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**Abstract**

This memo specifies a component-based architecture for manufacturer usage descriptions (MUD). The goal of MUD is to provide a means for Things to signal to the network what sort of access and network functionality they require to properly function. The initial focus is on access control. Later work can delve into other aspects.

This memo specifies two YANG modules, IPv4 and IPv6 DHCP options, an LLDP TLV, a URL suffix specification, an X.509 certificate extension and a means to sign and verify the descriptions.

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## **[1.](#) Introduction**

The Internet has largely been constructed for general purpose computers, those devices that may be used for a purpose that is specified by those who own the device. [RFC1984] presumed that an end device would be most capable of protecting itself. This made sense when the typical device was a workstation or a mainframe, and it continues to make sense for general purpose computing devices today, including laptops, smart phones, and tablets.

[RFC7452] discusses design patterns for, and poses questions about, smart objects. Let us then posit a group of objects that are specifically not general purpose computers. These devices, which this memo refers to as Things, have a specific purpose. By definition, therefore, all other uses are not intended. The combination of these two statements can be restated as a manufacturer usage description (MUD) that can be applied at various points within a network.

We use the notion of "manufacturer" loosely in this context to refer to the entity or organization that will state how a device is



intended to be used. For example, in the context of a lightbulb, this might indeed be the lightbulb manufacturer. In the context of a smarter device that has a built in Linux stack, it might be an integrator of that device. The key points are that the device itself is assumed to serve a limited purpose, and that there may exist an organization in the supply chain of that device that will take responsibility for informing the network about that purpose.

The intent of MUD is to provide the following:

- o Substantially reduce the threat surface on a device entering a network to those communications intended by the manufacturer.
- o Provide a means to scale network policies to the ever-increasing number of types of devices in the network.
- o Provide a means to address at least some vulnerabilities in a way that is faster than the time it might take to update systems. This will be particularly true for systems that are no longer supported by their manufacturer.
- o Keep the cost of implementation of such a system to the bare minimum.
- o Provide a means of extensibility for manufacturers to express other device capabilities or requirements.

MUD consists of three architectural building blocks:

- o A URL that is can be used to locate a description;
- o The description itself, including how it is interpreted, and;
- o A means for local network management systems to retrieve the description.

In this specification we describe each of these building blocks and how they are intended to be used together. However, they may also be used separately, independent of this specification, by local deployments for their own purposes.

### **1.1.1. What MUD Doesn't Do**

MUD is not intended to address network authorization of general purpose computers, as their manufacturers cannot envision a specific communication pattern to describe. In addition, even those devices that have a single or small number of uses might have very broad communication patterns. MUD on its own is not for them either.



Although MUD can provide network administrators with some additional protection when device vulnerabilities exist, it will never replace the need for manufacturers to patch vulnerabilities.

Finally, no matter what the manufacturer specifies in a MUD file, these are not directives, but suggestions. How they are instantiated locally will depend on many factors and will be ultimately up to the local network administrator, who must decide what is appropriate in a given circumstances.

### **1.2. A Simple Example**

A light bulb is intended to light a room. It may be remotely controlled through the network, and it may make use of a rendezvous service of some form that an application on a smart phone. What we can say about that light bulb, then, is that all other network access is unwanted. It will not contact a news service, nor speak to the refrigerator, and it has no need of a printer or other devices. It has no social networking friends. Therefore, an access list applied to it that states that it will only connect to the single rendezvous service will not impede the light bulb in performing its function, while at the same time allowing the network to provide both it and other devices an additional layer of protection.

### **1.3. Terminology**

MUD: manufacturer usage description.

MUD file: a file containing YANG-based JSON that describes a Thing and associated suggested specific network behavior.

MUD file server: a web server that hosts a MUD file.

MUD controller: the system that requests and receives the MUD file from the MUD server. After it has processed a MUD file, it may direct changes to relevant network elements.

MUD URL: a URL that can be used by the MUD controller to receive the MUD file.

Thing: the device emitting a MUD URL.

Manufacturer: the entity that configures the Thing to emit the MUD URL and the one who asserts a recommendation in a MUD file. The manufacturer might not always be the entity that constructs a Thing. It could, for instance, be a systems integrator, or even a component provider.





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](#)].

#### **1.4. Determining Intended Use**

The notion of intended use is in itself not new. Network administrators apply access lists every day to allow for only such use. This notion of white listing was well described by Chapman and Zwicky in [[FW95](#)]. Profiling systems that make use of heuristics to identify types of systems have existed for years as well.

A Thing could just as easily tell the network what sort of access it requires without going into what sort of system it is. This would, in effect, be the converse of [[RFC7488](#)]. In seeking a general purpose solution, however, we assume that a device has so few capabilities that it will implement the least necessary capabilities to function properly. This is a basic economic constraint. Unless the network would refuse access to such a device, its developers would have no reason to provide the network any information. To date, such an assertion has held true.

#### **1.5. Finding A Policy: The MUD URL**

Our work begins with the device emitting a Universal Resource Locator (URL) [[RFC3986](#)]. This URL serves both to classify the device type and to provide a means to locate a policy file.

MUD URLs MUST use the HTTPS scheme [[RFC7230](#)].

In this memo three means are defined to emit the MUD URL, as follows:

- o A DHCP option[[RFC2131](#)], [[RFC3315](#)] that the DHCP client uses to inform the DHCP server. The DHCP server may take further actions, such as retrieve the URL or otherwise pass it along to network management system or controller.
- o An X.509 constraint. The IEEE has developed [[IEEE8021AR](#)] that provides a certificate-based approach to communicate device characteristics, which itself relies on [[RFC5280](#)]. The MUD URL extension is non-critical, as required by IEEE 802.1AR. Various means may be used to communicate that certificate, including Tunnel Extensible Authentication Protocol (TEAP) [[RFC7170](#)].
- o Finally, a Link Layer Discovery Protocol (LLDP) frame is defined [[IEEE8021AB](#)].



It is possible that there may be other means for a MUD URL to be learned by a network. For instance, some devices may already be fielded or have very limited ability to communicate a MUD URL, and yet can be identified through some means, such as a serial number or a public key. In these cases, manufacturers may be able to map those identifiers to particular MUD URLs (or even the files themselves). Similarly, there may be alternative resolution mechanisms available for situations where Internet connectivity is limited or does not exist. Such mechanisms are not described in this memo, but are possible. Implementors should allow for this sort of flexibility of how MUD URLs may be learned.

#### **1.6. Processing of the MUD URL**

MUD controllers that are able to do so SHOULD retrieve MUD URLs and signature files as per [\[RFC7230\]](#), using the GET method [\[RFC7231\]](#). They MUST validate the certificate using the rules in [\[RFC2618\]](#), [Section 3.1](#).

Requests for MUD URLs SHOULD include an "Accept" header ([\[RFC7231\]](#), [Section 5.3.2](#)) containing "application/mud+json", an "Accept-Language" header ([\[RFC7231\]](#), [Section 5.3.5](#)), and a "User-Agent" header ([\[RFC7231\]](#), [Section 5.5.3](#)).

MUD controllers SHOULD automatically process 3xx response status codes.

If a MUD controller is not able to fetch a MUD URL, other means MAY be used to import MUD files and associated signature files. So long as the signature of the file can be validated, the file can be used. In such environments, controllers SHOULD warn administrators when cache-validity expiry is approaching so that they may check for new files.

#### **1.7. Types of Policies**

When the MUD URL is resolved, the MUD controller retrieves a file that describes what sort of communications a device is designed to have. The manufacturer may specify either specific hosts for cloud based services or certain classes for access within an operational network. An example of a class might be "devices of a specified manufacturer type", where the manufacturer type itself is indicated simply by the authority component (e.g, the domain name) of the MUD URL. Another example might be to allow or disallow local access. Just like other policies, these may be combined. For example:

- o Allow access to devices of the same manufacturer



- o Allow access to and from controllers via Constrained Application Protocol (COAP)[[RFC7252](#)]
- o Allow access to local DNS/NTP
- o Deny all other access

A printer might have a description that states:

- o Allow access for port IPP or port LPD
- o Allow local access for port HTTP
- o Deny all other access

In this way anyone can print to the printer, but local access would be required for the management interface.

The files that are retrieved are intended to be closely aligned to existing network architectures so that they are easy to deploy. We make use of YANG [[RFC7950](#)] because of the time and effort spent to develop accurate and adequate models for use by network devices. JSON is used as a serialization for compactness and readability, relative to XML. Other formats may be chosen with later versions of MUD.

While the policy examples given here focus on access control, this is not intended to be the sole focus. By structuring the model described in this document with clear extension points, other descriptions could be included. One that often comes to mind is quality of service.

