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ParaDrop is a platform for edge computing. This is best understood by comparison with the popular paradigm of cloud computing.

Cloud computing vs. edge computing

Cloud computing platforms such as Amazon EC2, Microsoft Azure, and Google Cloud Platform have grown in popularity as solutions for providing ubiquitous access to services across different user devices. Cloud computing has benefits for infrastructure providers, service providers, and end users. Infrastructure providers, i.e., cloud platform providers, take advantage of the economies of scale by managing and operating resources in a centralized manner. Cloud computing also provides reliable, scalable, and elastic resources to service providers. In addition, end users can access high-performance computing and large storage resources anywhere with Internet access at any time thanks to the cloud computing.

Despite all of the benefits of cloud computing, there are some inherent trade-offs to the approach. Cloud computing requires developers to host services and data on off-site data centers. That means that the computing and storage resources are spatially distant from end-users and out of their control, which raises issues related to network latency, security, and privacy. A growing number of high-quality services can benefit from computational tasks running closer to end-users, especially within their own home or office. By moving the computation closer to the users, at the edge of the network, services can take advantage of the lower latency to provide better responsiveness and user experience as well as conserve network bandwidth.

Where is the vantage point for edge computing?

There are various options for placing edge computing nodes within the network. Hosting options include dedicated compute nodes in the home or office or on server racks within the ISP network. ParaDrop takes the approach of placing the edge computing substrate within the WiFi access points (APs). The WiFi AP is uniquely suitable for edge computing for multiple reasons:

- WiFi APs are ubiquitous in homes and businesses and inexpensive to replace.
- WiFi APs are always on and available.
- WiFi APs reside directly on the data path between Internet services and end users.

CHAPTER 3

How does it work?

ParaDrop is a research effort to build a highly programmable edge computing platform. The name for the project draws inspiration from the military use case of airdropping resources into the battlefield wherever they are needed most. Similarly, ParaDrop enables users and developers to *paradrop* edge services into the edge of the network as needed. Based on previous research work exploring the advantages of edge computing, we focus on building a platform that is friendly to both users and developers alike.

ParaDrop provides a similar runtime environment as the cloud computing platform to developers so that developers can easily port their services from the cloud to ParaDrop in part or in whole. It does this through lightweight containerization powered by Docker, which is already immensely popular in the cloud computing space. Containers allow developers the flexibility to build services with the programming languages, libraries, and frameworks they prefer, while being less resource-intensive than virtual machines. On top of that, ParaDrop offers a well-defined API that developers can leverage to implement and deploy interesting capabilities that are only available at the edge.

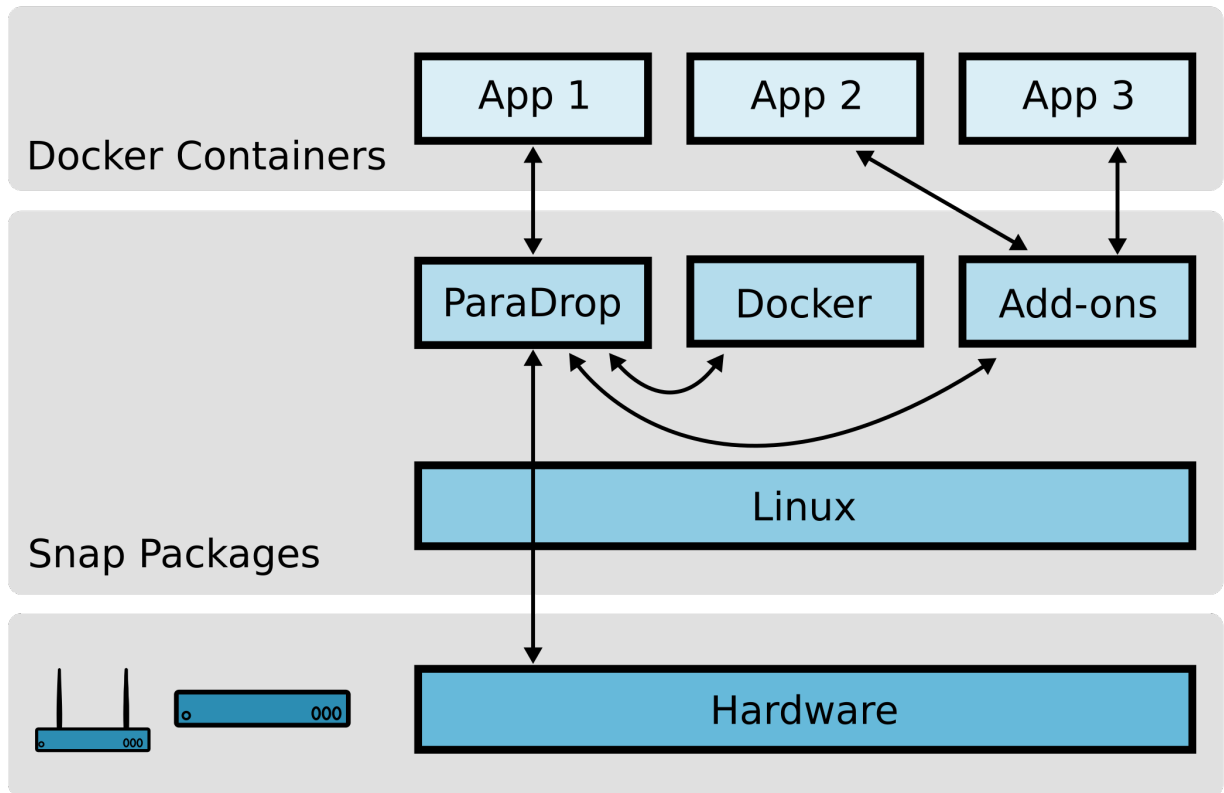
System Architecture

This section describes some of the important architectural features of ParaDrop. Our discussion will cover four major aspects of the ParaDrop design.

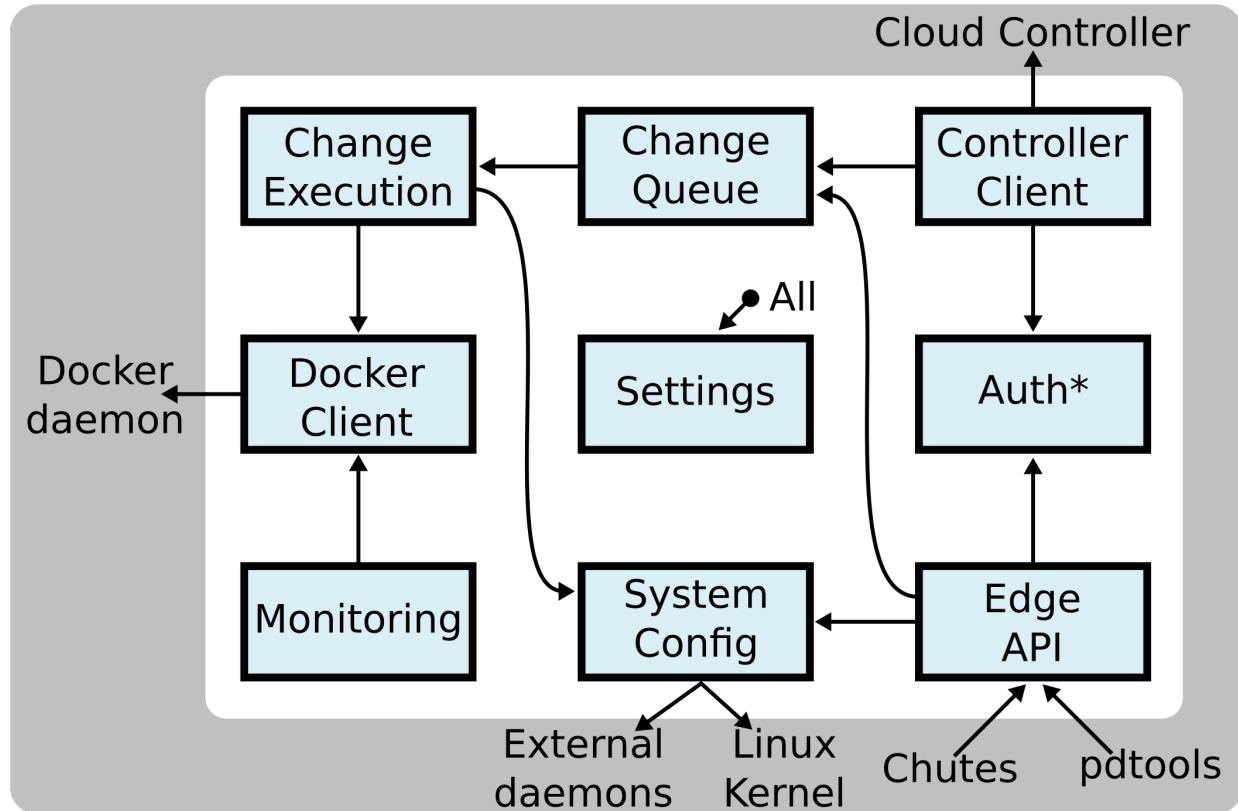
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4.1 ParaDrop Edge Compute Node

The defining component of the platform, the edge compute node, is the computing platform on which your applications and services will run. We designed the software platform entirely using open source components such as Linux and Docker. For system-level packages such as Docker and the ParaDrop daemon, we use snap packages. The snap package format produces self-contained applications that are then distributed and installed in a very controlled way. This keeps the system secure and safely up-to-date through transactional updates. Edge services (called *chutes*) are deployed on the platform as Docker containers. Docker enables developers to build their services as layers on top of any of the numerous publicly available images, and complex applications can even be built by composing and networking multiple Docker containers. All together, ParaDrop is a powerful but also lean computing platform that works on a range of hardware from Raspberry Pis to rack-mounted servers.



If we zoom in to the ParaDrop module, we find this is a piece of software with many responsibilities. We have divided the ParaDrop daemon roughly into nine submodules which are depicted below. Arrows indicate dependencies and tell a story about how external events propagate through the system. This diagram also shows how the ParaDrop daemon on an edge compute node interacts with other external daemons, tools, and services.

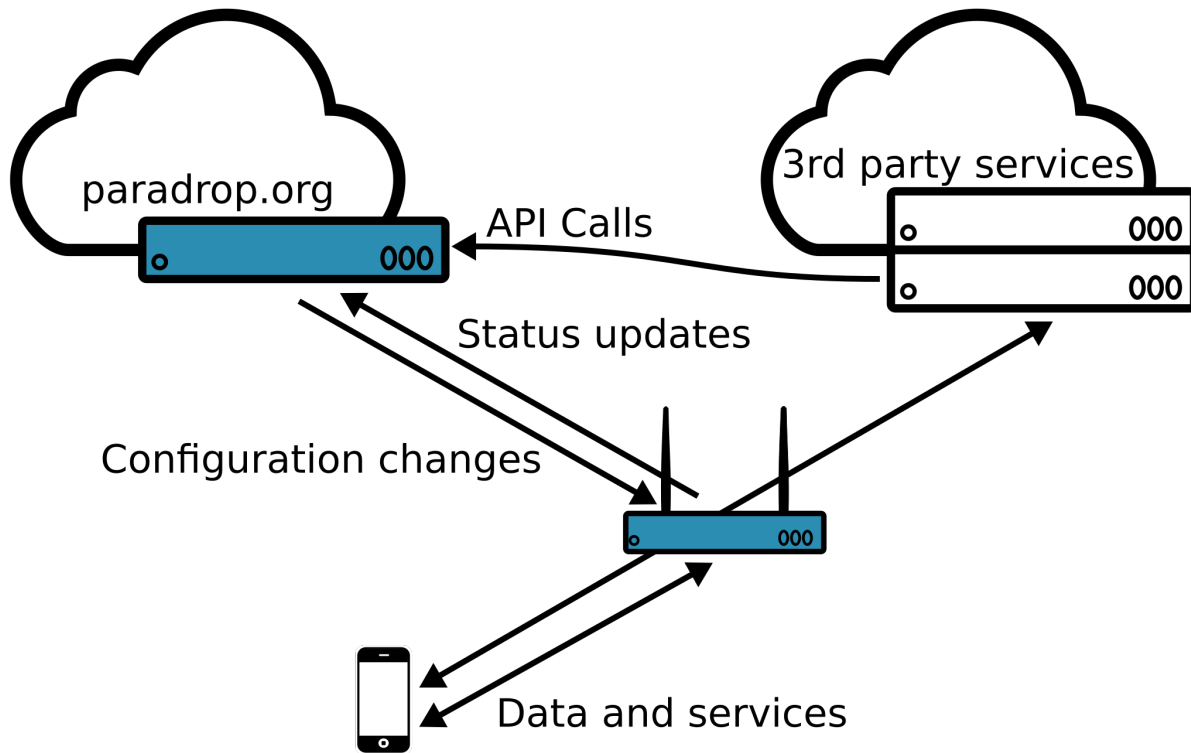


As an example, suppose a developer uses a *pdtools* command to install a chute on the node. We will describe how this event triggers changes throughout the system.

1. *pdtools* makes a call to the Edge API to install a chute.
2. Before any changes are made, ParaDrop validates the identity of the user and whether the user has permission to perform the operation through the Authentication and Authorization (Auth*) module.
3. If there are no problems, ParaDrop then appends the chute installation operation to the Change Queue. If there are other changes in progress, the chute installation will need to wait before it can proceed.
4. The Change Execution engine pops the change off the Change Queue and begins the process of installing the chute.
5. Chute installation involves making external changes to the system. Some changes are through System Configuration such as starting a child process or setting an interface IP address. Most importantly, though, ParaDrop needs to communicate with the Docker daemon in order to run the new application code.
6. After the change is complete, the new system state is reflected in the Monitoring module, in the information that ParaDrop sends to the Cloud Controller, and in any responses to future Edge API requests.

4.2 ParaDrop Cloud Controller

The ParaDrop cloud controller is hosted at paradrop.org and provides a central location for tracking and managing ParaDrop nodes. It also hosts the Chute Store for software distribution. Users and developers can sign up for a free account. For end users and administrators, it provides a dashboard to configure and monitor all ParaDrop nodes under their control. The dashboard also enables users to manage the chutes running on their nodes. For developers, it provides the interface through which applications can be registered as ParaDrop chutes available for installation on routers.



Due to the highly distributed nature of edge computing, the central cloud controller is not strictly required for edge applications to operate. Each ParaDrop edge node has a publicly-documented local API and can be directly managed using the [pdtools](#) command line utility. Considering this, we have elected not to release the source code for the cloud controller at this time. If this would have an impact on your decision to use ParaDrop, please contact us.

4.3 ParaDrop Hardware

Although the ParaDrop software platform can run on many different types of hardware, some of its more interesting capabilities are only available on a physical platform that has wireless network interfaces. Our original vision for the project has always been to run ParaDrop on high-end Wi-Fi routers where it serves as the hub for connected IoT devices and can perform computation along the path between the wireless devices and the broader Internet. Our reference implementation uses the [PC Engines APU2](#) single board computer with either one or two 802.11ac Wi-Fi modules. The image below shows a router built with a PC Engines APU board.



You can find instructions for running ParaDrop on the PC Engines APU2 board as well as other hardware platforms and virtual machines in the [Hardware Support](#) section.

4.4 ParaDrop API

ParaDrop exports the platform's full capability through an API. Based on the functionality and location, the API can be divided into two parts: the cloud API and the edge API. The cloud API provides the management interfaces for applications to orchestrate the chutes from the cloud. Examples include resource permission management, chute deployment and management, and router configuration management. The edge API exports the local context information of the routers to the chutes to do some useful things locally. Examples include local wireless channel information and local wireless peripheral device access.

Hardware Support

This section describes various hardware platforms that we support for running the ParaDrop edge compute software.

If this is your first time working with ParaDrop and you do not have access to any of the supported hardware platforms, we recommend starting with our pre-built virtual machine image, which is covered in the first section below.

After you have an edge node up and running, you will be able to activate the node with the cloud controller at paradrop.org. The page [Quick Start](#) gives detailed information about that.

5.1 Virtual Machine

This guide will quickly take you through the process of running Paradrop in a virtual machine.

NOTE: These instructions assume you are running Ubuntu. The steps to launch a virtual machine may be different for other environments.

5.1.1 Environment setup

These steps will download our router image and launch it in a virtual machine.

1. Install required packages:

```
sudo apt-get install qemu-kvm
```

2. Download the latest build of the Paradrop disk image. <https://paradrop.org/release/latest/paradrop-amd64.img.xz>

3. Extract the image:

```
xz -d paradrop-amd64.img.xz
```

4. Launch the VM:

```
sudo kvm -m 1024 \  
-netdev user,id=net0,hostfwd=tcp::8000-:8000,hostfwd=tcp::8022-:22,  
↪hostfwd=tcp::8080-:80 \  
-device virtio-net-pci,netdev=net0 -drive file=paradrop-amd64.img,format=raw
```

5.1.2 First Boot Setup

After starting the virtual machine for the first time, please allow about three to five minutes for the initialization to complete. During this time, the device will finish installing software packages and prepare the device to receive updates. After the setup is complete, a login prompt will appear. The default username is “paradrop” with no password.

The Paradrop node runs various externally-accessible services including an SSH server, a web-based administration panel, as well as software that you decide to install. The `kvm` command we used includes three port forwarding rules that expose these services to the host running the virtual machine. While following the instructions in the [Quick Start](#) section keep the following in mind.

- The admin panel can be accessed by a web browser on the host machine via the following URL: <http://localhost:8080/#!/tools>.
- The SSH server can be accessed through a non-standard port using the following command: `ssh -p 8022 paradrop@localhost`.

5.1.3 Alternative Setup Using virt-manager

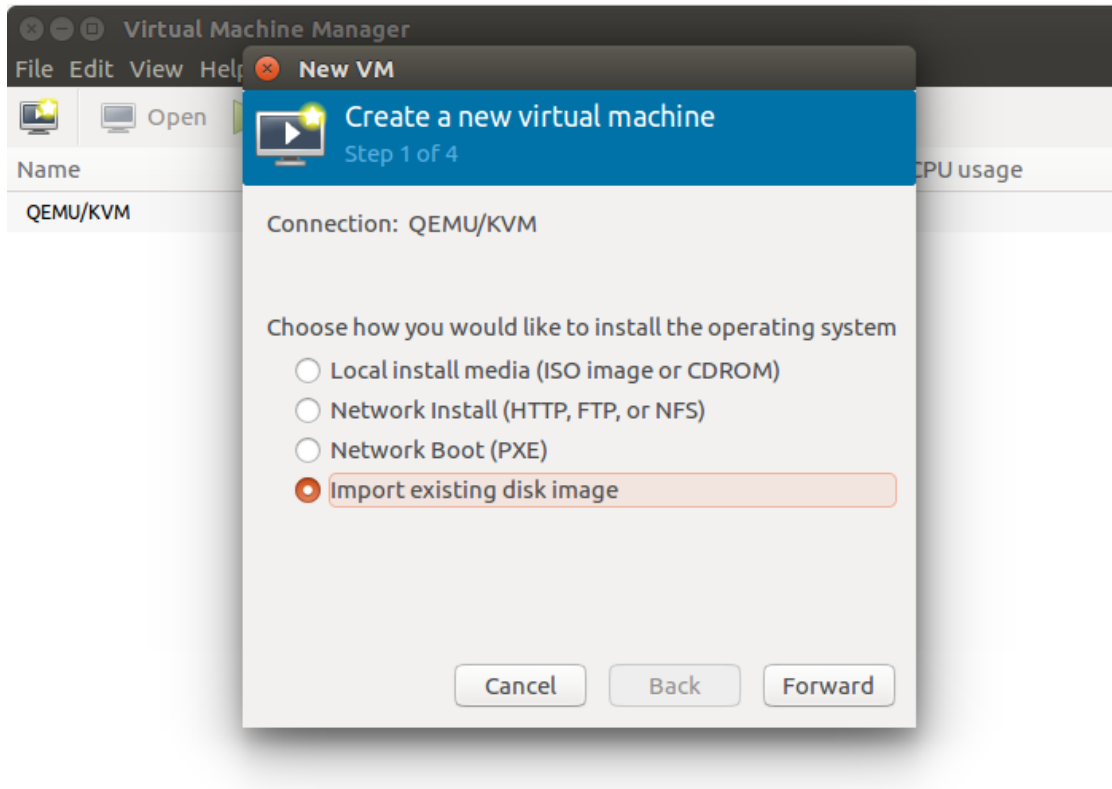
Even though many developers prefer command line tools to manage virtual machines, some developers like to use GUI tools. In addition, GUI tools are convenient to support some advanced features, e.g., assigning some peripheral devices (USB WiFi dongle) from host to virtual machines. We recommend using “virt-manager” to run ParaDrop virtual machines. If you have not installed it on Ubuntu, you can use below command to install it:

```
sudo apt-get install virt-manager
```

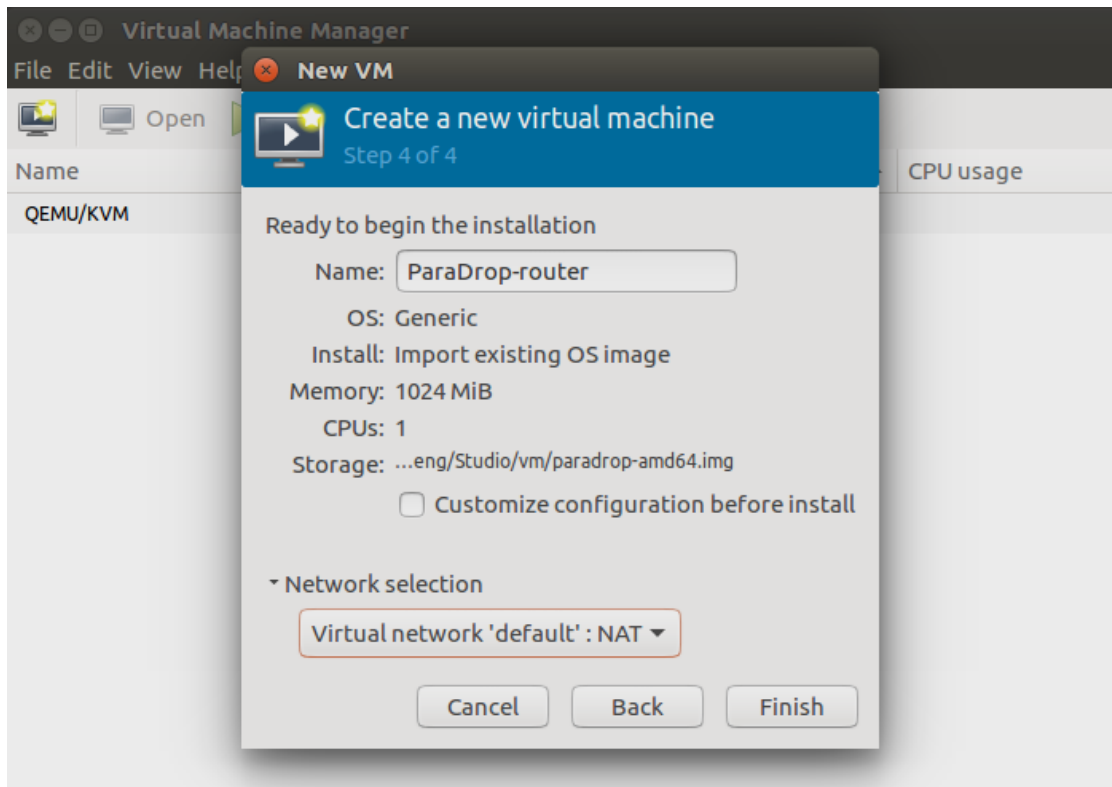
Then we can start virt-manager with below command:

```
sudo virt-manager
```

We can create a VM with the ParaDrop disk image.



Below is the configuration of the VM.



After that, we can boot the VM and configure the first boot as we do when run the VM with command line tools. However, the VM will have an IP address 192.168.122.x, so we can access <http://<IP address of the VM>> to access

the portal to upload ssh keys, and then login to it directly with the IP address.

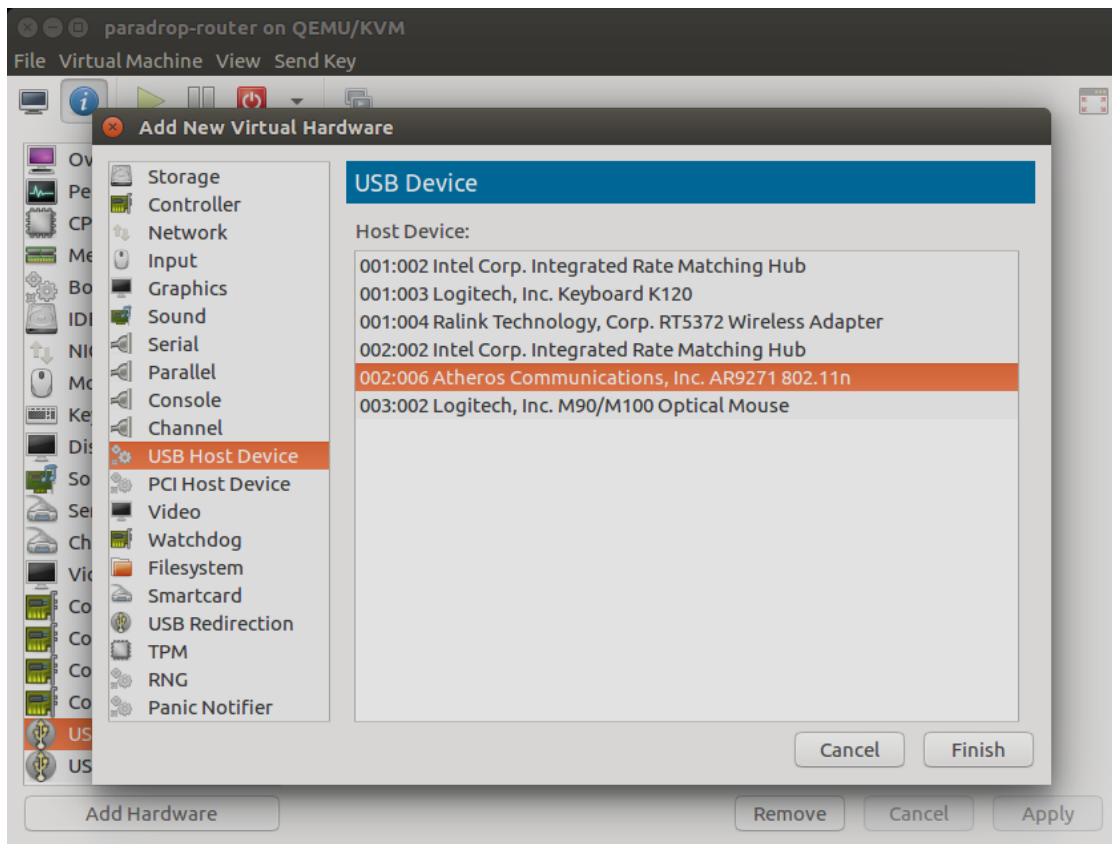
We can assign the USB WiFi dongle from the Host to the ParaDrop VM so that the ParaDrop running on the VM can support features related to WiFi. Before we do that, we need to disable the WiFi device for Host. We can do that with “rfkill” command. Run below command to get the number of the WiFi device:

```
rfkill list
```

Suppose the index of the WiFi device we want to assign to the ParaDrop VM is 2, then run below command to disable it for host OS:

```
rfkill block 2
```

Then we can add the USB WiFi dongle to the VM.



We can run below command in ParaDrop VM to verify that the WiFi device has been detected:

```
iw dev
```

Sometimes, we have to repeat above steps to make sure the WiFi device can be used by the ParaDrop VM.

5.1.4 Connecting to the Node

Please allow three to five minutes for the initialization of the node to complete. During this time, the node will finish installing software packages. After the setup is complete, a login prompt will appear. The default username is “paradrop” with no password.

When using virt-manager to run a Paradrop node, virt-manager will create a virtual network and assign an arbitrary IP address to the virtual machine. Take note of the IP address displayed on the console. You may need to use this address to connect to the admin panel or use pdtools commands. For example, the console below indicates that the node has IP address 192.168.122.183.

```
Ubuntu Core 16 on 192.168.122.183 (tty1)

localhost login:
```

5.2 Intel NUC

These instructions will help you install the ParaDrop daemon on the Intel NUC platform. At the end of this process, you will have a system ready for installing chutes.

We have specifically tested this process on the Skull Canyon (NUC6i7KYK) platform, which we recommend for high performance edge-computing needs.

5.2.1 Hardware and software requirements

- **Intel NUC Skull Canyon NUC6i7KYK**
 - The Intel NUC devices generally do not come with memory or storage pre-installed.
 - Memory: we recommend at least one 8 GB DDR4 SODIMM.
 - Storage: we have generally found one 16 GB SD card to be sufficient for our storage needs, but we recommend using one MX300 M.2 SSD card for the higher read and write speeds.
 - We recommend updating the BIOS on the NUC. Follow the instructions on [the Intel support site](#).
- 2 USB 2.0 or 3.0 flash drives (each 4 GB minimum)
- A monitor with an HDMI interface
- A network connection with Internet access
- An [Ubuntu Desktop 16.04.1 LTS](#) image.
- A [ParaDrop disk image](#).

5.2.2 Preparing for installation

1. Download the Ubuntu Desktop image and prepare a bootable USB flash drive.
2. Download the ParaDrop disk image and copy the file to the second flash drive.

5.2.3 Boot from the Live USB flash drive

1. Insert the Live USB Ubuntu Desktop flash drive in the NUC.
2. Start the NUC and push F10 to enter the boot menu.
3. Select the USB flash drive as a boot option.
4. Select “Try Ubuntu without installing”.

5.2.4 Flash ParaDrop

1. Once the system is ready, insert the second USB flash drive which contains the ParaDrop disk image.
2. Open a terminal and run the following command, where <disk label> is the name of the second USB flash drive. We recommend that you double-check that /dev/sda is the desired destination **before running dd**.

```
xzcat /media/ubuntu/<disk label>/paradrop_router.img.xz | sudo dd of=/dev/sda_
↪bs=32M status=progress; sync
```

3. Reboot the system and remove all USB flash drives when prompted to do so.

5.2.5 First boot

1. At the Grub menu, press ‘e’ to edit the boot options.
2. Find the line that begins with “linux” and append the option “nomodeset”. It should look like “linux (loop)/kernel.img \$cmdline nomodeset”. Adding this option will temporarily fix a graphics issue that is known to occur with the Intel NUC.
3. Press F10 to continue booting.
4. Please allow three to five minutes for the initialization to complete. During this time, the device will finish installing software packages and prepare the device to receive updates. After the setup is complete, a login prompt will appear. The default username is “paradrop” with no password.
5. Take note of the IP address displayed on the console. You may need to use this address to connect to the admin panel or use pdtools commands. For example, the console below indicates that the node has IP address 10.42.0.162.

```
Ubuntu Core 16 on 10.42.0.162 (tty1)

localhost login:
```

5.3 PC Engines APU2

5.3.1 Hardware requirements

- 1x system board ([apu2c4](#))
- 1x case ([case1d2u](#) for two antennas or [case1d2redu6](#) for up to six antennas)
- 1-2x miniPCIe Wi-Fi modules ([wle200nx](#) for 802.11n or [wle600vx](#) for 802.11ac)
- 2-4x pigtails ([pigsma](#))
- 2-4x antennas ([antsmadb](#))
- 1x power supply ([ac12vus2](#))
- 1x storage module ([sd4b](#)) or alternative (see below)

All of these parts are available internationally from [PC Engines](#).

