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## Abstract

This document defines a YANG data model for fabric topology in Data Center Network.

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## [1.](#) Introduction

Normally, a data center network is composed of single or multiple fabrics which are also known as PODs (a Point Of Delivery). These fabrics may be heterogeneous due to implementation of different technologies while DC network upgrading or enrolling new techniques and features. For example, Fabric A may use VXLAN while Fabric B may use VLAN within a DC network. Likewise, a legacy Fabric may use VXLAN while a new Fabric B implemented technique discussed in NV03 WG such as GPE[I-D. [draft-ietf-nvo3-vxlan-gpe](#)] may be built due to DC expansion and upgrading. The configuration and management of such DC networks with heterogeneous fabrics will be sophisticated and complex.

Luckily, for a DC network, a fabric can be considered as an atomic structure to provide network services and management, as well as expand network capacity. From this point of view, the miscellaneous DC network management can be decomposed to task of managing each fabric respectively along with their connections, which can make the

entire management much concentrated and flexible, also easy to expand.

With this purpose, this document defines a YANG data model for the Fabric-based Data center topology by using YANG [6020][7950]. To do

so, it augments the generic network and network topology data models defined in [I-D.ietf-i2rs-yang-network-topo] with information specific to Data Center fabric network.

This model defines the generic configuration and operational state for a fabric-based network topology, which can be extended by vendors with specific information. This model can then be used by a network controller to represent its view of the fabric topology that it controls and expose it to network administrators or applications for DC network management.

With the context of topology architecture defined in [I-D.ietf-i2rs-yang-network-topo] and [I.D. [draft-ietf-i2rs-usecase-reqs-summary](#)], this model can also be treated as an application of I2RS network topology model [I-D.ietf-i2rs-yang-network-topo] in the scenario of Data center network management. It can also act as a service topology when mapping network elements at fabric layer to elements to other topologies, such as L3 topology defined in [I.D. [draft-ietf-i2rs-yang-l3-topology-01](#)].

By using this fabric topology model, people can treat a fabric as an entity and focus on characteristics of fabrics (such as encapsulation type, gateway type, etc.) as well as their interconnections while putting the underlay topology aside. As such, clients can consume the topology information at fabric level, while no need to be aware of entire set of links and nodes in underlay networks. The configuration of a fabric topology can be made by a network administrator to the controller by adding physical devices and links of a fabric into a fabric network. Alternatively, the fabric topology can also learnt from the underlay network infrastructure.

## [2.](#) Definitions an Acronyms

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [[RFC2119](#)].

## [2.1.](#) Terminology

DC Fabric: also known as POD, is a module of network, compute, storage, and application components that work together to deliver networking services. It is a repeatable design pattern, and its components maximize the modularity, scalability, and manageability of data centers.

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## [2.2.](#) Tree diagram

The following notations are used within the data tree and carry the meaning as below.

Each node is printed as:

```
<status> <flags> <name> <opts> <type>
```

<status> is one of:

- + for current
- x for deprecated
- o for obsolete

<flags> is one of:

- rw for configuration data
- ro for non-configuration data
- x for rpcs
- n for notifications

<name> is the name of the node

If the node is augmented into the tree from another module, its name is printed as <prefix>:<name>.

<opts> is one of:

- ? for an optional leaf or choice
- ! for a presence container
- \* for a leaf-list or list
- [<keys>] for a list's keys

