
eNMS

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eNMS designed to help automate networks. While network automation traditionally requires scripting skills, eNMS provides a way to automate networks **graphically**. It encompasses the following aspects of network automation:

- **Configuration management:** commit/rollback of a configuration via NAPALM.
- **Netmiko scripting:** using netmiko to push a configuration, or display the result of a set of commands.
- **Ansible support:** sending and managing ansible playbooks.
- **Workflows:** all scripts can be organized in workflows (conditional graph of scripts executed in a specific order).
- **Scheduling:** any script/workflow can be scheduled to run at a specific time, periodically or not.

1.1 Design philosophy

eNMS provides a way to automate networks **graphically**, in a few simple steps:

1. Creation of the network (e.g by importing a spreadsheet describing the network topology).
2. Creation of the scripts and workflows.
3. Visualization of the network on a world map, or via a force-based algorithm.
4. Selection of the target devices graphically, and scheduling of the script/workflow.

1.2 Application stack

eNMS is built on the *Flask* Python framework and utilizes either a *SQLite* database, or a *PostgreSQL* database. It runs as a WSGI service behind your choice of HTTP server.

Function	Component
HTTP Service	nginx or Apache
WSGI Service	gunicorn or uWSGI
Application	Flask/Python
Database	SQLite or PostgreSQL

2.1 First steps

```
# download the code from github:
git clone https://github.com/afourmy/eNMS.git
cd eNMS

# install the requirements:
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

2.2 Start eNMS in debugging mode

```
# set the FLASK_APP environment variable
(Windows) set FLASK_APP=enms.py
(Unix) export FLASK_APP=enms.py

# set the FLASK_DEBUG environment variable
(Windows) set FLASK_DEBUG=1
(Unix) export FLASK_DEBUG=1

# run the application
flask run --host=0.0.0.0
```

2.3 Start eNMS with gunicorn (better)

```
# start gunicorn
gunicorn --config gunicorn.py enms:app
```

2.4 Start eNMS as a docker container (even better)