5.3.2 Storage Module

The APU can boot from an SD card or an m-SATA SSD. These instructions are written assuming you will use an SD card because they are easier to flash from another machine. However, we do frequently build Paradrop routers with SSDs to take advantage of the higher storage capacity and read/write speeds. The 4GB pSLC module listed above is known to be very reliable, but you may also prefer a larger SD card.

5.3.3 Preparing the SD card

1. Download the latest build of the Paradrop [disk image](#)
2. Insert the SD card into the machine you used to download the image and find the device node for the card. This is often “/dev/sdb”, but please make sure, as the next command will overwrite the contents of whatever device you pass.
3. Copy (“flash”) the Paradrop image to the SD card.:

```
xzcat paradrop-amd64.img.xz | sudo dd of=<DEVICE> bs=32M status=progress; sync
```

4. Remove the SD card and proceed to assemble the router.

Please note that in order to make the SD card bootable, it is not enough to copy the disk image file to an existing filesystem on the SD card. Instead, one must overwrite the contents of the SD card including MBR, partition table, and data with the provided disk image. In Linux, you can do this with the `dd` command. If you are using Windows, we suggest using the [win32-image-writer](#) tool. Follow the Sourceforge link to download the installer.

5.3.4 Connecting to the Serial Console

If you know the IP address of the router, e.g. because you have access to the DHCP server upstream from the router, then you can skip this step and proceed with the steps for activating and using your router described in the section [Quick Start](#).

If you do not have network access to the Paradrop router for any reason, you can always connect a serial cable to the 9-pin serial port. The default configuration is 9600 8N1. If you are using PuTTY under Windows, make sure that you have entered the correct COM port for your serial cable. It may not be “COM1”. You can use the `chgport` command or open the Windows Device Manager tool to find the correct COM port. At the login prompt, the default username is “paradrop” with no password.

5.4 Raspberry Pi 2

5.4.1 Hardware requirements

- 1x Raspberry Pi 2 (recommended: 1 GB memory)
- 1x micro SD card (minimum: 4 GB, recommended: 16 GB)

5.4.2 Preparing the SD card

1. Download the latest build of the Paradrop [disk image](#)
2. Insert the SD card into the machine you used to download the image and find the device node for the card. This is often “/dev/sdb”, but please make sure, as the next command will overwrite the contents of whatever device you pass.

3. Copy (“flash”) the Paradrop image to the SD card.:

```
xzcat paradrop-pi2.img.xz | sudo dd of=<DEVICE> bs=32M status=progress; sync
```

4. Insert the SD card in the Raspberry Pi and proceed to power it.

Please note that in order to make the SD card bootable, it is not enough to copy the disk image file to an existing filesystem on the SD card. Instead, one must overwrite the contents of the SD card including MBR, partition table, and data with the provided disk image. In Linux, you can do this with the `dd` command. If you are using Windows, we suggest using the [win32-image-writer](#) tool. Follow the Sourceforge link to download the installer.

5.4.3 First Boot

The first time you boot the target device, ensure that it is connected to a wired network. Identify the IP address that the Raspberry Pi device received from the network and proceed to the activation step described in the section [Quick Start](#).

This section goes through the steps to create a ParaDrop account, activate a ParaDrop node, and install a hello-world chute on the router.

If you have received a device with ParaDrop already installed, you can start here. If you do not have a ParaDrop-enabled device, please visit the [Hardware Support](#) section to learn about supported hardware or download a virtual machine image.

6.1 Create a ParaDrop Account

With a free account on the ParaDrop cloud controller, users can manage one or more ParaDrop nodes through a simple web interface.

1. Signup at <https://paradrop.org/signup>. You will receive a confirmation email from paradrop.org after you finish the signup.
2. Confirm your registration in the email.

6.2 Boot the ParaDrop Node

Note: some of these steps are specific to the PC Engines APU/APU2 hardware.

1. Using an Ethernet cable, connect the WAN port of the ParaDrop router to a modem, switch, or other device with access to the Internet.
2. Connect the power supply. To avoid malfunctioning due to arcing, it is recommended to connect the barrel connector to DC jack on the back of the router first and connect the adapter to a power outlet second.
3. Allow the router 1-2 minutes to start up, especially on the first boot.
4. Connect a device (laptop, phone, etc.) either to one of the LAN ports on the back of the router or to its WiFi network. Typically, the router will be preconfigured with an open ESSID called “ParaDrop”. If the WiFi network has a password, that information will be provided separately.

6.3 Activate a ParaDrop Node

Activation associates the router with your account on paradrop.org so that you can manage the router and chutes through the cloud controller. Starting with version 0.13, ParaDrop nodes in most cases will automatically configure themselves to connect to the cloud controller.

1. Open the node administration panel at http://<node_ip_address>. Alternatively, you can open [‘http://paradrop.io’](http://paradrop.io) if your device is connected to the LAN port of the node or its WiFi network. You may be prompted for a username and password. The default username is “paradrop” with an empty password. If a password was configured by default, you will have received information about the password with the device.
2. Starting with version 0.13, ParaDrop nodes will in most cases automatically configure themselves to communicate with the cloud controller. In that case, you will see checkmarks appear on the “WAMP Router” and “ParaDrop Server” lines of the landing page. Click the “View the router on paradrop.org” button to transfer ownership of the node to your account on paradrop.org. You may be prompted to log in with your ParaDrop account. If checkmarks did not appear on the landing page, or you were not able to claim the node, proceed to steps 3-6. Otherwise, your node is activated.
3. Navigate to the [Routers List](#) page. If your router came with a Claim Token, enter that here and skip steps 3-5. Otherwise if you do not have a Claim Token, click Create Router. Give your router a unique name and an optional location and description to help you remember it and click Submit.
4. On the router page, find the “Router ID” and “Password” fields. You will need to copy this information to the router so that it can connect to the controller.
5. On the router admin panel (http://<router_ip_address> or [‘http://paradrop.io’](http://paradrop.io)), click the button “Activate the router with a ParaDrop Router ID” or “Activate the router with another ParaDrop Router ID” and enter the information from the paradrop.org router page. If the activation was successful, you should see checkmarks appear on the “WAMP Router” and “ParaDrop Server” lines. You may need to refresh the page to see the change.
6. After you activate your router, you will see the router status is online at <https://paradrop.org/routers>.

6.4 Install a hello-world Chute

1. Make sure you have an activated, online router.
2. Go to the [Chute Store](#) page on paradrop.org. There you will find some public chutes such as the hello-world chute. You can also create your own chutes here.
3. Click on the hello-world chute, click Install, click your router’s name to select it, and finally, click Install.
4. That will take you to the router page again where you can click the update item to monitor its progress. When the installation is complete, an entry will appear under the Chutes list.
5. The hello-world chute starts a webserver, which is accessible at <http://<router-ip-address>/chutes/hello-world>. Once the installation is complete, test it in a web browser.

Developing Applications

This section of the document is devoted to describing the edge computing services (chutes) that run on ParaDrop. There are two categories of ParaDrop applications - pure edge applications and cloud-edge hybrid applications. The pure edge applications have standalone chutes, which can be deployed in the ParaDrop routers. Cloud-edge hybrid applications have both a cloud component and an edge component. In this section, we will focus on the chute development, in other words, the edge component.

7.1 Introduction

ParaDrop is a software platform that enables services to run on Wi-Fi routers. We call these services *chutes* as in *parachutes*.

ParaDrop runs on top of [Ubuntu Core](#), a lightweight, transactionally updated operating system designed for deployments on embedded and IoT devices, cloud and more. It runs a new breed of secure, remotely upgradeable Linux app packages known as snaps. We support chute deployment through containerization powered by [Docker](#).

Minimally, a chute has a Dockerfile, which contains instructions for building and preparing the application to run on ParaDrop. A chute will usually also require scripts, binaries, configuration files, and other assets. For integration with the ParaDrop toolset, we highly recommend developing a chute as a [GitHub](#) project, but other organization methods are possible.

We will examine the [hello-world](#) chute as an example of a complete ParaDrop application.

7.1.1 Structure

Our hello-world chute is a git project with the following files:

```
chute/index.html
Dockerfile
README.md
paradrop.yaml
```

The top-level contains a README, a Dockerfile, and a special file called “paradrop.yaml”, which will be discussed below. As a convention, we place files that will be used by the running application in a subdirectory called “chute”. This is not necessary but helps keep the project organized. Valid alternatives include “src” or “app”.

7.1.2 paradrop.yaml

The paradrop.yaml file, which is unique to the ParaDrop platform, contains important metadata about the project. ParaDrop uses this information to run the chute on an edge node and also determine what to present to the user.

Here is an example from the hello-world chute:

```
name: hello-world
description: This project demonstrates a very simple...
version: 1
type: normal
config:
  web:
    port: 80
```

This example is fairly self-explanatory. It shows a name, description, and version for the chute, which will be shown on interfaces that present the running software on the node.

This example is based on an older, more limited syntax, which can only run one service per chute. For a more complete example and documentation, refer to [Chute Configuration](#).

type: normal

This declaration indicates the type of the chute, which tells ParaDrop how to build and install it. *Normal* chutes build from a Dockerfile, which we see is present in this project. This is in contrast with *light* chutes described in [Developing Light Chutes](#).

port: 80

This declaration indicates that the chute runs a web server on port 80. ParaDrop will use this information to expose the service externally to users.

7.1.3 Dockerfile

The Dockerfile contains instructions for building and preparing an application to run on ParaDrop. Here is a minimal Dockerfile for our hello-world chute:

```
FROM nginx
ADD chute/index.html /usr/share/nginx/html/index.html
```

FROM nginx

The FROM instruction specifies a base image for the chute. This could be a Linux distribution such as “ubuntu:14.04” or an standalone application such as “nginx”. The image name must match an image in the Docker public registry. We recommend choosing from the [official repositories](#). Here we use “nginx” for a light-weight web server.

ADD <source> <destination>

The ADD instruction copies a file or directory from the source repository to the chute filesystem. This is useful for installing scripts or other files required by the chute and are part of the source repository. The <source> path should be inside the repository, and the <destination> path should be an absolute path or a path inside the chute’s working directory. Here we install the index.html file from our source repository to the search directory used by nginx.

Other useful commands for building chutes are RUN and CMD. For a complete reference, please visit the official [Dockerfile reference](#).

Here is an alternative implementation of the hello-world Dockerfile that demonstrates some of the other useful instructions.

```
FROM ubuntu:14.04
RUN apt-get update && apt-get install -y nginx
ADD chute/index.html /usr/share/nginx/html/index.html
EXPOSE 80
CMD ["nginx", "-g", "daemon off;"]
```

Here we use a RUN instruction to install nginx and a CMD instruction to set nginx as the command to run inside the chute container. Using “ubuntu:14.04” as the base image gives access to any packages that can be installed through apt-get.

7.1.4 Persistent Data

Each running chute has a persistent data storage that is not visible to other chutes. By default the persistent data directory is named “/data” inside the chute’s filesystem. Files stored in this directory will remain when upgrading or downgrading the chute and are only removed when uninstalling the chute.

7.1.5 System Information

The ParaDrop daemon share system information with chutes through a read-only directory named “/paradrop”. Chutes that are configured with a WiFi access point will find a file in this directory that lists wireless clients. In future versions there will also be information about Bluetooth and other wireless devices.

dnsmasq-wifi.leases

This file lists client devices that have connected to the chute’s WiFi network and received a DHCP lease. This is a plain text file with one line for each device containing the following space-separated fields.

1. DHCP lease expiration time (seconds since Unix epoch).
2. MAC address.
3. IP address.
4. Host name, if known.
5. Client ID, if known; the format of this field varies between devices.

The following example shows two devices connected to the chute’s WiFi network.

```
1480650200 00:11:22:33:44:55 192.168.128.130 android-ffeeddcbbbaa9988 *
1480640500 00:22:44:66:88:aa 192.168.128.170 someones-iPod 01:00:22:44:66:88:aa
```

7.1.6 Chute-to-Host API

The Paradrop daemon exposes some functionality and configuration options to running chutes through an HTTP API. This aspect of Paradrop is under rapid development, and new features will be added with every release. The host API is available to chutes through the URL “<http://paradrop.io/api/v1>”. Paradrop automatically configures chutes to resolve “paradrop.io” to the ParaDrop device itself, so these requests go to the ParaDrop daemon running on the router and not to an outside server.

Authorization

In order to access the host API, chutes must pass a token with every request that proves the authenticity of the request. When chutes are installed on a ParaDrop router, they automatically receive a token through an environment variable named “PARADROP_API_TOKEN”. The chute should read this environment variable and pass the token as a Bearer token in an HTTP Authorization header. Here is an example in Python using the [Requests library](#):

```
import os
import requests

CHUTE_NAME = os.environ.get('PARADROP_CHUTE_NAME', 'chute')
API_TOKEN = os.environ.get('PARADROP_API_TOKEN', 'NA')

headers = { 'Authorization': 'Bearer ' + API_TOKEN }
url = 'http://paradrop.io/api/v1/chutes/{}/networks'.format(CHUTE_NAME)
res = requests.get(url, headers=headers)
print(res.json())
```

Please refer to *Host API Reference* for a complete listing of API functions.

7.2 Developing Light Chutes

Light chutes build and install the same way as normal chutes and can do many of the same things. However, they make use of prebuilt base images that are optimized for different programming languages. We offer light chutes as a convenience for projects that only rely on one of the supported languages and do not need to install other system packages.

Light chutes offer a few advantages over normal chutes.

- **Safety:** Light chutes have stronger confinement properties, so you can feel safer installing a light chute written by a third party developer.
- **Fast installation:** Light chutes use a common base image that may already be cached on the router, so installation can be very fast.
- **Simplicity:** You do not need to learn how to write and debug a Dockerfile to develop a chute. Instead, you can use the package management tools you may already be using (e.g. package.json for npm and requirements.txt for pip).
- **Portability:** With ARM support coming soon for ParaDrop, your light chutes will most likely run on ARM with extra work on your part. This is not the case for normal chutes that use a custom Dockerfile.

We will look at the [node-hello-world](#) chute as an example of a light chute for ParaDrop.

7.2.1 Structure

Our hello-world chute is a git project with the following files:

```
README.md
index.js
package.json
paradrop.yaml
```

The project contains the typical files for a node.js project as well as a special file called “paradrop.yaml”.

7.2.2 paradrop.yaml

The `paradrop.yaml` file contains information that ParaDrop needs in order to run the chute. Here are the contents for the hello-world example:

```
name: node-hello-world
description: This chute demonstrates a simple web service.
source:
  type: git
  url: https://github.com/ParadropLabs/node-hello-world
type: light
use: node
command: node index.js
config:
  web:
    port: 3000
```

Most of these fields are self-explanatory and covered in the [Introduction](#) section.

type: light

This indicates that we are building a *light* chute as opposed to a *normal* chute, which would require a Dockerfile be present.

use: node

This indicates that we are using the *node* base image for this chute. You should choose the base image appropriate for your project. Examples of supported images are *node* and *python2*.

This is handled in an interesting way by ParaDrop. ParaDrop does not use one single *node* image. Rather, the execution engine considers the architecture of the underlying hardware and uses a *node* image built for that architecture.

command: node index.js

This line indicates the command for starting your application. You can either specify it this way, as a string with spaces between the parameters, or you can use a list of strings. The latter format would be particularly useful if your parameters include spaces. Here is an example:

```
command:
  - node
  - index.js
```

7.2.3 Persistent Data

Each running chute has a persistent data storage that is not visible to other chutes. By default the persistent data directory is named “/data” inside the chute’s filesystem. Files stored in this directory will remain when upgrading or downgrading the chute and are only removed when uninstalling the chute.

7.3 Getting Started with C

This tutorial will teach you how to build a “Hello, World!” chute using C and the `microhttpd` library.

7.3.1 Prerequisites

Please make sure you have `pdtools` v0.12.0 or newer installed.

```
pip install pdtools~=0.12
```

7.3.2 Set up

Make a new directory.

```
mkdir c-hello-world
cd c-hello-world
```

7.3.3 Create a chute configuration

Use the pdtools interactive initialize command to create a paradrop.yaml file for your chute.

```
python -m pdtools chute initialize
```

Use the following values as suggested responses to the prompts. If you have a different version of pdtools installed, the prompts may be slightly different.

```
name: c-hello-world
description: Hello World chute for ParaDrop using C.
type: normal
```

The end result should be a paradrop.yaml file similar to the following.

```
description: Hello World chute for ParaDrop using C.
name: c-hello-world
services:
  main:
    source: .
    type: normal
version: 1
```

7.3.4 Develop the Application

Create a file named hello.c with the following code. The code for this application comes from an example file distributed with the microhttpd library.

```
/*
This file is part of libmicrohttpd
(C) 2007 Christian Grothoff (and other contributing authors)
This library is free software; you can redistribute it and/or
modify it under the terms of the GNU Lesser General Public
License as published by the Free Software Foundation; either
version 2.1 of the License, or (at your option) any later version.
This library is distributed in the hope that it will be useful,
but WITHOUT ANY WARRANTY; without even the implied warranty of
MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. See the GNU
Lesser General Public License for more details.
You should have received a copy of the GNU Lesser General Public
License along with this library; if not, write to the Free Software
Foundation, Inc., 51 Franklin Street, Fifth Floor, Boston, MA 02110-1301 USA
*/
```

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```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

#include <microhttpd.h>

#define PAGE "<html><head><title>libmicrohttpd demo</title></head><body>libmicrohttpd_
↳demo</body></html>"

static int
ahc_echo (void *cls,
          struct MHD_Connection *connection,
          const char *url,
          const char *method,
          const char *version,
          const char *upload_data, size_t *upload_data_size, void **ptr)
{
    static int aptr;
    const char *me = cls;
    struct MHD_Response *response;
    int ret;

    if (0 != strcmp (method, "GET"))
        return MHD_NO; /* unexpected method */
    if (&aptr != *ptr)
    {
        /* do never respond on first call */
        *ptr = &aptr;
        return MHD_YES;
    }
    *ptr = NULL; /* reset when done */
    response = MHD_create_response_from_buffer (strlen (me),
        (void *) me, MHD_RESPMEM_PERSISTENT);
    ret = MHD_queue_response (connection, MHD_HTTP_OK, response);
    MHD_destroy_response (response);
    return ret;
}

int
main (int argc, char *const *argv)
{
    struct MHD_Daemon *d;

    if (argc != 2)
    {
        printf ("%s PORT\n", argv[0]);
        return 1;
    }
    d = MHD_start_daemon (
        MHD_USE_SELECT_INTERNALLY | MHD_USE_DEBUG,
        atoi (argv[1]),
        NULL, NULL, &ahc_echo, PAGE,
        MHD_OPTION_CONNECTION_TIMEOUT, (unsigned int) 120,
        MHD_OPTION_END);
    if (d == NULL)
        return 1;
}

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```

pause ();
MHD_stop_daemon (d);
return 0;
}

```

Create a file named `Dockerfile` with the following contents. This project demonstrates what is called a multi-stage build (<https://docs.docker.com/develop/develop-images/multistage-build/#use-multi-stage-builds>). The first stage installs development packages for compiling the project. The second stage merely copies the compiled binary and installs binary shared libraries that are required in order to run the program.

```

FROM ubuntu:16.04
COPY hello.c .
RUN apt-get update && apt-get install -y libmicrohttpd-dev
RUN gcc -o hello hello.c -lmicrohttpd

FROM ubuntu:16.04
RUN apt-get update && apt-get install -y libmicrohttpd10
COPY --from=0 hello /usr/bin/hello
EXPOSE 8888
CMD ["hello", "8888"]

```

7.3.5 Wrap Up

The web server in this application listens on port 8888. We need to include that information in the `paradrop.yaml` file as well. Use the following command to alter the configuration file.

```
python -m pdtools chute enable-web-service 8888
```

After that, you can continue developing the chute and install it on a ParaDrop node.

```
python -m pdtools node --target=<node address> install-chute
```

7.4 Getting Started with Go

This tutorial will teach you how to build a “Hello, World!” chute using Go.

7.4.1 Prerequisites

Make sure you have Go installed as well as ParaDrop `pdtools` (v0.12.0 or newer).

```
pip install pdtools~=0.12
```

7.4.2 Set up

Make a new directory.

```
mkdir go-hello-world
cd go-hello-world
```

7.4.3 Create a chute configuration

Use the pdtools interactive initialize command to create a paradrop.yaml file for your chute.

```
python -m pdtools chute initialize
```

Use the following values as suggested responses to the prompts. If you have a different version of pdtools installed, the prompts may be slightly different.

```
name: go-hello-world
description: Hello World chute for ParaDrop using Go.
type: light
image: go
command: app
```

The end result should be a paradrop.yaml file similar to the following.

```
description: Hello World chute for ParaDrop using Go.
name: go-hello-world
services:
  main:
    command: app
    image: go
    source: .
    type: light
version: 1
```

7.4.4 Develop the Application

Create a file name main.go with the following code.

```
package main

import (
    "fmt"
    "net/http"
)

func GetIndex(w http.ResponseWriter, r *http.Request) {
    fmt.Fprintf(w, "Hello, World!\n")
}

func main() {
    fmt.Println("Listening on :8000")
    http.HandleFunc("/", GetIndex)
    http.ListenAndServe(":8000", nil)
}
```

Run the application locally with the following command.

```
go run main.go
```

Then load `http://localhost:8000/` in a web browser to see the result.

7.4.5 Wrap Up

The web server in this application listens on port 8000. We need to include that information in the `paradrop.yaml` file as well. Use the following command to alter the configuration file.

```
python -m pdtools chute enable-web-service 8000
```

After that, you can continue developing the chute and install it on a ParaDrop node.

```
python -m pdtools node --target=<node address> install-chute
```

7.5 Getting Started with Java

This tutorial will teach you how to build a “Hello, World!” chute using Java and Maven.

7.5.1 Prerequisites

Make sure you have Java 1.8+, Maven 3.0+, as well as ParaDrop `pdtools` (v0.12.0 or newer).

```
pip install pdtools~=0.12
```

7.5.2 Set up

Use Maven to set up an empty project.

```
mvn archetype:generate -DgroupId=org.paradrop.app -DartifactId=java-hello-world -  
↪DarchetypeArtifactId=maven-archetype-quickstart -DinteractiveMode=false  
cd java-hello-world
```

7.5.3 Create a chute configuration

Use the `pdtools` interactive `initialize` command to create a `paradrop.yaml` file for your chute.

```
python -m pdtools chute initialize
```

Use the following values as suggested responses to the prompts. If you have a different version of `pdtools` installed, the prompts may be slightly different.

```
name: java-hello-world  
description: Hello World chute for ParaDrop using Java.  
type: light  
image: maven  
command: java -cp target/java-hello-world-1.0-SNAPSHOT.jar org.paradrop.app.App
```

The end result should be a `paradrop.yaml` file similar to the following.

```
description: Hello World chute for ParaDrop using Java.  
name: java-hello-world  
services:  
  main:
```

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```
command: java -cp target/java-hello-world-1.0-SNAPSHOT.jar org.paradrop.app.App
image: maven
source: .
type: light
version: 1
```

7.5.4 Develop the Application

Replace the automatically-generated application code in `src/main/java/org/paradrop/app/App.java` with the following code.

```
package org.paradrop.app;

import java.io.IOException;
import java.io.OutputStream;
import java.net.InetSocketAddress;

import com.sun.net.httpserver.HttpExchange;
import com.sun.net.httpserver.HttpHandler;
import com.sun.net.httpserver.HttpServer;

public class App {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
        System.out.println("Listening on :8000");
        HttpServer server = HttpServer.create(new InetSocketAddress(8000), 0);
        server.createContext("/", new GetIndex());
        server.start();
    }

    static class GetIndex implements HttpHandler {
        @Override
        public void handle(HttpExchange t) throws IOException {
            String response = "Hello, World!";
            t.sendResponseHeaders(200, response.length());
            OutputStream os = t.getResponseBody();
            os.write(response.getBytes());
            os.close();
        }
    }
}
```

Run the application locally with the following commands.

```
mvn package
java -cp target/java-hello-world-1.0-SNAPSHOT.jar org.paradrop.app.App
```

Then load `http://localhost:8000/` in a web browser to see the result.

7.5.5 Wrap Up

The web server in this application listens on port 8000. We need to include that information in the `paradrop.yaml` file as well. Use the following command to alter the configuration file.

```
python -m pdtools chute enable-web-service 8000
```

After that, you can continue developing the chute and install it on a ParaDrop node.

```
python -m pdtools node --target=<node address> install-chute
```

7.6 Getting Started with Node.js

This tutorial will teach you how to build a “Hello, World!” chute using Node.js and Express.

7.6.1 Prerequisites

Make sure you have Node.js (v6 or newer) installed as well as ParaDrop pdtools (v0.12.0 or newer).

```
pip install pdtools~=0.12
```

7.6.2 Set up

Make a new directory.

```
mkdir node-hello-world  
cd node-hello-world
```

7.6.3 Create a chute configuration

Use the pdtools interactive initialize command to create a paradrop.yaml file for your chute.

```
python -m pdtools chute initialize
```

Use the following values as suggested responses to the prompts. If you have a different version of pdtools installed, the prompts may be slightly different.

```
name: node-hello-world  
description: Hello World chute for ParaDrop using Node.js.  
type: light  
image: node  
command: node index.js
```

The end result should be a paradrop.yaml file similar to the following.

```
description: Hello World chute for ParaDrop using Node.js.  
name: node-hello-world  
services:  
  main:  
    command: node index.js  
    image: node  
    source: .  
    type: light  
version: 1
```


The `pdtools chute init` command will also create a `package.json` file for you if one did not already exist, so there is no need to run `npm init` after running `pdtools chute init`.

7.6.4 Install Dependencies

Use the following command to install some dependencies. We will be using Express as a simple web server.

The `--save` option instructs `npm` to save the packages to the `package.json` file. When installing the chute, ParaDrop will read `package.json` to install the same versions of the packages that you used for development.:

```
npm install --save express@^4.16.1
```

7.6.5 Develop the Application

We indicated that `index.js` is the entrypoint for the application, so we will create a file named `index.js` and put our code there.

```
const express = require('express')
const app = express()

app.get('/', function (req, res) {
  res.send('Hello, World!')
})

app.listen(3000, function() {
  console.log('Listening on port 3000.')
})
```

Run the application locally with the following command.

```
node index.js
```

Then load `http://localhost:3000/` in a web browser to see the result.

7.6.6 Wrap Up

The web server in this application listens on port 3000. We need to include that information in the `paradrop.yaml` file as well. Use the following command to alter the configuration file.

```
python -m pdtools chute enable-web-service 3000
```

After that, you can continue developing the chute and install it on a ParaDrop node.

```
python -m pdtools node --target=<node address> install-chute
```

7.7 Getting Started with Python

This tutorial will teach you how to build a “Hello, World!” chute using Python and Flask.

7.7.1 Prerequisites

Make sure you have Python 2 installed as well as ParaDrop pdtools (v0.12.0 or newer).

```
pip install pdtools~=0.12
```

7.7.2 Set up

Make a new directory.

```
mkdir python-hello-world
cd python-hello-world
```

7.7.3 Create a chute configuration

Use the pdtools interactive initialize command to create a paradrop.yaml file for your chute.

```
python -m pdtools chute initialize
```

Use the following values as suggested responses to the prompts. If you have a different version of pdtools installed, the prompts may be slightly different.

```
name: python-hello-world
description: Hello World chute for ParaDrop using Python.
type: light
image: python2
command: python2 -u main.py
```

The end result should be a paradrop.yaml file similar to the following.

```
description: Hello World chute for ParaDrop using Python.
name: python-hello-world
services:
  main:
    command: python2 -u main.py
    image: python2
    source: .
    type: light
version: 1
```

7.7.4 Install Dependencies

We will use pip and virtualenv to manage dependencies for the project. First set up a virtual environment.

```
virtualenv venv
source venv/bin/activate
```

Use the following command to install some dependencies. We will be using Flask as a simple web server.

```
pip install Flask==0.12.2
```

Finally, save the version information to a file called `requirements.txt`. When installing the chute, ParaDrop will use this file to install the same versions of the packages that you used during development.

```
pip freeze >requirements.txt
```

7.7.5 Develop the Application

We indicated that `main.py` is the entrypoint for the application, so we will create a file named `main.py` and put our code there.

```
from flask import Flask

app = Flask(__name__)

@app.route('/')
def index():
    return 'Hello, World!'

if __name__ == '__main__':
    app.run(host='0.0.0.0', port=5000)
```

Run the application locally with the following command.

```
python main.py
```

Then load `http://localhost:5000/` in a web browser to see the result.

7.7.6 Wrap Up

The web server in this application listens on port 5000. We need to include that information in the `paradrop.yaml` file as well. Use the following command to alter the configuration file.

```
python -m pdtools chute enable-web-service 5000
```

After that, you can continue developing the chute and install it on a ParaDrop node.

```
python -m pdtools node --target=<node address> install-chute
```

7.8 Tutorial: Sticky Board

This tutorial will teach you how to build a fully-functional ParaDrop application from scratch. Through the tutorial, we will build a “Sticky Board”, a local board where visitors can post images for others to see. We will be using Node.js to build the application, so make sure you have that installed on your development machine.

7.8.1 Set Up

Make a new directory, and initialize a git repository:

```
mkdir sticky_board
cd sticky_board
git init
mkdir views
```

7.8.2 Setup Node.js Project

We will be using npm to manage Node.js packages. You can use the `npm init` command to get started or create a file called `package.json`. with the following contents:

```
{
  "name": "sticky_board",
  "version": "1.0.0",
  "description": "Post images for others to see.",
  "main": "index.js",
  "author": "ParaDrop Team"
}
```

7.8.3 Install Dependencies

Use the following command to install some dependencies that we will be using to build the application. We use express as a simple web server along with a plugin for accepting file uploads. We will also use Embedded JS (EJS) for simple templating, demonstrated later in this tutorial.