<type> is the name of the type for leafs and leaf-lists

In this document, these words will appear with that interpretation

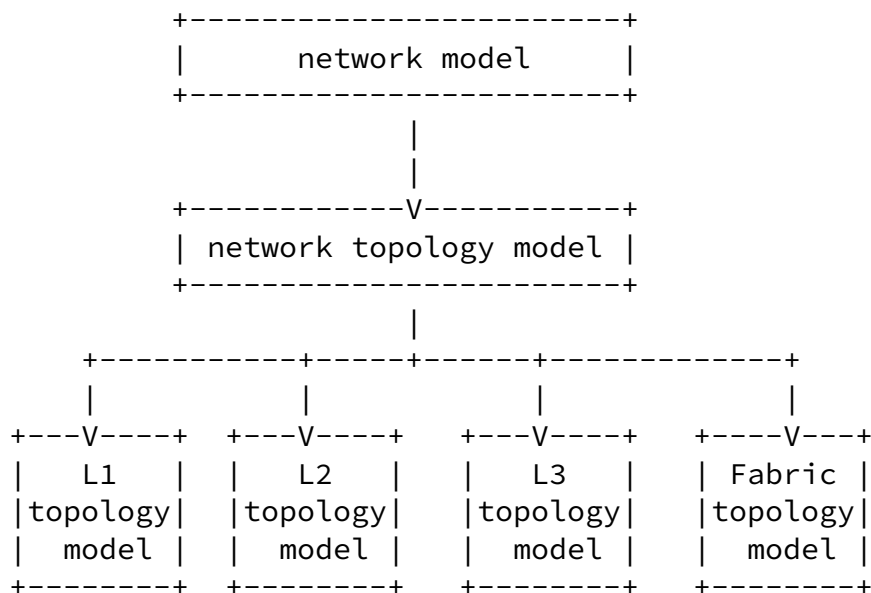
only when in ALL CAPS. Lower case uses of these words are not to be interpreted as carrying [RFC-2119](#) significance.

### 3. Model Overview

This section provides an overview of the DC Fabric topology model and its relationship with other topology models.

#### 3.1. Topology Model structure

The relationship of the DC fabric topology model and other topology models is shown in the following figure (dotted lines in the figure denote augmentations).



From the perspective of resource management and service provisioning for a Data Center network, the fabric topology model augments the basic network topology model with definitions and features specific to a DC fabric, to provide common configuration and operations for

heterogeneous fabrics.

### [3.2.](#) Fabric Topology Model

The fabric topology model module is designed to be generic and can be applied to data center fabrics built with different technologies, such as VLAN, VXLAN etc al. The main purpose of this module is to configure and manage fabrics and their connections. provide a fabric-based topology view for data center network applications.

#### [3.2.1.](#) Fabric Topology

In the fabric topology module, a fabric is modeled as a node in the network, while the fabric-based Data center network consists of a set of fabric nodes and their connections known as "fabric port". The following is the snatch of the definition to show the main structure of the model:

```
module: ietf-fabric-topology
augment /nw:networks/nw:network/nw:network-types:
  +--rw fabric-network!
augment /nw:networks/nw:network/nw:node:
  +--rw fabric-attribute
    +--rw name?          string
    +--rw type?          fabrictype:underlayer-network-type
    +--rw description?  string
    +--rw options
    +--...
augment /nw:networks/nw:network/nw:node/nt:termination-point:
  +--ro fport-attribute
    +--ro name?          string
    +--ro role?          fabric-port-role
    +--ro type?          fabric-port-type
```

The fabric topology module augments the generic ietf-network and ietf-network-topology modules as follows:

- o A new topology type "ietf-fabric-topology" is introduced and added under the "network-types" container of the ietf-network module.
- o Fabric is defined as a node under the network/node container. A new container of "fabric-attribute" is defined to carry attributes for a fabric network such as gateway mode, fabric types, involved device nodes and links etc al.
- o Termination points (in network topology module) are augmented with fabric port attributes defined in a container. The "termination-point" here can represent the "port" of a fabric that provides connections to other nodes, such as device internally, another fabric externally and also end hosts.

Details of fabric node and fabric termination point extension will be explained in the following sections.

### [3.2.2.](#) Fabric node extension

As a network, a fabric itself is composed of set of network elements i.e. devices, and related links. As stated previously, the configuration of a fabric is contained under the "fabric-attribute" container depicted as follows:

```
+--rw fabric-attribute
  +--rw fabric-id?      fabric-id
  +--rw name?          string
  +--rw type?          fabrictype:underlayer-network-type
  +--rw vni-capacity
    | +--rw min?      int32
    | +--rw max?      int32
  +--rw description?   string
```

```

+--rw options
| +--rw gateway-mode?          enumeration
| +--rw traffic-behavior?      enumeration
| +--rw capability-supported*  fabrictype:service-capabilities
+--rw device-nodes* [device-ref]
| +--rw device-ref            fabrictype:node-ref
| +--rw role?                 fabrictype:device-role
+--rw device-links* [link-ref]
| +--rw link-ref              fabrictype:link-ref
+--rw device-ports* [port-ref]
    +--rw port-ref             fabrictype:tp-ref
    +--rw port-type?           enumeration
    +--rw bandwidth?           Enumeration

