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Abstract

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## 1. Introduction

This document defines a YANG [RFC6020] data model for the configuration and identification of the management system of a device.

Devices which are managed by NETCONF and perhaps other mechanisms have common properties which need to be configured and monitored in a standard way.

The YANG module defined in this document provides the following features:

- o system administrative data configuration
- o system identification monitoring
- o system time-of-day configuration and monitoring
- o user authentication configuration
- o local users configuration

### 1.1. Terminology

The keywords "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].

#### 1.1.1. Terms

The following terms are used within this document:

- o system: This term refers to the embodiment of the entire set of management interfaces that a single NETCONF server is supporting at a given moment. The set of physical entities managed by a single NETCONF server can be static or it can change dynamically.

## 2. Objectives

### 2.1. System Identification

There are many common properties used to identify devices, operating systems, software versions, etc. that need to be supported in the system data module. These objects are defined as operational data and intended to be specific to the device vendor.

Some user-configurable administrative strings are also provided such as the system location and description.

### 2.2. System Time Management

The management of the date and time used by the system must be supported. Use of one or more NTP servers to automatically set the system date and time must be possible. Utilization of the Timezone database [I-D.lear-iana-timezone-database] must also be supported.

### 2.3. User Authentication

The authentication mechanism must support password authentication over RADIUS, to support deployment scenarios with centralized authentication servers. Additionally, local users must be supported, for scenarios when no centralized authentication server exists, or for situations where the centralized authentication server cannot be reached from the device.

Since the mandatory transport protocol for NETCONF is SSH [I-D.ietf-netconf-rfc4742bis] the authentication model must support SSH's "publickey" and "password" authentication methods [RFC4252].

The model for authentication configuration should be flexible enough to support authentication methods defined by other standard documents or by vendors.

### 3. System Data Model

[FIXME: this section currently just talks about authentication. Add description of the rest of the data model, like we do in snmp-cfg? Otherwise, rename this section to Authentication ...]

[FIXME: introduce a set of submodules to allow for future enhancements of the system data model?]

#### 3.1. User Authentication Model

This document defines three authentication methods for use with NETCONF:

- o publickey for local users over SSH
- o password for local users over any transport
- o password for RADIUS users over any transport

Additional methods may be defined by other standard documents or by vendors.

This document defines two optional YANG features, 'local-users' and 'radius', which the server advertises to indicate support for configuring local users on the device, and for configuring RADIUS access, respectively.

The authentication parameters defined in this document are primarily used to configure authentication of NETCONF users, but MAY also be used by other interfaces, e.g., a Command Line Interface or a Web-based User Interface.

#### 3.2. SSH Public Key Authentication

If the NETCONF server advertises the 'local-users' feature, configuration of local users and their SSH public keys is supported in the /system/authentication/user list.

Public key authentication is requested by the SSH client. The SSH server looks up the user name provided by the client in the /system/authentication/user list, and verifies the key as described in [RFC4253].

If the 'local-users' feature is supported, then when a NETCONF client starts an SSH session towards the server, using the "publickey" authentication 'method name' [RFC4252], the SSH server looks up the user name given in the SSH authentication request in the /system/

authentication/user list,

### 3.3. Local User Password Authentication

If the NETCONF server advertises the 'local-users' feature, configuration of local users and their passwords is supported in the /system/authentication/user list.

For NETCONF transport protocols that support password authentication, the leaf-list 'user-authentication-order' is used to control if local user password authentication should be used.

In SSH, password authentication is requested by the client. Other NETCONF transport protocols may also support password authentication.

When local user password authentication is requested, the NETCONF transport looks up the user name provided by the client in the /system/ authentication/user list, and verifies the password.

### 3.4. RADIUS Password Authentication

If the NETCONF server advertises the 'radius' feature, the device supports user authentication RADIUS.

For NETCONF transport protocols that support password authentication, the leaf-list 'user-authentication-order' is used to control if RADIUS password authentication should be used.

In SSH, password authentication is requested by the client. Other NETCONF transport protocols may also support password authentication.