The `--save` option instructs npm to save the packages to the `package.json` file. ParaDrop will read `package.json` to install the same versions of the packages that you used for development.

```
npm install --save ejs@^2.5.6 express@^4.14.1 express-fileupload@^0.1.1
```

7.8.4 Hello World

Let's start with a minimal Hello World Express.js example. Create a file named `index.js` and add the following code:

```
var express = require('express');
var app = express();

app.get('/', function (req, res) {
  res.send('Hello World!');
});

app.listen(3000, function() {
  console.log('Listening on port 3000.');
```

Run the app with the following command:

```
node index.js
```

Then load `http://localhost:3000/` in a web browser to see the result.

7.8.5 Image Uploads

Next, we will add an endpoint to receive image uploads.

```
var express = require('express');
var fileupload = require('express-fileupload');
```

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```

var app = express();

// Use PARADROP_DATA_DIR when running on Paradrop and /tmp for testing.
var storage_dir = process.env.PARADROP_DATA_DIR || '/tmp';

app.use(fileupload());
app.use(express.static(storage_dir));
app.set('view engine', 'ejs');

app.post('/create', function(req, res) {
  var img = req.files.img;
  if (img) {
    img.mv(storage_dir + '/' + img.name);
  }

  res.redirect('/');
});

app.get('/', function (req, res) {
  res.render('home');
});

app.listen(3000, function() {
  console.log('Listening on port 3000.');
```

Create a new file in the views directory called home.ejs with the following contents:

```

<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
  <head>
    <meta charset="utf-8">
    <title>ParaDrop Sticky Board</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>ParaDrop Sticky Board</h1>
    <h2>Create a Note</h2>
    <p>Upload an image file to create a note for others to see.</p>
    <form action="/create" method="POST" enctype="multipart/form-data">
      <input type="file" name="img" />
      <input type="submit" value="Create" />
    </form>
  </body>
</html>
```

Right now it is just plain HTML. In the next section we will make use of templating to add images to the sticky board.

Run the app again and load `http://localhost:3000/`. Try using the form to upload an image. You should then be able to find your image by loading `http://localhost:3000/<filename>`.

7.8.6 Displaying Notes

The last thing the app needs to be able to do is display all of the notes that people have posted. First, add some logic to `index.js` to keep track of the most recent image uploads:

```
var express = require('express');
var fileupload = require('express-fileupload');

var app = express();

// Use PARADROP_DATA_DIR when running on Paradrop and /tmp for testing.
var storage_dir = process.env.PARADROP_DATA_DIR || '/tmp';

// Maximum number of notes to display.
var max_visible_notes = process.env.MAX_VISIBLE_NOTES || 16;

app.locals.notes = [];
for (var i = 0; i < max_visible_notes; i++) {
  if (i % 2 == 0) {
    addNote('http://pages.cs.wisc.edu/~hartung/paradrop/paradrop.png');
  } else {
    addNote('http://pages.cs.wisc.edu/~hartung/paradrop/paradrop_inverted.png');
  }
}

function addNote(img) {
  app.locals.notes.push({
    img: img,
  });

  if (app.locals.notes.length > max_visible_notes) {
    app.locals.notes = app.locals.notes.slice(-max_visible_notes);
  }
}

app.use(fileupload());
app.use(express.static(storage_dir));
app.set('view engine', 'ejs');

app.post('/create', function(req, res) {
  var img = req.files.img;
  if (img) {
    img.mv(storage_dir + '/' + img.name);
    addNote(img.name);
  }

  res.redirect('/');
});

app.get('/', function (req, res) {
  res.render('home');
});

app.listen(3000, function() {
  console.log('Listening on port 3000.');
```

The `paradrop.png` and `paradrop_inverted.png` are just used as fillers until people post other images. Feel free to use different images.

Also, update `home.ejs`:

```

<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
  <head>
    <meta charset="utf-8">
    <title>ParaDrop Sticky Board</title>

    <style>
      div.holder {
        float: left;
        min-width: 240px;
        width: 24%;
        padding: 5px 5px;
      }

      div.separator {
        clear: both;
      }
    </style>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>ParaDrop Sticky Board</h1>

    <div>
      <% for(var i = 0; i<notes.length; i++) {%>
        <div class="holder">
          </img>
        </div>
      <% } %>
    </div>

    <div class="separator"></div>

    <h2>Create a Note</h2>
    <p>Upload an image file to create a note for others to see.</p>
    <form action="/create" method="POST" enctype="multipart/form-data">
      <input type="file" name="img" />
      <input type="submit" value="Create" />
    </form>
  </body>
</html>

```

We use some Embedded JS code to loop over the array of notes stored in `app.locals.notes` and generate an `img` element for each one with the appropriate filename.

Now when you run the app and load `http://localhost:3000/` you should see the filler images. Try using the form to upload an image, and it should appear on the board.

7.8.7 Preparing the Chute

Create a file called `paradrop.yaml` with the following contents:

```

name: sticky-board
description: Run a local bulletin board where guests can post images.
version: 1

services:

```

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```
main:
  type: light
  use: node
  command: node index.js

web:
  service: main
  port: 3000
```

This file tells ParaDrop a few things about how to run your code on a ParaDrop gateway.

Finally, add all of your new files to the git repository:

```
git add index.js package.json paradrop.yaml views/home.ejs
git commit -m "Created sticky board from tutorial"
```

Create a new repository on github.com and follow their instructions to push your code to github.

7.8.8 Registering the Chute with ParaDrop

Log on to paradrop.org and go to the Chute Store tab. Click “Create Chute” and give your chute a name and description. You may need to be creative with the name because the chute store requires unique names. Then click “Submit”.

Next, click “Create Version”. For this tutorial, there are only two important fields to fill out on this form. First, check the box to “enable web service” and enter the number 3000 because that is the port we chose in `index.js`. Second, select “Download from URL” for Project source and enter the github URL for your project. Then click “Submit”.

Congratulations! You have made a ParaDrop chute. If you have a ParaDrop router, you should now be able to install the chute on your router. If not, you can follow the Getting Started guide to set up a VM running ParaDrop.

Frequently Asked Questions

Please check here for issues or questions that commonly arise.

8.1 Issues with the hardware or operating system

8.1.1 Issue 1: Docker fails to start after a reboot

This can happen if either the *docker.pid* file or the *docker-containerd.pid* file was not properly cleaned up on system reboot, which causes the Docker daemon to conclude that it is already running.

To fix this, remove the pid file on the router and reboot.

```
sudo rm /var/snap/docker/current/run/docker.pid
sudo rm /var/snap/docker/current/run/docker/libcontainerd/docker-containerd.pid
sudo reboot
```

Occasionally Docker will crash and not restart properly even after a reboot. We find that disabling and re-enabling the service helps in such cases.

```
sudo snap disable docker
sudo snap enable docker
```

8.1.2 Issue 2: WiFi devices are not detected after a reboot

Occasionally, when routers start up the WiFi devices are not detected properly. When this happens the command `iw dev` will display nothing instead of the expected devices. This is usually remedied by rebooting. A global setting to reboot the router if WiFi devices are missing is available on the router settings page.

How to Contribute

This section focuses on the *ParaDrop Daemon*. This is the set of daemons and tools required to allow the Paradrop platform to function on virtual machines and real hardware. ParaDrop is an open source project. The source code of the ParaDrop daemon is available at [github](#). Issue reports and pull requests are welcomed.

9.1 ParaDrop daemon development

ParaDrop repository includes a set of tools to make development as easy as possible.

Currently this system takes the form of a bash script that automates installation and execution. This page outlines the steps required to manually install the dependencies, build the package and install the package into hardware/VMs.

We recommend using Ubuntu 16.04 LTS as the development environment for this version of ParaDrop because we use [snapcraft](#) to package and distribute the ParaDrop daemon.

You will only need to follow these instructions if you will be making changes to the ParaDrop daemon. Otherwise, you can use our pre-built ParaDrop snap or disk image from [ParaDrop release](#).

9.1.1 Building ParaDrop daemon

pdbuild.sh is the script we work with during the development. It provides following commands:

- `./pdbuild.sh setup` installs development dependencies.
- `./pdbuild.sh run` executes the ParaDrop daemon locally in the development machine. It is useful for debugging.
- `./pdbuild.sh build` builds the snap package. Check [snapcraft documentation](#) for detailed information about snap packages and snapcraft.
- `./pdbuild.sh image` builds the ubuntu core image that we can flash into SD card or SSD module of a ParaDrop router. It pre-installs the required snaps for us automatically, e.g. docker.

9.1.2 Installing ParaDrop into hardware/VMs

After the ParaDrop daemon snap is ready (paradrop-daemon-<version>-amd64.snap), we can install it on a ParaDrop router. Check [Hardware Support](#) for information about preparing a ParaDrop router.

Copy the paradrop snap to the router with ParaDrop image installed:

```
scp paradrop-daemon-<version>-amd64.snap paradrop@<router ip>:
```

Then we can log in to a ParaDrop router:

```
ssh paradrop@<router ip>
```

Install the dependent snaps in a ParaDrop router:

```
snap install docker
```

Install the newly created ParaDrop daemon snap package:

```
snap install --devmode paradrop-daemon-<version>-amd64.snap
```

9.1.3 Checking logs of ParaDrop daemon

After install the ParaDrop daemon, we can use ‘pdlog’ to check the log of ParaDrop daemon on the ParaDrop router:

```
paradrop-daemon.pdlog -f
```

9.1.4 Building ParaDrop tools

We have published the ParaDrop tools snap in the Ubuntu Snap Store. On the development machine, we can install it with below command:

```
snap install paradrop-tools
```

Get the manual of ParaDrop tools:

```
paradrop-tools.pdtools --help
```

More detailed information about ParaDrop tools can be find in [Developing Applications](#). The git repository of ParaDrop includes the source code of ParaDrop tools. Developers can build the latest version of ParaDrop tools by running below command in the folder ‘tools’:

```
snappy
```

9.2 Documentation and tests

Documentation is handled by [sphinx](#) and [readthedocs](#).

Testing is a joint effort between [nosetests](#), [travis-ci](#), and [coveralls](#).

9.2.1 Documentation

Sphinx reads files in `reStructuredText` and builds a set of HTML pages. Every time a new commit is pushed to github, readthedocs automatically updates documentation.

Additionally, sphinx knows all about python! The directives `automodule`, `autoclass`, `autofunction` and more instruct sphinx to inspect the code located in `paradrop/daemon/paradrop/` and build documentation from the docstrings within.

For example, the directive `.. automodule:: paradrop.backend` will build all the documentation for the given package. See [Docstring Conventions](#) for details.

All docstring documentation is rebuilt on every commit (unless there's a bug in the code.) Sphinx does not, however, know about structural changes in code! To alert sphinx of these changes, use the `autodoc` feature:

```
sphinx-apidoc -f -o docs/paradrop paradrop/daemon/paradrop/
```

This scans packages in the `paradrop/daemon/paradrop` directory and creates `.rst` files in `docs/paradrop`.

To create the documentation locally, run:

```
cd docs
make html
python -m SimpleHTTPServer 9999
```

Open your web browser of choice and point it to http://localhost:9999/_build/html/index.html.

9.2.2 Testing

As mentioned above, all testing is automatically run by travis-ci, a continuous integration service.

To manually run tests, install nosetest:

```
pip install nose
```

Install the required packages:

```
pip install -r docs/requirements.txt
```

Run all tests:

```
nosetests
```

How does nose detect tests? All tests live in the `tests/` directory. Nose adheres to a simple principle: anything marked with `test` in its name is most likely a test. When writing tests, make sure all functions begin with `test`.

Coverage analysis detects how much of the code is used by a test suite. If the result of the coverage is less than 100%, someone slacked. Install coveralls:

```
pip install coveralls
```

Run tests with coverage analysis:

```
nosetests --with-coverage --cover-package=paradrop
```


10.1 Host Configuration

The host configuration is a YAML file that resides on the ParaDrop device and controls many aspects of system functioning, particularly network and wireless device configuration. The host configuration may also appear in JSON format when manipulating it through the Local HTTP API or through the cloud controller. This page describes the structure and interpretation of values in the host configuration.

10.1.1 Host Configuration Object

ParaDrop host configuration		
type	<i>object</i>	
properties		
• firewall	Firewall settings that apply to all network interfaces.	
	type	<i>object</i>
	properties	
	• defaults	Refer to: firewall defaults object.
		host-config-firewall-defaults-schema
• lan	Configuration for LAN interfaces (wired and wireless).	
	type	<i>object</i>
	properties	
	• dhcp	Refer to: dhcp object
		host-config-dhcp-schema
	• firewall	Firewall settings for the LAN interfaces.
		type
		<i>object</i>
		properties
	• defaults	Refer to: firewall defaults object.
		host-config-firewall-defaults-schema
	• forwarding	Settings for packet forwarding.
		type
		<i>object</i>

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	• interfaces	List of wired interfaces to include in the LAN bridge, e.g. eth1.		
		type	array	
		items		
		•	type	string
	• ipaddr	IP address to use on the LAN bridge.		
		type	string	
	• netmask	Network mask for LAN.		
		type	string	
	• proto	Method for setting interface IP address. ‘auto’ will choose a subnet that avoids conflict with the WAN interface.		
		type	string	
enum		auto, static		
• system	Configure Paradrop system behaviors.			
	type	object		
	properties			
	• autoUpdate	Enable automatically updating system software packages.		
		type	boolean	
	• chutePrefixSize	The IP network size to assign to each chute.		
		type	integer	
		maximum	32	
	• chuteSubnetPool	The IP range available for chutes in CIDR notation or ‘auto’. ‘auto’ will choose a subnet that avoids conflict with the WAN interface.		
		type	string	
		• onMissingWiFi	Behavior if expected wireless devices are missing on boot.	
	type		string	
enum	ignore, reboot, warn			
• telemetry	Configure telemetry function for collecting device measurements.			
	type	object		
	properties			
	• enabled	Enable sending device measurements to cloud controller.		
		type	boolean	
	• interval	Reporting interval (in seconds).		
		type	integer	
		minimum	1	
• vlan-interfaces	Configure handling of VLAN tags on wired interfaces.			
	type	array		
• wan	Configuration for WAN interface.			
	type	object		
	properties			
	• firewall	Firewall settings for the WAN interface.		
		type	object	
		properties		
		• defaults	Refer to firewall defaults object. host-config-firewall-defaults-schema	
	• interface	Name of interface to use for WAN.		
		type	string	
	• proto	Method of acquiring interface IP address.		
		type	string	
		enum	dhcp	

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• wifi	List of physical Wi-Fi devices and their configuration.			
	type	array		
	items			
	•	host-config-wifi-device-schema		
• wifi-interfaces	List of virtual Wi-Fi interfaces and their configuration.			
	type	array		
	items			
	•	host-config-wifi-interface-schema		
• zerotier	Configure ZeroTier service, which enables VPN-like functionality.			
	type	object		
	properties			
	• enabled	Enable the ZeroTier service.		
		type	boolean	
	• networks	List of ZeroTier networks to join, using their string IDs.		
		type	array	
		items		
		•	type	string
		uniqueItems	True	

10.1.2 DHCP Object

ParaDrop host configuration - dhcp object		
type	object	
properties		
• leasetime	Duration of client leases, e.g. 2h	
	type	string
• limit	Size of address range beginning at start value.	
	type	integer
	minimum	1
• start	Starting offset for address assignment.	
	type	integer
	minimum	0

10.1.3 Firewall Defaults Object

ParaDrop host configuration - firewall defaults object			
type	object		
properties			
• conntrack			
• forward	type	string	
	enum	ACCEPT, REJECT, DROP	
• input	type	string	
	enum	ACCEPT, REJECT, DROP	
• masq			
• masq_src	List of source addresses or subnets to which SNAT should be applied.		
	type	array	
	items		
	•	type	string
	uniqueItems	True	
• output	type	string	
	enum	ACCEPT, REJECT, DROP	

10.1.4 Wi-Fi Device Object

Objects in the *wifi* array define physical device settings such as the channel and transmit power. These settings affect all interfaces in the “wifi-interfaces” array that use the corresponding device.

ParaDrop uses a deterministic system for identifying Wi-Fi devices, so that settings are applied to the same device on startup as long as there have been no hardware changes. ParaDrop numbers PCI and USB devices separately starting from zero, so a ParaDrop host with two PCI Wi-Fi cards and one USB card will have device IDs *pci-wifi-0*, *pci-wifi-1*, and *usb-wifi-0*.

The spectrum band is determined by the *hwmode* setting and the *channel* setting. They must be compatible. For 2.4 GHz channels (1-13), set *hwmode* to *11g*. For 5 GHz channels (36-165), set *hwmode* to *11a*.

Higher data rates and channel sizes (802.11n and 802.11ac) are configured with the *htmode* setting. For a 40 MHz channel width in 802.11n, set *htmode*=*HT40* or *htmode*=*HT40-*. Plus means add the next higher channel, and minus means add the lower channel. For example, setting *channel*=36 and *htmode*=*HT40+* results in using channels 36 and 40 as a 40 MHz channel.

If the hardware supports it, you can enable short guard interval for slightly higher data rates. There are separate settings for each channel width: *short_gi_20*, *short_gi_40*, and *short_gi_80*.

Defines a physical Wi-Fi device and its configuration.		
type	object	
properties		
• channel	Wi-Fi channel number.	
	type	integer
	maximum	165
	minimum	1
• htmode	Enable 802.11n or 802.11ac modes.	
	type	string
	enum	None, HT20, HT40+, HT40-, VHT20, VHT40, VHT80
• hwmode	Basic operating mode (11b for old hardware, 11g for 2.4 GHz, 11a for 5 GHz).	
	type	string
	enum	11b, 11g, 11a
• id	Physical identifier, e.g. pci-wifi-1 or usb-wifi-0.	
	type	string
• rx_stbc	Indicates support for receiving frames using STBC.	
	type	integer
	maximum	1
	minimum	0
• short_gi_20	Enable short guard interval (higher data rates) in 20 MHz channels, must be supported by device.	
	type	boolean
• short_gi_40	Enable short guard interval (higher data rates) in 40 MHz channel, must be supported by device.	
	type	boolean
• short_gi_80	Enable short guard interval (higher data rates) in 80 MHz channel, must be supported by device.	
	type	boolean
• tx_stbc	Indicates support for transmitting frames using STBC.	
	type	integer
	maximum	1
	minimum	0

10.1.5 Wi-Fi Interface Object

Objects in the *wifi-interfaces* array configure virtual interfaces. Each virtual interface has an underlying physical device, but there can be multiple interfaces per device up to a limit determined by the hardware. Virtual interfaces can be configured as APs or in other operating modes (with limited support).

The *encryption* setting can take a number of different values. The most common options are: “none” for an open access point, “psk2” for WPA2 Personal (PSK), and “wpa2” for WPA2 Enterprise. WPA2 Enterprise requires additional configuration to interact with an external RADIUS server.

ParaDrop host configuration - Wi-Fi interface section		
type	object	
properties		
• device	Physical device used by this interface, must match a device id in the wifi section.	
	type	string
• encryption	Type of wireless network security to use, e.g. none, psk2, wpa2 (Enterprise).	
	type	string
• mode	Operating mode for the interface.	
	type	string
	enum	airshark, ap, managed, monitor
• network	Network name the interface should be attached to, typically lan for ap mode interfaces.	
	type	string
• ssid	ESSID for ap and managed mode interfaces.	
	type	string

10.2 Chute Configuration

The chute configuration is a YAML file (paradrop.yaml) that a chute developer creates to configure how resources from the host operating system should be allocated to the chute. The chute configuration may also appear in JSON format, particularly when manipulating it through the Local HTTP API or through the cloud API. This page describes the structure and interpretation of values in the chute configuration.

10.2.1 Chute Specification

type	<i>object</i>			
properties				
• name	Name of the chute.			
	type	<i>string</i>		
• description	Description of the chute to be shown to users.			
	type	<i>string</i>		
• version	Version of the chute.			
	anyOf	•	type	<i>string</i>
		•	type	<i>number</i>
• services	Services to be installed with the chute.			
	type	<i>object</i>		
	patternProperties			
	• w+	<i>Service Specification</i>		
• web	type	<i>object</i>		
	properties			

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	• service	Name of chute service which provides the web service.			
		type	string		
	• port	Listening port inside the chute.			
		type	integer		
		maximum	65536		
		minimum	1		
additionalProperties		false			
additionalProperties		false			
definitions					
• interface	Interface Specification				
	type	object			
	properties				
	• type	Network interface type.			
		type	string		
		enum	monitor, vlan, wifi-ap		
	• dhcp	type	object		
		properties			
		• leasetime	Duration of client leases, e.g. 2h.		
			type	string	
			pattern	d+[dhms]	
		• limit	Size of address range beginning at start value.		
			type	integer	
			minimum	1	
		• start	Starting offset for address assignment.		
			type	integer	
			minimum	3	
		additionalProperties		false	
		• dns	List of DNS servers to advertise to connected clients.		
	type		array		
	items				
	•		type	string	
	• wireless	type	object		
		properties			
		• ssid	ESSID to broadcast.		
			type	string	
			maxLength	32	
		• key	Wireless network password.		
			type	string	
			minLength	8	
		• nasid	NAS identifier for RADIUS.		
			type	string	
		• acct_server	RADIUS accounting server.		
			type	string	
		• acct_secret	RADIUS accounting secret.		
			type	string	
		• acct_interval	RADIUS accounting update interval (seconds).		
			type	integer	
			minimum	1	
		• hidden	Disable broadcasting the ESSID in beacons.		
			type	boolean	

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		• isolate	Disable forwarding traffic between connected clients.			
		type	boolean			
		• maxassoc	Maximum number of associated clients.			
			type	integer		
		minimum	0			
		additionalProperties	false			
	• requirements	type	object			
		properties				
		• hwmode	Required operating mode (11b for old hardware, 11g for 2.4 GHz, 11a for 5 Ghz).			
			type	string		
			enum	11b, 11g, 11a		
		• ipv4_network	Required IP network in slash notation.			
			type	string		
	pattern		^d+.d+.d+.d+/d+			
		additionalProperties	false			
	• l3bridge	Bridge to another network using ARP proxying (experimental).				
		type	string			
	• vlan-id	VLAN tag for traffic to and from the interface.				
		type	integer			
		maximum	4094			
minimum		1				
	additionalProperties	false				
• service	Service Specification					
	type	object				
	properties					
	• type	Type of chute service.				
		type	string			
		enum	light, normal, image			
	• source	Source directory for this service.				
		type	string			
	• image	Image specification for services that pull a Docker image.				
		type	string			
	• command	anyOf		type	string	
		•		type	array	
				items		
				•	type	string
		• dns	List of DNS servers to be used within the container.			
	type		array			
	items					
	•		type	string		
	• environment	Environment variables.				
		type	object			
	• interfaces	Network interfaces to be connected.				
		type	object			
patternProperties						

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		w{1,16}	Interface Specification		
requests	type	object			
	properties				
	as-root	Run service as privileged user.			
		type	boolean		
	port-bindings	Port bindings from host to service container.			
		type	array		
		items			
		type	object		
		properties			
		external	External (host) port number.		
			type	integer	
			maximum	65536	
			minimum	1	
		internal	Internal (container) port number.		
			type	integer	
		maximum	65536		
		minimum	1		
	additionalProperties	false			
additionalProperties	false				

10.2.2 Chute Service Object

Chutes consist of one or more *services*, which are long-running processes that implement the functionality of the chute. Services may be built from code in the chute project, from a Dockerfile, or pulled as images from the public Docker Hub.

Service Specification

type	object			
properties				
• type	Type of chute service.			
	type	string		
	enum	light, normal, image		
• source	Source directory for this service.			
	type	string		
• image	Image specification for services that pull a Docker image.			
	type	string		
• command	anyOf		type	string
		•		
		•	type	array
			items	

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			.	type	string		
• dns	List of DNS servers to be used within the container.						
	type	array					
	items						
	.	type	string				
• environment	Environment variables.						
	type	object					
• interfaces	Network interfaces to be connected.						
	type	object					
	patternProperties						
	• w{1,16}	Interface Specification					
• requests	type	object					
	properties						
	• as-root	Run service as privileged user.					
		type	boolean				
	• port-bindings	Port bindings from host to service container.					
		type	array				
		items					
		•	type	object			
			properties				
			• external	External (host) port number.			
				type	integer		
				maximum	65536		
				minimum	1		
			• internal	Internal (container) port number.			
				type	integer		
				maximum	65536		
				minimum	1		
additionalPropertiesFalse							
additionalPropertiesFalse							
additionalPropertiesFalse							

10.2.3 Chute Interface Object

Chutes may have one or more network interfaces. All chutes are configured with a default *eth0* interface that provides WAN connectivity. Chutes may request additional network interfaces of various types by defining them in the *interfaces* object. *interfaces* is a dictionary, where the key should be the desired interface name inside your chute, e.g. *wlan0*. The same key is used to reference the interface in certain API endpoints such as `/api/v1/chutes/(chute)/networks/(network)`.

Interface Specification

type	object
properties	

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Table 4 – continued from previous page

• type	Network interface type.		
	type	string	
	enum	monitor, vlan, wifi-ap	
• dhcp	type	object	
	properties		
	• leasetime	Duration of client leases, e.g. 2h.	
		type	string
		pattern	d+[dhms]
	• limit	Size of address range beginning at start value.	
		type	integer
		minimum	1
	• start	Starting offset for address assignment.	
		type	integer
minimum		3	
additionalProperties	False		
• dns	List of DNS servers to advertise to connected clients.		
	type	array	
	items		
	•	type	string
• wireless	type	object	
	properties		
	• ssid	ESSID to broadcast.	
		type	string
		maxLength	32
	• key	Wireless network password.	
		type	string
		minLength	8
	• nasid	NAS identifier for RADIUS.	
		type	string
	• acct_server	RADIUS accounting server.	
		type	string
	• acct_secret	RADIUS accounting secret.	
		type	string
	• acct_interval	RADIUS accounting update interval (seconds).	
		type	integer
		minimum	1
	• hidden	Disable broadcasting the ESSID in beacons.	
		type	boolean
	• isolate	Disable forwarding traffic between connected clients.	
		type	boolean
	• maxassoc	Maximum number of associated clients.	
		type	integer
		minimum	0
	additionalProperties	False	
• requirements	type	object	
	properties		
	• hwmode	Required operating mode (11b for old hardware, 11g for 2.4 GHz, 11a for 5 GHz).	
		type	string
		enum	11b, 11g, 11a

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Table 4 – continued from previous page

	• ipv4_network	Required IP network in slash notation.	
		type	<i>string</i>
		pattern	^d+.d+.d+.d+/d+
	additionalProperties	False	
• l3bridge	Bridge to another network using ARP proxying (experimental).		
	type	<i>string</i>	
• vlan-id	VLAN tag for traffic to and from the interface.		
	type	<i>integer</i>	
	maximum	4094	
	minimum	1	
additionalProperties	False		

WiFi AP Configuration

A WiFi AP interface is created by setting *type=wifi-ap*. There are many options for configuring the WiFi AP available through the wireless section of the interface object.

Monitor-mode Interface Configuration (Experimental)

A monitor-mode interface enables a chute to observe all detected WiFi traffic with RadioTap headers. A monitor-mode interface is created by setting *type=wifi-monitor*.

Monitor-mode interfaces are disallowed by default but can be enabled if you have administrative access to a node. This is because monitor-mode interfaces are potentially dangerous. They enable malicious chutes to record network traffic, and furthermore, the feature itself is experimental. There may be issues with kernel drivers or our implementation that cause system instability.

If you understand the risks and wish to enable monitor-mode interfaces, connect to your node using SSH and run the following command.:

```
snap set paradrop-daemon base.allow-monitor-mode=true
```

VLAN Interface Configuration

A VLAN interface allows tagged traffic on the physical Ethernet ports of the device to be received by the chute. The interface must be configured with a VLAN ID. Incoming traffic with that VLAN tag will be untagged and forwarded to the chute interface. Likewise, traffic leaving the chute interface will be tagged and sent on one the physical ports.

10.2.4 Example

The following example chute configuration sets up a WiFi access point and a web server running on port 5000. It also shows how to install and connect a database from a public image.

```
name: seccam
description: A Paradrop chute that performs motion detection using a simple WiFi_
↪camera.
version: 1

services:
  main:
    type: light
```

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```

source: .
image: python2
command: python -u seccam.py

environment:
    IMAGE_INTERVAL: 2.0
    MOTION_THRESHOLD: 40.0
    SECCAM_MODE: detect

interfaces:
    wlan0:
        type: wifi-ap

        dhcp:
            leasetime: 12h
            limit: 250
            start: 4

        wireless:
            ssid: seccam42
            key: paradropseccam
            hidden: false
            isolate: true

        requirements:
            hwmode: 11g

requests:
    as-root: true
    port-bindings:
        - external: 81
          internal: 81

db:
    type: image
    image: mongo:3.0

web:
    service: main
    port: 5000

```

10.2.5 Experimental Features

ParaDrop is under heavy development. Features marked as *experimental* may be incomplete or buggy. Please contact us if you need help with any of these features.

10.3 Chute Management

Install and manage chutes on the host.

Endpoints for these functions can be found under `/api/v1/chutes`.

GET `/api/v1/chutes/`

List installed chutes.

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/chutes/
```

Example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

[
  {
    "environment": {},
    "name": "hello-world",
    "allocation": {
      "cpu_shares": 1024,
      "prioritize_traffic": false
    },
    "state": "running",
    "version": "x1511808778",
    "resources": null
  }
]
```

GET `/api/v1/chutes/ (chute) /networks/ network/stations/mac` Get detailed information about a connected station.

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/chutes/captive-portal/networks/wifi/stations/5c:59:48:7d:b9:e6
```

Example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
  "rx_packets": "230",
  "tdls_peer": "no",
  "authenticated": "yes",
  "rx_bytes": "12511",
  "tx_bitrate": "1.0 MBit/s",
  "tx_retries": "0",
  "signal": "-45 [-49, -48] dBm",
  "authorized": "yes",
  "rx_bitrate": "65.0 MBit/s MCS 7",
  "mfp": "no",
  "tx_failed": "0",
  "inactive_time": "4688 ms",
  "mac_addr": "5c:59:48:7d:b9:e6",
  "tx_bytes": "34176",
  "wmm_wme": "yes",
  "preamble": "short",
  "tx_packets": "88",
  "signal_avg": "-44 [-48, -47] dBm"
}
```

GET `/api/v1/chutes/ (chute) /networks/ network/hostapd_status` Get low-level status information from the access point.

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/chutes/captive-portal/networks/wifi/hostapd_status
```

Example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
  "olbc_ht": "0",
  "cac_time_left_seconds": "N/A",
  "num_sta_no_short_slot_time": "0",
  "olbc": "1",
  "num_sta_non_erp": "0",
  "ht_op_mode": "0x4",
  "state": "ENABLED",
  "num_sta_ht40_intolerant": "0",
  "channel": "11",
  "bssid[0]": "02:00:08:24:03:dd",
  "ieee80211n": "1",
  "cac_time_seconds": "0",
  "num_sta[0]": "1",
  "ieee80211ac": "0",
  "phy": "phy0",
  "num_sta_ht_no_gf": "1",
  "freq": "2462",
  "num_sta_ht_20_mhz": "1",
  "num_sta_no_short_preamble": "0",
  "secondary_channel": "0",
  "ssid[0]": "Free WiFi",
  "num_sta_no_ht": "0",
  "bss[0]": "vwlان7e1b"
}
```

GET /api/v1/chutes/ (*chute*) /networks/
network/stations Get detailed information about connected wireless stations.

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/chutes/captive-portal/networks/wifi/stations
```

Example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

[
  {
    "rx_packets": "230",
    "tdls_peer": "no",
    "authenticated": "yes",
    "rx_bytes": "12511",
    "tx_bitrate": "1.0 MBit/s",
    "tx_retries": "0",
    "signal": "-45 [-49, -48] dBm",
    "authorized": "yes",
    "rx_bitrate": "65.0 MBit/s MCS 7",
  }
]
```

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```

    "mfp": "no",
    "tx_failed": "0",
    "inactive_time": "4688 ms",
    "mac_addr": "5c:59:48:7d:b9:e6",
    "tx_bytes": "34176",
    "wmm_wme": "yes",
    "preamble": "short",
    "tx_packets": "88",
    "signal_avg": "-44 [-48, -47] dBm"
  }
]
```

GET `/api/v1/chutes/ (chute) /networks/ network/leases` Get current list of DHCP leases for chute network.

