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Abstract

This document describes a method for applying patches to NETCONF datastores using data defined with the YANG data modeling language.

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1. Introduction

There is a need for standard mechanisms to patch NETCONF [RFC6241] datastores which contain conceptual data that conforms to schema specified with YANG [RFC6020]. An "ordered edit list" approach is needed to provide client developers with a simpler edit request format that can be more efficient and also allow more precise client control of the transaction procedure than existing mechanisms.

This document defines a media type for a YANG-based editing mechanism that can be used with the HTTP PATCH method [RFC5789] or custom NETCONF operations (defined with the YANG rpc-stmt).

YANG Patch is designed to support multiple protocols with the same mechanisms. The RESTCONF [RESTCONF] protocol utilizes YANG Patch with the HTTP PATCH method. A new RPC operation can be defined to utilize YANG Patch in the NETCONF protocol. Both the RESTCONF and NETCONF protocols are designed to utilize the YANG data modeling language to specify content schema modules.

1.1. Terminology

The keywords "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, [RFC2119].

1.1.1. NETCONF

The following terms are defined in [RFC6241]:

- candidate configuration datastore
- client
- configuration data
1.1.2. HTTP

The following terms are defined in [RFC2616]:

- entity tag
- fragment
- header line
- message body
- method
- path
- query
- request URI
- response body

1.1.3. YANG
The following terms are defined in [RFC6020]:

- container
- data node
- key leaf
- leaf
- leaf-list
- list
- presence container (or P-container)
- RPC operation (now called protocol operation)

1.1.4. Terms

The following terms are used within this document:

- YANG Patch: a conceptual edit request using the "yang-patch" YANG container, defined in Section 3. In HTTP, refers to a PATCH method where the media type is "application/yang.patch+xml" or "application/yang.patch+json".

- YANG Patch Status: a conceptual edit status response using the YANG "yang-patch-status" container, defined in Section 3. In HTTP, refers to a response message for a PATCH method, where the message body is identified by the media type "application/yang.patch-status+xml" or "application/yang.patch-status+json".

1.1.5. Tree Diagrams
A simplified graphical representation of the data model is used in this document. The meaning of the symbols in these diagrams is as follows:

- Brackets "[" and "]" enclose list keys.
- Abbreviations before data node names: "rw" means configuration (read-write) and "ro" state data (read-only).
- Symbols after data node names: "?" means an optional node and "*" denotes a "list" and "leaf-list".
- Parentheses enclose choice and case nodes, and case nodes are also marked with a colon (":").
- Ellipsis ("...") stands for contents of subtrees that are not shown.

2. YANG Patch

A "YANG Patch" is an ordered list of edits that are applied to the target datastore by the server. The specific fields are defined with the 'yang-patch' container definition in the YANG module Section 3.

For RESTCONF, the YANG Patch operation is invoked by the client by sending a PATCH method request with the YANG Patch media type. A message body representing the YANG Patch input parameters MUST be provided.

For NETCONF, a YANG "rpc" statement must be defined. The "yang-patch" grouping MUST be included in the input parameters and the "yang-patch-status" grouping MUST be included in the output parameters.
2.1. Target Resource

The YANG Patch operation uses a conceptual root within a NETCONF configuration datastore to identify the patch point for the edit operation. This root can be the datastore itself, or 1 or more data nodes within the datastore.

For RESTCONF, the target resource is derived from the request URI.

For NETCONF, the target resource MUST be defined as an input parameter in the YANG "rpc" statement.

2.2. yang-patch Input

A data element representing the YANG Patch is sent by the client to specify the edit operation request. When used with the HTTP PATCH method, this data is identified by the YANG Patch media type.

YANG Tree Diagram For "yang-patch" Container

```yang
tree yang-patch{
  +--rw patch-id?   string
  +--rw comment?    string
  +--rw edit [edit-id]
    +--rw edit-id    string
    +--rw operation  enumeration
    +--rw target     target-resource-offset
    +--rw point?     target-resource-offset
    +--rw where?     enumeration
    +--rw value
}
```

2.3. yang-patch-status Output

A data element representing the YANG Patch Status is returned to the client to report the detailed status of the edit operation. When used with the HTTP PATCH method, this data is identified by the YANG Patch Status media type.

YANG Tree Diagram For "yang-patch-status" Container:
2.4. Target Data Node

The target data node for each edit operation is determined by the value of the target resource in the request and the "target" leaf within each "edit" entry.

