

Cisco Compute
Hyperconverged with Nutanix
Integrate and Automate

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- Cluster Management & API
- Nutanix Prism REST API
  - Construct API Calls
  - Simple and Dynamic calls
  - Combine and Integrate
- Cisco Intersight REST API
- Summary

### Webex App

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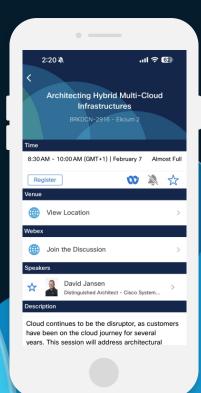
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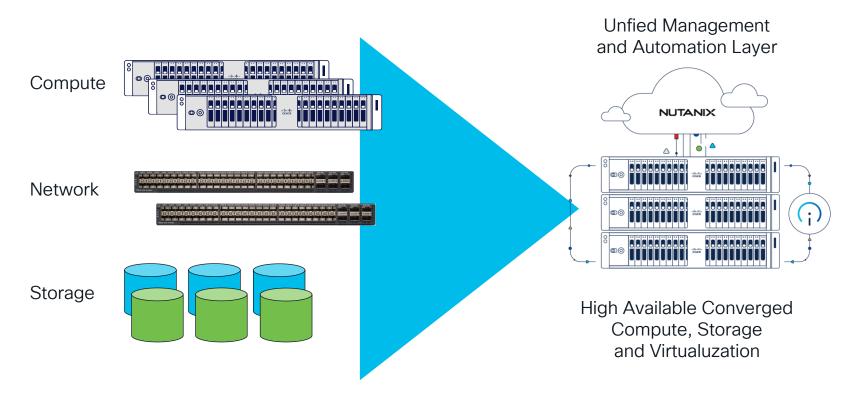




Cluster Management & API



## HCI - Hyperconverged Infrastructure





### CCHC - Cisco Compute Hyperconverged with Nutanix

Cisco and Nutanix introduce the industry's most complete hyperconverged solution through expanded engineering, support, and go-to-market collaboration

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Best-in-class compute, network, and SaaS-based infrastructure management

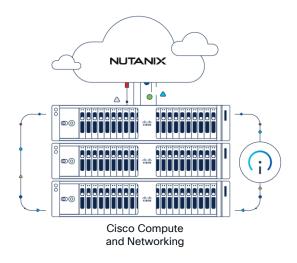
- Stateless, programmable policy-based systems
- See, control, and automate infrastructure from one place
- · Proactive, automated health monitoring and support capabilities



#### NUTANIX

#### Leader in hyperconverged software

- One unified platform enables seamless workload mobility
- A complete set of enterprise and cloud features
- Enterprise grade disaster recovery and security capabilities



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## **CCHC - Cluster Management**

**REST API** 

Saas, PVA or CVA

REST API

On each CVM REST API

VM on ESXi/AHV

**REST API** 

VM on ESXi/AHV

#### Cisco Intersight

- Device Claim & Initial Configuration
- Server policies and profiles
- Software & Security advisories
- Hardware alerts& monitoring



#### **Nutanix Prism Element**

- Nutanix LCM: AOS/AHV, ESXi and Cisco server firmware upgrades
- Individual cluster management and monitoring

#### **Nutanix Prism Central**

- Multi-cluster Cluster deployment
- Multi-cluster management & monitoring
- Cluster expansion



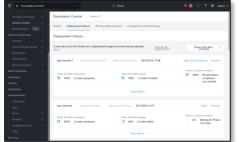
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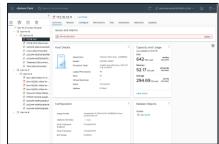
vM operations and management







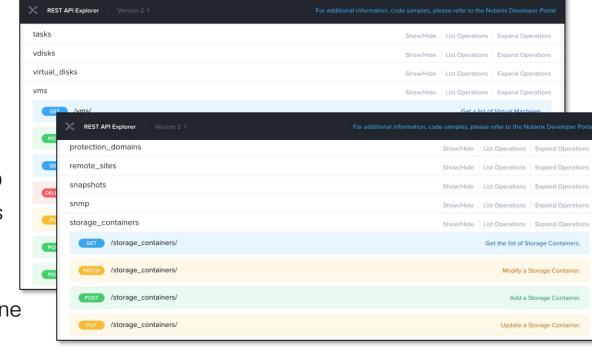






## CCHC API - Application Programming Interface

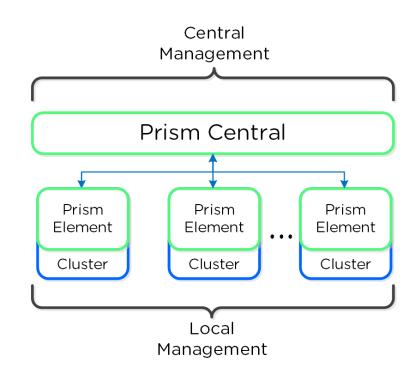
- Integration of CCHC Nutanix Clusters
  - Automation
  - Monitoring
  - Repetitive Tasks
- Combine multiple APIs
- Example: on-demand lab
  - Create Storage Containers
  - Deploy/Clone VMs
  - Power on VMs
  - Cleanup Storage when done



