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Abstract

This document defines an architecture for standardization of interfaces, protocols, and information models related to security automation and continuous monitoring. It describes the basic architecture, components, and interfaces defined to enable the collection, acquisition, and verification of Posture and Posture Assessments.

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## 1. Introduction

Several data models and protocols (including - but not limited to - NEA, TCG TNC, SCAP, SWIDs, XMPP, etc.) are in use today that allow different applications to perform the collection, acquisition, and assessment of posture. These applications can vary from being focused on general system and security management to specialized configuration, compliance, and control systems. With an existing varied set of applications, there is a strong desire to standardize data models, protocols, and interfaces to better allow for the automation of such data processes.

This document addresses general and architectural requirements defined in [I-D.ietf-sacm-requirements]. The architecture described enables standardized collection, acquisition, and verification of Posture and Posture Assessments. This architecture includes the components and interfaces that can be used to better identify the Information Model and type(s) of transport protocols needed for communication.

This document uses terminology defined in [I-D.ietf-sacm-terminology].

### 1.1. Requirements Language

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 RFC 2119 [RFC2119].

When the words appear in lower case, their natural language meaning is used.

## 2. Problem Statement

Securing information and the systems that store, process, and transmit that information is a challenging task for organizations of all sizes, and many security practitioners spend much of their time on manual processes. Administrators can't get technology from disparate sources to work together; they need information to make decisions, but the information is not available. Everyone is collecting the same data, but storing it as different information. Administrators therefore need to collect data and craft their own information, which may not be accurate or interoperable because it's customized by each administrator, not shared.

Security automation and continuous monitoring require a large and broad set of mission and business processes; to make the most effective use of technology, the same data must support multiple processes. The need for complex characterization and assessment necessitates components and functions that interoperate and can build off each other to enable far-ranging and/or deep-diving analysis. SACM is standardizing an information model, data models, operations, and transports that will allow for administrators to share with others and to use data from others interoperably.

## 3. Architectural Overview

At a high level, the SACM architecture describes "Where" and "How" information and assessment of posture may be collected, processed (e.g. normalization, translation, aggregation, etc.), assessed,

exchanged, and/or stored. This section provides an architectural overview of

- o the basic architectural building blocks, which - in combination - constitute SACM components (the entities, the "where"), and
- o the relationships and interaction between these building blocks on the data plane and control plane (communications and flows between entities, the "how").

The SACM architecture provides the basic means to describe and compose SACM components. Components enable the basic functionality in SACM, such as Endpoint Attribute Collection or Target Endpoint Posture Assessment.

The role(s) a component plays in the SACM architecture are determined by the function(s) that component instantiates. Three main component roles are defined: a Consumer (Cs), a Provider (Pr), and a Controller (Cr) used to facilitate some of the security functions such as authentication and authorization and other metadata functions. See Section 3.1 for details on roles.

In SACM, components are composed of functions, the modular building blocks in the SACM architecture. The SACM architecture defines the purpose of these functions. Attributes and operations used by component functions are described in other SACM documents. See Section 5 for details on component functions.

Functions use SACM interfaces for communications between components. Interfaces handle management and control functions (such as authentication, authorization, registration, and discovery), and enable SACM components to share information (via publication, query, and subscription). Three primary interfaces are defined: an interface for management and control (A), an interface for data communication between the controller and providers or consumers (B), and an interface for data communication directly between a provider and a consumer (C). See Section 4 for details on interfaces.

Figure 1 illustrates the relationships between component roles and interfaces:

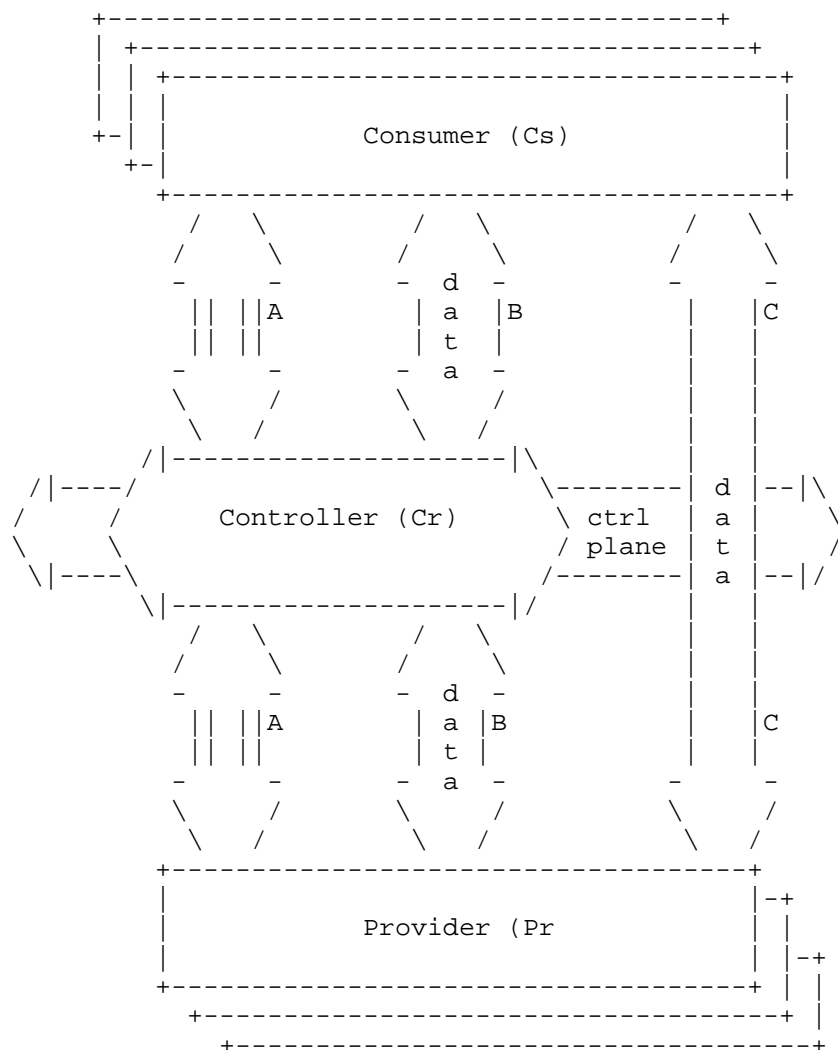


Figure 1: Simple Architectural Model

### 3.1. Component Roles

An endpoint, as defined in [I-D.ietf-sacm-terminology], can operate in two primary ways: as the target of an assessment, and/or as a functional component of the SACM architecture that can instantiate one or more functions (see Section 5). In the SACM architecture,

individual endpoints may be a target endpoint, a component, or both simultaneously. An endpoint acting as a component may perform one or more roles. Components can take on the role(s) of Provider, Consumer, and/or Controller.

#### 3.1.1. Provider

The Provider (Pr) is the component that contributes Posture Assessment Information and/or Guidance either spontaneously or in response to a request. A Provider can be a Posture Evaluator, Posture Collector, Data Store (see Section 3.1.3), or an application that has aggregated Posture Assessment Information that can be shared.

The Provider implements the capabilities and functions that must be handled to share or provide Posture Assessment information.

One means by which a Provider shares information, is in response to a direct request from a Consumer.

A Provider may also share information spontaneously. Use cases such as the change in a posture state require that a Provider be able to provide such changes or updates especially to Consumers such as Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) systems; similarly, SIEM applications that are providing live information require any such updates or changes to posture information to be provided spontaneously. Authorization for the enabling for these unsolicited messages happens through the Controller at the time that both Provider and Consumers request authorization for (spontaneous) messages.

The information provided, may be filtered or truncated to provide a subset of the requested information to honor the request. This truncation may be performed based on the Consumer's request and/or the Provider's ability to filter. The latter case may be due to security considerations (e.g. authorization restrictions due to domain segregation, privacy, etc.).

The Provider may only be able to share the Posture Assessment Information using a specific data model and protocol. It may use a standard data model and/or protocol, a non-standard data model and/or protocol, or any combination of standard and non-standard data models and protocols. However, it must support either one or more standard data models, or one or more standard protocols. It may also choose to advertise its capabilities through a metadata abstraction within the data model itself, or through the use of the registration function of the Controller (see Section 3.1.4).

The Provider must be authorized to provide the Posture Assessment Information for specific consumers.

### 3.1.2. Consumer

The Consumer (Cs) is the component that requests or accepts Posture Assessment Information and/or Guidance. A Consumer can be a Posture Evaluator, Report Generator, Data Store (see Section 5.2), or an application that consumes Posture Assessment Information in order to perform another function.

As described in Section 2.2 of the SACM Use Cases [I-D.ietf-sacm-use-cases], several usage scenarios are posed with different application types requesting posture assessment information. Whether it is a configuration verification system; a checklist verification system; or a system for detecting posture deviations, compliance or vulnerabilities, they all need to acquire information about Posture Assessment. The architectural component performing such requests is a Consumer.

The Consumer implements the capabilities and functions that must be handled in order to enable a Posture Assessment Information Request. Requests can be either for a single posture attribute or a set of posture attributes; those attributes can be the raw information, or an evaluation result based upon that information. The Consumer may further choose to query for the information directly (one-time query), or to request for updates to be provided as the Posture Assessment Information changes (subscription). A request could be made directly to an explicitly identified Provider, but a Consumer may also desire to obtain the information without having to know the available Providers.

There may be instances where a Consumer may be requesting information from various Providers and, due to its policy or application requirements, may need to be better informed of the Providers and their capabilities. In those use cases, a Consumer may also request to discover the respective capabilities of those Providers using the discovery function of the Controller (see Section 3.1.4) or may request metadata reflecting the capabilities of the Providers.

The Controller (described below) must authorize a Consumer to acquire the information it is requesting. The Consumer may also be subject to limits or constraints on the numbers, types, sizes, and rate of requests.

### 3.1.3. Types of Providers and Consumers

SACM Providers and Consumers can perform a variety of SACM-related tasks. For example, a Collector can perform Collection tasks; an Evaluator can perform Evaluation tasks. A single Provider or Consumer may be able to perform only one task, or multiple tasks. SACM defines the following types of Providers/Consumers:

#### 3.1.3.1. Collector

A collector consumes Guidance and/or other Posture Assessment Information; it provides Posture Assessment Information. Collectors may be internal or external. As a SACM component, a Collector may be a Consumer as it may consume guidance information and may also be a Provider as it may publish the collected information.

##### 3.1.3.1.1. Internal Collector

An internal collector is a collector that runs on the endpoint and collects posture information locally.

##### 3.1.3.1.2. External Collector

An external collector is a collector that observes endpoints from outside. These collectors may be configured and operated to manage assets for reasons including, but not limited to, posture assessment. Collectors that are not primarily intended to support posture assessment (e.g. intrusion detection systems) may still provide information that speaks to endpoint posture (e.g. behavioral information).

Examples:

- o A RADIUS server, which collects information about which endpoints have logged onto the network
- o A network profiling system, which collects information by discovering and classifying network nodes
- o A Network Intrusion Detection System (NIDS) sensor, which collects information about endpoint behavior by observing network traffic
- o A vulnerability scanner, which collects information about endpoint configuration by scanning endpoints
- o A hypervisor, which collects information about endpoints running as virtual guests in its host environment



- o A management system that configures and installs software on the endpoint, which collects information based on its provisioning activities

#### 3.1.3.1.3. Collector Interactions With Target Endpoints

TODO - examples of endpoint interactions with local internal collector (e.g. NEA client), endpoint with remote internal collector (SNMP query), and external collector (sensor)

#### 3.1.3.2. Evaluator

An evaluator consumes Posture Assessment Information, Evaluation Results, and/or Guidance; it provides Evaluation Results. An evaluator may consume endpoint attribute assertions, previous evaluations of posture attributes, or previous reports of Evaluation Results.

TODO: update the terminology doc to reflect this definition

Example: a NEA posture validator [RFC5209]

#### 3.1.3.3. Report Generator

A report generator consumes Posture Assessment Information, Evaluation Results, and/or Guidance; it provides reports. These reports are based on:

- o Endpoint Attribute Assertions, including Evaluation Results
- o Other Reports (e.g., a weekly report may be created from daily reports)

It may summarize data continually, as the data arrives. It also may summarize data in response to an ad hoc query.

#### 3.1.3.4. Data Store

A data store consumes any data; it provides any data.

#### 3.1.4. Controller

The Controller (Cr or Controller) is a component defined to facilitate the overall SACM management and control system functions. This component is responsible for handling the secure communications establishment (such as the authentication and authorization) between Providers and Consumers. In addition, the Controller may also handle how the data may be routed. While the architecture defines the

Controller as a single component, implementations may implement this to suit the different deployment and scaling requirements. In particular, for the data handling, SACM defines three types of Controller:

Broker: Intermediary negotiating connection between Provider and Consumer. Implements only control plane functions. A Controller acting as a Broker:

- \* Receives a request for information from a Consumer and instructs the Consumer where and how retrieve the requested information.
- \* Receives a publication request from a Provider and instructs the Provider where and how to deliver the published information.
- \* The information itself is neither distributed nor stored by the Controller.

Proxy: Intermediary negotiating on behalf of a Consumer or Provider. Implements both control and data plane functions. A Controller acting as a Proxy:

- \* Receives a request for information from a Consumer, retrieves the information from the appropriate Providers, and provides the information to the Consumer.
- \* Receives a publication request from a Provider, accepts the published information, and distributes it to appropriate consumers.
- \* The information itself is distributed by, but not stored by, the Controller.

Repository: Intermediary receiving and storing data from a Provider, and providing stored data to a Consumer. Implements both control and data plane functions. A Controller acting as a Repository:

- \* Receives a request for information from a Consumer, retrieves the information from its data stores, and provides the information to the Consumer.
- \* Receives a publication request from a provider, stores the published information, and distributes it to appropriate Consumers.
- \* The information itself is both handled by and stored by the Controller.

A single instantiation of a Controller may be a Broker, Proxy, or Repository, or any combination thereof.

Through the use of a discovery mechanism, Consumers can have visibility into the Providers present, the type(s) of Posture Assessment Information available, and how it can be requested. Similarly, a Provider may need to publish what Posture Assessment Information it can share and how it can share it (e.g. protocol, filtering capabilities, etc.). Enabling this visibility through a Controller or through metadata publication also allows for the distinct definition of security considerations (e.g. authorized registration / publication of capabilities by Providers) beyond how a Provider may define its own capability.

Beyond the control and management functions for the SACM system, a Controller may also provide proxy or broker or repository (and possibly routing) services in the data plane. In the deployment scenario where Providers do not assert the need to know their Consumers and/or vice versa, the Controller can thus provide the appropriate services to ensure the Posture Assessment Information is appropriately communicated from the Providers to the authorized Consumers.

The Controller, acting as a management control plane, helps define how to manage an overall SACM system that allows for Consumers to obtain the desired Posture Assessment Information without the need to distinctly know and establish one (Consumer) to many (Provider) connections. Similarly, a Provider may not need to distinctly know and establish one (Provider) to many (Consumer) connections; e.g. the Controller enables the means to allow a SACM system to support many to many connections. Note that the Controller also allows for the direct discovery and connection between a Consumer and Provider.

As a SACM component, the Controller may be instantiated within a system or device acting as a Provider or a Consumer (or both), or as its own distinct Controller entity. In a rich SACM environment, it is feasible to instantiate a Controller that provides both the management (and control) functions for SACM as well as providing the data plane services for the actual data, e.g. Posture Assessment Information flow. Note that Controllers may be implemented to only provide control plane functions (broker), or both control plane functions and data plane services (proxy or repository).

#### 4. Interfaces between Consumers, Providers, and Controllers

A SACM interface is a transport carrying operations (e.g. publication via a RESTful API). As shown in Figure 1, communication can proceed with the following interfaces and expected functions and behaviors:

A: interface "A" shown in Figure 1 handles the management and control functions that are needed to establish, at minimum, a secure communication between Consumers and Providers. The interface must also handle the functions to allow for the discovery and registration of the Providers as well as the ways in which Posture Assessment Information can be provided (or requested).

B: interface "B" shown in Figure 1 enables Providers to share their Posture Assessment Information spontaneously; similarly, it enables Consumers to request information without having to know the identities (or reachability) of all the Providers that can fulfill Consumers' requests.

C: interface "C" shown in Figure 1 illustrates the ability and desire for Consumers and Providers to be able to communicate directly when a Provider is sharing Posture Assessment Information directly to a Consumer. The interface allows for the different data models and protocols to be used between a Consumer and a Provider with the expectation that the appropriate authentication and authorization mechanisms have been employed to establish a secure communication link between the Consumer and the Provider. Typically, it is expected that the secure link establishment occurs as a management or control function through the abstracted Controller role (e.g. the Controller could be a broker or could be embedded in a Consumer or a Provider).

A variety of protocols, such as SNMP, NETCONF, NEA protocols [RFC5209], and other similar interfaces, may be used for collection of data from the target endpoints by the Posture Information Provider. Those interfaces are outside the scope of SACM.

## 5. Component Functions

SACM components are composed of a variety of functions, which may be instantiated on a single endpoint or on separate standalone endpoints providing various roles. An endpoint **MUST** implement one or more of these functions to be considered a SACM component. A SACM solution offers a set of functions across a set of SACM components.

The functions described here are the minimum set that is mandatory to implement in a SACM solution. A SACM solution **MAY** implement additional functions.

### 5.1. Control Plane Functions

Control plane functions represent various services offered by the Controller to the Providers and Consumers to facilitate sharing of

information. Control plane functions include, but are not limited to:

Authentication: The authentication of Consumers and Providers independent of the actual information-sharing communication channel. While authentication between peers (e.g. a Consumer and a Provider) can be achieved directly through peer to peer authentication (using TLS for instance), there are use cases where:

- \* Consumers may request information independent of knowing the identities of the Providers.
- \* Providers may want to share the information without prior solicitation.

To address the above use cases, the architecture must account for an abstraction where a Controller may be defined to effect the authentication of the Consumers and Providers independent of the actual information-sharing communication channel. Consumers and Providers that consume or publish information without requiring knowledge of the Providers and Consumers respectively would function in a SACM system where the Controller is a distinct entity. As a distinct SACM component, the Controller would authenticate Providers and Consumers.

Authorization: The restriction of Posture Assessment Information sharing between the Consumers and Providers. At minimum, a management function must define the necessary policies to control what Providers can publish and Consumers to accept. The Controller is the authority for the type of Posture Information that a Provider can publish and a Consumer can accept. If a Controller is a Broker, then it may only grant authorization to the capabilities requested by the Provider or Consumer. When acting as a Proxy, as part of its authorization, the Controller may further obscure or block information being shared by a Provider as it distributes it to a Consumer. Similarly, a Repository may block information as received by the Provider and pass to the Consumer and to its storage the resulting authorized information. A Provider may also enforce its own authorization based upon its connection to a Controller; though, in the case where an application includes both the Provider and Controller roles, it can choose to implement all authorization on the Controller. Similarly, a Consumer may enforce its own authorization of what data it can receive based on the Controller (or Provider) it is communicating with; in the case where an application includes both the Consumer and Controller roles, it can choose to implement all the authorization on the Controller.

Identity Management: Since Identity Management for authentication and authorization policies is best performed via a centralized component, the Controller also facilitates this function.

The Controller needs to be able to identify the endpoints participating as SACM components and the roles that they play. Similar to how access control may be effected via Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting Systems (e.g. AAA services), the same principle is defined; as AAA services depend on Identity Management services, the Controller will need a similar function and interface to Identity Management services. Note that implementations of this function is abstractly centralized, but to address scalability and the need to manage different resources (e.g. users, processes and devices) a distributed system that is centrally coordinated may be used.

Registration/Discovery: A SACM ecosystem needs to provide the ability for devices to discover Providers, Consumers, Controllers and their respective capabilities. For a Consumer to be able to obtain the information of interest must either configure itself to know what Providers to communicate with directly (and their known capabilities, such as the supported data model and information provided) or can dynamically discover the information that is available. Similarly, Providers may need to either be configured to know who to publish the information to, or can dynamically discover its Consumers.

In the case where there is a Controller, the capabilities of the Controller must also be advertised so that Providers and Consumers may know how the data is being handled as well (e.g. if acting as a Broker or Repository). The Controller also provides the function of registering the Providers and Consumers; the registration function enables the Controller to also affect the authorization afforded to the Provider or Consumer.

## 5.2. Data Plane Functions

There are three basic functions to facilitate data flow:

Subscription: A Consumer that wants to receive information from a specific Provider or from the Controller advertising the availability of specific information (that may come from more than one Provider) will effectively subscribe to receive the information spontaneously and continuously as new information as subscribed to becomes available.

Publication A Provider being registered through the Controller to provide specific information, may publish the information either

directly to the Consumers or to the Controller that is acting as the broker or respository.

Query/Response A Consumer may contact the Provider directly and request the information through a query operation; and in response, the Provider would send the information directly to the Consumer.

## 6. Component Capabilities

TODO: add a discussion of "capability" as being able to talk a specific data model, data operations, or SACM transport

TODO: data plane capabilities / control plane capabilities can be discovered via querying the controller

## 7. Example Illustration of Functions and Workflow

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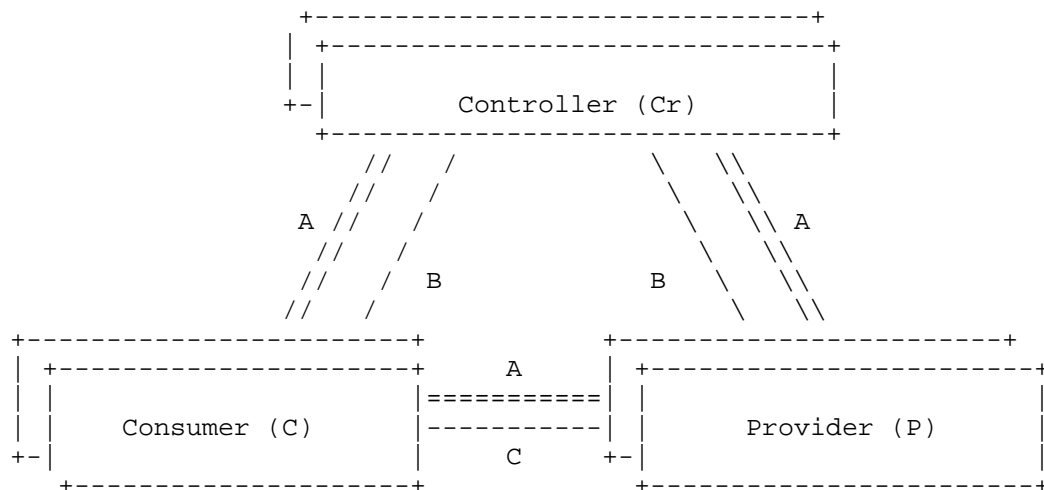


Figure 2: Communications Model

SACM's focus is on the automation of collection, verification and update of system security configurations pertaining to endpoint assessment. In order to carry out these tasks, the architectural components shown in Figure 1 can be further refined as:

**Providers:** a Provider may be dedicated to perform either the collection, aggregation or evaluation of one or more posture attributes whose results can be conveyed to a Consumer. In this example form of the SACM architecture model, these are shown as Collection, Evaluation, and Results Providers. Note that there may be posture attributes or posture assessment information that articulates Guidance information which may or may not be present in the architecture.

**Consumers:** a Consumer may request or receive one or more posture attributes or posture assessment information from a Provider for their own use. In this example form of the SACM architecture model, these are shown as Collection, Evaluation, and Results Consumers. Note that there may be posture attributes or posture assessment information articulating Guidance information which may or may not be present in the architecture to be provided or consumed.

**Data Stores:** a Data Store is both a Provider and a Consumer, storing one or more posture attributes or assessments for endpoints. It should be understood that these repositories interface directly to a Provider or Consumer (and Guidance) but the interfaces used to interact between them is outside the scope of SACM (e.g. no interface arrows are shown in the architecture).

Figure 3 illustrates an example flow for how Posture Assessment Information may flow.



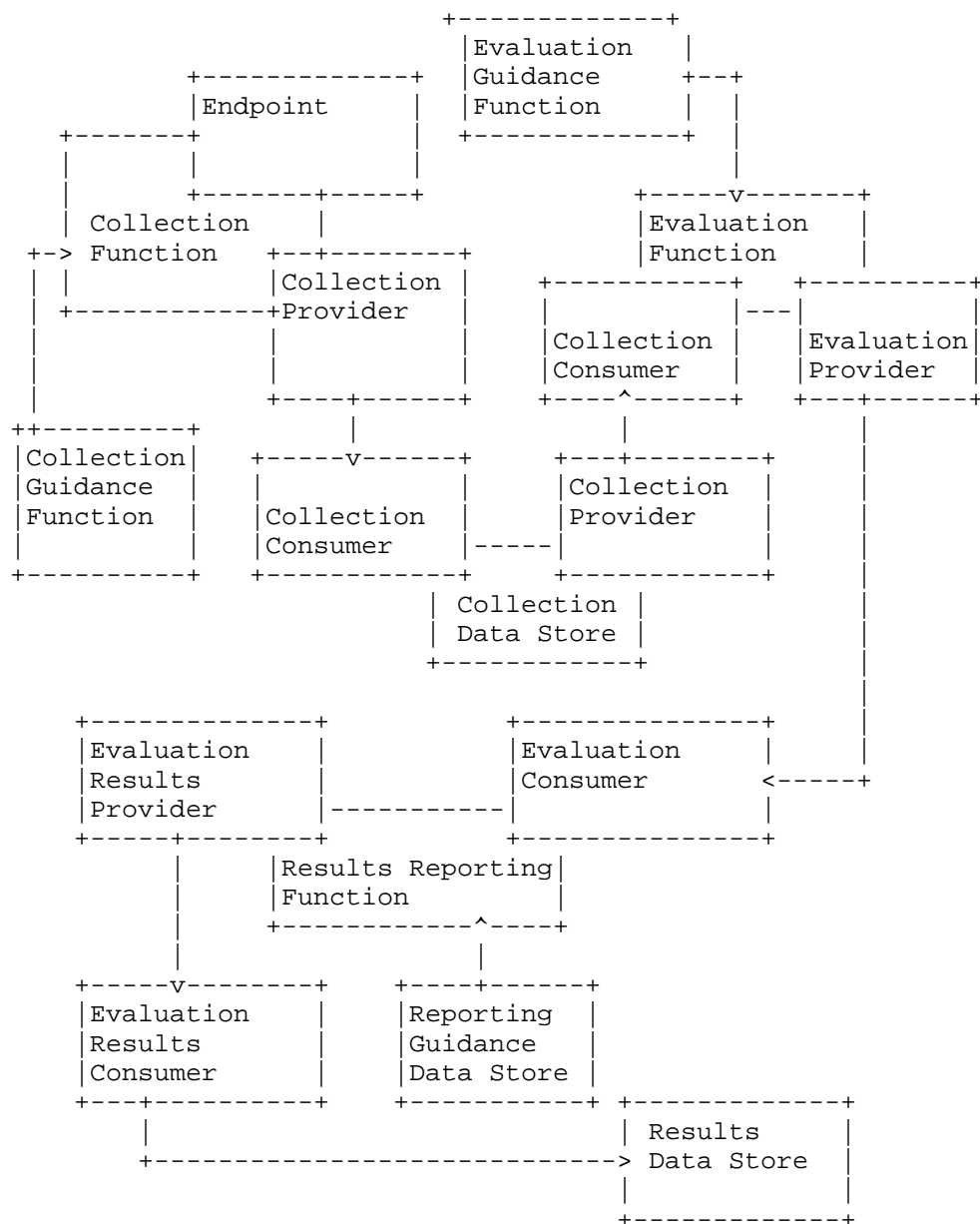


Figure 3: Example Posture Information Flow

TODO - add example of / more content around interactions with endpoint, possible communications patterns

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## 9. IANA Considerations

This memo includes no request to IANA.

