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Hands-on with Closed-Loop Network Automation

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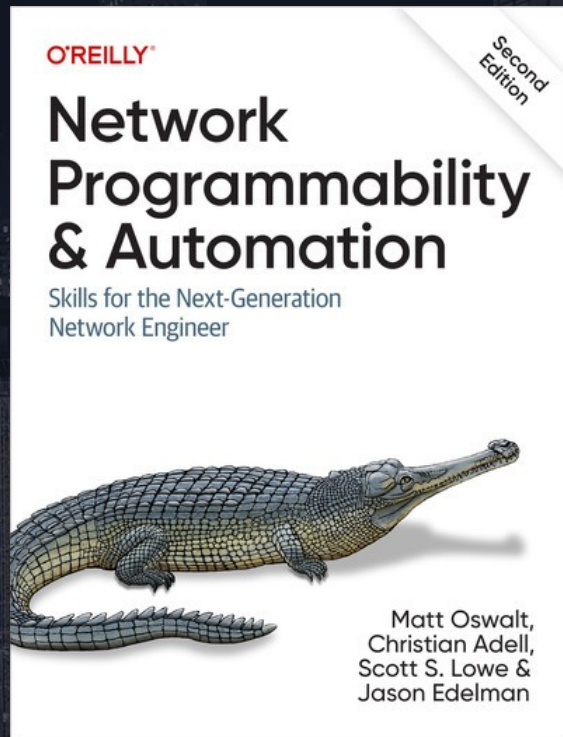
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Skills for the Next- Generation Network Engineer

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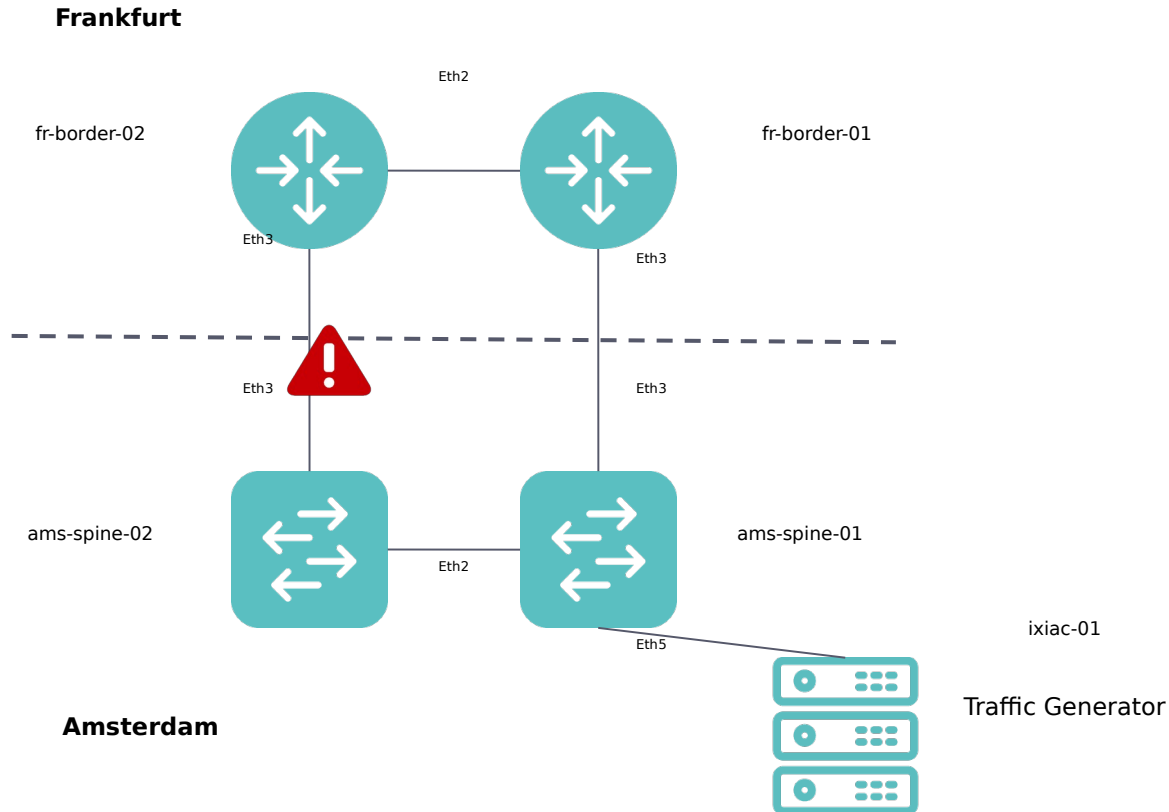
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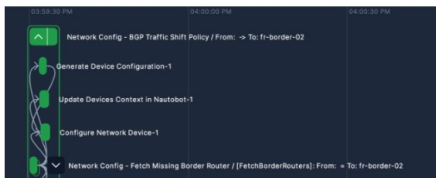
Paco Umbral



