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TCL & EEM Scripts and Guest Shell

Scripting the network

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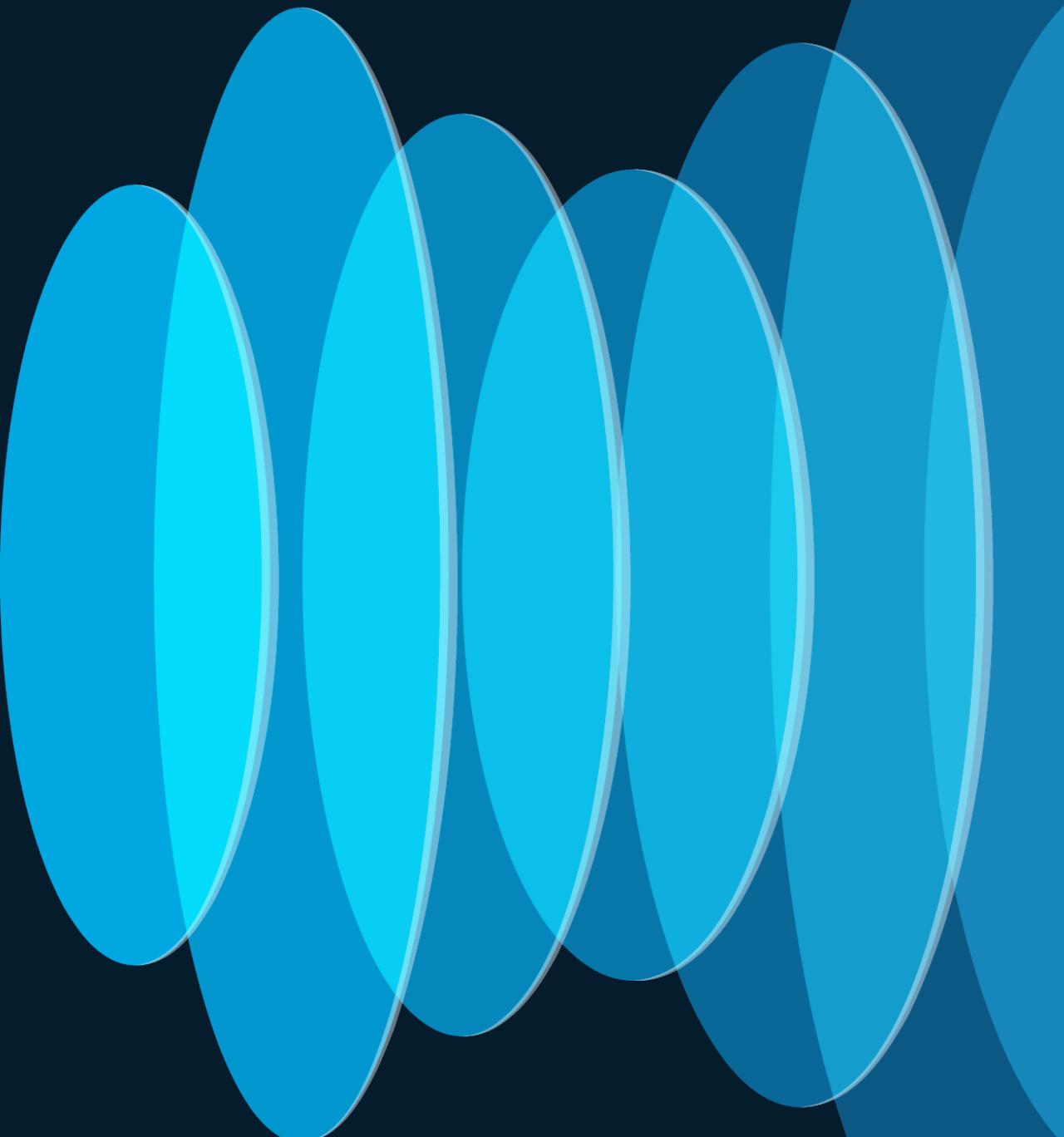
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Introduction



Acing Chemistry

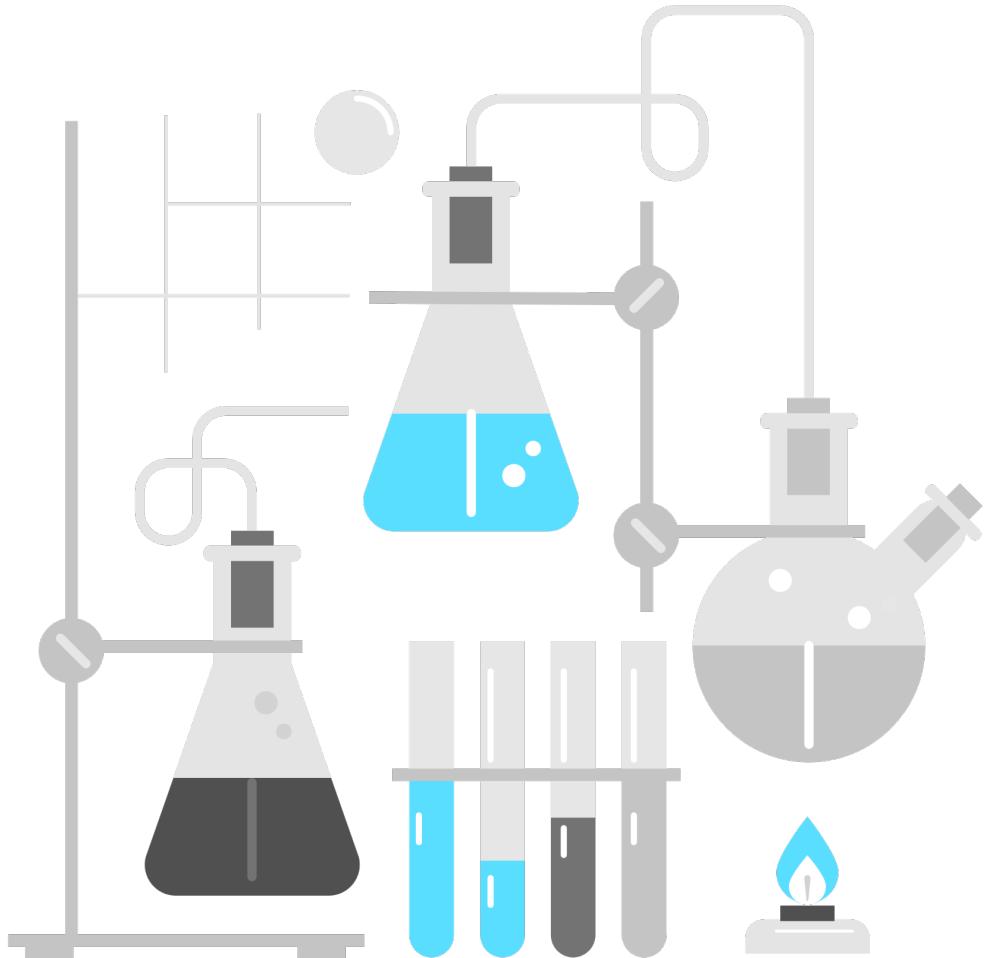
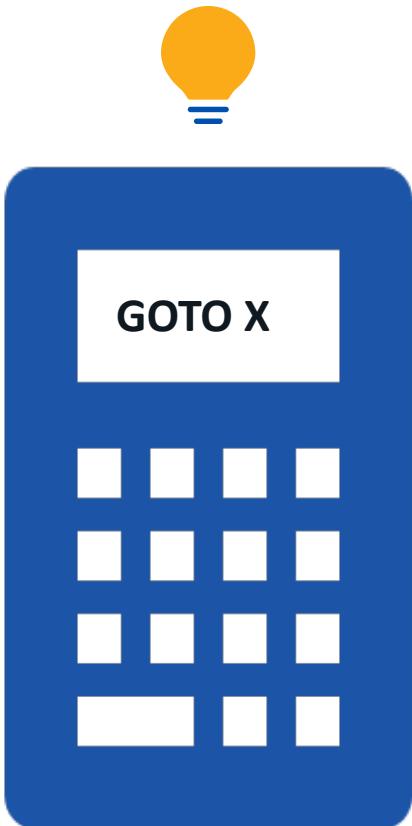
Scripting to the rescue

Challenges

- Complex equations
- Large constants
 - $1 \text{ mole} = 6.02214076 \times 10^{23}$
- Strict order of operation
- Time

