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# About This Guide

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## Objectives

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This guide describes how to use the JUNOScript application programming interface (API) to configure or request information from the JUNOScript server running on a Juniper Networks routing platform that runs the JUNOS software. The JUNOScript API is an Extensible Markup Language (XML) application that client applications use to exchange information with the JUNOScript server running on the routing platform.



**NOTE:** For additional information about the JUNOS software—either corrections to or information that might have been omitted from this guide—see the software release notes at <http://www.juniper.net/>.

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For information about configuration statements and guidelines related to the commands described in this reference, see the *JUNOS System Basics Configuration Guide* and the *JUNOS System Basics and Services Command Reference*.

## Audience

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This guide is designed for network administrators who are configuring and monitoring a Juniper Networks M-series, MX-series, T-series, EX-series, or J-series router or switch.

To use this guide, you need a broad understanding of networks in general, the Internet in particular, networking principles, and network configuration. You must also be familiar with one or more of the following Internet routing protocols:

- Border Gateway Protocol (BGP)
- Distance Vector Multicast Routing Protocol (DVMRP)
- Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System (IS-IS)
- Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) router discovery
- Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP)
- Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS)
- Open Shortest Path First (OSPF)
- Protocol-Independent Multicast (PIM)
- Resource Reservation Protocol (RSVP)
- Routing Information Protocol (RIP)
- Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)

Personnel operating the equipment must be trained and competent; must not conduct themselves in a careless, willfully negligent, or hostile manner; and must abide by the instructions provided by the documentation.

## Supported Platforms

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For the features described in this manual, the JUNOS software currently supports the following platforms:

- J-series
- M-series
- MX-series
- T-series
- EX-series

## Using the Indexes

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This reference contains two indexes: a standard index with topic entries, and an index of tags and attributes.

## Documentation Conventions

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Table 1 on page xix defines notice icons used in this guide.

**Table 1: Notice Icons**





Icon	Meaning	Description
	Informational note	Indicates important features or instructions.
	Caution	Indicates a situation that might result in loss of data or hardware damage.
	Warning	Alerts you to the risk of personal injury or death.
	Laser warning	Alerts you to the risk of personal injury from a laser.

Table 2 on page xix defines the text and syntax conventions used in this guide.

**Table 2: Text and Syntax Conventions**

Convention	Description	Examples
Bold text like this	Represents text that you type.	To enter configuration mode, type the <code>configure</code> command:  user@host> <b>configure</b>
Fixed-width text like this	Represents output that appears on the terminal screen.	user@host> <b>show chassis alarms</b> No alarms currently active
<i>Italic text like this</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduces important new terms.</li> <li>Identifies book names.</li> <li>Identifies RFC and Internet draft titles.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A policy <i>term</i> is a named structure that defines match conditions and actions.</li> <li><i>JUNOS System Basics Configuration Guide</i></li> <li>RFC 1997, <i>BGP Communities Attribute</i></li> </ul>
<i>Italic text like this</i>	Represents variables (options for which you substitute a value) in commands or configuration statements.	Configure the machine's domain name:  [edit] root@# <b>set system domain-name</b> <i>domain-name</i>
Plain text like this	Represents names of configuration statements, commands, files, and directories; IP addresses; configuration hierarchy levels; or labels on routing platform components.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To configure a stub area, include the <b>stub</b> statement at the [edit <b>protocols ospf area area-id</b>] hierarchy level.</li> <li>The console port is labeled <b>CONSOLE</b>.</li> </ul>
< > (angle brackets)	Enclose optional keywords or variables.	stub <default-metric <i>metric</i> >;

**Table 2: Text and Syntax Conventions** (*continued*)

Convention	Description	Examples
(pipe symbol)	Indicates a choice between the mutually exclusive keywords or variables on either side of the symbol. The set of choices is often enclosed in parentheses for clarity.	broadcast   multicast  (string1   string2   string3)
# (pound sign)	Indicates a comment specified on the same line as the configuration statement to which it applies.	rsvp { # Required for dynamic MPLS only
[ ] (square brackets)	Enclose a variable for which you can substitute one or more values.	community name members [ community-ids ]
Indentation and braces ( { } )	Identify a level in the configuration hierarchy.	[edit] routing-options { static { route default { nexthop address; retain; } } }
;(semicolon)	Identifies a leaf statement at a configuration hierarchy level.	
<b>J-Web GUI Conventions</b>		
<b>Bold text like this</b>	Represents J-Web graphical user interface (GUI) items you click or select.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ In the Logical Interfaces box, select <b>All Interfaces</b>.</li><li>■ To cancel the configuration, click <b>Cancel</b>.</li></ul>
> (bold right angle bracket)	Separates levels in a hierarchy of J-Web selections.	In the configuration editor hierarchy, select <b>Protocols &gt; Ospf</b> .

## List of Technical Publications

Table 3 on page xx lists the software and hardware guides and release notes for Juniper Networks M-series, MX-series, and T-series routing platforms and describes the contents of each document. Table 4 on page xxv lists the books included in the *Network Operations Guide* series. Table 5 on page xxv lists the manuals and release notes supporting JUNOS software for J-series and SRX-series platforms. All documents are available at <http://www.juniper.net/techpubs/>.

Table 6 on page xxvii lists additional books on Juniper Networks solutions that you can order through your bookstore. A complete list of such books is available at <http://www.juniper.net/books>.

**Table 3: Technical Documentation for Supported Routing Platforms**

Book	Description
<b>JUNOS Software for Supported Routing Platforms</b>	

**Table 3: Technical Documentation for Supported Routing Platforms** (*continued*)

Book	Description
<i>Access Privilege</i>	Explains how to configure access privileges in user classes by using permission flags and regular expressions. Lists the permission flags along with their associated command-line interface (CLI) operational mode commands and configuration statements.
<i>Broadband Subscriber Management Solutions</i>	Describes residential subscriber management and how you can deploy solutions that include multisubscriber IP address assignment, service provisioning, authentication, authorization, accounting, and dynamic request services in your network
<i>Class of Service</i>	Provides an overview of the class-of-service (CoS) functions of the JUNOS software and describes how to configure CoS features, including configuring multiple forwarding classes for transmitting packets, defining which packets are placed into each output queue, scheduling the transmission service level for each queue, and managing congestion through the random early detection (RED) algorithm.
<i>CLI User Guide</i>	Describes how to use the JUNOS command-line interface (CLI) to configure, monitor, and manage Juniper Networks routing platforms. This material was formerly covered in the <i>JUNOS System Basics Configuration Guide</i> .
<i>Feature Guide</i>	Provides a detailed explanation and configuration examples for several of the most complex features in the JUNOS software.
<i>High Availability</i>	Provides an overview of hardware and software resources that ensure a high level of continuous routing platform operation and describes how to configure high availability (HA) features such as nonstop active routing (NSR) and graceful Routing Engine switchover (GRES).
<i>MPLS Applications</i>	Provides an overview of traffic engineering concepts and describes how to configure traffic engineering protocols.
<i>Multicast Protocols</i>	Provides an overview of multicast concepts and describes how to configure multicast routing protocols.
<i>Multiplay Solutions</i>	Describes how you can deploy IPTV and voice over IP (VoIP) services in your network.
<i>MX-series Layer 2 Configuration Guide</i>	Provides an overview of the Layer 2 functions of the MX-series routers, including configuring bridging domains, MAC address and VLAN learning and forwarding, and spanning-tree protocols. It also details the routing instance types used by Layer 2 applications. All of this material was formerly covered in the <i>JUNOS Routing Protocols Configuration Guide</i> .
<i>MX-series Layer 2 Solutions Guide</i>	Describes common configuration scenarios for the Layer 2 features supported on the MX-series routers, including basic bridged VLANs with normalized VLAN tags, aggregated Ethernet links, bridge domains, Multiple Spanning Tree Protocol (MSTP), and integrated routing and bridging (IRB).

**Table 3: Technical Documentation for Supported Routing Platforms** (*continued*)

Book	Description
<i>Network Interfaces</i>	Provides an overview of the network interface functions of the JUNOS software and describes how to configure the network interfaces on the routing platform.
<i>Network Management</i>	Provides an overview of network management concepts and describes how to configure various network management features, such as SNMP and accounting options.
<i>Policy Framework</i>	Provides an overview of policy concepts and describes how to configure routing policy, firewall filters, and forwarding options.
<i>Protected System Domain</i>	Provides an overview of the JCS 1200 platform and the concept of Protected System Domains (PSDs). The JCS 1200 platform, which contains up to six redundant pairs of Routing Engines running JUNOS software, is connected to a T320 router or to a T640 or T1600 routing node. To configure a PSD, you assign any number of Flexible PIC concentrators (FPCs) in the T-series routing platform to a pair of Routing Engines on the JCS 1200 platform. Each PSD has the same capabilities and functionality as a physical router, with its own control plane, forwarding plane, and administration.
<i>Routing Protocols</i>	Provides an overview of routing concepts and describes how to configure routing instances, and unicast routing protocols.
<i>Secure Configuration Guide for Common Criteria and JUNOS-FIPS</i>	Provides an overview of secure Common Criteria and JUNOS-FIPS protocols for the JUNOS software and describes how to install and configure secure Common Criteria and JUNOS-FIPS on a routing platform.
<i>Services Interfaces</i>	Provides an overview of the services interfaces functions of the JUNOS software and describes how to configure the services interfaces on the router.
<i>Software Installation and Upgrade Guide</i>	Describes the JUNOS software components and packaging and explains how to initially configure, reinstall, and upgrade the JUNOS system software. This material was formerly covered in the <i>JUNOS System Basics Configuration Guide</i> .
<i>Subscriber Access</i>	Provides an overview of the subscriber access features of the JUNOS software and describes how to configure subscriber access support on the router, including dynamic profiles, class of service, AAA, and access methods.
<i>System Basics</i>	Describes Juniper Networks routing platforms and explains how to configure basic system parameters, supported protocols and software processes, authentication, and a variety of utilities for managing your router on the network.
<i>VPNs</i>	Provides an overview and describes how to configure Layer 2 and Layer 3 virtual private networks (VPNs), virtual private LAN service (VPLS), and Layer 2 circuits. Provides configuration examples.
<b>JUNOS References</b>	

**Table 3: Technical Documentation for Supported Routing Platforms** (continued)

Book	Description
<i>Hierarchy and RFC Reference</i>	Describes the JUNOS configuration mode commands. Provides a hierarchy reference that displays each level of a configuration hierarchy, and includes all possible configuration statements that can be used at that level. This material was formerly covered in the <i>JUNOS System Basics Configuration Guide</i> .
<i>Interfaces Command Reference</i>	Describes the JUNOS software operational mode commands you use to monitor and troubleshoot interfaces.
<i>Routing Protocols and Policies Command Reference</i>	Describes the JUNOS software operational mode commands you use to monitor and troubleshoot routing policies and protocols, including firewall filters.
<i>System Basics and Services Command Reference</i>	Describes the JUNOS software operational mode commands you use to monitor and troubleshoot system basics, including commands for real-time monitoring and route (or path) tracing, system software management, and chassis management. Also describes commands for monitoring and troubleshooting services such as class of service (CoS), IP Security (IPsec), stateful firewalls, flow collection, and flow monitoring.
<i>System Log Messages Reference</i>	Describes how to access and interpret system log messages generated by JUNOS software modules and provides a reference page for each message.
<b>J-Web User Guide</b>	
<i>J-Web Interface User Guide</i>	Describes how to use the J-Web graphical user interface (GUI) to configure, monitor, and manage Juniper Networks routing platforms.
<b>JUNOS API and Scripting Documentation</b>	
<i>JUNOScript API Guide</i>	Describes how to use the JUNOScript application programming interface (API) to monitor and configure Juniper Networks routing platforms.
<i>JUNOS XML API Configuration Reference</i>	Provides reference pages for the configuration tag elements in the JUNOS XML API.
<i>JUNOS XML API Operational Reference</i>	Provides reference pages for the operational tag elements in the JUNOS XML API.
<i>NETCONF API Guide</i>	Describes how to use the NETCONF API to monitor and configure Juniper Networks routing platforms.
<i>JUNOS Configuration and Diagnostic Automation Guide</i>	Describes how to use the commit script and self-diagnosis features of the JUNOS software. This guide explains how to enforce custom configuration rules defined in scripts, how to use commit script macros to provide simplified aliases for frequently used configuration statements, and how to configure diagnostic event policies.
<b>Hardware Documentation</b>	

**Table 3: Technical Documentation for Supported Routing Platforms** (*continued*)

Book	Description
<i>Hardware Guide</i>	Describes how to install, maintain, and troubleshoot routing platforms and components. Each platform has its own hardware guide.
<i>PIC Guide</i>	Describes the routing platform's Physical Interface Cards (PICs). Each platform has its own PIC guide.
<i>DPC Guide</i>	Describes the Dense Port Concentrators (DPCs) for all MX-series routers.
<b>JUNOScope Documentation</b>	
<i>JUNOScope Software User Guide</i>	Describes the JUNOScope software graphical user interface (GUI), how to install and administer the software, and how to use the software to manage routing platform configuration files and monitor routing platform operations.
<b>Advanced Insight Solutions (AIS) Documentation</b>	
<i>Advanced Insight Solutions Guide</i>	Describes the Advanced Insight Manager (AIM) application, which provides a gateway between JUNOS devices and Juniper Support Systems (JSS) for case management and intelligence updates. Explains how to run AI-Scripts on Juniper Networks devices.
<b>Release Notes</b>	
<i>JUNOS Release Notes</i>	Summarize new features and known problems for a particular software release, provide corrections and updates to published JUNOS, JUNOScript, and NETCONF manuals, provide information that might have been omitted from the manuals, and describe upgrade and downgrade procedures.
<i>Hardware Release Notes</i>	Describe the available documentation for the routing platform and summarize known problems with the hardware and accompanying software. Each platform has its own release notes.
<i>JUNOScope Release Notes</i>	Contain corrections and updates to the published JUNOScope manual, provide information that might have been omitted from the manual, and describe upgrade and downgrade procedures.
<i>AIS Release Notes</i>	Summarize AIS new features and guidelines, identify known and resolved problems, provide information that might have been omitted from the manuals, and provide initial setup, upgrade, and downgrade procedures.
<i>AIS AI-Scripts Release Notes</i>	Summarize AI-Scripts new features, identify known and resolved problems, provide information that might have been omitted from the manuals, and provide instructions for automatic and manual installation, including deleting and rolling back.



**Table 4: JUNOS Software Network Operations Guides**

Book	Description
<i>Baseline</i>	Describes the most basic tasks for running a network using Juniper Networks products. Tasks include upgrading and reinstalling JUNOS software, gathering basic system management information, verifying your network topology, and searching log messages.
<i>Interfaces</i>	Describes tasks for monitoring interfaces. Tasks include using loopback testing and locating alarms.
<i>MPLS</i>	Describes tasks for configuring, monitoring, and troubleshooting an example MPLS network. Tasks include verifying the correct configuration of the MPLS and RSVP protocols, displaying the status and statistics of MPLS running on all routing platforms in the network, and using the layered MPLS troubleshooting model to investigate problems with an MPLS network.
<i>MPLS Log Reference</i>	Describes MPLS status and error messages that appear in the output of the <code>show mpls lsp extensive</code> command. The guide also describes how and when to configure Constrained Shortest Path First (CSPF) and RSVP trace options, and how to examine a CSPF or RSVP failure in a sample network.
<i>MPLS Fast Reroute</i>	Describes operational information helpful in monitoring and troubleshooting an MPLS network configured with fast reroute (FRR) and load balancing.
<i>Hardware</i>	Describes tasks for monitoring M-series and T-series routing platforms.

To configure and operate a J-series Services Router or an SRX-series Services Gateway running JUNOS software, you must also use the configuration statements and operational mode commands documented in JUNOS configuration guides and command references. To configure and operate a WX Integrated Services Module, you must also use WX documentation.

**Table 5: JUNOS Software for J-series Services Routers and SRX-series Services Gateways Documentation**

Book	Description
<b>J-series and SRX-series Platforms</b>	
<i>JUNOS Software Interfaces and Routing Configuration Guide</i>	Explains how to configure SRX-series and J-series interfaces for basic IP routing with standard routing protocols, ISDN service, firewall filters (access control lists), and class-of-service (CoS) traffic classification.
<i>JUNOS Software Security Configuration Guide</i>	Explains how to configure and manage SRX-series and J-series security services such as stateful firewall policies, IPsec VPNs, firewall screens, Network Address Translation (NAT), Public Key Cryptography, chassis clusters, Application Layer Gateways (ALGs), and Intrusion Detection and Prevention (IDP).

**Table 5: JUNOS Software for J-series Services Routers and SRX-series Services Gateways Documentation** *(continued)*

Book	Description
<i>JUNOS Software Administration Guide</i>	Shows how to monitor SRX-series and J-series devices and routing operations, firewall and security services, system alarms and events, and network performance. This guide also shows how to administer user authentication and access, upgrade software, and diagnose common problems.
<i>JUNOS Software CLI Reference</i>	Provides the complete configuration hierarchy available on SRX-series and J-series devices. This guide also describes the configuration statements and operational mode commands unique to these devices.
<i>Network and Security Manager: Configuring J-series Services Routers and SRX-series Services Gateways Guide</i>	Explains how to configure, manage, and monitor J-series Services Routers and SRX-series services gateways through NSM.
<i>JUNOS Release Notes</i>	Summarize new features and known problems for a particular release of JUNOS software, including JUNOS software for J-series and SRX-series devices. The release notes also contain corrections and updates to the manuals and software upgrade and downgrade instructions for JUNOS software.
<b>J-series Only</b>	
<i>JUNOS Software Design and Implementation Guide</i>	Provides guidelines and examples for designing and implementing IPsec VPNs, firewalls, and routing on J-series Services Routers running JUNOS software.
<i>J-series Services Routers Quick Start</i>	Explains how to quickly set up a J-series Services Router. This document contains router declarations of conformity.
<i>JUNOS Software with Enhanced Services J-series Services Router Hardware Guide</i>	Provides an overview, basic instructions, and specifications for J-series Services Routers. This guide explains how to prepare a site, unpack and install the router, replace router hardware, and establish basic router connectivity. This guide contains hardware descriptions and specifications.
<i>JUNOS Software Migration Guide</i>	Provides instructions for migrating an SSG device running ScreenOS software to JUNOS software or upgrading a J-series device to a later version of the JUNOS software.
<i>WXC Integrated Services Module Installation and Configuration Guide</i>	Explains how to install and initially configure a WXC Integrated Services Module in a J-series Services Router for application acceleration.

**Table 6: Additional Books Available Through <http://www.juniper.net/books>**

Book	Description
<i>Interdomain Multicast Routing</i>	Provides background and in-depth analysis of multicast routing using Protocol Independent Multicast sparse mode (PIM SM) and Multicast Source Discovery Protocol (MSDP); details any-source and source-specific multicast delivery models; explores multiprotocol BGP (MBGP) and multicast IS-IS; explains Internet Gateway Management Protocol (IGMP) versions 1, 2, and 3; lists packet formats for IGMP, PIM, and MSDP; and provides a complete glossary of multicast terms.
<i>JUNOS Cookbook</i>	Provides detailed examples of common JUNOS software configuration tasks, such as basic router configuration and file management, security and access control, logging, routing policy, firewalls, routing protocols, MPLS, and VPNs.
<i>MPLS-Enabled Applications</i>	Provides an overview of Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) applications (such as Layer 3 virtual private networks [VPNs], Layer 2 VPNs, virtual private LAN service [VPLS], and pseudowires), explains how to apply MPLS, examines the scaling requirements of equipment at different points in the network, and covers the following topics: point-to-multipoint label switched paths (LSPs), DiffServ-aware traffic engineering, class of service, interdomain traffic engineering, path computation, route target filtering, multicast support for Layer 3 VPNs, and management and troubleshooting of MPLS networks.
<i>OSPF and IS-IS: Choosing an IGP for Large-Scale Networks</i>	Explores the full range of characteristics and capabilities for the two major link-state routing protocols: Open Shortest Path First (OSPF) and IS-IS. Explains architecture, packet types, and addressing; demonstrates how to improve scalability; shows how to design large-scale networks for maximum security and reliability; details protocol extensions for MPLS-based traffic engineering, IPv6, and multitopology routing; and covers troubleshooting for OSPF and IS-IS networks.
<i>Routing Policy and Protocols for Multivendor IP Networks</i>	Provides a brief history of the Internet, explains IP addressing and routing (Routing Information Protocol [RIP], OSPF, IS-IS, and Border Gateway Protocol [BGP]), explores ISP peering and routing policies, and displays configurations for both Juniper Networks and other vendors' routers.
<i>The Complete IS-IS Protocol</i>	Provides the insight and practical solutions necessary to understand the IS-IS protocol and how it works by using a multivendor, real-world approach.

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- Document name
- Document part number
- Page number
- Software release version (not required for *Network Operations Guides [NOGs]*)

## Requesting Technical Support

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Technical product support is available through the Juniper Networks Technical Assistance Center (JTAC). If you are a customer with an active J-Care or JNASC support contract, or are covered under warranty, and need postsales technical support, you can access our tools and resources online or open a case with JTAC.

- JTAC policies—For a complete understanding of our JTAC procedures and policies, review the JTAC User Guide located at <http://www.juniper.net/customers/support/downloads/710059.pdf>.
- Product warranties—For product warranty information, visit <http://www.juniper.net/support/warranty/>.
- JTAC Hours of Operation —The JTAC centers have resources available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

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For quick and easy problem resolution, Juniper Networks has designed an online self-service portal called the Customer Support Center (CSC) that provides you with the following features:

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- Search for known bugs: <http://www2.juniper.net/kb/>
- Find product documentation: <http://www.juniper.net/techpubs/>
- Find solutions and answer questions using our Knowledge Base: <http://kb.juniper.net/>
- Download the latest versions of software and review release notes: <http://www.juniper.net/customers/csc/software/>
- Search technical bulletins for relevant hardware and software notifications: <https://www.juniper.net/alerts/>
- Join and participate in the Juniper Networks Community Forum: <http://www.juniper.net/company/communities/>
- Open a case online in the CSC Case Management tool: <http://www.juniper.net/cm/>

To verify service entitlement by product serial number, use our Serial Number Entitlement (SNE) Tool located at <https://tools.juniper.net/SerialNumberEntitlementSearch/>.

### Opening a Case with JTAC

You can open a case with JTAC on the Web or by telephone.

- Use the Case Management tool in the CSC at <http://www.juniper.net/cm/>.
- Call 1-888-314-JTAC (1-888-314-5822 toll-free in the USA, Canada, and Mexico).

For international or direct-dial options in countries without toll-free numbers, visit us at <http://www.juniper.net/support/requesting-support.html>.

## **Part 1**

# **Overview**

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- Using JUNOScript and JUNOS XML Tag Elements on page 9



## Chapter 1

# Introduction to the JUNOS XML and JUNOScript APIs

The *JUNOScript API* (application programming interface) is an Extensible Markup Language (XML) application that client applications use to request and change configuration information on routing platforms that run the JUNOS software. The operations defined in the API are equivalent to configuration mode commands in the JUNOS command-line interface (CLI). Applications use the API to display, edit, and commit configuration statements (among other operations), just as administrators use CLI configuration mode commands such as **show**, **set**, and **commit** to perform those operations.

The *JUNOS XML API* is an XML representation of JUNOS configuration statements and operational mode commands. JUNOS XML configuration tag elements are the content to which the operations in the JUNOScript API apply. JUNOS XML operational tag elements are equivalent in function to operational mode commands in the CLI, which administrators use to retrieve and change status information for a routing platform.

Client applications request or change information on a routing platform by encoding the request with tag elements from the JUNOScript and JUNOS XML APIs and sending it to the JUNOScript server on the routing platform. (The JUNOScript server is integrated into the JUNOS software and does not appear as a separate entry in process listings.) The JUNOScript server directs the request to the appropriate software modules within the routing platform, encodes the response in JUNOScript and JUNOS XML tag elements, and returns the result to the client application. For example, to request information about the status of a routing platform's interfaces, a client application sends the `<get-interface-information>` tag element from the JUNOS XML API. The JUNOScript server gathers the information from the interface process and returns it in the `<interface-information>` tag element.

This manual explains how to use the JUNOScript and JUNOS XML APIs to configure Juniper Networks routing platforms or request information about configuration or operation. The main focus is on writing client applications to interact with the JUNOScript server, but you can also use the JUNOScript API to build custom end-user interfaces for configuration and information retrieval and display, such as a Web browser-based interface.

This chapter discusses the following topics:

- About XML on page 4
- Advantages of Using the JUNOScript and JUNOS XML APIs on page 5
- Overview of a JUNOScript Session on page 6

## About XML

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XML is a language for defining a set of markers, called *tags*, that are applied to a data set or document to describe the function of individual elements and codify the hierarchical relationships between them. Tags look much like Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) tags, but XML is actually a metalanguage used to define tags that best suit the kind of data being marked.

The following sections discuss XML and JUNOScript:

- XML and JUNOScript Tag Elements on page 4
- Document Type Definition on page 5

For more details about XML, see *A Technical Introduction to XML* at <http://www.xml.com/pub/a/98/10/guide0.html> and the additional reference material at the [www.xml.com](http://www.xml.com) site. The official XML specification from the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C), *Extensible Markup Language (XML) 1.0*, is available at <http://www.w3.org/TR/REC-xml>.

### XML and JUNOScript Tag Elements

Items in an XML-compliant document or data set are always enclosed in paired opening and closing tags. XML is stricter in this respect than HTML, which sometimes uses only opening tags. The following examples show paired opening and closing tags enclosing a value:

```
<interface-state>enabled</interface-state>
<input-bytes>25378</input-bytes>
```

The term *tag element* refers to the triple of opening tag, contents, and closing tag. The content can be an alphanumeric character string as in the preceding examples, or can itself be a *container* tag element, which contains other tag elements.

If a tag element is *empty*—has no contents—it can be represented either as paired opening and closing tags with nothing between them, or as a single tag with a forward slash after the tag name. For example, the notation `<snmp-trap-flag/>` is equivalent to `<snmp-trap-flag></snmp-trap-flag>`.

As the preceding examples show, angle brackets enclose the name of a JUNOScript or JUNOS XML tag element in its opening and closing tags. This is an XML convention, and the brackets are a required part of the complete tag element name. They are not to be confused with the angle brackets used in Juniper Networks documentation to indicate optional parts of CLI command strings.

JUNOScript and JUNOS XML tag elements obey the XML convention that the tag element name indicates the kind of information enclosed by the tag element. For



example, the name of the JUNOS XML `<interface-state>` tag element indicates that it contains a description of the current status of an interface on the routing platform, whereas the name of the `<input-bytes>` tag element indicates that its contents specify the number of bytes received.

When discussing tag elements in text, this manual conventionally uses just the name of the opening tag to represent the complete tag element (opening tag, contents, and closing tag). For example, it usually refers to “the `<input-bytes>` tag element” instead of “the `<input-bytes>number-of-bytes</input-bytes>` tag element.”

## Document Type Definition

An XML-tagged document or data set is *structured*, because a set of rules specifies the ordering and interrelationships of the items in it. The rules define the contexts in which each tagged item can—and in some cases must—occur. A file called a *document type definition*, or *DTD*, lists every tag element that can appear in the document or data set, defines the parent-child relationships between the tags, and specifies other tag characteristics. The same DTD can apply to many XML documents or data sets.

## Advantages of Using the JUNOScript and JUNOS XML APIs

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The JUNOScript and JUNOS XML APIs are programmatic interfaces. They fully document all options for every supported JUNOS operational request and all elements in every JUNOS configuration statement. The tag names clearly indicate the function of an element in an operational request or configuration statement.

The combination of meaningful tag names and the structural rules in a DTD makes it easy to understand the content and structure of an XML-tagged data set or document. JUNOScript and JUNOS XML tag elements make it straightforward for client applications that request information from a routing platform to parse the output and find specific information.

The following example illustrates how the APIs make it easier to parse routing platform output and extract the needed information. It compares formatted ASCII text and XML-tagged versions of output from a routing platform. The formatted ASCII text follows:

```
Physical interface: fxp0, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Interface index: 4, SNMP ifIndex: 3
```

This is the XML-tagged version:

```
<interface>
  <name>fxp0</name>
  <admin-status>enabled</admin-status>
  <operational-status>up</operational-status>
  <index>4</index>
  <snmp-index>3</snmp-index>
</interface>
```

When a client application needs to extract a specific value from formatted ASCII output, it must rely on the value's location, expressed either absolutely or with respect to labels or values in adjacent fields. Suppose that the client application wants to extract the interface index. It can use a regular-expression matching utility to locate specific strings, but one difficulty is that the number of digits in the interface index is not necessarily predictable. The client application cannot simply read a certain number of characters after the **Interface index:** label, but must instead extract everything between the label and the subsequent label, which is:

, SNMP ifIndex

A problem arises if the format or ordering of output changes in a later version of the JUNOS software, for example, if a **Logical index** field is added following the interface index number:

Physical interface: fxp0, Enabled, Physical link is Up  
Interface index: 4, Logical index: 12, SNMP ifIndex: 3

An application that extracts the interface index number delimited by the **Interface index:** and **SNMP ifIndex** labels now obtains an incorrect result. The application must be updated manually to search for the following label instead:

, Logical index

In contrast, the structured nature of XML-tagged output enables a client application to retrieve the interface index by extracting everything within the opening `<index>` tag and closing `</index>` tag. The application does not have to rely on an element's position in the output string, so the JUNOScript server can emit the child tag elements in any order within the `<interface>` tag element. Adding a new `<logical-index>` tag element in a future release does not affect an application's ability to locate the `<index>` tag element and extract its contents.

Tagged output is also easier to transform into different display formats. For instance, you might want to display different amounts of detail about a given routing platform component at different times. When a routing platform returns formatted ASCII output, you have to design and write special routines and data structures in your display program to extract and store the information needed for a given detail level. In contrast, the inherent structure of XML output is an ideal basis for a display program's own structures. It is also easy to use the same extraction routine for several levels of detail, simply ignoring the tag elements you do not need when creating a less detailed display.

## Overview of a JUNOScript Session

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Communication between the JUNOScript server and a client application is session-based. The two parties explicitly establish a connection before exchanging data and close the connection when they are finished. The following list outlines the basic structure of a JUNOScript session. For more specific information, see "Client Application's Role in a JUNOScript Session" on page 25.

1. The client application establishes a connection to the JUNOScript server and opens the JUNOScript session.
2. The JUNOScript server and client application exchange initialization information, used to determine if they are using compatible versions of the JUNOS software and the JUNOScript API.

3. The client application sends one or more requests to the JUNOScript server and parses its responses.
4. The client application closes the JUNOScript session and the connection to the JUNOScript server.



## Chapter 2

# Using JUNOScript and JUNOS XML Tag Elements

This chapter describes the syntactic and notational conventions used by the JUNOScript server and client applications, including the mappings between statements and commands in the JUNOS command-line interface (CLI) and the tag elements in the JUNOS Extensible Markup Language (XML) application programming interface (API).

For more information about the syntax of CLI commands and configuration statements, see the *JUNOS CLI User Guide*. For information about specific configuration statements, see the JUNOS software configuration guides. For information about specific operational mode commands, see the JUNOS software command references.

This chapter discusses the following topics:

- Complying with XML and JUNOScript Conventions on page 9
- Mapping Commands to JUNOS XML Tag Elements on page 14
- Mapping Configuration Statements to JUNOS XML Tag Elements on page 15
- Using the Same Configuration Tag Elements in Requests and Responses on page 21

## Complying with XML and JUNOScript Conventions

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A client application must comply with XML and JUNOScript conventions. Each request from the client application must be a *well-formed* XML document; that is, it must obey the structural rules defined in the JUNOScript and JUNOS XML DTDs for the kind of information encoded in the request. The client application must emit tag elements in the required order and only in the legal contexts. Compliant applications are easier to maintain in the event of changes to the JUNOS software or JUNOScript API. Similarly, each response from the JUNOScript server constitutes a well-formed XML document (the JUNOScript server obeys XML and NETCONF conventions).

The following sections describe JUNOScript conventions:

- Request and Response Tag Elements on page 10
- Child Tag Elements of a Request Tag Element on page 10
- Child Tag Elements of a Response Tag Element on page 11
- Spaces, Newline Characters, and Other White Space on page 11

- XML Comments on page 12
- XML Processing Instructions on page 12
- Predefined Entity References on page 12

## Request and Response Tag Elements

A *request* tag element is one generated by a client application to request information about a routing platform's current status or configuration, or to change the configuration. A request tag element corresponds to a CLI operational or configuration command. It can occur only within an `<rpc>` tag element. For information about the `<rpc>` tag element, see "Sending a Request to the JUNOScript Server" on page 46.

A *response* tag element represents the JUNOScript server's reply to a request tag element and occurs only within an `<rpc-reply>` tag element. For information about the `<rpc-reply>` tag element, see "Parsing the JUNOScript Server Response" on page 49.

The following example represents an exchange in which a client application emits the `<get-interface-information>` request tag element with the `<extensive/>` flag and the JUNOScript server returns the `<interface-information>` response tag element.



**NOTE:** This example, like all others in this guide, shows each tag element on a separate line, in the tag streams emitted by both the client application and JUNOScript server. In practice, a client application does not need to include newline characters between tag elements, because the server automatically discards such white space. For further discussion, see "Spaces, Newline Characters, and Other White Space" on page 11.

For information about the `xmlns:junos` and `xmlns` attributes, see "Parsing the JUNOScript Server Response" on page 49 and "Requesting Operational Information" on page 62.

### Client Application

```
<rpc>
  <get-interface-information>
    <extensive/>
  </get-interface-information>
</rpc>
```

### JUNOScript Server

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <interface-information xmlns="URL">
    <!-- children of <interface-information> -->
  </interface-information>
</rpc-reply>
```

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## Child Tag Elements of a Request Tag Element

Some request tag elements contain child tag elements. For configuration requests, each child tag element represents a configuration element (hierarchy level or configuration object). For operational requests, each child tag element represents one of the options you provide on the command line when issuing the equivalent CLI command.

Some requests have mandatory child tag elements. To make a request successfully, a client application must emit the mandatory tag elements within the request tag element's opening and closing tags. If any of the children are themselves container tag elements, the opening tag for each must occur before any of the tag elements it contains, and the closing tag must occur before the opening tag for another tag element at its hierarchy level.

In most cases, the client application can emit children that occur at the same level within a container tag element in any order. The important exception is a configuration element that has an *identifier tag element*, which distinguishes the configuration element from other elements of its type. The identifier tag element must be the first child tag element in the container tag element. Most frequently, the identifier tag element specifies the name of the configuration element and is called `<name>`. For more information, see “Mapping for Objects That Have an Identifier” on page 16.

### ***Child Tag Elements of a Response Tag Element***

The child tag elements of a response tag element represent the individual data items returned by the JUNOScript server for a particular request. The children can be either individual tag elements (empty tags or tag element triples) or container tag elements that enclose their own child tag elements. For some container tag elements, the JUNOScript server returns the children in alphabetical order. For other elements, the children appear in the order in which they were created in the configuration.

The set of child tag elements that can occur in a response or within a container tag element is subject to change in later releases of the JUNOS XML API. Client applications must not rely on the presence or absence of a particular tag element in the JUNOScript server's output, nor on the ordering of child tag elements within a response tag element. For the most robust operation, include logic in the client application that handles the absence of expected tag elements or the presence of unexpected ones as gracefully as possible.

### ***Spaces, Newline Characters, and Other White Space***

As dictated by the XML specification, the JUNOScript server ignores white space (spaces, tabs, newline characters, and other characters that represent white space) that occurs between tag elements in the tag stream generated by a client application. Client applications can, but do not need to, include white space between tag elements. However, they must not insert white space within an opening or closing tag. If they include white space in the contents of a tag element that they are submitting as a change to the candidate configuration, the JUNOScript server preserves the white space in the configuration database.

In its responses, the JUNOScript server includes white space between tag elements to enhance the readability of responses that are saved to a file: it uses newline characters to put each tag element on its own line, and spaces to indent child tag elements to the right compared to their parents. A client application can ignore or discard the white space, particularly if it does not store responses for later review by human users. However, it must not depend on the presence or absence of white space in any particular location when parsing the tag stream.

For more information about white space in XML documents, see the XML specification from the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C), *Extensible Markup Language (XML) 1.0*, at <http://www.w3.org/TR/REC-xml>.

## XML Comments

Client applications and the JUNOScript server can insert XML comments at any point between tag elements in the tag stream they generate, but not within tag elements. Client applications must handle comments in output from the JUNOScript server gracefully but must not depend on their content. Client applications also cannot use comments to convey information to the JUNOScript server, because the server automatically discards any comments it receives.

XML comments are enclosed within the strings `<!--` and `-->`, and cannot contain the string `--` (two hyphens). For more details about comments, see the XML specification at <http://www.w3.org/TR/REC-xml>.

The following is an example of an XML comment:

```
<!--This is a comment. Please ignore it. -->
```

## XML Processing Instructions

An XML processing instruction (PI) contains information relevant to a particular protocol and has the following form:

```
<?PI-name attributes?>
```

Some PIs emitted during a JUNOScript session include information that a client application needs for correct operation. A prominent example is the `<?xml?>` tag element, which the client application and JUNOScript server each emit at the beginning of every JUNOScript session to specify which version of XML and which character encoding scheme they are using. For more information, see “Emitting the `<?xml?>` PI” on page 39 and “Parsing the JUNOScriptServer’s `<?xml?>` PI” on page 41.

The JUNOScript server can also emit PIs that the client application does not need to interpret (for example, PIs intended for the CLI). If the client application does not understand a PI, it must treat the PI like a comment instead of exiting or generating an error message.

## Predefined Entity References

By XML convention, there are two contexts in which certain characters cannot appear in their regular form:

- In the string that appears between opening and closing tags (the contents of the tag element)
- In the string value assigned to an attribute of an opening tag

When including a disallowed character in either context, client applications must substitute the equivalent *predefined entity reference*, which is a string of characters that represents the disallowed character. Because the JUNOScript server uses the



same predefined entity references in its response tag elements, the client application must be able to convert them to actual characters when processing response tag elements.

Table 7 on page 13 summarizes the mapping between disallowed characters and predefined entity references for strings that appear between the opening and closing tags of a tag element.

**Table 7: Predefined Entity Reference Substitutions for Tag Content Values**

Disallowed Character	Predefined Entity Reference
& (ampersand)	&amp;
> (greater-than sign)	&gt;
< (less-than sign)	&lt;

Table 8 on page 13 summarizes the mapping between disallowed characters and predefined entity references for attribute values.

**Table 8: Predefined Entity Reference Substitutions for Attribute Values**

Disallowed Character	Predefined Entity Reference
& (ampersand)	&amp;
' (apostrophe)	&apos;
> > (greater-than sign)	&gt;
< (less-than sign)	&lt;
" (quotation mark)	&quot;

As an example, suppose that the following string is the value contained by the `<condition>` tag element:

```
if (a<b && b>c) return "Peer's not responding"
```

The `<condition>` tag element looks like this (it appears on two lines for legibility only):

```
<condition>if (a&lt;b &amp;&amp; b&gt;c) return "Peer's not \
    responding"</condition>
```

Similarly, if the value for the `<example>` tag element's `heading` attribute is Peer's "age" <> 40, the opening tag looks like this:

```
<example heading="Peer&apos;s &quot;age&quot; &lt;&gt; 40">
```

## Mapping Commands to JUNOS XML Tag Elements

The JUNOS XML API defines tag-element equivalents for many commands in CLI operational mode. For example, the `<get-interface-information>` tag element corresponds to the `show interfaces` command.

Information about the available command equivalents in the current release of the JUNOS software, can be found in the *JUNOS XML API Operational Reference*. For the mapping between commands and JUNOS XML tag elements, see the *JUNOS XML API Operational Reference* “Mapping Between Operational Tag Elements, Perl Methods, and CLI Commands” chapter. For detailed information about a specific operation, see the *JUNOS XML API Operational Reference* “Summary of Operational Request Tags” chapter.

The following sections describe the tag elements that map to command options:

- Mapping for Command Options with Variable Values on page 14
- Mapping for Fixed-Form Command Options on page 14

### Mapping for Command Options with Variable Values

Many CLI commands have options that identify the object that the command affects or reports about, distinguishing the object from other objects of the same type. In some cases, the CLI does not precede the identifier with a fixed-form keyword, but XML convention requires that the JUNOS XML API define a tag element for every option. To learn the names for each identifier (and any other child tag elements) for an operational request tag element, consult the tag element’s entry in the appropriate DTD or in the *JUNOS XML API Operational Reference*.

The following example shows the JUNOS XML tag elements for two CLI operational commands that have variable-form options. In the `show interfaces` command, `t3-5/1/0:0` is the name of the interface. In the `show bgp neighbor` command, `10.168.1.222` is the IP address for the BGP peer of interest.

CLI Command	JUNOS XML Tags
<code>show interfaces t3-5/1/0:0</code>	<pre> &lt;rpc&gt;   &lt;get-interface-information&gt;     &lt;interface-name&gt;t3-5/1/0:0&lt;/interface-name&gt;   &lt;/get-interface-information&gt; &lt;/rpc&gt; </pre>
<code>show bgp neighbor 10.168.1.222</code>	<pre> &lt;rpc&gt;   &lt;get-bgp-neighbor-information&gt;     &lt;neighbor-address&gt;10.168.1.222&lt;/neighbor-address&gt;   &lt;/get-bgp-neighbor-information&gt; &lt;/rpc&gt; </pre>

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### Mapping for Fixed-Form Command Options

Some CLI commands include options that have a fixed form, such as the `brief` and `detail` strings, which specify the amount of detail to include in the output. The JUNOS XML API usually maps such an option to an empty tag whose name matches the option name.

The following example shows the JUNOS XML tag elements for the `show isis adjacency` command, which has a fixed-form option called `detail`.

CLI Command	JUNOS XML Tags
<code>show isis adjacency detail</code>	<pre> &lt;rpc&gt;   &lt;get-isis-adjacency-information&gt;     &lt;detail/&gt;   &lt;/get-isis-adjacency-information&gt; &lt;/rpc&gt; </pre>

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## Mapping Configuration Statements to JUNOS XML Tag Elements

The JUNOS XML API defines a tag element for every container and leaf statement in the configuration hierarchy. At the top levels of the configuration hierarchy, there is almost always a one-to-one mapping between tag elements and statements, and most tag names match the configuration statement name. At deeper levels of the hierarchy, the mapping is sometimes less direct, because some CLI notational conventions do not map directly to XML-compliant tagging syntax. The following sections describe the mapping between configuration statements and JUNOS XML tag elements:

- Mapping for Hierarchy Levels and Container Statements on page 15
- Mapping for Objects That Have an Identifier on page 16
- Mapping for Single-Value and Fixed-Form Leaf Statements on page 17
- Mapping for Leaf Statements with Multiple Values on page 18
- Mapping for Multiple Options on One or More Lines on page 19
- Mapping for Comments About Configuration Statements on page 20



**NOTE:** For some configuration statements, the notation used when you type the statement at the CLI configuration-mode prompt differs from the notation used in a configuration file. The same JUNOS XML tag element maps to both notational styles.

### Mapping for Hierarchy Levels and Container Statements

The `<configuration>` tag element is the top-level JUNOS XML container tag element for configuration statements. It corresponds to the `[edit]` hierarchy level in CLI configuration mode. Most statements at the next few levels of the configuration hierarchy are container statements. The JUNOS XML container tag element that corresponds to a container statement almost always has the same name as the statement.



**NOTE:** The top-level `<configuration-text>` tag element also corresponds to the CLI configuration mode's `[edit]` hierarchy level. It encloses formatted ASCII configuration statements instead of JUNOS XML tag elements, and is not relevant to the following discussion. For more information, see “Requesting Output as Formatted ASCII Text or JUNOS XML Tag Elements” on page 68 and “Defining Configuration Data as Formatted ASCII Text or JUNOS XML Tag Elements” on page 107.

The following example shows the JUNOS XML tag elements for two statements at the top level of the configuration hierarchy. Note that a closing brace in a CLI configuration statement corresponds to a closing JUNOS XML tag.

CLI Configuration Statements	JUNOS XML Tags
system {	<configuration>
login {	<system>
...child statements...	<login>
}	<!-- tags for child statements -->
}	</login>
	</system>
protocols {	<protocols>
ospf {	<ospf>
...child statements...	<!-- tags for child statements -->
}	</ospf>
}	</protocols>
	</configuration>

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## Mapping for Objects That Have an Identifier

At some hierarchy levels, the same kind of configuration object can occur multiple times. Each instance of the object has a unique identifier to distinguish it from the other instances. In the CLI notation, the parent statement for such an object consists of a keyword and identifier of the following form:

```
keyword identifier {
  ... configuration statements for individual characteristics ...
}
```

**keyword** is a fixed string that indicates the type of object being defined, and **identifier** is the unique name for this instance of the type. In the JUNOS XML API, the tag element corresponding to the keyword is a container tag element for child tag elements that represent the object's characteristics. The container tag element's name generally matches the **keyword** string.

The JUNOS XML API differs from the CLI in its treatment of the identifier. Because the JUNOS XML API does not allow container tag elements to contain both other tag elements and untagged character data such as an identifier name, the identifier must be enclosed in a tag element of its own. Most frequently, identifier tag elements for configuration objects are called **<name>**. Some objects have multiple identifiers, which usually have names other than **<name>**. To verify the name of each identifier tag element for a configuration object, consult the entry for the object in the *JUNOS XML API Configuration Reference*.



**NOTE:** The JUNOS software reserves the prefix **junos-** for the identifiers of configuration groups defined within the **junos-defaults** configuration group. User-defined identifiers cannot start with the string **junos-**.

Identifier tag elements also constitute an exception to the general XML convention that tag elements at the same level of hierarchy can appear in any order; the identifier tag element always occurs first within the container tag element.

The configuration for most objects that have identifiers includes additional leaf statements, which represent other characteristics of the object. For example, each Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) group configured at the `[edit protocols bgp group]` hierarchy level has an associated name (the identifier) and can have leaf statements for other characteristics such as type, peer autonomous system (AS) number, and neighbor address. For information about the JUNOS XML mapping for leaf statements, see “Mapping for Single-Value and Fixed-Form Leaf Statements” on page 17, “Mapping for Leaf Statements with Multiple Values” on page 18, and “Mapping for Multiple Options on One or More Lines” on page 19.

The following example shows the JUNOS XML tag elements for configuration statements that define two BGP groups called **G1** and **G2**. Notice that the JUNOS XML `<name>` tag element that encloses the identifier of each group (and the identifier of the neighbor within a group) does not have a counterpart in the CLI statements. For complete information about changing routing platform configuration, see “Changing Configuration Information” on page 103.

<b>CLI Configuration Statements</b>	<b>JUNOS XML Tags</b>
protocols {	<code>&lt;configuration&gt;</code>
bgp {	<code>&lt;protocols&gt;</code>
group G1 {	<code>&lt;bgp&gt;</code>
type external;	<code>&lt;group&gt;</code>
peer-as 56;	<code>&lt;name&gt;G1&lt;/name&gt;</code>
neighbor 10.0.0.1;	<code>&lt;type&gt;external&lt;/type&gt;</code>
}	<code>&lt;peer-as&gt;56&lt;/peer-as&gt;</code>
}	<code>&lt;neighbor&gt;</code>
group G2 {	<code>&lt;name&gt;10.0.0.1&lt;/name&gt;</code>
type external;	<code>&lt;/neighbor&gt;</code>
peer-as 57;	<code>&lt;/group&gt;</code>
neighbor 10.0.10.1;	<code>&lt;group&gt;</code>
}	<code>&lt;name&gt;G2&lt;/name&gt;</code>
}	<code>&lt;type&gt;external&lt;/type&gt;</code>
	<code>&lt;peer-as&gt;57&lt;/peer-as&gt;</code>
	<code>&lt;neighbor&gt;</code>
	<code>&lt;name&gt;10.0.10.1&lt;/name&gt;</code>
	<code>&lt;/neighbor&gt;</code>
	<code>&lt;/group&gt;</code>
	<code>&lt;/bgp&gt;</code>
	<code>&lt;/protocols&gt;</code>
	<code>&lt;/configuration&gt;</code>

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## Mapping for Single-Value and Fixed-Form Leaf Statements

A *leaf statement* is a CLI configuration statement that does not contain any other statements. Most leaf statements define a value for one characteristic of a configuration object and have the following form:

```
keyword value;
```

In general, the name of the JUNOS XML tag element corresponding to a leaf statement is the same as the **keyword** string. The string between the opening and closing JUNOS XML tags is the same as the **value** string.

The following example shows the JUNOS XML tag elements for two leaf statements that have a keyword and a value: the **message** statement at the `[edit system login]` hierarchy level and the **preference** statement at the `[edit protocols ospf]` hierarchy level.

**CLI Configuration Statements**

```

system {
  login {
    message "Authorized users only";
    ...other statements under login...
  }
}
protocols {
  ospf {
    preference 15;
    ...other statements under ospf...
  }
}

```

**JUNOS XML Tags**

```

<configuration>
  <system>
    <login>
      <message>Authorized users only</message>
      <!-- tags for other child statements -->
    </login>
  </system>
  <protocols>
    <ospf>
      <preference>15</preference>
      <!-- tags for other child statements -->
    </ospf>
  </protocols>
</configuration>

```

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Some leaf statements consist of a fixed-form keyword only, without an associated variable-form value. The JUNOS XML API represents such statements with an empty tag. The following example shows the JUNOS XML tag elements for the **disable** statement at the [edit forwarding-options sampling] hierarchy level.

**CLI Configuration Statement**

```

forwarding-options {
  sampling {
    disable;
    ...other statements under sampling ...
  }
}

```

**JUNOS XML Tags**

```

<configuration>
  <forwarding-options>
    <sampling>
      <disable/>
      <!-- tags for other child statements -->
    </sampling>
  </forwarding-options>
</configuration>

```

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**Mapping for Leaf Statements with Multiple Values**

Some JUNOS leaf statements accept multiple values, which can be either user-defined or drawn from a set of predefined values. CLI notation uses square brackets to enclose all values in a single statement, as in the following:

```
statement [ value1 value2 value3 ...];
```

The JUNOS XML API instead encloses each value in its own tag element. The following example shows the JUNOS XML tag elements for a CLI statement with multiple user-defined values. The **import** statement imports two routing policies defined elsewhere in the configuration. For complete information about changing routing platform configuration, see “Changing Configuration Information” on page 103.

**CLI Configuration Statements**

```

protocols {
  bgp {
    group 23 {
      import [ policy1 policy2 ];
    }
  }
}

```

**JUNOS XML Tags**

```

<configuration>
  <protocols>
    <bgp>
      <group>
        <name>23</name>
        <import>policy1</import>
        <import>policy2</import>
      </group>
    </bgp>
  </protocols>
</configuration>

```

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The following example shows the JUNOS XML tag elements for a CLI statement with multiple predefined values. The **permissions** statement grants three predefined permissions to members of the **user-accounts** login class.

#### CLI Configuration Statements

```
system {
  login {
    class user-accounts {
      permissions [ configure admin control ];
    }
  }
}
```

#### JUNOS XML Tags

