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Abstract

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## 1. Introduction

YANG [[RFC7950](#)] is a data modeling language used to model configuration and state data manipulated by the Network Configuration Protocol (NETCONF) [[RFC6241](#)]. The YANG language supports a small set of built-in data types and provides mechanisms to derive other types from the built-in types.

This document introduces a collection of common data types derived from the built-in YANG data types. The derived types are designed to be applicable for modeling all areas of management information. The definitions are organized in several YANG modules. The "ietf-yang-types" module contains generally useful data types. The "ietf-inet-types" module contains definitions that are relevant for the Internet protocol suite.

This document adds new type definitions to the YANG modules and obsoletes [[RFC6991](#)]. For further details, see the revision statements of the YANG modules in [Section 3](#) and [Section 4](#) and the summary in [Appendix A](#).

This document uses the YANG terminology defined in [Section 3 of](#) [\[RFC7950\]](#).

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## 2. Overview

This section provides a short overview of the types defined in subsequent sections and their equivalent Structure of Management Information Version 2 (SMIv2) [[RFC2578](#)][RFC2579] data types. A YANG data type is equivalent to an SMIv2 data type if the data types have the same set of values and the semantics of the values are equivalent.

Table 1 lists the types defined in the ietf-yang-types YANG module and the corresponding SMIv2 types (- indicates there is no corresponding SMIv2 type).

YANG type	Equivalent SMIv2 type (module)
counter32	Counter32 (SNMPv2-SMI)
zero-based-counter32	ZeroBasedCounter32 (RMON2-MIB)
counter64	Counter64 (SNMPv2-SMI)
zero-based-counter64	ZeroBasedCounter64 (HCNUM-TC)
gauge32	Gauge32 (SNMPv2-SMI)
gauge64	CounterBasedGauge64 (HCNUM-TC)
object-identifier	-
object-identifier-128	OBJECT IDENTIFIER
date-and-time	-
date	-
time	-
hours	-
minutes	-
seconds	-
centiseconds	-
milliseconds	-
microseconds	-
nanoseconds	-
timeticks	TimeTicks (SNMPv2-SMI)
timestamp	TimeStamp (SNMPv2-TC)
phys-address	PhysAddress (SNMPv2-TC)
mac-address	MacAddress (SNMPv2-TC)
xpath1.0	-
hex-string	-
uuid	-
dotted-quad	-
yang-identifier	-
revision-identifier	-
node-instance-identifier	-

Table 1: ietf-yang-types



Table 2 lists the types defined in the `ietf-inet-types` YANG module and the corresponding SMIV2 types (if any).

YANG type	Equivalent SMIV2 type (module)
<code>ip-version</code>	<code>InetVersion</code> (INET-ADDRESS-MIB)
<code>dscp</code>	<code>Dscp</code> (DIFFSERV-DSCP-TC)
<code>ipv6-flow-label</code>	<code>IPv6FlowLabel</code> (IPV6-FLOW-LABEL-MIB)
<code>port-number</code>	<code>InetPortNumber</code> (INET-ADDRESS-MIB)
<code>as-number</code>	<code>InetAutonomousSystemNumber</code> (INET-ADDRESS-MIB)
<code>ip-address</code>	-
<code>ipv4-address</code>	-
<code>ipv6-address</code>	-
<code>ip-address-no-zone</code>	-
<code>ipv4-address-no-zone</code>	-
<code>ipv6-address-no-zone</code>	-
<code>ip-prefix</code>	-
<code>ipv4-prefix</code>	-
<code>ipv6-prefix</code>	-
<code>domain-name</code>	-
<code>host</code>	-
<code>uri</code>	<code>Uri</code> (URI-TC-MIB)
<code>email-address</code>	-

Table 2: `ietf-inet-types`





### 3. Core YANG Derived Types

The ietf-yang-types YANG module references [[IEEE802](#)], [[ISO9834-1](#)], [[RFC2578](#)], [[RFC2579](#)], [[RFC2856](#)], [[RFC3339](#)], [[RFC4122](#)], [[RFC4502](#)], [[RFC5322](#)], [[RFC7950](#)], [[XPath](#)], and [[XSD-TYPES](#)].

```
<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-yang-types@2019-03-11.yang"
```

```
module ietf-yang-types {

  namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-yang-types";
  prefix "yang";

  organization
    "IETF NETMOD (Network Modeling) Working Group";

  contact
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    WG List:  <mailto:netmod@ietf.org>

    Editor:   Juergen Schoenwaelder
              <mailto:j.schoenwaelder@jacobs-university.de>;

  description
    "This module contains a collection of generally useful derived
    YANG data types.

    The key words 'MUST', 'MUST NOT', 'REQUIRED', 'SHALL', 'SHALL
    NOT', 'SHOULD', 'SHOULD NOT', 'RECOMMENDED', 'NOT RECOMMENDED',
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    This version of this YANG module is part of RFC XXXX;
    see the RFC itself for full legal notices.";

  revision 2019-03-11 {
    description
```



```
"This revision adds the following new data types:
- date, time
- hours, minutes, seconds
- centiseconds, milliseconds, microseconds, nanoseconds
- revision-identifier, node-instance-identifier";
reference
  "RFC XXXX: Common YANG Data Types";
}

revision 2013-07-15 {
  description
    "This revision adds the following new data types:
    - yang-identifier
    - hex-string
    - uuid
    - dotted-quad";
  reference
    "RFC 6991: Common YANG Data Types";
}

revision 2010-09-24 {
  description
    "Initial revision.";
  reference
    "RFC 6021: Common YANG Data Types";
}

/** collection of counter and gauge types */

typedef counter32 {
  type uint32;
  description
    "The counter32 type represents a non-negative integer
    that monotonically increases until it reaches a
    maximum value of 2^32-1 (4294967295 decimal), when it
    wraps around and starts increasing again from zero.

    Counters have no defined 'initial' value, and thus, a
    single value of a counter has (in general) no information
    content. Discontinuities in the monotonically increasing
    value normally occur at re-initialization of the
    management system, and at other times as specified in the
    description of a schema node using this type. If such
    other times can occur, for example, the instantiation of
    a schema node of type counter32 at times other than
    re-initialization, then a corresponding schema node
    should be defined, with an appropriate type, to indicate
    the last discontinuity."
```



The counter32 type should not be used for configuration schema nodes. A default statement SHOULD NOT be used in combination with the type counter32.