## 10. Security Considerations

The SACM architecture defines three main components that interface with each other both for management and control (in the control plane) and for the sharing of Posture Assessment Information. Considerations for transitivity of trust between a Provider and Consumer can be made if there is a well understood trust between the Provider and the Controller and between the Consumer and Controller. The trust must include strong mutual authentication, at minimum, between the Provider and Controller and between the Consumer and Controller.

To address potential Man-in-the-Middle (MitM) attacks, it is also strongly recommended that the communications be secured to include replay protection and message integrity (e.g. transport integrity and if required, data integrity). Similarly, to avoid potential message disclosure (e.g. where privacy may be needed), confidentiality should also be provided.

As the Controller provides the security functions for the SACM system, the Controller should provide strong authorizations based on either or both business and regulatory policies to ensure that only authorized Consumers and obtaining Posture Assessment Information from authorized Providers. It is presumed that once authenticated and authorized, the Provider, Controller or Consumer is deemed trustworthy; though note that it is possible that the modules or devices hosting the SACM components may be compromised as well (e.g. due to malware or tampering); however, addressing that level of trustworthiness is out of scope for SACM.

As the data models defined through the interfaces are transport agnostic, the Posture Assessment Information data in the interfaces may leverage the transport security properties as the interfaces are transported between the Provider, Consumer and Controller. However,

there may be other devices, modules or components in the path between the Provider, Consumer and Controller that may observe the interfaces flowing through them.

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Abstract

This document defines the Information Elements that are transported between SACM components and their interconnected relationships. The primary purpose of the Secure Automation and Continuous Monitoring (SACM) Information Model is to ensure the interoperability of corresponding SACM data models and addresses the use cases defined by SACM. The Information Elements and corresponding types are maintained as the IANA "SACM Information Elements" registry.

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## 1. Introduction

The SACM Information Model (IM) serves multiple purposes:

- o to ensure interoperability between SACM data models that are used as transport encodings,
- o to provide a standardized set of Information Elements - the SACM Vocabulary - to enable the exchange of content vital to automated security posture assessment, and
- o to enable secure information sharing in a scalable and extensible fashion in order to support the tasks conducted by SACM components.

A complete set of requirements imposed on the IM can be found in [I-D.ietf-sacm-requirements]. The SACM IM is intended to be used for standardized data exchange between SACM components (data in motion). Nevertheless, the Information Elements (IE) and their relationships defined in this document can be leveraged to create and align corresponding data models for data at rest.

The information model expresses, for example, target endpoint (TE) attributes, guidance, and evaluation results. The corresponding Information Elements are consumed and produced by SACM components as they carry out tasks.

The primary tasks that this information model supports (on data, control, and management plane) are:

- o TE Discovery
- o TE Characterization
- o TE Classification



- o Collection
- o Evaluation
- o Information Sharing
- o SACM Component Discovery
- o SACM Component Authentication
- o SACM Component Authorization
- o SACM Component Registration

These tasks are defined in [I-D.ietf-sacm-terminology].

## 2. Conventions used in this document

### 2.1. Requirements Language

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 RFC 2119 [RFC2119].

### 2.2. Information Element Examples

The notation used to define the SACM Information Elements (IEs) is based on a customized version of the IPFIX information model syntax [RFC7012] which is described in Figure 2. However, there are several examples presented throughout the document that use a simplified pseudo-code to illustrate the basic structure. It should be noted that while they include actual names of subjects and attributes as well as values, they are not intended to influence how corresponding SACM IEs should be defined in Section 7. The examples are provided for demonstration purposes only.

## 3. Information Elements

The IEs defined in this document comprise the building blocks by which all SACM content is composed. They are consumed and provided by SACM components on the data plane. Every Information Element has a unique label: its name. Every type of IE defined by the SACM IM is registered as a type at the IANA registry. The Integer Index of the IANA SMI number tables can be used by SACM data models.

### 3.1. Context of Information Elements

The IEs in this information model represent information related to assets in the following areas (based on the use cases described in [RFC7632]):

- o Endpoint Management
- o Software Inventory Management
- o Hardware Inventory Management
- o Configuration Management
- o Vulnerability Management

### 3.2. Extensibility of Information Elements

A SACM data model based on this information model MAY include additional information elements that are not defined here. The labels of additional Information Elements included in different SACM data models MUST NOT conflict with the labels of the Information Elements defined by this information model, and the names of additional Information Elements MUST NOT conflict with each other or across multiple data models. In order to avoid naming conflicts, the labels of additional IEs SHOULD be prefixed to avoid collisions across extensions. The prefix MUST include an organizational identifier and therefore, for example, MAY be an IANA enterprise number, a (partial) name space URI, or an organization name abbreviation.

## 4. Structure of Information Elements

There are two basic types of IEs:

- o Attributes: Atomic information elements that are equivalent to name-value-pairs and can be components of Subjects.
- o Subjects: Composite information elements that have a name and are made up of Attributes and/or other Subjects. Every IE that is part of a Subject can have a quantity associated with it (e.g. zero-one, none-unbounded). The content IEs of a Subject can be ordered or unordered.

```
Example Instance of an Attribute:  
hostname = "arbutus"
```

```
Example Instance of a Subject:  
coordinates = (  
  latitude = N27.99619,  
  longitude = E86.92761  
)
```

Figure 1: Example instance of an attribute and subject.

In general, every piece of information that enables security posture assessment or further enriches the quality of the assessment process can be associated with metadata. In the SACM IM, metadata is represented by specific subjects and is bundled with other attributes or subjects to provide additional information about them. The IM explicitly defines two kinds of metadata:

- o Metadata focusing on the data origin (the SACM component that provides the information to the SACM domain)
- o Metadata focusing on the data source (the target endpoint that is assessed)

Metadata can also include relationships that refer to other associated IEs (or SACM content in general) by using referencing labels that have to be included in the metadata of the associated IE.

Subjects can be nested and the SACM IM allows for circular or recursive nesting. The association of IEs via nesting results in a tree-like structure wherein subjects compose the root and intermediary nodes and attributes the leaves of the tree. This semantic structure does not impose a specific structure on SACM data models regarding data in motion or data repository schemata for data at rest.

The SACM IM provides two conceptual top-level subjects that are used to ensure a homogeneous structure for SACM content and its associated metadata: SACM statements and SACM content-elements. Every set of IEs that is provided by a SACM component must provide the information contained in these two subjects although it is up to the implementer whether or not the subjects are explicitly defined in a data model.

The notation the SACM IM is defined in is based on a modified version of the IP Information Flow Export (IPFIX) Information Model syntax described in Section 2.1 of [RFC7012]. The customized syntax used by the SACM IM is defined below in Figure 2.

- `elementId` (required): The numeric identifier of the Information Element. It is used for the compact identification of an Information Element. If this identifier is used without an `enterpriseId`, then the `elementId` must be unique, and the description of allowed values is administrated by IANA. The value "TBD" may be used during development of the information model until an `elementId` is assigned by IANA and filled in at publication time.
- `enterpriseId` (optional): Enterprises may wish to define Information Elements without registering them with IANA, for example, for enterprise-internal purposes. For such Information Elements, the `elementId` is not sufficient when used outside the enterprise. If specifications of enterprise-specific Information Elements are made public and/or if enterprise-specific identifiers are used by SACM components outside the enterprise, then the enterprise-specific identifier MUST be made globally unique by combining it with an enterprise identifier. Valid values for the `enterpriseId` are defined by IANA as Structure of Management Information (SMI) network management private enterprise numbers.
- `name` (required): A unique and meaningful name for the Information Element.
- `dataType` (required): There are two kinds of datatypes: simple and structured. Attributes are defined using simple datatypes and subjects are defined using structured datatypes. The contents of the datatype field will be either a reference to one of the simple

	datatypes listed in Section 5.1, or the specification of structured datatype as defined in Section 5.2.
status (required):	The status of the specification of the Information Element. Allowed values are "current" and "deprecated". All newly defined Information Elements have "current" status. The process for moving Information Elements to the "deprecated" status is TBD.
description (required):	Describes the meaning of the Information Element, how it is derived, conditions for its use, etc.
structure (optional):	A parsable property that provides details about the definition of structured Information Elements as described in Section 5.2.
references (optional):	Identifies other RFCs or documents outside the IETF which provide additional information or context about the Information Element.

Figure 2: Information Element Specification Template

#### 4.1. Information Element Naming Convention

SACM Information Elements must adhere to the following naming conventions.

- o Names SHOULD be descriptive
- o Names MUST be unique within the SACM registry. Enterprise-specific names SHOULD be prefixed with a Private Enterprise Number [PEN].
- o Names MUST start with lowercase letters unless it begins with a Private Enterprise Number
- o Composed names MUST use capital letters for the first letter of each part

#### 4.2. SACM Content Elements

Every piece of information that is provided by a SACM Component is always associated with a set of data source metadata (e.g. the timestamp when the information was collected, the target endpoint from which the this set of information is about, etc.) which is provided in the SACM Content Element Metadata. The SACM Content Element is the subject information element that associates the information with the SACM Content Element Metadata. The SACM Content Element Metadata may also include relationships that express associations with other SACM Content Elements.

```
content-element = (  
  content-metadata = (  
    collection-timestamp = 146193322,  
    data-source = fb02e551-7101-4e68-8dec-1fde6bd10981  
  ),  
  hostname = "arbutus",  
  coordinates = (  
    latitude = N27.99619,  
    longitude = E86.92761  
  )  
)
```

Figure 3: Example set of IEs associated with a timestamp and a target endpoint label.

#### 4.3. SACM Statements

One or more SACM Content Elements are bundled in a SACM Statement. In contrast to SACM Content Element Metadata, SACM Statement Metadata focuses on the providing information about the SACM Component that provided it rather than the target endpoint that the content is about. The only content-specific metadata included in the SACM Statement is the statement-type IE. Therefore, multiple SACM Content Elements that share the same SACM Statement Metadata and are of the same statement-type can be included in a single SACM Statement. A SACM Statement functions similar to an envelope or a header and is the subject information element that associates SACM Statement Metadata with security automation information provided in its SACM Content Element(s). Its purpose is to enable the tracking of the origin of data inside a SACM domain and more importantly to enable the mitigation of conflicting information that may originate from different SACM Components. How a consuming SACM Component actually deals with conflicting information is out-of-scope of the SACM IM. Semantically, the term statement implies that the SACM content provided by a SACM Component might not be correct in every context,

but, rather is the result of a best-effort to produce correct information.

```
sacm-statement = (  
  statement-metadata = (  
    publish-timestamp = 1461934031,  
    data-origin = 24e67957-3d31-4878-8892-da2b35e121c2,  
    statement-type = observation  
  ),  
  content-element = (  
    content-metadata = (  
      collection-timestamp = 146193322,  
      data-source = fb02e551-7101-4e68-8dec-1fde6bd10981  
    ),  
    hostname = "arbutus"  
  )  
)
```

Figure 4: Example of a simple SACM statement including a single content-element.

```
sacm-statement = (  
  statement-metadata = (  
    publish-timestamp = 1461934031,  
    data-origin = 24e67957-3d31-4878-8892-da2b35e121c2  
    statement-type = observation  
  ),  
  content-element = (  
    content-metadata = (  
      collection-timestamp = 146193322,  
      data-source = fb02e551-7101-4e68-8dec-1fde6bd10981  
    ),  
    coordinates = (  
      latitude = N27.99619,  
      longitude = E86.92761  
    )  
  )  
)  
  
sacm-statement = (  
  statement-metadata = (  
    publish-timestamp = 1461934744,  
    data-origin = e42885a1-0270-44e9-bb5c-865cf6bd4800,  
    statement-type = observation  
  ),  
  content-element = (  
    content-metadata = (  
      collection-timestamp = 146193821,  
      te-label = fb02e551-7101-4e68-8dec-1fde6bd10981  
    ),  
    coordinates = (  
      latitude = N16.67622,  
      longitude = E141.55321  
    )  
  )  
)
```

Figure 5: Example of conflicting information originating from different SACM components.

#### 4.4. Relationships

An IE can be associated with another IE, e.g. a user-name attribute can be associated with a content-authorization subject. These references are expressed via the relationships subject, which can be included in a corresponding content-metadata subject. The relationships subject includes a list of one or more references. The SACM IM does not enforce a SACM domain to use unique identifiers as



references. Therefore, there are at least two ways to reference another

- o The value of a reference represents a specific content-label that is unique in a SACM domain (and has to be included in the corresponding content-element metadata in order to be referenced), or
- o The reference is a subject that includes an appropriate number of IEs in order to identify the referenced content-element by its actual content.

It is recommended to provide unique identifiers in a SACM domain and the SACM IM provides a corresponding naming-convention as a reference in Section 4.1. The alternative highlighted above summarizes a valid approach that does not require unique identifiers and is similar to the approach of referencing target endpoints via identifying attributes included in a characterization record.

```
content-element = (  
  content-metadata = (  
    collection-timestamp = 1461934031,  
    te-label =  
    fb02e551-7101-4e68-8dec-1fde6bd10981  
    relationships = (  
      associated-with-user-account =  
      f3d70ef4-7e18-42af-a894-8955ba87c95d  
    )  
  ),  
  hostname = "arbutus"  
)  
  
content-element = (  
  content-metadata = (  
    content-label = f3d70ef4-7e18-42af-a894-8955ba87c95d  
  ),  
  user-account = (  
    username = romeo  
    authentication = local  
  )  
)
```

Figure 6: Example instance of a content-element subject associated with another subject via its content metadata.

#### 4.5. Event

Event subjects provide a structure to represent the change of IE values that was detected by a collection task at a specific point of time. It is mandatory to include the new values and the collection timestamp in an event subject and it is recommended to include the past values and a collection timestamp that were replaced by the new IE values. Every event can also be associated with a subject-specific event-timestamp and a lastseen-timestamp that might differ from the corresponding collection-timestamps. If these are omitted the collection-timestamp that is included in the content-metadata subject is used instead.

```
sacm-statement = (  
  statement-metadata = (  
    publish-timestamp = 1461934031,  
    data-origin = 24e67957-3d31-4878-8892-da2b35e121c2,  
    statement-type = event  
  ),  
  event = (  
    event-attributes = (  
      event-name = "host-name change",  
      content-element = (  
        content-metadata = (  
          collection-timestamp = 146193322,  
          data-source =  
            fb02e551-7101-4e68-8dec-1fde6bd10981,  
          event-component = past-state  
        ),  
        hostname = "arbutus"  
      ),  
      content-element = (  
        content-metadata = (  
          collection-timestamp = 146195723,  
          data-source =  
            fb02e551-7101-4e68-8dec-1fde6bd10981,  
          event-component = current-state  
        ),  
        hostname = "lilac"  
      )  
    )  
  )  
)
```

Figure 7: Example of a SACM statement containing an event.

#### 4.6. Categories

Categories are special IEs that refer to multiple types of IEs via just one name. Therefore, they are similar to a type-choice. A prominent example of a category is when identifying a target endpoint. In some cases, a target endpoint will be identified by a set of identifying attributes and in other cases a target endpoint will be identified by a target endpoint label which is unique within a SACM domain. If a subject includes the targetEndpoint information element as one of its components, any of the category members (targetEndpointIdentifier or targetEndpointLabel) are valid to be used in its place.

#### 5. Abstract Data Types

This section describes the set of valid abstract data types that can be used for the specification of the SACM Information Elements in Section 7. SACM currently supports two classes of datatypes that can be used to define Information Elements.

- o Simple: Datatypes that are atomic and are used to define the type of data represented by an attribute Information Element.
- o Structured: Datatypes that can be used to define the type of data represented by a subject Information Element.

Note that further abstract data types may be specified by future extensions of the SACM information model.

##### 5.1. Simple Datatypes

###### 5.1.1. IPFIX Datatypes

To facilitate the use of existing work, SACM supports the following abstract data types defined in Section 3 of [RFC7012].

- o unsigned8, unsigned16, unsigned32, unsigned64
- o signed8, signed16, signed32, signed64
- o float32, float64
- o boolean
- o macAddress
- o octetArray

- o string
- o dateTimeSeconds, dateTimeMilliseconds, dateTimeMicroseconds, dateTimeNanoSeconds
- o ipv4Address, ipv6Address

## 5.2. Structured Datatypes

### 5.2.1. List Datatypes

SACM defines the following abstract list data types that are used to represent the structured data associated with subjects.

- o list: indicates that the Information Element order is not significant but MAY be preserved.
- o orderedList: indicates that Information Element order is significant and MUST be preserved.

The notation for defining a SACM structured datatype is based on regular expressions, which are composed of the keywords "list" or "orderedList" and an Information Element expression. IE expressions use some of the regular expression syntax and operators, but the terms in the expression are the names of defined Information Elements instead of character classes. The syntax for defining list and orderedList datatypes is described below, using BNF:

```

<list-def> -> ("list"|"orderedList") "(" <ie-expression> ")"

<ie-expression> -> <ie-name> <cardinality>?
                  ( ("," | "|") <ie-name> <cardinality>?)*

<cardinality> -> "*" | "+" | "?" |
                  ( "(" <non-neg-int> ("," <non-neg-int>)? ")" )

```

Figure 8: Syntax for Defining List Datatypes

As seen above, multiple occurrences of an Information Element may be present in a structured datatype. The cardinality of an Information Element within a structured Information Element definition is defined by the following operators:

- \* - zero or more occurrences
- + - one or more occurrences
- ? - zero or one occurrence
- (m,n) - between m and n occurrences

Figure 9: Specifying Cardinality for Structured Datatypes

The absence of a cardinality operator implies one mandatory occurrence of the Information Element.

Below is an example of a structured Information Element definition.

```
personInfo = list(firstName, middleNames?, lastName)
firstName = string
middleNames = orderedList(middleName+)
middleName = string
lastName = string
```

As an example, consider the name "John Ronald Reuel Tolkien". Below are instances of this name, structured according to the personInfo definition.

```
personInfo = (firstName="John", middleNames(middleName="Ronald",
middleName="Reuel"), lastName="Tolkien")

personInfo = (middleNames(middleName="Ronald", middleName=" Reuel"),
lastName="Tolkien", firstName="John")
```

The instance below is not legal with respect to the definition of personInfo because the order in middleNames is not preserved.

```
personInfo = (firstName="John", middleNames(middleName=" Reuel",
middleName="Ronald"), lastName="Tolkien")
```

Figure 10: Example of Defining a Structured List Datatype

#### 5.2.2. Enumeration Datatype

SACM defines the following abstract enumeration datatype that is used to represent the restriction of an attribute value to a set of values.

```

name, hex-value, description
<enumeration-def> -> -> <name> ";" <hex-value> ";" <description>
<name> -> [0-9a-zA-Z]+
<hex-value> -> 0x[0-9a-fA-F]+
<description> -> [0-9a-zA-Z\.\,]+

```

Figure 11: Syntax for Defining an Enumeration Datatype

Below is an example of a structured Information Element definition for an enumeration.

```

Red      ; 0x1  ; The color is red.
Orange   ; 0x2  ; The color is orange.
Yellow   ; 0x3  ; The color is yellow.
Green    ; 0x4  ; The color is green.
...

```

Figure 12: Example of Defining a Structured Enumeration Datatype

### 5.2.3. Category Datatype

SACM defines the following abstract category datatype that is used to represent a type-choice between a set of information elements.

```

<category-def> -> "category(" <ie-expression> ")"
<ie-expression> -> <ie-name> ("|" <ie-name>)*
<name> -> [0-9a-zA-Z]+

```

Figure 13: Syntax for Defining an Category Datatype

Below is an example of a structured Information Element definition for a category.

```

targetEndpoint = category(targetEndpointIdentifier |
                           targetEndpointLabel)

```

Figure 14: Example of Defining a Structured Category Datatype

## 6. Information Model Assets

In order to represent the Information Elements related to the areas listed in Section 3.1, the information model defines the information needs (or metadata about those information needs) related to following types of assets which are defined in [I-D.ietf-sacm-terminology] (and included below for convenience) which are of interest to SACM. Specifically:

- o Endpoint

- o Software Component
- o Hardware Component
- o Identity
- o Guidance
- o Evaluation Results

The following figure shows the make up of an Endpoint asset which contains zero or more hardware components and zero or more software components each of which may have zero or more instances running an endpoint at any given time as well as zero or more identities that act on behalf of the endpoint when interfacing with other endpoints, tools, or services. An endpoint may also contain other endpoints in the case of a virtualized environment.

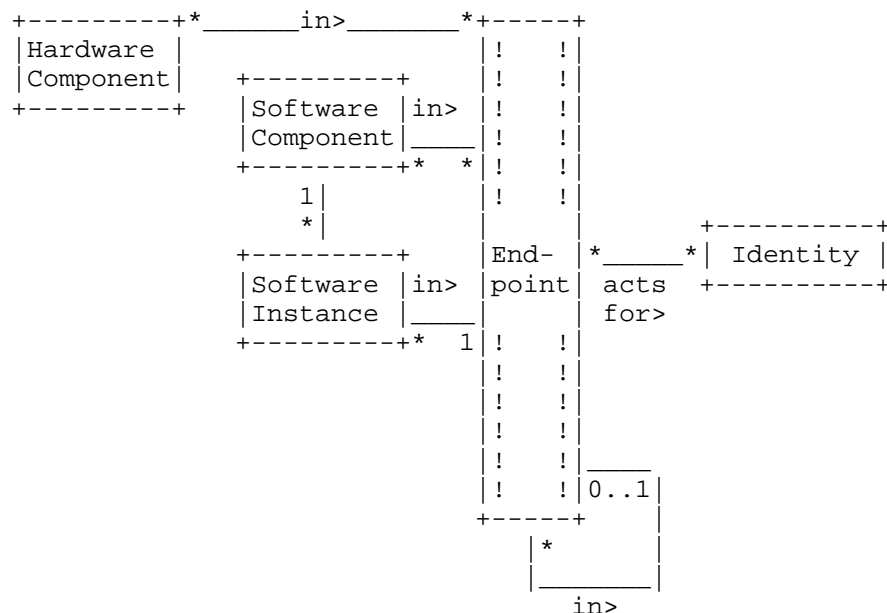


Figure 15: Model of an Endpoint

### 6.1. Asset

As defined in [RFC4949], an asset is a system resource that is (a) required to be protected by an information system's security policy,

(b) intended to be protected by a countermeasure, or (c) required for a system's mission.

In the scope of SACM, an asset can be composed of other assets. Examples of Assets include: Endpoints, Software, Guidance, or Identity. Furthermore, an asset is not necessarily owned by an organization.

## 6.2. Endpoint

From [RFC5209], an endpoint is any computing device that can be connected to a network. Such devices normally are associated with a particular link layer address before joining the network and potentially an IP address once on the network. This includes: laptops, desktops, servers, cell phones, or any device that may have an IP address.

To further clarify, an endpoint is any physical or virtual device that may have a network address. Note that, network infrastructure devices (e.g. switches, routers, firewalls), which fit the definition, are also considered to be endpoints within this document.

Physical endpoints are always composites that are composed of hardware components and software components. Virtual endpoints are composed entirely of software components and rely on software components that provide functions equivalent to hardware components.

The SACM architecture differentiates two essential categories of endpoints: Endpoints whose security posture is intended to be assessed (target endpoints) and endpoints that are specifically excluded from endpoint posture assessment (excluded endpoints).

## 6.3. Hardware Component

Hardware components are the distinguishable physical components that compose an endpoint. The composition of an endpoint can be changed over time by adding or removing hardware components. In essence, every physical endpoint is potentially a composite of multiple hardware components, typically resulting in a hierarchical composition of hardware components. The composition of hardware components is based on interconnects provided by specific hardware types (e.g. mainboard is a hardware type that provides local busses as an interconnect). In general, a hardware component can be distinguished by its serial number.

Examples of a hardware components include: motherboards, network interfaces, graphics cards, hard drives, etc.



#### 6.4. Software Component

A software package installed on an endpoint (including the operating system) as well as a unique serial number if present (e.g. a text editor associated with a unique license key).

It should be noted that this includes both benign and harmful software packages. Examples of benign software components include: applications, patches, operating system kernel, boot loader, firmware, code embedded on a webpage, etc. Examples of malicious software components include: malware, trojans, viruses, etc.

##### 6.4.1. Software Instance

A running instance of the software component (e.g. on a multi-user system, one logged-in user has one instance of a text editor running and another logged-in user has another instance of the same text editor running, or on a single-user system, a user could have multiple independent instances of the same text editor running).

#### 6.5. Identity

Any mechanism that can be used to identify an asset during an authentication process. Examples include usernames, user and device certificates, etc. Note, that this is different than the identity of assets in the context of designation as described in Section 11.1.

#### 6.6. Guidance

Guidance is input instructions to processes and tasks, such as collection or evaluation. Guidance influences the behavior of a SACM component and is considered content of the management plane. Guidance can be manually or automatically generated or provided. Typically, the tasks that provide guidance to SACM components have a low-frequency and tend to be sporadic. A prominent example of guidance are target endpoint profiles, but guidance can have many forms, including:

Configuration, e.g. a SACM component's name, or a CMDB's IPv6 address.

Profiles, e.g. a set of expected states for network behavior associated with target endpoints employed by specific users.

Policies, e.g. an interval to refresh the registration of a SACM component, or a list of required capabilities for SACM components in a specific location.

#### 6.6.1. Collection Guidance

A collector may need guidance to govern what it collects and when. Collection Guidance provides instructions for a Collector that specifies which endpoint attributes to collect, when to collect them, and how to collect them. Collection Guidance is composed of Target Endpoint Attribute Guidance, Frequency Guidance, and Method Guidance.

- o Target Endpoint Attribute Guidance: Set of endpoint attributes that are supposed to be collected from a target endpoint. The definition of the set of endpoint attributes is typically based on an endpoint characterization record.
- o Frequency Guidance: Specifies when endpoint attributes are to be collected.
- o Method Guidance: Indicates how endpoint attributes are to be collected.

#### 6.6.2. Evaluation Guidance

An evaluator typically needs guidance to govern what it considers to be a good or bad security posture. Evaluation Guidance provides instructions for an Evaluator that specifies which endpoint attributes to evaluate, the desired state of those endpoint attributes, and any special requirements that enable an Evaluator to determine if the endpoint attributes can be used in the evaluation (e.g. freshness of data, how it was collected, etc.). Evaluation Guidance is composed of Target Endpoint Attribute Guidance, Expected Endpoint Attribute Value Guidance, and Frequency Guidance.

- o Target Endpoint Attribute Guidance: Set of target endpoint attributes that are supposed to be used in an evaluation as well as any requirements on the endpoint attributes. The definition of the set of endpoint attributes is typically based on an endpoint characterization record.
- o Expected Endpoint Attribute Value Guidance: The expected values of the endpoint attributes described in the Target Endpoint Attribute Guidance.
- o Frequency Guidance: Specifies when endpoint attributes are to be evaluated.
- o Method Guidance: Indicates how endpoint attributes are to be collected.

#### 6.6.3. Classification Guidance

A SACM Component carrying out the Target Endpoint Classification Task may need guidance on how to classify an endpoint. Specifically, how to associate endpoint classes with a specific target endpoint characterization record. Target Endpoint Classes function as guidance for collection, evaluation, remediation and security posture assessment in general. Classification Guidance is composed of Target Endpoint Attribute Guidance and Class Guidance.

- o Target Endpoint Attribute Guidance: Set of target endpoint attributes that are supposed to be used to identify the endpoint characterization record.
- o Class Guidance: A list of target endpoint classes that are to be associated with the identified target endpoint characterization record.

#### 6.6.4. Storage Guidance

An SACM Component typically needs guidance to govern what information it should store and where. Storage Guidance provides instructions for a SACM Component that specifies which security automation information should be stored, for how long, and on which endpoint. Storage Guidance is composed of Target Endpoint Attribute Guidance, Expected Security Automation Information Guidance, and Retention Guidance.

- o Target Endpoint Attribute Guidance: Set of target endpoint attributes that are supposed to be used to identify the endpoint where the security automation information is to be stored.
- o Expected Security Automation Information Guidance: The security automation information that is expected to be stored (guidance, collected posture attributes, results, etc.).
- o Retention Guidance: Specifies how long the security automation information should be stored.