```
<configuration>
  <system>
    <login>
      <class>
        <name>user-accounts</name>
        <permissions>configure</permissions>
        <permissions>admin</permissions>
        <permissions>control</permissions>
      </class>
    </login>
  </system>
</configuration>
```

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### Mapping for Multiple Options on One or More Lines

For some JUNOS configuration objects, the standard CLI syntax places multiple options on a single line, usually for greater legibility and conciseness. In most such cases, the first option identifies the object and does not have a keyword, but later options are paired keywords and values. The JUNOS XML API encloses each option in its own tag element. Because the first option has no keyword in the CLI statement, the JUNOS XML API assigns a name to its tag element.

The following example shows the JUNOS XML tag elements for a CLI configuration statement with multiple options on a single line. The JUNOS XML API defines a tag element for both options and assigns a name to the tag element for the first option (10.0.0.1), which has no CLI keyword.

#### CLI Configuration Statements

```
system {
  backup-router 10.0.0.1 destination 10.0.0.2;
}
```

#### JUNOS XML Tags

```
<configuration>
  <system>
    <backup-router>
      <address>10.0.0.1</address>
      <destination>10.0.0.2</destination>
    </backup-router>
  </system>
</configuration>
```

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The syntax for some configuration objects includes more than one multioption line. Again, the JUNOS XML API defines a separate tag element for each option. The following example shows JUNOS XML tag elements for a **traceoptions** statement at the **[edit protocols isis]** hierarchy level. The statement has three child statements, each with multiple options.

**CLI Configuration Statements**

```

protocols {
  isis {
    traceoptions {
      file trace-file size 3m files 10 world-readable;

      flag route detail;

      flag state receive;

    }
  }
}

```

**JUNOS XML Tags**

```

<configuration>
  <protocols>
    <isis>
      <traceoptions>
        <file>
          <filename>trace-file</filename>
          <size>3m</size>
          <files>10</files>
          <world-readable/>
        </file>
        <flag>
          <name>route</name>
          <detail/>
        </flag>
        <flag>
          <name>state</name>
          <receive/>
        </flag>
      </traceoptions>
    </isis>
  </protocols>
</configuration>

```

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**Mapping for Comments About Configuration Statements**

A JUNOS configuration can include comments that describe statements in the configuration. In CLI configuration mode, the **annotate** command specifies the comment to associate with a statement at the current hierarchy level. You can also use a text editor to insert comments directly into a configuration file. For more information, see the *JUNOS CLI User Guide*.

The JUNOS XML API encloses comments about configuration statements in the **<junos:comment>** tag element. (These comments are different from those described in “XML Comments” on page 12, which are enclosed in the strings **<!--** and **-->** and are automatically discarded by the JUNOScript server.)

In the JUNOS XML API, the **<junos:comment>** tag element immediately precedes the tag element for the associated configuration statement. (If the tag element for the associated statement is omitted, the comment is not recorded in the configuration database.) The comment text string can include one of the two delimiters that indicate a comment in the configuration database: either the **#** character before the comment or the paired strings **/\*** before the comment and **\*/** after it. If the client application does not include the delimiter, the JUNOScript server adds the appropriate one when it adds the comment to the configuration. The JUNOScript server also preserves any white space included in the comment.

The following example shows the JUNOS XML tag elements that associate comments with two statements in a sample configuration statement. The first comment illustrates how including newline characters in the contents of the **<junos:comment>** tag element (**/\* New backbone area \*/**) results in the comment appearing on its own line in the configuration file. There are no newline characters in the contents of the second **<junos:comment>** tag element, so in the configuration file the comment directly follows the associated statement on the same line.



**CLI Configuration Statements**

```

protocols {
  ospf {

    /* New backbone area */
    area 0.0.0.0 {

      interface so-0/0/0 { # From jnpr1 to jnpr2
        hello-interval 5;
      }
    }
  }
}

```

**JUNOS XML Tags**

```

<configuration>
  <protocols>
    <ospf>
      <junos:comment>
        /* New backbone area */
      </junos:comment>
      <area>
        <name>0.0.0.0</name>
        <junos:comment> # From jnpr1 to jnpr2</junos:comment>
        <interface>
          <name>so-0/0/0</name>
          <hello-interval>5</hello-interval>
        </interface>
      </area>
    </ospf>
  </protocols>
</configuration>

```

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## Using the Same Configuration Tag Elements in Requests and Responses

The JUNOScript server encloses its response to each configuration request in `<rpc-reply>` and `<configuration>` tag elements. Enclosing each configuration response within a `<configuration>` tag element contrasts with how the server encloses each different operational response in a tag element named for that type of response—for example, the `<chassis-inventory>` tag element for chassis information or the `<interface-information>` tag element for interface information.

The JUNOS XML tag elements within the `<configuration>` tag element represent configuration hierarchy levels, configuration objects, and object characteristics, always ordered from higher to deeper levels of the hierarchy. When a client application loads a configuration, it can emit the same tag elements in the same order as the JUNOScript server uses when returning configuration information. This consistent representation makes handling configuration information more straightforward. For instance, the client application can request the current configuration, store the JUNOScript server's response to a local memory buffer, make changes or apply transformations to the buffered data, and submit the altered configuration as a change to the candidate configuration. Because the altered configuration is based on the JUNOScript server's response, it is certain to be syntactically correct. For more information about changing routing platform configuration, see “Changing Configuration Information” on page 103.

Similarly, when a client application requests information about a configuration element (hierarchy level or configuration object), it uses the same tag elements that the JUNOScript server will return in response. To represent the element, the client application sends a complete stream of tag elements from the top of the configuration hierarchy (represented by the `<configuration>` tag element) down to the requested element. The innermost tag element, which represents the level or object, is either empty or includes the identifier tag element only. The JUNOScript server's response includes the same stream of parent tag elements, but the tag element for the requested configuration element contains all the tag elements that represent the element's characteristics or child levels. For more information, see “Requesting Configuration Information” on page 64.

The tag streams emitted by the JUNOScript server and by a client application can differ in the use of white space, as described in “Spaces, Newline Characters, and Other White Space” on page 11.

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## Chapter 3

# Controlling the JUNOScript Session

This chapter explains how to start and terminate a session with the JUNOScript server, and describes the Extensible Markup Language (XML) tag elements from the JUNOScript application programming interface (API) that client applications and the JUNOScript server use to coordinate information exchange during the session. It discusses the following topics:

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### Client Application's Role in a JUNOScript Session

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To create a session and communicate with the JUNOScript server, a client application performs the following procedures, which are described in the indicated sections:

1. Establishes a connection to the JUNOScript server on the routing platform, as described in "Connecting to the JUNOScript Server" on page 37.
2. Opens a JUNOScript session, as described in "Starting the JUNOScript Session" on page 38.
3. (Optional) Locks the candidate configuration or creates a private copy, as described in "Exchanging Information with the JUNOScript Server" on page 46. Locking the configuration prevents other users or applications from changing it at the same time. Creating a private copy enables the application to make changes without affecting the candidate or active configuration until the copy is committed.
4. Requests operational or configuration information, or changes configuration information, as described in "Requesting Information" on page 61 and "Changing Configuration Information" on page 103.
5. (Optional) Verifies the syntactic correctness of a configuration before attempting to commit it, as described in "Verifying a Configuration Before Committing It" on page 133.

6. Commits changes made to the configuration, as described in “Committing a Configuration” on page 133.
7. Unlocks the candidate configuration if it is locked, as described in “Unlocking the Candidate Configuration” on page 55.
8. Ends the JUNOScript session and closes the connection to the routing platform, as described in “Ending a JUNOScript Session and Closing the Connection” on page 56.

## Establishing a JUNOScript Session

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The JUNOScript server communicates with client applications within the context of a JUNOScript *session*. The server and client explicitly establish a connection and session before exchanging data, and close the session and connection when they are finished. The streams of JUNOScript and JUNOS XML tag elements emitted by the JUNOScript server and a client application must each constitute a well-formed XML document by obeying the structural rules defined in the document type definition (DTD) for the kind of information they are exchanging. The client application must emit tag elements in the required order and only in the allowed contexts.

Client applications access the JUNOScript server using one of the protocols listed in “Supported Access Protocols” on page 26. To authenticate with the JUNOScript server, they use either a JUNOScript-specific mechanism or the protocol’s standard authentication mechanism, depending on the protocol. After authentication, the JUNOScript server uses the JUNOS login usernames and classes already configured on the routing platform to determine whether a client application is authorized to make each request.

For information about establishing a connection and JUNOScript session, see the following sections:

- Supported Access Protocols on page 26
- Prerequisites for Establishing a Connection on page 27
- Connecting to the JUNOScript Server on page 37
- Starting the JUNOScript Session on page 38
- Authenticating with the JUNOScript Server on page 44

For an example of a complete JUNOScript session, see “Example of a JUNOScript Session” on page 57.

## Supported Access Protocols

To connect to the JUNOScript server, client applications can use the access protocols and associated authentication mechanisms listed in Table 9 on page 27.

**Table 9: Supported Access Protocols and Authentication Mechanisms**

Access Protocol	Authentication Mechanism
clear-text, a JUNOScript-specific protocol for sending unencrypted text over a Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) connection	JUNOScript-specific
SSH	Standard SSH
Outbound SSH	Outbound SSH
Secure Sockets Layer (SSL)	JUNOScript-specific
Telnet	Standard Telnet

The SSH and SSL protocols are preferred because they encrypt security information (such as passwords) before transmitting it across the network. Outbound SSH allows you to create an encrypted connection to the router in situations where you cannot connect to the router using standard SSH. The clear-text and Telnet protocols do not encrypt information.

For information about the prerequisites for each protocol, see “Prerequisites for Establishing a Connection” on page 27. For authentication instructions, see “Authenticating with the JUNOScript Server” on page 44.

### ***Prerequisites for Establishing a Connection***

To enable a client application to establish a connection to the JUNOScript server, you must satisfy the requirements discussed in the following sections:

- Prerequisites for All Access Protocols on page 27
- Prerequisites for Clear-Text Connections on page 29
- Prerequisites for SSH Connections on page 30
- Prerequisites for Outbound SSH Connections on page 31
- Prerequisites for SSL Connections on page 35
- Prerequisites for Telnet Connections on page 37

### **Prerequisites for All Access Protocols**

A client application must be able to log in to each routing platform on which it establishes a connection with the JUNOScript server. The following instructions explain how to create a JUNOS login account for the application; for detailed information, see the chapter about configuring user access in the *JUNOS System Basics Configuration Guide*. Alternatively, you can skip this section and enable authentication through RADIUS or TACACS+; for instructions, see the chapter about system authentication in the *JUNOS System Basics Configuration Guide*.

To determine whether a JUNOS login account exists, enter CLI configuration mode on the routing platform and issue the following commands:

```
[edit]
user@host# edit system login
[edit system login]
user@host# show user account-name
```

If the appropriate account does not exist, perform the following steps:

1. Include the **user** statement at the **[edit system login]** hierarchy level. Also include the **class** statement to specify a JUNOS login class that has the permissions required for all actions to be performed by the application. Optionally, include the **full-name** and **uid** statements, which are described in the chapter about configuring user access in the *JUNOS System Basics Configuration Guide*.

```
[edit system login]
user@host# set user account-name class class-name
```

2. Create a text-based password for the account by including either the **plain-text-password** or **encrypted-password** statement at the **[edit system login user account-name authentication]** hierarchy level.

```
[edit system login]
user@host# edit user account-name authentication
```



**NOTE:** A text-based password is not strictly necessary if the account is used to access the *JUNOScript* server through SSH with public/private key pairs for authentication, but we recommend that you create one anyway. The key pair alone is sufficient if the account is used only for SSH access, but a password is required if the account is also used for any other type of access (for login on the console, for example). The password is also used—the SSH server prompts for it—if key-based authentication is configured but fails. For information about creating a public/private key pair, see “Prerequisites for SSH Connections” on page 30.

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To enter a password as text, issue the following command. You are prompted for the password, which is encrypted before being stored.

```
[edit system login user account-name authentication]
user@host# set plain-text-password
New password: password
Retype new password: password
```

To store a password that you have previously created and hashed using Message Digest 5 (MD5) or Secure Hash Algorithm 1 (SHA-1), issue the following command:

```
[edit system login user account-name authentication]
user@host# set encrypted-password "password"
```

3. Issue the **commit** command.

```
[edit system login user account-name authentication]
user@host# top
[edit]
user@host# commit
```



4. Repeat the preceding steps on each routing platform where the client application establishes JUNOScript sessions.
5. Enable the client application to access the password and provide it when the JUNOScript server prompts for it. There are several possible methods, including the following:
  - Code the application to prompt the user for a password at startup and to store the password temporarily in a secure manner.
  - Store the password in encrypted form in a secure local-disk location or secured database and code the application to access it.

### Prerequisites for Clear-Text Connections

A client application that uses the JUNOScript-specific clear-text protocol sends unencrypted text directly over a TCP connection without using any additional protocol (such as SSH, SSL, or Telnet).

Routers running the JUNOS-FIPS software do not accept JUNOScript clear-text connections. We recommend that you do not use the clear-text protocol in a Common Criteria environment. For more information, see the *Secure Configuration Guide for Common Criteria and JUNOS-FIPS*.

To enable client applications to use the clear-text protocol to connect to the JUNOScript server, perform the following steps:

1. Verify that the application can access the TCP software. On most operating systems, TCP is accessible in the standard distribution.
2. Satisfy the prerequisites discussed in “Prerequisites for All Access Protocols” on page 27.
3. Configure the JUNOScript server to accept clear-text connections from JUNOScript client applications on port 3221 by including the `xnm-clear-text` statement at the `[edit system services]` hierarchy level:

```
[edit]
user@host# set system services xnm-clear-text
```

By default, the JUNOScript server supports up to 75 simultaneous clear-text sessions and 150 connection attempts per minute. Optionally, you can include either or both the `connection-limit` statement to limit the number of concurrent sessions and the `rate-limit` statement to limit connection attempts. Both statements accept a value from 1 through 250.

```
[edit]
user@host# set system services xnm-clear-text connection-limit limit
user@host# set system services xnm-clear-text rate-limit limit
```

For more information about the `xnm-clear-text` statement, see the *JUNOS System Basics Configuration Guide*.

4. Commit the configuration:

```
[edit]
```

```
user@host# commit
```

5. Repeat Step 1 on each computer where the application runs, and Step 2 through Step 4 on each routing platform to which the application connects.

## Prerequisites for SSH Connections

To enable a client application to use the SSH protocol to connect to the JUNOScript server, perform the following steps:

1. Enable the application to access the SSH software.

If the application uses the JUNOScript Perl module provided by Juniper Networks, no action is necessary. As part of the installation procedure for the Perl module, you install a prerequisites package that includes the necessary SSH software. For instructions, see “Downloading the JUNOS Module and Sample Scripts” on page 206.

If the application does not use the JUNOScript Perl module, obtain the SSH software and install it on the computer where the application runs. For information about obtaining and installing SSH software, see <http://www.ssh.com> and <http://www.openssh.com>.

2. Satisfy the prerequisites discussed in “Prerequisites for All Access Protocols” on page 27.
3. (Optional) If you want to use key-based SSH authentication for the application, create a public/private key pair and associate it with the JUNOS login account you created in “Prerequisites for All Access Protocols” on page 27. Perform the following steps:
  - a. Working on the computer where the client application runs, issue the **ssh-keygen** command in a standard command shell (not the JUNOS CLI). By providing the appropriate arguments, you encode the public key with either RSA (supported by SSH versions 1 and 2) or the Digital Signature Algorithm (DSA), supported by SSH version 2. For more information, see the manual page provided by your SSH vendor for the **ssh-keygen** command. The JUNOS software uses SSH version 2 by default but also supports version 1.

### % **ssh-keygen options**

- b. Enable the application to access the public and private keys. One method is to run the **ssh-agent** program on the computer where the application runs.
- c. Working in configuration mode on the routing platform that needs to accept SSH connections from JUNOScript client applications, associate the public key with the JUNOS login account by including the **load-key-file** statement at the [edit system login user *account-name* authentication] hierarchy level. First, move to that hierarchy level:

```
[edit]
user@host# edit system login user account-name authentication
```

Issue the following command to copy the contents of the specified file onto the routing platform:

```
[edit system login user account-name authentication]
user@host# set load-key-file URL
```

*URL* is the path to the file that contains one or more public keys. The `ssh-keygen` command by default stores each public key in a file in the `.ssh` subdirectory of the user home directory; the filename depends on the encoding (DSA or RSA) and SSH version. For information about specifying URLs, see the *JUNOS CLI User Guide*.

Alternatively, you can include one or both of the `ssh-dsa` and `ssh-rsa` statements at the `[edit system login user account-name authentication]` hierarchy level. We recommend using the `load-key-file` statement, however, because it eliminates the need to type or cut and paste the public key on the command line. For more information about the `ssh-dsa` and `ssh-rsa` statements, see the *JUNOS System Basics Configuration Guide*.

4. Configure the routing platform to accept SSH connections by including the `ssh` statement at the `[edit system services]` hierarchy level. This statement enables SSH access for all users and applications, not just JUNOScript client applications.

```
[edit system login user account-name authentication]
user@host# top
[edit]
user@host# set system services ssh
```

5. Commit the configuration:

```
[edit]
user@host# commit
```

6. Repeat Step 1 on each computer where the application runs, and Step 2 through Step 5 on each routing platform to which the application connects.

## Prerequisites for Outbound SSH Connections

The outbound SSH feature allows the initiation of an SSH session between JUNOS routers and Network and System Management servers where client initiated TCP/IP connections are blocked (for example when the router is behind a firewall). To configure outbound SSH, you add an `outbound-ssh` configuration statement to the JUNOS router. Once configured and committed, the JUNOS router will begin to initiate an outbound SSH session with the configured management clients. Once the outbound SSH session is initialized and the connection is established, the Network and System Management server initiates the SSH sequence as the client and the JUNOS device as the server that authenticates the client.

Setting up outbound SSH involves:

- Configuring the JUNOS router for outbound SSH
- Configuring the management server for outbound SSH.

To configure the JUNOS router for outbound SSH:

1. Satisfy the prerequisites discussed in “Prerequisites for All Access Protocols” on page 27.
2. In the `[edit system services ssh]` hierarchy level, set the SSH protocol to v2:

```
[edit system services ssh]
set protocol-version v2
```

3. Generate/obtain a public/private key pair for the JUNOS router. This key pair will be used to encrypt the data transferred across the SSH connection. For more information on generating key pairs, see the System Basics Configuration Guide.
4. If the public key will be installed on the application management system manually, transfer the public key to the NSM server.
5. Add the following `outbound-ssh` statement at the `[edit system services]` hierarchy level:

```
[edit system services]
outbound-ssh client {
  application-id {
    device-id device-id;
    secret secret;
    keep-alive {
      retry number;
      timeout number;
    }
    reconnect-strategy (sticky | in-order) ;
    services netconf;
    address {
      port destination-port;
      retry number;
      timeout number;
    }
  }
}
```

The attributes are as follows:

- **application-id**—(Required) The **application-id** is used to identify the **outbound-ssh** configuration stanza on the router. Each **outbound-ssh** stanza represents a single outbound SSH connection. This attribute is not sent to the client.
- **device-id**—(Required) The **device-id** identifies the JUNOS device to the client during the initiation sequence.
- **secret**—(Optional) The JUNOS router's public SSH Host Key. If added to the **outbound-ssh** statement, during the initialization of the outbound SSH service, the JUNOS device will pass its public key to the management server. This is the recommended method of maintaining a current copy of the router's public key.
- **keep-alive**—(Optional) When configured, the router will send keep alive messages to the management server. To configure the keep alive message, you must set both the timeout and retry attributes.

- **retry**—The number of keep alive messages the JUNOS device will send without receiving a response from the client before the current SSH connection will be disconnected. (default = 3)
- **timeout**—The amount of time, in seconds, that the JUNOS server will wait for data before sending a keep alive signal. (default = 15)
- **reconnect-strategy**—(Optional) Specifies the method the JUNOS router will use to re-establish an outbound SSH connection that was disconnected. There are two methods available **sticky** and **in-order**:
  - **sticky**—The router will attempt to reconnect to the management server the router was last connected with first. If the connection is unavailable, it will attempt to establish a connection with the next client on the list and so fourth until a connection is made.
  - **in-order**—The router will attempt to establish an outbound SSH session based on the management server address list. The router attempts to establish a session with the first server on the list. If this connection is not available, the router attempts to establish a session with the next server. The router will continue through the list until a connection is established.

When reconnecting to a client, the JUNOS router will attempt to reconnect to the client based on the **retry** and **timeout** values for each of the clients listed.

- **services**—(Required) Specifies the services available for the session. Currently, NETCONF is the only service available.
- **address**—(Required) The host name or the IPv4 address of the NSM application server. You can list multiple clients by adding each client's IP address or host name along with the connection parameters listed below.
  - **port**—The port that the client will use for the outbound SSH connection. (default = 22)
  - **retry**—The number of times the JUNOS router will attempt to establish an outbound SSH connection before giving up. (default = 3)
  - **timeout**—The amount of time, in seconds, that the JUNOS router will attempt to establish an outbound SSH connection before giving up. (default = 15)

6. Commit the configuration:

```
[edit]
user@host# commit
```

To set up the Network and Systems Management Server:

1. Satisfy the prerequisites discussed in “Prerequisites for All Access Protocols” on page 27.
2. Enable the application to access the SSH software.

- If the application uses the JUNOScript Perl module provided by Juniper Networks, no action is necessary. As part of the installation procedure for the Perl module, you install a prerequisites package that includes the necessary SSH software. For instructions, see “Downloading the JUNOS Module and Sample Scripts” on page 206.
  - If the application does not use the JUNOScript Perl module, obtain the SSH software and install it on the computer where the application runs. For information about obtaining and installing SSH software, see <http://www.ssh.com> and <http://www.openssh.com>.
3. (Optional) Manually install the JUNOS router's public key for use with the SSH connection.
  4. Configure the client system to receive an process initialization broadcast requests. The initialization requests use the following syntax:
    - If the secret attribute is configured, the JUNOS router will send its public SSH key along with the initialization sequence (recommended method). When the key has been received, the client needs to determine what to do with the router's public key. Juniper recommends that you replace any current public SSH key for the router with the new key. This ensures that the client always has the current key available for authentication.

```
MSG-ID: DEVICE-CONN-INFO\r\n
MSG-VER: V1\r\n
DEVICE-ID: <device-id>\r\n
HOST-KEY: <pub-host-key>\r\n
HMAC: <HMAC(pub-SSH-host-key, <secret>)>\r\n
```

- If the secret attribute is not configured, the JUNOS router does not send its public SSH key along with the initialization sequence. You need to manually install the current public SSH key for the router.

```
MSG-ID: DEVICE-CONN-INFO\r\n
MSG-VER: V1\r\n
DEVICE-ID: <device-id>\r\n
```

## Prerequisites for SSL Connections

To enable a client application to use the SSL protocol to connect to the JUNOScript server, perform the following steps:

1. Enable the application to access the SSL software.

If the application uses the JUNOScript Perl module provided by Juniper Networks, no action is necessary. As part of the installation procedure for the Perl module, you install a prerequisites package that includes the necessary SSL software. For instructions, see “Downloading the JUNOS Module and Sample Scripts” on page 206.

If the application does not use the JUNOScript Perl module, obtain the SSL software and install it on the computer where the application runs. For information about obtaining and installing the SSL software, see <http://www.openssl.org>.

2. Satisfy the prerequisites discussed in “Prerequisites for All Access Protocols” on page 27.
3. Use one of the following two methods to obtain an authentication certificate in privacy-enhanced mail (PEM) format:
  - Request a certificate from a certificate authority; these agencies usually charge a fee.
  - Working on the computer where the client application runs, issue the following `openssl` command in a standard command shell (not the JUNOS CLI). The command generates a self-signed certificate and an unencrypted 1024-bit RSA private key, and writes them to the file called *certificate-file.pem* in the working directory. The command appears here on two lines only for legibility:

```
% openssl req -x509 -nodes -newkey rsa:1024 \
    -keyout certificate-file.pem -out certificate-file.pem
```

4. Import the certificate onto the routing platform by including the `local` statement at the [edit security certificates] hierarchy level and the `load-key-file` statement at the [edit security certificates local *certificate-name*] hierarchy level.

```
[edit]
user@host# edit security certificates local certificate-name
```

```
[edit security certificates local certificate-name]
user@host# set load-key-file URL-or-path
```

*certificate-name* is a name you choose to identify the certificate uniquely (for example, `junoscript-ssl-client-hostname`, where *hostname* is the computer where the client application runs).

*URL-or-path* specifies the file that contains the paired certificate and private key (if you issued the `openssl` command in Step 3, the *certificate-name.pem* file). Specify either the URL to its location on the client computer or a pathname on the local disk (if you have already used another method to copy the certificate

file to the router's local disk). For more information about specifying URLs and pathnames, see the *JUNOS CLI User Guide*.



**NOTE:** The CLI expects the private key in the *URL-or-path* file to be unencrypted. If the key is encrypted, the CLI prompts you for the passphrase associated with it, decrypts it, and stores the unencrypted version.

The `set-load-key-file URL-or-path` command copies the contents of the certificate file into the configuration. When you view the configuration, the CLI displays the string of characters that constitute the private key and certificate, marking them as **SECRET-DATA**. The `load-key-file` keyword is not recorded in the configuration.

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5. Configure the JUNOScript server to accept SSL connections from JUNOScript client applications on port 3220 by including the `xnm-ssl` statement at the `[edit system services]` hierarchy level.

```
[edit security certificates local certificate-name]
user@host# top
[edit]
user@host# set system services xnm-ssl local-certificate certificate-name
```

*certificate-name* is the unique name you assigned to the certificate in Step 4.

By default, the JUNOScript server supports up to 75 simultaneous SSL sessions and 150 connection attempts per minute. Optionally, you can include either or both the `connection-limit` statement to limit the number of concurrent sessions and the `rate-limit` statement to limit connection attempts. Both statements accept a value from 1 through 250.

```
[edit]
user@host# set system services xnm-ssl connection-limit limit
user@host# set system services xnm-ssl rate-limit limit
```

For more information about the `xnm-ssl` statement, see the *JUNOS System Basics Configuration Guide*.

6. Commit the configuration:

```
[edit]
user@host# commit
```

7. Repeat Step 1 on each computer where the application runs, and Step 2 through Step 6 on each routing platform to which the application connects.



## Prerequisites for Telnet Connections

To enable a client application to use the Telnet protocol to access the JUNOScript server, perform the steps described in this section.

Routers running the JUNOS-FIPS software do not accept Telnet connections. We recommend that you do not use the Telnet protocol in a Common Criteria environment. For more information, see the *Secure Configuration Guide for Common Criteria and JUNOS-FIPS*.

1. Verify that the application can access the Telnet software. On most operating systems, Telnet is accessible in the standard distribution.
2. Satisfy the prerequisites discussed in “Prerequisites for All Access Protocols” on page 27.
3. Configure the routing platform to accept Telnet connections by including the **telnet** statement at the [edit system services] hierarchy level. This statement enables Telnet access for all users and applications, not just JUNOScript client applications.

```
[edit]
user@host# set system services telnet
```

4. Repeat Step 1 on each computer where the application runs, and Step 2 and Step 3 on each routing platform to which the application connects.

## Connecting to the JUNOScript Server

For a client application to connect to the JUNOScript server and open a session, you must first satisfy the prerequisites described in “Prerequisites for Establishing a Connection” on page 27.

When the prerequisites are satisfied, an application written in Perl can most efficiently establish a connection and open a session by using the JUNOScript Perl module provided by Juniper Networks. For more information, see “Writing Perl Client Applications” on page 205.

A client application that does not use the JUNOScript Perl module connects to the JUNOScript server by opening a socket or other communications channel to the JUNOScript server machine (routing platform), invoking one of the remote-connection routines appropriate for the programming language and access protocol that the application uses.

What the client application does next depends on which access protocol it is using:

- If using the clear-text or SSL protocol, the client application does the following:
  1. Emits the initialization PI and tag, as described in “Emitting the Initialization PI and Tag” on page 39.
  2. Authenticates with the JUNOScript server, as described in “Authenticating with the JUNOScript Server” on page 44.
- If using the SSH or Telnet protocol, the client application does the following:

1. Uses the protocol's built-in authentication mechanism to authenticate.
2. Issues the `junoscript` command to request that the JUNOScript server convert the connection into a JUNOScript session. For a C programming language example, see "Writing C Client Applications" on page 231.
3. Emits the initialization PI and tag, as described in "Emitting the Initialization PI and Tag" on page 39.

## Connecting to the JUNOScript Server from the CLI

The JUNOScript and JUNOS XML APIs are primarily intended for use by client applications; however, for testing you can establish an interactive JUNOScript session and type commands in a shell window. To connect to the JUNOScript server from CLI operational mode, issue the `junoscript interactive` command (the `interactive` option causes the JUNOScript server to echo what you type):

```
user@host> junoscript interactive
```

To begin a JUNOScript session over the connection, emit the initialization PI and tag that are described in "Emitting the Initialization PI and Tag" on page 39. You can then type sequences of tag elements that represent operational and configuration operations, which are described in "Requesting Information" on page 61, "Changing Configuration Information" on page 103, and "Committing a Configuration" on page 133. To eliminate typing errors, save complete tag element sequences in a file and use a cut-and-paste utility to copy the sequences to the shell window.



**NOTE:** When you close the connection to the JUNOScript server (for example, by emitting the `<request-end-session/>` and `</junoscript>` tags), the routing platform completely closes your connection instead of returning you to the CLI operational mode prompt. For more information about ending a JUNOScript session, see "Ending a JUNOScript Session and Closing the Connection" on page 56.

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## Starting the JUNOScript Session

Each JUNOScript session begins with a handshake in which the JUNOScript server and the client application specify the versions of XML and the JUNOScript API they are using. Each party parses the version information emitted by the other, using it to determine whether they can communicate successfully. The following sections describe how to start a JUNOScript session:

- Emitting the Initialization PI and Tag on page 39
- Parsing the Initialization PI and Tag from the JUNOScript Server on page 41
- Verifying Software Compatibility on page 43
- Supported Software Versions on page 43

## Emitting the Initialization PI and Tag

When the JUNOScript session begins, the client application emits an `<?xml?>` PI and an opening `<junoscript>` tag, as described in the following sections:

- Emitting the `<?xml?>` PI on page 39
- Emitting the Opening `<junoscript>` Tag on page 39

### Emitting the `<?xml?>` PI

The client application begins by emitting an `<?xml?>` PI.



**NOTE:** In the following example (and in all examples in this document of tag elements emitted by a client application), bold font is used to highlight the part of the tag sequence that is discussed in the text.

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**`<?xml version="version" encoding="encoding"?>`**

The attributes are as follows. For a list of the attribute values that are acceptable in the current version of the JUNOScript API, see “Supported Software Versions” on page 43.

- **version**—The version of XML with which tag elements emitted by the client application comply
- **encoding**—The standardized character set that the client application uses and can understand

In the following example of a client application’s `<?xml?>` PI, the **version="1.0"** attribute indicates that it is emitting tag elements that comply with the XML 1.0 specification. The **encoding="us-ascii"** attribute indicates that the client application is using the 7-bit ASCII character set standardized by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). For more information about ANSI standards, see <http://www.ansi.org>.

`<?xml version="1.0" encoding="us-ascii"?>`



**NOTE:** If the application fails to emit the `<?xml?>` PI before emitting the opening `<junoscript>` tag, the JUNOScript server emits an error message and immediately closes the session and connection. For more information, see “Emitting the Opening `<junoscript>` Tag” on page 39.

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### Emitting the Opening `<junoscript>` Tag

The client application then emits its opening `<junoscript>` tag, which has the following syntax (and appears here on two lines only for legibility):

**`<junoscript version="version" hostname="hostname" junos:key="key"`**

**release="release-code">**

The attributes are as follows. For a list of the attribute values that are acceptable in the current version of the JUNOScript API, see “Supported Software Versions” on page 43.

- **version**—(Required) Specifies the version of the JUNOScript API that the client application is using.
- **hostname**—(Optional) Names the machine on which the client application is running. The information is used only when diagnosing problems. The JUNOScript API does not include support for establishing trusted-host relationships or otherwise altering JUNOScript server behavior depending on the client hostname.
- **junos:key**—(Optional) Requests that the JUNOScript server indicate whether a child configuration element is an identifier for its parent element. The only acceptable value is **key**. For more information, see “Requesting an Indicator for Identifiers” on page 73.
- **release**—(Optional) Identifies the JUNOS software release (and by implication, the JUNOS XML API) for which the client application is designed. It indicates that the client application can interoperate successfully with a JUNOScript server that also supports that version of the JUNOS XML API. In other words, it indicates that the client application emits request tag elements from that API, and knows how to parse response tag elements from it. If the application does not include this attribute, the JUNOScript server emits tag elements from the JUNOS XML API that it supports. For more information, see “Verifying Software Compatibility” on page 43.

For the value of the **release** attribute, use the standard notation for JUNOS software version numbers. For example, the value **9.5R1** represents the initial version of JUNOS Release 9.5.

In the following example of a client application’s opening `<junoscript>` tag, the **version="1.0"** attribute indicates that it is using JUNOScript version 1.0. The **hostname="client1"** attribute indicates that the client application is running on the machine called **client1**. The **release="9.5R1"** attribute indicates that the routing platform is running the initial version of JUNOS Release 9.5.

```
<junoscript version="1.0" hostname="client1" release="9.5R1">
```



**NOTE:** If the application fails to emit the `<?xml?>` PI before emitting the opening `<junoscript>` tag, the JUNOScript server emits an error message similar to the following and immediately closes the session and connection:

```
<rpc-reply>
  <xnm:error xmlns="http://xml.juniper.net/xnm/1.1/xnm" \
    xmlns:xnm="http://xml.juniper.net/xnm/1.1/xnm">
    <message>
      communication error while exchanging credentials
    </message>
  </xnm:error>
</rpc-reply>
<!-- session end at YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm:ss TZ -->
</junoscript>
```

For more information about the `<xnm:error>` tag, see “Handling an Error or Warning” on page 52.

### Parsing the Initialization PI and Tag from the JUNOScript Server

When the JUNOScript session begins, the JUNOScript server emits an `<?xml?>` PI and an opening `<junoscript>` tag, as described in the following sections:

- Parsing the JUNOScriptServer’s `<?xml?>` PI on page 41
- Parsing the JUNOScriptServer’s Opening `<junoscript>` Tag on page 42

#### ***Parsing the JUNOScriptServer’s `<?xml?>` PI***

The syntax for the `<?xml?>` PI is as follows:

```
<?xml version="version" encoding="encoding"?>
```

The attributes are as follows. For a list of the attribute values that are acceptable in the current version of the JUNOScript API, see “Supported Software Versions” on page 43.

- **version**—The version of XML with which tag elements emitted by the JUNOScript server comply
- **encoding**—The standardized character set that the JUNOScript server uses and can understand

In the following example of a JUNOScript server’s `<?xml?>` PI, the **version="1.0"** attribute indicates that the server is emitting tag elements that comply with the XML 1.0 specification. The **encoding="us-ascii"** attribute indicates that the server is using the 7-bit ASCII character set standardized by ANSI. For more information about ANSI standards, see <http://www.ansi.org>.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="us-ascii"?>
```

### Parsing the JUNOScriptServer's Opening <junoscript> Tag

The server then emits its opening <junoscript> tag, which has the following form (the tag appears on multiple lines only for legibility):

```
<junoscript xmlns="namespace-URL" xmlns:junos="namespace-URL" \
  schemaLocation="namespace-URL" os="JUNOS" \

  release="release-code" hostname="hostname" version="version">
```

The attributes are as follows:

- **hostname**—The name of the routing platform on which the JUNOScript server is running.
- **os**—The operating system of the routing platform on which the JUNOScript server is running. The value is always **JUNOS**.
- **release**—The identifier for the version of the JUNOS software from which the JUNOScript server is derived and that it is designed to understand. It is presumably in use on the routing platform where the JUNOScript server is running. The value of the **release** attribute uses the standard notation for Juniper Networks software version numbers. For example, the value **9.5R1** represents the initial version of JUNOS Release 9.5.
- **schemaLocation**—The XML namespace for the XML Schema-language representation of the JUNOS configuration hierarchy.
- **version**—The version of the JUNOScript API that the JUNOScript server is using.
- **xmlns**—The XML namespace for the tag elements enclosed by the <junoscript> tag element that do not have a prefix on their names (that is, the default namespace for JUNOS XML tag elements). The value is a URL of the form `http://xml.juniper.net/xnm/version/xnm`, where *version* is a string such as **1.1**.
- **xmlns:junos**—The XML namespace for the tag elements enclosed by the <junoscript> tag element that have the **junos:** prefix on their names. The value is a URL of the form `http://xml.juniper.net/junos/release-code/junos`, where *release-code* is the standard string that represents a release of the JUNOS software. For example, the value **9.5R1** represents the initial version of JUNOS Release 9.5.

In the following example of a JUNOScript server's opening <junoscript> tag, the **version** attribute indicates that the server is using JUNOScript version 1.0, and the **hostname** attribute indicates that the routing platform's name is **big-router**. The **os** and **release** attributes indicate that the routing platform is running the initial version of JUNOS Release 9.5. The **xmlns** and **xmlns:xnm** attributes indicate that the default namespace for JUNOS XML tag elements and the namespace for tag elements that have the **xnm:** prefix is `http://xml.juniper.net/xnm/1.1/xnm`. The **xmlns:junos** attribute indicates that the namespace for tag elements that have the **junos:** prefix is `http://xml.juniper.net/junos/9.5R1/junos`. The tag appears on multiple lines only for legibility.

```
<junoscript xmlns="http://xml.juniper.net/xnm/1.1/xnm" \
  xmlns:junos="http://xml.juniper.net/junos/9.5R1/junos" \
```

```
schemaLocation="http://xml.juniper.net/junos/9.5R1/junos" os="JUNOS" \
release="9.5R1" hostname="big-router" version="1.0">
```

## Verifying Software Compatibility

Exchanging `<?xml?>` and `<junoscript>` tag elements enables a client application and the JUNOScript server to determine if they are running different versions of the software used during a JUNOScript session. Different versions are sometimes incompatible, and by JUNOScript convention the party running the later version of software determines how to handle any incompatibility. For fully automated performance, include code in the client application that determines if its version of software is later than that of the JUNOScript server. Decide which of the following options is appropriate when the application's version is more recent, and implement the corresponding response:

- Ignore the version difference, and do not alter standard behavior to accommodate the JUNOScript server's version. A version difference does not always imply incompatibility, so this is often a valid response.
- Alter standard behavior to provide backward compatibility to the JUNOScript server. If the client application is running a later version of the JUNOS software, for example, it can choose to emit only tag elements that represent the software features available in the JUNOScript server's version of the JUNOS software.
- End the JUNOScript session and terminate the connection. This is appropriate if you decide that accommodating the JUNOScript server's version of software is not practical. For instructions, see “Ending a JUNOScript Session and Closing the Connection” on page 56.

## Supported Software Versions

Table 10 on page 43 lists the versions of software supported by version 1.0 of the JUNOScript API and specifies the PI or opening tag and attribute used to convey version information during JUNOScript session initialization.

**Table 10: Supported Software Versions**

Software and Versions	PI or Tag	Attribute
XML 1.0	<code>&lt;?xml?&gt;</code>	<code>version="1.0"</code>
ANSI-standardized 7-bit ASCII character set	<code>&lt;?xml?&gt;</code>	<code>encoding="us-ascii"</code>
JUNOScript 1.0	<code>&lt;junoscript&gt;</code>	<code>version="1.0"</code>
JUNOS Release 8.0 JUNOS Release 8.2 JUNOS Release 8.3	<code>&lt;junoscript&gt;</code>	<code>release="8.0R x ?"</code> <code>release="8.2R x ?"</code> <code>release="8.3R x ?"</code>

## ***Authenticating with the JUNOScript Server***

A client application that uses the clear-text or SSL protocol must now authenticate with the JUNOScript server. (Applications that use the SSH or Telnet protocol use the protocol's built-in authentication mechanism before emitting initialization tag elements, as described in “Connecting to the JUNOScript Server” on page 37.)

See the following sections:

- Submitting an Authentication Request on page 44
- Interpreting the Authentication Response on page 45

### **Submitting an Authentication Request**

The client application begins the authentication process by emitting the `<request-login>` tag element within an `<rpc>` tag element. In the `<request-login>` tag element, it encloses the `<username>` tag element to specify the JUNOS account (username) under which to establish the connection. The account must already be configured on the JUNOScript server machine, as described in “Prerequisites for All Access Protocols” on page 27. You can choose whether or not the application provides the account password as part of the initial tag sequence.

#### ***Providing the Password with the Username***

To provide the password along with the username, the application emits the following tag sequence:

```
<rpc>
  <request-login>
    <username>username</username>
    <challenge-response>password</challenge-response>
  </request-login>
</rpc>
```

This tag sequence is appropriate if the application automates access to routing platform information and does not interact with users, or obtains the password from a user before beginning the authentication process.

#### ***Providing Only the Username***

To omit the password and specify only the username, the application emits the following tag sequence:

```
<rpc>
  <request-login>
    <username>username</username>
  </request-login>
</rpc>
```



This tag sequence is appropriate if the application does not obtain the password until the authentication process has already begun. In this case, the JUNOScript server returns the `<challenge>` tag element within an `<rpc-reply>` tag element to request the password associated with the username. The tag element encloses the **Password:** string, which the client application can forward to the screen as a prompt for a user. The `echo="no"` attribute in the opening `<challenge>` tag specifies that the password string typed by the user does not echo on the screen. The tag sequence is as follows:

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <challenge echo="no">Password:</challenge>
</rpc-reply>
```

The client application obtains the password and emits the following tag sequence to forward it to the JUNOScript server:

```
<rpc>
  <request-login>
    <username>username</username>
    <challenge-response>password</challenge-response>
  </request-login>
</rpc>
```

### Interpreting the Authentication Response

After it receives the username and password, the JUNOScript server emits the `<authentication-response>` tag element to indicate whether the authentication attempt is successful.

#### Server Response When Authentication Succeeds

If the password is correct, the authentication attempt succeeds and the JUNOScript server emits the following tag sequence:

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <authentication-response>
    <status>success</status>
    <message>username</message>
    <login-name>remote-username</login-name>
  </authentication-response>
</rpc-reply>
```

The `<message>` tag element contains the JUNOS username under which the connection is established.

The `<login-name>` tag element contains the username that the client application provided to an authentication utility such as RADIUS or TACACS + . This tag element appears only if the username differs from the username contained in the `<message>` tag element.

The JUNOScript session begins, as described in “Starting the JUNOScript Session” on page 38.

### Server Response When Authentication Fails

If the password is not correct or the `<request-login>` tag element is otherwise malformed, the authentication attempt fails and the JUNOScript server emits the following tag sequence:

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <authentication-response>
    <status>fail</status>
    <message>error-message</message>
  </authentication-response>
</rpc-reply>
```

The *error-message* string in the `<message>` tag element explains why the authentication attempt failed. The JUNOScript server emits the `<challenge>` tag element up to two more times before rejecting the authentication attempt and closing the connection.

## Exchanging Information with the JUNOScript Server

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The session continues when the client application sends a request to the JUNOScript server. The JUNOScript server does not emit any tag elements after session initialization except in response to the client application's requests. The following sections describe the exchange of tagged data:

- Sending a Request to the JUNOScript Server on page 46
- Parsing the JUNOScript Server Response on page 49
- Handling an Error or Warning on page 52
- Halting a Request on page 53

### Sending a Request to the JUNOScript Server

To initiate a request to the JUNOScript server, a client application emits the opening `<rpc>` tag, followed by one or more tag elements that represent the particular request, and the closing `</rpc>` tag, in that order:

```
<rpc>
  <!-- tag elements representing a request -->
</rpc>
```

The application encloses each request in a separate pair of opening `<rpc>` and closing `</rpc>` tags. The `<rpc>` tag element can occur only within the `<junoscript>` tag element. For an example of emitting an `<rpc>` tag element in the context of a complete JUNOScript session, see “Example of a JUNOScript Session” on page 57.

The JUNOScript server ignores any newline characters, spaces, or other white space characters that occur between tag elements in the tag stream, but does preserve white space within tag elements. For more information, see “Spaces, Newline Characters, and Other White Space” on page 11.

See the following sections for further information:

- Request Classes on page 47
- Including Attributes in the Opening `<rpc>` Tag on page 49

## Request Classes

A client application can make three classes of requests:

- Operational Requests on page 47
- Configuration Information Requests on page 47
- Configuration Change Requests on page 48



**NOTE:** Although operational and configuration requests conceptually belong to separate classes, a JUNOScript session does not have distinct modes that correspond to CLI operational and configuration modes. Each request tag element is enclosed within its own `<rpc>` tag element, so a client application can freely alternate operational and configuration requests.

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## Operational Requests

*Operational requests* are requests for information about routing platform status, and correspond to the CLI operational mode commands listed in the JUNOS software command references. The JUNOS XML API defines a request tag element for many CLI commands. For example, the `<get-interface-information>` tag element corresponds to the `show interfaces` command, and the `<get-chassis-inventory>` tag element requests the same information as the `show chassis hardware` command.

The following sample request is for detailed information about the interface called `ge-2/3/0`:

```
<rpc>
  <get-interface-information>
    <interface-name>ge-2/3/0</interface-name>
    <detail/>
  </get-interface-information>
</rpc>
```

For more information, see “Requesting Operational Information” on page 62. For information about the JUNOS XML request tag elements available in the current JUNOS software release, see the *JUNOS XML API Operational Reference*.

## Configuration Information Requests

*Requests for configuration information* are requests for information about the candidate configuration, a private configuration, or the committed configuration (the one currently in active use on the routing platform). The candidate and committed configurations diverge when there are uncommitted changes to the candidate configuration.

The JUNOScript API defines the `<get-configuration>` tag element for retrieving configuration information. The JUNOS XML API defines a tag element for every CLI configuration statement described in the JUNOS software configuration guides.

The following example shows how to request information about the `[edit system login]` hierarchy level in the candidate configuration:

```
<rpc>
  <get-configuration>
    <configuration>
      <system>
        <login/>
      </system>
    </configuration>
  </get-configuration>
</rpc>
```

For more information, see “Requesting Configuration Information” on page 64. For a summary of JUNOS XML configuration tag elements, see the *JUNOS XML API Configuration Reference*.

### Configuration Change Requests

*Configuration change requests* are requests to change the information in the candidate or a private copy, or to commit those changes to put them into active use on the routing platform. The JUNOScript API defines the `<load-configuration>` tag element for changing configuration information. The JUNOS XML API defines a tag element for every CLI configuration statement described in the JUNOS software configuration guides.

The following example shows how to create a new JUNOS user account called `admin` at the `[edit system login]` hierarchy level in the candidate configuration:

```
<rpc>
  <load-configuration>
    <configuration>
      <system>
        <login>
          <user>
            <name>admin</name>
            <full-name>Administrator</full-name>
            <class>superuser</class>
          </user>
        </login>
      </system>
    </configuration>
  </load-configuration>
</rpc>
```

For more information, see “Changing Configuration Information” on page 103 and “Committing a Configuration” on page 133. For a summary of JUNOS XML configuration tag elements, see the *JUNOS XML API Configuration Reference*.

### Including Attributes in the Opening <rpc> Tag

Optionally, a client application can include one or more attributes in the opening <rpc> tag for each request. The client application can freely define attribute names, except as described in the following note. The JUNOScript server echoes each attribute, unchanged, in the opening <rpc-reply> tag in which it encloses its response. A client application can use this feature to associate requests and responses by including an attribute in each opening request tag that assigns a unique identifier. The JUNOScript server echoes the attribute in its opening <rpc-reply> tag, making it easy to map the response to the initiating request.



**NOTE:** The `xmlns:junos` attribute name is reserved. The JUNOScript server sets the attribute to an appropriate value on the opening <rpc-reply> tag, so client applications must not emit it on the opening <rpc> tag. For more information, see “xmlns:junos Attribute” on page 49.

### Parsing the JUNOScript Server Response

The JUNOScript server encloses its response to each client request in a separate pair of opening <rpc-reply> and closing </rpc-reply> tags:

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <!-- tag elements representing a response -->
</rpc-reply>
```

The `xmlns:junos` attribute in the opening <rpc-reply> tag defines the default namespace for the enclosed tag elements that have the `junos:` prefix in their names, as discussed further in “xmlns:junos Attribute” on page 49. The <rpc-reply> tag element occurs only within the <junoscript> tag element. Client applications must include code for parsing the stream of response tag elements coming from the JUNOScript server, either processing them as they arrive or storing them until the response is complete. See the following sections for further information:

- `xmlns:junos` Attribute on page 49
- JUNOScript Server Response Classes on page 50
- Using a Standard API to Parse Response Tag Elements on page 51

For an example of parsing the <rpc-reply> tag element in the context of a complete JUNOScript session, see “Example of a JUNOScript Session” on page 57.

### xmlns:junos Attribute

The JUNOScript server includes the `xmlns:junos` attribute in the opening <rpc-reply> tag to define the XML namespace for the enclosed JUNOS XML tag elements that have the `junos:` prefix on their names. The namespace is a URL of the form `http://xml.juniper.net/junos/release-code/junos`, where *release-code* is the standard string that represents the release of the JUNOS software running on the JUNOScript server machine.

In the following example, the namespace corresponds to the initial version of JUNOS Release 9.5:

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="http://xml.juniper.net/junos/9.5R1/junos">
```

## JUNOScript Server Response Classes

The JUNOScript server returns three classes of responses:

- Operational Responses on page 50
- Configuration Information Responses on page 50
- Configuration Change Responses on page 51

### Operational Responses

*Operational responses* are responses to requests for information about routing platform status. They correspond to the output from CLI operational commands as described in the JUNOS command references.

The JUNOS XML API defines response tag elements for all defined operational request tag elements. For example, the JUNOScript server returns the information requested by the `<get-interface-information>` tag element in a response tag element called `<interface-information>`, and the information requested by the `<get-chassis-inventory>` tag element in a response tag element called `<chassis-inventory>`.

The following sample response includes information about the interface called `ge-2/3/0`. The namespace indicated by the `xmlns` attribute contains interface information for the initial version of JUNOS Release 9.5. (Note that the opening `<interface-information>` tag appears on two lines only for legibility.)

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="http://xml.juniper.net/junos/9.5R1/junos">
  <interface-information \
    xmlns="http://xml.juniper.net/junos/9.5R1/junos-interface">
    <physical-interface>
      <name>ge-2/3/0</name>
      <!-- other data tag elements for the ge-2/3/0 interface -->
    </physical-interface>
  </interface-information>
</rpc-reply>
```

For more information about the `xmlns` attribute and contents of operational response tag elements, see “Requesting Operational Information” on page 62. For a summary of operational response tag elements, see the *JUNOS XML API Operational Reference*.

### Configuration Information Responses

*Configuration information responses* are responses to requests for information about the routing platform’s current configuration. The JUNOS XML API defines a tag element for every container and leaf statement in the configuration hierarchy.