```
# download & run the container  
docker run -d -p 5000:5000 --name enms --restart always afourmy/enms
```

2.5 Once eNMS is running, go to <http://127.0.0.1:5000>

3.1 Objects

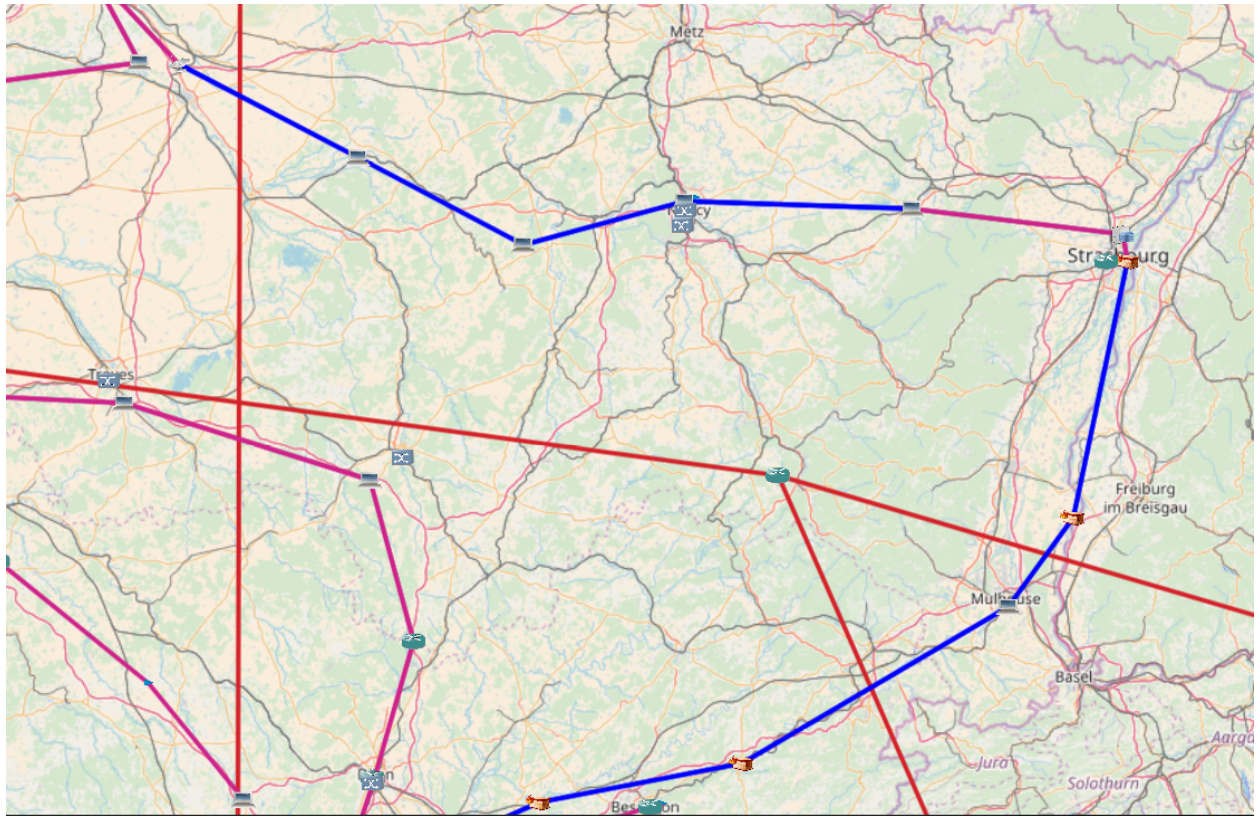
3.1.1 Object creation

Type of objects

There are different types of nodes and links available in eNMS.

- **Node:** Router, Switch, Optical switch, Server, Host, Antenna, Regenerator, Firewall.
- **Link:** Ethernet link, Optical link, Etherchannel (LAG), Optical channel, Pseudowire, BGP peering.

Each type of node (resp. link) has a specific icon (resp. color) when displayed graphically:



Creation

Objects can be created from the *objects/object_management* page, in two different ways:

- Manually, by entering the value of each property in a form. With this method, objects have to be created one by one.
- By importing an Excel file (.xls, .xlsx).

Manual creation

Clicking on the *Add a new node* or *Add a new link* buttons will open a form with the list of all properties of the object.

Import a network topology

Add a new node

Show 10 entries

Search:

Name	Description	Location	Type	Vendor	Operating System	OS version	IP address	Longitude	Latitude	Edit	Delete
Bnet-E4	None	eastern europe	Router	Cisco	IOS	5.1.X	192.168.243.104	10.390327738326055	47.28163316850573	Edit	Delete
Bnet-E5	None	france	Router	Cisco	IOS	5.1.X	192.168.243.105	6.508434253625658	48.050503441733596	Edit	Delete
Bnet-E6	None	eastern europe	Router	Cisco	IOS	5.1.X	192.168.243.106	9.74130182060886	49.35693311180886	Edit	Delete

Showing 1 to 10 of 11 entries

Previous
1
2
Next

Add a new link

Fill the form and click on the `Submit` button.

Add a new node

Name

Description

Location

Vendor

Type

IP address

Operating System

OS version

Longitude

Latitude

Secret password

Add a new link

Name

Description

Location

Vendor

Type

Source

Destination

Creation via import

All objects can be created at once by importing an Excel file. Each spreadsheet corresponds to a type of object. The first line of a spreadsheet contains the properties, the following lines define the objects, as demonstrated in the example below.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	<u>name</u>	<u>longitude</u>	<u>latitude</u>	<u>ip_address</u>				
2	PSS00222	3,2516295	48,1906625826	127.0.0.1				
3	PSS00282	5,1038716	43,650057334	127.0.0.1				
4	PSS00309	5,4257466	43,3835984573	127.0.0.1				
5	PSS00318	5,8454402	43,0530959941	127.0.0.1				
6	PSS00114	-1,002317	46,9013737948	127.0.0.1				
7	PSS00112	-0,74675	47,1477630559	127.0.0.1				
8	PSS00295	-1,959262	48,2880336584	127.0.0.1				
9	PSS00113	-0,903417	47,0966509344	127.0.0.1				
10	PSS00029	2,427925	47,112136027	127.0.0.1				
11	PSS00032	2,0926905	47,2416520502	127.0.0.1				
12	PSS00155	3,0886	50,6221843839	127.0.0.1				
13	PSS00179	2,2273361	48,76928239	127.0.0.1				
14	PSS00339	2,2192851	48,7878597134	127.0.0.1				
15	PSS00340	2,2192851	48,7878597134	127.0.0.1				
16	PSSM00001	2,2192851	48,7878597134	127.0.0.1				
17	PSSM00002	2,2192851	48,7878597134	127.0.0.1				
18	PSSM00003	2,2192851	48,7878597134	127.0.0.1				
19	PSSM00004	2,2192851	48,7878597134	127.0.0.1				
20	PSSM00005	2,2192851	48,7878597134	127.0.0.1				
21	PSSM00006	2,2192851	48,7878597134	127.0.0.1				
22	PSSM00007	2,2192851	48,7878597134	127.0.0.1				
23	PSSM00008	2,2192851	48,7878597134	127.0.0.1				
24	PSSM00009	2,2192851	48,7878597134	127.0.0.1				
25	PSS00177	2,0357938	48,7944240057	127.0.0.1				
26	PSS00327	2,0357938	48,7944240057	127.0.0.1				
Antenna / Firewall / Host / Optical switch / Regenerator / Router / Switch / Server / BGP peering / Etherchannel / Ethernet link								

For eNMS to let you choose an Excel spreadsheet to import, click on the Import a network topology button in the object_management page.

Import a network topology

Add a new node

Show 10 entries Search:

Name	Description	Location	Type	Vendor	Operating System	OS version	IP address	Longitude	Latitude	Edit	Delete
router10	None	france	Router	Cisco	IOS	15.5(3)M	192.168.1.88	4.533886327086546	46.386212676269515	Edit	Delete
router11	None	france	Router	Cisco	IOS	15.5(3)M	192.168.1.88	7.623210990527811	46.31282384039465	Edit	Delete
router12	None	eastern europe	Router	Cisco	IOS-XR	5.1.X	192.168.1.88	10.390327738326055	47.28163316850573	Edit	Delete
router13	None	france	Router	Cisco	IOS-XR	5.1.X	192.168.1.88	6.508434253625658	48.050503441733596	Edit	Delete
router14	None	eastern europe	Router	Cisco	IOS-XR	5.1.X	192.168.1.88	9.74130182060886	49.35693311180886	Edit	Delete

: You can find examples of such spreadsheets in *eNMS/projects*.

: If an imported object already exists, its properties will be updated.

Properties

Some properties are mandatory:

- Name: objects are uniquely defined by their name.
- Source and destination: a link needs a source and a destination to be created.

: In order to visualize the network topology on a map, nodes must have geographical coordinates (longitude and latitude).

3.1.2 Object filtering

The filtering system allows to display only a subset of the network in the graphical view. A filter is a combination of values (or regular expressions) for the properties of an object.

If the properties of an object does not match **all** properties of the filter, the object will be undisplayed when the filter is selected.

Filters can be created in *objects/object_filtering*.

Node filtering

Node filters

Property	Value	Regex
Name	node.*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Description		<input type="checkbox"/>
Location		<input type="checkbox"/>
Type	Router Switch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vendor	Cisco	<input type="checkbox"/>
Operating System		<input type="checkbox"/>
OS version		<input type="checkbox"/>
IP address		<input type="checkbox"/>
Longitude		<input type="checkbox"/>

This filter enforces the following conditions:

- name: `node.*` — this regular expression matches all nodes which name starts with `node`.
- type: `Router|Switch` — matches routers and switches (nodes which type is either `Router`, or `Switch`).
- vendor: `Cisco` — for this property, the regular expression box is not ticked. This means the value must be exactly `Cisco`.

In summary, all Cisco routers or switches which name starts with `node` will match those conditions. All others will be filtered (that is, undisplayed from the graphical view).

: All properties which field is left empty are simply ignored.

Link filtering

Link filters

Property	Value	Regex
Name	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Description	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Location	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Type	<input type="text" value="Ethernet link"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vendor	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="bnet6"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Destination	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

This filter enforces the following conditions:

- type: `Ethernet link` — matches all Ethernet links.
- source: `bnet6` — matches all links which source is the node `bnet6`.

In summary, all Ethernet links starting from the node `bnet6` will be considered, all others ignored.

Apply a filter

Filters are applied from the geographical or logical view. You can switch between filters with the drop-down list in the top-right corner of the screen (framed in red below).



Example

Initial network

In this first example, we consider the following network:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	name	location	longitude	latitude	ip_address	operating_system	vendor	os_version
2	router5	france	-0.4080065865215727	47.403792182567656	192.168.1.88	IOS	Cisco	15.5(3)M
3	router6	france	2.366904644610879	48.421248383492745	192.168.1.88	IOS	Cisco	15.5(3)M
4	router7	france	4.553994745638234	49.98884227261501	192.168.1.88	IOS	Cisco	15.5(3)M
5	router8	eastern europe	8.084503313789972	50.41433737503949	192.168.1.88	IOS	Cisco	15.5(3)M
6	router9	france	2.0137607972959803	45.559733221855026	192.168.1.88	IOS	Cisco	15.5(3)M
7	router10	france	4.533886327086546	46.386212676269515	192.168.1.88	IOS	Cisco	15.5(3)M
8	router11	france	7.623210990527811	46.31282384039465	192.168.1.88	IOS	Cisco	15.5(3)M
9	router12	eastern europe	10.390327738326055	47.28163316850573	192.168.1.88	IOS-XR	Cisco	5.1.X
10	router13	france	6.508434253625658	48.050503441733596	192.168.1.88	IOS-XR	Cisco	5.1.X
11	router14	eastern europe	9.74130182060886	49.35693311180886	192.168.1.88	IOS-XR	Cisco	5.1.X
12	router15	eastern europe	10.109935828061502	49.22507496520804	192.168.1.88	IOS-XR	Cisco	5.1.X
13	router16	france	5.595254381372841	44.69860318923541	192.168.1.88	IOS-XR	Cisco	5.1.X
14	router17	france	2.1511313297338606	44.098423304433176	192.168.1.88	IOS-XR	Cisco	5.1.X
15	router18	eastern europe	12.041475611784332	51.16509496536982	192.168.1.88	IOS-XR	Cisco	5.1.X
16	router19	eastern europe	14.637732184922653	53.00251151627622	192.168.1.88	IOS-XR	Cisco	5.1.X
17	router20	eastern europe	9.620913979151592	52.898908251546565	192.168.1.88	Junos	Juniper	17.2R1.13
18	router21	eastern europe	15.322252610306014	51.13069724514281	192.168.1.88	Junos	Juniper	17.2R1.13
19	router22	eastern europe	14.509961201590082	46.86709038736285	192.168.1.88	Junos	Juniper	17.2R1.13
20	router23	eastern europe	16.394243292075355	48.2265031612354	192.168.1.88	Junos	Juniper	17.2R1.13