#### 6.6.5. Evaluation Results

Evaluation Results are the output of comparing the actual state of an endpoint against the expected state of an endpoint. In addition to the actual results of the comparison, Evaluation Results should include the Evaluation Guidance and actual target endpoint attributes values used to perform the evaluation.

## 7. Information Model Elements

This section defines the specific Information Elements and relationships that will be implemented by data models and transported between SACM Components.

### 7.1. sacmStatement

```
elementId: TBD
name: sacmStatement
dataType: orderedList
status: current
description: Associates SACM Statement Metadata
             which provides data origin information about
             the providing SACM Component with one or more
             SACM Content Elements that contain security
             automation information.
structure: orderedList(sacmStatementMetadata,
                       sacmContentElement+)
```

### 7.2. sacmStatementMetadata

```
elementId: TBD
name: sacmStatementMetadata
dataType: orderedList
status: current
description: Contains IEs that provide
             information about the data origin of the
             providing SACM Component as well as the
             information necessary for other SACM
             Components to understand the type of
             security automation information in the
             SACM Statement's SACM Content Element(s).
structure: orderedList(publicationTimestamp,
                       dataOrigin, anyIE*)
```

### 7.3. sacmContentElement

```
elementId: TBD
name: sacmContentElement
dataType: list
status: current
description: Associates SACM Content Element
             Metadata which provides information about the
             data source and type of security automation
             information with the actual security automation
             information.
structure: TODO
```

## 7.4. sacmContentElementMetadata

```
elementId: TBD
name: sacmContentElementMetadata
dataType: orderedList
status: current
description: Contains IEs that provide
information about the data source and type of
security automation information such that other
SACM Components are able to parse and understand
the security automation information contained
within the SACM Statement's SACM Content Element(s).
structure: orderedList(collectionTimestamp,
                        targetEndpoint, anyIE*)
```

## 7.5. targetEndpoint

```
elementId: TBD
name: targetEndpoint
dataType: category
status: current
description: Information that identifies a target
endpoint on the network. This may be a set of
attributes that can be used to identify an endpoint
on the network or a label that is unique to a SACM
domain.
structure: category(targetEndpointIdentifier |
                    targetEndpointLabel)
```

## 7.6. targetEndpointIdentifier

```
elementId: TBD
name: targetEndpointIdentifier
dataType: list
status: current
description: A set of attributes that uniquely
identify a target endpoint on the network.
structure: list(anyIE+)
```

## 7.7. targetEndpointLabel

```
elementId: TBD
name: targetEndpointLabel
dataType: string
status: current
description: A label that uniquely identifies
a target endpoint on SACM domain.
```

## 7.8. anyIE

elementId: TBD  
name: anyIE  
dataType: category  
status: current  
description: This category is a placeholder  
for any information element defined within  
the SACM Information Model. Its purpose is  
to provide an extension point in other  
information elements that enable them to  
support the specific needs of an enterprise,  
user, product, or service.

## 7.9. accessPrivilegeType

elementId: TBD  
name: accessPrivilegeType  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A set of types that represent access  
privileges (read, write, none, etc.).

## 7.10. accountName

elementId: TBD  
name: accountName  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A label that uniquely identifies an account  
that can require some form of (user) authentication to  
access.

## 7.11. administrativeDomainType

elementId: TBD  
name: administrativeDomainType  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A label the is supposed to uniquely  
identify an administrative domain.

## 7.12. addressAssociationType

elementId: TBD  
name: addressAssociationType  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A label the is supposed to uniquely  
identify an administrative domain.

#### 7.13. addressMaskValue

elementId: TBD  
name: addressMaskValue  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A value that expresses a generic address  
subnetting bitmask.

#### 7.14. addressType

elementId: TBD  
name: addressType  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A set of types that specifies the type  
of address that is expressed in an address subject  
(e.g. ethernet, modbus, zigbee).

#### 7.15. addressValue

elementId: TBD  
name: addressValue  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A value that expresses a generic network  
address.

#### 7.16. applicationComponent

elementId: TBD  
name: applicationComponent  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A label that references a "sub"-application  
that is part of the application (e.g. an add-on, a  
cipher-suite, a library).

## 7.17. applicationLabel

elementId: TBD  
name: applicationLabel  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A label that is supposed to uniquely reference an application.

## 7.18. applicationType

elementId: TBD  
name: applicationType  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A set of types (FIXME maybe a finite set is not realistic here - value not enumerator?) that identifies the type of (user-space) application (e.g. text-editor, policy-editor, service-client, service-server, calendar, rouge-like RPG).

## 7.19. applicationManufacturer

elementId: TBD  
name: applicationManufacturer  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The name of the vendor that created the application.

## 7.20. authenticator

elementId: TBD  
name: authenticator  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A label that references a SACM component that can authenticate target endpoints (can be used in a target-endpoint subject to express that the target endpoint was authenticated by that SACM component).

## 7.21. authenticationType



elementId: TBD  
name: authenticationType  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A set of types that express which type of authentication was used to enable a network interaction/connection.

#### 7.22. birthdate

elementId: TBD  
name: birthdate  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A label for the registered day of birth of a natural person (e.g. the date of birth of a person as an ISO date string).  
references: <http://rs.tdwg.org/ontology/voc/Person#birthdate>

#### 7.23. bytesReceived

elementId: TBD  
name: bytesReceived  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A value that represents a number of octets received on a network interface.

#### 7.24. bytesReceived

elementId: TBD  
name: bytesReceived  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A value that represents the number of octets received on a network interface.

#### 7.25. bytesSent

elementId: TBD  
name: bytesSent  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A value that represents the number of octets sent on a network interface.

## 7.26. certificate

elementId: TBD  
name: certificate  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A value that expresses a certificate that can be collected from a target endpoint.

## 7.27. collectionTaskType

elementId: TBD  
name: collectionTaskType  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A set of types that defines how collected SACM content was acquired (e.g. network-observation, remote-acquisition, self-reported, derived, authority, verified).

## 7.28. confidence

elementId: TBD  
name: confidence  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A representation of the subjective probability that the assessed value is correct. If no confidence value is given, it is assumed that the confidence is 1. Acceptable values are between 0 and 1.

## 7.29. contentAction

elementId: TBD  
name: contentAction  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A set of types that express a type of action (e.g. add, delete, update). It can be associated, for instance, with an event subject or with a network observation.

## 7.30. countryCode

elementId: TBD  
name: countryCode  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A set of types according to ISO 3166-1.

#### 7.31. dataOrigin

elementId: TBD  
name: dataOrigin  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A label that uniquely identifies a SACM component in and across SACM domains.

#### 7.32. dataSource

elementId: TBD  
name: dataSource  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A label that is supposed to uniquely identify the data source (e.g. a target endpoint or sensor) that provided an initial endpoint attribute record.

#### 7.33. default-depth

elementId: TBD  
name: default-depth  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A value that expresses how often a circular reference of subject is allowed to repeat, or how deep a recursive nesting may occur, respectively.

#### 7.34. discoverer

elementId: TBD  
name: discoverer  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A label that refers to the SACM component that discovered a target endpoint (can be used in a target-endpoint subject to express, for example, that the target endpoint was authenticated by that SACM component).

## 7.35. emailAddress

elementId: TBD  
name: emailAddress  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A value that expresses an email-address.

## 7.36. eventType

elementId: TBD  
name: eventType  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: a set of types that define the categories of an event (e.g. access-level-change, change-of-privilege, change-of-authorization, environmental-event, or provisioning-event).

## 7.37. eventThreshold

elementId: TBD  
name: eventThreshold  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: If applicable, a value that can be included in an event subject to indicate what numeric threshold value was crossed to trigger that event.

## 7.38. eventThresholdName

elementId: TBD  
name: eventThresholdName  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: If an event is created due to a crossed threshold, the threshold might have a name associated with it that can be expressed via this value.

## 7.39. eventTrigger

elementId: TBD  
name: eventTrigger  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: This value is used to express more complex trigger conditions that may cause the creation of an event.

## 7.40. firmwareId

elementId: TBD  
name: firmwareId  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A label that represents the BIOS or  
firmware ID of a specific target endpoint.

## 7.41. hostName

elementId: TBD  
name: hostName  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A label typically associated with an  
endpoint, but, not always intended to be unique given  
scope.

## 7.42. interfaceLabel

elementId: TBD  
name: interfaceLabel  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A unique label that can be used to  
reference a network interface.

## 7.43. ipv6AddressSubnetMask

elementId: TBD  
name: ipv6AddressSubnetMask  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: An IPv6 subnet bitmask.

## 7.44. ipv6AddressSubnetMaskCidrNotation

elementId: TBD  
name: ipv6AddressSubnetMaskCidrNotation  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: An IPv6 subnet bitmask in CIDR notation.

## 7.45. ipv6AddressValue

elementId: TBD  
name: ipv6AddressValue  
dataType: ipv6Address  
status: current  
description: An IPv6 subnet bitmask in CIDR notation.

## 7.46. ipv4AddressSubnetMask

elementId: TBD  
name: ipv4AddressSubnetMask  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: An IPv4 subnet bitmask.

## 7.47. ipv4AddressSubnetMaskCidrNotation

elementId: TBD  
name: ipv4AddressSubnetMaskCidrNotation  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: An IPv4 subnet bitmask in CIDR notation.

## 7.48. ipv4AddressValue

elementId: TBD  
name: ipv4AddressValue  
dataType: ipv4Address  
status: current  
description: An IPv4 address value.

## 7.49. layer2InterfaceType

elementId: TBD  
name: layer2InterfaceType  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A set of types referenced by IANA ifType.

## 7.50. layer4PortAddress

elementId: TBD  
name: layer4PortAddress  
dataType: unsigned32  
status: current  
description: A layer 4 port address  
typically associated with TCP and UDP  
protocols.

#### 7.51. layer4Protocol

elementId: TBD  
name: layer4Protocol  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A set of types that express a layer 4  
protocol (e.g. UDP or TCP).

#### 7.52. locationName

elementId: TBD  
name: locationName  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A value that represents a named region of  
physical space.

#### 7.53. networkZoneLocation

elementId: TBD  
name: networkZoneLocation  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The zone location of an endpoint on the  
network (e.g. internet, enterprise DMZ,  
enterprise WAN, enclave DMZ, enclave).

#### 7.54. layer2NetworkLocation

elementId: TBD  
name: layer2NetworkLocation  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The location of a layer-2 interface on  
the network (e.g. link-layer neighborhood,  
shared broadcast domain).

## 7.55. layer3NetworkLocation

elementId: TBD  
name: layer3NetworkLocation  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The location of a layer-3 interface on the network (e.g. next-hop routing neighbor).

## 7.56. macAddressValue

elementId: TBD  
name: macAddressValue  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A value that expresses an Ethernet address.

## 7.57. methodLabel

elementId: TBD  
name: methodLabel  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A label that references a specific method registered and used in a SACM domain (e.g. method to match and re-identify target endpoints via identifying attributes).

## 7.58. methodRepository

elementId: TBD  
name: methodRepository  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A label that references a SACM component methods can be registered at and that can provide guidance in the form of registered methods to other SACM components.

## 7.59. networkAccessLevelType

elementId: TBD  
name: networkAccessLevelType  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A set of types that express categories of network access-levels (e.g. block, quarantine, etc.).



## 7.60. networkId

elementId: TBD  
name: networkId  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Most networks such as AS, OSBF domains,  
or VLANs can have an ID.

## 7.61. networkInterfaceName

elementId: TBD  
name: networkInterfaceName  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A label that uniquely identifies an  
interface associated with a distinguishable endpoint.

## 7.62. networkLayer

elementId: TBD  
name: networkLayer  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A set of layers that expresses the specific  
network layer an interface operates on.

## 7.63. networkName

elementId: TBD  
name: networkName  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A label that is associated with a network.  
Some networks, for example, effective  
layer2-broadcast-domains are difficult to "grasp" and  
therefore quite difficult to name.

## 7.64. organizationId

elementId: TBD  
name: organizationId  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A label that uniquely identifies an  
organization via a PEN.

## 7.65. patchId

elementId: TBD  
name: patchId  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A label that uniquely identifies a specific software patch.

## 7.66. patchName

elementId: TBD  
name: patchName  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The vendor's name of a software patch.

## 7.67. personFirstName

elementId: TBD  
name: personFirstName  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The first name of a natural person.

## 7.68. personLastName

elementId: TBD  
name: personLastName  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The last name of a natural person.

## 7.69. personMiddleName

elementId: TBD  
name: personMiddleName  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The middle name of a natural person.

## 7.70. phoneNumber

elementId: TBD  
name: phoneNumber  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A label that expresses the U.S. national  
phone number (e.g. pattern value="((\d{3}) )?\d{3}-\d{4}").

#### 7.71. phoneNumberType

elementId: TBD  
name: phoneNumberType  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A set of types that express the type of  
a phone number (e.g. DSN, Fax, Home, Mobile, Pager,  
Secure, Unsecure, Work, Other).

#### 7.72. privilegeName

elementId: TBD  
name: privilegeName  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The attribute name of the privilege  
represented as an AVP.

#### 7.73. privilegeValue

elementId: TBD  
name: privilegeValue  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The value content of the privilege  
represented as an AVP.

#### 7.74. protocol

elementId: TBD  
name: protocol  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A set of types that defines specific  
protocols above layer 4 (e.g. http, https, dns, ipp,  
or unknown).

## 7.75. publicKey

elementId: TBD  
name: publicKey  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The value of a public key (regardless of its method of creation, crypto-system, or signature scheme) that can be collected from a target endpoint.

## 7.76. relationshipContentElementGuid

elementId: TBD  
name: relationshipContentElementGuid  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A reference to a specific content element used in a relationship subject.

## 7.77. relationshipStatementElementGuid

elementId: TBD  
name: relationshipStatementElementGuid  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A reference to a specific SACM statement used in a relationship subject.

## 7.78. relationshipObjectLabel

elementId: TBD  
name: relationshipObjectLabel  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A reference to a specific label used in content (e.g. a te-label or a user-id). This reference is typically used if matching content attribute can be done efficiently and can also be included in addition to a relationship-content-element-guid reference.

## 7.79. relationshipType

elementId: TBD  
name: relationshipType  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A set of types that is in every instance of a relationship subject to highlight what kind of relationship exists between the subject the relationship is included in (e.g. associated\_with\_user, applies\_to\_session, seen\_on\_interface, associated\_with\_flow, contains\_virtual\_device).

#### 7.80. roleName

elementId: TBD  
name: roleName  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A label that references a collection of privileges assigned to a specific entity.

#### 7.81. sessionStateType

elementId: TBD  
name: sessionStateType  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A set of types a discernible session (an ongoing network interaction) can be in (e.g. Authenticating, Authenticated, Postured, Started, Disconnected).

#### 7.82. statementGuid

elementId: TBD  
name: statementGuid  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A label that expresses a global unique ID referencing a specific SACM statement that was produced by a SACM component.

#### 7.83. statementType

elementId: TBD  
name: statementType  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A set of types that define the type of content that is included in a SACM statement (e.g. Observation, DirectoryContent, Correlation, Assessment, Guidance, Event).

#### 7.84. status

elementId: TBD  
name: status  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A set of types that defines possible result values for a finding in general (e.g. true, false, error, unknown, not applicable, not evaluated).

#### 7.85. subAdministrativeDomain

elementId: TBD  
name: subAdministrativeDomain  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A label for related child domains an administrative domain can be composed of (used in the subject administrativeDomain).

#### 7.86. subInterfaceLabel

elementId: TBD  
name: subInterfaceLabel  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A unique label a sub network interface (e.g. a tagged vlan on a trunk) can be referenced with.

#### 7.87. superAdministrativeDomain

elementId: TBD  
name: superAdministrativeDomain  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: a label for related parent domains an administrative domain is part of (used in the subject administrativeDomain).

## 7.88. superInterfaceLabel

elementId: TBD  
name: superInterfaceLabel  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: a unique label a super network interface  
(e.g. a physical interface a tunnel  
interface terminates on) can be referenced  
with.

## 7.89. teAssessmentState

elementId: TBD  
name: teAssessmentState  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: a set of types that defines the state of  
assessment of a target-endpoint (e.g.  
in-discovery, discovered, in-classification,  
classified, in-assessment, assessed).

## 7.90. teLabel

elementId: TBD  
name: teLabel  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: an identifying label created from a set  
of identifying attributes used to reference  
a specific target endpoint.

## 7.91. teId

elementId: TBD  
name: teId  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: an identifying label that is created  
randomly, is supposed to be unique, and  
used to reference a specific target  
endpoint.

## 7.92. timestampType

elementId: TBD  
name: timestampType  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: a set of types that express what type of action or event happened at that point of time (e.g. discovered, classified, collected, published). Can be included in a generic timestamp subject.

#### 7.93. unitsReceived

elementId: TBD  
name: unitsReceived  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: a value that represents a number of units (e.g. frames, packets, cells or segments) received on a network interface.

#### 7.94. unitsSent

elementId: TBD  
name: unitsSent  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: a value that represents a number of units (e.g. frames, packets, cells or segments) sent on a network interface.

#### 7.95. userDirectory

elementId: TBD  
name: userDirectory  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: a label that identifies a specific type of user-directory (e.g. ldap, active-directory, local-user).

#### 7.96. sacmUserId

elementId: TBD  
name: sacmUserId  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: a label that references a specific user known in a SACM domain.



## 7.97. webSite

elementId: TBD  
name: webSite  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: a URI that references a web-site.

## 7.98. WGS84Longitude

elementId: TBD  
name: WGS84Longitude  
dataType: float64  
status: current  
description: a label that represents WGS 84 rev 2004 longitude.

## 7.99. WGS84Latitude

elementId: TBD  
name: WGS84Latitude  
dataType: float64  
status: current  
description: a label that represents WGS 84 rev 2004 latitude.

## 7.100. WGS84Altitude

elementId: TBD  
name: WGS84Altitude  
dataType: float64  
status: current  
description: a label that represents WGS 84 rev 2004 altitude.

## 7.101. hardwareSerialNumber

elementId: TBD  
name: hardwareSerialNumber  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A globally unique identifier for a particular piece of hardware assigned by the vendor.

## 7.102. interfaceName

elementId: TBD  
name: interfaceName  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A short name uniquely describing an interface, e.g. "Eth1/0". See [RFC2863] for the definition of the ifName object.

## 7.103. interfaceIndex

elementId: TBD  
name: interfaceIndex  
dataType: unsigned32  
status: current  
description: The index of an interface installed on an endpoint. The value matches the value of managed object 'ifIndex' as defined in [RFC2863]. Note that ifIndex values are not assigned statically to an interface and that the interfaces may be renumbered every time the device's management system is re-initialized, as specified in [RFC2863].

## 7.104. interfaceMacAddress

elementId: TBD  
name: interfaceMacAddress  
dataType: macAddress  
status: current  
description: The IEEE 802 MAC address associated with a network interface on an endpoint.

## 7.105. interfaceType

elementId: TBD  
name: interfaceType  
dataType: unsigned32  
status: current  
description: The type of a network interface. The value matches the value of managed object 'ifType' as defined in [IANA registry ianaiftype-mib].

## 7.106. interfaceFlags

elementId: TBD  
name: interfaceFlags  
dataType: unsigned16  
status: current  
description: This information element specifies the flags  
                  associated with a network interface. Possible  
                  values include:  
structure:  
    Up ; 0x1 ; Interface is up.  
    Broadcast ; 0x2 ; Broadcast address valid.  
    Debug ; 0x4 ; Turn on debugging.  
    Loopback ; 0x8 ; Is a loopback net.  
    Point-to-point ; 0x10 ; Interface is point-to-point  
        link.  
    No trailers ; 0x20 ; Avoid use of trailers.  
    Resources allocated ; 0x40 ; Resources allocated.  
    No ARP ; 0x80 ; No address resolution protocol.  
    Receive all ; 0x100 ; Receive all packets.

#### 7.107. networkInterface

elementId: TBD  
name: networkInterface  
dataType: orderedList  
status: current  
description: Information about a network interface  
                  installed on an endpoint. The  
                  following high-level digram  
                  describes the structure of  
                  networkInterface information  
                  element.  
structure: orderedList(interfaceName, interfaceIndex, macAddress,  
                          interfaceType, flags)

#### 7.108. softwareIdentifier

elementId: TBD  
name: softwareIdentifier  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A globally unique identifier for a particular  
                  software application.

#### 7.109. softwareTitle

elementId: TBD  
name: softwareTitle  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The title of the software application.

7.110. softwareCreator

elementId: TBD  
name: softwareCreator  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The software developer (e.g., vendor or author).

7.111. simpleSoftwareVersion

elementId: TBD  
name: simpleSoftwareVersion  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The version string for a software application that conforms to the format of a list of hierarchical non-negative integers separated by a single character delimiter format.

7.112. rpmSoftwareVersion

elementId: TBD  
name: rpmSoftwareVersion  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The version string for a software application that conforms to the EPOCH:VERSION-RELEASE format.

7.113. ciscoTrainSoftwareVersion

elementId: TBD  
name: ciscoTrainSoftwareVersion  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The version string for a software application that conforms to the Cisco IOS Train string format.

7.114. softwareVersion

elementId: TBD  
name: softwareVerison  
dataType: category  
status: current  
description: The version of the software application. Software applications may be versioned using a number of schemas. The following high-level digram describes the structure of the softwareVersion information element.  
structure: category(simpleSoftwareVersion | rpmSoftwareVersion | ciscoTrainSoftwareVersion)

#### 7.115. softwareLastUpdated

elementId: TBD  
name: softwareLastUpdated  
dataType: dateTimeSeconds  
status: current  
description: The date and time when the software instance was last updated on the system (e.g., new version installed or patch applied)

#### 7.116. softwareClass

```
    elementId: TBD
    name: softwareClass
    dataType: enumeration
    status: current
    description: The class of the software instance.
    structure:
      Unknown                ; 0x1 ; The class is not known.
      Other                  ; 0x2 ; The class is known, but,
                                something other than a value
                                listed in the enumeration.
      Driver                 ; 0x3 ; The class is a device driver.
      Configuration Software ; 0x4 ; The class is configuration
                                software.
      Application Software   ; 0x5 ; The class is application
                                software.
      Instrumentation        ; 0x6 ; The class is instrumentation.
      Diagnostic Software    ; 0x8 ; The class is diagnostic
                                software.
      Operating System       ; 0x9 ; The class is operating
                                system.
      Middleware             ; 0xA ; The class is middleware.
      Firmware               ; 0xB ; The class is firmware.
      BIOS/FCode             ; 0xC ; The class is BIOS or FCode.
      Support/Service Pack   ; 0xD ; The class is a support or
                                service pack.
      Software Bundle        ; 0xE ; The class is a software
                                bundle.

    References: See Classifications of the DMTF
                CIM_SoftwareIdentity schema.
```

#### 7.117. softwareInstance

```
    elementId: TBD
    name: softwareInstance
    dataType: orderedList
    status: current
    description: Information about an instance of software
                  installed on an endpoint. The following
                  high-level digram describes the structure of
                  the softwareInstance information element.
    structure: orderedList(softwareIdentifier, softwareTitle,
                           softwareCreator, softwareVersion,
                           softwareLastUpdated, softwareClass)
```

## 7.118. globallyUniqueIdentifier

elementId: TBD  
name: globallyUniqueIdentifier  
dataType: unsigned8  
status: current  
description: TODO.

## 7.119. creationTimestamp

elementId: TBD  
name: creationTimestamp  
dataType: dateTimeSeconds  
status: current  
description: The date and time when the posture  
information was created by a SACM Component.

## 7.120. collectionTimestamp

elementId: TBD  
name: collectionTimestamp  
dataType: dateTimeSeconds  
status: current  
description: The date and time when the posture  
information was collected or observed by a SACM  
Component.

## 7.121. publicationTimestamp

elementId: TBD  
name: publicationTimestamp  
dataType: dateTimeSeconds  
status: current  
description: The date and time when the posture  
information was published.

## 7.122. relayTimestamp

elementId: TBD  
name: relayTimestamp  
dataType: dateTimeSeconds  
status: current  
description: The date and time when the posture  
information was relayed to another SACM Component.

## 7.123. storageTimestamp

elementId: TBD  
name: storageTimestamp  
dataType: dateTimeSeconds  
status: current  
description: The date and time when the posture  
information was stored in a Repository.

## 7.124. type

elementId: TBD  
name: type  
dataType: enumeration  
status: current  
description: The type of data model use to represent  
some set of endpoint information. The following  
table lists the set of data models supported by SACM.  
structure: TBD

## 7.125. protocolIdentifier

elementId: TBD  
name: protocolIdentifier  
dataType: unsigned8  
status: current  
description: The value of the protocol number in the IP packet  
header. The protocol number identifies the IP packet  
payload type. Protocol numbers are defined in the  
IANA Protocol Numbers registry.

In Internet Protocol version 4 (IPv4), this is  
carried in the Protocol field. In Internet Protocol  
version 6 (IPv6), this is carried in the Next Header  
field in the last extension header of the packet.

## 7.126. sourceTransportPort

elementId: TBD  
name: sourceTransportPort  
dataType: unsigned16  
status: current  
description: The source port identifier in the transport header.  
For the transport protocols UDP, TCP, and SCTP, this  
is the source port number given in the respective  
header. This field MAY also be used for future  
transport protocols that have 16-bit source port  
identifiers.



## 7.127. sourceIPv4PrefixLength

elementId: TBD  
name: sourceIPv4PrefixLength  
dataType: unsigned8  
status: current  
description: The number of contiguous bits that are relevant in the sourceIPv4Prefix Information Element.

## 7.128. ingressInterface

elementId: TBD  
name: ingressInterface  
dataType: unsigned32  
status: current  
description: The index of the IP interface where packets of this Flow are being received. The value matches the value of managed object 'ifIndex' as defined in [RFC2863]. Note that ifIndex values are not assigned statically to an interface and that the interfaces may be renumbered every time the device's management system is re-initialized, as specified in [RFC2863].

## 7.129. destinationTransportPort

elementId: TBD  
name: destinationTransportPort  
dataType: unsigned16  
status: current  
description: The destination port identifier in the transport header. For the transport protocols UDP, TCP, and SCTP, this is the destination port number given in the respective header. This field MAY also be used for future transport protocols that have 16-bit destination port identifiers.

## 7.130. sourceIPv6PrefixLength

elementId: TBD  
name: sourceIPv6PrefixLength  
dataType: unsigned8  
status: current  
description: The number of contiguous bits that are relevant in the sourceIPv6Prefix Information Element.

## 7.131. sourceIPv4Prefix

elementId: TBD  
name: sourceIPv4Prefix  
dataType: ipv4Address  
status: current  
description: IPv4 source address prefix.

## 7.132. destinationIPv4Prefix

elementId: TBD  
name: destinationIPv4Prefix  
dataType: ipv4Address  
status: current  
description: IPv4 destination address prefix.

## 7.133. sourceMacAddress

elementId: TBD  
name: sourceMacAddress  
dataType: macAddress  
status: current  
description: The IEEE 802 source MAC address field.

## 7.134. ipVersion

elementId: TBD  
name: ipVersion  
dataType: unsigned8  
status: current  
description: The IP version field in the IP packet header.

## 7.135. interfaceDescription

elementId: TBD  
name: interfaceDescription  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The description of an interface, e.g.  
"FastEthernet 1/0" or "ISP connection".

## 7.136. applicationDescription

elementId: TBD  
name: applicationDescription  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the description of an application.

## 7.137. applicationId

elementId: TBD  
name: applicationId  
dataType: octetArray  
status: current  
description: Specifies an Application ID per [RFC6759].

## 7.138. applicationName

elementId: TBD  
name: applicationName  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the name of an application.

## 7.139. exporterIPv4Address

elementId: TBD  
name: exporterIPv4Address  
dataType: ipv4Address  
status: current  
description: The IPv4 address used by the Exporting Process.  
This is used by the Collector to identify the  
Exporter in cases where the identity of the Exporter  
may have been obscured by the use of a proxy.