If the target resource specified in the request URI identifies a datastore resource, then the path string in the "target" leaf is an absolute path expression. The first node specified in the "target" leaf is a top-level data node defined within a YANG module.

If the target resource specified in the request URI identifies a data resource, then the path string in the "target" leaf is a relative path expression. The first node specified in the "target" leaf is a child node of the data node associated with the target resource.

2.5. Edit Operations

Each YANG patch edit specifies one edit operation on the target data node. The set of operations is aligned with the NETCONF edit operations, but also includes some new operations.
### YANG Patch Edit Operations

#### 2.6. Error Handling

If a well-formed, schema-valid YANG Patch message is received, then the server will process the supplied edits in ascending order. The following error modes apply to the processing of this edit list:

All the specified edits MUST be applied or the target datastore contents SHOULD be returned to its original state before the PATCH method started. The server MAY fail to restore the contents of the target datastore completely and with certainty. It is possible for a rollback to fail or an "undo" operation to fail.

The server will save the running datastore to non-volatile storage if it has changed, after the edits have been attempted.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Operation</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>create</td>
<td>create a new data resource if it does not already exist or error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>delete</td>
<td>delete a data resource if it already exists or error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>insert</td>
<td>insert a new user-ordered data resource</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>merge</td>
<td>merge the edit value with the target data resource; create if it does not already exist</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>move</td>
<td>re-order the target data resource</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>replace</td>
<td>replace the target data resource with the edit value</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>remove</td>
<td>remove a data resource if it already exists or no error</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
3. YANG Module

The "ietf-yang-patch" module defines conceptual definitions within groupings, which are not meant to be implemented as datastore contents by a server.

The "ietf-yang-types" and "ietf-inet_types" modules from [RFC6991] are used by this module for some type definitions.

The "ietf-restconf" module from [RESTCONF] is used by this module for a grouping definition.

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<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-yang-patch@2013-12-21.yang"

module ietf-yang-patch {
    prefix "ypatch";

    import ietf-inet-types { prefix inet; }
    import ietf-restconf { prefix rc; }

    organization
        "IETF NETCONF (Network Configuration) Working Group";

    contact
        "WG Web:  <http://tools.ietf.org/wg/netconf/>"
        "WG List:  <mailto:netconf@ietf.org>"

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        "mailto:kwatsen@juniper.net"
This module contains conceptual YANG specifications for the YANG Patch and YANG Patch Status data structures.

Note that the YANG definitions within this module do not represent configuration data of any kind. The YANG grouping statements provide a normative syntax for XML and JSON message encoding purposes.

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revision 2013-12-21 {
  description
    "Initial revision."
  reference
    "RFC XXXX: YANG Patch"
}

typedef target-resource-offset {
  type string {
length "1 .. max";
}

description
"Contains a relative Data Resource Identifier formatted string
to identify a specific data sub-resource instance.
The document root for all data resources is a
target data resource that is specified in the
object definition using this data type."
}


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grouping yang-patch {

description
"A grouping that contains a YANG container
representing the syntax and semantics of a
YANG Patch edit request message."

container yang-patch {

description
"Represents a conceptual sequence of datastore edits,
called a patch. Each patch is given a client-assigned
patch identifier. Each edit MUST be applied
in ascending order, and all edits MUST be applied.
If any errors occur, then the target datastore MUST NOT
be changed by the patch operation.

A patch MUST be validated by the server to be a
well-formed message before any of the patch edits
are validated or attempted.

YANG datastore validation (defined in RFC 6020, section
8.3.3) is performed after all edits have been
individually validated.

It is possible for a datastore constraint violation to occur
due to any node in the datastore, including nodes not
included in the edit list. Any validation errors MUST
be reported in the reply message."

