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Abstract

This document defines a YANG data model that can be used to deliver fabric service for users within a data center network. This model is intended to be instantiated by management system. It provides an abstraction of services for a fabric network to be used by users. However it is not a configuration model used directly onto network infrastructures. It should be used combining with such as fabric topology data model defined in [[I-D.zhuang-i2rs-yang-dc-fabric-network-topology](#)] with specific fabric topology information to generate required configuration onto the related network elements to deliver the service.

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[1.](#) Introduction

Network service provisioning is currently coupled with specific network topology and technology applied, which is technology and device oriented.

In the area of data center, this approach makes the management complex due to massive network devices involved and various applications deployed by multiple users (also known as tenants).

In the traditional way, the administrator has to be aware of the entire data center network before delivering services for users. When service request comes up, administrator has to divide the request into appropriate configurations and operations for all involved devices manually. Finally, these configurations are deployed onto network infrastructure, which requires personnel skills.

Actually different users share the same network infrastructure. A more dynamical way to deploy and manage the network is eager to be found out. Here we decompose the network management system into several layers in order to have network service provision more flexible and automatic. Each network layer is dedicated to be managed. What is more, all the layers can be combined to fulfill the delivery of the user's service.

We can use three layers in data center network. The bottom one is physical infrastructure with massive devices. The middle one is fabric topology defined in [I-D.zhuang-i2rs-yang-dc-fabric-network-topology]. Unlike the physical layer, the fabric layer is used to display a fabric-based network view. In the fabric layer, a set of fabrics can exist with each managed independently. Furthermore, a bottom-up abstraction of fabric service is proposed to provide application centric interfaces facing to users which define network services regardless of beneath fabric topology and physical connections in the up layer.

This document defines a YANG [[RFC6020](#)] [[RFC7950](#)] data model focusing on the fabric service interfaces to define user fabric network services regardless of specific beneath network topology and devices. This model defines the generic configuration for fabric services within DC networks.

For example, this model can be used by the network orchestrator in which the fabric service interfaces are exposed. When a service from user application is requested, orchestrator adopts this model including service information and processes it into the topology layer through a DC controller. Thus a service is automatically and dynamically provided.

The service data model includes two main modules:

(a)Module "ietf-fabric-service" defines a module for user network service over fabric networks from the application centric view. To do so, it augments general network topology model defined in [I-D.ietf-i2rs-yang-network-topo] with logical components such as logical switches, logical routers as well as logical ports to carry network services requested by user applications.

(b)Module "ietf-fabric-endpoint" defines a module for hosts that run applications and generate traffics. The major usage of this module is to indicate the attachment points of a host in a user service network as well as in a physical network when it is initialed, so as to build bindings between physical layer and topology layer dynamically.

Besides, the model "ietf-fabric-topology" defined in [I-D.zhuang-i2rs-yang-dc-fabric-network-topology] with topology and resource as well as technology information is used to work together to implement configurations and operations of the fabric service onto the specific fabric infrastructure.

2. Concept and Terminology

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](#)].

2.1. Terminology

Fabric topology: a data center network can be decomposed to a set of fabric networks, while each of these fabrics composes a set of physical nodes/links of the physical infrastructure to form a fabric network. The fabric topology includes attributes of fabrics, such as gateway mode, involved nodes, roles of involved nodes etc al.

Fabric Service: it is used as a service interface of fabric networks to users, which uses logical elements to represent network connections between hosts for applications, regardless of a specific fabric topology deployment. Each service instance is based on a fabric topology, while a fabric can provide multiple service instances for different users, each of which is isolated to others.

Endpoint: an endpoint represents a host, which can be a virtual machine on a server or a bare-metal server.

Fabric capable device: a physical device (e.g. a switch) that supports fabric service and fabric topology models.

3. Fabric service framework overview

This draft provides a network service interface on top of fabrics network layer. Users can use these network service interfaces to deploy their applications over a data center network automatically and dynamically.

From the application centric point of view, user hosts can be considered to connect with other hosts through a switch if they are L2 reachable, alternatively, connect through a router if they are L3 reachable simply. So a user network can be abstracted into a logical network where L2 reachable represents logical switches connecting hosts and L3 reachable represents logical routers connecting switches.

With this concept, a user can use appropriate logical elements to define their networks and configure attributes of these elements such as vlan id, gateway etc al. All of these form a network service. For example, a fabric service diagram for a user is shown as below.