#### 4. System YANG module

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

This YANG module imports YANG extensions from ... and references ...  
[Editor's Note: add proper references]

<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-system@2011-06-02.yang"

```
module ietf-system {
  namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-system";
  prefix "sys";

  import ietf-inet-types {
    prefix inet;
  }

  import ietf-netconf-acm {
    prefix nacm;
  }

  import ietf-yang-types {
    prefix yang;
  }

  organization
    "IETF NETMOD (NETCONF Data Modeling Language) Working Group";

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

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    Editor:    Martin Bjorklund
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  description
    "This module contains a collection of YANG definitions for the
    configuration and identification of the management system of a
```

device.

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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.: replace XXXX with actual RFC number and remove this
// note.

// RFC Ed.: update the date below with the date of RFC publication
// and remove this note.
revision 2011-06-02 {
  description
    "Initial revision.";
  reference
    "RFC XXXX: A YANG Data Model for System Management";
}

/*
 * Typedefs
 */

typedef crypt-hash {
  type string {
    pattern "$0$.* | $1|5|6$[a-zA-Z0-9./]{2,16}$.*";
  }
  description
    "The crypt-hash type is used to store passwords using
    a hash function. This type is implemented in various UNIX
    systems as the function crypt(3).

    When a clear text value is set to a leaf of this type, the
    server calculates a password hash, and stores the result
    in the datastore. Thus, the password is never stored in
    clear text.

    When a leaf of this type is read, the stored password hash is
    returned."
```



A value of this type matches one of the forms:

```
$0$<clear text password>
$<id>$<salt>$<password hash>
```

The '\$0\$' prefix signals that the value is clear text. When such a value is received by the server, a hash value is calculated, and the string '\$<id>\$<salt>\$' is prepended to the result, where <salt> is a random 2-16 characters long salt used to generate the digest. This value is stored in the configuration data store.

If a value starting with '\$<id>\$<salt>\$' is received, the server knows that the value already represents a hashed value, and stores it as is in the data store.

When a server needs to verify a password given by a user, it finds the stored password hash string for that user, extracts the salt, and calculates the hash with the salt and given password as input. If the calculated hash value is the same as the stored value, the password given by the client is correct.

This type defines the following hash functions:

id	hash function	feature
1	MD5	crypt-hash-md5
5	SHA-256	crypt-hash-sha-256
6	SHA-512	crypt-hash-sha-512

The server indicates support for the different hash functions by advertising the corresponding feature."

reference

"Wikipedia: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crypt\\_\(Unix\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crypt_(Unix))

RFC 1321: The MD5 Message-Digest Algorithm

FIPS.180-3.2008: Secure Hash Standard";

}

/\*

\* Features

\*/

feature authentication {

description

"Indicates that the device can be configured  
to do authentication of users.";

}

```
feature radius {
  if-feature authentication;
  description
    "Indicates that the device can be
     configured to act as a NAS and authenticate users
     with RADIUS.";
  reference
    "RFC 2865: Remote Authentication Dial In User Service (RADIUS)
     RFC 5607: Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service (RADIUS)
     Authorization for Network Access Server (NAS)
     Management";
}

feature local-users {
  if-feature authentication;
  description
    "Indicates that the device supports
     local user authentication.";
}

feature crypt-hash-md5 {
  description
    "Indicates that the device supports the MD5
     hash function in 'crypt-hash' values";
  reference "RFC 1321: The MD5 Message-Digest Algorithm";
}

feature crypt-hash-sha-256 {
  description
    "Indicates that the device supports the SHA-256
     hash function in 'crypt-hash' values";
  reference "FIPS.180-3.2008: Secure Hash Standard";
}

feature crypt-hash-sha-512 {
  description
    "Indicates that the device supports the SHA-512
     hash function in 'crypt-hash' values";
  reference "FIPS.180-3.2008: Secure Hash Standard";
}

feature ntp {
  description
    "Indicates that the device can be configured
     to use one or more NTP servers to set the
     system date and time.";
}
```

```
feature tz-database {
  description
    "Indicates that the local timezone on the device
     can be configured to use the TZ database
     to set the timezone and manage daylight savings time.";
  reference
    "TZ Database  http://www.twinsun.com/tz/tz-link.htm
     Maintaining the Timezone Database
     http://www.ietf.org/id/draft-lear-iana-timezone-database-04.txt
    ";
}

feature tz-enumeration {
  description
    "Indicates that the local timezone on the device
     can be configured using the timezone enumeration
     strings as an alias for an UTC offset.";
  reference
    "Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/
    + "List_of_time_zone_abbreviations";
}