Returns a list of DHCP lease records with the following fields:

expires lease expiration time (seconds since Unix epoch)

mac_addr device MAC address

ip_addr device IP address

hostname name that the device reported

client_id optional identifier supplied by device

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/chutes/captive-portal/networks/wifi/leases
```

Example response:

```

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

[
  {
    "client_id": "01:5c:59:48:7d:b9:e6",
    "expires": "1511816276",
    "ip_addr": "192.168.128.64",
    "mac_addr": "5c:59:48:7d:b9:e6",
    "hostname": "paradrops-iPod"
  }
]
```

GET `/api/v1/chutes/ (chute) /networks/ network/ssid` Get currently configured SSID for the chute network.

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/chutes/captive-portal/networks/wifi/ssid
```

Example response:

```

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
```

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```

"ssid": "Free WiFi",
"bssid": "02:00:08:24:03:dd"
}

```

PUT `/api/v1/chutes/ (chute) /networks/ network/ssid` Change the configured SSID for the chute network.

The change will not persist after a reboot. If a persistent change is desired, you should update the chute configuration instead.

Example request:

```

PUT /api/v1/chutes/captive-portal/networks/wifi/ssid
Content-Type: application/json

{
  "ssid": "Best Free WiFi"
}

```

Example response:

```

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
  "message": "OK"
}

```

GET `/api/v1/chutes/ (chute) /networks/ network` Get information about a network configured for the chute.

Example request:

```

GET /api/v1/chutes/captive-portal/networks/wifi

```

Example response:

```

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
  "interface": "wlan0",
  "type": "wifi",
  "name": "wifi"
}

```

GET `/api/v1/chutes/ (chute) /networks` Get list of networks configured for the chute.

Example request:

```

GET /api/v1/chutes/captive-portal/networks

```

Example response:

```

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

```

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```
[
  {
    "interface": "wlan0",
    "type": "wifi",
    "name": "wifi"
  }
]
```

GET /api/v1/chutes/ (*chute*) /config

Get current chute configuration.

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/chutes/captive-portal/config
```

Example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
  "net": {
    "wifi": {
      "dhcp": {
        "lease": "1h",
        "limit": 250,
        "start": 3
      },
      "intfName": "wlan0",
      "options": {
        "isolate": True
      },
      "ssid": "Free WiFi",
      "type": "wifi"
    }
  }
}
```

PUT /api/v1/chutes/ (*chute*) /config

Update the chute configuration and restart to apply changes.

Example request:

```
PUT /api/v1/chutes/captive-portal/config
Content-Type: application/json

{
  "net": {
    "wifi": {
      "dhcp": {
        "lease": "1h",
        "limit": 250,
        "start": 3
      },
      "intfName": "wlan0",
      "options": {
```

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```

        "isolate": True
    },
    "ssid": "Better Free WiFi",
    "type": "wifi"
}
}
}

```

Example response:

```

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
  "change_id": 1
}

```

GET /api/v1/chutes/ (*chute*) /cache

Get chute cache contents.

The chute cache is a key-value store used during chute installation. It can be useful for debugging the Paradrop platform.

GET /api/v1/chutes/ (*chute*)

Get information about an installed chute.

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/chutes/hello-world
```

Example response:

```

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
  "environment": {},
  "name": "hello-world",
  "allocation": {
    "cpu_shares": 1024,
    "prioritize_traffic": false
  },
  "state": "running",
  "version": "x1511808778",
  "resources": null
}

```

10.4 Device Configuration

This module exposes device configuration.

Endpoints for these functions can be found under /api/v1/config.

POST /api/v1/config/factoryReset

Initiate the factory reset process.

PUT /api/v1/config/hostconfig

Replace the device's host configuration.

Example request:

```
PUT /api/v1/config/hostconfig
Content-Type: application/json

{
  "firewall": {
    "defaults": {
      "forward": "ACCEPT",
      "input": "ACCEPT",
      "output": "ACCEPT"
    }
  },
  ...
}
```

Example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
  change_id: 1
}
```

For a complete example, please see the Host Configuration section.

GET /api/v1/config/hostconfig

Get the device's current host configuration.

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/config/hostconfig
```

Example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
  "firewall": {
    "defaults": {
      "forward": "ACCEPT",
      "input": "ACCEPT",
      "output": "ACCEPT"
    }
  },
  ...
}
```

For a complete example, please see the Host Configuration section.

GET /api/v1/config/new-config

Generate a new node configuration based on the hardware.

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/config/new_config
```

Example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
  "firewall": {
    "defaults": {
      "forward": "ACCEPT",
      "input": "ACCEPT",
      "output": "ACCEPT"
    }
  },
  ...
}
```

For a complete example, please see the Host Configuration section.

POST /api/v1/config/provision

Provision the device with credentials from a cloud controller.

GET /api/v1/config/provision

Get the provision status of the device.

GET /api/v1/config/settings

Get current values of system settings.

These are the values from `paradrop.base.settings`. Settings are loaded at system initialization from the `settings.ini` file and environment variables. They are intended to be read-only after initialization.

This endpoint returns the settings as a dictionary with lowercase field names.

Example: {

```
    "portal_server_port": 8080, ...
```

```
}
```

GET /api/v1/config/pdconf

Get configuration sections from `pdconf`.

This returns a list of configuration sections and whether they were successfully applied. This is intended for debugging purposes.

PUT /api/v1/config/pdconf

Trigger `pdconf` to reload UCI configuration files.

Trigger `pdconf` to reload UCI configuration files and return the status. This function is intended for low-level debugging of the `paradrop pdconf` module.

GET /api/v1/config/pdid

Get the device's current ParaDrop ID. This is the identifier assigned by the cloud controller.

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/config/pdid
```

Example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
  pdid: "5890e1e5ab7e317e6c6e049f"
}
```

POST /api/v1/config/sshKeys/ (*user*)
Manage list of authorized keys for SSH access.

GET /api/v1/config/sshKeys/ (*user*)
Manage list of authorized keys for SSH access.

10.5 Device Information

Provide information of the router, e.g. board version, CPU information, memory size, disk size.

Endpoints for these functions can be found under `/api/v1/info`.

GET /api/v1/info/environment
Get environment variables.

Returns a dictionary containing the environment variables passed to the Paradrop daemon. This is useful for development and debugging purposes (e.g. see how `PATH` is set on Paradrop when running in different contexts).

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/info/environment
```

Example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
  "LANG": "C.UTF-8",
  "SNAP_REVISION": "x73",
  "SNAP_COMMON": "/var/snap/paradrop-daemon/common",
  "XDG_RUNTIME_DIR": "/run/user/0/snap.paradrop-daemon",
  "SNAP_USER_COMMON": "/root/snap/paradrop-daemon/common",
  "SNAP_LIBRARY_PATH": "/var/lib/snapd/lib/gl:/var/lib/snapd/void",
  "SNAP_NAME": "paradrop-daemon",
  "PWD": "/var/snap/paradrop-daemon/x73",
  "PATH": "/snap/paradrop-daemon/x73/usr/sbin:/snap/paradrop-daemon/x73/usr/bin:/
↪ snap/paradrop-daemon/x73/sbin:/snap/paradrop-daemon/x73/bin:/usr/local/sbin:/
↪ usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/games:/usr/local/games",
  "SNAP": "/snap/paradrop-daemon/x73",
  "SNAP_DATA": "/var/snap/paradrop-daemon/x73",
  "SNAP_VERSION": "0.9.2",
  "SNAP_ARCH": "amd64",
  "SNAP_USER_DATA": "/root/snap/paradrop-daemon/x73",
  "TMPDIR": "/tmp",
  "HOME": "/root/snap/paradrop-daemon/x73",
  "SNAP_REEXEC": "",
  "LD_LIBRARY_PATH": "/var/lib/snapd/lib/gl:/var/lib/snapd/void:/snap/paradrop-
↪ daemon/x73/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu::/snap/paradrop-daemon/x73/lib:/snap/
↪ paradrop-daemon/x73/usr/lib:/snap/paradrop-daemon/x73/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu:/
↪ snap/paradrop-daemon/x73/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu",
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```

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```
"TMPDIR": "/tmp"
...
}
```

GET /api/v1/info/telemetry

Get a telemetry report.

This contains information about resource utilization by chute and system totals. This endpoint returns the same data that we periodically send to the controller if telemetry is enabled.

GET /api/v1/info/hardware

Get information about the hardware platform.

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/info/hardware
```

Example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
  "wifi": [
    {
      "slot": "pci/0000:04:00.0",
      "vendorId": "0x168c",
      "macAddr": "04:f0:21:2f:b7:c1",
      "id": "pci-wifi-0",
      "deviceId": "0x003c"
    },
    {
      "slot": "pci/0000:06:00.0",
      "vendorId": "0x168c",
      "macAddr": "04:f0:21:0f:78:28",
      "id": "pci-wifi-1",
      "deviceId": "0x002a"
    }
  ],
  "memory": 2065195008,
  "vendor": "PC Engines",
  "board": "APU 1.0",
  "cpu": "x86_64"
}
```

GET /api/v1/info/software

Get information about the operating system.

Returns a dictionary containing information the BIOS version, OS version, kernel version, Paradrop version, and system uptime.

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/info/software
```

Example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
  "biosVersion": "SageBios_PCEngines_APU-45",
  "biosDate": "04/05/2014",
  "uptime": 15351,
  "kernelVersion": "Linux-4.4.0-101-generic",
  "pdVersion": "0.9.2",
  "biosVendor": "coreboot",
  "osVersion": "Ubuntu 4.4.0-101.124-generic 4.4.95"
}
```

GET /api/v1/info/features

Get features supported by the host.

This is a list of strings specifying features supported by the daemon.

Explanation of feature strings:

hostapd-control The daemon supports the hostapd control interface and provides a websocket channel for accessing it.

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/info/features
```

Example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

[
  "hostapd-control"
]
```

11.1 pdtools

Paradrop command line utility.

```
pdtools [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

11.1.1 chute

Utilities for developing chutes.

These commands all operate on a chute project in the current working directory. Remember, that all chutes must have a `paradrop.yaml` file in the top-level directory. You can create one interactively with the `initialize` command.

```
pdtools chute [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

add-wifi-ap

Add a WiFi AP to the chute configuration.

ESSID must be between 1 and 32 characters in length. Spaces are allowed if you enclose the argument in quotation marks.

```
pdtools chute add-wifi-ap [OPTIONS] ESSID
```

Options

--password <password>

Password for the network, must be at least 8 characters if specified.

--force

Overwrite an existing section in the configuration file.

Arguments

ESSID

Required argument

enable-web-service

Configure chute for providing a web service.

This command adds information to the paradrop.yaml file about a web server that runs as part of the chute. PORT should be the port that the chute code listens on. Paradrop will forward external requests to this port. If the chute runs multiple services, then SERVICE should be used to indicate the name of the service that runs the web server. For most chutes, the default “main” will be appropriate.

```
pdtools chute enable-web-service [OPTIONS] PORT
```

Options

-s, --service <service>

Name of service in chute which runs the web server.

Arguments

PORT

Required argument

export-configuration

Export chute configuration in JSON or YAML format.

The configuration format used by the cloud API is slightly different from the paradrop.yaml file. This command can export a JSON object in a form suitable for installing the chute through the cloud API.

The config object will usually be used in an envelope like the following: {

 “updateClass”: “CHUTE”, “updateType”: “update”, “config”: { config-object }

}

```
pdtools chute export-configuration [OPTIONS]
```

Options

-f, --format <format>

Format (json or yaml)

initialize

Interactively create a paradrop.yaml file.

```
pdtools chute initialize [OPTIONS]
```

Options

--legacy

Create a single-service chute using older syntax.

set

Set a value in the paradrop.yaml file.

PATH must be a dot-separated path to a value in the paradrop.yaml file, such as “config.web.port”. VALUE will be interpreted as a string, numeric, or boolean type as appropriate.

Changing values inside a list is not currently supported. For that you will need to edit the file directly.

Example: set config.web.port 80

```
pdtools chute set [OPTIONS] PATH VALUE
```

Arguments

PATH

Required argument

VALUE

Required argument

validate

Validate the paradrop.yaml file.

A note about versions: this command validates the chute configuration against the current rules for the installed version of pdtools. If the chute is to be installed on a Paradrop node running a different version, then this command may not be reliable for determining compatibility.

```
pdtools chute validate [OPTIONS]
```

11.1.2 cloud

Access services provided by a cloud controller.

By default the cloud controller is assumed to be paradrop.org. This can be configured through the environment variable PDSERVER_URL.

```
pdtools cloud [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

claim-node

Take ownership of a node by using a claim token.

TOKEN is a hard-to-guess string that the previous owner would have configured when setting the node's status as orphaned.

```
pdtools cloud claim-node [OPTIONS] TOKEN
```

Options

-n, --name <name>
Name of the node

Arguments

TOKEN
Required argument

create-node

Create a new node to be tracked by the controller.

NAME must be unique among the nodes that you own and may only consist of lowercase letters, numbers, and hyphens. It must also begin with a letter.

```
pdtools cloud create-node [OPTIONS] NAME
```

Options

--orphaned, --not-orphaned
Allow another user to claim the node.

--claim <claim>
Claim token required to claim the node.

Arguments

NAME
Required argument

delete-node

Delete a node that is tracked by the controller.

NAME must be the name of a node that you own.

```
pdtools cloud delete-node [OPTIONS] NAME
```

Arguments

NAME

Required argument

describe-node

Get detailed information about an existing node.

NAME must be the name of a node that you own.

```
pdtools cloud describe-node [OPTIONS] NAME
```

Arguments

NAME

Required argument

edit-node-description

Interactively edit the node description and save.

NAME must be the name of a node that you own.

Open the text editor specified by the EDITOR environment variable with the current node description. If you save and exit, the changes will be applied to the node.

```
pdtools cloud edit-node-description [OPTIONS] NAME
```

Arguments

NAME

Required argument

group-add-node

Add a node to a group for other members to access.

GROUP must be the string ID of a group. NODE must be the name of a node that you control.

```
pdtools cloud group-add-node [OPTIONS] GROUP NODE
```

Arguments

GROUP

Required argument

NODE

Required argument

help

Show this message and exit.

```
pdtools cloud help [OPTIONS]
```

import-ssh-key

Add an authorized key from a public key file.

PATH must be a path to a public key file, which corresponds to a private key that SSH can use for authentication. Typically, ssh-keygen will place the public key in “~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub”.

```
pdtools cloud import-ssh-key [OPTIONS] PATH
```

Arguments

PATH

Required argument

list-groups

List groups that you belong to.

```
pdtools cloud list-groups [OPTIONS]
```

list-nodes

List nodes that you own or have access to.

```
pdtools cloud list-nodes [OPTIONS]
```

login

Interactively login to your user account on the controller.

Authenticate with the controller using account credentials that you created either through the website or with the register command. Typically, the username will be your email address.

```
pdtools cloud login [OPTIONS]
```

logout

Log out and remove stored credentials.

```
pdtools cloud logout [OPTIONS]
```

register

Interactively create an account on the controller.

```
pdtools cloud register [OPTIONS]
```

rename-node

Change the name of a node.

NAME must be the name of a node that you control. NEW_NAME is the desired new name. It must adhere to the same naming rules as for the create-node command, namely, it must begin with a letter and consist of only lowercase letters, numbers, and hyphen.

```
pdtools cloud rename-node [OPTIONS] NAME NEW_NAME
```

Arguments

NAME

Required argument

NEW_NAME

Required argument

11.1.3 device

(deprecated) Sub-tree for configuring a device.

These commands are deprecated. Please use the equivalent commands under *pdtools node -help*.

```
pdtools device [OPTIONS] ADDRESS COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

Arguments

ADDRESS

Required argument

audio

Control device audio properties.

```
pdtools device audio [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

info

Get audio server information.

```
pdtools device audio info [OPTIONS]
```

load-module

Load a module.

```
pdtools device audio load-module [OPTIONS] NAME
```

Arguments

NAME

Required argument

modules

List loaded modules.

```
pdtools device audio modules [OPTIONS]
```

sink

Configure audio sink.

```
pdtools device audio sink [OPTIONS] SINK_NAME COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

Arguments

SINK_NAME

Required argument

volume

Set sink volume.

```
pdtools device audio sink volume [OPTIONS] [CHANNEL_VOLUME]...
```

Arguments

CHANNEL_VOLUME

Optional argument(s)

sinks

List audio sinks.

```
pdtools device audio sinks [OPTIONS]
```

source

Configure audio source.

```
pdtools device audio source [OPTIONS] SOURCE_NAME COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

Arguments

SOURCE_NAME

Required argument

volume

Set source volume.

```
pdtools device audio source volume [OPTIONS] [CHANNEL_VOLUME]...
```

Arguments

CHANNEL_VOLUME

Optional argument(s)

sources

List audio sources.

```
pdtools device audio sources [OPTIONS]
```

changes

List changes in the working queue.

```
pdtools device changes [OPTIONS]
```

chute

Sub-tree for configuring a chute.

```
pdtools device chute [OPTIONS] CHUTE COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

Arguments

CHUTE

Required argument

cache

Get details from the chute installation.

```
pdtools device chute cache [OPTIONS]
```

config

Get the chute's current configuration.

```
pdtools device chute config [OPTIONS]
```

delete

Uninstall the chute.

```
pdtools device chute delete [OPTIONS]
```

edit-environment

Interactively edit the chute environment vairables.

```
pdtools device chute edit-environment [OPTIONS]
```

info

Get information about the chute.

```
pdtools device chute info [OPTIONS]
```

logs

Watch log messages from a chute.

```
pdtools device chute logs [OPTIONS]
```

network

Sub-tree for accessing chute network.

```
pdtools device chute network [OPTIONS] NETWORK COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

Arguments

NETWORK

Required argument

station

Sub-tree for accessing network stations.

```
pdtools device chute network station [OPTIONS] STATION COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

Arguments

STATION

Required argument

delete

Kick a station off the network.

```
pdtools device chute network station delete [OPTIONS]
```

show

Show station information.

```
pdtools device chute network station show [OPTIONS]
```

stations

List stations connected to the network.

```
pdtools device chute network stations [OPTIONS]
```

networks

List the chute's networks.

```
pdtools device chute networks [OPTIONS]
```

reconfigure

Reconfigure the chute without rebuilding.

```
pdtools device chute reconfigure [OPTIONS]
```

restart

Restart the chute.

```
pdtools device chute restart [OPTIONS]
```

shell

Open a shell inside a chute.

This requires you to have enabled SSH access to the device and installed bash inside your chute.

```
pdtools device chute shell [OPTIONS]
```

start

Start the chute.

```
pdtools device chute start [OPTIONS]
```

stop

Stop the chute.

```
pdtools device chute stop [OPTIONS]
```

update

Update the chute from the working directory.

```
pdtools device chute update [OPTIONS]
```

chutes

View or create chutes on the router.

```
pdtools device chutes [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

create

Install a chute from the working directory.

```
pdtools device chutes create [OPTIONS]
```

list

List chutes installed on the router.

```
pdtools device chutes list [OPTIONS]
```

hostconfig

Sub-tree for the host configuration.

```
pdtools device hostconfig [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

change

Change one setting in the host configuration.

```
pdtools device hostconfig change [OPTIONS] OPTION VALUE
```

Arguments

OPTION

Required argument

VALUE

Required argument

edit

Interactively edit the host configuration.

```
pdtools device hostconfig edit [OPTIONS]
```

login

Log in using device-local credentials.

```
pdtools device login [OPTIONS]
```

logout

Log out by removing any stored access tokens.

```
pdtools device logout [OPTIONS]
```

password

Change the router admin password.

```
pdtools device password [OPTIONS]
```

pdconf

Access the pdconf subsystem.

pdconf manages low-level configuration of the Paradrop device. These commands are implemented for debugging purposes and are not intended for ordinary configuration purposes.

```
pdtools device pdconf [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

reload

Force pdconf to reload files.

```
pdtools device pdconf reload [OPTIONS]
```

show

Show status of pdconf subsystem.

```
pdtools device pdconf show [OPTIONS]
```

provision

Provision the router.

```
pdtools device provision [OPTIONS] ROUTER_ID ROUTER_PASSWORD
```

Options

--server <server>

--wamp <wamp>

Arguments

ROUTER_ID
Required argument

ROUTER_PASSWORD
Required argument

snapped

Access the snapped subsystem.

```
pdtools device snapped [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

connectall

Connect all interfaces.

```
pdtools device snapd connectall [OPTIONS]
```

createuser

Create user account.

```
pdtools device snapd createuser [OPTIONS] EMAIL
```

Arguments

EMAIL

Required argument

sshkeys

Sub-tree for accessing SSH authorized keys.

```
pdtools device sshkeys [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

Options

--user <user>

add

Add an authorized key from a file.

```
pdtools device sshkeys add [OPTIONS] PATH
```

Arguments

PATH

Required argument

list

List authorized keys.

```
pdtools device sshkeys list [OPTIONS]
```

watch

Stream messages for a change in progress.

```
pdtools device watch [OPTIONS] CHANGE_ID
```

Arguments

CHANGE_ID

Required argument

11.1.4 discover

Discover Paradrop nodes on the network.

```
pdtools discover [OPTIONS]
```

11.1.5 group

(deprecated) Manage a user group.

These commands are deprecated. Please use the equivalent commands under *pdtools cloud -help*.

```
pdtools group [OPTIONS] GROUP_ID COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

Arguments

GROUP_ID

Required argument

add-router

Add a router to the group.

```
pdtools group add-router [OPTIONS] ROUTER_ID
```

Arguments

ROUTER_ID

Required argument

11.1.6 help

Show this message and exit

```
pdtools help [OPTIONS]
```

11.1.7 list-groups

(deprecated) List user groups.

Please use *pdtools cloud list-groups*.

```
pdtools list-groups [OPTIONS]
```

11.1.8 node

Manage a Paradrop edge compute node.

These commands respect the following environment variables:

PDTOOLS_NODE_TARGET Default target node name or address.

```
pdtools node [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

Options

- t, --target <target>**
Target node name or address
- with-auth-cloud, --without-auth-cloud**
Use a cloud token to authenticate with the node
- with-auth-default, --without-auth-default**
Try the default credentials
- with-auth-environment, --without-auth-environment**
Use a token from the environment variable **PARADROP_API_TOKEN**
- with-auth-prompt, --without-auth-prompt**
Prompt for a password
- with-auth-saved, --without-auth-saved**
Use a saved token from a previous interaction

connect-snap-interfaces

Connect all interfaces for installed snaps.

```
pdtools node connect-snap-interfaces [OPTIONS]
```

create-user

Create local Linux user connected to Ubuntu store account.

EMAIL must be an email address which is registered as Ubuntu One account. The name of the local account that is created will depend on the email address used. If in doubt, use “info@paradrop.io”, which will result in a user named “paradrop” being created.

```
pdtools node create-user [OPTIONS] EMAIL
```

Arguments

EMAIL

Required argument

describe-audio

Display audio subsystem information.

Display information from the local PulseAudio server such as the default source and sink.

```
pdtools node describe-audio [OPTIONS]
```

describe-chute

Display information about a chute.

CHUTE must be the name of an installed chute.

```
pdtools node describe-chute [OPTIONS] CHUTE
```

Arguments

CHUTE

Required argument

describe-chute-cache

Show internal details from a chute installation.

CHUTE must be the name of an installed chute.

This information is intended for Paradrop daemon developers for debugging purposes. The output is not expected to remain stable between Paradrop versions.

```
pdtools node describe-chute-cache [OPTIONS] CHUTE
```

Arguments

CHUTE

Required argument

describe-chute-configuration

Display configuration of a chute.

CHUTE must be the name of an installed chute.

This information corresponds to the “config” section in a chute’s paradrop.yaml file.


```
pdtools node describe-chute-configuration [OPTIONS] CHUTE
```

Arguments

CHUTE

Required argument

describe-chute-network-client

Display information about a network client.

CHUTE must be the name of an installed chute. NETWORK must be the name of one of the chute's configured networks. Typically, this will be "wifi". CLIENT identifies the network client, such as a MAC address.

```
pdtools node describe-chute-network-client [OPTIONS] CHUTE NETWORK CLIENT
```

Arguments

CHUTE

Required argument

NETWORK

Required argument

CLIENT

Required argument

describe-pdconf

Show status of the pdconf subsystem.

This information is intended for Paradrop daemon developers for debugging purposes.

```
pdtools node describe-pdconf [OPTIONS]
```

describe-provision

Show provisioning status of the node.

This shows whether the node is associated with a cloud controller, and if so, its identifier.

```
pdtools node describe-provision [OPTIONS]
```

describe-settings

Show node settings.

These are settings that paradrop reads during startup and configure certain behaviors. They can only be modified through environment variables or the settings.ini file.

```
pdtools node describe-settings [OPTIONS]
```

edit-chute-configuration

Interactively edit the chute configuration and restart it.

CHUTE must be the name of an installed chute.

Open the text editor specified by the EDITOR environment variable with the current chute configuration. If you save and exit, the new configuration will be applied and the chute restarted.

```
pdtools node edit-chute-configuration [OPTIONS] CHUTE
```

Arguments

CHUTE

Required argument

edit-chute-variables

Interactively edit a chute's environment variables and restart it.

CHUTE must be the name of an installed chute.

Open the text editor specified by the EDITOR environment variable with the current chute environment variables. If you save and exit, the new settings will be applied and the chute restarted.

```
pdtools node edit-chute-variables [OPTIONS] CHUTE
```

Arguments

CHUTE

Required argument

edit-configuration

Interactively edit the node configuration and apply changes.

Open the text editor specified by the EDITOR environment variable with the current node configuration. If you save and exit, the new configuration will be applied to the node.

```
pdtools node edit-configuration [OPTIONS]
```

export-configuration

Display the node configuration in the desired format.

```
pdtools node export-configuration [OPTIONS]
```

Options

-f, --format <format>
Format (json or yaml)

generate-configuration

Generate a new node configuration based on detected hardware.

The new configuration is not automatically applied. Rather, you can save it to file and use the import-configuration command to apply it.

```
pdtools node generate-configuration [OPTIONS]
```

Options

-f, --format <format>
Format (json or yaml)

help

Show this message and exit.

```
pdtools node help [OPTIONS]
```

import-configuration

Import a node configuration from file and apply changes.

PATH must be a path to a node configuration file in YAML format.

```
pdtools node import-configuration [OPTIONS] PATH
```

Arguments

PATH
Required argument

import-ssh-key

Add an authorized key from a public key file.

PATH must be a path to a public key file, which corresponds to a private key that SSH can use for authentication. Typically, ssh-keygen will place the public key in “~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub”.

```
pdtools node import-ssh-key [OPTIONS] PATH
```

Options

-u, --user <user>
Local username

Arguments

PATH
Required argument

install-chute

Install a chute from the working directory.

Install the files in the current directory as a chute on the node. The directory must contain a paradrop.yaml file. The entire directory will be copied to the node for installation.

```
pdtools node install-chute [OPTIONS]
```

Options

-d, --directory <directory>
Directory containing chute files

list-audio-modules

List modules loaded by the audio subsystem.

```
pdtools node list-audio-modules [OPTIONS]
```

list-audio-sinks

List audio sinks.

```
pdtools node list-audio-sinks [OPTIONS]
```

list-audio-sources

List audio sources.

```
pdtools node list-audio-sources [OPTIONS]
```

list-changes

List queued or in progress changes.

```
pdtools node list-changes [OPTIONS]
```

list-chute-network-clients

List clients connected to the chute's network.

CHUTE must be the name of an installed chute. NETWORK must be the name of one of its configured networks. Typically, this will be called "wifi".

```
pdtools node list-chute-network-clients [OPTIONS] CHUTE NETWORK
```

Arguments

CHUTE

Required argument

NETWORK

Required argument

list-chute-networks

List networks configured by a chute.

CHUTE must be the name of an installed chute.

```
pdtools node list-chute-networks [OPTIONS] CHUTE
```

Arguments

CHUTE

Required argument

list-chutes

List chutes installed on the node

```
pdtools node list-chutes [OPTIONS]
```

list-devices

List devices connected to the node.

```
pdtools node list-devices [OPTIONS]
```

list-snap-interfaces

List interfaces for snaps installed on the node.

```
pdtools node list-snap-interfaces [OPTIONS]
```

list-ssh-keys

List keys authorized for SSH access to the node.

```
pdtools node list-ssh-keys [OPTIONS]
```

Options

-u, --user <user>
Local username

load-audio-module

Load a module into the audio subsystem.

MODULE must be the name of a PulseAudio module such as “module-loopback”.

```
pdtools node load-audio-module [OPTIONS] MODULE
```

Arguments

MODULE
Required argument

login

Interactively log in using the local admin password.

Authenticate with the node using the local username and password. Typically, the username will be “paradrop”. The password can be set with the set-password command.

```
pdtools node login [OPTIONS]
```

logout

Log out and remove stored credentials.

```
pdtools node logout [OPTIONS]
```

open-chute-shell

Open a shell inside the running chute.

CHUTE must be the name of a running chute.

This requires you to have enabled SSH access to the device and installed bash inside your chute.

