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This library does not pretend to hide or abstract FortiOS configuration. Its sole purpose is to give you a programmatic way to read it and modify it. To be able to use you will still need to understand how the CLI works.

There are two main libraries:

- **FortiOS** – This is the main library you will use. It allows you to connect to a device, read its configuration, it provides an interface to the running and the candidate config and provides diff and commit operations amongst others.
- **FortiConfig** – This library represents a block of configuration. You will usually deal with this just to create new objects (like a new firewall policy) or just via the attributes `running_config` and `candidate_config` in a `FortiOS` object.

First Steps

Connecting to the device

Let's start connecting to the vdom `test_vdom` for a particular device:

```
>>> from pyFG import FortiOS
>>> d = FortiOS('192.168.76.50', vdom='test_vdom')
>>> d.open()
```

Loading configuration

Now you can easily load a block of configuration and do some read operations:

```
>>> d.load_config('router bgp')
```

We can verify easily that we got the configuration doing the following:

```
>>> print d.running_config.to_text()
config router bgp
  config redistribute isis
  end
  config redistribute6 connected
  end
  config redistribute6 isis
  end
  config redistribute static
  end
  config redistribute6 rip
  end
  config redistribute connected
```

```

end
config redistribute ospf
end
config redistribute6 static
end
config neighbor
  edit 172.20.213.23
    set remote-as 65555
    set route-map-in "test4"
  next
  edit 2.2.2.2
    set remote-as 123
    set shutdown enable
  next
end
config redistribute rip
end
config redistribute6 ospf
end
end
>>>

```

Or we can get the AS for each neighbor in a programmatic way:

```

>>> for neigh, param in d.running_config['router bgp']['neighbor'].iterblocks():
...     print neigh, param.get_param('remote-as')
...
172.20.213.23 65555
2.2.2.2 123
>>>

```

We can also iterate over all the parameters for a specific block. Let's get all the parameters for the neighbor 2.2.2.2:

```

>>> for param, value in d.running_config['router bgp']['neighbor']['2.2.2.2'].
↳iterparams():
...     print param, value
...
remote-as 123
shutdown enable

```

Adding a new sub block of configuration

Now, let's add a new bgp neighbor. First we have to create the configuration block and set the parameters:

```

>>> from pyFG import FortiConfig
>>> nn = FortiConfig(config_type='edit', name='3.3.3.3')
>>> nn.set_param('remote-as', 12346)
>>> nn.set_param('shutdown', 'enable')

```

Now we assign it to the candidate configuration and print it to see it looks like we want:

```

>>> d.candidate_config['router bgp']['neighbor']['3.3.3.3'] = nn
>>> print d.candidate_config.to_text()
config router bgp
  config redistribute isis
  end

```



```
    config redistribute6 connected
    end
    config redistribute6 isis
    end
    config redistribute static
    end
    config redistribute6 rip
    end
    config redistribute connected
    end
    config redistribute ospf
    end
    config redistribute6 static
    end
    config neighbor
        edit 172.20.213.23
            set remote-as 65555
            set route-map-in "test4"
        next
        edit 2.2.2.2
            set remote-as 123
            set shutdown enable
        next
        edit 3.3.3.3
            set remote-as 12346
            set shutdown enable
        next
    end
    config redistribute rip
    end
    config redistribute6 ospf
    end
end
>>>
```

Deleting a sub_block of configuration

Now, let's delete neighbor 2.2.2.2:

```
>>> d.candidate_config['router bgp']['neighbor'].del_block('2.2.2.2')
```

Checking configuration changes

After all this changes let's see what has changed:

```
>>> print d.compare_configuration()
conf vdom
  edit test_vdom
    config router bgp
      config neighbor
        delete 2.2.2.2
        edit 3.3.3.3
          set remote-as 12346
          set shutdown enable
        next
```

```
        end
    end
end
>>>
```

As you can see, that method returns all the necessary commands to reach the candidate configuration from the running configuration.

Setting a parameter

Let's set a route-map outbound to neighbor 172.20.213.23:

```
>>> d.candidate_config['router bgp']['neighbor']['172.20.213.23'].set_param('route-
↳map-out', 'non-existant-routemap')
```

Committing changes

Now that we have done several changes let's commit the changes:

```
>>> d.commit()
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
  File "pyFG/fortios.py", line 242, in commit
    self._commit(config_text, force)
  File "pyFG/fortios.py", line 297, in _commit
    raise exceptions.FailedCommit(wrong_commands)
pyFG.exceptions.FailedCommit: [('-3', 'set route-map-out non-existant-routemap')]
>>>
```

The route map we tried to assign does not exist so the commit failed returning a FailedCommit exception. By default, if one single command fails during the commit operation the entire commit will be rolled back. At this point you have three options:

1. Create the route map
2. Delete that parameter or assign an existing route-map
3. Force the changes.

We are going to try forcing the changes:

```
>>> d.commit(force=True)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
  File "pyFG/fortios.py", line 242, in commit
    self._commit(config_text, force)
  File "pyFG/fortios.py", line 299, in _commit
    raise exceptions.ForcedCommit(wrong_commands)
pyFG.exceptions.ForcedCommit: [('-3', 'set route-map-out non-existant-routemap')]
>>> print d.compare_configuration()
conf vdom
edit test_vdom
  config router bgp
    config neighbor
      edit 172.20.213.23
        set route-map-out non-existant-routemap
```

```

        next
    end
end
end
>>>

```

We still got an exception although this time a different one; `ForcedCommit`. As you can see from the `compare_configuration` method the rest of the changes went through.

Rolling back changes

Now, let's assume we regret the changes we just did and we want to rollback:

```

>>> d.rollback()
>>> print d.running_config.to_text()
config router bgp
  config redistribute isis
  end
  config redistribute6 connected
  end
  config redistribute6 isis
  end
  config redistribute static
  end
  config redistribute6 rip
  end
  config redistribute connected
  end
  config redistribute ospf
  end
  config redistribute6 static
  end
  config neighbor
    edit 172.20.213.23
      set remote-as 65555
      set route-map-in "test4"
    next
    edit 2.2.2.2
      set remote-as 123
      set shutdown enable
    next
  end
  config redistribute rip
  end
  config redistribute6 ospf
  end
end
>>>

```

Voilà, we are back to our original configuration. BGP neighbor 3.3.3.3 is gone, 2.2.2.2 is back and that broken parameter map is not in there anymore.

Closing the session

Finally we close the ssh session:

```
>>> d.close()
```

Loading configuration from a file

The following example is very interesting if you plan to manage your devices using a configuration management system based in templates like ansible. Let's assume we have a configuration file that we have generated somehow with the following content:

```
config router bgp
  config neighbor
    edit "172.20.213.32"
      set remote-as 333
      set route-map-out "test4"
    next
  end
  config redistribute "connected"
  end
  config redistribute "rip"
  end
  config redistribute "ospf"
  end
  config redistribute "static"
  end
  config redistribute "isis"
  end
  config redistribute6 "connected"
  end
  config redistribute6 "rip"
  end
  config redistribute6 "ospf"
  end
  config redistribute6 "static"
  end
  config redistribute6 "isis"
  end
end
```

We want to load that configuration into a device, replacing its current configuration. First we have to connect to the device and load the running configuration we want to replace:

```
>>> from pyFG import FortiOS
>>> d = FortiOS('192.168.76.50', vdom='test_vdom')
>>> d.open()
>>> d.load_configuration('router bgp', empty_candidate=True)
```

The parameter `empty_candidate` will load only the running config. Now, we load the configuration file into the candidate config:

```
>>> with open ("bgp_config.txt", "r") as my_file:
...     data=my_file.read()
...
>>> d.load_configuration(config_text=data, in_candidate=True)
>>> print d.candidate_config.to_text()
config router bgp
  config redistribute isis
```

```

end
config redistribute6 connected
end
config redistribute6 isis
end
config redistribute static
end
config redistribute6 rip
end
config redistribute connected
end
config redistribute ospf
end
config redistribute6 static
end
config neighbor
    edit 172.20.213.32
        set remote-as 333
        set route-map-out "test4"
    next
end
config redistribute rip
end
config redistribute6 ospf
end
end

```

Now you can check the differences like this:

```

>>> print d.compare_configuration()
conf vdom
  edit test_vdom
    config router bgp
      config neighbor
        delete 172.20.213.23
        delete 2.2.2.2
        edit 172.20.213.32
          set remote-as 333
          set route-map-out "test4"
        next
      end
    end
  end
end

```

And commit the changes:

```

>>> d.commit()
>>> print d.compare_configuration()
>>>
>>> d.close()

```

A final `compare_configuration` returning an empty string will prove us that our changes were applied correctly.

SSH Config

You can now store some of the access details for your FortiGate appliances inside the `~/.ssh/config` of the user. Currently supported:

- Username
- Hostname
- Proxy Command
- IdentityFile

Example 1

Simple “alias” whereas you would use the ‘hostname’ “fortigate” inside your scripts instead of the IP address. Handy if you do not have a DNS server:

```
Host fortigate
  Hostname 192.168.1.1
  User admin
```

Example 2

A bit more complex for when you need go via a SSH proxy server to reach the appliance:

```
Host fortigate
  Hostname 192.168.1.1
  User admin
  ProxyCommand ssh user@10.10.10.1 nc %h %p
```


FortiOS

FortiConfig