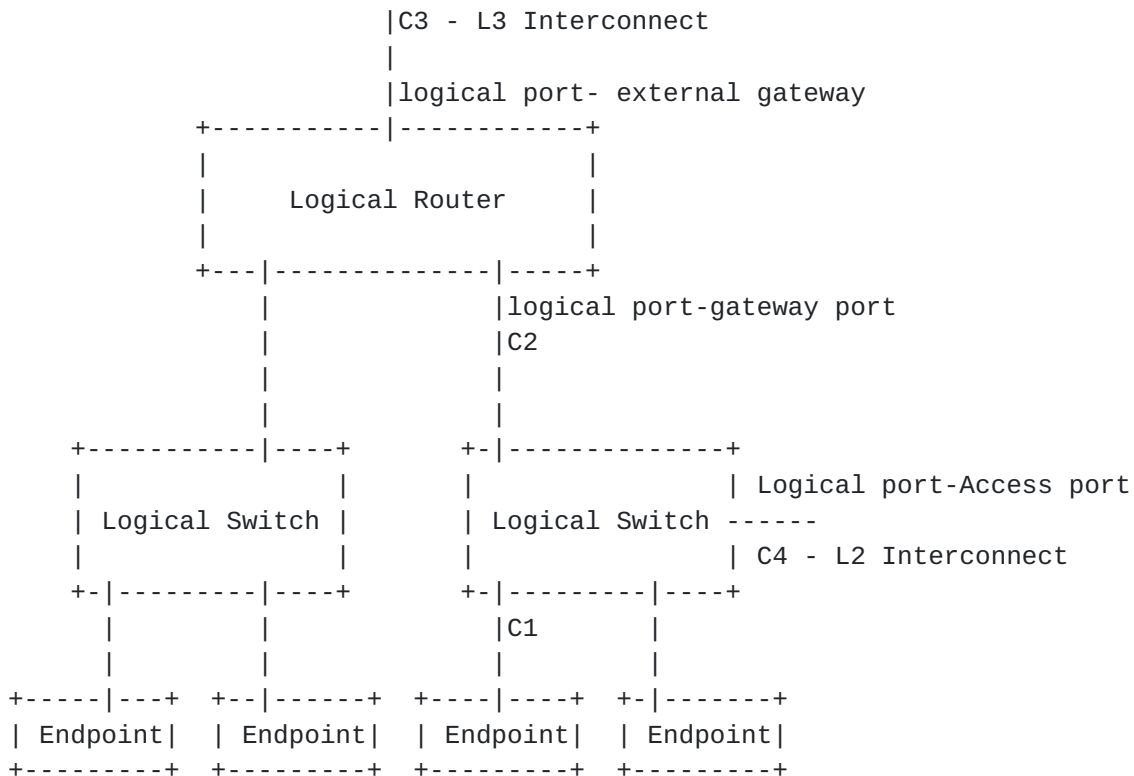


Figure 1: Diagram of a fabric service

In the diagram, abstraction of network connections is focused as a very initial effort to abstract services for fabric-based DC networks. Based on the connection, we can add other network appliance for which the fabric service should be extended.

3.1. Service element

There are four major components regarding as service elements within a fabric service as depicted in Figure 1.

Logical Switch:

Works as a switch within a logical fabric network to provide L2 connections between hosts or to a logical router or to external networks. It can be bounded to one or several physical switches.

Logical Router:

Works as a router to provide L3 connections between logical switches or to external networks.

Logical Port:

Provides port function on logical switches and logical routers which claims their connections to others.

Endpoint:

Represents user hosts which can be a VM or a bare-metal server.

3.2. Functionality of connections

There are 4 connections between elements within the fabric service framework listed as follows:

C1: Endpoint attachment. It is used by an endpoint to connect to a logical switch.

C2: L2 to L3 attachment. Interface between a logical switch and a logical router within the same fabric.

C3: L3 interconnection which connects to a logical router.

C4: L2 interconnection which connects to a logical switch in another fabric.

Thinking of the functionality of different connections, a logical port can act as an access port (which provides C1/C4/C3 connection to a network element), or a service port (which provide C2 gateway connection) as shown in Figure 2.

