Simplifying Network Programmability Using Model-Driven APIs

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Motivations for Network Programmability

- Speed and scale demand software automation and data analytics
- Rapid innovation as competitive advantage
- One network operator per 1000s / 10000s of complex network devices

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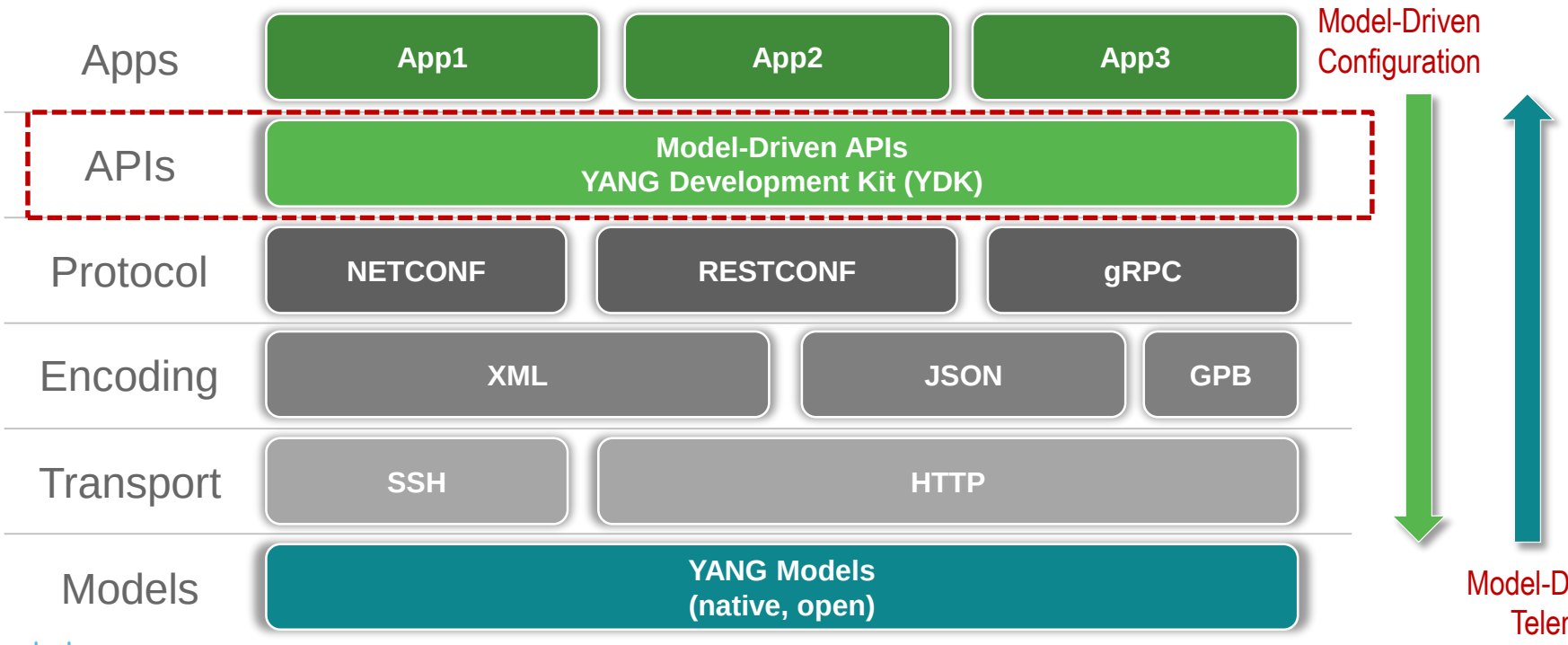
Model-Driven Programmability Stack