Solution

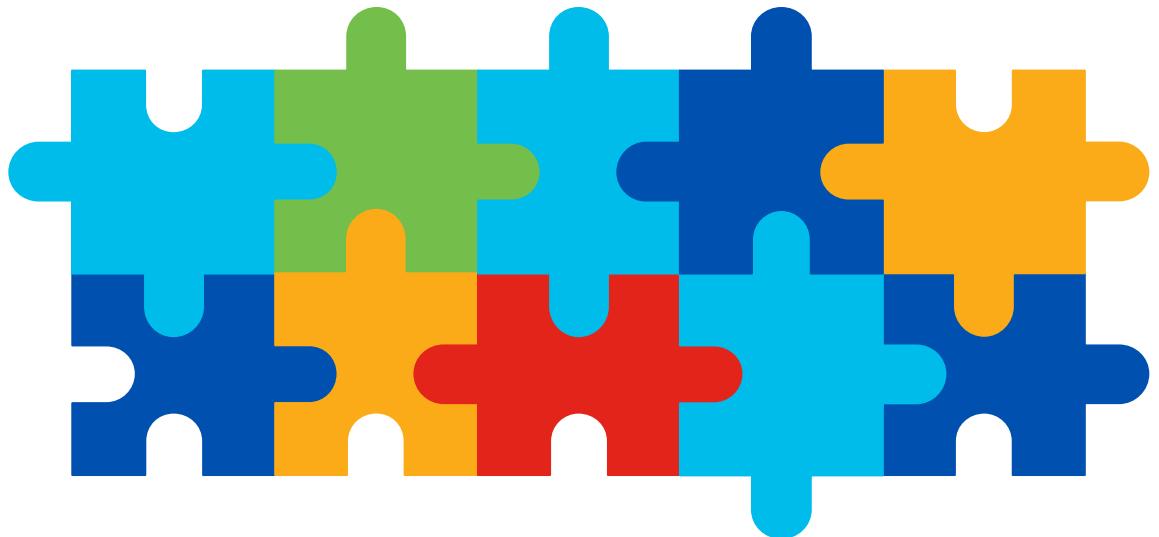
- Programmability
- Creativity
- Availability



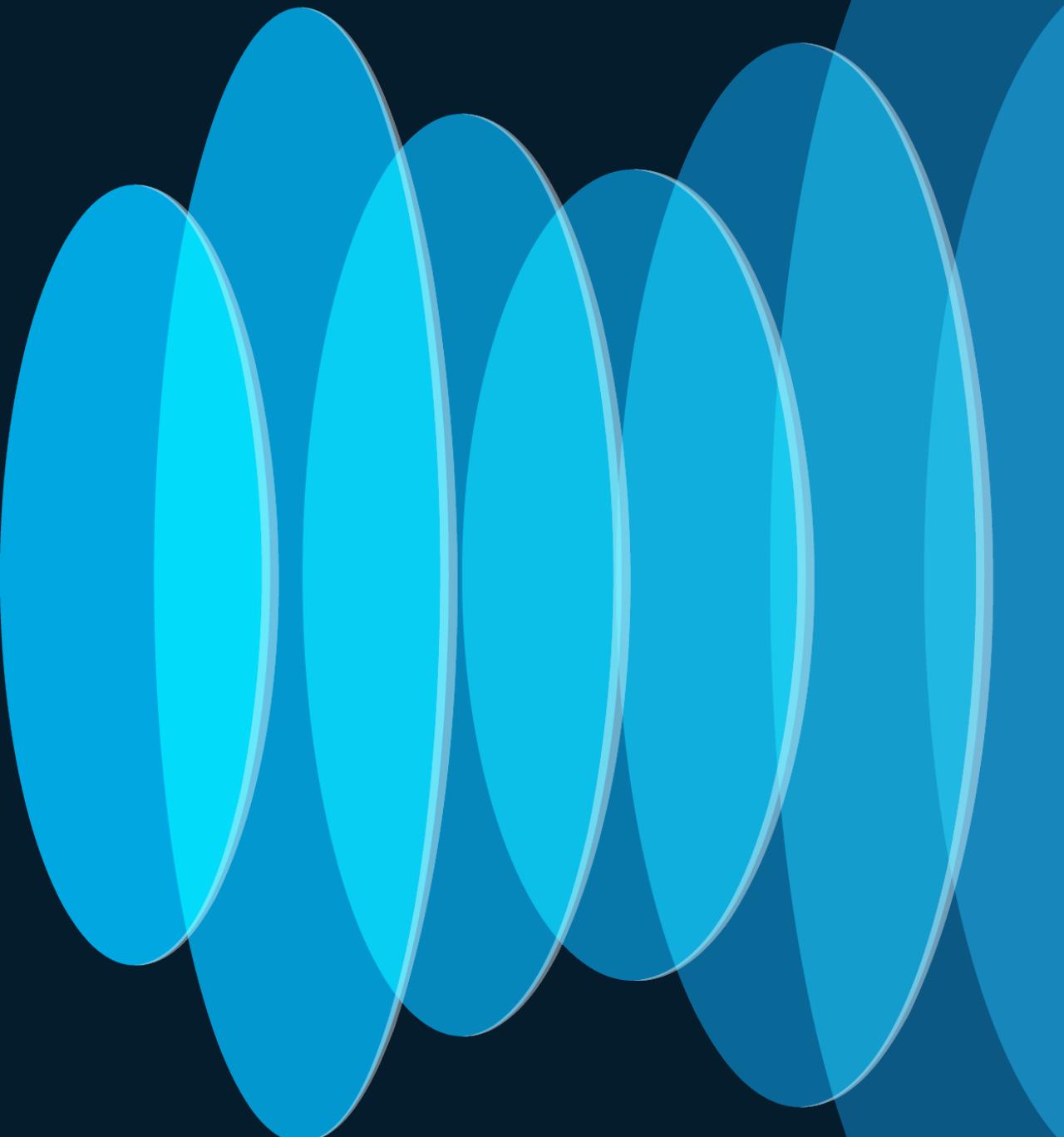
Network Challenges

Why the need for scripting tools?

- Complexity
 - Multiple protocols
 - Multiple devices
- Troubleshooting
 - Intermittent problems
 - Lack of data for Root Cause Analysis (RCA)
- Automation
 - Need to increase network responsiveness
 - Need to decrease repetition and human error



TCL (“tickle”)



Tool Command Language (TCL)

Scripting language before Python was cool

- Created in 1988 by John Ousterhout
- Built into Cisco IOS XE



```
C9300#tclsh  
C9300 (tcl)#info patchlevel  
8.3.4  
C9300 (tcl)#pwd  
flash:  
C9300 (tcl)#show clock  
*02:21:08.379 UTC Wed May 15 2024  
C9300 (tcl)#tclquit  
C9300#
```

TCL Shell

Useful Commands

- Run script from shell

- C9300(tcl) #source flash:lab.tcl

- Display available built-in commands

- C9300(tcl) #info commands

- Run EXEC mode commands

- C9300(tcl) #set time [exec "show clock"]

- C9300(tcl) #puts \$time

- Run Configuration mode commands

- C9300(tcl) #ios_config "hostname Switch"

- Switch(tcl) #

open	close	socket
regexp	regsub	snmp_getnext
snmp_getone	snmp_getbulk	snmp_setany
expr	after	proc

Conditionals and Flow Control

```
set x 3  
set x 4  
set x 5
```

```
if { $x == 3 } {  
    puts "x is $x"  
} elseif { $x == 4 } {  
    puts "x is $x"  
} else {  
    puts "x is $x"  
}
```

```
x is 3  
x is 4  
x is 5
```

```
for {set x 1} {$x < 3} {incr x} {  
    puts "x is $x"  
}
```

```
foreach x [list 1 2] {  
    puts "x is $x"  
}
```

```
set x 1  
while { $x < 3 } {  
    puts "x is $x"  
    incr x  
}
```

```
x is 1  
x is 2
```

Regular Expressions

- A pattern used to match text:

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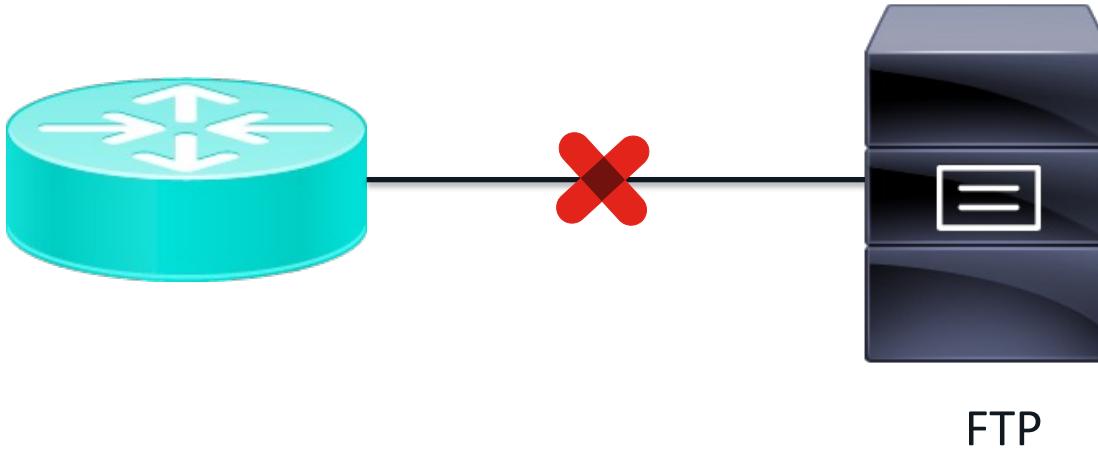
Special Character	Meaning
.	Match any element
^	Match beginning of text Within [], negate match
\$	Match end of text
*	Match zero or more elements
+	Match one or more elements
?	Match zero or one elements
[]	Character set
{ x }	Match x repetitions

Regex	Match
Cisco	Cisco
[0-9]+	2024
[0-9]{2}	20
Live\$	Live
^W.*[^0-9]	Welcome to Cisco Live
welcome	
C.*ve	Cisco Live

TCL #1

Interface Monitoring

- Problem
 - Run script to identify router interfaces actively sending traffic.
- Constraint
 - No access to file server.



```
tclsh
```

```
puts [open "flash:traffic_out.txt" w+] {  
    set showInterfaces [exec "show interfaces"]  
    set interfaces [regexp -lineanchor -all -inline {[^\^ ]+} $showInterfaces]  
    foreach interface $interfaces {  
        set showOneInterface [exec "show interfaces $interface"]  
        regexp {output rate [0-9]+} $showOneInterface output_rate_line  
        regexp {[0-9]+} $output_rate_line output_rate  
        if {$output_rate > 0} {  
            puts "$interface has output rate of $output_rate bps."  
        }  
    }  
}
```

