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**NETCONF Extensions to Support the Network Management Datastore
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Abstract

This document extends the NETCONF protocol defined in [RFC 6241](#) in order to support the Network Management Datastore Architecture defined in [RFC 8342](#).

This document updates both [RFC 6241](#) and [RFC 7950](#). The update to [RFC 6241](#) adds new operations <get-data> and <edit-data>, and augments existing operations <lock>, <unlock>, and <validate>. The update to [RFC 7950](#) requires the usage of I-D.ietf-netconf-rfc7895bis by NETCONF servers implementing the Network Management Datastore Architecture.

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[1.](#) Introduction

This document extends the NETCONF protocol defined in [[RFC6241](#)] in order to support the Network Management Datastore Architecture (NMDA) defined in [[RFC8342](#)].

This document updates [[RFC6241](#)] in order to enable NETCONF clients to interact with all the datastores supported by a server implementing the NMDA. The update both adds new operations <get-data> and <edit-data>, and augments existing operations <lock>, <unlock>, and <validate>.

This document also updates [[RFC7950](#)] in order to enable NETCONF clients to both discover which datastores are supported by the

NETCONF server, as well as determine which modules are supported in each datastore. The update requires NETCONF servers implementing the NMDA to support [[I-D.ietf-netconf-rfc7895bis](#)].

1.1. Terminology

This document uses the terminology defined by the NMDA [[RFC8342](#)].

The following term is defined in [[I-D.ietf-netconf-rfc7895bis](#)]:

- o YANG library content identifier

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](#)] [[RFC8174](#)] when, and only when, they appear in all capitals, as shown here.

1.2. Tree Diagrams

Tree diagrams used in this document follow the notation defined in [[RFC8340](#)].

2. Datastore and YANG Library Requirements

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An NMDA-compliant NETCONF server MUST implement the module "ietf-netconf-nmda" defined in this document, MUST support the operational state datastore, and it MUST implement at least revision 201X-XX-XX of the "ietf-yang-library" module defined in [[I-D.ietf-netconf-rfc7895bis](#)].

A NETCONF client can discover which datastores and YANG modules the server supports by reading the YANG library information from the operational state datastore.

The server MUST advertise the following capability in the <hello> message (line breaks and whitespaces are used for formatting reasons only):

```
urn:ietf:params:netconf:capability:yang-library:1.1?  
  revision=<date>&content-id=<content-id-value>
```

The parameter "revision" has the same value as the revision date of the "ietf-yang-library" module implemented by the server. This parameter MUST be present.

The parameter "content-id" contains the YANG library content identifier [[I-D.ietf-netconf-rfc7895bis](#)]. This parameter MUST be present.

With this mechanism, a client can cache the supported datastores and YANG modules for a server and only update the cache if the "content-id" value in the <hello> message changes.

This document updates [[RFC7950](#)], [Section 5.6.4](#), to allow servers to advertise the capability :yang-library:1.1 instead of :yang-library:1.0, and to implement the subtree "/yang-library" [[I-D.ietf-netconf-rfc7895bis](#)] instead of "/modules-state".

3. NETCONF Extensions

This section describes the NETCONF extensions needed to support the NMDA. These changes are defined in a new YANG ([[RFC7950](#)]) module "ietf-netconf-nmda".

These changes include the use of source and target parameters based on the "datastore" identity defined in the "ietf-datastores" module [[RFC8342](#)]. The use of identities allows future expansion in a way that the choice-based strategy from the original operations (e.g., <get-config>, <edit-config>) does not.

3.1. New NETCONF Operations

Two new operations <get-data> and <edit-data> are defined in this document in order to support the NMDA. These operations are similar to the <get-config> and <edit-config> operations but they can work on an extensible set of datastores.