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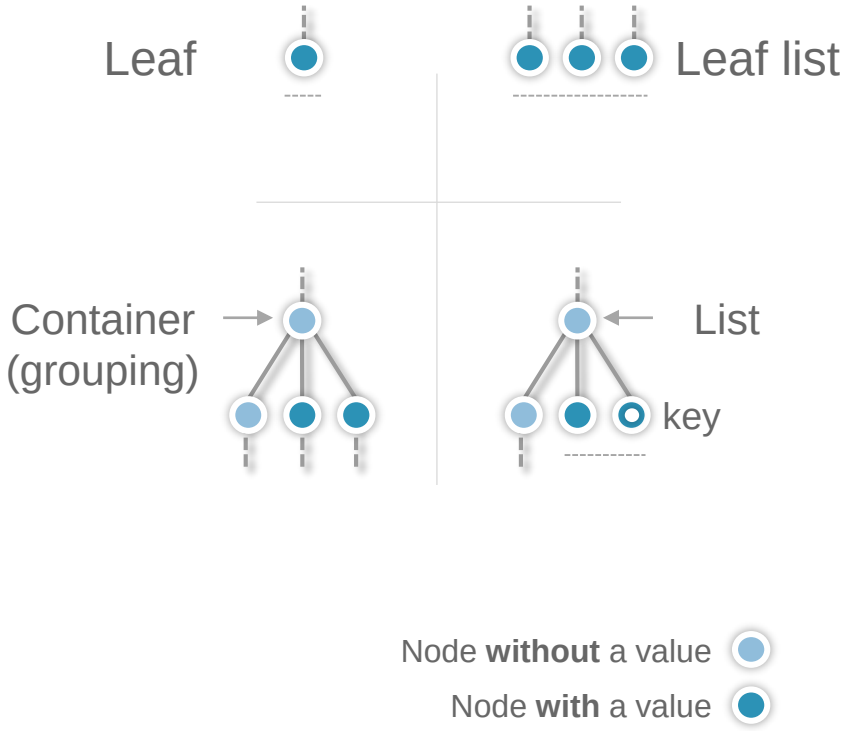
YANG

- Modeling language for network devices
- Main node types
  - **Leaf** – node with name and value of certain type (no children)
  - **Leaf list** – sequence of leafs
  - **Container** – groups nodes and has no value
  - **List** – Sequence of records with key leafs
- Augmentations extend a model
- Deviations specify divergence from model



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YANG Model Example

YANG

```
container community-sets {
       description “Container for community sets";
       list community-set {
         key community-set-name;
         description "Definitions for community sets";
         leaf community-set-name {
           type string;
           description "name of the community set";
         }
         leaf-list community-member {
           type string {
             pattern '([0-9]+:[0-9]+)';
           }
           description "members of the community set";
         }
       }
     }
```

CLI

```
community-set C-SET1
  65172:1,
  65172:2,
  65172:3
end-set
!
community-set C-SET10
  65172:10,
  65172:20,
  65172:30
end-set
!
```


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Model Data Example

XML

```
<community-sets>
  <community-set>
    <community-set-name>C-SET1</community-set-name>
    <community-member>65172:1</community-member>
    <community-member>65172:2</community-member>
    <community-member>65172:3</community-member>
  </community-set>
  <community-set>
    <community-set-name>C-SET10</community-set-name>
    <community-member>65172:10</community-member>
    <community-member>65172:20</community-member>
    <community-member>65172:30</community-member>
  </community-set>
</community-sets>
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Model Data Example

JSON

```
{   "community-sets": {
        "community-set": [
            {   "community-set-name": "C-SET1",
                "community-member": [
                    "65172:1",
                    "65172:2",
                    "65172:3" ]
            },
            {   "community-set-name": "C-SET10",
                "community-member": [
                    "65172:10",
                    "65172:20",
                    "65172:30" ]
            }
        ]
    }
}
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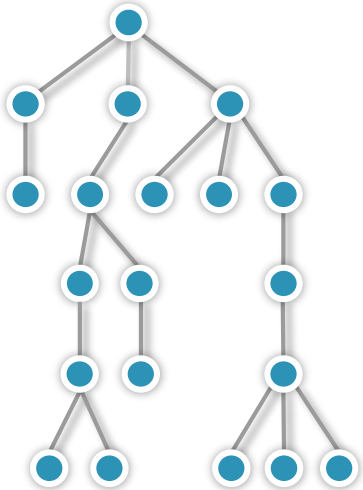
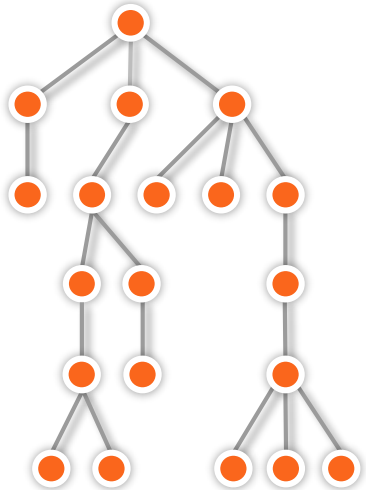
Model-Driven APIs

- Simplify app development
- Abstract transport, encoding, model language
- API generated from YANG model
- One-to-one correspondence between model and class hierarchy
- Multi-language (Python, C++, Go, Ruby, etc.)

