Trigger

Network Automation Toolkit

About Me

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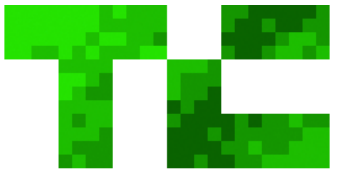
I know what you're thinking...


AOL still exists?
People still use dial-up?
Do you still mail out CDs?



You probably use AOL every day

It takes a big network to run all this stuff

What is Trigger?

A Network Automation Toolkit

Like...
Chef, Fabric, Puppet

(But for network devices)

routers
switches
firewalls
load-balancers

Why Trigger?


python™

Speed & Reliability

Error-handling

Scalability!

(No, seriously.)

Extensibility

Integration

Engineers + GUI = Fail

Remote Execution

Asynchronous SSH, Telnet, & Junoscript

Network Device Metadata

Vendors, models, locations...

Bounce Windows

"It's 5:00 somewhere!"

Encrypted Credentials

NO CLEAR-TEXT PASSWORDS!

(Unless you're using Telnet!)

Every vendor does its own thing

:(

Supported Platforms

A10 Networks
All AX series application delivery controllers and server load-balancers

Arista Networks
All 7000-family switch platforms

Aruba Networks
All Mobility Controller platforms

Brocade/Foundry Networks
ADX load-balancers
MLX routers
VDX switches
All legacy Foundry router and switch platforms (NetIron, ServerIron, et al.)

Citrix Systems
NetScaler application delivery controllers and server load-balancers

Cisco Systems
All router and switch platforms running IOS

Dell
PowerConnect switches

Juniper Networks
All router and switch platforms running Junos
NetScreen firewalls running ScreenOS (Junos not yet supported)

Trigger in Practice

Easy to Install

pip install trigger

Easy to Setup

```
% pip install trigger
% git clone git://github.com/aol/trigger.git


% cd trigger
% cat conf/netdevices.csv
test1-abc.net.aol.com,juniper
test2-abc.net.aol.com,cisco


% export NETDEVICES_SOURCE=conf/netdevices.csv


% python
Python 2.7.3 (default, Jan 23 2013, 06:56:14)
>>>
>>> from trigger.netdevices import NetDevices
>>> nd = NetDevices()
>>> nd
{'test1-abc.net.aol.com': <NetDevice: test1-abc.net.aol.com>,
 'test2-abc.net.aol.com': <NetDevice: test2-abc.net.aol.com>}
```

Easy to Configure

/etc/trigger/settings.py

```
% sudo cp conf/trigger_settings.py /etc/trigger/settings.py


% cat /etc/trigger/settings.py
# A path/URL to netdevices metadata source data, which is
# used to populate NetDevices. See: NETDEVICES_LOADERS.
NETDEVICES_SOURCE = os.environ.get('NETDEVICES_SOURCE',
'/etc/trigger/netdevices.json')

# A tuple of data loader classes, specified as strings or
# tuples. If a tuple is used instead of a string, first
# item is Loader's module, rest passed to Loader during init.
NETDEVICES_LOADERS = (
    'trigger.netdevices.loaders.filesystem.JSONLoader',
    'trigger.netdevices.loaders.filesystem.CSVLoader',
    # Example of a db loader where the db info is sent along
    # as an argument. The args can be anything you want.
    ['my.custom.loaders.MySQLLoader',
     {'dbuser': 'trigger', 'dbpass': 'abc123',
      'dbhost': 'localhost', 'dbport': 3306}],
)
```

```
% python
>>> from trigger.conf import settings
>>> settings.NETDEVICES_SOURCE
'/etc/trigger/netdevices.json'


% NETDEVICES_SOURCE=conf/trigger_settings.py python
>>> from trigger.conf import settings
>>> settings.NETDEVICES_SOURCE
'conf/trigger_settings.py'


>>> settings.DEFAULT_TIMEOUT
300


>>> settings.SSH_PTY_DISABLED
{'dell': ['SWITCH']}
```