```

As in the module, additional data objects for nodes are introduced by augmenting the "node" list of the network module. New objects include fabric name, type of the fabric, descriptions of the fabric as well as a set of options defined in an "options" container. The options container includes type of the gateway-mode (centralized or distributed) and traffic-behavior (whether acl needed for the traffic).

Also, it defines a list of device-nodes and related links as supporting-nodes to form a fabric network. These device nodes and links are leaf-ref of existing nodes and links in the physical topology. For the device-node, the "role" object is defined to represents the role of the device within the fabric, such as "SPINE" or "LEAF", which should work together with gateway-mode.

### [3.2.3.](#) Fabric termination-point extension

Since the fabric is considered as a node, in this concept, "termination-points" can represent "ports" of a fabric that connects to other fabrics or end hosts, besides representing ports that connect devices inside the fabric itself.

As such, the "termination-point" in the fabric topology has three roles, including internal TP that connects to devices within a

fabric, external TP that connects to outside network, as well as



access TP to end hosts.

A set of "termination-point" indicates all connections of a fabric including its internal connections, interconnections with other fabrics and also connections to end hosts for a DC network.

The structure of fabric ports is as follows:

```
augment /nw:networks/nw:network/nw:node/nt:termination-point:
  +--ro fport-attribute
    +--ro name?          string
    +--ro role?          fabric-port-role
    +--ro type?          fabric-port-type
    +--ro device-port?  tp-ref
    +--ro (tunnel-option)?
      +--:(gre)
        +--ro src-ip?    inet:ip-prefix
        +--ro dest-ip?   inet:ip-address
```

It augments the termination points (in network topology module) with fabric port attributes defined in a container.

New nodes are defined for fabric ports which include name, role of the port within the fabric (internal port, external port to outside network, access port to end hosts), port type (l2 interface, l3 interface etc al). By using the device-port defined as a tp-ref, this fabric port can be mapped to a device node in the underlay network.

Also, a new container for tunnel-options is introduced as well to present the tunnel configuration on the port.

The termination points information are all learnt from the underlay networks but not configured by the fabric topology layer.

#### [4. Fabric YANG Module](#)

```
<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-fabric-types@2016-09-29.yang"
module ietf-fabric-types {

  yang-version 1.1;
  namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-fabric-types";
  prefix fabrictypes;

  import ietf-inet-types { prefix "inet"; revision-date "2013-07-15"; }
```

---

```
import ietf-network-topology { prefix nt; }

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description
"This module contains a collection of YANG definitions for Fabric.";

revision "2016-09-29" {
description
"Initial revision of faas.";
reference
"draft-zhuang-i2rs-yang-dc-fabric-network-topology-02";
}

identity fabric-type {
description
"base type for fabric networks";
}

identity vxlan-fabric {
base fabric-type;
description
"vxlan fabric";
}

identity vlan-fabric {
base fabric-type;
description
"vlan fabric";
```

