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**Abstract**

This document defines two YANG modules: the first defines a grouping for configuring a generic HTTP client, and the second defines a grouping for configuring a generic HTTP server. It is intended that these groupings will be used by applications using the HTTP protocol.

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## [1. Introduction](#)

This document defines two YANG 1.1 [[RFC7950](#)] modules: the first defines a grouping for configuring a generic HTTP client, and the second defines a grouping for configuring a generic HTTP server. It is intended that these groupings will be used by applications using the HTTP protocol.

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## 2. Terminology

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## 3. The HTTP Client Model

### 3.1. Tree Diagram

This section provides a tree diagram [[RFC8340](#)] for the "ietf-http-client" module.

```
module: ietf-http-client

grouping http-client-grouping
  +-+ http-client-parameters
    +-+ protocol-version?   enumeration
    +-+ client-identity
      |  +-+ (auth-type)?
        |    +-:(basic)
        |    |  +-+ basic {basic-auth}?
        |    |  +-+ user-id?    string
        |    |  +-+ password?   string
        |    +-:(bearer)
        |    |  +-+ bearer {bearer-auth}?
        |    |  +-+ token?     string
        |    +-:(digest)
        |    |  +-+ digest {digest-auth}?
        |    |  +-+ username?   string
        |    |  +-+ password?   string
        |    +-:(hoba)
        |    |  +-+ hoba {hoba-auth}?
        |    +-:(mutual)
        |    |  +-+ mutual {mutual-auth}?
        |    +-:(negotiate)
        |    |  +-+ negotiate {negotiate-auth}?
        |    +-:(oauth)
        |    |  +-+ oauth {oauth-auth}?
        |    +-:(scram-sha-1)
        |    |  +-+ scram-sha-1 {scram-sha-1-auth}?
        |    +-:(scram-sha-256)
        |    |  +-+ scram-sha-256 {scram-sha-256-auth}?
        |    +-:(vapid)
        |      +-+ vapid {vapid-auth}?
    +-+ proxy-server! {proxy-connect}?
      +-+u tcpc:tcp-client-grouping
      +-+u tlsc:tls-client-grouping
      +-+ proxy-client-identity
        +-+ user-id?    string
        +-+ password?   string
```

### [3.2. Example Usage](#)

This section presents an example showing the `http-client-grouping` populated with some data.

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```
<http-client xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-http-client">
  <http-client-parameters>
    <protocol-version>HTTP/1.1</protocol-version>
    <client-identity>
      <basic>
        <user-id>bob</user-id>
        <password>secret</password>
      </basic>
    </client-identity>
  </http-client-parameters>
</http-client>
```

### **3.3. YANG Module**

This YANG module has normative references to [[RFC6991](#)].

```
<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-http-client@2019-04-07.yang"
module ietf-http-client {
  yang-version 1.1;
  namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-http-client";
  prefix httpc;

  import ietf-tcp-client {
    prefix tcpc;
    reference
      "RFC AAAA: YANG Groupings for TCP Clients and TCP Servers";
  }

  import ietf-tls-client {
    prefix tlsc;
    reference
      "RFC BBBB: YANG Groupings for TLS Clients and TLS Servers";
  }

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

  contact
    "WG Web: <http://datatracker.ietf.org/wg/netconf/>
     WG List: <mailto:netconf@ietf.org>
     Author: Kent Watsen <mailto:kent+ietf@watsen.net>";

  description
    "This module defines reusable groupings for HTTP clients that
     can be used as a basis for specific HTTP client instances.

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```

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```
revision 2019-04-07 {
  description
    "Initial version";
  reference
    "RFC XXXX: YANG Groupings for HTTP Clients and HTTP Servers";
}

// Features

feature proxy-connect {
  description
    "Proxy connection configuration is configurable for
     HTTP clients on the server implementing this feature.";
}

feature basic-auth {
  description
    "fixme";
}

feature bearer-auth {
  description
    "fixme";
}

feature digest-auth {
  description
    "fixme";
}
```

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```
feature hoba-auth {
    description
        "fixme";
}

feature mutual-auth {
    description
        "fixme";
}

feature negotiate-auth {
    description
        "fixme";
}

feature oauth-auth {
    description
        "fixme";
}

feature scram-sha-1-auth {
    description
        "fixme";
}

feature scram-sha-256-auth {
    description
        "fixme";
}

feature vapid-auth {
    description
        "fixme";
}

// Groupings

grouping http-client-grouping {
    description
        "A reusable grouping for configuring a HTTP client,
         including the IP address and port number it initiates
         a connections to.';

    container http-client-parameters {
        description
            "A container to hold HTTP client configuration. As HTTP
             clients vary wildly, it is expected that this container
             will be augmented by application-level modules as needed.";
```