Changes made to files inside the chute may not be persistent if the chute or the node is restarted. Only changes to files in the “/data” directory will be preserved.

```
pdtools node open-chute-shell [OPTIONS] CHUTE
```

Options

-s, --service <service>
Service belonging to the chute

Arguments

CHUTE
Required argument

provision

Associate the node with a cloud controller.

ID and KEY are credentials that can be found when creating a node on the controller, either through the website or through *pdtools cloud create-node*. They may also be referred to as the Router ID and the Router Password.

```
pdtools node provision [OPTIONS] ID KEY
```

Options

-c, --controller <controller>
Cloud controller endpoint

-w, --wamp <wamp>
WAMP endpoint

Arguments

ID
Required argument

KEY
Required argument

reboot

Reboot the node.

```
pdtools node reboot [OPTIONS]
```

remove-chute

Remove a chute from the node.

CHUTE must be the name of an installed chute.

```
pdtools node remove-chute [OPTIONS] CHUTE
```

Arguments

CHUTE

Required argument

remove-chute-network-client

Remove a connected client from the chute's network.

CHUTE must be the name of an installed chute. NETWORK must be the name of one of the chute's configured networks. Typically, this will be "wifi". CLIENT identifies the network client, such as a MAC address.

Only implemented for wireless clients, this effectively kicks the client off the network.

```
pdtools node remove-chute-network-client [OPTIONS] CHUTE NETWORK CLIENT
```

Arguments

CHUTE

Required argument

NETWORK

Required argument

CLIENT

Required argument

restart-chute

Restart a chute.

CHUTE must be the name of an installed chute.

```
pdtools node restart-chute [OPTIONS] CHUTE
```

Arguments

CHUTE

Required argument

set-configuration

Change a node configuration value and apply.

PATH must be a dot-separated path to a value in the node configuration, such as "system.onMissingWiFi". VALUE will be interpreted as a string, numeric, or boolean type as appropriate.

Changing values inside a list is not currently supported. Use edit-configuration instead.


```
pdtools node set-configuration [OPTIONS] PATH VALUE
```

Arguments

PATH

Required argument

VALUE

Required argument

set-password

Change the local admin password.

Set the password required by *pdtools node login* and the local web-based administration page.

```
pdtools node set-password [OPTIONS]
```

set-sink-volume

Configure audio sink volume.

SINK must be the name of a PulseAudio sink. **VOLUME** should be one (applied to all channels) or multiple (one for each channel) floating point values between 0 and 1.

```
pdtools node set-sink-volume [OPTIONS] SINK [VOLUME]...
```

Arguments

SINK

Required argument

VOLUME

Optional argument(s)

set-source-volume

Configure audio source volume.

SOURCE must be the name of a PulseAudio source. **VOLUME** should be one (applied to all channels) or multiple (one for each channel) floating point values between 0 and 1.

```
pdtools node set-source-volume [OPTIONS] SOURCE [VOLUME]...
```

Arguments

SOURCE

Required argument

VOLUME

Optional argument(s)

shutdown

Shut down the node.

```
pdtools node shutdown [OPTIONS]
```

start-chute

Start a stopped chute.

CHUTE must be the name of a stopped chute.

```
pdtools node start-chute [OPTIONS] CHUTE
```

Arguments

CHUTE

Required argument

stop-chute

Stop a running chute.

CHUTE must be the name of a running chute.

```
pdtools node stop-chute [OPTIONS] CHUTE
```

Arguments

CHUTE

Required argument

trigger-pdconf

Trigger pdconf to reload configuration.

This function is intended for Paradrop daemon developers for debugging purposes. Generally, you should use edit-configuration and edit-chute-configuration for making configuration changes.

```
pdtools node trigger-pdconf [OPTIONS]
```

update-chute

Install a new version of the chute from the working directory.

Install the files in the current directory as a chute on the node. The directory must contain a paradrop.yaml file. The entire directory will be copied to the node for installation.

```
pdtools node update-chute [OPTIONS]
```

Options

-d, --directory <directory>
Directory containing chute files

watch-change-logs

Stream log messages from an in-progress change.

CHANGE_ID must be the ID of a queued or in-progress change as retrieved from the list-changes command.

```
pdtools node watch-change-logs [OPTIONS] CHANGE_ID
```

Arguments

CHANGE_ID
Required argument

watch-chute-logs

Stream log messages from a running chute.

CHUTE must be the name of a running chute.

```
pdtools node watch-chute-logs [OPTIONS] CHUTE
```

Arguments

CHUTE
Required argument

watch-logs

Stream log messages from the Paradrop daemon.

```
pdtools node watch-logs [OPTIONS]
```

11.1.9 routers

(deprecated) Access router information on the controller.

These commands are deprecated. Please use the equivalent commands under *pdtools cloud -help*.

```
pdtools routers [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

claim

Claim an existing router.

```
pdtools routers claim [OPTIONS] TOKEN
```

Arguments

TOKEN

Required argument

create

Create a new router.

```
pdtools routers create [OPTIONS] NAME
```

Options

--orphaned, **--not-orphaned**

--claim <claim>

Arguments

NAME

Required argument

delete

Delete a router.

```
pdtools routers delete [OPTIONS] ROUTER_ID
```

Arguments

ROUTER_ID

Required argument

list

List routers.

```
pdtools routers list [OPTIONS]
```

11.1.10 store

Publish and install from the public chute store.

By default the cloud controller is assumed to be paradrop.org. This can be configured through the environment variable `PDSERVER_URL`.

It is recommended that you log in with the cloud login command before using the store commands.

```
pdtools store [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

create-version

Push a new version of the chute to the store.

```
pdtools store create-version [OPTIONS]
```

describe-chute

Show detailed information about a chute in the store.

NAME must be the name of a chute in the store.

```
pdtools store describe-chute [OPTIONS] NAME
```

Arguments

NAME

Required argument

help

Show this message and exit.

```
pdtools store help [OPTIONS]
```

install-chute

Install a chute from the store.

CHUTE must be the name of a chute in the store. NODE must be the name of a node that you control.

```
pdtools store install-chute [OPTIONS] CHUTE NODE
```

Options

-f, --follow

Follow chute updates.

-v, --version <version>

Version of the chute to install.

Arguments

CHUTE

Required argument

NODE

Required argument

list-chutes

List chutes in the store that you own or have access to.

```
pdtools store list-chutes [OPTIONS]
```

list-versions

List versions of a chute in the store.

NAME must be the name of a chute in the store.

```
pdtools store list-versions [OPTIONS] NAME
```

Arguments

NAME

Required argument

register

Register a chute with the store.

The chute information including name will be taken from the paradrop.yaml file in the current working directory. If you receive an error, it may be that a chute with the same name is already registered.

```
pdtools store register [OPTIONS]
```

Options

--public, --not-public

List the chute publicly for other users to download.

watch-update-messages

Stream log messages from an in-progress update.

NODE must be the name or ID of a node that you control. UPDATE_ID must be the ID associated with an in-progress update.

```
pdtools store watch-update-messages [OPTIONS] NODE_ID UPDATE_ID
```

Options

--interval <interval>
Interval to check for new messages

Arguments

NODE_ID
Required argument

UPDATE_ID
Required argument

11.1.11 wizard

Set up environment for development.

```
pdtools wizard [OPTIONS]
```


12.1 Subpackages

12.1.1 `paradrop.airshark` package

Submodules

`paradrop.airshark.airshark` module

```
class AirsharkManager
    Bases: object
        add_analyzer_observer (observer)
        add_spectrum_observer (observer)
        check_spectrum ()
        on_analyzer_message (message)
        on_interface_down (interface)
        on_interface_up (interface)
        read_raw_samples ()
        remove_analyzer_observer (observer)
        remove_spectrum_observer (observer)
        status ()
```

`paradrop.airshark.analyzer` module

```
class AnalyzerProcessProtocol (airshark_manager)
    Bases: twisted.internet.protocol.ProcessProtocol
```

```

childDataReceived(childFd, data)
connectionMade()
feedSpectrumData(data)
isRunning()
processEnded(status)
stop()

```

paradrop.airshark.scanner module

```

class Scanner(interface)
    Bases: object
    cmd_chanscan()
    cmd_disable()
    cmd_set_samplecount(count)
    cmd_set_short_repeat(short_repeat)
    debugfs_dir = None
    dev_to_phy(dev)
    freqlist = None
    get_debugfs_dir()
    interface = None
    process = None
    set_freqs(minf, maxf, spacing)
    spectrum_reader = None
    start()
    stop()

```

paradrop.airshark.spectrum_reader module

```

class SpectrumReader(path)
    Bases: object
    static decode()
        For information about the decoding of spectral samples see: https://wireless.wiki.kernel.org/en/users/drivers/ath9k/spectral\_scan https://github.com/erikarn/ath\_radar\_stuff/tree/master/lib and your ath9k implementation in e.g. /drivers/net/wireless/ath/ath9k/common-spectral.c
    flush()
    hdrsize = 3
    pktsize = 73
    read_samples()
    sc_wide = 0.3125

```

Module contents

12.1.2 paradrop.backend package

Submodules

paradrop.backend.airshark_api module

APIs for developers to check whether Airshark feature is available or not

class AirsharkApi (*airshark_manager*)

Bases: `object`

routes

L{Klein} is an object which is responsible for maintaining the routing configuration of our application.

@ivar **_url_map**: A C{werkzeug.routing.Map} object which will be used for routing resolution.

@ivar **_endpoints**: A C{dict} mapping endpoint names to handler functions.

status (*request*)

paradrop.backend.airshark_ws module

class AirsharkAnalyzerFactory (*airshark_manager, *args, **kwargs*)

Bases: `autobahn.twisted.websocket.WebSocketServerFactory`

buildProtocol (*addr*)

Create an instance of a subclass of Protocol.

The returned instance will handle input on an incoming server connection, and an attribute “factory” pointing to the creating factory.

Alternatively, C{None} may be returned to immediately close the new connection.

Override this method to alter how Protocol instances get created.

@param *addr*: an object implementing L{twisted.internet.interfaces.IAddress}

class AirsharkAnalyzerProtocol (*factory*)

Bases: `autobahn.twisted.websocket.WebSocketServerProtocol`

onClose (*wasClean, code, reason*)

Implements `autobahn.websocket.interfaces.IWebSocketChannel.onClose()`

onOpen ()

Implements `autobahn.websocket.interfaces.IWebSocketChannel.onOpen()`

on_analyzer_message (*message*)

class AirsharkSpectrumFactory (*airshark_manager, *args, **kwargs*)

Bases: `autobahn.twisted.websocket.WebSocketServerFactory`

buildProtocol (*addr*)

Create an instance of a subclass of Protocol.

The returned instance will handle input on an incoming server connection, and an attribute “factory” pointing to the creating factory.

Alternatively, C{None} may be returned to immediately close the new connection.

Override this method to alter how Protocol instances get created.

@param addr: an object implementing L{twisted.internet.interfaces.IAddress}

class AirsharkSpectrumProtocol (*factory*)

Bases: autobahn.twisted.websocket.WebSocketServerProtocol

onClose (*wasClean, code, reason*)

Implements autobahn.websocket.interfaces.IWebSocketChannel.onClose()

onOpen ()

Implements autobahn.websocket.interfaces.IWebSocketChannel.onOpen()

on_spectrum_data (*data*)

paradrop.backend.auth module

class AuthApi (*password_manager, token_manager*)

Bases: object

auth_cloud (*request*)

Login using credentials from the cloud controller.

This is an experimental new login method that lets users present a token that they received from the cloud controller as a login credential for a node. The idea is to enable easy access for multiple developers to share a node, for example, during a tutorial.

Instead of a username/password, the user presents a token received from the cloud controller. The `verify_cloud_token` function verifies the validity of the token with the controller, and if successful, retrieves information about the bearer, particularly the username and role. Finally, we generate a new token that enables the user to authenticate with local API endpoints.

local_login (*request*)

Login using local authentication (username+password).

routes

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@ivar **_url_map**: A C{werkzeug.routing.Map} object which will be used for routing resolution.

@ivar **_endpoints**: A C{dict} mapping endpoint names to handler functions.

check_auth (*request, password_manager, token_manager*)

get_access_level (*user, node*)

get_allowed_bearer ()

Return set of allowed bearer tokens.

get_username_password (*userpass*)

Please note: username and password can either be presented in plain text such as “admin:password” or base64 encoded such as “YWRtaW4cGFzc3dvcmQ=”. Both forms should be returned from this function.

requires_auth (*func*)

Use as a decorator for API functions to require authorization.

This checks the Authorization HTTP header. It handles username and password as well as bearer tokens.

verify_cloud_token (*token*)

verify_password (*password_manager, userpass*)

paradrop.backend.chute_api module

Install and manage chutes on the host.

Endpoints for these functions can be found under /api/v1/chutes.

class `ChuteApi` (*update_manager*)

Bases: `object`

create_chute (*request*)

delete_chute (*request, chute*)

delete_station (*request, chute, network, mac*)

get_chute (*request, chute*)

Get information about an installed chute.

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/chutes/hello-world
```

Example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
  "environment": {},
  "name": "hello-world",
  "allocation": {
    "cpu_shares": 1024,
    "prioritize_traffic": false
  },
  "state": "running",
  "version": "x1511808778",
  "resources": null
}
```

get_chute_cache (*request, chute*)

Get chute cache contents.

The chute cache is a key-value store used during chute installation. It can be useful for debugging the Paradrop platform.

get_chute_config (*request, chute*)

Get current chute configuration.

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/chutes/captive-portal/config
```

Example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
  "net": {
    "wifi": {
      "dhcp": {
```

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```

        "lease": "1h",
        "limit": 250,
        "start": 3
    },
    "intfName": "wlan0",
    "options": {
        "isolate": True
    },
    "ssid": "Free WiFi",
    "type": "wifi"
}
}
}

```

get_chutes (*request*)

List installed chutes.

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/chutes/
```

Example response:

```

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

[
  {
    "environment": {},
    "name": "hello-world",
    "allocation": {
      "cpu_shares": 1024,
      "prioritize_traffic": false
    },
    "state": "running",
    "version": "x1511808778",
    "resources": null
  }
]

```

get_hostapd_status (*request, chute, network*)

Get low-level status information from the access point.

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/chutes/captive-portal/networks/wifi/hostapd_status
```

Example response:

```

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
  "olbc_ht": "0",
  "cac_time_left_seconds": "N/A",
  "num_sta_no_short_slot_time": "0",
  "olbc": "1",

```

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```

"num_sta_non_erp": "0",
"ht_op_mode": "0x4",
"state": "ENABLED",
"num_sta_ht40_intolerant": "0",
"channel": "11",
"bssid[0]": "02:00:08:24:03:dd",
"ieee80211n": "1",
"cac_time_seconds": "0",
"num_sta[0]": "1",
"ieee80211ac": "0",
"phy": "phy0",
"num_sta_ht_no_gf": "1",
"freq": "2462",
"num_sta_ht_20_mhz": "1",
"num_sta_no_short_preamble": "0",
"secondary_channel": "0",
"ssid[0]": "Free WiFi",
"num_sta_no_ht": "0",
"bss[0]": "vwlan7e1b"
}

```

get_leases (*request, chute, network*)

Get current list of DHCP leases for chute network.

Returns a list of DHCP lease records with the following fields:

expires lease expiration time (seconds since Unix epoch)

mac_addr device MAC address

ip_addr device IP address

hostname name that the device reported

client_id optional identifier supplied by device

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/chutes/captive-portal/networks/wifi/leases
```

Example response:

```

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

[
  {
    "client_id": "01:5c:59:48:7d:b9:e6",
    "expires": "1511816276",
    "ip_addr": "192.168.128.64",
    "mac_addr": "5c:59:48:7d:b9:e6",
    "hostname": "paradrops-iPod"
  }
]

```

get_network (*request, chute, network*)

Get information about a network configured for the chute.

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/chutes/captive-portal/networks/wifi
```

Example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
  "interface": "wlan0",
  "type": "wifi",
  "name": "wifi"
}
```

get_networks (*request, chute*)

Get list of networks configured for the chute.

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/chutes/captive-portal/networks
```

Example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

[
  {
    "interface": "wlan0",
    "type": "wifi",
    "name": "wifi"
  }
]
```

get_ssid (*request, chute, network*)

Get currently configured SSID for the chute network.

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/chutes/captive-portal/networks/wifi/ssid
```

Example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
  "ssid": "Free WiFi",
  "bssid": "02:00:08:24:03:dd"
}
```

get_station (*request, chute, network, mac*)

Get detailed information about a connected station.

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/chutes/captive-portal/networks/wifi/stations/5c:59:48:7d:b9:e6
```

Example response:


```

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
  "rx_packets": "230",
  "tdls_peer": "no",
  "authenticated": "yes",
  "rx_bytes": "12511",
  "tx_bitrate": "1.0 MBit/s",
  "tx_retries": "0",
  "signal": "-45 [-49, -48] dBm",
  "authorized": "yes",
  "rx_bitrate": "65.0 MBit/s MCS 7",
  "mfp": "no",
  "tx_failed": "0",
  "inactive_time": "4688 ms",
  "mac_addr": "5c:59:48:7d:b9:e6",
  "tx_bytes": "34176",
  "wmm_wme": "yes",
  "preamble": "short",
  "tx_packets": "88",
  "signal_avg": "-44 [-48, -47] dBm"
}

```

get_stations (*request, chute, network*)

Get detailed information about connected wireless stations.

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/chutes/captive-portal/networks/wifi/stations
```

Example response:

```

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

[
  {
    "rx_packets": "230",
    "tdls_peer": "no",
    "authenticated": "yes",
    "rx_bytes": "12511",
    "tx_bitrate": "1.0 MBit/s",
    "tx_retries": "0",
    "signal": "-45 [-49, -48] dBm",
    "authorized": "yes",
    "rx_bitrate": "65.0 MBit/s MCS 7",
    "mfp": "no",
    "tx_failed": "0",
    "inactive_time": "4688 ms",
    "mac_addr": "5c:59:48:7d:b9:e6",
    "tx_bytes": "34176",
    "wmm_wme": "yes",
    "preamble": "short",
    "tx_packets": "88",
    "signal_avg": "-44 [-48, -47] dBm"
  }
]

```

hostapd_control (*request, chute, network*)

restart_chute (*request, chute*)

routes

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@ivar _endpoints: A C{dict} mapping endpoint names to handler functions.

set_chute_config (*request, chute*)

Update the chute configuration and restart to apply changes.

Example request:

```
PUT /api/v1/chutes/captive-portal/config
Content-Type: application/json

{
  "net": {
    "wifi": {
      "dhcp": {
        "lease": "1h",
        "limit": 250,
        "start": 3
      },
      "intfName": "wlan0",
      "options": {
        "isolate": True
      },
      "ssid": "Better Free WiFi",
      "type": "wifi"
    }
  }
}
```

Example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
  "change_id": 1
}
```

set_ssid (*request, chute, network*)

Change the configured SSID for the chute network.

The change will not persist after a reboot. If a persistent change is desired, you should update the chute configuration instead.

Example request:

```
PUT /api/v1/chutes/captive-portal/networks/wifi/ssid
Content-Type: application/json

{
  "ssid": "Best Free WiFi"
}
```

Example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
  "message": "OK"
}
```

start_chute (*request*, *chute*)

stop_chute (*request*, *chute*)

update_chute (*request*, *chute*)

```
class ChuteCacheEncoder (skipkeys=False, ensure_ascii=True, check_circular=True, al-
                        low_nan=True, sort_keys=False, indent=None, separators=None,
                        encoding='utf-8', default=None)
```

Bases: `json.encoder.JSONEncoder`

JSON encoder for chute cache dictionary.

The chute cache can contain arbitrary objects, some of which may not be JSON-serializable. This encoder returns handles unserializable objects by returning the *repr* string.

default (*o*)

Implement this method in a subclass such that it returns a serializable object for *o*, or calls the base implementation (to raise a `TypeError`).

For example, to support arbitrary iterators, you could implement default like this:

```
def default(self, o):
    try:
        iterable = iter(o)
    except TypeError:
        pass
    else:
        return list(iterable)
    # Let the base class default method raise the TypeError
    return JSONEncoder.default(self, o)
```

```
class ChuteEncoder (skipkeys=False, ensure_ascii=True, check_circular=True, allow_nan=True,
                  sort_keys=False, indent=None, separators=None, encoding='utf-8', de-
                  fault=None)
```

Bases: `json.encoder.JSONEncoder`

default (*o*)

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    try:
        iterable = iter(o)
    except TypeError:
        pass
    else:
        return list(iterable)
    # Let the base class default method raise the TypeError
    return JSONEncoder.default(self, o)
```

```
class UpdateEncoder(skipkeys=False, ensure_ascii=True, check_circular=True, allow_nan=True,  
                    sort_keys=False, indent=None, separators=None, encoding='utf-8', de-  
                    fault=None)
```

Bases: `json.encoder.JSONEncoder`

default (*o*)

Implement this method in a subclass such that it returns a serializable object for *o*, or calls the base implementation (to raise a `TypeError`).

For example, to support arbitrary iterators, you could implement `default` like this:

```
def default(self, o):  
    try:  
        iterable = iter(o)  
    except TypeError:  
        pass  
    else:  
        return list(iterable)  
    # Let the base class default method raise the TypeError  
    return JSONEncoder.default(self, o)
```

chute_access_allowed (*request, chute*)

extract_tarred_chute (*data*)

permission_denied (*request*)

tarfile_is_safe (*tar*)

Check the names of files in the archive for safety.

Returns `True` if all paths are relative and safe or `False` if any of the paths are absolute (leading slash) or try to access parent directories (leading `..`).

paradrop.backend.config_api module

This module exposes device configuration.

Endpoints for these functions can be found under `/api/v1/config`.

```
class ConfigApi(update_manager, update_fetcher)
```

Bases: `object`

Configuration API.

This class handles HTTP API calls related to router configuration.

factory_reset (***kwargs*)

Initiate the factory reset process.

get_hostconfig (*request*)

Get the device's current host configuration.

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/config/hostconfig
```

Example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK  
Content-Type: application/json
```

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```
{
  "firewall": {
    "defaults": {
      "forward": "ACCEPT",
      "input": "ACCEPT",
      "output": "ACCEPT"
    }
  },
  ...
}
```

For a complete example, please see the Host Configuration section.

get_pdid (*request*)

Get the device's current ParaDrop ID. This is the identifier assigned by the cloud controller.

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/config/pdid
```

Example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
  pdid: "5890e1e5ab7e317e6c6e049f"
}
```

get_provision (*request*)

Get the provision status of the device.

get_settings (*request*)

Get current values of system settings.

These are the values from `paradrop.base.settings`. Settings are loaded at system initialization from the `settings.ini` file and environment variables. They are intended to be read-only after initialization.

This endpoint returns the settings as a dictionary with lowercase field names.

Example: {

```
  "portal_server_port": 8080, ...
```

```
}
```

new_config (*request*)

Generate a new node configuration based on the hardware.

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/config/new_config
```

Example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
  "firewall": {
```

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```

    "defaults": {
      "forward": "ACCEPT",
      "input": "ACCEPT",
      "output": "ACCEPT"
    }
  },
  ...
}
```

For a complete example, please see the Host Configuration section.

pdconf (*request*)

Get configuration sections from pdconf.

This returns a list of configuration sections and whether they were successfully applied. This is intended for debugging purposes.

pdconf_reload (*request*)

Trigger pdconf to reload UCI configuration files.

Trigger pdconf to reload UCI configuration files and return the status. This function is intended for low-level debugging of the paradrop pdconf module.

provision (*request*)

Provision the device with credentials from a cloud controller.

routes

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@ivar **_url_map**: A C{werkzeug.routing.Map} object which will be used for routing resolution.

@ivar **_endpoints**: A C{dict} mapping endpoint names to handler functions.

sshKeys (*request, user*)

Manage list of authorized keys for SSH access.

start_update (*request*)

update_hostconfig (*request*)

Replace the device's host configuration.

Example request:

```

PUT /api/v1/config/hostconfig
Content-Type: application/json

{
  "firewall": {
    "defaults": {
      "forward": "ACCEPT",
      "input": "ACCEPT",
      "output": "ACCEPT"
    }
  },
  ...
}
```

Example response:

```

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
  change_id: 1
}

```

For a complete example, please see the Host Configuration section.

paradrop.backend.cors module

Write the CROSS-ORIGIN RESOURCE SHARING headers required Reference: <http://msoulier.wordpress.com/2010/06/05/cross-origin-requests-in-twisted/>

config_cors (*request*)

paradrop.backend.http_server module

The HTTP server to serve local portal and provide RESTful APIs

class **HttpServer** (*update_manager, update_fetcher, airshark_manager, portal_dir=None*)

Bases: `object`

airshark_analyzer (*request, *args, **kwargs*)

airshark_spectrum (*request, *args, **kwargs*)

api_airshark (*request, *args, **kwargs*)

api_audio (*request*)

api_auth (*request*)

api_changes (*request, *args, **kwargs*)

api_chute (*request, *args, **kwargs*)

api_configuration (*request, *args, **kwargs*)

api_information (*request, *args, **kwargs*)

api_network (*request, *args, **kwargs*)

api_password (*request, *args, **kwargs*)

app

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@ivar _url_map: A C{werkzeug.routing.Map} object which will be used for routing resolution.

@ivar _endpoints: A C{dict} mapping endpoint names to handler functions.

change_stream (*request, *args, **kwargs*)

chute_logs (*request, *args, **kwargs*)

home (*request, *args, **kwargs*)

logs (*request, *args, **kwargs*)

paradrop_logs (*request, *args, **kwargs*)

snapd (*request, *args, **kwargs*)

status (*request*, *args, **kwargs)

annotate_routes (*router*, *prefix*)

Annotate klein routes for compatibility with autoflask generator.

setup_http_server (*http_server*, *host*, *port*)

paradrop.backend.information_api module

Provide information of the router, e.g. board version, CPU information, memory size, disk size.

Endpoints for these functions can be found under /api/v1/info.

class InformationApi

Bases: `object`

get_environment (*request*)

Get environment variables.

Returns a dictionary containing the environment variables passed to the Paradrop daemon. This is useful for development and debugging purposes (e.g. see how PATH is set on Paradrop when running in different contexts).

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/info/environment
```

Example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
  "LANG": "C.UTF-8",
  "SNAP_REVISION": "x73",
  "SNAP_COMMON": "/var/snap/paradrop-daemon/common",
  "XDG_RUNTIME_DIR": "/run/user/0/snap.paradrop-daemon",
  "SNAP_USER_COMMON": "/root/snap/paradrop-daemon/common",
  "SNAP_LIBRARY_PATH": "/var/lib/snapd/lib/gl:/var/lib/snapd/void",
  "SNAP_NAME": "paradrop-daemon",
  "PWD": "/var/snap/paradrop-daemon/x73",
  "PATH": "/snap/paradrop-daemon/x73/usr/sbin:/snap/paradrop-daemon/x73/usr/
↪bin:/snap/paradrop-daemon/x73/sbin:/snap/paradrop-daemon/x73/bin:/usr/local/
↪sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/games:/usr/local/
↪games",
  "SNAP": "/snap/paradrop-daemon/x73",
  "SNAP_DATA": "/var/snap/paradrop-daemon/x73",
  "SNAP_VERSION": "0.9.2",
  "SNAP_ARCH": "amd64",
  "SNAP_USER_DATA": "/root/snap/paradrop-daemon/x73",
  "TMPDIR": "/tmp",
  "HOME": "/root/snap/paradrop-daemon/x73",
  "SNAP_REEXEC": "",
  "LD_LIBRARY_PATH": "/var/lib/snapd/lib/gl:/var/lib/snapd/void:/snap/
↪paradrop-daemon/x73/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu::/snap/paradrop-daemon/x73/
↪lib:/snap/paradrop-daemon/x73/usr/lib:/snap/paradrop-daemon/x73/lib/x86_64-
↪linux-gnu:/snap/paradrop-daemon/x73/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu",
  "TMPDIR": "/tmp"
```

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```
...
}
```

get_features (*request*)

Get features supported by the host.

This is a list of strings specifying features supported by the daemon.

Explanation of feature strings:

hostapd-control The daemon supports the hostapd control interface and provides a websocket channel for accessing it.

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/info/features
```

Example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

[
  "hostapd-control"
]
```

get_telemetry (*request*)

Get a telemetry report.

This contains information about resource utilization by chute and system totals. This endpoint returns the same data that we periodically send to the controller if telemetry is enabled.

hardware_info (*request*)

Get information about the hardware platform.

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/info/hardware
```

Example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
  "wifi": [
    {
      "slot": "pci/0000:04:00.0",
      "vendorId": "0x168c",
      "macAddr": "04:f0:21:2f:b7:c1",
      "id": "pci-wifi-0",
      "deviceId": "0x003c"
    },
    {
      "slot": "pci/0000:06:00.0",
      "vendorId": "0x168c",
      "macAddr": "04:f0:21:0f:78:28",
      "id": "pci-wifi-1",
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        "deviceId": "0x002a"
    }
],
"memory": 2065195008,
"vendor": "PC Engines",
"board": "APU 1.0",
"cpu": "x86_64"
}

```

routes

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@ivar **_url_map**: A C{werkzeug.routing.Map} object which will be used for routing resolution.

@ivar **_endpoints**: A C{dict} mapping endpoint names to handler functions.

software_info(request)

Get information about the operating system.

Returns a dictionary containing information the BIOS version, OS version, kernel version, Paradrop version, and system uptime.

Example request:

```
GET /api/v1/info/software
```

Example response:

```

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
  "biosVersion": "SageBios_PCEngines_APU-45",
  "biosDate": "04/05/2014",
  "uptime": 15351,
  "kernelVersion": "Linux-4.4.0-101-generic",
  "pdVersion": "0.9.2",
  "biosVendor": "coreboot",
  "osVersion": "Ubuntu 4.4.0-101.124-generic 4.4.95"
}

```

paradrop.backend.log_sockjs module

class LogSockJSFactory(chute)

Bases: autobahn.twisted.websocket.WebSocketServerFactory

buildProtocol(addr)

Create an instance of a subclass of Protocol.

The returned instance will handle input on an incoming server connection, and an attribute “factory” pointing to the creating factory.

Alternatively, C{None} may be returned to immediately close the new connection.

Override this method to alter how Protocol instances get created.

@param addr: an object implementing L{twisted.internet.interfaces.IAddress}

```

class LogSockJSProtocol (factory)
    Bases: autobahn.twisted.websocket.WebSocketServerProtocol

    check_log ()

    onClose (wasClean, code, reason)
        Implements autobahn.websocket.interfaces.IWebSocketChannel.onClose ()

    onOpen ()
        Implements autobahn.websocket.interfaces.IWebSocketChannel.onOpen ()

```

paradrop.backend.password_api module

```

class PasswordApi (password_manager)
    Bases: object

    For now, we only support set/reset password for the default user: 'paradrop'

    change (request)

    clear (request)

    routes
        L{Klein} is an object which is responsible for maintaining the routing configuration of our application.
        @ivar _url_map: A C{werkzeug.routing.Map} object which will be used for routing resolution.
        @ivar _endpoints: A C{dict} mapping endpoint names to handler functions.

```

paradrop.backend.password_manager module

```

class PasswordManager
    Bases: object

    add_user (user_name, password)

    change_password (user_name, newPassword)

    remove_user (user_name)

    reset ()

    verify_password (user_name, password)

```

paradrop.backend.snapd_resource module

```

class SnapdResource
    Bases: twisted.web.resource.Resource

    Expose the snapd API by forwarding requests.

