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## Abstract

This document defines YANG packages, an organizational structure holding a set of related YANG modules, that can be used to simplify the conformance and sharing of YANG schema. It describes how YANG instance data documents are used to define YANG packages, and how the YANG library information published by a server can be augmented with additional packaging related information.

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## [1.](#) Terminology and Conventions

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "NOT RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in BCP

14 [[RFC2119](#)] [[RFC8174](#)] when, and only when, they appear in all capitals, as shown here.

This document uses terminology introduced in the YANG versioning requirements draft [[I-D.verdt-netmod-yang-versioning-reqs](#)].

This document also makes of the following terminology introduced in the Network Management Datastore Architecture [[RFC8342](#)]:

- o datastore schema

In addition, this document makes use of the following terminology:

- o bc: Used as an abbreviation for a backwards-compatible change.
- o nbc: Used as an abbreviation for a non-backwards-compatible change.
- o editorial change: A backwards-compatible change that does not change the YANG module semantics in any way.

Note - the bc/nbc/editorial terminology should probably be defined and referenced from the YANG module versioning solution draft.

## [2.](#) Introduction

This document defines and describes the YANG [[RFC7950](#)] constructs that are used to define and use YANG packages.

A YANG package is an organizational structure that groups a set of related YANG modules together into a consistent versioned definition. YANG packages can themselves refer to and reuse other package definitions.

The draft consists of the following significant sections:

A background section that describes some of the prior work in this area, both within IETF and the wider industry.

An overview of the objectives for a YANG packaging solution, and also what work is out of scope for this document.

The definition of YANG packages, how package definitions are constructed, and how they are used.

How YANG instance data documents [\[I-D.ietf-netmod-yang-instance-file-format\]](#) are used to define particular YANG package instances.

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Augmentations to the YANG library [\[I-D.ietf-netconf-rfc7895bis\]](#) content published by servers to include YANG packaging related information.

YANG modules the provide the definitions for YANG packages.

Non-normative examples of YANG package instances are provided in the appendices.

### [3.](#) Background on YANG packaging

It has long been acknowledged within the IETF NETMOD community that network management using YANG requires a unit of organization and conformance that is broader in scope than individual YANG modules.

'The YANG Package Statement' [\[I-D.bierman-netmod-yang-package\]](#) proposed a YANG package mechanism based on new YANG language statements, where a YANG package is defined in a file similar to how YANG modules are defined, and would require enhancements to YANG compilers to understand the new statements used to define particular package instances. This document did not progress in the working group, although this may have been due to other higher priority concerns or resource constraints within the working group rather than due to consideration of the technical merits of the proposed approach.

OpenConfig [\[openconfigsemver\]](#) describes an approach to versioning 'bundle releases' based on git tags. I.e. a set of modules, at particular versions, can be marked with the same release tag to

indicate that they are known to interoperate together.

The NETMOD WG in general, and the YANG versioning design team in particular, are exploring solutions to the YANG versioning requirements, [[I-D.verdt-netmod-yang-versioning-reqs](#)]. Solutions to the versioning requirements can be split into several distinct areas. One draft, TBD ([draft-verdt-netmod-yang-semver](#)), has a primary focus on YANG versioning scoped to individual modules. But an overall solution should also consider YANG versioning and conformance scoped to a server's datastore schema. YANG packages may help form part of the solution for versioning at the datastore schema level.

#### [4.](#) Possible alternative solutions

##### [4.1.](#) Using module tags

Module tags have been suggested as an alternative solution, and indeed that can address some of the same requirements as YANG packages but not all of them.

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Module tags can be used to group or organize YANG modules. However, this raises the question of where this tag information is stored. Module tags either require that the YANG module files themselves are updated with the module tag information (creating another versioning problem), or for the module tag information to be hosted elsewhere, perhaps in a centralized YANG Catalog, or in instance data documents similar to how YANG packages have been defined in this draft.

One of the principle aims of YANG packages is to be a versioned object that defines a precise set of YANG modules versions that work together. Module tags cannot meet this aim without an explosion of module tags definitions (i.e. a separate module tag must be defined for each package version).

Module tags cannot support the hierarchical scheme to construct YANG schema that is proposed in this draft.

##### [4.2.](#) Using YANG library

Another question is whether it is necessary to define new YANG modules to define YANG packages, and whether YANG library could just be reused in an instance data document. The use of YANG packages is

intended to offer several benefits over just using YANG library:

1. Packages allow schema to be built in a hierarchical fashion. [\[I-D.ietf-netconf-rfc7895bis\]](#) only allows one layer of hierarchy (using module sets), and there can be no conflicts between module revisions in different module-sets.
2. Packages can be made available off the box, with a well defined unique name, avoiding the need for clients to download, and construct/check the entire YANG schema for each device, instead they can rely on the named packages. YANG libraries use of checksums are unique only to the device that generated them.
3. Packages are versioned using a semantic versioning scheme, YANG library does not have a schema level semantic version number, although this could potentially be added if required.
4. For a YANG library instance data document to contain the necessary information, it needs both YANG library, and probably also various augmentations (e.g. to include each module's semantic version number), unless a new version of YANG library is defined containing this information. A module definition for a YANG package could be defined to contain all of the necessary information to solve the problem.

5. YANG library is designed to publish information about the modules, datastores, and datastore schema used by a server. It is unclear whether exactly the same information is required for an offline schema definition, or whether these definitions might deviate from each other over time. E.g., some thought needs to be given concerning the relationship between datastores and schema.

## [5.](#) Objectives

The main goals of YANG package definitions include, but are not restricted to:

- o To act as a simplified YANG conformance mechanism. Rather than conformance being performed against a set of individual YANG

module revisions, conformance could also be more simply stated in terms of YANG packages, with a set modifications (e.g. additional modules, deviations, or features).

- o To allow YANG datastore schema to be specified in a more concise way rather than having to list all modules and revisions. YANG package definitions can be defined in documents that can be referenced by a URL rather than requiring explicit lists of modules to be shared between client and server. Hence, a YANG package must contain sufficient information to allow a client or server to precisely construct the schema associated with the package.
- o To provide generic packaging related YANG grouping definitions for use in other YANG modules, as required.
- o To define a mainly linear versioned history of sets of modules versions that are known to work together. I.e. to help mitigate the problem were a client must manage devices from multiple vendors, and vendor A implements version 1.0.0 of module foo and version 2.0.0 of module bar, and vendor B implements version 2.0.0 of module foo and version 1.0.0 of module bar. For a client, trying to interoperate with multiple vendors, and many YANG modules, then finding a consistent lowest common denominator set of YANG module versions may be difficult, or impossible.