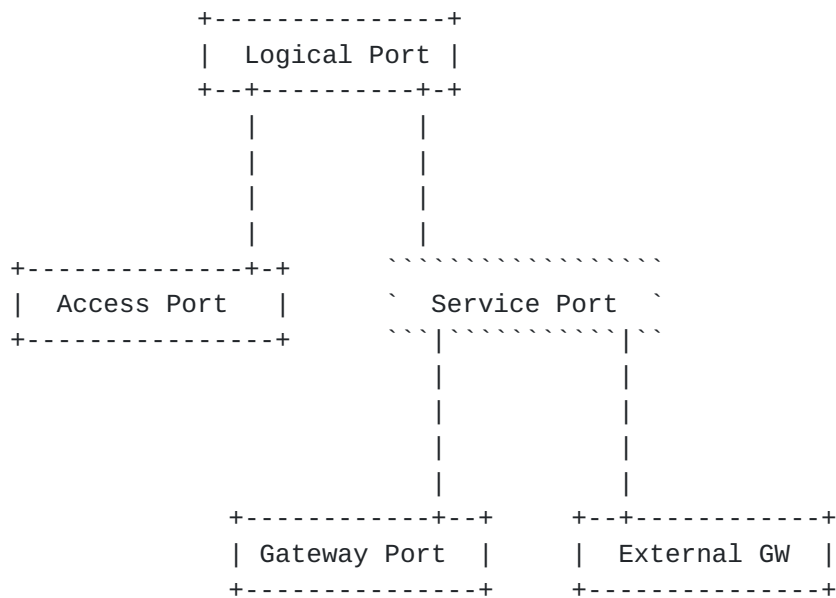


Figure 2: Types of Logical port

When a logical port is noticed as an access port, there will be a corresponding physical port. In this situation, the required access configuration can be deployed on this physical port directly. However, there will be a gateway service if a logical port is noticed as a service port. In this situation, the management system should combine the gateway function and fabric territory at fabric topology layer together with the gateway configuration on the service port. By the combination, it is easy to figure out the appropriate devices in the physical infrastructure and their configurations for these devices respectively.

4. Fabric service model usage

4.1. Usage architecture

In [section 3](#), a fabric service interface is provided for users to define their networks in a more concentrated and intuitive way. To be detailed, when a fabric service comes, the topology manager will parse services into configuration/operations onto specific devices automatically. In this process, service interface information and fabric topology information defined in [I-D.zhuang-i2rs-yang-dc-fabric-network-topology] is needed.

The whole process is shown in Fig.3. Fabric service module is used define network services for applications maybe by an orchestration for example, according to the topology architecture stated in [I-D.draft-ietf-i2rs-usecase-reqs-summary]. The topology information maintenance should be done by a topology manager. By combining

information from different layers, a topology manager automatically generates configurations and operations of related devices and deploys them respectively over the physical fabric infrastructures.