The YANG modules specified here are extensions of [[I-D.ietf-netmod-acl-model](#)]. The extensions to this model allow for a manufacturer to express classes of systems that a manufacturer would find necessary for the proper function of the device. Two modules are specified. The first module specifies a means for domain names to be used in ACLs so that devices that have their controllers in the cloud may be appropriately authorized with domain names, where the mapping of those names to addresses may rapidly change.

The other module abstracts away IP addresses into certain classes that are instantiated into actual IP addresses through local processing. Through these classes, manufacturers can specify how the device is designed to communicate, so that network elements can be configured by local systems that have local topological knowledge. That is, the deployment populates the classes that the manufacturer



specifies. The abstractions below map to zero or more hosts, as follows:

Manufacturer: A device made by a particular manufacturer, as identified by the authority component of its MUD URL

same-manufacturer: Devices that have the same authority component of their MUD URL.

controller: Devices that the local network administrator admits to the particular class.

my-controller: Devices associated with the MUD URL of a device that the administrator admits.

local: The class of IP addresses that are scoped within some administrative boundary. By default it is suggested that this be the local subnet.

The "manufacturer" classes can be easily specified by the manufacturer, whereas controller classes are initially envisioned to be specified by the administrator.

Because manufacturers do not know who will be using their devices, it is important for functionality referenced in usage descriptions to be relatively ubiquitous and mature. For these reasons only a limited subset YANG-based configuration is permitted in a MUD file.

### **1.8. The Manufacturer Usage Description Architecture**

With these components laid out we now have the basis for an architecture. This leads us to ASCII art.





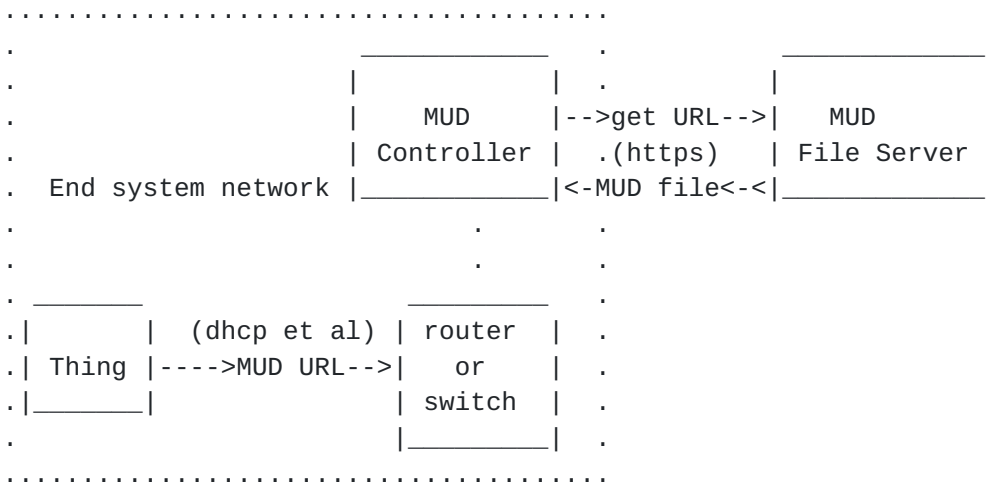


Figure 1: MUD Architecture

In the above diagram, the switch or router collects MUD URLs and forwards them to the MUD controller (a network management system) for processing. This happens in different ways, depending on how the URL is communicated. For instance, in the case of DHCP, the DHCP server might receive the URL and then process it. In the case of IEEE 802.1X, the switch would carry the URL via a certificate to the authentication server via EAP over Radius[RFC3748], which would then process it. One method to do this is TEAP, described in [RFC7170]. The certificate extension is described below.

The information returned by the MUD file server (a web server) is valid for the duration of the Thing's connection, or as specified in the description. Thus if the Thing is disconnected, any associated configuration in the switch can be removed. Similarly, from time to time the description may be refreshed, based on new capabilities or communication patterns or vulnerabilities.

The web server is typically run by or on behalf of the manufacturer. Its domain name is that of the authority found in the MUD URL. For legacy cases where Things cannot emit a URL, if the switch is able to determine the appropriate URL, it may proxy it, the trivial cases being a hardcoded MUD-URL on a switch port, or a mapping from some available identifier such as an L2 address or certificate hash to a MUD-URL.

The role of the MUD controller in this environment is to do the following:

- o receive MUD URLs,
- o fetch MUD files,



- o translate abstractions in the MUD files to specific network element configuration,
- o maintain and update any required mappings of the abstractions, and
- o update network elements with appropriate configuration.

A MUD controller may be a component of a AAA or network management system. Communication within those systems and from those systems to network elements is beyond the scope of this memo.

### **1.9. Order of operations**

As mentioned above, MUD contains architectural building blocks, and so order of operation may vary. However, here is one clear intended example:

1. Thing emits URL.
2. That URL is forwarded to a MUD controller by the nearest switch (how this happens depends on the way in which the MUD URL is emitted).
3. The MUD controller retrieves the MUD file and signature from the MUD file server, assuming it doesn't already have copies. After validating the signature, it may test the URL against a web or domain reputation service, and it may test any hosts within the file against those reputation services, as it deems fit.
4. The MUD controller may query the administrator for permission to add the Thing and associated policy. If the Thing is known or the Thing type is known, it may skip this step.
5. The MUD controller instantiates local configuration based on the abstractions defined in this document.
6. The MUD controller configures the switch nearest the Thing. Other systems may be configured as well.
7. When the Thing disconnects, policy is removed.

## **2. The MUD Model and Semantic Meaning**

A MUD file consists of a YANG model that has been serialized in JSON [[RFC7951](#)]. For purposes of MUD, the nodes that can be modified are access lists as augmented by this model. The MUD file is limited to the serialization of only the following YANG schema:



- o ietf-access-control-list [[I-D.ietf-netmod-acl-model](#)]
- o ietf-mud (this document)
- o ietf-acldns (this document)

Extensions may be used to add additional schema. This is described further on.

To provide the widest possible deployment, publishers of MUD files SHOULD make use of the abstractions in this memo and avoid the use of IP addresses. A MUD controller SHOULD NOT automatically implement any MUD file that contains IP addresses, especially those that might have local significance. The addressing of one side of an access list is implicit, based on whether it is applied as to-device-policy or from-device-policy.

With the exceptions of "name" of the ACL, "type", "name" of the ACE, and TCP and UDP source and destination port information, publishers of MUD files SHOULD limit the use of ACL model leaf nodes expressed to those found in this specification. Absent any extensions, MUD files are assumed to implement only the following ACL model features:

- o match-on-ipv4, match-on-ipv6, match-on-tcp, match-on-udp, match-on-icmp

Furthermore, only "accept" or "drop" actions SHOULD be included. A MUD controller MAY choose to interpret "reject" as "drop". A MUD controller SHOULD ignore all other actions. This is because manufacturers do not have sufficient context within a local deployment to know whether reject is appropriate. That is a decision that should be left to a network administrator.

Given that MUD does not deal with interfaces, the support of the "ietf-interfaces" module [[RFC7223](#)] is not required. Specifically, the support of interface-related features and branches (e.g., interface-attachment and interface-stats) of the ACL YANG module is not required.

In fact, MUD controllers MAY ignore any particular component of a description or MAY ignore the description in its entirety, and SHOULD carefully inspect all MUD descriptions. Publishers of MUD files MUST NOT include other nodes except as described in [Section 3.8](#). See that section for more information.



### **2.1. The IETF-MUD YANG Module**

This module is structured into three parts:

- o The first container "mud" holds information that is relevant to retrieval and validity of the MUD file itself, as well as policy intended to and from the Thing.
- o The second component augments the matching container of the ACL model to add several nodes that are relevant to the MUD URL, or otherwise abstracted for use within a local environment.
- o The third component augments the tcp-acl container of the ACL model to add the ability to match on the direction of initiation of a TCP connection.

A valid MUD file will contain two root objects, a "mud" container and an "access-lists" container. Extensions may add additional root objects as required. As a reminder, when parsing access-lists, elements within a "match" block are logically ANDed. In general, a single abstraction in a match statement should be used. For instance, it makes little sense to match both "my-controller" and "controller" with an argument, since they are highly unlikely to be the same value.