In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent to the Counter32 type of the SMIV2.";

reference

"[RFC 2578](#): Structure of Management Information Version 2 (SMIV2)";

}

typedef zero-based-counter32 {

type yang:counter32;

default "0";

description

"The zero-based-counter32 type represents a counter32 that has the defined 'initial' value zero.

A schema node instance of this type will be set to zero (0) on creation and will thereafter increase monotonically until it reaches a maximum value of  $2^{32}-1$  (4294967295 decimal), when it wraps around and starts increasing again from zero.

Provided that an application discovers a new schema node instance of this type within the minimum time to wrap, it can use the 'initial' value as a delta. It is important for a management station to be aware of this minimum time and the actual time between polls, and to discard data if the actual time is too long or there is no defined minimum time.

In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent to the ZeroBasedCounter32 textual convention of the SMIV2.";

reference

"[RFC 4502](#): Remote Network Monitoring Management Information Base Version 2";

}

typedef counter64 {

type uint64;

description

"The counter64 type represents a non-negative integer that monotonically increases until it reaches a maximum value of  $2^{64}-1$  (18446744073709551615 decimal), when it wraps around and starts increasing again from zero.

Counters have no defined 'initial' value, and thus, a single value of a counter has (in general) no information content. Discontinuities in the monotonically increasing



value normally occur at re-initialization of the management system, and at other times as specified in the description of a schema node using this type. If such other times can occur, for example, the instantiation of a schema node of type counter64 at times other than re-initialization, then a corresponding schema node should be defined, with an appropriate type, to indicate the last discontinuity.

The counter64 type should not be used for configuration schema nodes. A default statement SHOULD NOT be used in combination with the type counter64.

In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent to the Counter64 type of the SMIV2.";

reference

"[RFC 2578](#): Structure of Management Information Version 2 (SMIV2)";

}

typedef zero-based-counter64 {

type yang:counter64;

default "0";

description

"The zero-based-counter64 type represents a counter64 that has the defined 'initial' value zero.

A schema node instance of this type will be set to zero (0) on creation and will thereafter increase monotonically until it reaches a maximum value of  $2^{64}-1$  (18446744073709551615 decimal), when it wraps around and starts increasing again from zero.

Provided that an application discovers a new schema node instance of this type within the minimum time to wrap, it can use the 'initial' value as a delta. It is important for a management station to be aware of this minimum time and the actual time between polls, and to discard data if the actual time is too long or there is no defined minimum time.

In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent to the ZeroBasedCounter64 textual convention of the SMIV2.";

reference

"[RFC 2856](#): Textual Conventions for Additional High Capacity Data Types";

}

typedef gauge32 {





```
type uint32;
description
  "The gauge32 type represents a non-negative integer, which
  may increase or decrease, but shall never exceed a maximum
  value, nor fall below a minimum value. The maximum value
  cannot be greater than 2^32-1 (4294967295 decimal), and
  the minimum value cannot be smaller than 0. The value of
  a gauge32 has its maximum value whenever the information
  being modeled is greater than or equal to its maximum
  value, and has its minimum value whenever the information
  being modeled is smaller than or equal to its minimum value.
  If the information being modeled subsequently decreases
  below (increases above) the maximum (minimum) value, the
  gauge32 also decreases (increases).

  In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent
  to the Gauge32 type of the SMIV2.";
reference
  "RFC 2578: Structure of Management Information Version 2
  (SMIV2)";
}

typedef gauge64 {
  type uint64;
  description
    "The gauge64 type represents a non-negative integer, which
    may increase or decrease, but shall never exceed a maximum
    value, nor fall below a minimum value. The maximum value
    cannot be greater than 2^64-1 (18446744073709551615), and
    the minimum value cannot be smaller than 0. The value of
    a gauge64 has its maximum value whenever the information
    being modeled is greater than or equal to its maximum
    value, and has its minimum value whenever the information
    being modeled is smaller than or equal to its minimum value.
    If the information being modeled subsequently decreases
    below (increases above) the maximum (minimum) value, the
    gauge64 also decreases (increases).

    In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent
    to the CounterBasedGauge64 SMIV2 textual convention defined
    in RFC 2856";
  reference
    "RFC 2856: Textual Conventions for Additional High Capacity
    Data Types";
}

/** collection of identifier-related types **/
```



```
typedef object-identifier {
  type string {
    pattern '(([0-1](\.[1-3]?[0-9]))|(2\.(0|([1-9]\d*))))'
      + '(\.(0|([1-9]\d*)))';
  }
  description
    "The object-identifier type represents administratively
    assigned names in a registration-hierarchical-name tree.

    Values of this type are denoted as a sequence of numerical
    non-negative sub-identifier values. Each sub-identifier
    value MUST NOT exceed 2^32-1 (4294967295). Sub-identifiers
    are separated by single dots and without any intermediate
    whitespace.

    The ASN.1 standard restricts the value space of the first
    sub-identifier to 0, 1, or 2. Furthermore, the value space
    of the second sub-identifier is restricted to the range
    0 to 39 if the first sub-identifier is 0 or 1. Finally,
    the ASN.1 standard requires that an object identifier
    has always at least two sub-identifiers. The pattern
    captures these restrictions.

    Although the number of sub-identifiers is not limited,
    module designers should realize that there may be
    implementations that stick with the SMIV2 limit of 128
    sub-identifiers.

    This type is a superset of the SMIV2 OBJECT IDENTIFIER type
    since it is not restricted to 128 sub-identifiers. Hence,
    this type SHOULD NOT be used to represent the SMIV2 OBJECT
    IDENTIFIER type; the object-identifier-128 type SHOULD be
    used instead.";
  reference
    "ISO9834-1: Information technology -- Open Systems
    Interconnection -- Procedures for the operation of OSI
    Registration Authorities: General procedures and top
    arcs of the ASN.1 Object Identifier tree";
}

typedef object-identifier-128 {
  type object-identifier {
    pattern '\d*(\.\d*){1,127}';
  }
  description
    "This type represents object-identifiers restricted to 128
    sub-identifiers."
```