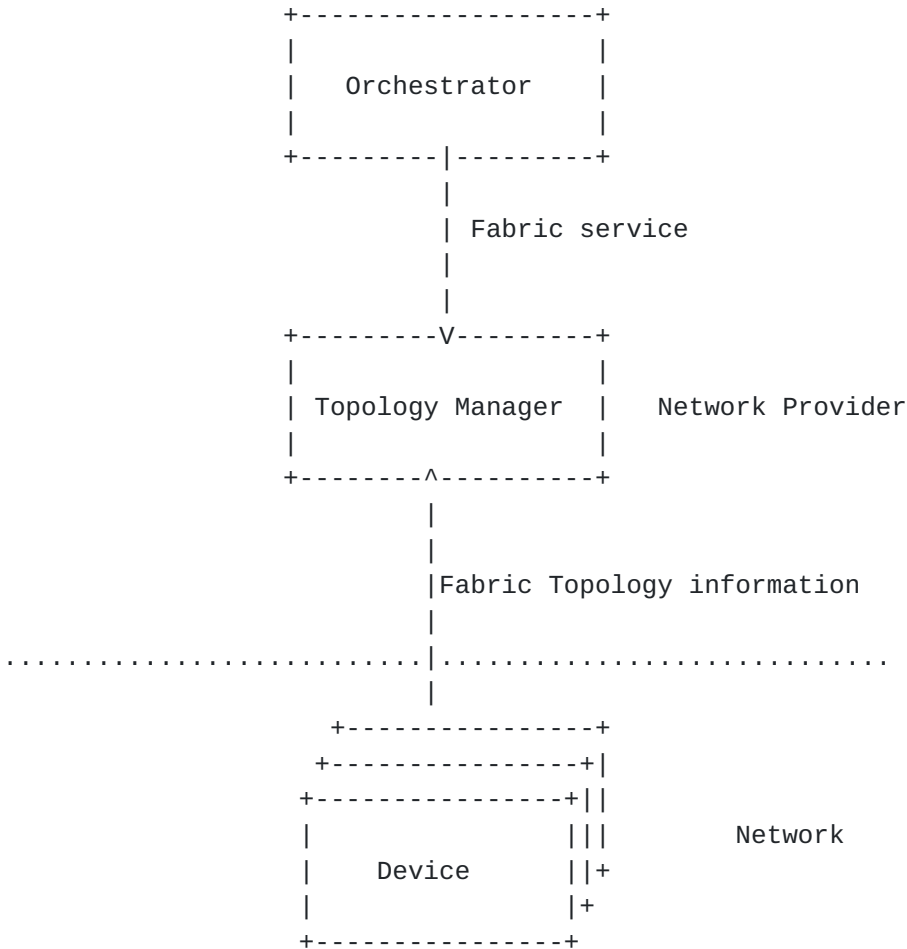


Figure 3: Fabric service Usage architecture

4.2. Multi-Layer interconnection

There are three layers in this usage.

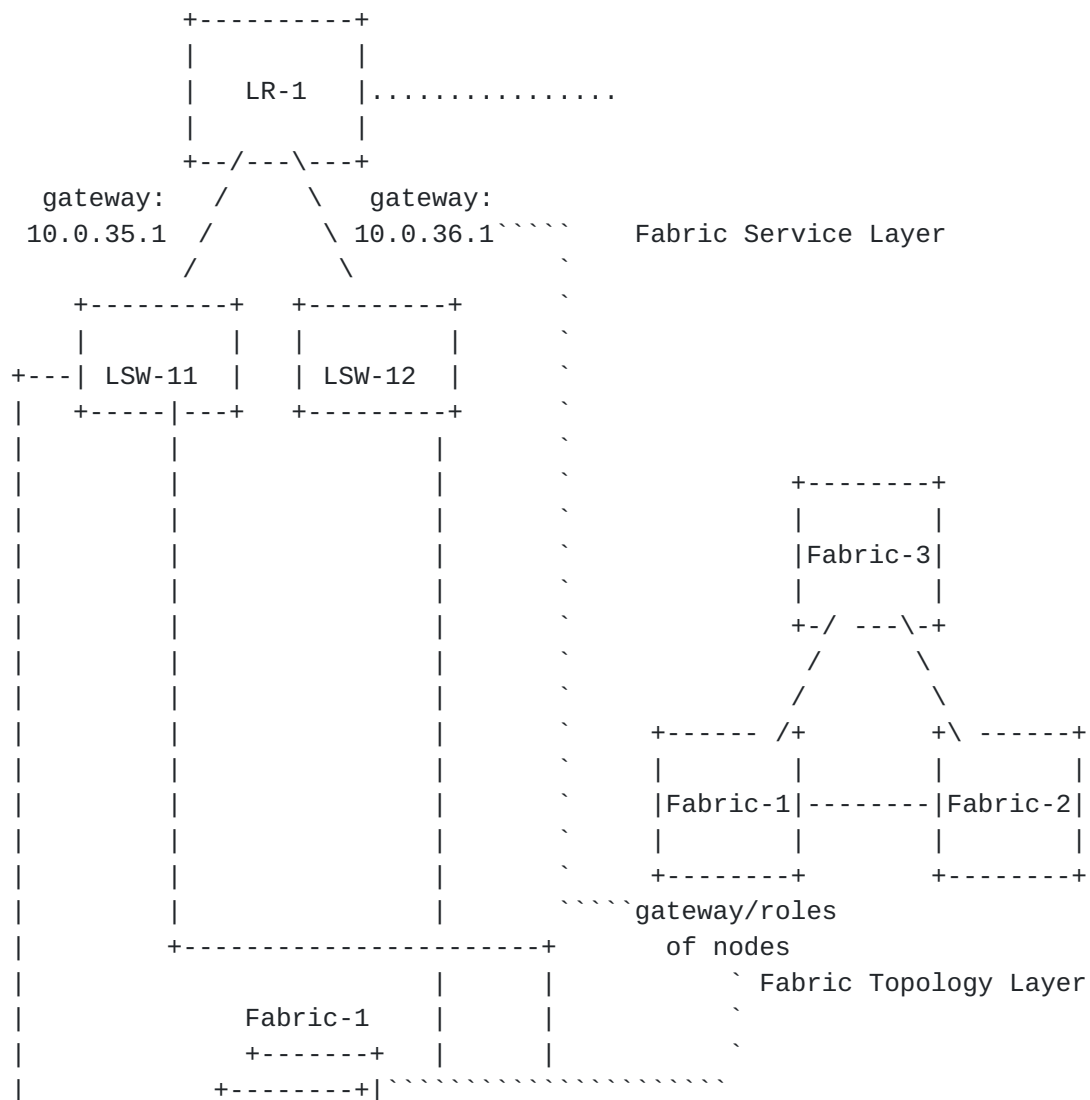
At the service layer, a fabric service model is abstracted from fabric network used as an application-centric interface to define user networks. It focuses on the connection services from users' perspective. Using the fabric service interface, an administrator can define a logical network for each user over a single fabric network while each logical networks can be managed separately.

