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# About This Guide

The Junos OS REST API is a Representational State Transfer (REST) interface that enables you to securely connect to Junos OS devices, execute remote procedure calls, use a REST API Explorer graphical user interface enabling you to conveniently experiment with any of the REST APIs, and use a variety of formatting and display options including JavaScript Object Notation (JSON).

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# Understanding the REST API

The REST API is a Representational State Transfer (REST) interface that enables you to securely connect to Juniper Networks Junos operating system (Junos OS) devices, execute remote procedure calls (rpc commands), use a REST API Explorer GUI enabling you to conveniently experiment with any of the REST APIs, and use a variety of formatting and display options, including JavaScript Object Notation (JSON).

The REST API can be configured on Junos OS devices using commands available under the `[edit system services rest]` hierarchy level. Once configured, the REST API becomes available as the `rest` service, a REST-based interface that enables you to submit `rpc` commands to the device from a remote location, and supports GET and POST requests. With the REST API you can:

- Use GET requests to submit `rpc` commands.
- Use POST requests to submit information via `rpc` commands.
- Retrieve configuration information in XML, ASCII (plain text), or JSON.
- Retrieve operational data in XML, ASCII, or JSON.

At the `[edit system services rest]` hierarchy level, you can configure and secure the REST API service on a Junos OS device; set up IP addresses, port numbers, server certificates, control parameters, and trace options; and enable a REST API explorer tool that enables you to try the REST APIs using a convenient GUI.

The following CLI display options are available:

- A `display json` option is added to the `/ (pipe)` command. For example, the CLI command `show interfaces | display json` displays the interfaces in JSON notation.
- A `format="json"` option is added to NETCONF server commands to return operational information in JSON notation.

**NOTE:** Starting in Junos OS Release 17.3R1, OpenConfig supports the operational state emitted by daemons directly in JSON format in addition to XML format. To configure JSON compact format, specify the following CLI command: `set system export-format state-data json compact`. This CLI command converts XML format to compact JSON format. Else, it emits the JSON in non-compact format.

**NOTE:** The REST API incoming request payload size cannot exceed 1174KB.

Workaround: Chunk the incoming REST API requests into a smaller size.

The REST API supports HTTP Basic Authentication, and all requests require a base64-encoded username and password included in the Authorization header. Both HTTP and HTTPS support are available:

- You can use HTTP to exchange content using clear text if you do not need a secure connection.
- We recommend that you use HTTPS to exchange encrypted content using one of the available cipher suites. You can configure the REST API to require server authentication without client authentication, or you can configure mutual authentication.

Once the REST API is configured on the device, new REST endpoints are available for executing either single rpc commands via GET or POST requests, or executing multiple rpc commands via a single POST request. See ["Submitting a GET Request to the REST API" on page 23](#) and ["Submitting a POST Request to the REST API" on page 26](#) for more information.

The REST API also provides a GUI called the REST API Explorer, which allows you to easily and quickly learn how to use the REST API. It is disabled by default, and can be enabled by specifying `set system services rest enable-explorer`. To learn more about the REST API Explorer, see ["Example: Using the REST API Explorer" on page 12](#).

#### Release History Table

Release	Description
17.3R1	Starting in Junos OS Release 17.3R1, OpenConfig supports the operational state emitted by daemons directly in JSON format in addition to XML format. To configure JSON compact format, specify the following CLI command: <code>set system export-format state-data json compact</code> . This CLI command converts XML format to compact JSON format. Else, it emits the JSON in non-compact format.

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# Configuring the REST API

The REST API can be configured on Junos OS devices using commands available under the `[edit system services rest]` hierarchy level. Once configured, the REST API becomes available as the `rest` service, a REST-based interface that enables you to submit `rpc` commands to the device from a remote location, and supports GET and POST requests.

To enable the REST API on your device, you need to configure:

- **Control parameters**— These allow you to optionally specify permitted source IP addresses and connection limits common to both HTTP and HTTPS connections.
- **REST API Explorer**— The REST API provides a GUI called the REST API Explorer, which allows you to easily and quickly learn how to use the REST API. It is disabled by default, and can be enabled by specifying `set system services rest enable-explorer`. To learn more about the REST API Explorer, see ["Example: Using the REST API Explorer" on page 12](#).
- **HTTP access**— You can specify a list of addresses and TCP ports for incoming connections. HTTP connections are not secure because they exchange credentials and data in clear text, so we recommend using HTTPS.
- **HTTPS access (*recommended*)**— You can specify a list of addresses and TCP ports for incoming connections, a list of preferred cipher suites, transport layer security (TLS) mutual authentication, and server certificates. HTTPS connections are secure, encrypting both credentials and information.
- **Trace options**— You can enable tracing for `lighttpd`, User Interface Script Environment (`juise`), or both. Trace information for `lighttpd` is stored at `/var/chroot/rest-api/var/log/lighttpd`, and trace information for `juise` is stored at `/var/chroot/rest-api/var/log/juise`. Tracing is disabled by default.

To configure the optional control parameters for settings common to both HTTP and HTTPS connections:

1. Specify `set system services rest control allowed-sources [ value-list ]` to set the permitted IP addresses for both HTTP and HTTPS connections. Use spaces as delimiters between values.
2. Specify `set system services rest control connection-limit limit` to set the maximum number of allowed simultaneous connections for both HTTP and HTTPS connections. You can assign a value from 1 through 1024 (the default is 64).

To configure HTTP access:

1. Specify `set system services rest http addresses [ addresses ]` to set the addresses on which the server listens for incoming HTTP connections.
2. Specify `set system services rest http port port-number` to set the TCP port for incoming HTTP connections. You can assign a value from 1024 through 65535 (the default is 3000).