The following sample response includes the information at the `[edit system login]` hierarchy level in the configuration hierarchy. For brevity, the sample shows only one user defined at this level.

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <configuration>
    <system>
      <login>
        <user>
          <name>admin</name>
          <full-name>Administrator</full-name>
          <!-- other tag elements for the admin user -->
        </user>
      </login>
    </system>
  </configuration>
</rpc-reply>
```

### Configuration Change Responses

*Configuration change responses* are responses to requests that change or commit routing platform configuration. For commit operations, the JUNOScript server encloses an explicit indicator of success or failure within the `<commit-results>` tag element:

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <commit-results>
    <!-- tag elements for information about the commit -->
  </commit-results>
</rpc-reply>
```

For other operations, the JUNOScript server indicates success by returning an opening `<rpc-reply>` and closing `</rpc-reply>` tag with nothing between them, instead of emitting an explicit success indicator:

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
</rpc-reply>
```

For more information, see “Changing Configuration Information” on page 103 and “Committing a Configuration” on page 133. For a summary of the available configuration tag elements, see the *JUNOS XML API Configuration Reference*.

### Using a Standard API to Parse Response Tag Elements

Client applications can handle incoming XML tag elements by feeding them to a parser that implements a standard API such as the Document Object Model (DOM) or Simple API for XML (SAX). Describing how to implement and use a parser is beyond the scope of this document.

Routines in the DOM accept incoming XML and build a tag hierarchy in the client application’s memory. There are also DOM routines for manipulating an existing hierarchy. DOM implementations are available for several programming languages, including C, C++, Perl, and Java. For detailed information, see the *Document Object Model (DOM) Level 1 Specification* from the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) at <http://www.w3.org/TR/REC-DOM-Level-1>. Additional information is available from the

Comprehensive Perl Archive Network (CPAN) at  
<http://search.cpan.org/~tjmath/XML-DOM/lib/XML/DOM.pm>.

One potential drawback with DOM is that it always builds a hierarchy of tag elements, which can become very large. If a client application needs to handle only a subhierarchy at a time, it can use a parser that implements SAX instead. SAX accepts XML and feeds the tag elements directly to the client application, which must build its own tag hierarchy. For more information, see the official SAX Web site at <http://sax.sourceforge.net>.

## Handling an Error or Warning

If the JUNOScript server encounters an error condition, it emits an `<xnm:error>` tag element, which encloses child tag elements that describe the nature of the error. Client applications must be prepared to receive and handle an `<xnm:error>` tag element at any time. The information in any response tag elements already received and related to the current request might be incomplete. The client application can include logic for deciding whether to discard or retain the information.

The syntax of the `<xnm:error>` tag element is as follows. The opening tag appears on multiple lines only for legibility:

```
<xnm:error xmlns="http://xml.juniper.net/xnm/1.1/xnm" \
    xmlns:xnm="http://xml.juniper.net/xnm/1.1/xnm">
    <!-- tag elements describing the error -->
</xnm:error>
```

The attributes are as follows:

- **xmlns**—The XML namespace for the tag elements enclosed by the `<xnm:error>` tag element that do not have a prefix in their names (that is, the default namespace for JUNOS XML tag elements). The value is a URL of the form `http://xml.juniper.net/xnm/version/xnm`, where *version* is a string such as `1.1`.
- **xmlns:xnm**—The XML namespace for the `<xnm:error>` tag element and for the enclosed tag elements that have the `xnm` prefix in their names. The value is a URL of the form `http://xml.juniper.net/xnm/version/xnm`, where *version* is a string such as `1.1`.

The set of child tag elements enclosed in the `<xnm:error>` tag element depends on the operation that server was performing when the error occurred:

- Processing an informational request submitted by a client application (as discussed in “Requesting Information” on page 61)
- Opening, locking, committing, or closing a configuration as requested by a client application (discussed in “Exchanging Information with the JUNOScript Server” on page 46, “Committing a Configuration” on page 133, and “Ending a JUNOScript Session and Closing the Connection” on page 56)
- Parsing configuration data submitted by a client application in a `<load-configuration>` tag element (discussed in “Changing Configuration Information” on page 103)



If the JUNOScript server encounters a less serious problem, it can emit an `<xnm:warning>` tag element instead. The usual response for the client application in this case is to log the warning or pass it to the user, but to continue parsing the server's response.

For a description of the child tag elements that can appear within an `<xnm:error>` or `<xnm:warning>` tag element to specify the nature of the problem, see “`<xnm:error>`” on page 180 and “`<xnm:warning>`” on page 182.

## Halting a Request

To request that the JUNOScript server stop processing the current request, a client application emits the `<abort/>` tag directly after the closing `</rpc>` tag for the operation to be halted:

```
<rpc>
  <!-- tag elements for the request -->
</rpc>
<abort/>
```

The JUNOScript server responds with the `<abort-acknowledgement/>` tag:

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <abort-acknowledgement/>
</rpc-reply>
```

Depending on the operation being performed, response tag elements already sent by the JUNOScript server for the halted request are possibly invalid. The application can include logic for deciding whether to discard or retain them as appropriate.

For more information, see “`<abort/>`” on page 149 and “`<abort-acknowledgement/>`” on page 149.

## Locking and Unlocking the Candidate Configuration or Creating a Private Copy

When a client application is requesting or changing configuration information, it can use one of three methods to access the configuration:

- Lock the candidate configuration, which prevents other users or applications from changing the configuration until the application releases the lock (equivalent to the CLI `configure exclusive` command).
- Create a private copy of the candidate configuration, which enables the application to view or change configuration data without affecting the candidate or active configuration until the private copy is committed (equivalent to the CLI `configure private` command).
- Change the candidate configuration without locking it. We do not recommend this method, because of the potential for conflicts with changes made by other applications or users that are editing the configuration at the same time.

If an application is simply requesting configuration information and not changing it, locking the configuration or creating a private copy is not required. However, it is appropriate to lock the configuration if it is important that the information being

returned not change during the session. The information from a private copy is guaranteed not to change, but can diverge from the candidate configuration if other users or applications are changing the candidate.

The restrictions on, and interactions between, operations on the locked regular candidate configuration and a private copy are the same as for the CLI **configure exclusive** and **configure private** commands. For more information, see “Committing a Private Copy of the Configuration” on page 135 and the *JUNOS CLI User Guide*.

For more information about locking and unlocking the candidate configuration or creating a private copy, see the following sections:

- Locking the Candidate Configuration on page 54
- Unlocking the Candidate Configuration on page 55
- Creating a Private Copy of the Configuration on page 55

## Locking the Candidate Configuration

To lock the candidate configuration, a client application emits the `<lock-configuration/>` tag within an `<rpc>` tag element:

```
<rpc>
  <lock-configuration/>
</rpc>
```

Emitting this tag prevents other users or applications from changing the candidate configuration until the lock is released (equivalent to the CLI **configure exclusive** command). Locking the configuration is recommended, particularly on routing platforms where multiple users are authorized to change the configuration. A commit operation applies to all changes in the candidate configuration, not just those made by the user or application that requests the commit. Allowing multiple users or applications to make changes simultaneously can lead to unexpected results.

When the JUNOScript server locks the configuration, it returns an opening `<rpc-reply>` and closing `</rpc-reply>` tag with nothing between them:

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
</rpc-reply>
```

If the JUNOScript server cannot lock the configuration, the `<rpc-reply>` tag element instead encloses an `<xnm:error>` tag element explaining the reason for the failure. Reasons for the failure can include the following:

- Another user or application has already locked the candidate configuration. The error message reports the login identity of the user or application.
- The candidate configuration already includes changes that have not yet been committed. To commit the changes, see “Committing a Configuration” on page 133. To roll back to a previous version of the configuration (and lose the uncommitted changes), see “Rolling Back to a Previous or Rescue Configuration” on page 109.

Only one application can hold the lock on the candidate configuration at a time. Other users and applications can read the candidate configuration while it is locked, or can change their private copies. The lock persists until either the JUNOScript session ends or the client application unlocks the configuration by emitting the `<unlock-configuration/>` tag, as described in “Unlocking the Candidate Configuration” on page 55.

If the candidate configuration is not committed before the client application unlocks it, or if the JUNOScript session ends for any reason before the changes are committed, the changes are automatically discarded. The candidate and committed configurations remain unchanged.

### **Unlocking the Candidate Configuration**

As long as a client application holds a lock on the candidate configuration, other applications and users cannot change the candidate. To unlock the candidate configuration, the client application includes the `<unlock-configuration/>` tag in an `<rpc>` tag element:

```
<rpc>
  <unlock-configuration/>
</rpc>
```

To confirm that it has successfully unlocked the configuration, the JUNOScript server returns an opening `<rpc-reply>` and closing `</rpc-reply>` tag with nothing between them:

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
</rpc-reply>
```

If the JUNOScript server cannot unlock the configuration, the `<rpc-reply>` tag element instead encloses an `<xnm:error>` tag element explaining the reason for the failure.

### **Creating a Private Copy of the Configuration**

To create a private copy of the candidate configuration, a client application emits the `<private/>` tag enclosed in `<rpc>` and `<open-configuration>` tag elements:

```
<rpc>
  <open-configuration>
    <private/>
  </open-configuration>
</rpc>
```

The client application can then perform the same operations on the private copy as on the regular candidate configuration, as described in “Changing Configuration Information” on page 103.

After making changes to the private copy, the client application can commit them to the active configuration on the routing platform by emitting the `<commit-configuration>` tag element, as for the regular candidate configuration. However, there are some restrictions on the commit operation for a private copy. For more information, see “Committing a Private Copy of the Configuration” on page 135.

To discard the private copy without committing it, a client application emits the `<close-configuration/>` tag enclosed in an `<rpc>` tag element:

```
<rpc>
  <close-configuration/>
</rpc>
```

Any changes to the private copy are lost. Changes to the private copy are also lost if the JUNOScript session ends for any reason before the changes are committed. It is not possible to save changes to a private copy other than by emitting the `<commit-configuration>` tag element.

The following example shows how to create a private copy of the configuration. The JUNOScript server includes a reminder in its confirmation response that changes are discarded from a private copy if they are not committed before the session ends.

#### Client Application      JUNOScript Server

```
<rpc>
  <open-configuration>
    <private/>
  </open-configuration>
</rpc>
```

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <xnm:warning xmlns="http://xml.juniper.net/xnm/1.1/xnm" \
    xmlns:xnm="http://xml.juniper.net/xnm/1.1/xnm">
    <message>uncommitted changes will be discarded on exit</message>
  </xnm:warning>
</rpc-reply>
```

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## Ending a JUNOScript Session and Closing the Connection

When a client application is finished making requests, it ends the JUNOScript session by emitting the `<request-end-session/>` tag within an `<rpc>` tag element:

```
<rpc>
  <request-end-session/>
</rpc>
```

In response, the JUNOScript server emits the `<end-session/>` tag enclosed in an `<rpc-reply>` tag element and a closing `</junoscript>` tag:

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <end-session/>
</rpc-reply>
</junoscript>
```

The client application waits to receive this reply before emitting its closing `</junoscript>` tag:

```
</junoscript>
```

For an example of the exchange of closing tags, see “Closing the JUNOScript Session” on page 60.

The client application can then close the SSH, SSL, or other connection to the JUNOScript server machine. Client applications written in Perl can close the JUNOScript session and connection by using the JUNOScript Perl module described

in “Writing Perl Client Applications” on page 205. For more information, see that chapter.

Client applications that do not use the JUNOScript Perl module use the routine provided for closing a connection in the standard library for their programming language.

## Displaying CLI Output as XML Tag Elements

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To display the output from a CLI command as JUNOScript and JUNOS XML tag elements instead of as the default formatted ASCII text, pipe the command to the **display xml** command. The following example shows the output from the **show chassis hardware** command issued on an M20 Internet router that is running the initial version of JUNOS Release 9.5 (the opening **<chassis-inventory>** tag appears on two lines only for legibility):

```
user@host> show chassis hardware | display xml
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="http://xml.juniper.net/junos/9.5R1/junos">
  <chassis-inventory \
    xmlns="http://xml.juniper.net/junos/9.5R1/junos-chassis">
    <chassis junos:style="inventory">
      <name>Chassis</name>
      <serial-number>00118</serial-number>
      <description>M20</description>
      <chassis-module>
        <name>Backplane</name>
        <version>REV 06</version>
        <part-number>710-001517</part-number>
        <serial-number>AB5911</serial-number>
      </chassis-module>
      <chassis-module>
        <name>Power Supply A</name>
        <!-- other child tags of <chassis-module> -->
      </chassis-module>
      <!-- other child tags of <chassis> -->
    </chassis>
  </chassis-inventory>
</rpc-reply>
```

## Example of a JUNOScript Session

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This section describes the sequence of tag elements in a sample JUNOScript session. The client application begins by establishing a connection to a JUNOScript server. See the following sections:

- Exchanging Initialization PIs and Tag Elements on page 58
- Sending an Operational Request on page 58
- Locking the Configuration on page 58
- Changing the Configuration on page 59
- Committing the Configuration on page 59
- Unlocking the Configuration on page 60
- Closing the JUNOScript Session on page 60

## Exchanging Initialization PIs and Tag Elements

After the client application establishes a connection to a JUNOScript server, the two exchange initialization PIs and tag elements, as shown in the following example. Note that the JUNOScript server's opening `<junoscript>` tag appears on multiple lines for legibility only. Neither the JUNOScript server nor client applications insert a newline character into the list of attributes. Also, in an actual exchange, the *JUNOS-release* variable is replaced by a value such as **9.5R1** for the initial version of JUNOS Release 9.5. For a detailed discussion of the `<?xml?>` PI and opening `<junoscript>` tag, see "Starting the JUNOScript Session" on page 38.

### Client Application

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="us-ascii"?>
<junoscript version="1.0" release="JUNOS-release">
```

### JUNOScript Server

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="us-ascii"?>
<junoscript version="1.0" hostname="router1" \
  os="JUNOS" release="JUNOS-release" \
  xmlns="URL"xmlns:junos="URL" \
  xmlns:xnm="URL">
```

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## Sending an Operational Request

The client application now emits the `<get-chassis-inventory>` tag element to request information about the routing platform's chassis hardware. The JUNOScript server returns the requested information in the `<chassis-inventory>` tag element.

### Client Application

```
<rpc>
  <get-chassis-inventory>
    <detail/>
  </get-chassis-inventory>
</rpc>
```

### JUNOScript Server

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <chassis-inventory xmlns="URL">
    <chassis>
      <name>Chassis</name>
      <serial-number>1122</serial-number>
      <description>M320</description>
      <chassis-module>
        <name>Midplane</name>
        <!-- other child tags for the Midplane -->
      </chassis-module>
      <!-- tags for other chassis modules -->
    </chassis>
  </chassis-inventory>
</rpc-reply>
```

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## Locking the Configuration

The client application then prepares to create a new privilege class called **network-mgmt** at the [edit system login class] hierarchy level. It begins by using the `<lock-configuration/>` tag to prevent any other users or applications from altering the candidate configuration at the same time. To confirm that the candidate configuration is locked, the JUNOScript server returns an `<rpc-reply>` and an `</rpc-reply>` tag with nothing between them.

Client Application	JUNOScript Server	
<code>&lt;rpc&gt;</code>		
<code>&lt;lock-configuration/&gt;</code>		
<code>&lt;/rpc&gt;</code>	<code>&lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL"&gt;</code>	T1103
	<code>&lt;/rpc-reply&gt;</code>	

## Changing the Configuration

The client application emits the tag elements that add the new **network-mgmt** privilege class to the candidate configuration. The JUNOScript server returns the `<load-configuration-results>` tag element to enclose a tag element that reports the outcome of the load operation. (Understanding the meaning of these tag elements is not necessary for the purposes of this example, but for information about them, see “Changing Configuration Information” on page 103.)

Client Application	JUNOScript Server	
<code>&lt;rpc&gt;</code>		
<code>&lt;load-configuration&gt;</code>		
<code>&lt;configuration&gt;</code>		
<code>&lt;system&gt;</code>		
<code>&lt;login&gt;</code>		
<code>&lt;class&gt;</code>		
<code>&lt;name&gt;network-mgmt&lt;/name&gt;</code>		
<code>&lt;permissions&gt;configure&lt;/permissions&gt;</code>		
<code>&lt;permissions&gt;snmp&lt;/permissions&gt;</code>		
<code>&lt;permissions&gt;system&lt;/permissions&gt;</code>		
<code>&lt;/class&gt;</code>		
<code>&lt;/login&gt;</code>		
<code>&lt;/system&gt;</code>		
<code>&lt;/configuration&gt;</code>		
<code>&lt;/load-configuration&gt;</code>		
<code>&lt;/rpc&gt;</code>	<code>&lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL"&gt;</code>	
	<code>&lt;load-configuration-results&gt;</code>	
	<code>&lt;load-success/&gt;</code>	
	<code>&lt;/load-configuration-results&gt;</code>	T1104
	<code>&lt;/rpc-reply&gt;</code>	

## Committing the Configuration

The client application commits the candidate configuration. The JUNOScript server returns the `<commit-results>` tag element to enclose tag elements that report the outcome of the commit operation (for information about these tag elements, see “Committing a Configuration” on page 133).

**Client Application**

```
<rpc>
  <commit-configuration/>
</rpc>
```

**JUNOScript Server**

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <commit-results>
    <routing-engine>
      <name>re0</name>
      <commit-success/>
    </routing-engine>
  </commit-results>
</rpc-reply>
```

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**Unlocking the Configuration**

The client application unlocks (and by implication closes) the candidate configuration. As when it opens the configuration, the JUNOScript server confirms successful closure of the configuration only by returning an opening `<rpc-reply>` and closing `</rpc-reply>` tag with nothing between them, not with a more explicit signal.

**Client Application**

```
<rpc>
  <unlock-configuration/>
</rpc>
```

**JUNOScript Server**

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
</rpc-reply>
```

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**Closing the JUNOScript Session**

The client application closes the JUNOScript session.

**Client Application**

```
<rpc>
  <request-end-session/>
</rpc>
```

**JUNOScript Server**

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <end-session/>
</rpc-reply>
</junoscript>
```

```
</junoscript>
```

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## Chapter 4

# Requesting Information

This chapter explains how to use the JUNOS Extensible Markup Language (XML) and JUNOScript application programming interfaces (APIs) to request information about routing platform status and the current configuration.

The tag elements for operational requests are defined in the JUNOS XML API and correspond to command-line interface (CLI) operational commands, which are described in the JUNOS software command references. There is a request tag element for many commands in the CLI **show** family of commands.

The tag element for configuration requests is the JUNOScript `<get-configuration>` tag element. It corresponds to the CLI configuration mode **show** command, which is described in the *JUNOS CLI User Guide*. The JUNOS XML tag elements that make up the content of requests from a client application as well as responses from the JUNOScript server correspond to CLI configuration statements, which are described in the JUNOS software configuration guides.

In addition to information about the current configuration, client applications can request other configuration-related information, including an XML schema representation of the configuration hierarchy, information about previously committed (rollback) configurations, or information about the rescue configuration.

This chapter discusses the following topics:

- Overview of the Request Procedure on page 62
- Requesting Operational Information on page 62
- Requesting Configuration Information on page 64
- Specifying the Source and Output Format of Configuration Information on page 65
- Specifying the Scope of Configuration Information to Return on page 81
- Requesting an XML Schema for the Configuration Hierarchy on page 94
- Requesting a Previous (Rollback) Configuration on page 97
- Comparing Two Previous (Rollback) Configurations on page 99
- Requesting the Rescue Configuration on page 100

## Overview of the Request Procedure

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To request information from the JUNOScript server, a client application performs the procedures described in the indicated sections:

1. Establishes a connection to the JUNOScript server on the routing platform, as described in “Connecting to the JUNOScript Server” on page 37.
2. Opens a JUNOScript session, as described in “Starting the JUNOScript Session” on page 38.
3. If making configuration requests, optionally locks the candidate configuration or creates a private copy, as described in “Locking the Candidate Configuration” on page 54 and “Creating a Private Copy of the Configuration” on page 55.
4. Makes any number of requests one at a time, freely intermingling operational and configuration requests. See “Requesting Operational Information” on page 62 and “Requesting Configuration Information” on page 64.

The application can also intermix requests with configuration changes, which are described in “Changing Configuration Information” on page 103.

5. Accepts the tag stream emitted by the JUNOScript server in response to each request and extracts its content, as described in “Parsing the JUNOScript Server Response” on page 49.
6. Unlocks the candidate configuration if it is locked, as described in “Unlocking the Candidate Configuration” on page 55. Other users and applications cannot change the configuration while it remains locked.
7. Ends the JUNOScript session and closes the connection to the routing platform, as described in “Ending a JUNOScript Session and Closing the Connection” on page 56.

## Requesting Operational Information

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To request information about the current status of a routing platform, a client application emits the specific tag element from the JUNOS XML API that returns the desired information. For example, the `<get-interface-information>` tag element corresponds to the `show interfaces` command, and the `<get-chassis-inventory>` tag element requests the same information as the `show chassis hardware` command.

For complete information about the operational request tag elements available in the current JUNOS software release, see the chapters in the *JUNOS XML API Operational Reference* that are titled “Mapping Between Operational Tag Elements, Perl Methods, and CLI Commands” and “Summary of Operational Request Tag Elements.”

The application encloses the request tag element in an `<rpc>` tag element. The syntax depends on whether the corresponding CLI command has any options:

```
<rpc>
  <!-- If the command does not have options -->
  <operational-request/>
```

```

    <!-- If the command has options -->
    <operational-request>
    <!-- tag elements representing the options -->
    </operational-request>
  </rpc>

```

The JUNOScript server encloses its response in a specific tag element that matches the request tag element, enclosed in an `<rpc-reply>` tag element:

```

<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <operational-response xmlns="URL-for-DTD">
    <!-- JUNOS XML tag elements for the requested information -->
  </operational-response>
</rpc-reply>

```

The opening tag for each operational response includes the `xmlns` attribute to define the XML namespace for the enclosed tag elements that do not have a prefix (such as `junos`;) in their names. The namespace indicates which JUNOS XML document type definition (DTD) defines the set of tag elements in the response. The JUNOS XML API defines separate DTDs for operational responses from different software modules. For instance, the DTD for interface information is called `junos-interface.dtd` and the DTD for chassis information is called `junos-chassis.dtd`. The division into separate DTDs and XML namespaces means that a tag element with the same name can have distinct functions depending on which DTD it is defined in.

The namespace is a URL of the following form:

```
http://xml.juniper.net/junos/release-code/junos-category
```

*release-code* is the standard string that represents the release of the JUNOS software running on the JUNOScript server machine.

*category* specifies the DTD.

The *JUNOS XML API Operational Reference* includes the text of the JUNOS XML DTDs for operational responses.

## Parsing the `<output>` Tag Element

If the JUNOS XML API does not define a response tag element for the type of output requested by a client application, the JUNOScript server encloses its response in an `<output>` tag element. The tag element's contents are usually one or more lines of formatted ASCII output like that displayed by the CLI on the computer screen

For a reference page for the `<output>` tag element, see the *JUNOS XML API Operational Reference*.



**NOTE:** The content and formatting of data within an `<output>` tag element are subject to change, so client applications must not depend on them. Future versions of the JUNOS XML API will define specific response tag elements (instead of `<output>` tag elements) for more commands. Client applications that rely on the content of `<output>` tag elements will not be able to interpret the output from future versions of the JUNOS XML API.

## Requesting Configuration Information

To request information about a configuration on a routing platform, a client application encloses the `<get-configuration>` tag element in an `<rpc>` tag element. By setting optional attributes, the client application can specify the source and formatting of the configuration information returned by the JUNOScript server. By including the appropriate optional child tag elements, the application can request the entire configuration or portions of it. The basic syntax is as follows:

```
<rpc>
  <!-- If requesting the complete configuration -->
    <get-configuration [optional attributes]/>

  <!-- If requesting part of the configuration -->
    <get-configuration [optional attributes]>
      <configuration>
        <!-- tag elements representing the data to return -->
      </configuration>
    </get-configuration>
</rpc>
```



**NOTE:** If the application locks the candidate configuration before making requests, it needs to unlock it after making its read requests. Other users and applications cannot change the configuration while it remains locked. For more information, see “Exchanging Information with the JUNOScript Server” on page 46.

The JUNOScript server encloses its reply in an `<rpc-reply>` tag element. It includes attributes with the `junos:` prefix in the opening `<configuration>` tag to indicate when the configuration was last changed or committed and who committed it (the attributes appear on multiple lines in the syntax statement only for legibility). For more information about them, see “Requesting Information from the Committed or Candidate Configuration” on page 66:

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <!-- If the application requests JUNOS XML tag elements -->
  <configuration junos:(changed | commit)-seconds="seconds" \
    junos:(changed | commit)-localtime="YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm:ss TZ" \
    [junos:commit-user="username"]>
    <!-- JUNOS XML tag elements representing configuration elements -->
  </configuration>

  <!-- If the application requests formatted ASCII text -->
  <configuration-text>
    <!-- formatted ASCII configuration statements -->
  </configuration-text>
```

</rpc-reply>

If a JUNOS XML tag element is returned within an <undocumented> tag element, the corresponding configuration element is not documented in the JUNOS software configuration guides or officially supported by Juniper Networks. Most often, the enclosed element is used for debugging only by Juniper Networks personnel. In a smaller number of cases, the element is no longer supported or has been moved to another area of the configuration hierarchy, but appears in the current location for backward compatibility.

For reference pages for the <configuration>, <configuration-text>, and <undocumented> tag elements, see the *JUNOS XML API Operational Reference*.

Applications can also request other configuration-related information, including an XML schema representation of the configuration hierarchy or information about previously committed configurations. For more information, see the following sections:

- Requesting an XML Schema for the Configuration Hierarchy on page 94
- Requesting a Previous (Rollback) Configuration on page 97
- Comparing Two Previous (Rollback) Configurations on page 99
- Requesting the Rescue Configuration on page 100

The following sections describe how a client application specifies the source, format, and amount of information returned by the JUNOScript server:

- Specifying the Source and Output Format of Configuration Information on page 65
- Specifying the Scope of Configuration Information to Return on page 81

## **Specifying the Source and Output Format of Configuration Information**

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By including optional attributes when requesting configuration information, a client application can specify the source and formatting of the output returned by the JUNOScript server, as described in the following sections:

- Requesting Information from the Committed or Candidate Configuration on page 66
- Requesting Output as Formatted ASCII Text or JUNOS XML Tag Elements on page 68
- Requesting a Change Indicator for Configuration Elements on page 70
- Requesting an Indicator for Identifiers on page 73
- Specifying the Output Format for Configuration Groups on page 74

## Requesting Information from the Committed or Candidate Configuration

To request information from the active configuration—the one most recently committed on the routing platform—a client application includes the `database="committed"` attribute in the `<get-configuration/>` tag or opening `<get-configuration>` tag:

```
<rpc>
  <get-configuration database="committed"/>

<!-- OR -->

  <get-configuration database="committed">
    <!-- tag elements for the configuration elements to return -->
  </get-configuration>
</rpc>
```

To request information from the candidate configuration, the application either includes the `database="candidate"` attribute or omits the attribute completely (information from the candidate configuration is the default):

```
<rpc>
  <get-configuration/>

<!-- OR -->

  <get-configuration>
    <!-- tag elements for the configuration elements to return -->
  </get-configuration>
</rpc>
```

For information about the tag elements to enclose in the `<get-configuration>` tag element, see “Specifying the Scope of Configuration Information to Return” on page 81.

The JUNOScript server encloses its response in the `<rpc-reply>` tag element and either the `<configuration>` tag element (for JUNOS XML-tagged output) or `<configuration-text>` tag element (for formatted ASCII output).

When returning information from the active configuration as JUNOS XML tag elements, the JUNOScript server includes attributes in the opening `<configuration>` tag that indicate when the configuration was committed (they appear on multiple lines here only for legibility):

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <configuration junos:commit-seconds="seconds" \
    junos:commit-localtime="YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm:ss TZ" \
    junos:commit-user="username">
    <!-- JUNOS XML tag elements representing configuration elements -->
  </configuration>
```

`junos:commit-localtime` represents the commit time as the date and time in the router’s local time zone.

`junos:commit-seconds` represents the commit time as the number of seconds since midnight on 1 January 1970.

`junos:commit-user` specifies the JUNOS username of the user who requested the commit operation.

When returning information from the candidate configuration as JUNOS XML tag elements, the JUNOScript server includes attributes in the opening `<configuration>` tag that indicate when the configuration last changed (they appear on multiple lines here only for legibility):

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <configuration junos:changed-seconds="seconds" \
    junos:changed-localtime="YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm:ss TZ">
    <!-- JUNOS XML tag elements representing configuration elements -->
  </configuration>
```

`junos:changed-localtime` represents the time of the last change as the date and time in the router's local time zone.

`junos:changed-seconds` represents the time of the last change as the number of seconds since midnight on 1 January 1970.

The `database` attribute in the application's request can be combined with one or more of the following other attributes in the `<get-configuration/>` tag or opening `<get-configuration>` tag:

- `changed`, which is described in “Requesting a Change Indicator for Configuration Elements” on page 70
- `format`, which is described in “Requesting Output as Formatted ASCII Text or JUNOS XML Tag Elements” on page 68
- `inherit` and optionally `groups`, which are described in “Specifying the Output Format for Configuration Groups” on page 74

The application can also include the `database` attribute after requesting an indicator for identifiers (as described in “Requesting an Indicator for Identifiers” on page 73).

The following example shows how to request the entire committed configuration. In actual output, the `JUNOS-version` variable is replaced by a value such as `9.5R1` for the initial version of JUNOS Release 9.5.

#### Client Application

```
<rpc>
  <get-configuration database="committed"/>
</rpc>
```

#### JUNOScript Server

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <configuration \
    junos:commit-seconds="seconds" \
    junos:commit-localtime="timestamp" \
    junos:commit-user="username">
    <version>JUNOS-version</version>
    <system>
      <host-name>big-router</host-name>
      <!-- other children of <system> -->
    </system>
    <!-- other children of <configuration> -->
  </configuration>
</rpc-reply>
```

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## Requesting Output as Formatted ASCII Text or JUNOS XML Tag Elements

To request that the JUNOScript server return configuration information as formatted ASCII text instead of tagging it with JUNOS XML tag elements, a client application includes the `format="text"` attribute in the `<get-configuration/>` tag or opening `<get-configuration>` tag. It encloses the request in an `<rpc>` tag element:

```
<rpc>
  <get-configuration format="text"/>

  <!-- OR -->

  <get-configuration format="text">
    <!-- tag elements for the configuration elements to return -->
  </get-configuration>
</rpc>
```

To request JUNOS XML-tagged output, the client application either includes the `format="xml"` attribute or omits the attribute completely (the JUNOScript server returns JUNOS XML-tagged output by default):

```
<rpc>
  <get-configuration/>

  <!-- OR -->

  <get-configuration>
    <!-- tag elements for the configuration elements to return -->
  </get-configuration>
</rpc>
```

For information about the tag elements to enclose in the `<get-configuration>` tag element, see “Specifying the Scope of Configuration Information to Return” on page 81.



**NOTE:** Regardless of which output format they request, client applications use JUNOS XML tag elements to represent the configuration element to display. The `format` attribute controls the format of the JUNOScript server’s output only.

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When the application requests formatted ASCII output, the JUNOScript server formats its response in the same way that the CLI `show configuration` command displays configuration data—it uses the newline character, tabs, braces, and square brackets to indicate the hierarchical relationships between configuration statements. The server encloses formatted ASCII configuration statements in `<rpc-reply>` and `<configuration-text>` tag elements:

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <configuration-text>
    <!-- formatted ASCII configuration statements -->
  </configuration-text>
</rpc-reply>
```



When the application requests JUNOS XML tag elements, the JUNOScript server encloses its output in `<rpc-reply>` and `<configuration>` tag elements. For information about the attributes in the opening `<configuration>` tag, see “Requesting Information from the Committed or Candidate Configuration” on page 66.

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <configuration attributes>
    <!-- - JUNOS XML tag elements representing configuration elements - ->
  </configuration>
</rpc-reply>
```

The **format** attribute can be combined with one or more of the following other attributes in the `<get-configuration/>` tag or opening `<get-configuration>` tag:

- **database**, which is described in “Requesting Information from the Committed or Candidate Configuration” on page 66
- **inherit** and optionally **groups**, which are described in “Specifying the Output Format for Configuration Groups” on page 74

It does not make sense to combine the **format="text"** attribute with the **changed** attribute (described in “Requesting a Change Indicator for Configuration Elements” on page 70) or to include it after requesting an indicator for identifiers (described in “Requesting an Indicator for Identifiers” on page 73). The change and identifier indicators appear only in JUNOS XML-tagged output, which is the default output format.

An application can request JUNOS-XML tagged output or formatted ASCII text for the entire configuration or any portion of it. For instructions on specifying the amount of data to return, see “Specifying the Scope of Configuration Information to Return” on page 81.

The following example shows how to request formatted ASCII output from the `[edit policy-options]` hierarchy level in the candidate configuration.

Client Application	JUNOScript Server	
<pre> &lt;rpc&gt;   &lt;get-configuration format="text"&gt;     &lt;configuration&gt;       &lt;policy-options/&gt;     &lt;/configuration&gt;   &lt;/get-configuration&gt; &lt;/rpc&gt; </pre>	<pre> &lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL"&gt;   &lt;configuration-text&gt;     policy-options {       policy-statement load-balancing-policy {         from {           route-filter 192.168.10/24 orlonger;           route-filter 10.114/16 orlonger;         }         then {           load-balance per-packet;         }       }     }   &lt;/configuration-text&gt; &lt;/rpc-reply&gt; </pre>	T1121

## Requesting a Change Indicator for Configuration Elements

To request that the JUNOScript server indicate which configuration elements have changed since the last commit, a client application includes the **changed="changed"** attribute in the `<get-configuration/>` tag or opening `<get-configuration>` tag. It encloses the request in an `<rpc>` tag element:

```

<rpc>
  <get-configuration changed="changed"/>

  <!-- OR -->

  <get-configuration changed="changed">
    <!-- tag elements for the configuration elements to return -->
  </get-configuration>
</rpc>

```

For information about the tag elements to enclose in the `<get-configuration>` tag element, see “Specifying the Scope of Configuration Information to Return” on page 81.

The JUNOScript server indicates which elements have changed by including the **junos:changed="changed"** attribute in the opening tag of every parent tag element in the path to the changed configuration element. If the changed configuration element is represented by a single (empty) tag, the **junos:changed="changed"** attribute appears in the tag. If the changed element is represented by a container tag element, the **junos:changed="changed"** attribute appears in the opening container tag and also in the opening tag for each child tag element enclosed in the container tag element.

The JUNOScript server encloses its response in `<rpc-reply>` and `<configuration>` tag elements. For information about the standard attributes in the opening `<configuration>` tag, see “Requesting Information from the Committed or Candidate Configuration” on page 66.

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <configuration standard-attributes junos:changed="changed">
    <!-- - opening-tag-for-each-parent-level junos:changed="changed" - ->

    <!-- - For each changed element, EITHER - ->
      <element junos:changed="changed"/>

    <!-- - OR - ->

    <element junos:changed="changed">
      <first-child-of-element junos:changed="changed">
        <second-child-of-element junos:changed="changed">
          <!-- - additional children of element - ->
        </element>

      <!-- - closing-tag-for-each-parent-level - ->
    </configuration>
  </rpc-reply>
```



**NOTE:** When a commit operation succeeds, the JUNOScript server removes the `junos:changed="changed"` attribute from all tag elements. However, if warnings are generated during the commit, the attribute is not removed. In this case, the `junos:changed="changed"` attribute appears on tag elements that changed before the commit as well as those that changed after the commit.

An example of a commit-time warning is the message explaining that a configuration element will not actually apply until the routing platform is rebooted. The warning appears in the tag string that the JUNOScript server returns to confirm the success of the commit, enclosed in an `<xnm:warning>` tag element.

To remove the `junos:changed="changed"` attribute from elements that changed before the commit, the client application must take any action necessary to eliminate the cause of the warning, and commit the configuration again.

The `changed` attribute can be combined with one or more of the following other attributes in the `<get-configuration/>` tag or opening `<get-configuration>` tag:

- **database**, which is described in “Requesting Information from the Committed or Candidate Configuration” on page 66. Request change indicators in either the candidate or active configuration:
  - When the `database="candidate"` attribute is included or the `database` attribute is omitted, the output is from the candidate configuration. Elements added to the candidate configuration after the last commit operation are marked with the `junos:changed="changed"` attribute.

- When the **database="committed"** attribute is included, the output is from the active configuration. Elements added to the active configuration by the most recent commit are marked with the **junos:changed="changed"** attribute.
- **inherit** and optionally **groups**, which are described in “Specifying the Output Format for Configuration Groups” on page 74.

It does not make sense to combine the **changed** attribute with the **format="text"** attribute. The **junos:changed="changed"** attribute appears only in JUNOS XML-tagged output, which is the default output format.

The application can also include the **changed** attribute after requesting an indicator for identifiers (as described in “Requesting an Indicator for Identifiers” on page 73).

The following example shows how to request change indicators for configuration elements at the **[edit system syslog]** hierarchy level in the candidate configuration. The output indicates that a log file called **interactive-commands** has been configured since the last commit.

**Client Application****JUNOScript Server**

```
<rpc>
  <get-configuration changed="changed">
    <configuration>
      <system>
        <syslog/>
      </system>
    </configuration>
  </get-configuration>
</rpc>
```

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <configuration junos:changed-seconds="seconds" \
    junos:changed-localtime="timestamp" junos:changed="changed">
    <system junos:changed="changed">
      <syslog junos:changed="changed">
        <file>
          <name>messages</name>
          <contents>
            <name>any</name>
            <info/>
          </contents>
        </file>
        <file junos:changed="changed">
          <name junos:changed="changed">interactive-commands</name>
          <contents>
            <name junos:changed="changed">interactive-commands</name>
            <notice junos:changed="changed"/>
          </contents>
        </file>
      </syslog>
    </system>
  </configuration>
</rpc-reply>
```

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## Requesting an Indicator for Identifiers

To request that the JUNOScript server indicate whether a child configuration element is an identifier for its parent element, a client application includes the `junos:key="key"` attribute in the opening `<junoscript>` tag for the JUNOScript session, which appears here on two lines for legibility only:

```
<junoscript version="version" hostname="hostname" junos:key="key"
      release="release-code">
```

For more information about the `<junoscript>` tag, see “Emitting the Opening `<junoscript>` Tag” on page 39.

When the identifier indicator is requested, the JUNOScript server includes the `junos:key="key"` attribute in the opening tag for each identifier. As always, the JUNOScript server encloses its response in `<rpc-reply>` and `<configuration>` tag elements. For information about the attributes in the opening `<configuration>` tag, see “Requesting Information from the Committed or Candidate Configuration” on page 66. In the following, the identifier tag element is called `<name>`:

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <configuration attributes>
    <!-- opening tag for each parent of the object -->

    <!-- For each configuration object with an identifier -->
      <object>
        <name junos:key="key">identifier</name>
        <!-- additional children of object -->
      </object>
    <!-- closing tag for each parent of the object -->

  </configuration>
</rpc-reply>
```

The client application can include one or more of the following other attributes in the `<get-configuration/>` tag or opening `<get-configuration>` tag when the `junos:key` attribute is included in the opening `<junoscript>` tag:

- **changed**, which is described in “Requesting a Change Indicator for Configuration Elements” on page 70
- **database**, which is described in “Requesting Information from the Committed or Candidate Configuration” on page 66
- **inherit** and optionally **groups**, which are described in “Specifying the Output Format for Configuration Groups” on page 74

When requesting an indicator for identifiers, it does not make sense to include the `format="text"` attribute in the `<get-configuration>` tag element (as described in “Requesting Output as Formatted ASCII Text or JUNOS XML Tag Elements” on page 68). The `junos:key="key"` attribute appears only in JUNOS XML-tagged output, which is the default output format.

The following example shows how indicators for identifiers appear on configuration elements at the [edit interfaces] hierarchy level in the candidate configuration when the `junos:key="key"` attribute is included in the opening `<junoscript>` tag emitted by the client application for the session. The two opening `<junoscript>` tags appear on multiple lines for legibility only. Neither client applications nor the JUNOScript server insert newline characters within tags. Also, for brevity the output includes just one interface, the loopback interface `lo0`.

#### Client Application

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="us-ascii"?>
<junoscript version="1.0" \
    junos:key="key" \
    release="JUNOS-release">

<rpc>
  <get-configuration>
    <configuration>
      <interfaces/>
    </configuration>
  </get-configuration>
</rpc>
```

#### JUNOScript Server

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="us-ascii"?>
<junoscript version="1.0" hostname="router1" \
    os="JUNOS" release="JUNOS-release" \
    xmlns="URL" xmlns:junos="URL" \
    xmlns:xnm="URL">

<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <configuration junos:changed-seconds="seconds" \
    junos:changed-localtime="timestamp">
    <interfaces>
      <!-- tag elements for other interfaces -->
      <interface>
        <name junos:key="key">lo0</name>
        <unit>
          <name junos:key="key">0</name>
          <family>
            <inet>
              <address>
                <name junos:key="key">127.0.0.1/32</name>
              </address>
            </inet>
          </family>
        </unit>
      </interface>
      <!-- tag elements for other interfaces -->
    </interfaces>
  </configuration>
</rpc-reply>
```

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## Specifying the Output Format for Configuration Groups

The `<groups>` tag element corresponds to the [edit groups] configuration hierarchy. It encloses tag elements representing *configuration groups*, each of which contains a set of configuration statements that are appropriate at multiple locations in the hierarchy. Use the `apply-groups` configuration statement or `<apply-groups>` tag element to insert a configuration group at the appropriate location, achieving the same effect as directly inserting the statements defined in the group. The section of configuration hierarchy to which a configuration group is applied is said to *inherit* the group's statements.

In addition to the groups defined at the [edit groups] hierarchy level, the JUNOS software predefines a group called `junos-defaults`. The group includes configuration statements judged appropriate for basic operations on any routing platform. By default, the statements in this group do not appear in the output of CLI commands that display the configuration, nor in the output returned by the JUNOScript server for the `<get-configuration>` tag element. For more information about user-defined configuration groups and the `junos-defaults` group, see the *JUNOS CLI User Guide*.

The following sections explain how to specify the output format for configuration elements that are defined in configuration groups:

- Specifying Whether Configuration Groups Are Displayed Separately on page 75
- Displaying the Source Group for Inherited Configuration Elements on page 77
- Examples: Specifying Output Format for Configuration Groups on page 78

### Specifying Whether Configuration Groups Are Displayed Separately

By default, the JUNOScript server displays the tag element for each user-defined configuration group as a child of the `<groups>` tag element, instead of displaying them as children of the elements to which they are applied. This display mode parallels the default behavior of the CLI configuration mode `show` command, which displays the [edit groups] hierarchy as a separate hierarchy in the configuration.

To request that the JUNOScript server not display the `<groups>` or `<apply-groups>` tag elements separately, but instead enclose tag elements inherited from user-defined groups within the inheriting tag elements, a client application includes the `inherit="inherit"` attribute in the `<get-configuration/>` tag or opening `<get-configuration>` tag. It encloses the request in an `<rpc>` tag element:

```
<rpc>
  <get-configuration inherit="inherit"/>

<!-- OR -->

  <get-configuration inherit="inherit">
    <!-- tag elements for the configuration elements to return -->
  </get-configuration>
</rpc>
```

To request that the JUNOScript server include tag elements that are inherited from the `junos-defaults` group as well as user-defined configuration groups, the client application includes the `inherit="defaults"` attribute in the `<get-configuration/>` tag or opening `<get-configuration>` tag:

```
<rpc>
  <get-configuration inherit="defaults"/>

<!-- OR -->

  <get-configuration inherit="defaults">
    <!-- tag elements for the configuration elements to return -->
  </get-configuration>
</rpc>
```

For information about the tag elements to enclose in the `<get-configuration>` tag element, see “Specifying the Scope of Configuration Information to Return” on page 81.

When the client includes the `inherit="inherit"` attribute, the output includes the same information as the output from the following CLI configuration mode command, and does not include configuration elements inherited from the `junos-defaults` group:

```
user@host# show | display inheritance | except ##
```

When the client includes the `inherit="defaults"` attribute, the output includes the same information as the output from the following CLI configuration mode command:

```
user@host# show | display inheritance defaults | except ##
```

In both cases, the JUNOScript server encloses its output in the `<rpc-reply>` tag element and either the `<configuration>` tag element (for JUNOS XML-tagged output) or `<configuration-text>` tag element (for formatted ASCII output). For information about the attributes in the opening `<configuration>` tag, see “Requesting Information from the Committed or Candidate Configuration” on page 66.

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <!-- EITHER -->
    <configuration attributes>
      <!-- JUNOS XML tag elements representing configuration elements -->
    </configuration>

  <!-- OR -->

    <configuration-text>
      <!-- formatted ASCII configuration statements -->
    </configuration-text>
</rpc-reply>
```

The `inherit` attribute can be combined with one or more of the following other attributes in the `<get-configuration/>` tag or opening `<get-configuration>` tag:

- **changed**, which is described in “Requesting a Change Indicator for Configuration Elements” on page 70
- **database**, which is described in “Requesting Information from the Committed or Candidate Configuration” on page 66
- **format**, which is described in “Requesting Output as Formatted ASCII Text or JUNOS XML Tag Elements” on page 68
- **groups**, which is described in “Displaying the Source Group for Inherited Configuration Elements” on page 77

The application can also include the `inherit` attribute after requesting an indicator for identifiers (as described in “Requesting an Indicator for Identifiers” on page 73).



## Displaying the Source Group for Inherited Configuration Elements

To request that the JUNOScript server indicate the configuration group from which configuration elements are inherited, a client application combines the `groups="groups"` attribute with the `inherit` attribute in the `<get-configuration/>` tag or opening `<get-configuration>` tag. It encloses the request in an `<rpc>` tag element:

```
<rpc>
  <get-configuration inherit="(defaults | inherit)" groups="groups"/>

  <!-- OR -->

  <get-configuration inherit="(defaults | inherit)" groups="groups">
    <!-- tag elements for the configuration elements to return -->
  </get-configuration>
</rpc>
```

For information about the tag elements to enclose in the `<get-configuration>` tag element, see “Specifying the Scope of Configuration Information to Return” on page 81.

When the `groups="groups"` attribute is combined with the `inherit="inherit"` attribute, the output includes the same information as the output from the following CLI configuration mode command, and does not include configuration elements inherited from the `junos-defaults` group:

```
user@host# show | display inheritance
```

When the `groups="groups"` attribute is combined with the `inherit="defaults"` attribute, the output includes the same information as the output from the following CLI configuration mode command:

```
user@host# show | display inheritance defaults
```

The `inherit` and `groups` attributes can be combined with one or more of the following other attributes in the `<get-configuration/>` tag or opening `<get-configuration>` tag:

- `changed`, which is described in “Requesting a Change Indicator for Configuration Elements” on page 70.
- `database`, which is described in “Requesting Information from the Committed or Candidate Configuration” on page 66.
- `format`, which is described in “Requesting Output as Formatted ASCII Text or JUNOS XML Tag Elements” on page 68. The application can request either JUNOS XML-tagged or formatted ASCII output:
  - If the output is tagged with JUNOS XML tag elements (the `format="xml"` attribute is included or the `format` attribute is omitted), the JUNOScript server includes the `junos:group="source-group"` attribute in the opening tags of configuration elements that are inherited from configuration groups and encloses its response in `<configuration>` and `<rpc-reply>` tag elements. For information about the attributes in the opening `<configuration>` tag, see “Requesting Information from the Committed or Candidate Configuration” on page 66.

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
```

```

<configuration attributes>
<!-- For each inherited element -->
  <!-- opening-tags-for-parents-of-the-element -->
    <inherited-element junos:group="source-group">
      <inherited-child-of-inherited-element junos:group="source-group">
        <!-- inherited-children-of-child junos:group="source-group" -->
          </inherited-child-of-inherited-element>
        </inherited-element>
      <!-- closing-tags-for-parents-of-the-element -->
    </configuration>
  </rpc-reply>

```

- If the output is formatted ASCII text (the `format="text"` attribute is included), the JUNOScript server encloses its response in `<configuration-text>` and `<rpc-reply>` tag elements, and inserts three commented lines immediately above each inherited element, as in the following:

```

<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <configuration-text>
    /* For each inherited element */
    /* parent levels for the element */
    ##
    ## 'inherited-element' was inherited from group 'source-group'
    ##
    inherited-element {
      ##
      ## 'inherited-child' was inherited from group 'source-group'
      ##
      inherited-child {
        ... child statements of inherited-child ...
      }
    }
    /* closing braces for parent levels for the element */
  </configuration-text>
</rpc-reply>

```

The application can also include the `inherit` and `groups` attributes after requesting an indicator for identifiers (as described in “Requesting an Indicator for Identifiers” on page 73).

### Examples: Specifying Output Format for Configuration Groups

The following sample configuration hierarchy defines a configuration group called `interface-group`. The `apply-groups` statement applies the statements in the group at the `[edit interfaces]` hierarchy level:

```

[edit]
groups {
  interface-group {
    interfaces {
      so-1/1/1 {
        encapsulation ppp;
      }
    }
  }
}

```

```

    }
    apply-groups interface-group;
    interfaces {
      fxp0 {
        unit 0 {
          family inet {
            address 192.168.4.207/24;
          }
        }
      }
    }
  }
}

```

When the `inherit` attribute is not included in the `<get-configuration/>` tag, the output includes the `<groups>` and `<apply-groups>` tag elements as separate items. The `<groups>` tag element encloses the tag elements defined in the `interface-group` configuration group. The placement of the `<apply-groups>` tag element directly above the `<interfaces>` tag element indicates that the `[edit interfaces]` hierarchy inherits the statements defined in the `interface-group` configuration group.

#### Client Application      JUNOScript Server

```

<rpc>
  <get-configuration/>
</rpc>

<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <configuration junos:changed-seconds="seconds" \
    junos:changed-localtime="timestamp">
    <groups>
      <name>interface-group</name>
      <interfaces>
        <interface>
          <name>so-1/1/1</name>
          <encapsulation>ppp</encapsulation>
        </interface>
      </interfaces>
    </groups>
    <apply-groups>interface-group</apply-groups>
    <interfaces>
      <interface>
        <name>fxp0</name>
        <unit>
          <name>0</name>
          <family>
            <inet>
              <address>
                <name>192.168.4.207/24</name>
              </address>
            </inet>
          </family>
        </unit>
      </interface>
    </interfaces>
  </configuration>
</rpc-reply>

```

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When the `inherit` attribute is included in the `<get-configuration/>` tag, the `<interfaces>` tag element encloses the tag elements defined in the `interface-group` configuration group. The `<groups>` and `<apply-groups>` tag elements are not displayed.

**Client Application****JUNOScript Server**

```

<rpc>
  <get-configuration inherit="inherit"/>
</rpc>

<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <configuration junos:changed-seconds="seconds" \
    junos:changed-localtime="timestamp">
    <interfaces>
      <interface>
        <name>fxp0</name>
        <unit>
          <name>0</name>
          <family>
            <inet>
              <address>
                <name>192.168.4.207/24</name>
              </address>
            </inet>
          </family>
        </unit>
      </interface>
      <interface>
        <name>so-1/1/1</name>
        <encapsulation>ppp</encapsulation>
      </interface>
    </interfaces>
  </configuration>
</rpc-reply>

```

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When the `groups="groups"` attribute is combined with the `inherit` attribute in the `<get-configuration/>` tag, the `<interfaces>` tag element encloses the tag elements defined in the `interface-group` configuration group, which are marked with the `junos:group="interface-group"` attribute.

**Client Application****JUNOScript Server**

```

<rpc>
  <get-configuration inherit="inherit" groups="groups"/>
</rpc>

<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <configuration junos:changed-seconds="seconds" \
    junos:changed-localtime="timestamp">
    <interfaces>
      <interface>
        <name>fxp0</name>
        <unit>
          <name>0</name>
          <family>
            <inet>
              <address>
                <name>192.168.4.207/24</name>
              </address>
            </inet>
          </family>
        </unit>
      </interface>
      <interface junos:group="interface-group">
        <name junos:group="interface-group">so-1/1/1</name>
        <encapsulation junos:group="interface-group">ppp</encapsulation>
      </interface>
    </interfaces>
  </configuration>
</rpc-reply>

```

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## Specifying the Scope of Configuration Information to Return

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By including the appropriate optional child tag elements in the `<get-configuration>` tag element, a client application can request the entire configuration or portions of it, as described in the following sections:

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- Requesting All Configuration Objects of a Specified Type on page 84
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### Requesting the Complete Configuration

To request the entire configuration, a client application encloses the `<get-configuration/>` tag in an `<rpc>` tag element:

```

<rpc>
  <get-configuration/>
</rpc>

```

When the application requests JUNOS XML-tagged output (the default), the JUNOScript server returns the requested configuration in `<configuration>` and `<rpc-reply>` tag elements. For information about the attributes in the opening `<configuration>` tag, see “Requesting Information from the Committed or Candidate Configuration” on page 66.

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <configuration attributes>
    <!-- JUNOS XML tag elements for all configuration elements -->
  </configuration>
</rpc-reply>
```

To specify the source of the output (candidate or active configuration) and request special formatting of the output (for example, formatted ASCII text or an indicator for identifiers), the application can include attributes in the `<get-configuration/>` tag, its opening `<junoscript>` tag, or both. For more information, see “Specifying the Source and Output Format of Configuration Information” on page 65.