Automated Incident Response

>>> The Problem: Interface Flapping





- * BGP Shift Automation
- * Automated RCA Reports
- * Assurance Test Automation

Automation Workflows



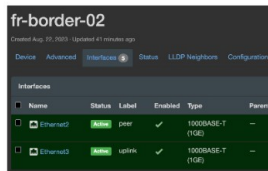
- * Safe to update network?
- * Traffic before change?
- * Pre/post BGP status?

Telemetry & Observability



- * Safe Change Deployment to match intent
- * State-Change Verification
- * Change Rollback Safety

Automation Engine

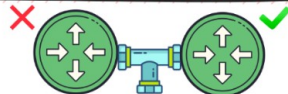


- * Intended Fabric Config
- * Circuit & BGP Info

Source of Truth



Network Infrastructure





>>> Let's see it in action!



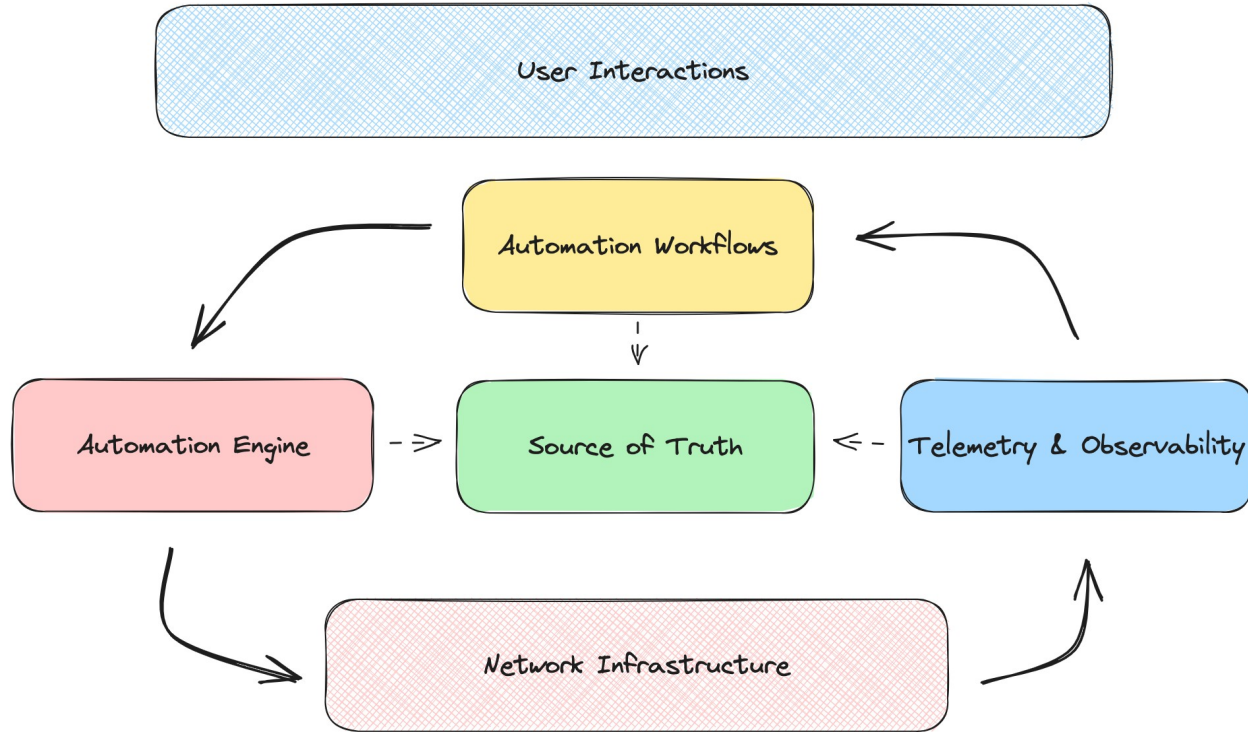
Skills for building this solution



***I love it when a plan comes
together***

**Colonel John
“Hannibal”
Smith**

>>> Use a Reference Architecture

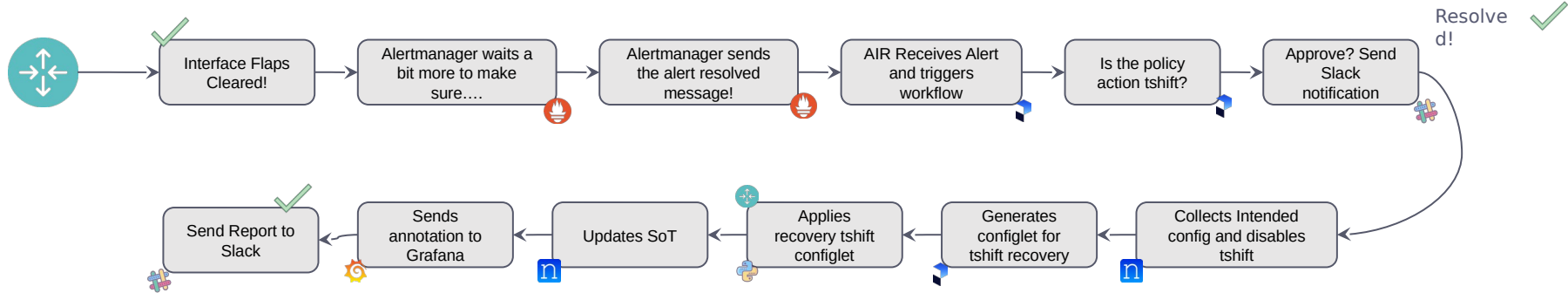