21	router24	eastern europe	15.23113134650369	49.84702977845239	192.168.1.88	Junos	Juniper	17.2R1.13
22	router25	france	-0.9363500525806724	49.20978690554773	192.168.1.88	Junos	Juniper	17.2R1.13
23	router26	france	-3.304732896119501	48.49233507313489	192.168.1.88	Junos	Juniper	17.2R1.13
24	router27	france	-0.07442133974525358	43.45727942401689	192.168.1.88	Junos	Juniper	17.2R1.13
25	router28	spain	-7.341918530493528	41.418677137969205	192.168.1.88	Junos	Juniper	17.2R1.13
26	router29	spain	-5.1153688818914205	42.187262151915185	192.168.1.88	Junos	Juniper	17.2R1.13

Unfiltered, this network results in the following view:



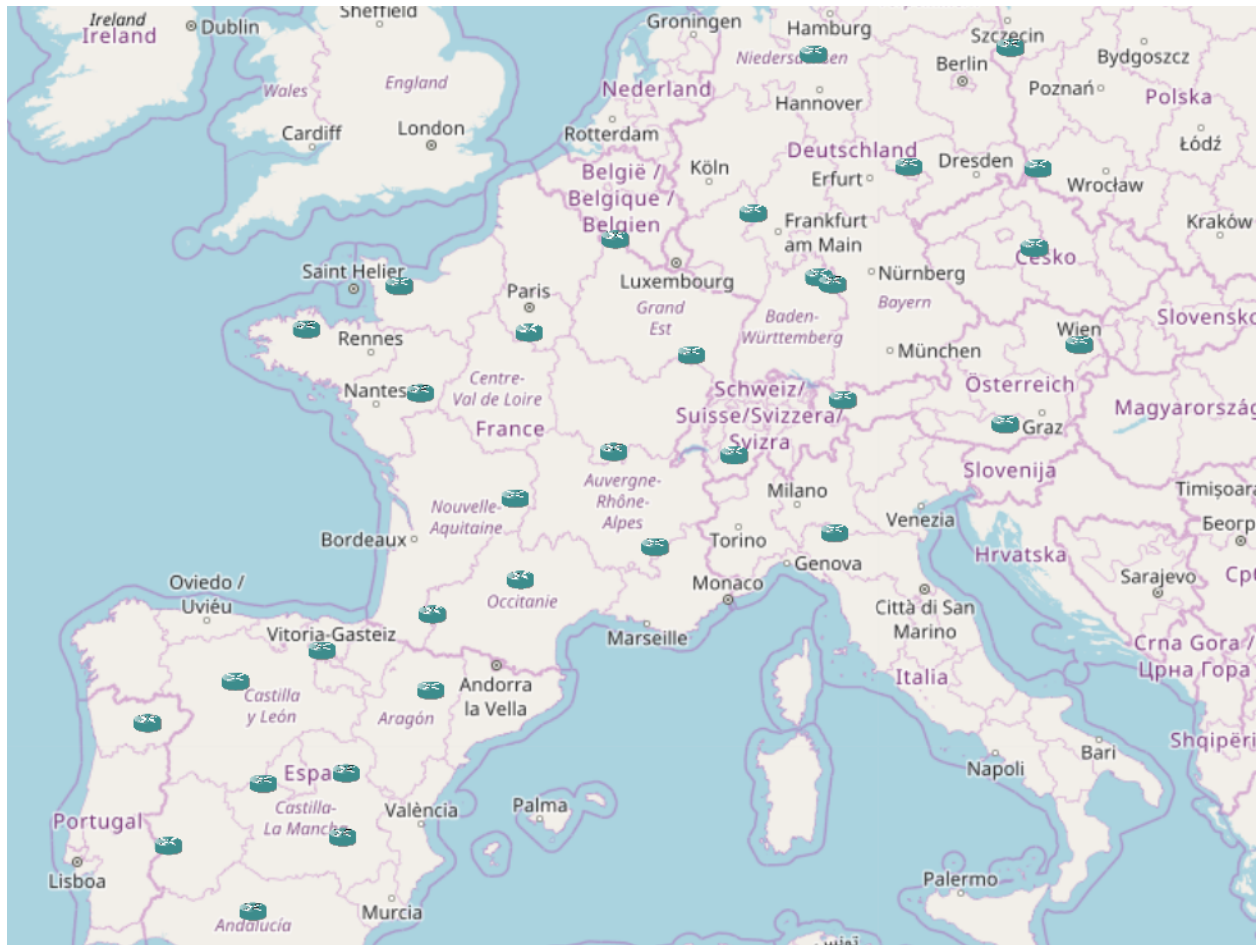
Filter all links

We create a filter with a condition on the Name of a link:

Property	Value	Regex
Name	a	<input type="checkbox"/>

There isn't a single link which name is a: all links will be filtered.

This result in the following view:

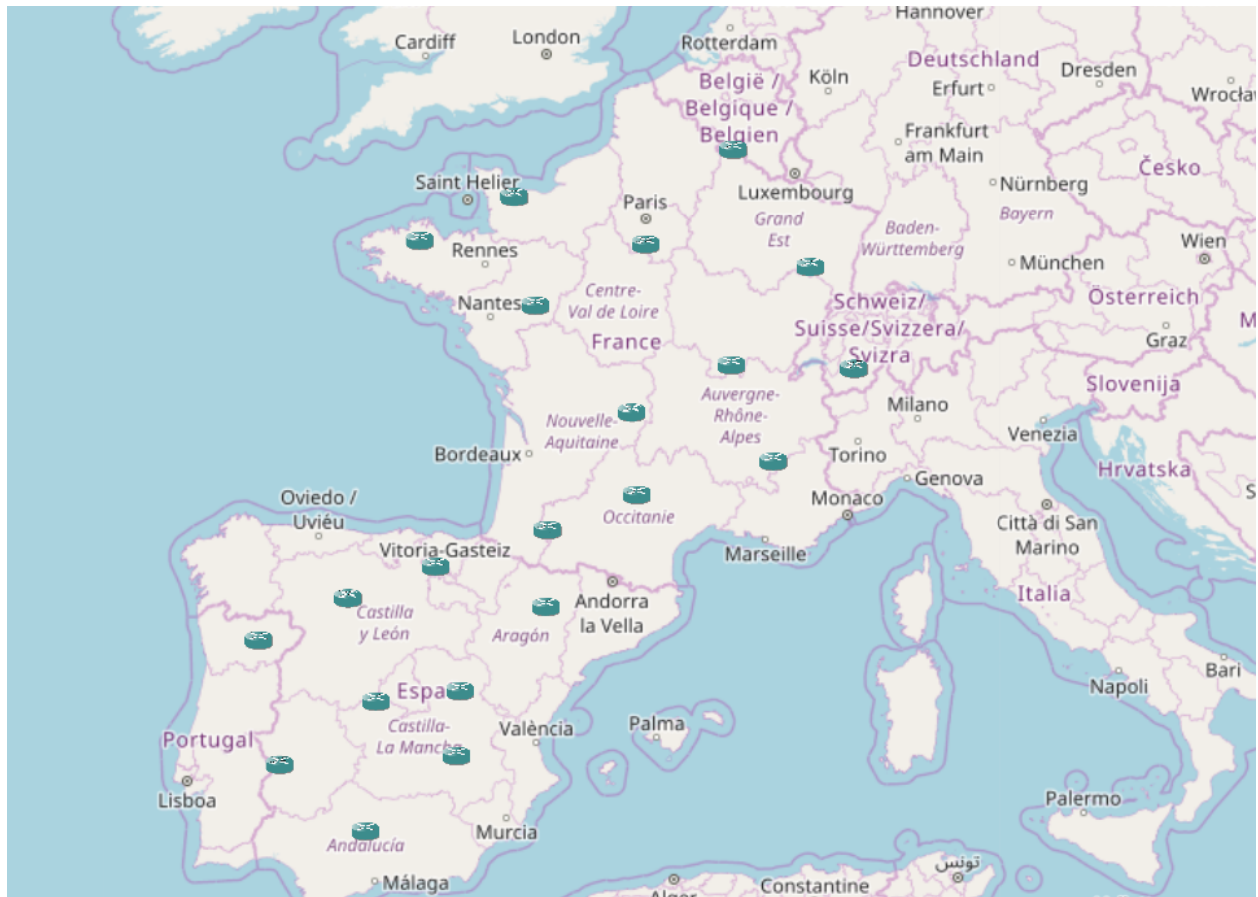


Filter all nodes outside of France or Spain

We add a new condition on the `Location` of a node to exclude all nodes that are located outside of France or Spain:

Location	france spain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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This result in the following view:

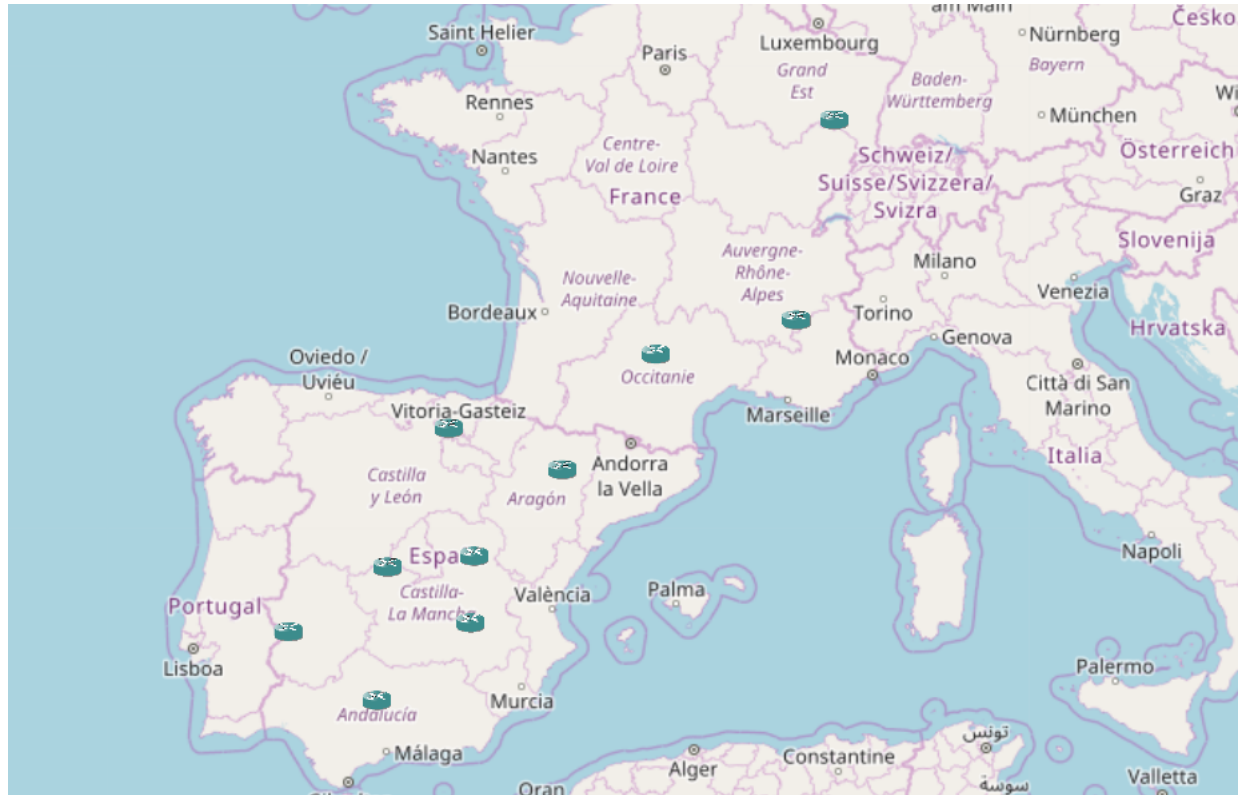


Restrict to nodes with IOS-XE or IOS-XR

Finally, out of the remaining nodes, we exclude all nodes which operating system is not IOS-XE or IOS-XR:

Operating System	IOS-(XE XR)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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This result in the following view:



: Using the filtering system is important because network automation in eNMS is done graphically, by selecting nodes in the graphical view. See the *automation* documentation for more information.

4.1 Views

4.1.1 Geographical view

Once the network has been created, it can be displayed on a geographical map.

All nodes are displayed at their exact location (they must have been created with a longitude and latitude) on the map. The icon of a node and the color of a link depend on their type.

Geographical display

There are three types of geographical displayed available.

2D map

The classic 2D map is based on the *Leaflet* JavaScript library. All nodes and links are displayed on a 2D representation of the Earth, based on the *Google Mercator* (EPSG:3857) projection.

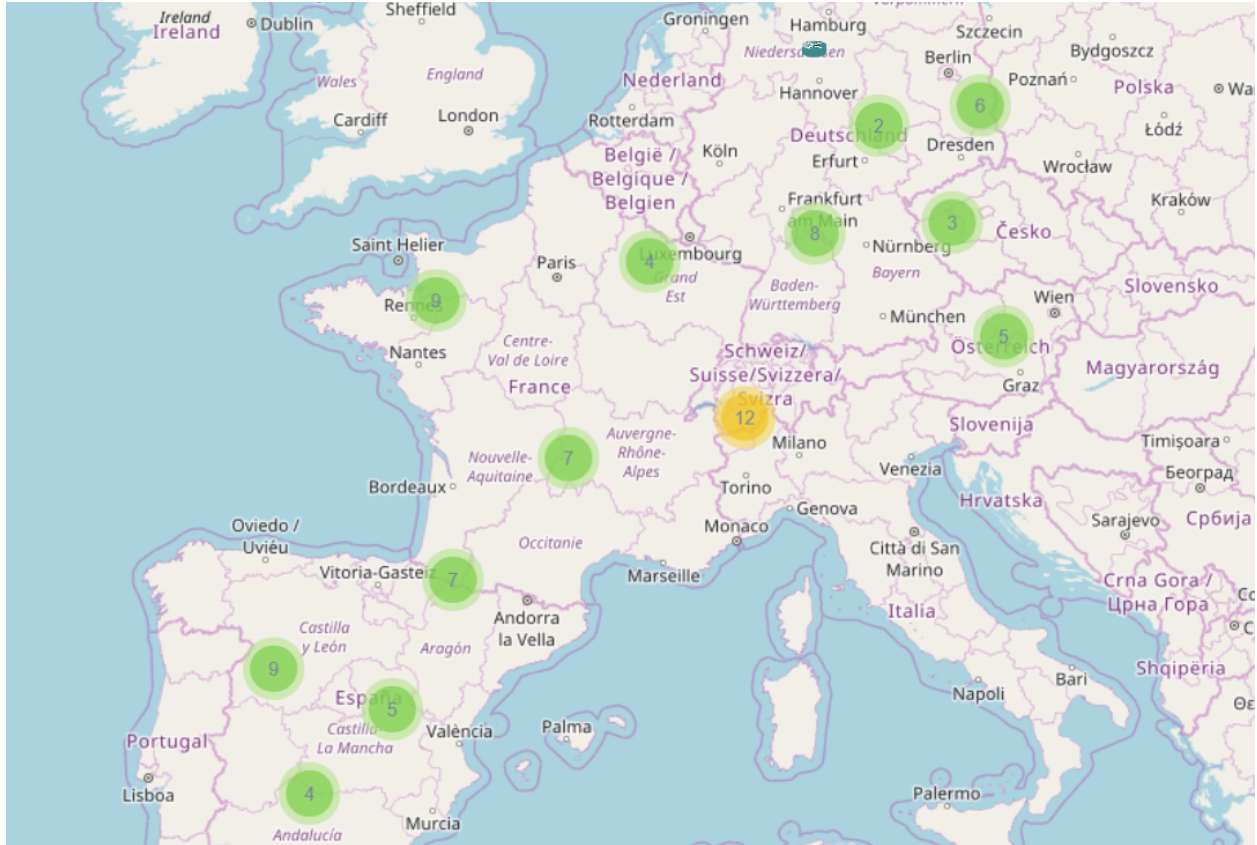
The classic 2D map works well for small networks (less than 5000 nodes), when there are no colocated nodes (colocated nodes cannot be distinguished from one another).



Clusterized 2D map

The clusterized 2D map is based on the *Leaflet MarkerCluster* JavaScript library. Nodes and links are displayed as clusters, which size depends on the zoom level.

The clusterized map works well for large networks (until 50000 nodes), and it supports colocated nodes. Clicking on a group of colocated nodes will expand the group.



3D map

The 3D map is based on the *WebGL-Earth* JavaScript library (which itself uses *Cesium*). All nodes and links are displayed on a 3D representation of the Earth.

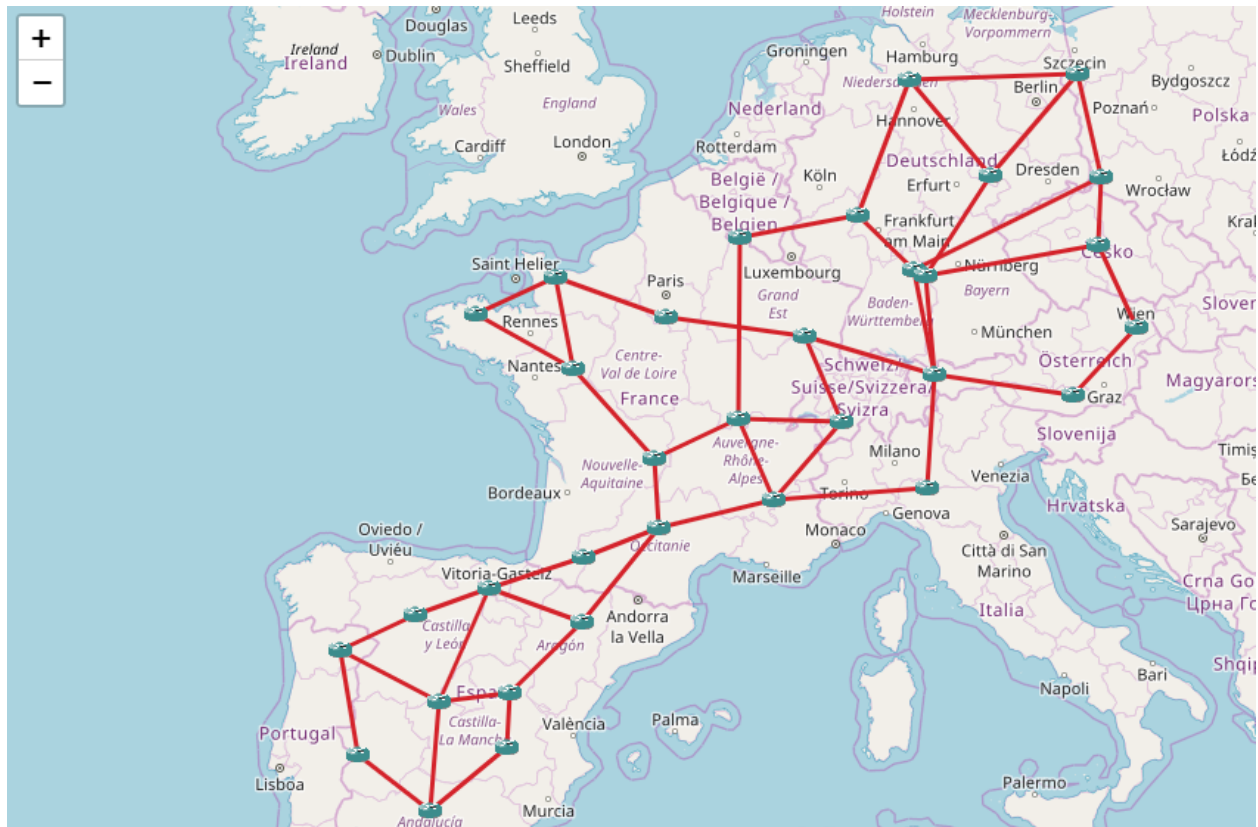
The 3D map works well for small networks (less than 500 nodes) with no colocated nodes.



Tile layers

There are three types of tile layer available for the geographical display.

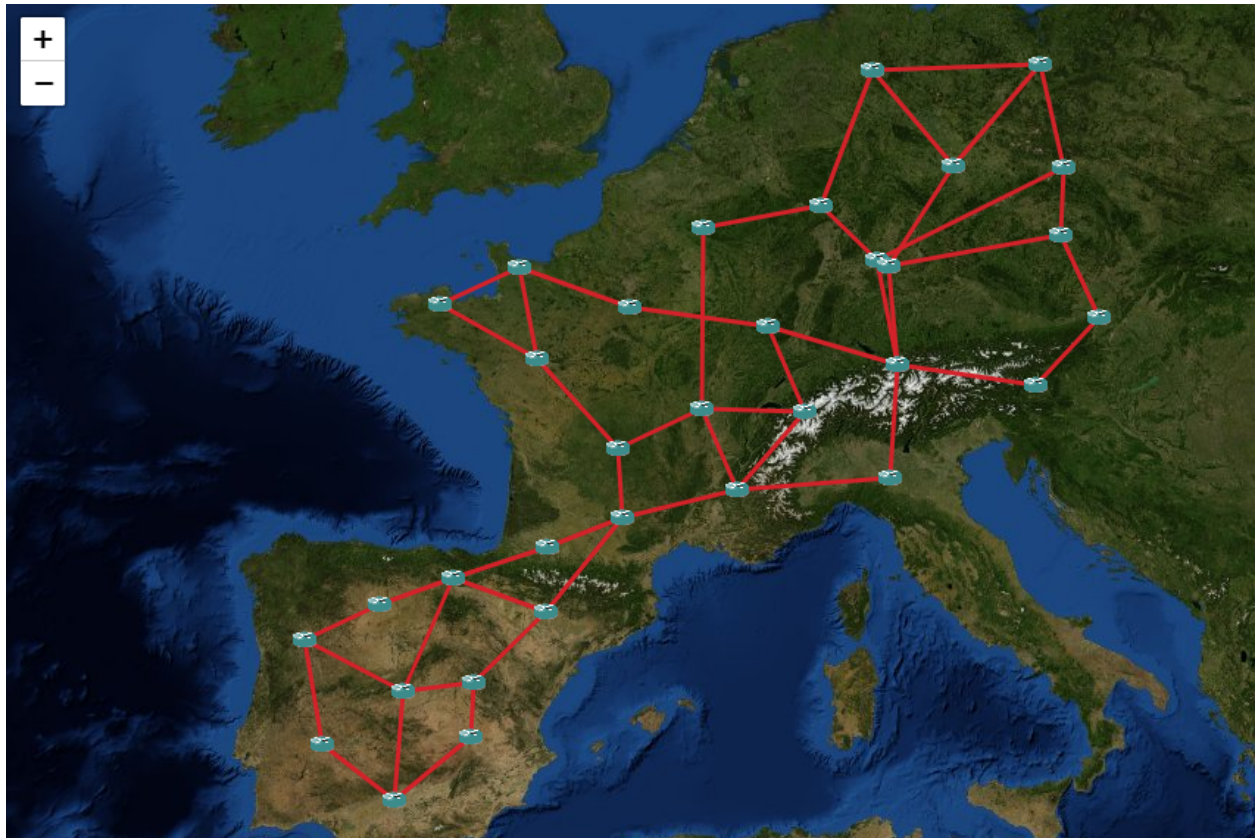
OpenStreetMap tiles



Google Map tiles



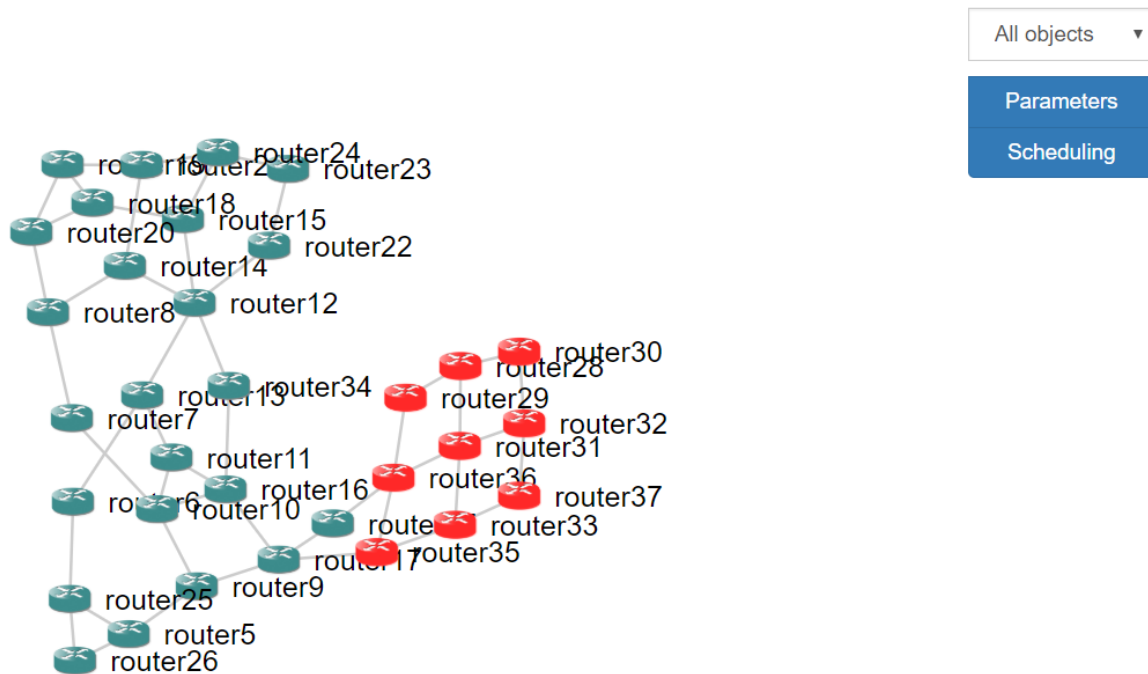
NASA tiles



4.1.2 Logical view

The geographical visualization only works if we have all GPS coordinates: it isn't always the case. Another way to visualize a network is to use a graph drawing algorithm to display the network.

The logical view relies on the *d3.js* JavaScript library to display the network in a visually pleasing fashion.



4.1.3 Bindings

For both the geographical and the logical views, bindings are the following :

- *Left-click on a node*: selection of the node.
- *Double left-click on an object*: open the property panel.

The property panel displays all properties of the object, and any property can be modified. If the object is a node, it also contains a `Connect` button to automatically start an SSH to the device.

Node properties
Logs

Name	router34
Description	None
Location	eastern europe
Vendor	Cisco
Type	Router
IP address	192.168.1.88
Operating System	IOS-XE
OS version	3.6.5E
Longitude	10.168249814583962
Latitude	44.93341536963455
Secret password	

Close
Connect
Submit

If the SYSLOG server has been activated, eNMS stores all logs it receives. The property panel also contains a Logs tabs that display all logs sent by this specific node.

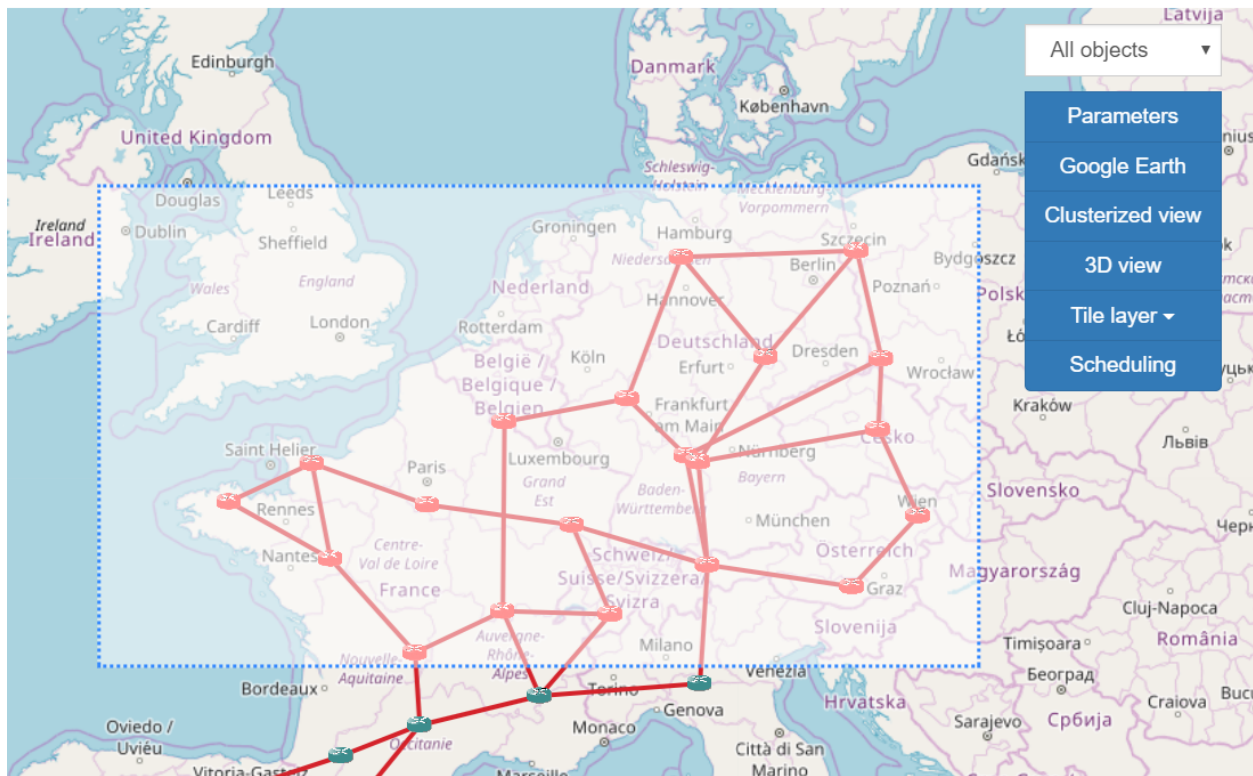
Node properties
Logs