The following example shows how to request the complete candidate configuration tagged with JUNOS XML tag elements (the default). In actual output, the *JUNOS-version* variable is replaced by a value such as 9.5R1 for the initial version of JUNOS Release 9.5.

Client Application	JUNOScript Server
<pre>&lt;rpc&gt;   &lt;get-configuration/&gt; &lt;/rpc&gt;</pre>	<pre>&lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL"&gt;   &lt;configuration junos:changed-seconds="seconds" \     junos:changed-localtime="timestamp"&gt;     &lt;version&gt;JUNOS-version&lt;/version&gt;     &lt;system&gt;       &lt;host-name&gt;big-router&lt;/host-name&gt;       &lt;!-- other children of &lt;system&gt; --&gt;     &lt;/system&gt;     &lt;!-- other children of &lt;configuration&gt; --&gt;   &lt;/configuration&gt; &lt;/rpc-reply&gt;</pre>

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## Requesting a Hierarchy Level or Container Object Without an Identifier

To request complete information about all child configuration elements at a hierarchy level or in a container object that does not have an identifier, a client application emits a `<get-configuration>` tag element that encloses the tag elements representing all levels in the configuration hierarchy from the root (represented by the `<configuration>` tag element) down to the level's immediate parent level. An empty tag represents the requested level. The entire request is enclosed in an `<rpc>` tag element.

```
<rpc>
  <get-configuration>
    <configuration>
      <!-- opening tags for each parent of the level -->
      <requested-level/>
      <!-- closing tags for each parent of the level -->
    </configuration>
  </get-configuration>
</rpc>
```

When the application requests JUNOS XML-tagged output (the default), the JUNOScript server returns the requested section of the configuration in `<configuration>` and `<rpc-reply>` tag elements. For information about the attributes in the opening `<configuration>` tag, see “Requesting Information from the Committed or Candidate Configuration” on page 66.

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <configuration attributes>
    <!-- opening tags for each parent of the level -->
    <hierarchy-level>
      <!-- child tag elements of the level -->
    </hierarchy-level>
    <!-- closing tags for each parent of the level -->
  </configuration>
</rpc-reply>
```

To specify the source of the output (candidate or active configuration) and request special formatting of the output (for example, formatted ASCII text or an indicator for identifiers), the application can include attributes in the opening `<get-configuration>` tag, its opening `<junoscript>` tag, or both. For more information, see “Specifying the Source and Output Format of Configuration Information” on page 65.

The application can also request additional configuration elements of the same or other types by including the appropriate tag elements in the same `<get-configuration>` tag element. For more information, see “Requesting Multiple Configuration Elements Simultaneously” on page 93.

The following example shows how to request the contents of the `[edit system login]` hierarchy level in the candidate configuration. The output is tagged with JUNOS XML tag elements (the default).

Client Application	JUNOScript Server
<pre>&lt;rpc&gt;   &lt;get-configuration&gt;     &lt;configuration&gt;       &lt;system&gt;         &lt;login/&gt;       &lt;/system&gt;     &lt;/configuration&gt;   &lt;/get-configuration&gt; &lt;/rpc&gt;</pre>	<pre>&lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL"&gt;   &lt;configuration junos:changed-seconds="seconds" \     junos:changed-localtime="timestamp"&gt;     &lt;system&gt;       &lt;login&gt;         &lt;user&gt;           &lt;name&gt;barbara&lt;/name&gt;           &lt;full-name&gt;Barbara Anderson&lt;/full-name&gt;           &lt;!-- other child tags for this user --&gt;         &lt;/user&gt;         &lt;!-- other children of &lt;login&gt; --&gt;       &lt;/login&gt;     &lt;/system&gt;   &lt;/configuration&gt; &lt;/rpc-reply&gt;</pre>

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## Requesting All Configuration Objects of a Specified Type

To request complete information about all configuration objects of a specified type in a hierarchy level, a client application emits a `<get-configuration>` tag element that encloses the tag elements representing all levels of the configuration hierarchy from the root (represented by the `<configuration>` tag element) down to the immediate parent level for the object type. An empty tag represents the requested object type. The entire request is enclosed in an `<rpc>` tag element.

This type of request is useful when the object's parent hierarchy level has child objects of multiple types and the application is requesting just one of the types. If the requested object is the only possible child type, then this type of request yields the same output as a request for the complete parent hierarchy (described in "Requesting a Hierarchy Level or Container Object Without an Identifier" on page 82).

```
<rpc>
  <get-configuration>
    <configuration>
      <!-- opening tags for each parent of the object type -->
      <object-type/>
      <!-- closing tags for each parent of the object type -->
    </configuration>
  </get-configuration>
</rpc>
```

When the application requests JUNOS XML-tagged output (the default), the JUNOScript server returns the requested objects in `<configuration>` and `<rpc-reply>` tag elements. For information about the attributes in the opening `<configuration>` tag, see "Requesting Information from the Committed or Candidate Configuration" on page 66.

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <configuration attributes>
    <!-- opening tags for each parent of the object type -->
    <first-object>
      <!-- child tag elements for the first object -->
    </first-object>
    <second-object>
      <!-- child tag elements for the second object -->
    </second-object>
    <!-- additional instances of the object -->
    <!-- closing tags for each parent of the object type -->
  </configuration>
</rpc-reply>
```

To specify the source of the output (candidate or active configuration) and request special formatting of the output (for example, formatted ASCII text or an indicator for identifiers), the application can include attributes in the opening `<get-configuration>` tag, its opening `<junoscript>` tag, or both. For more information, see "Specifying the Source and Output Format of Configuration Information" on page 65.

The application can also request additional configuration elements of the same or other types by including the appropriate tag elements in the same `<get-configuration>` tag element. For more information, see "Requesting Multiple Configuration Elements Simultaneously" on page 93.



## Requesting a Specified Number of Configuration Objects

To request information about a specific number of configuration objects of a specific type, a client application emits the `<get-configuration>` tag element and encloses the tag elements that represent all levels of the configuration hierarchy from the root (represented by the `<configuration>` tag element) down to the immediate parent level for the object type. An empty tag represents the requested object type, and the following attributes are included in it:

- `count`, to specify the number of objects to return
- `start`, to specify the index number of the first object to return (1 for the first object, 2 for the second, and so on)

(If the application is requesting only the first object in the hierarchy, it includes the `count="1"` attribute and omits the `start` attribute.) The application encloses the entire request in an `<rpc>` tag element:

```
<rpc>
  <get-configuration>
    <configuration>
      <!-- opening tags for each parent of the object -->
      <object-type count="count" start="index"/>
      <!-- closing tags for each parent of the object -->
    </configuration>
  </get-configuration>
</rpc>
```

When the application requests JUNOS XML-tagged output (the default), the JUNOScript server returns the requested objects in `<configuration>` and `<rpc-reply>` tag elements, starting with the object specified by the `start` attribute and running consecutively. In the opening container tag for each object, it includes two attributes:

- `junos:position`, to specify the object's numerical index
- `junos:total`, to report the total number of such objects that exist in the hierarchy

In the following, the identifier tag element is called `<name>`. (For information about the attributes in the opening `<configuration>` tag, see "Requesting Information from the Committed or Candidate Configuration" on page 66.)

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <configuration attributes>
    <!-- opening tags for each parent of the object type -->
    <first-object junos:position="index1" junos:total="total">
      <name>identifier-for-first-object</name>
      <!-- other child tag elements of the first object -->
    </first-object>
    <second-object junos:position="index2" junos:total="total">
      <name>identifier-for-second-object</name>
      <!-- other child tag elements of the second object -->
    </second-object>
    <!-- additional objects -->
    <!-- closing tags for each parent of the object type -->
  </configuration>
```

```
</rpc-reply>
```

The `junos:position` and `junos:total` attributes do not appear if the client requests formatted ASCII output by including the `format="text"` attribute in the `<get-configuration>` tag element (as described in “Requesting Output as Formatted ASCII Text or JUNOS XML Tag Elements” on page 68).

To specify the source of the output (candidate or active configuration) and request special formatting of the output (for example, formatted ASCII text or an indicator for identifiers), the application can include attributes in the opening `<get-configuration>` tag, its opening `<junoscript>` tag, or both. For more information, see “Specifying the Source and Output Format of Configuration Information” on page 65.

The application can also request additional configuration elements of the same or other types by including the appropriate tag elements in the same `<get-configuration>` tag element. For more information, see “Requesting Multiple Configuration Elements Simultaneously” on page 93.

The following example shows how to request the third and fourth JUNOS user accounts at the `[edit system login]` hierarchy level. The output is from the candidate configuration and is tagged with JUNOS XML tag elements (the default).

Client Application	JUNOScript Server
<pre>&lt;rpc&gt;   &lt;get-configuration&gt;     &lt;configuration&gt;       &lt;system&gt;         &lt;login&gt;           &lt;user count="2" start="3"/&gt;         &lt;/login&gt;       &lt;/system&gt;     &lt;/configuration&gt;   &lt;/get-configuration&gt; &lt;/rpc&gt;</pre>	<pre>&lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL"&gt;   &lt;configuration junos:changed-seconds="seconds" \     junos:changed-localtime="timestamp"&gt;     &lt;system&gt;       &lt;login&gt;         &lt;user junos:position="3" junos:total="22"&gt;           &lt;name&gt;barbara&lt;/name&gt;           &lt;uid&gt;1423&lt;/uid&gt;           &lt;class&gt;operator&lt;/class&gt;         &lt;/user&gt;         &lt;user junos:position="4" junos:total="22"&gt;           &lt;name&gt;carlo&lt;/name&gt;           &lt;uid&gt;1426&lt;/uid&gt;           &lt;class&gt;operator&lt;/class&gt;         &lt;/user&gt;       &lt;/login&gt;     &lt;/system&gt;   &lt;/configuration&gt; &lt;/rpc-reply&gt;</pre>

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## Requesting Identifiers Only

To request just the identifier tag element for configuration objects of a specified type in a hierarchy, a client application emits a `<get-configuration>` tag element that encloses the tag elements representing all levels of the configuration hierarchy from the root (represented by the `<configuration>` tag element) down to the immediate parent level for the object type. An empty tag represents the requested object type, and the `recurse="false"` attribute is included. The entire request is enclosed in an `<rpc>` tag element.

To request the identifier for all objects of a specified type, the client application includes only the `recurse="false"` attribute:

```
<rpc>
  <get-configuration>
    <configuration>
      <!-- opening tags for each parent of the object type -->
      <object-type recurse="false"/>
      <!-- closing tags for each parent of the object type -->
    </configuration>
  </get-configuration>
</rpc>
```

To request the identifier for a specified number of objects, the client application combines the `recurse="false"` attribute with the `count` and `start` attributes discussed in “Requesting a Specified Number of Configuration Objects” on page 85:

```
<rpc>
  <get-configuration>
    <configuration>
      <!-- opening tags for each parent of the object type -->
      <object-type recurse="false" count="count" start="index"/>
      <!-- closing tags for each parent of the object type -->
    </configuration>
  </get-configuration>
</rpc>
```

When the application requests JUNOS XML-tagged output (the default), the JUNOScript server returns the requested objects in `<configuration>` and `<rpc-reply>` tag elements. If the application has requested a specified number of objects, the `junos:position` and `junos:total` attributes are included in the opening tag for each object, as described in “Requesting a Specified Number of Configuration Objects” on page 85. In the following, the identifier tag element is called `<name>`. (For information about the attributes in the opening `<configuration>` tag, see “Requesting Information from the Committed or Candidate Configuration” on page 66.)

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <configuration attributes>
    <!-- opening tags for each parent of the object type -->
    <first-object [junos:position="index1" junos:total="total"]>
      <name>identifier-for-first-object</name>
    </first-object>
    <second-object [junos:position="index2" junos:total="total"]>
      <name>identifier-for-second-object</name>
    </second-object>
```

```

        <!-- - additional instances of the object - ->
        <!-- - closing tags for each parent of the object type - ->
    </configuration>
</rpc-reply>

```

The `junos:position` and `junos:total` attributes do not appear if the client requests formatted ASCII output by including the `format="text"` attribute in the `<get-configuration>` tag element (as described in “Requesting Output as Formatted ASCII Text or JUNOS XML Tag Elements” on page 68).

To specify the source of the output (candidate or active configuration) and request special formatting of the output (for example, formatted ASCII text or an indicator for identifiers), the application can include attributes in the opening `<get-configuration>` tag, its opening `<junoscript>` tag, or both. For more information, see “Specifying the Source and Output Format of Configuration Information” on page 65.

The application can also request additional configuration elements of the same or other types by including the appropriate tag elements in the same `<get-configuration>` tag element. For more information, see “Requesting Multiple Configuration Elements Simultaneously” on page 93.

The following example shows how to request the identifier for each interface configured at the `[edit interfaces]` hierarchy level. The output is from the candidate configuration and is tagged with JUNOS XML tag elements (the default).

Client Application	JUNOScript Server
<pre> &lt;rpc&gt;   &lt;get-configuration&gt;     &lt;configuration&gt;       &lt;interfaces&gt;         &lt;interface recurse="false"/&gt;       &lt;/interfaces&gt;     &lt;/configuration&gt;   &lt;/get-configuration&gt; &lt;/rpc&gt; </pre>	<pre> &lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL"&gt;   &lt;configuration junos:changed-seconds="seconds" \     junos:changed-localtime="timestamp"&gt;     &lt;interfaces&gt;       &lt;interface&gt;         &lt;name&gt;fe-0/0/0&lt;/name&gt;       &lt;/interface&gt;       &lt;interface&gt;         &lt;name&gt;fxp0&lt;/name&gt;       &lt;/interface&gt;       &lt;interface&gt;         &lt;name&gt;lo0&lt;/name&gt;       &lt;/interface&gt;     &lt;/interfaces&gt;   &lt;/configuration&gt; &lt;/rpc-reply&gt; </pre>

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## Requesting One Configuration Object

To request information about a single configuration object, a client application emits the `<get-configuration>` tag element and encloses the tag elements that represent the entire statement path down to the object, starting with the `<configuration>` tag element. To represent the requested object, the application emits only the container tag element and identifier tag elements (each complete with the identifier value) for the object. It does not emit tag elements that represent other object characteristics. It encloses the entire request in an `<rpc>` tag element. In the following, the identifier tag element is called *name*:

```
<rpc>
  <get-configuration>
    <configuration>
      <!-- opening tags for each parent of the object -->
        <object>
          <name>Identifier</name>
        </object>
      <!-- closing tags for each parent of the object -->
    </configuration>
  </get-configuration>
</rpc>
```

When the application requests JUNOS XML-tagged output (the default), the JUNOScript server returns the requested object in `<configuration>` and `<rpc-reply>` tag elements. For information about the attributes in the opening `<configuration>` tag, see “Requesting Information from the Committed or Candidate Configuration” on page 66.

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <configuration attributes>
    <!-- opening tags for each parent of the object -->
      <object>
        <!-- child tag elements of the object -->
      </object>
    <!-- closing tags for each parent of the object -->
  </configuration>
</rpc-reply>
```

To specify the source of the output (candidate or active configuration) and request special formatting of the output (for example, formatted ASCII text or an indicator for identifiers), the application can include attributes in the opening `<get-configuration>` tag, its opening `<junoscript>` tag, or both. For more information, see “Specifying the Source and Output Format of Configuration Information” on page 65.

The application can also request additional configuration elements of the same or other types by including the appropriate tag elements in the same `<get-configuration>` tag element. For more information, see “Requesting Multiple Configuration Elements Simultaneously” on page 93.

The following example shows how to request the contents of one multicasting scope called *local*, which is at the `[edit routing-options multicast]` hierarchy level. To specify the desired object, the client application emits the `<name>local</name>` identifier tag element as the innermost tag element. The output is from the candidate configuration and is tagged with JUNOS XML tag elements (the default).

Client Application	JUNOScript Server
<pre> &lt;rpc&gt;   &lt;get-configuration&gt;     &lt;configuration&gt;       &lt;routing-options&gt;         &lt;multicast&gt;           &lt;scope&gt;             &lt;name&gt;local&lt;/name&gt;           &lt;/scope&gt;         &lt;/multicast&gt;       &lt;/routing-options&gt;     &lt;/configuration&gt;   &lt;/get-configuration&gt; &lt;/rpc&gt; </pre>	<pre> &lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL"&gt;   &lt;configuration junos:changed-seconds="seconds" \     junos:changed-localtime="timestamp"&gt;     &lt;routing-options&gt;       &lt;multicast&gt;         &lt;scope&gt;           &lt;name&gt;local&lt;/name&gt;           &lt;prefix&gt;239.255.0.0/16&lt;/prefix&gt;           &lt;interface&gt;ip-f/p/0&lt;/interface&gt;         &lt;/scope&gt;       &lt;/multicast&gt;     &lt;/routing-options&gt;   &lt;/configuration&gt; &lt;/rpc-reply&gt; </pre>

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## Requesting a Subset of Objects by Using Regular Expressions

To request information about only those instances of a configuration object type that have a specified set of characters in their identifier names, a client application includes the **matching** attribute with a regular expression that matches the identifier name. For example, the application can request information about just the SONET/SDH interfaces at the [edit interfaces] hierarchy level by specifying the characters **so-** at the start of the regular expression.

Using the **matching** attribute enables the application to represent the objects to return in a form similar to the XML Path Language (XPath) representation, which is described in *XML Path Language (XPath) Version 1.0*, available from the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) at <http://www.w3.org/TR/xpath>. In an XPath representation, an object and its parent levels are an ordered series of tag element names separated by forward slashes. The angle brackets around tag element names are omitted, and the opening tag is used to represent the entire tag element. For example, the following XPath:

```
configuration/system/radius-server/name
```

is equivalent to the following tagged representation:

```

<configuration>
  <system>
    <radius-server>
      <name/>
    </radius-server>
  </system>
</configuration>

```

The application includes the **matching** attribute in the empty tag that represents a parent level for the object type. As with all requests for configuration information, the client emits a `<get-configuration>` tag element that encloses the tag elements representing all levels of the configuration hierarchy from the root (represented by the `<configuration>` tag element) down to the level at which the **matching** attribute is included. The entire request is enclosed in an `<rpc>` tag element:

```
<rpc>
  <get-configuration>
    <configuration>
      <!-- opening tags for each parent of the level -->
      <level matching="matching-expression"/>
      <!-- closing tags for each parent of the level -->
    </configuration>
  </get-configuration>
</rpc>
```

In the value for the **matching** attribute, each level in the XPath-like representation can be either a full level name or a regular expression that matches the identifier name of one or more instances of an object type:

```
object-type[name='regular-expression']"
```

The regular expression uses the notation defined in POSIX Standard 1003.2 for extended (modern) UNIX regular expressions. Explaining regular expression syntax is beyond the scope of this document, but Table 11 on page 91 specifies which character or characters are matched by some of the regular expression operators that can be used in the expression. In the descriptions, the term *term* refers to either a single alphanumeric character or a set of characters enclosed in square brackets, parentheses, or braces.



**NOTE:** The matching attribute is not case-sensitive.

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**Table 11: Regular Expression Operators for the matching Attribute**

Operator	Matches
. (period)	One instance of any character except the space.
* (asterisk)	Zero or more instances of the immediately preceding term.
+ (plus sign)	One or more instances of the immediately preceding term.
? (question mark)	Zero or one instance of the immediately preceding term.
(pipe)	One of the terms that appear on either side of the pipe operator.

**Table 11: Regular Expression Operators for the matching Attribute** *(continued)*

Operator	Matches
^ (caret)	The start of a line, when the caret appears outside square brackets.  One instance of any character that does not follow it within square brackets, when the caret is the first character inside square brackets.
\$ (dollar sign)	The end of a line.
[ ] (paired square brackets)	One instance of one of the enclosed alphanumeric characters. To indicate a range of characters, use a hyphen ( - ) to separate the beginning and ending characters of the range. For example, [a-z0-9] matches any letter or number.
( ) (paired parentheses)	One instance of the evaluated value of the enclosed term. Parentheses are used to indicate the order of evaluation in the regular expression.

When the application requests JUNOS XML-tagged output (the default), the JUNOScript server returns the requested object in `<configuration>` and `<rpc-reply>` tag elements. For information about the attributes in the opening `<configuration>` tag, see “Requesting Information from the Committed or Candidate Configuration” on page 66.

```

<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <configuration attributes>
    <!-- opening tags for each parent of the parent level -->
    <parent-level>
      <first-matching-object>
        <!-- child tag elements for the first object -->
      </first-matching-object>
      <second-matching-object>
        <!-- child tag elements for the second object -->
      </second-matching-object>
      <!-- additional instances of the object -->
    </parent-level>
    <!-- closing tags for each parent of the object type -->
  </configuration>
</rpc-reply>

```

The application can combine one or more of the **count**, **start**, and **recurse** attributes along with the **matching** attribute, to limit the set of possible matches to a specific range of objects, to request only identifiers, or both. For more information about those attributes, see “Requesting a Specified Number of Configuration Objects” on page 85 and “Requesting Identifiers Only” on page 87.

To specify the source of the output (candidate or active configuration) and request special formatting of the output (for example, formatted ASCII text or an indicator for identifiers), the application can include attributes in the opening `<get-configuration>` tag, its opening `<junoscript>` tag, or both. For more information, see “Specifying the Source and Output Format of Configuration Information” on page 65.

The application can request additional configuration elements of the same or other types in the same `<get-configuration>` tag element by including the appropriate tag



elements. For more information, see “Requesting Multiple Configuration Elements Simultaneously” on page 93.

The following example shows how to request just the identifier for the first two SONET/SDH interfaces configured at the [edit interfaces] hierarchy level.

#### Client Application      JUNOScript Server

```
<rpc>
  <get-configuration>
    <configuration>
      <interfaces matching="interface[name='so-.*']" count="2" recurse="false">
    </configuration>
  </get-configuration>
</rpc>
```

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <configuration junos:changed-seconds="seconds" \
    junos:changed-localtime="timestamp">
    <interfaces>
      <interface junos:position="41" junos:total="65">
        <name>so-0/0/0</name>
      </interface>
      <interface junos:position="42" junos:total="65">
        <name>so-0/0/1</name>
      </interface>
    </interfaces>
  </configuration>
</rpc-reply>
```

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### Requesting Multiple Configuration Elements Simultaneously

Within a <get-configuration> tag element, a client application can request multiple configuration elements of the same type or different types. The request includes only one <configuration> tag element (the JUNOScript server returns an error if there is more than one of each).

If two requested objects have the same parent hierarchy level, the client can either include both requests within one parent tag element, or repeat the parent tag element for each request. As an example, at the [edit system] hierarchy level the client can request the list of configured services and the identifier tag element for RADIUS servers in either of the following two ways:

<!-- both requests in one parent tag element -->

```
<rpc>
  <get-configuration>
    <configuration>
      <system>
        <services/>
        <radius-server>
          <name/>
        </radius-server>
      </system>
    </configuration>
  </get-configuration>
</rpc>
```

<!-- separate parent tag element for each request -->

```
<rpc>
```

```

<get-configuration>
  <configuration>
    <system>
      <services/>
    </system>
    <system>
      <radius-server>
        <name/>
      </radius-server>
    </system>
  </configuration>
</get-configuration>
</rpc>

```

The client can combine requests for any of the types of information discussed in the following sections:

- Requesting a Hierarchy Level or Container Object Without an Identifier on page 82
- Requesting All Configuration Objects of a Specified Type on page 84
- Requesting a Specified Number of Configuration Objects on page 85
- Requesting Identifiers Only on page 87
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## Requesting an XML Schema for the Configuration Hierarchy

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To request an XML Schema-language representation of the entire configuration hierarchy, a client application emits the `<get-xnm-information>`, `<type>`, and `<namespace>` tag elements with the indicated values in an `<rpc>` tag element:

```

<rpc>
  <get-xnm-information>
    <type>xml-schema</type>
    <namespace>junos-configuration</namespace>
  </get-xnm-information>
</rpc>

```

The JUNOScript server encloses the XML schema in `<rpc-reply>` and `<xsd:schema>` tag elements:

```

<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <xsd:schema>
    <!-- tag elements for the JUNOS schema -->
  </xsd:schema>
</rpc-reply>

```

The schema represents all configuration elements available in the version of the JUNOS software that is running on the routing platform. (To determine the JUNOS version, emit the `<get-software-information>` operational request tag, which is documented in the *JUNOS XML API Operational Reference*.)

Client applications can use the schema to validate the configuration on a routing platform, or simply to learn which configuration statements are available in the version of the JUNOS software running on the routing platform. The schema does not indicate which elements are actually configured, or even that an element can be configured on that type of routing platform (some configuration statements are available only on certain routing platform types). To request the set of currently configured elements and their settings, emit the `<get-configuration>` tag element instead, as described in “Requesting Configuration Information” on page 64.

Explaining the structure and notational conventions of the XML Schema language is beyond the scope of this document. For information, see *XML Schema Part 0: Primer*, available from W3C at <http://www.w3.org/TR/xmlschema-0>. It provides a basic introduction and lists the formal specifications where you can find detailed information.

For further information, see the following sections:

- Creating the `junos.xsd` File on page 95
- Example: Requesting an XML Schema on page 96

## Creating the `junos.xsd` File

Most of the tag elements defined in the schema returned in the `<xsd:schema>` tag belong to the default namespace for JUNOS configuration elements. However, at least one tag, `<junos:comment>`, belongs to a different namespace (in its case, <http://xml.juniper.net/junos/JUNOS-version/junos>). By XML convention, a schema describes only one namespace, so schema validators need to import information about any additional namespaces before they can process the schema.

In JUNOS Release 6.4 and later, the `<xsd:import>` tag element is enclosed in the `<xsd:schema>` tag element and references the file `junos.xsd`, which contains the required information about the `junos` namespace. For example, the following `<xsd:import>` tag element specifies the file for JUNOS Release 9.5R1 (and appears on two lines for legibility only):

```
<xsd:import schemaLocation="junos.xsd" \
  namespace="http://xml.juniper.net/junos/9.5R1/junos"/>
```

To enable the schema validator to interpret the `<xsd:import>` tag element, you must manually create a file called `junos.xsd` in the directory where you place the `.xsd` file that contains the complete JUNOS configuration schema. Include the following text in the file. Do not use line breaks in the list of attributes in the opening `<xsd:schema>` tag. Line breaks appear in the following example for legibility only. For the `JUNOS-version` variable, substitute the release number of the JUNOS software running on the routing platform (for example, `9.5R1` for the first version of JUNOS Release 9.5).

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="us-ascii"?>
<xsd:schema elementFormDefault="qualified" \
  attributeFormDefault="unqualified" \
  xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" \
  targetNamespace="http://xml.juniper.net/junos/JUNOS-version/junos">
  <xsd:element name="comment" type="xsd:string"/>
</xsd:schema>
```



**NOTE:** Schema validators might not be able to process the schema if they cannot locate or open the `junos.xsd` file.

Whenever you change the version of JUNOS software running on the routing platform, remember to update the *JUNOS-version* variable in the `junos.xsd` file to match.

### Example: Requesting an XML Schema

The following examples show how to request the JUNOS configuration schema. In the JUNOScript server's response, the first `<xsd:element>` statement defines the `<undocumented>` JUNOS XML tag element, which can be enclosed in most other container tag elements defined in the schema (container tag elements are defined as `<xsd:complexType>`).

The attributes in the two opening tags of the JUNOScript server's response appear on multiple lines for legibility only. The JUNOScript server does not insert newline characters within tags or tag elements. Also, in actual output the *JUNOS-version* variable is replaced by a value such as **9.5R1** for the initial version of JUNOS Release 9.5.

#### Client Application      JUNOScript Server

```
<rpc>
  <get-xnm-information>
    <type>xml-schema</type>
    <namespace>junos-configuration</namespace>
  </get-xnm-information>
</rpc>

<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <xsd:schema xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" \
    elementFormDefault="qualified">
    <xsd:import schemaLocation="junos.xsd" \
      namespace="http://xml.juniper.net/junos/JUNOS-version/junos"/>
    <xsd:element name="undocumented">
      <xsd:complexType>
        <xsd:sequence>
          <xsd:any namespace="##any" processContents="skip"/>
        </xsd:sequence>
      </xsd:complexType>
    </xsd:element>
    <xsd:complexType name="hostname">
      <xsd:simpleContent>
        <xsd:extension base="xsd:string"/>
      </xsd:simpleContent>
    </xsd:complexType>
    .
    .
    .
```

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Another `<xsd:element>` statement near the beginning of the schema defines the JUNOS XML `<configuration>` tag element. It encloses the `<xsd:element>` statement that defines the `<system>` tag element, which corresponds to the `[edit system]` hierarchy level. The statements corresponding to other hierarchy levels are omitted for brevity.

## Client Application      JUNOScript Server

```

.
.
.
</xsd:element>
<xsd:element name="configuration">
  <xsd:complexType>
    <xsd:sequence>
      <xsd:choice minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
        <xsd:element ref="undocumented"/>
        <xsd:element ref="comment"/>
        <xsd:element name="system" minOccurs="0">
          <xsd:complexType>
            <xsd:sequence>
              <xsd:choice minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
                <xsd:element ref="undocumented"/>
                <xsd:element ref="comment"/>
                <!-- child elements of <system> -->
              </xsd:choice>
            </xsd:sequence>
          </xsd:complexType>
        </xsd:element>
        <!-- definitions for other hierarchy levels -->
      </xsd:choice>
    </xsd:sequence>
  </xsd:complexType>
</xsd:element>
</xsd:schema>
</rpc-reply>

```

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## Requesting a Previous (Rollback) Configuration

To request a previously committed (rollback) configuration, a client application emits the `<get-rollback-information>` and `<rollback>` tag elements in an `<rpc>` tag element. This operation is equivalent to the `show system rollback` operational mode command. The `<rollback>` tag element specifies the index number of the previous configuration to display; its value can be from 0 (zero, for the most recently committed configuration) through 49.

To request JUNOS XML-tagged output, the application either includes the `<format>` tag element with the value `xml` or omits the `<format>` tag element (JUNOS XML tag elements are the default):

```

<rpc>
  <get-rollback-information>
    <rollback>index-number</rollback>
  </get-rollback-information>
</rpc>

```

The JUNOScript server encloses its response in `<rpc-reply>`, `<rollback-information>`, and `<configuration>` tag elements. The `<load-success/>` tag is a side effect of the implementation and does not affect the results. For information about the attributes in the opening `<configuration>` tag, see “Requesting Information from the Committed or Candidate Configuration” on page 66.

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <rollback-information>
    <load-success/>
    <configuration attributes>
      <!-- tag elements representing the complete previous configuration -->
    </configuration>
  </rollback-information>
</rpc-reply>
```

To request formatted ASCII output, the application includes the `<format>` tag element with the value `text`:

```
<rpc>
  <get-rollback-information>
    <rollback>index-number</rollback>
    <format>text</format>
  </get-rollback-information>
</rpc>
```

The JUNOScript server encloses its response in `<rpc-reply>`, `<rollback-information>`, `<configuration-information>`, and `<configuration-output>` tag elements. For more information about how ASCII output is formatted, see “Requesting Output as Formatted ASCII Text or JUNOS XML Tag Elements” on page 68.

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <rollback-information>
    <load-success/>
    <configuration-information>
      <configuration-output>
        <!-- formatted ASCII text for the complete previous configuration -->
      </configuration-output>
    </configuration-information>
  </rollback-information>
</rpc-reply>
```

The following example shows how to request JUNOS XML-tagged output for the rollback configuration that has an index of 2. In actual output, the *JUNOS-version* variable is replaced by a value such as 9.5R1 for the initial version of JUNOS Release 9.5.

Client Application	JUNOScript Server
<pre> &lt;rpc&gt;   &lt;get-rollback-information&gt;     &lt;rollback&gt;2&lt;/rollback&gt;   &lt;/get-rollback-information&gt; &lt;/rpc&gt; </pre>	<pre> &lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL"&gt;   &lt;rollback-information&gt;     &lt;load-success/&gt;     &lt;configuration junos:changed-seconds="seconds" \       junos:changed-localtime="timestamp"&gt;       &lt;version&gt;JUNOS-version&lt;/version&gt;       &lt;system&gt;         &lt;host-name&gt;big-router&lt;/host-name&gt;         &lt;!-- other children of &lt;system&gt; --&gt;       &lt;/system&gt;       &lt;!-- other children of &lt;configuration&gt; --&gt;     &lt;/configuration&gt;   &lt;/rollback-information&gt; &lt;/rpc-reply&gt; </pre>

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## Comparing Two Previous (Rollback) Configurations

To compare the contents of two previously committed (rollback) configurations, a client application emits the `<get-rollback-information>`, `<rollback>`, and `<compare>` tag elements in an `<rpc>` tag element. This operation is equivalent to the `show system rollback` operational mode command with the `compare` option. The `<rollback>` tag element specifies the index number of the configuration that is the basis for comparison. The `<compare>` tag element specifies the index number of the configuration to compare with the base configuration. Valid values in both tag elements range from 0 (zero, for the most recently committed configuration) through 49:

```

<rpc>
  <get-rollback-information>
    <rollback>index-number</rollback>
    <compare>index-number</compare>
  </get-rollback-information>
</rpc>

```



**NOTE:** The output corresponds more logically to the chronological order of changes if the older configuration (the one with the higher index number) is the base configuration. Its index number is enclosed in the `<rollback>` tag element, and the index of the more recent configuration is enclosed in the `<compare>` tag element.

The JUNOScript server encloses its response in `<rpc-reply>`, `<rollback-information>`, `<configuration-information>`, and `<configuration-output>` tag elements. The `<load-success/>` tag is a side effect of the implementation and does not affect the results:

```

<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <rollback-information>
    <load-success/>
    <configuration-information>
      <configuration-output>
        <!-- formatted ASCII text representing the changes -->

```

```

        </configuration-output>
    </configuration-information>
</rollback-information>
</rpc-reply>

```

The information in the `<configuration-output>` tag element is formatted ASCII text and includes a banner line (such as `[edit interfaces]`) for each hierarchy level at which the two configurations differ. Each line between banner lines begins with either a plus sign (+) or a minus sign (-). The plus sign indicates that adding the statement to the base configuration results in the second configuration, whereas a minus sign means that removing the statement from the base configuration results in the second configuration.

The following example shows how to request a comparison of the rollback configurations that have indexes of 20 and 4.

Client Application	JUNOScript Server
<pre> &lt;rpc&gt;   &lt;get-rollback-information&gt;     &lt;rollback&gt;20&lt;/rollback&gt;     &lt;compare&gt;4&lt;/compare&gt;   &lt;/get-rollback-information&gt; &lt;/rpc&gt; </pre>	<pre> &lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL"&gt;   &lt;rollback-information&gt;     &lt;load-success/&gt;     &lt;configuration-information&gt;       &lt;configuration-output&gt;         [edit interfaces]         -   ge-0/2/0 {         -     stacked-vlan-tagging;         -     mac 00.01.02.03.04.05;         -     gigether-options {         -       loopback;         -     }         -   }         [edit]         +   services {         +     l2tp {         +       tunnel-group 12 {         +         local-gateway;         +       }         +     }         +   }       &lt;/configuration-output&gt;     &lt;/configuration-information&gt;   &lt;/rollback-information&gt; &lt;/rpc-reply&gt; </pre>

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## Requesting the Rescue Configuration

To request the rescue configuration, a client application emits the `<get-rescue-information>` tag element in an `<rpc>` tag element. This operation is equivalent to the `show system configuration rescue` operational mode command.



The rescue configuration is a configuration saved in case it is necessary to restore a valid, nondefault configuration. (To create a rescue configuration, use the JUNOS XML `<request-save-rescue-configuration>` tag element or the `request system configuration rescue save` CLI operational mode command. For more information, see the *JUNOS XML API Operational Reference* or the *JUNOS System Basics and Services Command Reference*.)

To request JUNOS XML-tagged output, the application either includes the `<format>` tag element with the value `xml` or omits the `<format>` tag element (JUNOS XML tag elements are the default):

```
<rpc>
  <get-rescue-information/>
</rpc>
```

The JUNOScript server encloses its response in `<rpc-reply>`, `<rescue-information>`, and `<configuration>` tag elements. The `<load-success/>` tag is a side effect of the implementation and does not affect the results. For information about the attributes in the opening `<configuration>` tag, see “Requesting Information from the Committed or Candidate Configuration” on page 66.

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <rescue-information>
    <load-success/>
    <configuration attributes>
      <!-- tag elements representing the rescue configuration -->
    </configuration>
  </rescue-information>
</rpc-reply>
```

To request formatted ASCII output, the application includes the `<format>` tag element with the value `text`:

```
<rpc>
  <get-rescue-information>
    <format>text</format>
  </get-rescue-information>
</rpc>
```

The JUNOScript server encloses its response in `<rpc-reply>`, `<rescue-information>`, `<configuration-information>`, and `<configuration-output>` tag elements. For more information about how ASCII output is formatted, see “Requesting Output as Formatted ASCII Text or JUNOS XML Tag Elements” on page 68.

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <rescue-information>
    <load-success/>
    <configuration-information>
      <configuration-output>
        <!-- formatted ASCII text representing the rescue configuration -->
      </configuration-output>
    </configuration-information>
  </rescue-information>
</rpc-reply>
```



## Chapter 5

# Changing Configuration Information

This chapter explains how to use the JUNOS Extensible Markup Language (XML) and JUNOScript application programming interfaces (APIs) to change routing platform configuration. The JUNOScript `<load-configuration>` tag element and its attributes correspond to configuration mode commands in the JUNOS command-line interface (CLI), which are described in the *JUNOS CLI User Guide*. The JUNOS XML tag elements described here correspond to configuration statements, which are described in the JUNOS software configuration guides.

This chapter discusses the following topics:

- Overview of Configuration Changes on page 103
- Specifying the Source and Format of New Configuration Data on page 105
- Replacing the Entire Configuration on page 108
- Creating, Modifying, or Deleting Configuration Elements on page 109
- Reordering Elements in Configuration Objects on page 121
- Renaming a Configuration Object on page 124
- Changing a Configuration Element's Activation State on page 126
- Changing a Configuration Element's Activation State Simultaneously with Other Changes on page 128

## Overview of Configuration Changes

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To change configuration information, the client application performs the procedures described in the indicated sections:

1. Establishes a connection to the JUNOScript server on the routing platform, as described in “Connecting to the JUNOScript Server” on page 37.
2. Opens a JUNOScript session, as described in “Starting the JUNOScript Session” on page 38.
3. (Optional) Locks the candidate configuration or creates a private copy, as described in “Locking the Candidate Configuration” on page 54 and “Creating a Private Copy of the Configuration” on page 55. Locking the configuration prevents other users or applications from changing it at the same time. Creating a private copy enables the application to make changes without affecting the candidate or active configuration until the copy is committed.
4. Encloses the `<load-configuration>` tag element in an `<rpc>` tag element. By including various attributes in the `<load-configuration/>` tag or opening

`<load-configuration>` tag, the application can provide the configuration data either in a file or as a directly loaded tag stream, and either as JUNOS XML tag elements or formatted ASCII text. It can completely replace the existing configuration or can specify the manner in which the JUNOScript server loads the data into the existing candidate or copy. The basic syntax is as follows:

```
<rpc>
  <!-- If providing configuration data in a file -->
    <load-configuration url="file" [optional attributes]

    <!-- If providing configuration data in a data stream -->
    <load-configuration [optional attributes]>
      <!-- configuration data -->
    </load-configuration>
</rpc>
```

5. Accepts the tag stream emitted by the JUNOScript server in response to each request and extracts its content, as described in “Parsing the JUNOScript Server Response” on page 49.

The JUNOScript server confirms that it incorporated the configuration data by returning the `<load-configuration-results>` tag element and `<load-success/>` tag in the `<rpc-reply>` tag element:

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <load-configuration-results>
    <load-success/>
  </load-configuration-results>
</rpc-reply>
```

If the load operation fails, the `<load-configuration-results>` tag element instead encloses the `<load-error-count>` tag element, which indicates the number of errors that occurred. In this case, the application or an administrator must eliminate the errors before committing the configuration.

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <load-configuration-results>
    <load-error-count>count</load-error-count>
  </load-configuration-results>
</rpc-reply>
```

6. (Optional) Verifies the syntactic correctness of a configuration before attempting to commit it, as described in “Verifying a Configuration Before Committing It” on page 133.
7. Commits changes made to the configuration, as described in “Committing a Configuration” on page 133.
8. Unlocks the candidate configuration if it is locked, as described in “Unlocking the Candidate Configuration” on page 55. Other users and applications cannot change the configuration while it remains locked.
9. Ends the JUNOScript session and closes the connection to the routing platform, as described in “Ending a JUNOScript Session and Closing the Connection” on page 56.

## Specifying the Source and Format of New Configuration Data

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A client application can provide new configuration data either in a file or as a data stream, and as either JUNOS XML tag elements or formatted ASCII text. See the following sections:

- Providing Configuration Data in a File on page 105
- Providing Configuration Data as a Data Stream on page 106
- Defining Configuration Data as Formatted ASCII Text or JUNOS XML Tag Elements on page 107

### Providing Configuration Data in a File

To provide new configuration data in a file, a client application encloses the `<load-configuration/>` tag with the `url` attribute in an `<rpc>` tag element. If the data is JUNOS XML tag elements, it either includes the `format="xml"` attribute or omits the `format` attribute:

```
<rpc>
  <load-configuration url="file-location"/>
</rpc>
```

If the data is formatted ASCII text, the `format="text"` attribute is included:

```
<rpc>
  <load-configuration url="file-location" format="text"/>
</rpc>
```

Before loading the file, the client application or an administrator saves either JUNOS XML tag elements (enclosed in a `<configuration>` tag element) or formatted ASCII as the contents of the file (formatted ASCII text is not enclosed in a `<configuration-text>` tag element in the file). For information about the syntax for the data in the file, see “Defining Configuration Data as Formatted ASCII Text or JUNOS XML Tag Elements” on page 107.

The value of the `url` attribute can be a local file path, an FTP location, or a Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) URL:

- A local filename can have one of the following forms:
  - `/path/filename`—File on a mounted file system, either on the local flash disk or on hard disk.
  - `a:filename` or `a:path/filename`—File on the local drive. The default path is `/` (the root-level directory). The removable media can be in MS-DOS or UNIX (UFS) format.
- A filename on an FTP server has the following form:
 

```
ftp://username:password@hostname/path/filename
```
- A filename on an HTTP server has the following form:

`http://username:password@hostname/path/filename`

In each case, the default value for the *path* variable is the home directory for the username. To specify an absolute path, the application starts the path with the characters `%2F`; for example, `ftp://username:password@hostname/%2Fpath/filename`.

The `url` attribute can be combined with one or more of the following other attributes in the `<load-configuration>` tag:

- `format`, which is described in “Defining Configuration Data as Formatted ASCII Text or JUNOS XML Tag Elements” on page 107.
- `action`, which is described in “Replacing the Entire Configuration” on page 108 and the subsections of “Creating, Modifying, or Deleting Configuration Elements” on page 109.

The following example shows how to incorporate JUNOS XML-tagged configuration data stored in the file `/var/configs/user-accounts` on the FTP server called `cfg-server.mycompany.com`. The opening `<load-configuration>` tag appears on two lines for legibility only.

#### Client Application

```
<rpc>
  <load-configuration \
    url="ftp://admin:AdminPwd@cfg-server.mycompany.com/var/configs/user-accounts"/>
</rpc>
```

#### JUNOScript Server

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <load-configuration-results>
    <load-success/>
  </load-configuration-results>
</rpc-reply>
```

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### Providing Configuration Data as a Data Stream

To provide new configuration data as a data stream, a client application encloses the `<load-configuration>` tag element in an `<rpc>` tag element.

To define the configuration elements to change as JUNOS XML tag elements, the application emits the tag elements representing all levels of the configuration hierarchy from the root (represented by the `<configuration>` tag element) down to each element to change:

```
<rpc>
  <load-configuration>
    <configuration>
      <!-- tag elements representing the configuration data -->
    </configuration>
  </load-configuration>
</rpc>
```

To define the configuration elements to change as formatted ASCII text, the application encloses them in a `<configuration-text>` tag element and includes the `format="text"` attribute in the opening `<load-configuration>` tag:

```
<rpc>
```

```

<load-configuration format="text">
  <configuration-text>
    /* formatted ASCII configuration data */
  </configuration-text>
</load-configuration>
</rpc>

```

For information about the syntax for JUNOS XML tag elements and formatted ASCII text, see “Defining Configuration Data as Formatted ASCII Text or JUNOS XML Tag Elements” on page 107.

## Defining Configuration Data as Formatted ASCII Text or JUNOS XML Tag Elements

As discussed in “Providing Configuration Data in a File” on page 105 and “Providing Configuration Data as a Data Stream” on page 106, a client application can provide new configuration data to the JUNOScript server either in a file or as a data stream emitted during the JUNOScript session. In both cases, it can use either JUNOS XML tag elements or formatted ASCII text to define the new configuration data.

If the application uses JUNOS XML tag elements, it includes the tag elements representing all levels of the configuration hierarchy from the root (the `<configuration>` tag element) down to each new or changed element. The notation is the same as that used to request configuration information, and is described in detail in “Overview of Configuration Changes” on page 103.

```

<configuration>
  <!-- tag elements representing the configuration data -->
</configuration>

```

If the application provides the new data as formatted ASCII text, it uses the standard JUNOS CLI notation to indicate the hierarchical relationships between configuration statements—the newline character, tabs and other white space, braces, and square brackets. For each new or changed element, the complete statement path is specified, starting with the top-level statement that appears directly under the `[edit]` hierarchy level.

When ASCII text is provided as a data stream, it is enclosed in the `<configuration-text>` tag element:

```

<configuration-text>
  /* formatted ASCII configuration statements */
</configuration-text>

```

When ASCII text is provided in a previously saved file, the `<configuration-text>` tag element is not included in the file.

When providing new data as ASCII text, the application also includes the `format="text"` attribute in the `<load-configuration/>` tag or opening `<load-configuration>` tag.

```

<rpc>
  <load-configuration url="file-location" format="text"/>
</rpc>

<rpc>
  <load-configuration format="text">
    <configuration-text>

```

```

        /* formatted ASCII configuration data */
    </configuration-text>
</load-configuration>
</rpc>

```

The **format** attribute can be combined with one or more of the following other attributes:

- **url**, which is discussed in “Providing Configuration Data in a File” on page 105.
- **action**, which is discussed in “Replacing the Configuration with New Data” on page 108 and the subsections of “Creating, Modifying, or Deleting Configuration Elements” on page 109.

For reference pages for the `<configuration>` and `<configuration-text>` tag elements, see the *JUNOS XML API Operational Reference*.

## Replacing the Entire Configuration

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A client application can completely replace the current candidate configuration or a private copy of it, either with new data or by rolling back to a previous configuration. See the following sections:

- Replacing the Configuration with New Data on page 108
- Rolling Back to a Previous or Rescue Configuration on page 109

For instructions about modifying individual configuration elements, see “Creating, Modifying, or Deleting Configuration Elements” on page 109.

### Replacing the Configuration with New Data

To discard the entire candidate configuration or private copy and replace it with new configuration data, a client application includes the **action="override"** attribute in the `<load-configuration/>` tag or opening `<load-configuration>` tag:

```

<rpc>
  <!-- For a file -->
  <load-configuration action="override" url="file" [format="text"]/>

  <!-- For a data stream -->
  <load-configuration action="override" [format="text"]>
    <!-- configuration data -->
  </load-configuration>
</rpc>

```

For more information about the **url** and **format** attributes and the syntax for the new configuration data, see “Specifying the Source and Format of New Configuration Data” on page 105.

The following example shows how to specify that the contents of the file `/tmp/new.conf` replace the entire candidate configuration. The file contains JUNOS XML tag elements (the default), so the **format** attribute is omitted.



**Client Application**

```
<rpc>
  <load-configuration action="override" url="/tmp/new.conf"/>
</rpc>
```

**JUNOScript Server**

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <load-configuration-results>
    <load-success/>
  </load-configuration-results>
</rpc-reply>
```

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**Rolling Back to a Previous or Rescue Configuration**

The routing platform stores a copy of the most recently committed configuration and up to 49 additional previous configurations. To replace the candidate configuration or private copy with a previously committed configuration, a client application includes the `rollback="index"` attribute in the `<load-configuration/>` tag, where *index* is the numerical index of the appropriate previous configuration. The index for the most recently committed configuration is 0 (zero), and the index for the oldest possible previous configuration is 49.

```
<rpc>
  <load-configuration rollback="index"/>
</rpc>
```

To replace the configuration with the rescue configuration, include the `rescue="rescue"` attribute in the `<load-configuration/>` tag.

