



Script Infrastructure and Sample Templates

Table 1: Feature History Table

Feature Name	Release Information	Description
Contextual Script Infrastructure	Release 7.3.2	<p>When you create and run Python scripts on the router, this feature enables a contextual interaction between the scripts, the IOS XR software, and the external servers. This context, programmed in the script, uses Cisco IOS XR Python packages, modules, and libraries to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• obtain operational data from the router• set configurations and conditions• detect events in the network and trigger an appropriate action

You can create Python scripts and execute the scripts on routers running Cisco IOS XR software. The software supports the Python packages, libraries and dictionaries in the software image. For more information about the script types and to run the scripts using CLI commands To run the same actions using NETCONF RPCs,

Cisco IOS XR, Release 7.3.2 supports creating scripts using Python version 3.5.

Cisco IOS XR, Release 7.5.1 supports creating scripts using Python version 3.9.

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Cisco IOS XR Python Packages

Table 2: Feature History Table

Feature Name	Release Information	Description
Upgraded IOS XR Python from Version 3.5 to Version 3.9	Release 7.5.1	This upgrade adds new modules and capabilities to create Python scripts and execute the scripts on routers running Cisco IOS XR software. Some of the modules added as part of the upgraded IOS XR Python 3.9 are: hashlib, idna, packaging, pyparsing, six, yaml.

With on-box Python scripting, automation scripts that was run from an external controller is now run on the router. To achieve this functionality, Cisco IOS XR software provides contextual support using SDK libraries and standard protocols.

The following Python third party application packages are supported by the scripting infrastructure and can be used to create automation scripts.

Package	Description	Support Introduced in Release
appdirs	Chooses the appropriate platform-specific directories for user data.	Release 7.3.2
array	Defines an object type that can compactly represent an array of basic values: characters, integers, floating point numbers.	Release 7.3.2
asn1crypto	Parses and serializes Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1) data structures.	Release 7.3.2
chardet	Universal character encoding auto-detector.	Release 7.3.2
concurrent.futures	Provides a high-level interface for asynchronously executing callables.	Release 7.3.2
ecdsa	Implements Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm (ECDSA) cryptography library to create keypairs (signing key and verifying key), sign messages, and verify the signatures.	Release 7.3.2

Package	Description	Support Introduced in Release
enum	Enumerates symbolic names (members) bound to unique, constant values.	Release 7.3.2
email	Manages email messages.	Release 7.3.2
google.protobuf	Supports language-neutral, platform-neutral, extensible mechanism for serializing structured data.	Release 7.3.2
hashlib	Implements a common interface to many different secure hash and message digest algorithms.	Release 7.5.1
idna	Supports the Internationalized Domain Names in Applications (IDNA) protocol as specified in RFC 5891.	Release 7.5.1
ipaddress	Provides capability to create, manipulate and operate on IPv4 and IPv6 addresses and networks.	Release 7.3.2
jinja2	Supports adding functionality useful for templating environments.	Release 7.3.2
json	Provides a lightweight data interchange format.	Release 7.3.2
markupsafe	Implements a text object that escapes characters so it is safe to use in HTML and XML.	Release 7.3.2
netaddr	Enables system-independent network address manipulation and processing of Layer 3 network addresses.	Release 7.3.2
packaging	Add the necessary files and structure to create the package.	Release 7.5.1
pdb	Defines an interactive source code debugger for Python programs.	Release 7.3.2
pkg_resources	Provides runtime facilities for finding, introspecting, activating and using installed distributions.	Release 7.3.2

Package	Description	Support Introduced in Release
psutil	Provides library to retrieve information on running processes and system utilization such as CPU, memory, disks, sensors and processes.	Release 7.3.2
pyasn1	Provides a collection of ASN.1 modules expressed in form of pyasn1 classes. Includes protocols PDUs definition (SNMP, LDAP etc.) and various data structures (X.509, PKCS).	Release 7.3.2
ypyparsing	Provides a library of classes to construct the grammar directly in Python code.	Release 7.5.1
requests	Allows sending HTTP/1.1 requests using Python.	Release 7.3.2
shellescape	Defines the function that returns a shell-escaped version of a Python string.	Release 7.3.2
six	Provides simple utilities for wrapping over differences between Python 2 and Python 3.	Release 7.5.1
subprocess	Spawns new processes, connects to input/output/error pipes, and obtain return codes.	Release 7.3.2
urllib3	HTTP client for Python.	Release 7.3.2
xmltodict	Makes working with XML feel like you are working with JSON.	Release 7.3.2
yaml	Provides a human-friendly format for structured data, that is both easy to write for humans and still parsable by computers.	Release 7.5.1

Cisco IOS XR Python Libraries

Cisco IOS XR software provides support for the following SDK libraries and standard protocols.