}

```
typedef service-capabilities {
    type enumeration {
        enum ip-mapping {
            description "NAT";
        }
        enum acl-redirect{
            description "acl redirect, which can provide SF";
        }
        enum dynamic-route-exchange{
            description "dynamic route exchange";
        }
    }
    description
        "capability of the device";
}

/*
 * Typedefs
 */
typedef node-ref {
    type instance-identifier;
    description "A reference to a node in topology";
}

typedef tp-ref {
    type instance-identifier;
    description "A reference to a termination point in topology";
}

typedef link-ref {
    type instance-identifier;
    description "A reference to a link in topology";
}

typedef device-role {
    type enumeration {
        enum SPINE {
            description "a spine node";
        }
    }
}
```

```
    enum LEAF {
        description "a leaf node";
    }
    enum BORDER {
        description "a border node";
    }
}
default "LEAF";
description "device role type";
```

```
    }

typedef fabric-port-role {
    type enumeration {
        enum internal {
            description "the port used for devices to access each other.";
        }
        enum external {
            description "the port used for fabric to access outside network";
        }
        enum access {
            description "the port used for Endpoint to access fabric.";
        }
        enum reserved {
            description " not decided yet. ";
        }
    }
    description "the role of the physical port ";
}

typedef fabric-port-type {
    type enumeration {
        enum layer2interface {
            description "l2 if";
        }
        enum layer3interface {
            description "l3 if";
        }
        enum layer2Tunnel {
            description "l2 tunnel";
        }
        enum layer3Tunnel {
```

```

        description "l3 tunnel";
    }
}
    description
        "fabric port type";
}

typedef underlayer-network-type {
    type enumeration {
        enum VXLAN {
            description "vxlan";
        }
        enum TRILL {
            description "trill";
        }
        enum VLAN {

```

```

        description "vlan";
    }
}
    description "";
}

typedef layer2-protocol-type-enum {
    type enumeration {
        enum VLAN{
            description "vlan";
        }
        enum VXLAN{
            description "vxlan";
        }
        enum TRILL{
            description "trill";
        }
        enum NvGRE{
            description "nvgre";
        }
    }
    description "";
}

typedef access-type {

```

```

    type enumeration {
        enum exclusive{
            description "exclusive";
        }
        enum vlan{
            description "vlan";
        }
    }
    description "";
}

grouping fabric-port {
    description
        "attributes of a fabric port";
    leaf name {
        type string;
        description "name of the port";
    }
    leaf role {
        type fabric-port-role;
        description "role of the port in a fabric";
    }
    leaf type {

```

```

        type fabric-port-type;
        description "type of the port";
    }
    leaf device-port {
        type tp-ref;
        description "the device port it mapped to";
    }
    choice tunnel-option {
        description "tunnel options";

        case gre {
            leaf src-ip {
                type inet:ip-prefix;
                description "source address";
            }
            leaf dest-ip {
                type inet:ip-address;
                description "destination address";
            }
        }
    }

```

```

    }
  }
}

grouping route-group {
  description
    "route attributes";
  list route {
    key "destination-prefix";
    description "route list";

    leaf description {
      type string;
      description "Textual description of the route.";
    }
    leaf destination-prefix {
      type inet:ipv4-prefix;
      mandatory true;
      description "IPv4 destination prefix.";
    }
    choice next-hop-options {
      description "choice of next hop options";
      case simple-next-hop {
        leaf next-hop {
          type inet:ipv4-address;
          description "IPv4 address of the next hop.";
        }
        leaf outgoing-interface {
          type nt:tp-id;

```

```

    description "Name of the outgoing interface.";
  }
}
}
}

grouping port-functions {
  description
    "port functions";

```





```
import ietf-network { prefix nw; }
import ietf-network-topology { prefix nt; }
import ietf-fabric-types { prefix fabrictype; revision-date "2016-09-29"; }
```

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```

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```
revision "2017-03-10" {
description
"remove the rpcs and add extra attributes";
```

```
        reference
            "draft-zhuang-i2rs-yang-dc-fabric-network-topology-03";
    }
revision "2016-09-29" {
    description
        "Initial revision of fabric topology.";
        reference
            "draft-zhuang-i2rs-yang-dc-fabric-network-topology-02";
}

identity fabric-context {
    description
        "identity of fabric context";
}

typedef fabric-id {
    type nw:node-id;
    description
        "An identifier for a fabric in a topology.
        The identifier is generated by compose-fabric RPC.";
}

//grouping statements
grouping fabric-network-type {
description "Identify the topology type to be fabric.";
container fabric-network {
    presence "indicates fabric Network";
    description
        "The presence of the container node indicates
        fabric Topology";
}
}

grouping fabric-options {
    description "options for a fabric";

    leaf gateway-mode {
        type enumeration {
            enum centralized {
                description "centerilized gateway";
            }
            enum distributed {
                description "distributed gateway";
            }
        }
        default "distributed";
        description "gateway mode";
    }
}
```

}

