
Network Source of Truth Documentation

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Network Source of Truth (NSoT) a source of truth database and repository for tracking inventory and metadata of network entities to ease management and automation of network infrastructure.

NSoT is an API-first application that provides a REST API and a web application front-end for managing IP addresses (IPAM), network devices, and network interfaces.

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Quick Start

Network Source of Truth is super easy to get running. If you just can't wait to skip ahead, this guide is for you.

Note: This quick start assumes a lot. If it doesn't work for you, please skip this and read the [Installation](#) guide.

1. Install NSoT:

```
$ pip install nsot
```

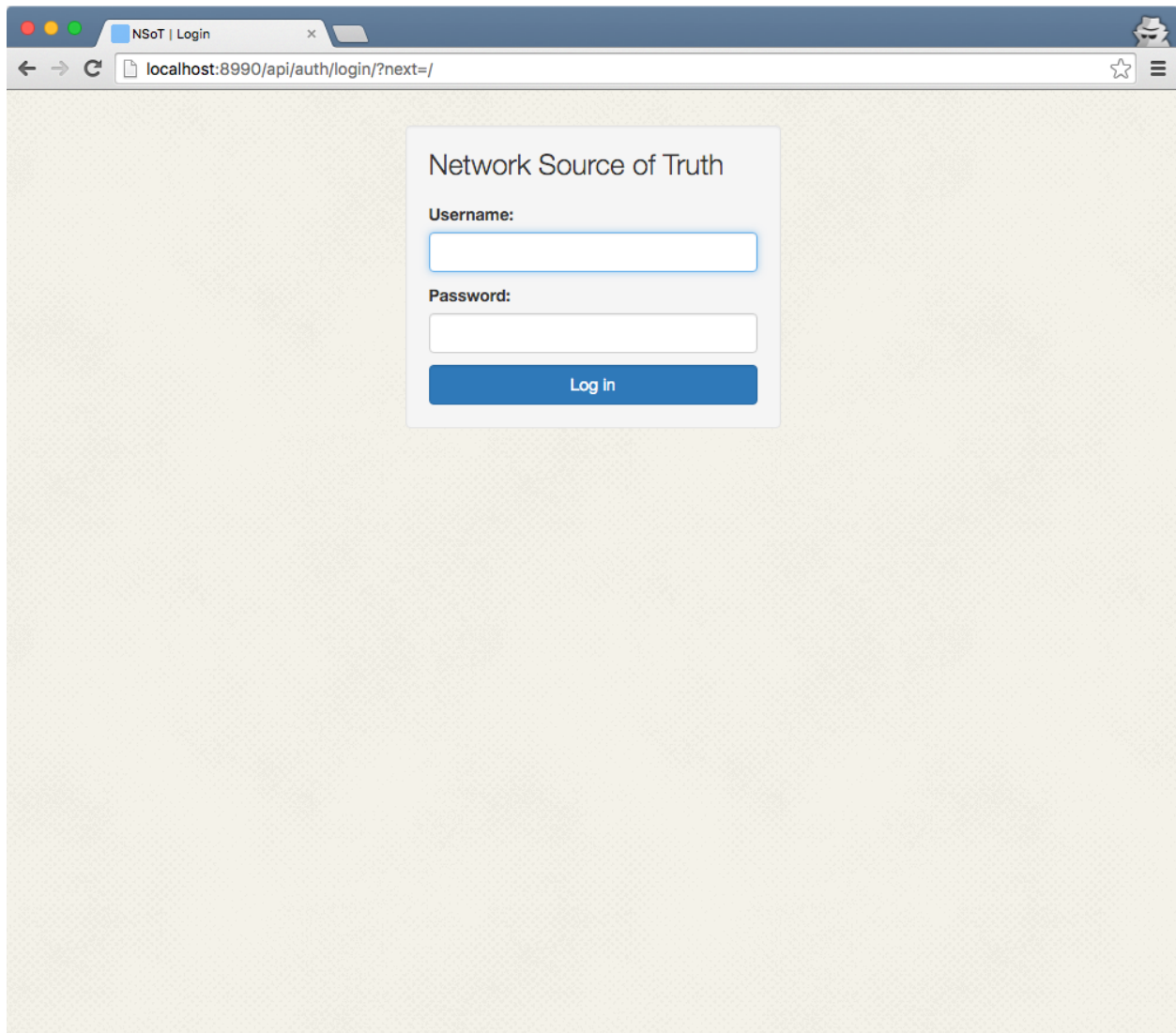
2. Initialize the config (this will create a default config in `~/ .nsot/nsot.conf.py`):

```
$ nsot-server init
```

3. Start the server on `8990/tcp` (the default) and create a superuser when prompted:

```
$ nsot-server start
```

4. Now fire up your browser and visit <http://localhost:8990!>



5. Use the username/password created in step 3 to login.

Now, head over to the [Tutorial](#) to start getting acquainted with NSoT!

Installation

Dependencies

Network Source of Truth (NSoT) should run on any Unix-like platform that has:

- Python 2.7
- pip

Python dependencies

If you install using pip (which you should) these will be installed for you automatically. For the brave, check out the contents of `requirements`.

Platform-Specific Installation Instructions

These guides go into detail on how to install NSoT on a given platform.

CentOS

This installation guide assumes that you have installed CentOS 6.4 on your machine, and are wanting to install NSoT. This guide will help you install NSoT and then run it locally from a browser window.

Installation

To ensure your CentOS installation is up to date, please update it. Once complete, open a command prompt and run the following:

```
$ sudo yum install -y openssl-devel python-devel libffi-devel gcc-plugin-devel
$ sudo yum install -y epel-release
$ sudo yum install -y python-pip
```

Next you'll need to upgrade Pip to the latest version with some security addons:

```
$ sudo pip install --upgrade pip
$ sudo pip install requests[security]
```

Now we are ready to Pip install NSoT:

```
$ sudo pip install nsot
```

Now you are ready to follow the [Quick Start](#) starting at step 2!

Fedora

This installation guide assumes that you have installed Fedora 22 on your machine, and are wanting to install NSoT. This guide will help you install NSoT and then run it locally from a browser window.

Installation

To ensure your Fedora installation is up to date, please update it. Once complete, open a command prompt and run the following:

```
$ sudo dnf -y install gcc gcc-c++ libffi libffi-devel python-devel openssl-devel  
$ sudo dnf -y gcc-plugin-devel make automake kernel kernel-devel psmisc  
$ sudo dnf -y install python2-devel
```

Next you'll need to upgrade Pip to the latest version:

```
$ sudo pip install --upgrade pip
```

Now we are ready to install NSoT:

```
$ sudo pip install nsot
```

Now you are ready to follow the [Quick Start](#) starting at step 2!

Mac OS X

This tutorial is designed to get a working version of NSoT installed inside a Mac OS X system. We will install virtual environment wrappers to keep things tidy, and isolate our installation.

Installation

Xcode

It is assumed that you have a Mac, running OS X (written for 10.10.5), and xcode already installed. If you don't have Xcode, please install it. You may need to agree to a command line license. We suggest running this via command line prior to install:

```
$ xcodebuild -license
```

Prerequisites

We will put our installation of NSoT inside a Python virtual environment to isolate the installation. To do so we need virtualenv, and virtualenvwrapper. Open a command prompt, and install them with pip:

```
$ pip install virtualenv  
$ pip install virtualenvwrapper
```

Ensure installation by running a which, and finding out where they now live:

```
$ which virtualenvwrapper
$ which virtualenv
```

Next we tell bash where these virtual environments are, and where to save the associated data:

```
$ vi ~/.bashrc
```

Add these three lines:

```
export WORKON_HOME=$HOME/.virtualenvs
export PROJECT_HOME=$HOME/Devel
source /usr/local/bin/virtualenvwrapper.sh
```

Now restart bash to implement the changes:

```
$ source ~/.bashrc
```

Install NSoT

NSoT will be installed via command line, into the folder of your choice. If you don't have a preferred folder, may we suggest this:

```
$ mkdir ~/sandbox && cd ~/sandbox
```

CD into the folder, make a virtual environment, and start it:

```
$ mkvirtualenv nsot
$ pip install
```

Once in the folder of choice, install NSoT:

```
$ pip install nsot
```

Now you are ready to follow the [Quick Start](#) starting at step 2!

SuSe

This installation guide assumes that you have installed SuSe 13 on your machine, and are wanting to install NSoT. This guide will help you install NSoT and then run it locally from a browser window.

Installation

To ensure your SuSe installation is up to date, please update it. We'll begin by opening a command prompt. Make sure your certificates are properly installed, or use this certificate:

```
$ wget --no-check-certificate 'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/mitchellh/vagrant/master/keys/vagrant'
```

Now we'll install the prerequisite software with zypper:

```
$ sudo zypper --non-interactive in python-devel gcc gcc-c++ git libffi48-devel libopenssl-devel python
```

Next you'll need to upgrade Pip and security addons:

```
$ sudo pip install --upgrade pip
$ sudo pip install requests[security]
```

Now we are ready to install NSoT:

```
$ sudo pip install nsot
```

SuSe Firewall

To access NSoT from a local browser we'll need to turn off the security for this demo:

```
$ sudo /sbin/service SuSEfirewall2_setup stop
```

For production installations we recommend adding a rule to your iptables for NSoT on ports `8990/tcp` (or the port of your choosing).

Now you are ready to follow the [Quick Start](#) starting at step 2!

Ubuntu

This installation guide assumes that you are running Ubuntu version 12.04, 14.04, or 16.04 on your machine, and are wanting to install NSoT. This guide will help you install NSoT and then run it locally from a browser window.

Installation

To ensure your Ubuntu installation is up to date, please update it. Open a command prompt and run the following:

```
$ sudo apt-get -y update
```

Once your machine is up to date, we need to install development libraries to allow NSoT to build:

```
$ sudo apt-get -y install build-essential python-dev libffi-dev libssl-dev
```

The Python Pip installer and the git repository management tools are needed too. We'll go ahead and get those next:

```
$ sudo apt-get --yes install python-pip git
```

```
$ sudo pip install nsot
```

Now you are ready to follow the [Quick Start](#) starting at step 2!

Virtual Machine Install Instructions

These guides go into detail on how to get running NSoT on virtual machines.

Docker

Want to use Docker? More on this later. For now you may look at the `docker` directory at the top of the repository on GitHub, or if you're feeling plucky, check out the contents of `../dockerfile`.

Quick start

```
$ cd docker
$ docker run -p 8990:8990 -d --name=nsot nsot/nsot start --noinput
```

README

Here is the readme until we clean up these docs and include them for real here.

```
# NSoT Docker Image

This Docker image runs NSoT. Perfect for quick developing and even deploying in
production.

## Using this image

`nsot-server --config=/etc/nsot/nsot.conf.py` is the image entrypoint, so the
command passed to docker run becomes CLI parameters. This is equivalent to what
the default is:

...
$ docker run -p 8990:8990 -d --name=nsot nsot/nsot start --noinput
...

Image tags should correspond with NSoT release version numbers. Basic usage is
like:

```bash
$ NSOT_SECRET='X9HqplzM_0E3Ghf3QOPDnO2k5VpVHkfzsZsVer4OeKA='
$ docker run -p 8990:8990 -d --name=nsot -e NSOT_SECRET=$NSOT_SECRET nsot/nsot:1.0.10
...

Getting started

With the docker container running, you need to create a superuser
From the command above, create the super user as follows:

```bash
$ docker exec -it nsot bash
# nsot-server --config=/etc/nsot/nsot.conf.py createsuperuser --email your@email.here
...

This will prompt you for a password, which you can then use to log into http://dockerhost:8990/

If you have an established database and you don't wish to attempt to upgrade it
then you'll need to specify `--no-upgrade`

If you wanted to do interactive debugging, use the docker run flags `-ti` and
pass the relevant options:

```bash
$ docker run -p 8990:8990 -ti --rm nsot/nsot dbshell
 SQLite version 3.8.2 2013-12-06 14:53:30
 Enter ".help" for instructions
 Enter SQL statements terminated with a ";"
 sqlite> exit

OR

$ docker run -p 8990:8990 -ti --rm nsot/nsot shell_plus
 # Shell Plus Model Imports
 from django.contrib.admin.models import LogEntry
 from django.contrib.auth.models import Group, Permission
```

```

from django.contrib.contenttypes.models import ContentType
from django.contrib.sessions.models import Session
from nsot.models import Assignment, Attribute, Change, Device, Interface,
Network, Site, User, Value
Shell Plus Django Imports
from django.utils import timezone
from django.conf import settings
from django.core.cache import cache
from django.db.models import Avg, Count, F, Max, Min, Sum, Q, Prefetch
from django.core.urlresolvers import reverse
from django.db import transaction
Python 2.7.6 (default, Jun 22 2015, 17:58:13)
Type "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.

IPython 3.1.0 -- An enhanced Interactive Python.
? -> Introduction and overview of IPython's features.
%quickref -> Quick reference.
help -> Python's own help system.
object? -> Details about 'object', use 'object??' for extra details.

In [1]:
...

If you want to add an entire custom config, volume mount it to
`/etc/nsot/nsot.conf.py`

Ports

Only TCP 8990 is exposed

Environment Variables

Pass these with `-e` to control the configuration. `NSOT_SECRET` should be the
bare minimum set, setting an external DB if in production or wanting
persistence should be second.

Note that the `NSOT_SECRET` must be 32 url-safe base64-encoded bytes. You may
generate one by executing this:

...
python -c "import base64, os; print base64.urlsafe_b64encode(os.urandom(32))"
...

| Variable | Default Value |
|:-----|:-----|
| `DB_ENGINE` | `django.db.backends.sqlite3` |
| `DB_NAME` | `nsot.sqlite3` |
| `DB_USER` | `nsot` |
| `DB_PASSWORD` | `''` |
| `DB_HOST` | `''` |
| `DB_PORT` | `''` |
| `NSOT_EMAIL` | `X-NSoT-Email` |
| `NSOT_SECRET` | `nJvyRB8tckUWvquJZ3ax4QnhpmqTgVX2k3CDY13yK9E=` |

Contributing

This image is maintained upstream under `docker/Dockerfile.sub` template.
Changes to `docker/Dockerfile` will be overwritten during the next version

```

```
bump.
```

## Vagrant

The *Vagrantfile* in the root of this repo creates a fresh Vagrant box running Ubuntu and NSoT.

### Prerequisites

To proceed you must have working installations of Vagrant and Virtualbox on your machine. If you already have these, you may skip this step.

If you do not have a working Vagrant environment configured along with Virtualbox, please follow the [Vagrant's "Getting Started" instructions](#) before proceeding.

### Instructions

#### Provision the box

*5-10 minutes on a fast connection*

To provision the virtual machine open a command prompt, and run the following command from this directory:

```
$ vagrant up
```

This will build a new Vagrant box, and pre-install NSoT for you.

#### Launch NSoT

Login to the new virtual machine via ssh:

```
$ vagrant ssh
```

Start the server on `8990/tcp` (the default) and create a superuser when prompted:

```
$ nsot-server start
```

Point your browser to <http://192.168.33.11:8990> and login!

Now you are ready to follow the [Tutorial](#) to start playing around.

## Official Client

We maintain the official NSoT client under a separate project called [pyNSoT](#). PyNSoT provides a Python API client and an excellent CLI utility.

If you wish to utilize NSoT from the command-line, or follow along in the [Tutorial](#), you're going to need this!

Installing the client is as easy as running `pip install pynsot`. Setup is a breeze, too. If you run into any issues, please refer to the [official pyNSoT documentation](#).

## Demo

If you would like to run the demo, make sure you've got NSoT installed and that you have a fresh clone of the NSoT repository from GitHub.

If you don't already have a clone, clone it and change into the `nsot` directory:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/dropbox/nsot
$ cd nsot
```

Then to switch to the `demo` directory and fire up the demo:

```
$ cd nsot/demo
$./run_demo.sh
```

The demo will be available at <http://localhost:8990/>



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## Configuration

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### Configuring NSoT

This section describes how to get started with configuring the NSoT server.