3.1.1. The <get-data> Operation

The <get-data> operation retrieves data from a specific NMDA datastore. This operation is similar to NETCONF's <get-config> operation defined in [[RFC6241](#)], but it adds the flexibility to select the source datastore.


```

+---x get-data
  +---w input
    | +---w datastore                                ds:datastore-ref
    | +---w (filter-spec)?
    | | +---:(subtree-filter)
    | | | +---w subtree-filter?                      <anydata>
    | | +---:(xpath-filter)
    | | | +---w xpath-filter?                        yang:xpath1.0 {nc:xpath}?
    | +---w config-filter?                          boolean
    | +---w (origin-filters)? {origin}?
    | | +---:(origin-filter)
    | | | +---w origin-filter*                       or:origin-ref
    | | +---:(negated-origin-filter)
    | | | +---w negated-origin-filter*              or:origin-ref
    | +---w max-depth?                              union
    | +---w with-origin?                            empty {origin}?
    | +---w with-defaults?                          with-defaults-mode
  +--ro output
    +--ro data?   <anydata>

```

The "datastore" parameter indicates the datastore which is the source of the data to be retrieved. This is a datastore identity.

The <get-data> operation accepts a content filter parameter, similar to the "filter" parameter of <get-config>, but using explicit nodes for subtree filtering ("subtree-filter") and XPath filtering ("xpath-filter").

The "config-filter" parameter can be used to retrieve only "config true" or "config false" nodes.

The "origin-filter" parameter, which can be present multiple times, selects nodes equal to or derived from any of the given values. The "negated-origin-filter", which can be present multiple times, selects nodes that do are not equal or derived from any of the given values. The "origin-filter" and "negated-origin-filter" parameters cannot be used together.

The "max-depth" parameter can be used by the client to limit the number of sub-tree levels that are returned in the reply.

3.1.1.1. Origin Metadata Attribute

The <get-data> operation defines a parameter named "with-origin", which if present, requests that the server includes "origin" metadata annotations in its response, as detailed in the NMDA. This parameter is only valid for the operational state datastore and any datastores with identities derived from the "operational" identity. Otherwise,

if an invalid datastore is specified then an error is returned, as specified in "ietf-netconf-nmda" (see [Section 4](#)). Note that "origin" metadata annotations are not included in a response unless a client explicitly requests them.

Data in the operational state datastore can come from multiple sources. The server should return the most accurate value for the "origin" metadata annotation as possible, indicating the source of the operational value, as specified in [Section 5.3.4 of \[RFC8342\]](#).

When encoding the origin metadata annotation for a hierarchy of returned nodes, the annotation may be omitted for a child node when the value matches that of the parent node, as described in the "ietf-origin" YANG module [[RFC8342](#)].

The "with-origin" parameter is OPTIONAL to support. It is identified with the feature "origin".

[3.1.1.2](#). With-defaults interactions

If the "with-defaults" capability is supported by the server, then the "with-defaults" parameter, defined in [[RFC6243](#)], is supported for <get-data> operations that target conventional configuration datastores.

The "with-defaults" parameter is OPTIONAL to support for <get-data> operations that target <operational>. The associated capability to indicate a server's support is identified with the URI:

urn:ietf:params:netconf:capability:with-operational-defaults:1.0

If the "with-defaults" parameter is supported for <get-data> operations on <operational>, then all retrieval modes specified in either the 'basic-mode' or 'also-supported' parameters of the "with-defaults" capability are permitted. The behavior of the "with-defaults" parameter for <operational> is defined as below:

- o If no "with-defaults" parameter is specified, or if it is set to "explicit", "report-all", or "report-all-tagged", then the "in use" values, as defined in [[RFC8342](#) section 5.3], are returned from the operational state datastore, even if a node happens to have a default statement in the YANG module, and this default value is being used by the server. If the "with-defaults" parameter is set to "report-all-tagged", any values that match the schema default are tagged with additional metadata, as described in [[RFC6243](#) section 3.4].

- o If the "with-defaults" parameter is set to "trim", all "in use" values are returned, except that the output is filtered to exclude any values that match the default defined in the YANG schema.