```
leaf traffic-behavior {
  type enumeration {
    enum normal {
      description "normal";
    }
    enum policy-driven {
      description "policy driven";
    }
  }
  default "normal";
  description "traffic behavior of the fabric";
}

leaf-list capability-supported {
  type fabrictype:service-capabilities;
  description
    "supported services of the fabric";
}
}

grouping device-attributes {
  description "device attributes";
  leaf device-ref {
    type fabrictype:node-ref;
    description
      "the device it includes to";
  }
  leaf role {
    type fabrictype:device-role;
    default "LEAF";
    description
      "role of the node";
  }
}

grouping link-attributes {
  description "link attributes";
  leaf link-ref {
    type fabrictype:link-ref;
    description
```

```
        "the link it includes";
    }
}
```

```
grouping port-attributes {
    description "port attributes";
leaf port-ref {
    type fabrictype:tp-ref;
```

```
        description
            "port reference";
    }
leaf port-type {
    type enumeration {
        enum ETH {
            description "ETH";
        }
        enum SERIAL {
            description "Serial";
        }
    }
    description
        "port type: ethernet or serial";
}
leaf bandwidth {
    type enumeration {
        enum 1G {
            description "1G";
        }
        enum 10G {
            description "10G";
        }
        enum 40G {
            description "40G";
        }
        enum 100G {
            description "100G";
        }
        enum 10M {
            description "10M";
        }
        enum 100M {
```

```

        description "100M";
    }
    enum 1M {
        description "1M";
    }
}
description
    "bandwidth on the port";
}
}

```

```

grouping fabric-attributes {
    description "attributes of a fabric";

    leaf fabric-id {

```

```

    type fabric-id;
        description
            "fabric id";
    }

    leaf name {
        type string;
        description
            "name of the fabric";
    }

    leaf type {
        type fabrictype:underlayer-network-type;
        description
            "The type of physical network that implements t
    }

    container vni-capacity {
        description "number of vnis the fabric has";
        leaf min {
            type int32;
            description
                "vni min capacity";
        }

        leaf max {

```

```

        type int32;
        description
            "vni max capacity";
    }
}

leaf description {
    type string;
    description
        "description of the fabric";
}

container options {
    description "options of the fabric";
    uses fabric-options;
}

list device-nodes {
    key device-ref;
    description "include device nodes in the fabric";
    uses device-attributes;
}

```

```

    list device-links {
        key link-ref;
        description "include device links within the fabric";
        uses link-attributes;
    }

    list device-ports {
        key port-ref;
        description "include device ports within the fabric";
        uses port-attributes;
    }
}

// augment statements

augment "/nw:networks/nw:network/nw:network-types" {
description
    "Introduce new network type for Fabric-based logical topology";
}

```

```

        uses fabric-network-type;
    }

augment "/nw:networks/nw:network/nw:node" {
    when "/nw:networks/nw:network/nw:network-types/fabric-network" {
        description
            "Augmentation parameters apply only for networks
            with fabric topology";
    }
    description "Augmentation for fabric nodes created by faas.";

    container fabric-attribute {
        description
            "attributes for a fabric network";

        uses fabric-attributes;
    }
}

augment "/nw:networks/nw:network/nw:node/nt:termination-point" {
    when "/nw:networks/nw:network/nw:network-types/fabric-network" {
        description
            "Augmentation parameters apply only for networks
            with fabric topology";
    }
    description "Augmentation for port on fabric.";