```
<rpc>
  <load-configuration rescue="rescue"/>
</rpc>
```

For more information about rollback and rescue configurations, see the *JUNOS CLI User Guide*.

**Creating, Modifying, or Deleting Configuration Elements**

In addition to replacing the entire configuration (as described in “Replacing the Entire Configuration” on page 108), a client application can create, modify, or delete one or more configuration elements (hierarchy levels and configuration objects) in the candidate configuration or a private copy.

To use JUNOS XML tag elements to represent an element, the application includes the tag elements representing all levels in the configuration hierarchy from the root (represented by the `<configuration>` tag element) down to the element’s container tag element. Which attributes and child tag elements are included depends on the operation being performed on the element. The syntax applies both to the contents of a file and to a data stream. In the following, the identifier tag element is called `<name>`:

```
<configuration>
  <!-- opening tag for each parent of the element -->
    <container-tag [operation-attribute="value"]>
      <name>identifier</name> <!-- if the element has an identifier -->
      <!-- other child tag elements --> <!-- if appropriate for the operation -->
    </container-tag>
```

```

    <!-- closing tag for each parent of the element -->
</configuration>

```

To use formatted ASCII text to represent an element, the application includes the complete statement path, starting with a statement that can appear directly under the [edit] hierarchy level. The attributes and child statements to include depend on the operation being performed on the element. The set of statements is enclosed in a <configuration-text> tag element when the application provides a data stream. When saving statements to a file for later loading, omit the <configuration-text> tag element.

```

<configuration-text>
/* statements for parent levels of the element */
  operation-to-perform: # if appropriate
  element identifier { # if the element has an identifier
    /* child statements */ # if appropriate for the operation
  }
/* closing braces for parent levels for the element */
</configuration-text>

```

When loading formatted ASCII text, the application includes the `format="text"` attribute in the <load-configuration/> tag or opening <load-configuration> tag.

For more information about the source and formatting for configuration elements, see “Specifying the Source and Format of New Configuration Data” on page 105.

For information about the operations a client application can perform on configuration elements, see the following sections:

- Merging Configuration Elements on page 110
- Replacing Configuration Elements on page 113
- Creating New Configuration Elements on page 114
- Replacing Configuration Elements Only If They Have Changed on page 115
- Deleting Configuration Elements on page 116

## Merging Configuration Elements

By default, the JUNOScript server *merges* loaded configuration data into the candidate configuration according to the following rules. (The rules also apply to a private copy of the configuration, but for simplicity the following discussion refers to the candidate configuration only.)

- A configuration element (hierarchy level or configuration object) that exists in the candidate but not in the loaded configuration remains unchanged.
- A configuration element that exists in the loaded configuration but not in the candidate is added to the candidate.
- If a configuration element exists in both configurations, the semantics are as follows:
  - If a child statement of the configuration element (represented by a child tag element) exists in the candidate but not in the loaded configuration, it remains unchanged.

- If a child statement exists in the loaded configuration but not in the candidate, it is added to the candidate.
- If a child statement exists in both configurations, the value in the loaded configuration replaces the value in the candidate.

Merge mode is the default mode for new configuration elements, so the application simply emits the `<load-configuration>` tag element in an `<rpc>` tag element:

```
<rpc>
  <!-- For a file -->
    <load-configuration url="file" [format="text"]/>

  <!-- For a data stream -->
    <load-configuration [format="text"]>
      <!-- configuration data -->
    </load-configuration>
</rpc>
```

For more information about the `url` and `format` attributes, see “Specifying the Source and Format of New Configuration Data” on page 105.

To explicitly specify merge mode, the application can include the `action="merge"` attribute in the `<load-configuration/>` tag or opening `<load-configuration>` tag, as shown in the examples at the end of this section.

If using JUNOS XML tag elements to represent the element to merge into the configuration, the application includes the basic tag elements described in “Creating, Modifying, or Deleting Configuration Elements” on page 109. It does not include any attributes in the element’s container tag. If adding or changing the value of a child element, the application includes the tag elements for it. If a child remains unchanged, it does not need to be included in the loaded configuration. In the following, the identifier tag element is called `<name>`:

```
<configuration>
  <!-- opening tag for each parent of the element -->
    <container-tag>
      <name>identifier</name> <!-- if the element has an identifier -->
      <!-- tag elements for other children, if any -->
    </container-tag>
  <!-- closing tag for each parent of the element -->
</configuration>
```

If using formatted ASCII text, the application includes the statement path described in “Creating, Modifying, or Deleting Configuration Elements” on page 109. It does not include a preceding operator, but does include the element’s identifier if it has one. If adding or changing the value of a child element, the application includes the tag elements for it. If a child remains unchanged, it does not need to be included in the loaded configuration.

```
<configuration-text>
/* statements for parent levels of the element */
  element identifier {
    /* child statements if any */
  }
/* closing braces for parent levels for the element */
</configuration-text>
```

The following example shows how to merge in a new interface called **so-3/0/0** at the **[edit interfaces]** hierarchy level in the candidate configuration. The information is provided as JUNOS XML tag elements (the default).

<b>Client Application</b>	<b>JUNOScript Server</b>
<pre> &lt;rpc&gt;   &lt;load-configuration action="merge"&gt;     &lt;configuration&gt;       &lt;interfaces&gt;         &lt;interface&gt;           &lt;name&gt;so-3/0/0&lt;/name&gt;           &lt;unit&gt;             &lt;family&gt;               &lt;inet&gt;                 &lt;address&gt;                   &lt;name&gt;10.0.0.1/8&lt;/name&gt;                 &lt;/address&gt;               &lt;/inet&gt;             &lt;/family&gt;           &lt;/unit&gt;         &lt;/interface&gt;       &lt;/interfaces&gt;     &lt;/configuration&gt;   &lt;/load-configuration&gt; &lt;/rpc&gt; </pre>	<pre> &lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL"&gt;   &lt;load-configuration-results&gt;     &lt;load-success/&gt;   &lt;/load-configuration-results&gt; &lt;/rpc-reply&gt; </pre>

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The following example shows how to use formatted ASCII text to define the same new interface.

<b>Client Application</b>	<b>JUNOScript Server</b>
<pre> &lt;rpc&gt;   &lt;load-configuration action="merge" format="text"&gt;     &lt;configuration-text&gt;       interfaces {         so-3/0/0 {           unit 0 {             family inet {               address 10.0.0.1/8;             }           }         }       }     &lt;/configuration-text&gt;   &lt;/load-configuration&gt; &lt;/rpc&gt; </pre>	<pre> &lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL"&gt;   &lt;load-configuration-results&gt;     &lt;load-success/&gt;   &lt;/load-configuration-results&gt; &lt;/rpc-reply&gt; </pre>

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## Replacing Configuration Elements

To replace individual configuration elements (hierarchy levels or configuration objects), a client application emits the `<load-configuration>` tag element with the `action="replace"` attribute in an `<rpc>` tag element:

```
<rpc>
  <!-- For a file -->
    <load-configuration action="replace" url="file" [format="text"]/>

  <!-- For a data stream -->
    <load-configuration action="replace" [format="text"]>
      <!-- configuration data -->
    </load-configuration>
</rpc>
```

For more information about the `url` and `format` attributes, see “Providing Configuration Data in a File” on page 105.

To use JUNOS XML tag elements to represent the replacement, the application includes the basic tag elements described in “Creating, Modifying, or Deleting Configuration Elements” on page 109. Within the container tag, it includes the same child tag elements as for a new element: each of the replacement’s identifier tag elements (if it has them) and all child tag elements being defined for the replacement element. In the following, the identifier tag element is called `<name>`. The application also includes the `replace=` “replace” attribute in the opening container tag:

```
<configuration>
  <!-- opening tag for each parent of the element -->
    <container-tag replace="replace">
      <name>identifier</name>
      <!-- tag elements for other children, if any -->
    </container-tag>
  <!-- closing tag for each parent of the element -->
</configuration>
```

To use formatted ASCII text to represent the element, the application includes the complete statement path described in “Creating, Modifying, or Deleting Configuration Elements” on page 109. As for a new element, it includes each of the replacement’s identifiers (if it has them) and all child statements (with values if appropriate) that it is defining for the replacement. It places the `replace:` statement above the element’s container statement.

```
<configuration-text>
/* statements for parent levels of the element */
replace:
  element identifier {
    /* child statements if any */
  }
/* closing braces for parent levels for the element */
</configuration-text>
```

The following example shows how to grant new permissions for the object named `operator` at the `[edit system login class]` hierarchy level. The information is provided in JUNOS XML-tagged format (the default).

**Client Application**

```

<rpc>
  <load-configuration action="replace">
    <configuration>
      <system>
        <login>
          <class replace="replace">
            <name>operator</name>
            <permissions>configure</permissions>
            <permissions>admin-control</permissions>
          </class>
        </login>
      </system>
    </configuration>
  </load-configuration>
</rpc>

```

**JUNOScript Server**

```

<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <load-configuration-results>
    <load-success/>
  </load-configuration-results>
</rpc-reply>

```

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The following example shows how to use formatted ASCII text to make the same change.

**Client Application**

```

<rpc>
  <load-configuration action="replace" format="text">
    <configuration-text>
      system {
        login {
          replace:
            class operator {
              permissions [ configure admin-control ];
            }
        }
      }
    </configuration-text>
  </load-configuration>
</rpc>

```

**JUNOScript Server**

```

<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <load-configuration-results>
    <load-success/>
  </load-configuration-results>
</rpc-reply>

```

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**Creating New Configuration Elements**

To create new configuration elements (hierarchy levels or configuration objects), a client application includes the basic tag elements or formatted ASCII statements described in “Creating, Modifying, or Deleting Configuration Elements” on page 109.

New elements can be created in either merge mode or replace mode, which are described in “Merging Configuration Elements” on page 110 and “Replacing Configuration Elements” on page 113. In replace mode, the application includes the

`action="replace"` attribute in the `<load-configuration/>` tag or opening `<load-configuration>` tag.

To use JUNOS XML tag elements to represent the element, the application includes each of the replacement's identifier tag elements (if it has them) and all child tag elements being defined for the element. In the following, the identifier tag element is called `<name>`. The application does not need to include any attributes in the opening container tag for the new element:

```
<configuration>
  <!-- opening tag for each parent of the element -->
  <container-tag>
    <name>identifier</name>
    <!-- tag elements for other children, if any -->
  </container-tag>
  <!-- closing tag for each parent of the element -->
</configuration>
```

To use formatted ASCII text to represent the element, the application includes each of the replacement's identifiers (if it has them) and all child statements (with values if appropriate) that it is defining for the element. It does not need to include an operator before the new element:

```
<configuration-text>
/* statements for parent levels of the element */
  element identifier {
    /* child statements if any */
  }
/* closing braces for parent levels for the element */
</configuration-text>
```

## Replacing Configuration Elements Only If They Have Changed

To replace configuration elements (hierarchy levels and configuration objects) only if they differ in the loaded configuration and the candidate configuration or private copy, the application emits the `<load-configuration>` tag element with the `action="update"` attribute in an `<rpc>` tag element:

```
<rpc>
  <!-- For a file -->
  <load-configuration action="update" url="file" [format="text"]/>

  <!-- For a data stream -->
  <load-configuration action="update" [format="text"]>
    <!-- configuration data -->
  </load-configuration>
</rpc>
```

For more information about the `url` and `format` attributes, see “Specifying the Source and Format of New Configuration Data” on page 105.

This operation is equivalent to the JUNOS CLI `load update` configuration mode command. The JUNOS configuration management software compares the two configurations. Each configuration element that is different in the loaded configuration replaces its corresponding element in the existing configuration. Elements that are the same in both configurations, or exist only in the existing configuration, remain

unchanged. When the configuration is later committed, only system processes that are affected by the changed configuration elements parse the new configuration.

To represent the replacement elements, the application uses the same syntax as for new elements, as described in “Creating New Configuration Elements” on page 114. In the following, the identifier tag element is called `<name>`:

```
<configuration>
  <!-- opening tag for each parent of the element -->
    <container-tag>
      <name>identifier</name>
      <!-- tag elements for other children, if any -->
    </container-tag>
  <!-- closing tag for each parent of the element -->
</configuration>
```

OR

```
<configuration-text>
/* statements for parent levels of the element */
  element identifier {
    /* child statements if any */
  }
/* closing braces for parent levels for the element */
</configuration-text>
```

The following example shows how to update the candidate configuration with the contents of the file `/tmp/new.conf` (which resides on the routing platform). The file contains a complete configuration represented as JUNOS XML tag elements (the default), so the `format` attribute is omitted.

#### Client Application

```
<rpc>
  <load-configuration action="update" url="/tmp/new.conf"/>
</rpc>
```

#### JUNOScript Server

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <load-configuration-results>
    <load-success/>
  </load-configuration-results>
</rpc-reply>
```

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## Deleting Configuration Elements

To delete configuration elements (hierarchy levels or configuration objects) from the candidate configuration or private copy, a client application emits the basic tag elements described in “Creating, Modifying, or Deleting Configuration Elements” on page 109. When using JUNOS XML tag elements to represent the elements to delete, it includes the `delete="delete"` attribute in the opening tag for each one. When using formatted ASCII text, it precedes each element with the `delete:` operator. The placement of the attribute or operator depends on the type of element being deleted, as described in the following sections:

- Deleting a Hierarchy Level or Container Object on page 117
- Deleting a Configuration Object That Has an Identifier on page 117



- Deleting a Single-Value or Fixed-Form Option from a Configuration Object on page 119
- Deleting Values from a Multivalue Option of a Configuration Object on page 120

### Deleting a Hierarchy Level or Container Object

To delete a hierarchy level and all of its children (or a container object that has children but no identifier), a client application includes the basic tag elements or configuration statements for its parent levels, as described in “Creating, Modifying, or Deleting Configuration Elements” on page 109.

If using JUNOS XML tag elements, the application includes the `delete="delete"` attribute in the empty tag that represents the level or container object:

```
<configuration>
  <!-- opening tag for each parent level -->
    <level-or-object delete="delete"/>
  <!-- closing tag for each parent level -->
</configuration>
```

If using formatted ASCII text, the application places the `delete:` statement above the level to be removed, which is followed by a semicolon (even though in the existing configuration it is followed by curly braces that enclose its child statements):

```
<configuration-text>
/* statements for parent levels */
delete:
object-or-level;
/* closing braces for parent levels */
</configuration-text>
```

The following example shows how to remove the `[edit protocols ospf]` hierarchy level from the candidate configuration:

#### Client Application

```
<rpc>
  <load-configuration>
    <configuration>
      <protocols>
        <ospf delete="delete"/>
      </protocols>
    </configuration>
  </load-configuration>
</rpc>
```

#### JUNOScript Server

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <load-configuration-results>
    <load-success/>
  </load-configuration-results>
</rpc-reply>
```

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### Deleting a Configuration Object That Has an Identifier

To delete a configuration object that has an identifier, a client application includes the basic tag elements or configuration statements for its parent levels, as described in “Creating, Modifying, or Deleting Configuration Elements” on page 109. (For more

information about containers, see “Mapping for Objects That Have an Identifier” on page 16.)

If using JUNOS XML tag elements, the application includes the `delete="delete"` attribute in the opening tag for the object. In the container tag element for the object, it encloses only the identifier tag element, not tag elements that represent any other characteristics of the object. In the following, the identifier tag element is called `<name>`:

```
<configuration>
  <!-- opening tag for each parent of the object -->
    <object delete="delete">
      <name>identifier</name>
    </object>
  <!-- closing tag for each parent of the object -->
</configuration>
```



**NOTE:** The `delete` attribute appears in the opening container tag, not in the identifier tag element. The presence of the identifier tag element results in the removal of the specified object, not in the removal of the entire hierarchy level represented by the container tag element.

If using formatted ASCII text, the application places the `delete:` statement above the object and its identifier:

```
<configuration-text>
/* statements for parent levels of the object */
delete:
object identifier;
/* closing braces for parent levels of the object */
</configuration-text>
```

The following example shows how to remove the user object `barbara` from the `[edit system login user]` hierarchy level in the candidate configuration.

#### Client Application

```
<rpc>
  <load-configuration>
    <configuration>
      <system>
        <login>
          <user delete="delete">
            <name>barbara</name>
          </user>
        </login>
      </system>
    </configuration>
  </load-configuration>
</rpc>
```

#### JUNOScript Server

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <load-configuration-results>
    <load-success/>
  </load-configuration-results>
</rpc-reply>
```

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## Deleting a Single-Value or Fixed-Form Option from a Configuration Object

To delete from a configuration object either a fixed-form option or an option that takes just one value, a client application includes the basic tag elements or configuration statements for its parent levels, as described in “Creating, Modifying, or Deleting Configuration Elements” on page 109. (For information about deleting an option that can take multiple values, see “Deleting Values from a Multivalue Option of a Configuration Object” on page 120.)

If using JUNOS XML tag elements, the application includes the `delete="delete"` attribute in the empty tag for each option. It does not include tag elements for children that are to remain in the configuration. In the following, the identifier tag element for the object is called `<name>`:

```
<configuration>
  <!-- opening tag for each parent of the object -->
  <object>
    <name>identifier</name> <!-- if the object has an identifier -->
    <option1 delete="delete"/>
    <option2 delete="delete"/>
    <!-- tag elements for other options to delete -->
  </object>
  <!-- closing tag for each parent of the object -->
</configuration>
```

If using formatted ASCII text, the application places the `delete:` statement above each option:

```
<configuration-text>
/* statements for parent levels of the object */
  object identifier;
  delete:
    option1;
  delete:
    option2;
/* closing braces for parent levels of the object */
</configuration-text>
```

The following example shows how to remove the fixed-form disable option at the [edit forwarding-options sampling] hierarchy level.

**Client Application**

```

<rpc>
  <load-configuration>
    <configuration>
      <forwarding-options>
        <sampling>
          <disable delete="delete"/>
        </sampling>
      </forwarding-options>
    </configuration>
  </load-configuration>
</rpc>

```

**JUNOScript Server**

```

<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <load-configuration-results>
    <load-success/>
  </load-configuration-results>
</rpc-reply>

```

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**Deleting Values from a Multivalue Option of a Configuration Object**

As described in “Mapping for Leaf Statements with Multiple Values” on page 18, some JUNOS configuration objects are leaf statements that have multiple values. In the formatted ASCII CLI representation, the values are enclosed in square brackets following the name of the object:

```
object [value1 value2 value3 ...];
```

The JUNOS XML representation does not use a parent tag for the object, but instead uses a separate instance of the object tag element for each value. In the following, the identifier tag element is called `<name>`:

```

<parent-object>
  <name>identifier</name>
  <object>value1</object>
  <object>value2</object>
  <object>value3</object>
</parent-object>

```

To remove one or more values for such an object, a client application includes the basic tag elements or configuration statements for its parent levels, as described in “Creating, Modifying, or Deleting Configuration Elements” on page 109. If using JUNOS XML tag elements, the application includes the `delete="delete"` attribute in the opening tag for each value. It does not include tag elements that represent values to be retained. In the following, the identifier tag element for the parent object is called `<name>`:

```

<configuration>
  <!-- opening tag for each parent of the parent object -->
  <parent-object>
    <name>identifier</name>
    <object delete="delete">value1</object>
    <object delete="delete">value2</object>
  </parent-object>
  <!-- closing tag for each parent of the parent object -->
</configuration>

```

If using formatted ASCII text, the application repeats the parent statement for each value and places the **delete:** statement above each paired statement and value:

```
<configuration-text>
/* statements for parent levels of the parent object */
parent-object identifier;
delete:
    object value1;
delete:
    object value2;
/* closing braces for parent levels of the parent object */
</configuration-text>
```

The following example shows how to remove two of the permissions granted to the user-accounts login class.

Client Application	JUNOScript Server
<pre>&lt;rpc&gt;   &lt;load-configuration&gt;     &lt;configuration&gt;       &lt;system&gt;         &lt;login&gt;           &lt;class&gt;             &lt;name&gt;user-accounts&lt;/name&gt;             &lt;permissions delete="delete"&gt;configure&lt;/permissions&gt;             &lt;permissions delete="delete"&gt;control&lt;/permissions&gt;           &lt;/class&gt;         &lt;/login&gt;       &lt;/system&gt;     &lt;/configuration&gt;   &lt;/load-configuration&gt; &lt;/rpc&gt;</pre>	<pre>&lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL"&gt;   &lt;load-configuration-results&gt;     &lt;load-success/&gt;   &lt;/load-configuration-results&gt; &lt;/rpc-reply&gt;</pre>

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## Reordering Elements in Configuration Objects

For most configuration objects, the order in which the object or its children are created is not significant, because the JUNOS configuration management software stores and displays configuration objects in predetermined positions in the configuration hierarchy. However, some configuration objects—such as routing policies and firewall filters—consist of elements that must be processed and analyzed sequentially in order to produce the intended routing behavior. When a client application uses the JUNOScript API to add a new element to an ordered set, the element is appended to the existing list of elements. The client application can then reorder the elements, if appropriate.

To change the order of configuration elements in an ordered set, a client application includes the tag elements described in “Creating, Modifying, or Deleting Configuration Elements” on page 109. It emits the container tag element that represents the ordered set, and encloses the tag element for each identifier of the configuration element that is moving. In the following, the identifier tag element is called **<name>**. In the

opening container tag, it includes the `insert="before"` or `insert="after"` attribute to indicate the new position of the moving element relative to another reference element in the set. To identify the reference element, it includes each of the reference element's identifiers as an attribute in the opening container tag for the ordered set.

In the following, the elements in the set have one identifier, called `<name>`:

```
<configuration>
  <!-- opening tag for each parent of the set -->
    <ordered-set insert="(before | after)" name="referent-value">
      <name>identifier-for-moving-object</name>
    </ordered-set>
  <!-- closing tag for each parent of the set -->
</configuration>
```

In the following, each element in the set has two identifiers. The opening tag appears on two lines for legibility only:

```
<configuration>
  <!-- opening tag for each parent of the set -->
    <ordered-set insert="(before | after)" identifier1="referent-value" \
      identifier2="referent-value">
      <identifier1>value-for-moving-object</identifier1>
      <identifier2>value-for-moving-object</identifier2>
    </ordered-set>
  <!-- closing tag for each parent of the set -->
</configuration>
```

The reordering operation is not available when formatted ASCII text is used to represent the configuration data.

The `insert` attribute can be combined with the `inactive` or `active` attribute to deactivate or reactivate the configuration element as it is reordered. For more information, see “Changing a Configuration Element’s Activation State Simultaneously with Other Changes” on page 128.

The following example shows how to move a firewall filter called `older-filter`, defined at the `[edit firewall filter]` hierarchy level, and place it after another filter called `newer-filter`. This operation is equivalent to the following configuration mode command:

```
[edit firewall family inet]
user@host# insert filter older-filter after filter newer-filter
```

**Client Application**

```

<rpc>
  <load-configuration>
    <configuration>
      <firewall>
        <family>
          <inet>
            <filter insert="after" name="newer-filter">
              <name>older-filter</name>
            </filter>
          </inet>
        </family>
      </firewall>
    </configuration>
  </load-configuration>
</rpc>

```

**JUNOScript Server**

```

<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <load-configuration-results>
    <load-success/>
  </load-configuration-results>
</rpc-reply>

```

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The following example shows how to move an OSPF virtual link defined at the [edit protocols ospf area *area*] hierarchy level. The link with identifiers **neighbor-id 192.168.0.3** and **transit-area 1.1.1.1** moves before the link with identifiers **neighbor-id 192.168.0.5** and **transit-area 1.1.1.2**. This operation is equivalent to the following configuration mode command (which appears on two lines for legibility only):

```

[edit protocols ospf area area]
user@host# insert virtual-link neighbor-id 192.168.0.3 transit-area 1.1.1.1 \
before virtual-link neighbor-id 192.168.0.5 transit-area 1.1.1.2

```

**Client Application**

```

<rpc>
  <load-configuration>
    <configuration>
      <protocols>
        <ospf>
          <area>
            <filter insert="before" neighbor-id="192.168.0.5" transit-area="1.1.1.2">
              <neighbor-id>192.168.0.3</neighbor-id>
              <transit-area>1.1.1.1</transit-area>
            </filter>
          </area>
        </ospf>
      </protocols>
    </configuration>
  </load-configuration>
</rpc>

```

**JUNOScript Server**

```

<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <load-configuration-results>
    <load-success/>
  </load-configuration-results>
</rpc-reply>

```

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## Renaming a Configuration Object

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To change the name of one or more of a configuration object's identifiers, a client application includes the tag elements described in "Creating, Modifying, or Deleting Configuration Elements" on page 109. In the object's opening tag, it includes the `rename="rename"` attribute and an attribute named after the identifier keyword. The value of the attribute is the new identifier value. The application includes the identifier tag element to specify the current name. In the following, the identifier tag element is called `<name>`:

```
<configuration>
  <!-- opening tag for each parent of the object -->
    <object rename="rename" name="new-name">
      <name>current-name</name>
    </object>
  <!-- closing tag for each parent of the object -->
</configuration>
```

If the object has multiple identifiers, for each one the application includes both an attribute in the opening tag and an identifier tag element. If one or more of the identifiers is not changing, the attribute value for it is set to its current name. The opening tag appears on two lines for legibility only:

```
<configuration>
  <!-- opening tag for each parent of the object -->
    <object rename="rename" changing-identifier="new-name" \
      unchanging-identifier="current-name">
      <changing-identifier>current-name</changing-identifier>
      <unchanging-identifier>current-name</unchanging-identifier>
    </object>
  <!-- closing tag for each parent of the object -->
</configuration>
```

The renaming operation is not available when formatted ASCII text is used to represent the configuration data.

The `rename` attribute can be combined with the `inactive` or `active` attribute to deactivate or reactivate the configuration element as it is renamed. For more information, see "Changing a Configuration Element's Activation State Simultaneously with Other Changes" on page 128.

The following example shows how to change the name of a firewall filter from `access-control` to `new-access-control`. This operation is equivalent to the following configuration mode command:

```
[edit firewall family inet]
user@host# rename filter access-control to filter new-access-control
```



**Client Application**

```

<rpc>
  <load-configuration>
    <configuration>
      <firewall>
        <family>
          <inet>
            <filter rename="rename" name="new-access-control">
              <name>access-control</name>
            </filter>
          </inet>
        </family>
      </firewall>
    </configuration>
  </load-configuration>
</rpc>

```

**JUNOScript Server**

```

<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <load-configuration-results>
    <load-success/>
  </load-configuration-results>
</rpc-reply>

```

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The following example shows how to change the identifiers for an OSPF virtual link (defined at the [edit protocols ospf area area] hierarchy level) from neighbor-id 192.168.0.3 and transit-area 1.1.1.1 to neighbor-id 192.168.0.7 and transit-area 1.1.1.5. This operation is equivalent to the following configuration mode command (which appears on two lines for legibility only):

```

[edit protocols ospf area area]
user@host# rename filter virtual-link neighbor-id 192.168.0.3 transit-area \
1.1.1.1 to virtual-link neighbor-id 192.168.0.7 transit-area 1.1.1.5

```

**Client Application**

```

<rpc>
  <load-configuration>
    <configuration>
      <protocols>
        <ospf>
          <area>
            <filter rename="rename" neighbor-id="192.168.0.7" transit-area="1.1.1.5">
              <neighbor-id>192.168.0.3</neighbor-id>
              <transit-area>1.1.1.1</transit-area>
            </filter>
          </area>
        </ospf>
      </protocols>
    </configuration>
  </load-configuration>
</rpc>

```

**JUNOScript Server**

```

<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <load-configuration-results>
    <load-success/>
  </load-configuration-results>
</rpc-reply>

```

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## Changing a Configuration Element's Activation State

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When a configuration element (hierarchy level or configuration object) is deactivated, it remains in the candidate configuration or private copy, but when the configuration is later committed, the element does not affect the functioning of the routing platform. A client application can deactivate an element immediately as it creates it, or can deactivate an existing element. It can also reactivate an existing deactivated element so that when the configuration is committed, the element again has an effect on routing platform functioning.

See the following sections:

- Deactivating a Newly Created Element on page 126
- Deactivating or Reactivating an Existing Element on page 127

### Deactivating a Newly Created Element

To define an element and immediately deactivate it, a client application includes the basic tag elements or configuration statements for its parent levels, as described in “Creating, Modifying, or Deleting Configuration Elements” on page 109.

If using JUNOS XML tag elements to define the new element, the application includes the `inactive="inactive"` attribute in the opening tag for the element. It includes tag elements for all children being defined for the element. In the following, the identifier tag element is called `<name>`:

```
<configuration>
  <!-- opening tag for each parent of the element -->
    <element inactive="inactive">
      <name>identifier</name> <!-- if the element has an identifier -->
      <!-- tag elements for each child of the element -->
    </element>
  <!-- closing tag for each parent of the element -->
</configuration>
```

If using formatted ASCII text to define the new element, the application precedes the element with the `inactive:` operator. It includes all child statements that it is defining for all children of the element:

```
<configuration-text>
/* statements for parent levels */

/* For an object with an identifier */
inactive:
object identifier {
  /* Child configuration statements */
}

/* For a hierarchy level or object without an identifier */
inactive:
element {
  /* Child configuration statements */
}
```

```
/* closing braces for parent levels */
</configuration-text>
```

## Deactivating or Reactivating an Existing Element

To deactivate an existing element, or reactivate a previously deactivated one, a client application includes the basic tag elements or configuration statements for its parent levels, as described in “Creating, Modifying, or Deleting Configuration Elements” on page 109.

If using JUNOS XML tag elements to represent a configuration object that has an identifier, the application includes the `inactive="inactive"` or `active="active"` attribute in the object's opening container tag and also emits the identifier tag element and value. In the following, the identifier tag element is called `<name>`. To represent a hierarchy level or container object that has children but not an identifier, the application uses an empty tag:

```
<configuration>
  <!-- opening tag for each parent of the element -->
  !- For an object with an identifier ->
    <object (inactive="inactive" | active="active")>
      <name>identifier</name>
    </object>

  <!-- For a hierarchy level or object without an identifier -->
    <level-or-container (inactive="inactive" | active="active")/>
  <!-- closing tag for each parent of the element -->
</configuration>
```

If using formatted ASCII text to represent the element, the application precedes the element with the `inactive:` or `active:` operator. The name of a hierarchy level or container object is followed by a semicolon (even though in the existing configuration it is followed by curly braces that enclose its child statements):

```
<configuration-text>
/* statements for parent levels */

/* For an object with an identifier */
(inactive | active):
object identifier;

/* For a hierarchy level or object without an identifier */
(inactive | active):
object-or-level;

/* closing braces for parent levels */
</configuration-text>
```

The following example shows how to deactivate the `isis` hierarchy level at the `[edit protocols]` hierarchy level in the candidate configuration.

**Client Application**

```

<rpc>
  <load-configuration>
    <configuration>
      <protocols>
        <isis inactive="inactive"/>
      </protocols>
    </configuration>
  </load-configuration>
</rpc>

```

**JUNOScript Server**

```

<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <load-configuration-results>
    <load-success/>
  </load-configuration-results>
</rpc-reply>

```

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## Changing a Configuration Element's Activation State Simultaneously with Other Changes

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A client application can deactivate or reactivate an element at the same time it performs other operations on it (except deletion), by combining the appropriate attributes or operators with the `inactive` or `active` attribute or operator. For basic information about activating or deactivating an element, see “Changing a Configuration Element's Activation State” on page 126.

To define the element to deactivate or activate, a client application includes the basic tag elements or configuration statements for its parent levels, as described in “Creating, Modifying, or Deleting Configuration Elements” on page 109. When using JUNOS XML tag elements to represent the element, the application includes the `inactive="inactive"` or `active="active"` attribute along with the appropriate other attribute in the `<load-configuration/>` tag or opening `<load-configuration>` tag. When using formatted ASCII text, the application combines the `inactive` or `active` operator with the other operator.

For instructions, see the following sections:

- Replacing an Element and Setting Its Activation State on page 128
- Reordering an Element and Setting Its Activation State on page 130
- Renaming an Object and Setting Its Activation State on page 130
- Example: Replacing an Object and Deactivating It on page 131

### Replacing an Element and Setting Its Activation State

To replace (completely reconfigure) an element and simultaneously deactivate or activate it, a client application includes the tag elements or statements that represent all of the element's characteristics (for complete information about the syntax for defining elements, see “Replacing Configuration Elements” on page 113). The client application uses the attributes and operators discussed in the following sections to indicate which element is being replaced and activated or deactivated:

- Using JUNOS XML Tag Elements for the Replacement Element on page 129
- Using Formatted ASCII Text for the Replacement Element on page 129

## Using JUNOS XML Tag Elements for the Replacement Element

If using JUNOS XML tag elements to represent the element, a client application includes the `action="replace"` attribute in the `<load-configuration>` tag element:

```
<rpc>
  <!-- For a file -->
    <load-configuration action="replace" url="file"/>

  <!-- For a data stream -->
    <load-configuration action="replace">
      <!-- JUNOS XML tag elements -->
    </load-configuration>
</rpc>
```

In the opening tag for the replacement element, the application includes two attributes—the `replace="replace"` attribute and either the `inactive="inactive"` or `active="active"` attribute. It includes tag elements for all children being defined for the element. In the following, the identifier tag element is called `<name>`:

```
<configuration>
  <!-- opening tag for each parent of the element -->
    <element replace="replace" (inactive="inactive" | active="active")>
      <name>identifier</name> <!-- if the element has an identifier -->
      <!-- tag elements for each child of the element -->
    </element>
  <!-- closing tag for each parent of the element -->
</configuration>
```

## Using Formatted ASCII Text for the Replacement Element

If using formatted ASCII text to represent the element, a client application includes the `action="replace"` and `format="text"` attributes in the `<load-configuration/>` tag or opening `<load-configuration>` tag:

```
<rpc>
  <!-- For a file -->
    <load-configuration action="replace" format="text" url="file"/>

  <!-- For a data stream -->
    <load-configuration action="replace" format="text">
      <!-- formatted ASCII configuration statements -->
    </load-configuration>
</rpc>
```

The application places the `inactive:` or `active:` operator on the line above the new element and the `replace:` operator directly before the new element. It includes all child statements that it is defining for all children of the element:

```
<configuration-text>
/* statements for parent levels */

/* For an object with an identifier */
(inactive | active):
replace: object identifier {
```

```

        /* Child configuration statements */
    }

    /* For a hierarchy level or object without an identifier */
    (inactive | active):
    replace: element {
        /* Child configuration statements */
    }

    /* closing braces for parent levels */
</configuration-text>

```

## Reordering an Element and Setting Its Activation State

To reorder an element in an ordered list and simultaneously deactivate or activate it, the application combines the `insert` attribute and identifier attribute for the reference element with the `inactive` or `active` attribute. In the following, the identifier tag element for the moving element is called `<name>`. The opening tag appears on two lines for legibility only:

```

<configuration>
  <!-- opening tag for each parent of the set -->
    <ordered-set insert="(before | after)" reference-identifier="value" \
      (inactive="inactive" | active="active")>
      <name>identifier-for-moving-object</name>
    </ordered-set>
  <!-- closing tag for each parent of the set -->
</configuration>

```

The reordering operation is not available when formatted ASCII text is used to represent the configuration data. For complete information about reordering elements, see “Reordering Elements in Configuration Objects” on page 121.

## Renaming an Object and Setting Its Activation State

To rename an object (change the value of one or more of its identifiers) and simultaneously deactivate or activate it, the application combines the `rename` attribute and identifier attribute for the new name with the `inactive` or `active` attribute.

If the object has one identifier (here called `<name>`), the syntax is as follows (the opening tag appears on two lines for legibility only):

```

<configuration>
  <!-- opening tag for each parent of the object -->
    <object rename="rename" name="new-name" \
      (inactive="inactive" | active="active")>
      <name>current-name</name>
    </object>
  <!-- closing tag for each parent of the object -->
</configuration>

```

If the object has multiple identifiers and only one is changing, the syntax is as follows (the opening tag appears on multiple lines for legibility only):

```

<configuration>

```

```

<!-- opening tag for each parent of the object -->
<object rename="rename"changing-identifier="new-name" \
    unchanging-identifier="current-name" \
    (inactive="inactive" | active="active")>
    <changing-identifier>current-name</changing-identifier>
    <unchanging-identifier>current-name</unchanging-identifier>
</object>
<!-- closing tag for each parent of the object -->
</configuration>

```

The renaming operation is not available when formatted ASCII text is used to represent the configuration data. For complete information about renaming elements, see “Renaming a Configuration Object” on page 124.

### Example: Replacing an Object and Deactivating It

The following example shows how to replace the information at the [edit protocols bgp] hierarchy level in the candidate configuration for the group called G3, and also deactivate the group so that it is not used in the actual configuration when the candidate is committed:

Client Application	JUNOScript Server
<pre> &lt;rpc&gt;   &lt;load-configuration action="replace"&gt;     &lt;configuration&gt;       &lt;protocols&gt;         &lt;bgp&gt;           &lt;group replace="replace" inactive="inactive"&gt;             &lt;name&gt;G3&lt;/name&gt;             &lt;type&gt;external&lt;/type&gt;             &lt;peer-as&gt;58&lt;/peer-as&gt;             &lt;neighbor&gt;               &lt;name&gt;10.0.20.1&lt;/name&gt;             &lt;/neighbor&gt;           &lt;/group&gt;         &lt;/bgp&gt;       &lt;/protocols&gt;     &lt;/configuration&gt;   &lt;/load-configuration&gt; &lt;/rpc&gt; </pre>	<pre> &lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL"&gt;   &lt;load-configuration-results&gt;     &lt;load-success/&gt;   &lt;/load-configuration-results&gt; &lt;/rpc-reply&gt; </pre>

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The following example shows how to use formatted ASCII text to make the same changes:

**Client Application**

```

<rpc>
  <load-configuration action="replace" format="text">
    <configuration-text>
      protocols {
        bgp {
          replace:
            inactive: group G3 {
              type external;
              peer-as 58;
              neighbor 10.0.20.1;
            }
        }
      }
    </configuration-text>
  </load-configuration>
</rpc>

```

**JUNOScript Server**

```

<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <load-configuration-results>
    <load-success/>
  </load-configuration-results>
</rpc-reply>

```

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## Chapter 6

# Committing a Configuration

This chapter explains how to commit a configuration so that it becomes the active configuration on the routing platform. For more detailed information about commit operations, including a discussion of the interaction among different variants of the operation, see the *JUNOS CLI User Guide*.

- Verifying a Configuration Before Committing It on page 133
- Committing the Candidate Configuration on page 134
- Committing a Private Copy of the Configuration on page 135
- Committing a Configuration at a Specified Time on page 136
- Committing the Candidate Configuration Only After Confirmation on page 138
- Committing and Synchronizing a Configuration on Redundant Control Planes on page 140
- Logging a Message About a Commit Operation on page 146

## Verifying a Configuration Before Committing It

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During the process of committing the candidate configuration or a private copy, the JUNOScript server confirms that it is syntactically correct. If the syntax check fails, the server does not commit the candidate. To avoid the potential complications of such a failure, it often makes sense to confirm the candidate's correctness before actually committing it. The client application encloses the empty `<check/>` tag in `<commit-configuration>` and `<rpc>` tag elements:

```
<rpc>
  <commit-configuration>
    <check/>
  </commit-configuration>
</rpc>
```

The JUNOScript server encloses its response in `<rpc-reply>`, `<commit-results>`, and `<routing-engine>` tag elements. If the syntax check succeeds, the `<routing-engine>` tag element encloses the `<commit-check-success/>` tag and the `<name>` tag element, which reports the name of the Routing Engine on which the check succeeded (`re0` on routing platforms that use a single Routing Engine, and either `re0` or `re1` on routing platforms that can have two Routing Engines):

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <commit-results>
    <routing-engine>
      <name>(re0 | re1)</name>
```

```

        <commit-check-success/>
    </routing-engine>
</commit-results>
</rpc-reply>

```

If the syntax check fails, an `<xnm:error>` tag element encloses tag elements that describe the error.

The `<check/>` tag can be combined with the `<synchronize/>` tag, which is described in “Verifying the Configuration on Both Routing Engines” on page 144.

## Committing the Candidate Configuration

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To commit the candidate configuration, a client application encloses the empty `<commit-configuration/>` tag in an `<rpc>` tag element:

```

<rpc>
  <commit-configuration/>
</rpc>

```

We recommend that the application lock the candidate configuration before changing it and emit the `<commit-configuration/>` tag while the configuration is still locked. Doing so avoids inadvertent commit of changes made by other users or applications. After committing the configuration, the application must unlock it for other users and applications to be able to make changes. For instructions, see “Exchanging Information with the JUNOScript Server” on page 46 and “Changing Configuration Information” on page 103.

The JUNOScript server reports the results of the commit operation in `<rpc-reply>`, `<commit-results>`, and `<routing-engine>` tag elements. If the commit operation succeeds, the `<routing-engine>` tag element encloses the `<commit-success/>` tag and the `<name>` tag element, which reports the name of the Routing Engine on which the commit operation succeeded (`re0` on routing platforms that use a single Routing Engine, and either `re0` or `re1` on routing platforms that can have two Routing Engines):

```

<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <commit-results>
    <routing-engine>
      <name>(re0 | re1)</name>
      <commit-success/>
    </routing-engine>
  </commit-results>
</rpc-reply>

```

If the commit operation fails, an `<xnm:error>` tag element encloses tag elements that describe the error. The most common causes of failure are semantic or syntactic errors in the candidate configuration.

## Committing a Private Copy of the Configuration

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To commit a private copy of the configuration so that it becomes the active configuration on the routing platform, a client application encloses the empty `<commit-configuration/>` tag in an `<rpc>` tag element (just as for the candidate configuration):

```
<rpc>
  <commit-configuration/>
</rpc>
```

The JUNOScript server creates a copy of the current regular candidate configuration, merges in the changes made to the private copy, and commits the combined candidate to make it the active configuration on the routing platform. The server reports the results of the commit operation in `<rpc-reply>` and `<commit-results>` tag elements.

If the private copy does not include any changes, the server emits the `<commit-results>` and `</commit-results>` tags with nothing between them:

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <commit-results>
</commit-results>
</rpc-reply>
```

If the private copy includes changes and the commit operation succeeds, the server emits the `<load-success/>` tag when it merges the changes in the private copy into the candidate configuration. The subsequent `<routing-engine>` tag element encloses the `<commit-success/>` tag and the `<name>` tag element, which reports the name of the Routing Engine on which the commit operation succeeded (**re0** on routing platforms that use a single Routing Engine, and either **re0** or **re1** on routing platforms that can have two Routing Engines):

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <commit-results>
    <load-success/>
    <routing-engine>
      <name>(re0 | re1)</name>
      <commit-success/>
    </routing-engine>
  </commit-results>
</rpc-reply>
```

If the private copy includes changes that conflict with the regular candidate configuration, the commit fails. The `<load-error-count>` tag element reports the number of errors and an `<xnm:error>` tag element encloses tag elements that describe the error.

There are restrictions on committing a private copy. For example, the commit fails if the regular candidate configuration is locked by another user or application, or if it includes uncommitted changes made since the private copy was created. For more information, see the *JUNOS CLI User Guide*.

Most of the variants of the commit operation are available for a private copy. The variants are described in subsequent sections in this chapter:

- Scheduling the commit for a later time, as described in “Committing a Configuration at a Specified Time” on page 136.
- Synchronizing the configuration on both Routing Engines, as described in “Committing and Synchronizing a Configuration on Redundant Control Planes” on page 140.
- Logging a commit-time message, as described in “Logging a Message About a Commit Operation” on page 146.



**NOTE:** The confirmed-commit operation is not available for a private copy. For information about using that operation for the regular candidate configuration, see “Committing the Candidate Configuration Only After Confirmation” on page 138.

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## Committing a Configuration at a Specified Time

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To commit a configuration at a specified time in the future, a client application encloses the `<at-time>` tag element in `<commit-configuration>` and `<rpc>` tag elements:

```
<rpc>
  <commit-configuration>
    <at-time>time</at-time>
  </commit-configuration>
</rpc>
```

To indicate when to perform the commit operation, the application includes one of three types of values in the `<at-time>` tag element:

- The string `reboot`, to commit the configuration the next time the routing platform reboots.
- A time value of the form `hh:mm[:ss]` (hours, minutes, and optionally seconds), to commit the configuration at the specified time, which must be after the time at which the application emits the `<commit-configuration>` tag element, but before 11:59:59 PM on the current day. For example, if the `<at-time>` tag element encloses the value `02:00` (2:00 AM) and the application emits the `<commit-configuration>` tag element at 2:10 AM, the commit will never take place, because the scheduled time has already passed for that day.

Use 24-hour time; for example, `04:30:00` means 4:30:00 AM and `20:00` means 8:00 PM. The time is interpreted relative to the clock and time zone settings on the routing platform.

- A date and time value of the form `yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm[:ss]` (year, month, date, hours, minutes, and optionally seconds), to commit the configuration at the specified day and time, which must be after the `<commit-configuration>` tag element is emitted. Use 24-hour time. For example, `2006-08-21 15:30:00` means 3:30 PM on August 21, 2006. The time is interpreted relative to the clock and time zone settings on the routing platform.



**NOTE:** The specified time must be more than 1 minute later than the current time on the routing platform.

The JUNOScript server immediately checks the configuration for syntactic correctness and returns `<rpc-reply>`, `<commit-results>`, and `<routing-engine>` tag elements. If the syntax check succeeds, the `<routing-engine>` tag element encloses the `<commit-check-success/>` tag and the `<name>` tag element, which reports the name of the Routing Engine on which the check succeeded (`re0` on routing platforms that use a single Routing Engine, and either `re0` or `re1` on routing platforms that can have two Routing Engines). It also encloses an `<output>` tag element that reports the time at which the commit will occur:

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <commit-results>
    <routing-engine>
      <name>(re0 | re1)</name>
      <commit-check-success/>
      <output>commit at will be executed at timestamp</output>
    </routing-engine>
  </commit-results>
</rpc-reply>
```

The configuration is scheduled for commit at the specified time. The JUNOScript server does not emit additional tag elements when it performs the actual commit operation.

If the configuration is not syntactically correct, an `<xnm:error>` tag element encloses tag elements that describe the error. The commit operation is not scheduled.

The `<at-time>` tag element can be combined with the `<synchronize/>` tag, the `<log/>` tag element, or both. For more information, see “Committing and Synchronizing a Configuration on Redundant Control Planes” on page 140 and “Logging a Message About a Commit Operation” on page 146.

The following example shows how to schedule a commit operation for 10:00 PM on the current day.

Client Application	JUNOScript Server
<pre>&lt;rpc&gt;   &lt;commit-configuration&gt;     &lt;at-time&gt;22:00&lt;/at-time&gt;   &lt;/commit-configuration&gt; &lt;/rpc&gt;</pre>	<pre>&lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL"&gt;   &lt;commit-results&gt;     &lt;routing-engine&gt;       &lt;name&gt;re1&lt;/name&gt;       &lt;commit-check-success/&gt;       &lt;output&gt;commit at will be executed at date 22:00:00 <i>timezone</i>&lt;/output&gt;     &lt;/routing-engine&gt;   &lt;/commit-results&gt; &lt;/rpc-reply&gt;</pre>

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## Committing the Candidate Configuration Only After Confirmation

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To commit the candidate configuration but require an explicit confirmation for the commit to become permanent, a client application encloses the empty `<confirmed/>` tag in `<commit-configuration>` and `<rpc>` tag elements:

```
<rpc>
  <commit-configuration>
    <confirmed/>
  </commit-configuration>
</rpc>
```

If the commit is not confirmed within a certain amount of time (10 minutes by default), the JUNOScript server automatically retrieves and commits (rolls back to) the previously committed configuration. To specify a different number of minutes for the rollback deadline, the application encloses a positive integer value in the `<confirm-timeout>` tag element:

```
<rpc>
  <commit-configuration>
    <confirmed/>
    <confirm-timeout>minutes</confirm-timeout>
  </commit-configuration>
</rpc>
```



**NOTE:** You cannot perform this commit operation on a private copy of the configuration.

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The confirmed commit operation is useful for verifying that a configuration change works correctly and does not prevent management access to the routing platform. If the change prevents access or causes other errors, the automatic rollback to the previous configuration restores access after the rollback deadline passes.

In response to a confirmed commit operation, the JUNOScript server returns `<rpc-reply>`, `<commit-results>`, and `<routing-engine>` tag elements. If the commit operation succeeds, the `<routing-engine>` tag element encloses the `<commit-success/>` tag and the `<name>` tag element, which reports the name of the Routing Engine on which the commit operation succeeded (re0 on routing platforms that use a single Routing Engine, and either re0 or re1 on routing platforms that can have two Routing Engines):

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <commit-results>
    <routing-engine>
      <name>(re0 | re1)</name>
      <commit-success/>
    </routing-engine>
  </commit-results>
</rpc-reply>
```

If the commit operation fails, an `<xnm:error>` tag element encloses tag elements that describe the error. The most common causes of failure are semantic or syntactic errors in the candidate configuration.

To delay the rollback to a time later than the current rollback deadline, the application encloses the `<confirmed/>` tag in a `<commit-configuration>` tag element again before the deadline passes. It can include the `<confirm-timeout>` tag element to specify how long to delay the next rollback, or omit that tag element to delay the rollback by the default of 10 minutes. The application can delay the rollback indefinitely by emitting the `<confirmed/>` tag repeatedly in this way.

To cancel the rollback completely (and commit a configuration permanently), the application emits one of the following tag sequences before the rollback deadline passes:

- The empty `<commit-configuration/>` tag enclosed in an `<rpc>` tag element. The rollback is canceled and the candidate configuration is committed immediately, as described in “Committing the Candidate Configuration” on page 134. If the candidate configuration is still the same as the temporarily committed configuration, this effectively recommits the temporarily committed configuration:

```
<rpc>
  <commit-configuration/>
</rpc>
```

- The `<synchronize/>` tag enclosed in `<commit-configuration>` and `<rpc>` tag elements:

```
<rpc>
  <commit-configuration>
    <synchronize/>
  </commit-configuration>
</rpc>
```

The rollback is canceled and the candidate configuration is checked and committed immediately on both Routing Engines, as described in “Committing and Synchronizing a Configuration on Redundant Control Planes” on page 140. If a confirmed commit operation has been performed on both Routing Engines, then emitting the `<synchronize/>` tag cancels the rollback on both.

- The `<at-time>` tag element enclosed in `<commit-configuration>` and `<rpc>` tag elements:

```
<rpc>
  <commit-configuration>
    <at-time>time</at-time>
  </commit-configuration>
</rpc>
```

The rollback is canceled and the configuration is checked immediately for syntactic correctness, then committed at the scheduled time, as described in “Committing a Configuration at a Specified Time” on page 136.

The `<confirmed/>` and `<confirm-timeout>` tag elements can be combined with the `<synchronize/>` tag, the `<log/>` tag element, or both. For more information, see

“Committing and Synchronizing a Configuration on Redundant Control Planes” on page 140 and “Logging a Message About a Commit Operation” on page 146.

The following example shows how to commit the candidate configuration on Routing Engine 1 with a rollback deadline of 20 minutes.

#### Client Application

```
<rpc>
  <commit-configuration>
    <confirmed/>
    <confirm-timeout>20</confirm-timeout>
  </commit-configuration>
</rpc>
```

#### JUNOScript Server

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <commit-results>
    <routing-engine>
      <name>re1</name>
      <commit-success/>
    </routing-engine>
  </commit-results>
</rpc-reply>
```

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## Committing and Synchronizing a Configuration on Redundant Control Planes

A Routing Engine resides within a control plane. For single-chassis configurations, there is one control plane. In redundant systems, there are two control planes, the master plane and the backup plane. In multichassis configurations, the control plane includes all Routing Engines with the same Routing Engine designation. For example, all master Routing Engines reside within the *master* control plane, and all backup Routing Engines reside within the *backup* control plane.