Support for "with-defaults" in <get-data> operations on any datastore not defined in [\[RFC8342\]](#) should be defined by the specification for the datastore.

3.1.1.3. Example: Retrieving an entire subtree from <running>

The following example shows the <get-data> version of the <get-config> example shown in [Section 7.1 of \[RFC6241\]](#), which selects the entire "/users" subtree:

```
<rpc message-id="101"
  xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
  <get-data xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-netconf-nmda"
    xmlns:ds="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-datastores">
    <datastore>ds:running</datastore>
    <subtree-filter>
      <top xmlns="http://example.com/schema/1.2/config">
        <users/>
      </top>
    </subtree-filter>
  </get-data>
</rpc>

<rpc-reply message-id="101"
  xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
  <data xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-netconf-nmda">
    <top xmlns="http://example.com/schema/1.2/config">
      <users>
        <user>
          <name>root</name>
          <type>superuser</type>
          <full-name>Charlie Root</full-name>
          <company-info>
            <dept>1</dept>
            <id>1</id>
          </company-info>
        </user>
        <!-- additional <user> elements appear here... -->
      </users>
    </top>
  </data>
</rpc-reply>
```


3.1.1.4. Example: Retrieving a filtered subtree from <operational>

The following example shows how the "origin-filter" can be used to retrieve nodes from <operational>. The example uses the fictional data model defined in [Appendix C of \[RFC8342\]](#).

```
<rpc message-id="102"
  xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
  <get-data xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-netconf-nmda"
    xmlns:ds="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-datastores"
    xmlns:or="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-origin">
    <datastore>ds:operational</datastore>
    <subtree-filter>
      <bgp xmlns="http://example.com/ns/bgp"/>
    </subtree-filter>
    <origin-filter>or:intended</origin-filter>
    <origin-filter>or:system</origin-filter>
    <with-origin/>
  </get-data>
</rpc>

<rpc-reply message-id="102"
  xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
  <data xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-netconf-nmda">
    <bgp xmlns="http://example.com/ns/bgp"
      xmlns:or="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-origin"
      or:origin="or:intended">
      <peer>
        <name>2001:db8::2:3</name>
        <local-port or:origin="or:system">60794</local-port>
        <state>established</state>
      </peer>
    </bgp>
  </data>
</rpc-reply>
```

3.1.1.2. The <edit-data> Operation

The <edit-data> operation changes the contents of a writable datastore, similar to the <edit-config> operation defined in [\[RFC6241\]](#), but with additional flexibility in naming the target datastore. If an <edit-data> operation is invoked on a non-writable datastore, then an error is returned, as specified in "ietf-netconf-nmda" (see [Section 4](#)).


```

+---x edit-data
  +---w input
    +---w datastore          ds:datastore-ref
    +---w default-operation? enumeration
    +---w (edit-content)
      +---:(config)
        | +---w config?      <anydata>
      +---:(url)
        +---w url?          inet:uri {nc:url}?

```

The "datastore" parameter is a datastore identity that indicates the desired target datastore where changes should be made.

The "default-operation" parameter selects the default operation to use. It is a copy of the "default-operation" parameter of the <edit-config> operation.

The "edit-content" parameter specifies the content for the edit operation. It mirrors the "edit-content" choice of the <edit-config> operation. Note, however, that the "config" element in the "edit-content" choice of <edit-data> uses "anydata" (introduced in YANG 1.1) while the "config" element in the "edit-content" choice of <edit-config> used "anyxml".

The <edit-data> operation does not support the "error-option" and the "test-option" parameters that were part of the <edit-config> operation. The error behaviour of <edit-data> corresponds to the "error-option" "rollback-on-error".

If the "with-defaults" capability is supported by the server, the semantics of editing modes is the same as for <edit-config>, as described in [section 4.5.2 of \[RFC6243\]](#).

Semantics for "with-defaults" in <edit-data> operations on any non conventional configuration datastores should be defined by the specification for the datastore.