Protocol mechanisms of how clients could negotiate which packages or package versions are be used for client server communications are outside the scope of this document. However, the design of the YANG library augmentations for YANG packages are intended to keep open the possibility of such extensions in future work.

Finally, the package definitions proposed by this document are intended to be relatively basic in their definition and the functionality that they support. As industry gains experience using YANG packages, the standard YANG mechanisms of updating, or augmenting, YANG modules could be used to extend the functionality supported by YANG packages.

## [6.](#) Package description

This document specifies an approach to defining YANG packages that is different to either of the approaches described in the background.

The approach defined here is for a YANG package definition structure to be defined using existing YANG language statements without requiring extensions or new YANG statements. By making use of this structure, particular YANG package instances can be defined as YANG instance data documents [[I-D.ietf-netmod-yang-instance-file-format](#)] with well defined names and locations.

The YANG semantic versioning scheme, described in [draft-verdt-netmod-yang-semver](#) (TBD), is used to version YANG packages using an equivalent scheme to how individual YANG modules version numbers are changed.

YANG library is augmented to allow servers to report the packages that they implement and to associate those packages back to particular datastore schema.

TODO - It would be helpful if the YANG instance data file format [[I-D.ietf-netmod-yang-instance-file-format](#)] could also reference a YANG packages to specify the schema associated with an instance data document. This could either be defined in instance-file-format draft, or as a YANG augmentation as part of this draft.

Each version of a YANG package defines: a set of YANG modules that are implemented at particular versions or revisions; a set of YANG modules that are import-only with particular versions or revisions; and a set of mandatory module features that implementations of the package MUST implement or otherwise deviate.

## [6.1](#). Package definition rules

The following rules define how packages are defined:

Every YANG package definition MUST be referentially complete. I.e. all import and include statements for all YANG modules included in a package MUST resolve to a module specified in the package itself, or an imported package.

For a given package, each separate instance of the package MUST



have a unique version number that follows the semantic versioning rules described in [Section 6.2](#).

A package MAY have a revision-date. Any package revision-dates MUST be unique for different package versions.

For each module implemented by a package, only a single revision/version MUST be implemented.

The version/revision of a module listed in the package module list supercedes any version/revision of the module listed in a imported package module list. This allows a package to resolve any conflicting implemented module versions/revisions in imported packages.

The replaces-revision leaf-list in the import-only-module list can be used to exclude duplicate revisions of import-only modules from imported packages. Otherwise, the import-only-modules for a package are the import-only-modules from all imported packages combined with any modules listed in the packages import-only-module list.

Modules referenced by a package SHOULD specify the version of the module, both in the package definition and within the module definition itself.

Modules referenced by a package MUST specify the revision date of the module, both in the package definition and within the module definition itself.

## [6.2](#). Package versioning

Every YANG package must specify a YANG semantic version field that defines the particular version of the package.

The rules for incrementing the YANG package version number are equivalent to the semantic versioning rules used to version individual YANG modules, defined in TBD ([draft-verdt-netmod-yang-semver](#)).

The semantic versioning rules, as they apply to YANG packages, are defined using the following two step process:

The first step is to determined whether the change to the YANG package is classified as a major, minor, or editorial based on the content that has changed in the package relative to the previous version. Where available, the semantic version number of the

referenced elements in the package (imported packages or modules) can be used to help determine what type of change is being made. The formal rules are:

If any of the referenced elements of the package (imported packages or modules) are changed in an nbc way, or if any imported package, module, or mandatory-feature is removed from the package definition, then the package has been updated in an nbc way.

If none of the referenced elements of the package (imported packages, modules) are removed or changed in a nbc way, but some referenced elements are changed in a bc way, or new referenced elements or mandatory-features added, then the package is deemed to be updated in a bc way.

If none of the referenced elements of the package (imported packages, modules) are added, removed, or changed in a nbc or bc way, but some referenced elements have editorial changes then the package is deemed to be updated in an editorial way.

The second step, after it has been determined what type of version change is being made to the YANG package, is for the YANG semantic versioning rules to be applied to update the YANG package semantic version number. The formal rules are:

If the package is being updated in a nbc way, then the package version "X.Y.Z[m|M]" SHOULD be updated to "X+1.0.0" unless that package version has already been defined with different content, in which case the package version "X.Y.Z+1M" MUST be used instead.

If the package is being updated in a bc way, then the package version "X.Y.Z[m|M]" SHOULD be updated to "X.Y+1.0" unless that package version has already been defined with different content, in which case if the current package version is "X.Y.ZM" then it MUST be updated to "X.Y.Z+1M", or otherwise "X.Y.Z+1m".

If the package is being updated in an editorial way, then the package version "X.Y.Z[m|M]" MUST be updated to "X.Y.Z+1[m|M]", retaining the 'm|M' character if it is already present in the previous version."

Package YANG semantic version numbers beginning with 0, i.e "0.X.Y" are regarded as beta definitions and need not follow the nbc rules, and the minor version number can be incremented instead.

In all cases, the 3 number fields that comprise a YANG semantic

version number associated with a YANG package MUST uniquely identify the contents of that YANG package.

### [6.3.](#) Client server package conformance

The YANG semantic versioning scheme used for YANG packages means that a client can determine the nature of changes between two package revisions.

This means that a client is not restricted to working only with servers that advertise exactly the same version of package in YANG library. Instead, reasonable clients should be able to interoperate with a server that supports a package version that is backwards compatible to what the client is designed for.

For example, a client coded to support 'foo' package at version 1.0.0 should interoperate with a server implementing 'foo' package at version 1.3.5, because the YANG semantic versioning rules require that package version 1.3.5 is backwards compatible to version 1.0.0.

This also has a relevance on servers that are capable of supporting version selection because they need not necessarily support every version of a YANG package to ensure good client compatibility. Choosing suitable minor versions within each major version number should generally be sufficient, particular if they can avoid NBC patch level changes (i.e. 'M' labelled versions).

### [6.4.](#) Schema referential completeness

A YANG package may represent a schema that is 'referentially complete', or 'referentially incomplete'.