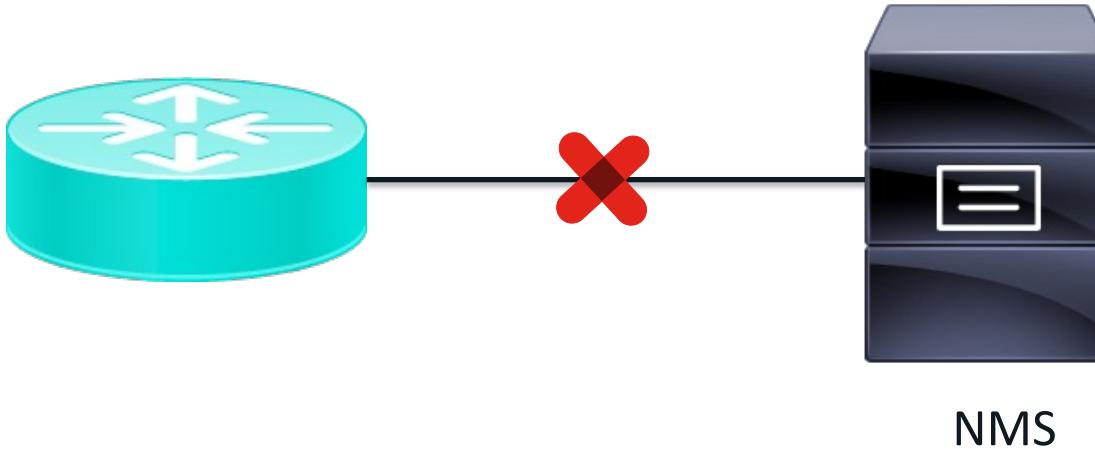
```
tclquit
```

```
C9300#tclsh flash:traffic_out.txt  
GigabitEthernet1/0/1 has output rate of 1000 bps.  
GigabitEthernet1/0/2 has output rate of 1000 bps.  
GigabitEthernet1/0/3 has output rate of 1000 bps.  
GigabitEthernet1/0/4 has output rate of 1000 bps.  
AppGigabitEthernet1/0/1 has output rate of 2000 bps.
```

TCL #2

SNMP Monitoring

- Problem
 - Identify SNMP OIDs available on router.
- Constraint
 - No access to NMS server.



SNMP Walk

```
set oid 1.3.6
for {set i 0} {$i < 5} {incr i} {
    set var [snmp_getnext public $oid]
    puts $var
    regexp {oid='.*' val} $var oid
    set oid [string range $oid 5 end-5]
}
```

```
{<obj oid='system.1.0' val='Cisco IOS Software [Cupertino], Catalyst L3 Switch Software
(CAT9K_IOSXE), Version 17.9.3, RELEASE SOFTWARE (fc6)
Technical Support: http://www.cisco.com/techsupport
Copyright (c) 1986-2023 by Cisco Systems, Inc.
Compiled Tue 14-Mar-23 18:26 by mcpre'/>}
{<obj oid='system.2.0' val='products.2494'/>}
{<obj oid='sysUpTime.0' val='37543242'/>}
{<obj oid='system.4.0' val=''/>}
{<obj oid='system.5.0' val='C9300'/>}
```

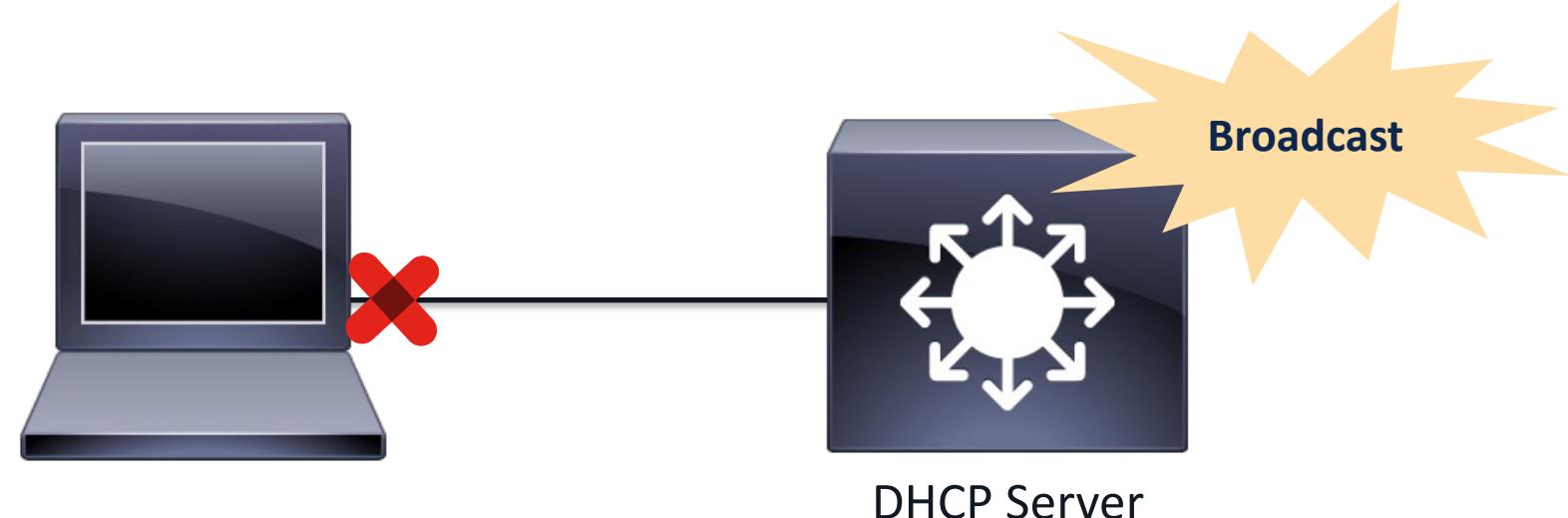
SNMP Get

```
C9300(config)#snmp-server community public ro
C9300#show snmp mib ifmib ifindex | i Tw.*1/1/1
TwentyFiveGigE1/1/1: Ifindex = 71
C9300(tcl)#snmp_getone public
1.3.6.1.2.1.2.2.1.4.71
{<obj oid='ifMtu.71' val='1500'/>}
```

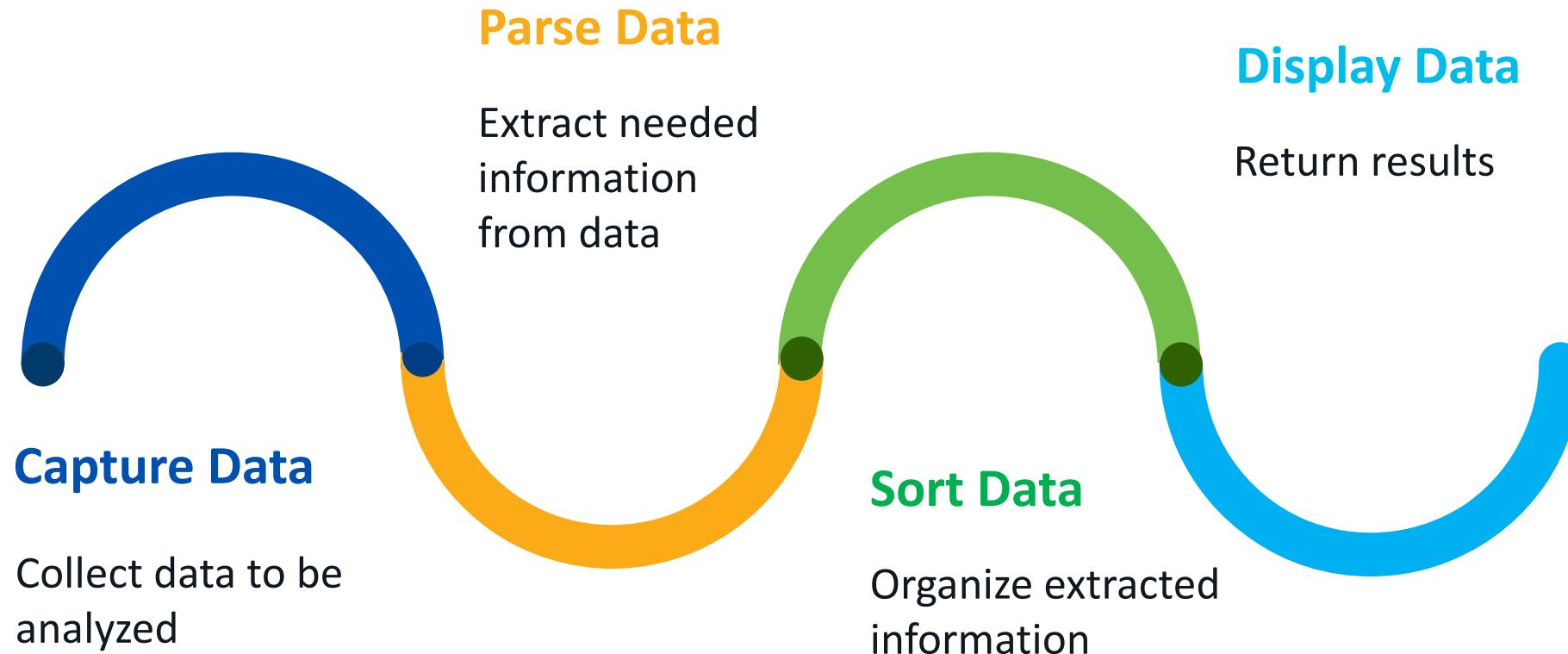
TCL #3

Control-plane Packet Capture

- Problem
 - Users do not get an IP address from DHCP server configured on L3 switch.
- Constraints
 - No access to file server to upload packet capture for analysis.