Network Device Metadata

```
>>> from trigger.netdevices import NetDevices
>>> nd = NetDevices()
>>> nd
{'test1-abc.net.aol.com': <NetDevice: test1-abc.net.aol.com>,
 'test2-abc.net.aol.com': <NetDevice: test2-abc.net.aol.com>}


>>> dev = nd.find('test1-abc')
>>> dev.nodeName
'test1-abc.net.aol.com'
>>> dev.vendor
<Vendor: Juniper>
>>> dev.is_router()
True
>>> dev.has_ssh()
True


>>> nd.match(vendor='cisco')
[<NetDevice: test2-abc.net.aol.com>]
```

```
% netdev
Usage: netdev [options]
Command-line search interface for 'NetDevices' metadata.

Options:
  --version             show program's version number and exit
  -h, --help            show this help message and exit
  -a, --acls            Search returns acls vs. devices.
  -l <DEVICE>, --list=<DEVICE>
                        List all information for a DEVICE
  -s, --search          Perform a search based on arguments
  -L <LOCATION>, --location=<LOCATION>
                        Match on site location.
  -n <NODENAME>, --nodename=<NODENAME>
                        Match on full or partial nodeName.
                        NO REGEXP.
  -t <TYPE>, --type=<TYPE>
                        Match on deviceType.  Must be
                        FIREWALL, ROUTER, or SWITCH.
  -o <OWNING TEAM NAME>, --owning-team=<OWNING TEAM NAME>
                        Match on Owning Team (owningTeam).
```

```
-O <ONCALL TEAM NAME>, --oncall-team=<ONCALL TEAM NAME>
                        Match on Oncall Team (onCallName).
-C <OWNING ORG>, --owning-org=<OWNING ORG>
                        Match on cost center Owning Org.
                        (owner).
-v <VENDOR>, --vendor=<VENDOR>
                        Match on canonical vendor name.
-m <MANUFACTURER>, --manufacturer=<MANUFACTURER>
                        Match on manufacturer.
-b <BUDGET CODE>, --budget-code=<BUDGET CODE>
                        Match on budget code
-B <BUDGET NAME>, --budget-name=<BUDGET NAME>
                        Match on budget name
-k <MAKE>, --make=<MAKE>
                        Match on make.
-M <MODEL>, --model=<MODEL>
                        Match on model.
-N, --nonprod           Look for production and
                        non-production devices.
```

```
% netdev -l test1-abc.net.aol.com

   Hostname:           test1-abc.net.aol.com
   Owning Org.:        None
   Owning Team:        None
   OnCall Team:        None

   Vendor:             Juniper (juniper)
   Make:               None
   Model:              None
   Type:               ROUTER
   Location:           None None None

   Project:            None
   Serial:             None
   Asset Tag:          None
   Budget Code:        None (None)

   Admin Status:       PRODUCTION
   Lifecycle Status:   None
   Operation Status:   None
   Last Updated:       None
```

```
% netdev -l test1-abc.net.aol.com

   Hostname:           test1-abc.net.aol.com
   Owning Org.:        12345678 - Network Engineering
   Owning Team:        Data Center
   OnCall Team:        Data Center

   Vendor:             Juniper (JUNIPER)
   Make:               MX960-BASE-AC
   Model:              MX960-BASE-AC
   Type:               ROUTER
   Location:           LAB CR10 16ZZ

   Project:            Test Lab
   Serial:             987654321
   Asset Tag:          0000012345
   Budget Code:        1234578 (Data Center)

   Admin Status:       PRODUCTION
   Lifecycle Status:   INSTALLED
   Operation Status:   MONITORED
   Last Updated:       2012-07-19 19:56:32.0
```

Error-handling

2013-02-20 09:05:22-0800 [TriggerSSHTransport,client] Client connection lost. Reason: Failure instance: Traceback (failure with no frames): **<class 'twisted.internet.error.TimeoutError'>: User timeout caused connection failure.\n**]"