If all import statements in all YANG modules included in the package (either directly, or through imported packages) can be resolved to a module revision defined with the YANG package definition, then the package is classified as referentially complete. Conversely, if one or more import statements cannot be resolved to a module specified as part of the package definition, then the package is classified as referentially incomplete.

A package that represents the exact contents of a datastore schema MUST always be referentially complete.

Referentially incomplete packages can be used to group sets of logically related modules together, but without requiring a fixed dependency on all imported 'types' modules, instead leaving the choice of specific revisions of 'types' modules to be resolved when the package definition is used.

### [6.5.](#) Submodules packaging considerations

As defined in [[RFC7950](#)] and [draft-verdt-netmod-yang-semver](#) (TBD), YANG conformance and versioning is specified in terms of particular revisions of YANG modules rather than for individual submodules.

However, YANG package definitions also include the list of submodules included by a module, primarily to provide a location of where the submodule definition can be obtained from, allowing a YANG schema to be fully constructed from a YANG package instance-data definition.

Restructuring how a module uses, or does not use, submodules is treated as an editorial level change in YANG semantic versioning, on the condition that there is no change in the modules semantic behavior due to the restructuring.

To ensure that a module and any constituent submodule are tightly related, all 'include' statements in a YANG module SHOULD specify revision-dates of the included submodules. If 'include' statement revision-dates are included in the YANG module then they MUST match the 'revision' field specified for the submodule in the packages's submodules lists.

### [6.6.](#) Revision history

YANG packages do not contain a revision history, because a linear revision history does not work well for a versioning object that supports branching. In addition, some packages could have frequent revisions, and a long revision history would bloat the package definition.

To mitigate this, the package definition includes a 'previous-

version' leaf that indicates the specific version this package definition is based on. By recursively examining the 'previous-version' leaf of a package definition, a full revision history can be dynamically constructed if required.

#### [6.7.](#) Uniqueness of packages and global registry

The name given to a package SHOULD be globally unique, and it SHOULD include an appropriate organization prefix in the name, equivalent to YANG module naming conventions.

Ideally a YANG instance data document defining a particular package version would be publically available at one or more URLs.

### [7.](#) YANG Packaging instance data

YANG packages are expected to be defined as YANG instance data documents [[I-D.ietf-netmod-yang-instance-file-format](#)] using the YANG schema below to define the package data itself.

The instance data document for each version of a YANG package SHOULD be made available at one of more locations accessible via URLs. If one of the listed locations defines a definitive reference implementation for the package definition then it MUST be listed as the first entry in the list.

The "ietf-yang-package" YANG module has the following structure:

```
module: ietf-yang-package
  +--ro yang-package
    +--ro name                yang:yang-identifier
    +--ro version              yang-sem-ver
    +--ro revision-date?      yanglib:revision-identifier
    +--ro location*            inet:uri
    +--ro description?         string
    +--ro reference?           string
    +--ro previous-version?    yang-sem-ver
    +--ro tag*                  tags:tag
    +--ro referentially-complete? boolean
    +--ro mandatory-feature*   string
    +--ro imported-packages* [name version]
      | +--ro name            yang:yang-identifier
      | +--ro version         yang-sem-ver
```

```

|   +--ro deviated?    boolean
|   +--ro location*    inet:uri
+--ro module* [name]
|   +--ro name          yang:yang-identifier
|   +--ro revision?     revision-identifier
|   +--ro version?      yang-sem-ver
|   +--ro namespace     inet:uri
|   +--ro location*     inet:uri
|   +--ro submodule* [name]
|       +--ro name      yang:yang-identifier
|       +--ro revision   yanglib:revision-identifier
|       +--ro location*  inet:uri
+--ro import-only-module* [name revision]
|   +--ro name          yang:yang-identifier
|   +--ro revision      union
|   +--ro version?      yang-sem-ver
|   +--ro namespace     inet:uri
|   +--ro location*     inet:uri
|   +--ro submodule* [name]
|       +--ro name      yang:yang-identifier
|       +--ro revision   yanglib:revision-identifier
|       +--ro location*  inet:uri
+--ro replaces-revision* yanglib:revision-identifier

```

## [8.](#) YANG Packaging additions to YANG library

### [8.1.](#) Package List

The main addition is a top level 'yang-library/package' list that lists all package of all versions known to the server. Each package itself is defined using imported packages and module-sets to define the specific set of modules implemented and imported by the package. The use of module-sets allows the module definitions to be shared with the existing YANG library schema definitions. The existing rule of RFC 7995bis related to combining modules-sets also applies here, i.e. The combined set of modules defined by the module-sets MUST NOT contain modules implemented at different revisions. I.e. the module-

sets leaf-list is directly equivalent to the explicit module and import-only-module lists in the instance data YANG package definition.

The 'yang-library/package' list MAY include multiple versions of a particular package. E.g. if the server is capable of allowing clients to select which package versions should be used by the server.

## [8.2.](#) Binding from schema to package

The second augmentation is to allow a server to optionally indicate that a schema definition directly relates to a package. Since YANG packages are available offline, it may be sufficient for a client to only check that a compatible version of the YANG package is being implemented by the server without fetching and comparing the full module list.

If a server indicates that its schema maps to a particular package then it MUST support all mandatory-features defined as part of that package, and it MUST NOT have any deviations to the modules defined by the package. A server MAY implement features not specified in the package's mandatory-features list.

If a server cannot faithfully implement a package then it can define a new package to accurately report what it does implement. The new package can include the original package as an imported package, and the new package can define additional modules containing deviations to the original package, allowing the new package to accurately describe the server behavior. There is no specific mechanism provided to indicate that a mandatory-feature is not supported on a server, but deviations MAY be used to disable functionality predicated by a mandatory-feature.