To configure HTTPS access:

1. Specify set system services `rest https addresses [ addresses ]` to set the addresses on which the server listens for incoming HTTPS connections.
2. Specify set system services `rest https port port-number` to set the TCP port for incoming HTTPS connections. You can assign a value from 1024 through 65535 (the default is 3443).
3. Specify set system services `rest https cipher-list[cipher-1 cipher-2 cipher-3 ... ]` to configure the set of cipher suites the SSH server can use to perform encryption and decryption functions.
4. Specify set system services `rest https server-certificate local-certificate-identifier` to configure the server certificate. See [request security pki generate-certificate-request](#) for information about creating local certificates.
5. You can configure the REST API to require server authentication without client authentication, or you can configure TLS mutual authentication on both the server and client by specifying set system services `rest https mutual-authentication certificate-authority certificate-authority-profile-name`.

To configure trace options for lighttpd, juise, or both, specify set system services `rest traceoptions flag flag`. Set *flag* to lighttpd, juise, or all. When you specify the trace options, the command overwrites any previous trace option settings.

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# Example: Configuring the REST API

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This example demonstrates how to configure the REST API on a Junos OS device.

## Requirements

- A routing, switching, or security device running Junos OS Release 14.2 or later is required.

## Overview

This example configures the REST API on a Juniper Networks M10i Multiservice Edge Router. The example configures both HTTP and HTTPS access, with both `lighttpd` and `juise` tracing.

## Configuration

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### CLI Quick Configuration

To quickly configure this example, copy the following commands, paste them in a text file, remove any line breaks, change any details necessary to match your network configuration, copy and paste the commands into the CLI at the `[edit]` hierarchy level, and then enter `commit` from configuration mode.

```
set system services rest control allowed-sources [192.0.2.0 198.51.100.0]
set system services rest control connection-limit 100
set system services rest http port 3000
set system services rest http addresses [203.0.113.0 203.0.113.1]
set system services rest https port 3443
set system services rest https addresses [203.0.113.2 203.0.113.3]
set system services rest https server-certificate testcert
```

```
set system services rest https cipher-list rsa-with-3des-edc-sha
set system services rest https mutual-authentication certificate-authority testca
set system services rest traceoptions flag all
set system services rest enable-explorer
```

## Configuring the REST API

### Step-by-Step Procedure

To configure the REST API:

1. Specify allowed IP addresses for incoming HTTP and HTTPS connections.

```
[edit]
user@R1# set system services rest control allowed-sources [192.0.2.0 198.51.100.0]
```

2. Specify the maximum number of allowed connections over both HTTP and HTTPS.

```
[edit]
user@R1# set system services rest control connection-limit 100
```

3. Set the TCP port for incoming HTTP connections.

```
[edit]
user@R1# set system services rest http port 3000
```

4. Set the addresses on which the server listens for incoming HTTP connections.

```
[edit]
user@R1# set system services rest http addresses [203.0.113.0 203.0.113.1]
```

5. Set the TCP port for incoming HTTPS connections.

```
[edit]
user@R1# set system services rest https port 3443
```

6. Set the addresses on which the server listens for incoming HTTPS connections.

```
[edit]  
user@R1# set system services rest https addresses [203.0.113.2 203.0.113.3]
```

7. Set the server certificate.

```
[edit]  
user@R1# set system services rest https server-certificate testcert
```

8. Configure the set of ciphers the server can use to perform encryption and decryption functions.

```
[edit]  
user@R1# set system services rest https cipher-list rsa-with-3des-edc-cbc-sha
```

9. (Optional) Set up TLS mutual authentication on both the server and client with a certificate.

```
[edit]  
user@R1# set system services rest https mutual-authentication certificate-authority testca
```

10. (Optional) Configure trace options for lighttpd, juipe, or both.

```
[edit]  
user@R1# set system services rest traceoptions flag all
```

11. (Optional) Enable the REST API Explorer.

```
[edit]  
user@R1# set system services rest enable-explorer
```

12. Commit the configuration.

```
[edit]  
user@R1# commit and-quit
```

## Results

```
system {
  services {
    rest {
      control {
        allowed-sources [ 192.0.2.0 198.51.100.0 ];
        connection-limit 100;
      }
      enable-explorer;
      http {
        addresses [ 203.0.113.0 203.0.113.1 ];
        port 3000;
      }
      https {
        port 3443;
        addresses [ 203.0.113.2 203.0.113.3 ];
        server-certificate testcert;
        cipher-list rsa-with-3des-edc-sha;
        mutual-authentication {
          certificate-authority testca;
        }
      }
      traceoptions {
        flag all;
      }
    }
  }
}
```

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## Verifying REST API Configuration

### Purpose

Confirm that the REST API configuration is working properly on the device.

### Action

Display the REST API configuration by issuing the `show configuration system services rest operational mode` command.

```
user@R1> show configuration system services rest
http {
    port 3000;
    addresses [ 203.0.113.0 203.0.113.1 ];
}
https {
    port 3443;
    addresses [ 203.0.113.2 203.0.113.3 ];
    server-certificate testcert;
    cipher-list rsa-with-3des-edc-sha;
    mutual-authentication {
        certificate-authority testca;
    }
}
control {
    allowed-sources [ 192.0.2.0 198.51.100.0 ];
    connection-limit 100;
}
traceoptions {
    flag all;
}
enable-explorer;
```

### Meaning

This example configured both HTTP and HTTPS access on a Juniper Networks M10i Multiservice Edge Router. For HTTP access, the device listens on port 3000 and permits traffic from IP addresses 192.0.2.0, 198.51.100.0, 203.0.113.0, and 203.0.113.1. For a more secure connection, HTTPS access was configured with mutual authentication, using port 3443 and allowed IP addresses of 192.0.2.0, 198.51.100.0, 203.0.113.2, and 203.0.113.3. A connection limit of 100 has been configured for both



HTTP and HTTPS, and both jui-se and lighttpd tracing has been enabled. By default, the REST API Explorer is disabled (see ["Example: Using the REST API Explorer" on page 12](#)).