## 7.140. exporterIPv6Address

elementId: TBD  
name: exporterIPv6Address  
dataType: ipv6Address  
status: current  
description: The IPv6 address used by the Exporting Process.  
This is used by the Collector to identify the  
Exporter in cases where the identity of the  
Exporter may have been obscured by the use of a  
proxy.

## 7.141. portId

elementId: TBD  
name: portId  
dataType: unsigned32  
status: current  
description: An identifier of a line port that is unique per  
IPFIX Device hosting an Observation Point.  
Typically, this Information Element is used for  
limiting the scope of other Information Elements.

#### 7.142. templateId

elementId: TBD  
name: templateId  
dataType: unsigned16  
status: current  
description: An identifier of a Template that is locally unique  
within a combination of a Transport session and an  
Observation Domain.

Template IDs 0-255 are reserved for Template Sets,  
Options Template Sets, and other reserved Sets yet  
to be created. Template IDs of Data Sets are  
numbered from 256 to 65535.

Typically, this Information Element is used for  
limiting the scope of other Information Elements.  
Note that after a re-start of the Exporting Process  
Template identifiers may be re-assigned.

#### 7.143. collectorIPv4Address

elementId: TBD  
name: collectorIPv4Address  
dataType: ipv4Address  
status: current  
description: An IPv4 address to which the Exporting Process sends  
Flow information.

#### 7.144. collectorIPv6Address

elementId: TBD  
name: collectorIPv6Address  
dataType: ipv6Address  
status: current  
description: An IPv6 address to which the Exporting Process sends  
Flow information.

## 7.145. informationElementIndex

elementId: TBD  
name: informationElementIndex  
dataType: unsigned16  
status: current  
description: A zero-based index of an Information Element  
referenced by informationElementId within a Template  
referenced by templateId; used to disambiguate  
scope for templates containing multiple identical  
Information Elements.

## 7.146. informationElementId

elementId: TBD  
name: informationElementId  
dataType: unsigned16  
status: current  
description: This Information Element contains the ID of another  
Information Element.

## 7.147. informationElementDataType

elementId: TBD  
name: informationElementDataType  
dataType: unsigned8  
status: current  
description: A description of the abstract data type of an IPFIX  
information element. These are taken from the  
abstract data types defined in section 3.1 of the  
IPFIX Information Model [RFC5102]; see that section  
for more information on the types described in the  
informationElementDataType sub-registry.

These types are registered in the IANA IPFIX  
Information Element Data Type subregistry. This  
subregistry is intended to assign numbers for type  
names, not to provide a mechanism for adding data  
types to the IPFIX Protocol, and as such requires a  
Standards Action [RFC5226] to modify.

## 7.148. informationElementDescription

elementId: TBD  
name: informationElementDescription  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A UTF-8 [RFC3629] encoded Unicode string containing a human-readable description of an Information Element. The content of the informationElementDescription MAY be annotated with one or more language tags [RFC4646], encoded in-line [RFC2482] within the UTF-8 string, in order to specify the language in which the description is written. Description text in multiple languages MAY tag each section with its own language tag; in this case, the description information in each language SHOULD have equivalent meaning. In the absence of any language tag, the "i-default" [RFC2277] language SHOULD be assumed. See the Security Considerations section for notes on string handling for Information Element type records.

7.149. informationElementName

elementId: TBD  
name: informationElementName  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A UTF-8 [RFC3629] encoded Unicode string containing the name of an Information Element, intended as a simple identifier. See the Security Considerations section for notes on string handling for Information Element type records.

7.150. informationElementRangeBegin

elementId: TBD  
name: informationElementRangeBegin  
dataType: unsigned64  
status: current  
description: Contains the inclusive low end of the range of acceptable values for an Information Element.

7.151. informationElementRangeEnd

elementId: TBD  
name: informationElementRangeEnd  
dataType: unsigned64  
status: current  
description: Contains the inclusive high end of the range of  
                  acceptable values for an Information Element.

#### 7.152. informationElementSemantics

elementId: TBD  
name: informationElementSemantics  
dataType: unsigned8  
status: current  
description: A description of the semantics of an IPFIX  
                  Information Element. These are taken from the data  
                  type semantics defined in section 3.2 of the IPFIX  
                  Information Model [RFC5102]; see that section for  
                  more information on the types defined in the  
                  informationElementSemantics sub-registry. This  
                  field may take the values in Table ; the special  
                  value 0x00 (default) is used to note that no  
                  semantics apply to the field; it cannot be  
                  manipulated by a Collecting Process or File Reader  
                  that does not understand it a priori.

These semantics are registered in the IANA IPFIX  
Information Element Semantics subregistry. This  
subregistry is intended to assign numbers for  
semantics names, not to provide a mechanism for  
adding semantics to the IPFIX Protocol, and as such  
requires a Standards Action [RFC5226] to modify.

#### 7.153. informationElementUnits

elementId: TBD  
name: informationElementUnits  
dataType: unsigned16  
status: current  
description: A description of the units of an IPFIX Information Element. These correspond to the units implicitly defined in the Information Element definitions in section 5 of the IPFIX Information Model [RFC5102]; see that section for more information on the types described in the informationElementsUnits sub-registry. This field may take the values in Table 3 below; the special value 0x00 (none) is used to note that the field is unitless.

These types are registered in the IANA IPFIX Information Element Units subregistry; new types may be added on a First Come First Served [RFC5226] basis.

#### 7.154. applicationCategoryName

elementId: TBD  
name: applicationCategoryName  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: An attribute that provides a first level categorization for each Application ID.

#### 7.155. mibObjectValueInteger

elementId: TBD  
name: mibObjectValueInteger  
dataType: signed64  
status: current  
description: An IPFIX Information Element which denotes that the integer value of a MIB object will be exported. The MIB Object Identifier ("mibObjectIdentifier") for this field MUST be exported in a MIB Field Option or via another means. This Information Element is used for MIB objects with the Base Syntax of Integer32 and INTEGER with IPFIX Reduced Size Encoding used as required. The value is encoded as per the standard IPFIX Abstract Data Type of signed64.



## 7.156. mibObjectValueOctetString

elementId: TBD  
name: mibObjectValueOctetString  
dataType: octetArray  
status: current  
description: An IPFIX Information Element which denotes that an Octet String or Opaque value of a MIB object will be exported. The MIB Object Identifier ("mibObjectIdentifier") for this field MUST be exported in a MIB Field Option or via another means. This Information Element is used for MIB objects with the Base Syntax of OCTET STRING and Opaque. The value is encoded as per the standard IPFIX Abstract Data Type of octetArray.

## 7.157. mibObjectValueOID

elementId: TBD  
name: mibObjectValueOID  
dataType: octetArray  
status: current  
description: An IPFIX Information Element which denotes that an Object Identifier or OID value of a MIB object will be exported. The MIB Object Identifier ("mibObjectIdentifier") for this field MUST be exported in a MIB Field Option or via another means. This Information Element is used for MIB objects with the Base Syntax of OBJECT IDENTIFIER. Note - In this case the "mibObjectIdentifier" will define which MIB object is being exported while the value contained in this Information Element will be an OID as a value. The mibObjectValueOID Information Element is encoded as ASN.1/BER [BER] in an octetArray.

## 7.158. mibObjectValueBits

elementId: TBD  
name: mibObjectValueBits  
dataType: octetArray  
status: current  
description: An IPFIX Information Element which denotes that a set of Enumerated flags or bits from a MIB object will be exported. The MIB Object Identifier ("mibObjectIdentifier") for this field MUST be exported in a MIB Field Option or via another means. This Information Element is used for MIB objects with the Base Syntax of BITS. The flags or bits are encoded as per the standard IPFIX Abstract Data Type of octetArray, with sufficient length to accommodate the required number of bits. If the number of bits is not an integer multiple of octets then the most significant bits at end of the octetArray MUST be set to zero.

#### 7.159. mibObjectValueIPAddress

elementId: TBD  
name: mibObjectValueIPAddress  
dataType: ipv4Address  
status: current  
description: An IPFIX Information Element which denotes that the IPv4 Address of a MIB object will be exported. The MIB Object Identifier ("mibObjectIdentifier") for this field MUST be exported in a MIB Field Option or via another means. This Information Element is used for MIB objects with the Base Syntax of IPAddress. The value is encoded as per the standard IPFIX Abstract Data Type of ipv4Address.

#### 7.160. mibObjectValueCounter

elementId: TBD  
name: mibObjectValueCounter  
dataType: unsigned64  
status: current  
description: An IPFIX Information Element which denotes that the counter value of a MIB object will be exported. The MIB Object Identifier ("mibObjectIdentifier") for this field MUST be exported in a MIB Field Option or via another means. This Information Element is used for MIB objects with the Base Syntax of Counter32 or Counter64 with IPFIX Reduced Size Encoding used as required. The value is encoded as per the standard IPFIX Abstract Data Type of unsigned64.

#### 7.161. mibObjectValueGauge

elementId: TBD  
name: mibObjectValueGauge  
dataType: unsigned32  
status: current  
description: An IPFIX Information Element which denotes that the Gauge value of a MIB object will be exported. The MIB Object Identifier ("mibObjectIdentifier") for this field MUST be exported in a MIB Field Option or via another means. This Information Element is used for MIB objects with the Base Syntax of Gauge32. The value is encoded as per the standard IPFIX Abstract Data Type of unsigned64. This value will represent a non-negative integer, which may increase or decrease, but shall never exceed a maximum value, nor fall below a minimum value.

#### 7.162. mibObjectValueTimeTicks

elementId: TBD  
name: mibObjectValueTimeTicks  
dataType: unsigned32  
status: current  
description: An IPFIX Information Element which denotes that the TimeTicks value of a MIB object will be exported. The MIB Object Identifier ("mibObjectIdentifier") for this field MUST be exported in a MIB Field Option or via another means. This Information Element is used for MIB objects with the Base Syntax of TimeTicks. The value is encoded as per the standard IPFIX Abstract Data Type of unsigned32.

## 7.163. mibObjectValueUnsigned

elementId: TBD  
name: mibObjectValueUnsigned  
dataType: unsigned64  
status: current  
description: An IPFIX Information Element which denotes that an unsigned integer value of a MIB object will be exported. The MIB Object Identifier ("mibObjectIdentifier") for this field MUST be exported in a MIB Field Option or via another means. This Information Element is used for MIB objects with the Base Syntax of unsigned64 with IPFIX Reduced Size Encoding used as required. The value is encoded as per the standard IPFIX Abstract Data Type of unsigned64.

## 7.164. mibObjectValueTable

elementId: TBD  
name: mibObjectValueTable  
dataType: orderedList  
status: current  
description: An IPFIX Information Element which denotes that a complete or partial conceptual table will be exported. The MIB Object Identifier ("mibObjectIdentifier") for this field MUST be exported in a MIB Field Option or via another means. This Information Element is used for MIB objects with a SYNTAX of SEQUENCE. This is encoded as a subTemplateList of mibObjectValue Information Elements. The template specified in the subTemplateList MUST be an Options Template and MUST include all the Objects listed in the INDEX clause as Scope Fields.  
structure: orderedList(mibObjectValueRow+)

## 7.165. mibObjectValueRow

elementId: TBD  
name: mibObjectValueRow  
dataType: orderedList  
status: current  
description: An IPFIX Information Element which denotes that a single row of a conceptual table will be exported. The MIB Object Identifier ("mibObjectIdentifier") for this field MUST be exported in a MIB Field Option or via another means. This Information Element is used for MIB objects with a SYNTAX of SEQUENCE. This is encoded as a subTemplateList of mibObjectValue Information Elements. The subTemplateList exported MUST contain exactly one row (i.e., one instance of the subtemplate). The template specified in the subTemplateList MUST be an Options Template and MUST include all the Objects listed in the INDEX clause as Scope Fields.  
structure: orderedList(mibObjectValue+)

#### 7.166. mibObjectIdentifier

elementId: TBD  
name: mibObjectIdentifier  
dataType: octetArray  
status: current  
description: An IPFIX Information Element which denotes that a MIB Object Identifier (MIB OID) is exported in the (Options) Template Record. The mibObjectIdentifier Information Element contains the OID assigned to the MIB Object Type Definition encoded as ASN.1/BER [BER].

#### 7.167. mibSubIdentifier

elementId: TBD  
name: mibSubIdentifier  
dataType: unsigned32  
status: current  
description: A non-negative sub-identifier of an Object Identifier (OID).

#### 7.168. mibIndexIndicator

elementId: TBD  
name: mibIndexIndicator  
dataType: unsigned64  
status: current  
description: This set of bit fields is used for marking the Information Elements of a Data Record that serve as INDEX MIB objects for an indexed Columnar MIB object. Each bit represents an Information Element in the Data Record with the n-th bit representing the n-th Information Element. A bit set to value 1 indicates that the corresponding Information Element is an index of the Columnar Object represented by the mibFieldValue. A bit set to value 0 indicates that this is not the case.

If the Data Record contains more than 64 Information Elements, the corresponding Template SHOULD be designed such that all INDEX Fields are among the first 64 Information Elements, because the mibIndexIndicator only contains 64 bits. If the Data Record contains less than 64 Information Elements, then the extra bits in the mibIndexIndicator for which no corresponding Information Element exists MUST have the value 0, and must be disregarded by the Collector. This Information Element may be exported with IPFIX Reduced Size Encoding.

7.169. mibCaptureTimeSemantics

elementId: TBD  
name: mibCaptureTimeSemantics  
dataType: unsigned8  
status: current  
description: Indicates when in the lifetime of the flow the MIB value was retrieved from the MIB for a mibObjectIdentifier. This is used to indicate if the value exported was collected from the MIB closer to flow creation or flow export time and will refer to the Timestamp fields included in the same record. This field SHOULD be used when exporting a mibObjectValue that specifies counters or statistics.

If the MIB value was sampled by SNMP prior to the IPFIX Metering Process or Exporting Process retrieving the value (i.e., the data is already stale) and it's important to know the exact sampling time, then an additional observationTime\* element should be paired with the OID using structured data. Similarly, if different mibCaptureTimeSemantics apply to different mibObject elements within the Data Record, then individual mibCaptureTimeSemantics should be paired with each OID using structured data.

Values:

- 0. undefined
- 1. begin - The value for the MIB object is captured from the MIB when the Flow is first observed
- 2. end - The value for the MIB object is captured from the MIB when the Flow ends
- 3. export - The value for the MIB object is captured from the MIB at export time
- 4. average - The value for the MIB object is an average of multiple captures from the MIB over the observed life of the Flow

#### 7.170. mibContextEngineID

elementId: TBD  
name: mibContextEngineID  
dataType: octetArray  
status: current  
description: A mibContextEngineID that specifies the SNMP engine ID for a MIB field being exported over IPFIX. Definition as per [RFC3411] section 3.3.

## 7.171. mibContextName

elementId: TBD  
name: mibContextName  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: This Information Element denotes that a MIB Context Name is specified for a MIB field being exported over IPFIX. Reference [RFC3411] section 3.3.

## 7.172. mibObjectName

elementId: TBD  
name: mibObjectName  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The name (called a descriptor in [RFC2578]) of an object type definition.

## 7.173. mibObjectDescription

elementId: TBD  
name: mibObjectDescription  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The value of the DESCRIPTION clause of an MIB object type definition.

## 7.174. mibObjectSyntax

elementId: TBD  
name: mibObjectSyntax  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The value of the SYNTAX clause of an MIB object type definition, which may include a Textual Convention or Subtyping. See [RFC2578].

## 7.175. mibModuleName

elementId: TBD  
name: mibModuleName  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The textual name of the MIB module that defines a MIB Object.



## 7.176. interface

elementId: TBD  
name: interface  
dataType: list  
structure: list (interfaceName, hwAddress, inetAddr, netmask)  
status: current  
description: Represents an interface and its configuration options.

## 7.177. iflisteners

elementId: TBD  
name: iflisteners  
dataType: list  
structure: list (interfaceName, physicalProtocol, hwAddress, programName, pid, userId)  
status: current  
description: Stores the results of checking for applications that are bound to an ethernet interface on the system.

## 7.178. physicalProtocol

elementId: TBD  
name: physicalProtocol  
dataType: enumeration  
structure:  
ETH\_P\_LOOP ; 0x1 ; Ethernet loopback packet.  
ETH\_P\_PUP ; 0x2 ; Xerox PUP packet.  
ETH\_P\_PUPAT ; 0x3 ; Xerox PUP Address Transport packet.  
ETH\_P\_IP ; 0x4 ; Internet protocol packet.  
ETH\_P\_X25 ; 0x5 ; CCITT X.25 packet.  
ETH\_P\_ARP ; 0x6 ; Address resolution packet.  
ETH\_P\_BPQ ; 0x7 ; G8BPQ AX.25 ethernet packet.  
ETH\_P\_IEEE8023PUP ; 0x8 ; Xerox IEEE802.3 PUP packet.  
ETH\_P\_IEEE8023PUPAT ; 0x9 ; Xerox IEEE802.3 PUP address transport packet.  
ETH\_P\_DEC ; 0xA ; DEC assigned protocol.  
ETH\_P\_DNA\_DL ; 0xB ; DEC DNA Dump/Load.  
ETH\_P\_DNA\_RC ; 0xC ; DEC DNA Remote Console.  
ETH\_P\_DNA\_RT ; 0xD ; DEC DNA Routing.  
ETH\_P\_LAT ; 0xE ; DEC LAT.  
ETH\_P\_DIAG ; 0xF ; DEC Diagnostics.  
ETH\_P\_CUST ; 0x10 ; DEC Customer use.  
ETH\_P\_SCA ; 0x11 ; DEC Systems Comms Arch.  
ETH\_P\_RARP ; 0x12 ; Reverse address resolution packet.  
ETH\_P\_ATALK ; 0x13 ; Appletalk DDP.  
ETH\_P\_AARP ; 0x14 ; Appletalk AARP.

ETH\_P\_8021Q ; 0x15 ; 802.1Q VLAN Extended Header.  
ETH\_P\_IPX ; 0x16 ; IPX over DIX.  
ETH\_P\_IPV6 ; 0x17 ; IPv6 over bluebook.  
ETH\_P\_SLOW ; 0x18 ; Slow Protocol. See 802.3ad 43B.  
ETH\_P\_WCCP ; 0x19 ; Web-cache coordination protocol.  
ETH\_P\_PPP\_DISC ; 0x1A ; PPPoE discovery messages.  
ETH\_P\_PPP\_SES ; 0x1B ; PPPoE session messages.  
ETH\_P\_MPLS\_UC ; 0x1C ; MPLS Unicast traffic.  
ETH\_P\_MPLS\_MC ; 0x1D ; MPLS Multicast traffic.  
ETH\_P\_ATMMPOA ; 0x1E ; MultiProtocol Over ATM.  
ETH\_P\_ATMFATE ; 0x1F ; Frame-based ATM Transport over Ethernet.  
ETH\_P\_AOE ; 0x20 ; ATA over Ethernet.  
ETH\_P\_TIPC ; 0x21 ; TIPC.  
ETH\_P\_802\_3 ; 0x22 ; Dummy type for 802.3 frames.  
ETH\_P\_AX25 ; 0x23 ; Dummy protocol id for AX.25.  
ETH\_P\_ALL ; 0x24 ; Every packet.  
ETH\_P\_802\_2 ; 0x25 ; 802.2 frames.  
ETH\_P\_SNAP ; 0x26 ; Internal only.  
ETH\_P\_DDCMP ; 0x27 ; DEC DDCMP: Internal only  
ETH\_P\_WAN\_PPP ; 0x28 ; Dummy type for WAN PPP frames.  
ETH\_P\_PPP\_MP ; 0x29 ; Dummy type for PPP MP frames.  
ETH\_P\_PPPTALK ; 0x2A ; Dummy type for Atalk over PPP.  
ETH\_P\_LOCALTALK ; 0x2B ; Localtalk pseudo type.  
ETH\_P\_TR\_802\_2 ; 0x2C ; 802.2 frames.  
ETH\_P\_MOBITEX ; 0x2D ; Mobitex.  
ETH\_P\_CONTROL ; 0x2E ; Card specific control frames.  
ETH\_P\_IRDA ; 0x2F ; Linux-IrDA.  
ETH\_P\_ECONET ; 0x30 ; Acorn Econet.  
ETH\_P\_HDLC ; 0x31 ; HDLC frames.  
ETH\_P\_ARCNET ; 0x32 ; 1A for ArcNet.  
                  ; 0x33 ; The empty string value is permitted here  
                  to allow for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description: The physical layer protocol used by the AF\_PACKET  
socket.

#### 7.179. hwAddress

elementId: TBD  
name: hwAddress  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The hardware address associated  
                  with the interface.

## 7.180. programName

elementId: TBD  
name: programName  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The name of the communicating program.

## 7.181. userId

elementId: TBD  
name: userId  
dataType: unsigned32  
status: current  
description: The numeric user id.

## 7.182. inetlisteningserver

elementId: TBD  
name: inetlisteningserver  
dataType: list  
structure: list (transportProtocol, localAddress, localPort, localFullAddress, programName, foreignAddress, foreignPort, foreignFullAddress, pid, userId)  
status: current  
description: Stores the results of checking for network servers currently active on a system. It holds information pertaining to a specific protocol-address-port combination.

## 7.183. transportProtocol

elementId: TBD  
name: transportProtocol  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The transport-layer protocol (tcp or udp).

## 7.184. localAddress

elementId: TBD  
name: localAddress  
dataType: ipAddress  
status: current  
description: This is the IP address being listened to. Note that the IP address can be IPv4 or IPv6.

## 7.185. localPort

elementId: TBD  
name: localPort  
dataType: unsigned32  
status: current  
description: This is the TCP or UDP port  
being listened to.

## 7.186. localFullAddress

elementId: TBD  
name: localFullAddress  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The IP address and network port on which the program  
listens, including the local address and the local port. Note  
that the IP address can be IPv4 or IPv6.

## 7.187. foreignAddress

elementId: TBD  
name: foreignAddress  
dataType: ipAddress  
status: current  
description: The IP address with which the program is  
communicating, or with which it will communicate. Note that the  
IP address can be IPv4 or IPv6.

## 7.188. foreignFullAddress

elementId: TBD  
name: foreignFullAddress  
dataType: ipAddress  
status: current  
description: The IP address and network port to which the program  
is communicating or will accept communications from, including  
the foreign address and foreign port. Note that the IP address  
can be IPv4 or IPv6.

## 7.189. selinuxboolean

elementId: TBD  
name: selinuxboolean  
dataType: list  
structure: list (selinuxName, currentStatus,  
pendingStatus)  
status: current  
description: Describes the current and pending status of a  
SELinux boolean.

7.190. selinuxName

elementId: TBD  
name: selinuxName  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The name of the SELinux  
boolean.

7.191. currentStatus

elementId: TBD  
name: currentStatus  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Indicates current state of  
the specified SELinux boolean.

7.192. pendingStatus

elementId: TBD  
name: pendingStatus  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Indicates the pending  
state of the specified SELinux boolean.

7.193. selinuxsecuritycontext

elementId: TBD  
name: selinuxsecuritycontext  
dataType: list  
structure: list (filepath, path, filename, pid,  
username, role, domainType, lowSensitivity, lowCategory,  
highSensitivity, highCategory, rawlowSensitivity,  
rawlowCategory, rawhighSensitivity, rawhighCategory)  
status: current  
description: Describes the SELinux security  
context of a file or process on the local system.

## 7.194. filepath

elementId: TBD  
name: filepath  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the absolute path for a file on the machine. A directory cannot be specified as a filepath.

## 7.195. path

elementId: TBD  
name: path  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the directory component of the absolute path to a file on the machine.

## 7.196. filename

elementId: TBD  
name: filename  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The name of the file.

## 7.197. pid

elementId: TBD  
name: pid  
dataType: unsigned32  
status: current  
description: The process ID of the process.

## 7.198. role

elementId: TBD  
name: role  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the types that a process may transition to (domain transitions).

## 7.199. domainType

elementId: TBD  
name: domainType  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the domain in which the file is accessible  
or the domain in which a process executes.

## 7.200. lowSensitivity

elementId: TBD  
name: lowSensitivity  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the current sensitivity of a file or  
process.

## 7.201. lowCategory

elementId: TBD  
name: lowCategory  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the set of  
categories associated with the low sensitivity.

## 7.202. highSensitivity

elementId: TBD  
name: highSensitivity  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the maximum  
range for a file or the clearance for a process.

## 7.203. highCategory

elementId: TBD  
name: highCategory  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the set of  
categories associated with the high sensitivity.

## 7.204. rawlowSensitivity

elementId: TBD  
name: rawlowSensitivity  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the current sensitivity of a file or process but in its raw context.

## 7.205. rawlowCategory

elementId: TBD  
name: rawlowCategory  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the set of categories associated with the low sensitivity but in its raw context.

## 7.206. rawhighSensitivity

elementId: TBD  
name: rawhighSensitivity  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the maximum range for a file or the clearance for a process but in its raw context.

## 7.207. rawhighCategory

elementId: TBD  
name: rawhighCategory  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the set of categories associated with the high sensitivity but in its raw context.

## 7.208. systemdunitdependency

elementId: TBD  
name: systemdunitdependency  
dataType: list  
structure: list (unit, dependency)  
status: current  
  
description: Stores the dependencies of the systemd unit.



## 7.209. unit

elementId: TBD  
name: unit  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Refers to the full systemd unit name, which has a form of "\$name.\$type". For example "cupsd.service". This name is usually also the filename of the unit configuration file.

## 7.210. dependency

elementId: TBD  
name: dependency  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Refers to the name of a unit that was confirmed to be a dependency of the given unit.

## 7.211. systemdunitproperty

elementId: TBD  
name: systemdunitproperty  
dataType: list  
structure: list (unit, property, systemdunitValue)  
  
status: current  
description: Stores the properties and values of a systemd unit.

## 7.212. property

elementId: TBD  
name: property  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The property associated with a systemd unit.

## 7.213. systemdunitValue

elementId: TBD  
name: systemdunitValue  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The value of the property associated with a systemd unit. Exactly one value shall be used for all property types except dbus arrays - each array element shall be represented by one value.

## 7.214. file

elementId: TBD  
name: file  
dataType: list  
structure: list (filepath, path, filename, fileType, userId, aTime, cTime, mTime, size)  
status: current  
description: The metadata associated with a file on the endpoint.

## 7.215. fileType

elementId: TBD  
name: fileType  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The file's type (e.g., regular file (regular), directory, named pipe (fifo), symbolic link, socket or block special.)

## 7.216. groupId

elementId: TBD  
name: groupId  
dataType: unsigned32  
status: current  
description: The group owner of the file, by group number.

## 7.217. aTime

elementId: TBD  
name: aTime  
dataType: dateTimeSeconds  
status: current  
description: The time that the file was last accessed.

## 7.218. cTime

elementId: TBD  
name: cTime  
dataType: dateTimeSeconds  
status: current  
description: The time of the last change to the file's inode.

## 7.219. mTime

elementId: TBD  
name: mTime  
dataType: dateTimeSeconds  
status: current  
description: The time of the last change to  
the file's contents.

## 7.220. size

elementId: TBD  
name: size  
dataType: unsigned32  
status: current  
description: This is the size of the file in  
bytes.

## 7.221. suid

elementId: TBD  
name: suid  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Indicates whether the program runs with the uid  
(thus privileges) of the file's owner, rather than the calling  
user.

## 7.222. sgid

elementId: TBD  
name: sgid  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Indicates whether the program runs with the gid  
(thus privileges) of the file's group owner, rather than the  
calling user's group.

## 7.223. sticky

elementId: TBD  
name: sticky  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Indicates whether users can delete each other's  
files in this directory, when said directory is writable by  
those users.

## 7.224. hasExtendedAcl

elementId: TBD  
name: hasExtendedAcl  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Indicates whether the file or directory has ACL permissions applied to it. If a system supports ACLs and the file or directory doesn't have an ACL, or it matches the standard UNIX permissions, the entity will have a status of 'exists' and a value of 'false'. If the system supports ACLs and the file or directory has an ACL, the entity will have a status of 'exists' and a value of 'true'. Lastly, if a system doesn't support ACLs, the entity will have a status of 'does not exist'.