For the fabric topology layer, it collects and maintains the fabric topology information (including territory of the physical fabric,

connections, gateway functions, roles of devices within the fabric and specific technologies for each fabric) upon the physical network layer.

With information provided by both fabric service as well as fabric topology, a fabric topology manager will calculates and generates configuration and operation for involved network devices in the physical layer so as to distribute and deploy them onto network infrastructure. The implementation of device configuration can be done in several ways, such as using defined data models for specific attributes, command lines. We will not limite any implemenation here.

The diagram of the management architecture and its relationship is depicted as below.



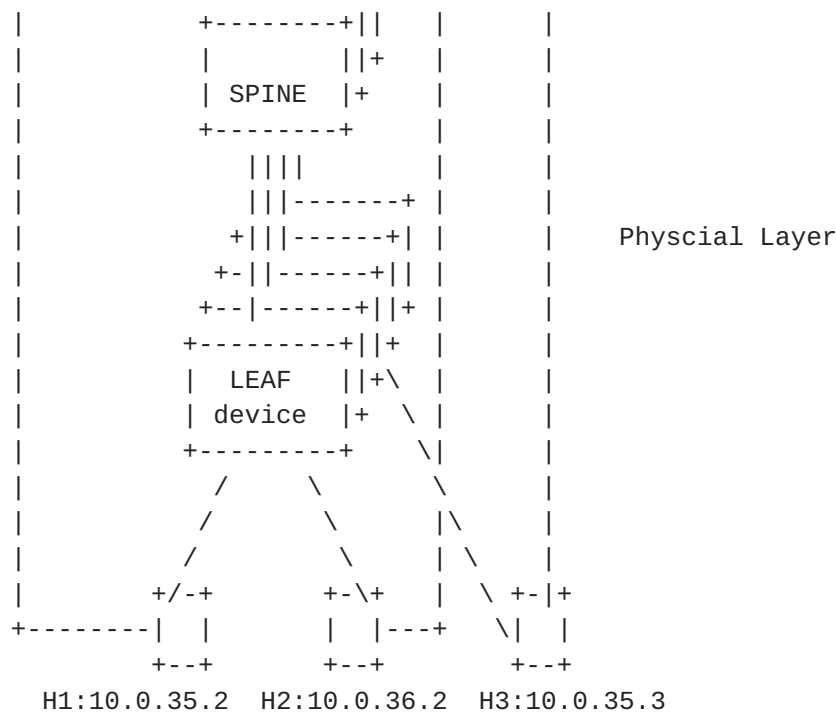


Figure 4: Multi-layer interconnection

The mapping of nodes with access logical ports is realized by endpoints e.g. H1, H2 and H3 in Fig.4. An endpoint is instantiated by the orchestrator to indicate the locations of a host both in the logical layer as well as in the physical layer, so as to deliver services requested from the logical port onto the physical port in a dynamic manner. For H1 and H3, they are considered to connect to the same switch for user in the logical layer, even they attach to the different devices.

Besides, gateway configuration is defined at service layer while the gateway mode and gateway devices (for distributed gateway, the gateway should be deployed on LEAF devices, while for centralized gateway, the configuration should be on SPINE) are defined in fabric topology layer. By combining the gateway information from both layers, the system can automatically figure out the involved devices and generate appropriate configurations onto them.

5. Design of the data model

5.1. Fabric service module

As explained previously, network service for user network can be abstracted to sets of logical switches, logical routers and logical

ports. Upon these logical elements, acl policies and gateway functions can be attached.