2013-02-12 05:24:35-0800 [-] "PUSH FAILED ON test2-abc.net.aol.com: [Failure instance: Traceback (failure with no frames): **<class 'trigger.exceptions.CommandTimeout'>: Timed out while sending commands\n**]"

013-02-12 06:15:13-0800 [TriggerSSHTransport,client] Client connection lost. Reason: [Failure instance: Traceback (failure with no frames): **<class 'trigger.exceptions.LoginFailure('No more authentication methods available\n')**]"

Bounce Windows

/etc/trigger/bounce.py

```
>>> dev.bounce
BounceWindow(green='3-5', yellow='0-2, 6-11', red='12-23',
             default='red')


>>> print dev.bounce.next_ok('green')
2013-02-22 10:00:00+00:00


>>> from trigger.changemgmt import bounce
>>> bounce(dev)
BounceWindow(green='3-5', yellow='0-2, 6-11', red='12-23',
             default='red')
```

Encrypted credentials

.tacacsrc

```
% go test2-abc
Connecting to test2-abc.net.aol.com.  Use ^X to exit.
/home/jathan/.tacacsrc not found, generating a new one!

Updating credentials for device/realm 'tacacsrc'
Username: jathan
Password:
Password (again):

Fetching credentials from /home/jathan/.tacacsrc
test2-abc#


% cat ~/.tacacsrc
# Saved by trigger.tacacsrc at 2012-09-17 15:08:09 PDT

aol_uname_ = uiX3q7eHEq2A=
aol_pwd_ = ere4P9d+bbjc6ZvAmDpetGg==
```

```
>>> from trigger import tacacsrc
>>> t = tacacsrc.Tacacsrc()
>>> t.creds['aol'] # See: settings.DEFAULT_REALM
Credentials(username='jathan', password='fake', realm='aol')


>>> tacacsrc.get_device_password('aol')
Credentials(username='jathan', password='fake', realm='aol')


>>> tacacsrc.get_device_password('foo')
Credentials not found for device/realm 'foo', prompting...

Updating credentials for device/realm 'foo'

Username: admin
Password:
Password (again):
Credentials(username='admin', password='bacon', realm='foo')
```

Interactive Shells

SSH, Telnet

```
% go test1-abc
Connecting to test1-abc.net.aol.com.  Use ^X to exit.

Fetching credentials from /home/jathan/.tacacsrc
--- JUNOS 10.4R7.5 built 2011-09-08 05:31:33 UTC
{master}
jathan@test1-abc>


% go test
2 possible matches found for 'test':
 [ 1] test1-abc.net.aol.com
 [ 2] test2-abc.net.aol.com
 [ 0] Exit
Enter a device number: 2
Connecting to test2-abc.net.aol.com.  Use ^X to exit.
```

```
% cat ~/.gorc
; .gorc - Example file to show how .gorc would work

[init_commands]
; Specify the commands you would like to run upon login for
; any vendor name defined in `settings.SUPPORTED_VENDORS`.
;
; Format:
;
; VENDOR:
;     command1
;     command2
cisco:
    terminal length 0
    show clock

juniper:
    show system users
```

```
% go foo2-xyz
Connecting to foo2-xyz.net.aol.com.  Use ^X to exit.

Fetching credentials from /home/jathan/.tacacsrc
foo2-xyz#terminal length 0
foo2-xyz#show clock
17:06:49.269 UTC Tue Feb 19 2013



% go test1-abc
Connecting to test1-abc.net.aol.com.  Use ^X to exit.

Fetching credentials from /home/jathan/.tacacsrc
--- JUNOS 10.4R7.5 built 2011-09-08 05:37:33 UTC
jathan@test1-abc> show system users
 5:08PM up 696 days, 7:47, 1 user, load avgs: 0.8, 0.07, 0.02
USER     TTY   FROM              LOGIN@   IDLE   WHAT
jathan   p0    wtfpwn.local      5:08PM      -   -cli (cli)

jathan@test1-abc>
```

```
>>> dev.connect()
Connecting to test1-abc.net.aol.com.  Use ^X to exit.

Fetching credentials from /home/jathan/.tacacsrc
--- JUNOS 10.4R7.5 built 2011-09-08 05:31:33 UTC
jathan@test1-abc>


>>> dev.connect(init_commands=['show system users'])
Connecting to test1-abc.net.aol.com.  Use ^X to exit.

Fetching credentials from /home/jathan/.tacacsrc
--- JUNOS 10.4R7.5 built 2011-09-08 05:31:33 UTC
jathan@test1-abc> show system users
 5:08PM up 696 days, 7:47, 1 user, load avgs: 0.8, 0.07, 0.02
USER     TTY   FROM              LOGIN@   IDLE   WHAT
jathan   p0    wtfpwn.local      5:08PM      -   -cli (cli)

jathan@test1-abc>
```