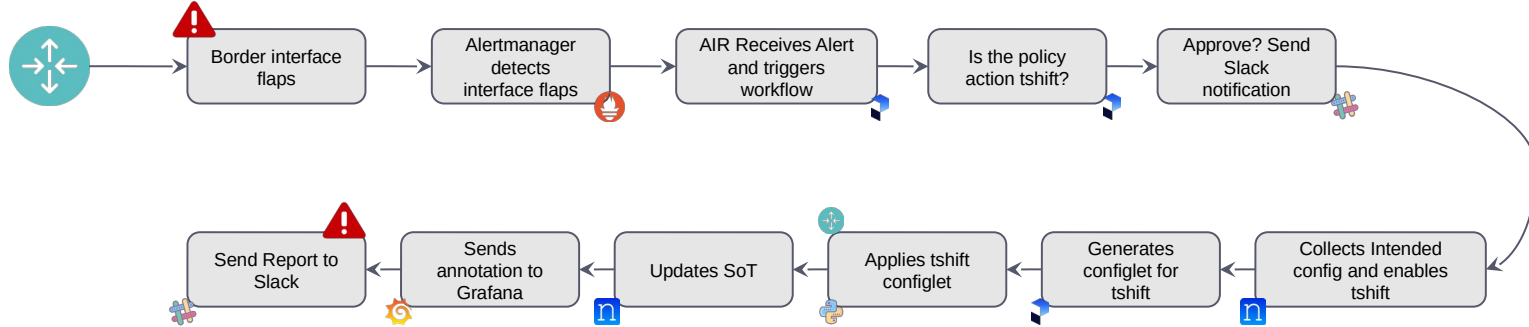




***A system is not the sum of its
parts,
it's their interactions*** Russell L.
Ackoff

>>> Determine the workflow execution

Firing! 





***If you want to go fast, go alone.
If you want to go far, go together.***

**African
Proverb**

***... and if you want to go reliably,
go with continuous integration***

>>> Get to work with Git and CI/CD

The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for `prefect-poc / scenarios / full-demo / stack`. At the top, navigation tabs include Code, Issues, Pull requests (3), Actions, Projects, Wiki, Security (7), and Insights. The left sidebar shows the file tree with the `stack` directory selected. The main content area displays a pull request by `davidban77` titled "Merging all to main (#21)" with commit ID `c274585` from last week. Below this is a table of commit history.