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# Example: Using the REST API Explorer

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This example demonstrates how to optionally use the REST API Explorer on a Junos OS device on which the REST API has been configured.

## Requirements

- An M Series, MX Series, T Series, or PTX Series device running Junos OS Release 14.2 or later is required.

## Overview

The REST API Explorer allows you to conveniently test out single or multiple RPC calls. Its GUI provides you with options to select the HTTP method (GET or POST), the required output format (XML, JSON, or plain text), the RPC URL, the input data type when using POST requests (XML or plain text), and an exit-

on-error condition. When you submit the request, the REST API Explorer displays the request header, response header, response body, and equivalent cURL request, all of which are useful to your development efforts.

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To use the REST API Explorer on any device on which the REST API has been configured, perform these tasks:

### Enabling the REST API Explorer

#### Step-by-Step Procedure

To enable the REST API Explorer:

1. Configure the REST API on the device.

See ["Configuring the REST API" on page 5](#) and ["Example: Configuring the REST API" on page 6](#) for information and examples.

2. Check whether the REST API Explorer is enabled.

Use the `show` command to see if `enable-explorer;` appears in the REST API configuration. If it appears, the REST API Explorer has been enabled. If it does not appear, you must enable the REST API Explorer.

```
[edit]
user@R1# show system services rest
http;
traceoptions {
    flag all;
}
enable-explorer;
```

### 3. Enable the REST API Explorer if necessary.

Use the `set` command to ensure that `enable-explorer;` appears in the REST API configuration.

```
[edit]
user@R1# set system services rest enable-explorer
```

## Opening the REST API Explorer

### Step-by-Step Procedure

To open the REST API Explorer:

- Ensure that the REST API Explorer is enabled, open a browser, and go to the following URL: `scheme://device-name:port` (for example, `https://mydevice:3000`).

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☒ Single RPC ☐ Multiple RPCs

HTTP method  
GET

Required output format  
XML

RPC URL  
/rpc/

Username

Password

Submit

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## Executing a Single RPC Using an HTTP GET Request

### Step-by-Step Procedure

To execute a single RPC using an HTTP GET Request:

1. In the **HTTP method** drop-down list, select **GET**.
2. Enter the RPC URL endpoint.  
  
For example, type `/rpc/get-software-information`.
3. Enter your username and password.
4. Click **Submit**.

In this example, the default output format, XML, is returned in the Response Body:

## REST-API explorer

☒ Single RPC    ☐ Multiple RPCs

HTTP method  
GET

Required output format  
XML

RPC URL  
/rpc/get-software-information

Username  
username

Password  
••••••••

**Submit**

### Request Headers

```
GET /rpc/get-software-information HTTP/1.1
Authorization: Basic dXNlcm5hbWU6UGFzc3dvcmQ=
Accept: application/xml
Content-Type: application/xml
```

## Executing a Single RPC Using an HTTP POST Request

### Step-by-Step Procedure

To execute a single RPC using an HTTP POST Request:

1. In the **HTTP method** drop-down list, select **POST**.

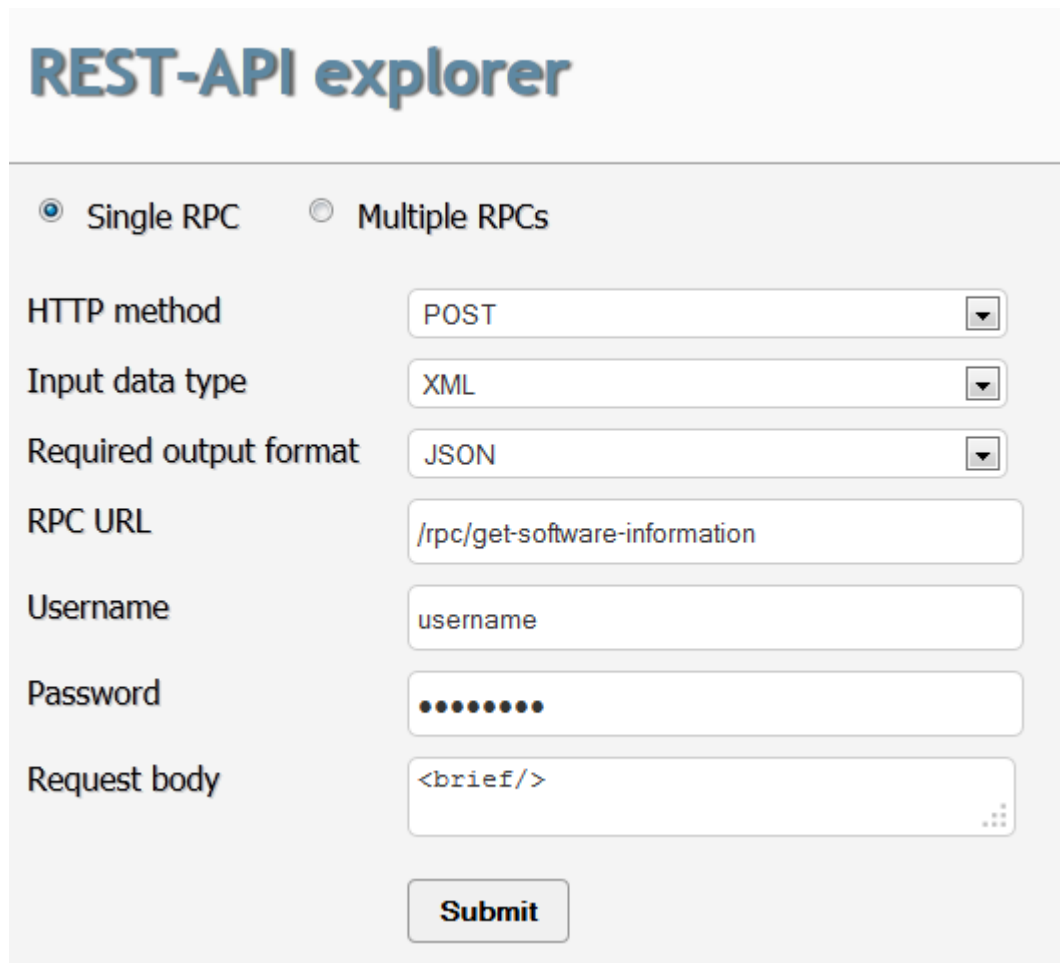
2. In the **Required output format** drop-down list, select **JSON**.
3. Enter this RPC URL endpoint: `/rpc/get-software-information`.
4. Enter your username and password.
5. Enter the XML-formatted request in the **Request body** text area.