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```
leaf protocol-version {
    type enumeration {
        enum HTTP/1.0 {
            description
                "The client should use the 'HTTP/1.0' protocol.";
        }
        enum HTTP/1.1 {
            description
                "The client should use the 'HTTP/1.1' protocol.";
        }
        enum HTTP/2.0 {
            description
                "The client should use the 'HTTP/2.0' protocol.";
        }
    }
    description
        "The HTTP protocol version the client should use.";
} // leaf protocol-version

container client-identity {
    description
        "The credentials used by the client to authenticate to
         the HTTP server.";
    choice auth-type {
        description
            "The authentication type.";
        container basic {
            if-feature "basic-auth";
            leaf user-id {
                type string;
                description
                    "The user-id for the authenticating client.";
            }
            leaf password {
                type string;
                description
                    "The password for the authenticating client.";
            }
        }
        description
            "The 'basic' HTTP scheme credentials.";
        reference
            "RFC 7617: The 'Basic' HTTP Authentication Scheme";
    }
    container bearer {
        if-feature "bearer-auth";
        leaf token {
            type string;
            description

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```
        "The bearer token for the authenticating client,
        encoded in base64, as described in RFC 6750,
Section 2.1..";

    }

    description
        "The 'bearer' HTTP scheme credentials.";

    reference
        "RFC 6750: The OAuth 2.0 Authorization Framework:
        Bearer Token Usage";

}

container digest {
    if-feature "digest-auth";
    leaf username {
        type string;
        description
            "The username for the authenticating client.";
    }
    leaf password {
        type string;
        description
            "The password for the authenticating client.";
    }
    description
        "The 'digest' HTTP scheme credentials.";

    reference
        "RFC 7616: HTTP Digest Access Authentication";
}

container hoba {
    if-feature "hoba-auth";
    // FIXME
    description
        "The 'hoba' HTTP scheme credentials.";

    reference
        "RFC 7486: HTTP Origin-Bound Authentication (HOBA)";
}

container mutual {
    if-feature "mutual-auth";
    // FIXME
    description
        "The 'mutual' HTTP scheme credentials.";

    reference
        "RFC 8120: Mutual Authentication Protocol for HTTP";
}

container negotiate {
    if-feature "negotiate-auth";
    // FIXME
    description
        "The 'negotiate' HTTP scheme credentials.";
```

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```
reference
  "RFC 4559: SPNEGO-based Kerberos and NTLM HTTP
  Authentication in Microsoft Windows";
}
container oauth {
  if-feature "oauth-auth";
  // FIXME
  description
    "The 'oauth' HTTP scheme credentials.";
  reference
    "RFC 6749: The OAuth 2.0 Authorization Framework";
}
container scram-sha-1 {
  if-feature "scram-sha-1-auth";
  // FIXME
  description
    "The 'scram-sha-1' HTTP scheme credentials.";
  reference
    "RFC 7804: Salted Challenge Response HTTP
    Authentication Mechanism";
}
container scram-sha-256 {
  if-feature "scram-sha-256-auth";
  // FIXME
  description
    "The 'scram-sha-256' HTTP scheme credentials.";
  reference
    "RFC 7804: Salted Challenge Response HTTP
    Authentication Mechanism";
}
container vapid {
  if-feature "vapid-auth";
  // FIXME
  description
    "The 'vapid' HTTP scheme credentials.";
  reference
    "RFC 8292: Voluntary Application Server
    Identification (VAPID) for Web Push";
}
}
}
} // container client-identity

container proxy-server {
  if-feature "proxy-connect";
  presence true; // only so ex-http-client can pass validation?
  uses "tcpc:tcp-client-grouping";
  uses "tlsc:tls-client-grouping";
  container proxy-client-identity {
```

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```
leaf user-id {
    type string;
    description
        "The user-id for the authenticating client.";
}
leaf password {
    type string;
    description
        "The password for the authenticating client.";
}
description
    "The 'basic' HTTP scheme credentials.";
reference
    "RFC 7617: The 'Basic' HTTP Authentication Scheme";
}
description
    "Proxy server settings.";
} // container proxy-server
} // container http-client-parameters
} //grouping http-client-grouping
}
<CODE ENDS>
```

## **4. The HTTP Server Model**

### **4.1. Tree Diagram**

This section provides a tree diagram [[RFC8340](#)] for the "ietf-http-server" module.