Committing a configuration applies a new configuration to the Router Engine. In a multichassis configuration, once a change to the configuration has been committed to the system, this change is propagated throughout the control plane using the distribution function.

In a redundant architecture, you can issue the **synchronize** command to commit the new configuration to both the master and the slave control planes. When issued, this command will save the current configuration to both Router Engines and commit the new configuration to both control planes. On a multichassis system, once the configuration has been committed on both planes, the distribution function will distribute the new configuration across both planes. For more information on Routing Engine redundancy, see the *JUNOS High Availability Configuration Guide*.



**NOTE:** In a multichassis architecture with redundant control planes, there is a difference between synchronizing the two planes and distributing the configuration throughout each plane. Synchronization only occurs between the Routing Engines within the same chassis. Once this synchronization is complete, the new configuration is distributed to all other Routing Engines within each plane as a separate distribution function.



Because synchronization happens across two separate control planes, synchronizing configurations is only valid on redundant Routing Engine architectures. Further, **re0** and **re1** configuration groups must be defined on each routing platform. For more information about configuration groups, see the *JUNOS CLI User Guide*.



**NOTE:** If you issue the **synchronize** command on a nonredundant Routing Engine system, the JUNOScript server will commit the configuration on the one control plane.

For more information about synchronizing configurations, see the following sections:

- Synchronizing the Configuration on Both Routing Engines on page 141
- Forcing a Synchronized Commit Operation on page 143
- Synchronizing Configurations Simultaneously with Other Operations on page 144

## Synchronizing the Configuration on Both Routing Engines

To synchronize a configuration on a redundant Routing Engine system, a client application needs to enclose the empty **<synchronize/>** tag in **<commit-configuration>** and **<rpc>** tag elements:

```
<rpc>
  <commit-configuration>
    <synchronize/>
  </commit-configuration>
</rpc>
```

The JUNOScript server verifies the configuration's syntactic correctness on the Routing Engine where the **<synchronize/>** tag is emitted (referred to as the local Routing Engine), copies the configuration to the remote Routing Engine and verifies its syntactic correctness there, and then commits the configuration on both Routing Engines.

The JUNOScript server encloses its response in **<rpc-reply>** and **<commit-results>** tag elements. It emits a separate **<routing-engine>** tag element for each operation on each Routing Engine:

- If the syntax check succeeds on a Routing Engine, the **<routing-engine>** tag element encloses the **<commit-check-success/>** tag and the **<name>** tag element, which reports the name of the Routing Engine on which the check succeeded (**re0** or **re1**):

```
<routing-engine>
  <name>(re0 | re1)</name>
  <commit-check-success/>
</routing-engine>
```

If the configuration is incorrect, an **<xnm:error>** tag element encloses a description of the error.

- If the commit operation succeeds on a Routing Engine, the **<routing-engine>** tag element encloses the **<commit-success/>** tag and the **<name>** tag element, which

reports the name of the Routing Engine on which the commit operation succeeded:

```
<routing-engine>
  <name>(re0 | re1)</name>
  <commit-success/>
</routing-engine>
```

If the commit operation fails, an `<xnm:error>` tag element encloses a description of the error. The most common causes of failure are semantic or syntactic errors in the configuration.

### Example: Synchronizing the Configuration on Both Routing Engines

The following example shows how to commit and synchronize the candidate configuration on both Routing Engines.

#### Client Application

```
<rpc>
  <commit-configuration>
    <synchronize/>
  </commit-configuration>
</rpc>
```

#### JUNOScript Server

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <commit-results>
    <routing-engine>
      <name>re0</name>
      <commit-check-success/>
    </routing-engine>
    <routing-engine>
      <name>re1</name>
      <commit-check-success/>
    </routing-engine>
    <routing-engine>
      <name>re1</name>
      <commit-success/>
    </routing-engine>
    <routing-engine>
      <name>re0</name>
      <commit-success/>
    </routing-engine>
  </commit-results>
</rpc-reply>
```

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## Forcing a Synchronized Commit Operation

The synchronize operation fails if the second Routing Engine's configuration is locked. If a synchronization failure occurs, it is best to determine the cause of the failure, take corrective action, and then synchronize the two Routing Engines again. However, when necessary, you can use the `<force-synchronize/>` command to override a locked configuration and force the synchronization.



**NOTE:** When you use a `force-synchronize` command, any uncommitted changes to the configuration will be lost.

To force a synchronization, enclose the empty `<synchronize/>` and `<force-synchronize/>` tags in the `<commit-configuration>` and `<rpc>` tag elements:

```
<rpc>
  <commit-configuration>
    <synchronize/>
    <force-synchronize/>
  </commit-configuration>
</rpc>
```



**NOTE:** In a multichassis environment, synchronization occurs between Routing Engines on the same chassis. Once the synchronization occurs, the configuration changes are propagated across each control plane using the distribution function. If one or more Routing Engines are locked during the distribution of the configuration, the distribution and thus the synchronization will fail. You will need to clear the error in the remote chassis and run the `synchronize` command again.

### Example: Forcing a Synchronization

The following example shows how to force a synchronization across both Routing Engine planes:

Client Application

JUNOScript Server

```
<rpc>
  <commit-configuration>
    <synchronize/>
    <force-synchronize/>
  </commit-configuration>
</rpc>
```

```

<rpc-reply xmlns:junos=
  "http://xml.juniper.net/junos/9.010/junos">
  <commit-results>
    <routing-engine junos:style="show-name">
      <name>re0</name>
      <commit-check-success/>
    </routing-engine>
    <routing-engine junos:style="show-name">
      <name>re1</name>
      <commit-success/>
    </routing-engine>
    <routing-engine junos:style="show-name">
      <name>re0</name>
      <commit-success/>
    </routing-engine>
  </commit-results>
</rpc-reply>

```

## Synchronizing Configurations Simultaneously with Other Operations

The `<synchronize/>` tag can be combined with the other tag elements that can occur within the `<commit-configuration>` tag element. The JUNOScript server checks, copies, and commits the configuration, and emits the same response tag elements as when the `<synchronize/>` tag is used by itself. The possible combinations are described in the following sections.

### Verifying the Configuration on Both Routing Engines

To check the syntactic correctness of a local configuration on both Routing Engines without committing it, the application encloses the `<synchronize/>` and `<check/>` tag elements in `<commit-configuration>` and `<rpc>` tag elements:

```

<rpc>
  <commit-configuration>
    <synchronize/>
    <check/>
  </commit-configuration>
</rpc>

```

The `<force-synchronize/>` tag cannot be combined with the `<check/>` tag elements.

For more information about verifying configurations, see “Verifying a Configuration Before Committing It” on page 133.

### Scheduling Synchronization for a Specified Time

To commit a configuration on both Routing Engines at a specified time in the future, the application encloses the `<synchronize/>` and `<at-time>` tag elements in `<commit-configuration>` and `<rpc>` tag elements:

```

<rpc>
  <commit-configuration>
    <synchronize/>
    <at-time>time</at-time>
  </commit-configuration>
</rpc>

```

```

    </commit-configuration>
  </rpc>

  <rpc>
    <commit-configuration>
      <force-synchronize/>
      <at-time>time</at-time>
    </commit-configuration>
  </rpc>

```

As when the `<at-time>` tag element is emitted by itself, the JUNOScript server verifies syntactic correctness immediately and does not emit additional tag elements when it actually performs the commit operation on each Routing Engine. For information about how to specify the time in the `<at-time>` tag element, see “Committing the Candidate Configuration Only After Confirmation” on page 138.

### Synchronizing Configurations but Requiring Confirmation

To commit the candidate configuration on both Routing Engines but require confirmation for the commit to become permanent, the application encloses the `<synchronize/>`, `<confirmed/>`, and (optionally) `<confirm-timeout>` tag elements in `<commit-configuration>` and `<rpc>` tag elements:

```

  <rpc>
    <commit-configuration>
      <synchronize/>
      <confirmed/>
      [<confirm-timeout>minutes</confirm-timeout>]
    </commit-configuration>
  </rpc>

```

The same rollback deadline applies to both Routing Engines and can be extended on both at once by again emitting the `<synchronize/>`, `<confirmed/>`, and (optionally) `<confirm-timeout>` tag elements on the Routing Engine where the tag elements were emitted the first time.

The `<force-synchronize/>` tag cannot be combined with the `<confirmed/>` and `<confirm-timeout>` tag elements.

For more information about confirmed commit operations, see “Committing the Candidate Configuration Only After Confirmation” on page 138.

### Logging a Message About Synchronized Configurations

To synchronize configurations and record a log message when the commit succeeds on each Routing Engine, the application encloses the `<synchronize/>` and `<log/>` tag elements in `<commit-configuration>` and `<rpc>` tag elements:

```

  <rpc>
    <commit-configuration>
      <synchronize/>
      <log>message</log>
    </commit-configuration>
  </rpc>

```

```

<rpc>
  <commit-configuration>
    <force-synchronize/>
    <log>message</log>
  </commit-configuration>
</rpc>

```

The commit operation proceeds as previously described in the `<synchronize/>` or `<force-synchronize/>` tag descriptions. The message for each Routing Engine is recorded in the separate `/var/log/commits` file maintained by that Routing Engine. For more information about logging, see “Logging a Message About a Commit Operation” on page 146.

## Logging a Message About a Commit Operation

To record a message in the `/var/log/commits` file when a commit operation succeeds, a client application encloses the `<log>` tag element in `<commit-configuration>` and `<rpc>` tag elements:

```

<rpc>
  <commit-configuration>
    <log>message</log>
  </commit-configuration>
</rpc>

```

The `<log>` tag element can be combined with other tag elements within the `<commit-configuration>` tag element (the `<at-time>`, `<confirmed/>`, and `<confirm-timeout>`, or `<synchronize/>` tag elements) and does not change the effect of the operation. When the `<log>` tag element is emitted by itself, the associated commit operation begins immediately.

The following example shows how to log a message as the candidate configuration is committed.

### Client Application

```

<rpc>
  <commit-configuration>
    <log>Enable xnm-ssl service</log>
  </commit-configuration>
</rpc>

```

### JUNOScript Server

```

<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <commit-results>
    <routing-engine>
      <name>re0</name>
      <commit-success/>
    </routing-engine>
  </commit-results>
</rpc-reply>

```

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The `/var/log/commits` file includes an entry for each pending commit and up to 50 previous commits. To request the contents of the file, a client application encloses the `<get-commit-information/>` tag in `<rpc>` tag elements:

```

<rpc>
  <get-commit-information/>

```

```
</rpc>
```

(The equivalent operational mode CLI command is `show system commit`.) The JUNOScript server encloses the information in `<commit-information>` and `<rpc-reply>` tag elements. For information about the child tag elements of the `<commit-information>` tag element, see its entry in the *JUNOS XML API Operational Reference*.

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <commit-information>
    <!-- tag elements representing the commit log -->
  </commit-information>
</rpc-reply>
```

The following example shows how to request the commit log.

<b>Client</b>	<b>JUNOScript</b>
<b>Application</b>	<b>Server</b>

<pre>&lt;rpc&gt;   &lt;get-commit-information/&gt; &lt;/rpc&gt;</pre>	<pre>&lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL"&gt;   &lt;commit-information&gt;     &lt;commit-history&gt;       &lt;sequence-number&gt;0&lt;/sequence-number&gt;       &lt;user&gt;barbara&lt;/user&gt;       &lt;client&gt;other&lt;/client&gt;       &lt;date-time junos:seconds="1058370173"&gt;2003-07-16 08:42:53 PDT&lt;/date-time&gt;       &lt;log&gt;Enable xnm-ssl service&lt;/log&gt;     &lt;/commit-history&gt;     &lt;commit-history&gt;       &lt;sequence-number&gt;1&lt;/sequence-number&gt;       &lt;user&gt;root&lt;/user&gt;       &lt;client&gt;other&lt;/client&gt;       &lt;date-time junos:seconds="1058322166"&gt;2003-07-15 19:22:46 PDT&lt;/date-time&gt;     &lt;/commit-history&gt;     &lt;commit-history&gt;       &lt;sequence-number&gt;2&lt;/sequence-number&gt;       &lt;user&gt;root&lt;/user&gt;       &lt;client&gt;cli&lt;/client&gt;       &lt;date-time junos:seconds="1058219717"&gt;2003-07-14 14:55:17 PDT&lt;/date-time&gt;     &lt;/commit-history&gt;     .     .     .   &lt;/commit-information&gt; &lt;/rpc-reply&gt;</pre>
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## Chapter 7

# Summary of JUNOScript Tag Elements

This chapter lists the tag elements that client applications and the JUNOScript server use to control the JUNOScript session and to exchange configuration information. The entries are in alphabetical order. For information about the notational conventions used in this chapter, see Table 2 on page xix.

### **<abort/>**

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<b>Usage</b>	<pre>&lt;rpc&gt;   &lt;!-- child tag elements --&gt; &lt;/rpc&gt; <b>&lt;abort/&gt;</b></pre>
<b>Description</b>	Direct the JUNOScript server to stop processing the request that is currently outstanding. The server responds by returning the <b>&lt;abort-acknowledgment/&gt;</b> tag, but might already have sent tagged data in response to the request. The client application must discard those tag elements.
<b>Usage Guidelines</b>	See “Halting a Request” on page 53.
<b>Related Topics</b>	<b>&lt;abort-acknowledgment/&gt;</b> on page 149, <b>&lt;rpc&gt;</b> on page 177

### **<abort-acknowledgement/>**

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<b>Usage</b>	<pre>&lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL"&gt;   &lt;any-child-of-rpc-reply&gt;     <b>&lt;abort-acknowledgement/&gt;</b>   &lt;/any-child-of-rpc-reply&gt; &lt;/rpc-reply&gt;</pre>
<b>Description</b>	Indicate that the JUNOScript server has received the <b>&lt;abort/&gt;</b> tag and has stopped processing the current request. If the client application receives any tag elements related to the request between sending the <b>&lt;abort/&gt;</b> tag and receiving this tag, it must discard them.
<b>Usage Guidelines</b>	See “Halting a Request” on page 53.
<b>Related Topics</b>	<b>&lt;xnm:error&gt;</b> on page 180, <b>&lt;rpc-reply&gt;</b> on page 178

**<authentication-response>**

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<b>Usage</b>	<pre> &lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL"&gt;   &lt;authentication-response&gt;     &lt;status&gt;authentication-outcome&lt;/status&gt;     &lt;message&gt;message&lt;/message&gt;     &lt;login-name&gt;remote-username&lt;/login-name&gt;   &lt;/authentication-response&gt; &lt;/rpc-reply&gt; </pre>
<b>Description</b>	Indicate whether an authentication attempt succeeded. The JUNOScript server returns the tag element in response to the <b>&lt;request-login&gt;</b> tag element emitted by a client application that uses the clear-text or Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) access protocol.
<b>Contents</b>	<p><b>&lt;login-name&gt;</b>—Specifies the username that the client application provided to an authentication utility such as RADIUS or TACACS + . This tag element appears only if the username that it contains differs from the username contained in the <b>&lt;message&gt;</b> tag element.</p> <p><b>&lt;message&gt;</b>—Names the account under which a connection to the JUNOScript server is established, if authentication succeeds. If authentication fails, explains the reason for the failure.</p> <p><b>&lt;status&gt;</b>—Indicates whether the authentication attempt succeeded. There are two possible values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>fail</b>—The attempt failed. The JUNOScript server also emits the <b>&lt;challenge&gt;</b> tag element to request the password again, up to a maximum of three attempts.</li> <li>■ <b>success</b>—The attempt succeeded. An authenticated connection to the JUNOScript server is established.</li> </ul>
<b>Usage Guidelines</b>	See “Interpreting the Authentication Response” on page 45.
<b>Related Topics</b>	<b>&lt; challenge &gt;</b> on page 151, <b>&lt; request-login &gt;</b> on page 175, <b>&lt; rpc-reply &gt;</b> on page 178

**<challenge>**

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<b>Usage</b>	<pre>&lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL"&gt;   &lt;challenge echo="no"&gt;Password:&lt;/challenge&gt; &lt;/rpc-reply&gt;</pre>
<b>Description</b>	<p>Request the password associated with an account during authentication with a client application that uses the clear-text or SSL access protocol. The JUNOScript server emits this tag element when the initial <code>&lt;request-login&gt;</code> tag element emitted by the client application does not enclose a <code>&lt;challenge-response&gt;</code> tag element, and when the password enclosed in a <code>&lt;challenge-response&gt;</code> tag element is incorrect (in the latter case, the server also emits an <code>&lt;authentication-response&gt;</code> tag element enclosing child tag elements that indicate the password is incorrect).</p> <p>The tag element encloses the string <b>Password:</b> which the client application can forward to the screen as a prompt for a user.</p>
<b>Attributes</b>	<p><b>echo</b>—Specifies whether the password string typed by the user appears on the screen. The value <b>no</b> specifies that it does not.</p>
<b>Usage Guidelines</b>	See “Submitting an Authentication Request” on page 44.
<b>Related Topics</b>	<code>&lt;authentication-response&gt;</code> on page 150, <code>&lt;request-login&gt;</code> on page 175, <code>&lt;rpc-reply&gt;</code> on page 178

**<checksum-information>**

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<b>Usage</b>	<pre> &lt;rpc-reply&gt;   &lt;checksum-information&gt;     &lt;file-checksum&gt;       &lt;computation-method&gt;MD5&lt;/computation-method&gt;       &lt;input-file&gt;         &lt;!-- name and path of file --&gt;       &lt;/input-file&gt;       &lt;checksum&gt;checksum_value&lt;/checksum&gt;     &lt;/file-checksum&gt;   &lt;/checksum-information&gt; &lt;/rpc-reply&gt; </pre>
<b>Description</b>	Enclose tag elements that include the file to check, the checksum algorithm used, and the checksum output.
<b>Contents</b>	<p><b>&lt;file-checksum&gt;</b>—Wrapper that holds the resulting <b>&lt;input-file&gt;</b>, <b>&lt;computation-method&gt;</b>, and <b>&lt;checksum&gt;</b> attributes for a particular checksum computation.</p> <p><b>&lt;input-file&gt;</b>—Name and path of the file that the checksum algorithm was run against.</p> <p><b>&lt;computation-method&gt;</b>—Checksum algorithm used. Currently, all checksum computations use the MD5 algorithm; thus, the only possible value is MD5.</p> <p><b>&lt;checksum&gt;</b>—Resulting value from the checksum computation.</p>
<b>Usage Guidelines</b>	See the <i>JUNOS XML API Operational Reference Guide</i> .
<b>Related Topics</b>	<b>&lt;get-checksum-information&gt;</b> on page 162

**<close-configuration/>**

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<b>Usage</b>	<pre> &lt;rpc&gt;   &lt;close-configuration/&gt; &lt;/rpc&gt; </pre>
<b>Description</b>	<p>Discard a candidate configuration and any changes to it.</p> <p>This tag element is normally used only to discard a private copy of the candidate configuration without committing it. The application must have previously emitted the <b>&lt;open-configuration&gt;</b> tag element. Closing the JUNOScript session (by emitting the <b>&lt;request-end-session/&gt;</b> tag, for example) has the same effect as emitting this tag element.</p>
<b>Usage Guidelines</b>	See “Creating a Private Copy of the Configuration” on page 55.
<b>Related Topics</b>	<b>&lt;open-configuration&gt;</b> on page 173, <b>&lt;request-end-session/&gt;</b> on page 174, <b>&lt;rpc&gt;</b> on page 177

**<commit-configuration>**

<b>Usage</b>	<pre> &lt;rpc&gt;   &lt;commit-configuration/&gt;    &lt;commit-configuration&gt;     &lt;check/&gt;   &lt;/commit-configuration&gt;    &lt;commit-configuration&gt;     &lt;log&gt;log-message&lt;/log&gt;   &lt;/commit-configuration&gt;    &lt;commit-configuration&gt;     &lt;at-time&gt;time-specification&lt;/at-time&gt;     &lt;log&gt;log-message&lt;/log&gt;   &lt;/commit-configuration&gt;    &lt;commit-configuration&gt;     &lt;confirmed/&gt;     &lt;confirm-timeout&gt;rollback-delay&lt;/confirm-timeout&gt;     &lt;log&gt;log-message&lt;/log&gt;   &lt;/commit-configuration&gt;    &lt;commit-configuration&gt;     &lt;synchronize/&gt;     &lt;log&gt;log-message&lt;/log&gt;   &lt;/commit-configuration&gt;    &lt;commit-configuration&gt;     &lt;synchronize/&gt;     &lt;at-time&gt;time-specification&lt;/at-time&gt;     &lt;log&gt;log-message&lt;/log&gt;   &lt;/commit-configuration&gt;    &lt;commit-configuration&gt;     &lt;synchronize/&gt;     &lt;check/&gt;     &lt;log&gt;log-message&lt;/log&gt;   &lt;/commit-configuration&gt;    &lt;commit-configuration&gt;     &lt;synchronize/&gt;     &lt;confirmed/&gt;     &lt;confirm-timeout&gt;rollback-delay&lt;/confirm-timeout&gt;     &lt;log&gt;log-message&lt;/log&gt;   &lt;/commit-configuration&gt;    &lt;commit-configuration&gt;     &lt;synchronize/&gt;     &lt;force-synchronize/&gt;   &lt;/commit-configuration&gt; &lt;/rpc&gt; </pre>
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**Description** Request that the JUNOScript server perform one of the variants of the commit operation on either the regular candidate configuration or a private copy of the candidate configuration (if the application emitted the `<open-configuration><private/></open-configuration>` tag sequence before making changes).

Some restrictions apply to the commit operation for a private copy. For example, the commit operation fails if the regular candidate configuration is locked by another user or application, or if it includes uncommitted changes made since the private copy was created. For more information, see the *JUNOS CLI User Guide*.

Enclose the appropriate tag in the `<commit-configuration>` tag element to specify the type of commit operation:

- To commit the configuration immediately, making it the active configuration on the routing platform, emit the empty `<commit-configuration/>` tag.
- To verify the syntactic correctness of the configuration without actually committing it, enclose the `<check/>` tag in the `<commit-configuration>` tag element.
- To record a message in the `/var/log/commits` file when the associated commit operation succeeds, define the log message string in the `<log>` tag element and enclose the tag element in the `<commit-configuration>` tag element. The `<log>` tag element can be combined with any other tag element. When the `<log>` tag element is emitted alone, the associated commit operation begins immediately.
- To schedule the configuration for commit at a future time, enclose the `<at-time>` tag element in the `<commit-configuration>` tag element. There are three valid types of time specifiers:
  - The string **reboot**, to commit the configuration the next time the routing platform reboots.
  - A time value of the form `hh:mm[:ss]` (hours, minutes, and, optionally, seconds), to commit the configuration at the specified time, which must be in the future but before 11:59:59 PM on the day the `<commit-configuration>` tag element is emitted. Use 24-hour time for the `hh` value; for example, **04:30:00** means 4:30:00 AM and **20:00** means 8:00 PM. The time is interpreted with respect to the clock and time zone settings on the routing platform.
  - A date and time value of the form `yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm[:ss]` (year, month, date, hours, minutes, and, optionally, seconds), to commit the configuration at the specified date and time, which must be after the `<commit-configuration>` tag element is emitted. Use 24-hour time for the `hh` value. For example, **2005-08-21 15:30:00** means 3:30 PM on August 21, 2005. The time is interpreted with respect to the clock and time zone settings on the routing platform.



**NOTE:** The time you specify must be more than 1 minute later than the current time on the routing platform.

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The configuration is checked immediately for syntactic correctness. If the check succeeds, the configuration is scheduled for commit at the specified time. If the check fails, the commit operation is not scheduled.

- To commit the candidate configuration but roll back to the previous configuration after a short time, enclose the `<confirmed/>` tag in the `<commit-configuration>` tag element.

By default, the rollback occurs after 10 minutes; to set a different rollback delay, also emit the optional `<confirm-timeout>` tag element. To delay the rollback again (past the original rollback deadline), emit the `<confirmed/>` tag (enclosed in the `<commit-configuration>` tag element) again before the deadline passes. Include the `<confirm-timeout>` tag element to specify how long to delay the next rollback, or omit that tag element to use the default of 10 minutes. The rollback can be delayed repeatedly in this way.

To commit the configuration immediately and permanently after emitting the `<confirmed/>` tag, emit the empty `<commit-configuration/>` tag before the rollback deadline passes. The JUNOScript server commits the candidate configuration and cancels the rollback. If the candidate configuration is still the same as the current committed configuration, the effect is the same as recommitting the current committed configuration.



**NOTE:** The confirmed commit operation is not available for a private copy of the configuration.

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- On a routing platform with two Routing Engines, commit the candidate configuration stored on the local Routing Engine on both Routing Engines. Combine tag elements as indicated in the following:
  - To copy the candidate configuration stored on the local Routing Engine to the other Routing Engine, verify the candidate's syntactic correctness, and commit it immediately on both Routing Engines, enclose the `<synchronize/>` tag in the `<commit-configuration>` tag element.
  - To copy the candidate configuration stored on the local Routing Engine to the other Routing Engine, verify the candidate's syntactic correctness, and commit it on both Routing Engines at a defined future time, enclose the `<synchronize/>` or `<force-synchronize/>` tag and `<at-time>` tag element in the `<commit-configuration>` tag element. Set the value in the `<at-time>` tag element as previously described for use of the `<at-time>` tag element alone.
  - To copy the candidate configuration stored on the local Routing Engine to the other Routing Engine and verify the candidate's syntactic correctness on each Routing Engine, enclose the `<synchronize/>` or `<force-synchronize/>` and `<check/>` tag elements in the `<commit-configuration>` tag element.
  - To copy the candidate configuration stored on the local Routing Engine to the other Routing Engine, verify the candidate's syntactic correctness, and commit it on both Routing Engines but require confirmation, enclose the `<synchronize/>` tag and `<confirmed/>` tag elements, and optionally the `<confirm-timeout>` tag element, in the `<commit-configuration>` tag element. Set the value in the `<confirm-timeout>` tag element as previously described for use of the `<confirmed/>` tag and `<confirm-timeout>` tag element alone.
  - To force the same synchronized commit operation as invoked by the `<synchronize/>` tag to succeed, even if there are open configuration sessions or uncommitted configuration changes on the remote machine, enclose the `<force-synchronize/>` tag in the `<commit-configuration>` tag element.

- Contents**
- `<at-time>`—Schedules the commit operation for a specified future time.
  - `<check>`—Requests verification that the configuration is syntactically correct, but does not actually commit it.
  - `<confirmed>`—Requests a commit of the candidate configuration and a rollback to the previous configuration after a short time, 10 minutes by default. Use the `<confirm-timeout>` tag element to specify a different amount of time.
  - `<confirm-timeout>`—Specifies the number of minutes for which the configuration remains active when the `<confirmed/>` tag is enclosed in the `<commit-configuration>` tag element.
  - `<log>`—Records a message in the file `/var/log/commits` when the commit operation succeeds.
  - `<synchronize>`—On dual control plane systems, requests that the candidate configuration on one control plane be copied to the other control plane, checked for correct syntax, and committed on both Routing Engines.
  - `<force-synchronize>`—On dual control plane systems, forces the candidate configuration on one control plane to be copied to the other control plane.
- Usage Guidelines** See “Committing a Configuration” on page 133.
- Related Topics** `<commit-results>` on page 159, `<open-configuration>` on page 173, `<rpc>` on page 177

**<commit-results>**

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<b>Usage</b>	<pre> &lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL"&gt;   &lt;!-- for the candidate configuration - --&gt;   &lt;commit-results&gt;     &lt;routing-engine&gt;...&lt;/routing-engine&gt;   &lt;/commit-results&gt;    &lt;!-- for a private copy - --&gt;   &lt;commit-results&gt;     &lt;load-success/&gt;     &lt;routing-engine&gt;...&lt;/routing-engine&gt;   &lt;/commit-results&gt;    &lt;!-- for a private copy that does not include changes - --&gt;   &lt;commit-results&gt;   &lt;/commit-results&gt; &lt;/rpc-reply&gt; </pre>
<b>Description</b>	Enclose tag elements that contain information about a commit operation performed by the JUNOScript server on a particular Routing Engine.
<b>Contents</b>	<p>&lt;load-success/&gt;—Indicates that the JUNOScript server successfully merged changes from the private copy into a copy of the candidate configuration, before committing the combined candidate on the specified Routing Engine.</p> <p>The &lt;routing-engine&gt; tag element is described separately.</p>
<b>Usage Guidelines</b>	See “Committing a Configuration” on page 133.
<b>Related Topics</b>	<commit-configuration> on page 153, <routing-engine> on page 176, <rpc-reply> on page 178

**<database-status>**

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**Usage**

```

<junoscript>
  <any-child-of-junoscript>
    <xnm:error>
      <database-status-information>
        <database-status>
          <user>username</user>
          <terminal>terminal</terminal>
          <pid>pid</pid>
          <start-time>start-time</start-time>
          <idle-time>idle-time</idle-time>
          <commit-at>time</commit-at>
          <exclusive/>
          <edit-path>edit-path</edit-path>
        </database-status>
      </database-status-information>
    </xnm:error>
  </any-child-of-junoscript>
</junoscript>

```

**Description** Describe a user or JUNOScript client application that is logged in to the configuration database. For simplicity, the Contents section uses the term user to refer to both human users and client applications, except where the information differs for the two.

**Contents** <commit-at/>—Indicates that the user has scheduled a commit operation for a later time.

<edit-path>—Specifies the user's current location in the configuration hierarchy, in the form of the CLI configuration mode banner.

<exclusive/>—Indicates that the user or application has an exclusive lock on the configuration database. A user enters exclusive configuration mode by issuing the **configure exclusive** command in CLI operational mode. A client application obtains the lock by emitting the <lock-configuration/> tag element.

<idle-time>—Specifies how much time has passed since the user last performed an operation in the database.

<pid>—Specifies the process ID of the JUNOS management process (mgd) that is handling the user's login session.

<start-time>—Specifies the time when the user logged in to the configuration database, in the format *YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm:ss TZ* (year, month, date, hour in 24-hour format, minute, second, time zone).

<terminal>—Identifies the UNIX terminal assigned to the user's connection.

<user>—Specifies the JUNOS login ID of the user whose login to the configuration database caused the error.

- Usage Guidelines** See “Handling an Error or Warning” on page 52.
- Related Topics** < database-status-information > on page 161, <junoscript > on page 166, <xnm:error > on page 180

## <database-status-information>

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- Usage** <junoscript>  
     <any-child-of-junoscript>  
     <xnm:error>  
         <database-status-information>  
             <database-status>...</database-status>  
         </database-status-information>  
     <xnm:error>  
     </any-child-of-junoscript>  
 </junoscript>
- Description** Describe one or more users who have an open editing session in the configuration database.
- The <database-status> tag element is explained separately.
- Usage Guidelines** See “Handling an Error or Warning” on page 52.
- Related Topics** < database-status > on page 160, <junoscript > on page 166, <xnm:error > on page 180

## <end-session/>

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- Usage** <rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">  
     <end-session/>  
 </rpc-reply>
- Description** Indicate that the JUNOScript server is about to end the current session for a reason other than an error. Most often, the reason is that the client application has sent the <request-end-session/> tag.
- Usage Guidelines** See “Ending a JUNOScript Session and Closing the Connection” on page 56.
- Related Topics** < request-end-session/> on page 174, < rpc-reply > on page 178

## **<get-checksum-information>**

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**Usage**       <rpc>  
                  **<get-checksum-information>**  
                  <path>  
                  <!-- - name and path of file - ->  
                  </path>  
                  **</get-checksum-information>**  
                  </rpc>

**Description**   Enclose all tag elements in a request generated by a client application.

**Contents**       <path>—The name and path of the file to check.

**Usage Guidelines**   See the *JUNOS XML API Operational Reference Guide*.

**Related Topics**    < checksum-information > on page 152

**<get-configuration>**

**Usage**

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<rpc>
  <get-configuration [changed="changed"] [database="(candidate | committed)"]
    [format="(text | xml)"]
    [inherit="(defaults | inherit)" [groups="groups"]]/>

  <get-configuration [changed="changed"] [database="(candidate | committed)"]
    [format="(text | xml)"]
    [inherit="(defaults | inherit)" [groups="groups"]]/>
  <!-- tag elements for the configuration element to display -->
</get-configuration>
</rpc>

```

**Description** Request configuration data from the JUNOScript server. The attributes specify the source and formatting of the data to display. Either the entire configuration hierarchy or a section can be displayed:

- To display the entire configuration hierarchy, emit the empty `<get-configuration/>` tag.
- To display a configuration element (hierarchy level or configuration object), emit tag elements within the `<get-configuration>` tag element to represent all levels of the configuration hierarchy from the root (represented by the `<configuration>` tag element) down to the level or object to display. To represent a hierarchy level or a configuration object that does not have an identifier, emit it as an empty tag. To represent an object that has one or more identifiers, emit its container tag element and identifier tag elements only, not any tag elements that represent other characteristics.

**Attributes** `changed`—Specifies that the `junos:changed="changed"`; attribute should appear in the opening tag of each changed configuration element.

The attribute appears in the opening tag of every parent tag element in the path to the changed configuration element, including the top-level opening `<configuration>` tag. If the changed configuration element is represented by a single (empty) tag, the `junos:changed="changed"` attribute appears in the tag. If the changed element is represented by a container tag element, the `junos:changed="changed"` attribute appears in the opening container tag and also in each child tag element enclosed in the container tag element.

The `database` attribute can be combined with the `changed="changed"` attribute to request either the candidate or active configuration:

- When the candidate configuration is requested (the `database="candidate"` attribute is included or the `database` attribute is omitted completely), elements added to the candidate configuration after the last commit operation are marked with the `junos:changed="changed"` attribute.
- When the active configuration is requested (the `database="candidate"` attribute is included), elements added to the active configuration by the most recent commit are marked with the `junos:changed="changed"` attribute.




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**NOTE:** When a commit operation succeeds, the JUNOScript server removes the `junos:changed="changed"` attribute from all tag elements. However, if warnings are generated during the commit, the attribute is not removed. In this case, the `junos:changed="changed"` attribute appears in tag elements that changed before the commit operation as well as on those that changed after it.

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An example of a commit-time warning is the message explaining that a configuration element will not actually apply until the routing platform is rebooted. The warning appears in the tag string that the JUNOScript server returns to confirm the success of the commit, enclosed in an `<xnm:warning>` tag element.

To remove the `junos:changed="changed"` attribute from elements that changed before the commit, take the action necessary to eliminate the cause of the warning, and commit the configuration again.

**database**—Specifies the version of the configuration from which to display data. There are two acceptable values:

- **candidate**—The candidate configuration
- **committed**—The active configuration (the one most recently committed)

**format**—Specifies the format in which the JUNOScript server returns the configuration data. There are two acceptable values:

- **text**—Configuration statements are formatted as ASCII text, using the newline character, tabs and other white space, braces, and square brackets to indicate the hierarchical relationships between the statements. This is the format used in configuration files stored on the routing platform and displayed by the CLI `show configuration` command.
- **xml**—Configuration statements are represented by the corresponding JUNOS XML tag elements. This is the default value if the **format** attribute is omitted.

**groups**—Specifies that the `junos:group = "group-name"` attribute appears in the opening tag for each configuration element that is inherited from a configuration group. The *group-name* variable specifies the name of the configuration group.

The **groups** attribute must be combined with the **inherit** attribute, and the one acceptable value for it is **groups**.

**inherit**—Specifies how the JUNOScript server displays statements that are defined in configuration groups. If the **inherit** attribute is omitted, the output uses the `<groups>`, `<apply-groups>`, and `<apply-groups-except>` tag elements to represent user-defined configuration groups and does not include tag elements for statements defined in the `junos-defaults` group.



There are two acceptable values:

- **defaults**—The output does not include the `<groups>`, `<apply-groups>`, and `<apply-groups-except>` tag elements, but instead displays tag elements that are inherited from user-defined groups and from the `junos-defaults` group as children of the inheriting tag elements.
- **inherit**—The output does not include the `<groups>`, `<apply-groups>`, and `<apply-groups-except>` tag elements, but instead displays tag elements that are inherited from user-defined groups as children of the inheriting tag elements. The output does not include tag elements for statements defined in the `junos-defaults` group.

**Usage Guidelines** See “Requesting Configuration Information” on page 64.

**Related Topics** `<rpc>` on page 177, `<xnm:warning>` on page 182, `junos:changed` on page 190, `junos:group` on page 193, *JUNOS XML API Configuration Reference*

**<junoscript>**

<b>Usage</b>	<pre> &lt;!-- - emitted by a client application - -&gt; &lt;junoscript version="version" [hostname="hostname"] [junos:key="key"] [release="release"]&gt;   &lt;!-- - all tag elements generated by the application during the session - -&gt; &lt;/junoscript&gt;  &lt;!-- - emitted by the JUNOScript server - -&gt; &lt;junoscript xmlns="namespace-URL" xmlns:junos="namespace-URL" schemaLocation="namespace-URL" os="os" release="release" hostname="hostname" version="version"&gt;   &lt;!-- - all tag elements generated by the JUNOScript server during the session - -&gt; &lt;/junoscript&gt; </pre>
<b>Description</b>	<p>Enclose all tag elements in a JUNOScript session (act as the root tag element for the session). The client application and JUNOScript server each emit this tag element, enclosing all other tag elements that they emit inside it.</p>
<b>Attributes</b>	<p><b>hostname</b>—Names the machine on which the tag element's originator is running.</p> <p><b>junos:key</b>—Requests that the JUNOScript server include the <code>junos:key="key"</code> attribute in the opening tag of each tag element that serves as an identifier for a configuration object.</p> <p><b>os</b>—Specifies the operating system of the machine named by the <code>hostname</code> attribute.</p> <p><b>release</b>—Identifies the JUNOS software release being run by the tag element's originator. Software modules always set this attribute, but client applications do not have to.</p> <p><b>schemaLocation</b>—Specifies the XML namespace for the XML Schema-language representation of the JUNOS configuration hierarchy.</p> <p><b>version</b>—(Required for a client application) Specifies the version of the JUNOScript API used for the enclosed set of tag elements.</p> <p><b>xmlns</b>—Names the XML namespace for the tag elements enclosed by the <code>&lt;junoscript&gt;</code> tag element that do not have a prefix on their names (that is, the default namespace for JUNOS XML tag elements). The value is a URL of the form <code>http://xml.juniper.net/xnm/version-code/xnm</code>, where <i>version-code</i> is a string such as 1.1.</p> <p><b>xmlns:junos</b>—Names the XML namespace for the tag elements enclosed by the <code>&lt;junoscript&gt;</code> tag element that have the <code>junos:</code> prefix on their names. The value is a URL of the form <code>http://xml.juniper.net/junos/release-code/junos</code>, where <i>release-code</i> is the standard string that represents a release of the JUNOS Internet software, such as 9.5R1 for the initial version of JUNOS Release 9.5.</p>

**Usage Guidelines** See “Emitting the Opening `<junoscript>` Tag” on page 39, “Parsing the JUNOScriptServer’s Opening `<junoscript>` Tag” on page 42, and “Requesting an Indicator for Identifiers” on page 73.

**Related Topics** `<rpc>` on page 177, `<rpc-reply>` on page 178, `junos:key` on page 194

**<load-configuration>**

<b>Usage</b>	<pre> &lt;rpc&gt;   &lt;load-configuration rescue="rescue"/&gt;    &lt;load-configuration rollback="index"/&gt;    &lt;load-configuration url="url" [action="(merge   override   replace   update)" \     [format="(text   xml)"]/&gt;    &lt;load-configuration format="text" [action="(merge   override   replace   \     update)"]&gt;     &lt;configuration-text&gt;       &lt;!-- - formatted ASCII configuration statements to load - -&gt;     &lt;/configuration-text&gt;   &lt;/load-configuration&gt;    &lt;load-configuration [action="(merge   override   replace   update)" \     [format="xml"]&gt;     &lt;configuration&gt;       &lt;!-- - tag elements for configuration elements to load - -&gt;     &lt;/configuration&gt;   &lt;/load-configuration&gt; &lt;/rpc&gt; </pre>
<b>Description</b>	<p>Request that the JUNOScript server load configuration data into the candidate configuration. Provide the data to load in one of four ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Set the empty <code>&lt;load-configuration/&gt;</code> tag's <code>rescue</code> attribute to the value <code>rescue</code>. The rescue configuration completely replaces the candidate configuration.</li> <li>■ Set the empty <code>&lt;load-configuration/&gt;</code> tag's <code>rollback</code> attribute to the numerical index of a previous configuration. The routing platform stores a copy of the most recently committed configuration and up to 49 previous configurations. The specified previous configuration completely replaces the candidate configuration.</li> <li>■ Set the empty <code>&lt;load-configuration/&gt;</code> tag's <code>url</code> attribute to the pathname of a file that contains the configuration data to load. The data can be either formatted ASCII text (in which case the <code>format</code> attribute must be set to the value <code>text</code>) or JUNOS XML tag elements (in which case the <code>format</code> attribute is either omitted or set to the value <code>xml</code>).</li> </ul> <p>In the following example, the <code>url</code> attribute identifies <code>/tmp/add.conf</code> as the file to load. (The omission of the <code>format</code> attribute indicates that the file contains JUNOS XML tag elements.)</p> <pre>&lt;load-configuration url="/tmp/add.conf"/&gt;</pre> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Enclose the configuration data within an opening <code>&lt;load-configuration&gt;</code> and closing <code>&lt;/load-configuration&gt;</code> tag. If providing the configuration data as formatted ASCII text, enclose it in a <code>&lt;configuration-text&gt;</code> tag element and set the <code>format</code> attribute to the value <code>text</code>. If providing configuration data as JUNOS XML tag elements,</li> </ul>

enclose it in a `<configuration>` tag element and optionally set the `format` attribute to the value `xml`.

**Attributes** **action**—Specifies how to load the configuration data, particularly when the candidate configuration and loaded configuration contain conflicting statements. The following are acceptable values:

- **merge**—Combines the data in the loaded configuration with the candidate configuration. If statements in the loaded configuration conflict with statements in the candidate configuration, the loaded statements replace the candidate ones. This is the default behavior if the **action** attribute is omitted.
- **override**—Discards the entire candidate configuration and replaces it with the loaded configuration. When the configuration is later committed, all system processes parse the new configuration.
- **replace**—Substitutes each hierarchy level or configuration object defined in the loaded configuration for the corresponding level or object in the candidate configuration.

If providing the configuration data as formatted ASCII text (either in the file named by the **url** attribute or enclosed in a **<configuration-text>** tag element), also place the **replace:** statement on the line directly preceding the statements that represent the hierarchy level or object to replace. For more information, see the discussion of loading a file of configuration data in the *JUNOS CLI User Guide*.

If providing the configuration data as JUNOS XML tag elements, also set the **replace** attribute to the value **replace** on the opening tag of the container tag element that represents the hierarchy level or object to replace.

- **update**—Compares the loaded configuration and candidate configuration. For each hierarchy level or configuration object that is different in the two configurations, the version in the loaded configuration replaces the version in the candidate configuration. When the configuration is later committed, only system processes that are affected by the changed configuration elements parse the new configuration.

**format**—Specifies the format used for the configuration data. There are two acceptable values:

- **text**—Indicates that configuration statements are formatted as ASCII text, using the newline character, tabs and other white space, braces, and square brackets to indicate the hierarchical relationships between the statements. This is the format used in configuration files stored on the routing platform and displayed by the CLI **show configuration** command.
- **xml**—Indicates that configuration statements are represented by the corresponding JUNOS XML tag elements. This is the default value if the **format** attribute is omitted.

**rescue**—Specifies that the rescue configuration replace the current candidate configuration. The only valid value is **rescue**.

**rollback**—Specifies the numerical index of the previous configuration to load. Valid values are 0 (zero, for the most recently committed configuration) through one less than the number of stored previous configurations (maximum is 49).

**url**—Specifies the full pathname of the file that contains the configuration data to load. The value can be a local file path, an FTP location, or a Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) URL:

- A local filename can have one of the following forms:
  - */path/filename*—File on a mounted file system, either on the local flash disk or on hard disk.
  - *a:filename* or *a:path/filename*—File on the local drive. The default path is */* (the root-level directory). The removable media can be in MS-DOS or UNIX (UFS) format.
- A filename on an FTP server has the following form:
 

*ftp://username:password@hostname/path/filename*
- A filename on an HTTP server has the following form:
 

*http://username:password@hostname/path/filename*

In each case, the default value for the *path* variable is the home directory for the username. To specify an absolute path, the application starts the path with the characters *%2F*; for example, *ftp://username:password@hostname/%2Fpath/filename*.

**Usage Guidelines** See “Changing Configuration Information” on page 103.

**Related Topics** *<load-configuration-results>* on page 172, *<rpc>* on page 177, *replace* on page 199, entries for *<configuration>* and *<configuration-text>* in the *JUNOS XML API Configuration Reference*

**<load-configuration-results>**

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<b>Usage</b>	<pre>&lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL"&gt;   &lt;load-configuration-results&gt;     &lt;load-success/&gt;     &lt;load-error-count&gt;errors&lt;/load-error-count&gt;   &lt;/load-configuration-results&gt; &lt;/rpc-reply&gt;</pre>
<b>Description</b>	Enclose one of the two following tag elements, which indicate the status of a configuration loading operation performed by the JUNOScript server.
<b>Contents</b>	<p><b>&lt;load-error-count&gt;</b>—Specifies the number of errors that occurred when the JUNOScript server attempted to load new data into the candidate configuration. The candidate configuration must be restored to a valid state before it is committed.</p> <p><b>&lt;load-success/&gt;</b>—Indicates that the JUNOScript server successfully loaded new data into the candidate configuration.</p>
<b>Usage Guidelines</b>	See “Changing Configuration Information” on page 103.
<b>Related Topics</b>	<b>&lt;load-configuration&gt;</b> on page 168, <b>&lt;rpc-reply&gt;</b> on page 178

**<lock-configuration/>**

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<b>Usage</b>	<pre>&lt;rpc&gt;   &lt;lock-configuration/&gt; &lt;/rpc&gt;</pre>
<b>Description</b>	<p>Request that the JUNOScript server open and lock the candidate configuration, enabling the client application both to read and change it, but preventing any other users or applications from changing it. The application must emit the <b>&lt;unlock-configuration/&gt;</b> tag to unlock the configuration.</p> <p>If the JUNOScript session ends or the application emits the <b>&lt;unlock-configuration/&gt;</b> tag before the candidate configuration is committed, all changes made to the candidate are discarded.</p>
<b>Usage Guidelines</b>	See “Locking the Candidate Configuration” on page 54.
<b>Related Topics</b>	<b>&lt;rpc&gt;</b> on page 177, <b>&lt;unlock-configuration/&gt;</b> on page 178



**<open-configuration>**

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**Usage**      <rpc>  
                  <open-configuration>  
                  <private/>  
                  </open-configuration>  
                  </rpc>

**Description**    Create a private copy of the candidate configuration.

The client application can perform the same operations on the private copy as on the regular candidate configuration, including the commit operation. There are, however, restrictions on the commit operation. For details, see “< challenge >” on page 151.

To discard the private copy without committing it, emit the empty <close-configuration/> tag. Changes to the private copy are also lost if the JUNOScript session ends for any reason before the changes are committed. It is not possible to save changes to a private copy other than by emitting the <commit-configuration/> tag.

**Usage Guidelines**    See “Creating a Private Copy of the Configuration” on page 55.

**Related Topics**      < close-configuration/ > on page 152, < commit-configuration > on page 153, < lock-configuration/ > on page 172, < rpc > on page 177

**<reason>**

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<b>Usage</b>	<pre> &lt;xnm:error   xnm:warning&gt;   &lt;reason&gt;     &lt;daemon&gt;process&lt;/daemon&gt;     &lt;process-not-configured/&gt;     &lt;process-disabled/&gt;     &lt;process-not-running/&gt;   &lt;/reason&gt; &lt;/xnm:error   xnm:warning&gt; </pre>
<b>Description</b>	Explain why a process could not service a request.
<b>Contents</b>	<p><b>&lt;daemon&gt;</b>—Identifies the process.</p> <p><b>&lt;process-disabled&gt;</b>—Indicates that the process has been explicitly disabled by an administrator.</p> <p><b>&lt;process-not-configured&gt;</b>—Indicates that the process has been disabled because it is not configured.</p> <p><b>&lt;process-not-running&gt;</b>—Indicates that the process is not running.</p>
<b>Usage Guidelines</b>	See “Handling an Error or Warning” on page 52.
<b>Related Topics</b>	<xnm:error> on page 180, <xnm:warning> on page 182

**<request-end-session/>**

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<b>Usage</b>	<pre> &lt;rpc&gt;   &lt;request-end-session/&gt; &lt;/rpc&gt; </pre>
<b>Description</b>	Request that the JUNOScript server end the current session.
<b>Usage Guidelines</b>	See “Ending a JUNOScript Session and Closing the Connection” on page 56.
<b>Related Topics</b>	<challenge> on page 151, <rpc> on page 177

**<request-login>**

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<b>Usage</b>	<pre> &lt;rpc&gt;   &lt;request-login&gt;     &lt;username&gt;account&lt;/username&gt;     &lt;challenge-response&gt;password&lt;/challenge-response&gt;   &lt;/request-login&gt; &lt;/rpc&gt; </pre>
<b>Description</b>	<p>Request authentication by the JUNOScript server when using the clear-text or SSL access protocol.</p> <p>Emitting both the <code>&lt;username&gt;</code> and <code>&lt;challenge-response&gt;</code> tag elements is appropriate if the client application automates access to routing platform information and does not interact with users, or obtains the password from a user before beginning the authentication process.</p> <p>Emitting only the <code>&lt;username&gt;</code> tag element is appropriate if the application does not obtain the password until the authentication process has already begun. In this case, the JUNOScript server returns the <code>&lt;challenge&gt;</code> tag element to request the password associated with the account.</p>
<b>Contents</b>	<p><code>&lt;challenge-response&gt;</code>—Specifies the password for the account named in the <code>&lt;username&gt;</code> tag element. Omit this tag element to have the JUNOScript server emit the <code>&lt;challenge&gt;</code> tag element to request the password.</p> <p><code>&lt;username&gt;</code>—Names the account under which to authenticate with the JUNOScript server. The account must already be configured on the routing platform where the JUNOScript server is running.</p>
<b>Usage Guidelines</b>	See “Submitting an Authentication Request” on page 44.
<b>Related Topics</b>	<code>&lt;challenge&gt;</code> on page 151, <code>&lt;rpc&gt;</code> on page 177

**<routing-engine>**

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<b>Usage</b>	<pre> &lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL"&gt;   &lt;commit-results&gt;      &lt;!-- - when the candidate configuration is committed - --&gt;     &lt;routing-engine&gt;       &lt;name&gt;reX&lt;/name&gt;       &lt;commit-success/&gt;     &lt;/routing-engine&gt;      &lt;!-- - when the candidate configuration is syntactically valid - --&gt;     &lt;routing-engine&gt;       &lt;name&gt;reX&lt;/name&gt;       &lt;commit-check-success/&gt;     &lt;/routing-engine&gt;    &lt;/commit-results&gt; &lt;/rpc-reply&gt; </pre>
<b>Description</b>	Enclose tag elements indicating that the JUNOScript server successfully fulfilled a commit request.
<b>Contents</b>	<p><b>&lt;commit-check-success&gt;</b>—Indicates that the candidate configuration is syntactically correct.</p> <p><b>&lt;commit-success&gt;</b>—Indicates that the JUNOScript server successfully committed the candidate configuration.</p> <p><b>&lt;name&gt;</b>—Name of the Routing Engine on which the commit operation was performed. Possible values are <b>re0</b> and <b>re1</b>.</p>
<b>Usage Guidelines</b>	See “Committing a Configuration” on page 133.
<b>Related Topics</b>	<b>&lt;commit-results&gt;</b> on page 159, <b>&lt;rpc-reply&gt;</b> on page 178

**<rpc>**


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**Usage**      <junoscript>  
                   <rpc [**attributes**]>  
                   <!-- - tag elements in a request from a client application - -->  
                   </rpc>  
                   </junoscript>

**Description**    Enclose all tag elements in a request generated by a client application.

**Attributes**    (Optional) One or more attributes of the form *attribute-name="value"*. This feature can be used to associate requests and responses if the value assigned to an attribute by the client application is unique in each opening <rpc> tag. The JUNOScript server echoes the attribute unchanged in its opening <rpc-reply> tag, making it simple to map the response to the initiating request.



**NOTE:** The xmlns:junos attribute name is reserved. The JUNOScript server sets the attribute to an appropriate value on the opening <rpc-reply> tag, so client applications must not emit it on the opening <rpc> tag.

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**Usage Guidelines**    See “Sending a Request to the JUNOScript Server” on page 46.

**Related Topics**      <junoscript > on page 166, <rpc-reply > on page 178

**<rpc-reply>**

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<b>Usage</b>	<pre> &lt;junoscript&gt;   &lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="namespace-URL"&gt;     &lt;!-- tag elements in a reply from the JUNOScript server - -&gt;   &lt;/rpc-reply&gt; &lt;/junoscript&gt; </pre>
<b>Description</b>	<p>Enclose all tag elements in a reply from the JUNOScript server. The immediate child tag element is usually one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The tag element used to enclose data generated by the JUNOScript server or a JUNOS software module in response to a client application's request.</li> <li>■ The &lt;output&gt; tag element, if the JUNOS XML API does not define a specific tag element for requested information.</li> </ul>
<b>Attributes</b>	<p>xmlns:junos—Names the XML namespace for the JUNOS XML tag elements enclosed by the &lt;rpc-reply&gt; tag element that have the junos: prefix in their names. The value is a URL of the form <a href="http://xml.juniper.net/junos/release-code/junos">http://xml.juniper.net/junos/release-code/junos</a>, where <i>release-code</i> is the standard string that represents a release of the JUNOS software, such as 9.5R1 for the initial version of JUNOS Release 9.5.</p>
<b>Usage Guidelines</b>	See “Parsing the JUNOScript Server Response” on page 49.
<b>Related Topics</b>	<p>&lt;junoscript&gt; on page 166, &lt;output&gt; in the <i>JUNOS XML API Operational Reference</i>, &lt;rpc&gt; on page 177</p>

**<unlock-configuration/>**

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<b>Usage</b>	<pre> &lt;rpc&gt;   &lt;unlock-configuration/&gt; &lt;/rpc&gt; </pre>
<b>Description</b>	<p>Request that the JUNOScript server unlock and close the candidate configuration. Until the application emits this tag, other users or applications can read the configuration but cannot change it.</p>
<b>Usage Guidelines</b>	See “Unlocking the Candidate Configuration” on page 55.
<b>Related Topics</b>	<p>&lt;lock-configuration/&gt; on page 172, &lt;rpc&gt; on page 177</p>

**<?xml?>**

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<b>Usage</b>	<b>&lt;?xml version="version" encoding="encoding"?&gt;</b>
<b>Description</b>	Specify the XML version and character encoding scheme for the session.
<b>Attributes</b>	<p>encoding—Specifies the standardized character set that the emitter uses and can interpret.</p> <p>version—Specifies the version of XML used by the emitter.</p>
<b>Usage Guidelines</b>	See “Emitting the <?xml? > PI” on page 39 and “Parsing the JUNOScriptServer’s <?xml? > PI” on page 41.
<b>Related Topics</b>	<junoscript> on page 166

**<xnm:error>**

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**Usage**