The fabric service module is defined by YANG module "ietf-fabric-service". The module is depicted in the following diagram.

```
module: ietf-fabric-service
augment /nw:networks/nw:network/nw:node:
  +--rw lsw-attribute
    +--rw lsw-uuid?      yang:uuid
    +--rw name?          string
    +--rw segment-id?    uint32
    +--rw network?       inet:ip-prefix
    +--rw external?      boolean
    +--rw fabric-acl* [fabric-acl-name]
      +--rw fabric-acl-name string
augment /nw:networks/nw:network/nw:node:
  +--rw lr-attribute
    +--rw lr-uuid?      yang:uuid
    +--rw name?          string
    +--rw vrf-ctx?       uint32
    +--rw fabric-acl* [fabric-acl-name]
      | +--rw fabric-acl-name string
    +--rw routes
      +--rw route* [destination-prefix]
        +--rw description?      string
        +--rw destination-prefix inet:ipv4-prefix
        +--rw (next-hop-options)?
          +--:(simple-next-hop)
            +--rw next-hop?      inet:ipv4-address
            +--rw outgoing-interface? nt:tp-id
augment /nw:networks/nw:network/nw:node/nt:termination-point:
  +--rw lport-attribute
    +--rw lport-uuid?      yang:uuid
    +--rw name?            string
    +--rw port-layer
      | +--rw layer-1-info
      | | +--rw location?    nt:tp-id
      | +--rw layer-2-info
      | | +--rw access-type?  access-type
      | | +--rw access-segment? uint32
      | +--rw layer-3-info
      |   +--rw ip?           inet:ip-address
      |   +--rw network?      inet:ip-prefix
      |   +--rw mac?          yang:mac-address
      |   +--rw forward-enable? boolean
      |   +--rw logical-switch? nw:node-id
    +--rw fabric-acl* [fabric-acl-name]
```



```
|  +--rw fabric-acl-name    string
+--rw port-function
|  +--rw (function-type)?
|    +--:(ip-mapping)
|      +--rw ip-mapping-entry* [external-ip]
|        +--rw external-ip    inet:ipv4-address
|        +--rw internal-ip?   inet:ipv4-address
+--rw underlayer-ports* [port-ref]
    +--rw port-ref            instance-identifier
```

Figure 5: Fabric Service Module

To provide a logical network topology for DC fabric network, the module augments the original `ietf-network` and `ietf-network-topology` modules:

- o New nodes for logical switch and logical router with additional data objects are introduced by augmenting the "node" list of the network module.
- o Termination points for logical ports are augmented with logical port information and its reference to termination ports in the underlay topologies. As stated in [section 3](#), the logical port may act as an access port which will be bounded to some physical port, or else it may be as a service point which connects to internal gateway or external gateway. Besides, it can also be attached with ACL rules.

5.2. Endpoint module

To represent user attachments points and map logical fabric configurations and operations of applications onto the physical fabric infrastructure, an endpoint is instantiated to represent a host of a user that runs applications.

The fabric endpoint module is defined by YANG module "`ietf-fabric-endpoint`". The module is depicted as follows:


```
module: ietf-fabric-endpoint
  +--rw endpoints
    +--rw endpoint* [endpoint-uuid]
      +--rw endpoint-uuid      yang:uuid
      +--rw own-fabric?        fabric:fabric-id
      +--rw mac-address?       yang:mac-address
      +--rw ip-address?        inet:ip-address
      +--rw gateway?           inet:ip-address
      +--rw public-ip?         inet:ip-address
      +--rw location
        | +--rw node-ref?      fabrictype:node-ref
        | +--rw tp-ref?        fabrictype:tp-ref
        | +--rw access-type?   fabrictype:access-type
        | +--rw access-segment? uint32
      +--rw logical-location
        +--rw node-id?         nw:node-id
        +--rw tp-id?           nt:tp-id
```

Figure 6: Fabric endpoint module

By indicating locations of an endpoint in "location" container, the logical network elements such as logical nodes and logical termination points are bounded to the network elements in a specific fabric. Then the network configurations and operations from the logical network together with its belonged fabric topology information will further be distributed onto the bounding/related physical elements by the network topology manager.