A simplified graphical representation of the data models is used in this document. The meaning of the symbols in these diagrams is explained in [[I-D.ietf-netmod-yang-tree-diagrams](#)].





```

module: ietf-mud
  +--rw mud!
    +--rw mud-version          uint8
    +--rw mud-url              inet:uri
    +--rw last-update          yang:date-and-time
    +--rw mud-signature?       inet:uri
    +--rw cache-validity?      uint8
    +--rw is-supported         boolean
    +--rw systeminfo?          inet:uri
    +--rw mfg-name?            string
    +--rw model-name?          string
    +--rw firmware-rev?        string
    +--rw software-rev?        string
    +--rw extensions*          string
    +--rw from-device-policy
      | +--rw access-lists
      |   +--rw access-list* [name]
      |   +--rw name        -> /acl:access-lists/acl/name
    +--rw to-device-policy
      +--rw access-lists
        +--rw access-list* [name]
        +--rw name        -> /acl:access-lists/acl/name
  augment /acl:access-lists/acl:acl/acl:aces/acl:ace/acl:matches:
    +--rw mud
      +--rw manufacturer?      inet:host
      +--rw same-manufacturer?  empty
      +--rw model?             inet:uri
      +--rw local-networks?    empty
      +--rw controller?        inet:uri
      +--rw my-controller?     empty
  augment /acl:access-lists/acl:acl/acl:aces/acl:ace/acl:
    matches/acl:l4/acl:tcp:
      +--rw direction-initiated?  direction

```

### 3. Data Node Definitions

Note that in this section, when we use the term "match" we are referring to the ACL model "matches" node.

The following nodes are defined.

#### 3.1. mud-version

This node specifies the integer version of the MUD specification. This memo specifies version 1.



### **[3.2.](#) to-device-policy and from-device-policy containers**

[I-D.ietf-netmod-acl-model] describes access-lists. In the case of MUD, a MUD file must be explicit in describing the communication pattern of a Thing, and that includes indicating what is to be permitted or denied in either direction of communication. Hence each of these containers indicates the appropriate direction of a flow in association with a particular Thing. They contain references to specific access-lists.

### **[3.3.](#) last-update**

This is a date-and-time value of when the MUD file was generated. This is akin to a version number. Its form is taken from [\[RFC6991\]](#) which, for those keeping score, in turn was taken from [Section 5.6 of \[RFC3339\]](#), which was taken from [\[ISO.8601.1988\]](#).

### **[3.4.](#) cache-validity**

This uint8 is the period of time in hours that a network management station MUST wait since its last retrieval before checking for an update. It is RECOMMENDED that this value be no less than 24 and MUST NOT be more than 168 for any Thing that is supported. This period SHOULD be no shorter than any period determined through HTTP caching directives (e.g., "cache-control" or "Expires"). N.B., expiring of this timer does not require the MUD controller to discard the MUD file, nor terminate access to a Thing. See [Section 15](#) for more information.

### **[3.5.](#) is-supported**

This boolean is an indication from the manufacturer to the network administrator as to whether or not the Thing is supported. In this context a Thing is said to not be supported if the manufacturer intends never to issue an update to the Thing or never update the MUD file. A MUD controller MAY still periodically check for updates.

### **[3.6.](#) systeminfo**

This is a textual UTF-8 description of the Thing to be connected. The intent is for administrators to be able to see a localized name associated with the Thing. It SHOULD NOT exceed 60 characters worth of display space (that is- what the administrator actually sees).



### **[3.7.](#) mfg-name, hardware-rev, software-rev, model-name firmware-rev**

These optional fields are filled in as specified by [\[I-D.ietf-netmod-entity\]](#). Note that firmware-rev and software-rev MUST NOT be populated in a MUD file if the device can be upgraded but the MUD-URL cannot be. This would be the case, for instance, with MUR-URLs that are contained in 802.1AR certificates.

### **[3.8.](#) extensions**

This optional leaf-list names MUD extensions that are used in the MUD file. Note that NO MUD extensions may be used in a MUD file without the extensions being declared. Implementations MUST ignore any node in this file that they do not understand.

Note that extensions can either extend the MUD file as described in the previous paragraph, or they might reference other work. An extension example can be found in [Appendix C](#).

### **[3.9.](#) manufacturer**

This node consists of a hostname that would be matched against the authority component of another Thing's MUD URL. In its simplest form "manufacturer" and "same-manufacturer" may be implemented as access-lists. In more complex forms, additional network capabilities may be used. For example, if one saw the line "manufacturer" : "flobbidity.example.com", then all Things that registered with a MUD URL that contained flobbidity.example.com in its authority section would match.

### **[3.10.](#) same-manufacturer**

This null-valued node is an equivalent for when the manufacturer element is used to indicate the authority that is found in another Thing's MUD URL matches that of the authority found in this Thing's MUD URL. For example, if the Thing's MUD URL were https://b1.example.com/ThingV1, then all devices that had MUD URL with an authority section of b1.example.com would match.

### **[3.11.](#) model**

This string matches the entire MUD URL, thus covering the model that is unique within the context of the authority. It may contain not only model information, but versioning information as well, and any other information that the manufacturer wishes to add. The intended use is for devices of this precise class to match, to permit or deny communication between one another.



### **3.12. local-networks**

This null-valued node expands to include local networks. Its default expansion is that packets must not traverse toward a default route that is received from the router. However, administrators may expand the expression as is appropriate in their deployments.

### **3.13. controller**

This URI specifies a value that a controller will register with the MUD controller. The node then is expanded to the set of hosts that are so registered. This node may also be a URN. In this case, the URN describes a well known service, such as DNS or NTP.

Great care should be used when invoking the controller class. For one thing, it requires some understanding by the administrator as to when it is appropriate. Classes that are standardized may make it possible to easily name devices that support standard functions. For instance, the MUD controller could have some knowledge of which DNS servers should be used for any particular group of Things. Non-standard classes will likely require some sort of administrator interaction. Pre-registration in such classes by controllers with the MUD server is encouraged. The mechanism to do that is beyond the scope of this work.

Controller URIs MAY take the form of a URL (e.g. "http[s]://"). However, MUD controllers MUST NOT resolve and retrieve such files, and it is RECOMMENDED that there be no such file at this time, as their form and function may be defined at a point in the future. For now, URLs should serve simply as class names and may be populated by the local deployment administrator.

### **3.14. my-controller**

This null-valued node signals to the MUD controller to use whatever mapping it has for this MUD URL to a particular group of hosts. This may require prompting the administrator for class members. Future work should seek to automate membership management.

### **3.15. direction-initiated**

When applied this matches packets when the flow was initiated in the corresponding direction. [[RFC6092](#)] specifies IPv6 guidance best practices. While that document is scoped specifically to IPv6, its contents are applicable for IPv4 as well. When this flag is set, and the system has no reason to believe a flow has been initiated it MUST drop the packet. This node may be implemented in its simplest form





by looking at naked SYN bits, but may also be implemented through more stateful mechanisms.

#### **4. Processing of the MUD file**

To keep things relatively simple in addition to whatever definitions exist, we also apply two additional default behaviors:

- o Anything not explicitly permitted is denied.
- o Local DNS and NTP are, by default, permitted to and from the Thing.

An explicit description of the defaults can be found in [Appendix B](#). These are applied AFTER all other explicit rules. Thus, a default behavior can be changed with a "drop" action.

#### **5. What does a MUD URL look like?**

MUD URLs are required to use the HTTPS scheme, in order to establish the MUD file server's identity and assure integrity of the MUD file.

Any "https://" URL without a query component can be a MUD URL. For example:

```
https://things.example.org/product_abc123/v5
https://www.example.net/mudfiles/temperature_sensor/
https://example.com/lightbulbs/colour/v1
```

===== The MUD URL identifies a Thing with a specificity according to the manufacturer's wishes. It could include a brand name, model number, or something more specific. It also could provide a means to indicate what version the product is.

Specifically, if the intended communication patterns of a Thing change, as compared to other things, the MUD URL should change. For example, if a new model of light bulb is released that requires access to different network services, it would have a separate MUD URL from those that do not.

The query string of the MUD URL is reserved for potential future use; MUD URLs MUST NOT contain queries when sent to the controller. MUD file servers MUST ignore query parameters that they do not understand.

Note that if the MUD URL contains a fragment identifier (e.g., "#foo"), that information will not be sent to the MUD file server in



the HTTP request. However, it will still be considered a separate MUD URL by the controller.