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nautobot	Merging all to main (#21)	last week
prefect-agent	Merging all to main (#21)	last week
prefect-alertmanager-webhook	Merging all to main (#21)	last week
docker-compose.yml	Merging all to main (#21)	last week

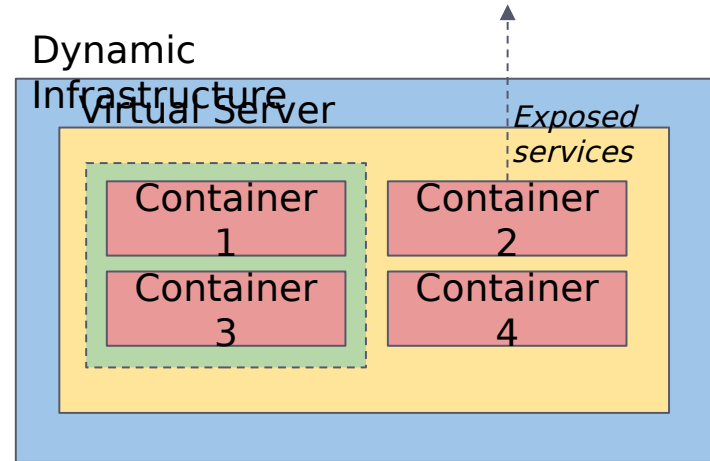


***I choose a lazy person to do a hard job.
Because a lazy person will find an easy
way to do it.***

Bill Gates

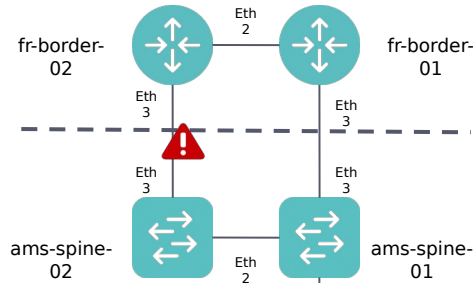
>>> Embrace Dynamic Infrastructure

```
resource "digitalocean_droplet" "ntc-ops_vm" {  
  image = "ubuntu-22-04-x64"  
  name = format("%s-%s", "ntc-ops", var.user)  
  region = var.vm_region  
  size = var.vm_size  
  ssh_keys = [  
    data.digitalocean_ssh_key.terraform.id  
  ]  
  tags = [  
    "ntc-ops-vm"  
  ]  
  
  connection {  
    host = self.ipv4_address  
    user = "root"  
    type = "ssh"  
    private_key = file(var.pvt_key)  
    timeout = "2m"  
  }  
  
  provisioner "file" {  
    source = var.pub_ssh_key  
    destination = "/tmp/temp.pub"  
  }  
}
```



>>> Spin up a network dev environment

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CONTAINERlab



```
---
name: full-demo
prefix: "" # Empty string to not add a prefix to the containers
mgmt:
  network: full-demo
  ipv4-subnet: 172.24.77.0/24
topology:
  kinds:
    ceos:
      image: ceos:lab
  nodes:
    fr-border-01:
      kind: ceos
      mgmt-ipv4: 172.24.77.11
      startup-config: startups/fr-border-01_conf
  publish:
    - tcp/50051
    - tcp/80
    - tcp/443
    - udp/161
```