Besides, the module defines three rpc commands to register, unregister and locate the endpoint onto both logical network and physical network shown as follows.


```

rpcs:
  +---x register-endpoint
  | +---w input
  | | +---w fabric-id?          fabric:fabric-id
  | | +---w endpoint-uuid?     yang:uuid
  | | +---w own-fabric?        fabric:fabric-id
  | | +---w mac-address?       yang:mac-address
  | | +---w ip-address?        inet:ip-address
  | | +---w gateway?           inet:ip-address
  | | +---w public-ip?         inet:ip-address
  | | +---w location
  | | | +---w node-ref?        fabrictype:node-ref
  | | | +---w tp-ref?         fabrictype:tp-ref
  | | | +---w access-type?     fabrictype:access-type
  | | | +---w access-segment?  uint32
  | | +---w logical-location
  | |   +---w node-id?      nw:node-id
  | |   +---w tp-id?       nt:tp-id
  | +--ro output
  |   +--ro endpoint-id?   yang:uuid
+---x unregister-endpoint
| +---w input
|   +---w fabric-id?      fabric:fabric-id
|   +---w ids*            yang:uuid
+---x locate-endpoint
  +---w input
    +---w fabric-id?      fabric:fabric-id
    +---w endpoint-id?    yang:uuid
    +---w location
      +---w node-ref?      fabrictype:node-ref
      +---w tp-ref?        fabrictype:tp-ref
      +---w access-type?    fabrictype:access-type
      +---w access-segment? uint32

```

Figure 7: Fabric endpoint module RPC

6. Fabric Service YANG Modules

```

<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-fabric-service-types@2017-08-30.yang"
module ietf-fabric-service-types {

  yang-version 1.1;
  namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-fabric-service-types";
  prefix fst;

  import ietf-inet-types { prefix "inet"; revision-date "2013-07-15"; }

```



```
import ietf-network-topology { prefix nt; }
import ietf-network { prefix nw; }
import ietf-fabric-types { prefix ft; revision-date "2016-09-29"; }

import ietf-yang-types { prefix "yang"; revision-date "2013-07-15";}

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  revision "2017-08-30" {
    description
      "Initial revision of service types for fabric.";
    reference
      "draft-zhuang-i2rs-dc-fabric-service-model-04";
  }

  ///groupings for logical element
  grouping logical-switch {
    description "grouping attributes for a logical switch.";

    leaf lsw-uuid {
      type yang:uuid;
      description "logical switch id";
    }
    leaf name {
      type string;
      description "logical switch name";
    }
  }
}
```



```
    }
    leaf segment-id {
        type uint32;
        description "segment id";
    }
    leaf network {
        type inet:ip-prefix;
        description "subnet";
    }
    leaf external {
        type boolean;
        description "whether its a lsw to external network";
    }
    uses ft:acl-list;
}

grouping logical-router {
    description "grouping attributes for a logical router";
    leaf lr-uuid {
        type yang:uuid;
        description "logical router id";
    }
    leaf name {
        type string;
        description "logical router name";
    }
    leaf vrf-ctx {
        type uint32;
        description "logical router vrf id";
    }
    uses ft:acl-list;

    container routes {
        description "routes";
        uses ft:route-group;
    }
}

grouping logical-port {
    description "grouping attributes for logical ports";
    leaf lport-uuid {
        type yang:uuid;
        description "logical port id";
    }
    leaf name {
        type string;
        description "logical port name";
    }
}
```



```
}
container port-layer {
    description "layer information of the lport";

    container layer-1-info {
        description "layer 1 information of the lport";
        leaf location {
            type nt:tp-id;
            description "L1 tp id";
        }
    }
}
container layer-2-info {
    description "layer 2 information of the lport";
    leaf access-type {
        type ft:access-type;
        description "l2 access type";
    }
    leaf access-segment {
        type uint32;
        description "access segement";
    }
}
container layer-3-info {
    description "layer 3 information of the lport";
    leaf ip {
        type inet:ip-address;
        description "ip address";
    }
    leaf network {
        type inet:ip-prefix;
        description "ip prefix";
    }
    leaf mac {
        type yang:mac-address;
        description "mac address";
    }
    leaf forward-enable {
        type boolean;
        description "whether enable forward";
    }
    leaf logical-switch {
        type nw:node-id;
        description "lsw id";
    }
}
}

uses ft:acl-list;
```



```
    uses ft:port-functions;

    list underlayer-ports {
        key port-ref;
        description "list of the corresponding underlay ports";
        leaf port-ref {
            type instance-identifier;
            description "port reference";
        }
    }
}
}
}
}
<CODE ENDS>
```