Remote Execution

SSH, Telnet, Junoscript

```
>>> dev.execute(['show clock'])
<Deferred at 0x9a84dcc>


>>> from trigger.cmds import Commando
>>> c = Commando(devices=[foo2-xyz.net.aol.com'],
                 commands=['show clock'])


>>> c.run()
>>> c.results
{
    'foo2-xyz.net.aol.com': {
        'show clock': '22:40:40.895 UTC Mon Sep 17 2012\n'
    }
}
```

```
% gnng test1-abc
DEVICE: test1-abc.net.aol.com
Iface    | Addrs   | Subnets    | ACLs in | ACLs out
-----------------------------------------------------
fe-1/2/1 | 1.6.2.3 | 1.6.2.0/30 |         | count
ge-1/1/0 | 6.8.8.6 | 6.8.8.4/30 |         | drop_out
lo0.0    | 1.6.2.5 | 1.6.2.5    | shield  |
         | 1.6.2.9 | 1.6.2.9    |         |
```

```
>>> from trigger.cmds import NetACLInfo
>>> aclinfo = NetACLInfo(devices=[dev])
>>> aclinfo.run()
>>> aclinfo.config.get(dev)['fe-1/2/1']
{
    'acl_in': [],
    'acl_out': ['count']
    'addr': [IP('1.6.2.3')],
    'subnets': [IP('1.6.2.0/30')],
}
```

Logging

```
>>> from twisted.python import log
>>> import sys
>>> log.startLogging(sys.stdout, setStdout=False)


>>> dev.connect()
Connecting to test1-abc.net.aol.com.  Use ^X to exit.
2013-02-19 07:56:54 [-] SSH connection test PASSED
2013-02-19 07:56:54 [-] Creds not set, loading .tacacsrc...
2013-02-19 07:56:54 [-] Using GPG method: False
2013-02-19 07:56:54 [-] Got username: 'jathan'
2013-02-19 07:56:54 [-] INITIAL COMMANDS: []
2013-02-19 07:56:54 [-] Trying SSH to test1-abc.net.aol.com
2013-02-19 07:56:54 [-] Starting factory <trigger.twister.
TriggerSSHPtyClientFactory object at 0xae9b06c>

Fetching credentials from /home/jathan/.tacacsrc
```