#### Initializing the Configuration

You may generate an initial configuration by executing `nsot-server init`. By default the file will be created at `~/.nsot/nsot.conf.py`. You may specify a different location for the configuration as the argument to `init`:

```
nsot-server init /etc/nsot.conf.py
```

#### Specifying your Configuration

If you do not wish to utilize the default location, you must provide the `--config` argument when executing `nsot-server` so that it knows where to find it. For example, to start the server with the configuration in an alternate location:

```
nsot-server --config=/etc/nsot.conf.py start
```

You may also set the `NSOT_CONF` environment variable to the location of your configuration file so that you don't have to provide the `--config` argument:

```
$ export NSOT_CONF=/etc/nsot.conf.py
$ nsot-server start
```

## Sample Configuration

Below is a sample configuration file that covers the primary settings you may care about, and their default values.

```
"""
This configuration file is just Python code. You may override any global
defaults by specifying them here.

For more information on this file, see
https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/1.8/topics/settings/

For the full list of settings and their values, see
https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/1.8/ref/settings/
"""

from nsot.conf.settings import *
import os.path

Path where the config is found.
CONF_ROOT = os.path.dirname(__file__)

A boolean that turns on/off debug mode. Never deploy a site into production
with DEBUG turned on.
Default: False
DEBUG = False

#####
Database
#####
https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/dev/ref/settings/#databases
DATABASES = {
 'default': {
 'ENGINE': 'django.db.backends.sqlite3',
 'NAME': os.path.join(CONF_ROOT, 'nsot.sqlite3'),
 'USER': 'nsot',
 'PASSWORD': '',
 'HOST': '',
 'PORT': '',
 }
}

#####
Application
#####

The address on which the application will listen.
Default: localhost
NSOT_HOST = 'localhost'

The port on which the application will be accessed.
Default: 8990
NSOT_PORT = 8990

The number of gunicorn worker processes for handling requests.
Default: 4
NSOT_NUM_WORKERS = 4
```

```

Timeout in seconds before gunicorn workers are killed/restarted.
Default: 30
NSOT_WORKER_TIMEOUT = 30

If True, serve static files directly from the app.
Default: True
SERVE_STATIC_FILES = True

#####
Security
#####

A URL-safe base64-encoded 32-byte key. This must be kept secret. Anyone with
this key is able to create and read messages. This key is used for
encryption/decryption of sessions and auth tokens. A unique key is randomly
generated for you when you utilize ``nsot-server init``
https://cryptography.io/en/latest/fernet/#cryptography.fernet.Fernet.generate_key
SECRET_KEY = u'fMK68NKgazLCjjTXjDtthhoRUS8IV4lwD-9G7iVd2Xs='

Header to check for Authenticated Email. This is intended for use behind an
authenticating reverse proxy.
USER_AUTH_HEADER = 'X-NSoT-Email'

The age, in seconds, until an AuthToken granted by the API will expire.
Default: 600
AUTH_TOKEN_EXPIRY = 600 # 10 minutes

A list of strings representing the host/domain names that this Django site can
serve. This is a security measure to prevent an attacker from poisoning caches
and triggering password reset emails with links to malicious hosts by
submitting requests with a fake HTTP Host header, which is possible even under
many seemingly-safe web server configurations.
https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/1.8/ref/settings/#allowed-hosts
ALLOWED_HOSTS = ['*']

#####
Interfaces
#####

The default format for displaying MAC addresses. This defaults to
":"-separated and expanded (e.g. '00:00:00:00:00:00')
MACADDRESS_DEFAULT_DIALECT = 'macaddress.mac_linux'

The default speed in Mbps for newly device interfaces if not otherwise
specified.
INTERFACE_DEFAULT_SPEED = 1000 # In Mbps (e.g. 1Gbps)

Whether to compress IPv6 for display purposes, for example:
- Default: 2620:0100:6000:0000:0000:0000:0000:0000/40
- Compressed: 2620:100:6000::/40
Default: True
NSOT_COMPRESS_IPV6 = True

Temp debug logging
if os.getenv('NSOT_DEBUG'):
 DEBUG = True
 LOGGING['loggers']['nsot']['level'] = 'DEBUG'
 LOGGING['loggers']['django.db.backends'] = {

```

```
'handlers': ['console'],
'level': 'DEBUG'
}
```

## Advanced Configuration

This section covers additional configuration options available to the NSoT server and advanced configuration topics.

### Database

NSoT defaults to utilizing SQLite as a database backend, but supports any database backend supported by Django. The default backends available are SQLite, MySQL, PostgreSQL, and Oracle.

```
DATABASES = {
 'default': {
 'ENGINE': 'django.db.backends.sqlite3',
 'NAME': 'nsot.sqlite3',
 }
}
```

For more information on configuring the database, please see the [official Django database documentation](#).

### Caching

**Note:** At this time only Interface objects are cached if caching is enabled!

NSoT includes built-in support for caching of API results. The default is to use to the “dummy” cache that doesn’t actually cache – it just implements the cache interface without doing anything.

```
CACHES = {
 'default': {
 'BACKEND': 'django.core.cache.backends.dummy.DummyCache',
 }
}
```

The cache is invalidated on any update or delete of an object. Caching can dramatically perform read operations of databases with a large amount of network Interface objects.

If you need caching, see the [official Django caching documentation](#) on how to set it up.

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## Tutorial

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Here's how to use NSoT.

This document assumes that you've already have an instance of NSoT installed, configured, and running on your system. If you don't, please either check out the [Quick Start](#) or head over to the full-blown [Installation](#) guide and then return here.

### First Steps

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**Important:** Because this is a work-in-progress, we're going to use the command-line utility provided by the official NSoT client to get you acquainted with NSoT.

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#### Install the Client

First things first, you'll need to install [pyNSoT](#), the official Python API client and CLI utility:

```
$ pip install pynsot
```

#### Configure the Client

After you've installed the client, please follow the [pyNSoT Configuration](#) guide to establish a `.pynsotrc` file.

#### Using the Command-Line

Once you've got a working `nsot` CLI setup, please follow the [pyNSoT Command-Line](#) guide. This will get you familiarized with the basics of how NSoT works.

#### Understanding the Data Model

NSoT has a relatively simple data model, but the objects themselves can be quite sophisticated. Familiarize yourself with the [Data Model](#).

## Using the REST API

Familiarize yourself with the basics of the [REST API](#).

## Administering the Server

Familiarize with the `nsot-server` command that is used to manage your server instance by checking out the [Server Administration](#) guide.

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## Server Administration

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Here's how to administer NSoT using the `nsot-server` command.

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**Important:** As NSoT is built using Django there are a number of commands available that we won't cover here. Any commands specific to operating NSoT, however, will be covered here in detail.

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### Getting help

To see all available commands:

```
$ nsot-server help
```

Additionally, all commands have a `-h/--help` flag for all available options and arguments.

### Initialize the configuration

Create a new configuration in `~/ .nsot/nsot.conf.py`.

```
$ nsot-server init
Configuration file created at '/Users/jathan/.nsot/nsot.conf.py'
```

Alternately, you may specify a path for the file by providing it as an argument.

```
$./nsot-server init myconfig.py
Configuration file created at 'myconfig.py'
```

### Create a superuser

You need at least one superuser to administer the system.

```
$ nsot-server createsuperuser --email admin@localhost
Password:
Password (again):
Superuser created successfully.
```

## Start the server

This starts the built-in WSGI server using gevent + gunicorn. There are a ton of options. Use `--h/--help` to see them all!

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**Note:** Many of the options fallback to global defaults specified in your `settings.py` if they are not provided at the command-line. Please see the *Configuration* guide for customizing the defaults.

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```
$ nsot-server start
Performing upgrade before service startup...
Performing collectstatic before service startup...

0 static files copied to '/Users/jathan/sandbox/virtualenvs/nsot/lib/python2.7/site-packages/nsot/sta
Running service: 'http', num workers: 4, worker timeout: 30
[2016-04-29 02:52:39 -0500] [21840] [INFO] Starting gunicorn 19.3.0
[2016-04-29 02:52:39 -0500] [21840] [INFO] Listening at: http://127.0.0.1:8990 (21840)
[2016-04-29 02:52:39 -0500] [21840] [INFO] Using worker: gevent
[2016-04-29 02:52:39 -0500] [21843] [INFO] Booting worker with pid: 21843
[2016-04-29 02:52:39 -0500] [21844] [INFO] Booting worker with pid: 21844
[2016-04-29 02:52:39 -0500] [21845] [INFO] Booting worker with pid: 21845
[2016-04-29 02:52:39 -0500] [21846] [INFO] Booting worker with pid: 21846
```

## Upgrade the database

This will initialize a new database or run any pending database migrations to an existing database.

```
$ nsot-server upgrade
Operations to perform:
 Synchronize unmigrated apps: django_filters, staticfiles, messages, smart_selects, rest_framework_
 Apply all migrations: admin, contenttypes, nsot, auth, sessions
Synchronizing apps without migrations:
 Creating tables...
 Running deferred SQL...
 Installing custom SQL...
Running migrations:
 Rendering model states... DONE
 Applying contenttypes.0001_initial... OK
 Applying contenttypes.0002_remove_content_type_name... OK
 Applying auth.0001_initial... OK
 Applying auth.0002_alter_permission_name_max_length... OK
 Applying auth.0003_alter_user_email_max_length... OK
 Applying auth.0004_alter_user_username_opts... OK
 Applying auth.0005_alter_user_last_login_null... OK
 Applying auth.0006_require_contenttypes_0002... OK
 Applying nsot.0001_initial... OK
 Applying admin.0001_initial... OK
 Applying nsot.0002_auto_20150810_1718... OK
 Applying nsot.0003_auto_20150810_1751... OK
 Applying nsot.0004_auto_20150810_1806... OK
 Applying nsot.0005_auto_20150810_1847... OK
 Applying nsot.0006_auto_20150810_1947... OK
 Applying nsot.0007_auto_20150811_1201... OK
 Applying nsot.0008_auto_20150811_1222... OK
 Applying nsot.0009_auto_20150811_1245... OK
```



```
Applying nsot.0010_auto_20150921_2120... OK
Applying nsot.0011_auto_20150930_1557... OK
Applying nsot.0012_auto_20151002_1427... OK
Applying nsot.0013_auto_20151002_1443... OK
Applying nsot.0014_auto_20151002_1653... OK
Applying nsot.0015_move_attribute_fields... OK
Applying nsot.0016_move_device_data... OK
Applying nsot.0017_move_network_data... OK
Applying nsot.0018_move_interface_data... OK
Applying nsot.0019_move_assignment_data... OK
Applying nsot.0020_move_value_data... OK
Applying nsot.0021_remove_resource_object... OK
Applying nsot.0022_auto_20151007_1847... OK
Applying nsot.0023_auto_20151008_1351... OK
Applying nsot.0024_network_state... OK
Applying nsot.0025_value_site... OK
Applying sessions.0001_initial... OK
```

## Reverse proxy

Start an authenticating reverse proxy for use in development.

You must install MrProxy first: `pip install mrproxy`.

```
$ nsot-server user_proxy
```

## Generate a secret\_key

Generate a URL-safe base64-encoded 36-byte secret key suitable for use inside of `settings.py`. This key is used for encryption/decryption of sessions and API auth tokens.

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**Note:** A unique key is randomly generated for you when you utilize `nsot-server init`.

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This must be kept secret! Anyone with this key is able to create and read messages.

```
$ nsot-server generate_key
R2gasBVJKmU5ZgkrlB1jyZJrLP_B6EwZ3S7k28-SkIs=
```

## Python shell

This will drop you into an interactive iPython shell with all of the database models and various other utilities already imported for you. This is immensely useful for direct access to manipulating database objects.

**Warning:** This is an advanced feature that gives you direct access to the Django ORM database models. Use this very cautiously as you can cause irreparable damage to your NSoT installation.

```
$ nsot-server shell_plus
Shell Plus Model Imports
from django.contrib.admin.models import LogEntry
```

```
from django.contrib.auth.models import Group, Permission
from django.contrib.contenttypes.models import ContentType
from django.contrib.sessions.models import Session
from nsot.models import Assignment, Attribute, Change, Device, Interface, Network, Site, User, Value
Shell Plus Django Imports
from django.utils import timezone
from django.conf import settings
from django.core.cache import cache
from django.db.models import Avg, Count, F, Max, Min, Sum, Q, Prefetch
from django.core.urlresolvers import reverse
from django.db import transaction
Python 2.7.8 (default, Oct 19 2014, 16:02:00)
Type "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.

IPython 3.1.0 -- An enhanced Interactive Python.
? -> Introduction and overview of IPython's features.
%quickref -> Quick reference.
help -> Python's own help system.
object? -> Details about 'object', use 'object??' for extra details.

In [1]:
```

## Database shell

This will drop you to a shell for your configured database. This can be very handy for troubleshooting database issues.

**Warning:** This is an advanced feature that gives you direct access to the database to run raw SQL queries. database. Use this very cautiously as you can cause irreparable damage to your NSoT installation.

```
$ nsot-server dbshell
SQLite version 3.8.10.2 2015-05-20 18:17:19
Enter ".help" for usage hints.
sqlite>
```

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## Data Model

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The Network Source of Truth is composed of various object types with which it is important to be familiarized. This document describes each object type.

### Sites

Sites function as unique namespaces that can contain all other objects. Sites allow an organization to have multiple instances of potentially conflicting objects. For example, this could be beneficial for isolating corporate vs. production environments, or pulling in the IP space of an acquisition.

Every object must be related to a site and therefore the `site_id` field is used frequently to scope object lookups.

A Site cannot be deleted unless it contains no other objects.

A typical Site object might look like this:

```
{
 "id": 1,
 "name": "Demo Site",
 "description": "This is a demonstration site for NSoT."
}
```

### Attributes

Attributes are arbitrary key/value pairs that can be assigned to various resources. Attributes have various flags and constraints to control how they may be used.

Attributes are bound to a *resource name* (e.g. Device). You may have multiple Attributes with the same name bound to different resource types.

When assigned to objects, think of an Attribute as an instance of of an Attribute object with a Value object assigned to it. Objects may be looked up by their attribute/value pairs using set queries.

Attribute/value pairs are cached locally on on the containing object on write to improve read performance.

A typical Attribute object might look like this:

```
{
 "multi": false,
 "resource_name": "Device",
 "description": "The device manufacturer.",
}
```

```
"display": true,
"required": true,
"site_id": 1,
"id": 2,
"constraints": {
 "pattern": "",
 "valid_values": [
 "arista",
 "cisco",
 "juniper"
],
 "allow_empty": false
},
"name": "vendor"
}
```

---

**Important:** Changes to attribute flags and constraints are not retroactive. Existing resources will not be forcefully validated until updated.

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## Values

Values contain attribute values. These are never directly manipulated, but they are accessible from the API for utility.

All attribute values must be strings. If an attribute is a list type (`multi=True`), then the values for that attribute will be a list of strings.

A typical Value object might look like:

```
{
 "id": 8,
 "name": "owner",
 "value": "jathan",
 "attribute": 5,
 "resource_name": "Device",
 "resource_id": 2
}
```

## Flags

**required** If an attribute is required then additions/updates for that resource will require that attribute be present.

**display** Whether to display the attribute in the web UI. Required attributes are always displayed.

**multi** Whether the attribute values should be treated as a list type

## Constraints

**pattern** A regex pattern. If set, values for this attribute must match the pattern.

**allow\_empty** Whether the attribute should require a value. This causes the attribute to behave like a tag.

**valid\_values** Valid values for this attribute. This causes the attribute to behave like an enum.

## Set Queries

All Resource types support set query operations. Set queries are a powerful part of the data model that allow you to perform complex lookups of objects by attribute/value pairs.

Set queries can be performed using a simple string-based syntax.

The operations are evaluated from left-to-right, where the first character indicates the set operation:

- + indicates a set *union*
- - indicates a set *difference*
- no marker indicates a set *intersection*

For example, when using set queries to lookup Device objects:

- "vendor=juniper" would return the set intersection of objects with vendor=juniper.
- "vendor=juniper -metro=iad" would return the set difference of all objects with vendor=juniper (that is all vendor=juniper where metro is not iad).
- "vendor=juniper +vendor=cisco" would return the set union of all objects with vendor=juniper or vendor=cisco (that is all objects matching either).

The ordering of these operations is important. If you are not familiar with set operations, please check out [Basic set theory concepts and notation](#) (Wikipedia).

For how set queries can be performed, please see the REST API documentation on [Performing Set Queries](#).

## Resources

A Resource object is any object that can have attributes. The primary resource types are:

- *Devices*
- *Networks*
- *Interfaces*
- *Circuits*
- *ProtocolTypes*
- *Protocols*

## Devices

A Device represents various hardware components on your network such as routers, switches, console servers, pdus, servers, etc.

Devices in their most basic form are represented by a hostname.

Devices can contain zero or more Interfaces.

A typical Device object might look like:

```
{
 "attributes": {
 "owner": "jathan",
 "vendor": "juniper",
 "hw_type": "router",
 "metro": "lax"
 }
}
```

```
},
"hostname": "lax-r1",
"site_id": 1,
"id": 1
}
```

## Networks

Networks in NSoT are designed to provide IP Address Management (IPAM) features. A Network represents an IPv4 or IPv6 Network or IP address. Working with networks is usually done with CIDR notation.

Networks may be assigned to Interfaces by way of an *Assignment* relationship.

A typical Network object might look like:

```
{
 "parent_id": null,
 "parent": null,
 "state": "allocated",
 "prefix_length": 8,
 "is_ip": false,
 "ip_version": "4",
 "network_address": "10.0.0.0",
 "cidr": "10.0.0.0/8",
 "attributes": {
 "type": "internal"
 },
 "site_id": 1,
 "id": 1
}
```

## Tree Traversal

Networks are represented as tree objects. Anytime a network is added or deleted, the tree is automatically updated to reparent networks appropriately.

Networks support all of the common tree traversal methods that you may expect from this type of object:

**parent** The parent of this network

**ancestors** All parents of the parent of this network

**siblings** Networks with the same parent as this network

**children** The child networks of this network

**descendants** Deprecated since version 1.1.

Use *descendants* instead, which is the correctly spelled version of the same method.

**descendants** All children of the children of this network

**closest\_parent** If this network doesn't exist, who might its parent be if it did?

**subnets** Subnetworks of this network

**supernets** Supernets of this network

## State

Network state represents whether the Network is in use or not. The states are:

**allocated** The default state for any newly-created Network. It is implied that this address is in use some how, but it is not a busy state.

**assigned** Used to represent a Network assigned to an Interface. This is a busy state.

**reserved** Used to represent that the Network is reserved for future use. This is a busy state.

**orphaned** Used to represent a Network that was previously assigned or reserved but has since drifted.

## Allocation

Networks can be used to allocate child networks or addresses.

**next\_network** Given a `prefix_length`, return the next available child Network of this length.

**next\_address** Given a number of addresses, return that many next available IP addresses.

## Interfaces

An Interface represents a physical or logical network interface such as an ethernet port. Interfaces must always be associated with a device. Zero or more addresses may be assigned to an Interface, although the same address may not be assigned to more than one interface on the same device.

A typical Interface object might look like:

```
{
 "addresses": [
 "10.10.10.1/32"
],
 "device": 1,
 "device_hostname": "lax-r1",
 "speed": 10000,
 "networks": [
 "10.10.10.0/24"
],
 "description": "this is ae0.0",
 "name": "ae0.0",
 "name_slug": "lax-r1:ae0.0",
 "id": 2,
 "parent_id": 1,
 "parent": "lax-r1:ae0",
 "mac_address": null,
 "attributes": {
 "vlan": "100"
 },
 "type": 6
}
```

## Addresses

An address assignment to an Interface is represented by an *Assignment* relationship to a Network object.

If a Network object for the desired IP address assignment does not exist at the time of assignment, one is created and set to the state assigned.

If a Network object already exists and is not in a “busy state”, then it will be assigned to the Interface.

### Assignments

Assignments represent the relationship and constraints for a Network to be associated to an Interface.

The following constraints are enforced:

- An address may not be assigned to a to more than one Interface on any given Device.
- Only a Network containing a host address with a prefix of /32 (IPv4) or /128 (IPv6) may be assigned to an Interface.

### Networks

The networks for an Interface are the are read-only representation of the derived parent Network objects of any addresses assigned to an Interface.

### Circuits

A Circuit represents a physical or logical circuit between two network interfaces, such as a backbone interconnect or external peering.

Circuits are created by binding local (A-side) and remote (Z-side) Interface objects. Interfaces may only be bound to a single Circuit at a time. The Z-side Interface is optional, such as if you want to model a circuit for which you do not own the remote side.

The Circuit name defaults to the natural key (slug) representations of the A and Z interfaces, but may also be customized.

A Circuit’s “name slug” may sometimes differ from its name due to certain special characters that complicate API lookups. The name slug is used to uniquely identify the Circuit internally.

A typical Circuit object might look like:

```
{
 "name": "lax-r1:ae0_jfk-r1:ae0",
 "endpoint_a": "lax-r1:ae0",
 "endpoint_z": "jfk-r1:ae0",
 "name_slug": "lax-r1:ae0_jfk-r1:ae0",
 "attributes": {},
 "id": 1
}
```

### Addresses

Returns the addresses assigned to the member Interfaces of the Circuit, if any.

### Devices

Returns the Devices to which the member Interfaces are attached.



## Interfaces

Returns the Interface objects bound to the circuit ordered from A to Z (local to remote).

## ProtocolTypes

A ProtocolType represent the type for a Protocol and is a required value for the `Protocol.type` field when a Protocol is created.

ProtocolTypes are created by specifying the unique name, a user-friendly description, and required Protocol attributes for Protocols of this type.

This object is designed to provide flexibility in customizing the modeling of protocol sessions for any environment by utilizing varying sets of Protocol attributes.

For example one could create “iBGP” and “eBGP” ProtocolTypes with different sets of required Protocol attributes that could be utilized for internal and external BGP sessions.

A ProtocolType’s “name” field must be unique for a given Site. Any Protocol attributes you wish to set as required attributes must exist prior to creating the ProtocolType.

A typical ProtocolType object might look like:

```
{
 "site": 1,
 "description": "IS-IS",
 "id": 1,
 "required_attributes": [
 "metric"
],
 "name": "isis"
}
```

## Protocols

A Protocol represents a session for a network protocol such as BGP, IS-IS, or OSPF.

Before a Protocol can be created, a ProtocolType with the desired name and required attributes must first be created. A Protocol must be bound to a Device object and a ProtocolType.

A Protocol may optionally be bound to an Interface or a Circuit, but not both.

A typical Protocol object might look like:

```
{
 "interface": "foo-bar1:ae0",
 "description": "IS-IS link for ae0",
 "circuit": null,
 "attributes": {},
 "device": "foo-bar1",
 "auth_string": "abc123",
 "type": "isis",
 "id": 1,
 "site": 1
}
```

## Changes

All Create/Update/Delete events are logged as a Change. A Change includes information such as the change time, user, and the full object payload after modification.

Changes are immutable and can only be removed by deleting the entire Site.

A typical Change object might look like:

```
{
 "event": "Create",
 "change_at": 1460994054,
 "resource_name": "Attribute",
 "resource": {
 "multi": false,
 "resource_name": "Interface",
 "description": "",
 "required": false,
 "site_id": 1,
 "display": false,
 "constraints": {
 "pattern": "",
 "valid_values": [],
 "allow_empty": false
 },
 "id": 9,
 "name": "foo"
 },
 "user": {
 "id": 1,
 "email": "admin@localhost"
 },
 "resource_id": 9,
 "id": 36,
 "site": {
 "description": "This is a demonstration site for NSoT.",
 "id": 1,
 "name": "Demo Site"
 }
}
```

## Users

Users are for logging into stuff. Users in NSoT are represented by an email address.

Users have a “secret key” that can be used for API authentication.

A typical User might look like:

```
{
 "id": 1,
 "email": "admin@localhost",
 "permissions": {
 "1": {
 "user_id": 1,
 "site_id": 1,
 "permissions": [
```

```
 "admin"
]
}
}
```

## Permissions

By default all new users have superuser (admin) and therefore modifying permissions is not necessary in default installations.

Permissions control three basic actions for each object and come in two flavors: global and object-level.

The basic permissions for each object are:

- add
- change
- delete

### Global Permissions

If assigning permissions to a user or a group, global permissions can be assigned to individual resource type, for example “Add Network” or “Change Device”.

### Object-level Permissions

Permissions can also be assigned to individual objects, for example `Network('10.10.10.0/24')`. These permissions can be added from the admin dashboard view for the object.

For tree objects (currently `Interface` and `Network` objects) that can have children and ancestors, the permissions will be inherited by child nodes *unless a more specific permission has been set on the child object*.



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## API Reference

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If you are looking for information on how to utilize the REST API, or a specific function, class or method, this part of the documentation is for you.

### REST API

NSoT is designed as an API-first application so that all possible actions are published as API endpoints.

### API Reference

Interactive API reference documentation can be found by browsing to `/docs/` on a running NSoT server instance.

### Browsable API

Because NSoT is an API-first application, the REST API is central to the experience. The REST API can support JSON or can also be used directly from your web browser. This version is called the “browsable API” and while it doesn’t facilitate automation, it can be very useful.

Visit `/api/` in your browser on your installed instance. How cool is that?!

### Authentication

Two methods of authentication are currently supported.

#### User Authentication Header

This is referred to internally as **auth\_header** authentication.

In normal operation NSoT is expected to be run behind an authenticating proxy that passes back a specific header. By default we expect `X-NSoT-Email`, though it is configurable using the `USER_AUTH_HEADER` setting.

The value of this header must be the user’s `email` and is formatted like so:

```
X-NSoT-Email: {email}
```

### AuthToken

This is referred to internally as **auth\_token** authentication.

API authentication requires the `email` and `secret_key` of a user. When a user is first created, a `secret_key` is automatically generated. The user may obtain their `secret_key` from the web interface.

Users make a POST request to `/api/authenticate/` to passing `email` and `secret_key` in JSON payload. They are returned an `auth_token` that can then be used to make API calls. The `auth_token` is short-lived (default is 10 minutes and can be change using the `AUTH_TOKEN_EXPIRY` setting). Once the token expires a new one must be obtained.

The `auth_token` must be sent to the API using an `Authorization` header that is formatted like so:

```
Authorization: AuthToken {email}:{secret_key}
```

### Requests

In addition to the authentication header above all POST, PUT, and PATCH, requests will be sent as JSON rather than form data and should include the header `Content-Type: application/json`

PUT requests are of note as they are expected to set the state of all mutable fields on a resource. This means if you don't specify all optional fields may revert to their default values, depending on the object type.

PATCH allows for partial update of objects for most fields, depending on the object type.

OPTIONS will provide the schema for any endpoint.

### Responses

All responses will be in format along with the header `Content-Type: application/json` set.

The JSON payload will be in one of two potential structures and will always contain a `status` field to distinguish between them. If the `status` field has a value of "ok", then the request was successful and the response will be available in the `data` field.

```
{
 ...
}
```

If the `status` field has a value of "error" then the response failed in some way. You will have access to the error from the `error` field which will contain an error code and message.

```
{
 "error": {
 "code": 404,
 "message": "Resource not found."
 }
}
```

### Pagination

All responses that return a list of resources will support pagination. If the `results` object on the response has a `count` attribute then the endpoint supports pagination. When making a request against this endpoint `limit` and `offset` query parameters are supported.

The response will also include `next` and `previous` URLs that can be used to retrieve the next set of results. If there are not any more results available, their value will be `null`.

An example response for querying the `sites` endpoint might look like:

**Request:**

```
GET http://localhost:8990/api/sites/?limit=1&offset=0
```

**Response:**

```
{
 "count": 1,
 "next": "http://localhost:8990/api/sites/?limit=1&offset=1",
 "previous": null,
 "results": [
 {
 "id": 1
 "name": "Site 1",
 "description": ""
 }
]
}
```

## Schemas

By performing an `OPTIONS` query on any endpoint, you can obtain the schema of the resource for that endpoint. This includes supported content-types, HTTP actions, the fields allowed for each action, and their attributes.

An example response for the schema for the `devices` endpoint might look like:

**Request:**

```
OPTIONS http://localhost:8990/api/devices/
```

**Response:**

```
HTTP 200 OK
Allow: GET, POST, PUT, PATCH, HEAD, OPTIONS
Content-Type: application/json
Vary: Accept

{
 "name": "Device List",
 "description": "API endpoint that allows Devices to be viewed or edited.",
 "renders": [
 "application/json",
 "text/html"
],
 "parses": [
 "application/json",
 "application/x-www-form-urlencoded",
 "multipart/form-data"
],
 "actions": {
 "PUT": {
 "id": {
 "type": "integer",
 "required": false,

```

```

 "read_only": true,
 "label": "ID"
 },
 "hostname": {
 "type": "string",
 "required": true,
 "read_only": false,
 "label": "Hostname",
 "max_length": 255
 },
 "attributes": {
 "type": "field",
 "required": true,
 "read_only": false,
 "label": "Attributes",
 "help_text": "Dictionary of attributes to set."
 }
},
"POST": {
 "hostname": {
 "type": "string",
 "required": true,
 "read_only": false,
 "label": "Hostname",
 "max_length": 255
 },
 "attributes": {
 "type": "field",
 "required": false,
 "read_only": false,
 "label": "Attributes",
 "help_text": "Dictionary of attributes to set."
 },
 "site_id": {
 "type": "integer",
 "required": true,
 "read_only": false,
 "label": "Site id"
 }
}
}
}

```

## Performing Set Queries

*Set Queries* allow you to perform complex lookups of objects by attribute/value pairs and are available on all *Resources* at the `/api/:resource/query/` list endpoint for a given resource type.

To perform a set query you must perform a GET request to the query endpoint providing the set query string as a value to the `query` argument.

For example:

### Request:

```
GET /api/devices/query/?query=vendor=juniper
```

### Response:



```
HTTP 200 OK
Allow: GET, HEAD, OPTIONS
Content-Type: application/json
Vary: Accept

[
 {
 "attributes": {
 "owner": "jathan",
 "vendor": "juniper",
 "hw_type": "router",
 "metro": "lax"
 },
 "hostname": "lax-r2",
 "site_id": 1,
 "id": 2
 },
 {
 "attributes": {
 "owner": "jathan",
 "vendor": "juniper",
 "hw_type": "router",
 "metro": "iad"
 },
 "hostname": "iad-r1",
 "site_id": 1,
 "id": 5
 }
]
```

The optional `unique` argument can also be provided in order to ensure only a single object is returned, otherwise an error is returned.

**Request:**

```
GET /api/devices/query/?query=metro=iad&unique=true
```

**Response:**

```
HTTP 200 OK
Allow: GET, HEAD, OPTIONS
Content-Type: application/json
Vary: Accept