In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent to the OBJECT IDENTIFIER type of the SMIV2.";

reference

"[RFC 2578](#): Structure of Management Information Version 2 (SMIV2)";

}

/\*\* collection of types related to date and time \*/

```
typedef date-and-time {
  type string {
    pattern '\d{4}-\d{2}-\d{2}T\d{2}:\d{2}:\d{2}(\.\d+)?'
      + '(Z|[\+\-]\d{2}:\d{2})';
  }
  description
    "The date-and-time type is a profile of the ISO 8601
    standard for representation of dates and times using the
    Gregorian calendar. The profile is defined by the
    date-time production in Section 5.6 of RFC 3339.

    The date-and-time type is compatible with the dateTime XML
    schema type with the following notable exceptions:

    (a) The date-and-time type does not allow negative years.

    (b) The date-and-time time-offset -00:00 indicates an unknown
        time zone (see RFC 3339) while -00:00 and +00:00 and Z
        all represent the same time zone in dateTime.

    (c) The canonical format (see below) of date-and-time values
        differs from the canonical format used by the dateTime XML
        schema type, which requires all times to be in UTC using
        the time-offset 'Z'.
    This type is not equivalent to the DateAndTime textual
    convention of the SMIV2 since RFC 3339 uses a different
    separator between full-date and full-time and provides
    higher resolution of time-secfrac.

    The canonical format for date-and-time values with a known time
    zone uses a numeric time zone offset that is calculated using
    the device's configured known offset to UTC time. A change of
    the device's offset to UTC time will cause date-and-time values
    to change accordingly. Such changes might happen periodically
    in case a server follows automatically daylight saving time
    (DST) time zone offset changes. The canonical format for
    date-and-time values with an unknown time zone (usually
    referring to the notion of local time) uses the time-offset
```



```

    -00:00.";
reference
  "RFC 3339: Date and Time on the Internet: Timestamps
   RFC 2579: Textual Conventions for SMIV2
   XSD-TYPES: XML Schema Part 2: Datatypes Second Edition";
}

typedef date {
  type string {
    pattern '\d{4}-\d{2}-\d{2}'
      + '(Z|[\+|-]\d{2}:\d{2})';
  }
  description
    "The date type represents a time-interval of the length
     of a day, i.e., 24 hours.

    The date type is compatible with the date XML schema
    type with the following notable exceptions:

    (a) The date type does not allow negative years.

    (b) The date time-offset -00:00 indicates an unknown
        time zone (see RFC 3339) while -00:00 and +00:00 and Z
        all represent the same time zone in date.

    (c) The canonical format (see below) of data values
        differs from the canonical format used by the date XML
        schema type, which requires all times to be in UTC using
        the time-offset 'Z'.

    The canonical format for date values with a known time
    zone uses a numeric time zone offset that is calculated using
    the device's configured known offset to UTC time. A change of
    the device's offset to UTC time will cause date values
    to change accordingly. Such changes might happen periodically
    in case a server follows automatically daylight saving time
    (DST) time zone offset changes. The canonical format for
    date values with an unknown time zone (usually referring
    to the notion of local time) uses the time-offset -00:00.";
reference
  "RFC 3339: Date and Time on the Internet: Timestamps
   XSD-TYPES: XML Schema Part 2: Datatypes Second Edition";
}

/*
 * DISCUSS:
 * - XML schema seems to use a different canonical format, we
 *   need to take a closer look how to define the canonical format

```





```
*   given that a data really identifies a 24 hour interval and
*   what XSD means with 'interval midpoint'.
*/
```

```
typedef time {
  type string {
    pattern '\d{2}:\d{2}:\d{2}(\.\d+)?'
      + '(Z|[\+\-]\d{2}:\d{2})';
  }
  description
    "The time type represents an instance of time of zero-duration
    that recurs every day.
```

The time type is compatible with the time XML schema type with the following notable exceptions:

- (a) The time time-offset -00:00 indicates an unknown time zone (see [RFC 3339](#)) while -00:00 and +00:00 and Z all represent the same time zone in time.
- (c) The canonical format (see below) of time values differs from the canonical format used by the time XML schema type, which requires all times to be in UTC using the time-offset 'Z'.