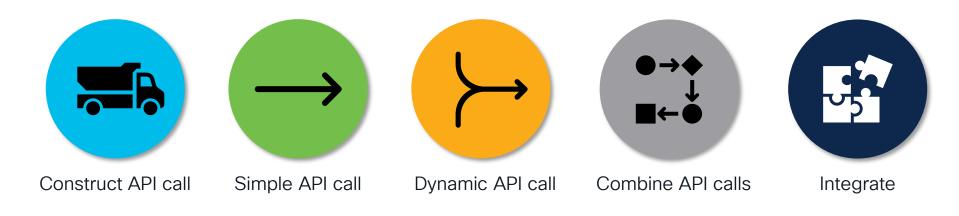
## **CCHC API Endpoints**

#### Nutanix Prism Element API

- Single Nutanix HCl Cluster
- Designed to manage and manipulate entities within specific cluster
- Talk directly to Prism endpoint on Cluster
- Nutanix Prism Central API
  - Multiple Nutanix HCl Clusters
  - Nutanix products accessed via Prism Central
- Cisco Intersight API
  - Cisco UCS hardware monitoring and management



## **API** Journey





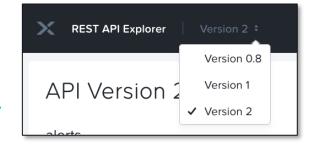
Nutanix Prism REST API
Construct API calls

### API Endpoints - Prism Element / Prism Central

- V0.8 and V1
  - Deprecated, only to be used when similar endpoints do not exist in newer version
  - Still used for cluster performance statistics
- V2
  - Prism Element only
  - Cluster-local activities
  - https://www.nutanix.dev/api reference/apis/prism v2.html
- V3
  - Prism Central only
  - Multi-Cluster activities or management of other Nutanix products through Prism Central

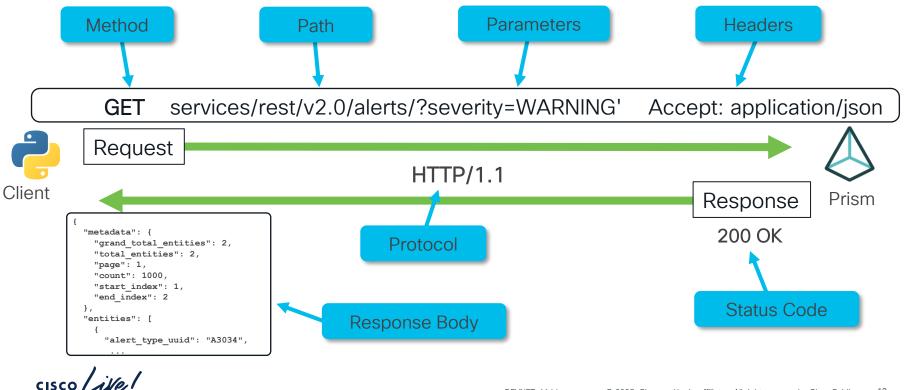
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### REST API - Construct API call

HTTP-based: Request - Response



## REST API – JSON Request/Response Body

#### JSON stands for JavaScript Object Notation

```
XML
                                             ISON
<empinfo>
                                          "empinfo":
  <employees>
     <employee>
                                                  "employees": [
       <name>James Kirk</name>
       <age>40></age>
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     </employee>
                                                      "age": 40.
     <employee>
       <name>Jean-Luc Picard</name>
                                                     "name": "Jean-Luc Picard".
       <age>45</age>
     </employee>
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     <employee>
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       <age>27</age>
                                                     "name": "Wesley Crusher",
     </employee>
                                                      "age": 27,
  </employees>
</empinfo>
```