>>> Containerization makes your life easier

```
root@ntc-ops-netpanda:~# docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE
b82537e06d84  networktocode-llc/prefect-agent:latest
1c67dda29059  docker.elastic.co/kibana/kibana:8.6.2
785cb6915a69  networktocode-llc/nautobot-delices:latest
a3a29d228ac1  prefecthq/prefect:2.13-python3.10
962fbb211bcd  docker.elastic.co/elasticsearch/elasticsearch:8.6.2
fc94ae333b92  prom/prometheus:latest
43e4f5ab47d6  networktocode/network-agent:1.27-py3.8-v0.4.2-v0.3.2
62c0fab8452e  networktocode-llc/prefect-alertmanager-webhook:latest
703bb5bc5569  grafana/grafana:latest
9e1031c78f46  grafana/loki:latest
81a9116711b0  grafana/logstash-output-loki:latest
9d57f09eaa50  networktocode-llc/nautobot-delices:latest
93aac5c0db22  redis:alpine
d5a3383e7f7a  postgres:14
4c674e606c08  prom/alertmanager:latest
798d76d98d3e  postgres:14
5e6940390270  minio/minio
f4ff6db4b9ad  grafana/grafana-image-renderer:latest
0f46f34a0a96  networktocode/network-agent:1.27-py3.8-v0.4.2-v0.3.2
6a9ba203ad98  networktocode/network-agent:1.27-py3.8-v0.4.2-v0.3.2