The canonical format for time values with a known time zone uses a numeric time zone offset that is calculated using the device's configured known offset to UTC time. A change of the device's offset to UTC time will cause time values to change accordingly. Such changes might happen periodically in case a server follows automatically daylight saving time (DST) time zone offset changes. The canonical format for time values with an unknown time zone (usually referring to the notion of local time) uses the time-offset -00:00.";

reference

"[RFC 3339](#): Date and Time on the Internet: Timestamps  
XSD-TYPES: XML Schema Part 2: Datatypes Second Edition";

```
}
```

```
typedef hours {
  type uint32;
  units "hours";
  description
    "A period of time, measured in units of hours.";
}
```

```
typedef minutes {
  type uint32;
```



```
    units "minutes";
    description
        "A period of time, measured in units of minutes.";
}

typedef seconds {
    type uint32;
    units "seconds";
    description
        "A period of time, measured in units of seconds.
        The maximum duration that can be expressed is in the
        order of 49710 days and 6 hours and 28 minutes and 15
        seconds.";
}

typedef centiseconds {
    type uint32;
    units "centiseconds";
    description
        "A period of time, measured in units of 10-2 seconds.
        The maximum duration that can be expressed is in the
        order of 497 days and 2 hours and 27 minutes and 52
        seconds.";
}

typedef milliseconds {
    type uint32;
    units "milliseconds";
    description
        "A period of time, measured in units of 10-3 seconds.
        The maximum duration that can be expressed is in the
        order of 49 days and 17 hours and 2 minutes and 47
        seconds.";
}

typedef microseconds {
    type uint32;
    units "microseconds";
    description
        "A period of time, measured in units of 10-6 seconds.
        The maximum duration that can be expressed is in the
        order of 1 hour and 11 minutes and 34 seconds.";
}

typedef nanoseconds {
    type uint32;
    units "nanoseconds";
    description
```



```
    "A period of time, measured in units of 10^-9 seconds.
    The maximum duration that can be expressed is in the
    order of 4 seconds.";
}

/*
 * DISCUSS:
 * - do we need (nano|micro|milli)seconds with 64 bits?
 * - do we add typedef timeinterval { type centiseconds
 *   { range 0..2147483647 } } for compatibility with SMIV2?
 */

typedef timeticks {
  type uint32;
  description
    "The timeticks type represents a non-negative integer that
    represents the time, modulo 2^32 (4294967296 decimal), in
    hundredths of a second between two epochs. When a schema
    node is defined that uses this type, the description of
    the schema node identifies both of the reference epochs.

    In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent
    to the TimeTicks type of the SMIV2.";
  reference
    "RFC 2578: Structure of Management Information Version 2
    (SMIV2)";
}

typedef timestamp {
  type yang:timeticks;
  description
    "The timestamp type represents the value of an associated
    timeticks schema node instance at which a specific occurrence
    happened. The specific occurrence must be defined in the
    description of any schema node defined using this type. When
    the specific occurrence occurred prior to the last time the
    associated timeticks schema node instance was zero, then the
    timestamp value is zero.

    Note that this requires all timestamp values to be reset to
    zero when the value of the associated timeticks schema node
    instance reaches 497+ days and wraps around to zero.

    The associated timeticks schema node must be specified
    in the description of any schema node using this type.

    In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent
    to the TimeStamp textual convention of the SMIV2.";
```



```
reference
  "RFC 2579: Textual Conventions for SMIV2";
}

/** collection of generic address types */

typedef phys-address {
  type string {
    pattern '([0-9a-fA-F]{2}(:[0-9a-fA-F]{2})*)?';
  }
  description
    "Represents media- or physical-level addresses represented
    as a sequence octets, each octet represented by two hexadecimal
    numbers. Octets are separated by colons. The canonical
    representation uses lowercase characters.

    In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent
    to the PhysAddress textual convention of the SMIV2.";
  reference
    "RFC 2579: Textual Conventions for SMIV2";
}

typedef mac-address {
  type string {
    pattern '[0-9a-fA-F]{2}(:[0-9a-fA-F]{2}){5}';
  }
  description
    "The mac-address type represents an IEEE 802 MAC address.
    The canonical representation uses lowercase characters.

    In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent
    to the MacAddress textual convention of the SMIV2.";
  reference
    "IEEE 802: IEEE Standard for Local and Metropolitan Area
    Networks: Overview and Architecture
    RFC 2579: Textual Conventions for SMIV2";
}

/** collection of XML-specific types */

typedef xpath1.0 {
  type string;
  description
    "This type represents an XPATH 1.0 expression.

    When a schema node is defined that uses this type, the
    description of the schema node MUST specify the XPath
    context in which the XPath expression is evaluated.";
```





```
reference
  "XPath: XML Path Language (XPath) Version 1.0";
}

/*
 * DISCUSS:
 * - How do we deal with xpath expressions in other encodings
 *   such as JSON. Do we assume an xpath context populated with
 *   module names such that module names can be used to qualify
 *   path expressions. This may need discussion and/or a new
 *   definition.
 * - This interacts with the definition of node-instance-identifier.
 */

/** collection of string types */

typedef hex-string {
  type string {
    pattern '([0-9a-fA-F]{2}(:[0-9a-fA-F]{2})*)?';
  }
  description
    "A hexadecimal string with octets represented as hex digits
    separated by colons. The canonical representation uses
    lowercase characters.";
}

typedef uuid {
  type string {
    pattern '[0-9a-fA-F]{8}-[0-9a-fA-F]{4}-[0-9a-fA-F]{4}-'
      + '[0-9a-fA-F]{4}-[0-9a-fA-F]{12}';
  }
  description
    "A Universally Unique Identifier in the string representation
    defined in RFC 4122. The canonical representation uses
    lowercase characters.

    The following is an example of a UUID in string representation:
    f81d4fae-7dec-11d0-a765-00a0c91e6bf6
    ";
  reference
    "RFC 4122: A Universally Unique Identifier (UUID) URN
    Namespace";
}

typedef dotted-quad {
  type string {
    pattern
      '(([0-9]|[1-9][0-9]|1[0-9][0-9]|2[0-4][0-9]|25[0-5])\.){3}'
```



```
    + '([0-9]|[1-9][0-9]|1[0-9][0-9]|2[0-4][0-9]|25[0-5])';
  }
  description
    "An unsigned 32-bit number expressed in the dotted-quad
    notation, i.e., four octets written as decimal numbers
    and separated with the '.' (full stop) character.";
}

/** collection of YANG specific types */

typedef yang-identifier {
  type string {
    length "1..max";
    pattern '[a-zA-Z_][a-zA-Z0-9\-\_\.]*';
    pattern '^[^xX].*|^[mM].*|^[lL].*';
  }
  description
    "A YANG identifier string as defined by the 'identifier'
    rule in Section 12 of RFC 6020. An identifier must
    start with an alphabetic character or an underscore
    followed by an arbitrary sequence of alphabetic or
    numeric characters, underscores, hyphens, or dots.

    A YANG identifier MUST NOT start with any possible
    combination of the lowercase or uppercase character
    sequence 'xml'.";
  reference
    "RFC 6020: YANG - A Data Modeling Language for the Network
    Configuration Protocol (NETCONF)";
}

typedef revision-identifier {
  type date {
    pattern '\d{4}-\d{2}-\d{2}';
  }
  description
    "Represents a specific revision of a YANG module by means of
    a date value without a time zone.";
}

typedef node-instance-identifier {
  type xpath1.0;
  description
    "Path expression used to represent a special
    data node, action, or notification instance-identifier
    string.

    A node-instance-identifier value is an
```



