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# Using Python

Comware 7 provides a built-in Python interpreter that supports the following items:

- Python 2.7 commands.
- Python 2.7 standard API.
- Comware 7 extended API. For more information about the Comware 7 extended API, see "[Comware 7 extended Python API](#)."
- Python scripts. You can use a Python script to configure the system.

## Entering the Python shell

To use Python commands and APIs, you must enter the Python shell.

To enter the Python shell:

Task	Command
Enter the Python shell from user view.	<code>python</code>

## Executing a Python script

Execute a Python script in user view.

Task	Command
Execute a Python script.	<code>python filename</code>

## Exiting the Python shell

Execute this command in the Python shell.

Task	Command
Exit the Python shell.	<code>exit()</code>

## Python usage example

### Network requirements

Use a Python script to perform the following tasks:

- Download configuration files **main.cfg** and **backup.cfg** to the device.
- Configure the files as the main and backup configuration files for the next startup.

**Figure 1 Network diagram**



## Usage procedure

# Use a text editor on the PC to configure Python script **test.py** as follows:

```
#!/usr/bin/python
import comware

comware.Transfer('tftp', '192.168.1.26', 'main.cfg', 'flash:/main.cfg')
comware.Transfer('tftp', '192.168.1.26', 'backup.cfg', 'flash:/backup.cfg')
comware.CLI('startup saved-configuration flash:/main.cfg main ;startup
saved-configuration flash:/backup.cfg backup')
```

# Use TFTP to download the script to the device.

```
<Sysname> tftp 192.168.1.26 get test.py
```

# Execute the script.

```
<Sysname> python flash:/test.py
<Sysname>startup saved-configuration flash:/main.cfg main
Please wait..... Done.
<Sysname>startup saved-configuration flash:/backup.cfg backup
Please wait..... Done.
```

## Verifying the configuration

# Display startup configuration files.

```
<Sysname> display startup
Current startup saved-configuration file: flash:/startup.cfg
Next main startup saved-configuration file: flash:/main.cfg
Next backup startup saved-configuration file: flash:/backup.cfg
```

# Comware 7 extended Python API

The Comware 7 extended Python API is compatible with the Python syntax.

## Importing and using the Comware 7 extended Python API

To use the Comware 7 extended Python API, you must import the API to Python.

Use either of the following methods to import and use the Comware 7 extended Python API:

- Use **import comware** to import the entire API and use **comware.API** to execute an API. For example, to use the extended API **Transfer** to download file **test.cfg** from TFTP server 192.168.1.26:

```
<Sysname> python
Python 2.7.3 (default)
[GCC 4.4.1] on linux2
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> import comware
>>> comware.Transfer('tftp', '192.168.1.26', 'test.cfg', 'flash:/test.cfg', user='',
password='')
<comware.Transfer object at 0xb7eab0e0>
```

- Use **from comware import API** to import an API and use **API** to execute the API. For example, to use the extended API **Transfer** to download file **test.cfg** from TFTP server 192.168.1.26:

```
<Sysname> python
Python 2.7.3 (default)
[GCC 4.4.1] on linux2
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> from comware import Transfer
>>> Transfer('tftp', '192.168.1.26', 'test.cfg', 'flash:/test.cfg', user='',
password='')
<comware.Transfer object at 0xb7e5e0e0>
```

## Comware 7 extended Python API functions

### CLI class

#### CLI

Use **CLI** to execute Comware 7 CLI commands and create CLI objects.

#### Syntax

**CLI**(*command*='', *do\_print*=True)

#### Parameters

*command*: Specifies the commands to be executed. To enter multiple commands, use a space and a semicolon (;) as the delimiter. To enter a command in a view other than user view, you must first enter

the commands used to enter the view. For example, you must enter '**system-view ;local-user test class manage**' to execute the **local-user test class manage** command.

*do\_print*: Specifies whether to output the execution result:

- **True**—Outputs the execution result. This value is the default.
- **False**—Does not output the execution result.

## Usage guidelines

This API supports only Comware commands. It does not support Linux, Python, or Tcl commands.

## Returns

CLI objects

## Examples

**# Add a local user named test.**

```
<Sysname> python
Python 2.7.3 (default)
[GCC 4.4.1] on linux2
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> import comware
>>> comware.CLI('system-view ;local-user test class manage')
```

## Sample output

```
<Sysname> system-view
System View: return to User View with Ctrl+Z.
[Sysname] local-user test class manage
New local user added.
<comware.CLI object at 0xb7f680a0>
```

## get\_output

Use **get\_output** to get the output from executed commands.

## Syntax

**CLI.get\_output()**

## Returns

Output from executed commands

## Examples

**# Add a local user and get the output from the command.**

```
<Sysname> python
Python 2.7.3 (default)
[GCC 4.4.1] on linux2
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> import comware
>>> c = comware.CLI('system-view ;local-user test class manage', False)
>>> c.get_output()
```

## Sample output

```
['<Sysname>system-view', 'System View: return to User View with Ctrl+Z.',
 '[Sysname]local-user test class manage', 'New local user added.']
```

# Transfer class

## Transfer

Use **Transfer** to download a file from a server.