## [8.3.](#) Tree diagram

The "ietf-yang-library-packages" YANG module has the following structure:



```

module: ietf-yang-library-packages
augment /yanglib:yang-library:
  +--ro package* [name version]
    +--ro name                yang:yang-identifier
    +--ro version              yang-sem-ver
    +--ro revision-date?      yanglib:revision-identifier
    +--ro location*           inet:uri
    +--ro description?        string
    +--ro reference?          string
    +--ro previous-version?   yang-sem-ver
    +--ro tag*                tags:tag
    +--ro referentially-complete? boolean
    +--ro mandatory-feature*  string
    +--ro imported-packages* [name version]
      | +--ro name            yang:yang-identifier
      | +--ro version         yang-sem-ver
      | +--ro deviated?      boolean
    +--ro module-set*
      -> /yanglib:yang-library/module-set/name
augment /yanglib:yang-library/yanglib:schema:
  +--ro package
    +--ro name?      -> /yanglib:yang-library/package/name
    +--ro version?   leafref
augment /yanglib:yang-library/yanglib:module-set/
  yanglib:import-only-module:
  +--ro replaces-revision* yanglib:revision-identifier

```

## 9. YANG Packaging groupings

Groupings for YANG packaging related constructs are provided in a 'types' module for use by the instance-data and YANG library constructs described previously. They are also available to be used by other modules that have a need for packaging information.

The "ietf-yang-package-types" YANG module has the following structure:

```

module: ietf-yang-package-types

  grouping yang-pkg-identification-leafs

```

```
+---- name          yang:yang-identifier
+---- version       yang-sem-ver
grouping yang-pkg-common-leafs
+---- revision-date? yanglib:revision-identifier
+---- location*      inet:uri
+---- description?   string
+---- reference?     string
+---- previous-version? yang-sem-ver
+---- tag*           tags:tag
+---- referentially-complete? boolean
+---- mandatory-feature* string
+---- imported-packages* [name version]
    +---- name        yang:yang-identifier
    +---- version      yang-sem-ver
    +---- deviated?    boolean
grouping yang-pkg-library-definition
+---- name          yang:yang-identifier
+---- version       yang-sem-ver
+---- revision-date? yanglib:revision-identifier
+---- location*      inet:uri
+---- description?   string
+---- reference?     string
+---- previous-version? yang-sem-ver
+---- tag*           tags:tag
+---- referentially-complete? boolean
+---- mandatory-feature* string
+---- imported-packages* [name version]
|   +---- name        yang:yang-identifier
|   +---- version      yang-sem-ver
|   +---- deviated?    boolean
+---- module-set*
    -> /yanglib:yang-library/module-set/name
grouping yang-pkg-file-definition
+---- name          yang:yang-identifier
+---- version       yang-sem-ver
+---- revision-date? yanglib:revision-identifier
+---- location*      inet:uri
+---- description?   string
+---- reference?     string
+---- previous-version? yang-sem-ver
+---- tag*           tags:tag
+---- referentially-complete? boolean
+---- mandatory-feature* string
+---- imported-packages* [name version]
|   +---- name        yang:yang-identifier
|   +---- version      yang-sem-ver
|   +---- deviated?    boolean
```

```
| +---- location*    inet:uri
```

```
+---- module* [name]
| +---- name          yang:yang-identifier
| +---- revision?     revision-identifier
| +---- version?      yang-sem-ver
| +---- namespace     inet:uri
| +---- location*     inet:uri
| +---- submodule* [name]
|   +---- name?       yang:yang-identifier
|   +---- revision    yanglib:revision-identifier
|   +---- location*   inet:uri
+---- import-only-module* [name revision]
  +---- name?          yang:yang-identifier
  +---- revision?      union
  +---- version?       yang-sem-ver
  +---- namespace      inet:uri
  +---- location*      inet:uri
  +---- submodule* [name]
    +---- name?        yang:yang-identifier
    +---- revision     yanglib:revision-identifier
    +---- location*    inet:uri
  +---- replaces-revision* yanglib:revision-identifier
```

## [10.](#) YANG Modules

The YANG module definitions for the modules described in the previous sections.

```
<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-yang-package-types@2018-11-26.yang"
module ietf-yang-package-types {
  yang-version 1.1;
  namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-yang-package-types";
  prefix "pkg-types";

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

```
    prefix inet;
    reference "RFC 6991: Common YANG Data Types.";
}
import ietf-yang-library {
    prefix yanglib;
    reference "RFC 7895bis: YANG Library";
}
import ietf-module-tags {
```

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```
    prefix tags;
    reference "XXX, (draft-ietf-netmod-module-tags-03): YANG Module Tags";
}
```

organization

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contact

"WG Web: <<http://tools.ietf.org/wg/netmod/>>  
WG List: <<mailto:netmod@ietf.org>>

Author: Rob Wilton  
<<mailto:rwilton@cisco.com>>;

description

"This module provides type and grouping definitions for YANG packages.

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This version of this YANG module is part of RFC XXXX; see the RFC itself for full legal notices.";

```
// RFC Ed.: update the date below with the date of RFC publication
// and remove this note.
```

```
// RFC Ed.: replace XXXX with actual RFC number and remove this
// note.
revision 2018-11-26 {
    description
        "Initial revision";
    reference
        "RFC XXXX: YANG Schema Versioning.";
}

/*
 * Typedefs
 */

typedef yang-sem-ver {
    type string {
```

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```
    pattern '\d+[\.]\d+[\.]\d+[mM]?';
}
description
    "Represents a YANG semantic version number.";
reference
    "TODO - Should be defined by YANG versioning types module";
}

/*
 * Groupings
 */

grouping yang-pkg-identification-leafs {
    description
        "Parameters for identifying a specific version of a YANG
        package";

    leaf name {
        type yang:yang-identifier;
        mandatory true;
        description
            "The YANG package name.";
    }

    leaf version {
        type yang-sem-ver;
```

```

    mandatory true;
    description
        "YANG package version. Follows YANG semantic versions rules
        defined in XXX";
    }
}

grouping yang-pkg-common-leafs {
    description
        "Defines definitions common to all YANG package definitions.";

    leaf revision-date {
        type yanglib:revision-identifier;

        description
            "An optional revision identifier of when this package version
            was created. This does not need to be unique across all
            versions of a package.";
    }

    leaf-list location {
        type inet:uri;
    }
}

```

```

    description
        "Contains a URL that represents where an instance data file
        for this YANG package can be found.

        This leaf will only be present if there is a URL
        available for retrieval of the schema for this entry.