reference
"RFC 6020, section 8.3.";
leaf patch-id {
  type string;
  description
    "An arbitrary string provided by the client to identify the entire patch. This value SHOULD be present in any audit logging records generated by the server for the patch. Error messages returned by the server pertaining to this patch will be identified by this patch-id value.";
}

leaf comment {
  type string {
    length "0 .. 1024";
  }
  description
    "An arbitrary string provided by the client to describe the entire patch. This value SHOULD be present in any audit logging records generated by the server for the patch.";
}

list edit {
  key edit-id;
  ordered-by user;
  description
    "Represents one edit within the YANG Patch request message.";

  leaf edit-id {
    type string;
    description
      "Arbitrary string index for the edit. Error messages returned by the server pertaining to a specific edit will be identified by this value.";
  }

  leaf operation {
    type enumeration {
      enum create {
      }
description
"The target data node is created using the supplied value, only if it does not already exist."
}
}
enum delete {
  description
  "Delete the target node, only if the data resource currently exists, otherwise return an error."
}
enum insert {
  description
  "Insert the supplied value into a user-ordered list or leaf-list entry. The target node must represent a new data resource."
}
enum merge {
  description
  "The supplied value is merged with the target data node."
}
enum move {
  description
  "Move the target node. Reorder a user-ordered list or leaf-list. The target node must represent an existing data resource."
}
enum replace {
  description
  "The supplied value is used to replace the target data node."
}
enum remove {
  description
  "Delete the target node if it currently exists."
}
}
mandatory true;

description
"The datastore operation requested for the associated edit entry";
leaf target {
    type target-resource-offset;
    mandatory true;
    description
        "Identifies the target data resource for the edit
         operation.";
}

leaf point {
    when "../operation = 'insert' or " +
    "../operation = 'move') and " +
    "../where = 'before' or ../where = 'after')" {
        description
            "Point leaf only applies for insert or move
             operations, before or after an existing entry.";
    }
    type target-resource-offset;
    description
        "The absolute URL path for the data node that is being
         used as the insertion point or move point for the
         target of this edit entry.";
}

leaf where {
    when "../operation = 'insert' or ../operation = 'move'" {
        description
            "Where leaf only applies for insert or move
             operations.";
    }
    type enumeration {
        enum before {
            description
                "Insert or move a data node before the data resource
                 identified by the 'point' parameter.";
        }
        enum after {
            description
                "Insert or move a data node after the data resource
                 identified by the 'point' parameter.";
    }
enum first {
  description
  "Insert or move a data node so it becomes ordered as the first entry."
};

default last;

anyxml value {
  when "(../operation = 'create' or " +
  "../operation = 'merge' " +
  "or ../operation = 'replace' or " +
  "../operation = 'insert')" {
    description
    "Value node only used for create, merge, replace, and insert operations";
  } 
  
  description
  "Value used for this edit operation.";
};

} // grouping yang-patch

grouping yang-patch-status {
  
  description
  "A grouping that contains a YANG container
representing the syntax and semantics of
YANG Patch status response message.

container yang-patch-status {
  description
   "A container representing the response message
sent by the server after a YANG Patch edit
request message has been processed.";

  leaf patch-id {
    type string;
    description
     "The patch-id value used in the request";
  }

  choice global-status {
    description
     "Report global errors or complete success.
     If there is no case selected then errors
     are reported in the edit-status container.";

    case global-errors {
      uses rc:errors;
      description
       "This container will be present if global
       errors unrelated to a specific edit occurred.";
    }

    leaf ok {
      type empty;
      description
       "This leaf will be present if the request succeeded
       and there are no errors reported in the edit-status
       container.";
    }
  }
}

container edit-status {
  description
   "This container will be present if there are
edit-specific status responses to report.";

  list edit {
    key edit-id;
  }
}
description
"Represents a list of status responses, corresponding to edits in the YANG Patch request message. If an edit entry was skipped or not reached by the server, then this list will not contain a corresponding entry for that edit."

leaf edit-id {
  type string;
  description
    "Response status is for the edit list entry with this edit-id value."
}

choice edit-status-choice {
  description
    "A choice between different types of status responses for each edit entry."
  leaf ok {
    type empty;
    description
      "This edit entry was invoked without any errors detected by the server associated with this edit."
  }
  leaf location {
    type inet:uri;
    description
      "Contains the Location header value that would be returned if this edit causes a new resource to be created. If the edit identified by the same edit-id value was successfully invoked and a new resource was created, then this field will be returned instead of 'ok'."
  }
  case errors {
    uses rc:errors;
    description
      "The server detected errors associated with the edit identified by the same edit-id value."
  }
}

} // grouping yang-patch-status
4. IANA Considerations

4.1. YANG Module Registry

This document registers one URI in the IETF XML registry [RFC3688]. Following the format in RFC 3688, the following registration is requested to be made.

Registrant Contact: The NETMOD WG of the IETF.
XML: N/A, the requested URI is an XML namespace.