unrestricted YANG instance-identifier expression.

All the same rules as an instance-identifier apply, except that predicates for keys are optional. If a key predicate is missing, then the node-instance-identifier represents all possible server instances for that key.

This XML Path Language (XPath) expression is evaluated in the following context:

- o The set of namespace declarations are those in scope on the leaf element where this type is used.
- o The set of variable bindings contains one variable, 'USER', which contains the name of the user of the current session.
- o The function library is the core function library, but note that due to the syntax restrictions of an instance-identifier, no functions are allowed.
- o The context node is the root node in the data tree.

The accessible tree includes actions and notifications tied to data nodes.";

}

/\*

\* DISCUSS:

- \* - This is taken from [RFC 8341](#) and the idea is that this definition is useful without requiring a dependency on NACM
- \* - What does the second bullet actually do? Do we keep this?
- \* - How does this work with JSON? Can we make this encoding neutral (but then we knowingly depart from NACM)?
- \* - This interacts with the definition of xpath1.0.

\*/

/\* DISCUSS:

- \* - It was suggested to add types for longitude, latitude, postal code, country-code. Do we go there or do we leave these for other modules to define?

\*/

/\* DISCUSS:

- \* - It was suggested to add percentage types but they tend to differ widely. However, percentages are also widely used.

\*/

}



<CODE ENDS>



#### 4. Internet-Specific Derived Types

The ietf-inet-types YANG module references [\[RFC0768\]](#), [\[RFC0791\]](#), [\[RFC0793\]](#), [\[RFC0952\]](#), [\[RFC1034\]](#), [\[RFC1123\]](#), [\[RFC1930\]](#), [\[RFC2460\]](#), [\[RFC2474\]](#), [\[RFC2780\]](#), [\[RFC2782\]](#), [\[RFC3289\]](#), [\[RFC3305\]](#), [\[RFC3595\]](#), [\[RFC3986\]](#), [\[RFC4001\]](#), [\[RFC4007\]](#), [\[RFC4271\]](#), [\[RFC4291\]](#), [\[RFC4340\]](#), [\[RFC4960\]](#), [\[RFC5017\]](#), [\[RFC5890\]](#), [\[RFC5952\]](#), and [\[RFC6793\]](#).

```
<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-inet-types@2019-03-11.yang"
```

```
module ietf-inet-types {

  namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-inet-types";
  prefix "inet";

  organization
    "IETF NETMOD (Network Modeling) Working Group";

  contact
    "WG Web:   <https://datatracker.ietf.org/wg/netmod/>
    WG List:  <mailto:netmod@ietf.org>

    Editor:   Juergen Schoenwaelder
              <mailto:j.schoenwaelder@jacobs-university.de>";

  description
    "This module contains a collection of generally useful derived
    YANG data types for Internet addresses and related things.

    The key words 'MUST', 'MUST NOT', 'REQUIRED', 'SHALL', 'SHALL
    NOT', 'SHOULD', 'SHOULD NOT', 'RECOMMENDED', 'NOT RECOMMENDED',
    'MAY', and 'OPTIONAL' in this document are to be interpreted as
    described in BCP 14 (RFC 2119) (RFC 8174) when, and only when,
    they appear in all capitals, as shown here.

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    set forth in Section 4.c of the IETF Trust's Legal Provisions
    Relating to IETF Documents
    (http://trustee.ietf.org/license-info).

    This version of this YANG module is part of RFC XXXX;
    see the RFC itself for full legal notices.";
```



```
revision 2019-03-11 {
  description
    "This revision adds the following new data types:
     - email-address";
  reference
    "RFC XXXX: Common YANG Data Types";
}

revision 2013-07-15 {
  description
    "This revision adds the following new data types:
     - ip-address-no-zone
     - ipv4-address-no-zone
     - ipv6-address-no-zone";
  reference
    "RFC 6991: Common YANG Data Types";
}

revision 2010-09-24 {
  description
    "Initial revision.";
  reference
    "RFC 6021: Common YANG Data Types";
}

/*** collection of types related to protocol fields ***/

typedef ip-version {
  type enumeration {
    enum unknown {
      value "0";
      description
        "An unknown or unspecified version of the Internet
         protocol.";
    }
    enum ipv4 {
      value "1";
      description
        "The IPv4 protocol as defined in RFC 791.";
    }
    enum ipv6 {
      value "2";
      description
        "The IPv6 protocol as defined in RFC 2460.";
    }
  }
  description
    "This value represents the version of the IP protocol.
```



In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent to the InetVersion textual convention of the SMIV2.";

reference

"RFC 791: Internet Protocol  
[RFC 2460](#): Internet Protocol, Version 6 (IPv6) Specification  
[RFC 4001](#): Textual Conventions for Internet Network Addresses";

}

typedef dscp {  
 type uint8 {  
 range "0..63";  
 }  
 description  
 "The dscp type represents a Differentiated Services Code Point that may be used for marking packets in a traffic stream.

