references contain). A local reference means that an entity within this Schema is referenced by the path of that entity. In such a case, the ID is not used as a reference, and the reference does not contain Schema ID.

For example, you create a contract, and you want to reference the contract within the EPG immediately. The system will not yet have generated a reference for the contract, so the generated 'ref' is not available. However, you can still ensure the relationship by referencing the contract to the path of an entity that already exists in the system.

Once it persists, the system makes a local reference an absolute reference. The system prepends the Schema ID even though it is a local reference that is available in the same Schema, and thereby fully populates the reference.

The following is an example of a local contract reference API snippet:

```

{
  "name": "epg1",
  "displayName": "EPG 2",
  "contractRelationships":
  {
    "contractRef": "contractRef": "/templates/templatel/contracts/contract1",
    "relationshipType": "consumer"
  }
},

```

References from Another Schema

It is possible to associate an entity (for example, a provider contract) from another Schema. You can specify the contract reference by prepending it with an ID contained in an absolute reference from another Schema. This references another policy in another Schema.

The following is an API snippet example of a reference from another Schema:

```

{
  "name": "epg1",
  "displayName": "EPG 2",
  "contractRelationships":
  {
    "contractRef":
"/schemas/590ca1811f000062006eef23/templates/templatel/contracts/contract2",
    "relationshipType": "provider"
  }
},

```