2cec6efcd97c  networktocode/network-agent:1.27-py3.8-v0.4.2-v0.3.2
a5165514433c  ghcr.io/open-traffic-generator/ixia-c-one:latest
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4c8a14bace55  ceos:lab
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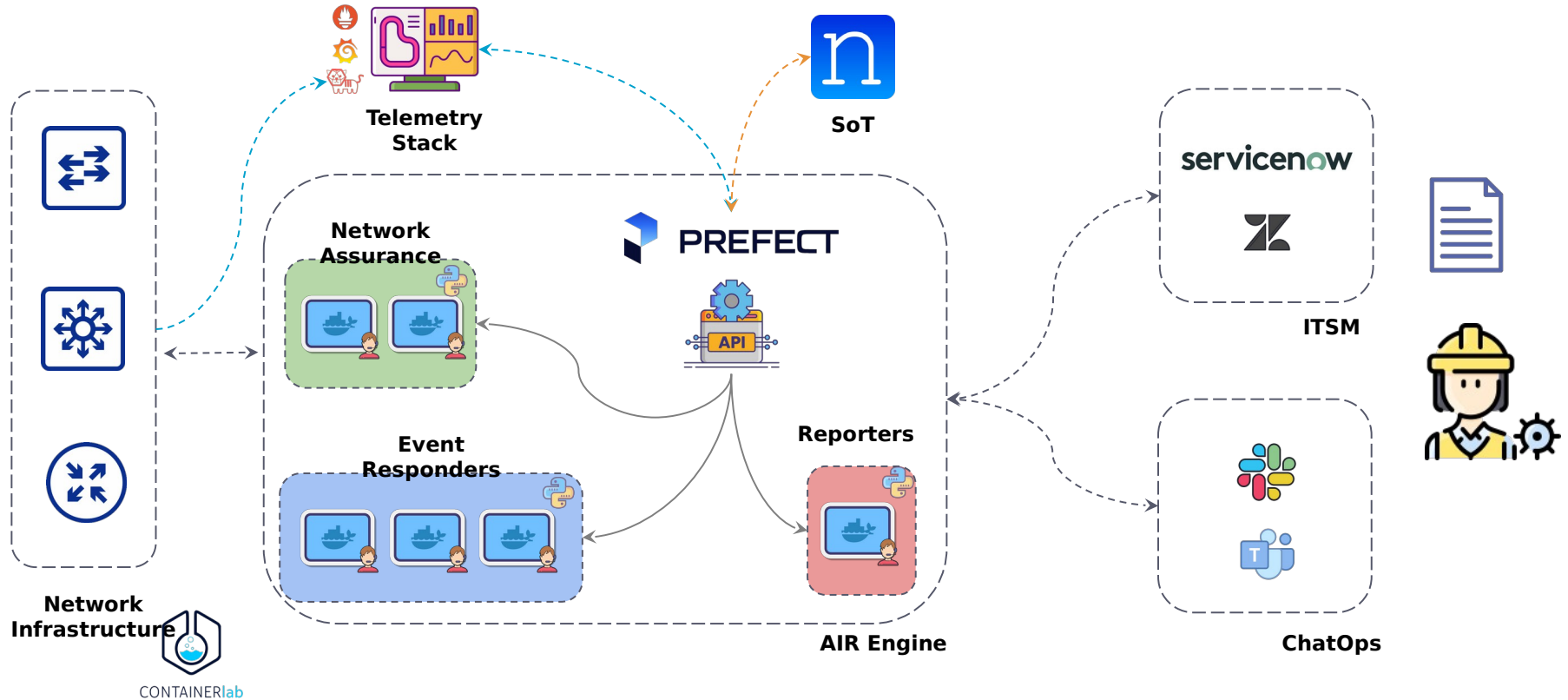




***We are stubborn on vision.
We are flexible on details.***

Jeff Bezos

>>> Tooling Agnostic



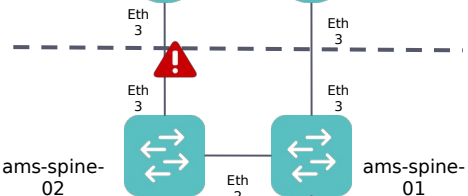
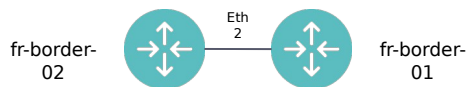


***Give me a place to stand
and I will move the earth.***

Archimedes

>>> It's all about interactions via APIs

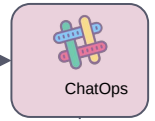
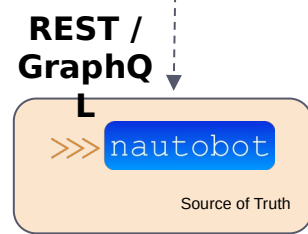
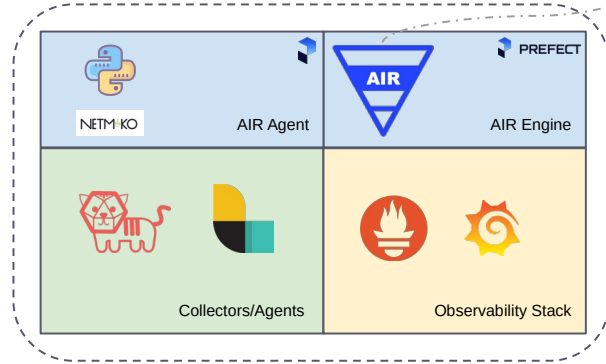
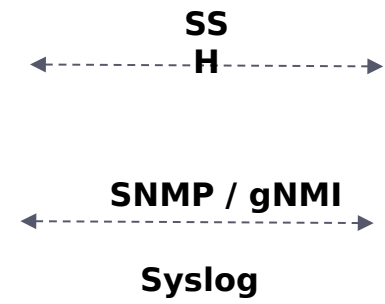
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- Configures Network Devices
- Notifies Slack
- Creates Grafana Annotations
- Updates Nautobot





***Programming isn't about what you
know;
it's about what you can figure out.***

Chris Pine

>>> Configure Devices with Python and Jinja2