#### API HTTP response

```
Response Body
    "id": "00061e79-afae-9de9-3def-ecf40c4de642::4463046288670058050"
    "uuid": "00061e79-afae-9de9-3def-ecf40c4de642",
    "cluster incarnation id": 1722357847596521.
    "cluster_uuid": "00061e79-afae-9de9-3def-ecf40c4de642",
    "name": "bsv-nut-ism-1",
    "cluster_external_ipaddress": "172.16.5.10",
    "cluster_external_address": [
        "ipv4": "172.16.5.10"
    "cluster_fully_qualified_domain_name": null,
    "is_nsenabled": false,
    "cluster_external_data_services_ipaddress": null,
    "cluster external_data_services_address": null,
    "segmented_iscsi_data_services_ipaddress": null,
    "segmented iscsi data services address": null,
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```

Response body with JSON payload



#### REST API - Methods and status codes

#### Methods:

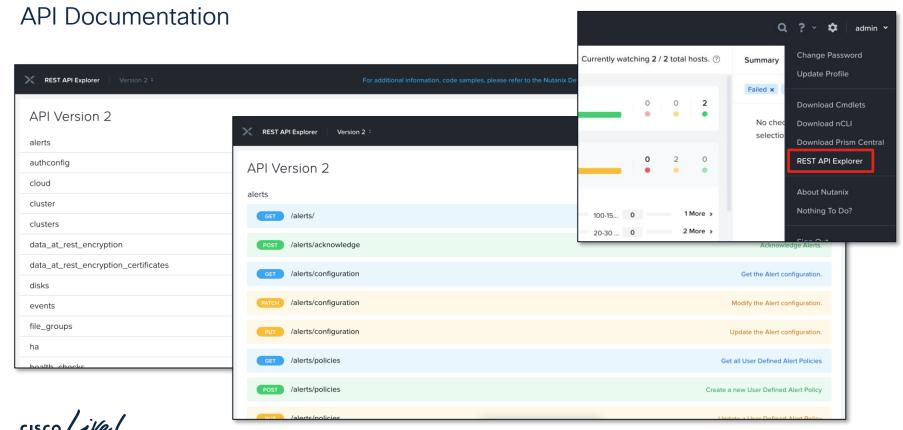
- GET: Retrieve information
- POST: Creates a resource
- PUT: Update or create within existing resource
- PATCH: Modify existing resource
- DELETE: Removes the resource

#### **Status Codes:**

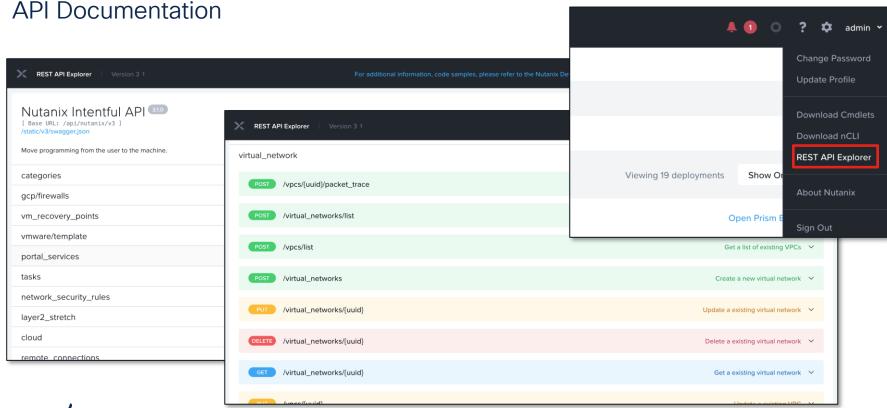
Code	Description	Meaning
2xx	Success	Operation succeeded
200	OK	Valid request and response
201	Created	Resource was created
202	Accepted	Asynchronous job accepted
4xx	Client issue	Authentication, URL, wrong request -> Check request
5xx	Server issue	Service issue -> Check logs