## 6. The MUD YANG Model

```
<CODE BEGINS>file "ietf-mud@2018-02-20.yang"
module ietf-mud {
  yang-version 1.1;
  namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-mud";
  prefix ietf-mud;

  import ietf-access-control-list {
    prefix acl;
  }
  import ietf-yang-types {
    prefix yang;
  }
  import ietf-inet-types {
    prefix inet;
  }

  organization
    "IETF OPSAWG (Ops Area) Working Group";
  contact
    "WG Web: http://tools.ietf.org/wg/opsawg/
    WG List: opsawg@ietf.org
    Author: Eliot Lear
    lear@cisco.com
    Author: Ralph Droms
    rdroms@gmail.com
    Author: Dan Romascanu
    dromasca@gmail.com

  ";
  description
    "This YANG module defines a component that augments the
    IETF description of an access list. This specific module
    focuses on additional filters that include local, model,
    and same-manufacturer.

    This module is intended to be serialized via JSON and stored
    as a file, as described in RFC XXXX [RFC Editor to fill in with
    this document #].

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    identified as the document authors. All rights reserved.
    Redistribution and use in source and binary forms, with or
    without modification, is permitted pursuant to, and subject
```



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```
revision 2018-02-20 {
  description
    "Initial proposed standard.";
  reference
    "RFC XXXX: Manufacturer Usage Description
    Specification";
}

typedef direction {
  type enumeration {
    enum "to-device" {
      description
        "packets or flows destined to the target
        Thing";
    }
    enum "from-device" {
      description
        "packets or flows destined from
        the target Thing";
    }
  }
  description
    "Which way are we talking about?";
}

container mud {
  presence "Enabled for this particular MUD URL";
  description
    "MUD related information, as specified
    by RFC-XXXX [RFC Editor to fill in].";
  uses mud-grouping;
}

grouping mud-grouping {
  description
    "Information about when support end(ed), and
    when to refresh";

  leaf mud-version {
    type uint8;
    mandatory true;
  }
}
```



```
    description "This is the version of the MUD
        specification.  This memo specifies version 1.";
}

leaf mud-url {
    type inet:uri;
    mandatory true;
    description
        "This is the MUD URL associated with the entry found
        in a MUD file.";
}

leaf last-update {
    type yang:date-and-time;
    mandatory true;
    description
        "This is intended to be when the current MUD file
        was generated.  MUD Controllers SHOULD NOT check
        for updates between this time plus cache validity";
}

leaf mud-signature {
    type inet:uri;
    description "A URI that resolves to a signature as
        described in this specification.";
}

leaf cache-validity {
    type uint8 {
        range "1..168";
    }
    units "hours";
    default "48";
    description
        "The information retrieved from the MUD server is
        valid for these many hours, after which it should
        be refreshed.  N.B. MUD controller implementations
        need not discard MUD files beyond this period.";
}

leaf is-supported {
    type boolean;
    mandatory true;
    description
        "This boolean indicates whether or not the Thing is
        currently supported by the manufacturer.";
}

leaf systeminfo {
    type inet:uri;
```





```
    description
      "A URL to a description of this Thing.  This
       should be a brief localized description.  The
       reference text should be no more than octets.
       systeminfo may be displayed to the user to
       determine whether to allow the Thing on the
       network.";
  }

  leaf mfg-name {
    type string;
    description "Manufacturer name, as described in
      the ietf-hardware yang module.";
  }

  leaf model-name {
    type string;
    description "Model name, as described in the
      ietf-hardware yang module.";
  }

  leaf firmware-rev {
    type string;
    description "firmware-rev, as described in the
      ietf-hardware yang module.  Note this field MUST
      NOT be included when the device can be updated
      but the MUD-URL cannot.";
  }

  leaf software-rev {
    type string;
    description "software-rev, as described in the
      ietf-hardware yang module.  Note this field MUST
      NOT be included when the device can be updated
      but the MUD-URL cannot.";
  }

  leaf-list extensions {
    type string {
      length "1..40";
    }
    description
      "A list of extension names that are used in this MUD
       file.  Each name is registered with the IANA and
       described in an RFC.";
  }

  container from-device-policy {
    description
```



```
    "The policies that should be enforced on traffic
    coming from the device. These policies are not
    necessarily intended to be enforced at a single
    point, but may be rendered by the controller to any
    relevant enforcement points in the network or
    elsewhere.";
    uses access-lists;
  }
  container to-device-policy {
    description
      "The policies that should be enforced on traffic
      going to the device. These policies are not
      necessarily intended to be enforced at a single
      point, but may be rendered by the controller to any
      relevant enforcement points in the network or
      elsewhere.";
    uses access-lists;
  }
}

grouping access-lists {
  description
    "A grouping for access lists in the context of device
    policy.";
  container access-lists {
    description
      "The access lists that should be applied to traffic
      to or from the device.";
    list access-list {
      key "name";
      description
        "Each entry on this list refers to an ACL that
        should be present in the overall access list
        data model. Each ACL is identified by name and
        type.";
      leaf name {
        type leafref {
          path "/acl:access-lists/acl:acl/acl:name";
        }
        description
          "The name of the ACL for this entry.";
      }
    }
  }
}

augment "/acl:access-lists/acl:acl/acl:aces/acl:ace/acl:matches" {
  description
    "adding abstractions to avoid need of IP addresses";
```



```
container mud {
  description
    "MUD-specific matches.";
  leaf manufacturer {
    type inet:host;
    description
      "A domain that is intended to match the authority
       section of the MUD URL. This node is used to specify
       one or more manufacturers a device should
       be authorized to access.";
  }
  leaf same-manufacturer {
    type empty;
    description
      "This node matches the authority section of the MUD URL
       of a Thing. It is intended to grant access to all
       devices with the same authority section.";
  }
  leaf model {
    type inet:uri;
    description
      "Devices of the specified model type will match if
       they have an identical MUD URL.";
  }
  leaf local-networks {
    type empty;
    description
      "IP addresses will match this node if they are
       considered local addresses. A local address may be
       a list of locally defined prefixes and masks
       that indicate a particular administrative scope.";
  }
  leaf controller {
    type inet:uri;
    description
      "This node names a class that has associated with it
       zero or more IP addresses to match against. These
       may be scoped to a manufacturer or via a standard
       URN.";
  }
  leaf my-controller {
    type empty;
    description
      "This node matches one or more network elements that
       have been configured to be the controller for this
       Thing, based on its MUD URL.";
  }
}
```



```
    }
    augment "/acl:access-lists/acl:acl/acl:aces/" +
      "acl:ace/acl:matches/acl:l4/acl:tcp" {
      description
        "add direction-initiated";
      leaf direction-initiated {
        type direction;
        description
          "This node matches based on which direction a
            connection was initiated. The means by which that
            is determined is discussed in this document.";
      }
    }
  }
}
```

<CODE ENDS>

## 7. The Domain Name Extension to the ACL Model

This module specifies an extension to IETF-ACL model such that domain names may be referenced by augmenting the "matches" node. Different implementations may deploy differing methods to maintain the mapping between IP address and domain name, if indeed any are needed. However, the intent is that resources that are referred to using a name should be authorized (or not) within an access list.

The structure of the change is as follows:

```
module: ietf-acldns
  augment /acl:access-lists/acl:acl/acl:aces/acl:ace/acl:matches
    /acl:l3/acl:ipv4:
    +--rw src-dnsname?   inet:host
    +--rw dst-dnsname?   inet:host
  augment /acl:access-lists/acl:acl/acl:aces/acl:ace/acl:matches
    /acl:l3/acl:ipv6:
    +--rw src-dnsname?   inet:host
    +--rw dst-dnsname?   inet:host
```

The choice of these particular points in the access-list model is based on the assumption that we are in some way referring to IP-related resources, as that is what the DNS returns. A domain name in our context is defined in [RFC6991]. The augmentations are replicated across IPv4 and IPv6 to allow MUD file authors the ability to control the IP version that the Thing may utilize.

The following node are defined.





### **7.1. src-dnsname**

The argument corresponds to a domain name of a source as specified by `inet:host`. A number of means may be used to resolve hosts. What is important is that such resolutions be consistent with ACLs required by Things to properly operate.

### **7.2. dst-dnsname**

The argument corresponds to a domain name of a destination as specified by `inet:host`. See the previous section relating to resolution.

Note when using either of these with a MUD file, because access is associated with a particular Thing, MUD files **MUST** not contain either a `src-dnsname` in an ACL associated with `from-device-policy` or a `dst-dnsname` associated with `to-device-policy`.

### **7.3. The ietf-acldns Model**

```
<CODE BEGINS>file "ietf-acldns@2018-02-20.yang"
module ietf-acldns {
  yang-version 1.1;
  namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-acldns";
  prefix "ietf-acldns";

  import ietf-access-control-list {
    prefix "acl";
  }

  import ietf-inet-types {
    prefix "inet";
  }

  organization
    "IETF OPSAWG (Ops Area) Working Group";

  contact
    "WG Web: http://tools.ietf.org/wg/opsawg/
    WG List: opsawg@ietf.org
    Author: Eliot Lear
    lear@cisco.com
    Author: Ralph Droms
    rdroms@gmail.com
    Author: Dan Romascanu
    dromasca@gmail.com
    ";
```



```
description
  "This YANG module defines a component that augments the
  IETF description of an access list to allow dns names
  as matching criteria.";

revision "2018-02-20" {
  description "Base version of dnsname extension of ACL model";
  reference "RFC XXXX: Manufacturer Usage Description
  Specification";
}

grouping dns-matches {
  description "Domain names for matching.";

  leaf src-dnsname {
    type inet:host;
    description "domain name to be matched against";
  }
  leaf dst-dnsname {
    type inet:host;
    description "domain name to be matched against";
  }
}

augment "/acl:access-lists/acl:acl/acl:aces/acl:ace/" +
  "acl:matches/acl:l3/acl:ipv4" {
  description "Adding domain names to matching";
  uses dns-matches;
}

augment "/acl:access-lists/acl:acl/" +
  "acl:aces/acl:ace/" +
  "acl:matches/acl:l3/acl:ipv6" {
  description "Adding domain names to matching";
  uses dns-matches;
}
}
<CODE ENDS>
```

## 8. MUD File Example

This example contains two access lists that are intended to provide outbound access to a cloud service on TCP port 443.