## 7.225. inetd

elementId: TBD  
name: inetd  
dataType: list  
structure: list (serviceProtocol, serviceName, serverProgram, serverArguments, inetdEndpointType, execAsUser, waitStatus)  
status: current  
description: Holds information associated with different Internet services.

## 7.226. serverProgram

elementId: TBD  
name: serverProgram  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Either the pathname of a server program to be invoked by inetd to perform the requested service, or the value internal if inetd itself provides the service.

## 7.227. inetdEndpointType

elementId: TBD  
name: inetdEndpointType  
dataType: enumeration  
structure:  
  stream ; 0x1 ; The stream value is used to describe a stream socket.  
  dgram ; 0x2 ; The dgram value is used to describe a datagram socket.  
  raw ; 0x3 ; The raw value is used to describe a raw socket.  
  seqpacket ; 0x4 ; The seqpacket value is used to describe a sequenced packet socket.  
  tli ; 0x5 ; The tli value is used to describe all TLI endpoints.  
  sunrpc\_tcp ; 0x6 ; The sunrpc\_tcp value is used to describe all SUNRPC TCP endpoints.  
  sunrpc\_udp ; 0x7 ; The sunrpc\_udp value is used to describe all SUNRPC UDP endpoints.  
  ; 0x8 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description: The endpoint type (aka, socket type) associated with the service.

#### 7.228. execAsUser

elementId: TBD  
name: execAsUser  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The user id of the user the server program should run under.

#### 7.229. waitStatus

elementId: TBD  
name: waitStatus  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: wait ; 0x1 ; The value of 'wait' specifies that the server that is invoked by inetd will take over the listening socket associated with the service, and once launched, inetd will wait for that server to exit, if ever, before it resumes listening for new service requests.

nowait ; 0x2 ; The value of 'nowait' specifies that the server that is invoked by inetd will not wait for any existing server to finish before taking over the listening socket associated with the service.

; 0x3 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for detailed error reporting.

status: current

description: Specifies whether the server that is invoked by inetd will take over the listening socket associated with the service, and whether once launched, inetd will wait for that server to exit, if ever, before it resumes listening for new service requests. The legal values are "wait" or "nowait".

#### 7.230. inetAddr

elementId: TBD  
name: inetAddr  
dataType: ipAddress  
status: current  
description: The IP address of the specific interface. Note that the IP address can be IPv4 or IPv6.

#### 7.231. netmask

elementId: TBD  
name: netmask  
dataType: ipAddress  
status: current  
description: The bitmask used to calculate the interface's IP network.

#### 7.232. passwordInfo

elementId: TBD  
name: passwordInfo  
dataType: list  
structure: list (username, password, userId, groupId, gcos,  
homeDir, loginShell, lastLogin)  
status: current  
description: Describes user account information for a  
system.

7.233. username

elementId: TBD  
name: username  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The name of the user.

7.234. password

elementId: TBD  
name: password  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The encrypted version of the  
user's password.

7.235. gcos

elementId: TBD  
name: gcos  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description:

7.236. homeDir

elementId: TBD  
name: homeDir  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The user's home  
directory.

7.237. loginShell

elementId: TBD  
name: loginShell  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The user's shell  
program.

7.238. lastLogin

elementId: TBD  
name: lastLogin  
dataType: unsigned32  
status: current  
description: The date and time when the  
last login occurred.

7.239. process

elementId: TBD  
name: process  
dataType: list  
structure: list (commandLine, pid, ppid, priority, startTime)  
  
status: current  
description: Information about a process running on an endpoint.

7.240. commandLine

elementId: TBD  
name: commandLine  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The string used to start the  
process. This includes any parameters that are part of the  
command line.

7.241. ppid

elementId: TBD  
name: ppid  
dataType: unsigned32  
status: current  
description: The process ID of the process's  
parent process.



## 7.242. priority

elementId: TBD  
name: priority  
dataType: unsigned32  
status: current  
description: The scheduling priority with  
which the process runs.

## 7.243. startTime

elementId: TBD  
name: startTime  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The time of day the process  
started.

## 7.244. routingtable

elementId: TBD  
name: routingtable  
dataType: list  
structure: list (destination, gateway, flags,  
interfaceName)  
status: current  
description: Holds information about an individual routing table  
entry found in a system's primary routing table.

## 7.245. destination

elementId: TBD  
name: destination  
dataType: ipAddress  
status: current  
description: The destination IP address  
prefix of the routing table entry.

## 7.246. gateway

elementId: TBD  
name: gateway  
dataType: ipAddress  
status: current  
description: The gateway of the specified  
routing table entry.

## 7.247. runlevelInfo

elementId: TBD  
name: runlevelInfo  
dataType: list  
structure: list (serviceName, runlevel, start, kill)  
  
status: current  
description: Information about the start or kill state of a specified service at a given runlevel.

## 7.248. runlevel

elementId: TBD  
name: runlevel  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the system runlevel associated with a service.

## 7.249. start

elementId: TBD  
name: start  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Specifies whether the service is scheduled to start at the runlevel.

## 7.250. kill

elementId: TBD  
name: kill  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Specifies whether the service is scheduled to be killed at the runlevel.

## 7.251. shadowItem

elementId: TBD  
name: shadowItem  
dataType: list  
structure: list (username, password, chgLst, chgAllow, chgReq, expWarn, expInact, expDate, flags, encryptMethod)  
status: current  
description:

## 7.252. chgLst

elementId: TBD  
name: chgLst  
dataType: dateTimeSeconds  
status: current  
description: The date of the last password  
change.

## 7.253. chgAllow

elementId: TBD  
name: chgAllow  
dataType: unsigned32  
status: current  
description: Specifies how often in days a  
user may change their password. It can also be thought of  
as the minimum age of a password.

## 7.254. chgReq

elementId: TBD  
name: chgReq  
dataType: unsigned32  
status: current  
description: Describes how long a user can  
keep a password before the system forces her to change it.

## 7.255. expWarn

elementId: TBD  
name: expWarn  
dataType: unsigned32  
status: current  
description: Describes how long before  
password expiration the system begins warning the user.

## 7.256. expInact

elementId: TBD  
name: expInact  
dataType: unsigned32  
status: current  
description: Describes how many days of  
account inactivity the system will wait after a password  
expires before locking the account.

## 7.257. expDate

elementId: TBD  
name: expDate  
dataType: dateTimeSeconds  
status: current  
description: Specifies when will the  
account's password expire.

## 7.258. encryptMethod

elementId: TBD  
name: encryptMethod  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: DES ; 0x1 ; The DES method corresponds to the (none)  
prefix.  
    BSDi ; 0x2 ; The BSDi method corresponds to BSDi modified  
    DES or the '\_' prefix.  
    MD5 ; 0x3 ; The MD5 method corresponds to MD5 for Linux/BSD  
    or the \$1\$ prefix.  
    Blowfish ; 0x4 ; The Blowfish method corresponds to Blowfish  
    (OpenBSD) or the \$2\$ or \$2a\$ prefixes.  
    Sun MD5 ; 0x5 ; The Sun MD5 method corresponds to the \$md5\$  
    prefix.  
    SHA-256 ; 0x6 ; The SHA-256 method corresponds to the \$5\$  
    prefix.  
    SHA-512 ; 0x7 ; The SHA-512 method corresponds to the \$6\$  
    prefix. ; 0x8 ; The empty string value is permitted here to  
    allow for empty elements associated with variable references.  
status: current  
description: Describes method that is used for hashing  
passwords.

## 7.259. symlink

elementId: TBD  
name: symlink  
dataType: list  
structure: list (symlinkFilepath, canonicalPath)  
status: current

description: Identifies the result generated for a symlink.

## 7.260. symlinkFilepath

elementId: TBD  
name: symlinkFilepath  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the filepath to  
the subject symbolic link file.

#### 7.261. canonicalPath

elementId: TBD  
name: canonicalPath  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the canonical  
path for the target of the symbolic link file specified by  
the filepath.

#### 7.262. sysctl

elementId: TBD  
name: sysctl  
dataType: list  
structure: list (kernelParameterName, kernelParameterValue+,  
uname, machineClass, nodeName, osName, osRelease,  
osVersion, processorType)  
status: current  
description: Stores  
information retrieved from the local system about a kernel  
parameter and its respective value(s).

#### 7.263. kernelParameterName

elementId: TBD  
name: kernelParameterName  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The name of a kernel  
parameter that was collected from the local system.

#### 7.264. kernelParameterValue

elementId: TBD  
name: kernelParameterValue  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The current value(s)  
for the specified kernel parameter on the local system.

## 7.265. uname

elementId: TBD  
name: uname  
dataType: list  
structure: list (machineClass, nodeName, osName, osRelease,  
osVersion, processorType)  
status: current  
description: Information about the hardware the machine is running  
on.

## 7.266. machineClass

elementId: TBD  
name: machineClass  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the machine  
hardware name.

## 7.267. nodeName

elementId: TBD  
name: nodeName  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the host  
name.

## 7.268. osName

elementId: TBD  
name: osName  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the operating system  
name.

## 7.269. osRelease

elementId: TBD  
name: osRelease  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the build  
version.

## 7.270. processorType

elementId: TBD  
name: processorType  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the processor  
          type.

## 7.271. internetService

elementId: TBD  
name: internetService  
dataType: list  
structure: list (serviceProtocol, serviceName, flags,  
                 noAccess, onlyFrom, port, server, serverArguments,  
                 socketType, registeredServiceType, user, wait, disabled)  
  
status: current  
description: Holds information associated with Internet services.

## 7.272. serviceProtocol

elementId: TBD  
name: serviceProtocol  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the protocol  
          that is used by the service.

## 7.273. serviceName

elementId: TBD  
name: serviceName  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the name of the  
          service.

## 7.274. flags

elementId: TBD  
name: flags  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies miscellaneous settings  
          associated with the service with executing a program.

## 7.275. noAccess

elementId: TBD  
name: noAccess  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the remote hosts to  
which the service is unavailable.

## 7.276. onlyFrom

elementId: TBD  
name: onlyFrom  
dataType: ipAddress  
status: current  
description: Specifies the remote hosts to  
which the service is available.

## 7.277. port

elementId: TBD  
name: port  
dataType: unsigned32  
status: current  
description: The port entity specifies the port  
used by the service.

## 7.278. server

elementId: TBD  
name: server  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the executable that is  
used to launch the service.

## 7.279. serverArguments

elementId: TBD  
name: serverArguments  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the arguments  
that are passed to the executable when launching the service.



## 7.280. socketType

elementId: TBD  
name: socketType  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the type of socket  
that is used by the service. Possible values include: stream,  
dgram, raw, or seqpacket.

## 7.281. registeredServiceType

elementId: TBD  
name: registeredServiceType  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: INTERNAL ; 0x1 ; The INTERNAL type is used to describe  
services like echo, chargen, and others whose functionality is  
supplied by xinetd itself.  
RPC ; 0x2 ; The RPC type is used to describe services that  
use remote procedure call ala NFS.  
UNLISTED ; 0x3 ; The UNLISTED type is used to describe  
services that aren't listed in /etc/protocols or /etc/rpc.  
TCPMUX ; 0x4 ; The TCPMUX type is used to describe services  
that conform to RFC 1078. This type indicates that the service  
is responsible for handling the protocol handshake.  
TCPMUXPLUS ; 0x5 ; The TCPMUXPLUS type is used to describe  
services that conform to RFC 1078. This type indicates that  
xinetd is responsible for handling the protocol  
handshake.  
; 0x6 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow  
for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
  
description: Specifies the type of internet service.

## 7.282. wait

elementId: TBD  
name: wait  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Specifies whether or not the service is single-threaded  
or multi-threaded and whether or not xinetd accepts the connection  
or the service accepts the connection. A value of 'true' indicates  
that the service is single-threaded and the service will accept the  
connection. A value of 'false' indicates that the service is multi-  
threaded and xinetd will accept the connection.

## 7.283. disabled

elementId: TBD  
name: disabled  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Specifies whether or not the service is disabled. A value of 'true' indicates that the service is disabled and will not start. A value of 'false' indicates that the service is not disabled.

## 7.284. windowsView

elementId: TBD  
name: windowsView  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: 32\_bit ; 0x1 ; Indicates the 32\_bit windows view.  
64\_bit ; 0x2 ; Indicates the 64\_bit windows view.  
; 0x3 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for empty elements associated with error conditions.  
status: current  
description: Indicates from which view (32-bit or 64-bit), the information was collected. A value of '32\_bit' indicates the Item was collected from the 32-bit view. A value of '64-bit' indicates the Item was collected from the 64-bit view.

## 7.285. fileauditedpermissions

elementId: TBD  
name: fileauditedpermissions  
dataType: list  
structure: list (filepath, path, filename, trusteeSid, trusteeName, auditStandardDelete, auditStandardReadControl, auditStandardWriteDac, auditStandardWriteOwner, auditStandardSynchronize, auditAccessSystemSecurity, auditGenericRead, auditGenericWrite, auditGenericExecute, auditGenericAll, auditFileReadData, auditFileWriteData, auditFileAppendData, auditFileReadEa, auditFileWriteEa, auditFileExecute, auditFileDeleteChild, auditFileReadAttributes, auditFileWriteAttributes, windowsView)  
status: current  
description: Stores the audited access rights of a file that a system access control list (SACL) structure grants to a specified trustee. The trustee's audited access rights are determined checking all access control entries (ACEs) in the SACL.

## 7.286. trusteeName

elementId: TBD  
name: trusteeName  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the trustee name. A trustee can be a user, group, or program (such as a Windows service).

## 7.287. auditStandardDelete

elementId: TBD  
name: auditStandardDelete  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: AUDIT\_FAILURE ; 0x1 ; The audit type AUDIT\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all unsuccessful occurrences of specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_NONE ; 0x2 ; The audit type AUDIT\_NONE is used to cancel all auditing options for the specified events.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS ; 0x3 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS is used to perform audits on all successful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE ; 0x4 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all successful and unsuccessful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
; 0x5 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description: The right to delete the object.

## 7.288. auditStandardReadControl

elementId: TBD  
name: auditStandardReadControl  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: AUDIT\_FAILURE ; 0x1 ; The audit type AUDIT\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all unsuccessful occurrences of specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_NONE ; 0x2 ; The audit type AUDIT\_NONE is used to cancel all auditing options for the specified events.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS ; 0x3 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS is used to perform audits on all successful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE ; 0x4 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all successful and unsuccessful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
; 0x5 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description: The right to read the information in the object's security descriptor, not including the information in the SACL.

#### 7.289. auditStandardWriteDac

elementId: TBD  
name: auditStandardWriteDac  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: AUDIT\_FAILURE ; 0x1 ; The audit type AUDIT\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all unsuccessful occurrences of specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_NONE ; 0x2 ; The audit type AUDIT\_NONE is used to cancel all auditing options for the specified events.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS ; 0x3 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS is used to perform audits on all successful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE ; 0x4 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all successful and unsuccessful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
; 0x5 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description: The right to modify the DACL in the object's security descriptor.

#### 7.290. auditStandardWriteOwner

elementId: TBD  
name: auditStandardWriteOwner  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: AUDIT\_FAILURE ; 0x1 ; The audit type AUDIT\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all unsuccessful occurrences of specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_NONE ; 0x2 ; The audit type AUDIT\_NONE is used to cancel all auditing options for the specified events.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS ; 0x3 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS is used to perform audits on all successful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE ; 0x4 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all successful and unsuccessful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
; 0x5 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description: The right to change the owner in the object's security descriptor.

#### 7.291. auditStandardSynchronize

elementId: TBD  
name: auditStandardSynchronize  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: AUDIT\_FAILURE ; 0x1 ; The audit type AUDIT\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all unsuccessful occurrences of specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_NONE ; 0x2 ; The audit type AUDIT\_NONE is used to cancel all auditing options for the specified events.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS ; 0x3 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS is used to perform audits on all successful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE ; 0x4 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all successful and unsuccessful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
; 0x5 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description: The right to use the object for synchronization. This enables a thread to wait until the object is in the signaled state. Some object types do not support this access right.

#### 7.292. auditAccessSystemSecurity

elementId: TBD  
name: auditAccessSystemSecurity  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: AUDIT\_FAILURE ; 0x1 ; The audit type AUDIT\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all unsuccessful occurrences of specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_NONE ; 0x2 ; The audit type AUDIT\_NONE is used to cancel all auditing options for the specified events.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS ; 0x3 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS is used to perform audits on all successful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE ; 0x4 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all successful and unsuccessful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
; 0x5 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description: Indicates access to a system access control list (SACL).

#### 7.293. auditGenericRead

elementId: TBD  
name: auditGenericRead  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: AUDIT\_FAILURE ; 0x1 ; The audit type AUDIT\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all unsuccessful occurrences of specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_NONE ; 0x2 ; The audit type AUDIT\_NONE is used to cancel all auditing options for the specified events.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS ; 0x3 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS is used to perform audits on all successful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE ; 0x4 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all successful and unsuccessful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
; 0x5 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description: Read access.

#### 7.294. auditGenericWrite

elementId: TBD  
name: auditGenericWrite  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: AUDIT\_FAILURE ; 0x1 ; The audit type AUDIT\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all unsuccessful occurrences of specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_NONE ; 0x2 ; The audit type AUDIT\_NONE is used to cancel all auditing options for the specified events.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS ; 0x3 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS is used to perform audits on all successful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE ; 0x4 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all successful and unsuccessful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
; 0x5 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description: Write access.

#### 7.295. auditGenericExecute

elementId: TBD  
name: auditGenericExecute  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: AUDIT\_FAILURE ; 0x1 ; The audit type AUDIT\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all unsuccessful occurrences of specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_NONE ; 0x2 ; The audit type AUDIT\_NONE is used to cancel all auditing options for the specified events.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS ; 0x3 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS is used to perform audits on all successful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE ; 0x4 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all successful and unsuccessful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
; 0x5 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description: Execute access.

#### 7.296. auditGenericAll

elementId: TBD  
name: auditGenericAll  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: AUDIT\_FAILURE ; 0x1 ; The audit type AUDIT\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all unsuccessful occurrences of specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_NONE ; 0x2 ; The audit type AUDIT\_NONE is used to cancel all auditing options for the specified events.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS ; 0x3 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS is used to perform audits on all successful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE ; 0x4 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all successful and unsuccessful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
; 0x5 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description: Read, write, and execute access.

#### 7.297. auditFileReadData

elementId: TBD  
name: auditFileReadData  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: AUDIT\_FAILURE ; 0x1 ; The audit type AUDIT\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all unsuccessful occurrences of specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_NONE ; 0x2 ; The audit type AUDIT\_NONE is used to cancel all auditing options for the specified events.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS ; 0x3 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS is used to perform audits on all successful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE ; 0x4 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all successful and unsuccessful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
; 0x5 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description: Grants the right to read data from the file.

#### 7.298. auditFileWriteData



elementId: TBD  
name: auditFileWriteData  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: AUDIT\_FAILURE ; 0x1 ; The audit type AUDIT\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all unsuccessful occurrences of specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_NONE ; 0x2 ; The audit type AUDIT\_NONE is used to cancel all auditing options for the specified events.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS ; 0x3 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS is used to perform audits on all successful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE ; 0x4 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all successful and unsuccessful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
; 0x5 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description: Grants the right to write data to the file.

#### 7.299. auditFileAppendData

elementId: TBD  
name: auditFileAppendData  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: AUDIT\_FAILURE ; 0x1 ; The audit type AUDIT\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all unsuccessful occurrences of specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_NONE ; 0x2 ; The audit type AUDIT\_NONE is used to cancel all auditing options for the specified events.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS ; 0x3 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS is used to perform audits on all successful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE ; 0x4 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all successful and unsuccessful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
; 0x5 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description: Grants the right to append data to the file.

#### 7.300. auditFileReadEa

elementId: TBD  
name: auditFileReadEa  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: AUDIT\_FAILURE ; 0x1 ; The audit type AUDIT\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all unsuccessful occurrences of specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_NONE ; 0x2 ; The audit type AUDIT\_NONE is used to cancel all auditing options for the specified events.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS ; 0x3 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS is used to perform audits on all successful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE ; 0x4 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all successful and unsuccessful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
; 0x5 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description: Grants the right to read extended attributes.

#### 7.301. auditFileWriteEa

elementId: TBD  
name: auditFileWriteEa  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: AUDIT\_FAILURE ; 0x1 ; The audit type AUDIT\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all unsuccessful occurrences of specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_NONE ; 0x2 ; The audit type AUDIT\_NONE is used to cancel all auditing options for the specified events.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS ; 0x3 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS is used to perform audits on all successful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE ; 0x4 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all successful and unsuccessful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
; 0x5 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description: Grants the right to write extended attributes.

#### 7.302. auditFileExecute

elementId: TBD  
name: auditFileExecute  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: AUDIT\_FAILURE ; 0x1 ; The audit type AUDIT\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all unsuccessful occurrences of specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_NONE ; 0x2 ; The audit type AUDIT\_NONE is used to cancel all auditing options for the specified events.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS ; 0x3 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS is used to perform audits on all successful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE ; 0x4 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all successful and unsuccessful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
; 0x5 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description: Grants the right to execute a file.

#### 7.303. auditFileDeleteChild

elementId: TBD  
name: auditFileDeleteChild  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: AUDIT\_FAILURE ; 0x1 ; The audit type AUDIT\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all unsuccessful occurrences of specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_NONE ; 0x2 ; The audit type AUDIT\_NONE is used to cancel all auditing options for the specified events.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS ; 0x3 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS is used to perform audits on all successful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE ; 0x4 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all successful and unsuccessful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
; 0x5 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description: Right to delete a directory and all the files it contains (its children), even if the files are read-only.

#### 7.304. auditFileReadAttributes

elementId: TBD  
name: auditFileReadAttributes  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: AUDIT\_FAILURE ; 0x1 ; The audit type AUDIT\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all unsuccessful occurrences of specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_NONE ; 0x2 ; The audit type AUDIT\_NONE is used to cancel all auditing options for the specified events.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS ; 0x3 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS is used to perform audits on all successful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE ; 0x4 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all successful and unsuccessful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
; 0x5 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description: Grants the right to read file attributes.

#### 7.305. auditFileWriteAttributes

elementId: TBD  
name: auditFileWriteAttributes  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: AUDIT\_FAILURE ; 0x1 ; The audit type AUDIT\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all unsuccessful occurrences of specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_NONE ; 0x2 ; The audit type AUDIT\_NONE is used to cancel all auditing options for the specified events.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS ; 0x3 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS is used to perform audits on all successful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE ; 0x4 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all successful and unsuccessful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
; 0x5 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description: Grants the right to change file attributes.

#### 7.306. fileeffectiverights

elementId: TBD  
name: fileeffectiverights  
dataType: list  
structure: list (filepath, path, filename,  
trusteeSid, trusteeName, standardDelete, standardReadControl,  
standardWriteDac, standardWriteOwner,  
standardSynchronize, accessSystemSecurity, genericRead,  
genericWrite, genericExecute, genericAll, fileReadData,  
fileWriteData, fileAppendData, fileReadEa, fileWriteEa,  
fileExecute, fileDeleteChild, fileReadAttributes,  
fileWriteAttributes, windowsView)  
status: current  
description: Stores the effective rights of a file that a  
discretionary access control list (DACL) structure grants  
to a specified trustee. The trustee's effective rights  
are determined checking all access-allowed and access-denied  
access control entries (ACEs) in the DACL.

#### 7.307. standardDelete

elementId: TBD  
name: standardDelete  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: The right to delete the  
object.

#### 7.308. standardReadControl

elementId: TBD  
name: standardReadControl  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: The right to read  
the information in the object's security descriptor, not  
including the information in the SACL.

#### 7.309. standardWriteDac

elementId: TBD  
name: standardWriteDac  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: The right to modify the  
DACL in the object's security descriptor.

## 7.310. standardWriteOwner

elementId: TBD  
name: standardWriteOwner  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: The right to change  
the owner in the object's security descriptor.

## 7.311. standardSynchronize

elementId: TBD  
name: standardSynchronize  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: The right to use the  
object for synchronization. This enables a thread to wait  
until the object is in the signaled state. Some object  
types do not support this access right.

## 7.312. accessSystemSecurity

elementId: TBD  
name: accessSystemSecurity  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Indicates access to  
a system access control list (SACL).

## 7.313. genericRead

elementId: TBD  
name: genericRead  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Read access.

## 7.314. genericWrite

elementId: TBD  
name: genericWrite  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Write access.

## 7.315. genericExecute

elementId: TBD  
name: genericExecute  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Execute access.

## 7.316. genericAll

elementId: TBD  
name: genericAll  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Read, write, and execute  
access.

## 7.317. fileReadData

elementId: TBD  
name: fileReadData  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Grants the right to read  
data from the file

## 7.318. fileWriteData

elementId: TBD  
name: fileWriteData  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Grants the right to write  
data to the file.

## 7.319. fileAppendData

elementId: TBD  
name: fileAppendData  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Grants the right to  
append data to the file.

## 7.320. fileReadEa

elementId: TBD  
name: fileReadEa  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Grants the right to read  
extended attributes.

## 7.321. fileWriteEa

elementId: TBD  
name: fileWriteEa  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Grants the right to write  
extended attributes.

## 7.322. fileExecute

elementId: TBD  
name: fileExecute  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Grants the right to execute  
a file.

## 7.323. fileDeleteChild

elementId: TBD  
name: fileDeleteChild  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Right to delete a  
directory and all the files it contains (its children),  
even if the files are read-only.

## 7.324. fileReadAttributes

elementId: TBD  
name: fileReadAttributes  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Grants the right to  
read file attributes.



## 7.325. fileWriteAttributes

elementId: TBD  
name: fileWriteAttributes  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Grants the right to  
change file attributes.

## 7.326. groupInfo

elementId: TBD  
name: groupInfo  
dataType: list  
structure: list (group, username, subgroup)  
status: current  
description: Specifies the different users and subgroups, that  
directly belong to specific groups.

## 7.327. group

elementId: TBD  
name: group  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Represents the name of a particular  
group.

## 7.328. subgroup

elementId: TBD  
name: subgroup  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Represents the name of a  
particular subgroup in the specified group.

## 7.329. groupSidInfo

elementId: TBD  
name: groupSidInfo  
dataType: list  
structure: list (groupSid, userSid, subgroupSid)  
status: current  
description: Specifies the different users and subgroups, that  
directly belong to specific groups  
(identified by SID).

## 7.330. userSidInfo

elementId: TBD  
name: userSidInfo  
dataType: list  
structure: list (userSid, enabled, groupSid, lastLogon)  
  
status: current  
description: Specifies the different groups (identified by SID)  
that a user belongs to.

## 7.331. userSid

elementId: TBD  
name: userSid  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Represents the SID of a  
particular user.

## 7.332. subgroupSid

elementId: TBD  
name: subgroupSid  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Represents the SID of a  
particular subgroup.

## 7.333. lockoutpolicy

elementId: TBD  
name: lockoutpolicy  
dataType: list  
structure: list (forceLogoff, lockoutDuration,  
lockoutObservationWindow, lockoutThreshold)  
status: current  
description: Specifies various attributes associated  
with lockout information for users and global groups in the  
security database.

## 7.334. forceLogoff

elementId: TBD  
name: forceLogoff  
dataType: unsigned32  
status: current  
description: Specifies, in seconds, the  
          amount of time between the end of the valid logon time and  
          the time when the user is forced to log off the  
          network.

7.335. lockoutDuration

elementId: TBD  
name: lockoutDuration  
dataType: unsigned32  
status: current  
description: Specifies, in seconds,  
          how long a locked account remains locked before it is  
          automatically unlocked.

7.336. lockoutObservationWindow

elementId: TBD  
name: lockoutObservationWindow  
dataType: unsigned32  
status: current  
description: Specifies the  
          maximum time, in seconds, that can elapse between any two  
          failed logon attempts before lockout occurs.

