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Abstract

This document defines two YANG modules, one defines groupings for a generic SSH client and the other defines groupings for a generic SSH server. It is intended that these groupings will be used by applications using the SSH protocol.

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## [1.](#) Introduction

This document defines two YANG [[RFC6020](#)] modules, one defines groupings for a generic SSH client and the other defines groupings for a generic SSH server (SSH is defined in [[RFC4252](#)], [[RFC4253](#)], and [[RFC4254](#)]). It is intended that these groupings will be used by applications using the SSH protocol. For instance, these groupings could be used to help define the data model for an OpenSSH [[OPENSSEH](#)] server or a NETCONF over SSH [[RFC6242](#)] based server.

The two YANG modules in this document each define two groupings. One grouping defines everything other than what's needed for the TCP [[RFC793](#)] protocol layer. The other grouping uses the first grouping while adding TCP layer specifics (e.g., addresses to connect to, ports to listen on, etc.). This separation is done in order to enable applications the opportunity to define their own strategy for how the underlying TCP connection is established. For instance, applications supporting NETCONF Call Home [[draft-ietf-netconf-call-home](#)] could use the first grouping for the SSH parts it provides, while adding data nodes for the reversed TCP layer.

### [1.1.](#) Terminology

The keywords "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC 2119](#) [[RFC2119](#)].

## [1.2.](#) Tree Diagrams

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

- o Brackets "[" and "]" enclose list keys.

- o Braces "{" and "}" enclose feature names, and indicate that the named feature must be present for the subtree to be present.
- 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.](#) The SSH Client Model

The SSH client model presented in this section contains two YANG groupings, one for a client that initiates the underlying TCP connection and another for a client that has had the TCP connection opened for it already (e.g., call home).

Both of these groupings reference data nodes defined by the Keystore model [[draft-ietf-netconf-keystore](#)]. For instance, a reference to the keystore model is made to indicate which trusted CA certificate a client should use to authenticate X.509v3 certificate based host keys [[RFC6187](#)].

### [2.1.](#) Tree Diagram

The following tree diagram presents the data model for the two groupings defined in the ietf-ssh-client module.

```
module: ietf-ssh-client
  groupings:
    initiating-ssh-client-grouping
      +---- server-auth
        | +---- trusted-ssh-host-keys?  -> /ks:keystore/trusted-ssh-host-keys/name
        | +---- trusted-ca-certs?      -> /ks:keystore/trusted-certificates/name {ssh-x509-certs}?
        | +---- trusted-server-certs?  -> /ks:keystore/trusted-certificates/name
      +---- client-auth
        +---- matches* [name]
          +---- name?                  string
          +---- match* [name]
            | +---- name?              string
            | +---- trusted-ssh-host-keys?  -> /ks:keystore/trusted-ssh-host-keys/name
            | +---- trusted-ca-certs?      -> /ks:keystore/trusted-certificates/name
            | +---- trusted-server-certs?  -> /ks:keystore/trusted-certificates/name
          +---- user-auth-credentials?  -> /ks:keystore/user-auth-cr
```

redentials/user-auth-credential/username

```
listening-ssh-client-grouping
  +---- address?          inet:ip-address
  +---- port?             inet:port-number
  +---- server-auth
    | +---- trusted-ssh-host-keys?  -> /ks:keystore/trusted-ssh-host-keys/name
    | +---- trusted-ca-certs?      -> /ks:keystore/trusted-certificates/name {ssh-x509-certs}?
    | +---- trusted-server-certs?  -> /ks:keystore/trusted-certificates/name
  +---- client-auth
    +---- matches* [name]
      +---- name?                string
      +---- match* [name]
        | +---- name?              string
        | +---- trusted-ssh-host-keys?  -> /ks:keystore/trusted-ssh-host-keys/name
        | +---- trusted-ca-certs?      -> /ks:keystore/trusted-certificates/name
        | +---- trusted-server-certs?  -> /ks:keystore/trusted-certificates/name
      +---- user-auth-credentials?  -> /ks:keystore/user-auth-credentials/user-auth-credential/username
```

## [2.2.](#) Example Usage

This section shows how it would appear if the `initiating-ssh-client-grouping` were populated with some data. This example is consistent with the examples presented in Section 2.2 of [\[draft-ietf-netconf-keystore\]](#).