```
{
  "ietf-mud:mud": {
    "mud-version": 1,
```



```
"mud-url": "https://lighting.example.com/lightbulb2000",
"last-update": "2018-02-08T14:39:15+01:00",
"cache-validity": 48,
"is-supported": true,
"systeminfo": "The BMS Example Lightbulb",
"from-device-policy": {
  "access-lists": {
    "access-list": [
      {
        "name": "mud-94934-v6fr"
      }
    ]
  }
},
"to-device-policy": {
  "access-lists": {
    "access-list": [
      {
        "name": "mud-94934-v6to"
      }
    ]
  }
}
},
"ietf-access-control-list:access-lists": {
  "acl": [
    {
      "name": "mud-94934-v6to",
      "type": "ipv6-acl-type",
      "aces": {
        "ace": [
          {
            "name": "cl0-todev",
            "matches": {
              "ipv6": {
                "ietf-acldns:src-dnsname": "service.bms.example.com",
                "protocol": 6
              },
            },
            "tcp": {
              "ietf-mud:direction-initiated": "from-device",
              "source-port-range-or-operator": {
                "operator": "eq",
                "port": 443
              }
            }
          }
        ]
      },
      "actions": {
        "forwarding": "accept"
      }
    }
  ]
}
```



```

    }
  }
]
}
},
{
  "name": "mud-94934-v6fr",
  "type": "ipv6-acl-type",
  "aces": {
    "ace": [
      {
        "name": "cl0-frdev",
        "matches": {
          "ipv6": {
            "ietf-acldns:dst-dnsname": "service.bms.example.com",
            "protocol": 6
          },
          "tcp": {
            "ietf-mud:direction-initiated": "from-device",
            "destination-port-range-or-operator": {
              "operator": "eq",
              "port": 443
            }
          }
        },
        "actions": {
          "forwarding": "accept"
        }
      }
    ]
  }
}
]
}
}
}

```

In this example, two policies are declared, one from the Thing and the other to the Thing. Each policy names an access list that applies to the Thing, and one that applies from. Within each access list, access is permitted to packets flowing to or from the Thing that can be mapped to the domain name of "service.bms.example.com". For each access list, the enforcement point should expect that the Thing initiated the connection.





## 9. The MUD URL DHCP Option

The IPv4 MUD URL client option has the following format:

```
+-----+-----+-----+
| code | len |  MUD URL
+-----+-----+-----+
```

Code OPTION\_MUD\_URL\_V4 (161) is assigned by IANA. len is a single octet that indicates the length of the URL in octets. MUD URL is a URL. MUD URLs MUST NOT exceed 255 octets.

The IPv6 MUD URL client option has the following format:

```

      0               1               2               3
    0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+
|          OPTION_MUD_URL_V6          | option-length |
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+
|                                     MUD URL                                     |
|                                     ...                                     |
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+
```

OPTION\_MUD\_URL\_V6 (112; assigned by IANA).

option-length contains the length of the URL in octets.

The intent of this option is to provide both a new Thing classifier to the network as well as some recommended configuration to the routers that implement policy. However, it is entirely the purview of the network system as managed by the network administrator to decide what to do with this information. The key function of this option is simply to identify the type of Thing to the network in a structured way such that the policy can be easily found with existing toolsets.

### 9.1. Client Behavior

A DHCPv4 client MAY emit a DHCPv4 option and a DHCPv6 client MAY emit DHCPv6 option. These options are singletons, as specified in [\[RFC7227\]](#). Because clients are intended to have at most one MUD URL associated with them, they may emit at most one MUD URL option via DHCPv4 and one MUD URL option via DHCPv6. In the case where both v4 and v6 DHCP options are emitted, the same URL MUST be used.



Clients SHOULD log or otherwise report improper acknowledgments from servers, but they MUST NOT modify their MUD URL configuration based on a server's response. The server's response is only an acknowledgment that the server has processed the option, and promises no specific network behavior to the client. In particular, it may not be possible for the server to retrieve the file associated with the MUD URL, or the local network administration may not wish to use the usage description. Neither of these situations should be considered in any way exceptional.

### **9.2. Server Behavior**

A DHCP server may ignore these options or take action based on receipt of these options. If a server successfully parses the option and the URL, it MUST return the option with length field set to zero and a corresponding null URL field as an acknowledgment. Even in this circumstance, no specific network behavior is guaranteed. When a server consumes this option, it will either forward the URL and relevant client information (such as the gateway address or giaddr) to a network management system, or it will retrieve the usage description itself by resolving the URL.

DHCP servers may implement MUD functionality themselves or they may pass along appropriate information to a network management system or MUD controller. A DHCP server that does process the MUD URL MUST adhere to the process specified in [\[RFC2818\]](#) and [\[RFC5280\]](#) to validate the TLS certificate of the web server hosting the MUD file. Those servers will retrieve the file, process it, create and install the necessary configuration on the relevant network element. Servers SHOULD monitor the gateway for state changes on a given interface. A DHCP server that does not provide MUD functionality and has forwarded a MUD URL to a MUD controller MUST notify the MUD controller of any corresponding change to the DHCP state of the client (such as expiration or explicit release of a network address lease).

### **9.3. Relay Requirements**

There are no additional requirements for relays.

## **10. The Manufacturer Usage Description (MUD) URL X.509 Extension**

This section defines an X.509 non-critical certificate extension that contains a single Uniform Resource Locator (URL) that points to an on-line Manufacturer Usage Description concerning the certificate subject. URI must be represented as described in [Section 7.4 of \[RFC5280\]](#).



Any Internationalized Resource Identifiers (IRIs) MUST be mapped to URIs as specified in [Section 3.1 of \[RFC3987\]](#) before they are placed in the certificate extension.

The semantics of the URL are defined [Section 5](#) of this document.

The choice of id-pe is based on guidance found in [Section 4.2.2 of \[RFC5280\]](#):

These extensions may be used to direct applications to on-line information about the issuer or the subject.

The MUD URL is precisely that: online information about the particular subject.

The new extension is identified as follows:



<CODE BEGINS>

```
MUDURLExtnModule-2016 { iso(1) identified-organization(3) dod(6)
    internet(1) security(5) mechanisms(5) pkix(7)
    id-mod(0) id-mod-mudURLExtn2016(88) }
```

```
DEFINITIONS IMPLICIT TAGS ::= BEGIN
```

```
-- EXPORTS ALL --
```

```
IMPORTS
```

```
EXTENSION
```

```
FROM PKIX-CommonTypes-2009
```

```
{ iso(1) identified-organization(3) dod(6) internet(1)
    security(5) mechanisms(5) pkix(7) id-mod(0)
    id-mod-pkixCommon-02(57) }
```

```
id-pe
```

```
FROM PKIX1Explicit-2009
```

```
{ iso(1) identified-organization(3) dod(6) internet(1)
    security(5) mechanisms(5) pkix(7) id-mod(0)
    id-mod-pkix1-explicit-02(51) } ;
```

```
MUDCertExtensions EXTENSION ::= { ext-MUDURL, ... }
```

```
ext-MUDURL EXTENSION ::= { SYNTAX MUDURLSyntax
    IDENTIFIED BY id-pe-mud-url }
```

```
id-pe-mud-url OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-pe 25 }
```

