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Abstract

This document defines a YANG data model to describe Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) configurations. It is intended this model be used by service providers who manipulate devices from different vendors in a standard way.

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**1. Introduction**

This document defines a YANG [[RFC6020](#)] data model for Address Resolution Protocol [[RFC826](#)] implementation and identification of some common properties within a device containing a Network Configuration Protocol (NETCONF) server. Devices that are managed by NETCONF and perhaps other mechanisms have common properties that need to be configured and monitored in a standard way.

The data model covers configuration of system parameters of ARP, such as static ARP entries, timeout for dynamic ARP entries, interface ARP, proxy ARP, and so on. It also provides information about running state of ARP implementations.

**1.1. Terminology**

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](#), [[RFC2119](#)].

The following terms are defined in [[RFC6241](#)] and are not redefined here:

- o client
- o configuration data
- o server



- o state data

## **1.2. Tree Diagrams**

A simplified graphical representation of the data model is presented in [Section 3](#).

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

## **2. Problem Statement**

This document defines a YANG [[RFC7950](#)] configuration data model that may be used to configure the ARP feature running on a system. YANG models can be used with network management protocols such as NETCONF [[RFC6241](#)] to install, manipulate, and delete the configuration of network devices.

The data model makes use of the YANG "feature" construct which allows implementations to support only those ARP features that lie within their capabilities. It is intended this model be used by service providers who manipulate devices from different vendors in a standard way.

This module can be used to configure the ARP applications for discovering the link layer address associated with a given Internet layer address.

## **3. Design of the Data Model**

This data model intends to describe the processing that a protocol finds the hardware address, also known as Media Access Control (MAC) address, of a host from its known IP address. These tasks include, but are not limited to, adding a static entry in the ARP cache, configuring ARP cache entry timeout, and clearing dynamic entries from the ARP cache.



This data model has one top level container, ARP, which consists of several second level containers. Each of these second level containers describes a particular category of ARP handling, such as defining static mapping between an IP address (32-bit address) and a Media Access Control (MAC) address (48-bit address).

```
module: ietf-arp
  +--rw arp
    +--rw arp-static-tables
      | +--rw arp-static-table* [vrf-name ip-address]
      |   +--rw vrf-name      arp:routing-instance-ref
      |   +--rw ip-address    inet:ipv4-address-no-zone
      |   +--rw mac-address   yang:mac-address
      |   +--rw if-name?     leafref
    +--rw arp-interfaces
      | +--rw arp-interface* [if-name]
      |   +--rw if-name      leafref
      |   +--rw expire-time? uint32
      |   +--rw arp-learn-disable? boolean
      |   +--rw proxy-enable? boolean
      |   +--rw probe-interval? uint8
      |   +--rw probe-times?  uint8
      |   +--rw probe-unicast? boolean
      |   +--rw arp-gratuitous? boolean
      |   +--rw arp-gratuitous-interval? uint32
      |   +--rw arp-gratuitous-drop? boolean
      |   +--rw arp-if-limits
      |     +--rw arp-if-limit* [vlan-id]
      |       +--rw vlan-id      uint16
      |       +--rw limit-number uint32
      |       +--rw threshold-value? uint32
    +--ro arp-tables
      | +--ro arp-table* [vrf-name ip-address]
      |   +--ro vrf-name      arp:routing-instance-ref
      |   +--ro ip-address    inet:ipv4-address-no-zone
      |   +--ro mac-address?  yang:mac-address
      |   +--ro expire-time?  uint32
      |   +--ro if-name?     leafref
    +--ro arp-statistics
      +--ro global-statistics*
        | +--ro requests-received?  uint32
        | +--ro replies-received?   uint32
        | +--ro gratuitous-received? uint32
        | +--ro requests-sent?      uint32
        | +--ro replies-sent?       uint32
        | +--ro gratuitous-sent?    uint32
        | +--ro drops-received?     uint32
```



```
| +--ro total-received?      uint32
| +--ro total-sent?         uint32
| +--ro arp-dynamic-count?  uint32
| +--ro arp-static-count?   uint32
+--ro arp-if-statistics* [if-name]
  +--ro if-name              leafref
  +--ro requests-received?  uint32
  +--ro replies-received?   uint32
  +--ro gratuitous-received? uint32
  +--ro requests-sent?      uint32
  +--ro replies-sent?       uint32
  +--ro gratuitous-sent?    uint32
```