FIXME (how to do an example for a module that only has groupings?)

## [2.3.](#) YANG Model

This YANG module has a normative references to [\[RFC6991\]](#) and [\[draft-ietf-netconf-keystore\]](#).

```
<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-ssh-client@2016-11-02.yang"

module ietf-ssh-client {
  yang-version 1.1;

  namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-ssh-client";
  prefix "sshc";

  import ietf-inet-types {
    prefix inet;
    reference
      "RFC 6991: Common YANG Data Types";
  }

  import ietf-keystore {
    prefix ks;
    reference
      "RFC YYYY: Keystore Model";
  }

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```
revision "2016-11-02" {
  description
    "Initial version";
  reference
    "RFC XXXX: SSH Client and Server Models";
}

feature ssh-x509-certs {
  description
    "The ssh-x509-certs feature indicates that the SSH
    client supports RFC 6187";
  reference
    "RFC 6187: X.509v3 Certificates for Secure Shell
    Authentication";
}

grouping initiating-ssh-client-grouping {
  description
    "A reusable grouping for a SSH client that initiates the
    underlying TCP transport connection.";

  container server-auth {
    description
      "Trusted server identities.";
  }
}
```

```
leaf trusted-ssh-host-keys {
```

```

    type leafref {
      path "/ks:keystore/ks:trusted-ssh-host-keys/ks:name";
    }
    description
      "A reference to a list of SSH host keys used by the
      SSH client to authenticate SSH server host keys.
      A server host key is authenticate if it is an exact
      match to a configured trusted SSH host key.";
  }

leaf trusted-ca-certs {
  if-feature ssh-x509-certs;
  type leafref {
    path "/ks:keystore/ks:trusted-certificates/ks:name";
  }
  description
    "A reference to a list of certificate authority (CA)
    certificates used by the SSH client to authenticate
    SSH server certificates.";
}

leaf trusted-server-certs {
  type leafref {
    path "/ks:keystore/ks:trusted-certificates/ks:name";
  }
  description
    "A reference to a list of server certificates used by
    the SSH client to authenticate SSH server certificates.
    A server certificate is authenticated if it is an
    exact match to a configured trusted server certificate.";
}
}

container client-auth {
  description
    "The credentials used by the client to authenticate to
    the SSH server.";

  list matches {
    key name;
    description
      "A matches expression, which performs like a firewall
      rulebase in that each matches expression is considered
      for a match before moving onto the next matches
      expression. The first matching expression terminates
      the search, and its 'user-auth-credentials' are used
      to log into the SSH server.";
  }
}

```

---

```
leaf name {
  type string;
  description
    "An arbitrary name for this matches expression.";
}
list match {
  key name;
  description
    "A match rule. The presented SSH server's host key
    is matched against possible trusted SSH host keys
    and certificates. If a match is found, the specified
    'user-auth-credentials' is used to log into the
    SSH server.";
  leaf name {
    type string;
    description
      "An arbitrary name for this match rule.";
  }
  leaf trusted-ssh-host-keys {
    type leafref {
      path "/ks:keystore/ks:trusted-ssh-host-keys/ks:name";
    }
    description
      "A test to see if the presented SSH host key
      matches any of the host keys in the specified
      'trusted-ssh-host-keys' list maintained by the
      keystore module.";
  }
  leaf trusted-ca-certs {
    type leafref {
      path "/ks:keystore/ks:trusted-certificates/ks:name";
    }
    description
      "A test to see if the presented SSH host key matches
      any of the trusted CA certificates in the specified
      'trusted-certificates' list maintained by the
      keystore module.";
  }
  leaf trusted-server-certs {
    type leafref {
      path "/ks:keystore/ks:trusted-certificates/ks:name";
    }
    description
      "A test to see if the presented SSH host key matches
      any of the trusted server certificates in the specified
      'trusted-certificates' list maintained by the
```

```
        keystore module.";
    }
```

```
    }
    leaf user-auth-credentials {
      type leafref {
        path "/ks:keystore/ks:user-auth-credentials/"
          + "ks:user-auth-credential/ks:username";
      }
      description
        "The specific user authentication credentials to use if
         all of the above 'match' expressions match.";
    }
  }
} // end initiating-ssh-client-grouping
```

```
grouping listening-ssh-client-grouping {
  description
    "A reusable grouping for a SSH client that does not
     the underlying TCP transport connection have been
     established using some other mechanism.";
  leaf address {
    type inet:ip-address;
    description
      "The IP address to listen for call-home connections on.";
  }
  leaf port {
    type inet:port-number;
    description
      "The port number to listen for call-home connections.
       When this grouping is used, it is RECOMMENDED that
       refine statement is used to either set a default port
       value or to set mandatory true.";
  }
  uses initiating-ssh-client-grouping;
}
```

```
}
```