```

<187>18: *Apr 26 06:16:39.571: %LINK-3-UPDOWN: Interface FastEthernet0/0, changed state to up
<189>19: *Apr 26 06:16:40.571: %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface FastEthernet0/0, changed state to up
<189>20: *Apr 26 06:16:43.259: %LINK-5-CHANGED: Interface FastEthernet0/0, changed state to administratively down
<189>21: *Apr 26 06:16:44.259: %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface FastEthernet0/0, changed state to down
<189>22: *Apr 26 06:16:46.151: %SYS-5-CONFIG_I: Configured from console by cisco on vty0 (192.168.1.2)
<187>23: *Apr 26 06:16:47.271: %LINK-3-UPDOWN: Interface FastEthernet0/0, changed state to up
<189>24: *Apr 26 06:16:48.271: %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface FastEthernet0/0, changed state to up
<189>25: *Apr 26 06:16:49.351: %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface FastEthernet0/0, changed state to down

```

- *Shift + left-click*: draw a selection rectangle to select multiple nodes at once.



- *Right-click*: Unselect all nodes.

5.1 Automation

5.1.1 Credentials

Login & username

The login and username used to connect to a device are the ones you use for eNMS. If you create an eNMS account with login `cisco` and password `cisco`, eNMS will use the same credentials to try and connect to the devices upon running a script.

Secret password

Unlike the username and password, the secret password is a property of the device itself. The secret password is set when the node is created (whether manually or from excel import):

Add a new node ×

Name	test
Description	
Location	
Vendor	
Type	Antenna ▼
IP address	
Operating System	
OS version	
Longitude	0.0
Latitude	0.0
Secret password

5.1.2 Scripts

Scripts are created from the *Scripts* menu. The following types of script are available in eNMS.

Netmiko configuration script

There are two types of Netmiko configuration scripts:

- **show commands:** a list of “show commands” which output will be displayed in the logs.
- **configuration:** a list of commands to be configured on the devices.

For each type, the content of the script can be:

- **text-based:** a list of configuration commands to be sent to the device.
- **template-based:** the script is a Jinja2 template. A .YAML file containing all parameters must be provided.

Finally, a **driver** must be selected among all available netmiko drivers.

Netmiko Config
NAPALM Config
NAPALM Getters
File Transfer
Validation
Ansible playbook

Name

Description

Waiting time

Vendor

Operating System

Content type

 parameters.yaml
Netmiko type

Driver

```
{% for interface, properties in subinterfaces.items() %}
interface FastEthernet0/0.{{ interface }}
description {{ properties.aire }}
encapsulation dot1Q {{ properties.dot1Q }}
ip address {{ properties.address }} 255.255.255.248
no ip redirects
ip ospf cost {{ properties.cost }}
{% endfor %}
```

Netmiko File transfer script

A file transfer script sends a file to a device, or retrieve a file from a device. It relies on Netmiko file transfer functions. If you want to send a file to a device, you must place the file in the `eNMS/file_transfer` folder.

Netmiko Config	NAPALM Config	NAPALM Getters	File Transfer	Validation	Ansible playbook
----------------	---------------	----------------	---------------	------------	------------------

Name
<input type="text" value="Name"/>
Description
<input type="text" value="Description"/>
Waiting time
<input type="text" value="0"/>
Vendor
<input type="text" value="Vendor"/>
Operating System
<input type="text" value="Operating system"/>
Driver
<input type="text" value="Cisco IOS"/>
Source file
<input type="text" value="Source file"/>
Destination file
<input type="text" value="Destination file"/>
File system
<input type="text" value="File system"/>
Direction
<input type="text" value="Upload"/>

: File-transfer scripts only works for IOS, IOS-XE, IOS-XR, NX-OS and Junos.

Netmiko validation script

A Netmiko validation script is used to check the state of a device, in a workflow (see the Workflow section for examples about how it is used).

There are 3 command field and 3 pattern field. For each couple of command/pattern field, eNMS will check if the expected pattern can be found in the output of the command. If the result is positive for all 3 couples, the script will return True (allowing the workflow to go forward, following the success edges), else it will return False.

Netmiko Config
NAPALM Config
NAPALM Getters
File Transfer
Validation
Ansible playbook

Name

Description

Waiting time

Vendor

Operating system

Driver

Command 1

Command 2

Command 3

Pattern 1

Pattern 2

Pattern 3

NAPALM configuration script

This type of script uses NAPALM to update the configuration of a device.

There are two types of operations:

- `load merge`: add the script configuration to the existing configuration of the target.
- `load replace`: replace the configuration of the target with the script configuration.

Just like with the Netmiko configuration script, a configuration can be either text-based, or template-based.

The screenshot shows the eNMS configuration interface with the 'NAPALM Config' tab selected. The interface includes a sidebar with tabs for 'Netmiko Config', 'NAPALM Config', 'NAPALM Getters', 'File Transfer', 'Validation', and 'Ansible playbook'. The main content area is divided into two panels. The left panel contains configuration fields for a NAPALM driver: 'Name' (text input), 'Description' (text input), 'Waiting time' (text input with value '0'), 'Vendor' (text input), 'Operating System' (text input), 'File' (file selection button labeled 'Choisir un fichier' and 'Aucun fichier choisi'), 'Content type' (dropdown menu with 'Simple' selected), and 'Action' (dropdown menu with 'Load merge' selected). The right panel is empty.

: The NAPALM driver used by eNMS is the one you configure in the Operating System property of a node.

The NAPALM drivers name must be respected: `ios`, `iosxr`, `nxos`, `junos`, `eos`.

: This script does not by itself commit the configuration. To do so, a NAPALM `action` script must be used (see below).

NAPALM action script

NAPALM `action` scripts do not have to be created: they are created by default when eNMS runs for the first time. There are three actions:

- `commit`: commits the changes pushed with `load replace` or `load merge`.
- `discard`: discards the changes before they were committed.
- `rollback`: rollbacks the changes after they have been committed.

NAPALM getters script

A NAPALM `getters` script is a list of getters which output is displayed in the logs.

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Name

Description

Waiting time

Getters

ARP table

Interfaces counters

Facts

Environment

Configuration

Interfaces

Interface IP

LLDP neighbors

LLDP neighbors detail

MAC address

NTP servers

NTP statistics

Transceivers

SNMP

Users

Network instances (VRF)

: just like with the NAPALM configuration scripts, the NAPALM driver used by eNMS is the one configured in the Operating System property of a node. The NAPALM drivers name must be respected: `ios`, `iosxr`, `nxos`, `junos`, `eos`.

Ansible playbook script

An Ansible playbook script sends an ansible playbook to the devices. The playbook file must be placed in the `eNMS/playbooks` folder, along with the Ansible configuration file (`ansible.cfg`). To create an Ansible playbook script, simply enter the name of the playbook (example: `the_playbook.yml`) in the Playbook name field of the form.

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Name

Description

Waiting time

Vendor

Operating system

Playbook name

Reset

Create

Custom script

eNMS also gives you the option to create your own script. Once created, a custom script is automatically added to the web interface and can be used like any other script. To create a custom script, open the file `eNMS/source/scripts/custom_scripts.py` and use the following template:

- a function that contains the code of the script
- a dictionary that contains the parameters of your new script, and an key `job_name` which value is the name of the job function.