[
 {
 "attributes": {
 "owner": "jathan",
 "vendor": "juniper",
 "hw_type": "router",
 "metro": "iad"
 },
 "hostname": "iad-r1",
 "site_id": 1,
 "id": 5
 }
]
```

If multiple results match the query, when `unique` has been specified, an error will be returned.

**Request:**

```
GET /api/devices/query/?query=vendor=juniper
```

**Response:**

```
HTTP 400 Bad Request
Allow: GET, HEAD, OPTIONS
Content-Type: application/json
Vary: Accept

{
 "error": {
 "message": {
 "query": "Query returned 2 results, but exactly 1 expected"
 },
 "code": 400
 }
}
```

## Python API

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## Database Primitives

### Models

**class** nsot.models.**Assignment** (\*args, \*\*kwargs)  
DB object for assignment of addresses to interfaces (on devices).

This is used to enforce constraints at the relationship level for addition of new address assignments.

**clean\_address** (value)  
Enforce that new addresses can only be host addresses.

**class** nsot.models.**Attribute** (\*args, \*\*kwargs)  
Represents a flexible attribute for Resource objects.

**clean\_constraints** (*value*)  
Enforce formatting of constraints.

**save** (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Always enforce constraints.

**class** `nso_t.models.Change` (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Record of all changes in NSoT.

**clean\_fields** (*exclude=None*)  
This will populate the change fields from the incoming object.

**clean\_site** (*obj*)  
value in this case is an instance of a model object.

**diff**  
Return the diff of the JSON representation of the cached copy of a Resource with its current instance

**class** `nso_t.models.Circuit` (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Represents two network Interfaces that are connected

**addresses**  
Return addresses associated with this circuit.

**clean\_site** (*value*)  
Always enforce that site is set.

**devices**  
Return devices associated with this circuit.

**interface\_for** (*device*)  
Given a Device object, return the interface attached to this Circuit which belongs to that Device. If both ends of the Circuit are attached to the Device, the A-side is returned.  
  
If neither ends of this Circuit are attached to Device, then None is returned

**interfaces**  
Return interfaces associated with this circuit.

**class** `nso_t.models.Device` (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Represents a network device.

**circuits**  
All circuits related to this Device.

**class** `nso_t.models.Interface` (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
A network interface.

**assign\_address** (*cidr*)  
Assign an address to this interface.  
  
Must have prefix of /32 (IPv4) or /128 (IPv6).  
  
**Parameters** `cidr` – IPv4/v6 CIDR host address or Network object

**circuit**  
Return the Circuit I am associated with

**clean\_addresses** ()  
Make sure that addresses/networks are saved as JSON.

**clean\_device\_hostname** (*device*)  
Extract hostname from device

**clean\_mac\_address** (*value*)

Enforce valid mac\_address.

**clean\_name** (*value*)

Enforce name.

**clean\_name\_slug** (*value=None*)

Slugify the interface name into natural key.

**clean\_site** (*value*)

Always enforce that site is set.

**clean\_speed** (*value*)

Enforce valid speed.

**clean\_type** (*value*)

Enforce valid type.

**get\_addresses** ()

Return a list of assigned addresses.

**get\_ancestors** ()

Return all ancestors of an Interface.

**get\_assignments** ()

Return a list of information about my assigned addresses.

**get\_children** ()

Return the immediate children of an Interface.

**get\_descendants** ()

Return all the descendants of an Interface.

**get\_mac\_address** ()

Return a serializable representation of mac\_address.

**get\_networks** ()

Return a list of attached Networks.

**get\_root** ()

Return the parent of all ancestors of an Interface.

**get\_siblings** ()

Return Interfaces with the same parent and device id as an Interface.

**networks**

Return all the parent Networks for my addresses.

**set\_addresses** (*addresses, overwrite=False, partial=False*)

Explicitly assign a list of addresses to this Interface.

#### Parameters

- **addresses** – A list of CIDRs
- **overwrite** – Whether to purge existing assignments before assigning.
- **partial** – Whether this is a partial update.

**class** nsot.models.**Network** (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)

Represents a subnet or IP address.

**clean\_fields** (*exclude=None*)

This will enforce correct values on fields.

**clean\_state** (*value*)

Enforce that state is one of the valid states.

**get\_ancestors** (*ascending=False*)

Return my ancestors.

**get\_children** ()

Return my immediate children.

**get\_descendants** ()

Return all of my children!

**get\_next\_address** (*num=None, strict=False, as\_objects=True*)

Return a list of the next available addresses.

If no addresses are available, an empty list will be returned.

#### Parameters

- **num** – The number of addresses desired
- **as\_objects** – Whether to return IPNetwork objects or strings

**get\_next\_network** (*prefix\_length, num=None, strict=False, as\_objects=True*)

Return a list of the next available networks.

If no networks are available, an empty list will be returned.

#### Parameters

- **prefix\_length** – The prefix length of networks
- **num** – The number of networks desired
- **as\_objects** – Whether to return IPNetwork objects or strings
- **strict** – Whether to return networks for strict allocation

**Returns** list(IPNetwork)

**get\_root** ()

Returns the root node (the parent of all of my ancestors).

**get\_siblings** (*include\_self=False*)

Return my siblings. Root nodes are siblings to other root nodes.

**is\_child\_node** ()

Returns whether I am a child node.

**is\_leaf\_node** ()

Returns whether I am leaf node (no children).

**is\_root\_node** ()

Returns whether I am a root node (no parent).

**reparent\_subnets** ()

Determine list of child nodes and set the parent to self.

**save** (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)

This is stuff we want to happen upon save.

**class** `nsot.models.Protocol` (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)

Representation of a routing protocol

**clean\_circuit** (*value*)

Ensure at least one endpoint on the circuit is on this device

**clean\_interface** (*value*)

Ensure that the interface is bound to the same device this Protocol is bound to.

**clean\_site** (*value*)

Ensure we have a site set. If one is not explicitly set, glean it from the device. If the device has none, then raise a `ValidationError`

**clean\_type** (*value*)

Ensure that `ProtocolType` matches our site.

**set\_attributes** (*attributes*, *valid\_attributes=None*, *partial=False*)

Ensure that all attributes are set that are required by the set `ProtocolType`.

**class** `nsot.models.ProtocolType` (*\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Representation of protocol types (e.g. bgp, is-is, ospf, etc.)

**get\_required\_attributes** ()

Return a list of the names of `self.required_attributes`.

**class** `nsot.models.Site` (*\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)

A namespace for attributes, devices, and networks.

**class** `nsot.models.User` (*\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)

A custom user object that utilizes email as the username.

**generate\_auth\_token** ()

Serialize user data and encrypt token.

**classmethod** **verify\_auth\_token** (*email*, *auth\_token*, *expiration=None*)

Verify token and return a `User` object.

**verify\_secret\_key** (*secret\_key*)

Validate `secret_key`

**class** `nsot.models.Value` (*\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Represents a value for an attribute attached to a `Resource`.

**clean\_site** (*value*)

Always enforce that site is set.

## Fields

**class** `nsot.fields.BinaryIPAddressField` (*\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)

IP Address field that stores values as varbinary.

**from\_db\_value** (*value*, *expression*, *connection*, *context*)

DB -> Python.

**get\_db\_prep\_value** (*value*, *connection*, *prepared=False*)

Python -> DB.

**to\_python** (*value*)

Object -> Python.

**class** `nsot.fields.JSONField` (*\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)

`JSONField` is a generic textfield that neatly serializes/unserializes JSON objects seamlessly. Main thingy must be a dict object.

**get\_db\_prep\_save** (*value*, *connection*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Convert our JSON object to a string before we save

`to_python` (*value*)

Convert our string value to JSON after we load it from the DB

**class** `nsot.fields.MACAddressField` (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)

Subclass of base field to raise a DRF ValidationError.

DRF handles Django's default ValidationError, but this is so that we can always expect the DRF version, for better consistency in debugging and testing.

## Validators

Validators for validating object fields.

`nsot.validators.validate_cidr` (*value*)

Validate whether *value* is a valid IPv4/IPv6 CIDR.

`nsot.validators.validate_email` (*value*)

Validate whether *value* is an email address.

`nsot.validators.validate_host_address` (*value*)

Validate whether *value* is a host IP address.

`nsot.validators.validate_mac_address` (*value*)

Validate whether *value* is a valid MAC address.

`nsot.validators.validate_name` (*value*)

Validate whether *value* is a valid name.

## Exceptions

**exception** `nsot.exc.Error` (*detail=None, code=None*)

Baseclass for NSoT Exceptions.

**exception** `nsot.exc.ModelError` (*detail=None, code=None*)

Base class for NSoT Model Exceptions.

**exception** `nsot.exc.BaseHttpError` (*detail=None, code=None*)

Base HTTP error.

**exception** `nsot.exc.BadRequest` (*detail=None, code=None*)

HTTP 400 error.

**exception** `nsot.exc.Unauthorized` (*detail=None, code=None*)

HTTP 401 error.

**exception** `nsot.exc.Forbidden` (*detail=None, code=None*)

HTTP 403 error.

**exception** `nsot.exc.NotFound` (*detail=None, code=None*)

HTTP 404 error.

**exception** `nsot.exc.Conflict` (*detail=None, code=None*)

HTTP 409 error.

`nsot.exc.DjangoValidationError`

alias of `ValidationError`

**exception** `nsot.exc.ObjectDoesNotExist`

The requested object does not exist

**exception** `nsot.exc.MultipleObjectsReturned`

The query returned multiple objects when only one was expected.

## REST API Primitives

### Views

**class** `nsot.api.views.AttributeViewSet` (\*\*kwargs)  
API endpoint that allows Attributes to be viewed or edited.

**serializer\_class**  
alias of `AttributeSerializer`

**class** `nsot.api.views.BaseNsotViewSet` (\*\*kwargs)  
Default viewset for Nsot objects with the following defaults:

- Objects are designed to be nested under site resources, but can also be top-level resources.

**get\_natural\_key\_kwargs** (*filter\_value*)  
This method should take value and return a dictionary containing the natural key fields used to filter results.

This is called internally by `self.get_object()` if a subclass has defined a `natural_key`.

**Parameters** `filter_value` – Value to be used to filter by `natural_key`

**get\_object** ()  
Enhanced default to support looking up objects for:

- Natural key lookups for resource objects (e.g. `Device.hostname`)
- Inject of `site` into filter lookup if `site_pk` is set.

Currently this does NOT filter the queryset, which should not be a problem as we were never using `.get_object()` before. See the FIXME comments for more context.

**list** (*request*, *site\_pk=None*, *queryset=None*, \*args, \*\*kwargs)  
List objects optionally filtered by site.

**natural\_key = None**  
Natural key for the resource. If not defined, defaults to pk-only.

**not\_found** (*pk=None*, *site\_pk=None*, *msg=None*)  
Standard formatting for 404 errors.

**retrieve** (*request*, *pk=None*, *site\_pk=None*, \*args, \*\*kwargs)  
Retrieve a single object optionally filtered by site.

**success** (*data*, *status=None*, *headers=None*)  
Return a positive API response.

**Parameters**

- **data** – Serialized data
- **status** – (Optional) HTTP status code
- **headers** – (Optional) Dict of extra headers

**class** `nsot.api.views.ChangeViewSet` (\*\*kwargs)  
Read-only API endpoint that allows Changes to be viewed.



All Create/Update/Delete events are logged as a Change. A Change includes information such as the change time, user, and the full resource after modification. Changes are immutable and can only be removed by deleting the entire Site.

**serializer\_class**  
alias of ChangeSerializer

**class** `nsot.api.views.CircuitViewSet` (*\*\*kwargs*)  
API endpoint that allows Circuits to be viewed or edited.

**addresses** (*request, pk=None, site\_pk=None, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Return a list of addresses for the interfaces on this Circuit.

**bulk\_update** (*request, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Workaround for bulk update of objects with unique constraint.

At this time this is only required by the Circuit object, which is why it is only defined here.

Credit: <https://github.com/miki725/django-rest-framework-bulk/issues/30> Source: <http://bit.ly/2HcyNnG>

**devices** (*request, pk=None, site\_pk=None, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Return a list of devices for this Circuit.

**filter\_class**  
alias of CircuitFilter

**interfaces** (*request, pk=None, site\_pk=None, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Return a list of interfaces for this Circuit.

**list** (*request, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Override default list so we can cache results.

**retrieve** (*request, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Override default retrieve so we can cache results.

**serializer\_class**  
alias of CircuitSerializer

**class** `nsot.api.views.DeviceViewSet` (*\*\*kwargs*)  
API endpoint that allows Devices to be viewed or edited.

**circuits** (*request, pk=None, site\_pk=None, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Return a list of Circuits for this Device

**filter\_class**  
alias of DeviceFilter

**interfaces** (*request, pk=None, site\_pk=None, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Return all interfaces for this Device.

**serializer\_class**  
alias of DeviceSerializer

**class** `nsot.api.views.InterfaceViewSet` (*\*\*kwargs*)  
API endpoint that allows Interfaces to be viewed or edited.

**addresses** (*request, pk=None, site\_pk=None, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Return a list of addresses for this Interface.

**ancestors** (*request, pk=None, site\_pk=None, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Return all the ancestors of this Interface.

**assignments** (*request, pk=None, site\_pk=None, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Return a list of information about my assigned addresses.

**children** (*request, pk=None, site\_pk=None, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Return all the immediate children of this Interface.

**circuit** (*request, pk=None, site\_pk=None, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Return the Circuit I am associated with

**descendants** (*request, pk=None, site\_pk=None, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Return all the descendants of this Interface.

**filter\_class**  
alias of `InterfaceFilter`

**list** (*request, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Override default list so we can cache results.

**networks** (*request, pk=None, site\_pk=None, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Return all the containing Networks for my assigned addresses.

**parent** (*request, pk=None, site\_pk=None, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Return the parent of this Interface.

**retrieve** (*request, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Override default retrieve so we can cache results.

**root** (*request, pk=None, site\_pk=None, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Return the root of the tree this Interface is part of.

**serializer\_class**  
alias of `InterfaceSerializer`

**siblings** (*request, pk=None, site\_pk=None, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Return all the siblings of this Interface.

**class** `nsot.api.views.NetworkViewSet` (*\*\*kwargs*)  
API endpoint that allows Networks to be viewed or edited.

**ancestors** (*request, pk=None, site\_pk=None, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Return ancestors of this Network.

**assignments** (*request, pk=None, site\_pk=None, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Return the interface assignments for this Network.

**children** (*request, pk=None, site\_pk=None, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Return the immediate children of this Network.

**closest\_parent** (*request, pk=None, site\_pk=None, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Return the closest matching parent of this Network even if it doesn't exist in the database.

**descendants** (*request, pk=None, site\_pk=None, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Return descendants of this Network.

**descendants** (*request, pk=None, site\_pk=None, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Return descendants of this Network.  
  
Deprecated since version 1.1.  
  
This endpoint is pending deprecation. Use the `descendants` endpoint instead.

**filter\_class**  
alias of `NetworkFilter`

**get\_natural\_key\_kwargs** (*filter\_value*)  
Return a dict of kwargs for natural\_key lookup.

**next\_address** (*request*, *pk=None*, *site\_pk=None*, *\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)  
Return next available IPs from this Network.

**next\_network** (*request*, *pk=None*, *site\_pk=None*, *\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)  
Return next available networks from this Network.

**parent** (*request*, *pk=None*, *site\_pk=None*, *\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)  
Return the parent of this Network.

**query** (*request*, *site\_pk=None*, *\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)  
Override base query to inherit filtering by query params.

**reserved** (*request*, *site\_pk=None*, *\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)  
Display all reserved Networks.

**root** (*request*, *pk=None*, *site\_pk=None*, *\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)  
Return the parent of all ancestors for this Network.

**serializer\_class**  
alias of NetworkSerializer

**siblings** (*request*, *pk=None*, *site\_pk=None*, *\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)  
Return Networks with the same parent. Root nodes are siblings to other root nodes.

**subnets** (*request*, *pk=None*, *site\_pk=None*, *\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)  
Return subnets of this Network.

**supernets** (*request*, *pk=None*, *site\_pk=None*, *\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)  
Return supernets of this Network.

**class** `nsot.api.views.NotFoundViewSet` (*\*\*kwargs*)  
Catchall for bad API endpoints.

**class** `nsot.api.views.NsotBulkUpdateModelMixin`  
The default mixin isn't using `super()` so multiple-inheritance breaks. This fixes it for our use-case.

**class** `nsot.api.views.NsotViewSet` (*\*\*kwargs*)  
Generic mutable viewset that logs all change events and includes support for bulk creation of objects.

**get\_success\_headers** (*data*)  
Overload default to include relative request PATH.  
**Parameters** *data* – Dict of validated serializer data

**perform\_create** (*serializer*)  
Support bulk create.  
**Parameters** *serializer* – Serializer instance

**perform\_destroy** (*instance*)  
Overload default to handle non-serializer exceptions, and log Change events.  
**Parameters** *instance* – Model instance to delete

**perform\_update** (*serializer*)  
Overload default to handle non-serializer exceptions, and log Change events.  
**Parameters** *serializer* – Serializer instance

**class** `nsot.api.views.ProtocolTypeViewSet` (*\*\*kwargs*)  
API endpoint that allows ProtocolTypes to be viewed or edited.

**filter\_class**  
alias of ProtocolTypeFilter

**serializer\_class**  
alias of ProtocolTypeSerializer

**class** `nsot.api.views.ProtocolViewSet` (*\*\*kwargs*)  
API endpoint that allows Protocols to be viewed or edited.

**filter\_class**  
alias of ProtocolFilter

**serializer\_class**  
alias of ProtocolSerializer

**class** `nsot.api.views.ResourceViewSet` (*\*\*kwargs*)  
Resource views that include set query list endpoints.

**get\_resource\_object** (*pk, site\_pk*)  
Return a resource object based on pk or site\_pk.

**query** (*request, site\_pk=None, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Perform a set query.

**class** `nsot.api.views.SiteViewSet` (*\*\*kwargs*)  
API endpoint that allows Sites to be viewed or edited.

**class** `nsot.api.views.UserPkInfo` (*user, pk*)  
Namedtuple for retrieving pk and user object of current user.

**pk**  
Alias for field number 1

**user**  
Alias for field number 0

**class** `nsot.api.views.UserViewSet` (*\*\*kwargs*)  
This viewset automatically provides *list* and *detail* actions.

**retrieve** (*request, pk=None, site\_pk=None, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Retrieve a single user.

**serializer\_class**  
alias of UserSerializer

**class** `nsot.api.views.ValueViewSet` (*\*\*kwargs*)  
API endpoint that allows Attribute Values to be viewed or edited.

**serializer\_class**  
alias of ValueSerializer

## Serializers

**class** `nsot.api.serializers.AttributeCreateSerializer` (*instance=None, data=<class rest\_framework.fields.empty>, \*\*kwargs*)

Used for POST on Attributes.

**class** `nsot.api.serializers.AttributeSerializer` (*instance=None, data=<class rest\_framework.fields.empty>, \*\*kwargs*)

Used for GET, DELETE on Attributes.