        If multiple locations are provided, then the first location
        in the leaf-list MUST be the definitive location that
        uniquely identifies this package";
    }

    leaf description {
        type string;

        description "Provides a description of the package";
    }

    leaf reference {

```

```

    type string;

    description "Allows for a reference for the package";
}

leaf previous-version {
    type yang-sem-ver;
    description
        "The previous package version that this version has been
        derived from. This leaf allows a full version history graph
        to be constructed if required.";
}

leaf-list tag {
    type tags:tag;
    description
        "Tags associated with a YANG package. Module tags defined in
        XXX, ietf-netmod-module-tags can be used here but with the
        modification that the tag applies to the entire package
        rather than a specific module. See the IANA 'YANG Module Tag
        Prefix' registry for reserved prefixes and the IANA 'YANG
        Module IETF Tag' registry for IETF standard tags.";
}

leaf referentially-complete {
    type boolean;
    default true;
    description
        "Indicates whether the schema defined by this package is

```

```

    referentially complete. I.e. all module imports can be
    resolved to a module explicitly defined in this package or one
    of the imported packages.";
}

leaf-list mandatory-feature {
    type string;
    // TODO - Is there a better type for this?
    description
        "List all features from modules included in the package that
        MUST be supported by any server implementing the package.
        All other features defined in included packages are OPTIONAL

```

to implement.

```
    Features are identified using <module-name>:<feature>";
}

list imported-packages {
    key "name version";
    description
        "An entry in this list represents a package that is imported
        as part of the package definition.

        If packages implement different revisions or versions of the
        same module, then an explicit entry in the module list MUST
        be provided to select the specific module version
        'implemented' by this package definition.

        For import-only modules, the replaces-revision leaf-list can
        be used to select the specific module versions imported by
        this package.";
    reference
        "XXX";

    uses yang-pkg-identification-leafs;

    leaf deviated {
        type boolean;
        default true;
        description
            "Set to true if any data nodes in this package are modified
            in a non backwards compatible way, either through the use
            of deviations, or because one of the modules has been
            replaced by an earlier module version.";
    }
}
}
```

```
grouping yang-pkg-file-definition {
    description
        "The set of parameters that describe a particular YANG package.";

    uses yang-pkg-identification-leafs;
```



```

uses yang-pkg-common-leafs {
  augment "imported-packages" {
    description "Add the package location path";

    leaf-list location {
      type inet:uri;
      description
        "Contains a URL that represents where an instance data
        file for this YANG package can be found.

        This leaf will only be present if there is a URL
        available for retrieval of the schema for this entry.

        If multiple locations are provided, then the first
        location in the leaf-list MUST be the definitive location
        that uniquely identifies this package";
    }
  }
}

list module {
  key "name";
  description
    "An entry in this list represents a module that must be
    implemented by a server implementing this package, as per
    RFC 7950 section 5.6.5, with a particular set of supported
    features and deviations.

    A entry in this list overrides any module version
    'implemented' by an imported package";
  reference
    "RFC 7950: The YANG 1.1 Data Modeling Language.";

  uses yanglib:module-identification-leafs;

  leaf version {
    type yang-sem-ver;
    description
      "The YANG module or submodule version. If no version
      statement is present in the YANG module or submodule, this
      leaf is not instantiated.";
  }
}

```

```

leaf namespace {
    type inet:uri;
    mandatory true;
    description
        "The XML namespace identifier for this module.";
}
uses yanglib:location-leaf-list;

list submodule {
    key "name";
    description
        "Each entry represents one submodule within the
        parent module.";

    leaf name {
        type yang:yang-identifier;
        description
            "The YANG submodule name.";
    }
    leaf revision {
        type yanglib:revision-identifier;
        mandatory true;
        description
            "The YANG submodule revision date. If the parent module
            include statement for this submodule includes a revision
            date then it MUST match this leaf's value.";
    }

    uses yanglib:location-leaf-list;
}

list import-only-module {
    key "name revision";
    description
        "An entry in this list indicates that the server imports
        reusable definitions from the specified revision of the
        module, but does not implement any protocol accessible
        objects from this revision.

        Multiple entries for the same module name MAY exist. This
        can occur if multiple modules import the same module, but
        specify different revision-dates in the import statements.";

    leaf name {
        type yang:yang-identifier;
        description
            "The YANG module name.";
    }

```

```
}
leaf revision {
  type union {
    type yanglib:revision-identifier;
    type string {
      length 0;
    }
  }
  description
    "The YANG module revision date. A zero-length string is
    used if no revision statement is present in the YANG
    module.";
}
leaf version {
  type yang-sem-ver;
  description
    "The YANG module or submodule version. If no version
    statement is present in the YANG module or submodule, this
    leaf is not instantiated.";
}
leaf namespace {
  type inet:uri;
  mandatory true;
  description
    "The XML namespace identifier for this module.";
}

uses yanglib:location-leaf-list;

list submodule {
  key "name";
  description
    "Each entry represents one submodule within the
    parent module.";

  leaf name {
    type yang:yang-identifier;
    description
      "The YANG submodule name.";
  }
  leaf revision {
    type yanglib:revision-identifier;
```

```

    mandatory true;
    description
        "The YANG submodule revision date. If the parent module
        include statement for this submodule includes a revision
        date then it MUST match this leaf's value.";
}

```

```

    uses yanglib:location-leaf-list;
}

leaf-list replaces-revision {
    type yanglib:revision-identifier;
    description
        "Gives the revision of an import-only-module defined in
        an imported package that is replaced by this
        import-only-module revision.";
}
}
}

grouping yang-pkg-library-definition {
    description
        "The set of parameters that describe a particular YANG package.";

    uses yang-pkg-identification-leafs;
    uses yang-pkg-common-leafs;

    leaf-list module-set {
        type leafref {
            path "/yanglib:yang-library/yanglib:module-set/yanglib:name";
        }
        description
            "Describes any modules in addition to, and replacing, and
            modules defined in the imported packages.

            If a non import-only module appears in multiple module sets,
            then the module revision and the associated features and
            deviations must be identical.";
    }
}
}
}
<CODE ENDS>

```

```

<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-yang-package2018-11-26.yang"
module ietf-yang-package {
  yang-version 1.1;
  namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-yang-package";
  prefix pkg;

  import ietf-yang-package-types {
    prefix pkg-types;
    reference "RFC XXX: YANG Schema Versioning.";
  }
}

```

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```

organization
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```

```

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  WG List:  <mailto:netmod@ietf.org>

```

```

  Author:    Rob Wilton
             <mailto:rwilton@cisco.com>";

```

```

description
  "This module provides a definition of a YANG package, which is
  used as the schema for an YANG instance data document specifying
  a YANG package.

```

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```

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// note.
revision 2018-11-26 {
    description
        "Initial revision";
    reference
        "RFC XXXX: YANG Schema Versioning.";
}

/*
 * Top-level container
 */

container yang-package {
    config false;
    description
        "Defines a YANG package.