#### 4. YANG Module

This section presents the YANG module for the ARP data model defined in this document.

```
<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-arp@2017-10-18.yang"
module ietf-arp {
  namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-arp";
  prefix arp;

  // import some basic types

  import ietf-inet-types {
    prefix inet;
  }

  import ietf-yang-types {
    prefix yang;
  }

  import ietf-interfaces {
    prefix if;
  }

  import ietf-network-instance {
    prefix ni;
  }
  organization
    "IETF Netmod (Network Modeling) Working Group";
  contact
    "WG Web: <http://tools.ietf.org/wg/netmod/>
    WG List: <mailto:netmod@ietf.org>
```





```
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```

```
description
```

```
"Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) management, which includes
    static ARP configuration, dynamic ARP learning, ARP entry query,
    and packet statistics collection.";
```

```
revision 2017-10-18 {
```

```
  description
```

```
    "Init revision";
```

```
  reference
```

```
    "RFC XXX: ARP (Address Resolution Protocol) YANG data model.";
```

```
}
```

```
/*grouping*/
```

```
grouping arp-prob-grouping {
```

```
  description
```

```
    "Common configuration for all ARP probe.";
```

```
  leaf probe-interval {
```

```
    type uint8 {
```

```
      range "1..5";
```

```
    }
```

```
      units "second";
```

```
    description
```

```
      "Interval for detecting dynamic ARP entries.";
```

```
  }
```

```
  leaf probe-times {
```

```
    type uint8 {
```

```
      range "0..10";
```

```
    }
```

```
    description
```

```
      "Number of aging probe attempts for a dynamic ARP entry. If
a device does not receive an ARP reply message after the number
of aging probe attempts reaches a specified number, the
dynamic ARP entry is deleted.";
```

```
  }
```

```
  leaf probe-unicast {
```

```
    type boolean;
```

```
    default "false";
```

```
    description
```

```
      "Send unicast ARP aging probe messages for a dynamic ARP
entry.";
```

```
  }
```

```
}
```



```
grouping arp-gratuitous-grouping {
  description
    "Configure gratuitous ARP.";
  leaf arp-gratuitous {
    type boolean;
    default "false";
    description
      "Enable or disable sending gratuitous-arp packet on
        interface.";
  }
  leaf arp-gratuitous-interval {
    type uint32 {
      range "1..86400";
    }
    units "second";
    description
      "The interval of sending gratuitous-arp packet on the
        interface.";
  }
  leaf arp-gratuitous-drop {
    type boolean;
    default "false";
    description
      "Drop the receipt of gratuitous ARP packets on the interface.";
  }
}

grouping arp-statistics-grouping {
  description "IP ARP statistics information";
  leaf requests-received {
    type uint32;
    description "Total ARP requests received";
  }
  leaf replies-received {
    type uint32;
    description "Total ARP replies received";
  }
  leaf gratuitous-received {
    type uint32;
    description "Total gratuitous ARP received";
  }
  leaf requests-sent {
    type uint32;
    description "Total ARP requests sent";
  }
  leaf replies-sent {
    type uint32;
    description "Total ARP replies sent";
  }
}
```



```
    }
    leaf gratuitous-sent {
      type uint32;
      description "Total gratuitous ARP sent";
    }
  }
}

/* Typedefs */

typedef routing-instance-ref {
  type leafref {
    path "/ni:network-instances/ni:network-instance/ni:name";
  }
  description
    "This type is used for leafs that reference a routing instance
    configuration.";
}

