The NIS+ Service Type
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Abstract

   This document describes the NIS+ service type. NIS+ is a naming
   service which serves as a repository for UNIX-style system
   information. This service type can be used to dynamically discover
   NIS+ servers.

1. Introduction

   NIS+ is the succeeding iteration of NIS (also known as YP). It
   stands for "Network Information Service+," and uses ONC RPC [1]
   as its transport mechanism. This document describes a template
   providing a service: URL and attributes useful for dynamically
   discovering NIS+ servers; this type can be used with SLP [2].
   Service templates and service: schemes are defined in [3].

   This type is intended to be used as a concrete portion of the
   abstract naming-directory type defined in [4]. The NIS+ type
   includes all attributes from the naming-directory abstract type,
   and defines two new attributes specific to NIS+ security.

   For usage examples, refer to [4].

2. The NIS+ Service Type

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Language of service template: en
Security Considerations:
   The nisplus service type inherits the security considerations from
   the naming-directory service type [3]. Additionally, if SLP is
   used to transport public keys, measures should be taken to insure
   the integrity of these public keys across the network. One possible
   measure is to use SLP security, which protects the integrity of
   SLP payloads.

Template text:
------------------------template begins here-----------------------
template-type=naming-directory:nisplus

template-version=0.0

template-description=
  This is a concrete type; the abstract type for this service
  is naming-directory (described in [4]). This type is used by
  NIS+ servers to advertise their services and NIS+ clients
  which wish to discover NIS+ servers.

template-url-syntax=
  url-path   = "nisplus://" addr "/" directory
  addr   = ipv4-addr
  directory   = string "." / string "." directory
  ipv4-addr   = 1*3DIGIT 3("." 1*3DIGIT)
  string   = ISO Latin 1 character set except the
                   character '/' (slash). The initial character
                   may not be a terminal character or the
                   characters '@' (at), '+' (plus), or (`-')
                   hyphen

security= string M
  # security mechanisms supported by this server
none,dh,dh-ext

key= string M

      # the stringified public key(s) and other keying material for
      # this server.

  --------------------------template ends here------------------------

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