    container fport-attribute {

```

```

        config false;
        description
            "attributes for fabric ports";
        uses fabrictype:fabric-port;
    }
}
}
<CODE ENDS>

```

## 5. Security Consideration

TBD

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```
<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-fabric-topology-state@2017-06-29.yang"
module ietf-fabric-topology-state {

yang-version 1.1;
namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-fabric-topology-state";
prefix sfabric;

    import ietf-network { prefix nw; }
import ietf-fabric-types { prefix fabrictype; revision-date "2016-09-29"; }
    import ietf-fabric-topology {prefix fp;}
    organization
    "IETF I2RS (Interface to the Routing System) Working Group";

    contact
    "WG Web:    <http://tools.ietf.org/wg/i2rs/>
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description
    "This module contains a collection of YANG definitions for Fabric topology.

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```
revision "2017-06-29"{
    description
        "update to NMDA compliant format";
    reference
        "draft-zhuang-i2rs-yang-dc-fabric-network-topology-04";
}

//grouping statements
grouping fabric-network-type {
description "Identify the topology type to be fabric.";
container fabric-network {
    presence "indicates fabric Network";
    description
        "The presence of the container node indicates
        fabric Topology";
}
}

grouping fabric-options {
    description "options for a fabric";

    leaf gateway-mode {
        type enumeration {
            enum centralized {
                description "centerilized gateway";
            }
            enum distributed {
                description "distributed gateway";
            }
        }
        default "distributed";
        description "gateway mode";
    }

    leaf traffic-behavior {
        type enumeration {
            enum normal {
```

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```
        description "normal";
    }
    enum policy-driven {
        description "policy driven";
    }
}
default "normal";
        description "traffic behavior of the fabric";
}

leaf-list capability-supported {
    type fabrictype:service-capabilities;
    description
        "supported services of the fabric";
}
}

grouping device-attributes {
    description "device attributes";
    leaf device-ref {
        type fabrictype:node-ref;
        description
            "the device it includes to";
    }
    leaf role {
        type fabrictype:device-role;
        default "LEAF";
        description
            "role of the node";
    }
}

grouping link-attributes {
    description "link attributes";
    leaf link-ref {
        type fabrictype:link-ref;
        description
            "the link it includes";
    }
}

grouping port-attributes {
```

```

        description "port attributes";
leaf port-ref {
    type fabrictype:tp-ref;
        description
            "port reference";
}

```

```

leaf port-type {
    type enumeration {
        enum ETH {
            description "ETH";
        }
        enum SERIAL {
            description "Serial";
        }
    }
    description
        "port type: ethernet or serial";
}
leaf bandwidth {
    type enumeration {
        enum 1G {
            description "1G";
        }
        enum 10G {
            description "10G";
        }
        enum 40G {
            description "40G";
        }
        enum 100G {
            description "100G";
        }
        enum 10M {
            description "10M";
        }
        enum 100M {
            description "100M";
        }
        enum 1M {
            description "1M";
        }
    }
}

```

```

    }
        description
            "bandwidth on the port";
    }
}

```

```

grouping fabric-attributes {
    description "attributes of a fabric";

    leaf fabric-id {
        type fp:fabric-id;
        description
            "fabric id";
    }
}

```

```

}

leaf name {
    type string;
    description
        "name of the fabric";
}

leaf type {
    type fabrictype:underlayer-network-type;
    description
        "The type of physical network that implements t
}

    container vni-capacity {
        description "number of vnis the fabric has";
        leaf min {
            type int32;
            description
                "vni min capacity";
        }

        leaf max {
            type int32;
            description
                "vni max capacity";
        }
    }
}

```

```

leaf description {
    type string;
    description
        "description of the fabric";
}

container options {
    description "options of the fabric";
    uses fabric-options;
}

list device-nodes {
    key device-ref;
    description "include device nodes in the fabric";
    uses device-attributes;
}

list device-links {
    key link-ref;

```

```

        description "include device links within the fabric";
    uses link-attributes;
}

    list device-ports {
    key port-ref;
        description "include device ports within the fabric";
    uses port-attributes;
}
}

// augment statements

augment "/nw:networks/nw:network/nw:network-types" {
description
    "Introduce new network type for Fabric-based logical topology";

    uses fabric-network-type;
}

```

```
augment "/nw:networks/nw:network/nw:node" {
  when "/nw:networks/nw:network/nw:network-types/fabric-network" {
    description
      "Augmentation parameters apply only for networks
      with fabric topology.";
  }
  description "Augmentation for fabric nodes.";

  container fabric-attribute-state {
    config false;
    description
      "attributes for a fabric network";

    uses fabric-attributes;
  }
}
```

<CODE ENDS>

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