```
@flow(  
    name="Network Config - Configure Device",  
    description="Flow to configure a device.",  
    flow_run_name="Device: {device_name}",  
)  
  
def configure_device(device_name: str, config_template: str | None = None) -> bool:  
    """Configure device."""  
    logger = get_run_logger()  
    logger.info(f"Retrieving device {device_name} data from Nautobot...")  
    device = get_device(device_name)  
    # Get interfaces information  
    logger.info(f"Retrieving device {device_name} interfaces from Nautobot...")  
    device_interfaces = get_device_interfaces.submit(device_name=device_name)  
    process_device_interfaces.submit(device_interfaces)  
    logger.info(f"Device {device_name} interfaces retrieved from Nautobot!")  
    # Add interfaces to config_vars  
    config_vars = generate_config_vars.submit(device=device,  
    device_interfaces=device_interfaces)  
    # Get Template data  
    template_file = Path(__file__).parent / "tasks" / "network" / "templates" /  
    f"{device.platform}.j2"  
    # Generate the configuration  
    config = net_device.generate_config.submit(  
        device=device.name,  
        device_type=device.platform,  
        template=template_file.read_text(),  
        config_vars=config_vars,  
        wait_for=[device, device_interfaces],  
    )
```

```
{% if config_data.bgp is defined %}  
router bgp {{ config_data.bgp.asn }}  
    bgp log-neighbor-changes  
{% if config_data.bgp.router_id is defined %}  