```
MUDURLSyntax ::= IA5String
```

```
END
```

<CODE ENDS>

While this extension can appear in either an 802.AR manufacturer certificate (IDevID) or deployment certificate (LDevID), of course it is not guaranteed in either, nor is it guaranteed to be carried over. It is RECOMMENDED that MUD controller implementations maintain a table that maps a Thing to its MUD URL based on IDevIDs.

## **11. The Manufacturer Usage Description LLDP extension**

The IEEE802.1AB Link Layer Discovery Protocol (LLDP) is a one hop vendor-neutral link layer protocol used by end hosts network Things for advertising their identity, capabilities, and neighbors on an IEEE 802 local area network. Its Type-Length-Value (TLV) design allows for 'vendor-specific' extensions to be defined. IANA has a registered IEEE 802 organizationally unique identifier (OUI) defined





as documented in [\[RFC7042\]](#). The MUD LLDP extension uses a subtype defined in this document to carry the MUD URL.

The LLDP vendor specific frame has the following format:

```
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|TLV Type| len  |  OUI   |subtype | MUD URL
|  =127  |      | = 00 00 5E|  = 1   |
|(7 bits)|(9 bits)|(3 octets)|(1 octet)|(1-255 octets)
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

where:

- o TLV Type = 127 indicates a vendor-specific TLV
- o len - indicates the TLV string length
- o OUI = 00 00 5E is the organizationally unique identifier of IANA
- o subtype = 1 (to be assigned by IANA for the MUD URL)
- o MUD URL - the length MUST NOT exceed 255 octets

The intent of this extension is to provide both a new Thing classifier to the network as well as some recommended configuration to the routers that implement policy. However, it is entirely the purview of the network system as managed by the network administrator to decide what to do with this information. The key function of this extension is simply to identify the type of Thing to the network in a structured way such that the policy can be easily found with existing toolsets.

Hosts, routers, or other network elements that implement this option are intended to have at most one MUD URL associated with them, so they may transmit at most one MUD URL value.

Hosts, routers, or other network elements that implement this option may ignore these options or take action based on receipt of these options. For example they may fill in information in the respective extensions of the LLDP Management Information Base (LLDP MIB). LLDP operates in a one-way direction. LLDPDUs are not exchanged as information requests by one Thing and response sent by another Thing. The other Things do not acknowledge LLDP information received from a Thing. No specific network behavior is guaranteed. When a Thing consumes this extension, it may either forward the URL and relevant remote Thing information to a MUD controller, or it will retrieve the



usage description by resolving the URL in accordance with normal HTTP semantics.

## **12. Creating and Processing of Signed MUD Files**

Because MUD files contain information that may be used to configure network access lists, they are sensitive. To insure that they have not been tampered with, it is important that they be signed. We make use of DER-encoded Cryptographic Message Syntax (CMS) [[RFC5652](#)] for this purpose.

### **12.1. Creating a MUD file signature**

A MUD file MUST be signed using CMS as an opaque binary object. In order to make successful verification more likely, intermediate certificates SHOULD be included. The signature is stored at the location specified in the MUD file. Signatures are transferred using content-type "application/pkcs7-signature".

For example:

```
% openssl cms -sign -signer mancertfile -inkey mankey \  
-in mudfile -binary -outform DER - \  
-certfile intermediatecert -out mudfile.p7s
```

Note: A MUD file may need to be re-signed if the signature expires.

### **12.2. Verifying a MUD file signature**

Prior to retrieving a MUD file the MUD controller SHOULD retrieve the MUD signature file by retrieving the value of "mud-signature" and validating the signature across the MUD file.

Upon retrieving a MUD file, a MUD controller MUST validate the signature of the file before continuing with further processing. A MUD controller MUST cease processing of that file if it cannot validate the chain of trust to a known trust anchor until an administrator has given approval.

The purpose of the signature on the file is to assign accountability to an entity, whose reputation can be used to guide administrators on whether or not to accept a given MUD file. It is already common place to check web reputation on the location of a server on which a file resides. While it is likely that the manufacturer will be the signer of the file, this is not strictly necessary, and may not be desirable. For one thing, in some environments, integrators may install their own certificates. For another, what is more important



is the accountability of the recommendation, and not the cryptographic relationship between the device and the file.

An example:

```
% openssl cms -verify -in mudfile.p7s -inform DER -content mudfile
```

Note the additional step of verifying the common trust root.

### **13. Extensibility**

One of our design goals is to see that MUD files are able to be understood by as broad a cross-section of systems as is possible. Coupled with the fact that we have also chosen to leverage existing mechanisms, we are left with no ability to negotiate extensions and a limited desire for those extensions in any event. As such, a two-tier extensibility framework is employed, as follows:

1. At a coarse grain, a protocol version is included in a MUD URL. This memo specifies MUD version 1. Any and all changes are entertained when this version is bumped. Transition approaches between versions would be a matter for discussion in future versions.
2. At a finer grain, only extensions that would not incur additional risk to the Thing are permitted. Specifically, adding nodes to the mud container is permitted with the understanding that such additions will be ignored by unaware implementations. Any such extensions SHALL be standardized through the IETF process, and MUST be named in the "extensions" list. MUD controllers MUST ignore YANG nodes they do not understand and SHOULD create an exception to be resolved by an administrator, so as to avoid any policy inconsistencies.

### **14. Deployment Considerations**

Because MUD consists of a number of architectural building blocks, it is possible to assemble different deployment scenarios. One key aspect is where to place policy enforcement. In order to protect the Thing from other Things within a local deployment, policy can be enforced on the nearest switch or access point. In order to limit unwanted traffic within a network, it may also be advisable to enforce policy as close to the Internet as possible. In some circumstances, policy enforcement may not be available at the closest hop. At that point, the risk of so-called east-west infection is increased to the number of Things that are able to communicate without protection.



A caution about some of the classes: admission of a Thing into the "manufacturer" and "same-manufacturer" class may have impact on access of other Things. Put another way, the admission may grow the access-list on switches connected to other Things, depending on how access is managed. Some care should be given on managing that access-list growth. Alternative methods such as additional network segmentation can be used to keep that growth within reason.

Because as of this writing MUD is a new concept, one can expect a great many devices to not have implemented it. It remains a local deployment decision as to whether a device that is first connected should be allowed broad or limited access. Furthermore, as mentioned in the introduction, a deployment may choose to ignore a MUD policy in its entirety, but simply taken into account the MUD URL as a classifier to be used as part of a local policy decision.

## **15. Security Considerations**

Based on how a MUD URL is emitted, a Thing may be able to lie about what it is, thus gaining additional network access. There are several means to limit risk in this case. The most obvious is to only believe Things that make use of certificate-based authentication such as IEEE 802.1AR certificates. When those certificates are not present, Things claiming to be of a certain manufacturer SHOULD NOT be included in that manufacturer grouping without additional validation of some form. This will occur when it makes use of primitives such as "manufacturer" for the purpose of accessing Things of a particular type. Similarly, network management systems may be able to fingerprint the Thing. In such cases, the MUD URL can act as a classifier that can be proven or disproven. Fingerprinting may have other advantages as well: when 802.1AR certificates are used, because they themselves cannot change, fingerprinting offers the opportunity to add artifacts to the MUD URL. The meaning of such artifacts is left as future work.

Network management systems SHOULD NOT accept a usage description for a Thing with the same MAC address that has indicated a change of authority without some additional validation (such as review by a network administrator). New Things that present some form of unauthenticated MUD URL SHOULD be validated by some external means when they would be otherwise be given increased network access.

It may be possible for a rogue manufacturer to inappropriately exercise the MUD file parser, in order to exploit a vulnerability. There are three recommended approaches to address this threat. The first is to validate the signature of the MUD file. The second is to have a system do a primary scan of the file to ensure that it is both parseable and believable at some level. MUD files will likely be





relatively small, to start with. The number of ACEs used by any given Thing should be relatively small as well. It may also be useful to limit retrieval of MUD URLs to only those sites that are known to have decent web or domain reputations.

Use of a URL necessitates the use of domain names. If a domain name changes ownership, the new owner of that domain may be able to provide MUD files that MUD controllers would consider valid. There are a few approaches that can mitigate this attack. First, MUD controllers SHOULD cache certificates used by the MUD file server. When a new certificate is retrieved for whatever reason, the MUD controller should check to see if ownership of the domain has changed. A fair programmatic approximation of this is when the name servers for the domain have changed. If the actual MUD file has changed, the controller MAY check the WHOIS database to see if registration ownership of a domain has changed. If a change has occurred, or if for some reason it is not possible to determine whether ownership has changed, further review may be warranted. Note, this remediation does not take into account the case of a Thing that was produced long ago and only recently fielded, or the case where a new MUD controller has been installed.