YANG Model



Class Hierarchy (Python, C++, Ruby, Go)



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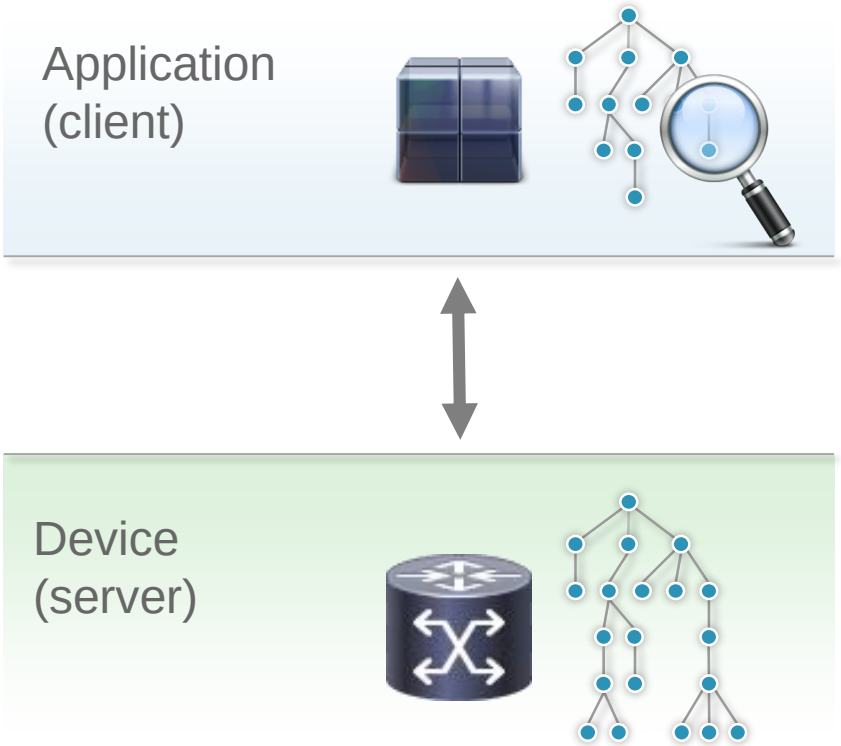
Client-Side Validation



- Model constraints used during API generation
- YDK service will automatically perform local (client-side) validation
- Type check (enum, string, etc.)
- Value check (range, pattern, etc.)
- Semantic check (key uniqueness/presence, mandatory leafs, etc.)
- Model deviation check (unsupported leaft, etc.)