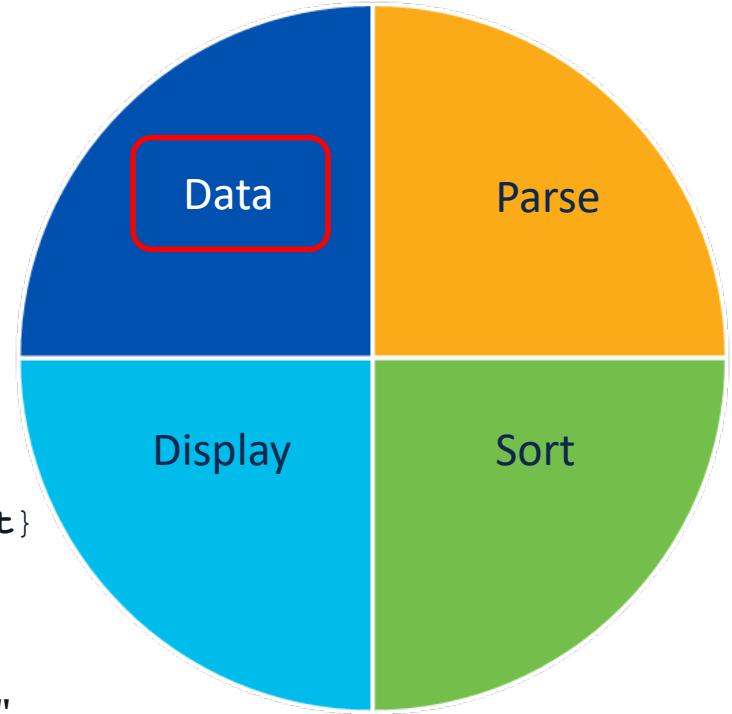


Interactive Scripting



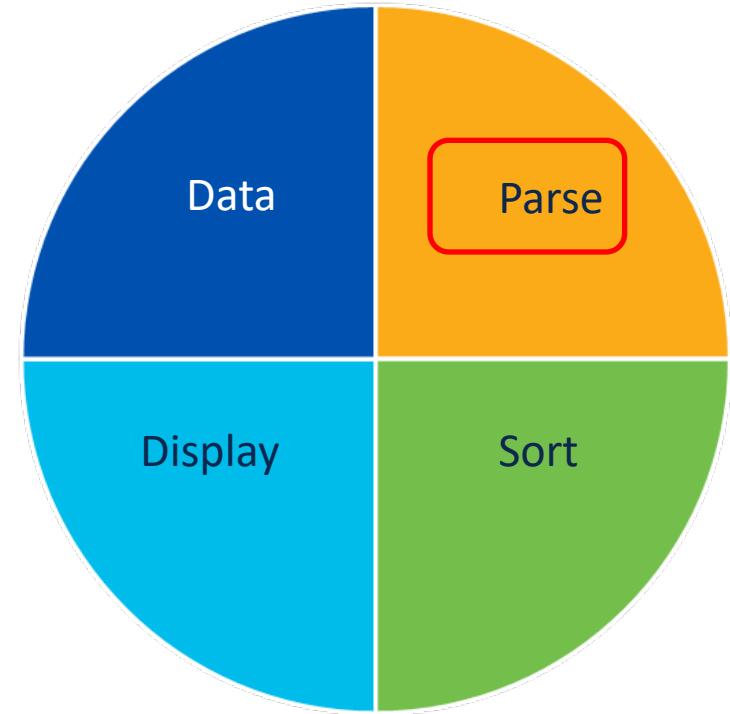
fedCap

```
proc fedCap { {top 5} {wait 30} } {  
    # Collect fed punt packet capture  
    puts "\n\nStarting punt CPU packet capture"  
    exec {debug platform software fed switch active punt packet-capture start}  
    after [expr 1000 * $wait]  
    puts "Stopping punt CPU packet capture"  
    exec "debug platform software fed switch active punt packet-capture stop"  
    puts "Reading packets into variable for processing"  
    set capture [exec "show platform software fed switch active punt packet-capture detailed"]
```



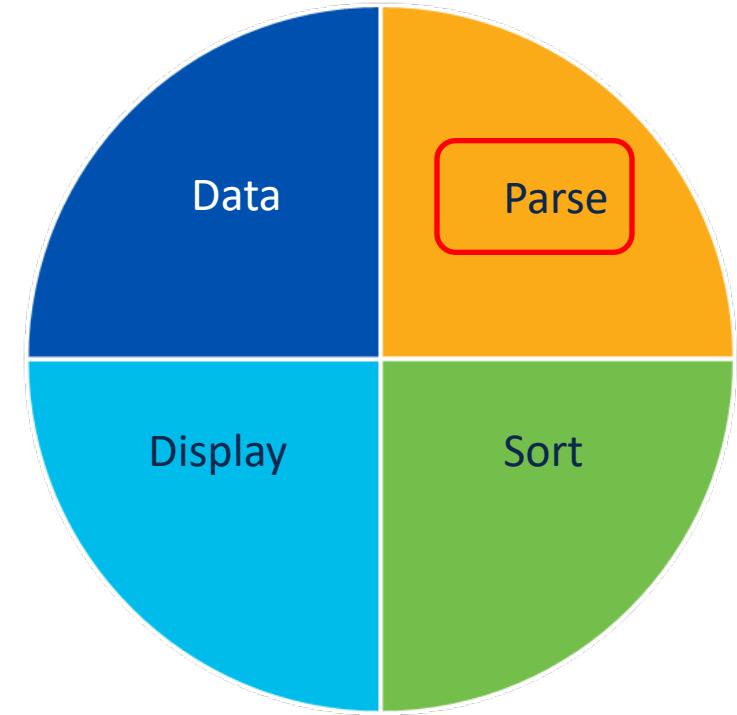
fedCap

```
# Basic Regex, MAC, IP, Vlan/Interface  
  
set mac_regex {[a-zA-Z0-9]{4}\. [a-zA-Z0-9]{4}\. [a-zA-Z0-9]{4}}  
set ip_regex {[0-9]{1,3}\. [0-9]{1,3}\. [0-9]{1,3}\. [0-9]{1,3}}  
set pal_regex {\w*/\w/\w|Vlan\d*|Port-channel\d*}  
  
# Regex to match capture output  
  
set src_mac_regex "src mac: $mac_regex"  
set dest_mac_regex "dest mac: $mac_regex"  
set src_ip_regex "src ip: $ip_regex"  
set dest_ip_regex "dest ip: $ip_regex"  
set interface_regex {interface : [^\[]*}  
set pal_regex {pal: [^\[]*}  
set cause_regex {\scause: [^,]*}  
set queue_regex {q-no: [^,]*}
```



fedCap

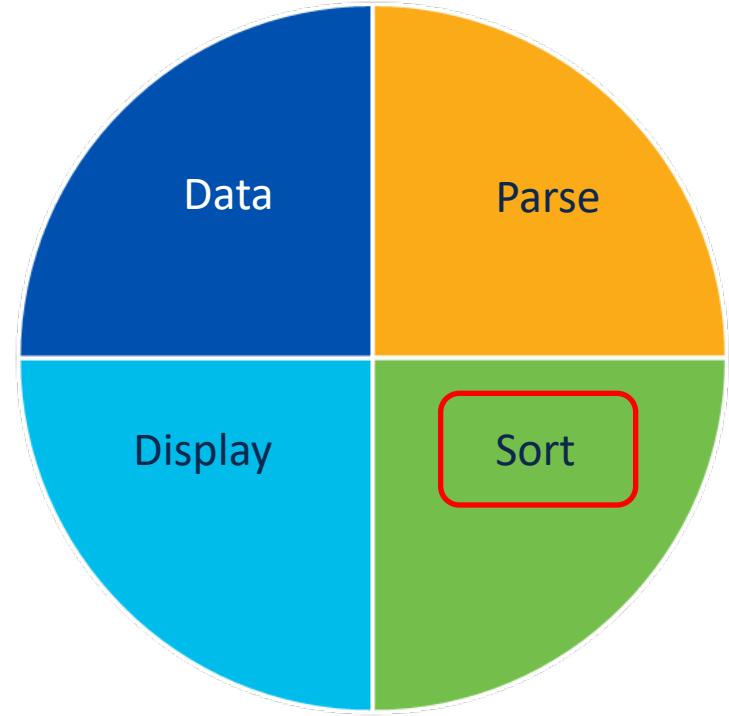
```
# Parsing for SRC/DST MAC/IP, Vlan, Interface, Cause and CoPP Queue  
set src_mac_lst [regexp -all -inline $src_mac_regex $capture]  
set src_mac_lst [regexp -all -inline $mac_rgx $src_mac_lst]  
set dest_mac_lst [regexp -all -inline $dest_mac_regex $capture]  
set dest_mac_lst [regexp -all -inline $mac_rgx $dest_mac_lst]  
set src_ip_lst [regexp -all -inline $src_ip_regex $capture]  
set src_ip_lst [regexp -all -inline $ip_rgx $src_ip_lst]  
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set dest_ip_lst [regexp -all -inline $ip_rgx $dest_ip_lst]
```