In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent to the Dscp textual convention of the SMIV2.";

reference

"[RFC 3289](#): Management Information Base for the Differentiated Services Architecture  
[RFC 2474](#): Definition of the Differentiated Services Field (DS Field) in the IPv4 and IPv6 Headers  
[RFC 2780](#): IANA Allocation Guidelines For Values In the Internet Protocol and Related Headers";

}

typedef ipv6-flow-label {  
 type uint32 {  
 range "0..1048575";  
 }  
 description  
 "The ipv6-flow-label type represents the flow identifier or Flow Label in an IPv6 packet header that may be used to discriminate traffic flows.

In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent to the IPv6FlowLabel textual convention of the SMIV2.";

reference

"[RFC 3595](#): Textual Conventions for IPv6 Flow Label  
[RFC 2460](#): Internet Protocol, Version 6 (IPv6) Specification";

}

typedef port-number {  
 type uint16 {  
 range "0..65535";  
 }  
 description



"The port-number type represents a 16-bit port number of an Internet transport-layer protocol such as UDP, TCP, DCCP, or SCTP. Port numbers are assigned by IANA. A current list of all assignments is available from <<http://www.iana.org/>>.

Note that the port number value zero is reserved by IANA. In situations where the value zero does not make sense, it can be excluded by subtyping the port-number type.

In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent to the InetPortNumber textual convention of the SMIV2.";

reference

"RFC 768: User Datagram Protocol

RFC 793: Transmission Control Protocol

[RFC 4960](#): Stream Control Transmission Protocol

[RFC 4340](#): Datagram Congestion Control Protocol (DCCP)

[RFC 4001](#): Textual Conventions for Internet Network Addresses";

}

/\*\* collection of types related to autonomous systems \*/

typedef as-number {

type uint32;

description

"The as-number type represents autonomous system numbers which identify an Autonomous System (AS). An AS is a set of routers under a single technical administration, using an interior gateway protocol and common metrics to route packets within the AS, and using an exterior gateway protocol to route packets to other ASes. IANA maintains the AS number space and has delegated large parts to the regional registries.

Autonomous system numbers were originally limited to 16 bits. BGP extensions have enlarged the autonomous system number space to 32 bits. This type therefore uses an uint32 base type without a range restriction in order to support a larger autonomous system number space.

In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent to the InetAutonomousSystemNumber textual convention of the SMIV2.";

reference

"[RFC 1930](#): Guidelines for creation, selection, and registration of an Autonomous System (AS)

[RFC 4271](#): A Border Gateway Protocol 4 (BGP-4)