    Changed in 0.13: we try to send the request through the governor service so that paradrop can be installed in
    strict mode.

    https://github.com/snapcore/snapd/wiki/REST-API

    do_snapd_request (request)
        Forward the API request to snapd.

    isLeaf = True

```

render (*request*)

Fulfill requests by forwarding them to snapd.

We use a synchronous implementation of HTTP over Unix sockets, so we do the request in a worker thread and have it call `request.finish`.

paradrop.backend.status_sockjs module

class StatusSockJSFactory (*system_status*)

Bases: `autobahn.twisted.websocket.WebSocketServerFactory`

buildProtocol (*addr*)

Create an instance of a subclass of `Protocol`.

The returned instance will handle input on an incoming server connection, and an attribute “factory” pointing to the creating factory.

Alternatively, `C{None}` may be returned to immediately close the new connection.

Override this method to alter how `Protocol` instances get created.

@param *addr*: an object implementing `L{twisted.internet.interfaces.IAddress}`

class StatusSockJSProtocol (*factory*)

Bases: `autobahn.twisted.websocket.WebSocketServerProtocol`

onClose (*wasClean, code, reason*)

Implements `autobahn.websocket.interfaces.IWebSocketChannel.onClose()`

onMessage (*data, isBinary*)

Implements `autobahn.websocket.interfaces.IWebSocketChannel.onMessage()`

onOpen ()

Implements `autobahn.websocket.interfaces.IWebSocketChannel.onOpen()`

Module contents

12.1.3 paradrop.base package

Submodules

paradrop.base.cxbr module

Wamp utility methods.

class BaseClientFactory (*factory, *args, **kwargs*)

Bases: `autobahn.twisted.websocket.WampWebSocketClientFactory`, `twisted.internet.protocol.ReconnectingClientFactory`

clientConnectionFailed (*connector, reason*)

Called when a connection has failed to connect.

It may be useful to call `connector.connect()` - this will reconnect.

@type *reason*: `L{twisted.python.failure.Failure}`

clientConnectionLost (*connector, reason*)

Called when an established connection is lost.

It may be useful to call `connector.connect()` - this will reconnect.

```

    @type reason: L{twisted.python.failure.Failure}

    initialDelay = 1
    maxDelay = 60

class BaseSession (config=None)
    Bases: autobahn.twisted.wamp.ApplicationSession

    Temporary base class for crossbar implementation

    call (procedure, *args, **kwargs)
        Implements autobahn.wamp.interfaces.ICaller.call()

    leave ()
        Implements autobahn.wamp.interfaces.ISession.leave()

    onJoin (**kwargs)
        Implements autobahn.wamp.interfaces.ISession.onJoin()

    publish (topic, *args, **kwargs)
        Implements autobahn.wamp.interfaces.IPublisher.publish()

    register (endpoint, procedure=None, options=None)
        Implements autobahn.wamp.interfaces.ICallee.register()

    classmethod start (address, pdid, realm='paradrop', start_reactor=False, debug=False, extra=None, reconnect=True)
        Creates a new instance of this session and attaches it to the router at the given address and realm.

        reconnect: The session will attempt to reconnect on connection failure and continue trying indefinitely.

    stockCall (procedure, *args, **kwargs)

    stockPublish (topic, *args, **kwargs)

    stockRegister (endpoint, procedure=None, options=None)

    stockSubscribe (handler, topic=None, options=None)

    subscribe (handler, topic=None, options=None)
        Implements autobahn.wamp.interfaces.ISubscriber.subscribe()

class BaseSessionFactory (config, deferred=None)
    Bases: autobahn.twisted.wamp.ApplicationSessionFactory

```

paradrop.base.exceptions module

Exceptions and their subclasses

TODO: Distill these down and make a heirarchy.

```

exception AuthenticationError
    Bases: paradrop.base.exceptions.PdServerException

exception ChuteNotFound
    Bases: paradrop.base.exceptions.ParadropException

exception ChuteNotRunning
    Bases: paradrop.base.exceptions.ParadropException

exception DeviceNotFoundExpection
    Bases: paradrop.base.exceptions.ParadropException

```

exception `InternalException`

Bases: `exceptions.Exception`

exception `InvalidCredentials`

Bases: `paradrop.base.exceptions.PdServerException`

exception `ModelNotFound`

Bases: `paradrop.base.exceptions.PdServerException`

exception `ParadropException`

Bases: `exceptions.Exception`

exception `PdServerException`

Bases: `exceptions.Exception`

exception `PdidError`

Bases: `paradrop.base.exceptions.PdServerException`

exception `PdidExclusionError`

Bases: `paradrop.base.exceptions.PdServerException`

exception `ServiceNotFound` (*name*)

Bases: `paradrop.base.exceptions.ParadropException`

paradrop.base.nexus module

Stateful, singleton, paradrop daemon command center. See docstring for `NexusBase` class for information on settings.

SETTINGS QUICK REFERENCE: # assuming the following import from `paradrop.base` `import nexus`

`nexus.core.info.version` `nexus.core.info.pdid`

class `AttrWrapper`

Bases: `object`

Simple attr interceptor to make accessing settings simple.

Stores values in an internal dict called `contents`.

Does not allow modification once `_lock()` is called. Respect it.

Once you've filled it up with the appropriate initial values, set `onChange` to assign

setOnChange (*func*)

class `NexusBase` (*stealStdio=True, printToConsole=True*)

Bases: `object`

Resolving these values to their final forms: 1 - module imported, initial values assigned(as written below) 2 - class is instantiated, passed settings to replace values 3 - instance chooses appropriate values based on current state(production or local)

Each category has its own method for initialization here (see: `resolveNetwork`, `resolvePaths`)

PDID = None

VERSION = 1

connect (***kwargs*)

Takes the given session class and attempts to connect to the crossbar fabric.

If an existing session is connected, it is cleanly closed.

getKey (*name*)

Returns the given key or `None`

onInfoChange (*key, value*)

Called when an internal setting is changed. Trigger a save automatically.

onStart ()

onStop ()

provision (*pdid, pdserver='https://paradrop.org', wampRouter='wss://paradrop.org/ws'*)

provisioned ()

Checks if this[whatever] appears to be provisioned or not

save ()

Ehh. Ideally this should happen asynchronously.

saveKey (*key, name*)

Save the key with the given name. Overwrites by default

createDefaultInfo (*path*)

resolveInfo (*nexus, path*)

Given a path to the config file, load its contents and assign it to the config file as appropriate.

validateInfo (*contents*)

Error checking on the read YAML file. This is a temporary method.

:

param contents: the read - in yaml to check

:

type contents: dict.

:

returns: True if valid, else false

writeYaml (*contents, path*)

Overwrites content with YAML representation at given path

paradrop.base.output module

Output mapping, capture, storage, and display.

Some of the methods and choice here may seem strange – they are meant to keep this file in

class BaseOutput (*logType*)

Bases: `object`

Base output type class.

This class and its subclasses are registered with an attribute on the global ‘out’ function and is responsible for formatting the given output stream and returning it as a “log structure” (which is a dict.)

For example: `out.info(“Text”, anObject)`

requires a custom object to figure out what to do with anObject where the default case will simply parse the string with an appropriate color.

Objects are required to output a dict that minimally contains the keys message and type.

formatOutput (*logDict*)

Convert a logdict into a custom formatted, human readable version suitable for printing to console.

class `ExceptionOutput` (*logType*)

Bases: `paradrop.base.output.BaseOutput`

Handle vanilla exceptions passed directly to us using `out.exception`

class `Level`

Bases: `enum.Enum`

ERR = 6

FATAL = 8

HEADER = 1

INFO = 3

PERF = 4

SECURITY = 7

USAGE = 9

VERBOSE = 2

WARN = 5

class `Output` (***kwargs*)

Bases: `object`

Class that allows stdout/stderr trickery. By default the `paradrop` object will contain an `@out` variable (defined below) and it will contain 2 members of “err” and “fatal”.

Each attribute of this class should be a function which points to a class that inherits `IOutput()`. We call these functions “output streams”.

The way this `Output` class is setup is that you pass it a series of kwargs like (`stuff=OutputClass()`). Then at any point in your program you can call “`paradrop.out.stuff(‘This is a string`

`’)`”.

This way we can easily support different levels of verbosity without the need to use some kind of bitmask or anything else. On-the-fly output creation is no longer supported due to the metadata and special processing added. It is still possible, but not implemented.

This is done by the `__getattr__` function below, basically in `__init__` we set any attributes you pass as args, and anything else not defined gets sent to `__getattr__` so that it doesn’t error out.

endLogging ()

Ask the printing thread to flush and end, then return.

getLogsSince (*target, purge=False*)

Reads all logs and returns their contents. The current log file is not touched. Removes old log files if ‘purge’ is set (though this is a topic for debate...)

The server will be most interested in this call, but it needs to register for new logs first, else there’s a good chance to see duplicates.

NOTE: don’t open all log files, check to open only the ones that might be relevant. This is certainly a bug and can cause memory issues.

Parameters

- **target** (*float.*) – seconds since the GMT epoch. Method returns logs that have times-tamps later than this.
- **purge** (*bool.*) – deletes the old log files (except today’s) if set

Returns a list of dictionaries containing log information. Not ordered.

handlePrint (*logDict*)

All printing objects return their messages. These messages are routed to this method for handling.

Send the messages to the printer. Optionally display the messages. Decorate the print messages with metadata.

Parameters **logDict** – a dictionary representing this log item. Must contain keys message and type. :type logDict: dict.

logToConsole (*newStatus*)

messageToString (*message*)

Converts message dicts to a format suitable for printing based on the conversion rules laid out in in that class's implementation.

Parameters **message** (*dict.*) – the dict to convert to string

Returns str

startLogging (*filePath=None, stealStdio=False, printToConsole=True*)

Begin logging. The output class is ready to go out of the box, but in order to prevent mere imports from stealing stdio or console logging to vanish these must be manually turned on.

Parameters

- **filePath** (*str*) – if provided, begin logging to the given directory. If not provided, do not write out logs.
- **stealStdio** (*bool.*) – choose to intercept stdio (including vanilla print statements) or allow it to passthrough
- **printToConsole** (*bool.*) – output the results of all logging to the console. This is primarily a performance consideration when running in production

stealStdio (*newStatus*)

class OutputRedirect (*output, contentAppearedCallback, logType*)

Bases: `object`

Intercepts passed output object (either stdout and stderr), calling the provided callback method when input appears.

Retains the original mappings so writing can still happen. Performs no formatting.

flush ()

trueWrite (*contents*)

Someone really does want to output

write (*contents*)

Intercept output to the assigned target and callback with it. The true output is returned with the callback so the delegate can differentiate between captured outputs in the case when two redirecters are active.

class PrintLogThread (*path, queue, name*)

Bases: `threading.Thread`

All file printing access from one thread.

Receives information when its placed on the passed queue. Called from one location: Output.handlePrint.

Does not close the file: this happens in Output.endLogging. This simplifies the operation of this class, since it only has to concern itself with the queue.

The path must exist before DailyLog runs for the first time.

run()

Method representing the thread's activity.

You may override this method in a subclass. The standard run() method invokes the callable object passed to the object's constructor as the target argument, if any, with sequential and keyword arguments taken from the args and kwargs arguments, respectively.

class TwistedException (*logType*)

Bases: *paradrop.base.output.BaseOutput*

class TwistedOutput (*logType*)

Bases: *paradrop.base.output.BaseOutput*

blacklist = ['Starting factory', 'Stopping factory', 'Log opened']

parseLogPrefix (*tb*)

Takes a traceback returned by 'extract_tb' and returns the package, module, and line number

silentLogPrefix (*stepsUp*)

logPrefix v2– gets caller information silently (without caller intervention) The single parameter reflects how far up the stack to go to find the caller and depends how deep the direct caller to this method is wrt to the target caller

NOTE: Some calls cannot be silently prefixed (getting into the twisted code is a great example)

Parameters **stepsUp** – the number of steps to move up the stack for the caller

paradrop.base.pdutils module

lib.utils.output. Helper for formatting output from Paradrop.

class Timer (*key=""*, *verbose=True*)

Bases: *object*

A timer object for simple benchmarking.

Usage:

with Timer(key='Name of this test') as t: do.someCode(thatTakes=aWhile)

Once the code finishes executing the time is output.

check (*pkt*, *pktType*, *keyMatches=None*, ***valMatches*)

This function takes an object that was expected to come from a packet (after it has been JSONized) and compares it against the arg requirements so you don't have to have 10 if() statements to look for keys in a dict, etc..

Args: @pkt : object to look at @pktType : object type expected (dict, list, etc..) @keyMatches : a list of minimum keys found in parent level of dict, expected to be an array @valMatches : a dict of key:value pairs expected to be found in the parent level of dict

the value can be data (like 5) OR a type (like this value must be a @list@).

Returns: None if everything matches, otherwise it returns a string as to why it failed.

convertUnicode (*elem*)

Converts all unicode strings back into UTF-8 (str) so everything works. Call this function like:

```
json.loads(s, object_hook=convertUnicode)
```

class dict2obj (*aDict=None*, ***kwargs*)

Bases: *object*

explode (*pkt*, **args*)

This function takes a dict object and explodes it into the tuple requested.

It returns None for any value it doesn't find.

The only error it throws is if args is not defined.

Example: `pkt = {'a':0, 'b':1}` `0, 1, None = pdcomm.explode(pkt, 'a', 'b', 'c')`

jsonPretty (*j*)

Returns a string of a JSON object in 'pretty print' format fully indented, and sorted.

stimestr (*x=None*)

timedur (*x*)

Print consistent string format of seconds passed. Example: `300 = '5 mins'` Example: `86400 = '1 day'` Example: `86705 = '1 day, 5 mins, 5 sec'`

timeflt ()

timeint ()

timestr (*x=None*)

urlDecodeMe (*elem*)

Converts any values that would cause JSON parsing to fail into URL percent encoding equivalents. This function can be used for any valid JSON type including str, dict, list. Returns:

Same element properly decoded.

urlEncodeMe (*elem*, *safe=' '*)

Converts any values that would cause JSON parsing to fail into URL percent encoding equivalents. This function can be used for any valid JSON type including str, dict, list. Returns:

Same element properly encoded.

paradrop.base.settings module

This file contains any settings required by ANY and ALL modules of the paradrop system. They are defaulted to some particular value and can be called by any module in the paradrop system with the following code:

```
from paradrop import settings print(settings.STUFF)
```

These settings can be overridden by a KYE:VALUE array

If settings need to be changed, they should be done so by the initialization code (such as `pdfcd`, `pdfc_config`, etc...)

This is done by calling the following function: `settings.updateSettings(settings_array)`

iterate_module_attributes (*module*)

Iterate over the attributes in a module.

This is a generator function.

Returns (name, value) tuples.

loadSettings (*mode='local'*, *slist=[]*)

Take a list of key:value pairs, and replace any setting defined. Also search through the settings module and see if any matching environment variables exist to replace as well.

Parameters `slist` (*array.*) – the list of key:val settings

Returns None

load_from_file (*path*)

Load settings from an INI file.

This will check the configuration file for a lowercase version of all of the settings in this module. It will look in a section called “base”.

The example below will set PORTAL_SERVER_PORT.

```
[base] portal_server_port = 4444
```

parseValue (*key*)

Attempts to parse the key value, so if the string is ‘False’ it will parse a boolean false.

Parameters **key** (*string*) – the key to parse

Returns the parsed key.

updatePaths (*configHomeDir, runtimeHomeDir=’/var/run/paradrop’*)

Module contents

12.1.4 paradrop.conf package

Submodules

paradrop.conf.base module

class ConfigObject (*name=None*)

Bases: `object`

PRIO_CONFIG_IFACE = 30

PRIO_CONFIG_QDISC = 45

PRIO_CREATE_IFACE = 20

PRIO_CREATE_QDISC = 40

PRIO_CREATE_VLAN = 25

PRIO_IPTABLES_RULE = 37

PRIO_IPTABLES_TOP = 35

PRIO_IPTABLES_ZONE = 36

PRIO_START_DAEMON = 60

apply (*allConfigs*)

Return a list of commands to apply this configuration.

Most subclasses will need to implement this function.

Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

classmethod **build** (*manager, source, name, options, comment*)

Build a config object instance from the UCI section.

Arguments: source – file containing this configuration section name – name of the configuration section

If None, a unique name will be generated.

options – dictionary of options loaded from the section comment – comment string or None

copy()

Make a copy of the config object.

The copy will receive the same name and option values.

dump()

Return full configuration section as a string.

findByType (*allConfigs*, *module*, *typename*, *where={}*)

Look up sections by type (generator).

where: filter the returned results by checking option values.

classmethod getModule()

Get the module name (e.g. “dhcp”, “wireless”) for a ConfigObject class.

getName()

Return section name.

Subclasses that do not have names (anonymous sections) should override this to return some other unique identifier such as an interface name.

getTypeAndName()

Return tuple (section module, section type, section name).

lookup (*allConfigs*, *sectionModule*, *sectionType*, *sectionName*, *addDependent=True*)

Look up a section by type and name.

If addDependent is True (default), the current object will be added as a dependent of the found section.

Will raise an exception if the section is not found.

maskable = True

nextId = 0

options = []

optionsMatch (*other*)

Test equality of config sections by comparing option values.

static prioritizeConfigs (*reverse=False*)

Assign priorities to config objects based on the dependency graph.

Priority zero is assigned to all configs with no dependencies.

priority(config1) > priority(config2) means config1 should be applied later than config2, and config1 should be reverted earlier than config2. For configs with the same priority value, it is presumed that order does not matter.

If reverse is True, the priorities are made negative so that traversing in increasing order gives the proper order for reverting.

Returns a list of tuples (priority, config). This format is suitable for heapq.

removeFromParents()

Remove this section from being tracked by its parents.

Call this before discarding a configuration section so that later on, if the parent is updated, it doesn't try to update non-existent children.

revert (*allConfigs*)

Return a list of commands to revert this configuration.

Most subclasses will need to implement this function.

Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

setup ()

Finish object initialization.

This is called after the config object is initialized with all of its options values filled in. Override to do some preparation work before we start generating commands.

typename = None

updateApply (*new*, *allConfigs*)

Return a list of commands to update to new configuration.

Implementing this is optional for subclasses. The default behavior is to call apply.

Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

updateRevert (*new*, *allConfigs*)

Return a list of commands to (partially) revert the configuration.

The implementation can be selective about what it reverts (e.g. do not delete an interface if we are only updating its IP address). The default behavior is to call revert.

Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

class ConfigOption (*name*, *type*=<type 'str'>, *required*=False, *default*=None)

Bases: `object`

default

name

required

type

interpretBoolean (*s*)

Interpret string as a boolean value.

“0” and “False” are interpreted as False. All other strings result in True. Technically, only “0” and “1” values should be seen in UCI files. However, because of some string conversions in Python, we may encounter “False”.

paradrop.conf.d.client module

reload (*path*)

Reload file(s) specified by path.

This function blocks until the request completes. On completion it returns a status string, which is a JSON list of loaded configuration sections with a ‘success’ field. For critical errors it will return None.

reloadAll ()

Reload all files from the system configuration directory.

This function blocks until the request completes. On completion it returns a status string, which is a JSON list of loaded configuration sections with a ‘success’ field. For critical errors it will return None.

systemStatus ()

Return system status string from pdconf.

waitSystemUp ()

Wait for the configuration daemon to finish its first load.

This function blocks until the request completes. On completion it returns a status string, which is a JSON list of loaded configuration sections with a ‘success’ field. For critical errors it will return None.

paradrop.conf.command module

class Command (*command, parent=None, ignoreFailure=False*)

Bases: `object`

execute ()

success ()

Returns True if the command was successfully executed.

class CommandList

Bases: `list`

append (*priority, command*)

L.append(object) – append object to end

commands ()

Iterate over commands in order by priority.

Commands are first sorted by assigned priority. Within each priority level, the order in which they were added is maintained.

class ErrorCommand (*error, parent=None*)

Bases: `paradrop.conf.command.Command`

Special command object that indicates an error occurred.

execute ()

success ()

Returns True if the command was successfully executed.

class FunctionCommand (*parent, function, *args, **kwargs*)

Bases: `paradrop.conf.command.Command`

Command that runs a Python function.

execute ()

class KillCommand (*pid, parent=None*)

Bases: `paradrop.conf.command.Command`

Special command object for killing a process

execute ()

getPid ()

kill (*pid, kill_signal=4, timeout=8*)

Kill a child process and wait with timeout.

1. Send a SIGTERM signal to the process.
2. Wait up to *kill_signal* seconds for the process to exit.
3. If process is still running, send a SIGKILL signal.
4. Wait up to *timeout* seconds (cumulative with *kill_signal*) for the process to exit.

Returns True if the process exited before *timeout* seconds elapsed.

paradrop.conf.dhcp module

class ConfigDhcp (*name=None*)

Bases: `paradrop.conf.base.ConfigObject`

```

    options = [ConfigOption(name='interface', type=<type 'str'>, required=True, default=None),
    typename = 'dhcp'

class ConfigDnsmasq (name=None)
    Bases: paradrop.conf.d.base.ConfigObject

    apply (allConfigs)
        Return a list of commands to apply this configuration.

        Most subclasses will need to implement this function.

        Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

    options = [ConfigOption(name='authoritative', type=<type 'bool'>, required=False, default=False),
    revert (allConfigs)
        Return a list of commands to revert this configuration.

        Most subclasses will need to implement this function.

        Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

    typename = 'dnsmasq'

class ConfigDomain (name=None)
    Bases: paradrop.conf.d.base.ConfigObject

    getName ()
        Return section name.

        Subclasses that do not have names (anonymous sections) should override this to return some other unique
        identifier such as an interface name.

    options = [ConfigOption(name='name', type=<type 'str'>, required=False, default=None),
    typename = 'domain'

```

paradrop.conf.d.firewall module

```

class ConfigDefaults (name=None)
    Bases: paradrop.conf.d.base.ConfigObject

    apply (allConfigs)
        Return a list of commands to apply this configuration.

        Most subclasses will need to implement this function.

        Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

    getName ()
        Return section name.

        Subclasses that do not have names (anonymous sections) should override this to return some other unique
        identifier such as an interface name.

    get_iptables ()
        Get the list of iptables commands to use (iptables / ip6tables).

    options = [ConfigOption(name='input', type=<type 'str'>, required=False, default='ACCEPT'),
    revert (allConfigs)
        Return a list of commands to revert this configuration.

        Most subclasses will need to implement this function.

```


Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

typename = 'defaults'

updateApply (*new*, *allConfigs*)

Return a list of commands to update to new configuration.

Implementing this is optional for subclasses. The default behavior is to call apply.

Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

updateRevert (*new*, *allConfigs*)

Return a list of commands to (partially) revert the configuration.

The implementation can be selective about what it reverts (e.g. do not delete an interface if we are only updating its IP address). The default behavior is to call revert.

Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

class ConfigForwarding (*name=None*)

Bases: *paradrop.conf.d.base.ConfigObject*

apply (*allConfigs*)

Return a list of commands to apply this configuration.

Most subclasses will need to implement this function.

Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

options = [ConfigOption(name='src', type=<type 'str'>, required=True, default=None), C

revert (*allConfigs*)

Return a list of commands to revert this configuration.

Most subclasses will need to implement this function.

Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

typename = 'forwarding'

class ConfigRedirect (*name=None*)

Bases: *paradrop.conf.d.base.ConfigObject*

ANY_PROTO = set(['none', 'any', None])

apply (*allConfigs*)

Return a list of commands to apply this configuration.

Most subclasses will need to implement this function.

Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

options = [ConfigOption(name='src', type=<type 'str'>, required=False, default=None), C

revert (*allConfigs*)

Return a list of commands to revert this configuration.

Most subclasses will need to implement this function.

Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

typename = 'redirect'

class ConfigRule (*name=None*)

Bases: *paradrop.conf.d.base.ConfigObject*

```

apply (allConfigs)
    Return a list of commands to apply this configuration.

    Most subclasses will need to implement this function.

    Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

get_iptables ()
    Get the list of iptables commands to use (iptables / ip6tables).

options = [ConfigOption(name='name', type=<type 'str'>, required=False, default=None),

revert (allConfigs)
    Return a list of commands to revert this configuration.

    Most subclasses will need to implement this function.

    Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

    typename = 'rule'

class ConfigZone (name=None)
    Bases: paradrop.conf.d.base.ConfigObject

    apply (allConfigs)
        Return a list of commands to apply this configuration.

        Most subclasses will need to implement this function.

        Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

    get_iptables ()
        Get the list of iptables commands to use (iptables / ip6tables).

    options = [ConfigOption(name='name', type=<type 'str'>, required=True, default=None),

    revert (allConfigs)
        Return a list of commands to revert this configuration.

        Most subclasses will need to implement this function.

        Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

    setup ()
        Finish object initialization.

        This is called after the config object is initialized will all of its options values filled in. Override to do some
        preparation work before we start generating commands.

    typename = 'zone'

start_iptables_command (cmd, *args)

```

paradrop.conf.d.main module

This module listens for messages and triggers reloading of configuration files. This module is the service side of the implementation. If you want to issue reload commands to the service, see the client.py file instead.

```

listen (configManager)

run_thread (execute=True)
    Start pdconfd service as a thread.

    This function schedules pdconfd to run as a thread and returns immediately.

```

paradrop.conf.d.manager module

class ConfigManager (*writeDir, execCommands=True*)

Bases: `object`

changingSet (*files*)

Return the sections from the current configuration that may have changed.

This checks which sections from the current configuration came from files in the given file list. These are sections that may be changed or removed when we reload the files.

execute (*commands*)

Execute commands.

Takes a CommandList object.

findMatchingConfig (*config, byName=False*)

Check the current config for an identical section.

Returns the matching object or None.

getPreviousCommands ()

Get the most recent command list.

loadConfig (*search=None, execute=True*)

Load configuration files and apply changes to the system.

We process the configuration files in sections. Each section corresponds to an interface, firewall rule, DHCP server instance, etc. Each time we reload configuration files after the initial time, we check for changes against the current configuration. Here is the decision tree for handling differences in the newly loaded configuration vs. the existing configuration:

Section exists in current config (by type and name)?

- No -> Add section, apply changes, and stop.
- Yes -> Continue.

Section is identical to the one in the current config (by option values)?

- **No -> Revert current section, mark any affected dependents,** add new section, apply changes, and stop.
- Yes -> Continue.

Section has not changed but one of its dependencies has?

- No -> Stop.
- **Yes -> Revert current section, mark any affected dependents,** add new section, apply changes, and stop.

readConfig (*files*)

Load configuration files and return configuration objects.

This method only loads the configuration files without making any changes to the system and returns configuration objects as a generator.

statusString ()

Return a JSON string representing status of the system.

The format will be a list of dictionaries. Each dictionary corresponds to a configuration block and contains at the following fields.

type: interface, wifi-device, etc. name: name of the section (may be autogenerated for some configs)
comment: comment from the configuration file or None success: True if all setup commands succeeded

unload (*execute=True*)

waitSystemUp ()

Wait for the first load to complete and return system status string.

findConfigFiles (*search=None*)

Look for and return a list of configuration files.

The behavior depends on whether the search argument is a file, a directory, or None.

If search is None, return a list of files in the system config directory. If search is a file name (not a path), look for it in the working directory first, and the system directory second. If search is a full path to a file, and it exists, then return that file. If search is a directory, return the files in that directory.

paradrop.conf.d.network module

class ConfigInterface (*name=None*)

Bases: *paradrop.conf.d.base.ConfigObject*

DEV_PLUS_VID = *<_sre.SRE_Pattern object>*

addToBridge (*ifname*)

Generate commands to add ifname to bridge.

apply (*allConfigs*)

Return a list of commands to apply this configuration.

Most subclasses will need to implement this function.

Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

maskable = **False**

options = [**ConfigOption**(name='proto', type=<type 'str'>, required=True, default=None),

removeFromBridge (*ifname*)

Generate commands to add ifname to bridge.

revert (*allConfigs*)

Return a list of commands to revert this configuration.

Most subclasses will need to implement this function.

Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

setup ()

Finish object initialization.

This is called after the config object is initialized with all of its options values filled in. Override to do some preparation work before we start generating commands.

typename = 'interface'

updateApply (*new, allConfigs*)

Return a list of commands to update to new configuration.

Implementing this is optional for subclasses. The default behavior is to call apply.

Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

updateRevert (*new, allConfigs*)

Return a list of commands to (partially) revert the configuration.

The implementation can be selective about what it reverts (e.g. do not delete an interface if we are only updating its IP address). The default behavior is to call revert.

Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

paradrop.conf.d.qos module

class ConfigClass (*name=None*)

Bases: *paradrop.conf.d.base.ConfigObject*

options = [ConfigOption(name='packetsize', type=<type 'int'>, required=False, default=)

typename = 'class'

class ConfigClassgroup (*name=None*)

Bases: *paradrop.conf.d.base.ConfigObject*

get_class_id (*class_name*)

Get ID for a traffic class in this group.

Returns None if the class is not a member of the group.

options = [ConfigOption(name='classes', type=<type 'str'>, required=True, default=None)

setup ()

Finish object initialization.

This is called after the config object is initialized with all of its options values filled in. Override to do some preparation work before we start generating commands.

typename = 'classgroup'

class ConfigClassify (*name=None*)

Bases: *paradrop.conf.d.base.ConfigObject*

apply (*allConfigs*)

Return a list of commands to apply this configuration.

Most subclasses will need to implement this function.

Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

make_iptables_cmd (*action, ifname, class_id*)

options = [ConfigOption(name='target', type=<type 'str'>, required=True, default=None)

revert (*allConfigs*)

Return a list of commands to revert this configuration.

Most subclasses will need to implement this function.

Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

typename = 'classify'

class ConfigInterface (*name=None*)

Bases: *paradrop.conf.d.base.ConfigObject*

apply (*allConfigs*)

Return a list of commands to apply this configuration.

Most subclasses will need to implement this function.

Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

```
options = [ConfigOption(name='enabled', type=<type 'bool'>, required=True, default=None),
```

```
revert (allConfigs)
```

Return a list of commands to revert this configuration.

Most subclasses will need to implement this function.

Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

```
typename = 'interface'
```

```
compute_hfsc_params (classes, capacity)
```

paradrop.conf.d.wireless module

```
class ConfGenerator
```

Bases: `object`

```
writeHeader (output)
```

```
writeOptions (options, output, title=None)
```

```
class ConfigWifiDevice (name=None)
```

Bases: `paradrop.conf.d.base.ConfigObject`

```
apply (allConfigs)
```

Return a list of commands to apply this configuration.

Most subclasses will need to implement this function.

Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

```
detectPrimaryInterface ()
```

Find the primary network interface associated with this Wi-Fi device.

By primary we mean the first interface (e.g. wlan0 or wlan1) that exists at system startup before any *interface add* commands. We will use the primary interface first, and create additional virtual interfaces after that.

That seems overly complicated, but it is required in cases where the Wi-Fi device does not support virtual interfaces.

Returns interface name or None.