7.337. lockoutThreshold

elementId: TBD  
name: lockoutThreshold  
dataType: unsigned32  
status: current  
description: Specifies the number of  
          invalid password authentications that can occur before an  
          account is marked "locked out."

7.338. passwordpolicy

elementId: TBD  
name: passwordpolicy  
dataType: list  
structure: list (maxPasswdAge, minPasswdAge,  
minPasswdLen, passwordHistLen, passwordComplexity,  
reversibleEncryption)  
status: current  
description: Specifies  
policy information associated with passwords.

7.339. maxPasswdAge

elementId: TBD  
name: maxPasswdAge  
dataType: unsigned32  
status: current  
description: Specifies, in seconds (from  
a DWORD), the maximum allowable password age. A value of  
TIMEQ\_FOREVER (max DWORD value, 4294967295) indicates  
that the password never expires. The minimum valid value  
for this element is ONE\_DAY (86400). See the  
USER\_MODAL\_INFO\_0 structure returned by a call to  
NetUserModalsGet().

7.340. minPasswdAge

elementId: TBD  
name: minPasswdAge  
dataType: unsigned32  
status: current  
description: Specifies the minimum  
number of seconds that can elapse between the time a password  
changes and when it can be changed again. A value of  
zero indicates that no delay is required between password  
updates.

7.341. minPasswdLen

elementId: TBD  
name: minPasswdLen  
dataType: unsigned32  
status: current  
description: Specifies the minimum  
allowable password length. Valid values for this element are  
zero through PWLEN.

## 7.342. passwordHistLen

elementId: TBD  
name: passwordHistLen  
dataType: unsigned32  
status: current  
description: Specifies the length of  
password history maintained. A new password cannot match any  
of the previous usrmod0\_password\_hist\_len passwords.  
Valid values for this element are zero through DEF\_MAX\_PWHIST.

## 7.343. passwordComplexity

elementId: TBD  
name: passwordComplexity  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Indicates whether  
passwords must meet the complexity requirements put forth  
by the operating system.

## 7.344. reversibleEncryption

elementId: TBD  
name: reversibleEncryption  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Indicates whether  
or not passwords are stored using reversible encryption.

## 7.345. portInfo

elementId: TBD  
name: portInfo  
dataType: list  
structure: list (localAddress, localPort, transportProtocol,  
pid, foreignAddress, foreignPort)  
status: current  
description: Information about open listening ports.

## 7.346. foreignPort

elementId: TBD  
name: foreignPort  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The TCP or UDP port to which  
the program communicates.

## 7.347. printereffectiverights

elementId: TBD  
name: printereffectiverights  
dataType: list  
structure: list (printerName, trusteeSid,  
standardDelete, standardReadControl, standardWriteDac,  
standardWriteOwner, standardSynchronize,  
accessSystemSecurity, genericRead, genericWrite,  
genericExecute, genericAll, printerAccessAdminister,  
printerAccessUse, jobAccessAdminister, jobAccessRead)  
status: current  
description: Stores the effective rights of a printer that a  
discretionary access control list (DACL) structure grants to a  
specified trustee. The trustee's effective rights are determined  
checking all access-allowed and access-denied access control  
entries (ACEs) in the DACL.

## 7.348. printerName

elementId: TBD  
name: printerName  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the name of the  
printer.

## 7.349. printerAccessAdminister

elementId: TBD  
name: printerAccessAdminister  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description:

## 7.350. printerAccessUse

elementId: TBD  
name: printerAccessUse  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description:

## 7.351. jobAccessAdminister

elementId: TBD  
name: jobAccessAdminister  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description:

7.352. jobAccessRead

elementId: TBD  
name: jobAccessRead  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description:

7.353. registry

elementId: TBD  
name: registry  
dataType: list  
structure: list (registryHive, registryKey, registryKeyName,  
lastWriteTime, registryKeyType, registryKeyValue,  
windowsView)  
status: current  
description: Specifies information that can be  
collected about a particular registry key.

7.354. registryHive

elementId: TBD  
name: registryHive  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: HKEY\_CLASSES\_ROOT ; 0x1 ; This registry subtree contains information that associates file types with programs and configuration data for automation (e.g. COM objects and Visual Basic Programs).  
HKEY\_CURRENT\_CONFIG ; 0x2 ; This registry subtree contains configuration data for the current hardware profile.  
HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER ; 0x3 ; This registry subtree contains the user profile of the user that is currently logged into the system.  
HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE ; 0x4 ; This registry subtree contains information about the local system.  
HKEY\_USERS ; 0x5 ; This registry subtree contains user-specific data.  
; 0x6 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description: The  
hive that the registry key belongs to.

#### 7.355. registryKey

elementId: TBD  
name: registryKey  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Describes the registry key.  
Note that the hive portion of the string should not be included, as this data can be found under the hive element.

#### 7.356. registryKeyName

elementId: TBD  
name: registryKeyName  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Describes the name of a  
registry key.

#### 7.357. lastWriteTime



elementId: TBD  
name: lastWriteTime  
dataType: unsigned64  
status: current  
description: The last time that the key or any of its value entries were modified. The value of this entity represents the FILETIME structure which is a 64-bit value representing the number of 100-nanosecond intervals since January 1, 1601 (UTC). Last write time can be queried on any key, with hives being classified as a type of key. When collecting only information about a registry hive or key the last write time will be the time the key or any of its entries were modified. When collecting only information about a registry name the last write time will be the time the containing key was modified. Thus when collecting information about a registry name, the last write time does not correlate directly to the specified name. See the RegQueryInfoKey function lpftLastWriteTime.

#### 7.358. registryKeyType

elementId: TBD  
name: registryKeyType  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: reg\_binary ; 0x1 ; The reg\_binary type is used by registry keys that specify binary data in any form.  
reg\_dword ; 0x2 ; The reg\_dword type is used by registry keys that specify an unsigned 32-bit integer.  
reg\_dword\_little\_endian ; 0x3 ; The reg\_dword\_little\_endian type is used by registry keys that specify an unsigned 32-bit little-endian integer. It is designed to run on little-endian computer architectures.  
reg\_dword\_big\_endian ; 0x4 ; The reg\_dword\_big\_endian type is used by registry keys that specify an unsigned 32-bit big-endian integer. It is designed to run on big-endian computer architectures.  
reg\_expand\_sz ; 0x5 ; The reg\_expand\_sz type is used by registry keys to specify a null-terminated string that contains unexpanded references to environment variables (for example, "%PATH%").  
reg\_link ; 0x6 ; The reg\_link type is used by the registry keys for null-terminated unicode strings. It is related to target path of a symbolic link created by the RegCreateKeyEx function.  
reg\_multi\_sz ; 0x7 ; The reg\_multi\_sz type is used by registry keys that specify an array of null-terminated strings, terminated by two null characters.

reg\_none; 0x8 ;  
The reg\_none type is used by registry keys that have no defined value type.  
reg\_qword; 0x9 ; The reg\_qword type is used by registry keys that specify an unsigned 64-bit integer.  
reg\_qword\_little\_endian; 0xA ; The reg\_qword\_little\_endian type is used by registry keys that specify an unsigned 64-bit integer in little-endian computer architectures.  
reg\_sz; 0xB ; The reg\_sz type is used by registry keys that specify a single null-terminated string.  
reg\_resource\_list; 0xC ; The reg\_resource\_list type is used by registry keys that specify a resource list.  
reg\_full\_resource\_descriptor; 0xD ; The reg\_full\_resource\_descriptor type is used by registry keys that specify a full resource descriptor.  
reg\_resource\_requirements\_list; 0xE ; The reg\_resource\_requirements\_list type is used by registry keys that specify a resource requirements list.  
; 0xF ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description:  
Specifies the type of data stored by the registry key.

7.359. registryKeyValue

elementId: TBD  
name: registryKeyValue  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Holds the actual value of the specified registry key. The representation of the value as well as the associated datatype attribute depends on type of data stored in the registry key. If the value being tested is of type REG\_BINARY, then the datatype attribute should be set to 'binary' and the data represented by the value entity should follow the xsd:hexBinary form. (each binary octet is encoded as two hex digits) If the value being tested is of type REG\_DWORD, REG\_QWORD, REG\_DWORD\_LITTLE\_ENDIAN, REG\_DWORD\_BIG\_ENDIAN, or REG\_QWORD\_LITTLE\_ENDIAN then the datatype attribute should be set to 'int' and the value entity should represent the data as an unsigned integer. DWORD and QWORD values represent unsigned 32-bit and 64-bit integers, respectively. If the value being tested is of type REG\_EXPAND\_SZ, then the datatype attribute should be set to 'string' and the pre-expanded string should be represented by the value entity. If the value being tested is of type REG\_MULTI\_SZ, then only a single string (one of the multiple strings) should be tested using the value entity with the datatype attribute set to 'string'. In order to test multiple values, multiple OVAL registry tests should be used. If the specified registry key is of type REG\_SZ, then the datatype should be 'string' and the value entity should be a copy of the string. If the value being tested is of type REG\_LINK, then the datatype attribute should be set to 'string' and the null-terminated Unicode string should be represented by the value entity.

#### 7.360. regkeyauditedpermissions

elementId: TBD  
name: regkeyauditedpermissions  
dataType: list  
structure: list (registryKey, trusteeSid, trusteeName,  
standardDelete, standardReadControl, standardWriteDac,  
standardWriteOwner, standardSynchronize,  
accessSystemSecurity, genericRead, genericWrite,  
genericExecute, genericAll, keyQueryValue, keySetValue,  
keyCreateSubKey, keyEnumerateSubKeys, keyNotify,  
keyCreateLink, keyWow6464Key, keyWow6432Key, keyWow64Res,  
windowsView)  
status: current  
description: Stores the audited access rights of a registry key  
that a system access control list (SACL) structure grants to a  
specified trustee. The trustee's audited access rights are  
determined checking all access control entries (ACEs) in the SACL.

#### 7.361. auditKeyQueryValue

elementId: TBD  
name: auditKeyQueryValue  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: AUDIT\_FAILURE ; 0x1 ; The audit type AUDIT\_FAILURE is  
used to perform audits on all unsuccessful occurrences of  
specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_NONE ; 0x2 ; The audit type AUDIT\_NONE is used to cancel  
all auditing options for the specified events.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS ; 0x3 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS is used to  
perform audits on all successful occurrences of the specified  
events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE ; 0x4 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE  
is used to perform audits on all successful and unsuccessful  
occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
; 0x5 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for  
detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description:

#### 7.362. auditKeySetValue

elementId: TBD  
name: auditKeySetValue  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: AUDIT\_FAILURE ; 0x1 ; The audit type AUDIT\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all unsuccessful occurrences of specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_NONE ; 0x2 ; The audit type AUDIT\_NONE is used to cancel all auditing options for the specified events.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS ; 0x3 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS is used to perform audits on all successful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE ; 0x4 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all successful and unsuccessful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
; 0x5 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description:

#### 7.363. auditKeyCreateSubKey

elementId: TBD  
name: auditKeyCreateSubKey  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: AUDIT\_FAILURE ; 0x1 ; The audit type AUDIT\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all unsuccessful occurrences of specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_NONE ; 0x2 ; The audit type AUDIT\_NONE is used to cancel all auditing options for the specified events.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS ; 0x3 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS is used to perform audits on all successful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE ; 0x4 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all successful and unsuccessful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
; 0x5 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description:

#### 7.364. auditKeyEnumerateSubKeys

elementId: TBD  
name: auditKeyEnumerateSubKeys  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: AUDIT\_FAILURE ; 0x1 ; The audit type AUDIT\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all unsuccessful occurrences of specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_NONE ; 0x2 ; The audit type AUDIT\_NONE is used to cancel all auditing options for the specified events.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS ; 0x3 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS is used to perform audits on all successful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE ; 0x4 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all successful and unsuccessful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
; 0x5 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description:

#### 7.365. auditKeyNotify

elementId: TBD  
name: auditKeyNotify  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: AUDIT\_FAILURE ; 0x1 ; The audit type AUDIT\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all unsuccessful occurrences of specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_NONE ; 0x2 ; The audit type AUDIT\_NONE is used to cancel all auditing options for the specified events.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS ; 0x3 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS is used to perform audits on all successful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE ; 0x4 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all successful and unsuccessful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
; 0x5 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description:

#### 7.366. auditKeyCreateLink

elementId: TBD  
name: auditKeyCreateLink  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: AUDIT\_FAILURE ; 0x1 ; The audit type AUDIT\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all unsuccessful occurrences of specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_NONE ; 0x2 ; The audit type AUDIT\_NONE is used to cancel all auditing options for the specified events.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS ; 0x3 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS is used to perform audits on all successful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE ; 0x4 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all successful and unsuccessful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
; 0x5 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description:

#### 7.367. auditKeyWow6464Key

elementId: TBD  
name: auditKeyWow6464Key  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: AUDIT\_FAILURE ; 0x1 ; The audit type AUDIT\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all unsuccessful occurrences of specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_NONE ; 0x2 ; The audit type AUDIT\_NONE is used to cancel all auditing options for the specified events.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS ; 0x3 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS is used to perform audits on all successful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE ; 0x4 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all successful and unsuccessful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
; 0x5 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description:

#### 7.368. auditKeyWow6432Key

elementId: TBD  
name: auditKeyWow6432Key  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: AUDIT\_FAILURE ; 0x1 ; The audit type AUDIT\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all unsuccessful occurrences of specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_NONE ; 0x2 ; The audit type AUDIT\_NONE is used to cancel all auditing options for the specified events.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS ; 0x3 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS is used to perform audits on all successful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE ; 0x4 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all successful and unsuccessful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
; 0x5 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description:

#### 7.369. auditKeyWow64Res

elementId: TBD  
name: auditKeyWow64Res  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: AUDIT\_FAILURE ; 0x1 ; The audit type AUDIT\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all unsuccessful occurrences of specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_NONE ; 0x2 ; The audit type AUDIT\_NONE is used to cancel all auditing options for the specified events.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS ; 0x3 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS is used to perform audits on all successful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE ; 0x4 ; The audit type AUDIT\_SUCCESS\_FAILURE is used to perform audits on all successful and unsuccessful occurrences of the specified events when auditing is enabled.  
; 0x5 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for detailed error reporting.  
status: current  
description:

#### 7.370. regkeyeffectiverights



elementId: TBD  
name: regkeyeffectiverights  
dataType: list  
structure: list (registryHive, registryKey, trusteeSid, trusteeName, standardDelete, standardReadControl, standardWriteDac, standardWriteOwner, standardSynchronize, accessSystemSecurity, genericRead, genericWrite, genericExecute, genericAll, keyQueryValue, keySetValue, keyCreateSubKey, keyEnumerateSubKeys, keyNotify, keyCreateLink, keyWow6464Key, keyWow6432Key, keyWow64Res, windowsView)  
status: current  
description: Stores the effective rights of a registry key that a discretionary access control list (DACL) structure grants to a specified trustee. The trustee's effective rights are determined checking all access-allowed and access-denied access control entries (ACEs) in the DACL.

#### 7.371. keyQueryValue

elementId: TBD  
name: keyQueryValue  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Specifies whether or not  
permission is granted to query the key's value.

#### 7.372. keySetValue

elementId: TBD  
name: keySetValue  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Specifies whether or not  
permission is granted to set the key's value.

#### 7.373. keyCreateSubKey

elementId: TBD  
name: keyCreateSubKey  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Specifies whether or not  
permission is granted to create a subkey.

## 7.374. keyEnumerateSubKeys

elementId: TBD  
name: keyEnumerateSubKeys  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Specifies whether or  
not permission is granted to list the subkeys associated  
with key.

## 7.375. keyNotify

elementId: TBD  
name: keyNotify  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description:

## 7.376. keyCreateLink

elementId: TBD  
name: keyCreateLink  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description:

## 7.377. keyWow6464Key

elementId: TBD  
name: keyWow6464Key  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description:

## 7.378. keyWow6432Key

elementId: TBD  
name: keyWow6432Key  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description:

## 7.379. keyWow64Res

elementId: TBD  
name: keyWow64Res  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description:

7.380. service

elementId: TBD  
name: service  
dataType: list  
structure: list (serviceName, displayName, description,  
                  serviceType, startType, currentState, controlsAccepted,  
                  startName, path, pid, serviceFlag, dependencies)  
status: current  
description: Stores information about Windows services that are  
            present on the system.

7.381. displayName

elementId: TBD  
name: displayName  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the name of the  
            service as specified in administrative tools.

7.382. description

elementId: TBD  
name: description  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the description of  
            the service.

7.383. serviceType

elementId: TBD  
name: serviceType  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: SERVICE\_FILE\_SYSTEM\_DRIVER ; 0x1 ; The  
SERVICE\_FILE\_SYSTEM\_DRIVER type means that the service is  
a file system driver. The DWORD value that this  
corresponds to is 0x00000002.  
SERVICE\_KERNEL\_DRIVER ; 0x2 ; The SERVICE\_KERNEL\_DRIVER type  
means that the service is a driver. The DWORD value that  
this corresponds to is 0x00000001.  
SERVICE\_WIN32\_OWN\_PROCESS ; 0x3 ; The SERVICE\_WIN32\_OWN\_PROCESS  
type means that the service runs in its own process. The DWORD  
value that this corresponds to is 0x00000010.  
SERVICE\_WIN32\_SHARE\_PROCESS ; 0x4 ; The  
SERVICE\_WIN32\_SHARE\_PROCESS type means that the service runs  
in a process with other services. The DWORD value that this  
corresponds to is 0x00000020.  
SERVICE\_INTERACTIVE\_PROCESS ; 0x5 ; The  
SERVICE\_WIN32\_SHARE\_PROCESS type means that the service runs  
in a process with other services. The DWORD value that this  
corresponds to is 0x00000100.  
; 0x6 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for  
empty elements associated with error conditions.  
status: current  
description:  
Specifies the type of the service.

7.384. startType

elementId: TBD  
name: startType  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: SERVICE\_AUTO\_START ; 0x1 ; The SERVICE\_AUTO\_START type means that the service is started automatically by the Service Control Manager (SCM) during startup. The DWORD value that this corresponds to is 0x00000002.  
SERVICE\_BOOT\_START ; 0x2 ; The SERVICE\_BOOT\_START type means that the driver service is started by the system loader. The DWORD value that this corresponds to is 0x00000000.  
SERVICE\_DEMAND\_START ; 0x3 ; The SERVICE\_DEMAND\_START type means that the service is started by the Service Control Manager (SCM) when StartService() is called. The DWORD value that this corresponds to is 0x00000003.  
SERVICE\_DISABLED ; 0x4 ; The SERVICE\_DISABLED type means that the service cannot be started. The DWORD value that this corresponds to is 0x00000004.  
SERVICE\_SYSTEM\_START ; 0x5 ; The SERVICE\_SYSTEM\_START type means that the service is a device driver started by IoInitSystem(). The DWORD value that this corresponds to is 0x00000001.  
; 0x6 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for empty elements associated with error conditions.  
status: current  
description: Specifies when the service should be started.

7.385. currentState

elementId: TBD  
name: currentState  
dataType: enumeration  
structure: SERVICE\_CONTINUE\_PENDING ; 0x1 ; The  
SERVICE\_CONTINUE\_PENDING type means that the service has been  
sent a command to continue, however, the command has  
not yet been executed. The DWORD value that this corresponds  
to is 0x00000005. SERVICE\_PAUSE\_PENDING ; 0x2 ; The  
SERVICE\_PAUSE\_PENDING type means that the service has been  
sent a command to pause, however, the command has not  
yet been executed. The DWORD value that this corresponds to  
is 0x00000006.  
SERVICE\_PAUSED ; 0x3 ; The SERVICE\_PAUSED type means that  
the service is paused. The DWORD value that this corresponds  
to is 0x00000007.  
SERVICE\_RUNNING ; 0x4 ; The SERVICE\_RUNNING type means that  
the service is running. The DWORD value that this  
corresponds to is 0x00000004.  
SERVICE\_START\_PENDING ; 0x5 ; The SERVICE\_START\_PENDING type  
means that the service has been sent a command to start,  
however, the command has not yet been executed. The DWORD  
value that this corresponds to is 0x00000002.  
SERVICE\_STOP\_PENDING ; 0x6 ; The SERVICE\_STOP\_PENDING type  
means that the service  
has been sent a command to stop, however, the command has  
not yet been executed. The DWORD value that this  
corresponds to is 0x00000003.  
SERVICE\_STOPPED ; 0x7 ; The SERVICE\_STOPPED type means that  
the service is stopped. The DWORD value that this corresponds  
to is 0x00000001.  
; 0x8 ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow  
for empty elements associated with error conditions.  
status: current  
description: Specifies the current state of  
the service.

#### 7.386. controlsAccepted

elementId: TBD  
name: controlsAccepted  
dataType: enumeration  
structure:  
SERVICE\_ACCEPT\_NETBINDCHANGE ; 0x1 ;  
The SERVICE\_ACCEPT\_NETBINDCHANGE type means that the  
service is a network component and can accept changes in its  
binding without being stopped or restarted. The DWORD value  
that this corresponds to is 0x00000010.  
SERVICE\_ACCEPT\_PARAMCHANGE ; 0x2 ; The SERVICE\_ACCEPT\_PARAMCHANGE

type means that the service can re-read its startup parameters without being stopped or restarted. The DWORD value that this corresponds to is 0x00000008.

SERVICE\_ACCEPT\_PAUSE\_CONTINUE ; 0x3 ; The SERVICE\_ACCEPT\_PAUSE\_CONTINUE type means that the service can be paused or continued. The DWORD value that this corresponds to is 0x00000002.

SERVICE\_ACCEPT\_PRESHUTDOWN ; 0x4 ; The SERVICE\_ACCEPT\_PRESHUTDOWN type means that the service can receive pre-shutdown notifications. The DWORD value that this corresponds to is 0x00000100.

SERVICE\_ACCEPT\_SHUTDOWN ; 0x5 ; The SERVICE\_ACCEPT\_SHUTDOWN type means that the service can receive shutdown notifications. The DWORD value that this corresponds to is 0x00000004.

SERVICE\_ACCEPT\_STOP ; 0x6 ; The SERVICE\_ACCEPT\_STOP type means that the service can be stopped. The DWORD value that this corresponds to is 0x00000001.

SERVICE\_ACCEPT\_HARDWAREPROFILECHANGE ; 0x7 ; The SERVICE\_ACCEPT\_HARDWAREPROFILECHANGE type means that the service can receive notifications when the system's hardware profile changes. The DWORD value that this corresponds to is 0x00000020.

SERVICE\_ACCEPT\_POWEREVENT ; 0x8 ; The SERVICE\_ACCEPT\_POWEREVENT type means that the service can receive notifications when the system's power status has changed. The DWORD value that this corresponds to is 0x00000040.

SERVICE\_ACCEPT\_SESSIONCHANGE ; 0x9 ; The SERVICE\_ACCEPT\_SESSIONCHANGE type means that the service can receive notifications when the system's session status has changed. The DWORD value that this corresponds to is 0x00000080.

SERVICE\_ACCEPT\_TIMECHANGE ; 0xA ; The SERVICE\_ACCEPT\_TIMECHANGE type means that the service can receive notifications when the system time changes. The DWORD value that this corresponds to is 0x00000200.

SERVICE\_ACCEPT\_TRIGGEREVENT ; 0xB ; The SERVICE\_ACCEPT\_TRIGGEREVENT type means that the service can receive notifications when an event that the service has registered for occurs on the system. The DWORD value that this corresponds to is 0x00000400.

; 0xC ; The empty string value is permitted here to allow for empty elements associated with error conditions.

status: current

description: Specifies the control codes that a service will accept and process.

## 7.387. startName

elementId: TBD  
name: startName  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the account under  
which the process should run.

## 7.388. serviceFlag

elementId: TBD  
name: serviceFlag  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Specifies whether the  
service is in a system process that must always run (true)  
or if the service is in a non-system process or is not  
running (false).

## 7.389. dependencies

elementId: TBD  
name: dependencies  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the dependencies  
of this service on other services.

## 7.390. serviceeffectiverights

elementId: TBD  
name: serviceeffectiverights  
dataType: list  
structure: list (serviceName, trusteeSid,  
standardDelete, standardReadControl, standardWriteDac,  
standardWriteOwner, genericRead, genericWrite,  
genericExecute, serviceQueryConf, serviceChangeConf,  
serviceQueryStat, serviceEnumDependents, serviceStart,  
serviceStop, servicePause, serviceInterrogate,  
serviceUserDefined)  
status: current  
description: Stores the  
effective rights of a service that a discretionary access  
control list (DACL) structure grants to a specified  
trustee. The trustee's effective rights are determined by  
checking all access-allowed and access-denied access  
control entries (ACEs) in the DACL.



## 7.391. trusteeSid

elementId: TBD  
name: trusteeSid  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the SID that is  
associated with a user, group, system, or program (such as a  
Windows service).

## 7.392. serviceQueryConf

elementId: TBD  
name: serviceQueryConf  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Specifies whether or  
not permission is granted to query the service configuration.

## 7.393. serviceChangeConf

elementId: TBD  
name: serviceChangeConf  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Specifies whether or  
not permission is granted to change service configuration.

## 7.394. serviceQueryStat

elementId: TBD  
name: serviceQueryStat  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Specifies whether or  
not permission is granted to query the service control  
manager about the status of the service.

## 7.395. serviceEnumDependents

elementId: TBD  
name: serviceEnumDependents  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Specifies whether  
or not permission is granted to query for an enumeration of  
all the services dependent on the service.

## 7.396. serviceStart

elementId: TBD  
name: serviceStart  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Specifies whether or not  
              permission is granted to start the service.

## 7.397. serviceStop

elementId: TBD  
name: serviceStop  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Specifies whether or not  
              permission is granted to stop the service.

## 7.398. servicePause

elementId: TBD  
name: servicePause  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Specifies whether or not  
              permission is granted to pause or continue the service.

## 7.399. serviceInterrogate

elementId: TBD  
name: serviceInterrogate  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Specifies whether or not permission is granted to  
              request the service to report its status immediately.

## 7.400. serviceUserDefined

elementId: TBD  
name: serviceUserDefined  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Specifies whether or  
              not permission is granted to specify a user-defined  
              control code.

## 7.401. sharedresourceauditedpermissions

elementId: TBD  
name: sharedresourceauditedpermissions  
dataType: list  
structure: list (netname, trusteeSid,  
    standardDelete, standardReadControl, standardWriteDac,  
    standardWriteOwner, standardSynchronize,  
    accessSystemSecurity, genericRead, genericWrite,  
    genericExecute, genericAll)  
status: current  
description: Stores  
    the audited access rights of a shared resource that a system  
    access control list (SACL) structure grants to a  
    specified trustee. The trustee's audited access rights are  
    determined checking all access control entries (ACEs)  
    in the SACL.

## 7.402. netname

elementId: TBD  
name: netname  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Specifies the name associated  
    with a particular shared resource.

## 7.403. sharedresourceeffectiverights

elementId: TBD  
name: sharedresourceeffectiverights  
dataType: list  
structure: list (netname, trusteeSid,  
    standardDelete, standardReadControl, standardWriteDac,  
    standardWriteOwner, standardSynchronize,  
    accessSystemSecurity, genericRead, genericWrite,  
    genericExecute, genericAll)  
status: current  
description: Stores  
    the effective rights of a shared resource that a  
    discretionary access control list (DACL) structure grants  
    to a specified trustee. The trustee's effective rights are  
    determined checking all access-allowed and access-denied  
    access control entries (ACEs) in the DACL.

## 7.404. user

elementId: TBD  
name: user  
dataType: list  
structure: list (username, enabled, group, lastLogon)  
status: current  
description: Specifies the groups to which a user belongs.

## 7.405. enabled

elementId: TBD  
name: enabled  
dataType: boolean  
status: current  
description: Represents whether the  
particular user is enabled or not.

## 7.406. lastLogon

elementId: TBD  
name: lastLogon  
dataType: unsigned32  
status: current  
description: The date and time when the  
last logon occurred.