```

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```

        Intended to be used to specify a YANG package as an instance
        data document.";

    uses pkg-types:yang-pkg-file-definition;
}
}
<CODE ENDS>

```

```

<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-yang-library-packages@2018-11-26.yang"
module ietf-yang-library-packages {
    yang-version 1.1;
    namespace
        "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-yang-library-packages";
    prefix pkg;

    import ietf-yang-package-types {
        prefix pkg-types;
        reference "RFC XXX: YANG Packages.";
    }
}

```

```

import ietf-yang-library {
  prefix yanglib;
  reference "RFC 7895bis: YANG Library";
}

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contact
  "WG Web:  <http://tools.ietf.org/wg/netmod/>
  WG List:  <mailto:netmod@ietf.org>

  Author:    Rob Wilton
             <mailto:rwilton@cisco.com>";

description
  "This module provides defined augmentations to YANG library to
  allow a server to report YANG package information.

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  authors of the code.  All rights reserved.

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the RFC itself for full legal notices.";

```

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// note.
revision 2018-11-26 {
  description
    "Initial revision";
  reference
    "RFC XXXX: YANG Schema Versioning.";

```

```

}

/*
 * Add in the list of packaged into YANG library.
 */
augment "/yanglib:yang-library" {
    description "Add YANG package definitions into YANG library";

    list package {
        config "false";
        key "name version";

        description "Defines the packages available on this server.";

        uses "pkg-types:yang-pkg-library-definition";
    }
}

/*
 * Allow schema to be related to a YANG package.
 */
augment "/yanglib:yang-library/yanglib:schema" {
    description
        "Allow datastore schema to be related to a YANG package";

    container package {
        leaf name {
            type leafref {
                path "/yanglib:yang-library/package/name";
            }
            description
                "The name of the package this schema relates to.";
        }
    }
}

```

```

    leaf version {
        type leafref {
            path '/yanglib:yang-library/'
                + 'package[name = current()/../name]/version';
        }

        description

```



```

        "The version of the package this schema relates to.";
    }

    description
        "Describes which package the schema directly relates to, if
        any.";
    }
}

/*
 * Allow import-only modules to list the versions that they are
 * replacing.
 */

augment
    "/yanglib:yang-library/yanglib:module-set/" +
    "yanglib:import-only-module" {

    description
        "Add replaces-revision to import-only-module definitions";

    leaf-list replaces-revision {
        type yanglib:revision-identifier;
        description
            "Gives the revision of an import-only-module defined in an
            imported package that is replaced by this import-only-module
            revision.

            Only used for YANG package definitions";
    }
}
}
<CODE ENDS>

```

## 11. Security Considerations

The YANG modules specified in this document defines a schema for data that is accessed by network management protocols such as NETCONF [[RFC6241](#)] or RESTCONF [[RFC8040](#)]. The lowest NETCONF layer is the secure transport layer, and the mandatory-to-implement secure

transport is Secure Shell (SSH) [[RFC6242](#)]. The lowest RESTCONF layer is HTTPS, and the mandatory-to-implement secure transport is TLS [[RFC5246](#)].

The NETCONF access control model [[RFC6536](#)] provides the means to restrict access for particular NETCONF or RESTCONF users to a preconfigured subset of all available NETCONF or RESTCONF protocol operations and content.

Similarly to YANG library [[I-D.ietf-netconf-rfc7895bis](#)], some of the readable data nodes in these 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.

One additional key different to YANG library, is that the 'ietf-yang-package' YANG module defines a schema to allow YANG packages to be defined in YANG instance data documents, that are outside the security controls of the network management protocols. Hence, it is important to also consider controlling access to these package instance data documents to restrict access to sensitive information.

As per the YANG library security considerations, the module, revision and version information in YANG packages may help an attacker identify the server capabilities and server implementations with known bugs since the set of YANG modules supported by a server may reveal the kind of device and the manufacturer of the device. Server vulnerabilities may be specific to particular modules, module revisions, module features, or even module deviations. For example, if a particular operation on a particular data node is known to cause a server to crash or significantly degrade device performance, then the packaging information will help an attacker identify server implementations with such a defect, in order to launch a denial-of-service attack on the device.

## [12.](#) IANA Considerations

It is expected that a central registry of standard YANG package definitions is required to support this packaging solution.

It is unclear whether an IANA registry is also required to manage specific package versions. It is highly desirable to have a specific canonical location, under IETF control, where the definitive YANG package versions can be obtained from.

TODO - Add IANA registrations for YANG modules defined in this draft.

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### 13. Open Questions/Issues

All issues, along with the draft text, are currently being tracked at <https://github.com/rgwilton/YANG-Packages-Draft/issues/>

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[Appendix A](#). Tree output for ietf-yang-library with package augmentations

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Complete tree output for ietf-yang-library with package augmentations.

```
module: ietf-yang-library
  +--ro yang-library
  |   +--ro module-set* [name]
  |   |   +--ro name string
  |   |   +--ro module* [name]
  |   |   |   +--ro name yang:yang-identifier
  |   |   |   +--ro revision? revision-identifier
  |   |   |   +--ro namespace inet:uri
  |   |   |   +--ro location* inet:uri
  |   |   |   +--ro submodule* [name]
  |   |   |   |   +--ro name yang:yang-identifier
  |   |   |   |   +--ro revision? revision-identifier
  |   |   |   |   +--ro location* inet:uri
  |   |   |   +--ro feature* yang:yang-identifier
  |   |   |   +--ro deviation* -> ../../module/name
  |   |   +--ro import-only-module* [name revision]
  |   |   |   +--ro name yang:yang-identifier
  |   |   |   +--ro revision union
  |   |   |   +--ro namespace inet:uri
  |   |   |   +--ro location* inet:uri
  |   |   |   +--ro submodule* [name]
  |   |   |   |   +--ro name yang:yang-identifier
  |   |   |   |   +--ro revision? revision-identifier
  |   |   |   |   +--ro location* inet:uri
  |   |   +--ro pkg:replaces-revision*
```

```

| | yanglib:revision-identifier
| +--ro schema* [name]
| | +--ro name string
| | +--ro module-set* -> ../../module-set/name
| | +--ro pkg:package
| | | +--ro pkg:name?
| | | | -> /yanglib:yang-library/package/name
| | | +--ro pkg:version? leafref
| +--ro datastore* [name]
| | +--ro name ds:datastore-ref
| | +--ro schema -> ../../schema/name
| +--ro content-id string
| +--ro pkg:package* [name version]
| | +--ro pkg:name yang:yang-identifier
| | +--ro pkg:version yang-sem-ver
| | +--ro pkg:revision-date?
| | | yanglib:revision-identifier
| | +--ro pkg:location* inet:uri
| | +--ro pkg:description? string