```
nextInterfaceName ()
```

Get the next available interface name.

```
options = [ConfigOption(name='type', type=<type 'str'>, required=True, default=None),
```

```
releaseInterfaceName (ifname)
```

Mark an interface name as no longer used.

```
revert (allConfigs)
```

Return a list of commands to revert this configuration.

Most subclasses will need to implement this function.

Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

```
setup ()
```

Finish object initialization.

This is called after the config object is initialized with all of its options values filled in. Override to do some preparation work before we start generating commands.

```
typename = 'wifi-device'
```

```
class ConfigWifiIface (name=None)
```

Bases: *paradrop.conf.d.base.ConfigObject*

```
apply (allConfigs)
```

Return a list of commands to apply this configuration.

Most subclasses will need to implement this function.

Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

```
getIfname (device, interface)
```

Returns the name to be used by this WiFi interface, e.g. as seen by ifconfig.

This comes from the “ifname” option if it is set. Otherwise, we use the interface name of the associated network.

```
getName ()
```

Return a unique and consistent identifier for the section.

If ifname is set, then that is a good choice for the name because interface names need to be unique on the system.

If ifname is not set, then we use the combined string device:network. The assumption is that no one will put multiple APs on the same device and same network, or if they do, (e.g. multiple APs on the br-lan bridge), then they will configure the ifname to be unique.

```
getRandomMAC ()
```

Generate a random MAC address.

Returns a string “02:xx:xx:xx:xx:xx”. The first byte is 02, which indicates a locally administered address.

```
makeHostapdConf (wifiDevice, interface)
```

```
makeWpaSupplicantConf (wifiDevice, interface)
```

```
options = [ConfigOption(name='device', type=<type 'str'>, required=True, default=None)
```

```
revert (allConfigs)
```

Return a list of commands to revert this configuration.

Most subclasses will need to implement this function.

Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

```
typename = 'wifi-iface'
```

```
updateApply (new, allConfigs)
```

Return a list of commands to update to new configuration.

Implementing this is optional for subclasses. The default behavior is to call apply.

Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

```
updateRevert (new, allConfigs)
```

Return a list of commands to (partially) revert the configuration.

The implementation can be selective about what it reverts (e.g. do not delete an interface if we are only updating its IP address). The default behavior is to call revert.

Returns a list of (priority, Command) tuples.

```

class HostapdConfGenerator (wifiIface, wifiDevice, interface)
    Bases: paradrop.conf.d.wireless.ConfGenerator

    generate (path)

    get11acOptions ()

    get11nOptions ()

    get11rOptions ()
        Get options related to 802.11r (fast BSS transition).

    getMainOptions ()

    getRadiusOptions ()

    getSecurityOptions ()

    readMode (device)
        Determine HT/VHT mode if applicable.

    writeHeader (output)

class WpaSupplicantConfGenerator (wifiIface, wifiDevice, interface)
    Bases: paradrop.conf.d.wireless.ConfGenerator

    generate (path)

    getMainOptions ()

    writeHeader (output)

getPhyFromMAC (mac)

getPhyMACAddress (phy)

get_cipher_list (encryption_mode)
    Get list of ciphers from encryption mode.

    Example: get_cipher_list("psk2+tkip+aes") -> ["TKIP", "CCMP"]

isHexString (data)
    Test if a string contains only hex digits.

```

Module contents

12.1.5 paradrop.core package

Subpackages

paradrop.core.agent package

Submodules

paradrop.core.agent.http module

```

class CurlRequestDriver
    Bases: paradrop.core.agent.http.HTTPRequestDriver

    code_pattern = <_sre.SRE_Pattern object>

    curl = <MagicMock name='mock.Curl()' id='140417776643280'>

```



```

header_pattern = <_sre.SRE_Pattern object>
lock = <twisted.internet.defer.DeferredLock object>
receive (ignore)
    Receive response from curl and convert it to a response object.
receiveHeaders (header_line)
request (method, url, body=None)

```

```

class HTTPRequestDriver

```

Bases: `object`

```

request (method, url, body)
setHeader (key, value)

```

```

class HTTPResponse (data=None)

```

Bases: `object`

```

class JSONReceiver (response, finished)

```

Bases: `twisted.internet.protocol.Protocol`

JSON Receiver

A JSONReceiver object can be used with the twisted HTTP client to receive data from a request and provide it to a callback function when complete.

Example (response came from an HTTP request): `finished = Deferred() response.deliverBody(JSONReceiver(finished)) finished.addCallback(func_that_takes_result)`

Some error conditions will result in the callback firing with a result of None. The receiver needs to check for this. This seems to occur on 403 errors where the server does not return any data, but twisted just passes us a ResponseDone object the same type as a normal result.

```

connectionLost (reason)
    internal: handles connection close events.

```

```

dataReceived (data)
    internal: handles incoming data.

```

```

class PDServerRequest (path, driver=<class 'paradrop.core.agent.http.TwistedRequestDriver'>,
                      headers={}, setAuthHeader=True)

```

Bases: `object`

Make an HTTP request to pdserver.

The API is assumed to use application/json for sending and receiving data. Authentication is automatically handled here if the router is provisioned.

We handle missing, invalid, or expired tokens by making the request and detecting a 401 (Unauthorized) response. We request a new token and retry the failed request. We do this at most once and return failure if the second attempt returns anything other than 200 (OK).

PDServerRequest objects are not reusable; create a new one for each request.

URL String Substitutions: `router_id -> router id`

Example: `/routers/{router_id}/states -> /routers/halo06/states`

```

get (**query)

```

```

classmethod getServerInfo ()

```

Return the information needed to send API messages to the server.

This can be used by an external program (e.g. pdinstall).

patch (*ops)

Expects a list of operations in jsonpatch format (<http://jsonpatch.com/>).

An example operation would be: {'op': 'replace', 'path': '/completed', 'value': True}

post (**data)

put (**data)

receiveResponse (response)

Intercept the response object, and if it's a 401 authenticate and retry.

request ()

classmethod resetToken ()

Reset the auth token, to be called if the router's identity has changed.

token = None

class PDServerResponse (response, data=None)

Bases: `object`

A PDServerResponse object contains the results of a request to pdserver.

This wraps `twisted.web.client.Response` (cannot be subclassed) and exposes the same variables in addition to a 'data' variables. The 'data' variable, if not None, is the parsed object from the response body.

class TwistedRequestDriver

Bases: `paradrop.core.agent.http.HTTPRequestDriver`

pool = <twisted.web.client.HTTPConnectionPool object>

receive (response)

Receive response from twisted web client and convert it to a PDServerResponse object.

request (method, url, body=None)

sem = <twisted.internet.defer.DeferredSemaphore object>

urlEncodeParams (data)

Return data URL-encoded.

This function specifically handles None and boolean values to convert them to JSON-friendly strings (e.g. None -> 'null').

paradrop.core.agent.reporting module

class NodeIdentitySender (model='states', max_retries=None)

Bases: `paradrop.core.agent.reporting.ReportSender`

send (report)

class ReportSender (model='states', max_retries=None)

Bases: `object`

increaseDelay ()

send (report)

class StateReport

Bases: `object`

toJSON ()

```

class StateReportBuilder
    Bases: object

    prepare ()

class TelemetryReportBuilder
    Bases: object

    prepare ()

sendNodeIdentity ()
sendStateReport ()
sendTelemetryReport ()

```

paradrop.core.agent.wamp_session module

The WAMP session of the paradrop daemon

```

class WampSession (*args, **kwargs)
    Bases: paradrop.base.cxbr.BaseSession

    onChallenge (challenge)
        Implements autobahn.wamp.interfaces.ISession.onChallenge ()

    onConnect ()
        Implements autobahn.wamp.interfaces.ISession.onConnect ()

    onDisconnect ()
        Implements autobahn.wamp.interfaces.ISession.onDisconnect ()

    onJoin (**kwargs)
        Implements autobahn.wamp.interfaces.ISession.onJoin ()

    onLeave (details)
        Implements autobahn.wamp.interfaces.ISession.onLeave ()

    classmethod set_update_fetcher (update_fetcher)

    update (pdid, data)

    update_fetcher = None

    updatesPending (**kwargs)

ensure_unicode (s)

```

Module contents

paradrop.core.chute package

Submodules

paradrop.core.chute.chute module

```

class Chute (description=None, name=None, owner=None, state='running', version=None, con-
            fig=NOTHING, environment=NOTHING, services=NOTHING, web=NOTHING,
            cache=NOTHING)
    Bases: object

```

This Chute class provides the internal representation of a Paradrop chute.

This class encapsulates the complex configuration details of a chute and provides a stable interface for the execution path even as the chute specification language evolves over time.

The Chute class has minimal external dependencies, e.g. no dependency on the Docker API. Chute objects should be immutable, since they describe a desired software state at a fixed point in time.

Args: name (str): The name of the chute. description (str): The human-friendly description of the chute. state (str): Desired run state of the chute (“running”, “stopped”). version (str): The version of the chute. config (dict): Configuration settings for the chute. environment (dict): Environment variables to set for all chute services.

STATE_DISABLED = 'disabled'

STATE_FROZEN = 'frozen'

STATE_INVALID = 'invalid'

STATE_RUNNING = 'running'

STATE_STOPPED = 'stopped'

add_service (*service*)

Add a service to the chute.

create_specification ()

Create a new chute specification from the existing chute.

This is a completely clean copy of all information necessary to rebuild the Chute object. It should contain only primitive types, which can easily be serialized as JSON or YAML.

getCache (*key*)

Get a value from the cache or None if it does not exist.

getCacheContents ()

Get the contents of the cache as a dictionary.

getConfiguration ()

Get the chute’s configuration object.

getHostConfig ()

Get the chute’s host_config options for Docker.

Returns an empty dictionary if there is no host_config setting.

getWebPort ()

Get the port configured for the chute’s web server.

Returns port (int) or None if no port is configured.

get_default_service ()

Get one of the chute’s services designated as the default one.

This is more for convenience with existing API functions where the caller did not need to specify a service because prior to 0.12.0, chutes could only have one Docker container. We use some heuristics such as the service’s name is “main” to identify one of the services as the default.

get_environment ()

Get the chute environment variables.

These are defined by the developer or administrator and passed to all services that belong to the chute.

get_owner ()

Get the name of the user who owns this installed chute.

get_service (*name*)

Get a service by name.

get_services ()

Get a list of services installed by this chute.

get_web_port_and_service ()

Get the port and Service object that provides this chutes web service.

Returns a tuple containing the port number and Service object. Both values will be None if a web service is not configured.

inherit_attributes (*other*)

Inherit attributes from another version of the chute.

If any settings are None or missing in this chute but present in the other version, they will be copied over. The return value is a dictionary containing changes that were applied.

isRunning ()

Check if the chute is supposed to be running.

isValid ()

Return True only if the Chute object we have has all the proper things defined to be in a valid state.

setCache (*key, value*)

Set a value in the cache.

Deprecated: Most of the cache functionality has been moved to the Update object because they are values that are used as temporary storage between one update step and the following steps. However, there are a few instances of cache values that we do still read from chute storage. Any calls to the getCache method throughout the project are still depending on this functionality, so we have corresponding calls to setCache that ensure the required information is present in the chute cache and not just in the update cache. Eventually, we should remove this dependency either by using a less stateful design or by formalizing the process for storing persistent chute state, such as the networkInterfaces list.

updateCache (*other*)

Update the chute cache from another dictionary.

paradrop.core.chute.chute_storage module

class ChuteStorage (*filename=None, save_timer=0*)

Bases: `paradrop.lib.utils.pd_storage.PDStorage`

ChuteStorage class.

This class holds onto the list of Chutes on this AP.

It implements the PDStorage class which allows us to save the chuteList to disk transparently

attrSaveable ()

Returns True if we should save the ChuteList, otherwise False.

chuteList = {}

clearChuteStorage ()

deleteChute (*ch*)

Deletes a chute from the chute storage. Can be sent the chute object, or the chute name.

getAttr ()

Get our attr (as class variable for all to see)

getChute (*name*)

Returns a reference to a chute we have in our cache, or None.

getChuteList ()

Return a list of the names of the chutes we know of.

classmethod get_chute (*name*)

saveChute (*ch*)

Saves the chute provided in our internal chuteList. Also since we just received a new chute to hold onto we should save our ChuteList to disk.

setAttr (*attr*)

Save our attr however we want (as class variable for all to see)

paradrop.core.chute.restart module

Contains the functions required to restart chutes properly on power cycle of device. Checks with pdconfd to make sure it was able to properly bring up all interfaces before starting chutes.

reloadChutes ()

Get update objects to chutes that should be running at startup.

This function is called to restart any chutes that were running prior to the system being restarted. It waits for pdconfd to come up and report whether or not it failed to bring up any of the interfaces that existed before the power cycle. If pdconfd indicates something failed we then force a stop update in order to bring down all interfaces associated with that chute and mark it with a warning. If the stop fails we mark the chute with a warning manually and change its state to stopped and save to storage this isn't great as it could mean our system still has interfaces up associated with that chute. If pdconfd doesn't report failure we attempt to start the chute and if this fails we trust the abort process to restore the system to a consistent state and we manually mark the chute as stopped and add a warning to it.

Returns (list) A list of UpdateChute objects that should be run before accepting new updates.

updateStatus (*update*)

This function is a callback for the updates we do upon restarting the system. It checks whether or not the update completed successfully and if not it changes the state of the chute to stopped and adds a warning. :param update: The update object containing information about the chute that was created and whether it was successful or not. :type update: obj :returns: None

Module contents

paradrop.core.config package

Submodules

paradrop.core.config.airshark module

class AirsharkInterfaceManager

Bases: `object`

add_observer (*observer*)

interface_available ()

remove_observer (*observer*)

```

    reset_interface ()
    set_interface (interface)
configure (update)
    Configure an Airshark interface.

```

paradrop.core.config.configservice module

configservice module: This module is responsible for “poking” the proper host OS services to change the host OS config. This would include things like changing the networking, DHCP server settings, wifi, etc..

```

reloadAll (update)
    Reload pdconf configuration files.

reload_placeholder (update)
    This function successfully does nothing.

    It serves as a placeholder so that we can attach an abort function to a specific point in the update pipeline.

```

paradrop.core.config.devices module

Detect physical devices that can be used by chutes.

This module detects physical devices (for now just network interfaces) that can be used by chutes. This includes WAN interfaces for Internet connectivity and WiFi interfaces which can host APs.

It also makes sure certain entries exist in the system UCI files for these devices, for example “wifi-device” sections. These are shared between chutes, so they only need to be added when missing.

```

class SysReader (phy)
    Bases: object

    PCI_BUS_ID = <_sre.SRE_Pattern object>
    USB_BUS_ID = <_sre.SRE_Pattern object>

    getDeviceId (default='????')
        Return the device ID for the device.

        This is a four-digit hexadecimal number. For example, our Qualcomm 802.11n chips have device ID 002a.

    getSlotName (default='????')
        Return the PCI/USB slot name for the device.

        Example: “pci/0000:04:00.0” or “usb/1-1:1.0”

    getVendorId (default='????')
        Return the vendor ID for the device.

        This is a four-digit hexadecimal number. For example, our Qualcomm 802.11n chips have vendor ID 168c.

    read_uevent ()
        Read the device uevent file and return the contents as a dictionary.

class UCIBuilder
    Bases: object

    UCIBuilder helps aggregate UCI configuration sections for writing to files.

    FILES = ['dhcpc', 'network', 'firewall', 'wireless', 'qos']

```

add (*file_*, *type_*, *options*, *name=None*)

Add a new configuration section.

getSections (*file_*)

Get sections associated with a single file.

Returns: list of tuples, [(config, options)]

write ()

Write all of the configuration sections to files.

checkSystemDevices (*update*)

Check whether expected devices are present.

This may reboot the machine if devices are missing and the host config is set to do that.

detectSystemDevices ()

Detect devices on the system.

The result is three lists stored in a dictionary. The three lists are indexed by 'wan', 'wifi', and 'lan'. Other devices may be supported by adding additional lists.

Within each list, a device is represented by a dictionary. For all devices, the 'name' and 'mac' fields are defined. For WiFi devices, the 'phy' is defined in addition. Later, we may fill in more device information (e.g. what channels a WiFi card supports).

flushWirelessInterfaces (*phy*)

Remove all virtual interfaces associated with a wireless device.

This should be used before giving a chute exclusive access to a device (e.g. monitor mode), so that it does not inherit unexpected interfaces.

getMACAddress (*ifname*)

getPhyMACAddress (*phy*)

getSystemDevices (*update*)

Detect devices on the system.

Store device information in cache key "networkDevices" as well as "networkDevicesByName".

getWirelessPhyName (*ifname*)

get_hardware_serial ()

Get hardware serial number.

The most reliable way we have that works across many hardware platforms is to check the eth0 MAC address.

Returns a numeric serial number.

get_machine_id ()

Return unique machine identifier.

This is software-based but fairly standardized from the /etc/machine-id file. We can potentially rely on this for uniquely identifying a node.

handleMissingWiFi (*hostConfig*)

Take appropriate action in response to missing WiFi devices.

Depending on the host configuration, we may either emit a warning or reboot the system.

isVirtual (*ifname*)

Test if an interface is a virtual one.

FIXME: This just tests for the presence of certain strings in the interface name, so it is not very robust.

isWAN (*ifname*)

Test if an interface is a WAN interface.

isWireless (*ifname*)

Test if an interface is a wireless device.

listSystemDevices ()

Detect devices on the system.

The result is a single list of dictionaries, each containing information about a network device.

listWiFiDevices ()

readHostconfigVlan (*vlanInterfaces, builder*)

readHostconfigWifi (*wifi, networkDevices, builder*)

readHostconfigWifiInterfaces (*wifiInterfaces, networkDevices, builder*)

readSysFile (*path*)

resetWirelessDevice (*phy, primary_interface*)

Reset a wireless device's interfaces to clean state.

This will rename, delete, or add an interface as necessary to make sure only the primary interface exists, e.g. "wlan0" for a wireless device, e.g. phy0.

resolveWirelessDevRef (*name, networkDevices*)

Resolve a WiFi device reference (wlan0, phy0, 00:11:22:33:44:55, etc.) to the name of the device section as used by pdconf (wifiXXXXXXXXXXXX).

Unambiguous naming is preferred going forward (either wifiXX or the MAC address), but to maintain backward compatibility, we attempt to resolve either wlanX or phyX to the MAC address of the device that currently uses that name.

select_brlan_address (*hostConfig*)

Select IP address and netmask to use for LAN bridge.

Behavior depends on the proto field, which can either be 'auto' or 'static'. When proto is set to 'auto', we check the WAN interface address and choose either 10.0.0.0 or 192.168.0.1 to avoid conflict. Otherwise, when proto is set to 'static', we use the specified address.

setConfig (*chuteName, sections, filepath*)

setSystemDevices (*update*)

Initialize system configuration files.

This section should only be run for host configuration updates.

Creates basic sections that all chutes require such as the "wan" interface.

paradrop.core.config.dhcp module

getVirtDHCPSettings (*update*)

Looks at the runtime rules the developer defined to see if they want a dhcp server. If so it generates the data and stores it into the chute cache key:virtDHCPSettings.

revert_dhcp_settings (*update*)

setVirtDHCPSettings (*update*)

Takes a list of tuples (config, opts) and saves it to the dhcp config file.

paradrop.core.config.dockerconfig module

dockerconfig module: This module contains all of the knowledge of how to take internal pdfcd representation of configurations of chutes and translate them into specifically what docker needs to function properly, whether that be in the form of dockerfiles or the HostConfig JSON object known at init time of the chute.

abortCreateVolumeDirs (*update*)

createVolumeDirs (*update*)

Create directories required by the chute.

generateToken (*bits=128*)

getVirtPreamble (*update*)

Prepare various settings for Docker containers.

paradrop.core.config.firewall module

findMatchingInterface (*iface_name, interfaces*)

Search an interface list for one matching a given name.

iface_name can contain shell-style wildcards (* and ?).

getDeveloperFirewallRules (*update*)

Generate other firewall rules requested by the developer such as redirects. The object returned is a list of tuples (config, options).

getOSFirewallRules (*update*)

There is a set of default things that must exist just for the chute to function at all, generate those here.

Stored in key: osFirewallRules

revert_os_firewall_rules (*update*)

setOSFirewallRules (*update*)

Takes a list of tuples (config, opts) and saves it to the firewall config file.

paradrop.core.config.haproxy module

This module is responsible for configuration haproxy.

generateConfigSections ()

reconfigureProxy (*update*)

Reconfigure haproxy with forwarding and redirect rules.

writeConfigFile (*output*)

paradrop.core.config.hostconfig module

The host configuration controls system settings of the host OS.

This module operates as follows:

1. The first time, we try to detect all devices and auto-generate a reasonable configuration, which we store to a persistent file.
2. (TODO) We present the configuration to the owner sometime around provisioning or first chute creation and allow him to change settings.

3. (TODO) We have some kind of update operation that can manipulate settings.

generateHostConfig (*devices*)

Scan for devices on the machine and generate a working configuration.

getHostConfig (*update*)

Load host configuration.

Read device information from networkDevices. Store host configuration in hostConfig.

load (*path=None*)

Load host configuration.

Tries to load host configuration from persistent file. If that does not work, it will try to automatically generate a working configuration.

Returns a host config object on success or None on failure.

prepareHostConfig (*devices=None, hostConfigPath=None, write=True*)

Load an existing host configuration or generate one.

Tries to load host configuration from persistent file. If that does not work, it will try to automatically generate a working configuration.

write: if True and host config was automatically generated, then write the new host config to a file.

revertHostConfig (*update*)

Restore host configuration from before update.

Uses oldHostConfig cache entry.

save (*config, path=None*)

Save host configuration.

May raise exception if unable to write the configuration file.

setHostConfig (*update*)

Write host configuration to persistent storage.

Read host configuration from hostConfig.

paradrop.core.config.network module

abortNetworkConfig (*update*)

Release resources claimed by chute network configuration.

chooseExternalIntf (*update, iface*)

chooseSubnet (*update, cfg, iface*)

fulfillDeviceRequest (*update, cfg, devices*)

Find a physical device that matches the requested device type.

Raises an exception if one cannot be found.

getExtraOptions (*cfg*)

Get dictionary of extra wifi-iface options that we are not interpreting but just passing on to pdconf.

getInterfaceAddress (*update, name, cfg, iface*)

Dynamically select IP address for the chute interface.

This function will use a subnet from the chute subnet pool and assign IP addresses to the external (in host) and internal (in chute) interfaces.

The addresses are stored in the iface object.

getL3BridgeConfig (*update*)

Creates configuration sections for layer 3 bridging.

getNetworkConfig (*update*)

For the Chute provided, return the dict object of a 100% filled out configuration set of network configuration. This would include determining what the IP addresses, interfaces names, etc...

Store configuration in networkInterfaces cache entry.

getNetworkConfigLan (*update, name, cfg, iface*)

getNetworkConfigVlan (*update, name, cfg, iface*)

getNetworkConfigWifi (*update, name, cfg, iface*)

getOSNetworkConfig (*update*)

Takes the network interface obj created by NetworkManager.getNetworkConfiguration and returns a properly formatted object to be passed to the UCICongfig class. The object returned is a list of tuples (config, options).

getWifiKeySettings (*cfg, iface*)

Read encryption settings from cfg and transfer them to iface.

get_current_phy_conf (*update, device_id*)

Lookup current configuration for a network device.

This includes information such as the Wi-Fi channel.

Returns a dictionary, which may be empty if no configuration was found.

reclaimNetworkResources (*chute*)

Reclaim network resources for a previously running chute.

This function only applies to the special case in which pd starts up and loads a list of chutes that were running. This function marks their IP addresses and interface names as taken so that new chutes will not use the same values.

revert_13_bridge_config (*update*)

revert_os_network_config (*update*)

satisfies_requirements (*obj, requirements*)

Checks that an object satisfies given requirements.

Every key-value pair in the requirements object must be present in the target object for it to be considered satisfied.

Returns True/False.

select_chute_subnet_pool (*host_config*)

Select IP subnet to use as pool for chutes.

Behavior depends on whether a static subnet is configured or auto configuration is requested. If the chuteSubnetPool option is set to 'auto', then we check the WAN interface address and choose either 10.128.0.0/9 or 192.168.128.0/17 to avoid conflict. Otherwise, we used the specified subnet.

setL3BridgeConfig (*update*)

Apply configuration for layer 3 bridging.

setOSNetworkConfig (*update*)

Takes a list of tuples (config, opts) and saves it to the network config file.

split_interface_type (*itype*)

paradrop.core.config.osconfig module

osconfig module: This module is in charge of changing configuration files for pdfcd on the host OS. This relates to things like network, dhcp, wifi, firewall changes. Pdfcd should be able to make simple abstracted calls into this module so that if we need to change what type of OS config we need to support only this module would change.

revertConfig (*update, theType*)

Tell the UCI module to revert changes to the old state of the chute.

paradrop.core.config.power module

reboot (*update*)

Reboot the node.

shutdown (*update*)

Power down the node.

paradrop.core.config.reservations module

Module for checking resource reservations by chutes.

One idea motivating this design is to reduce the amount of state in memory for resource reservations. We have the chute list, which contains information about what devices the chute is using. If we also maintain a separate list of devices used by chutes, we need to keep them synchronized. This becomes messy when a chute fails to install or uninstall correctly. The `getDeviceReservations` function iterates over the chute list and returns an up-to-date view of device usage. This can be called as needed.

class DeviceReservations

Bases: `object`

add (*chute, dtype, mode=None*)

count (*dtype=None, mode=None*)

Return the number of reservations matching the given criteria.

None is used as a wildcard, so if no arguments are passed, the count returned is the total number of reservations.

class InterfaceReservationSet

Bases: `object`

add (*interface*)

class SubnetReservationSet

Bases: `object`

add (*subnet*)

getDeviceReservations (*exclude=None*)

Produce a dictionary mapping device names to DeviceReservations objects that describe the current usage of the device.

The returned type is a defaultdict, so there is no need to check if a key exists before accessing it.

exclude: name of chute whose device reservations should be excluded

getInterfaceReservations (*exclude=None*)

Get current set of interface reservations.

Returns an instance of InterfaceReservationSet.

exclude: name of chute whose interfaces should be excluded

getReservations (*update*)

Get device and resource reservations claimed by other users.

getSubnetReservations (*exclude=None*)

Get current set of subnet reservations.

Returns an instance of SubnetReservationSet.

exclude: name of chute whose reservations should be excluded

paradrop.core.config.resource module

computeResourceAllocation (*chutes*)

getResourceAllocation (*update*)

Allocate compute resources for chutes.

Sets cache variables “newResourceAllocation” and “oldResourceAllocation”.

paradrop.core.config.services module

Configure optional additional services such as telemetry.

configure_telemetry (*update*)

paradrop.core.config.snap module

updateSnap (*update*)

paradrop.core.config.state module

removeAllChutes (*update*)

revertChute (*update*)

saveChute (*update*)

Save information about the chute to the filesystem.

paradrop.core.config.uciutils module

restoreConfigFile (*chute, configname*)

Restore a system config file from backup.

This can only be used during a chute update operation to revert changes that were made during that update operation.

configname: name of configuration file (“network”, “wireless”, etc.)

setConfig (*update, cacheKeys, filepath*)

Helper function used to modify config file of each various setting in /etc/config/ Returns:

True: if it modified a file False: if it did NOT cause any modifications

Raises exception if an error occurs.

paradrop.core.config.wifi module

getOSWirelessConfig (*update*)

Read settings from networkInterfaces for wireless interfaces. Store wireless configuration settings in osWirelessConfig.

revert_os_wireless_config (*update*)

setOSWirelessConfig (*update*)

Write settings from osWirelessConfig out to UCI files.

paradrop.core.config.zerotier module

configure (*update*)

getAddress ()

Return the zerotier address for this device or None if unavailable.

get_auth_token ()

Return the zerotier auth token for accessing its API or None if unavailable.

get_networks (*ignore_error=False*)

Get list of active ZeroTier networks.

manage_network (*nwid, action='join'*)

Join or leave a ZeroTier network.

nwid: ZeroTier network ID, e.g. “e5cd7a9e1c8a5e83” action: either “join” or “leave”

wait_for_zerotier (*max_delay=120*)

Wait for ZeroTier to start up and create the authtoken file.

Module contents

paradrop.core.container package

Submodules

paradrop.core.container.chutecontainer module

class ChuteContainer (*name, docker_url='unix:///var/run/docker.sock'*)

Bases: `object`

Class for accessing information about a chute’s container.

getID ()

Look up the container ID as used by Docker.

getIP ()

Look up the IP address assigned to the container.

getPID ()

Look up the PID of the container, if running.

getPortConfiguration (*port, protocol='tcp'*)

Look up network port configuration. This tells us if a port in the host is bound to a port inside the container.

Returns a list, typically with zero or one elements.

Example:

```
[{ "HostIp": "0.0.0.0", "HostPort": "32768"
}]
```

getStatus()

Return the status of the container (running, exited, paused).

Returns “missing” if the chute does not exist.

inspect()

Return the full container status from Docker.

isRunning()

Check if container is running.

Returns True/False; returns False if the container does not exist.

paradrop.core.container.dockerapi module

Functions associated with deploying and cleaning up docker containers.

build_host_config(*update, service*)

Build the host_config dict for a docker container based on the passed in update.

Parameters *chute* (*obj*) – The chute object containing information about the chute.

Returns (dict) The host_config dict which docker needs in order to create the container.

call_in_netns(*service, env, command, onerror='raise', pid=None*)

Call command within a service’s namespace.

command: should be a list of strings. onerror: should be “raise” or “ignore”

call_retry(*cmd, env, delay=3, tries=3*)

check_image(*update, service*)

Check if image exists.

cleanup_net_interfaces(*update*)

Cleanup special interfaces when bringing down a container.

This applies to monitor mode interfaces, which need to be renamed before they come back to the host network, e.g. “mon0” inside the container should be renamed to the appropriate “wlanX” before the container exits.

create_bridge(*update*)

Create a user-defined bridge network for the chute.

getBridgeGateway()

Look up the gateway IP address for the docker bridge network.

This is the docker0 IP address; it is the IP address of the host from the chute’s perspective.

getPortList(*chute*)

Get a list of ports to expose in the format expected by create_container.

Uses the port binding dictionary from the chute host_config section. The keys are expected to be integers or strings in one of the following formats: “port” or “port/protocol”.

Example: port_bindings = {

 “1111/udp”: 1111, “2222”: 2222

} getPortList returns [(1111, ‘udp’), (2222, ‘tcp’)]

prepare_environment (*update, service*)

Prepare environment variables for a chute container.

prepare_image (*update, service*)

Prepare a Docker image for execution.

This is usually the longest operation during a chute installation, so instead of running this step in the update thread, we spin off a worker thread and return a Deferred. This will suspend processing of the current update until the worker thread finishes.

prepare_port_bindings (*service*)

removeAllContainers (*update*)

Remove all containers on the system. This should only be used as part of a factory reset mechanism.

Returns None

remove_bridge (*update*)

Remove the bridge network associated with the chute.

remove_container (*update, service*)

Remove a service's container.

remove_image (*update, service*)

Remove a Docker image.

restartChute (*update*)

Start a docker container based on the passed in update.

Parameters **update** (*obj*) – The update object containing information about the chute.

Returns None

revertResourceAllocation (*update*)

setResourceAllocation (*update*)

Adjust compute resources assigned to chute containers.

setup_net_interfaces (*update*)

Link interfaces in the host to the internal interfaces in the Docker container.

The commands are based on the pipework script (<https://github.com/jpetazzo/pipework>).

Parameters **chute** – The chute object containing information about the chute.

Returns None

start_container (*update, service*)

Start running a service in a new container.

stopChute (*update*)

Stop a docker container based on the passed in update.

Parameters **update** (*obj*) – The update object containing information about the chute.

Returns None

writeDockerConfig ()

Write options to Docker configuration.

Mainly, we want to tell Docker not to start containers automatically on system boot.

paradrop.core.container.dockerfile module

This module generates a Dockerfile for use with light chutes.