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Model-Driven Code

Python

```
# community set configuration
c_set = bgp_defined_sets.community_sets.CommunitySet()
c_set.community_set_name = "C-SET1"
c_set.community_member.append("65172:1")
c_set.community_member.append("65172:2")
c_set.community_member.append("65172:3")
bgp_defined_sets.community_sets.community_set.append(c_set)

# community set configuration
c_set = bgp_defined_sets.community_sets.CommunitySet()
c_set.community_set_name = "C-SET10"
c_set.community_member.append("65172:10")
c_set.community_member.append("65172:20")
c_set.community_member.append("65172:30")
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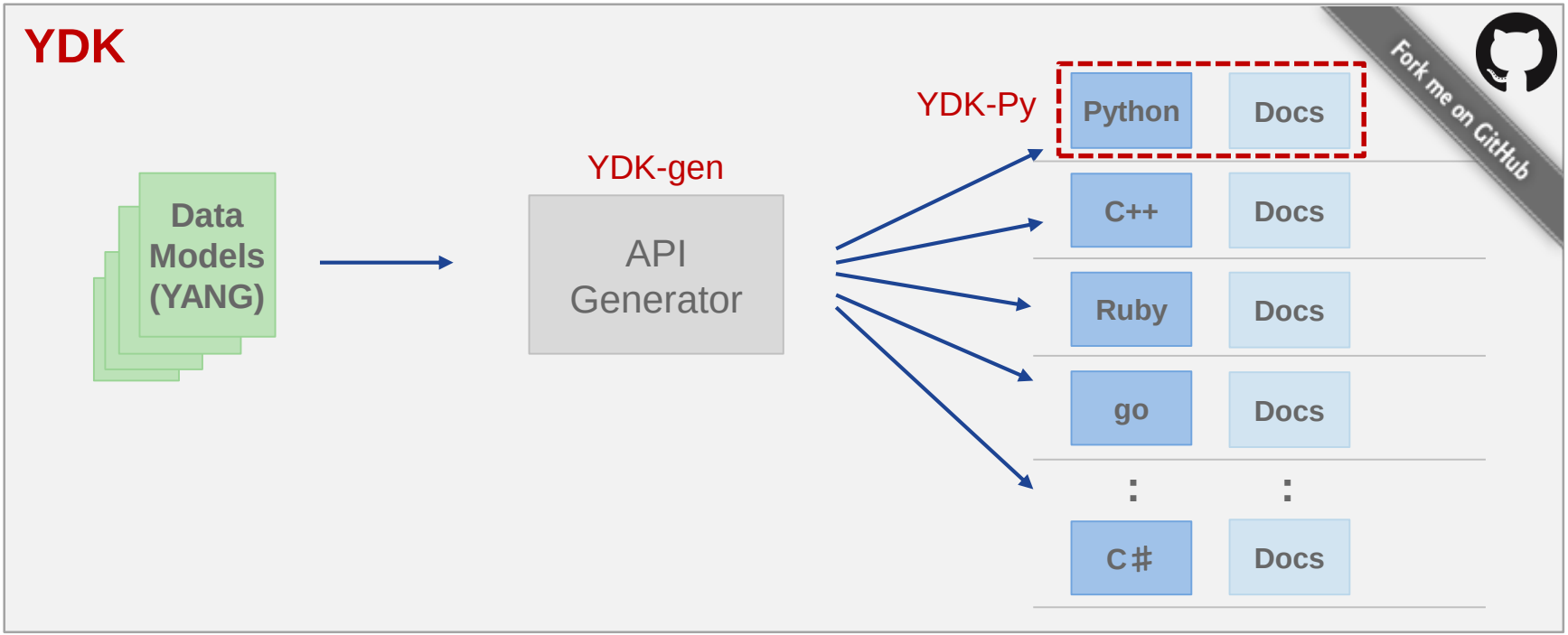
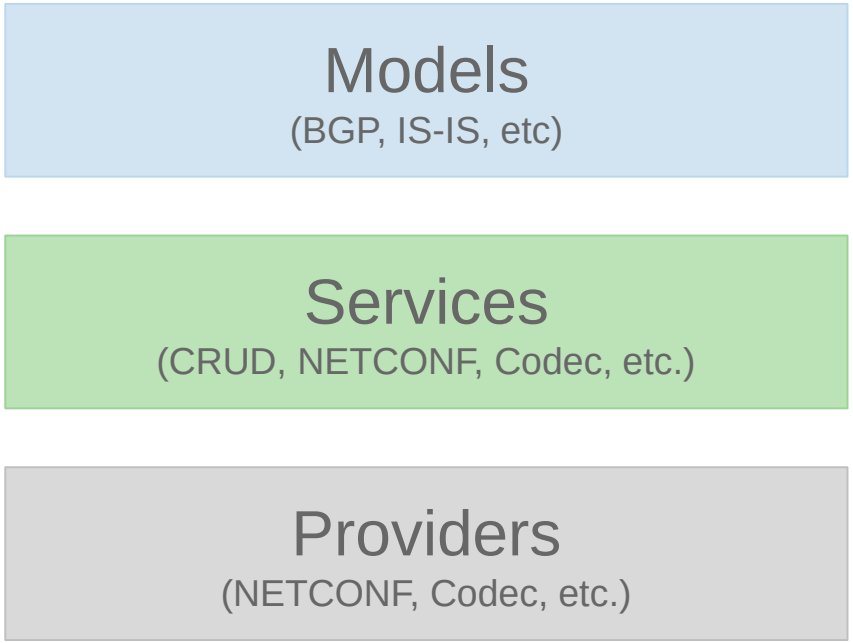
Generation of Model-Driven APIs Using YANG Development Kit (YDK)



YDK API Structure