## Prism Element REST API – API Explorer



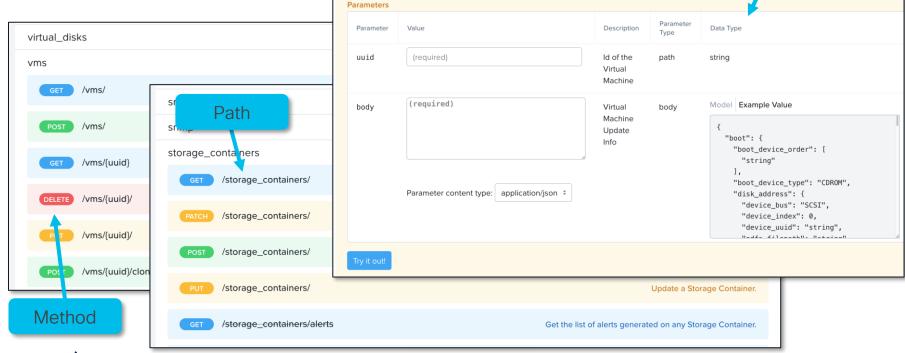
## Prism Central REST API - API Explorer



## Prism Element REST API - API Explorer

Find Methods, Paths, Parameters

Parameters



#### Prism REST API - Authentication

- Nutanix Prism REST APIs are using HTTP Basic Authentication
  - API Explorer uses Session Authentication from webGUI
- Requests on HTTP port 80 automatically redirected to HTTPS port 443
- Access Type derived from user role:
  - Read-only: Collect and inspect information: GET
  - Administrative: Entity or cluster changes: GET, POST, PUT, PATCH and DELETE

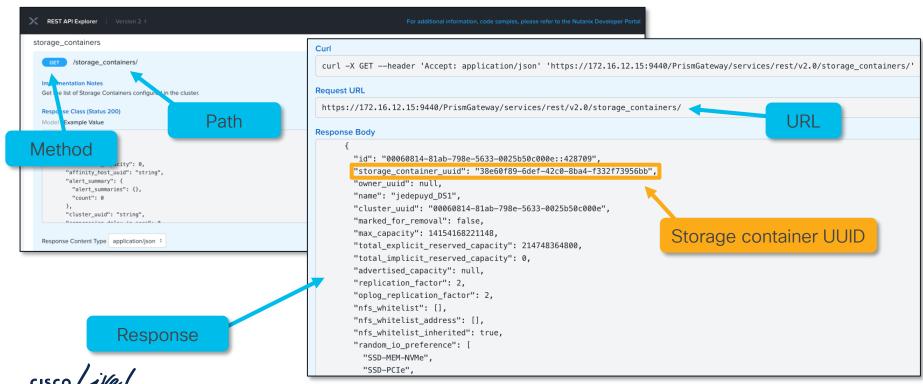


Nutanix Prism REST API Simple and Dynamic calls



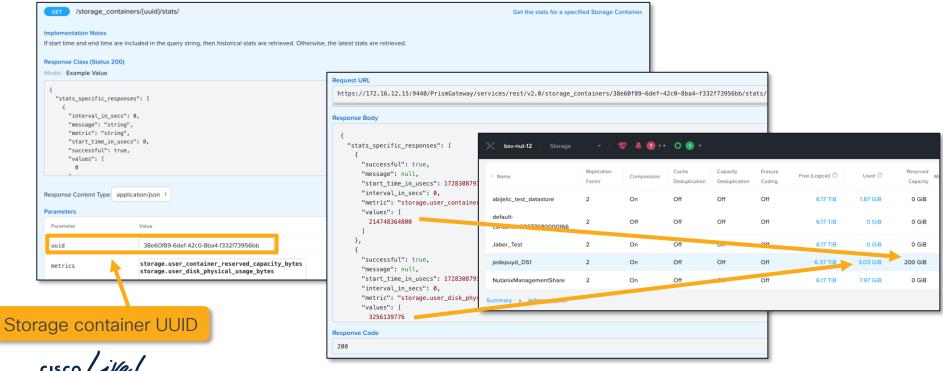
### Prism Element API Explorer - Execute API calls

Example: Get space usage - Step 1: Get UUID of Storage Container



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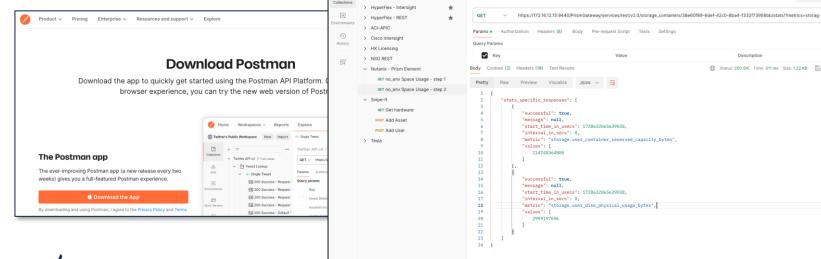
Example: Get space usage - Step 2: Get storage container statistics



#### REST API - Use Postman

- API platform: Web-based or Desktop application
- Great for testing and exploring APIs

https://www.postman.com



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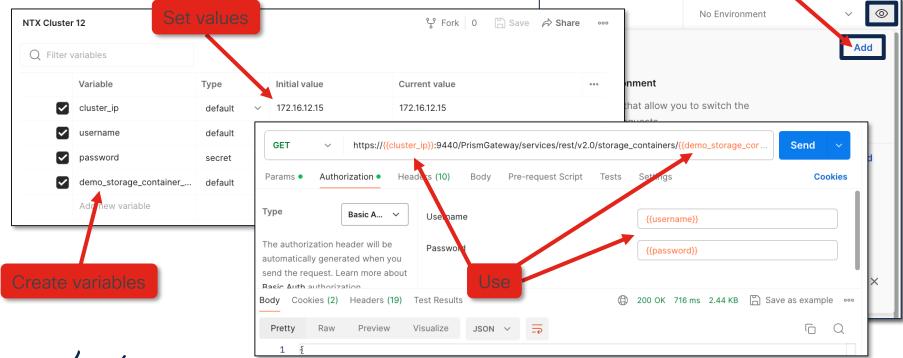