fedCap

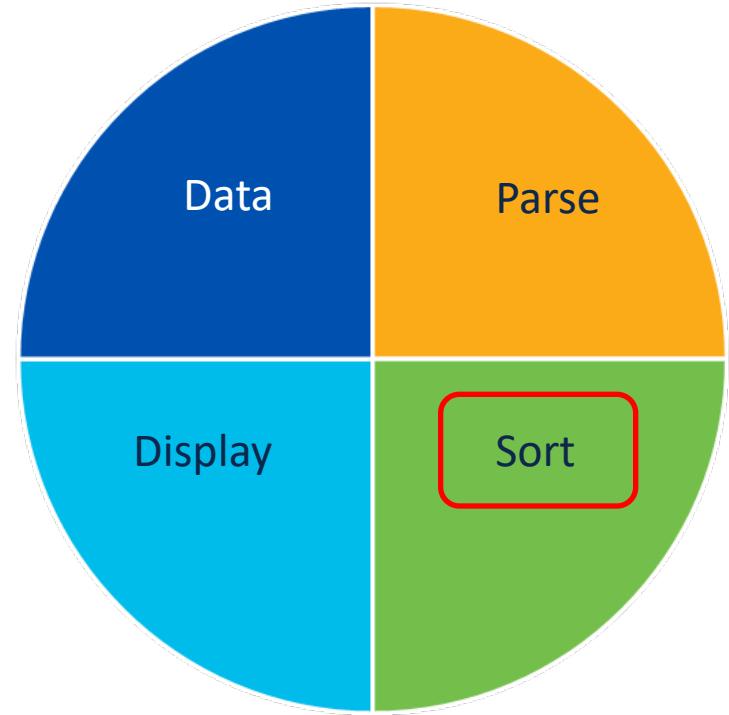
```
proc counter {parsed_lst} {
    # Declare array to store element and count
    array set Count {}

    # Declare list to store sorted counts
    set lcount [list]
    foreach value $parsed_lst {
        # Check if element was already counted
        if {[![info exists Count($value)]]} {
            # Clear element from list
            set count [regsub -all $value $parsed_lst "" parsed_lst]
            # Add value to array count
            set Count($value) $count
        }
    }
}
```



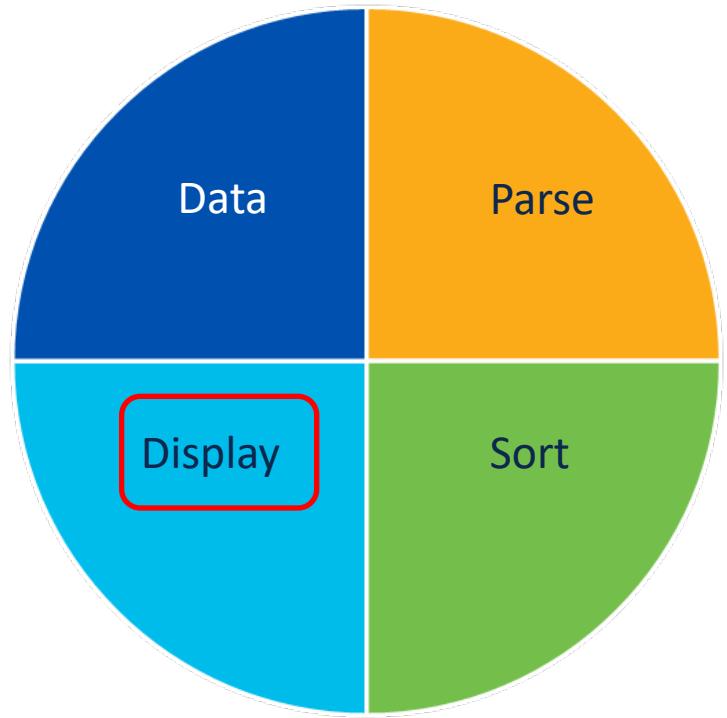
fedCap

```
# Convert array to double list
foreach {v c} [array get Count] {
    lappend lcount [list $v $c]
}
# Sorted list needed to get top talkers
return [lsort -integer -decreasing -index 1 $lcount]
```



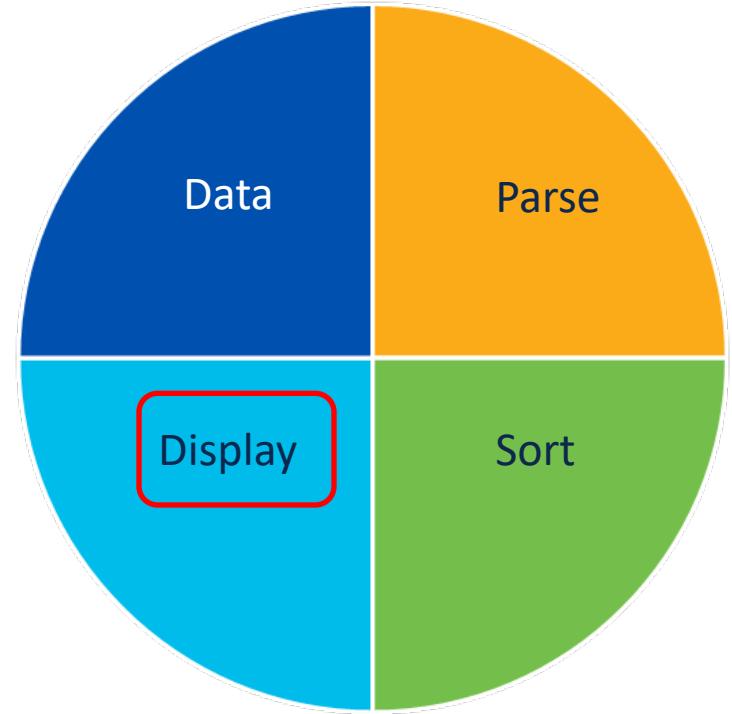
fedCap

```
# Format and display top talkers
proc to_print {cat_lst show_num title} {
    # Do not display anything if regex did not match
    if {! [llength $cat_lst]} {return}
    puts "\n\t$title\n"
    foreach categ [lrange [counter $cat_lst] 0 $show_num] {
        puts -nonewline [format "%.2f" [expr 100 * [expr double([lindex $categ 1])] / [expr
double([llength $cat_lst])]]]
        puts -nonewline "%\t----> "
        puts [lindex $categ 0]
    }
    return
}
```



fedCap

```
puts [
    to_print $cause_lst $stop "REASON"
    to_print $queue_lst $stop "Queue ID"
    to_print $dest_ip_lst $stop "DEST IP"
    to_print $dest_mac_lst $stop "DEST MAC"
    to_print $src_ip_lst $stop "SRC IP"
    to_print $src_mac_lst $stop "SRC MAC"
    to_print $pal_lst $stop "Platform Interface"
    to_print $interface_lst $stop "Physical Interface"
]
# End of fedCap
return
```



Results of fedCap on CLI

REASON

89.55% ----> ARP request or response
7.46% ----> Layer2 control protocols
2.99% ----> IP subnet or broadcast packet

Physical Interface

46.27% ----> GigabitEthernet1/0/3
44.78% ----> GigabitEthernet1/0/2
2.99% ----> GigabitEthernet1/0/8
2.99% ----> GigabitEthernet1/0/10
1.49% ----> GigabitEthernet1/0/1
1.49% ----> GigabitEthernet1/0/46

SRC IP

100.00% ----> 0.0.0.0

SRC MAC

46.27% ----> 780c.f090.b7c2
44.78% ----> 848a.8dba.e612
2.99% ----> a00f.379c.385c