[3.1.2.1](#). Example: Setting a leaf of an interface in <running>

The following example shows the <edit-data> version of the first <edit-config> example in [Section 7.2 of \[RFC6241\]](#), setting the MTU to 1500 on an interface named "Ethernet0/0" in the running configuration datastore.


```

<rpc message-id="103"
  xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
  <edit-data xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-netconf-nmda"
    xmlns:ds="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-datastores">
    <datastore>ds:running</datastore>
    <config>
      <top xmlns="http://example.com/schema/1.2/config">
        <interface>
          <name>Ethernet0/0</name>
          <mtu>1500</mtu>
        </interface>
      </top>
    </config>
  </edit-data>
</rpc>

<rpc-reply message-id="103"
  xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
  <ok/>
</rpc-reply>

```

The other <edit-config> examples shown in [Section 7.2](#) can be translated to <edit-data> examples in a similar way.

3.2. Augmentations to NETCONF Operations

Several of the operations defined in the base NETCONF YANG module "ietf-netconf" [[RFC6241](#)] may be used with new datastores. Hence, the <lock>, <unlock>, and <validate> operations are augmented with a new "datastore" leaf that can select the desired datastore. If a <lock>, <unlock>, or <validate> operation is not supported on a particular datastore then an error is returned, as specified in "ietf-netconf-nmda" (see [Section 4](#)).

4. NETCONF Datastores YANG Module

This module imports definitions from [[RFC6991](#)], [[RFC6241](#)], [[RFC6243](#)], and [[RFC8342](#)].

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```
<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-netconf-nmda@2018-10-09"
```

```

module ietf-netconf-nmda {
  yang-version 1.1;

```



```
namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-netconf-nmda";
prefix ncds;

import ietf-yang-types {
  prefix yang;
  reference "RFC 6991: Common YANG Data Types.";
}
import ietf-inet-types {
  prefix inet;
  reference "RFC 6991: Common YANG Data Types.";
}
import ietf-datastores {
  prefix ds;
  reference "RFC 8342: Network Management Datastore Architecture.";
}
import ietf-origin {
  prefix or;
  reference "RFC 8342: Network Management Datastore Architecture.";
}
import ietf-netconf {
  prefix nc;
  reference "RFC 6241: Network Configuration Protocol (NETCONF)";
}
import ietf-netconf-with-defaults {
  prefix ncwd;
  reference "RFC 6243: With-defaults Capability for NETCONF.";
}