```
class nsot.api.serializers.AttributeUpdateSerializer (instance=None, data=<class
rest_framework.fields.empty>,
**kwargs)
```

Used for PUT, PATCH, on Attributes.

Currently because Attributes have only one required field (name), and it may not be updated, there is not much functional difference between PUT and PATCH.

```
class nsot.api.serializers.AuthTokenSerializer (instance=None, data=<class
rest_framework.fields.empty>, **kwargs)
```

AuthToken authentication serializer to validate username/secret\_key inputs.

```
class nsot.api.serializers.ChangeSerializer (instance=None, data=<class
rest_framework.fields.empty>, **kwargs)
```

Used for displaying Change events.

```
class nsot.api.serializers.CircuitCreateSerializer (instance=None, data=<class
rest_framework.fields.empty>,
**kwargs)
```

Used for POST on Circuits.

```
class nsot.api.serializers.CircuitPartialUpdateSerializer (instance=None,
data=<class
rest_framework.fields.empty>,
**kwargs)
```

Used for PATCH on Circuits.

```
class nsot.api.serializers.CircuitSerializer (instance=None, data=<class
rest_framework.fields.empty>, **kwargs)
```

Used for GET, DELETE on Circuits

```
class nsot.api.serializers.CircuitUpdateSerializer (instance=None, data=<class
rest_framework.fields.empty>,
**kwargs)
```

Used for PUT on Circuits.

```
class nsot.api.serializers.DeviceCreateSerializer (instance=None, data=<class
rest_framework.fields.empty>,
**kwargs)
```

Used for POST on Devices.

```
class nsot.api.serializers.DevicePartialUpdateSerializer (instance=None,
data=<class
rest_framework.fields.empty>,
**kwargs)
```

Used for PATCH on Devices.

```
class nsot.api.serializers.DeviceSerializer (instance=None, data=<class
rest_framework.fields.empty>, **kwargs)
```

Used for GET, DELETE on Devices.

```
class nsot.api.serializers.DeviceUpdateSerializer (instance=None, data=<class
rest_framework.fields.empty>,
**kwargs)
```

Used for PUT on Devices.

```
class nsot.api.serializers.InterfaceCreateSerializer (instance=None, data=<class
rest_framework.fields.empty>,
**kwargs)
```

Used for POST on Interfaces.

```
class nsot.api.serializers.InterfacePartialUpdateSerializer (instance=None,
 data=<class
 rest_framework.fields.empty>,
 **kwargs)
```

Used for PATCH on Interfaces.

```
class nsot.api.serializers.InterfaceSerializer (instance=None,
 data=<class
 rest_framework.fields.empty>, **kwargs)
```

Used for GET, DELETE on Interfaces.

**create** (*validated\_data*)

Overload default create to handle setting of addresses.

**update** (*instance, validated\_data*)

Overload default update to handle setting of addresses.

**validate\_parent\_id** (*value*)

Cast the parent\_id to an int if it's an Interface object.

```
class nsot.api.serializers.InterfaceUpdateSerializer (instance=None,
 data=<class
 rest_framework.fields.empty>,
 **kwargs)
```

Used for PUT on Interfaces.

```
class nsot.api.serializers.JSONDataField (read_only=False,
 required=None,
 rest_framework.fields.empty>,
 write_only=False,
 default=<class
 initial=<class
 rest_framework.fields.empty>,
 source=None,
 label=None,
 help_text=None,
 style=None,
 error_messages=None,
 validators=None,
 allow_null=False)
```

Base field used to represent attributes as JSON <-> field\_type.

It is an error if field\_type is not defined in a subclass.

```
class nsot.api.serializers.JSONDictField (read_only=False,
 required=None,
 rest_framework.fields.empty>,
 write_only=False,
 default=<class
 initial=<class
 rest_framework.fields.empty>,
 source=None,
 label=None,
 help_text=None,
 style=None,
 error_messages=None,
 validators=None,
 allow_null=False)
```

Field used to represent attributes as JSON <-> Dict.

**field\_type**

alias of dict

```
class nsot.api.serializers.JSONListField (read_only=False,
 required=None,
 rest_framework.fields.empty>,
 write_only=False,
 default=<class
 initial=<class
 rest_framework.fields.empty>,
 source=None,
 label=None,
 help_text=None,
 style=None,
 error_messages=None,
 validators=None,
 allow_null=False)
```

Field used to represent attributes as JSON <-> List.

**field\_type**

alias of list

```
class nsot.api.serializers.MACAddressField (read_only=False, write_only=False,
 required=None, default=<class
 rest_framework.fields.empty>,
 initial=<class
 rest_framework.fields.empty>,
 source=None,
 label=None, help_text=None, style=None,
 error_messages=None, validators=None, al-
 low_null=False)
```

Field used to validate MAC address objects as integer or string.

```
class nsot.api.serializers.NaturalKeyRelatedField (slug_field=None, **kwargs)
Field that takes either a primary key or a natural key.
```

```
get_queryset ()
 Attempt to filter queryset by site_pk.
```

```
to_internal_value (value)
 Try PK followed by slug (natural key) value.
```

```
class nsot.api.serializers.NetworkCreateSerializer (instance=None, data=<class
 rest_framework.fields.empty>,
 **kwargs)
```

Used for POST on Networks.

```
class nsot.api.serializers.NetworkPartialUpdateSerializer (instance=None,
 data=<class
 rest_framework.fields.empty>,
 **kwargs)
```

Used for PATCH on Networks.

```
class nsot.api.serializers.NetworkSerializer (instance=None, data=<class
 rest_framework.fields.empty>, **kwargs)
```

Used for GET, DELETE on Networks.

```
class nsot.api.serializers.NetworkUpdateSerializer (instance=None, data=<class
 rest_framework.fields.empty>,
 **kwargs)
```

Used for PUT on Networks.

```
class nsot.api.serializers.NsotSerializer (instance=None, data=<class
 rest_framework.fields.empty>, **kwargs)
```

Base serializer that logs change events.

```
to_internal_value (data)
 Inject site_pk from view's kwargs if it's not already in data.
```

```
to_representation (obj)
 Always return the dict representation.
```

```
class nsot.api.serializers.ProtocolCreateSerializer (instance=None, data=<class
 rest_framework.fields.empty>,
 **kwargs)
```

Used for POST on Protocols.

```
class nsot.api.serializers.ProtocolPartialUpdateSerializer (instance=None,
 data=<class
 rest_framework.fields.empty>,
 **kwargs)
```

Used for PATCH on Protocols.

```
class nsot.api.serializers.ProtocolSerializer (instance=None, data=<class
 rest_framework.fields.empty>, **kwargs)
```

Used for GET, DELETE on Protocols

```
class nsot.api.serializers.ProtocolTypeSerializer (instance=None, data=<class
rest_framework.fields.empty>,
**kwargs)
```

Used for all CRUD operations on ProtocolTypes.

```
class nsot.api.serializers.ProtocolUpdateSerializer (instance=None, data=<class
rest_framework.fields.empty>,
**kwargs)
```

Used for PUT on Protocols.

```
class nsot.api.serializers.ResourceSerializer (instance=None, data=<class
rest_framework.fields.empty>, **kwargs)
```

For any object that can have attributes.

```
create (validated_data, commit=True)
```

Create that is aware of attributes.

```
update (instance, validated_data, commit=True)
```

Update that is aware of attributes.

This will not set attributes if they are not provided during a partial update.

```
class nsot.api.serializers.UserSerializer (*args, **kwargs)
```

UserProxy model serializer that takes optional *with\_secret\_key* argument that controls whether the *secret\_key* for the user should be displayed.

```
class nsot.api.serializers.ValueCreateSerializer (instance=None, data=<class
rest_framework.fields.empty>,
**kwargs)
```

Used for POST on Values.

```
class nsot.api.serializers.ValueSerializer (instance=None, data=<class
rest_framework.fields.empty>, **kwargs)
```

Used for GET, DELETE on Values.

## Filters

```
class nsot.api.filters.CircuitFilter (data=None, queryset=None, prefix=None, strict=None, re-
quest=None)
```

Filter for Circuit objects.

```
filter_endpoint_a (queryset, name, value)
```

Overload to use natural key.

```
filter_endpoint_z (queryset, name, value)
```

Overload to use natural key.

```
class nsot.api.filters.DeviceFilter (data=None, queryset=None, prefix=None, strict=None, re-
quest=None)
```

Filter for Device objects.

```
class nsot.api.filters.InterfaceFilter (data=None, queryset=None, prefix=None, strict=None,
request=None)
```

Filter for Interface objects.

Includes a custom override for filtering on *mac\_address* because this is not a Django built-in field.

```
filter_mac_address (queryset, name, value)
```

Overloads queryset filtering to use built-in.

Doesn't work by default because *MACAddressField* is not a Django built-in field type.



**class** `nsot.api.filters.NetworkFilter` (*data=None, queryset=None, prefix=None, strict=None, request=None*)

Filter for Network objects.

**filter\_cidr** (*queryset, name, value*)  
Converts `cidr` to network/prefix filter.

**filter\_include\_ips** (*queryset, name, value*)  
Converts `include_ips` to queryset filters.

**filter\_include\_networks** (*queryset, name, value*)  
Converts `include_networks` to queryset filters.

**filter\_root\_only** (*queryset, name, value*)  
Converts `root_only` to null parent filter.

**class** `nsot.api.filters.ProtocolFilter` (*data=None, queryset=None, prefix=None, strict=None, request=None*)

Filter for Protocol objects.

**filter\_circuit** (*queryset, name, value*)  
Overload to use natural key.

**filter\_device** (*queryset, name, value*)  
Overload to use natural key.

**filter\_interface** (*queryset, name, value*)  
Overload to use natural key.

**filter\_type** (*queryset, name, value*)  
Overload to use natural key.

**class** `nsot.api.filters.ProtocolTypeFilter` (*data=None, queryset=None, prefix=None, strict=None, request=None*)

Filter for ProtocolType (non-resource) objects.

**class** `nsot.api.filters.ResourceFilter` (*data=None, queryset=None, prefix=None, strict=None, request=None*)

Attribute-aware filtering for Resource objects.

**filter\_attributes** (*queryset, name, value*)  
Reads 'attributes' from query params and joins them together as an intersection set query.

## Pagination

### Routers

**class** `nsot.api.routers.BulkRouter` (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Map http methods to actions defined on the bulk mixins.

**class** `nsot.api.routers.BulkNestedRouter` (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Bulk-enabled nested router.

### URLs

### Authentication

### Utilities

Utilities used across the project.

`nsot.util.qpbool` (*arg*)  
Convert “truthy” strings into Booleans.

```
>>> qpbool('true')
True
```

**Parameters** *arg* – Truthy string

`nsot.util.normalize_auth_header` (*header*)  
Normalize a header name into WSGI-compatible format.

```
>>> normalize_auth_header('X-NSoT-Email')
'HTTP_X_NSOT_EMAIL'
```

**Parameters** *header* – Header name

`nsot.util.generate_secret_key` ()  
Return a secret key suitable for use w/ Fernet.

```
>>> generate_secret_key()
'1BpuqeM5d5pi-U2vIsqeQ8YnTrXRRUAfqV-hu6eQ5Gw='
```

`nsot.util.get_field_attr` (*model, field\_name, attr\_name*)  
Return the specified attribute value from a model field.

This is used for field overrides in API serializers to retrieve the `verbose_name` and `help_text` model field attributes so they don’t need to be duplicated in code.

Example:

```
>>> get_field_attr(models.Interface, 'parent', 'help_text')
'Unique ID of the parent Interface.'
```

#### Parameters

- **model** – Model class
- **field\_name** – Model field name
- **attr\_name** – Model field attribute name

**class** `nsot.util.SetQuery` (*action, name, value*)

**action**  
Alias for field number 0

**name**  
Alias for field number 1

**value**  
Alias for field number 2

`nsot.util.parse_set_query` (*query*)  
Parse a representation of set operations for attribute/value pairs into (action, name, value) and return a list of `SetQuery` objects.

Computes left-to-right evaluation, where the first character indicates the set operation:

- “+” indicates a union

- “-” indicates a difference
- no marker indicates an intersection

For example:

```
>>> parse_set_query('+owner=team-networking')
[SetQuery(action='union', name='owner', value='team-networking')]
>>> parse_set_query('foo=bar')
[SetQuery(action='intersection', name='foo', value='bar')]
>>> parse_set_query('foo=bar -owner=team-networking')
[SetQuery(action='intersection', name='foo', value='bar'),
 SetQuery(action='difference', name='owner', value='team-networking')]
```

#### Parameters `query` – Set query string

`nsot.util.generate_settings` (*config\_template=None*)  
Used to emit a generated configuration from `config_template`.

#### Parameters `config_template` – Config template

`nsot.util.initialize_app` (*config*)  
Actions to be performed prior to creating the Application object.

#### Parameters `config` – Config object

`nsot.util.main` ()  
CLI application used to manage NSoT.

`nsot.util.cidr_to_dict` (*cidr*)  
Take a cidr and return it as a dictionary.