```

```

| +--ro pkg:reference? string
| +--ro pkg:previous-version? yang-sem-ver
| +--ro pkg:tag* tags:tag
| +--ro pkg:referentially-complete? boolean
| +--ro pkg:mandatory-feature* string
| +--ro pkg:imported-packages* [name version]
| | +--ro pkg:name yang:yang-identifier
| | +--ro pkg:version yang-sem-ver
| | +--ro pkg:deviated? boolean
| +--ro pkg:module-set*
| | -> /yanglib:yang-library/module-set/name
x--ro modules-state
  x--ro module-set-id string
  x--ro module* [name revision]
    x--ro name yang:yang-identifier
    x--ro revision union
    +--ro schema? inet:uri
    x--ro namespace inet:uri
    x--ro feature* yang:yang-identifier
    x--ro deviation* [name revision]
    | x--ro name yang:yang-identifier
    | x--ro revision union

```

```
x--ro conformance-type    enumeration
x--ro submodule* [name revision]
  x--ro name               yang:yang-identifier
  x--ro revision           union
  +--ro schema?           inet:uri
```

notifications:

```
+---n yang-library-update
|   +--ro content-id      -> /yang-library/content-id
x---n yang-library-change
  x--ro module-set-id     -> /modules-state/module-set-id
```

## [Appendix B](#). Examples

This section provides various examples of YANG packages, and as such this text is non-normative. The purpose of the examples is to only illustrate the file format of YANG packages, and how package dependencies work. It does not imply that such packages will be defined by IETF, or which modules would be included in those packages even if they were defined.

### [B.1](#). Example IETF Network Device YANG package

This section provides an instance data document example of an IETF Network Device YANG package formatted in JSON.

This example package is intended to represent the standard set of YANG modules, with import dependencies, to implement a basic network device without any dynamic routing or layer 2 services. E.g., it includes functionality such as system information, interface and basic IP configuration.

As for all YANG packages, all import dependencies are fully resolved. Because this example uses YANG modules that have been standardized before YANG semantic versioning, they modules are referenced by revision date rather than version number.

```

<CODE BEGINS> file "example-ietf-network-device-pkg.json"
===== NOTE: '\\' line wrapping per BCP XX (RFC XXXX) =====

{
  "ietf-yang-instance-data:instance-data-set": {
    "name": "example-ietf-network-device-pkg",
    "target-ptr": "TBD",
    "timestamp": "2018-12-13T17:00:00Z",
    "description": "Example IETF network device YANG package definiti\
\ion",
    "content-data": {
      "ietf-yang-package:yang-package": {
        "name": "example-ietf-network-device",
        "version": "1.1.2",
        "namespace": "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang-pkg:ietf-network-d\
\evice",
        "location": "file://example.org/yang/packages/ietf-network-d\
\evice@v1.1.2.json",
        "description": "This package defines a small sample set of Y\
\ANG modules that could represent the basic set of modules that a st\
\andard network device might be expected to support.",
        "reference": "XXX, draft-rwilton-netmod-yang-packages",
        "revision-date": "2018-11-26",
        "module": [
          {
            "name": "iana-crypt-hash",
            "revision": "2014-08-06",
            "namespace": "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:iana-crypt-has\
\h",
            "location": "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/YangModel\
\s/yang/master/standard/ietf/RFC/iana-crypt-hash%402014-08-06.yang"
          }
        ]
      }
    }
  }
}

```

```

    },
    {
      "name": "ietf-system",
      "revision": "2014-08-06",
      "namespace": "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-system",
      "location": "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/YangModel\
\s/yang/master/standard/ietf/RFC/ietf-system%402014-08-06.yang"
    }
  ],
}

```



```

        {
            "name": "ietf-interfaces",
            "revision": "2018-02-20",
            "namespace": "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-interface\
\s",
            "location": "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/YangModel\
\s/yang/master/standard/ietf/RFC/ietf-interfaces%402018-02-20.yang"
        },
        {
            "name": "ietf-netconf-acm",
            "revision": "2018-02-14",
            "namespace": "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-netconf-a\
\cm",
            "location": "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/YangModel\
\s/yang/master/standard/ietf/RFC/ietf-netconf-acm%402018-02-14.yang"
        },
        {
            "name": "ietf-key-chain",
            "revision": "2017-06-15",
            "namespace": "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-key-chain\
\",
            "location": "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/YangModel\
\s/yang/master/standard/ietf/RFC/ietf-key-chain@2017-06-15.yang"
        },
        {
            "name": "ietf-ip",
            "revision": "2018-02-22",
            "namespace": "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-ip",
            "location": "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/YangModel\
\s/yang/master/standard/ietf/RFC/ietf-ip%402018-02-22.yang"
        }
    ],
    "import-only-module": [
        {
            "name": "ietf-yang-types",
            "revision": "2013-07-15",
            "namespace": "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-yang-type\
\s",
            "location": "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/YangModel\
\s/yang/master/standard/ietf/RFC/ietf-yang-types%402013-07-15.yang"
        }
    ]
}

```

},

```

        {
            "name": "ietf-inet-types",
            "revision": "2013-07-15",
            "namespace": "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-inet-type\
\s",
            "location": "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/YangModel\
\s/yang/master/standard/ietf/RFC/ietf-inet-types%402013-07-15.yang"
        }
    ]
}
}
}
}
<CODE ENDS>

```

## B.2. Example IETF Basic Routing YANG package

This section provides an instance data document example of a basic IETF Routing YANG package formatted in JSON.

This example package is intended to represent the standard set of YANG modules, with import dependencies, that builds upon the example-ietf-network-device YANG package to add support for basic dynamic routing and ACLs.