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```



```
<rwilton@cisco.com>";
description
  "This YANG module defines a set of NETCONF operations to support
  the Network Management Datastore Architecture (NMDA).

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  This version of this YANG module is part of RFC XXXX
  (http://www.rfc-editor.org/info/rfcxxxx); see the RFC itself
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// note.
revision 2018-10-09 {
  description
    "Initial revision.";
  reference
    "RFC XXXX: NETCONF Extensions to Support the Network Management
    Datastore Architecture";
}

feature origin {
  description
    "Indicates that the server supports the 'origin' annotation.";
  reference
    "RFC 8342: Network Management Datastore Architecture";
}

feature with-defaults {
  description
    "NETCONF :with-defaults capability; If the server advertises
    the :with-defaults capability for a session, then this
    feature must also be enabled for that session. Otherwise,
    this feature must not be enabled.";
  reference
    "RFC 6243: With-defaults Capability for NETCONF, section 4; and
    RFC XXXX: NETCONF Extensions to Support the Network Management
    Datastore Architecture, section 3.1.1.1.";
}
```



```
}
```

```
rpc get-data {  
  description  
    "Retrieve data from an NMDA datastore. The content returned  
    by get-data must satisfy all filters, i.e., the filter  
    criteria are logically ANDed.  
  
    Any ancestor nodes (including list keys) of nodes selected by  
    the filters are included in the response.  
  
    The 'with-origin' parameter is only valid for an operational  
    datastore. If 'with-origin' is used with an invalid datastore,  
    then the server MUST return an <rpc-error> element with an  
    <error-tag> value of 'invalid-value'.  
  
    The 'with-defaults' parameter only applies to the operational  
    datastore if the NETCONF :with-defaults and  
    :with-operational-defaults capabilities are both advertised.  
    If the 'with-defaults' parameter is present in a request for  
    which it is not supported, then the server MUST return an  
    <rpc-error> element with an <error-tag> value of  
    'invalid-value'.  
  input {  
    leaf datastore {  
      type ds:datastore-ref;  
      mandatory true;  
      description  
        "Datastore from which to retrieve data.  
  
        If the datastore is not supported by the server, then the  
        server MUST return an <rpc-error> element with an  
        <error-tag> value of 'invalid-value'.  
    }  
  }  
  choice filter-spec {  
    description  
      "The content filter specification for this request."  
  
    anydata subtree-filter {  
      description  
        "This parameter identifies the portions of the  
        target datastore to retrieve."  
      reference  
        "RFC 6241: Network Configuration Protocol, Section 6."  
    }  
    leaf xpath-filter {
```



```
if-feature nc:xpath;
type yang:xpath1.0;
description
  "This parameter contains an XPath expression identifying
  the portions of the target datastore to retrieve.

  If the expression returns a node-set, all nodes in the
  node-set are selected by the filter. Otherwise, if the
  expression does not return a node-set, then the get-data
  operation fails.

  The expression is evaluated in the following XPath
  context:

  o The set of namespace declarations are those in
    scope on the 'xpath-filter' leaf element.

  o The set of variable bindings is empty.

  o The function library is the core function library,
    and the XPath functions defined in section 10 in
    RFC 7950.

  o The context node is the root node of the target
    datastore.";
```

```
}
}

leaf config-filter {
  type boolean;
  description
    "Filter for nodes with the given value for their
    'config' property. If this leaf is not present, all
    nodes are selected.

    For example, when this leaf is set to 'true', only 'config
    true' nodes are selected.";
```

```
}
choice origin-filters {
  when 'derived-from-or-self(datastore, "ds:operational)';
  if-feature origin;
  description
    "Filters based on the 'origin' annotation.";

  leaf-list origin-filter {
    type or:origin-ref;
    description
      "Filter based on the 'origin' annotation. A node matches
```



```
        the filter if its 'origin' annotation is derived from or
        equal to any of the given filter values.";
    }
    leaf-list negated-origin-filter {
        type or:origin-ref;
        description
            "Filter based on the 'origin' annotation. A node matches
            the filter if its 'origin' annotation is not derived
            from and not equal to any of the given filter values.";
    }
}

leaf max-depth {
    type union {
        type uint16 {
            range "1..65535";
        }
        type enumeration {
            enum "unbounded" {
                description
                    "All descendant nodes are included.";
            }
        }
    }
    default "unbounded";
    description
        "For each node selected by the filters, this parameter
        selects how many conceptual sub-tree levels should be
        returned in the reply. If the depth is 1, the reply
        includes just the selected nodes but no children. If the
        depth is 'unbounded', all descendant nodes are included.";
}

leaf with-origin {
    when 'derived-from-or-self(..../datastore, "ds:operational")';
    if-feature origin;
    type empty;
    description
        "If this parameter is present, the server will return
        the 'origin' annotation for the nodes that has one.";
}

uses ncwd:with-defaults-parameters {
    if-feature with-defaults;
}

output {
```



```
    anydata data {
      description
        "Copy of the source datastore subset which matched
        the filter criteria (if any).  An empty data
        container indicates that the request did not
        produce any results.";
    }
  }
}

rpc edit-data {
  description
    "Edit data in an NMDA datastore.

    If an error condition occurs such that an error severity
    <rpc-error> element is generated, the server will stop
    processing the <edit-data> operation and restore the
    specified configuration to its complete state at
    the start of this <edit-data> operation.";
  input {
    leaf datastore {
      type ds:datastore-ref;
      mandatory true;
      description
        "Datastore which is the target of the edit-data operation.

        If the target datastore is not writable, or is not
        supported by the server, then the server MUST return an
        <rpc-error> element with an <error-tag> value of
        'invalid-value'.";
    }
    leaf default-operation {
      type enumeration {
        enum "merge" {
          description
            "The default operation is merge.";
        }
        enum "replace" {
          description
            "The default operation is replace.";
        }
        enum "none" {
          description
            "There is no default operation.";
        }
      }
      default "merge";
      description