## Syntax

```
Transfer(protocol="", host="", source="", dest="", vrf="", login_timeout=10, user="", password="")
```

## Parameters

*protocol*: Specifies the protocol used to download a file:

- **ftp**—Uses FTP.
- **tftp**—Uses TFTP.
- **http**—Uses HTTP.

*host*: Specifies the IP address of the remote server.

*source*: Specifies the name of the file to be downloaded from the remote server.

*dest*: Specifies a name for the downloaded file.

*vrf*: Specifies the MPLS L3VPN instance to which the remote server belongs. This argument represents the VPN instance name, a case-sensitive string of 1 to 31 characters. If the server belongs to the public network, do not specify this argument.

*login\_timeout*: Specifies the timeout for the operation, in seconds. The default is 10.

*user*: Specifies the username for logging in to the server.

*password*: Specifies the login password.

## Returns

Transfer object

## Examples

```
# Download file test.cfg from TFTP server 192.168.1.26.  
<Sysname> python  
Python 2.7.3 (default)  
[GCC 4.4.1] on linux2  
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.  
>>> import comware  
>>> comware.Transfer('tftp', '192.168.1.26', 'test.cfg', 'flash:/test.cfg', user='',  
password='')
```

## Sample output

```
<comware.Transfer object at 0xb7f700e0>
```

## get\_error

Use **get\_error** to get the error information from the download operation.

## Syntax

```
Transfer.get_error()
```

## Returns

Error information (if there is no error information, **None** is returned)

## Examples

```
# Download file test.cfg from TFTP server 1.1.1.1 and get the error information from the operation.
```

```
<Sysname> python
Python 2.7.3 (default)
[GCC 4.4.1] on linux2
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> import comware
>>> c = comware.Transfer('tftp', '1.1.1.1', 'test.cfg', 'flash:/test.cfg', user='',
password='')
>>> c.get_error()
```

### Sample output

```
"Timeout was reached"
```

## API get\_self\_slot

### get\_self\_slot

Use **get\_self\_slot** to get the member ID of the master device.

### Syntax

```
get_self_slot()
```

### Returns

A list object in the format of `[-1,slot-number]`. The *slot-number* indicates the member ID of the master device.

### Examples

```
# Get the member ID of the master device.
```

```
<Sysname> python
Python 2.7.3 (default)
[GCC 4.4.1] on linux2
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> import comware
>>> comware.get_self_slot()
```

### Sample output

```
[-1,1]
```

## API get\_standby\_slot

### get\_standby\_slot

Use **get\_standby\_slot** to get the member IDs of the subordinate devices.

### Syntax

```
get_standby_slot()
```

### Returns

A list object in one of the following formats:

- `[]`—The IRF fabric does not have a subordinate device.
- `[-1,slot-number]`—The IRF fabric has only one subordinate device.
- `[-1,slot-number1],[-1,slot-number2],...`—The IRF fabric has multiple subordinate devices.

The *slot-number* arguments indicate the member IDs of the subordinate devices.

## Examples

```
# Get the member IDs of the subordinate devices.
<Sysname> python
Python 2.7.3 (default)
[GCC 4.4.1] on linux2
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> import comware
>>> comware.get_standby_slot()
```

## Sample output

```
[[ -1, 1], [-1, 2]]
```

# API get\_slot\_range

## get\_slot\_range

Use **get\_slot\_range** to get the supported IRF member ID range.

## Syntax

```
get_slot_range()
```

## Returns

A dictionary object in the format of {'MaxSlot': *max-slot-number*, 'MinSlot': *min-slot-number*}. The *max-slot-number* argument indicates the maximum member ID. The *min-slot-number* argument indicates the minimum member ID.

## Examples

```
# Get the supported IRF member ID range.
<Sysname> python
Python 2.7.3 (default)
[GCC 4.4.1] on linux2
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> import comware
>>> comware.get_slot_range()
```

## Sample output

```
{'MaxSlot': 20, 'MinSlot': 1}
```

# API get\_slot\_info

## get\_slot\_info

Use **get\_slot\_info** to get information about a member device.

## Syntax

```
get_slot_info()
```

## Returns

A dictionary object in the format of {'Slot': *slot-number*, 'Status': *status*, 'Chassis': *chassis-number*, 'Role': *role*, 'Cpu': *CPU-number*}. The *slot-number* argument indicates the member ID of the device. The *status* argument indicates the status of the member device. The *chassis-number* and *CPU-number* arguments are fixed at 0. The *role* argument indicates the role of the member device.

## Examples

# Get information about a member device.

```
<Sysname> python
```

```
Python 2.7.3 (default)
```

```
[GCC 4.4.1] on linux2
```

```
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
```

```
>>> import comware
```

```
>>> comware.get_slot_info(1)
```

## Sample output

```
{'Slot': 1, 'Status': 'Normal', 'Chassis': 0, 'Role': 'Master', 'Cpu': 0}
```