```

<junoscript>
  <any-child-of-junoscript>
    <xnm:error xmlns="namespace-URL" xmlns:xnm="namespace-URL">
      <parse/>
      <source-daemon>module-name </source-daemon>
      <filename>filename </filename>
      <line-number>line-number </line-number>
      <column>column-number</column>
      <token>input-token-id </token>
      <edit-path>edit-path</edit-path>
      <statement>statement-name </statement>
      <message>error-string </message>
      <re-name>re-name-string</re-name>
      <database-status-information>...</database-status-information>
      <reason>...</reason>
    </xnm:error>
  </any-child-of-junoscript>
</junoscript>

```

**Description** Indicate that the JUNOScript server has experienced an error while processing the client application's request. If the server has already emitted the response tag element for the current request, the information enclosed in the response tag element might be incomplete. The client application must include code that discards or retains the information, as appropriate. The child tag elements described in the Contents section detail the nature of the error. The JUNOScript server does not necessarily emit all child tag elements; it omits tag elements that are not relevant to the current request.

**Attributes** **xmlns**—Names the XML namespace for the contents of the tag element. The value is a URL of the form `http://xml.juniper.net/xnm/version/xnm`, where *version* is a string such as `1.1`.

**xmlns:xnm**—Names the XML namespace for child tag elements that have the **xnm:** prefix on their names. The value is a URL of the form `http://xml.juniper.net/xnm/version/xnm`, where *version* is a string such as `1.1`.

**Contents** **<column>**—(Occurs only during loading of a configuration file) Identifies the element that caused the error by specifying its position as the number of characters after the first character in the specified line in the configuration file that was being loaded. The line and file are specified by the accompanying **<line-number>** and **<filename>** tag elements.

**<edit-path>**—(Occurs only during loading of configuration data) Specifies the path to the configuration hierarchy level at which the error occurred, in the form of the CLI configuration mode banner.

**<filename>**—(Occurs only during loading of a configuration file) Names the configuration file that was being loaded.



**<line-number>**—(Occurs only during loading of a configuration file) Specifies the line number where the error occurred in the configuration file that was being loaded, which is named by the accompanying **<filename>** tag element.

**<message>**—Describes the error in a natural-language text string.

**<parse/>**—Indicates that there was a syntactic error in the request submitted by the client application.

**<re-name>**—Names the Routing Engine on which the error occurred.

**<source-daemon>**—Names the JUNOS software module that was processing the request in which the error occurred.

**<statement>**—(Occurs only during loading of configuration data) Identifies the configuration statement that was being processed when the error occurred. The accompanying **<edit-path>** tag element specifies the statement's parent hierarchy level.

**<token>**—Names which element in the request caused the error.

The other tag elements are explained separately.

**Usage Guidelines** See “Handling an Error or Warning” on page 52.

**Related Topics** **< database-status-information >** on page 161, **< junoscript >** on page 166, **< reason >** on page 174, **< xnm:warning >** on page 182

**<xnm:warning>**

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<b>Usage</b>	<pre> &lt;junoscript&gt;   &lt;any-child-of-junoscript&gt;     &lt;xnm:warning xmlns="namespace-URL" xmlns:xnm="namespace-URL"&gt;       &lt;source-daemon&gt;module-name &lt;/source-daemon&gt;       &lt;filename&gt;filename &lt;/filename&gt;       &lt;line-number&gt;line-number &lt;/line-number&gt;       &lt;column&gt;column-number&lt;/column&gt;       &lt;token&gt;input-token-id &lt;/token&gt;       &lt;edit-path&gt;edit-path&lt;/edit-path&gt;       &lt;statement&gt;statement-name &lt;/statement&gt;       &lt;message&gt;error-string &lt;/message&gt;       &lt;reason&gt;...&lt;/reason&gt;     &lt;/xnm:warning&gt;   &lt;/any-child-of-junoscript&gt; &lt;/junoscript&gt; </pre>
<b>Description</b>	Indicate that the server has encountered a problem while processing the client application's request. The child tag elements described in the Contents section detail the nature of the warning.
<b>Attributes</b>	<p><b>xmlns</b>—Names the XML namespace for the contents of the tag element. The value is a URL of the form <code>http://xml.juniper.net/xnm/version/xnm</code>, where <i>version</i> is a string such as <code>1.1</code>.</p> <p><b>xmlns:xnm</b>—Names the XML namespace for child tag elements that have the <b>xnm:</b> prefix in their names. The value is a URL of the form <code>http://xml.juniper.net/xnm/version/xnm</code>, where <i>version</i> is a string such as <code>1.1</code>.</p>
<b>Contents</b>	<p><b>&lt;column&gt;</b>—(Occurs only during loading of a configuration file) Identifies the element that caused the problem by specifying its position as the number of characters after the first character in the specified line in the configuration file that was being loaded. The line and file are specified by the accompanying <b>&lt;line-number&gt;</b> and <b>&lt;filename&gt;</b> tag elements.</p> <p><b>&lt;edit-path&gt;</b>—(Occurs only during loading of configuration data) Specifies the path to the configuration hierarchy level at which the problem occurred, in the form of the CLI configuration mode banner.</p> <p><b>&lt;filename&gt;</b>—(Occurs only during loading of a configuration file) Names the configuration file that was being loaded.</p> <p><b>&lt;line-number&gt;</b>—(Occurs only during loading of a configuration file) Specifies the line number where the problem occurred in the configuration file that was being loaded, which is named by the accompanying <b>&lt;filename&gt;</b> tag element.</p> <p><b>&lt;message&gt;</b>—Describes the warning in a natural-language text string.</p> <p><b>&lt;source-daemon&gt;</b>—Names the JUNOS software module that was processing the request in which the warning occurred.</p>

**<statement>**—(Occurs only during loading of configuration data) Identifies the configuration statement that was being processed when the error occurred. The accompanying **<edit-path>** tag element specifies the statement's parent hierarchy level.

**<token>**—Names which element in the request caused the warning.

The other tag element is explained separately.

**Usage Guidelines** See “Handling an Error or Warning” on page 52.

**Related Topics** **<junoscript>** on page 166, **<reason>** on page 174, **<xnm:error>** on page 180



## Chapter 8

# Summary of Attributes in JUNOS XML Tags

This chapter lists the attributes that client applications include in an opening JUNOS XML tag when performing some operations on configuration elements, such as deletion, renaming, and reordering. It also lists the attributes that the JUNOScript server includes in an opening XML tag when returning certain kinds of information. The entries are in alphabetical order. For information about the notational conventions used in this chapter, see Table 2 on page xix.

### active

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**Usage**

```
<rpc>
  <load-configuration>
    <configuration>
      <!-- opening tag for each parent of the element -->
      <element active="active">
        <name>identifier</name> <!-- if element has an identifier -->
      </element>
      <!-- closing tag for each parent of the element -->
    </configuration>
  </load-configuration>
</rpc>
```

**Description** Reactivate a previously deactivated configuration element.

The **active** attribute can be combined with one or more of the **insert**, **rename**, or **replace** attributes. To deactivate an element, include the **inactive** attribute instead.

**Usage Guidelines** See “Changing a Configuration Element’s Activation State” on page 126 and “Changing a Configuration Element’s Activation State Simultaneously with Other Changes” on page 128.

**Related Topics** **inactive** on page 188, **insert** on page 189, **< load-configuration >** on page 168, **rename** on page 198, **replace** on page 199, **< rpc >** on page 177

## count

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**Usage**

```
<rpc>
  <get-configuration>
    <configuration>
      <!-- opening tags for each parent of the object -->
      <object-type count="count" />
      <!-- closing tags for each parent of the object -->
    </configuration>
  </get-configuration>
</rpc>
```

**Description** Specify the number of configuration objects of the specified type about which to return information. If the attribute is omitted, the JUNOScript server returns information about all objects of the type.

The attribute can be combined with one or more of the **matching**, **recurse**, and **start** attributes.

If the application requests JUNOS XML-tagged output (the default), the JUNOScript server includes two attributes in the opening container tag for each returned object:

- **junos:position**—Specifies the object's numerical index.
- **junos:total**—Reports the total number of such objects that exist in the hierarchy.

These attributes do not appear if the application requests formatted ASCII output by including the **format="text"** attribute in the opening **<get-configuration>** tag.

**Usage Guidelines** See “Requesting a Specified Number of Configuration Objects” on page 85.

**Related Topics** **<get-configuration>** on page 163, **matching** on page 196, **recurse** on page 197, **<rpc>** on page 177, **start** on page 200

## delete

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**Usage**

```

<rpc>
  <load-configuration>
    <configuration>
      <!-- opening tag for each parent of the element -->

      <!-- For a hierarchy level or object without an identifier -->
      <level-or-object delete="delete">

      <!-- For an object with an identifier (here, called <name>) -->
      <object delete="delete">
        <name>identifier</name>
      </object>

      <!-- For a single-value or fixed-form option of an object -->
      <object>
        <name>identifier</name> <!-- if the object has an identifier -->
        <option delete="delete"/>
      </object>

      <!-- closing tag for each parent of the element -->

      <!-- For a value in a multivalued option of an object -->
      <!-- opening tag for each parent of the parent object -->
      <parent-object>
        <name>identifier</name>
        <object delete="delete">value</object>
      </parent-object>
      <!-- closing tag for each parent of the parent object -->

    </configuration>
  </load-configuration>
</rpc>

```

**Description** Specify that the JUNOScript server remove the configuration element from the candidate configuration. The only acceptable value for the attribute is **delete**.

**Usage Guidelines** See “Deleting Configuration Elements” on page 116.

**Related Topics** <load-configuration> on page 168, <rpc> on page 177

## inactive

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**Usage**

```

<rpc>
  <load-configuration>
    <configuration>
      <!-- opening tag for each parent of the element -->

      <!-- if immediately deactivating a newly created element -->
      <element inactive="inactive">
        <name>identifier</name> <!-- if element has an identifier -->
        <!-- tag elements for each child of the element -->
      </element>

      <!-- if deactivating an existing element -->
      <element inactive="inactive">
        <name>identifier</name> <!-- if element has an identifier -->
      </element>
      <!-- closing tag for each parent of the element -->
    </configuration>
  </load-configuration>
</rpc>

```

**Description** Deactivate a configuration element. The element remains in the candidate configuration or private copy, but when the configuration is later committed, the element does not affect the functioning of the routing platform.

The **inactive** attribute can be combined with one or more of the **insert**, **rename**, or **replace** attributes, as described in “Changing a Configuration Element’s Activation State Simultaneously with Other Changes” on page 128. To reactivate a deactivated element, include the **active** attribute instead.

**Usage Guidelines** See “Changing a Configuration Element’s Activation State” on page 126.

**Related Topics** active on page 185, insert on page 189, < load-configuration > on page 168, rename on page 198, < rpc > on page 177



## insert

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**Usage**

```

<rpc>
  <load-configuration>
    <configuration>
      <!-- opening tag for each parent of the set -->

      <!-- if each element in the ordered set has one identifier -->
      <ordered-set insert="(before | after)" name="referent-value">
        <name>value-for-moving-object</name>
      </ordered-set>

      <!-- if each element in the ordered set has two identifiers -->
      <ordered-set insert="(before | after)" identifier1="referent-value" \
        identifier2="referent-value">
        <identifier1>value-for-moving-object</identifier1>
        <identifier2>value-for-moving-object</identifier2>
      </ordered-set>

      <!-- closing tag for each parent of the set -->
    </configuration>
  </load-configuration>
</rpc>

```

**Description** Change the position of a configuration element in an ordered set. The new position is specified relative to a reference element, which is specified by including an attribute named after each of its identifier tags. In the Usage section, the identifier tag element is called <name> when each element in the set has one identifier.

The **insert** attribute can be combined with either the **active** or **inactive** attribute, as described in “Changing a Configuration Element’s Activation State Simultaneously with Other Changes” on page 128.

**Usage Guidelines** See “Reordering Elements in Configuration Objects” on page 121.

**Related Topics** active on page 185, inactive on page 188, < load-configuration > on page 168, < rpc > on page 177

## junos:changed

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**Usage**

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <configuration standard-attributes junos:changed="changed">
    <!-- opening-tag-for-each-parent-level junos:changed="changed" -->
    <!-- If the changed element is an empty tag -->
    <element junos:changed="changed"/>

    <!-- If the changed element has child tag elements -->
    <element junos:changed="changed">
      <first-child-of-element junos:changed="changed">
      <second-child-of-element junos:changed="changed">
      <!-- additional children of element -->
    </element>

    <!-- closing-tag-for-each-parent-level -->
  </configuration>
</rpc-reply>
```

**Description** Indicate that a configuration element has changed since the last commit operation. The JUNOScript server includes the attribute when the client application includes the **changed** attribute in the empty `<get-configuration/>` tag or opening `<get-configuration>` tag. The attribute appears in the opening tag of every parent tag element in the path to the changed configuration element, including the opening top-level `<configuration>` tag.

The attribute does not appear if the client requests formatted ASCII output by including the `format="text"` attribute in the empty `<get-configuration/>` tag or opening `<get-configuration>` tag.

For information about the standard attributes in the opening `<configuration>` tag, see “Requesting Information from the Committed or Candidate Configuration” on page 66.

**Usage Guidelines** See “Requesting a Change Indicator for Configuration Elements” on page 70.

**Related Topics** `<get-configuration>` on page 163, `<rpc-reply>` on page 178

## junos:changed-localtime

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<b>Usage</b>	<pre>&lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL"&gt;   &lt;configuration junos:changed-seconds="seconds" \     junos:changed-localtime="YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm:ss TZ"&gt;     &lt;!-- JUNOS XML tag elements for the requested configuration data --&gt;   &lt;/configuration&gt; &lt;/rpc-reply&gt;</pre>
<b>Description</b>	(Displayed when the candidate configuration is requested) Specify the time when the configuration was last changed as the date and time in the router's local time zone.
<b>Usage Guidelines</b>	See "Requesting Information from the Committed or Candidate Configuration" on page 66.
<b>Related Topics</b>	<configuration> in the <i>JUNOS XML API Configuration Reference</i> , <rpc-reply> on page 178, junos:changed-seconds on page 191

## junos:changed-seconds

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<b>Usage</b>	<pre>&lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL"&gt;   &lt;configuration junos:changed-seconds="seconds" \     junos:changed-localtime="YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm:ss TZ"&gt;     &lt;!-- JUNOS XML tag elements for the requested configuration data --&gt;   &lt;/configuration&gt; &lt;/rpc-reply&gt;</pre>
<b>Description</b>	(Displayed when the candidate configuration is requested) Specify the time when the configuration was last changed as the number of seconds since midnight on 1 January 1970.
<b>Usage Guidelines</b>	See "Requesting Information from the Committed or Candidate Configuration" on page 66.
<b>Related Topics</b>	<configuration> in the <i>JUNOS XML API Configuration Reference</i> , <rpc-reply> on page 178, junos:changed-localtime on page 191

## junos:commit-localtime

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<b>Usage</b>	<pre>&lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL"&gt;   &lt;configuration junos:commit-seconds="seconds" \     junos:commit-localtime="YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm:ss TZ" \     junos:commit-user="username"&gt;     &lt;!-- JUNOS XML tag elements for the requested configuration data --&gt;   &lt;/configuration&gt; &lt;/rpc-reply&gt;</pre>
<b>Description</b>	(Displayed when the active configuration is requested) Specify the time when the configuration was committed as the date and time in the router's local time zone.
<b>Usage Guidelines</b>	See "Requesting Information from the Committed or Candidate Configuration" on page 66.
<b>Related Topics</b>	<configuration> in the <i>JUNOS XML API Configuration Reference</i> , <rpc-reply> on page 178, junos:commit-user on page 193, junos:commit-seconds on page 192

## junos:commit-seconds

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<b>Usage</b>	<pre>&lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL"&gt;   &lt;configuration junos:commit-seconds="seconds" \     junos:commit-localtime="YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm:ss TZ" \     junos:commit-user="username"&gt;     &lt;!-- JUNOS XML tag elements for the requested configuration data --&gt;   &lt;/configuration&gt; &lt;/rpc-reply&gt;</pre>
<b>Description</b>	(Displayed when the active configuration is requested) Specify the time when the configuration was committed as the number of seconds since midnight on 1 January 1970.
<b>Usage Guidelines</b>	See "Requesting Information from the Committed or Candidate Configuration" on page 66.
<b>Related Topics</b>	<configuration> in the <i>JUNOS XML API Configuration Reference</i> , <rpc-reply> on page 178, junos:commit-user on page 193, junos:commit-localtime on page 192

## junos:commit-user

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<b>Usage</b>	<pre>&lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL"&gt;   &lt;configuration junos:commit-seconds="seconds" \     junos:commit-localtime="YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm:ss TZ" \     junos:commit-user="username"&gt;     &lt;!-- JUNOS XML tag elements for the requested configuration data --&gt;   &lt;/configuration&gt; &lt;/rpc-reply&gt;</pre>
<b>Description</b>	(Displayed when the active configuration is requested) Specify the JUNOS username of the user who requested the commit operation.
<b>Usage Guidelines</b>	See “Requesting Information from the Committed or Candidate Configuration” on page 66.
<b>Related Topics</b>	<configuration> in the <i>JUNOS XML API Configuration Reference</i> , <rpc-reply> on page 178, junos:commit-localtime on page 192, junos:commit-seconds on page 192

## junos:group

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<b>Usage</b>	<pre>&lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL"&gt;   &lt;configuration&gt;     &lt;!-- opening tag for each parent of the element --&gt;     &lt;inherited-element junos:group="source-group"&gt;       &lt;inherited-child-of-inherited-element junos:group="source-group"&gt;         &lt;!-- inherited-children-of-child junos:group="source-group" --&gt;       &lt;/inherited-child-of-inherited-element&gt;     &lt;/inherited-element&gt;     &lt;!-- closing tag for each parent of the element --&gt;   &lt;/configuration&gt; &lt;/rpc-reply&gt;</pre>
<b>Description</b>	<p>Name the configuration group from which each configuration element is inherited. The JUNOScript server includes the attribute when the client application includes the <b>groups</b> attribute in the empty &lt;get-configuration/&gt; tag or opening &lt;get-configuration&gt; tag.</p> <p>The attribute does not appear if the client requests formatted ASCII output by including the <b>format="text"</b> attribute in the empty &lt;get-configuration/&gt; tag or opening &lt;get-configuration&gt; tag. Instead, the JUNOScript server provides the information in a comment directly above each inherited element.</p>
<b>Usage Guidelines</b>	See “Displaying the Source Group for Inherited Configuration Elements” on page 77.
<b>Related Topics</b>	<get-configuration> on page 163, <rpc-reply> on page 178

## junos:key

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**Usage**

```
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL">
  <configuration>
    <!-- opening tag for each parent of the object -->
    <object>
      <name junos:key="key">identifier</name>
      <!-- additional children of object -->
    </object>
    <!-- closing tag for each parent of the object -->
  </configuration>
</rpc-reply>
```

**Description** Indicate that a child configuration tag element is the identifier for its parent tag element. The JUNOScript server includes the attribute when the client application requests information about an object type (with the `<get-configuration>` tag element) and has included the `junos:key` attribute in the opening `<junoscript>` tag for the current session.

The attribute does not appear if the client requests formatted ASCII output by including the `format="text"` attribute in the empty `<get-configuration/>` tag or opening `<get-configuration>` tag.

**Usage Guidelines** See “Requesting an Indicator for Identifiers” on page 73.

**Related Topics** `<get-configuration>` on page 163, `<junoscript>` on page 166, `<rpc>` on page 177

## junos:position

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<b>Usage</b>	<pre>&lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL"&gt;   &lt;configuration&gt;     &lt;!-- opening tags for each parent of the object --&gt;     &lt;object junos:position="index" junos:total="total" &gt;     &lt;!-- closing tags for each parent of the object --&gt;   &lt;/configuration&gt; &lt;/rpc-reply&gt;</pre>
<b>Description</b>	<p>Specify the index number of the configuration object in the list of objects of a specified type about which information is being returned. The JUNOScript server includes the attribute when the client application requests information about an object type (with the <code>&lt;get-configuration&gt;</code> tag element) and includes the <b>count</b> attribute, the <b>start</b> attribute, or both, in the opening tag for the object type.</p> <p>The attribute does not appear if the client requests formatted ASCII output by including the <b>format="text"</b> attribute in the opening <code>&lt;get-configuration&gt;</code> tag.</p>
<b>Usage Guidelines</b>	See “Requesting a Specified Number of Configuration Objects” on page 85.
<b>Related Topics</b>	count on page 186, <code>&lt;get-configuration&gt;</code> on page 163, junos:total on page 195, <code>&lt;rpc&gt;</code> on page 177, start on page 200

## junos:total

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<b>Usage</b>	<pre>&lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL"&gt;   &lt;configuration&gt;     &lt;!-- opening tags for each parent of the object --&gt;     &lt;object junos:position="index" junos:total="total"&gt;     &lt;!-- closing tags for each parent of the object --&gt;   &lt;/configuration&gt; &lt;/rpc-reply&gt;</pre>
<b>Description</b>	<p>Specify the number of configuration objects of a specified type about which information is being returned. The JUNOScript server includes the attribute when the client application requests information about an object type (with the <code>&lt;get-configuration&gt;</code> tag element) and includes the <b>count</b> attribute, the <b>start</b> attribute, or both, in the opening tag for the object type.</p> <p>The attribute does not appear if the client requests formatted ASCII output by including the <b>format="text"</b> attribute in the opening <code>&lt;get-configuration&gt;</code> tag.</p>
<b>Usage Guidelines</b>	See “Requesting a Specified Number of Configuration Objects” on page 85.
<b>Related Topics</b>	count on page 186, <code>&lt;get-configuration&gt;</code> on page 163, junos:position on page 195, <code>&lt;rpc&gt;</code> on page 177, start on page 200

## matching

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**Usage**

```
<rpc>
  <get-configuration>
    <configuration>
      <!-- opening tags for each parent of the level -->
      <level matching="matching-expression"/>
      <!-- closing tags for each parent of the level -->
    </configuration>
  </get-configuration>
</rpc>
```

**Description** Request information about only those instances of a configuration object type at the specified level in the configuration hierarchy that have the specified set of characters in their identifier names (characters that match a regular expression). If the attribute is omitted, the JUNOScript server returns the complete set of child tag elements for the specified parent level.

The attribute can be combined with one or more of the **count**, **recurse**, and **start** attributes.

To represent the objects to return, the *matching-expression* value uses a slash-separated list of hierarchy level and object names similar to an XML Path Language (XPath) representation. Each level in the representation can be either a full level name or a regular expression that matches the identifier name of one or more instances of an object type:

```
object-type[name='regular-expression']"
```

The regular expression uses the notation defined in POSIX Standard 1003.2 for extended (modern) UNIX regular expressions. For details about the notation, see “Requesting a Subset of Objects by Using Regular Expressions” on page 90.

**Usage Guidelines** See “Requesting a Subset of Objects by Using Regular Expressions” on page 90.

**Related Topics** count on page 186, < get-configuration > on page 163, < rpc > on page 177, start on page 200



## recurse

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**Usage**

```
<rpc>
  <get-configuration>
    <configuration>
      <!-- opening tags for each parent of the object -->
      <object-type recurse="false"/>
      <!-- closing tags for each parent of the object -->
    </configuration>
  </get-configuration>
</rpc>
```

**Description** Request only the identifier tag element for each configuration object of a specified type in the configuration hierarchy. If the attribute is omitted, the JUNOScript server returns the complete set of child tag elements for every object. The only acceptable value for the attribute is **false**.

The attribute can be combined with one or more of the **count**, **matching**, and **start** attributes.

**Usage Guidelines** See “Requesting Identifiers Only” on page 87.

**Related Topics** **count** on page 186, **<get-configuration>** on page 163, **<rpc>** on page 177, **start** on page 200

## rename

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### Usage

```
<rpc>
  <load-configuration>
    <configuration>
      <!-- opening tag for each parent of the object -->

      <!-- if the object has one identifier -->
      <object rename="rename" name="new-name">
        <name>current-name</name>
      </object>

      <!-- if the object has two identifiers, both changing -->
      <object rename="rename" identifier1="new-name" \
        identifier2="new-name">
        <identifier1>current-name</identifier1>
        <identifier2>current-name</identifier2>
      </object>

      <!-- closing tag for each parent of the object -->
    </configuration>
  </load-configuration>
</rpc>
```

### Description

Change the name of one or more of a configuration object's identifiers. In the Usage section, the identifier tag element is called `<name>` when the element has one identifier.

The `rename` attribute can be combined with either the `inactive` or `active` attribute.

### Usage Guidelines

See “Renaming a Configuration Object” on page 124.

### Related Topics

`active` on page 185, `inactive` on page 188, `<load-configuration>` on page 168, `<rpc>` on page 177

## replace

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**Usage**

```
<rpc>
  <load-configuration action="replace">
    <configuration>
      <!-- opening tag for each parent of the element -->
      <container-tag replace="replace">
        <name>identifier</name>
        <!-- tag elements for other children, if any -->
      </container-tag>
      <!-- closing tag for each parent of the element -->
    </configuration>
  </load-configuration>
</rpc>
```

**Description** Specify that the configuration element completely replace the element in the candidate configuration that has the same identifier (in the Usage section, the identifier tag element is called `<name>`). If the attribute is omitted, the JUNOScript server merges the element with the existing element as described in “Merging Configuration Elements” on page 110. The only acceptable value for the attribute is **replace**.

The client application must also include the `action="replace"` attribute in the opening `<load-configuration>` tag.

The **replace** attribute can be combined with either the **active** or **inactive** attribute, as described in “Changing a Configuration Element’s Activation State Simultaneously with Other Changes” on page 128.

**Usage Guidelines** See “Replacing Configuration Elements” on page 113.

**Related Topics** `active` on page 185, `inactive` on page 188, `<load-configuration>` on page 168, `<rpc>` on page 177

## start

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**Usage**

```
<rpc>
  <get-configuration>
    <configuration>
      <!-- opening tags for each parent of the object -->
      <object-type start="index"/>
      <!-- closing tags for each parent of the object -->
    </configuration>
  </get-configuration>
</rpc>
```

**Description** Specify the index number of the first object to return (1 for the first object, 2 for the second, and so on) when requesting information about a configuration object of a specified type. If the attribute is omitted, the returned set of objects starts with the first one in the configuration hierarchy.

The attribute can be combined with one or more of the **count**, **matching**, and **recurse** attributes.

If the application requests JUNOS XML-tagged output (the default), the JUNOScript server includes two attributes in the opening container tag for each returned object:

- **junos:position**—Specifies the object's numerical index.
- **junos:total**—Reports the total number of such objects that exist in the hierarchy.

These attributes do not appear if the client requests formatted ASCII output by including the **format="text"** attribute in the opening **<get-configuration>** tag.

**Usage Guidelines** See “Requesting a Specified Number of Configuration Objects” on page 85.

**Related Topics** **count** on page 186, **<get-configuration>** on page 163, **recurse** on page 197, **<rpc>** on page 177

## xmlns

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<b>Usage</b>	<pre>&lt;rpc-reply xmlns:junos="URL"&gt;   &lt;operational-response xmlns="URL-for-DTD"&gt;     &lt;!-- JUNOS XML tag elements for the requested information --&gt;   &lt;/operational-response&gt; &lt;/rpc-reply&gt;</pre>
<b>Description</b>	Define the XML namespace for the enclosed tag elements that do not have a prefix (such as <code>junos:</code> ) in their names. The namespace indicates which JUNOS XML document type definition (DTD) defines the set of tag elements in the response.
<b>Usage Guidelines</b>	See “Requesting Operational Information” on page 62.
<b>Related Topics</b>	<code>&lt;rpc-reply &gt;</code> on page 178



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## Chapter 9

# Writing Perl Client Applications

Juniper Networks provides a Perl module, called **JUNOS**, to help you more quickly and easily develop custom Perl scripts for configuring and monitoring routing platforms. The module implements an object, called **JUNOS::Device**, that client applications can use to communicate with the JUNOScript server on a routing platform. Accompanying the **JUNOS** module are several sample Perl scripts, which illustrate how to use the module in scripts that perform various functions.

This chapter discusses the following topics:

- Overview of the JUNOS Module and Sample Scripts on page 205
- Downloading the JUNOS Module and Sample Scripts on page 206
- Tutorial: Writing Perl Client Applications on page 207
- Mapping CLI Commands to Perl Methods on page 230

## Overview of the JUNOS Module and Sample Scripts

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The JUNOScript Perl distribution uses the same directory structure for Perl modules as the Comprehensive Perl Archive Network (<http://www.cpan.org>). This includes a **lib** directory for the **JUNOS** module and its supporting files, and an **examples** directory for the sample scripts.

The **JUNOS** module implements an object (**JUNOS::Device**) that client applications can use to communicate with a JUNOScript server. All of the sample scripts use the object.

The sample scripts illustrate how to perform the following functions:

- **diagnose\_bgp.pl**—Illustrates how to write scripts to monitor routing platform status and diagnose problems. The sample script extracts and displays information about a routing platform's unestablished Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) peers from the full set of BGP configuration data. The script is provided in the **examples/diagnose\_bgp** directory in the JUNOScript Perl distribution.
- **get\_chassis\_inventory.pl**—Illustrates how to use one of the predefined Perl methods to request JUNOS information from a routing platform. The sample script invokes the **get\_chassis\_inventory** method with the **detail** option to request the same information as the `<get-chassis-inventory><detail/></get-chassis-inventory>` tag sequence from the JUNOS Extensible Markup Language (XML) application programming interface (API) and **show chassis hardware detail** command from the JUNOS command-line

interface (CLI). The script is provided in the `examples/get_chassis_inventory` directory in the JUNOScript Perl distribution. For a list of all Perl methods available in a release of the JUNOS XML API, see the *JUNOS XML API Operational Reference*.

- `load_configuration.pl`—Illustrates how to change routing platform configuration by loading a file that contains configuration data formatted with JUNOS XML tag elements. The distribution includes two sample configuration files, `set_login_user_foo.xml` and `set_login_class_bar.xml`; however, you can specify another JUNOS XML configuration file on the command line. The script is provided in the `examples/load_configuration` directory in the JUNOScript Perl distribution.

The following sample scripts are used together to illustrate how to store and retrieve data from the JUNOS XML API (or any XML-tagged data set) in a relational database. Although these scripts create and manipulate MySQL tables, the data manipulation techniques that they illustrate apply to any relational database. The scripts are provided in the `examples/RDB` directory in the JUNOScript Perl distribution:

- `get_config.pl`—Illustrates how to retrieve routing platform configuration information.
- `make_tables.pl`—Generates a set of Structured Query Language (SQL) statements for creating relational database tables.
- `pop_tables.pl`—Populates existing relational database tables with data extracted from a specified XML file.
- `unpop_tables.pl`—Transforms data stored in a relational database table into XML and writes it to a file.

For instructions on running the scripts, see the `README` or `README.html` file included in the JUNOScript Perl distribution.

## Downloading the JUNOS Module and Sample Scripts

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To download, uncompress, and unpack the compressed tar-format file that contains the JUNOS module and sample scripts, perform the following steps:

1. Access the JUNOScript API download page on the Juniper Networks Web site at <https://www.juniper.net/support/xml/junoscript/index.html>.
2. Click the link for the appropriate software release.
3. To download the JUNOScript API Perl client package and the prerequisites package, click the links for the packages that support the appropriate access protocols. Customers in the United States and Canada can download the package that supports all access protocols (the domestic package). Customers in other countries can download the package that supports only the clear-text and Telnet protocols (the export package).



**NOTE:** It is assumed that the machine on which you store and run the Perl client software is a regular computer instead of a Juniper Networks routing platform.

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4. Optionally, download the packages containing document type definitions (DTDs) and the XML Schema language representation of the JUNOS configuration hierarchy from <https://www.juniper.net/support/xml/junos-xml/archive.html>.
5. Change to the directory where you want to create a subdirectory that contains the JUNOS Perl module and sample scripts:

```
% cd perl-parent-directory
```

6. Issue the following command to uncompress and unpack the package downloaded in Step 3:

- On FreeBSD and Linux systems:

```
% tar xzf junoscript-perl-release-type.tar.gz
```

- On Solaris systems:

```
% gzip -dc junoscript-perl-release-type.tar.gz | tar xf
```

*release* is the release code (such as 9.54R1.1) and *type* is *domestic* or *export*. The command creates a directory called *junoscript-perl-release type* and writes the contents of the package to it.

7. See the *junoscript-perl-release-type/README* file for instructions on unpacking and installing the Perl prerequisite modules, creating a *Makefile*, and installing and testing the JUNOS module.

## Tutorial: Writing Perl Client Applications

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This tutorial explains how to write a Perl client application that requests operational or configuration information from the JUNOScript server or loads configuration information onto a routing platform. The following sections use the sample scripts included in the JUNOScript Perl distribution as examples:

- Importing Perl Modules and Declaring Constants on page 207
- Connecting to the JUNOScript Server on page 208
- Submitting a Request to the JUNOScript Server on page 215
- Parsing and Formatting the Response from the JUNOScript Server on page 224
- Closing the Connection to the JUNOScript Server on page 230

### Importing Perl Modules and Declaring Constants

Include the following statements at the start of the application. The first statement imports the functions provided by the `JUNOS::Device` object, which the application uses to connect to the JUNOScript server on a routing platform. The second statement provides error checking and enforces Perl coding practices such as declaration of variables before use.

```
use JUNOS::Device;
use strict;
```

Include other statements to import other Perl modules as appropriate for your application. For example, several of the sample scripts import the following standard Perl modules, which include functions that handle input from the command line:

- **Getopt::Std**—Includes functions for reading in keyed options from the command line.
- **Term::ReadKey**—Includes functions for controlling terminal modes, for example suppressing onscreen echo of a typed string such as a password.
- **File::Basename**—Includes functions for processing filenames.

If the application uses constants, declare their values at this point. For example, the sample `diagnose_bgp.pl` script includes the following statements to declare constants for formatting output:

```
use constant OUTPUT_FORMAT => "%-20s%-8s%-8s%-11s%-14s%\n";
use constant OUTPUT_TITLE =>
    "\n===== BGP PROBLEM SUMMARY =====\n\n";
use constant OUTPUT_ENDING =>
    "\n===== \n\n";
```

The `load_configuration.pl` script includes the following statements to declare constants for reporting return codes and the status of the configuration database:

```
use constant REPORT_SUCCESS => 1;
use constant REPORT_FAILURE => 0;
use constant STATE_CONNECTED => 1;
use constant STATE_LOCKED => 2;
use constant STATE_CONFIG_LOADED => 3;
```

## Connecting to the JUNOScript Server

The following sections explain how to use the `JUNOS::Device` object to connect to the JUNOScript server on a routing platform:

- Satisfying Protocol Prerequisites on page 208
- Grouping Requests on page 209
- Obtaining and Recording Parameters Required by the `JUNOS::Device` Object on page 209
- Obtaining Application-Specific Parameters on page 212
- Converting Disallowed Characters on page 213
- Establishing the Connection on page 214

### Satisfying Protocol Prerequisites

The JUNOScript server supports several access protocols, listed in “Supported Access Protocols” on page 26. For each connection to the JUNOScript server on a routing platform, the application must specify the protocol it is using. Using SSH or Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) is recommended because they provide greater security by encrypting all information before transmission across the network.

Before your application can run, you must satisfy the prerequisites for the protocol it uses. For some protocols this involves activating configuration statements on the routing platform, creating encryption keys, or installing additional software on the routing platform or the machine where the application runs. For instructions, see “Prerequisites for Establishing a Connection” on page 27.

## Grouping Requests

Establishing a connection to the JUNOScript server on a routing platform is one of the more time- and resource-intensive functions performed by an application. If the application sends multiple requests to a routing platform, it makes sense to send all of them within the context of one connection. If your application sends the same requests to multiple routing platforms, you can structure the script to iterate through either the set of routing platforms or the set of requests. Keep in mind, however, that your application can effectively send only one request to one JUNOScript server at a time. This is because the `JUNOS::Device` object does not return control to the application until it receives the closing `</rpc-reply>` tag that represents the end of the JUNOScript server’s response to the current request.

## Obtaining and Recording Parameters Required by the JUNOS::Device Object

The `JUNOS::Device` object takes the following required parameters, specified as keys in a Perl hash:

- The access protocol to use when communicating with the JUNOScript server (key name: `access`). For a list of the acceptable values, see “Supported Access Protocols” on page 26. Before the application runs, satisfy the protocol-specific prerequisites described in “Prerequisites for Establishing a Connection” on page 27.
- The name of the routing platform to which to connect (key name: `hostname`). For best results, specify either a fully qualified hostname or an IP address.
- The username under which to establish the connection to the JUNOScript server and issue requests (key name: `login`). The username must already exist on the specified routing platform and have the permission bits necessary for making the requests invoked by the application.
- The password for the username (key name: `password`).

The sample scripts record the parameters in a Perl hash called `%deviceinfo`, declared as follows:

```
my %deviceinfo = (
    access => $access,
    login  => $login,
    password => $password,
    hostname => $hostname,
);
```

The sample scripts obtain the parameters from options entered on the command line by a user. Your application can also obtain values for the parameters from a file or database, or you can hardcode one or more of the parameters into the application code if they are constant.

**Example: Collecting Parameters Interactively**

Each sample script obtains the parameters required by the `JUNOS::Device` object from command-line options provided by the user who invokes the script. The script records the options in a Perl hash called `%opt`, using the `getopts` function defined in the `Getopt::Std` Perl module to read the options from the command line. (Scripts used in production environments probably do not obtain parameters interactively, so this section is important mostly for understanding the sample scripts.)

In the following example from the `get_chassis_inventory.pl` script, the first parameter to the `getopts` function defines the acceptable options, which vary depending on the application. A colon after the option letter indicates that it takes an argument. The second parameter, `\%opt`, specifies that the values are recorded in the `%opt` hash. If the user does not provide at least one option, provides an invalid option, or provides the `-h` option, the script invokes the `output_usage` subroutine, which prints a usage message to the screen:

```
my %opt;
getopts('l:p:dm:x:o:h', \%opt) || output_usage(???);
output_usage(???) if $opt{h};
```

The following code defines the `output_usage` subroutine for the `get_chassis_inventory.pl` script. The contents of the `my $usage` definition and the `Where` and `Options` sections are specific to the script, and differ for each application.

```
sub output_usage
{
    my $usage = "Usage: $0 [options] <target>";

    Where:
        <target>    The hostname of the target router.

    Options:

        -l <login>      A login name accepted by the target router.
        -p <password>    The password for the login name.
        -m <access>      Access method. It can be clear-text, ssl, ssh or telnet.
                        Default: telnet.
        -x <format>       The name of the XSL file to display the response.
                        Default: xsl/chassis_inventory_csv.xsl
        -o <filename>     File to which to write output, instead of standard output.

        -d              Turn on debugging.\n\n";

    die $usage;
}
```

The `get_chassis_inventory.pl` script includes the following code to obtain values from the command line for the four parameters required by the `JUNOS::Device` object. A detailed discussion of the various functional units follows the complete code sample.

```
my $hostname = shift || output_usage(???);

my $access = $opt{m} || "telnet";
use constant VALID_ACCESSSES => "telnet|ssh|clear-text|ssl";
output_usage(???) unless (VALID_ACCESSSES =~ /$access/);
```

```

my $login = "";
if ($opt{l}) {
    $login = $opt{l};
} else {
    print "login: ";
    $login = ReadLine 0;
    chomp $login;
}

my $password = "";
if ($opt{p}) {
    $password = $opt{p};
} else {
    print "password: ";
    ReadMode 'noecho';
    $password = ReadLine 0;
    chomp $password;
    ReadMode 'normal';
    print "\n";
}

```

In the first line of the preceding code sample, the script uses the Perl **shift** function to read the hostname from the end of the command line. If the hostname is missing, the script invokes the **output\_usage** subroutine to print the usage message, which specifies that a hostname is required:

```
my $hostname = shift || output_usage(???)
```

The script next determines which access protocol to use, setting the **\$access** variable to the value of the **-m** command-line option or to the value **telnet** if the **-m** option is not provided. If the specified value does not match one of the four values defined by the **VALID\_ACCESSSES** constant, the script invokes the **output\_usage** subroutine:

```

my $access = $opt{m} || "telnet";
use constant VALID_ACCESSSES => "telnet|ssh|clear-text|ssl";
output_usage(???) unless ($access =~ /VALID_ACCESSSES/);

```

The script then determines the username, setting the **\$login** variable to the value of the **-l** command-line option. If the option is not provided, the script prompts for it and uses the **ReadLine** function (defined in the standard Perl **Term::ReadKey** module) to read it from the command line:

```

my $login = "";
if ($opt{l}) {
    $login = $opt{l};
} else {
    print "login: ";
    $login = ReadLine 0;
    chomp $login;
}

```

The script finally determines the password for the username, setting the **\$password** variable to the value of the **-p** command-line option. If the option is not provided, the script prompts for it. It uses the **ReadMode** function (defined in the standard Perl **Term::ReadKey** module) twice: first to prevent the password from echoing visibly on the screen and then to return the shell to normal (echo) mode after it reads the password:

```

my $password = "";
if ($opt{p}) {
    $password = $opt{p};
} else {
    print "password: ";
    ReadMode 'noecho';
    $password = ReadLine 0;
    chomp $password;
    ReadMode 'normal';
    print "\n";
}

```

## Obtaining Application-Specific Parameters

In addition to the parameters required by the `JUNOS::Device` object, applications might need to define other parameters, such as the name of the file to which to write the data returned by the JUNOScript server in response to a request, or the name of the Extensible Stylesheet Transformation Language (XSLT) file to use for transforming the data.

As with the parameters required by the `JUNOS::Device` object, your application can hardcode the values in the application code, obtain them from a file, or obtain them interactively. The sample scripts obtain values for these parameters from command-line options in the same manner as they obtain the parameters required by the `JUNOS::Device` object (discussed in “Obtaining and Recording Parameters Required by the JUNOS::Device Object” on page 209). Several examples follow.

The following line enables a debugging trace if the user includes the `-d` command-line option. It invokes the `JUNOS::Trace::init` routine defined in the `JUNOS::Trace` module, which is already imported with the `JUNOS::Device` object.

```
JUNOS::Trace::init(1) if $opt{d};
```

The following line sets the `$outputfile` variable to the value specified by the `-o` command-line option. It names the local file to which the JUNOScript server’s response is written. If the `-o` option is not provided, the variable is set to the empty string.

```
my $outputfile = $opt{o} || " " ;
```

The following code from the `diagnose_bgp.pl` script defines which XSLT file to use to transform the JUNOScript server’s response. The first line sets the `$xslfile` variable to the value specified by the `-x` command-line option. If the option is not provided, the script uses the `text.xsl` file supplied with the script, which transforms the data to ASCII text. The `if` statement verifies that the specified XSLT file exists; the script terminates if it does not.

```

my $xslfile = $opt{x} || "xsl/text.xsl";
if ($xslfile && ! -f $xslfile) {
    die "ERROR: XSLT file $xslfile does not exist";
}

```

The following code from the `load_configuration.pl` script defines whether to merge, replace, update, or overwrite the new configuration data into the configuration database (for more information about these operations, see “Changing Configuration Information” on page 103). The first two lines set the `$load_action` variable to the



value of the `-a` command-line option, or to the default value `merge` if the option is not provided. If the specified value does not match one of the four defined in the third line, the script invokes the `output_usage` subroutine.

```
# The default action for load_configuration is 'merge'
my $load_action = "merge";
$load_action = $opt{a} if $opt{a};
use constant VALID_ACTIONS => "merge|replace|override";
output_usage(???) unless ($load_action =~ /VALID_ACTIONS/);
```

## Converting Disallowed Characters

Scripts that handle configuration data usually accept and output the data either as JUNOS XML tag elements or as formatted ASCII statements like those used in the JUNOS CLI. As described in “Predefined Entity References” on page 12, certain characters cannot appear in their regular form in an XML document. These characters include the apostrophe ( `'` ), the ampersand ( `&` ), the greater-than ( `>` ) and less-than ( `<` ) symbols, and the quotation mark ( `"` ). Because these characters might appear in formatted ASCII configuration statements, the script must convert the characters to the corresponding predefined entity references.

The `load_configuration.pl` script uses the `get_escaped_text` subroutine to substitute predefined entity references for disallowed characters (the `get_configuration.pl` script includes similar code). The script first defines the mappings between the disallowed characters and predefined entity references, and sets the variable `$char_class` to a regular expression that contains all of the entity references, as follows:

```
my %escape_symbols = (
    qq(") => '&quot;';
    qq(>) => '&gt;';
    qq(<) => '&lt;';
    qq(') => '&apos;';
    qq(&) => '&amp;';
);
my $char_class = join ("|", map { "($_)" } keys %escape_symbols);
```

The following code defines the `get_escaped_text` subroutine for the `load_configuration.pl` script. A detailed discussion of the subsections in the routine follows the complete code sample.

```
sub get_escaped_text
{
    my $input_file = shift;
    my $input_string = "";

    open(FH, $input_file) or return undef;

    while(<FH>) {
        my $line = $_;
        $line =~ s/<configuration-text>//g;
        $line =~ s/<\/configuration-text>//g;
        $line =~ s/($char_class)/$escape_symbols{$1}/ge;
        $input_string .= $line;
    }
}
```

```
        return "<configuration-text>$input_string</configuration-text>";
    }
}
```

The first subsection of the preceding code sample reads in a file containing formatted ASCII configuration statements:

```
sub get_escaped_text
{
    my $input_file = shift;
    my $input_string = "";
    open(FH, $input_file) or return undef;
}
```

In the next subsection, the subroutine temporarily discards the lines that contain the opening `<get-configuration>` and closing `</get-configuration>` tags, then replaces the disallowed characters on each remaining line with predefined entity references and appends the line to the `$input_string` variable:

```
while(<FH>) {
    my $line = $_;
    $line =~ s/<configuration-text>//g;
    $line =~ s/</configuration-text>//g;
    $line =~ s/($char_class)/$escape_symbols{$1}/ge;
    $input_string .= $line;
}
}
```

The subroutine concludes by replacing the opening `<get-configuration>` and closing `</get-configuration>` tags, and returning the converted set of statements:

```
        return "<configuration-text>$input_string</configuration-text>";
    }
}
```

## Establishing the Connection

After obtaining values for the parameters required for the `JUNOS::Device` object (see “Obtaining and Recording Parameters Required by the `JUNOS::Device` Object” on page 209), each sample script records them in the `%deviceinfo` hash:

```
my %deviceinfo = (
    access => $access,
    login => $login,
    password => $password,
    hostname => $hostname,
);
```

The script then invokes the JUNOScript-specific `new` subroutine to create a `JUNOS::Device` object and establish a connection to the specified routing platform. If the connection attempt fails (as tested by the `ref` operator), the script exits.

```
my $jnx = new JUNOS::Device(%deviceinfo);
unless ( ref $jnx ) {
    die "ERROR: $deviceinfo{hostname}: failed to connect.\n";
}
```

## Submitting a Request to the JUNOScript Server

After establishing a connection to a JUNOScript server (see “Establishing the Connection” on page 214), your application can submit one or more requests by invoking the Perl methods that are supported in the version of the JUNOScript and JUNOS XML APIs used by the application:

- Each version of software supports a set of methods that correspond to CLI operational mode commands (later releases generally support more methods). For a list of the operational methods supported in the current version, see “Mapping CLI Commands to Perl Methods” on page 230 and the files stored in the `lib/JUNOS/release` directory of the JUNOScript Perl distribution (*release* is the JUNOS software version code, such as **9.54R1** for the initial version of JUNOS Release 9.54). The files have names in the format `package_methods.pl`, where *package* is a software package.
- The set of methods that correspond to operations on configuration objects is defined in the `lib/JUNOS/Methods.pm` file in the JUNOScript Perl distribution. For more information about configuration operations, see “Changing Configuration Information” on page 103 and “Summary of JUNOScript Tag Elements” on page 149.