```
def job_example(args):
    task, node, results = args
    # add your own logic here
    # results is a dictionary that contains the logs of the script
    results[node.name] = 'what will be displayed in the logs'
    # a script returns a boolean value used in workflows (see the workflow section)
    return True if 'a condition for success' else False

example_parameters = {
    'name': 'script that does nothing',
    'waiting_time': 0,
    'description': 'does nothing',
    'vendor': 'none',
    'operating_system': 'all',
    'job_name': 'job_example'
}
```

You must also update the `create_custom_scripts` function at the bottom of the file:

```
def create_custom_scripts():
    for parameters in (
```

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()

```

        example_parameters,
        the_parameters_of_the_script_you_created
    ):
        try:
            custom_script = CustomScript(**parameters)
            db.session.add(custom_script)
            db.session.commit()
        except exc.IntegrityError:
            db.session.rollback()

```

Finally, restart the application.

You can take a look at the other scripts for inspiration (in `eNMS/source/scripts/models.py`). `custom_scripts.py` also contains a script called `NornirPingScript` that shows how to use the Nornir automation framework to ping a device on ports 23 and 443.

5.1.3 Workflows

A workflow is a directed graph which nodes are scripts.

Each script in eNMS returns a boolean value: - True if it ran successfully. - False otherwise.

There are two types of edge in a workflow: `success` edge and `failure` edge. The `success` edge indicates where to move in the graph if the source script was executed with success, while the `failure` edge does the same thing in case of failure.

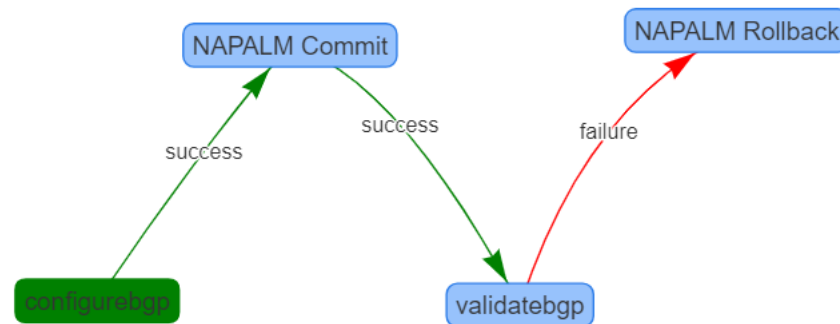
Workflows are created and managed from the *workflows/workflow_management* page.

A first example

Let's consider a workflow made of four scripts:

- `configure-bgp`, a NAPALM configuration script that configures a BGP neighbor.
- `NAPALM Commit`, that commits the changes with NAPALM.
- `validate-bgp`, a Netmiko validation script that checks that the neighbor appears in the `show ip bgp neighbors` command.
- `NAPALM Rollback`, that rolls back the changes with NAPALM.

The workflow below uses these four scripts together to configure a new BGP neighbor and rollbacks in case of problem.



The green color of `configure-bgp` indicates that this is the beginning of the workflow (the first script to be executed).

If `configure-bgp` is a success (it returns the boolean value `True`, the `success` edge will be used, and the `NAPALM Commit` script will be executed.

If `NAPALM Commit` runs successfully, `validate-bgp` will run and check that the neighbor was properly configured.

If `validate-bgp` is a success, the workflow will stop here as there is no `success` edge starting from `validate-bgp`. On the other hand, if it fails, the workflow will go on using the `failure` edge and the configuration will be rolled back with `NAPALM`.

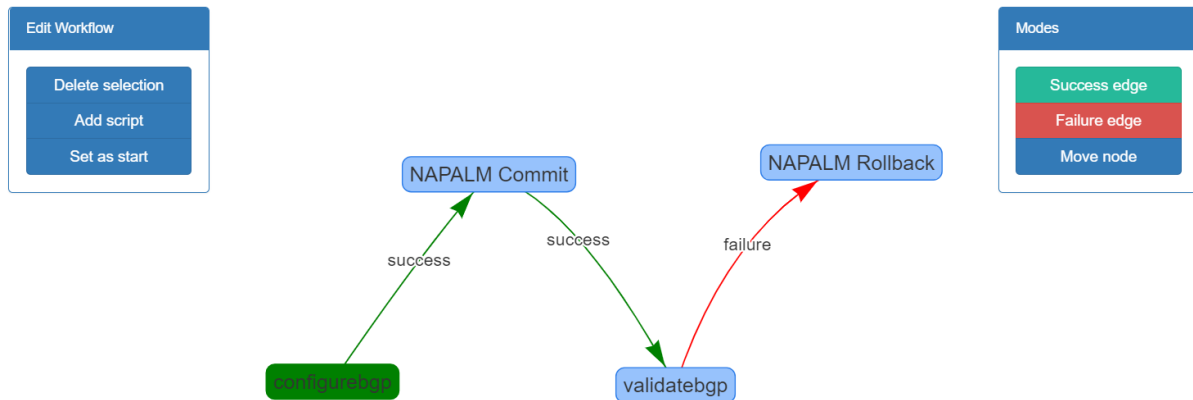
Creation of a workflow

In the `workflows/workflow_management` page, click on the button `Add a new workflow` and fill the workflow creation form. The new workflow will be automatically added to the table of workflows.

Add a new workflow					
Name	Description	Type	Edit	Manage	Delete
bgp-configuration			Edit	Manage	Delete
smtp-configuration			Edit	Manage	Delete
ztp	zero touch provisioning		Edit	Manage	Delete

Clicking on the `Manage` button in the table of workflows to open the `Workflow builder`.

Workflow builder



- *Add script*: open a window to select which script you want to add to the workflow.
- *Delete selection*: delete the selected script or edge.
- *Set as start*: the selected script is set as the beginning of the workflow. It will be highlighted in green.
- *Success edge*: switch to the `success` edge creation mode, allowing you to draw `success` edge between scripts.
- *Failure edge*: same as `success` edge.
- *Move node*: switch to the motion node, allowing you to drag the scripts on the canvas to better visualize the workflow.

: You can double-click on a script to update its properties.

Create a workflow step by step

Let's create the BGP workflow discussed in the first paragraph.

Creation of the `validatebgp` script

In the `scripts/script_creation` page, we create a `NAPALM configuration` script to configure the BGP neighbor on the device.

Configuration:

Name**Description****Waiting time****Vendor****Operating System**

```
router bgp 100
no synchronization
bgp log-neighbor-changes
no auto-summary
neighbor 1.1.1.1 remote-as 101
```

Creation of the validatebgp script

In the *scripts/script_creation* page, we create a Netmiko validation script to check that 1.1.1.1 is indeed considered a BGP neighbor on the device.

Specifically, we are checking that the output of `show ip bgp neighbors 1.1.1.1` contains the line `BGP neighbor is 1.1.1.1`.

Name	validatebgp
Description	validate bgp
Waiting time	0
Vendor	Cisco
Operating system	IOS
Driver	cisco_ios_ssh ▼
Command 1	sh ip bgp nei 1.1.1.1
Command 2	Command 2
Command 3	Command 3
Pattern 1	BGP neighbor is 1.1.1.1

Creation of the workflow

In the *workflows/workflow_management* page, click on the button Add a new workflow and fill the workflow creation form.

Add a new workflow



Name	BGP-configuration-workflow
Description	Configure and validate BGP neighbor on device
Type	Cisco IOS / BGP neighbor

Building the workflow

In the *workflows/workflow_management* page, click on the button Manage of the newly created workflow. This opens the Workflow builder.

Click on the `Add script` button, and add all 4 scripts: `configurebgp`, `validatebgp`, `NAPALM Commit` and `NAPALM Rollback`.

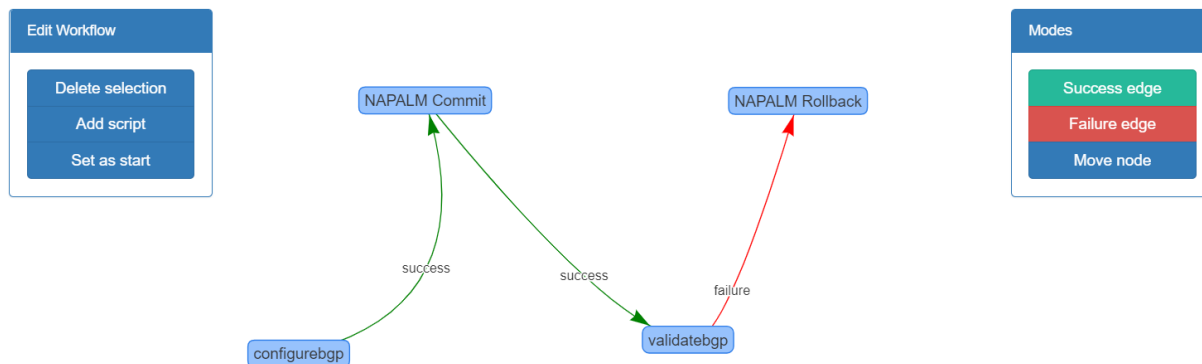


Finally, create:

- a success edge from `configurebgp` to `NAPALM Commit`.
- a success edge from `NAPALM Commit` to `validatebgp`.
- a failure edge from `validatebgp` to `NAPALM Rollback`.

Select `configurebgp` and click on the `Set as start` button to tell eNMS that this is where the workflow begins.

The workflow is done and ready to be executed:



5.1.4 OS upgrade

We consider a Cisco router with IOS 12.4(13r)T and the IOS image `c1841-sp-servicesk9-mz.124-8.bin`. Let's create a workflow to upgrade to `c1841-adventerprisek9-mz.124-8a.bin`.

Creation of the scripts

The workflow will be composed of the following scripts:

1. Version check

We use a `Netmiko` validation script to make sure that the current IOS image used by the current is the one we want to update. In other words, we check that:

- The output of `show version` contains System image file is `"flash:c1841-sp-servicesk9-mz.124-8.bin"`.
- The output of `dir` contains `c1841-sp-servicesk9-mz.124-8.bin`.

If either of this condition fails, the `Netmiko` validation script will fail, and the workflow will stop.

We create the following script `version-check-before-reload` from the *script/script_creation* page.

Operating system

Driver

Command 1

Command 2

Command 3

Pattern 1

Pattern 2

2. Transferring the new IOS image

In order to transfer the new IOS image, we will use a `Netmiko` File Transfer script. We place the `c1841-adventerprisek9-mz.124-8a.bin` in the *eNMS/file_transfer* folder, and we create the file transfer script:

Name**Description****Waiting time****Vendor****Operating System****Driver****Source file****Destination file****File system**

3. Preconfigure the router for the upgrade

We need to upgrade the configuration register to 0x2102, and tell the router to boot from the IOS image that we've uploaded in the last step.

We create a `Netmiko` configuration script of type `configuration` with the following commands:

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Name

preconfiguration

Description

Description

Waiting time

0

Vendor

Cisco

Operating System

IOS

Content type

Simple

File

Choisir un fichier

Aucun fichier choisi

Netmiko type

Configuration

Driver

cisco_ios_ssh