<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-fabric-service@2017-08-30.yang"

```
module ietf-fabric-service {

    yang-version 1.1;
    namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-fabric-service";
    prefix fabric-services;

    import ietf-network { prefix nw; }
    import ietf-network-topology { prefix nt; }
    import ietf-fabric-service-types {prefix fst;}

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    "refer to fabric-service-type module instead of fabric-
type.";
  reference
    "draft-zhuang-i2rs-yang-fabric-service-04";
}

revision "2017-03-03" {
  description
    "remove rpc commands";
  reference
    "draft-zhuang-i2rs-yang-fabric-service-01";
}
revision "2016-10-12" {
  description
    "Initial revision of fabric service.";
  reference
    "draft-zhuang-i2rs-yang-fabric-service-00";
}

augment "/nw:networks/nw:network/nw:node" {
  description "Augmentation for logic switch nodes provided by
fabrics.";

  container lsw-attribute {
    description
      "attributes for logical switches";
    uses fst:logical-switch;
  }
}

augment "/nw:networks/nw:network/nw:node" {
  description "Augmentation for logical router nodes provided by fabric
services.";

  container lr-attribute {
```

description "attributes for logical routers";

```
        uses fst:logical-router;
    }
}

augment "/nw:networks/nw:network/nw:node/nt:termination-point" {
    description "Augmentation for logical port provided by fabric
services.";

    container lport-attribute {

        description "attributes for logical ports";
        uses fst:logical-port;
    }
}
}
```

<CODE ENDS>

<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-fabric-endpoint@2017-06-29.yang"
module ietf-fabric-endpoint {

```
    yang-version 1.1;
    namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-fabric-endpoint";
    prefix fabric-endpoints;

    import ietf-inet-types { prefix "inet"; revision-date "2013-07-15"; }
    import ietf-yang-types { prefix "yang"; revision-date "2013-07-15"; }
    import ietf-network { prefix nw; }
    import ietf-network-topology { prefix nt; }
    import ietf-fabric-types { prefix fabric-type; }
    import ietf-fabric-topology { prefix fabric; }
```

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    organization
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revision "2017-06-29" {
  description
    "compliant with NMDA";
  reference
    "draft-zhuang-i2rs-yang-fabric-service-03";
}

revision "2016-10-12" {
  description
    "Initial revision of faas.";
  reference
    "draft-zhuang-i2rs-yang-fabric-service-00";
}

grouping device-location {
  description "the location for this endpoints in the physical network.";

  leaf node-ref {
    type fabrictype:node-ref;
    description "node reference";
  }

  leaf tp-ref {
    type fabrictype:tp-ref;
    description "port reference";
  }

  leaf access-type {
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        type fabrictype:access-type;
        default "exclusive";
        description "access type";
    }

    leaf access-segment {
        type uint32;
        default 0;
        description "access segment";
    }
}

grouping endpoint-attributes {
    description "endpoint attributes";

    leaf endpoint-uuid {
        type yang:uuid;
        description "endpoint id";
    }

    leaf own-fabric {
        type fabric:fabric-id;
        description "fabric id";
    }

    leaf mac-address {
        type yang:mac-address;
        description "mac addr";
    }

    leaf ip-address {
        type inet:ip-address;
        description "ip addr";
    }

    leaf gateway {
        type inet:ip-address;
        description "gateway ip";
    }

    leaf public-ip {
        type inet:ip-address;
        description "public ip addr";
    }

    container location {
        description "physical location of the endpoint";
        uses device-location;
    }
}
```



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    }

    container logical-location {
        description "The location for this endpoint in the logical
network.";

        leaf node-id {
            type nw:node-id;
            description "node id";
        }

        leaf tp-id {
            type nt:tp-id;
            description "port id";
        }
    }
}

container endpoints {
    description "endpoints registry for faas.";

    list endpoint {
        key "endpoint-uuid";
        description "endpoint list";

        uses endpoint-attributes;
    }
}

/*****RPC*****/
rpc register-endpoint {
    description
        "Register a new endpoing into the registry.";

    input {
        leaf fabric-id {
            type fabric:fabric-id;
            description "fabric id";
        }

        uses endpoint-attributes;
    }
    output {
        leaf endpoint-id {
            type yang:uuid;
            description "endpoint id";
        }
    }
}

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```
rpc unregister-endpoint {
  description "Unregister an endpoint or endpoints from the registry.";
  input {
    leaf fabric-id {
      type fabric:fabric-id;
      description "fabric id";
    }

    leaf-list ids {
      type yang:uuid;
      description "a list of ids";
    }
  }
}

rpc locate-endpoint {
  description "Set the physical location of the endpoing.";
  input {
    leaf fabric-id {
      type fabric:fabric-id;
      description "fabric id";
    }

    leaf endpoint-id {
      type yang:uuid;
      description "endpoint id";
    }

    container location {
      description "locations";
      uses device-location;
    }
  }
}
}
<CODE ENDS>
```

[7.](#) Security Considerations

None.

[8.](#) IANA Considerations

None.

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