It may not be possible for a MUD controller to retrieve a MUD file at any given time. Should a MUD controller fail to retrieve a MUD file, it SHOULD consider the existing one safe to use, at least for a time. After some period, it SHOULD log that it has been unable to retrieve the file. There may be very good reasons for such failures, including the possibility that the MUD controller is in an off-line environment, the local Internet connection has failed, or the remote Internet connection has failed. It is also possible that an attacker is attempting to prevent onboarding of a device. It is a local deployment decision as to whether or not devices may be onboarded in the face of such failures.

The release of a MUD URL by a Thing reveals what the Thing is, and provides an attacker with guidance on what vulnerabilities may be present.

While the MUD URL itself is not intended to be unique to a specific Thing, the release of the URL may aid an observer in identifying individuals when combined with other information. This is a privacy consideration.

In addressing both of these concerns, implementors should take into account what other information they are advertising through mechanisms such as mDNS[RFC6872], how a Thing might otherwise be identified, perhaps through how it behaves when it is connected to the network, whether a Thing is intended to be used by individuals or



carry personal identifying information, and then apply appropriate data minimization techniques. One approach is to make use of TEAP [RFC7170] as the means to share information with authorized components in the network. Network elements may also assist in limiting access to the MUD URL through the use of mechanisms such as DHCPv6-Shield [RFC7610].

Please note that the security considerations mentioned in Section 4.7 of [I-D.ietf-netmod-rfc6087bis] are not applicable in this case because the YANG serialization is not intended to be accessed via NETCONF. However, for those who try to instantiate this model in a network element via NETCONF, all objects in each model in this draft exhibit similar security characteristics as [I-D.ietf-netmod-acl-model]. The basic purpose of MUD is to configure access, and so by its very nature can be disruptive if used by unauthorized parties.

## **16. IANA Considerations**

### **16.1. YANG Module Registrations**

The following YANG modules are requested to be registered in the "IANA Module Names" registry:

The ietf-mud module:

- o Name: ietf-mud
- o XML Namespace: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-mud
- o Prefix: ief-mud
- o Reference: This memo

The ietf-acldns module:

- o Name: ietf-acldns
- o XML Namespace: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-acldns
- o Prefix: ietf-acldns
- o Reference: This memo



### **[16.2.](#) DHCPv4 and DHCPv6 Options**

The IANA has allocated option 161 in the Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) and Bootstrap Protocol (BOOTP) Parameters registry for the MUD DHCPv4 option, and option 112 for DHCPv6, as described in [Section 9](#).

### **[16.3.](#) PKIX Extensions**

IANA is kindly requested to make the following assignments for:

- o The MUDURLExtnModule-2016 ASN.1 module in the "SMI Security for PKIX Module Identifier" registry (1.3.6.1.5.5.7.0).
- o id-pe-mud-url object identifier from the "SMI Security for PKIX Certificate Extension" registry (1.3.6.1.5.5.7.1).

The use of these values is specified in [Section 10](#).

### **[16.4.](#) MIME Media-type Registration for MUD files**

The following media-type is defined for transfer of MUD file:



- o Type name: application
- o Subtype name: mud+json
- o Required parameters: n/a
- o Optional parameters: n/a
- o Encoding considerations: 8bit; application/mud+json values are represented as a JSON object; UTF-8 encoding SHOULD be employed.
- o Security considerations: See Security Considerations of this document.
- o Interoperability considerations: n/a
- o Published specification: this document
- o Applications that use this media type: MUD controllers as specified by this document.
- o Fragment identifier considerations: n/a
- o Additional information:

Magic number(s): n/a

File extension(s): n/a

Macintosh file type code(s): n/a

- o Person & email address to contact for further information:  
Eliot Lear <lear@cisco.com>, Ralph Droms <rdroms@cisco.com>
- o Intended usage: COMMON
- o Restrictions on usage: none
- o Author:  
Eliot Lear <lear@cisco.com>  
Ralph Droms <rdroms@cisco.com>
- o Change controller: IESG
- o Provisional registration? (standards tree only): No.

### **16.5. LLDP IANA TLV Subtype Registry**

IANA is requested to create a new registry for IANA Link Layer Discovery Protocol (LLDP) TLV subtype values. The recommended policy for this registry is Expert Review. The maximum number of entries in the registry is 256.

IANA is required to populate the initial registry with the value:

LLDP subtype value = 1 (All the other 255 values should be initially marked as 'Unassigned'.)

Description = the Manufacturer Usage Description (MUD) Uniform Resource Locator (URL)

Reference = < this document >





### **16.6. The MUD Well Known Universal Resource Name (URNs)**

The following parameter registry is requested to be added in accordance with [[RFC3553](#)]

Registry name: "urn:ietf:params:mud" is requested.  
Specification: this document  
Repository: this document  
Index value: Encoded identically to a TCP/UDP port service name, as specified in [Section 5.1 of \[RFC6335\]](#)

The following entries should be added to the "urn:ietf:params:mud" name space:

"urn:ietf:params:mud:dns" refers to the service specified by [[RFC1123](#)]. "urn:ietf:params:mud:ntp" refers to the service specified by [[RFC5905](#)].

### **16.7. Extensions Registry**

The IANA is requested to establish a registry of extensions as follows:

Registry name: MUD extensions registry  
Registry policy: Standards action  
Standard reference: document  
Extension name: UTF-8 encoded string, not to exceed 40 characters.

Each extension MUST follow the rules specified in this specification. As is usual, the IANA issues early allocations based in accordance with [[RFC7120](#)].

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## **Appendix A. Changes from Earlier Versions**

RFC Editor to remove this section prior to publication.

Draft -16:

- o One editorial.

Draft -16

- o add mud-signature element based on review comments
- o redo mud-url
- o make clear that systeminfo uses UTF8

Draft -13 to -14:

- o Final WGLC comments and review comments
- o Move version from MUD-URL to Model
- o Have MUD-URL in model
- o Update based on update to [draft-ietf-netmod-acl-model](#)
- o Point to tree diagram draft instead of 6087bis.

Draft -12 to -13:

- o Additional WGLC comments

Draft -10 to -12:

These are based on WGLC comments:

- o Correct examples based on ACL model changes.



- o Change ordering nodes.
- o Additional explanatory text around systeminfo.
- o Change ordering in examples.
- o Make it VERY VERY VERY VERY clear that these are recommendations, not mandates.
- o DHCP -> NTP in some of the intro text.
- o Remove masa-server
- o "Things" to "network elements" in a few key places.
- o Reference to JSON YANG RFC added.

Draft -10 to -11:

- o Example corrections
- o Typo
- o Fix two lists.
- o Addition of 'any-acl' and 'mud-acl' in the list of allowed features.
- o Clarification of what should be in a MUD file.

Draft -09 to -10:

- o AD input.
- o Correct dates.
- o Add compliance sentence as to which ACL module features are implemented.

Draft -08 to -09:

- o Resolution of Security Area review, IoT directorate review, GenART review, YANG doctors review.
- o change of YANG structure to address mandatory nodes.
- o Terminology cleanup.



- o specify out extra portion of MUD-URL.
- o consistency changes.
- o improved YANG descriptions.
- o Remove extra revisions.
- o Track ACL model changes.
- o Additional cautions on use of ACL model; further clarifications on extensions.

Draft -07 to -08:

- o a number of editorials corrected.
- o definition of MUD file tweaked.

Draft -06 to -07:

- o Examples updated.
- o Additional clarification for direction-initiated.
- o Additional implementation guidance given.

Draft -06 to -07:

- o Update models to match new ACL model
- o extract directionality from the ACL, introducing a new device container.

Draft -05 to -06:

- o Make clear that this is a component architecture (Polk and Watson)
- o Add order of operations (Watson)
- o Add extensions leaf-list (Pritikin)
- o Remove previous-mud-file (Watson)
- o Modify text in last-update (Watson)
- o Clarify local networks (Weis, Watson)





- o Fix contact info (Watson)
- o Terminology clarification (Weis)
- o Advice on how to handle LDevIDs (Watson)
- o Add deployment considerations (Watson)
- o Add some additional text about fingerprinting (Watson)
- o Appropriate references to 6087bis (Watson)
- o Change systeminfo to a URL to be referenced (Lear)

Draft -04 to -05: \* syntax error correction

Draft -03 to -04: \* Re-add my-controller

Draft -02 to -03: \* Additional IANA updates \* Format correction in YANG. \* Add reference to TEAP.