<CODE ENDS>

### [3.](#) The SSH Server Model

The SSH server model presented in this section contains two YANG groupings, one for a server that opens a socket to accept TCP connections and another for a server that has had the TCP connection opened for it already (e.g., inetd).

Both of these groupings reference data nodes defined by the Keystore model [[draft-ietf-netconf-keystore](#)]. For instance, a reference to the keystore model is made to indicate which host key a server should present.

#### [3.1.](#) Tree Diagram

The following tree diagram presents the data model for the two groupings defined in the ietf-ssh-server module.

```

module: ietf-ssh-server
  groupings:
    listening-ssh-server-grouping
      +---- address?                inet:ip-address
      +---- port?                  inet:port-number
      +---- host-keys
      |   +---- host-key* [name]
      |     +---- name?           string
      |     +---- (host-key-type)
      |       +---:(public-key)
      |         | +---- public-key?  -> /ks:keystore/private-keys/private-key/name
      |         +---:(certificate)
      |           +---- certificate?  -> /ks:keystore/private-keys/private-key/certificate-chains/certificate-chain/name {ssh-x509-certs}?
      +---- client-cert-auth {ssh-x509-certs}?
      +---- trusted-ca-certs?      -> /ks:keystore/trusted-certificates/name
      +---- trusted-client-certs?  -> /ks:keystore/trusted-certificates/name

    non-listening-ssh-server-grouping
      +---- host-keys
      |   +---- host-key* [name]
      |     +---- name?           string

```

```

|      +---- (host-key-type)
|      +--:(public-key)
|      | +---- public-key?   -> /ks:keystore/private-keys/private-key/name
|      +--:(certificate)
|      | +---- certificate?  -> /ks:keystore/private-keys/private-key/certificate-chains/certificate-chain/name {ssh-x509-certs}?
|      +---- client-cert-auth {ssh-x509-certs}?
|      | +---- trusted-ca-certs?      -> /ks:keystore/trusted-certificates/name
|      | +---- trusted-client-certs?  -> /ks:keystore/trusted-certificates/name

```

### 3.2. Example Usage

This section shows how it would appear if the `listening-ssh-server-grouping` were populated with some data. This example is consistent with the examples presented in Section 2.2 of [\[draft-ietf-netconf-keystore\]](#).

```

<listening-ssh-server
  xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-ssh-server">
  <port>830</port>
  <host-keys>
    <host-key>
      <name>deployment-specific-certificate</name>
      <certificate>ex-key-sect571r1-cert</certificate>
    </host-key>
  </host-keys>
</certificates>
<client-cert-auth>
  <trusted-ca-certs>
    deployment-specific-ca-certs
  </trusted-ca-certs>
  <trusted-client-certs>
    explicitly-trusted-client-certs
  </trusted-client-certs>
</client-cert-auth>

```

</listening-ssh-server>

### 3.3. YANG Model

This YANG module has a normative references to [[RFC4253](#)], [[RFC6991](#)], and [[draft-ietf-netconf-keystore](#)].

```
<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-ssh-server@2016-11-02.yang"

module ietf-ssh-server {
  yang-version 1.1;

  namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-ssh-server";
  prefix "sshs";

  import ietf-inet-types {
    prefix inet;
    reference
      "RFC 6991: Common YANG Data Types";
  }

  import ietf-keystore {
    prefix ks;
    reference
      "RFC YYYY: Keystore Model";
  }

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

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description

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```
revision "2016-11-02" {
  description
    "Initial version";
  reference
    "RFC XXXX: SSH Client and Server Models";
}

// features
feature ssh-x509-certs {
  description
    "The ssh-x509-certs feature indicates that the NETCONF
    server supports RFC 6187";
  reference
    "RFC 6187: X.509v3 Certificates for Secure Shell
    Authentication";
}
```

```
// grouping
grouping non-listening-ssh-server-grouping {
  description
    "A reusable grouping for a SSH server that can be used as a
```