```
>>> cidr_to_dict('192.168.0.0/16')
{'network_address': '192.168.0.0', 'prefix_length': 16}
```

#### Parameters `cidr` – IPv4/IPv6 CIDR string

`nsot.util.slugify` (*s*)  
Slugify a string.

This works in a less-aggressive manner than Django’s `slugify`, which simply drops most non-alphanumeric characters and lowercases the entire string. It would likely to cause uniqueness conflicts for things like interface names, such as `Eth1/2/3` and `Eth12/3`, which would slugify to be the same.

```
>>> slugify('switch-foo01:Ethernet1/2')
'switch-foo01:Ethernet1_2'
```

#### Parameters `s` – String to slugify

`nsot.util.slugify_interface` (*interface=None, device\_hostname=None, name=None, \*\*kwargs*)  
Return a slug (natural key) representation of an Interface.

If `interface` is not provided, `device_hostname` and `name` are required. If all are provided, `interface` will take precedence.

#### Parameters

- **interface** – Interface dict
- **device\_hostname** – Device hostname

- **name** – Interface name

**Return type** str

`nsot.util.calculate_network_utilization` (*parent, hosts, as\_string=False*)

Calculate utilization for a network and its descendants.

**Parameters**

- **parent** – The parent network
- **hosts** – List of host IPs descendant from parent
- **as\_string** – Whether to return stats as a string

`nsot.util.get_network_utilization` (*network, as\_string=False*)

Get utilization from Network instance.

**Parameters**

- **network** – A Network model instance
- **as\_string** – Whether to return stats as a string

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## Development

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### Git Branches

On the parent repo for NSoT, there are two important branches:

- `develop` is the branch that all Pull Requests are opened against and represents the bleeding edge of work being done on NSoT.
- `master` is considered to be the ‘stable’ branch and no PRs should be merged directly in to this branch. As features are merged into `develop`, releases are created off of that branch and then merged into `master`. See [Release Process](#) for more information on how this is done.

When developing on NSoT, you should be basing your work on the `develop` branch.

### Setting up Your Environment

**Note:** You’ll need to have a reasonably recent version of `npm` to build front-end dependencies. (Minimum version tested is 1.3.24)

We suggest setting up your test environment in a Python `virtualenv`:

```
$ virtualenv nsot
$ source nsot/bin/activate
```

Or, if you use `virtualenvwrapper`:

```
$ mkvirtualenv nsot
```

If you haven’t already, make sure you [set up git](#) and [add an SSH key to your GitHub account](#) before proceeding!

After that, clone the repository into whichever directory you use for development and install the dependencies:

```
$ git clone git@github.com:dropbox/nsot.git
$ cd nsot
$ pip install -r requirements-dev.txt
$ python setup.py develop
```

## Running a Test Instance

For development and testing, it's easiest to run NSoT behind a reverse proxy that handles authentication and sends a username via a *special HTTP header*. We've included a test proxy for running on development instances.

To get started, follow these steps:

```
Initialize the config
$ nsot-server init

Setup the database.
$ nsot-server upgrade

Run the development reverse proxy (where $USER is the desired username)
$ nsot-server user_proxy $USER

(In another terminal) Run the front-end server, remember to activate your
virtualenv first if you need to
$ nsot-server start
```

**Note:** This quick start assumes that you're installing and running NSoT on your local system (aka *localhost*).

Now, point your web browser to <http://localhost:8991> and explore the [documentation!](#)

## Running Unit Tests

All tests will automatically be run on Travis CI when pull requests are sent. However, it's beneficial to run the tests often during development:

```
$ py.test -v tests/
```

## Working with Database Migrations

If you make any changes to the database models you'll need to generate a new migration. We use Django's built-in support for database migrations underneath, so for general schema changes it should be sufficient to just run:

```
$ nsot-server makemigrations
```

This will generate a new schema version. You can then sync to the latest version:

```
$ nsot-server migrate
```

## Working with Docs

Documentation is generated using [Sphinx](#). If you just want to build and view the docs | you cd into the docs directory and run `make html`. Then point your browser | to `docs/_build/html/index.html` on your local filesystem.

If you're actively modifying the docs it's useful to run the autobuild server:

```
$ sphinx-autobuild docs docs/_build/html/
```

This will start a server listening on a port that you can browse to and will be automatically reloaded when you change any rst files. One downside of this approach is that it doesn't refresh when docstrings are modified.

## Front-end Development

We use a combination JavaScript utilities to do front-end development:

- `npm` - `npm` is used to manage our build dependencies
- `bower` - `bower` to manage our web dependencies
- `gulp` - `gulp` for building, linting, testing

**Note:** You do not have to install these yourself! When you run `setup.py develop`, it will install and build all front-end components for you!

### Adding New Build Dependencies

For the most part you shouldn't need to care about these details though if you want to add new build dependencies, for example `gulp-concat`, you would run the following:

```
Install gulp-concat, updating package.json with a new devDependency
$ npm install gulp-concat --save-dev

Writes out npm-shrinkwrap.json, including dev dependencies, so consistent
build tools are used
$ npm shrinkwrap --dev
```

### Adding New Web Dependencies

Adding new web dependencies are done through `bower`:

```
Install lodash, updating bower.json with the new dependency
$ bower install lodash --save
```

Unfortunately, `bower` doesn't have a `shrinkwrap/freeze` feature so you'll want to update the version string to make the version explicit for repeatable builds.

We make use of `bower`'s "main file" concept to distribute only "main" files. Most packages don't consider the minified versions of their project to be their main files so you'll likely also need to update the `overrides` section of `bower.json` with which files to distribute.

## Versioning

We use [semantic versioning](#). Version numbers will follow this format:

```
{Major version}.{Minor version}.{Revision number}.{Build number (optional)}
```

Patch version numbers (0.0.x) are used for changes that are API compatible. You should be able to upgrade between minor point releases without any other code changes.

Minor version numbers (0.x.0) may include API changes, in line with the [Deprecation policy](#). You should read the release notes carefully before upgrading between minor point releases.

Major version numbers (x.0.0) are reserved for substantial project milestones.

## Release Process

When a new version is to be cut from the commits made on the `develop` branch, the following process should be followed. This is meant to be done by project maintainers, who have push access to the parent repository.

1. Create a branch off of the `develop` branch called `release-vX.Y.Z` where `vX.Y.Z` is the version you are releasing
2. Use `bump.sh` to update the version in `nsot/version.py` and the Dockerfile. Example:

```
$./bump.sh -v X.Y.Z
```

3. Update `CHANGELOG.rst` with what has changed since the last version. A one-line summary for each change is sufficient, and often the summary from each PR merge works.
4. Commit these changes to your branch.
5. Open a release Pull Request against the `master` branch
6. Merge the release Pull Request into `master`
7. Merge the release branch into `develop` and push that branch up
8. Switch to the `master` branch and pull the latest updates (with the PR you just merged)
9. Create a new git tag with this version in the format of `vX.Y.Z`
10. Push up the new tag
11. Create a new package and push it up to PyPI (where `{version}` is the current release version):

```
$ python setup.py sdist
$ twine upload dist/nsot-{version}.tar.gz
```

## Deprecation policy

NSoT releases follow a formal deprecation policy, which is in line with [Django's deprecation policy](#).

The timeline for deprecation of a feature present in version 1.0 would work as follows:

- Version 1.1 would remain **fully backwards compatible** with 1.0, but would raise Python `PendingDeprecationWarning` warnings if you use the feature that are due to be deprecated. These warnings are **silent by default**, but can be explicitly enabled when you're ready to start migrating any required changes.

Additionally, a `WARN` message will be logged to standard out from the `nsot-server` process.

Finally, a `Warning` header will be sent back in any response from the API. For example:

```
Warning: 299 - "The `descendants` API endpoint is pending deprecation. Use the `descendants` API endpoint instead."
```

- Version 1.2 would escalate the Python warnings to `DeprecationWarning`, which is **loud by default**.
- Version 1.3 would remove the deprecated bits of API entirely and accessing any deprecated API endpoints will result in a 404 error.

Note that in line with Django's policy, any parts of the framework not mentioned in the documentation should generally be considered private API, and may be subject to change.



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## Changelog

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### Version History

#### 1.4.1 (2018-07-23)

- Fix bug in `NsotSerializer.to_internal_value()` that tried to modify an immutable `QueryDict`.
- Fix Bower registry URL (`bower.herokuapp.com` is deprecated).
- Upgrade Gunicorn to 19.5.0, fixing CVE-2018-1000164.

#### 1.4.0 (2018-07-10)

- Upgrade Django v1.11.11, `djangorestframework` to v3.7.7
- Remove `django-smart-selects`, which is no longer necessary

#### 1.3.0 (2018-01-12)

- Introducing the `Protocol` resource object which can be used to model protocol sessions of various types, such as BGP, IS-IS, or more.
  - The type for a `Protocol` is defined using a `ProtocolType` object which has optional required attributes that can be used to establish `Protocol` attributes required when creating a new session of this type.
  - A `Protocol` may be bound to a `Circuit` or an `Interface` (but not both).
- Fix #267: The `/users` page in the web UI has been disabled and removed from the menu until an actual view can be created. This was causing confusion, especially amongst new users.
- Fix #298: Circuits can now be filtered by the A/Z endpoint interface slug (aka natural key) or ID number.
- Fix #307: Fix Vagrant setup issues related to the upstream security changes to PyPI causing the Vagrant install to fail.

#### 1.2.3 (2017-09-20)

- Enhance Network “`get_next`” methods to optionally allocate/reserve at the same time

- Users can send a POST request to `next_network` and `next_address` actions. If it is a POST request then the action will get the networks or addresses and then save them as `Network` objects in the database as `allocated`. If the user sends the `reserve` flag and sets it as `True`, then it will be saved in the `reserved` state instead of `allocated`.
- Fixed a bug in the web UI for interface creation where a `Device` query would return a list instead of an object.
- Sped up `Interface.networks()` for MySQL users by splitting a subquery up into two separate queries.

### 1.2.2 (2017-08-30)

- Support for object-level permissions have been implemented using the `django-guardian` plugin. For tree objects (currently `Interface` and `Network` objects) that can have children and ancestors, the permissions will be inherited by child nodes *unless a more specific permission has been set on the child object*.
- Object-level permissions may be managed using the built-in admin dashboard.

### 1.2.1 (2017-08-01)

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**Important:** Users who previously updated to NSoT v1.2.0 will have a new database data migration applied to correct the bug in the previous data migration. Users upgrading from pre-1.2.0 to 1.2.1 will not be affected by this fix and the correct data migration will only be applied once.

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- Fixed a bug in the data migration for the newly-added `Interface.name_slug` field that would cause interfaces with `/` in their name to have their name slug incorrectly “slugified”. A new data migration has been added to correct this.
- Fixed a bug that was occurring with model permissions enabled causing 404 errors to be returned as 500 errors in specific cases. The 404 handler has been changed to only check authenticated state and not model permissions.

### 1.2.0 (2017-07-28)

- Fix #262: Natural keys can now be used any place a primary key could be used for related fields on `Interfaces` and `Circuits`.
  - For `Circuits`, the default is now to display the A/Z endpoint interfaces by their natural key (e.g. `device_hostname:name` format).
  - For `Interfaces`, the `Device` hostname may now be used to create or retrieve interfaces (no more need to lookup the `Device` ID first)
  - `Interface` now has a `name_slug` field that can be used for natural key lookups. This is now also officially the natural key field.
  - `Network` now has a `cidr` field that can be used for displaying the `network_address/prefix_length` without additional effort
  - `Network` now has a `parent` field that can be used for displaying the parent CIDR without an additional lookup
- All underlying serializer code has been streamlined to reduce code duplication where possible.
- All “update” serializers have been moved to subclasses of “partial update” serializers with extra required fields specified as “extra kwargs” vs. re-defining the fields.

- The fields for `site_id` and `attributes` have been moved to the base `ResourceSerializer` since ALL resources inherit these anyways.
- Bugfix in `NsotSerializer` when `view` isn't part of the context that caused a crash.
- Util stats functions can now be directly imported from `nsot.util`

### 1.1.8 (2017-07-26)

- Upgrade `setuptools` in the Docker container, fixing #277
- Add various indicies to the `Change` model to speed up lookups
- Add a `diff` API endpoint to `/change/`, which returns a unified diff of the JSON representation of the changed object, from its state before the given `Change` happened and its current state.

### 1.1.7 (2017-07-13)

- This adds a new setting called `NSOT_NEW_USERS_AS_SUPERUSER` which defaults to `True`, to toggle whether users coming in via the `auth_header` authentication method (proxy authentication) are created with superuser permissions. If toggled to `False`, new users are not given superuser and it will be expected that custom permissions will be utilized to control admin privileges.
- This also updates the API permissions validation from requiring "staff" permissions to requiring model permissions. For existing users that already have staff/superuser permission and default behaviors, there is no impact.

### 1.1.6 (2017-07-12)

- Fix #279: Bugfix in fetching locale-aware javascript for admin panel which was preventing admin panel widgets from properly loading, displaying only their basic styled HTML rendering. This can be seen in the group add/edit panel where you're selecting permissions for a group.
- Fix #280: Fix 500 error when modifying users in admin panel by adding the password field back into the user change form for display purposes only.

### 1.1.5 (2017-06-05)

- Groups have been re-enabled in the admin dashboard UI so that group-level object permissions can be managed within NSoT. There is no other integration of this support at this time.

### 1.1.4 (2017-05-30)

- Fix #260 - Add Interface tree traversal methods
  - Similar to the methods already available on `Network`, this adds `parent`, `ancestors`, `root`, `siblings`, `children` and `descendants` to the `InterfaceViewSet` as well as corresponding `get_*` methods to the `Interface` model.

### 1.1.3 (2017-02-03)

- Bump `django-smart-selects` to version 1.3.x \* Fixes a regression that was introduced in version 1.2.9 when an XSS bug was fixed
- Change `requirements.txt` to use Compatible Release version specifiers and track patch-level updates on all of our dependencies

### 1.1.2 (2017-01-25)

- Reimplements the `Network.get_next_network` method
- `Network.get_next_network` now optionally returns networks that can be strictly allocated by passing the `strict_allocation=True` parameter.
- Fixed a minor bug in `/api/:resource/:id/query/` API endpoints where `unique` would always evaluate to `True` if present in the query parameters.

### 1.1.1 (2017-01-27)

- Add `name_slug` field to `Circuit`, make it the natural key to fix a bug with `Circuit` names that contain slashes

## 1.1 (2017-01-23)

- A formal *Deprecation policy* has been implemented which dictates a three-feature release cycle for removing deprecated API endpoints. Please see the documentation on this topic for more details.
- Fix #203 - Implementation of `Circuits` as a resource object.
  - A `Circuit` has one-to-one relationship with each of A and Z side endpoint `Interfaces`.
  - `Circuits` are resource objects and therefore may have attributes and support set query lookups.
  - A circuit must have at least an A-side endpoint defined. For circuits for which you do not own the remote end, you may leave the Z-side empty and specify the remote endpoint by customizing the circuit name.
- `Circuits` have the following detail routes available in the API:
  - `circuits/:id/devices/` - List peer devices on either end of circuit
  - `circuits/:id/interfaces/` - List interfaces bound to the circuit
  - `circuits/:id/addresses/` - List addresses bound to circuit interfaces
- `Interfaces` have a new `interfaces/:id/circuit/` detail route that will display the circuit to which an interface is bound.
- `Devices` have a new `devices/:id/circuits/` detail route that will display all circuits bound to interfaces on the device.
- Fix #191 - The `Interface` object unicode representation changed to `device_hostname:name` so that it can more easily be used as a slug for computing `Circuit` slug.
- Fix #230 - The misspelled `networks/:id/descendents/` API endpoint is pending deprecation in exchange for `networks/:id/descendants/`.

### 1.0.13 (2017-01-12)

- Provides the ability to more efficiently access the device hostname associated with an interface, using the cached `device_hostname` field.
- Provides the ability access interface objects by natural key of `device_hostname:name`. Ex. `foo-bar1:eth1`

### 1.0.12 (2017-01-12)

- **Fix #252 - Fixes bug in `get_next_network` for assigned networks of** different prefix lengths

### 1.0.11 (2017-01-10)

- Fix #250 - Improves treatment of `get_next_network` and assigned state
- Fix #238 - Update to Docker instructions
- Fix #219 - Better handling of attempts to create objects in non-existent sites
- Moved Vagrantfile to root of repo

### 1.0.10 (2016-12-05)

- Fix for handling IPAddress defaults in migrations, to avoid attempting validation of a NULL default.

### 1.0.9 (2016-11-23)

- Added missing database migrations related to having changed or added the `verbose_name` on a bunch of model fields prior to 1.0 release. No schema changes are actually made in the migration. This is being released so that some pending pull requests can be merged in more cleanly.

### 1.0.8 (2016-10-24)

- Provides the ability to require uniqueness for results of queries using the optional `unique=true` param. Queries with multiple results that have this flag set will return an error. Implements #221.

### 1.0.7 (2016-10-24)

- Implemented changes needed to upgrade to Django REST Framework v3.5.0
- Added `fields = '__all__'` to all default model serializers used for displaying objects
- Changes required for `django-filter`  $\geq 0.15$  were made for filtersets using custom fields.

### 1.0.6 (2016-10-18)

- Improve performance in `Network.get_next_network()` for large prefixes
  - The fix in #224 introduced a notable performance bug due to iterating all descendents vs. only direct children.

- This patch addresses the performance issue by attempting to pre-seed the list of dirty networks via excluding ones with ineligible prefix lengths as well as immediately checking whether a candidate subnet is dirty BEFORE iterating child networks vs. AFTER.

### 1.0.5 (2016-10-13)

- Fix #224 - Fixed a bug in `Network.next_network()` where a nested child (descendent) would continually be offered as free, even if it existed in the database. All descendent networks for a parent are now inspected when determining availability.

### 1.0.4 (2016-09-29)

- Replaced `settings.NETWORK_INTERCONNECT_PREFIXLEN` (an integer) with `settings.NETWORK_INTERCONNECT_PREFIXES` (a tuple) to support IPv6 prefixes, which defaults to prefixes `(/31, /127)`.
- `Network.next_address()` was changed to calculate available addresses differently if the network from which you are allocating is determined to be an interconnect network. For interconnects, gateway and broadcast addresses can be returned. For any other networks, they cannot.

### 1.0.3 (2016-09-08)

- Fix #216 - Fixed a bug in `Network.next_network()` where networks containing children were being offered as free. Networks are now only offered if they do not have any child networks.
- Fix #212 - Updated requirements to require `django-rest-framework>=3.4.4` and removed `nsot.api.serializers.LimitedForeignKeyField` since this functionality is now built into DRF.

### 1.0.2 (2016-08-31)

- Ubuntu 16.04 is now officially supported.
- Fix #213 - Updated requirements to utilize `cryptography==1.5` so that install will work on Ubuntu versions 12.04 through 16.04. (Credit: @slinderud)
- Finally fixed `bump.sh` to work on both Linux and Darwin. For real this time.

### 1.0.1 (2016-07-08)

- Fix #209 - Fixed a bug in `Network.closest_parent()` that would sometimes cause an incorrect parent network to be returned when performing a “closest parent” lookup for a CIDR.

### 1.0 (2016-04-27)

- OFFICIAL VERSION 1.0!!
- Completely documented all object fields including `help_text`, `verbose_names`, `labels`, `default values`, etc. for every field so that it cascades to serializers and form fields.

### 0.17.4 (2016-04-22)

- Fixed a bug in `Network.next_address()` and `Network.next_network()` where children w/ busy states were mistakenly being excluded from the filter and therefore causing them to be offered as free. This also addressed a related bug where networks were not offered unless they came after the last prefix of the last matching child.

### 0.17.3 (2016-04-21)

- Added documentation for set queries for both how they work and for how to use them.
- Fixed a typo in Docker readme
- Added an entry-point for `snot-server` because reasons

### 0.17.2 (2016-04-17)

- Filtering of Interfaces by `mac_address` can now be done using either the string (e.g. `'00:00:00:00:00:01'`) or integer (e.g. `1`) representations.

### 0.17.1 (2016-04-07)

- Fixed a bug that would cause set queries lookups of attributes values containing spaces to always fail. When performing a set queries for an `attribute=value` pair, if a value contains a space, it must be quoted, and it will be properly parsed.
- When performing a set query for an attribute that does not exist, an error is raised.
- When performing a set query, if no attribute pairs are found, an empty set is returned.
- Docs: Fixed a typo in data model doc
- Docs: Fixed incorrect year for a bunch of entries in changelog

### 0.17 (2016-03-31)

- **BACKWARDS INCOMPATIBLE** - API version 1.0 is now the global default.
- Fix #167 - Web UI has been updated to use API v1.0
- Ripped out all pre-v1 code.
- Updated the browsable API renderer to not display “filter forms”, so that browsable API views with tons of results and related fields don’t deadlock.

### 0.16 (2016-03-29)

- Finally added a login screen to the web UI.
- Fixes #130 - Redirect to login screen if a 401 is detected
- This adds HTTP interceptor for 401 responses that will redirect to the DRF API login web screen.
- Also skinned the default DRF login screen to match the NSoT theme.

- Stopgap fix in `services.js` to check for `response.status`. This will have to be adjusted as a part of the API version 1.0 migration, along with all of the other JS code.

### 0.15.10 (2016-03-28)

- Fix #168 - Fix a 500 when assigning address that is in multiple sites

### 0.15.9 (2016-03-17)

- Bring a lot of documentation up to speed for readthedocs.org
- Added docstrings in places where there were none.
- Added code examples to some docstrings
- Updated requirements: Django==1.8.11

### 0.15.8 (2016-03-12)

- Fixes #171: Implemented API support for lookup by closest parent
- This implements a new detail route on the Networks endpoint at `networks/{cidr}/closest_parent/`. The Network need not exist in the database and if found, the closest matching parent network will be returned.
- The endpoint also accepts a `prefix_length` argument to optionally restrict how far it will recurse to find possible parents.

### 0.15.7 (2016-03-12)

- Migrated to built-in filtering of Interface objects in API.
- Also added the ability to filter by `device__hostname`, e.g. `GET /api/interfaces/?device__hostname=foo-bar1`

### 0.15.6 (2016-03-10)

- Fixes #169: Bugfix when filtering objects by 'attributes' in list view
- Fixed a bug that would result in a 500 crash when filtering by attributes in list view if multiple sites have matching objects.
- Fixes #166: Added a settings toggle to display IPv6 in compressed form. (See: `settings.NSOT_COMPRESS_IPV6`)

### 0.15.5 (2016-03-08)

- Bugfix to filtering networks in API and `bump.sh` and update requirements.
- Fixed shebang in `bump.sh` and used it to bump the version!
- Upgrade requirements: `certifi==2016.2.28`
- Bugfix in API filtering for Network objects that would result in an empty set if both `include_ips` and `include_networks` were set to `True`.



- Added unit tests to exercise `include_ips/include_networks` filters, because come on.

#### 0.15.4 (2016-03-02)

- Made authentication API endpoints version-aware.
  - Overlooked the API authentication endpoints when doing the API versioning.
- Moved API version header to root of tests so that the “API version” message shows up on all executions of unit tests.
- Updated requirements `django-rest-swagger==0.3.5`.

#### 0.15.3 (2016-02-29)

- Complete overhaul of API filtering to use DRF built-in filtering.
- All overloads in views of `.get_queryset()` has been removed and replaced with `filter_class` objects stored in `nsot.api.filters`
- All Resource filtering is now done using built-in `DjangoFilterBackend` objects using either `filter_class` or `filter_fields`.

#### 0.15.2 (2016-02-24)

- Fixes #118 - Network objects are now round-trippable in API.
  - You may now provide either `cidr` or `network_address + prefix_length` when creating a Network object.
  - A Network object returned by the API may now be full used for create or update, making them round-trippable.
- Verbose names and help text have been added to all Network fields, so that they display all pretty like.

#### 0.15.1 (2016-02-23)

- Added X-Forward-For into request logging.
- Also added an API test for sending X-Forward-For

#### 0.15 (2016-02-22)

- Full support for PATCH in the API and some resultant bug fixes to PUT.
  - Specifically, this means any resource that is allowed to have attributes can now be partially updated using PATCH, because PATCH operations have been made attribute-aware.
  - Attributes themselves cannot YET be partially updated, but we hope to address that in a future... PATCH.
- Serializers
  - PATCH support enabled for complex objects: Attributes, Devices, Interfaces, Networks.

- ResourceSerializer subclasses now all inherit default behavior for handling attributes. The `.create()` and `.update()` methods now take an optional `commit=` argument to toggle whether to save an object after updating attributes. This is so that descendent serializers subclasses can overload this method and not call `save` until they choose (such as in Interface serializers).
- Each resource now has PUT and PATCH serializers broken out explicitly to facilitate the “optional fields” nature of PATCH vs. the “mandatory fields” nature of PUT.
- Attributes
  - All error messages raised when validating attributes include the word “attributes” so that you know it’s a validation error specific to attributes.
- Bug Fixes
  - Bugfix in handling PUT requests where attributes would be initialized if not provided. Attributes are now mandatory on any PUT requests and will result in an error if they are missing.
  - Bugfix when assigning more than one IP address from the same network to an Interface that would result in a 500 error (and unit tests now catch this).

### 0.14.2 (2016-02-19)

- Bugfixes w/ `natural_key` lookups that would result in a 500 error.
  - Turns out that `site_pk` was incorrectly being dropped when doing `natural_key` lookups, which would result in a 500 w/ multiple sites.
  - We now detect when multiple objects are returned when looking up resources by `natural_key` and display a helpful 400 error.
  - Reverted top-level URL router back to Bulk default router because the SimpleRouter base doesn’t provide `api-root`, and we kind of (really) want that.

### 0.14.1 (2016-02-19)

- Issue #50 - Adds better device name validation
- Fixed regex to match DNS hostname requirements. Added unit tests for device name checking
- Fix device name / attribute name comment

### 0.14 (2016-02-17)

- Implement GET/PUT objects by `natural_key` and minor fixes.
- General
  - Upgraded `drf-nested-routers==0.11.1`
  - Re-organized `nsot.api.urls` to improve readability
  - Implemented `natural_key` mappings for Device and Network resources
- Networks
  - Updated `Network.objects.get_by_address()` to support optional `site=` argument for filtering by `site_id`.
- Serializers

- Moved `.create()`, `.update()` methods from `Device`, `Network` serializers to new `ResourceSerializer` base.