/* Configuration data nodes */

container arp {
  description
    "Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) management, which includes
    static ARP configuration, dynamic ARP learning, ARP entry
    query, and packet statistics collection.";

  container arp-static-tables {
    description
      "List of static ARP configurations.";
    list arp-static-table {
      key "vrf-name ip-address";
      description
        "Static ARP table. By default, the system ARP table is
        empty, and address mappings are implemented by dynamic
        ARP.";
      leaf vrf-name {
        type arp:routing-instance-ref;
        description
          "Name of a VPN instance. This parameter is used to
          support the VPN feature. If this parameter is
          set, it indicates that the ARP entry is in the
          associated VLAN.";
      }
      leaf ip-address {
        type inet:ipv4-address-no-zone;
        description
          "IP address, in dotted decimal notation.";
      }
    }
  }
}
```



```
leaf mac-address {
  type yang:mac-address;
  mandatory true;
  description
    "MAC address in the format of H-H-H, in which H is
      a hexadecimal number of 1 to 4 bits. ";
}
leaf if-name {
  type leafref {
    path "/if:interfaces/if:interface/if:name";
  }
  description
    "Name of the ARP outbound interface.";
}
}
} //End of arp-static-tables

container arp-interfaces {
  description
    "List of ARP Interface configurations.";
  list arp-interface {
    key "if-name";
    description
      "ARP interface configuration, including the aging time,
        probe interval, number of aging probe attempts, ARP
        learning status, and ARP proxy.";
    leaf if-name {
      type leafref {
        path "/if:interfaces/if:interface/if:name";
      }
      description
        "Name of the interface that has learned dynamic ARP
          entries.";
    }
    leaf expire-time {
      type uint32 {
        range "60..86400";
      }
      units "second";
      description
        "Aging time of a dynamic ARP entry.";
    }
    leaf arp-learn-disable {
      type boolean;
      default "false";
      description
        "Whether dynamic ARP learning is disabled. If the value
          is True, dynamic ARP learning is disabled. If the value
```





```

        is False, dynamic ARP learning is enabled.";
    }
    leaf proxy-enable {
        type boolean;
        default "false";
        description
            "Enable proxy ARP.";
    }
    uses arp-prob-grouping;
    uses arp-gratuitous-grouping;

    container arp-if-limits {
        description
            "Maximum number of dynamic ARP entries that an interface
                can learn.";
        list arp-if-limit {
            key "vlan-id";
            description
                "Maximum number of dynamic ARP entries that an
                    interface can learn. If the number of ARP entries
that
                    an interface can learn changes and the number of the
                    learned ARP entries exceeds the changed value, the
                    interface cannot learn additional ARP entries. The
                    system prompts you to delete the excess ARP
entries.";
            leaf vlan-id {
                type uint16 {
                    range "0..4094";
                }
                description
                    "ID of the VLAN where ARP learning is restricted.
                        This parameter can be set only on Layer 2
interfaces
                        and sub-interfaces. Ethernet, GE, VE, and Eth-
Trunk
                        interfaces can be both Layer 3 and Layer 2
                        interfaces. When they work in Layer 3 mode,
they
                        cannot have VLANs configured. When they work in
Layer
                        2 mode, they must have VLANs configured.
Ethernet,
                        GE, and Eth-Trunk sub-interfaces can be both
common
                        and QinQ sub-interfaces. ";
            }
            leaf limit-number {

```

```
type uint32 {
    range "1..65536";
}
mandatory true;
description
    "Maximum number of dynamic ARP entries that an
    interface can learn.";
}
```

```
    leaf threshold-value {
      type uint32 {
        range "60..100";
      }
      must "not(not(..../limit-number))"{
        description
        "Upper boundary must be higher than lower boundary.";
      }
      description
        "Alarm-Threshold for maximum number of ARP entries
         that an interface can learn.";
    }
  }
} //End of arp-if-limits
}
} // End of arp-interfaces

container arp-tables {
  config false;
  description
    "List of ARP entries that can be queried.";
  list arp-table {
    key "vrf-name ip-address";
    description
      "Query ARP entries, including static, dynamic, and
       interface-based ARP entries.";
    leaf vrf-name {
      type arp:routing-instance-ref;
      description
        "Name of the VPN instance to which an ARP entry
         belongs.";
    }
    leaf ip-address {
      type inet:ipv4-address-no-zone;
      description
        "IP address, in dotted decimal notation.";
    }
    leaf mac-address {
      type yang:mac-address;
      description
        "MAC address in the format of H-H-H, in which H is a
         hexadecimal number of 1 to 4 bits. ";
    }
    leaf expire-time {
      type uint32 {
        range "1..1440";
      }
      description

```