[RFC 4001](#): Textual Conventions for Internet Network Addresses

[RFC 6793](#): BGP Support for Four-Octet Autonomous System (AS)





```
        Number Space";
    }

    /*** collection of types related to IP addresses and hostnames ***/

    typedef ip-address {
        type union {
            type inet:ipv4-address;
            type inet:ipv6-address;
        }
        description
            "The ip-address type represents an IP address and is IP
            version neutral. The format of the textual representation
            implies the IP version. This type supports scoped addresses
            by allowing zone identifiers in the address format.";
        reference
            "RFC 4007: IPv6 Scoped Address Architecture";
    }

    typedef ipv4-address {
        type string {
            pattern
                '(([0-9]|[1-9][0-9]|1[0-9][0-9]|2[0-4][0-9]|25[0-5])\.){3}'
            + '([0-9]|[1-9][0-9]|1[0-9][0-9]|2[0-4][0-9]|25[0-5])'
            + '(%[\p{N}\p{L}]+)?';
        }
        description
            "The ipv4-address type represents an IPv4 address in
            dotted-quad notation. The IPv4 address may include a zone
            index, separated by a % sign.

            The zone index is used to disambiguate identical address
            values. For link-local addresses, the zone index will
            typically be the interface index number or the name of an
            interface. If the zone index is not present, the default
            zone of the device will be used.

            The canonical format for the zone index is the numerical
            format";
    }

    typedef ipv6-address {
        type string {
            pattern '(:|[\0-9a-fA-F]{0,4}):)([\0-9a-fA-F]{0,4}:){0,5}'
            + '(((|[\0-9a-fA-F]{0,4}:)?(:|[\0-9a-fA-F]{0,4}))|'
            + '(((25[0-5]|2[0-4][0-9]|[\01]?[0-9]?[0-9])\.){3}'
            + '(25[0-5]|2[0-4][0-9]|[\01]?[0-9]?[0-9])))'
            + '(%[\p{N}\p{L}]+)?';
        }
    }
```



```
    pattern '(((^[^:]+:){6}(((^[^:]+:[^:]+)|(.*\..*)))|'
      + '(((^[^:]+:)*^[^:]+)?::(((^[^:]+:)*^[^:]+)?)'
      + '(%.+)?';
  }
  description
    "The ipv6-address type represents an IPv6 address in full,
    mixed, shortened, and shortened-mixed notation. The IPv6
    address may include a zone index, separated by a % sign.

    The zone index is used to disambiguate identical address
    values. For link-local addresses, the zone index will
    typically be the interface index number or the name of an
    interface. If the zone index is not present, the default
    zone of the device will be used.

    The canonical format of IPv6 addresses uses the textual
    representation defined in Section 4 of RFC 5952. The
    canonical format for the zone index is the numerical
    format as described in Section 11.2 of RFC 4007.";
  reference
    "RFC 4291: IP Version 6 Addressing Architecture
    RFC 4007: IPv6 Scoped Address Architecture
    RFC 5952: A Recommendation for IPv6 Address Text
    Representation";
}

typedef ip-address-no-zone {
  type union {
    type inet:ipv4-address-no-zone;
    type inet:ipv6-address-no-zone;
  }
  description
    "The ip-address-no-zone type represents an IP address and is
    IP version neutral. The format of the textual representation
    implies the IP version. This type does not support scoped
    addresses since it does not allow zone identifiers in the
    address format.";
  reference
    "RFC 4007: IPv6 Scoped Address Architecture";
}

typedef ipv4-address-no-zone {
  type inet:ipv4-address {
    pattern '[0-9\.]*';
  }
  description
    "An IPv4 address without a zone index. This type, derived from
    ipv4-address, may be used in situations where the zone is known
```



```
    from the context and hence no zone index is needed.";
}

typedef ipv6-address-no-zone {
  type inet:ipv6-address {
    pattern '[0-9a-fA-F:\.]*';
  }
  description
    "An IPv6 address without a zone index. This type, derived from
    ipv6-address, may be used in situations where the zone is known
    from the context and hence no zone index is needed.";
  reference
    "RFC 4291: IP Version 6 Addressing Architecture
    RFC 4007: IPv6 Scoped Address Architecture
    RFC 5952: A Recommendation for IPv6 Address Text
    Representation";
}

typedef ip-prefix {
  type union {
    type inet:ipv4-prefix;
    type inet:ipv6-prefix;
  }
  description
    "The ip-prefix type represents an IP prefix and is IP
    version neutral. The format of the textual representations
    implies the IP version.";
}

typedef ipv4-prefix {
  type string {
    pattern
      '(((\[0-9\]|\[1-9\]\[0-9\]|1\[0-9\]\[0-9\]|2\[0-4\]\[0-9\]|25\[0-5\]))\.){3}'
      + '(((\[0-9\]|\[1-9\]\[0-9\]|1\[0-9\]\[0-9\]|2\[0-4\]\[0-9\]|25\[0-5\]))'
      + '/(((\[0-9\])|(\[1-2\]\[0-9\])|(3\[0-2\]))';
  }
  description
    "The ipv4-prefix type represents an IPv4 address prefix.
    The prefix length is given by the number following the
    slash character and must be less than or equal to 32.

    A prefix length value of n corresponds to an IP address
    mask that has n contiguous 1-bits from the most
    significant bit (MSB) and all other bits set to 0.

    The canonical format of an IPv4 prefix has all bits of
    the IPv4 address set to zero that are not part of the
    IPv4 prefix.";
```



```
}
```

```
typedef ipv6-prefix {
  type string {
    pattern '((:|[\0-9a-fA-F]{0,4}):)([\0-9a-fA-F]{0,4}:){0,5}'
      + '(((|[\0-9a-fA-F]{0,4}:)?(:|[\0-9a-fA-F]{0,4}))|'
      + '(((25[\0-5]|2[\0-4][\0-9]|[\01]?[\0-9]?[\0-9])\.)\.){3}'
      + '([25[\0-5]|2[\0-4][\0-9]|[\01]?[\0-9]?[\0-9])))'
      + '(/(((|[\0-9]{0,1})|([\0-9]{2})|(1[\0-1][\0-9])|(12[\0-8]))))';
    pattern '([^\:]+\:){6}([^\:]+\:|(\.\*\.\.))|'
      + '([^\:]+\:)*[^\:]+\:?:(([^\:]+\:)*[^\:]+\:)?'
      + '(/.+)';
  }
  description
    "The ipv6-prefix type represents an IPv6 address prefix.
    The prefix length is given by the number following the
    slash character and must be less than or equal to 128.

    A prefix length value of n corresponds to an IP address
    mask that has n contiguous 1-bits from the most
    significant bit (MSB) and all other bits set to 0.

    The IPv6 address should have all bits that do not belong
    to the prefix set to zero.

    The canonical format of an IPv6 prefix has all bits of
    the IPv6 address set to zero that are not part of the
    IPv6 prefix. Furthermore, the IPv6 address is represented
    as defined in Section 4 of RFC 5952.";
  reference
    "RFC 5952: A Recommendation for IPv6 Address Text
    Representation";
}
```

```
/** collection of domain name and URI types */
```

```
typedef domain-name {
  type string {
    length "1..253";
    pattern
      '((([a-zA-Z0-9_]([a-zA-Z0-9\_-])\{0,61\})?[a-zA-Z0-9]\.)*'
      + '([a-zA-Z0-9_]([a-zA-Z0-9\_-])\{0,61\})?[a-zA-Z0-9]\.?)'
      + '|\.';
  }
  description
    "The domain-name type represents a DNS domain name. The
    name SHOULD be fully qualified whenever possible."
```





Internet domain names are only loosely specified. [Section 3.5 of RFC 1034](#) recommends a syntax (modified in [Section 2.1 of RFC 1123](#)). The pattern above is intended to allow for current practice in domain name use, and some possible future expansion. It is designed to hold various types of domain names, including names used for A or AAAA records (host names) and other records, such as SRV records. Note that Internet host names have a stricter syntax (described in [RFC 952](#)) than the DNS recommendations in RFCs 1034 and 1123, and that systems that want to store host names in schema node instances using the domain-name type are recommended to adhere to this stricter standard to ensure interoperability.

The encoding of DNS names in the DNS protocol is limited to 255 characters. Since the encoding consists of labels prefixed by a length bytes and there is a trailing NULL byte, only 253 characters can appear in the textual dotted notation.