- Change Events
  - Fix when deleting a resource object using the API failed for any reason the “Delete” change event would still be created. The Change event will now only be kept *after* a successful delete.
- Views
  - Implemented `NsotViewSet.get_object()` support for nested serializers
  - Updated `Network` `lookup_value_regex` to support lookup by `pk` or `IPv4/IPv6` `natural_key`.

### 0.13.2 (2016-02-16)

- Fix #142 - Properly catch non-serializer errors in API views.
- This includes unique constraints and integrity errors.
- Added a regression test for this error case.

### 0.13.1 (2016-02-11)

- Fixes #82: Implemented for regex-based attribute lookups via the API.
- You now may append `_regex` to an attribute name in a set query and provide a regex pattern as the value to perform regex-based lookups.

### 0.13 (2016-02-02)

- Implement API filtering for value objects & perf. tweaks (Fixes #137)
- Value objects now have a `site_id` attribute that is hidden and automatically populated by their parent `Attribute`, similarly to `Interface` objects and their parent `Device`.
- New API endpoint: `/api/sites/:site_id/values/`
- Improved performance when creating/updating `Interface` objects by not explicitly looking up the parent `Device` object EVERY time.

### 0.12.7 (2015-12-23)

- Small tweaks to web UI
- Site index page
  - Interface count now added to Site dashboard
  - Links for `ipv4/6` and network usage now link to filtered Network list
  - “Changes” renamed to “Recent Changes”
  - Under “Network Usage”, “In Use” renamed to “Assigned”
- Networks list
  - Added “ip\_version” filter
  - Columns now link to filtered Network list

### 0.12.5 (2015-12-18)

- Upgrade to Django==1.8.7 and DRF==3.3.2
- Filter fields now implemented in browsable API (new in DRF 3.3)
- Added django-crispy-forms as a dependency
- Bootstrap JS updated to v3.3.5
- Bower updated to include Bootstrap fonts (DRF 3.3. needs this)

### 0.12.4 (2015-12-09)

- Made `include_ips=True` default when retrieving Networks (fix #120)

### 0.12.3 (2015-12-04)

- Implemented basic support for Interfaces in Web UI.
  - Create, update, delete all work
  - Device still only showing by id, should be displayed by hostname
  - Type only showing by id, should be displayed as selection of human-readable names derived from the schema.

### 0.12.2 (2015-12-03)

- Use native 'inet' type for storing IPs in PostgreSQL. (fixes #128)

### 0.12.1 (2015-11-19)

- Fix 500 crash when querying OPTIONS to view schema in API (fixes #126)
  - The bulk update mixin had to be subclassed to utilize `super()`, because it does not extend a pre-existing `django-rest-framework` mixin.
  - The inheritance order of the bulk mixins used in the Resource viewset also had to be changed because of this.
- Cleanup: The viewset for Attributes now inherits from `ResourceViewSet`.
- Cleanup: The viewset for Sites has been moved before `ResourceViewSet` for better readability (because Site is not a Resource type).

### 0.12 (2015-11-17)

- Basic concept of Network states, one of which is 'reserved'.
- Interaction w/ Interfaces to set state='assigned' on Assignment.
- Basic API endpoint to view `/api/networks/reserved/` to view reserved Networks.

### 0.11.7 (2015-10-29)

- Implemented more backend gunicorn options for default http service
  - max-requests: Max requests per worker before restart
  - max-requests-jitter - Random jitter in seconds between worker restart
  - preload - Whether to preload app before forking

### 0.11.6 (2015-10-22)

- Disabled caching by default (set to dummy caching)
- Added a section in the config docs for caching.
- Updated `requirements-dev.txt` to (re-)include `sphinx-autobuild`

### 0.11.5 (2015-10-20)

- Update Interface serializer to properly encode None as JSON.
  - It was encoding it as a string (`'None'`) vs. objects (`null`)

### 0.11.4 (2015-10-20)

- Fix to allow null values for MAC address on Interfaces.
- Serializer and model fields now allow MAC to be set to None.
- Also added missing lines to MANIFEST.in causing missing static/templates, which is problematic for new dev. environments or external contributors.

### 0.11.3 (2015-10-20)

- MAC address bugfix and a little cleanup in exceptions and validation
- Integers are no longer being improperly cast to strings and then back to an incorrect integer representation. (fixes #111)
- Added extra unit tests and regression tests for this bug.
- Moved all references to exceptions into `nsot.exc`.
- Moved email validator to `nsot.validators`.

### 0.11.2 (2015-10-16)

- Updated nsot-server management commands to Django 1.8 syntax
- Bugfix in `user_proxy` in string formatting on startup
- Implemented support for `-v/--verbosity` flag in nsot-server commands to adjust loglevel (fix #59)
- Cleaned up the gunicorn service to read from CLI args
- Updated `test_settings.py` to include some of the newer settings.

### 0.11.1 (2015-10-15)

- Made gunicorn worker timeout configurable by CLI or settings.py
- New setting: `settings.NSOT_NUM_WORKERS` (default: 4) to tweak number of workers
- New setting: `settings.NSOT_WORKER_TIMEOUT` (default: 30) to tweak default worker timeout
- `nsot-server start now` takes a `-t/--timeout` option at runtime to override global defaults.

### 0.11 (2015-10-15)

- Enabled caching for Interface API endpoints.
- Cache is invalidated on save or delete of an Interface object.

### 0.10.6 (2015-10-13)

- Removed stale deps. and updated core deps. to latest stable versions

### 0.10.5 (2015-10-13)

- Bugfix when explicitly setting `parent_id=None` on Interface create.

### 0.10.4 (2015-10-13)

- Implemented bulk update of all objects using the REST API.
- Objects can now be bulk-updated using PUT by providing a list of updated objects as the payload.
- Unit tests have been updated accordingly to test for both bulk create and bulk update.

### 0.10.3 (2015-10-08)

- Added a Vagrantfile, improved documentation, and made some UX fixes.
- Read auth header from settings vs. hard-coded inside of `user_proxy` command (fix #57)
- User proxy now also defers to default values from within settings.py
- Added a vagrant directory containing a Vagrantfile to bootstrap NSoT in a self-contained virtual machine
- Added a new 'assignments' endpoint for Networks, to tell where they are being assigned to Interfaces.
- Added new `nsot.utils.stats` and ability to calculate network utilization.

### 0.10.2 (2015-10-08)

- Always return empty query when set query is invalid (fix #99)

### 0.10.1 (2015-10-08)

- Improved indexing on common attribute-value lookups.
- All attribute-value lookups are index now by the most commonly used search patterns (name, value, resource\_name) and (resource\_name, resource\_id)
- Moved Interface.get\_networks() and Interface.get\_addresses() to used concrete JSON cache fields on the objects. This is a huge query-time optimization.
- Tweaked admin panel fields a little bit to remove references to now defunct 'Resource' objects.

### 0.10 (2015-10-05)

- Overhauled the relationship between Values and Resources.
- Drastic performance improvement and more accurate indexing of attribute Values in databases with millions of rows.
- Got rid of multi-table inheritance from base Resource model that was used to allow a generic foreign key from attribute Values to Resources (Devices, Networks, Interfaces are all resources)
- All Resource subclasses are *abstract* now. Which means the model fields they inherit are concrete on their own table.
- The Value object does not have an FK, and instead has a composite primary key to (resource\_name, resource\_id) ... for example ('Device', 16999) which is indexed together.
- The Attribute name is now also stored in a concrete field on the Value at creation, eliminating a lookup to the Attribute table.
- All of these changes are accounted for in the database migrations, but need to be done carefully! It's going to be quicker and easier for databases that don't have Interfaces.

### 0.9.4 (2015-10-02)

- Bug and performance fixes for Interface objects.
- Fix poor performance when there are lots of Interface objects.
- Bugfix to missing interface type 53 (proprietary virtual/internal)
- Added smart\_selects==1.1.1 so that FK lookups on Interface.parent will be limited to owning Device.
- Temporarily convert Interface.parent\_id to raw ID field, until an autocomplete feature can be added to the browsable API.
- Updated unit tests to validated CRUD for Interface.parent\_id.

### 0.9.3 (2015-09-30)

- Fix a 500 crash when database IntegrityError happens.
  - This will now be treated as a 409 CONFLICT.

### 0.9.2 (2015-09-30)

Schema change to fix confusion when selecting parent objects.

- Benchmarks for Network and Interface objects are a *little* faster now too, direct table access for parent.
- Device objects no longer have an extraneous parent attribute.

### 0.9.1 (2015-09-29)

- Enhanced and clarified sections in README.rst
- Converted README from .md to .rst
- Clarified virtualenvwrapper instructions (fix #90)
- Made use of git clone more explicit (fix #91)
- Updated required version of Django REST Framework to v3.2.4

### 0.9 (2015-08-06)

- Implemented top-level Interface resource object.
- Addresses are assigned to Interfaces by way of Assignment objects, which are used to enforce relationship-level constraints on the assignment of Network objects to Device Interfaces.
- A Device can zero or more Interfaces; an Interface can have multiple addresses, and addresses are ‘assigned’ to Interfaces
- Networks are derived as the parent networks of the addresses for each interface.
- Moved hard-coded variable data in models.py into module-global constants.
- Renamed all model “choices” lists to end in “\_CHOICES”
- New requirements: django-macaddress v1.3.2, Django v1.8.4
- Updated README.md to include IRC mention.
- All constants moved from `nsot.constants` to `nsot.conf.settings` and `nsot.constants` has been eliminated. (fix #87)
- All data validators have been moved to `nsot.validators` and added new validators for cidr and host addresses.
- Moved `.to_representation()` methods on all ‘resource’ serializers to the top-level `nsot.api.serializers.NsotSerializer`
- Fixed a crash when creating Network objects without the CIDR being unicode.
- Fixed a bug when looking up a single object in API without providing `site_pk`
- Moved `IP_VERSIONS` and `HOST_PREFIXES` into `settings.py`
- IP assignments must now be unique to a device/interface tuple.
- Addresses can now be explicitly assigned to an interface, or overwritten
- Added a new `nsot.serializers.JSONListField` type to serialize JSON <-> Python lists
- Added util for deriving attributes from custom model fields that required custom serializer fields.
- Added `tests.api_tests.util.filter_interfaces` for simplifying Interface testing.



- Added 'ip\_version' as a filter field for Network API lookups.

### 0.8.6 (2015-07-29)

- Add remote IP address in request logger.

### 0.8.5 (2015-07-24)

- Broke out media (css, etc.), nav, and scripts into their own include files.
- Updated main FeView to inherit default template context
- Added a template context processor to globally modify template context to inject app version.
- Added API and API Reference to dropdown "gear" menu
- Fix #77 - Only collect static files on nsot-server start if settings.SERVE\_STATIC\_FILES=True.

### 0.8.4 (2015-07-20)

- Fix including of static files in setup.py install.
- Also make sure that tests packages aren't included.

### 0.8.3 (2015-07-20)

- Improvements to managing static files and other server mgmt fixups.
- The default STATIC\_ROOT setting has been changed back to \$BASE\_DIR/staticfiles
- Added 'staticfiles' to .gitignore
- The 'nsot-server start' command has been updated to collect the static files automatically. This can be disabled by passing --no-collectstatic.
- Renamed nsot-server --noupgrade to --no-upgrade
- Added help text to nsot-server start arguments.
- Added a URL redirect handler for favicon.ico (fixes #73) and included a placeholder favicon and included a <link> in the web UI template.
- Replaced package\_data in setup.py with grafting files in MANIFEST.in
- Updated the setup.py sdist command to truly include the built static files prior to making the distribution.
- Updated Django requirement to v1.8.3

### 0.8.2 (2015-07-19)

- Large update to FE build/dist!
- We're now using npm to manage our frontend dev dependencies and gulp to manage our front end builds
- Add some node files and built assets to .gitignore
- Gulp added w/ tasks for linting, caching templates, annotating ng DI, concat, minify, etc.

- Setup npm devDependencies and shrinkwrap them for consistent build
- Relocated js/css into src directory that isn't included with dist build
- Updated angular code to not explicitly put DI params twice since that happens at build
- Angular templates are now compiled to javascript and added to the template cache
- Fixed some lint errors (semicolons!)
- setup.py updated to support running all tests (python & javascript)
- setup.py updated to build static on develop/sdist commands
- Removed 3rd party deps from the checked in repo
- Fixed MANIFEST.in to not include pyc's under tests

### 0.8.1 (2015-07-16)

- Implement network/address allocation endpoints for Network objects.
- For database models the following methods have been added:
  - `get_next_address()` - Returns a list of next available addresses (fixes #49)
  - `get_next_network()` - Returns a list of next available networks matching the provided `prefix_length`. (fixes #48)
- For the REST API, the following endpoints have been added to Network objects in detail view (e.g. `GET /api/sites/1/networks/10/:endpoint1`):
  - `next_address` - Returns a list of next available addresses
  - `next_network` - Returns a list of next available networks matching the provided `prefix_length`.
  - `parent` - Return the parent Network for this Network
- Updated all of the tree traversal methods to explicitly order results by (`network_address`, `prefix_length`) so that results are in tree order.
- Corrected a typo in the README file (fixes #69)
- All new functionality is completely unit-tested!

### 0.8 (2015-07-16)

- Implement tree traversal endpoints for Network objects.
- For database models the following methods have been added:
  - `is_child_node()` - Returns whether Network is a child node
  - `is_leaf_node()` - Returns whether Network has no children
  - `is_root_node()` - Returns whether Network has no parent
  - `get_ancestors()` - Return all parents for a Network
  - `get_children()` - Return immediate children for a Network
  - `get_descendents()` - Return ALL children for a Network
  - `get_root()` - Return the root node of this Network
  - `get_siblings()` - Returns Networks with the same parent

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  - `children` - Return immediate children for a Network
  - `descendents` - Return ALL children for a Network
  - `root` - Return the root node of this Network
  - `siblings` - Returns Networks with the same parent
- All new functionality is completely unit-tested!

#### 0.7.4 (2015-07-14)

- Multiple bug fixes related to looking up Attributes using set queries.
- Fix #66 - Handle 500 error when multiple Sites contain an Attribute of the same name.
- Fix #67 - Bugfix when an Attribute name isn't found when performing a set query.
- `Resource.objects.set_query()` now takes an optional `site_id` argument that will always be sent when called internally by the API.
- Added `site_id` to repr for Attribute objects to make it less confusing when working with multiple sites containing Attributes of the same name.
- Fixed a bug in `Attribute.all_by_name()` that would cause the last Attribute matching the desired name, even if the `site_id` conflicted with the parent resource object. `Attribute.all_by_name()` now requires a site argument.
- If a set query raises an exception (such as when no matching Attribute is found), an empty queryset is returned.

#### 0.7.3 (2015-07-09)

- Fix #58: Typo in permissions docs
- Fix #64: New command to generate key

#### 0.7.2 (2015-07-07)

- Fix #62 - 500 error when API authenticate is malformed.

#### 0.7.1 (2015-07-02)

- Remove need to “collectstatic”, remove ‘`nsot.log`’ log handler.
  - Static files will default to being served from within the `nsot` library itself, eliminating the need to collectstatic.
  - `nsot-server` will no longer drop an empty `nsot.log` file in the directory from which it is called.

#### 0.7 (2015-07-01)

- Replace backend with Django + Django REST Framework + Gunicorn + Gevent

### 0.5.6 (2015-06-15)

- Actually pass num\_processes down to tornado

### 0.5.5 (2015-06-11)

- Fix #46: Purge attribute index before a Device object is deleted.

### 0.5.4 (2015-06-08)

- Update libs and small UI fixes
  - Add filter options to networks page
  - css cleanup
  - Fix bug where all changes were for site id 1. fixes #51
  - Update libraries to later versions to get some new features.

### 0.5.3 (2015-05-29)

- Bugfix in validating Attribute when constraints are not dict.

### 0.5.2 (2015-04-13)

- Fix #40 Auth token verification now uses session from request handler
  - This is very difficult to reproduce, so changing the request handler (which is currently the only caller of User.verify\_auth\_token()) to send its own session when calling is a best guess at solving this.k

### 0.5.1 (2015-04-13)

- Fix #41 so set queries on networks include optional filter arguments.

### 0.5 (2015-04-07)

- Add support for logging errors to Sentry if sentry\_dsn is set.

### 0.4.4 (2015-04-02)

- Bugfix for displaying IPs when filtering Networks w/ attrs. (fix #34)
- Added some extra networks to the test fixtures for API tests.
- Updated fixtures for network set queries to reflect extra networks.

### 0.4.3 (2015-04-01)

- UI Updates
  - fixes #19
  - fixes #32
- Show attributes on Device/Network pages.
- Show latest changes on Device/Network pages.
- Provide NSOT\_VERSION to jinja and angular templates.
- Show version in NSoT UI

### 0.4.1 (2015-03-31)

- Only import mrproxy for user\_proxy arg in nsot-ctl. (fixes #24)

### 0.4 (2015-03-31)

- Add support for filtering networks by cidr/addr/prefix/attrs. (fix #18)

### 0.3.3 (2015-03-30)

- If restrict\_networks is null, treat it as an empty list. (fix #22)

### 0.3.2 (2015-03-30)

- Explicitly include and order all dependent packages.
  - This is so that enum34 (dependency of cryptography) can be properly installed using an internal PyPI mirror (See: <https://github.com/pyca/cryptography/issues/1803>)
- Removed six from requirements-dev.txt
- Bumped version to differentiate these underlying changes.

### 0.3.1 (2015-03-19)

- Allow lookup of Devices by hostname or attributes.

### 0.3 (2015-03-12)

- Added support for set operation queries on Devices and Networks.
- New “query” endpoint on each of these resources take a “?query=” argument that is a string representation of attribute/value pairs for intersection, difference, and union operations.
- All new functionality unit tested!

### 0.2.2 (2015-03-06)

- Bugfix for 500 error when creating Network w/ null cidr (fixes #13)

### 0.2.1 (2015-03-05)

- Bug fix for 500 error when validating null hostname (fixes #11)

### 0.2.0 (2015-03-04)

- Added support for bulk creation of Attributes, Devices, and Networks
- When creating a collection via POST, a 201 CREATED response is generated without a Location header. The payload includes the created objects.

### 0.1.0 (2015-02-28)

- Bugfix in string format when validating attribute that doesn't exist.

### 0.0.9 (2015-02-10)

- Implemented API key (auth\_token) authentication
- Cookies are now stored as secure cookies using cookie\_secret setting.
- New site setting for storing secret\_key used for crypto.
- User has a new .secret\_key field which is generated when User is created
  - User should obtain key through web UI (however that is NYI)
  - Secret key is used as user password to generate an auth\_token
- Auth token is serialized, and encrypted with server's key and also contains an expiration timestamp (default 10 minutes)
- AuthToken can be done using "Authorization" header or query args.
- New User methods for generating and validating auth\_token
- API endpoints still also accept "default" login methods.
- Added a models.get\_db\_session() function to make getting a session easier!
- Added a Model.query classmethod to make model queries easier!!
- All new changes are unit tested!
- If you're checking out the API auth stuff and want to test it out, see the README.auth.rst file!
- Web views use "default" auth (currently user\_auth\_header)
- API views use "default" or "auth\_token"
- AuthToken can now be done using "Authorization" header or query args.

### 0.0.2 (2015-01-12)

- Add setting to toggle for checking XSRF cookies on API calls.

### 0.0.1 (2014-12-03)

- Initial scaffolding for NSoT
- Python packaging
- Initial models
- Support for add/remove/update/list Sites





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# Support

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Network Source of Truth is a primarily a Pacific coast operation, so your best chance of getting a real-time response is during the weekdays, Pacific time.

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