As for all YANG packages, all import dependencies are fully resolved. Because this example uses YANG modules that have been standardized before YANG semantic versioning, they modules are referenced by revision date rather than version number. Locations have been excluded where they are not currently known, e.g., for YANG modules defined in IETF drafts. In a normal YANG package, locations would be expected to be provided for all YANG modules.

```

<CODE BEGINS> file "example-ietf-routing-pkg.json"
===== NOTE: '\\\ ' line wrapping per BCP XX (RFC XXXX) =====

```

```

{
  "ietf-yang-instance-data:instance-data-set": {
    "name": "example-ietf-routing-pkg",
    "target-ptr": "TBD",
    "timestamp": "2018-12-13T17:00:00Z",
    "description": "Example IETF routing YANG package definition",
    "content-data": {
      "ietf-yang-package:yang-package": {
        "name": "example-ietf-routing",

```

```
    "version": "1.3.1",
    "namespace": "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang-pkg:ietf-routing",
    "location": "file://example.org/yang/packages/ietf-routing@v\
1.3.1.json",
    "description": "This package defines a small sample set of I\
ETF routing YANG modules that could represent the set of IETF routi\
ng functionality that a basic IP network device might be expected t\
o support.",
    "reference": "XXX, draft-rwilton-netmod-yang-packages",
    "revision-date": "2018-11-26",
    "imported-packages": [
      {
        "name": "ietf-network-device",
        "version": "1.1.2",
        "location": [
          "http://example.org/yang/packages/ietf-network-device@v\
1.1.2.json"
        ]
      }
    ],
    "module": [
      {
        "name": "ietf-routing",
        "revision": "2018-03-13",
        "namespace": "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-routing",
        "location": [
          "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/YangModels/yang/master/standard/ietf/RFC/ietf-routing@2018-03-13.yang"
        ]
      },
      {
        "name": "ietf-ipv4-unicast-routing",
        "revision": "2018-03-13",
        "namespace": "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-ipv4-unca\
st-routing",
        "location": [
          "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/YangModels/yang/master/standard/ietf/RFC/ietf-ipv4-unicast-routing@2018-03-13.yang"
        ]
      },
      {
        "name": "ietf-ipv6-unicast-routing",
        "revision": "2018-03-13",
        "namespace": "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-ipv6-unca\
st-routing",
        "location": [
```

"https://raw.githubusercontent.com/YangModels/yang/master/standard/ietf/RFC/ietf-ipv6-unicast-routing@2018-03-13.yang"

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```
    ]
  },
  {
    "name": "ietf-isis",
    "revision": "2018-12-11",
    "namespace": "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-isis"
  },
  {
    "name": "ietf-interfaces-common",
    "revision": "2018-07-02",
    "namespace": "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-interface\
\s-common"
  },
  {
    "name": "ietf-if-l3-vlan",
    "revision": "2017-10-30",
    "namespace": "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-if-l3-vla\
\n"
  },
  {
    "name": "ietf-routing-policy",
    "revision": "2018-10-19",
    "namespace": "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-routing-p\
\olicy"
  },
  {
    "name": "ietf-bgp",
    "revision": "2018-05-09",
    "namespace": "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-bgp"
  },
  {
    "name": "ietf-access-control-list",
    "revision": "2018-11-06",
    "namespace": "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-access-co\
\ntrol-list"
  }
],
"import-only-module": [
  {
```



<CODE ENDS>

### [B.3.](#) Package import conflict resolution example

This section provides an example of how a package can resolve conflicting module versions from imported packages.

In this example, YANG package 'example-3-pkg' imports both 'example-import-1' and 'example-import-2' packages. However, the two imported packages implement different versions of 'example-module-A' so the 'example-3-pkg' package selects version '1.2.3' to resolve the conflict. Similarly, for import-only modules, the 'example-3-pkg' package does not require both versions of example-types-module-C to be imported, so it indicates that it only imports revision '2018-11-26' and not '2018-01-01'.

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```
{
  "ietf-yang-instance-data:instance-data-set": {
    "name": "example-import-1-pkg",
    "description": "First imported example package",
    "content-data": {
      "ietf-yang-package:yang-package": {
        "name": "example-import-1",
        "version": "1.0.0",
        "reference": "XXX, draft-rwilton-netmod-yang-packages",
        "revision-date": "2018-01-01",
        "module": [
          {
            "name": "example-module-A",
            "version": "1.0.0"
          },
          {
            "name": "example-module-B",
            "version": "1.0.0"
          }
        ],
        "import-only-module": [
          {
            "name": "example-types-module-C",
            "revision": "2018-01-01"
          }
        ]
      }
    }
  }
}
```

```

        {
            "name": "example-types-module-D",
            "revision": "2018-01-01"
        }
    ]
}
}
}
{
    "ietf-yang-instance-data:instance-data-set": {
        "name": "example-import-2-pkg",
        "description": "Second imported example package",
        "content-data": {
            "ietf-yang-package:yang-package": {
                "name": "example-import-2",
                "version": "2.0.0",
                "reference": "XXX, draft-rwilton-netmod-yang-packages",
                "revision-date": "2018-11-26",
                "module": [
                    {
                        "name": "example-module-A",

```

```

        "version": "1.2.3"
    },
    {
        "name": "example-module-E",
        "version": "1.1.0"
    }
],
"import-only-module": [
    {
        "name": "example-types-module-C",
        "revision": "2018-11-26"
    },
    {
        "name": "example-types-module-D",
        "revision": "2018-11-26"
    }
]
}

```

```

    }
  }
}

{
  "ietf-yang-instance-data:instance-data-set": {
    "name": "example-3-pkg",
    "description": "Importing example package",
    "content-data": {
      "ietf-yang-package:yang-package": {
        "name": "example-3",
        "version": "1.0.0",
        "reference": "XXX, draft-rwilton-netmod-yang-packages",
        "revision-date": "2018-11-26",
        "imported-packages": [
          {
            "name": "example-import-1",
            "version": "1.0.0"
          },
          {
            "name": "example-import-2",
            "version": "2.0.0"
          }
        ],
        "module": [
          {
            "name": "example-module-A",
            "version": "1.2.3"
          }
        ],

```

```

    "import-only-module": [
      {
        "name": "example-types-module-C",
        "revision": "2018-11-26",
        "replaces-revision": [ "2018-01-01 " ]
      }
    ]
  }
}
}
}
}

```



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