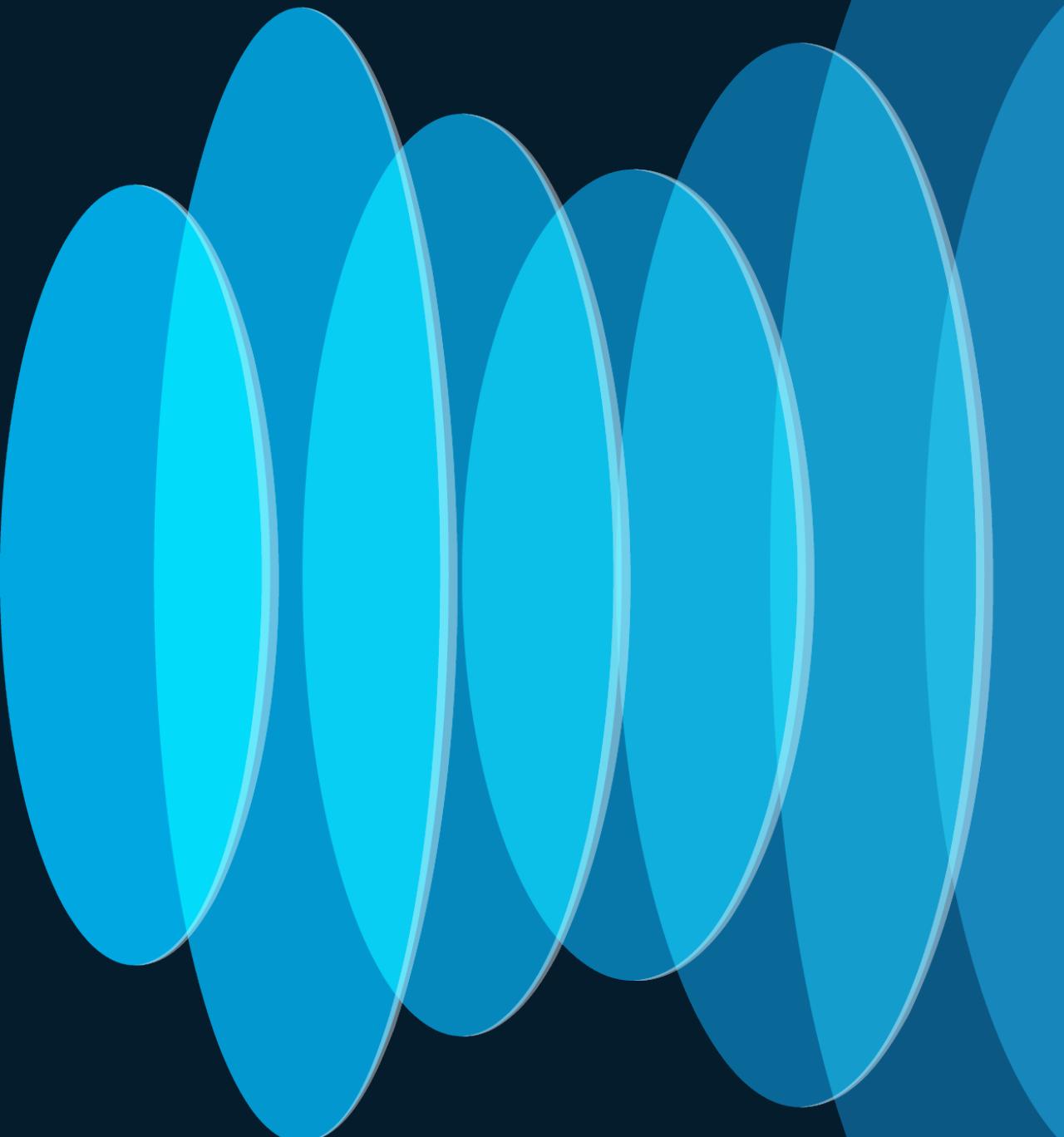
DEST IP

100.00% ----> 255.255.255.255

DEST MAC

92.54% ----> ffff.ffff.ffff
4.48% ----> 0100.0ccc.cccc
2.99% ----> 0180.c200.000e

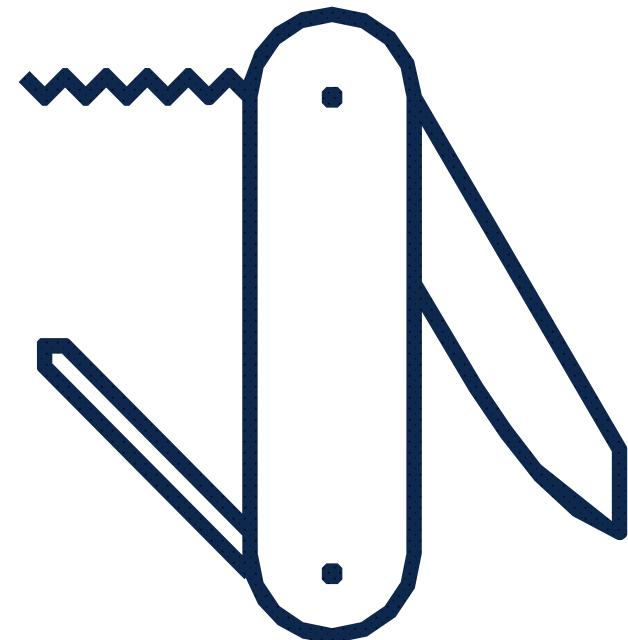
EEM



Embedded Event Manager (EEM)

TAC Engineer's Swiss Army Knife

- Versatility in trigger
- Availability
- Data collection
- Recovery
- Monitoring
- Regular Expression
- Programmability



EEM Breakdown

```
event manager applet clock authorization bypass
  event none maxrun 30
  action 010 cli command "enable"
  action 020 cli command "show clock"
  action 030 cli command "show clock | append flash:clock.txt"
  action 040 syslog msg "Ran clock EEM"
```

```
C9300#event manager run clock
C9300#
*May 15 19:49:40.915: %HA_EM-6-LOG: clock: Ran clock EEM
```

```
C9300#more flash:clock.txt
*19:49:40.862 UTC Wed May 15 2024
```

EEM #1

DHCP Conflict

Problem - Users are unable to get an IP address from DHCP server on L3 switch.

```
ip dhcp excluded-address 192.168.10.0 192.168.10.30
!
ip dhcp pool vlan2
  network 192.168.10.0 255.255.255.0
```

```
Switch#sh ip dhcp pool
Pool vlan2 :
  Utilization mark (high/low)      : 100 / 0
  Subnet size (first/next)        : 0 / 0
  Total addresses                 : 254
  Leased addresses                : 114
  Excluded addresses              : 49
  Pending event                   : none
  1 subnet is currently in the pool :
    Current index          IP address range           Leased/Excluded/Total
    192.168.10.187       192.168.10.1      - 192.168.10.254   114 / 49 / 254
```



EEM #1

Clear DHCP Conflict

```
event manager applet CLEAR_DHCPCONFLICT authorization bypass
  event timer cron cron-entry "0 0 1 * *"
    action 010 cli command "enable"
    action 020 cli command "clear ip dhcp conflict *"
    action 030 syslog msg "Cleared DHCP conflict."
```

- Cron-entry

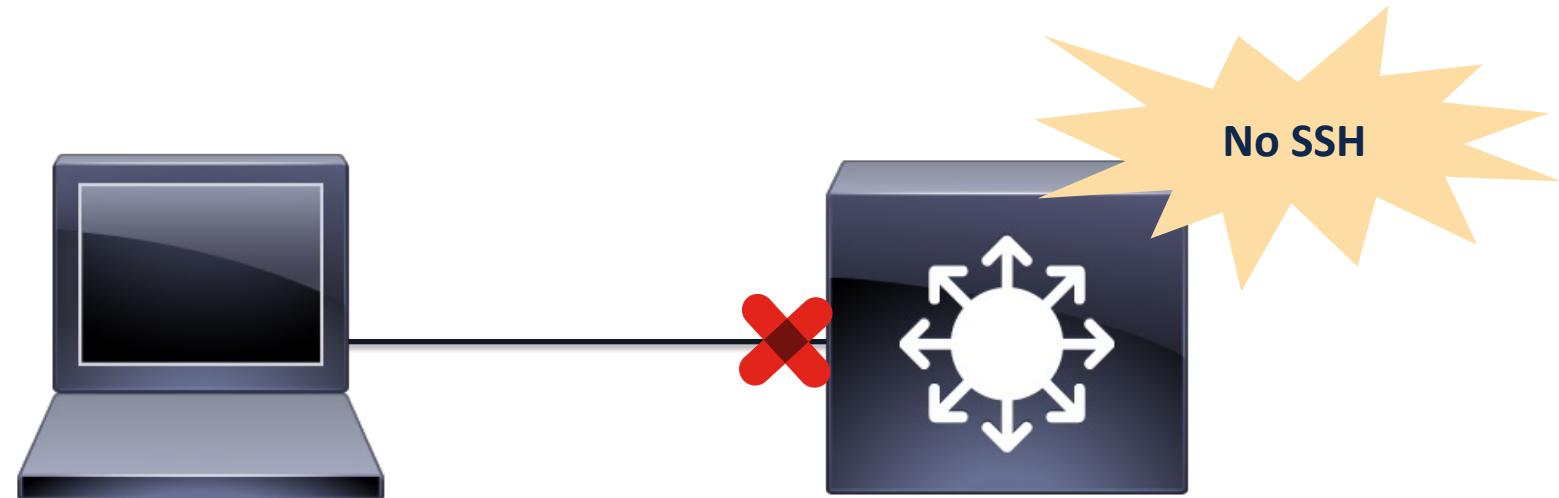
- Minute - 0 to 59
- Hour - 0 to 23
- Day-of-month - 1 to 31
- Month - 1 to 12
- Day-of-week 0 to 6
(Sunday is 0)

```
C9300(config-applet)# event timer cron cron-entry "* * * * *"
C9300#
*May 15 20:14:26.737: %SYS-5-CONFIG_I: Configured from console by
console
*May 15 20:15:00.225: %HA_EM-6-LOG: CLEAR_DHCPCONFLICT: Cleared DHCP
conflict.
*May 15 20:16:00.225: %HA_EM-6-LOG: CLEAR_DHCPCONFLICT: Cleared DHCP
conflict.
*May 15 20:17:00.222: %HA_EM-6-LOG: CLEAR_DHCPCONFLICT: Cleared DHCP
conflict.
```

EEM #2

Forus CoPP Queue Drops

- Problem
 - Users are intermittently unable to SSH into L3 switch.
- Constraint
 - Issue is currently not present but happens a few times during the week.