## 7.407. groupSid

elementId: TBD  
name: groupSid  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: Represents the SID of a  
particular group. If the specified user belongs to more than  
one group, then multiple groupSid elements are  
applicable. If the specified user is not a member of a single  
group, then a single groupSid element should be  
included with a status of 'does not exist'. If there is an  
error determining the groups that the user belongs to,  
then a single groupSid element should be included with a  
status of 'error'.

## 7.408. endpointType

elementId: TBD  
name: endpointType  
dataType: enumeration  
status: current  
description: The possible types of endpoint in the enterprise.  
  
structure:  
workstation; 0x1; Workstation Endpoint  
printer; 0x2; Printer Endpoint  
router; 0x3; Router Endpoint  
tablet; 0x4; Tablet Endpoint

#### 7.409. endpointPurpose

elementId: TBD  
name: endpointPurpose  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: A description of how the endpoint is used within the enterprise.  
Examples include end user system, and public web server.

#### 7.410. endpointCriticality

elementId: TBD  
name: endpointCriticality  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: An enterprise-defined rating which indicates the criticality of the endpoint. The rating should be specific enough to assess the impact to the overall enterprise if the endpoint is attacked or lost.

#### 7.411. ingestTimestamp

elementId: TBD  
name: ingestTimestamp  
dataType: dateTimeSeconds  
status: current  
description: The point in time that the description of a vulnerability was received by the enterprise.

## 7.412. vulnerabilityVersion

elementId: TBD  
name: vulnerabilityVersion  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The version or iteration of the  
vulnerability description information  
(reported by the author, if applicable).

## 7.413. vulnerabilityExternalId

elementId: TBD  
name: vulnerabilityExternalId  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: An external or third-party ID  
assigned to the vulnerability  
description. This could be multiple  
IDs in some cases (e.g., vendor bug  
ID, global ID, discoverer's local ID,  
third-party vulnerability database  
ID, etc.).

## 7.414. vulnerabilitySeverity

elementId: TBD  
name: vulnerabilitySeverity  
dataType: string  
status: current  
description: The severity of the vulnerability  
(reported by the author, if applicable).

## 7.415. assessmentTimestamp

elementId: TBD  
name: assessmentTimestamp  
dataType: dateTimeSeconds  
status: current  
description: The point in time that the assessment  
was performed against an endpoint.

## 7.416. vulnerableSoftware

```
elementId: TBD
name: vulnerableSoftware
dataType: list
status: current
description: A listing of software products
             installed on the endpoint which are
             known to have vulnerabilities.
structure: list(softwareInstance*)
```

#### 7.417. endpointVulnerabilityStatus

```
elementId: TBD
name: endpointVulnerabilityStatus
dataType: enumeration
status: current
description: Overall vulnerability status of an
             enterprise endpoint.
structure: Pass; 0x1; Endpoint passed the
             vulnerability test(s).
             Fail; 0x2; Endpoint failed the
             vulnerability test(s).
```

#### 7.418. vulnerabilityDescription

```
elementId: TBD
name: vulnerabilityDescription
dataType: string
status: current
description: A human-readable description of the
             vulnerability.
```

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## 9. IANA Considerations

This document specifies an initial set of Information Elements for SACM in Section 7. An Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) registry will be created and populated with the Information Elements in Section 7. New assignments for SACM Information Elements will be administered by IANA through Expert Review [RFC2434]. The designated experts MUST check the requested Information Elements for completeness and accuracy of the submission with respect to the template and requirements expressed in Section 4 and Section 4.1. Requests for Information Elements that duplicate the functionality of existing Information Elements SHOULD be declined. The smallest available Information Element identifier SHOULD be assigned to a new Information Element. The definition of new Information Elements MUST be published using a well-established and persistent publication medium.

## 10. Security Considerations

Posture Assessments need to be performed in a safe and secure manner. In that regard, there are multiple aspects of security that apply to the communications between components as well as the capabilities themselves. This information model only contains an initial listing of items that need to be considered with respect to security and will need to be augmented as the model continues to be developed.

Security considerations include:

**Authentication:** Every SACM Component and asset needs to be able to identify itself and verify the identity of other SACM Components and assets.

**Confidentiality:** Communications between SACM Components need to be protected from eavesdropping or unauthorized collection. Some communications between SACM Components and assets may need to be protected as well.

**Integrity:** The information exchanged between SACM Components needs to be protected from modification. Some exchanges between assets and SACM Components will also have this requirement.

**Restricted Access:** Access to the information collected, evaluated, reported, and stored should only be viewable and consumable to authenticated and authorized entities.

Considerations with respect to the operational aspects of collection, evaluation, and storage security automation information can be found in Section 11.



Considerations concerning the privacy of security automation information can be found in Section 12.

## 11. Operational Considerations

The following sections outline a series of operational considerations for SACM deployments within an organization. This section may be expanded to include other considerations as the WG gains additional operational experience with SACM deployments and extending the information model.

### 11.1. Endpoint Designation

In order to successfully carry out endpoint posture assessment, it is necessary to be able to identify the endpoints on a network and track the changes to them over time. Specifically, enabling SACM Components to:

- o Tell whether two endpoint attribute assertions concern the same endpoint
- o Respond to compliance measurements, for example by reporting, remediating, and quarantining (SACM does not specify these responses, but SACM exists to enable them).

Ideally, every endpoint would be identified by a unique identifier present on the endpoint, but, this is complicated due to different factors such as the variety of endpoints on a network, the ability of tools to reliably access such an identifier, and the ability of tools to correlate disparate identifiers. As a result, it is necessary for an endpoint to be identified by a set of attributes that uniquely identify it on a network. The set of attributes that uniquely identify an endpoint on a network will likely vary by organization; however, there are a number of properties to consider when selecting identifying attributes as some are better suited for identification purposes than others.

**Multiplicity:** Is the attribute typically associated with a single endpoint or with multiple endpoints? If the attribute is associated with a single endpoint, it is better for identifying an endpoint on a network.

**Persistence:** How likely is the attribute to change? Does it never change? Does it only change when the endpoint is reprovisioned? Does it only change due to an event? Does it change on an ad-hoc and often unpredictable basis? Does it constantly change? The less likely it is for an attribute to

change over time, the better it is for identifying an endpoint on a network.

**Immutability:** How difficult is it to change the attribute? Is the attribute hardware rooted and never changes? Can the attribute be changed by a user/process with the appropriate access? Can the attribute be changed without controlled access. The less likely an attribute is to change over time, the better chance it will be usable to identify an endpoint over time.

**Verifiable:** Can the attribute be corroborated? Can the attribute be externally verified with source authentication? Can the attribute be externally verified without source authentication? Is it impossible to externally verify the attribute. Attributes that can be externally verified are more likely to be accurate and are better for identifying endpoints on a network.

With that said, requiring SACM Components and end users to constantly refer to a set of attributes to identify an endpoint, is particularly burdensome. As a result, SACM supports the concept of a target endpoint label which associates an identifier (unique to a SACM domain) with the set of attributes used by an organization to identify endpoints on a network. Once defined for an endpoint, the target endpoint label can be used in place of the set of identifying attributes.

#### 11.2. Timestamp Accuracy

An organization will likely have different collectors deployed across the network that will be configured to collect posture attributes on varying frequencies (periodic, ad-hoc, event-driven, on endpoint, off endpoint, etc.). Some collectors will detect changes as soon as they occur whereas others will detect them at a later point during a periodic scan or when an event has triggered the collection of posture attributes. Furthermore, some changes will be detected on the endpoint and others will be observed off of the endpoint. As a result of these differences, the accuracy of the timestamp associated with the collected information will vary. For example, if a collector is only running once every 12 hours, the change probably happened at some point in time prior to the scan and the timestamp is likely not accurate. Due to this, it is important for system administrators to determine if the accuracy of a timestamp is good enough for their intended purposes.

## 12. Privacy Considerations

In the IETF, there are privacy concerns with respect to endpoint identity and monitoring. This is especially true when the activity on an endpoint can be linked to a particular person. For example, by correlating endpoint attributes such as usernames, certificates, etc. with browser activity, it may be possible to gain insight in to user behavior and trends beyond what is required to carry out endpoint posture assessments. In the hands of the wrong person, this information could be used to negatively influence a user's behavior or to plan attacks against the organization's infrastructure.

As a result, SACM data models should incorporate a mechanism by which an organization can designate which endpoint attributes are considered sensitive with respect to privacy. This will allow SACM Components to handle endpoint attributes in a manner consistent with the organization's privacy policies. Furthermore, organization's should put the proper mechanism in place to ensure endpoint attributes are protected when transmitted, stored, and accessed to ensure only authorized parties are granted access.

It should also be noted that some of this is often mitigated by organizational policies that require a user of an organization's network to consent to some level of monitoring in return for access to the network and other resources. The information that is monitored and collected will vary by organization and further highlights the need for a mechanism by which an organization can specify what constitutes privacy sensitive information for them.

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## Appendix A. Change Log

### A.1. Changes in Revision 01

Added some proposed normative text.

For provenance:

Added a class "Method"

Added the produced-using relationship between an AVP and a method

Added the produced-by relationship between a Guidance and a SACM Component

Added the hosted-by relationship between a SACM Component and an Endpoint

asserted-by and summarized-by have been renamed to produced-by.

"User" is now "Account". If a user has different credentials, SACM cannot know that they belong to the same user. But, per Kim W, many organizations do have accounts that associate credentials.

The multiplicity of the based-on relationships has been corrected.

More relationships now have labels, per UML convention.

The diagram no longer has causal arrow. They had become redundant and were nonstandard and clutter.

Renamed "credential" to "identity", following industry usage. A credential includes proof, such as a key or password. A username or a distinguished name is called an "identity".

Removed Session, because an endpoint's network activity is not SACM's initial focus

Removed Authorization, for the same reason

Added many-to-many relationship between Hardware Component and Endpoint, for clarity

Added many-to-many relationship between Software Component and Endpoint, for clarity

Added "contains" relationship between Network Interface and Network Interface

Removed relationship between Network Interface and Account. The endpoint knows the identity it used to gain network access. The PDP also knows that. But they probably do not know the account.

Added relationship between Network Interface and Identity. The endpoint and the PDP will typically know the identity.

Made identity-to-account a many-to-one relationship.

## A.2. Changes in Revision 02

Added Section Identifying Attributes.

Split the figure into Figure Model of Endpoint and Figure Information Elements.

Added Figure Information Elements Take 2, proposing a triple-store model.

Some editorial cleanup

## A.3. Changes in Revision 03

Moved Appendix A.1, Appendix A.2, and Mapping to SACM Use Cases into the Appendix. Added a reference to it in Section 1

Added the Section 4 section. Provided notes for the type of information we need to add in this section.

Added the Section 6 section. Moved sections on Endpoint, Hardware Component, Software Component, Hardware Instance, and Software Instance there. Provided notes for the type of information we need to add in this section.

Removed the Provenance of Information Section. SACM is not going to solve provenance rather give organizations enough information to figure it out.

Updated references to the Endpoint Security Posture Assessment: Enterprise Use Cases document to reflect that it was published as an RFC.

Fixed the formatting of a few figures.

Included references to [RFC3580] where RADIUS is mentioned.

## A.4. Changes in Revision 04

Integrated the IPFIX [RFC7012] syntax into Section 4.

Converted many of the existing SACM Information Elements to the IPFIX syntax.

Included existing IPFIX Information Elements and datatypes that could likely be reused for SACM in Section 7 and Section 4 respectively.

Removed the sections related to reports as described in <https://github.com/sacmwg/draft-ietf-sacm-information-model/issues/30>.

Cleaned up other text throughout the document.

#### A.5. Changes in Revision 05

Merged proposed changes from the I-D IM into the WG IM (<https://github.com/sacmwg/draft-ietf-sacm-information-model/issues/41>).

Fixed some formatting warnings.

Removed a duplicate IE and added a few IE datatypes that were missing.

#### A.6. Changes in Revision 06

Clarified that the SACM statement and content-element subjects are conceptual and that they do not need to be explicitly defined in a data model as long as the necessary information is provided.

Updated the IPFIX syntax used to define Information Elements. There are still a couple of open issues that need to be resolved.

Updated some of the Information Elements contained in Section 7 to use the revised IPFIX syntax. The rest of the Information Elements will be converted in a later revision.

Performed various clean-up and refactoring in Sections 6 and 7. Still need to go through Section 8.

Removed appendices that were not referenced in the body of the draft. The text from them is still available in previous revisions of this document if needed.

#### A.7. Changes in Revision 07

Made various changes to the IPFIX syntax based on discussions at the IETF 96 Meeting. Changes included the addition of a structure property to the IE specification template, the creation of an enumeration datatype, and the specification of an IE naming convention.

Provided text to define Collection Guidance, Evaluation Guidance, Classification Guidance, Storage Guidance, and Evaluation Results.

Included additional IEs related to software, configuration, and the vulnerability assessment scenario.

Added text for the IANA considerations, security considerations, operational considerations, and privacy considerations sections.

Performed various other editorial changes and clean-up.

#### A.8. Changes in Revision 08

Clarified text that describes subjects and attributes.

Clarified text that describes SACM Statements and Content Elements.

Removed stray metadata property fields from the definitions of several IEs.

Specified a syntax for defining category IEs.

Added an anyCategory IE that represents any IE in the IM.

Fixed several errors reported by the Travis-CI continuous integration service.

Performed various other editorial changes and clean-up.

#### A.9. Changes in Revision 09

Added "derived", "authority", and "verified" to the collectionTaskType IE (<https://github.com/sacmwg/draft-ietf-sacm-information-model/issues/18>).

Updated IE examples that use content-type to use statement-type (<https://github.com/sacmwg/draft-ietf-sacm-information-model/issues/56>).

Added "networkZoneLocation", "layer2NetworkLocation", and "layer3NetworkLocation" IEs (<https://github.com/sacmwg/draft-ietf-sacm-information-model/issues/9>).

Created a softwareClass attribute IE and added it to the softwareInstance subject IE. Also, removed the os\* attribute IEs (<https://github.com/sacmwg/draft-ietf-sacm-information-model/issues/10>).



## A.10. Changes in Revision 10

Added several IEs necessary for the SACM Vulnerability Assessment Scenario (<https://github.com/sacmwg/draft-ietf-sacm-information-model/issues/43>).

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## 1. Introduction

Today's environment of rapidly-evolving security threats highlights the need to automate the sharing of security information (such as posture information) while protecting user information and the systems that store, process, and transmit this information. Security threats can be detected in a number of ways. The Secure Automation and Continuous Monitoring (SACM) charter focuses on how to collect and share this information based on use cases that involve posture assessment of endpoints.

Scalable and sustainable collection, expression, and evaluation of endpoint information is foundational to SACM's objectives. To secure and defend a network, one must reliably determine what devices are on the network, how those devices are configured from a hardware perspective, what software products are installed on those devices, and how those products are configured. We need to be able to determine, share, and use this information in a secure, timely, consistent, and automated manner to perform endpoint posture assessments.

This document focuses on describing the requirements for facilitating the exchange of posture assessment information in the enterprise, in particular, for the use cases as exemplified in [RFC7632]. As proposals are evaluated for SACM standardization, their drafts are expected to include a section that describe how they address each of the enumerated requirements.

Also, this document uses terminology defined in [I-D.ietf-sacm-terminology].

### 1.1. Requirements Language

Use of each capitalized word within a sentence or phrase carries the following meaning during the SACM WG's protocol selection process:

MUST - indicates an absolute requirement

MUST NOT - indicates something absolutely prohibited

SHOULD - indicates a strong recommendation of a desired result

SHOULD NOT - indicates a strong recommendation against a result

MAY - indicates a willingness to allow an optional outcome

When the words appear in lower case, their natural language meaning is used.

## 2. Requirements

This document defines requirements based on the SACM use cases described in [RFC7632]. This section describes the requirements used by SACM to assess and compare candidate data models, interfaces, and protocols. These requirements express characteristics or features that a candidate protocol, information model, or data model must be capable of offering to ensure security and interoperability.

Multiple data models, protocols, and transfers may be employed in a SACM environment. A SACM transfer protocol is one that runs on top of transport layer protocols such as TCP/IP or internet layer protocols such as HTTP, carries operations (requests / responses), and moves data.

SACM will define an architecture and information model focused on addressing the needs for determining, sharing, and using posture information via Posture Information Providers and Posture Information Consumers securely. With the information model defining assets and attributes to facilitate the guidance, collection, and assessment of posture, tasks that should be considered include:

1. Asset Classification: Map the target endpoint and/or the assets on the target endpoints to asset classes. This enables identification of the attributes needed to exchange information pertaining to the target endpoint.

2. Attribute Definition: Define the attributes desired to be collected from each target endpoint. For instance, organizations will want to know what software is installed and its critical security attributes such as patch level.
3. Policy Definition: This is where an organization can express its policy for acceptable or problematic values of an endpoint attribute. The expected values of an endpoint attribute are determined for later comparison against the actual endpoint attribute values during the evaluation process. Expected values may include both those values which are good as well as those values which represent problems, such as vulnerabilities. The organization can also specify the endpoint attributes that are to be present for a given target endpoint.
4. Information Collection: Collect information (attribute values) from the target endpoint to populate the endpoint data.
5. Endpoint Assessment: Evaluate the actual values of the endpoint attributes against those expressed in the policy. (An evaluation result may become additional endpoint data).
6. Result Reporting: Report the results of the evaluation for use by other components. Examples of use of a report would be additional evaluation, network enforcement, vulnerability detection, and license management.

#### 2.1. Requirements for SACM

Many deployment scenarios can be instantiated to address the above tasks and use cases defined in [RFC7632]. To ensure interoperability, scalability, and flexibility in any of these deployments, the following requirements are defined for proposed SACM standards:

G-001 Solution Extensibility: The information model, data models, protocols, and transfers defined by SACM MUST be designed to allow support for future (SACM) extensions. SACM MUST allow for both standardized and proprietary extensions.

1. The information model and programmatic interfaces (see G-012 for one example) MUST support the ability to add new operations while maintaining backwards compatibility. SACM-defined transfer protocols MUST have extensibility to allow them to transfer operations that are defined in the future.

2. The query language MUST allow for general inquiries, as well as expression of specific attributes or relationships between attributes; the retrieval of specific information based on an event, or on a continuous basis; and the ability to retrieve specific pieces of information, specific types or classes of information, or the entirety of available information.
3. The information model MUST accommodate the interoperable addition of new data types and/or schemas.

G-002 Interoperability: The data models, protocols, and transports MUST be specified with enough details to ensure interoperability.

G-003 Scalability: SACM needs to support a broad set of deployment scenarios. The data models, protocols, and transports has to be scalable unless they are specifically defined to apply to a special-purpose scenario, such as constrained devices. A SACM transfer protocol standard SHOULD include a section on scalability considerations that addresses the number of endpoints and amount of information to which it can reasonably be expected to scale. Scalability must be addressed to support:

- \* Large message: It is possible that the size of posture assessment information can vary from a single assessment that is small in size to a very large message or a very large set of assessments (up to multiple gigabytes in size).
- \* Large number of messages per second: A deployment may involve many rapid or simultaneous events that require processing, generating many messages per second.
- \* Large number of providers and consumers: A deployment may consist of a very large number of endpoints requesting and/or producing posture assessment information.
- \* Large number of target endpoints: A deployment may be managing information of a very large number of target endpoints.

G-004 Versatility: The data model, protocols, and transports must be suitably specified to enable implementations to fit into different deployment models and scenarios, including considerations for implementations of data models and transports operating in constrained environments. Separate solutions may be necessary to meet the needs of specific deployment models and scenarios.

G-005 Information Extensibility: Non-standard (implementation-specific) attributes MUST be supported. A method SHOULD be defined for preventing collisions from occurring in the naming of all attributes independent of their source. For interoperability and scope boundary, the information model MUST define the mandatory set of attributes.

G-006 Data Protection: To protect the information being shared, SACM components MUST protect the integrity and confidentiality of data in transit (end to end) and data at rest (as information is stored in repositories). Mechanisms for this protection are unspecified but should include industry best practices. These mechanisms are required to be available (i.e. all data-handling components must support them), but are not required to be used in all cases.

G-007 Data Partitioning: A method for partitioning data MUST be supported to accommodate considerations such as geographic, regulatory, operational requirements, overlay boundaries, and federation (where the data may be collected in multiple locations and either centralized or kept in the local region). Where replication of data is supported, it is required that methods exist to prevent update loops.

G-008 Versioning and Backward Compatibility: Announcement and negotiation of versions, inclusive of existing capabilities (such as transfer protocols, data models, specific attributes within data models, standard attribute expression sets, etc.) MUST be supported. Negotiation for both versioning and capabilities is needed to accommodate future growth and ecosystems with mixed capabilities.

G-009 Information Discovery: There MUST be mechanisms for components to discover what information is available across the ecosystem (i.e. a method for cataloging data available in the ecosystem and advertising it to consumers), where to go to get a specific piece of that information (i.e. which provider has the information), and what schemas are in use for organizing the information. For example, providing a method by which a node can locate the advertised information so that consumers are not required to have a priori knowledge to find available information.

G-010 Target Endpoint Discovery: SACM MUST define the means by which target endpoints may be discovered. Use Case 2.1.2 describes the need to discover endpoints and their composition.

G-011 Push and Pull Access: Three methods of data access MUST be supported: a Pull model, a solicited Push model, and an unsolicited Push models. All of the methods of data access MUST support the



ability for the initiator to filter the set of posture assessment information to be delivered. Additionally, the provider of the information MUST be able to filter the set of posture assessment information based on the permissions of the recipient. This requirement is driven by use cases 2.1.3, 2.1.4 and 2.1.5.

G-012 SACM Component Interface: The interfaces by which SACM components communicate to share endpoint posture information MUST be well defined. That is, the interface defines the data model, SACM transfer protocols, and network transfer protocols to enable SACM components to communicate.

G-013 Endpoint Location and Network Topology: The SACM architecture and interfaces MUST allow for the target endpoint (network) location and network topology to be modeled and understood. Where appropriate, the data model and the interfaces SHOULD allow for discovery of the target endpoint location or network topology or both.

G-014 Target Endpoint Identity: The SACM architecture and interfaces MUST support the ability of components to provide attributes that can be used to compose an identity for a target endpoint. These identities MAY be composed of attributes from one or more SACM components.

G-015 Data Access Control: Methods of access control must be supported to accommodate considerations such as geographic, regulatory, operational and federations. Entities accessing or publishing data MUST identify themselves and pass access policy.

## 2.2. Requirements for the Architecture

Following are the requirements for the SACM architecture:

ARCH-001 Component functions: At the simplest abstraction, the SACM architecture MUST represent the core components and interfaces needed to perform the production and consumption of posture assessment information.

ARCH-002 Scalability: The architectural components MUST account for a range of deployments, from very small sets of endpoints to very large deployments.

ARCH-003 Flexibility: The architectural components MUST account for different deployment scenarios where the architectural components may be implemented, deployed, or used within a single application, service, or network, or may comprise a federated system.

ARCH-004 Separation of Data and Management Functions: SACM MUST define both the configuration and management of the SACM data models and protocols used to transfer and share posture assessment information.

ARCH-005 Topology Flexibility: Both centralized and decentralized (peer-to-peer) information exchange MUST be supported. Centralized data exchange enables use of a common data format to bridge together data exchange between diverse systems, and can leverage a virtual data store that centralizes and offloads all data access, storage, and maintenance to a dedicated resource. Decentralized data exchange enables simplicity of sharing data between relatively uniform systems, and between small numbers of systems, especially within a single enterprise domain. The fact that a centralized or decentralized deployment is used SHOULD be invisible to a consumer. However, there may be cases where the producer chooses to include that information due to consumer preference

ARCH-006 Capability Negotiation: Announcement and negotiation of functional capabilities (such as authentication protocols, authorization schemes, data models, transfer protocols, etc.) MUST be supported, enabling a SACM component to make inquiries about the capabilities of other components in the SACM ecosystem.

ARCH-007 Role-based Authorization: The SACM architecture MUST be capable of effecting role-based authorization. Distinction of endpoints capable of and authorized to provide or consume information is required to address appropriate access controls.

ARCH-008 Context-based Authorization: The SACM architecture MUST be capable of effecting context-based authorization. Different policies (e.g. business, regulatory, etc.) might specify what data may be exposed to, or shared by, consumers based on one or more attributes of the consumer. The policy might specify that consumers are required to share specific information either back to the system or to administrators.

ARCH-009 Time Synchronization: Actions or decisions based on time-sensitive data (such as user logon/logoff, endpoint connection/disconnection, endpoint behavior events, etc.) are all predicated on a synchronized understanding of time. The SACM architecture MUST provide a mechanism for all components to synchronize time. A mechanism for detecting and reporting time discrepancies SHOULD be provided by the architecture and reflected in the information model.

### 2.3. Requirements for the Information Model

The SACM information model represents the abstracted representation for Posture Assessment information to be communicated. SACM data models must adhere to and comply with the SACM information model. The requirements for the SACM information model include:

IM-001 Extensible Attribute Vocabulary: The information model MUST define a minimum set of attributes for communicating Posture Information, to ensure interoperability between data models. (Individual data models may define attributes beyond the mandatory-to-implement minimum set.) The attributes should be defined with a clear mechanism for extensibility to enable data models to adhere to SACM's required attributes as well as allow for their own extensions. The attribute vocabulary should be defined with a clear mechanism for extensibility to enable future versions of the information model to be interoperably expanded with new attributes.

IM-002 Posture Data Publication: The information model MUST allow for the data to be provided by a SACM component either solicited or unsolicited. No aspect of the information model should be dependent upon or assume a push or pull model of publication.

IM-003 Data Model Negotiation: SACM's information model MUST allow support for different data models, data model versions, and different versions of the operations on the data models and transfer protocols. The SACM information model MUST include the ability to discover and negotiate the use of a particular data model or any data model.

IM-004 Data Model Identification: The information model MUST provide a means to uniquely identify each data model. The identifier MUST contain both an identifier of the data model and a version indicator for the data model. The identifiers SHOULD be decomposable so that a customer can query for any version of a specific data model and compare returned values for older or newer than a desired version.

IM-005 Data Lifetime Management: The information model MUST provide a means to allow data models to include data lifetime management. The information model must identify attributes that can allow data models to, at minimum, identify the data's origination time and expected time of next update or data longevity (how long should the data be assumed to still be valid).

IM-006 Singularity and Modularity: The SACM information model MUST be singular (i.e. there is only one information model, not multiple alternative information models from which to choose) and MAY be modular (a conjunction of several sub-components) for ease of

maintenance and extension. For example, endpoint identification could be an independent sub-component of the information model, to simplify updating of endpoint identification attributes.

#### 2.4. Requirements for the Data Model

The SACM information model represents an abstraction for "what" information can be communicated and "how" it is to be represented and shared. It is expected that as applications may produce posture assessment information, they may share it using a specific data model. Similarly, applications consuming or requesting posture assessment information, may require it be based on a specific data model. Thus, while there may exist different data models and schemas, they should adhere to the SACM information model and meet the requirements defined in this section.

The specific requirements for candidate data models include:

DM-001 Element Association: A SACM Information Model consists of a set of SACM Information Model elements. A SACM Data Model MUST be derived from the SACM Information Model. A SACM Data Model consists of a set of SACM Data Model elements. In this derivation, a SACM Data Model element MAY map to one or more SACM Information Model elements. In addition, a SACM Data Model MAY include additional Data Model elements that are not associated with any SACM Information Model elements.

DM-002 Data Model Structure: The data model can be structured either as one single module or separated into modules and sub-modules that allow for references between them. The data model structure MAY reflect structure in the information model, but does not need to. For example, the data model might use one module to define endpoints, and that module might reference other modules that describe the various assets associated with the endpoint. Constraints and interfaces might further be defined to resolve or tolerate ambiguity in the references (e.g. same IP address used in two separate networks).

DM-003 Search Flexibility: The search interfaces and actions MUST include the ability to start a search anywhere within a data model structure, and the ability to search based on patterns ("wildcard searches") as well as specific data elements.