For example:

```
<brief/>
```

6. Click **Submit**.

In this example, the JSON output format is returned in the Response Body:



The screenshot shows the 'REST-API explorer' interface. At the top, there are two radio buttons: 'Single RPC' (selected) and 'Multiple RPCs'. Below this, there are several form fields:

- HTTP method:** A dropdown menu with 'POST' selected.
- Input data type:** A dropdown menu with 'XML' selected.
- Required output format:** A dropdown menu with 'JSON' selected.
- RPC URL:** A text input field containing '/rpc/get-software-information'.
- Username:** A text input field containing 'username'.
- Password:** A text input field with masked characters (dots).
- Request body:** A text input field containing '<brief/>'. There is a small 'x' icon in the bottom right corner of this field.

At the bottom of the form is a 'Submit' button.

7. If you prefer a different output format, select one of the available choices in the **Required output format** drop-down list.

For example, you could select **Plain text**. When you click **Submit**, you will see plain text in the Response Body:

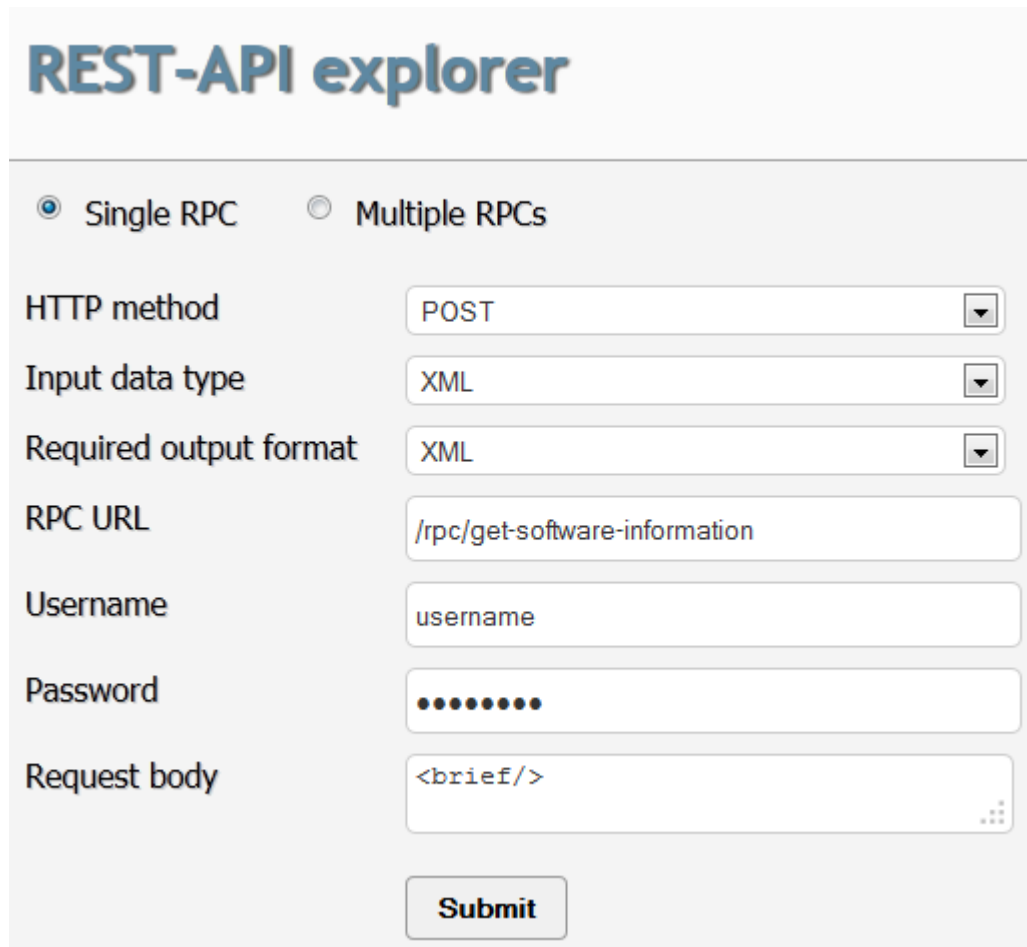
## REST-API explorer

☒ Single RPC    ☐ Multiple RPCs

HTTP method	POST
Input data type	XML
Required output format	Plain text
RPC URL	/rpc/get-software-information
Username	username
Password	••••••••
Request body	<brief/>

**Submit**

Similarly, if you select **XML** in the **Required output format** drop-down list, the response body will contain XML-formatted information:



The screenshot shows the 'REST-API explorer' interface. At the top, there are two radio buttons: 'Single RPC' (selected) and 'Multiple RPCs'. Below this, there are several input fields and a submit button:

- HTTP method:** A dropdown menu with 'POST' selected.
- Input data type:** A dropdown menu with 'XML' selected.
- Required output format:** A dropdown menu with 'XML' selected.
- RPC URL:** A text input field containing '/rpc/get-software-information'.
- Username:** A text input field containing 'username'.
- Password:** A text input field with masked characters (dots).
- Request body:** A text input field containing '<br>'. To the right of the field is a small icon of three dots.
- Submit:** A button at the bottom.