Library	Syntax
xrlog	# To generate syslogs # from cisco.script_mgmt import xrlog syslog = xrlog.getSysLogger('template_exec')
netconf	#To connect to netconf client # from iosxr.netconf.netconf_lib import NetconfClient nc = NetconfClient(debug=True)
xrclihelper	# To run native xr cli and config commands from iosxr.xrcli.xrcli_helper import * helper = XrcliHelper(debug = True)
config_validation	# To validate configuration # import cisco.config_validation as xr
eem	# For EEM operations # from iosxr import eem
precommit	# For Precommit script operations # from cisco.script_mgmt import precommit

Sample Script Templates

Table 3: Feature History Table

Feature Name	Release Information	Description
Github Repository for Automation Scripts	Release 7.5.1	You now have access to sample scripts and templates published on the Github repository. You can leverage these samples to use the python packages and libraries developed by Cisco to build your custom automation scripts for your network

Use these sample script templates based on script type to build your custom script.

To get familiar with IOS XR Python scripts, see the samples and templates on the [Cisco Devnet](#) developer program and [Github](#) repository.

Follow these instructions to download the sample scripts from the Github repository to your router, and run the scripts:

1. Clone the Github repository.

```
$git clone https://github.com/CiscoDevNet/iosxr-ops.git
```

2. Copy the Python files to the router's harddisk or a remote repository.

Config Script

The following example shows a code snippet for config script. Use this snippet in your script to import the libraries required to validate configuration and also generate syslogs.

```
#Needed for config validation
import cisco.config_validation as xr

#Used for generating syslogs
from cisco.script_mgmt import xrlog
syslog = xrlog.getSysLogger('Add script name here')

def check_config(root):
    #Add config validations
    pass

xr.register_validate_callback(<Add config path here>,check_config)
```

Exec Script

Use this sample code snippet in your exec script to import Python libraries to connect to NETCONF client and also to generate syslogs.

```
#To connect to netconf client
from iosxr.netconf.netconf_lib import NetconfClient

#To generate syslogs
syslog = xrlog.getSysLogger('template_exec')

def test_exec():
    """
    Testcase for exec script
    """
    nc = NetconfClient(debug=True)
    nc.connect()
    #Netconf or processing operations
    nc.close()

if __name__ == '__main__':
    test_exec()
```

Process Script

Use the following sample code snippet to trigger a process script and perform various actions on the script. You can leverage this snippet to create your own custom process script. Any exec script can be used as a process script.

```
To trigger script
Step 1: Add and configure script as shown in README.MD

Step 2: Register the application with Appmgr

Configuraton:
appmgr process-script my-process-app
executable test_process.py
run args --threshold <threshold-value>

Step 3: Activate the registered application
appmgr process-script activate name my-process-app

Step 4: Check script status
show appmgr process-script-table
```

```
Router#show appmgr process-script-table
Name          Executable          Activated    Status    Restart Policy    Config Pending
-----
my-process-app  test_process.py      Yes         Running   On Failure         No
```

Step 5: More operations

```
Router#appmgr process-script ?
  activate  Activate process script
  deactivate Deactivate process script
  kill      Kill process script
  restart   Restart process script
  start     Start process script
  stop      Stop process script
"""

#To connect to netconf client
from iosxr.netconf.netconf_lib import NetconfClient

#To generate syslogs
syslog = xrlog.getSysLogger('template_exec')

def test_process():
    """
    Testcase for process script
    """
    nc = NetconfClient(debug=True)
    nc.connect()
    #Netconf or any other operations
    nc.close()

if __name__ == '__main__':
    test_process()
```

EEM Script

You can leverage the following sample code to import Python libraries to create your custom eem script and also generate syslogs.

Required configuration:
User and AAA configuration

```
event manager event-trigger <trigger-name>
type syslog pattern "PROC_RESTART_NAME"

event manager action <action-name>
username <user>
type script script-name <script-name> checksum sha256 <checksum>

event manager policy-map policy1
trigger event <trigger-name>
action <action-name>
```

To verify:

Check for syslog EVENT SCRIPT EXECUTED: User restarted <process-name>

```
"""
#Needed for eem operations
from iosxr import eem

#Used to generate syslogs
from cisco.script_mgmt import xrlog
syslog = xrlog.getSysLogger(<add your script name here>)
```

```
# event_dict consists of details of the event
rc, event_dict = eem.event_reqinfo()

#You can process the information as needed and take action for example: generate a syslog.
#Syslog type can be emergency, alert, critical, error, exception, warning, notification,
info, debug

syslog.info(<Add you syslog here>)
```

Xrcli_helper Python Module

Overview of xrcli_helper Python Module

The `XrcliHelper` is a utility class designed to facilitate the execution of IOS-XR CLI commands and configuration changes programmatically. It provides methods to:

- Execute native IOS-XR commands.
- Apply configurations from files or strings.

Prerequisites of xrcli_helper Python Module

- Python 2.7 or higher.
- Ensure that you are on Cisco IOS XR Release 7.4.x or higher.
- Access to Cisco IOS XR device with AAA Authorization enabled. Use the **aaa authorization exec default group tacacs+ local** command to enable AAA Authorization.
- Ensure that the `iosxr.xrcli.xrcli_helper` module is available in your Python environment.