basis for specific SSH server instances.";

```
container host-keys {
  description
    "The list of host-keys the SSH server will present when
    establishing a SSH connection.";
  list host-key {
    key name;
    min-elements 1;
    ordered-by user;
    description
      "An ordered list of host keys the SSH server will use to
      construct its ordered list of algorithms, when sending
      its SSH_MSG_KEXINIT message, as defined in Section 7.1
      of RFC 4253.";
    reference
      "RFC 4253: The Secure Shell (SSH) Transport Layer Protocol";
    leaf name {
      type string;
      description
        "An arbitrary name for this host-key";
    }
    choice host-key-type {
      mandatory true;
      description
        "The type of host key being specified";
      leaf public-key {
        type leafref {
          path "/ks:keystore/ks:private-keys/ks:private-key/"
            + "ks:name";
        }
        description
          "The public key is actually identified by the name of
          its cooresponding private-key in the keystore.";
      }
      leaf certificate {
        if-feature ssh-x509-certs;
        type leafref {
          path "/ks:keystore/ks:private-keys/ks:private-key/"
            + "ks:certificate-chains/ks:certificate-chain/"
            + "ks:name";
        }
        description
          "The name of a certificate in the keystore.";
      }
    }
  }
}
```

```
    }
  }
}

container client-cert-auth {
  if-feature ssh-x509-certs;
  description
    "A reference to a list of trusted certificate authority (CA)
    certificates and a reference to a list of trusted client
    certificates.";
  leaf trusted-ca-certs {
    type leafref {
      path "/ks:keystore/ks:trusted-certificates/ks:name";
    }
    description
      "A reference to a list of certificate authority (CA)
      certificates used by the SSH server to authenticate
      SSH client certificates.";
  }

  leaf trusted-client-certs {
    type leafref {
      path "/ks:keystore/ks:trusted-certificates/ks:name";
    }
    description
      "A reference to a list of client certificates used by
      the SSH server to authenticate SSH client certificates.
      A clients certificate is authenticated if it is an
      exact match to a configured trusted client certificate.";
  }
}

grouping listening-ssh-server-grouping {
  description
    "A reusable grouping for a SSH server that can be used as a
    basis for specific SSH server instances.";
  leaf address {
    type inet:ip-address;
    description
      "The IP address of the interface to listen on. The SSH
      server will listen on all interfaces if no value is
      specified. Please note that some addresses have special
      meanings (e.g., '0.0.0.0' and ':::').";
  }
}
```

```
leaf port {
```

```
    type inet:port-number;
    description
      "The local port number on this interface the SSH server
       listens on. When this grouping is used, it is RECOMMENDED
       that refine statement is used to either set a default port
       value or to set mandatory true.";
  }
  uses non-listening-ssh-server-grouping;
}
}
```

<CODE ENDS>

#### [4.](#) Security Considerations

#### [5.](#) IANA Considerations

##### [5.1.](#) The IETF XML Registry

This document registers two URIs in the IETF XML registry [[RFC2119](#)]. Following the format in [[RFC3688](#)], the following registrations are requested:

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

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

##### [5.2.](#) The YANG Module Names Registry

This document registers two YANG modules in the YANG Module Names registry [[RFC6020](#)]. Following the format in [[RFC6020](#)], the the following registrations are requested:

```
name:          ietf-ssh-client
```

namespace: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-ssh-client  
prefix: sshc  
reference: RFC XXXX

name: ietf-ssh-server  
namespace: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-ssh-server  
prefix: sshs  
reference: RFC XXXX

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## [7.](#) References

### [7.1.](#) Normative References

#### [\[draft-ietf-netconf-keystore\]](#)

Watsen, K., "Keystore Model", [draft-ietf-netconf-keystore-00](#) (work in progress), 2016, <<https://datatracker.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-netconf-keystore>>.

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## [Appendix A](#). Change Log

### [A.1](#). server-model-09 to 00

- o This draft was split out from [draft-ietf-netconf-server-model-09](#).
- o Added in previously missing ietf-ssh-client module.
- o Noted that '0.0.0.0' and ':::' might have special meanings.

## [Appendix B](#). Open Issues

Please see: <https://github.com/netconf-wg/ssh-client-server/issues>.

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