See the following sections for more information:

- Providing Method Options or Attributes on page 216
- Submitting a Request on page 218
- Example: Getting an Inventory of Hardware Components on page 219
- Example: Loading Configuration Statements on page 220

## Providing Method Options or Attributes

Many Perl methods have one or more options or attributes. The following list describes the notation used to define a method's options in the `lib/JUNOS/Methods.pm` and `lib/JUNOS/release/package_methods.pl` files, and the notation that an application uses when invoking the method:

- A method without options is defined as `$NO_ARGS`, as in the following entry for the `get_system_uptime_information` method:

```
## Method : <get-system-uptime-information>
## Returns: <system-uptime-information>
## Command: "show system uptime"
get_system_uptime_information => $NO_ARGS,
```

To invoke a method without options, follow the method name with an empty set of parentheses as in the following example:

```
$jnx->get_system_uptime_information(????);
```

- A fixed-form option is defined as type `$TOGGLE`. In the following example, the `get_software_information` method takes two fixed-form options, `brief` and `detail`:

```
## Method : <get-software-information>
## Returns: <software-information>
## Command: "show version"
get_software_information =>
    brief => $TOGGLE,
    detail => $TOGGLE,
},
```

To include a fixed-form option when invoking a method, set it to the value `1` (one) as in the following example:

```
$jnx->get_software_information(brief => 1);
```

- An option with a variable value is defined as type `$STRING`. In the following example, the `get_cos_drop_profile_information` method takes the `profile_name` argument:

```
## Method : <get-cos-drop-profile-information>
## Returns: <cos-drop-profile-information>
## Command: "show class-of-service drop-profile"
get_cos_drop_profile_information => {
    profile_name => $STRING,
},
```

To include a variable value when invoking a method, enclose the value in single quotes as in the following example (which appears on two lines for legibility):

```
$jnx->get_cos_drop_profile_information(profile_name => \
    'user-drop-profile');
```

- An attribute is defined as type `$ATTRIBUTE`. In the following example, the `load_configuration` method takes the `rollback` attribute:

```
load_configuration => {
    rollback => $ATTRIBUTE
},
```

To include a numerical attribute value when invoking a method, set it to the appropriate value. The following example rolls the candidate configuration back to the previous configuration that has an index of 2:

```
$jnx->load_configuration(rollback => 2);
```

To include a string attribute value when invoking a method, enclose the value in single quotes as in the following example:

```
$jnx->get_configuration(format => 'text');
```

- A set of configuration statements or corresponding tag elements is defined as type `$DOM`. In the following example, the `get_configuration` method takes a set of configuration statements (along with two attributes):

```
get_configuration => {
    configuration => $DOM,
    format => $ATTRIBUTE,
    database => $ATTRIBUTE,
},
```

To include a set of configuration statements when invoking a method, provide a parsed set of statements or tag elements. The following example refers to a set of JUNOS XML configuration tag elements in the `config-input.xml` file. For further discussion, see “Example: Loading Configuration Statements” on page 220.

```
my $parser = new XML::DOM::Parser;
$jnx->load_configuration(
    format => 'xml',
    action => 'merge',
    configuration => $parser->parsefile(config-input.xml)
);
```

A method can have a combination of fixed-form options, options with variable values, attributes, and a set of configuration statements. For example, the `get_route_forwarding_table` method has four fixed-form options and five options with variable values:

```
## Method : <get-forwarding-table-information>
## Returns: <forwarding-table-information>
## Command: "show route forwarding-table"
```

```

get_forwarding_table_information => {
    detail => $TOGGLE,
    extensive => $TOGGLE,
    multicast => $TOGGLE,
    family => $STRING,
    vpn => $STRING,
    summary => $TOGGLE,
    matching => $STRING,
    destination => $STRING,
    label => $STRING,
},

```

## Submitting a Request

The following is the recommended way to send a request to the JUNOScript server. It assumes that the `$jnx` variable was previously defined to be a `JUNOS::Device` object, as discussed in “Establishing the Connection” on page 214.

The following code sends a request to the JUNOScript server and handles error conditions. A detailed discussion of the functional subsections follows the complete code sample.

```

my %arguments = (???);
%arguments = ( argument1 => value1 ,
               argument2 => value2 , ...);
               argument3 => value3 ,
               ...);

my $res = $jnx-> method (%args);

unless ( ref $res ) {
    $jnx->request_end_session(???);
    $jnx->disconnect(???);
    print "ERROR: Could not send request to $hostname\n";
}

my $err = $res->getFirstError(???);
if ($err) {
    $jnx->request_end_session(???);
    $jnx->disconnect(???);
    print "ERROR: Error for $hostname: " . $err->{message} . "\n";
}

```

The first subsection of the preceding code sample creates a hash called `%arguments` to define values for a method’s options or attributes. For each argument, the application uses the notation described in “Providing Method Options or Attributes” on page 216.

```

my %arguments = (???);
%arguments = ( argument1 => value1 ,
               argument2 => value2 , ...);
               argument3 => value3 ,
               ...);

```

The application then invokes the method, defining the `$res` variable to point to the `JUNOS::Response` object that the JUNOScript server returns in response to the request (the object is defined in the `lib/JUNOS/Response.pm` file in the JUNOScript Perl distribution):

```
my $res = $jnx-> method (%args);
```

If the attempt to send the request failed, the application prints an error message and closes the connection:

```
unless ( ref $res ) {
    $jnx->request_end_session(????);
    $jnx->disconnect(????);
    print "ERROR: Could not send request to $hostname\n";
}
```

If there was an error in the JUNOScript server's response, the application prints an error message and closes the connection. The `getFirstError` function is defined in the `JUNOS::Response` module (`lib/JUNOS/Response.pm`) in the JUNOScript Perl distribution.

```
my $err = $res->getFirstError(????);
if ($err) {
    $jnx->request_end_session(????);
    $jnx->disconnect(????);
    print "ERROR: Error for $hostname: " . $err->{message} . "\n";
}
```

### Example: Getting an Inventory of Hardware Components

The `get_chassis_inventory.pl` script retrieves and displays a detailed inventory of the hardware components installed in a routing platform. It is equivalent to issuing the `show chassis hardware detail` command.

After establishing a connection to the JUNOScript server, the script defines `get_chassis_inventory` as the request to send and includes the `detail` argument:

```
my $query = "get_chassis_inventory";
my %queryargs = ( detail => 1 );
```

The script sends the query and assigns the results to the `$res` variable. It performs two tests on the results, and prints an error message if it cannot send the request or if errors occurred when executing it. If no errors occurred, the script uses XSLT to transform the results. For more information, see “Parsing and Formatting an Operational Response” on page 224.

```
my $res = $jnx->$query( %queryargs );
unless ( ref $res ) {
    die "ERROR: $deviceinfo{hostname}: failed to execute command $query.\n";
}
my $err = $res->getFirstError(????);
if ($err) {
    print STDERR "ERROR: $deviceinfo{'hostname'} - ", $err->{message}, "\n";
} else {
    ... code that uses XSLT to process results ...
}
```

## Example: Loading Configuration Statements

The `load_configuration.pl` script loads configuration statements onto a routing platform. It uses the basic structure for sending requests described in “Submitting a Request” on page 218, but also defines a `graceful_shutdown` subroutine that handles errors in a slightly more elaborate manner than that described in “Submitting a Request” on page 218. The following sections describe the different functions that the script performs:

- Handling Error Conditions on page 220
- Locking the Configuration on page 221
- Reading In and Parsing the Configuration Data on page 221
- Loading the Configuration Data on page 222
- Committing the Configuration on page 224

### Handling Error Conditions

The `graceful_shutdown` subroutine in the `load_configuration.pl` script handles errors in a slightly more elaborate manner than the generic structure described in “Submitting a Request” on page 218. It employs the following additional constants:

```
use constant REPORT_SUCCESS => 1;
use constant REPORT_FAILURE => 0;
use constant STATE_CONNECTED => 1;
use constant STATE_LOCKED => 2;
use constant STATE_CONFIG_LOADED => 3;
```

The first two if statements in the subroutine refer to the `STATE_CONFIG_LOADED` and `STATE_LOCKED` conditions, which apply specifically to loading a configuration in the `load_configuration.pl` script. The if statement for `STATE_CONNECTED` is similar to the error checking described in “Submitting a Request” on page 218. The `eval` statement used in each case ensures that any errors that occur during execution of the enclosed function call are trapped so that failure of the function call does not cause the script to exit.

```
sub graceful_shutdown
{
    my ($jnx, $req, $state, $success) = @_;

    if ($state >= STATE_CONFIG_LOADED) {
        print "Rolling back configuration ...\n";
        eval {
            $jnx->load_configuration(rollback => 0);
        };
    }

    if ($state >= STATE_LOCKED) {
        print "Unlocking configuration database ...\n";
        eval {
            $jnx->unlock_configuration(????);
        };
    }
}
```



```

    if ($state >= STATE_CONNECTED) {
        print "Disconnecting from the router ...\n";
        eval {
            $jnx->request_end_session(????);
            $jnx->disconnect(????);
        };
    }

    if ($success) {
        die "REQUEST $req SUCCEEDED\n";
    } else {
        die "REQUEST $req FAILED\n";
    };
}

```

### **Locking the Configuration**

The main section of the `load_configuration.pl` script begins by establishing a connection to a JUNOScript server, as described in “Establishing the Connection” on page 214. It then invokes the `lock_configuration` method to lock the configuration database. In case of error, the script invokes the `graceful_shutdown` subroutine described in “Handling Error Conditions” on page 220.

```

    print "Locking configuration database ...\n";
    my $res = $jnx->lock_configuration(????);
    my $err = $res->getFirstError(????);
    if ($err) {
        print "ERROR: $deviceinfo{hostname}: failed to lock configuration. Reason:
$err->{message}.\n";
        graceful_shutdown($jnx, $xmlfile, STATE_CONNECTED, REPORT_FAILURE);
    }

```

### **Reading In and Parsing the Configuration Data**

In the following code sample, the `load_configuration.pl` script then reads in and parses a file that contains JUNOS XML configuration tag elements or formatted ASCII statements. The name of the file was previously obtained from the command line and assigned to the `$xmlfile` variable. A detailed discussion of the functional subsections follows the complete code sample.

```

    print "Loading configuration from $xmlfile ...\n";
    if (! -f $xmlfile) {
        print "ERROR: Cannot load configuration in $xmlfile\n";
        graceful_shutdown($jnx, $xmlfile, STATE_LOCKED, REPORT_FAILURE);
    }

    my $parser = new XML::DOM::Parser;
    ...

    my $doc;
    if ($opt{t}) {
        my $xmlstring = get_escaped_text($xmlfile);
        $doc = $parser->parsestring($xmlstring) if $xmlstring;
    } else {
        $doc = $parser->parsefile($xmlfile);
    }

```

```

    }

    unless ( ref $doc ) {
        print "ERROR: Cannot parse $xmlfile, check to make sure the XML data is
well-formed\n";
        graceful_shutdown($jnx, $xmlfile, STATE_LOCKED, REPORT_FAILURE);
    }

```

The first subsection of the preceding code sample verifies the existence of the file containing configuration data. The name of the file was previously obtained from the command line and assigned to the `$xmlfile` variable. If the file does not exist, the script invokes the `graceful_shutdown` subroutine:

```

    print "Loading configuration from $xmlfile ...\n";
    if (! -f $xmlfile) {
        print "ERROR: Cannot load configuration in $xmlfile\n";
        graceful_shutdown($jnx, $xmlfile, STATE_LOCKED, REPORT_FAILURE);
    }

```

If the `-t` command-line option was included when the `load_configuration.pl` script was invoked, the file referenced by the `$xmlfile` variable should contain formatted ASCII configuration statements like those returned by the CLI configuration-mode `show` command. The script invokes the `get_escaped_text` subroutine described in “Converting Disallowed Characters” on page 213, assigning the result to the `$xmlstring` variable. The script invokes the `parsestring` function to transform the data in the file into the proper format for loading into the configuration hierarchy, and assigns the result to the `$doc` variable. The `parsestring` function is defined in the `XML::DOM::Parser` module, and the first line in the following sample code instantiates the module as an object, setting the `$parser` variable to refer to it:

```

    my $parser = new XML::DOM::Parser;
    ...
    my $doc;
    if ($opt{t}) {
        my $xmlstring = get_escaped_text($xmlfile);
        $doc = $parser->parsestring($xmlstring) if $xmlstring;
    }

```

If the file contains JUNOS XML configuration tag elements instead, the script invokes the `parsefile` function (also defined in the `XML::DOM::Parser` module) on the file:

```

    } else {
        $doc = $parser->parsefile($xmlfile);
    }

```

If the parser cannot transform the file, the script invokes the `graceful_shutdown` subroutine described in “Handling Error Conditions” on page 220:

```

    unless ( ref $doc ) {
        print "ERROR: Cannot parse $xmlfile, check to make sure the XML data is
well-formed\n";
        graceful_shutdown($jnx, $xmlfile, STATE_LOCKED, REPORT_FAILURE);
    }

```

### **Loading the Configuration Data**

The script now invokes the `load_configuration` method to load the configuration onto the routing platform. It places the statement inside an `eval` block to ensure that the

`graceful_shutdown` subroutine is invoked if the response from the JUNOScript server has errors.

```
eval {
    $res = $jnx->load_configuration(
        format => $config_format,
        action => $load_action,
        configuration => $doc);
};
if ($?) {
    print "ERROR: Failed to load the configuration from $xmlfile. Reason:
    $@\n";
    graceful_shutdown($jnx, $xmlfile, STATE_CONFIG_LOADED, REPORT_FAILURE);

    exit(1);
}
```

The variables used to define the method's three arguments were set at previous points in the application file:

- The `$config_format` variable was previously set to `xml` unless the `-t` command-line option is included:

```
my $config_format = "xml";
$config_format = "text" if $opt{t};
```

- The `$load_action` variable was previously set to `merge` unless the `-a` command-line option is included. The final two lines verify that the specified value is one of the acceptable choices:

```
my $load_action = "merge";
$load_action = $opt{a} if $opt{a};
use constant VALID_ACTIONS => "merge|replace|override";
output_usage(????) unless ( $load_action =~ /VALID_ACTIONS/);
```

- The `$doc` variable was set to the output from the `parsestring` or `parsefile` function (defined in the `XML::DOM::Parser` module), as described in “Reading In and Parsing the Configuration Data” on page 221.

The script performs two additional checks for errors and invokes the `graceful_shutdown` subroutine in either case:

```
unless ( ref $res ) {
    print "ERROR: Failed to load the configuration from $xmlfile\n";
    graceful_shutdown($jnx, $xmlfile, STATE_LOCKED, REPORT_FAILURE);
}
$error = $res->getFirstError(????);
if ($error) {
    print "ERROR: Failed to load the configuration. Reason:
$error->{message}\n";
    graceful_shutdown($jnx, $xmlfile, STATE_CONFIG_LOADED, REPORT_FAILURE);
}
```

### ***Committing the Configuration***

If there are no errors, the script invokes the `commit_configuration` method (defined in the file `lib/JUNOS/Methods.pm` in the JUNOScript Perl distribution):

```
print "Committing configuration from $xmlfile ...\n";
$res = $jnx->commit_configuration(????);
$error = $res->getFirstError(????);
if ($error) {
    print "ERROR: Failed to commit configuration. Reason: $error->{message}.\n";

    graceful_shutdown($jnx, $xmlfile, STATE_CONFIG_LOADED, REPORT_FAILURE);
}
```

### ***Parsing and Formatting the Response from the JUNOScript Server***

As the last step in sending a request, the application verifies that there are no errors with the response from the JUNOScript server (see “Submitting a Request” on page 218). It can then write the response to a file, to the screen, or both. If the response is for an operational query, the application usually uses XSLT to transform the output into a more readable format, such as HTML or formatted ASCII text. If the response consists of configuration data, the application can store it as XML (the JUNOS XML tag elements generated by default from the JUNOScript server) or transform it into formatted ASCII text.

The following sections discuss parsing and formatting options:

- Parsing and Formatting an Operational Response on page 224
- Parsing and Outputting Configuration Data on page 226

### ***Parsing and Formatting an Operational Response***

The following code sample from the `diagnose_bgp.pl` and `get_chassis_inventory.pl` scripts uses XSLT to transform an operational response from the JUNOScript server into a more readable format. A detailed discussion of the functional subsections follows the complete code sample.

```
my $outputfile = $opt{o} || "";

my $xslfile = $opt{x} || "xsl/text.xsl";
if ($xslfile && ! -f $xslfile) {
    die "ERROR: XSLT file $xslfile does not exist";
}

my $xmlfile = "$deviceinfo{hostname}.xml";
$res->printToFile($xmlfile);

my $nm = $res->translateXSLtoRelease('xmlns:lc', $xslfile, "$xslfile.tmp");

if ($nm) {
    print "Transforming $xmlfile with $xslfile...\n" if $outputfile;
    my $command = "xsltproc $nm $deviceinfo{hostname}.xml";
```

```

        $command .= "> $outputfile" if $outputfile;
        system($command);
        print "Done\n" if $outputfile;
        print "See $outputfile\n" if $outputfile;
    }

    else {
        print STDERR "ERROR: Invalid XSL file $xslfile\n";
    }
}

```

The first line of the preceding code sample illustrates how the scripts read the `-o` option from the command line to obtain the name of file into which to write the results of the XSLT transformation:

```
my $outputfile = $opt{o} || "";
```

From the `-x` command-line option, the scripts obtain the name of the XSLT file to use, setting a default value if the option is not provided. The scripts exit if the specified file does not exist. The following example is from the `diagnose_bgp.pl` script:

```

my $xslfile = $opt{x} || "xsl/text.xsl";
if ($xslfile && ! -f $xslfile) {
    die "ERROR: XSLT file $xslfile does not exist";
}

```

For examples of XSLT files, see the following directories in the JUNOScript Perl distribution:

- The `examples/diagnose_bgp/xsl` directory contains XSLT files for the `diagnose_bgp.pl` script: `dhtml.xsl` generates dynamic HTML, `html.xsl` generates HTML, and `text.xsl` generates ASCII text.
- The `examples/get_chassis_inventory/xsl` directory contains XSLT files for the `get_chassis_inventory.pl` script: `chassis_inventory_csv.xsl` generates a list of comma-separated values, `chassis_inventory_html.xsl` generates HTML, and `chassis_inventory_xml.xsl` generates XML.

The actual parsing operation begins by setting the variable `$xmlfile` to a filename of the form *routing-platform-name.xml* and invoking the `printToFile` function to write the JUNOScript server's response into the file (the `printToFile` function is defined in the `XML::DOM::Parser` module):

```

my $xmlfile = "$deviceinfo{hostname}.xml";
$res->printToFile($xmlfile);

```

The next line invokes the `translateXSLtoRelease` function (defined in the `JUNOS::Response` module) to alter one of the namespace definitions in the XSLT file. This is necessary because the XSLT 1.0 specification requires that every XSLT file define a specific value for each default namespace used in the data being transformed. The `xmlns` attribute in a JUNOS XML operational response tag element includes a code representing the JUNOS software version, such as **9.54R1** for the initial version of JUNOS Release 9.54. Because the same XSLT file can be applied to operational response tag elements from routing platforms running different versions of the JUNOS software, the XSLT file cannot predefine an `xmlns` namespace value that matches all versions. The `translateXSLtoRelease` function alters the namespace definition in the XSLT file identified by the `$xslfile` variable to match the value in the JUNOScript server's response. It assigns the resulting XSLT file to the `$nm` variable.

```
my $nm = $res->translateXSLtoRelease('xmlns:lc', $xslfile, "$xslfile.tmp");
```

After verifying that the `translateXSLtoRelease` function succeeded, the function builds a command string and assigns it to the `$command` variable. The first part of the command string invokes the `xsltproc` command and specifies the names of the XSLT and configuration data files (`$nm` and `$deviceinfo{hostname}.xml`):

```
if ($nm) {
    print "Transforming $xmlfile with $xslfile...\n" if $outputfile;
    my $command = "xsltproc $nm $deviceinfo{hostname}.xml";
```

If the `$outputfile` variable is defined (the file for storing the result of the XSLT transformation exists), the script appends a string to the `$command` variable to write the results of the `xsltproc` command to the file. (If the file does not exist, the script writes the results to standard out [stdout].) The script then invokes the `system` function to execute the command string and prints status messages to stdout.

```
    $command .= "> $outputfile" if $outputfile;
    system($command);
    print "Done\n" if $outputfile;
    print "See $outputfile\n" if $outputfile;
}
```

If the `translateXSLtoRelease` function fails (the `if ($nm)` expression evaluates to “false”), the script prints an error:

```
else {
    print STDERR "ERROR: Invalid XSL file $xslfile\n";
}
```

## Parsing and Outputting Configuration Data

The `get_config.pl` script uses the `outconfig` subroutine to write the configuration data obtained from the JUNOScript server to a file either as JUNOS XML tag elements or as formatted ASCII text.

The `outconfig` subroutine takes four parameters. Three must have defined values: the directory in which to store the output file, the routing platform hostname, and the XML DOM tree (the configuration data) returned by the JUNOScript server. The fourth parameter indicates whether to output the configuration as formatted ASCII text, and has a null value if the requested output is JUNOS XML tag elements. In the following code sample, the script obtains values for the four parameters and passes them to the `outconfig` subroutine. A detailed discussion of each line follows the complete code sample.

```
my(%opt,$login,$password);

getopts('l:p:dm:hit', \%opt) || output_usage(????);
output_usage(????) if $opt{h};

my $basepath = shift || output_usage;

my $hostname = shift || output_usage;

my $config = getconfig( $hostname, $jnx, $opt{t} );
```

```
outconfig( $basepath, $hostname, $config, $opt{t} );
```

In the first lines of the preceding sample code, the `get_config.pl` script uses the following statements to obtain values for the four parameters to the `outconfig` subroutine:

- If the user provides the `-t` option on the command line, the `getopts` subroutine records it in the `%opt` hash. The value keyed to `$opt{t}` is passed as the fourth parameter to the `outconfig` subroutine. (For more information about reading options from the command line, see “Example: Collecting Parameters Interactively” on page 210.)

```
getopts('l:p:dm:hit', \%opt) || output_usage(????);
```

- The following line reads the first element of the command line that is not an option preceded by a hyphen. It assigns the value to the `$basepath` variable, defining the name of the directory in which to store the file containing the output from the `outconfig` subroutine. The variable value is passed as the first parameter to the `outconfig` subroutine.

```
my $basepath = shift || output_usage;
```

- The following line reads the next element on the command line. It assigns the value to the `$hostname` variable, defining the routing platform hostname. The variable value is passed as the second parameter to the `outconfig` subroutine.

```
my $hostname = shift || output_usage;
```

- The following line invokes the `getconfig` subroutine to obtain configuration data from the JUNOScript server on the specified routing platform, assigning the resulting XML DOM tree to the `$config` variable. The variable value is passed as the third parameter to the `outconfig` subroutine.

```
my $config = getconfig( $hostname, $jnx, $opt{t} );
```

The following code sample invokes and defines the `outconfig` subroutine. A detailed discussion of each functional subsection in the subroutine follows the complete code sample.

```
outconfig( $basepath, $hostname, $config, $opt{t} );

sub outconfig( $$$$ ) {
    my $leader = shift;
    my $hostname = shift;
    my $config = shift;
    my $text_mode = shift;
    my $trailer = "xmlconfig";
    my $filename = $leader . "/" . $hostname . "." . $trailer;

    print "# storing configuration for $hostname as $filename\n";
```

```

my $config_node;
my $stop_tag = "configuration";
$stop_tag .= "-text" if $text_mode;
if ($config->getTagName(????) eq $stop_tag) {
    $config_node = $config;
} else {
    print "# unknown response component ", $config->getTagName(????),
"\n";
}

if ( $config_node && $config_node ne "" ) {
    if ( open OUTPUTFILE, ">$filename" ) {
        if (!$text_mode) {
            print OUTPUTFILE "<?xml version=\"1.0\"?>\n";
            print OUTPUTFILE $config_node->toString(????), "\n";
        } else {
            my $buf = $config_node->getFirstChild(????)->toString(????);

            $buf =~ s/($char_class)/$escapes{$1}/ge;
            print OUTPUTFILE "$buf\n";
        }
        close OUTPUTFILE;
    }
    else {
        print "ERROR: could not open output file $filename\n";
    }
}
else {
    print "ERROR: empty configuration data for $hostname\n";
}
}

```

The first lines of the `outconfig` subroutine read in the four parameters passed in when the subroutine is invoked, assigning each to a local variable:

```

outconfig( $basepath, $hostname, $config, $opt{t} );
sub outconfig( $$$$ ) {
    my $leader = shift;
    my $hostname = shift;
    my $config = shift;
    my $text_mode = shift;

```

The subroutine constructs the name of the file to which to write the subroutine's output and assigns the name to the `$filename` variable. The filename is constructed from the first two parameters (the directory name and hostname) and the `$trailer` variable, resulting in a name of the form *directory-name/hostname.xmlconfig*:

```

my $trailer = "xmlconfig";
my $filename = $leader . "/" . $hostname . "." . $trailer;

print "# storing configuration for $hostname as $filename\n";

```

The subroutine checks that the first tag in the XML DOM tree correctly indicates the type of configuration data in the file. If the user included the `-t` option on the command line, the first tag should be `<configuration-text>` because the file contains formatted ASCII configuration statements; otherwise, the first tag should be `<configuration>` because the file contains JUNOS XML tag elements. The subroutine sets the `$stop_tag` variable to the appropriate value depending on the value of the `$text_mode` variable (which takes its value from `opt{t}`, passed as the fourth parameter to the subroutine).



The subroutine invokes the `getTagName` function (defined in the `XML::DOM::Element` module) to retrieve the name of the first tag in the input file, and compares the name to the value of the `$stop_tag` variable. If the comparison succeeds, the XML DOM tree is assigned to the `$config_node` variable. Otherwise, the subroutine prints an error message because the XML DOM tree is not valid configuration data.

```
my $config_node;
my $stop_tag = "configuration";
$stop_tag .= "-text" if $text_mode;
if ($config->getTagName(????) eq $stop_tag) {
    $config_node = $config;
} else {
    print "# unknown response component ", $config->getTagName(????), "\n";
}
}
```

The subroutine then uses several nested if statements. The first if statement verifies that the XML DOM tree exists and contains data:

```
if ( $config_node && $config_node ne "" ) {
    ... actions if XML DOM tree contains data ...
}
else {
    print "ERROR: empty configuration data for $hostname\n";
}
```

If the XML DOM tree contains data, the subroutine verifies that the output file can be opened for writing:

```
if ( open OUTPUTFILE, ">$filename" ) {
    ... actions if output file is writable ...
}
else {
    print "ERROR: could not open output file $filename\n";
}
```

If the output file can be opened for writing, the script writes the configuration data into it. If the user requested JUNOS XML tag elements—the user did not include the `-t` option on the command line, so the `$text_mode` variable does not have a value—the script writes the string `<?xml version=1.0?>` as the first line in the output file, and then invokes the `toString` function (defined in the `XML::DOM` module) to write each JUNOS XML tag element in the XML DOM tree on a line in the output file:

```
if (!$text_mode) {
    print OUTPUTFILE "<?xml version=\"1.0\"?>\n";
    print OUTPUTFILE $config_node->toString(????), "\n";
}
```

If the user requested formatted ASCII text, the script invokes the `getFirstChild` and `toString` functions (defined in the `XML::DOM` module) to write the content of each tag on its own line in the output file. The script substitutes predefined entity references for disallowed characters (which are defined in the `%escapes` hash), writes the output to the output file, and closes the output file. (For information about defining the `%escapes` hash to contain the set of disallowed characters, see “Converting Disallowed Characters” on page 213.)

```
} else {
    my $buf = $config_node->getFirstChild(????)->toString(????);
    $buf =~ s/($char_class)/$escapes{$1}/ge;
    print OUTPUTFILE "$buf\n";
}
```

```
}
close OUTPUTFILE;
```

## Closing the Connection to the JUNOScript Server

To end the JUNOScript session and close the connection to the routing platform, each sample script invokes the `request_end_session` and `disconnect` methods. Several of the scripts do this in standalone statements:

```
$jnx->request_end_session(???);
$jnx->disconnect(???);
```

The `load_configuration.pl` script invokes the `graceful_shutdown` subroutine instead (for more information, see “Handling Error Conditions” on page 220):

```
graceful_shutdown($jnx, $xmlfile, STATE_LOCKED, REPORT_SUCCESS);
```

## Mapping CLI Commands to Perl Methods

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The sample scripts described in “Overview of the JUNOS Module and Sample Scripts” on page 205 invoke only a small number of the predefined JUNOS XML Perl methods available in the current version of the JUNOS software. There is a Perl method for every JUNOS XML request tag element. To derive the Perl method name from the request tag element name, replace each hyphen in the tag element name with an underscore and remove the enclosing angle brackets from the tag element name. For example, the `get_bgp_group_information` Perl method corresponds to the `<get-bgp-group-information>` tag element.

For a list of all of the Perl methods available in the current version of the JUNOS software, see the chapter in the *JUNOS XML API Operational Reference* that maps JUNOS XML request tag elements to CLI commands and Perl methods. For information about optional and required attributes for a particular Perl method, see the entry for the corresponding JUNOS XML request tag element in the chapter titled “Summary of Operational Request Tags” in the *JUNOS XML API Operational Reference*.

## Chapter 10

# Writing C Client Applications

In this section, we offer two examples of using C to create client applications to access the JUNOS routers. The first example shows how to establish a JUNOScript session. The second example, shows how to retrieve and manipulate router configurations using C.

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### Establishing a JUNOScript Session

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The following example illustrates how a client application written in C can use the SSH or Telnet protocol to establish a JUNOScript connection and session. In the line that begins with the string `execlp`, the client application invokes the `ssh` command. (Substitute the `telnet` command if appropriate.) The *routing-platform* argument to the `execlp` routine specifies the hostname or IP address of the JUNOScript server. The `junoscript` argument is the command that converts the connection to a JUNOScript session.

For more information about JUNOScript sessions, see “Controlling the JUNOScript Session” on page 25.

```
int ipipes[ 2 ], opipes[ 2 ];
pid_t pid;
int rc;
char buf[ BUFSIZ ];

if (pipe(ipipes) <0 || pipe(opipes) <0)
    err(1, "pipe failed");

pid = fork( );
if (pid <0)
    err(1, "fork failed");

if (pid == 0) {
    dup2(opipes[ 0 ], STDIN_FILENO);
    dup2(ipipes[ 1 ], STDOUT_FILENO);
    dup2(ipipes[ 1 ], STDERR_FILENO);
    close(ipipes[ 0 ]); /* close read end of pipe */
    close(ipipes[ 1 ]); /* close write end of pipe */
    close(opipes[ 0 ]); /* close read end of pipe */
    close(opipes[ 1 ]); /* close write end of pipe */
}
```

```

    execlp("ssh", "ssh", "-x", routing-platform, "junoscript", NULL);
    err(1, "unable to execute: ssh %s junoscript," router);
}

close(ipipes[ 1 ]); /* close write end of pipe */
close(opipes[ 0 ]); /* close read end of pipe */

if (write(opipes[ 1 ], initial_handshake, strlen(initial_handshake)) < 0 )
    err(1, "writing initial handshake failed");

rc=read(ipipes[ 0 ], buf, sizeof(buf));
if (rc < 0)
    err(1, "read initial handshake failed");

```

## Accessing and Editing Router Configurations

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This example code shows a script that can be used to access, manipulate and commit router configurations using C.

```

//--Includes--//
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <sys/resource.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <netinet/in.h>
#include <netdb.h>
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <errno.h>
#include <libxml/parser.h>
#include <libxml/xpath.h>

//--Defines--//
// #define PRINT
//--Toggles printing of all data to and from js server--//

//--Global Variables and Initialization--//
int sockfd;
char *xmlns_start_ptr = NULL;
char *xmlns_end_ptr = NULL;
int sock_bytes, pim_output_len, igmp_output_len, count_a, count_x, count_y,
    count_z, repl_str_len, orig_len, up_to_len, remain_len, conf_chg;
struct sockaddr_in serv_addr;
struct hostent *server;
char temp_buff[1024];          //--Temporary buffer used when --//
                                //--sending js configuration commands--//
char rcvbuffer[255];          //--Stores data from socket--//
char *pim_output_ptr = NULL;  //--Pointer for pim_output from socket--//
                                //--buffer--//
char *igmp_output_ptr = NULL; //--Pointer for igmp_output from socket buffer--//
char small_buff[2048];        //--Buffer to support js communication--//
char jserver[16];             //--JUNOScript server IP address--//
int jport = 3221;             //--JUNOScript server port --//

```

```

        //-(xnm-clear-text)-//
char msource[16];           //-Multicast source of group being
                           //-configured under igmp-//
char minterface[16];       //-Local multicast source interface-//
                           //-###change in igmp_xpath_ptr as well###-//
xmlDocPtr doc;             //-Pointer struct for parsing XML-//
xmlChar *pim_xpath_ptr =
    (xmlChar*) "/rpc-reply/pim-join-information/join-family
                /join-group[upstream-state-flags/local-source]
                /multicast-group-address";
xmlChar *temp_xpath_ptr =
    (xmlChar*) "/rpc-reply/igmp-group-information
                /mgm-interface-groups/mgm-group
                [../interface-name = '%s']/multicast-group-address";
xmlChar *igmp_xpath_ptr = NULL;
xmlNodeSetPtr nodeset;
xmlXPathObjectPtr pim_result; //-Pointer for pim result xml parsing-//
xmlXPathObjectPtr igmp_result; //-Pointer for igmp result xml parsing-//
xmlChar *keyword_ptr = NULL;  //-Pointer for node text-//
char pim_result_buff[128][64]; //-Char array to store pim xPath results-//
char igmp_result_buff[128][64]; //-Char array to store igmp xPath results-//

//js commands-//
char js_handshake1[64] = "<?xml version=\"1.0\" encoding=\"us-ascii\"?>\n";
char js_handshake2[128] = "<junoscript version=\"1.0\"
    hostname=\"client1\" release=\"8.4R1\">\n";
char js_login[512] = "<rpc>\n<request-login>\n<username>lab</username>
    \n<challenge-response>Lablab</challenge-response>
    \n</request-login>\n</rpc>\n";
char js_show_pim[512] = "<rpc>\n<get-pim-join-information>
    \n<extensive/></get-pim-join-information></rpc>\n";
char js_show_igmp[512] = "<rpc>\n<get-igmp-group-information/>\n</rpc>\n";
char js_rmv_group[512] = "<rpc>\n<load-configuration>\n<configuration>
    \n<protocols>\n<igmp>\n<interface>\n<name>%s</name>
    \n<static>\n<group delete='delete'>\n<name>%s</name>
    \n</group>\n</static>\n</interface>\n</igmp>\n</protocols>
    \n</configuration>\n</load-configuration>\n</rpc>\n\n\n\n";
char js_add_group[512] = "<rpc>\n<load-configuration>
    \n<configuration>\n<protocols>\n<igmp>
    \n<interface>\n<name>%s</name>\n<static>
    \n<group>\n<name>%s</name>\n<source>
    \n<name>%s</name>\n</source>\n</group>\n</static>
    \n</interface>\n</igmp>\n</protocols>\n</configuration>
    \n</load-configuration>\n</rpc>\n";
char js_commit[64] = "<rpc>\n<commit-configuration/>\n</rpc>\n";

//Function prototypes-//
void error(char *msg);      //-Support error messaging-//
xmlDocPtr getdoc(char *buffer); //-Parses XML content and loads it into memory-//
xmlXPathObjectPtr getnodeset (xmlDocPtr doc, xmlChar *xpath);
    //-Parses xml content for result node(s) from XPath search-//

//Functions-//
void error(char *msg) {
    perror(msg);
    exit(0);
}

```

```

}

xmlDocPtr getdoc(char *buffer) {

xmlDocPtr doc;

doc = xmlReadMemory(buffer, strlen((char *)buffer), "temp.xml", NULL, 0);
if (doc == NULL ) {
    fprintf(stderr, "Document not parsed successfully. \n");
    return NULL;
} else {
    #ifdef PRINT
    printf("Document parsed successfully. \n");
    #endif
}
return doc;
}

xmlXPathObjectPtr getnodeset (xmlDocPtr doc, xmlChar *xpath) {

xmlXPathContextPtr context;
xmlXPathObjectPtr result;

context = xmlXPathNewContext(doc);
if (context == NULL) {
    printf("Error in xmlXPathNewContext\n");
    return NULL;
}
result = xmlXPathEvalExpression(xpath, context);
xmlXPathFreeContext(context);
if (result == NULL) {
    printf("Error in xmlXPathEvalExpression\n");
    return NULL;
}
if(xmlXPathNodeSetIsEmpty(result->nodesetval)) {
    xmlXPathFreeObject(result);
    #ifdef PRINT
    printf("No result\n");
    #endif
    return NULL;
}
return result;
}

//--Main--
int main(int argc, char **argv) {

if(argc != 4) {
    printf("\nUsage: %s <Router Address> <Interface Name>
    <Multicast Source>\n\n", argv[0]);
    exit(0);
} else {
    strcpy(jserver, argv[1]);
    strcpy(minterface, argv[2]);
    strcpy(msource, argv[3]);
}
}

```

```

igmp_xpath_ptr = (xmlChar *)realloc((xmlChar *)igmp_xpath_ptr, 1024);
sprintf(igmp_xpath_ptr, temp_xpath_ptr, minterface);

sockfd = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0);
server = gethostbyname(jserver);
bzero((char*) &serv_addr, sizeof(serv_addr));
serv_addr.sin_family = AF_INET;
bcopy((char*) server->h_addr, (char*)
      &serv_addr.sin_addr.sin_addr, server->h_length);
serv_addr.sin_port = htons(jport);

//--Connect to the js server--//
if(connect(sockfd, (struct sockaddr*)&serv_addr, sizeof(serv_addr)) < 0) {
    printf("Socket connect error\n");
}

if(fcntl(sockfd, F_SETOWN, getpid()) < 0)
error("Unable to set process owner to us\n");
printf("\nConnected to %s on port %d\n", jserver, jport);

//--Read data from the initial connect--//
sock_bytes = read(sockfd, rcvbuffer, 255);
#ifdef PRINT
printf("\n%s", rcvbuffer);
#endif

//--js intialization handshake--//
sock_bytes = write(sockfd, js_handshake1, strlen(js_handshake1));
//--Send xml PI to js server--//
sock_bytes = write(sockfd, js_handshake2, strlen(js_handshake2));
//--Send xml version and encoding to js server--//
sock_bytes = read(sockfd, rcvbuffer, 255);
//--Read return data from sock buffer--//
rcvbuffer[sock_bytes] = 0;
printf("XML connection to the JUNOScript server has been initialized\n");
#ifdef PRINT
printf("\n%s", rcvbuffer);
#endif

//--js login--//
sock_bytes = write(sockfd, js_login, strlen(js_login));
//--Send js command--//
while(strstr(small_buff, "superuser") == NULL) {
    //--Continue to read from the buffer until match--//
    sock_bytes = read(sockfd, rcvbuffer, 255);
    rcvbuffer[sock_bytes] = 0;
    strcat(small_buff, rcvbuffer);
    //--Copy buffer contents into pim_buffer--//
}
printf("Login completed to the JUNOScript server\n");
#ifdef PRINT
printf("%s\n", small_buff); //--Print the small buff contents--//
#endif
//regfree(&regex_struct);
bzero(small_buff, strlen(small_buff));
//--Erase small buffer contents--//

```

```

//Begin the for loop here-//
printf("Running continuous IGMP and PIM group comparison...\n\n");
for(;;) {           //Begin infinite for loop-//

//Get PIM join information-//
pim_output_ptr = (char *)realloc((char *)pim_output_ptr,
    strlen(js_handshake1));
    //Allocate memory for xml PI concatenation -//
    //to pim_output_ptr-//
strcpy(pim_output_ptr, js_handshake1);
    //Copy PI to pim_output_ptr-//
sock_bytes = write(sockfd, js_show_pim, strlen(js_show_pim));
    //Send show pim joins command-//
while(strstr(pim_output_ptr, "</rpc-reply>") == NULL) {
    //Continue to read from the buffer until match-//
    sock_bytes = read(sockfd, rcvbuffer, 255);
        //Read from buffer-//
    rcvbuffer[sock_bytes] = 0;
    pim_output_len = strlen((char *)pim_output_ptr);
        //Determine current string length of pim_output_ptr-//
    pim_output_ptr = (char *)realloc((char *)pim_output_ptr,
        strlen(rcvbuffer)+pim_output_len);
        //Reallocate memory for additional data-//
    strcat(pim_output_ptr, rcvbuffer);
        //Copy data from rcvbuffer to pim_output_ptr-//
}

//Remove the xmlns entry-//
xmlns_start_ptr = strstr(pim_output_ptr, "xmlns=\"http:");
    //Find the start of the xmlns entry-pointer -//
    //returned by strstr()-//
xmlns_end_ptr = strstr(xmlns_start_ptr, ">");
    //Find the end of the xmlns entry-pointer -//
    //returned by strstr()-//
repl_str_len = xmlns_end_ptr - xmlns_start_ptr;
    //Determine the length of the string to be replaced-//
orig_len = strlen((char *)pim_output_ptr) + 1;
    //Determine the original length of pim_output-//
up_to_len = xmlns_start_ptr - pim_output_ptr;
    //Determine the length up to the beginning -//
    //of the xmlns entry-//
remain_len = orig_len - (up_to_len + repl_str_len);
    //Determine what the remaining length is minus -//
    //what we are removing-//
memcpy(xmlns_start_ptr - 1, xmlns_start_ptr + repl_str_len, remain_len);
    //copy the remaining string to the beginning -//
    //of the replacement string-//
#ifdef PRINT
printf("\n%s\n", pim_output_ptr);
#endif
//End of GET PIM join information-//

//Get IGMP membership information-//
igmp_output_ptr = (char *)realloc((char *)igmp_output_ptr,
    strlen(js_handshake1));

```



```

strcpy(igmp_output_ptr, js_handshake1);
sock_bytes = write(sockfd, js_show_igmp, strlen(js_show_igmp));
while(strstr(igmp_output_ptr, "</rpc-reply>") == NULL) {
    sock_bytes = read(sockfd, rcvbuffer, 255);
    rcvbuffer[sock_bytes] = 0;
    igmp_output_len = strlen((char *)igmp_output_ptr);
    igmp_output_ptr = (char *)realloc((char *)igmp_output_ptr,
        strlen(rcvbuffer)+igmp_output_len);
    strcat(igmp_output_ptr, rcvbuffer);
}
#ifdef PRINT
printf("\n%s\n", igmp_output_ptr);
#endif
//--End of GET IGMP membership information--//

//--Store xPath results for pim buffer search--//
doc = getdoc(pim_output_ptr);
    //--Call getdoc() to parse XML in pim_output--//
pim_result = getnodeset (doc, pim_xpath_ptr);
    //--Call getnodeset() which provides xPath result--//
if (pim_result) {
    nodeset = pim_result->nodesetval;
    for (count_a=0; count_a < nodeset->nodeNr; count_a++) {
        //--Run through all node values found--//
        keyword_ptr = xmlNodeListGetString
            (doc, nodeset->nodeTab[count_a]->xmlChildrenNode, 1);
        strcpy(pim_result_buff[count_a], (char *)keyword_ptr);
        //--Copy each node value to its own array element--//
#ifdef PRINT
        printf("PIM Groups: %s\n", pim_result_buff[count_a]);
        //--Print the node value--//
#endif
        xmlFree(keyword_ptr);    //--Free memory used by keyword_ptr--//
        xmlChar *keyword_ptr = NULL;
    }
    xmlXPathFreeObject(pim_result);
    //--Free memory used by result--//
}
xmlFreeDoc(doc);            //--Free memory used by doc--//
xmlCleanupParser();         //--Clean everything else--//
//--End of xPath search--//

//--Store xPath results for igmp buffer search--//
doc = getdoc(igmp_output_ptr);
igmp_result = getnodeset (doc, igmp_xpath_ptr);
if (igmp_result) {
    nodeset = igmp_result->nodesetval;
    for (count_a=0; count_a < nodeset->nodeNr; count_a++) {
        keyword_ptr = xmlNodeListGetString
            (doc, nodeset->nodeTab[count_a]->xmlChildrenNode, 1);
        strcpy(igmp_result_buff[count_a], (char *)keyword_ptr);
#ifdef PRINT
        printf("IGMP Groups: %s\n", igmp_result_buff[count_a]);
#endif
    }
}

```

```

        xmlFree(keyword_ptr);
        xmlChar *keyword_ptr = NULL;
    }
    xmlXPathFreeObject(igmp_result);
}
xmlFreeDoc(doc);
xmlCleanupParser();
//--End of XPath search--//

//--Code to compare pim groups to configured igmp static membership--//
conf_chg = 0;
count_x=0;           //--Track pim groups--//
count_y=0;           //--Track igmp groups--//
count_z=0;           //--Track matches (if set to 1, igmp group matched pim group)--//

while(strstr(pim_result_buff[count_x], "2") != NULL) {
    //--Run through igmp pim groups--//
    if(strstr(igmp_result_buff[count_y], "2") == NULL) {
        count_z = 0;
        conf_chg = 1;
    }
    while(strstr(igmp_result_buff[count_y], "2") != NULL) {
        //--For each pim group, run through all igmp groups--//
        if(strcmp(igmp_result_buff[count_y], pim_result_buff[count_x]) == 0) {
            //--If igmp group matches pim group, set z to 1 --//
            //-- (ie count_z=1; --//
            //--Set z to 1 if there was a match (ie - the static --//
            //--membership is configured)--//
        }
        count_y++;           //--Increment igmp result buffer--//
    }
    if(count_z == 0) {       //--If no igmp group matched the --//
                            //--pim group (z stayed at 0), configure--//
                            //--static membership--//
        printf("Adding this group to igmp: %s\n", pim_result_buff[count_x]);
        sprintf(temp_buff, js_add_group, minterface,
            pim_result_buff[count_x], msource);
        //--Copy js_add_group with pim group to temp_buff--//
#ifdef PRINT
        printf("%s", temp_buff);
#endif
        sock_bytes = write(sockfd, temp_buff, strlen(temp_buff));
        while(strstr(small_buff, "</rpc-reply>") == NULL) {
            sock_bytes = read(sockfd, rcvbuffer, 255);
            rcvbuffer[sock_bytes] = 0;
            strcat(small_buff, rcvbuffer);
        }
#ifdef PRINT
        printf("%s\n", small_buff);
#endif
        bzero(small_buff, strlen(small_buff));
        //--Erase (copy all 0's) small buffer contents--//
        bzero(temp_buff, strlen(temp_buff));
        //--Erase temp_buff contents--//
        conf_chg = 1;
        //--Set conf_chg value to 1 to signify that a --//

```

```

        //--commit is needed--//
    }
    count_x++;          //--increment pim result buffer--//
    count_y=0;          //--reset igmp result buffer to start--//
                        //-- at first element--//
    count_z=0;          //--reset group match to 0 --//
                        //--(config needed due to no match)--//
}

//--Code for comparing igmp static membership to pim groups--//
count_x=0;
count_y=0;
count_z=0;
while(strstr(igmp_result_buff[count_y], "2") != NULL) {
    if(strstr(pim_result_buff[count_x], "2") == NULL) {
        count_z = 0;
        conf_chg = 1;
    }
    while(strstr(pim_result_buff[count_x], "2") != NULL) {
        if(strcmp(pim_result_buff[count_x], igmp_result_buff[count_y]) == 0) {
            count_z = 1;
        }
        count_x++;
    }
}
if(count_z == 0) {
    printf("Removing this group from igmp: %s\n", igmp_result_buff[count_y]);
    sprintf(temp_buff, js_rmv_group, minterface, igmp_result_buff[count_y]);
    #ifdef PRINT
    printf("%s", temp_buff);
    #endif
    sock_bytes = write(sockfd, temp_buff, strlen(temp_buff));

    while(strstr(small_buff, "</rpc-reply>") == NULL) {
        sock_bytes = read(sockfd, rcvbuffer, 255);
        rcvbuffer[sock_bytes] = 0;
        strcat(small_buff, rcvbuffer);
    }
    #ifdef PRINT
    printf("%s\n", rcvbuffer);
    #endif
    bzero(small_buff, strlen(small_buff));
    bzero(temp_buff, strlen(temp_buff));
    conf_chg = 1;
}
count_y++;
count_x=0;
count_z=0;
}

if(conf_chg == 1) {
    sock_bytes = write(sockfd, js_commit, strlen(js_commit));
    while(strstr(small_buff, "</rpc-reply>") == NULL) {
        sock_bytes = read(sockfd, rcvbuffer, 255);
        rcvbuffer[sock_bytes] = 0;
        strcat(small_buff, rcvbuffer);
    }
}

```

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        bzero(small_buff, strlen(small_buff));
        printf("\nCommitted configuration change\n");
    } else {
        #ifdef PRINT
        printf("\nNo configuration changes made\n");
        #endif
    }
    #ifdef PRINT
    printf("\n%s\n", small_buff);
    #endif

    //Cleanup before next round of checks//
    bzero(rcvbuffer, strlen(rcvbuffer));
    //Erase contents of rcvbuffer//
    char *xmlns_start_ptr = NULL;
    //Nullify the contents//
    char *xmlns_end_ptr = NULL;
    //Nullify the contents//
    for(count_x = 0; count_x < 129; count_x++) {
        //Erase contents of both pim_result_buff and igmp_result_buff//
        bzero(pim_result_buff[count_x], strlen(pim_result_buff[count_x]));
        bzero(igmp_result_buff[count_x], strlen(igmp_result_buff[count_x]));
    }
}
}

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