Extending Trigger

Commando

```
from trigger.cmds import Commando

class ShowClock(Commando):
    """Execute 'show clock' on Cisco devices."""
    vendors = ['cisco']
    commands = ['show clock']

if __name__ == '__main__':
    device_list = [
        'foo1-abc.net.aol.com',
        'foo2-xyz.net.aol.com'
    ]

    showclock = ShowClock(devices=device_list)
    showclock.run() # Start the event loop

    print '\nResults:'
    print showclock.results
```

```
sending ['show clock'] to foo2-xyz.net.aol.com
sending ['show clock'] to foo1-abc.net.aol.com
received ['22:40:40.895 UTC Mon Sep 17 2012\n']
 from foo1-abc.net.aol.com
received ['22:40:40.897 UTC Mon Sep 17 2012\n']
 from foo2-xyz.net.aol.com


Results:
{
    'foo1-abc.net.aol.com': {
        'show clock': '22:40:40.895 UTC Mon Sep 17 2012\n'
    },
    'foo2-xyz.net.aol.com': {
        'show clock': '22:40:40.897 UTC Mon Sep 17 2012\n'
    }
}
```

```
class ShowClock(Commando):
    vendors = ['cisco']
    commands = ['show clock']

    def from_cisco(self, results, device):
        # => '16:18:21.763 GMT Thu Jun 28 2012\n'
        fmt = '%H:%M:%S.%f %Z %a %b %d %Y\n'
        self._store_datetime(results, device, fmt)

    def _store_datetime(self, results, device, fmt):
        parsed_dt = self._parse_datetime(results, fmt)
        self.store_results(device, parsed_dt)

    def _parse_datetime(self, datestr, fmt):
        try:
            return datetime.strptime(datestr, fmt)
      except ValueError:
          return datestr
```

Commando API

Network Task Queue

Celery
RESTful API

```
POST /api/task/apply/api.tasks.show_clock
'{"api_key": "bacon", "devices": ["test2-abc2, test2-xyz"],
  "username": "jathan"}'

{
    "ok": true,
    "task_id": "1d23e90b-bf22-46f7-add5-cb9e51b18d57",
}
```

```
GET /api/task/result/1d23e90b-bf22-46f7-add5-cb9e51b18d57
{
    "result": [
        {
            "commands": [
                {
                    "command": "show clock",
                    "result": "23:09:48.331 UTC Thu Oct 25 2012\n"
                }
            ],
            "device": "test2-abc.net.aol.com"
        },
        {
            "commands": [
                {
                    "command": "show clock",
                    "result": "23:09:48.330 UTC Thu Oct 25 2012\n"
                }
            ],
            "device": "test2-xyz.net.aol.com"
        }
    ],
    "state": "SUCCESS",
    "task_id": "1d23e90b-bf22-46f7-add5-cb9e51b18d57"
}
```

Extras

ACL Parser

```
% cat acl.123
access-list 123 permit tcp any host 10.20.30.40 eq 80


% aclconv -j acl.123
firewall {
    filter 123j {
        term T1 {
            from {
                destination-address {
                    10.20.30.40/32;
                }
                protocol tcp;
                destination-port 80;
            }
            then {
                accept;
                count T1;
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```
>>> from trigger.acl import parse
>>> acl = parse("access-list 123 permit tcp any 10.20.30.40 eq
80")


>>> print '\n'.join(acl.output(format='junos'))
firewall {
    filter 123 {
        term T1 {
            from {
                destination-address {
                    10.20.30.40/32;
                }
                protocol tcp;
                destination-port 80;
            }
            then {
                accept;
            }
        }
    }
}
```

Notifications

```
# In /etc/trigger/settings.py

# Customize your list of handlers here. If not specified,
# the global default is to send notifications using email.
# Email notifications rely on the EMAIL_SENDER,
# FAILURE_RECIPIENTS, and SUCCESS_RECIPIENTS configuration
# variables.
NOTIFICATION_HANDLERS = [
    'my.custom.event_handler',
    'trigger.utils.notifications.handlers.email_handler',
]

# Email sender for integrated tools.
EMAIL_SENDER = 'nobody@example.notreal'

# Destinations to notify when things go not well.
FAILURE_RECIPIENTS = ['noc@example.notreal']

# Destinations to notify when things go well.
SUCCESS_RECIPIENTS = ['devops@example.notreal']
```

```
>>> from trigger.utils.notifications import send_notification
>>> send_notification("CONFIG PUSH FAILED",
                      "Router was on fire.")
True
```

The Future

Open Source

BSD License

Community

#trigger on Freenode

Thank You!

Code
github.com/aol/trigger

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