    router-id {{ config_data.bgp.router_id }}  
{% endif %}  
{% for redis in config_data.bgp.redistribute | default([]) %}  
{% if redis.route_map is defined %}  
    redistribute {{redis.type}} route-map {{ redis.route_map }}  
{% else %}  
    redistribute {{redis.type}}  
{% endif %}  
{% endfor %}  
{% for neighbor in config_data.bgp.neighbors | default([]) %}  
neighbor {{ neighbor.ip }} remote-as {{ neighbor.asn }}  
{% if neighbor.description is defined %}  
neighbor {{ neighbor.ip }} description {{ neighbor.description }}  
{% endif %}  
{% if neighbor.route_map is defined %}  
neighbor {{ neighbor.ip }} route-map {{ neighbor.route_map.name }}  
{{ neighbor.route_map.direction | default("in") }}  
{% endif %}  
{% if neighbor.tshift is defined %}  
{% if neighbor.tshift.enabled %}  
neighbor {{ neighbor.ip }} route-map {{ neighbor.tshift.route_map }}  
{{ neighbor.tshift.direction | default("in") }}  
{% endif %}  
{% endif %}  
{% if neighbor.max_routes is defined %}  
neighbor {{ neighbor.ip }} maximum-routes {{ neighbor.max_routes }}  
{% endif %}  
{% endfor %}  
{% endif %}
```




>>> Did we have a demo ongoing?



>>> How to get started?



Why not?

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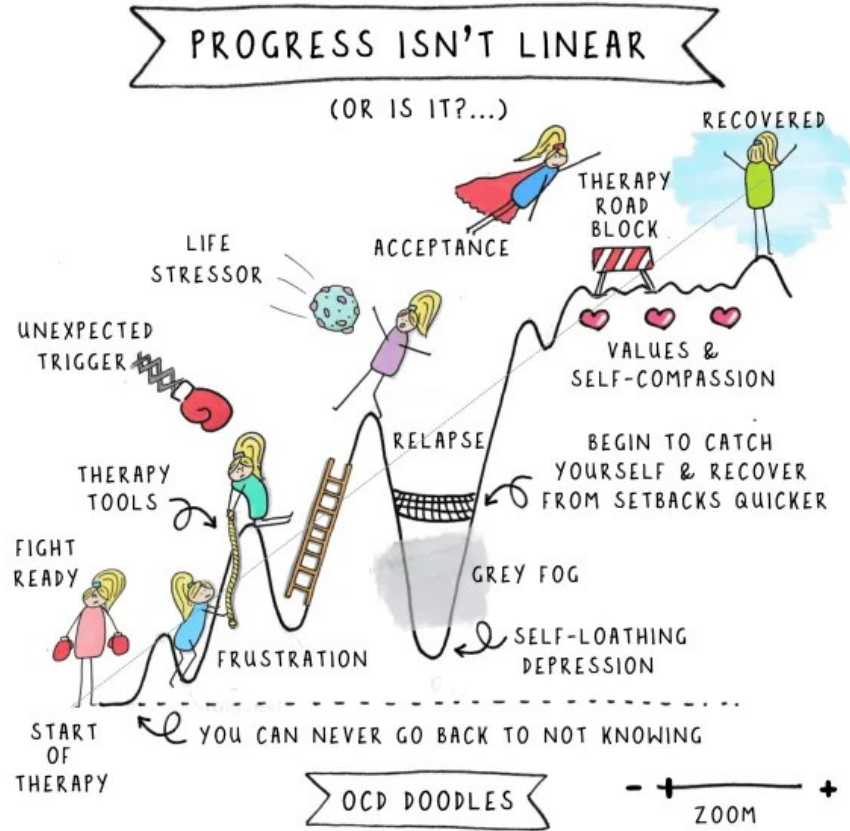
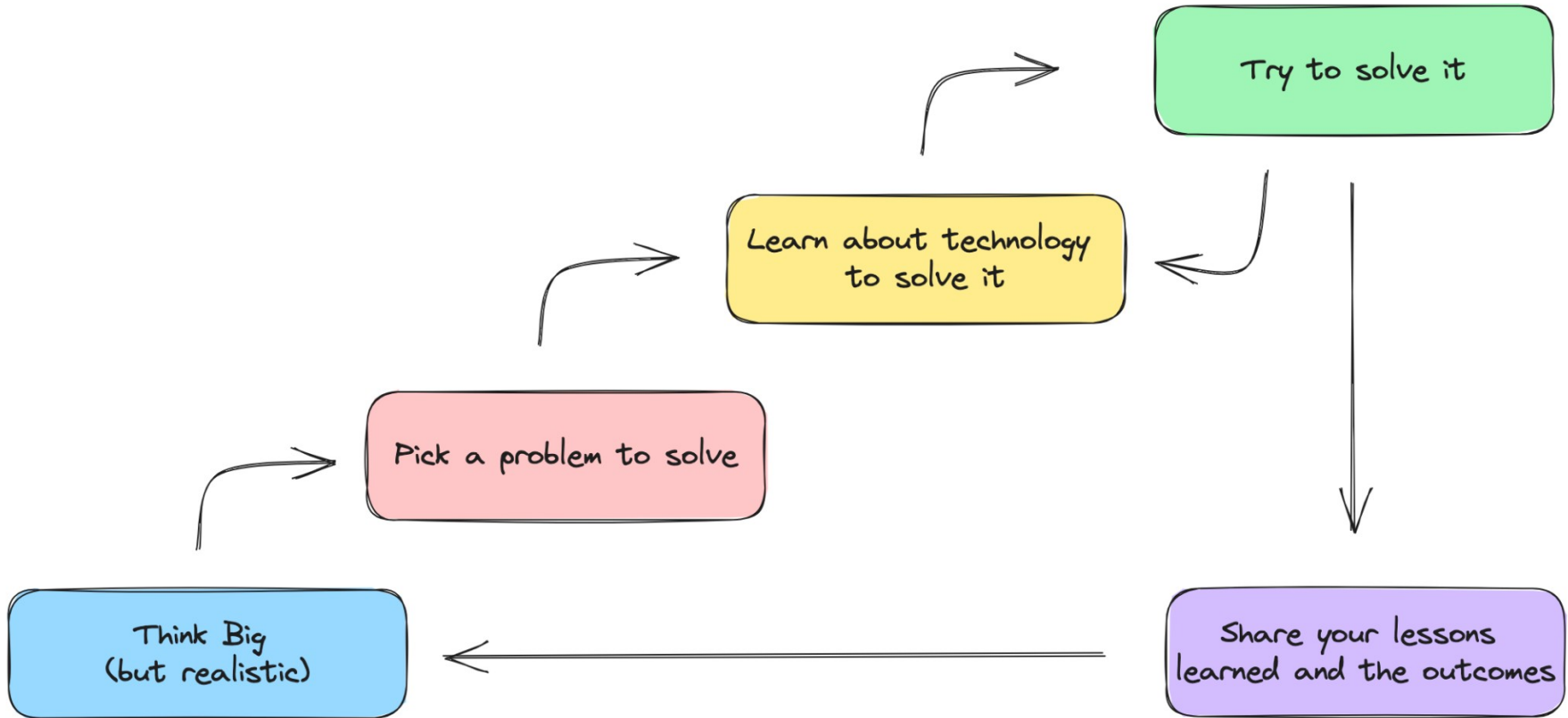


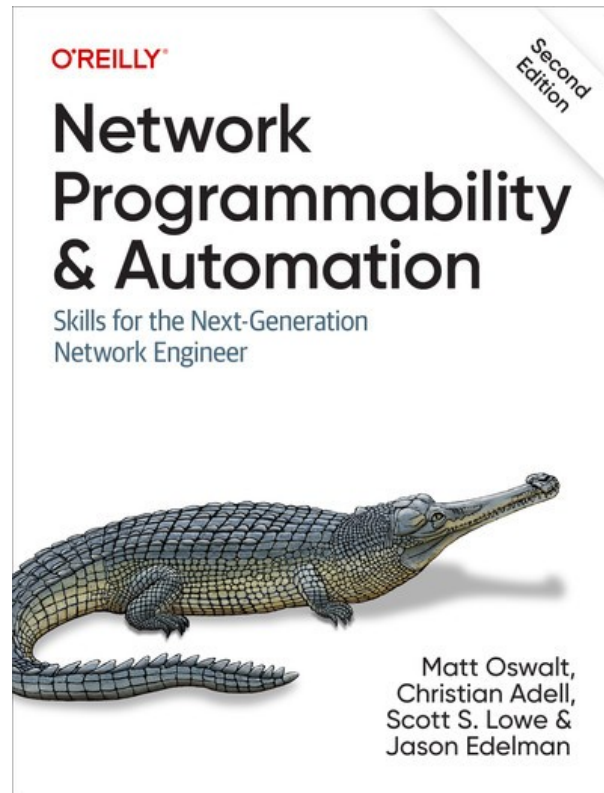
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>>> It's an iterative process



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