This document registers one YANG module in the YANG Module Names registry [RFC6020].

name: ietf-yang-patch
prefix: ypatch
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reference: RFC XXXX

4.2. application/yang.patch Media Types

The MIME media type for a YANG Patch document is application/yang.patch.

Type name: application

Subtype name: yang.patch

Required parameters: TBD

Optional parameters: TBD
The MIME media type for a YANG Patch status document is application/yang.patch-status.

Type name: application
Subtype name: yang.patch-status
Required parameters: TBD
Optional parameters: TBD
Encoding considerations: TBD
Security considerations: TBD
Interoperability considerations: TBD

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5. Security Considerations

TBD
6. Normative References

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Appendix A. Change Log

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A.1. RESTCONF-02 to YANG-PATCH-00
- Split out from RESTCONF draft
- Rewrite HTTP sections to be more generic and apply to NETCONF as well
Appendix B. Example YANG Module

The example YANG module used in this document represents a simple media jukebox interface. The "example-jukebox" YANG module is defined in [RESTCONF].

YANG Tree Diagram for "example-jukebox" Module:

```
+--rw jukebox?
   +--rw library
   |   +--rw artist [name]
   |   |   +--rw name     string
   |   |   +--rw album [name]
   |   |   |   +--rw name     string
   |   |   |   +--rw genre?  identityref
   |   |   |   +--rw year?   uint16
   |   |   |   +--rw song [name]
   |   |   |   |   +--rw name     string
   |   |   |   |   +--rw location string
   |   |   |   |   +--rw format? string
   |   |   |   |   +--rw length?  uint32
   |   |   +--ro artist-count?  uint32
   |   |   +--ro album-count?  uint32
   |   +--rw song-count?  uint32
   +--rw playlist [name]
   |   +--rw name     string
   |   +--rw description? string
   |   +--rw song [index]
   |   |   +--rw index   uint32
   |   +--rw id       instance-identifier
   +--rw player
   +--rw gap?   decimal64
```

rpcs:

```
+---x play
   +--ro input
   |   +--ro playlist string
   |   +--ro song-number  uint32
```

B.1. YANG Patch Examples

This section includes RESTCONF examples. NETCONF examples are TBD. Most examples are shown in JSON encoding [JSON], and some are shown in XML encoding [W3C.REC-xml-20081126].
B.1.1. Patch an Existing Data Resource

To replace just the "year" field in the "album" resource (instead of replacing the entire resource), the client might send a plain patch as follows. Note that the request URI header line is wrapped for display purposes only:

```
PATCH /restconf/data/example-jukebox:jukebox/
    library/artist/Foo%20Fighters/album/Wasting%20Light HTTP/1.1
Host: example.com
If-Match: b8389233a4c
Content-Type: application/yang.data+json

{ "example-jukebox:year" : 2011 }
```

If the field is updated, the server might respond:

```
HTTP/1.1 204 No Content
Date: Mon, 23 Apr 2012 17:49:30 GMT
Server: example-server
Last-Modified: Mon, 23 Apr 2012 17:49:30 GMT
ETag: b2788923da4c
```

The XML encoding for the same request might be:

```
PATCH /restconf/data/example-jukebox:jukebox/
    library/artist/Foo%20Fighters/album/Wasting%20Light HTTP/1.1
Host: example.com
If-Match: b8389233a4c
Content-Type: application/yang.data+xml

<year xmlns="http://example.com/ns/example-jukebox">2011</year>
```

B.1.2. Add Resources: Error

The following example shows several songs being added to an existing album. Each edit contains one song. The first song already exists, so an error will be reported for that edit. The rest of the edits were not attempted, since the first edit failed.

Request from client:
PATCH /restconf/data/example-jukebox:jukebox/
   library/artist/Foo%20Fighters/album/Wasting%20Light HTTP/1.1
Host: example.com
Accept: application/yang.patch-status+json
Content-Type: application/yang.patch+json

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{
   "ietf-restconf:yang-patch" : {
      "patch-id" : "add-songs-patch",
      "edit" : [
         {
            "edit-id" : 1,
            "operation" : "create",
            "target" : "/song",
            "value" : {
               "song" : {
                  "name" : "Bridge Burning",
                  "location" : "/media/bridge_burning.mp3",
                  "format" : "MP3",
                  "length" : 288
               }
            }
         },
         {
            "edit-id" : 2,
            "operation" : "create",
            "target" : "/song",
            "value" : {
               "song" : {
                  "name" : "Rope",
                  "location" : "/media/rope.mp3",
                  "format" : "MP3",
                  "length" : 259
               }
            }
         },
         {
            "edit-id" : 3,
            "operation" : "create",
            "target" : "/song",
            "value" : {