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REST API - Postman - Build Queries Path Parameters Example: Nutanix - Prism Element / no\_env Space Usage - step 2 Space Usage https://172.16.12.15:9440/PrismGateway/services/rest/v2.0/storage\_containers/38e60f89-6def-42c0-8ba4-f332f739! Send GET Pre-request Scrip Params • Authorization • Headers (10) Body Tests Settings Cookies Query Params Path Value cription · Bulk Edit Method metrics storage.user\_container\_reserved\_capacity\_byt... **Query Parameters** Authentication Headers Headers (18) Test Results Save as example ••• Cookies (2) A Status: 200 OK Time: 361 ms Size: 1.22 KB Pretty Preview Visualize JSON V "stats\_specific\_responses": [ "successful": true. "message": null, Response "start time in usecs": 1728632272278866, "interval in secs": 0. "metric": "storage.user\_container\_reserved\_capacity\_bytes", "values": [ 10 214748364800 11 12 13 14 "successful": true,

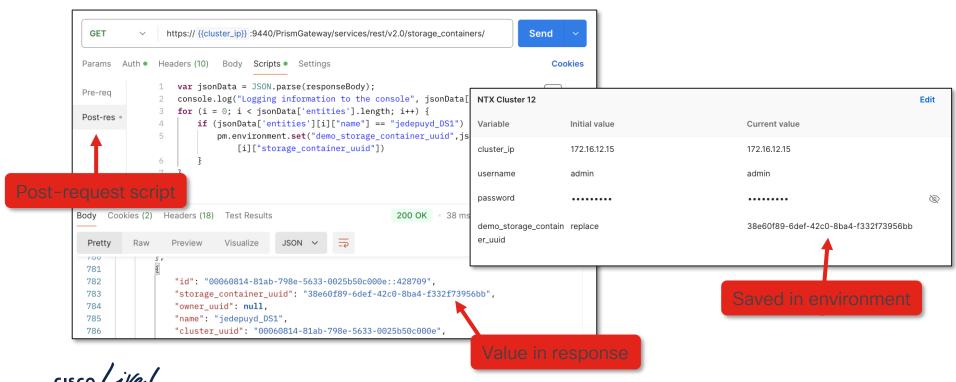
### Postman - Dynamic - Variables and environment

Use environments and variables for effeciency



## Postman - Dynamic - Variables and environment

Use JavaScript to save response values in environment



Nutanix Prism REST API Combine and Integrate

## Combine & Integrate: Scripting and IAC

- Use API calls from scripts or IAC:
  - · Python, PowerShell, ...
  - Ansible, Terraform, ...

- Workflow (same as before):
  - Build requests:
    - Authentication, Headers, Path, Parameters,...
  - Execute sub-queries and parse
  - Get information or perform changes













## Prism REST API - Python - Basics