/*
 * Identities
 */

identity authentication-method {
  description
    "Base identity for user authentication methods.";
}

identity radius {
  base authentication-method;
  description
    "Indicates user authentication using RADIUS.";
  reference
    "RFC 2865: Remote Authentication Dial In User Service (RADIUS)
     RFC 5607: Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service (RADIUS)
     Authorization for Network Access Server (NAS)
     Management";
}

identity local-users {
  base authentication-method;
  description
    "Indicates password-based authentication of locally
     configured users.";
}
```

```
/*
 * Top-level container
 */

container system {
  description
    "System group configuration.";

  leaf contact {
    type string {
      length "0..255";
    }
    default "";
    reference
      "RFC 3418 - Management Information Base (MIB) for the
       Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)
       SNMPv2-MIB.sysContact";
  }

  leaf name {
    type string {
      length "0..255";
    }
    default "";
    reference
      "RFC 3418 - Management Information Base (MIB) for the
       Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)
       SNMPv2-MIB.sysName";
  }

  leaf location {
    type string {
      length "0..255";
    }
    default "";
    reference
      "RFC 3418 - Management Information Base (MIB) for the
       Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)
       SNMPv2-MIB.sysLocation";
  }

  container platform {
    description
      "Contains vendor-specific information for
       identifying the system platform and operating system.";
    reference
      "GNU coreutils homepage:
       http://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils

```

```
Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uname";

config false;

leaf os-name {
  type string;
  description
    "The name of the operating system in use,
    for example 'Linux'";
  reference
    "uname --kernel-name";
}

leaf os-release {
  type string;
  description
    "The current release level of the operating
    system in use. This string MAY indicate
    the OS source code revision.";
  reference
    "uname --kernel-release";
}

leaf os-version {
  type string;
  description
    "The current version level of the operating
    system in use. This string MAY indicate
    the specific OS build date and target variant
    information.";
  reference
    "uname --kernel-version";
}

leaf machine {
  type string;
  description
    "A vendor-specific identifier string representing
    the hardware in use.";
  reference
    "uname --machine";
}

leaf nodename {
  type string;
  description
    "The host name of this system.";
  reference
```

```
        "uname --nodename";
    }
}

container clock {
    description
        "Configuration and monitoring of the system
        date and time properties.";

    leaf current-datetime {
        description
            "The current system date and time.";
        type yang:date-and-time;
        config false;
    }

    leaf boot-datetime {
        description
            "The system date and time when the NETCONF
            server last restarted.";
        type yang:date-and-time;
        config false;
    }
}

choice timezone-info {
    description
        "Configure the system timezone information.";

    leaf tz-database-id {
        if-feature tz-database;
        description
            "The TZ database location identifier string
            to use for the system, such as 'Europe/Stockholm'.";
        type string;
    }

    leaf tz-enumeration-id {
        if-feature tz-enumeration;
        description
            "The timezone enumeration string to use
            for the system, such as 'CET'.";
        type string;
        // FIXME: use TimezoneEnum typedef instead
        // see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/
        // List_of_time_zone_abbreviations
    }

    leaf utc-offset {
```

```
        description
            "The number of minutes to add to UTC time to
            identify the timezone for this system.
            For example, 'UTC - 8:00 hours' would be
            represented as '-480'.";
        type int16 {
            range "-1439 .. 1439";
        }
    }
}

container ntp {
    if-feature ntp;

    description
        "Configuration of the NTP client.";

    leaf use-ntp {
        description
            "Indicates that the system should attempt
            to synchronize the system clock with an
            NTP server from the 'ntp-server' list.";
        type boolean;
        default true;
    }

    list ntp-server {
        description
            "List of NTP servers to use for
            system clock synchronization.  If 'use-ntp'
            is 'true', then the system will attempt to
            contact and utilize the specified NTP servers.";

        key address;

        leaf address {
            description
                "The IP address or domain name of the NTP server.";
            type inet:host;
        }

        // TBD: add more parameters here
        // and/or vendors can add parameters via augment
    }
}

container dns {
```

```
description
  "Configuration of the DNS resolver.