            }
         }
      ]
   }
}
"song" : {
    "name" : "Dear Rosemary",
    "location" : "/media/dear_rosemary.mp3",
    "format" : "MP3",
    "length" : 269
}

Response from server:

HTTP/1.1 409 Conflict
Date: Mon, 23 Apr 2012 13:01:20 GMT
Server: example-server
Last-Modified: Mon, 23 Apr 2012 13:01:20 GMT
Content-Type: application/yang.patch-status+json

{
    "ietf-restconf:yang-patch-status" : {
        "patch-id" : "add-songs-patch",
        "edit-status" : {
            "edit" : [
                {
                    "edit-id" : 1,
                    "errors" : {
                        "error" : [
                            {
                                "error-type": "application",
                                "error-tag": "data-exists",
                                "error-path": "/example-jukebox:jukebox/library/artist/Foo\%20Fighters/album/Wasting\%20Light/song/Burning\%20Light",
                                "error-message": "Data already exists, cannot be created"
                            }
                        ]
                    }
                }
            ]
        }
    }
}
B.1.3. Add Resources: Success

The following example shows several songs being added to an existing album.

- Each of 2 edits contains one song.
- Both edits succeed and new sub-resources are created.

Request from client:

```
PATCH /restconf/data/example-jukebox:jukebox/
  library/artist/Foo%20Fighters/album/Wasting%20Light
HTTP/1.1
Host: example.com
```

```json
{
  "ietf-restconf:yang-patch" : {
    "patch-id" : "add-songs-patch-2",
    "edit" : [
      {
        "edit-id" : 1,
        "operation" : "create",
        "target" : "/song",
        "value" : {
          "song" : {
            "name" : "Rope",
            "location" : "/media/rope.mp3",
            "format" : "MP3",
            "length" : 259
          }
        }
      }
    ]
  }
}
```
"edit-id" : 2,
"operation" : "create",
"target" : "/song",
"value" : {
  "song" : {
    "name" : "Dear Rosemary",
    "location" : "/media/dear_rosemary.mp3",
    "format" : "MP3",
    "length" : 269
  }
}
}]}]

Response from server:

HTTP/1.1 409 Conflict
Date: Mon, 23 Apr 2012 13:01:20 GMT
Server: example-server
Last-Modified: Mon, 23 Apr 2012 13:01:20 GMT
Content-Type: application/yang.patch-status+json

{
  "ietf-restconf:yang-patch-status" : {
    "patch-id" : "add-songs-patch-2",
    "ok" : [null],
    "edit-status" : {
      "edit" : [
        {
          "edit-id" : 1,
        },
        {
          "edit-id" : 2,
          "location" : "http://example.com/restconf/data/example-jukebox:jukebox/library/artist/Foo%20Fighters/album/Wasting%20Light/song/
```
B.1.4. Move list entry example

The following example shows a song being moved within an existing playlist. Song "1" in playlist "Foo-One" is being moved after song "3" in the playlist. The operation succeeds, so a non-error reply example can be shown.

Request from client:

PATCH /restconf/data/example-jukebox:jukebox/
   playlist/Foo-One   HTTP/1.1
Host: example.com
Accept: application/yang.patch-status+json
Content-Type: application/yang.patch+json
"ietf-restconf:yang-patch": {
  "patch-id": "move-song-patch",
  "comment": "Move song 1 after song 3",
  "edit": [
    {
      "edit-id": 1,
      "operation": "move",
      "target": "/song/1",
      "point": "/song3",
      "where": "after"
    }
  ]
}

Response from server:

HTTP/1.1 400 OK
Date: Mon, 23 Apr 2012 13:01:20 GMT
Server: example-server
Last-Modified: Mon, 23 Apr 2012 13:01:20 GMT
Content-Type: application/yang.patch-status+json

{
  "ietf-restconf:yang-patch-status": {
    "patch-id": "move-song-patch",
    "ok": [null],
    "edit-status": {
      "edit": [
        {
          "edit-id": 1,
          "ok": [null]
        }
      ]
    }
  }
}
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