EEM #2

Embedded Packet Capture (EPC)

```
clear platform hardware fed switch active qos statistics internal cpu policer
monitor capture tac control-plane in match any buffer size 50 circular
monitor capture tac limit pps 1000
monitor capture tac start
configure terminal
```

```
C9300#show platform hardware fed switch active qos queue stats internal cpu policer
```

CPU Queue Statistics

QId	PlcIdx	Queue Name	Enabled	(default)	(set)	Queue	Queue
				Rate	Rate	Drop (Bytes)	Drop (Frames)
0	11	DOT1X Auth	Yes	1000	1000	0	0
1	1	L2 Control	Yes	2000	2000	0	0
2	14	Forus traffic	Yes	4000	4000	5819488	34809
<SNIP>							

EEM #2

Monitor Forus CoPP Queue

```
event manager applet copp_drops authorization bypass
event timer watchdog time 60 maxrun 60
action 010    cli command "enable"
action 015    info type routername
action 020    cli command "show platform hardware fed active qos queue stats internal cpu policer | i Forus
traffic"
action 025    regexp "2[ ]+14[ ]+Forus traffic[ ]+Yes[ ]+[0-9]+[ ]+[0-9]+[ ]+([0-9]+)" "$_cli_result" match
drops1
action 030    if $drops1 gt 0
action 040    cli command "monitor capture tac stop"
action 045    cli command "monitor capture tac export location flash:copp_drops.pcap"
action 050    cli command "no monitor capture tac"
action 060    cli command "configure terminal"
action 065    syslog msg "EEM copp_drops: Auto-removing EEM script."
action 070    cli command "no event manager applet copp_drops authorization bypass"
action 080    end
action 090    cli command "clear platform hardware fed active qos statistics internal cpu policer"
```

EEM #3

BFD Drops

bfd interval 250 min_rx 250 multiplier 3

- Problem - BFD drops randomly every few hours between IPv6 neighbor L3 switches.

No.	Time	Delta	Sour	Dest	Protocol	Info
	81692	*REF*		*REF*	BFD Control	Diag: No Diagnostic, State: Up, Flags: 0x00
	81693	0.111691	0.111691	fe...	BFD Control	Diag: No Diagnostic, State: Up, Flags: 0x00
	81694	0.329039	0.217348	fe...	BFD Control	Diag: No Diagnostic, State: Up, Flags: 0x00
	81695	0.574227	0.245188	fe...	BFD Control	Diag: No Diagnostic, State: Up, Flags: 0x00
	81696	0.750325	0.176098	fe...	BFD Control	Diag: Control Detection Time Expired, State: Down, Flags: 0x00
	81697	1.649253	0.898928	fe...	BFD Control	Diag: Control Detection Time Expired, State: Down, Flags: 0x00
	81698	2.602270	0.953017	fe...	BFD Control	Diag: Control Detection Time Expired, State: Down, Flags: 0x00
	81699	3.552505	0.950235	fe...	BFD Control	Diag: Control Detection Time Expired, State: Down, Flags: 0x00
	81700	3.970745	0.418240	fe...	PIMv2	Hello
	81701	4.536271	0.565526	fe...	BFD Control	Diag: Control Detection Time Expired, State: Down, Flags: 0x00
	81702	4.933548	0.397277	fe...	PIMv2	Hello
	81703	5.123541	0.189993	fe...	ICMPv6	Neighbor Solicitation for [REDACTED]
	81704	5.124940	0.001399	fe...	ICMPv6	Neighbor Advertisement [REDACTED]
	81705	5.484220	0.359280	fe...	BFD Control	Diag: Control Detection Time Expired, State: Down, Flags: 0x00
	81706	5.570474	0.086254	fe...	PIMv2	Hello
	81707	6.019626	0.449152	fe...	BFD Control	Diag: Neighbor Signaled Session Down, State: Init, Flags: 0x00
	81708	6.019825	0.000199	fe...	BFD Control	Diag: No Diagnostic, State: Up, Flags: 0x20

EEM #3

BFD Drops

```
event manager applet BFD_DOWN authorization bypass
event syslog pattern "%BFDFSM-6-BFD_SESS_DOWN: BFD-SYSLOG: BFD session ld:11 handle:11"
action 010 syslog msg "Log collection for BFD_DOWN EEM script."
action 020 cli command "enable"
action 030 cli command "terminal length 0"
action 040 cli command "terminal exec prompt timestamp"
action 045 cli command "terminal exec prompt expand"
action 047 cli command "show clock | append flash:BFD.txt"
action 050 cli command "show ipv6 neighbors detail | append flash:BFD.txt"
action 065 cli command "show ipv6 interface Tel/0/14 | append flash:BFD.txt"
action 067 cli command "show bfd neighbors details | append flash:BFD.txt"
action 080 cli command "show interface Tel/0/14 | append flash:BFD.txt"
action 190 cli command "configure terminal"
action 200 cli command "no event manager applet BFD_DOWN"
action 210 cli command "end"                                     ipv6 nd cache expire 120 refresh
```

Guest Shell

Guest Shell

Virtualized Linux-based Environment

- Application Hosting - IOx
- Isolated from host kernel
- CentOS 8
- Python 3.6



Port

- Management
- AppGigabitEthernet
- **VirtualPortGroup**

Enabling Guest Shell

IOx

```
C8kv1(config)#iox  
  
C8kv1#show iox-service  
  
IOx Infrastructure Summary:  
-----  
IOx service (CAF) : Running  
IOx service (HA) : Not Supported  
IOx service (IOxman) : Running  
IOx service (Sec storage) : Not Supported  
Libvirtd 5.5.0 : Running
```

VirtualPortGroup

```
C8kv1(config)#interface VirtualPortGroup 0  
C8kv1(config-if)#ip address 192.168.1.1 255.255.255.0  
C8kv1(config-if)#end  
C8kv1#show run interface VirtualPortGroup0  
Building configuration...  
  
Current configuration : 73 bytes  
!  
interface VirtualPortGroup0  
    ip address 192.168.1.1 255.255.255.0  
end
```

Enabling Guest Shell

```
C8kv1#show run | section guestshell  
app-hosting appid guestshell  
  app-vnic gateway1 virtualportgroup 0 guest-interface 0  
    guest-ipaddress 192.168.1.10 netmask 255.255.255.0  
  app-default-gateway 192.168.1.1 guest-interface 0
```

```
C8kv1#guestshell enable  
Interface will be selected if configured in app-hosting  
Please wait for completion  
guestshell installed successfully  
Current state is: DEPLOYED  
guestshell activated successfully  
Current state is: ACTIVATED  
guestshell started successfully  
Current state is: RUNNING  
Guestshell enabled successfully
```

```
C8kv1#show app-hosting list  
App id                      State  
-----  
guestshell                   RUNNING
```

Running Guest Shell

```
C8kv1#guestshell run pwd  
/home/guestshell
```

```
C8kv1#guestshell run bash  
[guestshell@guestshell ~]$ exit  
exit
```

```
C8kv1#guestshell run python3  
Python 3.6.8 (default, Dec 22 2020, 19:04:08)  
[GCC 8.4.1 20200928 (Red Hat 8.4.1-1)] on linux  
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license"  
for more information.  
>>> exit()
```

Deleting Guest Shell

```
C8kv1#guestshell disable  
Guestshell disabled  
successfully
```

```
C8kv1#guestshell destroy  
Guestshell destroyed  
successfully
```

```
C8kv1#show app-hosting list  
No App found
```

Exec and Config from Guest Shell

```
C8kv1#guestshell run bash
[guestshell@guestshell ~]$ python3
Python 3.6.8 (default, Dec 22 2020, 19:04:08)
[GCC 8.4.1 20200928 (Red Hat 8.4.1-1)] on linux
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more
information.

>>> import cli
>>> output = cli.execute("show clock")
>>> print(output)
*04:10:24.337 UTC Thu May 16 2024

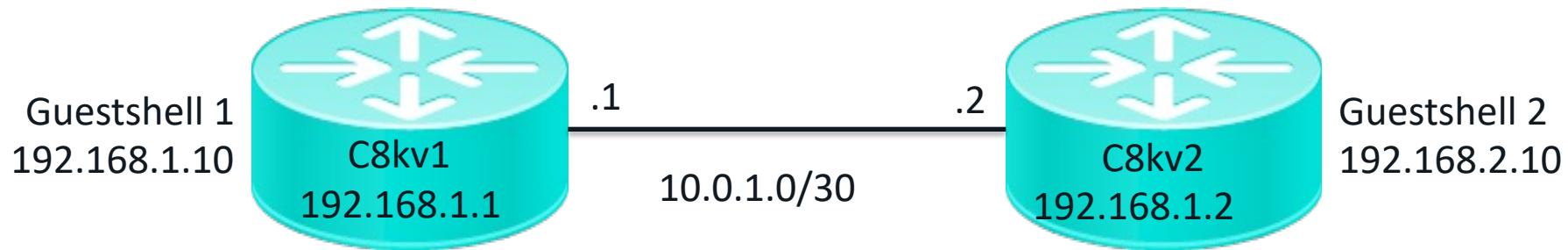
>>> cli.configure("hostname RR")
'Line 1 SUCCESS: hostname RR\n'
>>> exit()
[guestshell@guestshell ~]$ exit
exit
```

RR#

Guest Shell #1

iPerf

- Problem
 - Need to run iPerf between two routers in the network.



```
C8kv1#show ip ospf neighbor
```

Neighbor ID	Pri	State	Dead Time	Address	Interface
192.168.2.1	1	FULL/DR	00:00:31	10.0.1.2	GigabitEthernet1

```
[guestshell@guestshell ~]$ ping 192.168.2.10
PING 192.168.2.10 (192.168.2.10) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 192.168.2.10: icmp_seq=2 ttl=63 time=2.21 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.2.10: icmp_seq=3 ttl=63 time=4.38 ms
```