## Executing Multiple RPCs

### Step-by-Step Procedure

To execute multiple RPCs:

1. In the **HTTP method** drop-down list, select **POST**.

This is always required when executing multiple RPCs.

2. To set a conditional exit in the event of an error, select the **Exit on error** checkbox.
3. Select an output format in the **Required output format** drop-down list.

For example, you could select **JSON**.

4. This RPC URL endpoint will automatically populate: `/rpc?exit-on-error=1`.



5. Enter your username and password.
6. Enter the XML-formatted request in the **Request body** text area.

For example:

```
<get-software-information />
<get-interface-information />
```

7. Click **Submit**.

In this example, the JSON output format is returned in the Response Body:

The screenshot shows the REST-API explorer interface. On the left, the configuration is set to:
 

- Single RPC: ☐ (unselected)
- Multiple RPCs: ☒ (selected)
- Exit on error: ☒ (checked)
- HTTP method: POST (dropdown)
- Input data type: XML (dropdown)
- Required output format: JSON (dropdown)
- RPC URL: /rpc?exit-on-error=1
- Username: username
- Password: masked with dots
- Request body: <get-software-information /> <get-interface-information />

 On the right, the response is displayed:
 

- Response Headers:** Content-Type: multipart/mixed; boundary=nwlrbbmqbhdarz, Transfer-Encoding: chunked, Date: Thu, 01 May 2014 21:56:54 GMT, Server: lighttpd/1.4.32
- Response Body:** --nwlrbbmqbhdarz, Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8, followed by a JSON object: {"software-information": [{"host-name": [{"data": "ghost"}]}]}

## Viewing Error Messages

### Step-by-Step Procedure

When executing multiple RPCs, an error might occur. If you select the **Exit on error** checkbox, an error message will appear in the output if an error occurs.

To view error messages:

1. In the **HTTP method** drop-down list, select **POST**.

This is always required when executing multiple RPCs.

2. To set a conditional exit in the event of an error, select the **Exit on error** checkbox.
3. Select an output format in the **Required output format** drop-down list.

For example, you could select **JSON**.

4. This RPC URL endpoint will automatically populate: `/rpc?exit-on-error=1`.
5. Enter your username and password.
6. Enter the XML-formatted request containing an error in the **Request body** text area.

For example:

```
<get-software-information />  
<get-unknown-rpc />  
<get-interface-information />
```

7. Click **Submit**.

In this example, the JSON output format is returned in the Response Body, and you can see an XML-formatted error message at the end of the Response Body:

## REST-API explorer

☐ Single RPC    ☒ Multiple RPCs

☒ Exit on error

HTTP method

Input data type

Required output format

RPC URL

Username

Password

Request body 

```
<get-software-information />
<get-unknown-rpc />
<get-interface-information />
```

8. If you do not select the **Exit on error** checkbox, an error message will appear in the Response Body if an error occurs.

Execution will continue after the error is processed, and the results will also be included in the Response Body:

## REST-API explorer

☐ Single RPC
 ☒ Multiple RPCs

☐ Exit on error

HTTP method

Input data type

Required output format

RPC URL

Username

Password

Request body
 

```
<get-software-information />
<get-unknown-rpc />
<get-interface-information />
```

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## Submitting a GET Request to the REST API

For an rpc command, the general format of the endpoints is:

scheme://device-name:port/rpc/method[@attributes]/params

- `scheme`: http or https
- `method`: The name of any Junos OS rpc command. The `method` name is identical to the tag element. For more information, see the *Junos XML API Operational Developer Reference*.
- `params`: Optional parameter values (`name[=value]`).

To authenticate your request, submit the base64-encoded username and password included in the Authorization header:

```
curl -u "username:password" http://device-name:port/rpc/get-interface-information
```

To specify rpc data as a query string in the URI for GET requests, you can use a `?` following the URI with the `&` delimiter separating multiple arguments, or use the `/` delimiter, as shown in these equivalent cURL calls:

For example:

```
curl -u "username:password" http://device-name:port/rpc/get-interface-information?interface-name=cbp0&snmp-index=1
curl -u "username:password" http://device-name:port/rpc/get-interface-information/interface-name=cbp0/snmp-index=1
```

HTTP Accept headers can be used to specify the return format using one of the following Content-Type values:

- `application/xml` (the default)
- `application/json`
- `text/plain`
- `text/html`

For example, the following cURL call specifies an output format of JSON:

```
curl -u "username:password" http://device-name:port/rpc/get-interface-information?interface-name=cbp0 -header "Accept: application/json"
```

You can also specify the output format using the optional `format` parameter.

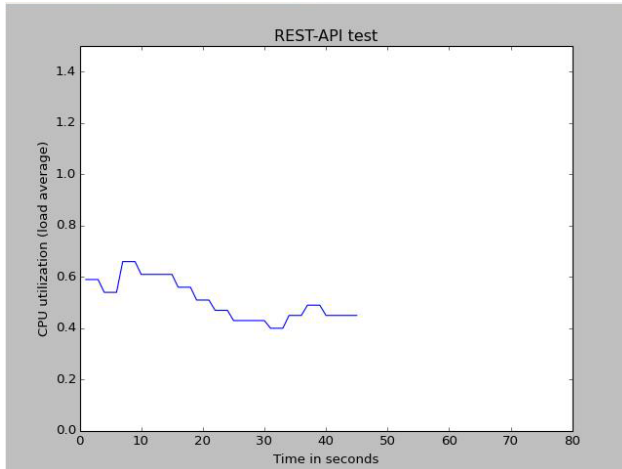
For example, the <get-software-information> tag element retrieves software process revision levels. The following HTTPS GET request executes this command and retrieves the results in JSON format:

```
https://device-name:3000/rpc/get-software-information@format=json
```

The following Python program uses the REST interface to execute the get-route-engine-information RPC, extracts the data from the response, and plots a graph of the CPU load average:

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import matplotlib.animation as animation
import requests

temp_y = 1
def update_line(num, data, line):
    if num == 0:
        return line,
    global temp_y
    x_data.append(num)
    if num is not 0 and num%8 == 1:
        r = requests.get('scheme://device:port/rpc/get-route-engine-information@format=json',
auth=('username', 'password'))
        if r: temp_y = r.json()["route-engine-information"][0]["route-engine"][0]["load-average-
one"][0]["data"]
        y_data.append(temp_y)
        line.set_data(x_data, y_data)
    return line,
fig1 = plt.figure()
x_data = []
y_data = []
l, = plt.plot([], [])
plt.xlim(0, 80)
plt.ylim(0, 1.5)
plt.xlabel('Time in seconds')
plt.ylabel('CPU utilization (load average)')
plt.title('REST-API test')
line_ani = animation.FuncAnimation(fig1, update_line, 80, fargs=(0, 1), interval=1000, blit=True)
plt.show()
```



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# Submitting a POST Request to the REST API

Use an HTTP POST request to send single or multiple RPC requests to the REST API. You can use the POST request to do device configuration.

For a single `rpc` command, the general format of the endpoints is:

`scheme://device-name:port/rpc/method[@attributes]/params`

- `scheme`: `http` or `https`
- `method`: The name of any Junos OS `rpc` command. The `method` name is identical to the tag element. For more information, see the Junos XML Protocol Operations, Processing Instructions, and Response Tags in the [Junos XML Management Protocol Developer Guide](#) and the *Junos XML API Operational Developer Reference*.
- `params`: Optional parameter values (`name[=value]`).

To authenticate your request, submit the base64-encoded username and password included in the Authorization header:

```
curl -u "username:password" http://device-name:port/rpc/get-interface-information
```

To specify rpc data as a query string in the URI for POST requests, submit the query data in the POST body. In such cases you can specify the Content-Type as text/plain or application/xml, as shown in these equivalent cURL calls:

```
curl -u "username:password" http://device-name:port/rpc/get-interface-information --header
"Content-Type: text/plain" -d "interface-name=cbp0"
curl -u "username:password" http://device-name:port/rpc/get-interface-information --header
"Content-Type: application/xml" -d "<interface-name>cbp0</interface-name>"
```

For both single and multiple RPC commands, HTTP Accept headers can be used to specify the return format using one of the following Content-Type values:

- application/xml (the default)
- application/json
- text/plain
- text/html

For example, the following cURL call specifies an output format of JSON:

```
curl -u "username:password" http://device-name:port/rpc -d <get-software-information /> -header
"Accept: application/json"
```

You can also specify the output format using the optional format attribute:

```
curl -u "username:password" http://device-name:port/rpc -d "<get-software-information
format=application/json' />"
```

**NOTE:** The default Content-Type for POST requests containing arguments in the body is application/xml. If you want to use any other content, such as a query string, you can specify a Content-Type of text/plain. Specify the format attribute in configuration commands.



When executing multiple rpc commands in a single request, the general format of the endpoint is:

```
scheme://device-name:port/rpc
```

The RPCs must be provided as XML data in the POST body. The Content-Type for the response is multipart/mixed, with boundary and subtype associated with the output from each RPC execution. The format specified in the Accept header is used as the output format for each of the RPCs if they are missing a format attribute. If an Accept header is not specified and no format attribute is specified in a given RPC, the default output format is XML. For example, to send a single HTTP request to execute the RPCs get-software-information and get-interface-information, submit a POST request to /rpc with "Auth: Basic <base64hash>", "Content-Type: application/xml". The POST body would contain:

```
<get-software-information/><get-interface-information/>
```

Here is a cURL call using this POST body:

```
curl -u "username:password" http://device-name:port/rpc -d "<get-software-information/><get-interface-information/>"
```

The output from the request, containing XML as the default, would appear as follows:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: multipart/mixed; boundary=fkj49sn38dcn3
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
Date: Thu, 20 Mar 2014 11:01:27 GMT
Server: lighttpd/1.4.32
--fkj49sn38dcn3
Content-Type: application/xml
```

```
<software-information>
<host-name>...</host-name>
...
```

```
</software-information>
--fkj49sn38dcn3
Content-Type: application/xml
```

```
<interface-information>
<physical-interface>...</physical-interface>
</interface-information>
--fkj49sn38dcn3--
```

You can also specify the output format for each of the elements in the POST body. For example, the following request emits JSON for the `get-interface-information` RPC and plain text for the `get-software-information` RPC:

```
curl -u "username:password" http://device-name:port/rpc
-d "<get-interface-information/><get-software-information format='text/plain'/>"
-header "Accept: application/json"
```

When executing multiple RPCs, if an error occurs, the default behavior is to ignore the error and continue execution. If you want to exit when the first error is encountered, specify the `stop-on-error` flag in the URI. For example, the following request configures the device and terminates if an error is encountered:

```
curl -u "username:password" http://device-name:port/rpc?stop-on-error=1
-d "<lock-configuration/>
  <load-configuration>
    <configuration><system><hostname>foo</hostname></system></configuration>
  </load-configuration>
  <commit/>
  <unlock-configuration/>"
```

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# addresses (REST API)

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## Syntax

```
addresses [ address-list ];
```

## Hierarchy Level

```
[edit system services rest http] ,  
[edit system services rest https]
```

## Description

Specify IP addresses for incoming connections.

## Required Privilege Level

system—To view this statement in the configuration.

system-control—To add this statement to the configuration.

## Release Information

Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 14.2.

# allowed-sources (REST API)

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## Syntax

```
allowed-sources [ value-list ];
```

## Hierarchy Level

```
[edit system services rest control]
```

## Description

Specify the allowed source IP addresses for the REST API process.

## Required Privilege Level

system—To view this statement in the configuration.

system-control—To add this statement to the configuration.