Import Library Information

To use the `XrcliHelper` class in your Python script, you need to import it from the appropriate module. The import statement provided allows you to bring the `XrcliHelper` class into your script so you can create instances of it and use its methods.

```
from iosxr.xrcli.xrcli_helper import XrcliHelper
```

Library/API Initialization

By initializing the `XrcliHelper` class, you establish the environment needed to execute IOS-XR commands and apply configurations programmatically. This serves as the initial step in automating network management tasks, enabling you to utilize the class's methods to efficiently interact with your IOS-XR devices.

```
<object name> = XrcliHelper([debug=True/False(default)])
```

This example shows how to initialize `Xrclihelper` class.

```
helper = XrcliHelper()
```


Xrcli_helper Script APIs

xrcli_exec

The `xrcli_exec` API executes IOS-XR exec commands to obtain the output.

Parameter

cmd: A String representing the IOS- XR exec command to be executed.

Result

The result of the `xrcli_exec` API is a dictionary containing:

- `status`: Indicates whether the command execution was `error` or `success`.
- `output`: The output of the executed command.

Example

The following example shows the sample output of `xrcli_exec` API:

```
>>> result = helper.xrcli_exec("show filesystem ")
>>> print(result)
{'output': '\n'
  '----- show filesystem '
  '-----\n'
  'File Systems:\n'
  '\n'
  '      Size(b)      Free(b)      Type  Flags  Prefixes\n'
  '  4275265536  4274974720  flash-disk  rw  disk0:\n'
  '  67301322752  67266158592  harddisk   rw  harddisk:\n'
  '              0          0      network  rw  ftp:\n'
  '  60264796160  51056054272  flash      rw  /misc/config\n'
  '              0          0      network  rw  tftp:\n',
  'status': 'success'}
```

xr_apply_config_file

The `xr_apply_config_file` API applies configuration to IOS-XR using a file.

Parameter

- `filename`: Path to a configuration file containing XR config commands with the following structure:

```
!
XR config command
!
end
```

- `comment`: A comment for the configuration commit, which will be visible in the output of **show configuration commit list detail**.

Result

The result of `xr_apply_config_file` is a dictionary specifying the effect of the configuration change:

- `status`: Indicates whether the configuration application was `error` or `success`.
- `output`:
 - If `status` is `error`: use the **show configuration failed** command.

- If `status` is `success`: use the **show configuration commit changes last 1** command.

Example

The following example shows sample output of `xr_apply_config_file` API.

```
[node0_RP0_CPU0:~]$more /harddisk:/noshut_int.cfg
!
interface hundredGigE 0/0/0/24
no shutdown
interface hundredGigE 0/0/0/25
no shutdown
!
end

>>> result = helper.xr_apply_config_file("/harddisk:/noshut_int.cfg")
>>> print(result)
{'output': '\n'
  '----- show configuration commit changes last 1 '
  '-----\n'
  '!! Building configuration...\n'
  '!! IOS XR Configuration x.y.z \n'
  'interface HundredGigE0/0/0/24\n'
  ' no shutdown\n'
  '!\n'
  'interface HundredGigE0/0/0/25\n'
  ' no shutdown\n'
  '!\n'
  'end\n'
  '\n',
'status': 'success'}
>>>
```

xr_apply_config_string

The `xr_apply_config_string` applies configuration to XR using a single line string.

Parameter

cmd: Single line string representing an XR config command.

comment: Reason for the config commit, visible in **show configuration commit list detail**.

Result

The result of `xr_apply_config_string` is a dictionary specifying the effect of the configuration change:

- **status**: Indicates whether the configuration application was `error` or `success`.
- **output**:
 - If `status` is `error`: use the **show configuration failed** command.
 - If `status` is `success`: use the **show configuration commit changes last 1** command.

Example

The following example shows sample output of `xr_apply_config_file` API.

```
>>> cmd = ""
... interface HundredGigE0/0/0/25
... description "shut down by scriptx"
... shut
```

```
... """
>>> result = helper.xr_apply_config_string(cmd)
>>> print(result)
{'output': '\n'
 '----- show configuration commit changes last 1 '
 '-----\n'
 '!! Building configuration...\n'
 '!! IOS XR Configuration x.y.z\n'
 'interface HundredGigE0/0/0/25\n'
 ' description "shut down by scriptx"\n'
 ' shutdown\n'
 '! \n'
 'end\n'
 '\n',
 'status': 'success'
}>>>
```

user

The user is an XrcliHelper Object Attribute (not API) which contains the username to authorize the XR commands.

Example

The following example shows sample output of `user`.

Example:

```
>>> helper.user
'cisco'
```

toggle_debug

The `toggle_debug` enables or disables debug logging.

Example

The following example shows sample output of `toggle_debug`.

```
>>> helper.toggle_debug(True)
>>>
```