- **Models** group Python APIs created for each YANG model
- **Services** perform operations on model objects (interface)
- **Providers** implement services (implementation)

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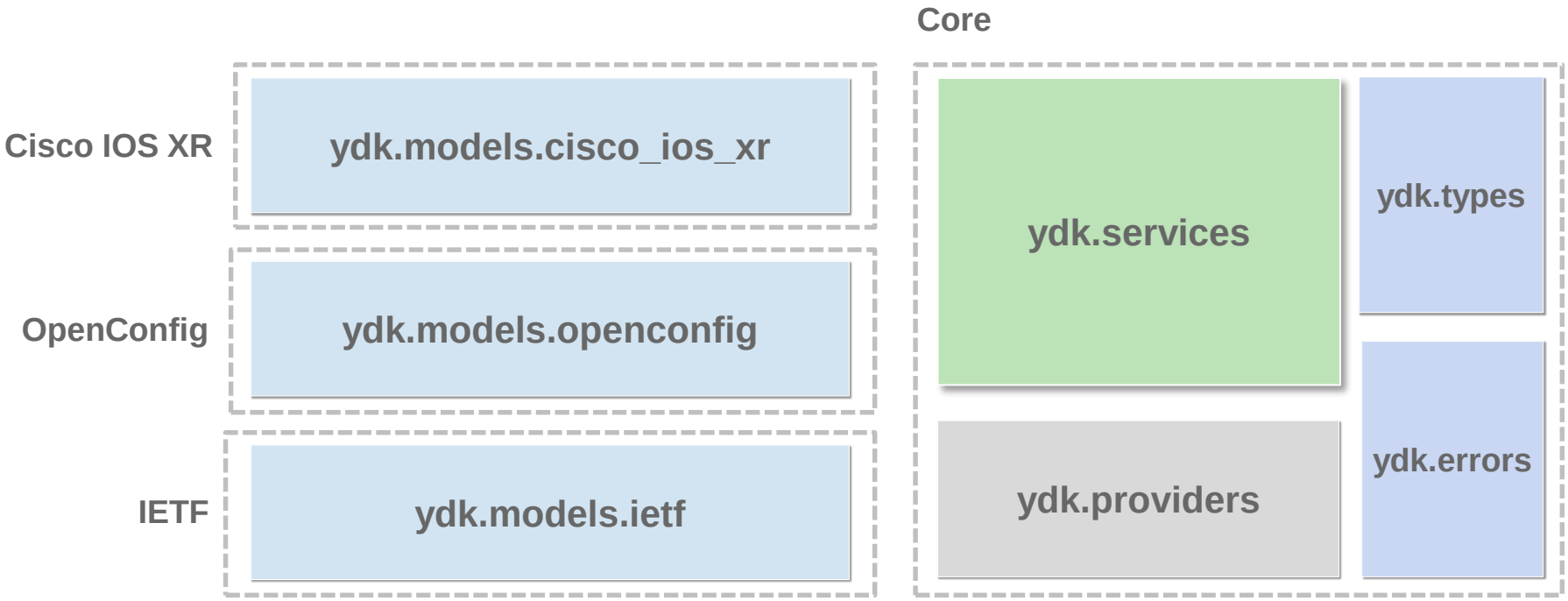
YDK-Py 0.5.0 Package Structure (Bundles)



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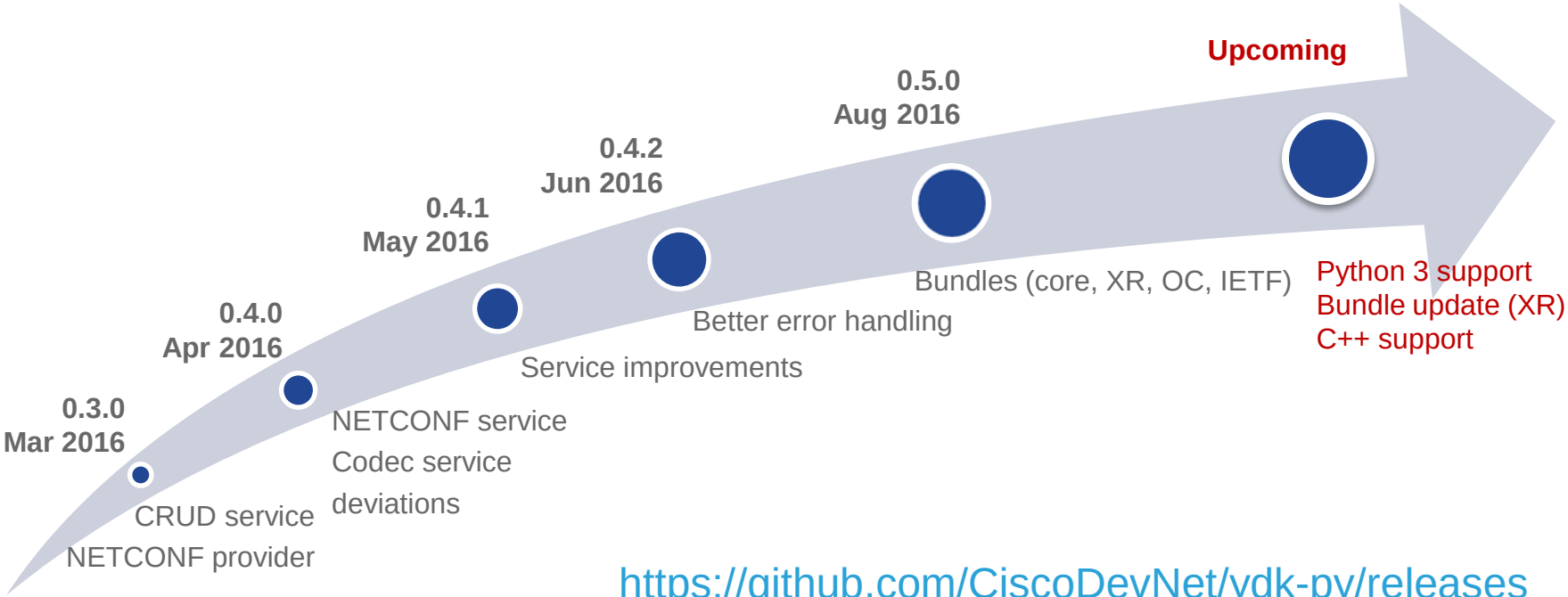
A YDK-Py “Hello World” Using OpenConfig BGP