```
config-register 0x2102
no boot system
boot system flash: c1841-adventerprisek9-mz.124-8a.bin
```

4. Save and reload

We use a Netmiko configuration of type "show" commands to save the latest changes and reload the device.

Each script has a `Waiting time` parameter (seconds) that tells eNMS how much time it must wait before proceeding to the next script in the workflow.

After sending the script, we have to wait a bit for the device to reload and be available again: we set the waiting time of the script to 120 (2 minutes).

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Name

save-and-reload

Description

Save the configuration and reload

Waiting time

120

Vendor

Cisco

Operating System

IOS

Content type

Simple ▼

File

Choisir un fichier

Aucun fichier choisi

Netmiko type

Show commands ▼

write memory

reload

5. Post-reload version check

We create a `Netmiko validation` script similar to the one used in the first step to check that the IOS image used by the router is indeed the new one.

Driver`cisco_ios_ssh`**Command 1**`show version`**Command 2**`dir|`**Command 3**`Command 3`**Pattern 1**`System image file is "flash:c1841-adventerprisek9-mz.124-8a.bin"`**Pattern 2**`c1841-adventerprisek9-mz.124-8a.bin`

6. Delete the old IOS image

Since we have uploaded a new IOS image and moved it to the flash memory, we need some space. We erase the old IOS image from the memory: `delete /f /r c1841-sp-servicesk9-mz.124-8.bin`.

We do not need to enter the configuration mode to type this command and delete the file, so we create a Netmiko configuration script of type "show" commands (and not configuration).

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Name

Description

Waiting time

Vendor

Operating System

Content type

File

Netmiko type

```
delete /f /r c1841-spservicesk9-mz.124-8.bin
```

Creation of the workflow

1. Creation form

In the *workflows/workflow_management* page, click on the button Add a new workflow and fill the workflow creation form.

Add a new workflow



Name	<input type="text" value="OS upgrade for IOS"/>
Description	<input type="text" value="upgrade new IOS image on router"/>
Type	<input type="text" value="OS upgrade"/>

2. Building the workflow

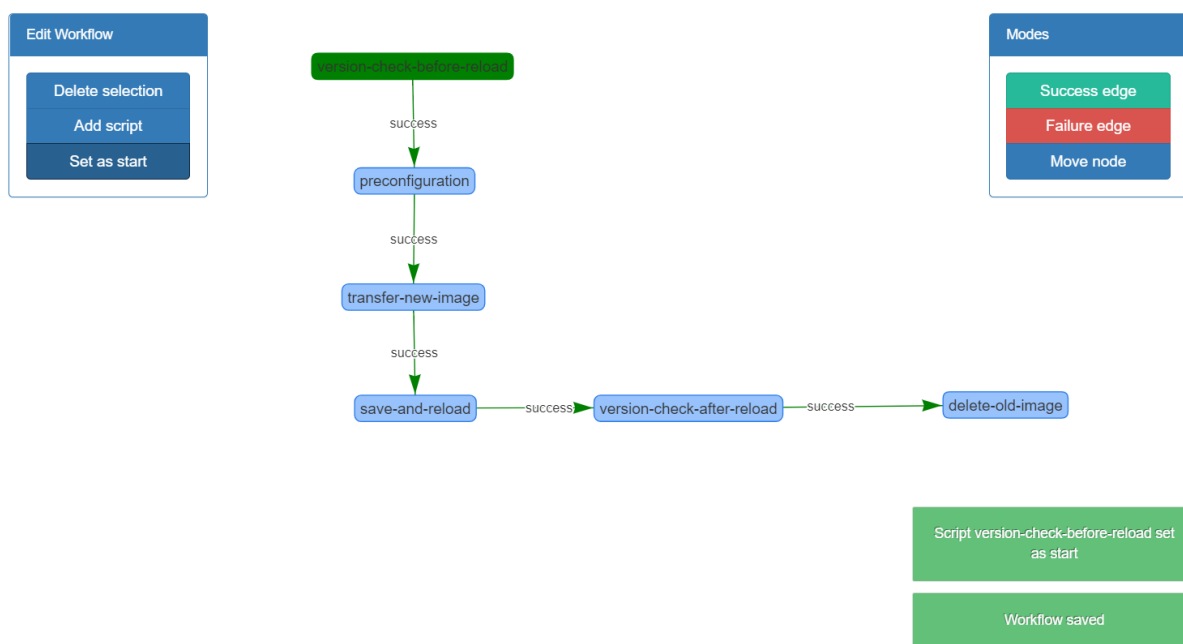
In the *workflows/workflow_management* page, click on the button Manage of the newly created workflow. This opens the Workflow builder.

Click on the Add script button, and add all 6 scripts:

- version-check-before-reload
- preconfiguration
- transfer-new-image
- save-and-reload
- version-check-after-reload
- delete-old-image

Between each consecutive pair of scripts, we create a success edge, and we set version-check-before-reload as the beginning of the workflow.

The workflow is done and ready to be executed:



5.1.5 ReST API

eNMS has a ReST API allowing to:

- retrieve an object.
- execute a task.

Retrieve an object

```
# via a GET call to the following URL
http://IP_address/rest/get/object_type/object_name
```

object_type can be any of the following: node, link, user, script, workflow, task.



Execute a task

```
# via a GET call to the following URL
http://IP_address/rest/execute_task/task_name
```

The task will start immediately (and its properties are displayed).

← → ↻ ⓘ 127.0.0.1:5000/rest/execute_task/task-napalm-rollback