Guest Shell #1

iPerf

Download binaries from iPerf website:

```
https://iperf.fr/download/ubuntu/libiperf.so.0_3.1.3  
https://iperf.fr/download/ubuntu/iperf3_3.1.3
```

```
C8kv1#copy tftp: bootflash:/guest-share
```

```
C8kv1#guestshell run bash  
[guestshell@guestshell ~]$ cd /bootflash/guest-share  
[guestshell@guestshell guest-share]$ ls -lthr  
total 476K  
-rw-rw-r--. 1 nobody network-admin 438K May 16 04:36 libiperf.so.0  
-rw-rw-r--. 1 nobody network-admin 28K May 16 04:36 iperf3
```

Guest Shell #1

iPerf

```
[guestshell@guestshell guest-share]$ sudo cp libiperf.so.0 /usr/lib64/libiperf.so.0
[guestshell@guestshell guest-share]$ sudo cp iperf3 /usr/bin/iperf3
```

```
[guestshell@guestshell guest-share]$ sudo chmod +x /usr/lib64/libiperf.so.0
[guestshell@guestshell guest-share]$ sudo chmod +x /usr/bin/iperf3
```

```
[guestshell@guestshell guest-share]$ sudo /usr/bin/iperf3 -v
iperf 3.1.3
```

```
Linux guestshell 5.4.108 #1 SMP Tue Mar 30 16:43:30 UTC 2021 x86_64
Optional features available: CPU affinity setting, IPv6 flow label, TCP congestion
algorithm setting, sendfile / zerocopy, socket pacing
```

Guest Shell #1

iPerf

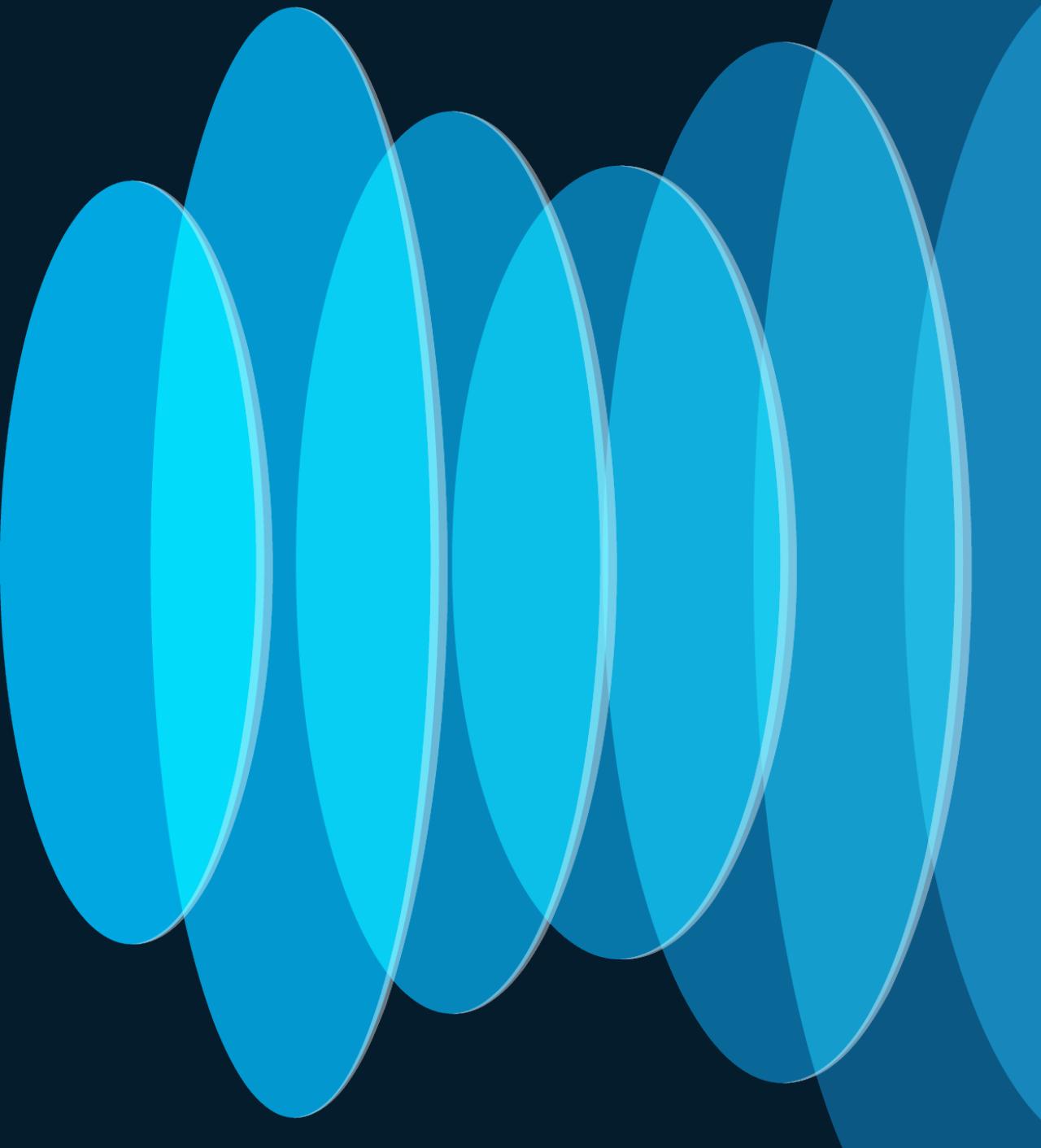
```
C8kv1#guestshell run bash
[guestshell@guestshell ~]$ /usr/bin/iperf3 -c 192.168.2.10
Connecting to host 192.168.2.10, port 5201
[ 4] local 192.168.1.10 port 44486 connected to 192.168.2.10 port 5201
[ ID] Interval           Transfer     Bandwidth
[ 4]  0.00-1.18   sec  2.99 MBytes  21.3 Mbits/sec
[ 4]  1.18-2.18   sec  1.24 MBytes  10.4 Mbits/sec
[ 4]  2.18-3.00   sec  1.12 MBytes  11.4 Mbits/sec
[ 4]  3.00-4.00   sec  1.18 MBytes  9.90 Mbits/sec
[ 4]  4.00-5.00   sec  1.12 MBytes  9.38 Mbits/sec
[ 4]  5.00-6.38   sec  1.06 MBytes  6.44 Mbits/sec
[ 4]  6.38-7.18   sec  1.12 MBytes  11.7 Mbits/sec
[ 4]  7.18-8.00   sec  1.24 MBytes  12.6 Mbits/sec
[ 4]  8.00-9.18   sec    954 KBytes  6.65 Mbits/sec
[ 4]  9.18-10.00  sec  1.37 MBytes  13.9 Mbits/sec
-
[ ID] Interval           Transfer     Bandwidth
[ 4]  0.00-10.00  sec  13.4 MBytes  11.2 Mbits/sec
[ 4]  0.00-10.00  sec  12.6 MBytes  10.6 Mbits/sec
iperf Done.
```

Guest Shell #1

iPerf

```
C8kv2#guestshell run bash
[guestshell@guestshell ~]$ /usr/bin/iperf3 -s
-----
Server listening on 5201
-----
Accepted connection from 192.168.1.10, port 44484
[ 5] local 192.168.2.10 port 5201 connected to 192.168.1.10 port 44486
[ ID] Interval          Transfer     Bandwidth
[ 5]  0.00-1.18    sec   2.18 MBytes   15.5 Mbits/sec
[ 5]  1.18-2.18    sec   1.20 MBytes   10.1 Mbits/sec
[ 5]  2.18-3.00    sec   1.16 MBytes   11.9 Mbits/sec
[ 5]  3.00-4.00    sec   1.13 MBytes   9.51 Mbits/sec
[ 5]  4.00-5.00    sec   1.14 MBytes   9.56 Mbits/sec
[ 5]  5.00-6.18    sec   1.06 MBytes   7.53 Mbits/sec
[ 5]  6.18-7.18    sec   1.08 MBytes   9.09 Mbits/sec
[ 5]  7.18-8.00    sec   1.27 MBytes   12.9 Mbits/sec
[ 5]  8.00-9.18    sec    950 KBytes   6.63 Mbits/sec
[ 5]  9.18-10.00   sec   1.35 MBytes   13.8 Mbits/sec
[ 5] 10.00-10.11   sec   123 KBytes   9.47 Mbits/sec
-----
[ ID] Interval          Transfer     Bandwidth
[ 5]  0.00-10.11   sec   0.00 Bytes   0.00 bits/sec
[ 5]  0.00-10.11   sec   12.6 MBytes   10.5 Mbits/sec
                                         sender
                                         receiver
```

Conclusion



Use Case

	TCL	EEM	Guest Shell
Interpreter Shell	X		X
Requires Configuration		X	X
Event Trigger		X	
Regular Expression	X	X	X
Linux Environment			X
Interactive within IOS-XE	X		
Interactive within CLI	X		X
Max Runtime / Authorization bypass		X	

Network Challenges

How TCL, EEM and Guest Shell can help?

- Complexity
 - Isolate devices or protocols related to problem
 - Parse output to simplify data analysis
- Troubleshooting
 - Trigger packet capture during problem
 - Trigger commands during problem
- Automation
 - Monitor events or counters to detect errors and remediate
 - Implement flow control and programmability to increase efficiency



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