The description clause of schema nodes using the domain-name type MUST describe when and how these names are resolved to IP addresses. Note that the resolution of a domain-name value may require to query multiple DNS records (e.g., A for IPv4 and AAAA for IPv6). The order of the resolution process and which DNS record takes precedence can either be defined explicitly or may depend on the configuration of the resolver.

Domain-name values use the US-ASCII encoding. Their canonical format uses lowercase US-ASCII characters. Internationalized domain names MUST be A-labels as per [RFC 5890](#)."

reference

"RFC 952: DoD Internet Host Table Specification  
[RFC 1034](#): Domain Names - Concepts and Facilities  
[RFC 1123](#): Requirements for Internet Hosts -- Application and Support  
[RFC 2782](#): A DNS RR for specifying the location of services (DNS SRV)  
[RFC 5890](#): Internationalized Domain Names in Applications (IDNA): Definitions and Document Framework";

}

```
typedef host {  
  type union {  
    type inet:ip-address;  
    type inet:domain-name;  
  }  
}
```



```
description
  "The host type represents either an IP address or a DNS
  domain name.";
}

typedef uri {
  type string;
  description
    "The uri type represents a Uniform Resource Identifier
    (URI) as defined by STD 66.

    Objects using the uri type MUST be in US-ASCII encoding,
    and MUST be normalized as described by RFC 3986 Sections
    6.2.1, 6.2.2.1, and 6.2.2.2. All unnecessary
    percent-encoding is removed, and all case-insensitive
    characters are set to lowercase except for hexadecimal
    digits, which are normalized to uppercase as described in
    Section 6.2.2.1.

    The purpose of this normalization is to help provide
    unique URIs. Note that this normalization is not
    sufficient to provide uniqueness. Two URIs that are
    textually distinct after this normalization may still be
    equivalent.

    Objects using the uri type may restrict the schemes that
    they permit. For example, 'data:' and 'urn:' schemes
    might not be appropriate.

    A zero-length URI is not a valid URI. This can be used to
    express 'URI absent' where required.

    In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent
    to the Uri SMIV2 textual convention defined in RFC 5017.";
  reference
    "RFC 3986: Uniform Resource Identifier (URI): Generic Syntax
    RFC 3305: Report from the Joint W3C/IETF URI Planning Interest
    Group: Uniform Resource Identifiers (URIs), URLs,
    and Uniform Resource Names (URNs): Clarifications
    and Recommendations
    RFC 5017: MIB Textual Conventions for Uniform Resource
    Identifiers (URIs)";
}

typedef email-address {
  type string {
    // dot-atom-text "@" ...
    pattern "[a-zA-Z0-9!#$%&'*/+=?^_`{|}~-]+"
  }
}
```



```
+ "(\\.[a-zA-Z0-9!#$%&'*/=?^_`{|}~-])*"
+ "@"
+ "[a-zA-Z0-9!#$%&'*/=?^_`{|}~-]+"
+ "(\\.[a-zA-Z0-9!#$%&'*/=?^_`{|}~-])*";
}
description
  "The email-address type represents an email address as
   defined as addr-spec in RFC 5322 section 3.4.1";
reference
  "RFC 5322: Internet Message Format";
}

/*
* DISCUSS:
* - It was suggested to add email types following RFC 5322
*   email-address      (addr-spec, per Section 3.4.1)
*   named-email-address (name-addr, per Section 3.4)
* - This sounds useful but the devil is in the details,
*   in particular name-addr is a quite complex construct;
*   perhaps addr-spec is sufficient, this is also the
*   format allowed in mailto: URIs (mailto: seems to use
*   only a subset of addr-spec which may be good enough
*   here as well).
* - Need to define a pattern that has a meaningful trade-off
*   between precision and complexity (there are very tight
*   patterns that are very long and complex). The current
*   pattern does not take care of quoted-string, obs-local-part,
*   domain-literal, obs-domain.
*/
}

<CODE ENDS>
```



## 5. IANA Considerations

This document registers two URIs in the IETF XML registry [[RFC3688](#)]. Following the format in [RFC 3688](#), the following registrations have been made.

URI: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-yang-types  
Registrant Contact: The NETMOD WG of the IETF.  
XML: N/A, the requested URI is an XML namespace.

URI: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-inet-types  
Registrant Contact: The NETMOD WG of the IETF.  
XML: N/A, the requested URI is an XML namespace.

This document registers two YANG modules in the YANG Module Names registry [[RFC6020](#)].

name: ietf-yang-types  
namespace: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-yang-types  
prefix: yang  
reference: RFC XXXX

name: ietf-inet-types  
namespace: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-inet-types  
prefix: inet  
reference: RFC XXXX





## **6. Security Considerations**

This document defines common data types using the YANG data modeling language. The definitions themselves have no security impact on the Internet, but the usage of these definitions in concrete YANG modules might have. The security considerations spelled out in the YANG specification [[RFC7950](#)] apply for this document as well.

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## **Appendix A.** Changes from [RFC 6991](#)

This version adds new type definitions to the YANG modules. The following new data types have been added to the `ietf-yang-types` module:

- o `date, time`
- o `hours, minutes, seconds`
- o `centiseconds, milliseconds, microseconds, nanoseconds`
- o `revision-identifier, node-instance-identifier`

The following new data types have been added to the `ietf-inet-types` module:

- o `email-address`



## **Appendix B.** Changes from [RFC 6021](#)

This version adds new type definitions to the YANG modules. The following new data types have been added to the `ietf-yang-types` module:

- o `yang-identifier`
- o `hex-string`
- o `uuid`
- o `dotted-quad`

The following new data types have been added to the `ietf-inet-types` module:

- o `ip-address-no-zone`
- o `ipv4-address-no-zone`
- o `ipv6-address-no-zone`





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