```



```
        "The default operation to use.";
    }
    choice edit-content {
        mandatory true;
        description
            "The content for the edit operation.";

        anydata config {
            description
                "Inline config content.";
        }
        leaf url {
            if-feature nc:url;
            type inet:uri;
            description
                "URL based config content.";
        }
    }
}

/*
 * Augment the lock and unlock operations with a
 * "datastore" parameter.
 */

augment "/nc:lock/nc:input/nc:target/nc:config-target" {
    description
        "Add NMDA Datastore as target.";
    leaf datastore {
        type ds:datastore-ref;
        description
            "Datastore to lock.

            The lock operation is only supported on writable datastores.

            If the lock operation is not supported by the server on the
            specified target datastore, then the server MUST return an
            <rpc-error> element with an <error-tag> value of
            'invalid-value'.";
    }
}

augment "/nc:unlock/nc:input/nc:target/nc:config-target" {
    description
        "Add NMDA Datastore as target.";
    leaf datastore {
        type ds:datastore-ref;
        description
```



```

    "Datastore to unlock.

    The unlock operation is only supported on writable
    datastores.

    If the unlock operation is not supported by the server on
    the specified target datastore, then the server MUST return
    an <rpc-error> element with an <error-tag> value of
    'invalid-value'.";
  }
}

/*
 * Augment the validate operation with a
 * "datastore" parameter.
 */

augment "/nc:validate/nc:input/nc:source/nc:config-source" {
  description
    "Add NMDA Datastore as source.";
  leaf datastore {
    type ds:datastore-ref;
    description
      "Datastore to validate.

      The validate operation is supported only on configuration
      datastores.

      If the validate operation is not supported by the server on
      the specified target datastore, then the server MUST return
      an <rpc-error> element with an <error-tag> value of
      'invalid-value'.";
  }
}
}
}

<CODE ENDS>

```

5. IANA Considerations

This document registers two capability identifier URNs in the "Network Configuration Protocol (NETCONF) Capability URNs" registry:

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Capability Identifier

:yang-library:1.1

urn:ietf:params:netconf:capability:yang-library:1.1

:with-operational-defaults

urn:ietf:params:netconf:capability:with-operational-defaults:1.0

This document registers a URI in the "IETF XML Registry" [[RFC3688](#)]. Following the format in [RFC 3688](#), the following registration has been made.

URI: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-netconf-nmda

Registrant Contact: The IESG.

XML: N/A, the requested URI is an XML namespace.

This document registers a YANG module in the "YANG Module Names" registry [[RFC6020](#)].

name:	ietf-netconf-nmda
namespace:	urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-netconf-nmda
prefix:	ncds
reference:	RFC XXXX

6. Security Considerations

The YANG module defined in this document extends the base operations of the NETCONF [[RFC6241](#)] protocol. The lowest NETCONF layer is the secure transport layer and the mandatory-to-implement secure transport is Secure Shell (SSH) [[RFC6242](#)].

The network configuration access control model [[RFC8341](#)] provides the means to restrict access for particular NETCONF users to a preconfigured subset of all available NETCONF protocol operations and content.

The security considerations for the base NETCONF protocol operations (see [Section 9 of \[RFC6241\]](#)) apply to the new NETCONF <get-data> and <edit-data> operations defined in this document.

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