```
        "Aging time of a dynamic ARP entry. ";
    }
    leaf if-name {
        type leafref {
            path "/if:interfaces/if:interface/if:name";
        }
        description
            "Type and number of the interface that has learned ARP
            entries.";
    }
}
} //End of arp-tables

container arp-statistics {
    config false;
    description
        "List of ARP packet statistics.";
    list global-statistics {
        description
            "ARP packet statistics.";
        uses arp-statistics-grouping;
        leaf drops-received {
            type uint32 {
                range "0..4294967294";
            }
            description
                "Number of ARP packets discarded.";
        }
        leaf total-received {
            type uint32 {
                range "0..4294967294";
            }
            description
                "Total number of ARP received packets.";
        }
        leaf total-sent {
            type uint32 {
                range "0..4294967294";
            }
            description
                "Total number of ARP sent packets.";
        }
        leaf arp-dynamic-count {
            type uint32 {
                range "0..4294967294";
            }
            description
                "Number of dynamic ARP count.";
```



```
    }
    leaf arp-static-count {
      type uint32 {
        range "0..4294967294";
      }
      description
        "Number of static ARP count.";
    }
  }
  list arp-if-statistics {
    key "if-name";
    description
      "ARP statistics on interfaces. ARP statistics on all
        interfaces are displayed in sequence.";
    leaf if-name {
      type leafref {
        path "/if:interfaces/if:interface/if:name";
      }
      description
        "Name of an interface where ARP statistics to be
          displayed reside.";
    }
    uses arp-statistics-grouping;
  }
} // End of arp-statistics
}
}
<CODE ENDS>
```

## 5. Data Model Examples

This section presents a simple but complete example of configuring static ARP entries and interfaces, based on the YANG module specified in [Section 4](#).

### 5.1. Static ARP entries





Requirement:

Enable static ARP entry configuration.

```
<config xmlns:xc="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
  <arp xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-arp">
    <arp-static-tables>
      <vrf-name> __public__ </vrf-name>
      <ip-address> 10.2.2.3 </ip-address>
      <mac-address> 00e0-fc01-0000 </mac-address>
      <if-name> GE1/0/1 </if-name>
    </arp-static-tables>
  </arp>
</config>
```

## 5.2. ARP interfaces

Requirement:

Enable static ARP interface configuration.

```
<config xmlns:xc="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
  <arp xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-arp">
    <arp-interfaces>
      <if-name> GE1/0/1 </if-name>
      <expire-time>1200</expire-time>
      <arp-learn-disable>false</arp-learn-disable>
      <proxy-enable>false</proxy-enable>
      <probe-interval>5</probe-interval>
      <probe-times>3</probe-times>
      <probe-unicast>false</probe-unicast>
      <arp-gratuitous>false</arp-gratuitous>
      <arp-gratuitous-interval>60</arp-gratuitous-interval>
      <arp-gratuitous-drop>false</arp-gratuitous-drop>
      <arp-if-limits>
        <vlan-id>3</vlan-id>
        <limit-number>65535</limit-number>
        <threshold-value>80</threshold-value>
      </arp-if-limits>
    </arp-interfaces>
  </arp>
</config>
```

## 6. Security Considerations

The YANG module defined in this document is designed to be accessed via YANG based management protocols, such as NETCONF [[RFC6241](#)] and RESTCONF [[RFC8040](#)]. Both of these protocols have mandatory-to-implement secure transport layers (e.g., SSH, TLS) with mutual authentication.



The NETCONF access control model (NACM) [[RFC6536](#)] provides the means to restrict access for particular users to a pre-configured subset of all available protocol operations and content.

These are the subtrees and data nodes and their sensitivity/vulnerability:

There are a number of data nodes defined in this YANG module that are writable/creatable/deletable (i.e., config true, which is the default). These data nodes may be considered sensitive or vulnerable in some network environments. Write operations (e.g., edit-config) to these data nodes without proper protection can have a negative effect on network operations.

## **7. Conclusions**

TBD.

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