```
class Dockerfile (service)
    Bases: object

    getBytesIO ()
        Geterate a Dockerfile and return as a BytesIO object.

    getString ()
        Generate a Dockerfile as a multi-line string.

    isValid ()
        Check if configuration is valid.

        Returns a tuple (True/False, None or str).

    readTemplate (language)

    requiredFields = ['image', 'command']

    writeFile (path)
        Generate Dockerfile and write to a file.

get_target_image (requested)

get_target_machine ()
```

paradrop.core.container.downloader module

This module downloads a package from a given URL using one of potentially many different methods. We currently support the github web API and simple HTTP(S). The github method is more developed and returns meta data about the project (the commit hash and message), but support for other methods, e.g. download a tar file that was uploaded to a web server, are not precluded.

Private downloads are supported with the HTTP Authorization header. For github, we need to use the github API to request a token to access the owner's private repository. That part is not implemented here.

```
class Downloader (url, user=None, secret=None, repo_owner=None, repo_name=None)
    Bases: object

    download ()

    extract ()

    fetch ()
        Download the project.

        Returns the full path to the temporary directory containing the project and a dictionary containing meta data.

    meta ()

class GitSSHDownloader (url, checkout='master', **kwargs)
    Bases: paradrop.core.container.downloader.Downloader

    download ()

    meta ()

class GithubDownloader (url, checkout='master', **kwargs)
    Bases: paradrop.core.container.downloader.Downloader
```

download()

meta()

Return repository meta data as a dictionary.

class WebDownloader (*url, user=None, secret=None, repo_owner=None, repo_name=None*)

Bases: `paradrop.core.container.downloader.Downloader`

download()

meta()

Return repository meta data as a dictionary.

downloader (*url, user=None, secret=None, **kwargs*)

Return an appropriate Downloader for the given URL.

This should be used in a “with ... as ...” statement to perform cleanup on all exit cases.

Example: with `downloader(“https://github.com/...”) as dl:`

`path, meta = dl.fetch() # do some work on the repo here`

paradrop.core.container.log_provider module

Provides messages from container logs (STDOUT and STDERR).

class LogProvider (*chute*)

Bases: `object`

attach()

Start listening for log messages.

Log messages in the queue will appear like the following: {

 ‘service’: ‘main’, ‘timestamp’: ‘2017-01-30T15:46:23.009397536Z’, ‘message’: ‘Something happened’

}

detach()

Stop listening for log messages.

After this is called, no additional messages will be added to the queue.

get_logs()

monitor_logs (*service_name, container_name, queue, tail=200*)

Iterate over log messages from a container and add them to the queue for consumption. This function will block and wait for new messages from the container. Use the queue to interface with async code.

tail: number of lines to retrieve from log history; the string “all” is also valid, but highly discouraged for performance reasons.

Module contents

paradrop.core.plan package

Submodules

paradrop.core.plan.executionplan module

This module contains the methods required to generate and act upon execution plans.

An execution plan is a set of operations that must be performed to update a Chute from some old state into the new state provided by the API server.

All plans that are generated are function pointers, as in no actual operations are performed during the generation process.

abortPlans (*update*)

This function should be called if one of the Plan objects throws an Exception. It takes the PlanMap argument and calls the getNextAbort function just like executePlans does with todoPlans. This dynamically generates an abort plan list based on what plans were originally executed. Returns:

True in error : This is really bad False otherwise : we were able to restore system state back to before the executeplans function was called

aggregatePlans (*update*)

Takes the PlanMap provided which can be a combination of changes for multiple different chutes and it puts things into a sane order and removes duplicates where possible.

This keeps things like reloading networking from happening twice if 2 chutes make changes.

Returns: A new PlanMap that should be executed

executePlans (*update*)

Primary function that actually executes all the functions that were added to plans by all the exc modules. This function can heavily modify the OS/files/etc.. so the return value is very important. Returns:

True in error : abortPlans function should be called False otherwise : everything is OK

generatePlans (*update*)

For an update object provided this function references the updateModuleList which lets all exc modules determine if they need to add functions to change the state of the system when new chutes are added to the OS.

Returns: True in error, as in we should stop with this update plan

paradrop.core.plan.hostconfig module

This module generates update plans for a host configuration operation. It is separate from the modules that generate plans for chute operations because we only need to do a subset of the operations.

generatePlans (*update*)

paradrop.core.plan.name module

generatePlans (*update*)

This function looks at a diff of the current Chute (in @chuteStor) and the @newChute, then adds Plan() calls to make the Chute match the @newChute.

Returns: True: abort the plan generation process

paradrop.core.plan.plangraph module

class Plan (*func, *args*)

Helper class to hold onto the actual plan data associated with each plan

class PlanMap (*name*)

This class helps build a dependency graph required to determine what steps are required to update a Chute from a previous version of its configuration.

addMap (*other*)

Takes another PlanMap object and appends whatever the plans are into this plans object.

addPlans (*priority, todoPlan, abortPlan=[]*)

Adds new Plan objects into the list of plans for this PlanMap.

Arguments: @priority : The priority number (1 is done first, 99 done last - see PRIORITYFLAGS section at top of this file) @todoPlan : A tuple of (function, (args)), this is the function that completes the actual task requested

the args can either be a single variable, a tuple of variables, or None.

@abortPlan [A tuple of (function, (args)) or a list of tuple or None.] This is what should be called if a plan somewhere in the chain fails and we need to undo the work we did here - this function is only called if a higher priority function fails (ie we were called, then something later on fails that would cause us to undo everything we did to setup/change the Chute).

getNextAbort ()

Like an iterator function, it returns each element in the list of abort plans in order.

Returns: (function, args) : Each todo is returned just how the user first added it None : None is returned when there are no more todo's

getNextTodo ()

Like an iterator function, it returns each element in the list of plans in order.

Returns: (function, args) : Each todo is returned just how the user first added it None : None is returned when there are no more todo's

registerSkip (*func*)

Register this function as one to skip execution on, if provided it shouldn't return the (func, args) tuple as a result from the getNextTodo function.

sort ()

Sorts the plans based on priority.

paradrop.core.plan.resource module

generatePlans (*update*)

This function looks at a diff of the current Chute (in @chuteStor) and the @newChute, then adds Plan() calls to make the Chute match the @newChute.

Returns: True: abort the plan generation process

paradrop.core.plan.router module

This module generates update plans for router operations such as factory reset.

generatePlans (*update*)

paradrop.core.plan.runtime module

generatePlans (*update*)

This function looks at a diff of the current Chute (in @chuteStor) and the @newChute, then adds Plan() calls to make the Chute match the @newChute.

Returns: True: abort the plan generation process

paradrop.core.plan.snap module

This module generates update plans for a snap operation.

generatePlans (*update*)

paradrop.core.plan.state module

generatePlans (*update*)

This function looks at a diff of the current Chute (in @chuteStor) and the @newChute, then adds Plan() calls to make the Chute match the @newChute.

Returns: True: abort the plan generation process

generate_service_plans (*update*)

Generate plans that depend on the services configured for the chute.

This needs to happen after the chute configuration has been parsed.

validate_change (*update*)

Check if the update is a valid change.

paradrop.core.plan.struct module

generatePlans (*update*)

This function looks at a diff of the current Chute (in @chuteStor) and the @newChute, then adds Plan() calls to make the Chute match the @newChute.

Returns: True: abort the plan generation process

paradrop.core.plan.traffic module

generatePlans (*update*)

This function looks at a diff of the current Chute (in @chuteStor) and the @newChute, then adds Plan() calls to make the Chute match the @newChute.

Returns: True: abort the plan generation process

Module contents

paradrop.core.system package

Submodules

paradrop.core.system.system_info module

Get system information

getDMI ()

Read hardware information from DMI.

This function attempts to read from known files in `/sys/class/dmi/id/`. If any are missing or an error occurs, those fields will be omitted from the result.

Returns: a dictionary with fields such as `bios_version` and `product_serial`.

getOSVersion ()

Return a string identifying the host OS.

getPackageVersion (name)

Get a python package version.

Returns: a string or None

paradrop.core.system.system_status module

Get system running status including CPU load, memory usage, network traffic.

class SystemStatus

Bases: `object`

INCLUDED_PARTITIONS = set(['/writable', '/'])

classmethod getNetworkInfo ()

classmethod getProcessInfo (pid)

getStatus (max_age=0.8)

Get current system status.

`max_age`: maximum tolerable age of cached status information. Set to None to force a refresh regardless of cache age.

Returns a dictionary with fields 'cpu_load', 'mem', 'disk', and 'network'.

classmethod getSystemInfo ()

refreshCpuLoad ()

refreshDiskInfo ()

refreshMemoryInfo ()

refreshNetworkTraffic ()

Module contents

paradrop.core.update package

Submodules

paradrop.core.update.update_fetcher module

Fetch new updates from the pdserver and apply the updates

class UpdateFetcher (*update_manager*)

Bases: `object`

pull_update (***kwargs*)

Start updates by polling the server for the latest updates.

This is the only method that needs to be called from outside. The rest are triggered asynchronously.

Call chain: pull_update -> _updates_received -> _update_complete

_auto: Set to True when called by the scheduled LoopingCall.

start_long_poll (***kwargs*)

start_polling ()

paradrop.core.update.update_manager module

class UpdateManager (*reactor*)

This class is in charge of making the configuration changes required on the chutes. It utilizes the ChuteStorage class to hold onto the chute data.

Use **@updateChutes to make the configuration changes on the AP**. This function is thread-safe, this class will only call one update set at a time. All others are held in a queue until the last update is complete.

add_provision_update (*hostconfig_patch, zerotier_networks*)

add_update (***update*)

MUTEX: updateLock Take the list of Chutes and push the list into a queue object, this object will then call the real update function in another thread so the function that called us is not blocked.

We take a callable responseFunction to call, when we are done with this update we should call it.

assign_change_id ()

Get a unique change ID for an update.

This should be used to set the change_id field in an update object.

clear_update_list ()

MUTEX: updateLock Clears all updates from list (new array).

find_change (*change_id*)

Search active and queued changes for the requested change.

Returns an Update object or None.

paradrop.core.update.update_object module

This holds onto the UpdateObject class. It allows us to easily abstract away different update types and provide a uniform way to interpret the results through a set of basic actionable functions.

class UpdateChute (*obj, reuse_existing=False*)

Bases: `paradrop.core.update.update_object.UpdateObject`

Updates specifically tailored to chute actions like create, delete, etc...

has_chute_build ()

Check whether this update involves building a chute.

updateModuleList = [`<module 'paradrop.core.plan.name' from '/home/docs/checkouts/readt...`

class UpdateObject (*obj*)

Bases: `object`

The base UpdateObject class, covers a few basic methods but otherwise all the intelligence exists in the inherited classes.

All update information passed by the API server is contained as variables of this class such as `update.updateType`, `update.updateClass`, etc...

By default, the following variables should be utilized: `responses` : an array of messages any module can choose to append warnings or errors to

failure [the module that chose to fail this update can set a string message to return] : to the user in the `failure` variable. It should be very clear as to why the : `failure` occurred, but if the user wants more information they may find it : in the `responses` variable which may contain debug information, etc...

add_message_observer (*observer*)

cache_get (*key*, *default=None*)

Get a value from the cache or the default value if it does not exist.

cache_set (*key*, *value*)

Set a value in the cache.

complete (***kwargs*)

Signal to the API server that any action we need to perform is complete and the API server can finish its connection with the client that initiated the API request.

execute ()

The function that actually walks through the main process required to create the chute. It follows the `executeplan` module through the paces of:

1. Generate the plans for each plan module
2. Prioritize the plans
3. Execute the plans

If at any point we fail then this function will directly take care of completing the update process with an error state and will close the API connection.

has_chute_build ()

Check whether this update involves building a chute.

progress (*message*)

remove_message_observer (*observer*)

started ()

This function should be called when the updated object is dequeued and execution is about to begin.

Sends a notification to the `pdserver` if this is a tracked update.

updateModuleList = []

class UpdateRouter (*obj*)

Bases: `paradrop.core.update.update_object.UpdateObject`

Updates specifically tailored to router configuration.

updateModuleList = [`<module 'paradrop.core.plan.hostconfig' from '/home/docs/checkouts`

class UpdateSnap (*obj*)

Bases: `paradrop.core.update.update_object.UpdateObject`

Updates specifically tailored to installing snaps.

```
updateModuleList = [<module 'paradrop.core.plan.snap' from '/home/docs/checkouts/readt  
parse(obj)  
    Determines the update type and returns the proper class.
```

Module contents

Module contents

12.1.6 paradrop.lib package

Subpackages

paradrop.lib.misc package

Submodules

paradrop.lib.misc.pdinstall module

sendCommand (*command*, *data*)

Send a command to the pdinstall service.

Commands: install - Install snaps from a file path or http(s) URL.

Required data fields: sources - List with at least one snap file path or URL. The snaps
are installed in order until one succeeds or all fail.

Returns True/False for success. Currently, we cannot check whether the call succeeded, only whether it was
delivered. A return value of False means we could not deliver the command to pdinstall.

paradrop.lib.misc.procmon module

The ProcessMonitor class ensures that a service is running and that its pid file is consistent.

This addresses an issue we have had with Docker on Ubuntu Snappy, where its pid file sometimes persists and prevents
the service from starting.

class ProcessMonitor (*service*, *cmdstring=None*, *pidfile=None*, *action='restart'*)

Bases: `object`

allowedActions = `set(['reboot', 'restart'])`

check ()

Check that the service is running and consistent with pid file(s).

Returns True or False.

ensureReady (*delay=5*, *tries=3*)

Look through checking and restarting the service until it is ready or the maximum number of tries has been
reached.

delay: time delay (seconds) between retries. tries: maximum number of restart-wait-check cycles.

restart ()

Restart the service.

paradrop.lib.misc.resopt module

Resource optimization functions.

allocate (*reservations, total=1.0*)

Allocate resources among slices with specified and unspecified reservations.

Returns a new list of values with the following properties: - Every value is $\geq$ the corresponding input value. - The result sums to *total*.

Examples: `allocate([0.25, None, None]) -> [0.5, 0.25, 0.25]` `allocate([0.4, None, None]) -> [0.6, 0.2, 0.2]`
`allocate([0.2, 0.2, 0.2]) -> [0.33, 0.33, 0.33]` `allocate([None, None, None]) -> [0.33, 0.33, 0.33]` `allocate([0.5, 0.5, 0.5]) -> ERROR`

paradrop.lib.misc.snapd module

class SnapdClient (*logging=True, wait_async=False*)

Bases: `object`

Client for interacting with the snapd API to manage installed snaps.

connect (*plug_snap=None, plug=None, slot_snap='core', slot=None*)

Connect an interface.

get_change (*change_id*)

Get the current status of a change.

installSnap (*snapName*)

Install a snap from the store.

listSnaps ()

Get a list of installed snaps.

updateSnap (*snapName, data*)

Post an update to a snap.

Valid actions are: install, refresh, remove, revert, enable, disable.

Example: `updateSnap("paradrop-daemon", {"action": "refresh"})`

paradrop.lib.misc.ssh_keys module

addAuthorizedKey (*key, user='paradrop'*)

getAuthorizedKeys (*user='paradrop'*)

writeAuthorizedKeys (*keys, user='paradrop'*)

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paradrop.lib.utils.addresses module

checkPhyExists (*radioid*)

Check if this chute exists at all, a directory /sys/class/ieee80211/phyX must exist.

getGatewayIntf (*ch*)

Looks at the key:networkInterfaces for the chute and determines what the gateway should be including the IP address and the internal interface name.

Returns: A tuple (gatewayIP, gatewayInterface) None if networkInterfaces doesn't exist or there is an error

getInternalIntfList (*ch*)

Takes a chute object and uses the key:networkInterfaces to return a list of the internal network interfaces that will exist in the chute (e.g., eth0, eth1, ...)

Returns: A list of interface names None if networkInterfaces doesn't exist or there is an error

getSubnet (*ipaddr, netmask*)

getWANIntf (*ch*)

Looks at the key:networkInterfaces for the chute and finds the WAN interface.

Returns: The dict from networkInterfaces None

incIpaddr (*ipaddr, inc=1*)

Takes a quad dot format IP address string and adds the @inc value to it by converting it to a number.

Returns: Incremented quad dot IP string or None if error

isIpAvailable (*ipaddr, chuteStor, name*)

Make sure this IP address is available.

Checks the IP addresses of all zones on all other chutes, makes sure subnets are not the same.

isIpValid (*ipaddr*)

Return True if Valid, otherwise False.

isStaticIpAvailable (*ipaddr, chuteStor, name*)

Make sure this static IP address is available.

Checks the IP addresses of all zones on all other chutes, makes sure not equal.

isWifiSSIDAvailable (*ssid, chuteStor, name*)

Make sure this SSID is available.

maxIpaddr (*ipaddr, netmask*)

Takes a quad dot format IP address string and makes it the largest valid value still in the same subnet.

Returns: Max quad dot IP string or None if error

paradrop.lib.utils.datastruct module

Utilities for reading from data structures.

getValue (*struct, path, default=None*)

Read a value from the data structure.

Arguments: struct can comprise one or more levels of dicts and lists. path should be a string using dots to separate levels. default will be returned if the path cannot be traced.

Example: `getValue({'a': [1, 2, 3]}, "a.1") -> 2` `getValue({'a': [1, 2, 3]}, "a.3") -> None`

paradrop.lib.utils.pd_storage module

class `PDStorage` (*filename*, *saveTimer*)

Bases: `object`

ParaDropStorage class.

This class is designed to be implemented by other classes. Its purpose is to make whatever data is considered important persistent to disk.

The implementer can override functions in order to implement this class: `getAttr()` : Get the attr we need to save to disk `setAttr()` : Set the attr we got from disk `importAttr()`: Takes a payload and returns the properly formatted data `exportAttr()`: Takes the data and returns a payload `attrSaveable()`: Returns True if we should save this attr

`attrSaveable()`

THIS SHOULD BE OVERRIDEN BY THE IMPLEMENTER.

`exportAttr` (*data*)

By default do nothing, but expect that this function could be overwritten

`importAttr` (*pyld*)

By default do nothing, but expect that this function could be overwritten

`loadFromDisk()`

Attempts to load the data from disk. Returns True if success, False otherwise.

`saveToDisk()`

Saves the data to disk.

paradrop.lib.utils.pdos module

`basename` (*x*)

`copy` (*a*, *b*)

`copytree` (*a*, *b*)

shutil's copytree is dumb so use distutils.

`exists` (*p*)

`fixpath` (*p*)

This function is required because if we need to pass a path to something like tarfile, we cannot overwrite the function to fix the path, so we need to expose it somehow.

`getFileType` (*f*)

`getMountCmd` ()

`isMount` (*mnt*)

This function checks if @mnt is actually mounted.

`isdir` (*a*)

`isfile` (*a*)

`ismount` (*p*)

`listdir` (*p*)

`mkdir` (*p*)

`move` (*a*, *b*)

open (*p, mode*)

oscall (*cmd, get=False*)

This function performs a OS subprocess call. All output is thrown away unless an error has occurred or if @get is True Arguments:

@cmd: the string command to run [get] : True means return (stdout, stderr)

Returns: None if not @get and no error (stdout, retcode, stderr) if @get or yes error

readFile (*filename, array=True, delimiter='\n'*)

Reads in a file, the contents is NOT expected to be binary. Arguments:

@filename: absolute path to file @array : optional: return as array if true, return as string if False

@delimiter: optional: if returning as a string, this str specifies what to use to join the lines

Returns: A list of strings, separated by newlines None: if the file doesn't exist

read_sys_file (*path, default=None*)

Read a file and return the contents as a string.

This is best suited for files that store a single line of text such as files in /sys/.

Returns the default value if an error occurs.

remove (*path, suppressNotFound=False*)

symlink (*a, b*)

unlink (*p*)

write (*filename, data, mode='w'*)

Writes out a config file to the specified location.

writeFile (*filename, line, mode='a'*)

Adds the following cfg (either str or list(str)) to this Chute's current config file (just stored locally, not written to file.

paradrop.lib.utils.pdosq module

Quiet pdos module. Implements utility OS operations without relying on the output module. Therefore, this module can be used by output without circular dependency.

makedirs (*p*)

Recursive directory creation (like mkdir -p). Returns True if the path is successfully created, False if it existed already, and raises an OSError on other error conditions.

read_yaml_file (*path, default=None*)

Read the contents of a file and interpret as YAML.

default: return value if the file cannot be read.

safe_remove (*path*)

Remove a file or silently pass if the file does not exist.

This function has the same effect as os.remove but suppresses the error if the file did not exist. Notably, it must not be used to remove directories.

Returns True if a file was removed or False if no file was removed.

paradrop.lib.utils.uci module

class `UCIConfig` (*filepath*)

Wrapper around the UCI configuration files. These files are found under `/etc/config/`, and are used by *OpenWrt* to keep track of configuration for modules typically found in `/etc/init.d/`

The modules of interest and with current support are:

- firewall
 - network
 - wireless
 - qos
- This class should work with any UCI module but ALL others are UNTESTED!

New configuration settings can be added to the UCI file via `addConfig()`.

Each UCI config file is expected to contain the following syntax:

```
config keyA [valueA] option key1 value1 ... list key2 value1 list key2 value2 ... list key3 value1
list key3 value2
```

Based on the UCI file above, the config syntax would look like the following: `config` is a list of tuples, containing 2 dict objects in each tuple:

- **tuple[0] describes the first line (config keyA [valueA])** `{'type': keyA, 'name': valueA}`
The value parameter is optional and if missing, then the 'name' key is also missing (rather than set to None).
- **tuple[1] describes the options associated with the settings (both 'option' and 'list' lines)**
`{'key1': 'value1', ...}`

If a list is present, it looks like the following:

```
{ ..., 'key2': [value1, value2, ...], 'key3': [value1, value2, ...]
}
```

So for the example above, the full config definition would look like: `C = {'type': 'keyA', 'name': 'valueA'} O = {'key1': 'value1', 'key2': ['value1', 'value2'], 'key3': ['value1', 'value2']}` `config = [(C, O)]`

addConfig (*config, options*)

Adds the tuple to our config.

addConfigs (*configs*)

Adds a list of tuples to our config

backup (*backupToken*)

Puts a backup of this config to the location specified in `@backupPath`.

delConfig (*config, options*)

Finds a match to the config input and removes it from the internal config data structure.

delConfigs (*configs*)

Adds a list of tuples to our config

existsConfig (*config, options*)

Tests if the (config, options) is in the current config file.

getChuteConfigs (*internalid*)

getConfig (*config*)

Returns a list of call configs with the given title

getConfigIgnoreComments (*config*)

Returns a list of call configs with the given title. Comments are ignored.

readConfig ()

Reads in the config file.

restore (*backupToken*, *saveBackup=True*)

Replaces real file (at /etc/config/) with backup copy from /tmp/-@*backupToken* location.

Arguments: *backupToken*: The backup token appended at the end of the backup path *saveBackup* : A flag to keep a backup copy or delete it (default is keep backup)

save (*backupToken='paradrop'*, *internalid=None*)

Saves out the file in the proper format.

Arguments:

[backupPath] [Save a backup copy of the UCI file to the path provided.] Should be a token name like 'backup', it gets appended with a hyphen.

chuteConfigsMatch (*chutePre*, *chutePost*)

Takes two lists of objects, and returns whether or not they are identical.

getLineParts (*line*)

Split the UCI line into its whitespace-separated parts.

Returns a list of strings, with apostrophes removed.

getSystemConfigDir ()

getSystemPath (*filename*)

Get the path to the system configuration file.

This function also attempts to create the configuration directory if it does not exist.

Typical filenames: network, wireless, qos, firewall, dhcp, etc.

isMatch (*a*, *b*)

isMatchIgnoreComments (*a*, *b*)

singleConfigMatches (*a*, *b*)

stringify (*a*)

Recursively convert all primitives in a data structure to strings.

stringifyOptionValue (*value*)

Convert option value from in-memory representation to a suitable string.

In particular, boolean values are converted to '0' or '1'.

paradrop.lib.utils.uhttp module

class UHTTPConnection (*path*)

Bases: `httplib.HTTPConnection`

Subclass of Python library HTTPConnection that uses a unix-domain socket.

Source: <http://7bits.nl/blog/posts/http-on-unix-sockets-with-python>


```
connect ()
```

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12.2 Submodules

12.3 paradrop.main module

Core module. Contains the entry point into Paradrop and establishes all other modules. Does not implement any behavior itself.

```
class Nexus (update_fetcher, update_manager)
    Bases: paradrop.base.nexus.NexusBase

    onStart (**kwargs)

    onStop ()

main ()
```

12.4 paradrop.plan_demo module

This module is here purely to help with understanding the rather complex execution plan in Paradrop. Simply run it (python -m paradrop.plan_demo), and it will walk through all of the functions that make up a chute creation operation.

```
loadPriorityMap ()
```

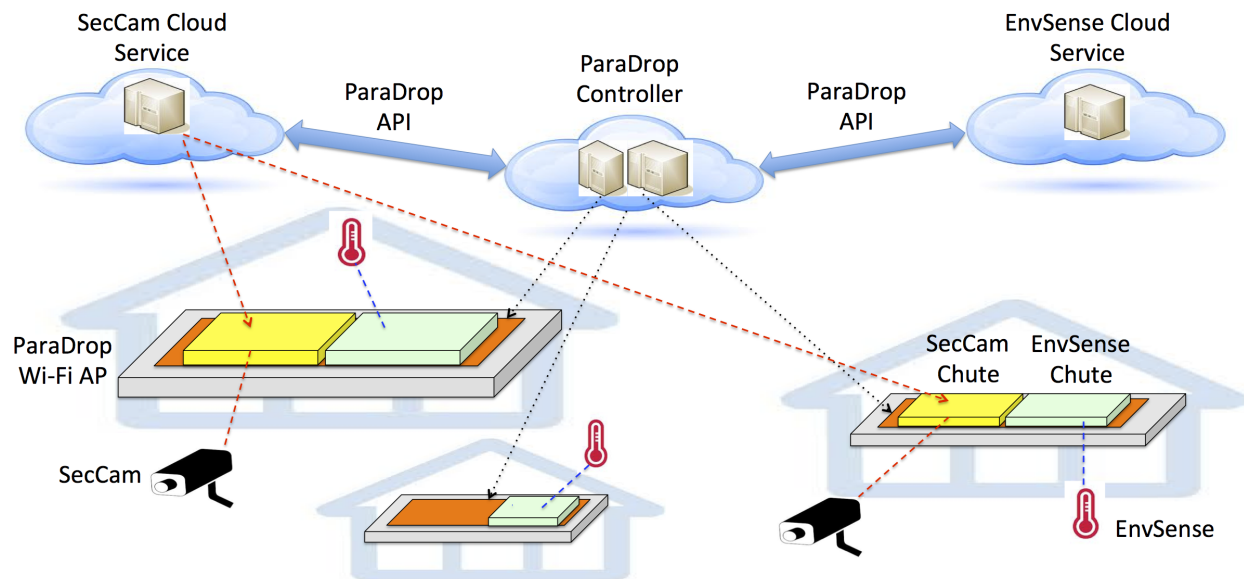
Make a map of priority values back to their names for reference.

These are defined as constant integer values in `paradrop.backend.exc.plagraph`. For example, for priority 9 (`STRUCT_GET_SYSTEM_DEVICES`), the dictionary produced by this function would contain the entry 9: “`STRUCT_GET_SYSTEM_DEVICES`”.

12.5 Module contents

ParaDrop - Enabling Edge Computing at the Extreme Edge

ParaDrop is an open source edge computing platform developed by the [WiNGS Lab](#) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. We built the ParaDrop platform with WiFi routers, so that we can “paradrop” services from the cloud to the extreme wireless edge - just one hop from user’s mobile devices, data sources, and actuators of IoT applications. The name “ParaDrop” comes from the ability to “drop” supplies and resources (“services”) into the network edge.



The above figure gives a high level overview of ParaDrop, including the ParaDrop platform and two example applications. With the ParaDrop API, third-party applications can deploy services into the network edge - the WiFi routers. More information about the design and evolution of ParaDrop can be found in the [paper](#).

CHAPTER 14

Getting Started

Please visit the [Quick Start](#) page for a quick introduction about how to use ParaDrop.

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Where to go from here?

We have document about ParaDrop application development found under *Developing Applications*. If you are interested in working on the development of the ParaDrop platform (our github code) then check out: *How to Contribute*.

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