```
# Cisco YDK-Py OC-BGP “Hello world”
from ydk.services import CRUDService
from ydk.providers import NetconfServiceProvider
from ydk.models.bgp import bgp

if __name__ == "__main__":
    provider = NetconfServiceProvider(address=10.0.0.1,
                                      port=830,
                                      username=“admin”,
                                      password=“admin”,
                                      protocol=“ssh”)
    crud = CRUDService()  # create CRUD service
    bgp = bgp.Bgp()  # create oc-bgp object
    bgp.global_.config.as_ = 65000  # set local AS number
    crud.create(provider, bgp)  # create on NETCONF device
    provider.close()
    exit()
# End of script
```

```
module: openconfig-bgp
   +--rw bgp!
      +--rw global
      |  +--rw config
      |  |  +--rw as
      |  |  +--rw router-id?
      |  +--ro state
      |  |  +--ro as
      |  |  +--ro router-id?
      |  |  +--ro total-paths?
      |  |  +--ro total-prefixes?
...
```

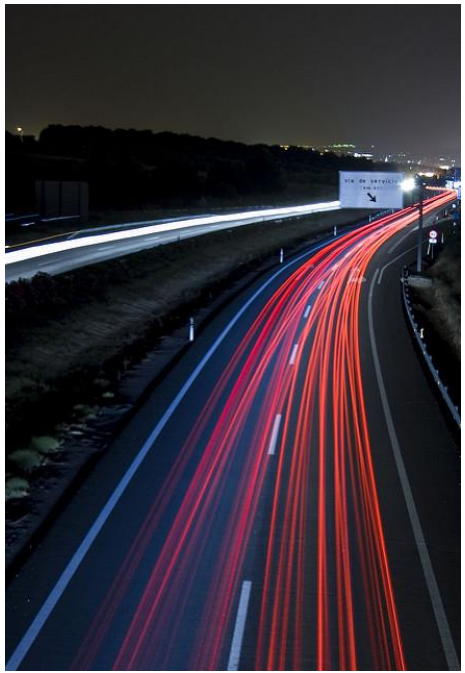
Releases



https://github.com/CiscoDevNet/ydk-py/releases

Future Work Items

- Path API
- Dynamic API generation
- Additional providers (Google RPC, RESTCONF)
- Telemetry support
- Additional services (e.g. validation)
- Additional languages (e.g. C++, Go, Ruby, Java)