## Release Information

Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 14.2.

# ca-chain (REST API)

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## Syntax

```
ca-chain ca-chain;
```

## Hierarchy Level

```
[edit system services rest https]
```

## Description

Configure Certificate authority chain profile to perform https REST API request using mutual and server authentications.

## Required Privilege Level

system

## Release Information

Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 20.4R1.

# certificate-authority (REST API)

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## Syntax

```
certificate-authority certificate-authority-profile-name;
```

## Hierarchy Level

```
[edit system services rest https mutual-authentication]
```

## Description

Set the server certificate authority profile when configuring mutual authentication.

## Options

## Required Privilege Level

system—To view this statement in the configuration.

system-control—To add this statement to the configuration.

## Release Information

Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 14.2.



# cipher-list (REST API)

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## Syntax

```
cipher-list [ cipher-1 cipher-2 cipher-3 ...];
```

## Hierarchy Level

```
[edit system services rest https]
```

## Description

Specify the set of ciphers the server can use to perform encryption and decryption functions. If this option is not configured, the server accepts any supported suite that is available.

## Options

- `rsa-with-RC4-128-md5`— RSA, 128-bit RC4, MD5 hash
- `rsa-with-RC4-128-sha`— RSA, 128-bit RC4, SHA hash
- `rsa-with-3DES-ede-cbc-sha`— RSA, 3DES EDE/CBC, SHA hash
- `dhe-rsa-with-3DES-ede-cbc-sha`— DHE/RSA, 3DES/EDE CBC, SHA hash
- `rsa-with-aes-128-cbc-sha`— RSA, 128-bit AES/CBC, SHA hash
- `dhe-rsa-with-aes-128-cbc-sha`— DHE/RSA, 128-bit AES/CBC, SHA hash
- `rsa-with-aes-256-cbc-sha`— RSA, 256 bit AES/CBC, SHA hash
- `dhe-rsa-with-aes-256-cbc-sha`— DHE/RSA, 256 bit AES/CBC, SHA hash
- `ecdhe-rsa-with-RC4-128-sha`— ECDHE/RSA, 128-bit RC4, SHA hash
- `ecdhe-rsa-with-3DES-ede-cbc-sha`— ECDHE/RSA, 128-bit 3DES EDE/CBC SHA hash
- `ecdhe-rsa-with-aes-128-cbc-sha`— ECDHE/RSA, 128-bit AES/CBC, SHA hash
- `ecdhe-rsa-with-aes-256-cbc-sha`— ECDHE/RSA, 256 bit AES/CBC, SHA hash
- `rsa-with-aes-128-cbc-SHA256`— RSA, 128-bit AES/CBC, SHA256 hash
- `rsa-with-aes-256-cbc-SHA256`— RSA, 256 bit AES/CBC, SHA256 hash
- `dhe-rsa-with-aes-128-cbc-SHA256`— DHE/RSA, 128-bit AES/CBC, SHA256 hash
- `dhe-rsa-with-aes-256-cbc-SHA256`— DHE/RSA, 256 bit AES/CBC, SHA256 hash
- `rsa-with-aes-128-gcm-SHA256`— RSA, 128-bit AES/GCM, SHA256 hash
- `rsa-with-aes-256-gcm-SHA384`— RSA, 256 bit AES/GCM, SHA384 hash
- `dhe-rsa-with-aes-128-gcm-SHA256`— DHE/RSA, 128-bit AES/GCM, SHA256 hash
- `dhe-rsa-with-aes-256-gcm-SHA384`— DHE/RSA, 256 bit AES/GCM, SHA384 hash
- `ecdhe-rsa-with-aes-128-cbc-SHA256`— ECDHE/RSA, 128-bit AES/CBC, SHA256 hash
- `ecdhe-rsa-with-aes-256-cbc-SHA384`— ECDHE/RSA, 256 bit AES/CBC, SHA384 hash
- `ecdhe-rsa-with-aes-128-gcm-SHA256`— ECDHE/RSA, 128-bit AES/GCM, SHA256 hash
- `ecdhe-rsa-with-aes-256-gcm-SHA384`— ECDHE/RSA, 256 bit AES/GCM, SHA384 hash

**NOTE:** For Junos OS in FIPS mode, only the following FIPS-compliant cipher algorithms are supported:

- `rsa-with-aes-256-gcm-SHA384`— RSA, 256 bit AES/GCM, SHA384 hash
- `dhe-rsa-with-aes-128-gcm-SHA256`— DHE/RSA, 128-bit AES/GCM, SHA256 hash
- `dhe-rsa-with-aes-256-gcm-SHA384`— DHE/RSA, 256 bit AES/GCM, SHA384 hash
- `ecdhe-rsa-with-aes-128-gcm-SHA256`— ECDHE/RSA, 128-bit AES/GCM, SHA256 hash
- `ecdhe-rsa-with-aes-256-gcm-SHA384`— ECDHE/RSA, 256 bit AES/GCM, SHA384 hash

## Required Privilege Level

`system`—To view this statement in the configuration.

`system-control`—To add this statement to the configuration.

## Release Information

Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 14.2.

# connection-limit (REST API)

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## Syntax

```
connection-limit limit;
```

## Hierarchy Level

```
[edit system services rest control]
```

## Description

Specify the maximum number of simultaneous connections for the REST API process.

## Options

***limit*** Maximum number of simultaneous connections (IPv4 only).

- **Range:** 1 through 1024
- **Default:** 64

**NOTE:** The maximum number of simultaneous connections that the SRX series supports:

SRX300 and SRX320 - 8 sessions

SRX34X and SRX550 - 16 sessions

## Required Privilege Level

system—To view this statement in the configuration.

system-control—To add this statement to the configuration.

## Release Information

Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 14.2.