  The 'domain' keyword of /etc/resolv.conf is not supported,
  since it is equivalent to 'search' with a single domain.";

  leaf-list search {
    type inet:host;
    ordered-by user;
  }
  leaf-list server {
    type inet:ip-address;
    ordered-by user;
    description
      "Addresses of the name servers that the resolver should
      query.

      Implementations MAY limit the number of entries in this
      leaf list.";
  }
  container options {
    description
      "Resolver options. The set of available options has been
      limited to those that are generally available across
      different resolver implementations, and generally useful.";
    leaf ndots {
      type uint8;
      default "1";
    }
    leaf timeout {
      type uint8;
      units "seconds";
      default "5";
    }
    leaf attempts {
      type uint8;
      default "2";
    }
  }
}

container authentication {
  nacm:secure;
  if-feature authentication;

  description
    "The authentication configuration subtree.";
```



```
leaf-list user-authentication-order {
  type identityref {
    base authentication-method;
  }
  must '(. = "sys:radius" and ../radius/server) or'
    + '(. != "sys:radius")' {
    error-message
      "When 'radius' is used, a radius server
      must be configured.";
  }
  ordered-by user;

  description
    "When the device authenticates a user with
    a password, it tries the authentication methods in this
    leaf-list in order.  If authentication with one method
    fails, the next method is used.  If no method succeeds,
    the user is denied access.

    If the 'radius' feature is advertised by the NETCONF
    server, the 'radius' identity can be added to this
    list.

    If the 'local-users' feature is advertised by the
    NETCONF server, the 'local-users' identity can be
    added to this list.";
}

container radius {
  if-feature radius;

  description
    "The RADIUS configuration for authentication.";

  list server {
    key address;
    ordered-by user;

    description
      "The RADIUS server configuration used by
      the device.";

    leaf address {
      type inet:host;
      description
        "The address of the RADIUS server.";
    }
    leaf port {
```

```
        type inet:port-number;
        default "1812";
        description
            "The port number of the RADIUS server.";
    }
    leaf shared-secret {
        type string;
        nacm:very-secure;
        description
            "The shared secret which is known to both the RADIUS
            client and server.";
        reference
            "RFC 2865: Remote Authentication Dial In User Service";
    }
}
container options {
    description
        "RADIUS client options.";

    leaf timeout {
        type uint8;
        units "seconds";
        default "5";
        description
            "The number of seconds the device will wait for a
            response from a RADIUS server before trying with a
            different server.";
    }
    leaf attempts {
        type uint8;
        default "2";
        description
            "The number of times the device will send a query to
            the RADIUS servers before giving up.";
    }
}
}

list user {
    if-feature local-users;
    key name;

    description
        "The list of local users configured on this device.";

    leaf name {
        type string;
        description
```

```
        "The user name string identifying this entry.";
    }
    leaf password {
        type crypt-hash;
        description
            "The password for this entry.";
    }
    leaf ssh-dsa {
        type binary;
        description
            "The public DSA key for this entry.";
    }
    leaf ssh-rsa {
        type binary;
        description
            "The public RSA key for this entry.";
    }
}
}
}

rpc set-current-datetime {
    nacm:secure;
    description
        "Manually set the /system/clock/current-datetime leaf
        to the specified value.

        If the /system/ntp/ntp-in-use leaf exists and
        is set to 'true', then this operation will
        fail with error-tag 'operation-failed',
        and error-app-tag value of 'ntp-active'";
    input {
        leaf current-datetime {
            description
                "The current system date and time.";
            type yang:date-and-time;
            mandatory true;
        }
    }
}
}
```

<CODE ENDS>

## 5. IANA Considerations

This document registers a URI in the IETF XML registry [RFC3688]. Following the format in RFC 3688, the following registration is requested to be made.

URI: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-system

Registrant Contact: The NETMOD WG of the IETF.

XML: N/A, the requested URI is an XML namespace.

This document registers a YANG module in the YANG Module Names registry [RFC6020].

name:	ietf-system
namespace:	urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-system
prefix:	sys
reference:	RFC XXXX

## 6. Security Considerations

TBD.

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