```
#!/usr/bin/python
                import json
                                                 Variables
                import requests
                                                                      Authentication
                cluster ip = "1.2.3.4"
                username = "username"
                password = "password"
                basic auth = requests.auth.HTTPBasicAuth(username, password)
                                                                                     URL/path
                headers = {'Content-Type': 'application/json'}
Headers
                url = "https://"+cluster ip+":9440/PrismGateway/services/rest/v2.0/path"
                 = requests.get(url, auth=basic auth, headers=headers, verify=False)
                data = r .json() ['entities']
Response
                                 Method
```

## Prism REST API - Python - Get Information



Example: Get list of datastores and their space usage

1st API cal: All storage containers

```
sc url = "https://"+cluster ip+":9440/PrismGateway/services/rext/v2.0/storage containers/
    r = requests.get(sc url, auth=basic auth, headers=headers, verify=False)
    storage containers = r .json()['entities']
                                                                     Parse response and get storage
    for storage container in storage containers:
          sc name = storage container["name"]
                                                                            container UUID
         sc uuid = storage container["storage container uuid"]
Iterate
through
         sc stats url = sc url + sc uuid +
                                                                                   2nd API call:
         "/stats/?metrics=storage.user container reserved capacity bytes,
results
                                                                                stats for each UUID
         storage.user disk physical usage bytes"
         r = requests.get(sc stats url, auth=basic auth, headers=headers, verify=False)
         sc reserved = r.json()["stats specific responses"][0]["values"][0]
         sc used = r.json()["stats specific responses"][1]["values"][0]
                                                                                   Parse results
         print("Storage container: {} - Reserved: {} - Used {}".format(sc name, sc reserved,
         sc used))
```

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## Prism REST API - Python - Modify/Post

Example: Create new VM

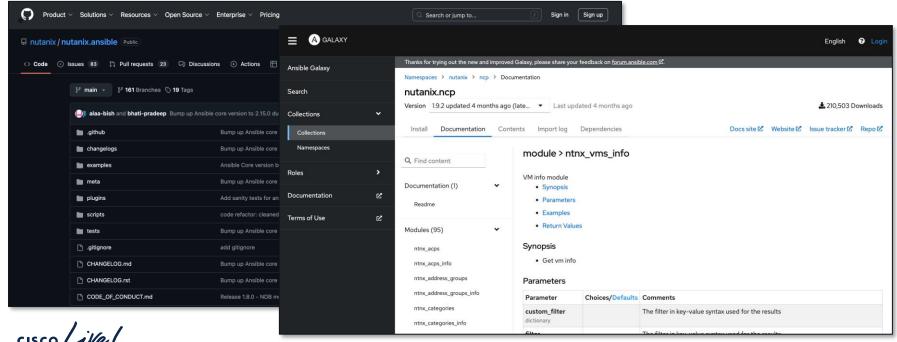
```
vm payload =
            "description": "Demo VM created with API for DC event",
            "memory mb": 1024,
                                                                               JSON Body
            "num vcpus": 1,
            "num cores per vcpu": 1,
            "vm disks": [{
                 "is cdrom": "false",
                 "vm disk create": {
                 "size": 128849018880,
Response
                 "storage container uuid": sc uuid
       vm data = json.dumps(vm payload)
                                                                                        POST
       vm url = "https://"+cluster ip+":9440/PrismGateway/services/rest/v2.0/vms/"
       r = requests.post(vm url, vm data, auth=basic auth, headers=headers, verify=False)
       print (r.status code)
       print (json.dumps(r.json(), indent=4))
```



### Prism Element and Prism Central - Ansible

Nutanix.ncp module available for Nutanix Ansible integration

Get started: <a href="https://github.com/nutanixdev/nutanix.ansible.demo">https://github.com/nutanixdev/nutanix.ansible.demo</a>



#### Prism Element and Prism Central – Ansible



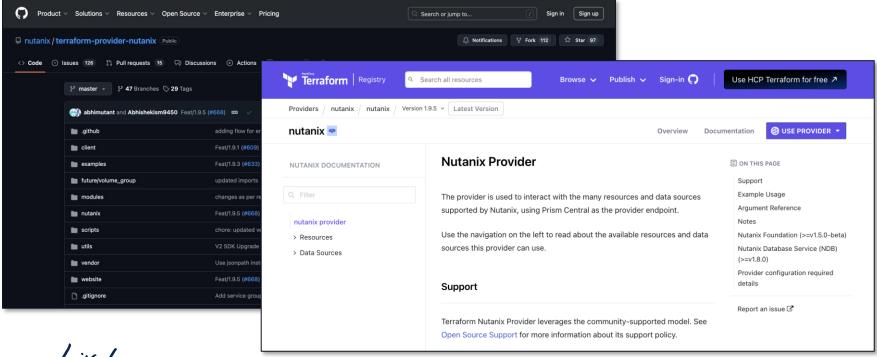
#### Example