Draft -01 to -02: \* Update IANA considerations \* Accept Russ Housley rewrite of X.509 text \* Include privacy considerations text \* Redo the URL limit. Still 255 bytes, but now stated in the URL definition. \* Change URI registration to be under urn:ietf:params

Draft -00 to -01: \* Fix cert trust text. \* change supportInformation to meta-info \* Add an informational element in. \* add urn registry and create first entry \* add default elements

## [Appendix B](#). Default MUD nodes

What follows is the portion of a MUD file that permits DNS traffic to a controller that is registered with the URN

"urn:ietf:params:mud:dns" and traffic NTP to a controller that is registered "urn:ietf:params:mud:ntp". This is considered the default behavior and the ACEs are in effect appended to whatever other "ace" entries that a MUD file contains. To block DNS or NTP one repeats the matching statement but replaces the "forwarding" action "accept" with "drop". Because ACEs are processed in the order they are received, the defaults would not be reached. A MUD controller might further decide to optimize to simply not include the defaults when they are overridden.

Four "acl" list entries that implement default MUD nodes are listed below. Two are for IPv4 and two are for IPv6 (one in each direction for both versions of IP). Note that neither access-list name nor ace



name need be retained or used in any way by local implementations, but are simply there for completeness' sake.

```
"ietf-access-control-list:access-lists": {
  "acl": [
    {
      "name": "mud-59776-v4to",
      "type": "ipv4-acl-type",
      "aces": {
        "ace": [
          {
            "name": "ent0-todev",
            "matches": {
              "ietf-mud:mud": {
                "controller": "urn:ietf:params:mud:dns"
              },
              "ipv4": {
                "protocol": 17
              },
              "udp": {
                "source-port-range-or-operator": {
                  "operator": "eq",
                  "port": 53
                }
              }
            },
            "actions": {
              "forwarding": "accept"
            }
          },
          {
            "name": "ent1-todev",
            "matches": {
              "ietf-mud:mud": {
                "controller": "urn:ietf:params:mud:ntp"
              },
              "ipv4": {
                "protocol": 17
              },
              "udp": {
                "source-port-range-or-operator": {
                  "operator": "eq",
                  "port": 123
                }
              }
            },
            "actions": {
              "forwarding": "accept"
            }
          }
        ]
      }
    }
  ]
}
```



```
    }
  }
]
}
},
{
  "name": "mud-59776-v4fr",
  "type": "ipv4-acl-type",
  "aces": {
    "ace": [
      {
        "name": "ent0-frdev",
        "matches": {
          "ietf-mud:mud": {
            "controller": "urn:ietf:params:mud:dns"
          },
          "ipv4": {
            "protocol": 17
          },
          "udp": {
            "destination-port-range-or-operator": {
              "operator": "eq",
              "port": 53
            }
          }
        },
        "actions": {
          "forwarding": "accept"
        }
      },
      {
        "name": "ent1-frdev",
        "matches": {
          "ietf-mud:mud": {
            "controller": "urn:ietf:params:mud:ntp"
          },
          "ipv4": {
            "protocol": 17
          },
          "udp": {
            "destination-port-range-or-operator": {
              "operator": "eq",
              "port": 123
            }
          }
        },
        "actions": {
          "forwarding": "accept"
        }
      }
    ]
  }
}
```



```
    }
  }
]
}
},
{
  "name": "mud-59776-v6to",
  "type": "ipv6-acl-type",
  "aces": {
    "ace": [
      {
        "name": "ent0-todev",
        "matches": {
          "ietf-mud:mud": {
            "controller": "urn:ietf:params:mud:dns"
          },
          "ipv6": {
            "protocol": 17
          },
          "udp": {
            "source-port-range-or-operator": {
              "operator": "eq",
              "port": 53
            }
          }
        },
        "actions": {
          "forwarding": "accept"
        }
      },
      {
        "name": "ent1-todev",
        "matches": {
          "ietf-mud:mud": {
            "controller": "urn:ietf:params:mud:ntp"
          },
          "ipv6": {
            "protocol": 17
          },
          "udp": {
            "source-port-range-or-operator": {
              "operator": "eq",
              "port": 123
            }
          }
        },
        "actions": {
          "forwarding": "accept"
        }
      }
    ]
  }
}
```





```
    }
  }
]
}
},
{
  "name": "mud-59776-v6fr",
  "type": "ipv6-acl-type",
  "aces": {
    "ace": [
      {
        "name": "ent0-frdev",
        "matches": {
          "ietf-mud:mud": {
            "controller": "urn:ietf:params:mud:dns"
          },
          "ipv6": {
            "protocol": 17
          },
          "udp": {
            "destination-port-range-or-operator": {
              "operator": "eq",
              "port": 53
            }
          }
        },
        "actions": {
          "forwarding": "accept"
        }
      },
      {
        "name": "ent1-frdev",
        "matches": {
          "ietf-mud:mud": {
            "controller": "urn:ietf:params:mud:ntp"
          },
          "ipv6": {
            "protocol": 17
          },
          "udp": {
            "destination-port-range-or-operator": {
              "operator": "eq",
              "port": 123
            }
          }
        },
        "actions": {
          "forwarding": "accept"
        }
      }
    ]
  }
}
```



```

    }
  }
]
}
]
}

```

### [Appendix C](#). A Sample Extension: DETNET-indicator

In this sample extension we augment the core MUD model to indicate whether the device implements DETNET. If a device later attempts to make use of DETNET, an notification or exception might be generated. Note that this example is intended only for illustrative purposes.

Extension Name: "Example-Extension" (to be used in the extensions list)  
 Standard: this document (but do not register the example)

This extension augments the MUD model to include a single node, using the following sample module that has the following tree structure:

```

module: ietf-mud-detext-example
  augment /ietf-mud:mud:
    +--rw is-detnet-required?  boolean

```

The model is defined as follows:

```

<CODE BEGINS>file "ietf-mud-detext-example@2018-02-20.yang"
module ietf-mud-detext-example {
  yang-version 1.1;
  namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-mud-detext-example";
  prefix ietf-mud-detext-example;

  import ietf-mud {
    prefix ietf-mud;
  }

  organization
    "IETF OPSAWG (Ops Area) Working Group";
  contact
    "WG Web: http://tools.ietf.org/wg/opsawg/
    WG List: opsawg@ietf.org
    Author: Eliot Lear
    lear@cisco.com
    Author: Ralph Droms

```



```
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";
description
  "Sample extension to a MUD module to indicate a need
  for DETNET support.";

revision 2018-02-20 {
  description
    "Initial revision.";
  reference
    "RFC XXXX: Manufacturer Usage Description
    Specification";
}

augment "/ietf-mud:mud" {
  description
    "This adds a simple extension for a manufacturer
    to indicate whether DETNET is required by a
    device.";
  leaf is-detnet-required {
    type boolean;
    description
      "This value will equal true if a device requires
      detnet to properly function";
  }
}
}
<CODE ENDS>
```

Using the previous example, we now show how the extension would be expressed:

```
{
  "ietf-mud:mud": {
    "mud-version": 1,
    "mud-url": "https://lighting.example.com/lightbulb2000",
    "last-update": "2018-02-08T14:39:15+01:00",
    "cache-validity": 48,
    "is-supported": true,
    "systeminfo": "The BMS Example Lightbulb",
    "extensions": [
      "ietf-mud-detext-example"
    ],
    "ietf-mud-detext-example:is-detnet-required": "false",
    "from-device-policy": {
```



```
"access-lists": {
  "access-list": [
    {
      "name": "mud-94934-v6fr"
    }
  ]
},
"to-device-policy": {
  "access-lists": {
    "access-list": [
      {
        "name": "mud-94934-v6to"
      }
    ]
  }
},
"ietf-access-control-list:access-lists": {
  "acl": [
    {
      "name": "mud-94934-v6to",
      "type": "ipv6-acl-type",
      "aces": {
        "ace": [
          {
            "name": "cl0-todev",
            "matches": {
              "ipv6": {
                "ietf-acldns:src-dnsname": "service.bms.example.com",
                "protocol": 6
              },
              "tcp": {
                "ietf-mud:direction-initiated": "from-device",
                "source-port-range-or-operator": {
                  "operator": "eq",
                  "port": 443
                }
              }
            },
            "actions": {
              "forwarding": "accept"
            }
          }
        ]
      }
    ]
  }
},
{
```





```
"name": "mud-94934-v6fr",
"type": "ipv6-acl-type",
"aces": {
  "ace": [
    {
      "name": "cl0-frdev",
      "matches": {
        "ipv6": {
          "ietf-acldns:dst-dnsname": "service.bms.example.com",
          "protocol": 6
        },
        "tcp": {
          "ietf-mud:direction-initiated": "from-device",
          "destination-port-range-or-operator": {
            "operator": "eq",
            "port": 443
          }
        }
      },
      "actions": {
        "forwarding": "accept"
      }
    }
  ]
}
}
```

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