```
module: ietf-http-server

grouping http-server-grouping
    +-+ http-server-parameters
        +-+ server-name?          string
        +-+ protocol-versions
            +-+ protocol-version*   enumeration
```

### **4.2. Example Usage**

This section presents an example showing the http-server-grouping populated with some data.

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```
<http-server xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-http-server">
  <http-server-parameters>
    <server-name>foo.example.com</server-name>
    <protocol-versions>
      <protocol-version>HTTP/1.1</protocol-version>
      <protocol-version>HTTP/2.0</protocol-version>
    </protocol-versions>
  </http-server-parameters>
</http-server>
```

#### [4.3. YANG Module](#)

This YANG module has normative references to [[RFC6991](#)].

```
<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-http-server@2019-04-07.yang"
module ietf-http-server {
  yang-version 1.1;
  namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-http-server";
  prefix https;

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

  contact
    "WG Web:   <http://datatracker.ietf.org/wg/netconf/>
     WG List: <mailto:netconf@ietf.org>
     Author:  Kent Watsen <mailto:kent+ietf@watsen.net>";

  description
    "This module defines reusable groupings for HTTP servers that
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```

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```
revision 2019-04-07 {
    description
        "Initial version";
    reference
        "RFC XXXX: YANG Groupings for HTTP Clients and HTTP Servers";
}

// Groupings

grouping http-server-grouping {
    description
        "A reusable grouping for configuring an HTTP server.";

    container http-server-parameters {
        description
            "A container that holds HTTP server configuration. As HTTP
             servers vary wildly, it is expected that this container will
             be augmented by application-level modules as needed.";
    }

    leaf server-name {
        type string;
        description
            "The value of the 'Server' header field. If not set, then
             underlying software's default value is used. Set to the
             empty string to disable.";
    }

    container protocol-versions {
        description
            "A list of HTTP protocol versions supported by this
             server.";
        leaf-list protocol-version {
            type enumeration {
                enum "HTTP/1.0" {
                    description
                        "The server supports the 'HTTP/1.0' protocol.";
                }
                enum "HTTP/1.1" {
                    description
                        "The server supports the 'HTTP/1.1' protocol.";
                }
                enum "HTTP/2.0" {
                    description

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```

        "The server supports the 'HTTP/2.0' protocol.";
    }
}
description
  "An HTTP protocol version supported by this server.";
}
}
}
}
}
<CODE ENDS>
```

## **5. Security Considerations**

The YANG modules defined in this document are designed to be accessed via YANG based management protocols, such as NETCONF [[RFC6241](#)] and RESTCONF [[RFC8040](#)]. Both of these protocols have mandatory-to-implement secure transport layers (e.g., SSH, HTTP) with mutual authentication.

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

Since the modules defined in this document only define groupings, these considerations are primarily for the designers of other modules that use these groupings.

There are a number of data nodes defined in the YANG modules that are writable/creatable/deletable (i.e., config true, which is the default). These data nodes may be considered sensitive or vulnerable in some network environments. Write operations (e.g., edit-config) to these data nodes without proper protection can have a negative effect on network operations. These are the subtrees and data nodes and their sensitivity/vulnerability:

FIXME: (pending - TBD)

Some of the readable data nodes in the YANG modules may be considered sensitive or vulnerable in some network environments. It is thus important to control read access (e.g., via get, get-config, or notification) to these data nodes. These are the subtrees and data nodes and their sensitivity/vulnerability:

FIXME: (pending client auth params?)

Some of the RPC operations in this YANG module may be considered sensitive or vulnerable in some network environments. It is thus

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important to control access to these operations. These are the operations and their sensitivity/vulnerability:

The modules defined in this document do not define any 'RPC' or 'action' statements.

## **6. IANA Considerations**

### **6.1. The IETF XML Registry**

This document registers two URIs in the "ns" subregistry of the IETF XML Registry [[RFC3688](#)]. Following the format in [[RFC3688](#)], the following registrations are requested:

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

### **6.2. The YANG Module Names Registry**

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

name:	ietf-http-client
namespace:	urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-http-client
prefix:	httpc
reference:	RFC XXXX
name:	ietf-http-server
namespace:	urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-http-server
prefix:	https
reference:	RFC XXXX

## **7. References**

### **7.1. Normative References**

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<<https://www.rfc-editor.org/info/rfc2119>>.

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- [RFC8040] Bierman, A., Bjorklund, M., and K. Watsen, "RESTCONF Protocol", [RFC 8040](#), DOI 10.17487/RFC8040, January 2017, <<https://www.rfc-editor.org/info/rfc8040>>.
- [RFC8340] Bjorklund, M. and L. Berger, Ed., "YANG Tree Diagrams", [BCP 215](#), [RFC 8340](#), DOI 10.17487/RFC8340, March 2018, <<https://www.rfc-editor.org/info/rfc8340>>.

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