```
- name: Test VM actions
 hosts: localhost
 gather facts: false
 collections:
   - nutanix.ncp
 module defaults:
   group/nutanix.ncp.ntnx:
     nutanix host: "1.2.3.4"
     nutanix username: "username"
     nutanix password: "password"
     validate certs: false
 - name: Get VM UUID using name
   ntnx vms info:
       vm name: "testVM"
     kind: vm
   register: result
 - name: Set variables
   set fact:
    vm uuid: '{{ result.response.entities[0].uuid }}'
```

```
- name: Power off VM
   ntnx vms:
      state: hard poweroff
   name: Clone vm and add network and script
   ntnx vms clone:
      state: present
      networks:
      - is connected: true
         name: "{{ subnet name }}"
      quest customization:
        type: "cloud init"
        script path: "{{ script path }}"
        is overridable: True
```

#### Prism Element Automation - Terraform

Nutanix Provider available for Nutanix API v3 Terraform integration



# Intersight API



## Intersight API - Generic Workflow

Create API Key once

Sign requests using Key ID and Key Secret (RSA private key)



#### Get Information

- (API calls to collect parameters)
- API call to fetch information.
- Check result and parse response

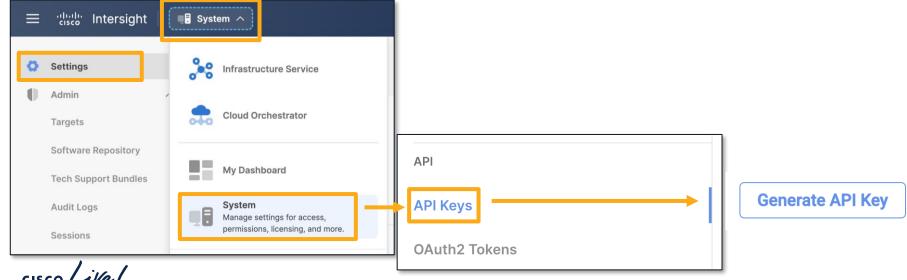
#### Change something

- Build API call and supply info
- Send data with API call
- Check result



### Intersight REST API - Create API Key

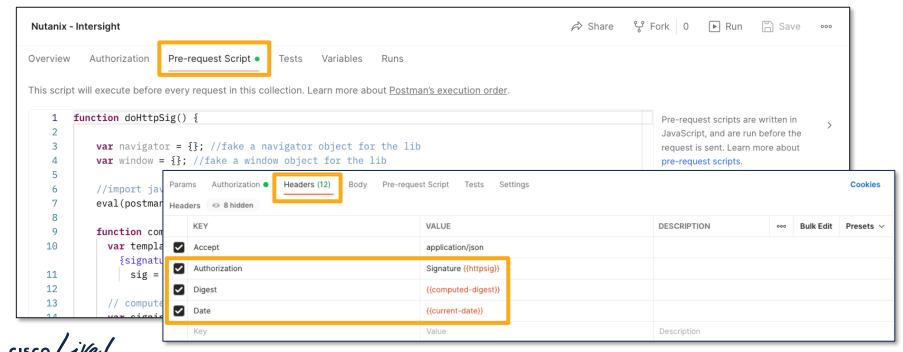
- Intersight > System > API Keys > Generate
  - No credentials are sent to Intersight
  - Easy to generate/revoke separate API keys and track/audit usage



#### Intersight REST API - Postman Authentication

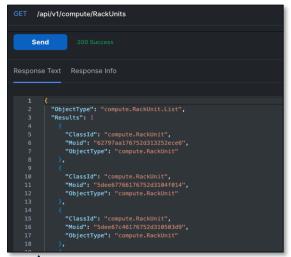
HTTP signing with API key requires pre-request script

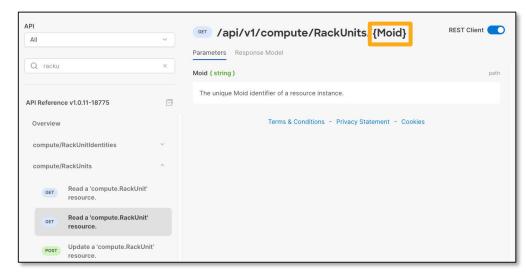
https://github.com/jensdepuydt/cisco\_hx\_api



#### Intersight REST API - Usage

- Moid = Managed Object ID instead of UUID
- Object ID (UCS server, Drive, VLAN, Policy, Profile,...)
  - Example: compute/RackUnits/5dee60bb656c6c2d3011bf75

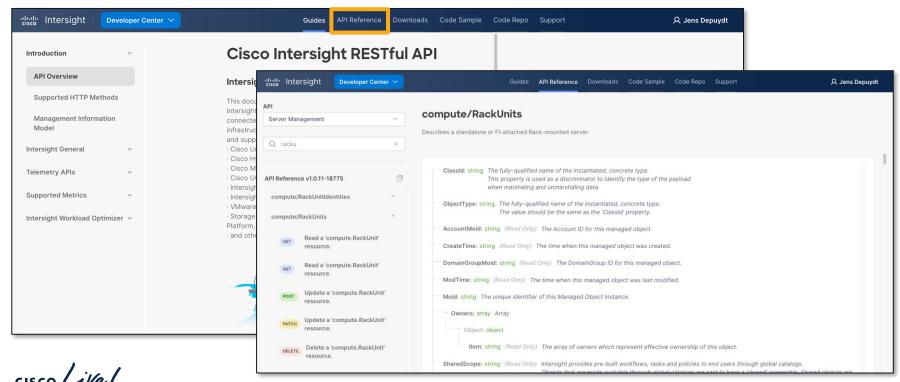






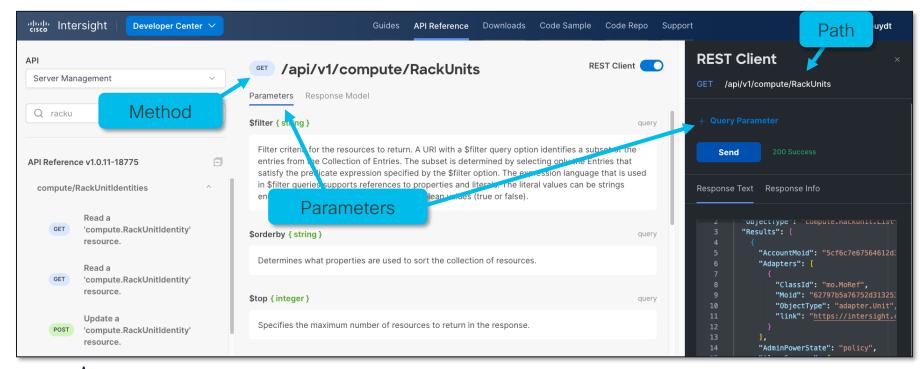
#### Intersight REST API - API Reference

Documentation: https://intersight.com/apidocs



#### Intersight REST API - API Reference

Find Information and use built-in REST client