# control (REST API)

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## Syntax

```
control {  
    allowed-sources [ value-list ];  
    connection-limit limit;  
}
```

## Hierarchy Level

```
[edit system services rest]
```

## Description

Specify the allowed source IP addresses and maximum number of simultaneous connections for the REST API process.

The remaining statements are explained separately. See [CLI Explorer](#).

## Required Privilege Level

system—To view this statement in the configuration.

system-control—To add this statement to the configuration.

## Release Information

Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 14.2.

# enable-explorer (REST API)

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## Syntax

```
enable-explorer;
```

## Hierarchy Level

```
[edit system services rest]
```

## Description

Enable the REST API Explorer. This GUI is disabled by default, and can be enabled by specifying `set system services rest enable-explorer`. To disable the REST API Explorer, specify `delete system services rest enable-explorer`. To learn more about the REST API Explorer, see ["Example: Using the REST API Explorer" on page 12](#).

## Required Privilege Level

system—To view this statement in the configuration.

system-control—To add this statement to the configuration.

## Release Information

Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 14.2.

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## Syntax

```
http {  
    addresses [ address-list ];  
    port port-number;  
}
```

## Hierarchy Level

```
[edit system services rest]
```



## Description

Specify unencrypted HTTP connection settings, including addresses for incoming connections and the port number.

The remaining statements are explained separately. See [CLI Explorer](#).

## Required Privilege Level

system—To view this statement in the configuration.

system-control—To add this statement to the configuration.

## Release Information

Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 14.2.

# https (REST API)

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## Syntax

```
https {
  addresses [ address-list ];
  cipher-list [ cipher-1 cipher-2 cipher-3 ... ];
  mutual-authentication {
    certificate-authority certificate-authority-profile-name;
  }
  port port-number;
  server-certificate local-certificate-identifier;
}
```

## Hierarchy Level

```
[edit system services rest]
```

## Description

Specify encrypted HTTPS connection settings, including addresses for incoming connections, the port number, preferred cipher suites, and server certificate.

The remaining statements are explained separately. See [CLI Explorer](#).

## Required Privilege Level

system—To view this statement in the configuration.

system-control—To add this statement to the configuration.

## Release Information

Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 14.2.

# mutual-authentication (REST API)

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## Syntax

```
mutual-authentication {  
    certificate-authority certificate-authority-profile-name;  
}
```

## Hierarchy Level

```
[edit system services rest https]
```

## Description

Enable SSL/TLS mutual authentication. The server certificate must be set when configuring mutual authentication.

The remaining statement is explained separately. See [CLI Explorer](#).

## Options

## Required Privilege Level

system—To view this statement in the configuration.

system-control—To add this statement to the configuration.

## Release Information

Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 14.2.

# port (REST API)

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## Syntax

```
port port-number;
```

## Hierarchy Level

```
[edit system services rest http],  
[edit system services rest https]
```

## Description

Specify the port number.

## Options

- port-number* Port number on which to accept HTTP or HTTPS connections.
- **Range:** 1024 through 65535
  - **Default:** 3000 for HTTP, 3443 for HTTPS

## Required Privilege Level

system—To view this statement in the configuration.

system-control—To add this statement to the configuration.

## Release Information

Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 14.2.

# rest

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## Syntax

```
rest {
  control {
    allowed-sources [ value-list ];
    connection-limit limit;
  }
  enable-explorer;
  http {
    addresses [ address-list ];
    port port-number;
  }
  https {
    addresses [ address-list ];
    cipher-list [ cipher-1 cipher-2 cipher-3 ... ];
    mutual-authentication {
      certificate-authority certificate-authority-profile-name;
    }
    port port-number;
    server-certificate local-certificate-identifier;
  }
  routing-instance routing-instance;
  traceoptions {
    flag flag;
  }
}
```

```
}
}
```

## Hierarchy Level

```
[edit system services]
```

## Description

Execute Junos OS commands over HTTP or HTTPS using REST. Optionally, specify JSON output for operational and configuration commands.

## Options

**routing-  
instance**  
*routing-  
instance*

Specify the routing instance through which the remote server is reachable. This can be the non-default management instance `mgmt_junos` or a user-defined non-default routing instance. If you do not specify a routing instance, REST API requests are sent over the default routing instance.

**NOTE:** If you want to use the non-default management instance `mgmt_junos`, you must also define the `mgmt_junos` routing instance under the `[edit routing-instances]` hierarchy level and configure the `management-instance` statement.

The remaining statements are explained separately. See [CLI Explorer](#).

## Required Privilege Level

system—To view this statement in the configuration.

system-control—To add this statement to the configuration.

## Release Information

Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 14.2.

routing-instance option introduced in Junos OS Release 20.3R1.

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## server-certificate (REST API)

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## Syntax

```
server-certificate local-certificate-identifier;
```

## Hierarchy Level

```
[edit system services rest https]
```



## Description

Set the server certificate when configuring SSL/TLS mutual authentication.

## Options

*local-certificate-  
identifier*

The server certificate. This must be set when configuring SSL/TLS mutual authentication.

## Required Privilege Level

system—To view this statement in the configuration.

system-control—To add this statement to the configuration.

## Release Information

Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 14.2.

# traceoptions (REST API)

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## Syntax

```
traceoptions {
    flag flag;
}
```

## Hierarchy Level

```
[edit system services rest]
```

## Description

Define tracing operations for the REST API service.

## Options

`flag flag`—Tracing operation to perform. To specify more than one tracing operation, specify all. REST API tracing options include:

- `all`—All tracing operations. A combination of the `juise` and `lighttpd` tracing operations.
- `juise`—Trace `juise` operations. Trace information is captured in `/var/chroot/rest-api/var/log/juise`.
- `lighttpd`—Trace `lighttpd` operations. Trace information is captured in `/var/chroot/rest-api/var/log/lighttpd`.

## Required Privilege Level

`system`—To view this statement in the configuration.

`system-control`—To add this statement to the configuration.

## Release Information

Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 14.2.