```
{
  "result": {
    "id": "1",
    "name": "task-napalm-rollback",
    "result": "None",
    "status": "active",
    "start_date": "2018-06-21 18:05:17",
    "end_date": "None",
    "frequency": "",
    "creator": "cisco",
    "scripts": [
      {
        "id": "1",
        "name": "NAPALM Rollback",
        "type": "napalm_action",
        "description": "",
        "vendor": "None",
        "operating_system": "None"
      }
    ],
    "nodes": [
      {
        "id": "4",
        "name": "router8",
        "description": "eastern europe",
        "model": "None",
        "location": "eastern europe",
        "type": "Router",
        "vendor": "Cisco",
        "operating_system": "IOS",

```


6.1 Tasks

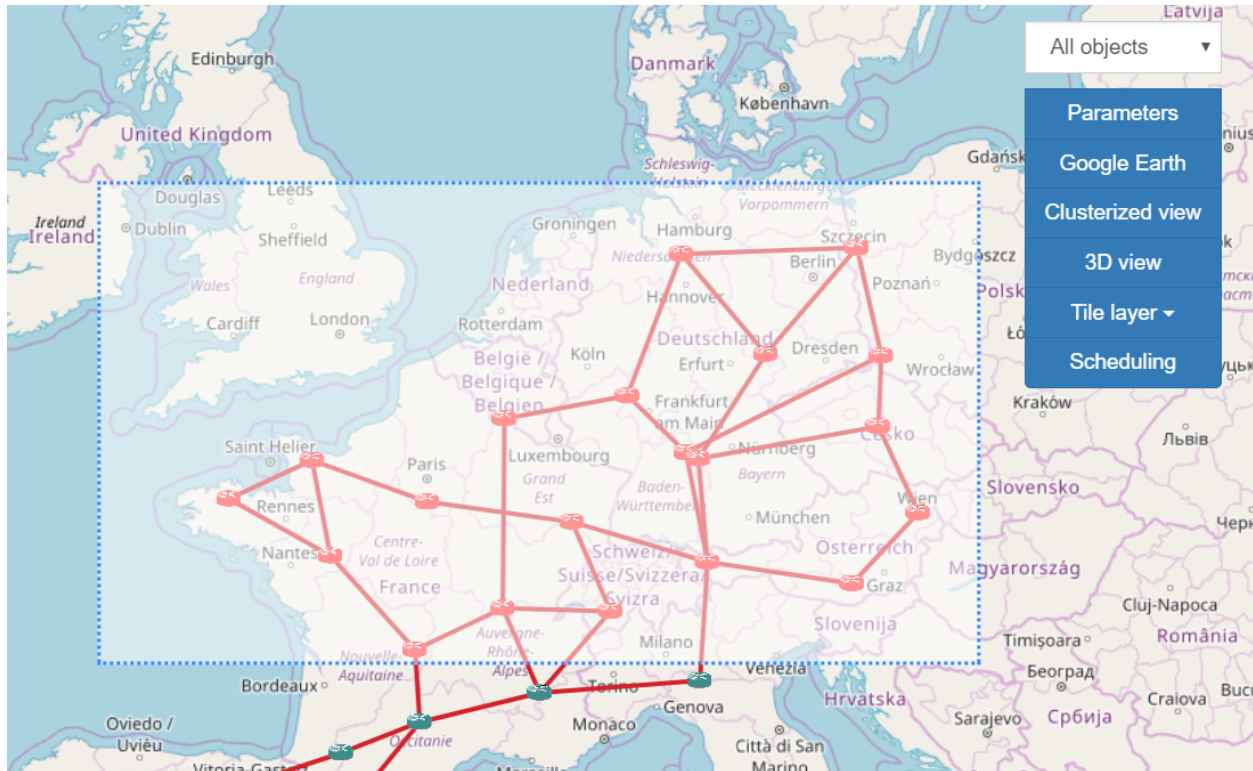
6.1.1 Scheduling

Scheduling a script or a workflow is done from the graphical view of the network, in two steps:

1. Selection of the target devices
2. Scheduling the script

Target selection

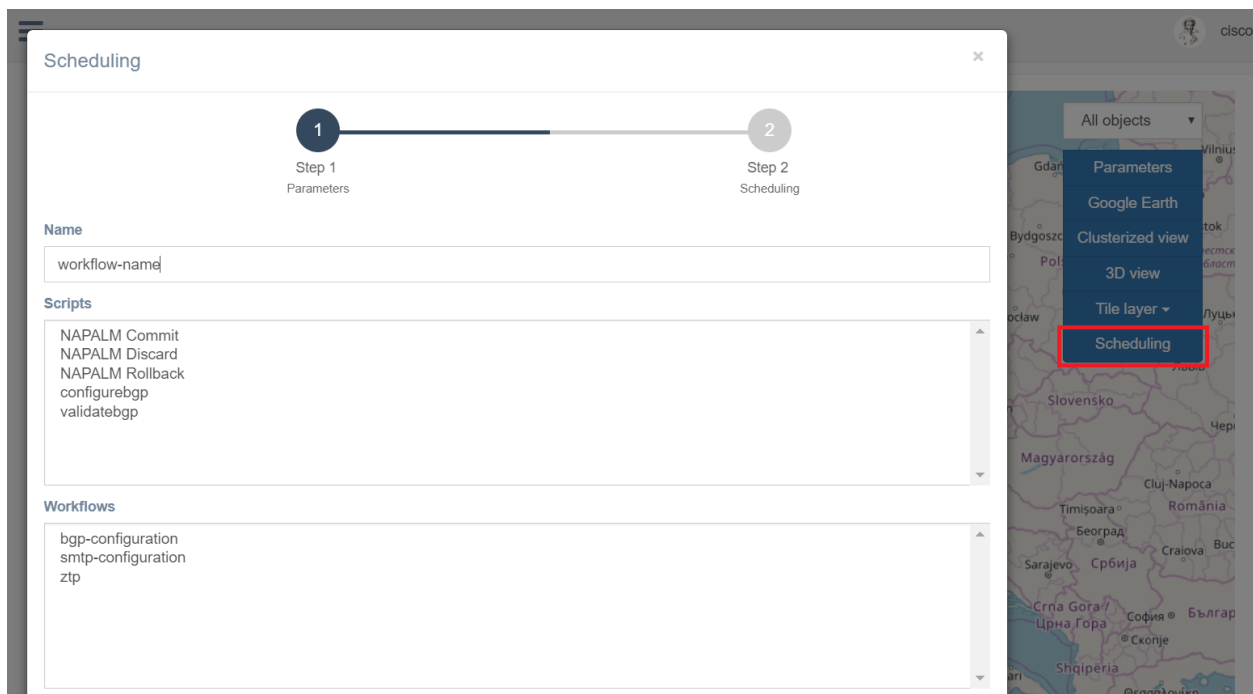
You can `left-click` on a device to select it, or use `shift + left-click` to draw a selection rectangle and select multiple devices at once. All selected devices are highlighted in red. A `right-click` will automatically unselect all devices.



Refer to the *views/bindings* section of the docs for more information.

Script & Workflow selection

The geographical and logical views have an *Scheduling* button. After the target devices have been selected, click on this button to open the scheduling panel. Enter the name of the task, and select all the scripts and workflows to run.



Scheduling

A task can be scheduled to run at a specific time, once or periodically.

For a periodic task, set the frequency in seconds in the `Frequency` field. The task will run indefinitely, until it is stopped or deleted from the task management page (*tasks/task_management*). Optionally, an `End date` can be scheduled for the script to stop running automatically.

Scheduling
×

1

Step 1
Parameters

2

Step 2
Scheduling

Start date

End date

Frequency (seconds)

: If the `Start date` field is left empty, the script will run immediately.

6.1.2 Management

Task overview

In the *tasks/task_management* page, you can find a summary of all existing tasks.

Show **10** entries Search:

Name	Creation time	Creator	Status	Logs	Compare	Edit	Delete	Pause / Resume
schedule-getters	2018-04-26 19:06:56.216593	cisco	Active	Logs	Compare	Edit	Delete	Pause
task-bgp1	2018-04-26 15:31:14.462559	cisco	Active	Logs		Edit	Delete	
task-smtp1	2018-04-26 15:30:47.122592	cisco	Active	Logs		Edit	Delete	
task-smtp3	2018-04-26 15:31:05.918377	cisco	Active	Logs		Edit	Delete	
task-version	2018-04-26 19:07:57.959475	cisco	Active	Logs	Compare	Edit	Delete	Pause
workflow-bgp-configuration	2018-04-26 11:26:46.476882	cisco	Active	Logs		Edit	Delete	

Showing 1 to 6 of 6 entries

Previous 1 Next

From this table, you can:

- view the logs of the task.
- edit the task's properties, including the scheduling properties (dates and frequency).
- delete the task.

There are two additional options for periodic tasks (tasks that run periodically at a user-defined frequency):

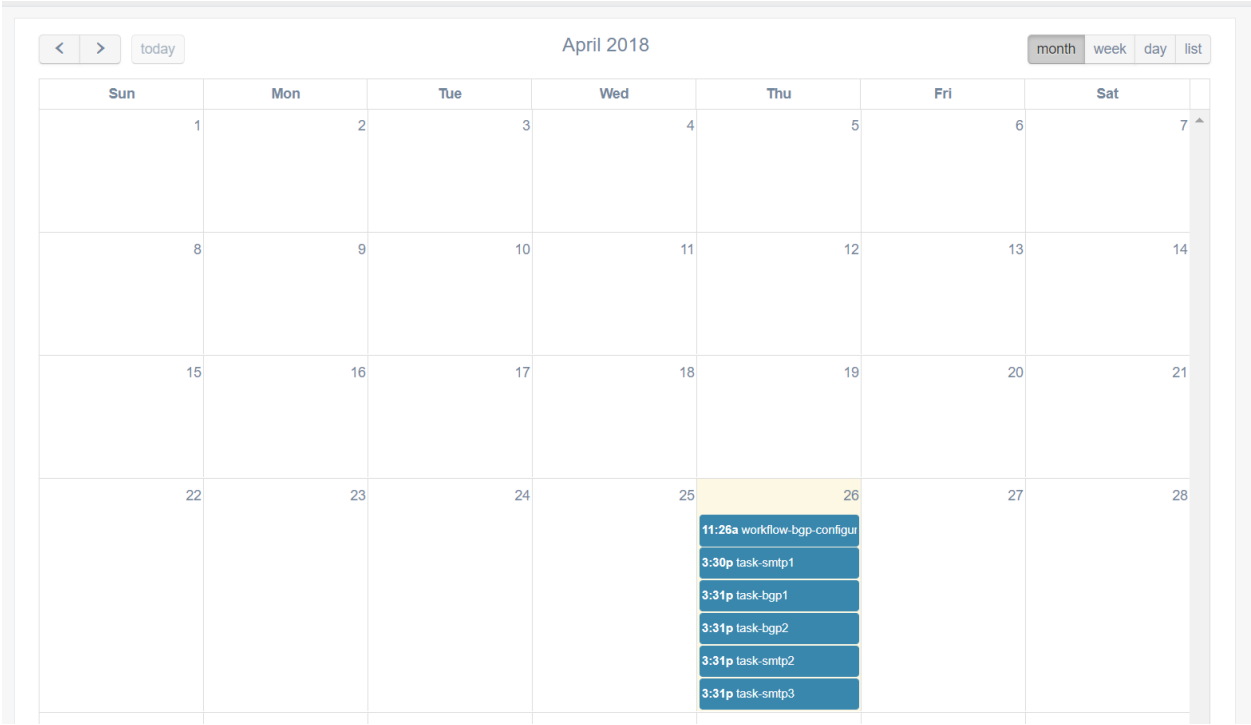
- pause or resume the task
- compare the logs, between:
 - two different devices.
 - two different scripts or workflows.
 - two different times.

First node	First script	First version
router8 ▼	napalm_interface_counter ▼	2018-05-15 21:50:59.013430 ▼
Second node	Second script	Second version
router8 ▼	napalm_interface_counter ▼	2018-05-15 21:53:44.058253 ▼

router8 - napalm_interface_counter - 2018-05-15 21:50:59.013430		router8 - napalm_interface_counter - 2018-05-15 21:53:44.058253	
1		1	
2	get_interfaces_counters:	2	get_interfaces_counters:
3	FastEthernet0/0:	3	FastEthernet0/0:
4	rx_unicast_packets: 0	4	rx_unicast_packets: 0
5	rx_octets: 0	5	rx_octets: 0
6	rx_broadcast_packets: 0	6	rx_broadcast_packets: 0
7	rx_multicast_packets: -1	7	rx_multicast_packets: -1
8	rx_errors: 0	8	rx_errors: 0
9	rx_discards: 0	9	rx_discards: 0
10	tx_unicast_packets: 356	10	tx_unicast_packets: 373
11	tx_octets: 22335	11	tx_octets: 23355
12	tx_broadcast_packets: -1	12	tx_broadcast_packets: -1
13	tx_multicast_packets: -1	13	tx_multicast_packets: -1
14	tx_errors: 0	14	tx_errors: 0
15	tx_discards: 0	15	tx_discards: 0
16	FastEthernet0/1:	16	FastEthernet0/1:
17	rx_unicast_packets: 2688	17	rx_unicast_packets: 3095
18	rx_octets: 231139	18	rx_octets: 265147
19	rx_broadcast_packets: 201	19	rx_broadcast_packets: 201
20	rx_multicast_packets: -1	20	rx_multicast_packets: -1
21	rx_errors: 0	21	rx_errors: 0
22	rx_discards: 0	22	rx_discards: 0
23	tx_unicast_packets: 4029	23	tx_unicast_packets: 4653
24	tx_octets: 573443	24	tx_octets: 668433
25	tx_broadcast_packets: -1	25	tx_broadcast_packets: -1
26	tx_multicast_packets: -1	26	tx_multicast_packets: -1

Calendar

The *tasks/calendar* page provides an overview of all tasks, organized in calendar. Clicking on a task opens a panel to edit its properties.



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8.1.1 For developers

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```
pip install -r requirements_dev.txt
```

Before opening a pull request with your changes, you should make sure that:

```
# your code is PEP8 (flake8) compliant
flake8

# all the tests are passing
cd /tests
pytest
```

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```
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make html
```


CHAPTER 9

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