#### Intersight REST API - Usage

- Use parameters to further optimize queries
- **\$filter**: Filter objects
  Example: storage/PhysicalDisks?\$filter=DiskState eq 'fault'
- \$select: Select properties Example: storage/PhysicalDisks?\$select=Model, Serial, DiskState
- \$expand: Expand referenced objects
   Example: RackUnits?\$expand=Psus(\$select=Serial,Presence)
- \$count: count results of query
- \$apply: aggregation, min, max, avg (for example memory usage)

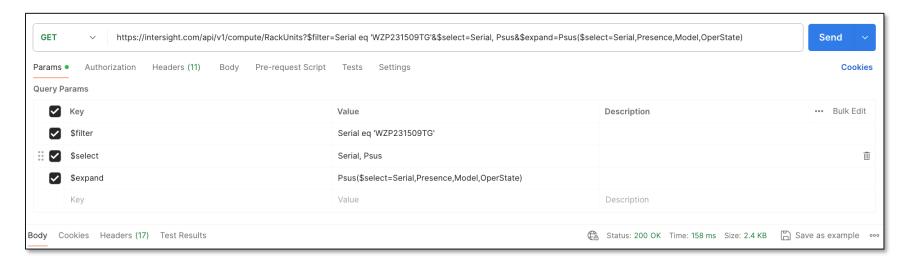
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#### Intersight REST API - Example

Example: list PSU details for one rack-unit server

- Sfilter to show results for specific server
- Sselect to limit output to Serial, PSU info and status
- Sexpand to unfold PSU-object with details instead of just Moid





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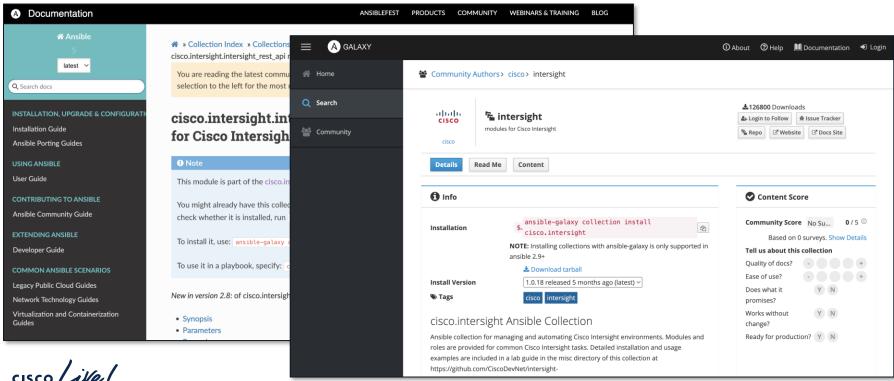
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            "Results": [
                                                                                          "Results": [
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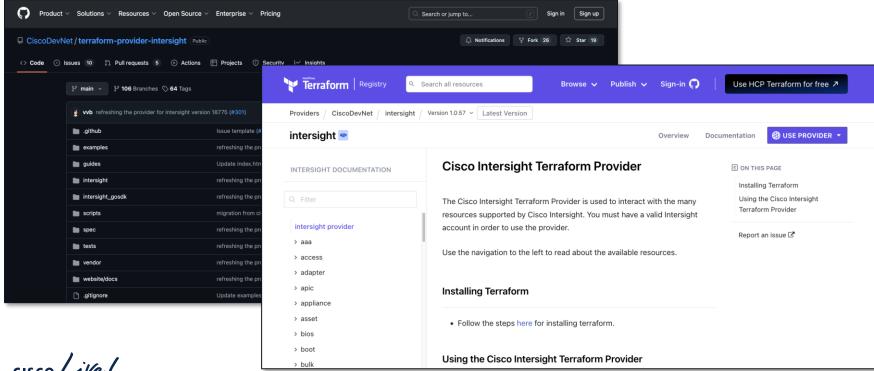
#### Intersight REST API - Ansible

Use cisco.intersight\_intersight\_ modules



#### Intersight Automation - Terraform

Cisco Intersight Provider available for Intersight API Terraform integration



## Summary



#### Summary

Prism v2 API for single-cluster operations throung Prism Element

Prism v3 API for multi-cluster operations through Prism Central

Intersight API to manage Cisco hardware and status

Nutanix.ncp and Cisco.intersight modules for Ansible

Nutanix and Cisco Intersight providers for Terraform

- More information:
  - Devnet for Intersight: <a href="https://developer.cisco.com/site/intersight/">https://developer.cisco.com/site/intersight/</a>
  - API Reference on Nutanix.dev: <a href="https://www.nutanix.dev/api-reference/">https://www.nutanix.dev/api-reference/</a>
  - Nutanix Bible on APIs: <a href="https://www.nutanixbible.com/19a-rest-apis.html">https://www.nutanixbible.com/19a-rest-apis.html</a>



#### Webex App

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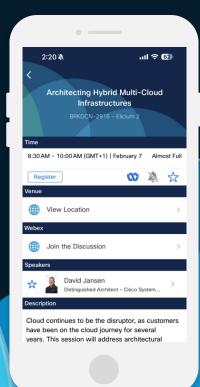
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