- Model-mapping support



Resources

GitHub

- YDK Python API (https://git.io/vaWsq)
- YDK-Py sample apps (https://git.io/vaw1U)
- YDK Generator (https://git.io/vaw1M)
- Cisco IOS XR YANG models (https://git.io/vg7fk)
- YANG Explorer (https://git.io/vg7Jm)

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DevNet

- YDK at DevNet (https://goo.gl/Wqwp3C)

Resources (cont.)

YDK Sandbox

- Ubuntu YDK-PY Vagrant box (https://git.io/vaw1U)

YDK Support

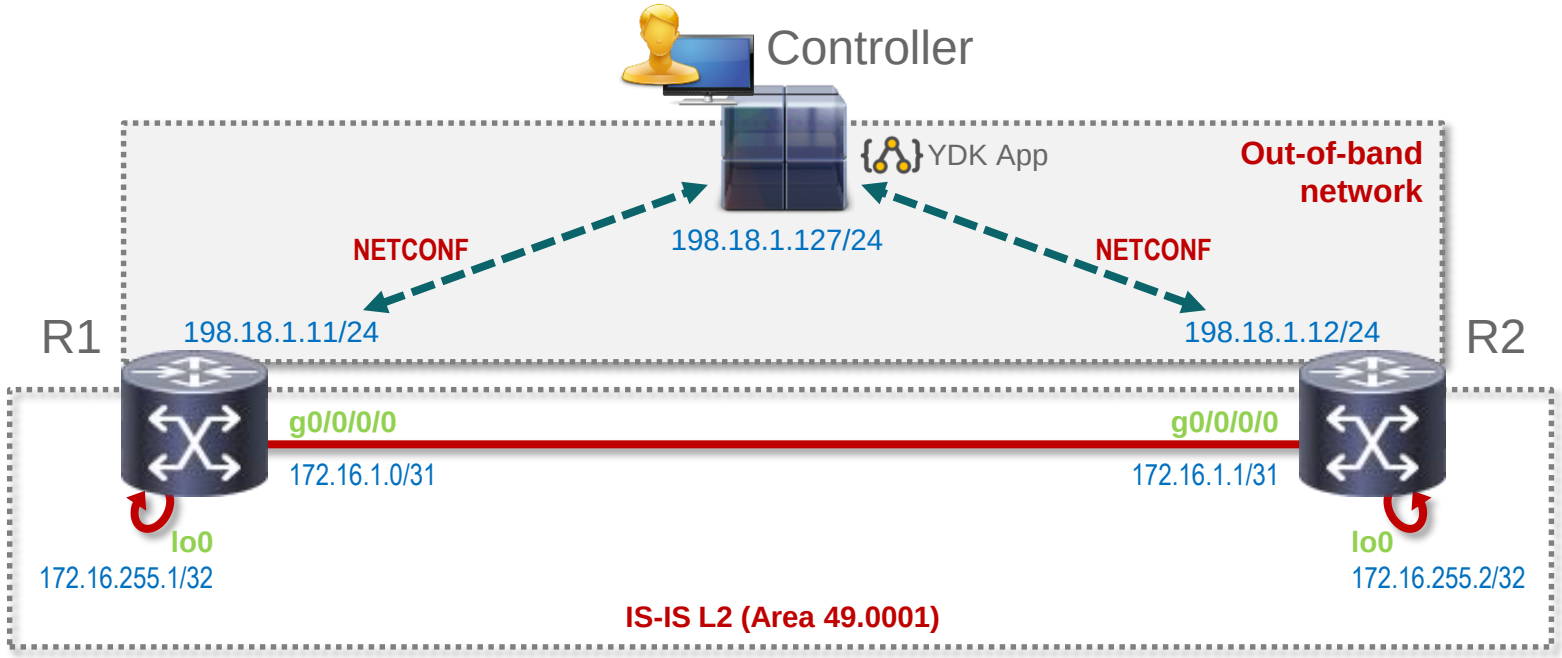
- Cisco support community (https://communities.cisco.com/community/developer/ydk)

Other

- Device programmability blog (http://blogs.cisco.com/author/santiagoalvarez)

Demo

Testbed Topology



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Benefits of Model-Driven Programmability

- Model based, structured, computer friendly
- Multiple model types (native, OpenConfig, IETF, etc.)
- Models decoupled from transport, protocol end encoding
- Choice of transport, protocol and encoding
- Model-driven APIs for abstraction and simplification
- Wide standard support while leveraging open source

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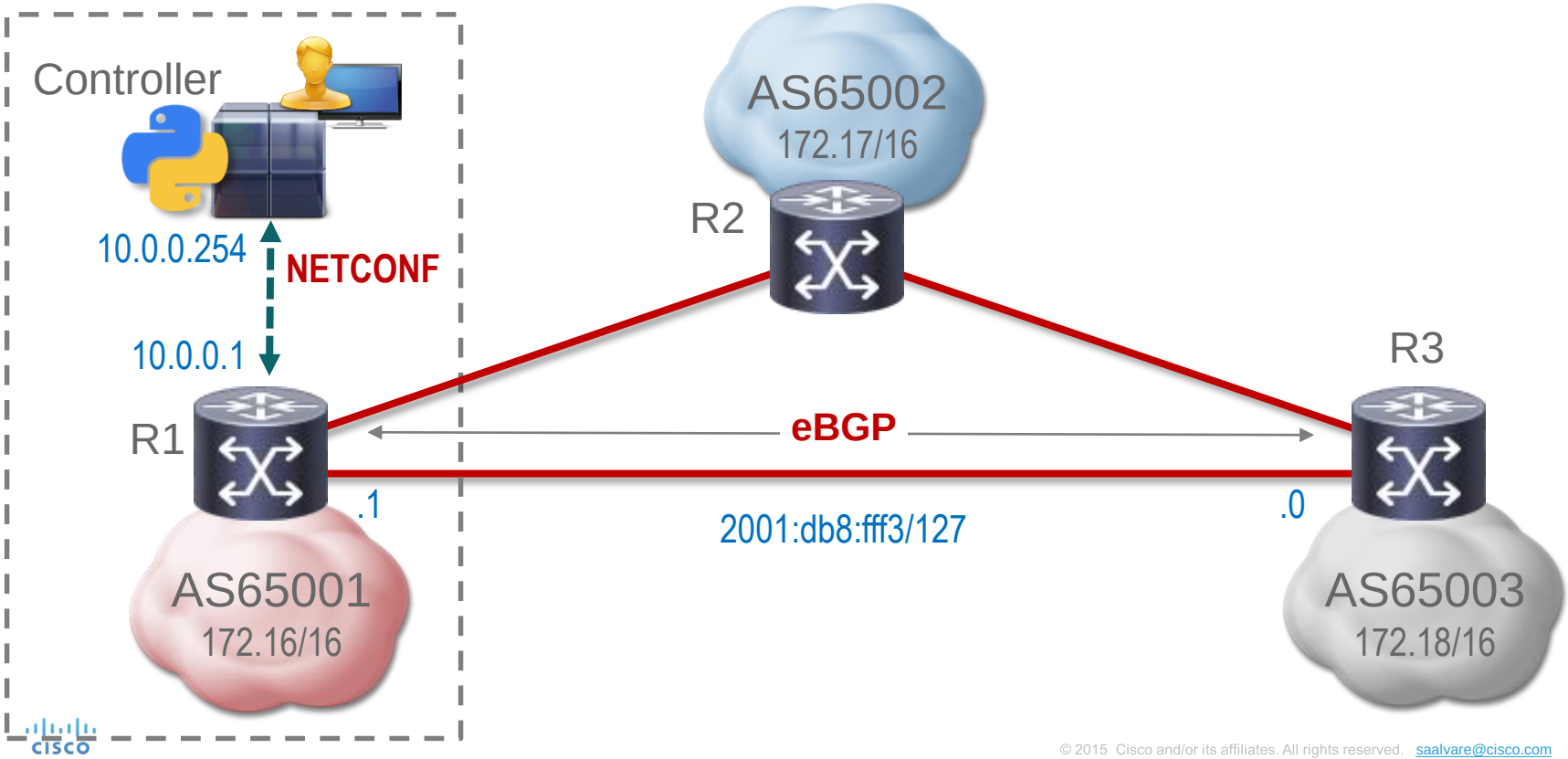
OC-BGP IPv4/IPv6 Unicast (Python)



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