DM-004 Full vs. Partial Updates: The data model SHOULD include the ability to allow providers of data to provide the data as a whole, or when updates occur. For example, a consumer can request a full update on initial engagement, then request to receive deltas

(updates containing only the changes since the last update) on an ongoing basis as new data is generated.

DM-005 Loose Coupling: The data model SHOULD allow for a loose coupling between the provider and the consumer, such that the consumer can request information without being required to request it from a specific provider, and a provider can publish information without having a specific consumer targeted to receive it.

DM-006 Data Cardinality: The data model MUST describe their constraints (e.g. cardinality). As posture information and the tasks for collection, aggregation, or evaluation, could comprise one or more attributes, interfaces and actions MUST allow and account for such cardinality as well as whether the attributes are conditional, optional, or mandatory.

DM-007 Data Model Negotiation: The interfaces and actions in the data model MUST include capability negotiation to enable discovery of supported and available data types and schemas.

DM-008 Data Origin: The data model MUST include the ability for consumers to identify the data origin (provider that collected the data).

DM-009 Origination Time: The data model SHOULD allow the provider to include the information's origination time.

DM-010 Data Generation: The data model MUST allow the provider to include attributes defining how the data was generated (e.g. self-reported, reported by aggregator, scan result, etc.).

DM-011 Data Source: The data model MUST allow the provider to include attributes identifying the data source (target endpoint from which the data was collected) - e.g. hostname, domain (DNS) name or application name.

DM-012 Data Updates: The data model SHOULD allow the provider to include attributes defining whether the information provided is a delta, partial, or full set of information.

DM-013 Multiple Collectors: The data model MUST support the collection of attributes by a variety of collectors, including internal collectors, external collectors with an authenticated relationship with the endpoint, and external collectors based on network and other observers.

DM-014 Attribute Extensibility: Use Cases in the whole of Section 2 describe the need for an attribute dictionary. With SACM's scope

focused on posture assessment, the data model attribute collection and aggregation MUST have a well-understood set of attributes inclusive of their meaning or usage intent. The data model MUST include all attributes defined in the information model and MAY include additional attributes beyond those found in the information model. Additional attributes MUST be defined in accordance with the extensibility framework provided in the information model (see IM-001).

DM-015 Solicited vs. Unsolicited Updates: The data model MUST enable a provider to publish data either solicited (in response to a request from a consumer) or unsolicited (as new data is generated, without a request required). For example, an external collector can publish data in response to a request by a consumer for information about an endpoint, or can publish data as it observes new information about an endpoint, without any specific consumer request triggering the publication; a compliance-server provider may publish endpoint posture information in response to a request from a consumer (solicited), or it may publish posture information driven by a change in the posture of the endpoint (unsolicited).

DM-016 tTransfer Agnostic: The data model MUST be transfer agnostic, to allow for the data operations to leverage the most appropriate SACM transfer protocol.

## 2.5. Requirements for Data Model Operations

Posture information data adhering to a data model must also provide interfaces that include operations for access and production of the data. Operations requirements are distinct from transfer requirements in that operations requirements are requirements on the application performing requests and responses, whereas transfer requirements are requirements on the transfer protocol carrying the requests / responses. The specific requirements for such operations include:

OP-001 Time Synchronization: Request and response operations MUST be timestamped, and published information SHOULD capture time of publication. Actions or decisions based on time-sensitive data (such as user logon/logoff, endpoint connection/disconnection, endpoint behavior events, etc.) are all predicated on a synchronized understanding of time. A method for detecting and reporting time discrepancies SHOULD be provided.

OP-002 Collection Abstraction: Collection is the act of a SACM component gathering data from a target endpoint. The request for a data item MUST include enough information to properly identify the item to collect, but the request shall not be a command to directly

execute nor directly be applied as arguments to a command. The purpose of this requirement is primarily to reduce the potential attack vectors, but has the additional benefit of abstracting the request for collection from the collection method, thereby allowing more flexibility in how collection is implemented.

OP-003 Collection Composition: A collection request MAY be composed of multiple collection requests (which yield collected values). The desire for multiple values MUST be expressed as part of the collection request, so that the aggregation can be resolved at the point of collection without having to interact with the requestor. This requirement should not be interpreted as preventing a collector from providing attributes which were not part of the original request.

OP-004 Attribute-based Query: A query operation is the act of requesting data from a provider. Query operations SHOULD be based on a set of attributes. Query operations MUST support both a query for specific attributes and a query for all attributes. Use Case 2.1.2 describes the need for the data model to support a query operation based on a set of attributes to facilitate collection of information such as posture assessment, inventory (of endpoints or endpoint components), and configuration checklist.

OP-005 Information-based Query with Filtering: The query operation MUST support filtering. Use Case 2.1.3 describes the need for the data model to support the means for the information to be collected through a query mechanism. Furthermore, the query operation requires filtering capabilities to allow for only a subset of information to be retrieved. The query operation MAY be a synchronous request or asynchronous request.

OP-006 Operation Scalability: The operation resulting from a query operation MUST be able to handle the return and receipt of large amounts of data. Use Cases 2.1.4 and 2.1.5 describe the need for the data model to support scalability. For example, the query operation may result in a very large set of attributes, as well as a large set of targets.

OP-007 Data Abstraction: The data model MUST allow a SACM component to communicate what data was used to construct the target endpoint's identity, so other SACM components can determine whether they are constructing an equivalent target endpoint (and its identity) and whether they have confidence in that identity. SACM components SHOULD have interfaces defined to transmit this data directly or to refer to where the information can be retrieved.

OP-008 Provider Restriction: Request operations MUST include the ability to restrict the data to be provided by a specific provider or a provider with specific characteristics. Response operations MUST include the ability to identify the provider that supplied the response. For example, a SACM Consumer should be able to request that all of the data come from a specific provider by identity (e.g. Provider A) or from a Provider that is in a specific location (e.g. in the Boston office).

## 2.6. Requirements for SACM Transfer Protocols

The term SACM transfer protocol is intended to be distinguished from underlying transport and internet layer protocols such as TCP/IP or operating at an equivalent level as the HTTP. The SACM transfer protocol is focused on moving data and performing necessary access control operations; it is agnostic to the data model operations.

The requirements for SACM transfer protocols include:

T-001 Multiple transfer Protocol Support: SACM transfer protocols will vary depending on the deployment model that relies on different transfer layer requirements, different device capabilities, and system configurations dealing with connectivity. For example, where posture attributes may be collected directly from an endpoint using NEA's model [RFC5209], different transports may be defined to collect them using PT-EAP [RFC7171] or PT-TLS [RFC6876] depending on the deployment scenario.

T-002 Data Integrity: SACM transfer protocols MUST be able to ensure data integrity for data in transit.

T-003 Data Confidentiality: SACM transfer protocols MUST be able to support data confidentiality. SACM transfer protocols MUST ensure data protection for data in transit (e.g. by encryption) to provide confidentiality, integrity, and robustness against protocol-based attacks. Note that while the transfer MUST be able to support data confidentiality, implementations MAY provide a configuration option that enables and disables confidentiality in deployments. Protection for data at rest is not in scope for transfer protocols. Data protection MAY be used for both privacy and non-privacy scenarios.

T-004 Transfer Protection: SACM transfer protocols MUST be capable of supporting mutual authentication and replay protection.

T-005 Transfer Reliability: SACM transfer protocols MUST provide reliable delivery of data. This includes the ability to perform fragmentation and reassembly, and to detect replays. The SACM



transfer may take advantage of reliability features in the network transport; however, the network transport may be unreliable (e.g. UDP), in which case the SACM transfer running over the unreliable network transport is responsible for ensuring reliability (i.e. by provisions such as confirmations and re-transmits).

T-006 Transfer Layer Requirements: Each SACM transfer protocol MUST clearly specify the transport layer requirements it needs to operate correctly. Examples of items that may need to be specified include connectivity requirements, replay requirements, data link encryption requirements, and/or channel binding requirements. These requirements are needed in order for deployments to be done correctly.

T-007 Transfer Protocol adoption: SACM SHOULD where reasonably possible, leverage and use existing IETF transfer protocols versus defining new ones.

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### 4. IANA Considerations

This memo includes no request to IANA.

### 5. Security Considerations

This document defines the requirements for SACM. As such, it is expected that several data models, protocols, and transfer protocols may be defined or reused from already existing standards.

To address security and privacy considerations, the data model, protocols, and transports must consider authorization based on consumer function and privileges, to only allow authorized consumers and providers to access specific information being requested or published.

To enable federation across multiple entities (such as across organizational or geographic boundaries) authorization must also extend to infrastructure elements themselves, such as central controllers / brokers / data repositories.

In addition, authorization needs to extend to specific information or resources available in the environment. In other words,

authorization is based on the subject (the information requestor), the provider (the information responder), the object (the endpoint the information is being requested on), and the attribute (what piece of data is being requested). The method by which this authorization is applied is unspecified.

SACM's charter focuses on the workflow orchestration and the sharing of posture information for improving efficacy of security applications such as compliance, configuration, assurance and other threat and vulnerability reporting and remediation systems. While the goal is to facilitate the flow of information securely, it is important to note that participating endpoints may not be cooperative or trustworthy.

#### 5.1. Trust between Provider and Requestor

The information given from the provider to a requestor may come with different levels of trustworthiness given the different potential deployment scenarios and compromise either at the provider, the requesting consumer, or devices that are involved in the transfer between the provider and requestor. This section will describe the different considerations that may reduce the level of trustworthiness of the information provided.

In the information transfer flow, it is possible that some of the devices may serve as proxies or brokers and as such, may be able to observe the communications flowing between an information provider and requestor. Without appropriate protections, it is possible for these proxies and brokers to inject and affect man-in-the-middle attacks.

It is common to, in general, distrust the network service provider, unless the full hop by hop communications process flow is well understood. As such, the posture information provider should protect the posture information data it provides as well as the transfer it uses. Similarly, while there may be providers whose goal is to openly share its information, there may also be providers whose policy is to grant access to certain posture information based on its business or regulatory policy. In those situations, a provider may require full authentication and authorization of the requestor (or set of requestors) and share only the authorized information to the authenticated and authorized requestors.

A requestor beyond distrusting the network service provider, must also account that the information received from the provider may have been communicated through an undetermined network communications system. That is, the posture information may have traversed through many devices before reaching the requestor. SACM specifications

should provide the means for verifying data origin and data integrity and at minimum, provide endpoint authentication and transfer integrity.

A requestor may require data freshness indications, both knowledge of data origination as well as time of publication so that it can make more informed decisions about the relevance of the data based on its currency and/or age.

It is also important to note that endpoint assessment reports, especially as they may be provided by the target endpoint may pose untrustworthy information. The considerations for this are described in Section 8 of [RFC5209].

The trustworthiness of the posture information given by the provider to one or many requestors is dependent on several considerations. Some of these include the requestor requiring:

- o Full disclosure of the network topology path to the provider(s).
- o Direct (peer to peer) communication with the provider.
- o Authentication and authorization of the provider.
- o Either or both confidentiality and integrity at the transfer layer.
- o Either or both confidentiality and integrity at the data layer.

## 5.2. Privacy Considerations

SACM information may contain sensitive information about the target endpoint as well as revealing identity information of the producer or consumer of such information. Similarly, as part of the SACM discovery mechanism, the advertised capabilities (and roles, e.g. SACM components enabled) by the endpoint may be construed as private information.

In addition to identity and SACM capabilities information disclosure, the use of time stamps (or other attributes that can be used as identifiers) could be further used to determine a target endpoint or user's behavioral patterns. Such attributes may also be deemed sensitive and may require further protection or obfuscation to meet privacy concerns. That is, there may be applications as well as business and regulatory practices that require that aspects of such information be hidden from any parties that do not need to know it.

Data confidentiality can provide some level of privacy but may fall short where unnecessary data is still transmitted. In those cases, filtering requirements at the data model such as OP-005 must be applied to ensure that such data is not disclosed. [RFC6973] provides guidelines for which SACM protocols and information and data models should follow.

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## 1. Introduction

Our goal with this document is to improve our agreement on the terminology used in documents produced by the IETF Working Group for Security Automation and Continuous Monitoring. Agreeing on terminology should help reach consensus on which problems we're trying to solve, and propose solutions and decide which ones to use.

## 2. Terms and Definitions

This section describes terms that have been defined by other RFC's and defines new ones. The predefined terms will reference the RFC and where appropriate will be annotated with the specific context by which the term is used in SACM. Note that explanatory or informational augmentation to definitions are segregated from the definitions themselves. The definition for the term immediately follows the term on the same line, whereas expository text is contained in subsequent paragraphs immediately following the definition.

**Assertion:** Defined by the ITU in [X.1252] as "a statement made by an entity without accompanying evidence of its validity".

In the context of SACM, an assertion is the output of a SACM Component in the form of a SACM Statement (including metadata about the data source and data origin, e.g. timestamps). While the validity of an assertion about Content and Content Metadata cannot be verified without, for example, Integrity Proofing of the

Data Source, an assertion (and therefore a SACM statement, respectively) of the validity of Statement Metadata can be enabled by including corresponding Integrity Evidence created by the Data Origin.

**Assessment:** Defined in [RFC5209] as "the process of collecting posture for a set of capabilities on the endpoint (e.g., host-based firewall) such that the appropriate validators may evaluate the posture against compliance policy."

**Attribute:** Is a data element, as defined in [RFC5209], that is atomic.

In the context of SACM, attributes are "atomic" information elements and an equivalent to attribute-value-pairs. Attributes can be components of Subjects, the basic composite definitions that are defined in the SACM Information Model.

**Capability:** A set of features that are available from a SACM Component.

See also "capability" in [I-D.ietf-i2nsf-terminology].

In the context of SACM, the extent of a SACM component's ability is enabled by the functions it is composed of. Capabilities are registered at a SACM broker (potentially also at a proxy or a repository component if it includes broker functions) by a SACM component via the SACM component registration task and can be discovered by or negotiated with other SACM components via the corresponding tasks. For example, the capability of a SACM provider may be to provide target endpoint records (declarative guidance about well-known or potential target endpoints), or only a subset of that data.

A capability's description is in itself imperative guidance on what functions are exposed to other SACM components in a SACM domain and how to use them in workflows.

The SACM Vulnerability Assessment Scenario [I-D.ietf-sacm-vuln-scenario] defines the terms Endpoint Management Capabilities, Vulnerability Management Capabilities, and Vulnerability Assessment Capabilities, which illustrate specific sets of SACM capabilities on an enterprise IT department's point of view and therefore compose sets of declarative guidance.



**Collection Result:** Is a composition of one or more content elements carrying information about a target endpoint, that is produced by a collector when conducting a collection task.

**Collection Task:** A targeted task that collects attributes and/or corresponding attribute values from target endpoint.

There are four types of frequency collection tasks can be conducted with:

ad-hoc, e.g. triggered by a unsolicited query

conditional, e.g. triggered in accordance with policies included in the compositions of workflows

scheduled, e.g. in regular intervals, such as every minute or weekly

continuously, e.g. a network behavior observation

There are three types of collection methods, each requiring an appropriate set of functions to be included in the SACM component conducting the collection task:

**Self-Reporting:** A SACM component located on the target endpoint itself conducts the collection task.

**Remote-Acquisition:** A SACM component located on an Endpoint different from the target endpoint conducts the collection task via interfaces available on the target endpoint, e.g. SNMP/NETCONF or WMI.

**Behavior-Observation:** A SACM component located on an Endpoint different from the target endpoint observes network traffic related to the target endpoint and conducts the collection task via interpretation of that network traffic.

**Collector:** A piece of software that acquires information about one or more target endpoints by conducting collection tasks.

A collector can be distributed across multiple endpoints, e.g. across a target endpoint and a SACM component. The separate parts of the collector can communicate with a specialized protocol, such as PA-TNC [RFC5792]. At least one part of a distributed collector has to take on the role of a provider of information by providing SACM interfaces to propagate capabilities and to provide SACM content in the form of collection results.

**Configuration:** A non-volatile subset of the endpoint attributes of a endpoint that is intended to be unaffected by a normal reboot-cycle.

Configuration is a type of imperative guidance that is stored in files (files dedicated to contain configuration and/ or files that are software components), directly on block devices, or on specific hardware components that can be accessed via corresponding software components. Modification of configuration can be conducted manually or automatically via management (plane) interfaces that support management protocols, such as SNMP or WMI. A change of configuration can occur during both run-time and down-time of an endpoint. It is common practice to schedule a change of configuration during or directly after the completion of a boot-cycle via corresponding software components located on the target endpoint itself.

**Examples:** The static association of an IP address and a MAC address in a DHCP server configuration, a directory-path that identifies a log-file directory, a registry entry.

**Configuration Drift:** The disposition of endpoint characteristics to change over time.

Configuration drift exists for both hardware components and software components. Typically, the frequency and scale of configuration drift of software components is significantly higher than the configuration drift of hardware components.

**Consumer:** A SACM Role that requires a SACM Component to include SACM Functions enabling it to receive information from other SACM Components.

**Content Element:** Content elements constitute the payload data (SACM content) transferred via statement Subjects emitted by providers of information. Every content element Subject includes a specific content Subject and a corresponding content metadata Subject.

**Content Metadata:** Data about content Subjects. Every content-element includes a content metadata Subject. The Subject can include any information element that can annotate the content transferred. Examples include time stamps or data provenance Subjects.

**Control Plane:** An architectural component that provides common control functions to all SACM components.

Typically used as a term in the context of routing, e.g. [RFC6192]. SACM components may include authentication, authorization, (capability) discovery or negotiation, registration and subscription. The control plane orchestrates the flow on the data plane according to imperative guidance (i.e. configuration) received via the management plane. SACM components with interfaces to the control plane have knowledge of the capabilities of other SACM components within a SACM domain.

**Controller:** A controller is a SACM Role that is assigned to a SACM component containing control plane functions managing and facilitating information sharing or execute on security functions.

There are three types of SACM controllers: Broker, Proxy, and Repository. Depending on its type, a controller can also contain functions that have interfaces on the data plane.

**Data Confidentiality:** Defined in [RFC4949] as "the property that data is not disclosed to system entities unless they have been authorized to know the data."

**Data In Motion:** Data that is being transported via a network; also referred to as "Data in Transit" or "Data in Flight".

Data in motion requires a data model to transfer the data using a specific encoding. Typically, data in motion is serialized (marshalling) into a transport encoding by a provider of information and deserialized (unmarshalling) by a consumer of information. The termination points of provider of information and consumer of information data is transferred between are interfaces. In regard to data in motion, the interpretation of the roles consumer of information and provider of information depends on the corresponding OSI layer (e.g. on layer2: between interfaces connected to a broadcast domain, on layer4: between interfaces that maintain a TCP connection). In the context of SACM, consumer of information and provider of information are SACM components.

**Data At Rest:** Data that is stored.

Data at rest requires a data model to encode the data to be stored. In the context of SACM, data at rest located on a SACM component can be provided to other SACM components via discoverable capabilities.

**Data Integrity:** Defined in [RFC4949] as "the property that data has not been changed, destroyed, or lost in an unauthorized or accidental manner."

**Data Origin:** The SACM Component that initially acquired or produced data about an endpoint.

Data Origin enables a SACM component to identify the SACM component that initially acquired or produced data about a (target) endpoint (e.g. via collection from a data source) and made it available to a SACM domain via a SACM statement. Data Origin can be expressed by an endpoint label information element (e.g. to be used as metadata in statement).

**Data Plane:** Is an architectural component providing operational functions enabling information exchange that is not command and control or management related.

Typically used as a term in the context of routing (and used as a synonym for forwarding plane, e.g. [RFC6192]). In the context of SACM, the data plane is an architectural component providing operational functions to enable a SACM component to provide and consume SACM statements and therefore SACM content, which composes the actual SACM content. The data plane in a SACM domain is used to conduct distributed SACM tasks by transporting SACM content via specific transport encodings and corresponding operations defined by SACM data models.

**Data Provenance:** An historical record of the sources, origins and evolution, as it pertains to data, that is influenced by inputs, entities, functions and processes.

Additional Information - In the context of SACM, data provenance is expressed as metadata that identifies SACM statements and corresponding content elements a new statement is created from. In a downstream process, this references can cascade, creating a data provenance tree that enables SACM components to trace back the original data sources involved in the creation of SACM statements and take into account their characteristics and trustworthiness.

**Data Source:** Is an endpoint from which a particular set of attributes and/or attribute values have been collected.

Data Source enables a SACM component to identify - and potentially characterize - a (target) endpoint that is claimed to be the original source of endpoint attributes in a SACM statement. Data Source can be expressed as metadata by an endpoint label information element or a corresponding subject of identifying endpoint attributes.

**Endpoint:** Defined in [RFC5209] as "any computing device that can be connected to a network."

Additional Information - The [RFC5209] definition continues, "Such devices normally are associated with a particular link layer address before joining the network and potentially an IP address once on the network. This includes: laptops, desktops, servers, cell phones, or any device that may have an IP address."

To further clarify the [RFC5209] definition, an endpoint is any physical or virtual device that may have a network address. Note that, network infrastructure devices (e.g. switches, routers, firewalls), which fit the definition, are also considered to be endpoints within this document.

Physical endpoints are always composites that are composed of hardware components and software components. Virtual endpoints are composed entirely of software components and rely on software components that provide functions equivalent to hardware components.

The SACM architecture differentiates two essential categories of endpoints: Endpoints whose security posture is intended to be assessed (target endpoints) and endpoints that are specifically excluded from endpoint posture assessment (excluded endpoints).

Based on the definition of an asset, an endpoint is a type of asset.

**Endpoint Attribute:** Is a discreet endpoint characteristic that is computably observable.

Endpoint Attributes typically constitute Attributes that can be bundled into Subject (e.g. information about a specific network interface can be represented via a set of multiple AVP).

**Endpoint Characteristics:** The state, configuration and composition of the software components and (virtual) hardware components a target endpoint is composed of, including observable behavior, e.g. sys-calls, log-files, or PDU emission on a network.

In SACM work-flows, (Target) Endpoint Characteristics are represented via Information Elements.

**Endpoint Characterization Task:** The task of endpoint characterization that uses endpoint attributes that represent distinct endpoint characteristics.

**Endpoint Classification:** The categorization of of the endpoint into one or more taxonomic structures.

Endpoint classification requires declarative guidance in the form of an endpoint profile, discovery results and potentially collection results. Types, classes or the characteristics of an individual target endpoint are defined via endpoint profiles.

**Endpoint Classification Task:** The task of endpoint classification that uses an endpoint's characteristics to determine how to categorize the given endpoint into one or more taxonomic structures.

**Endpoint Label:** A unique label associated with a unique endpoint.

Endpoint specializations have corresponding endpoint label specializations. For example, an endpoint label used on a SACM Component is a SACM Component Label.

**Endpoint Management Capabilities:** Enterprise IT management capabilities that are tailored to manage endpoint identity, endpoint information, and associated metadata.

**Evaluation Task:** A task by which an endpoint's asserted attribute value is evaluated against a policy-compliant attribute value.

**Evaluation Result:** The resulting value from having evaluated a set of posture attributes.

**Expected Endpoint Attribute State:** The policy-compliant state of an endpoint attribute that is to be compared against.

Sets of expected endpoint attribute states are transported as declarative guidance in target endpoint profiles via the management plane. This, for example, can be a policy, but also a recorded past state. An expected state is represented by an Attribute or a Subject that represents a set of multiple attribute value pairs.

**Guidance:** Machine-processable input directing SACM processes or tasks.

Examples of such processes/tasks include automated device management, remediation, collection, evaluation. Guidance influences the behavior of a SACM Component and is considered content of the management plane. In the context of SACM, guidance is machine-readable and can be manually or automatically generated

or provided. Typically, the tasks that provide guidance to SACM components have a low-frequency and tend to be sporadic.

There are two types of guidance:

**Declarative Guidance:** Guidance that defines the configuration or state an endpoint is supposed to be in, without providing specific actions or methods to produce that desired state. Examples include Target Endpoint Profiles or network topology based requirements.

**Imperative Guidance:** Guidance that prescribes specific actions to be conducted or methods to be used in order to achieve an outcome. Examples include a targeted Collection Task or the IP-Address of a SACM Component that provides a registration function.

Prominent examples include: modification of the configuration of a SACM component or updating a target endpoint profile that resides on an evaluator. In essence, guidance is transported via the management plane.

**Endpoint Hardware Inventory:** The set of hardware components that compose a specific endpoint representing its hardware configuration.

**Hardware Component:** A distinguishable physical component used to compose an endpoint.

The composition of an endpoint can be changed over time by adding or removing hardware components. In essence, every physical endpoint is potentially a composite of multiple hardware components, typically resulting in a hierarchical composition of hardware components. The composition of hardware components is based on interconnects provided by specific hardware types (e.g. FRU in a chassis are connected via redundant busses). In general, a hardware component can be distinguished by its serial number. Occasionally, hardware components are referred to as power sucking aliens.

**Information Element:** A representation of information about physical and virtual "objects of interest".

Information elements are the building blocks that constitute the SACM information model. In the context of SACM, an information element that expresses a single value with a specific name is referred to as an Attribute (analogous to an attribute-value-pair). A set of attributes that is bundled into a more complex composite information element is referred to as a Subject. Every

information element in the SACM information model has a unique name. Endpoint attributes or time stamps, for example, are represented as information elements in the SACM information model.

**Information Model:** An abstract representation of data, their properties, relationships between data and the operations that can be performed on the data.

While there is some overlap with a data model, [RFC3444] distinguishes an information model as being protocol and implementation neutral whereas a data model would provide such details. The purpose of the SACM information model is to ensure interoperability between SACM data models (that are used as transport encoding) and to provide a standardized set of information elements for communication between SACM components.

**Interaction Model:** The definition of specific sequences regarding the exchange of messages (data in motion), including, for example, conditional branching, thresholds and timers.

An interaction model, for example, can be used to define operations, such as registration or discovery, on the control plane. A composition of data models for data in motion and a corresponding interaction model is a protocol.

**Internal Collector:** A collector that runs on a target endpoint to acquire information from that target endpoint.

**Management Plane:** An architectural component providing common functions to steer the behavior of SACM components, e.g. their behavior on the control plane.

Typically, a SACM component can fulfill its purpose without continuous input from the management plane. In contrast, without continuous availability of control plane functions a typical SACM component could not function properly. In general, interaction on the management plane is less frequent and less regular than on the control plane. Input via the management plane can be manual (e.g. via a CLI), or can be automated via management plane functions that are part of other SACM components.

**Network Address:** A layer-specific address that follows a layer-specific address scheme.

The following characteristics are a summary derived from the Common Information Model and ITU-T X.213. Each Network Interface of a specific layer can be associated with one or more addresses appropriate for that layer. There is no guarantee that a network



address is globally unique. A dedicated authority entity can provide a level of assurance that a network address is unique in its given scope. In essence, there is always a scope to a network address, in which it is intended to be unique.

Examples include: physical Ethernet port with a MAC address, layer 2 VLAN interface with a MAC address, layer 3 interface with multiple IPv6 addresses, layer 3 tunnel ingress or egress with an IPv4 address.

**Network Interface:** An Endpoint is connected to a network via one or more Network Interfaces. Network Interfaces can be physical (Hardware Component) or logical (virtual Hardware component, i.e. a dedicated Software Component). Network Interfaces of an Endpoint can operate on different layers, most prominently what is now commonly called layer 2 and 3. Within a layer, interfaces can be nested.

In SACM, the association of Endpoints and Network Addresses via Network Interfaces is vital to maintain interdependent autonomous processes that can be targeted at Target Endpoints, unambiguously.

Examples include: physical Ethernet port, layer 2 VLAN interface, a MC-LAG setup, layer 3 Point-to-Point tunnel ingress or egress.

**Metadata:** Data about data.

In the SACM information model, data is referred to as Content. Metadata about the content is referred to as Content-Metadata, respectively. Content and Content-Metadata are combined into Subjects called Content-Elements in the SACM information model. Some information elements defined by the SACM information model can be part of the Content or the Content-Metadata. Therefore, if an information element is considered data or data about data depends on which kind of Subject it is associated with. The SACM information model also defines metadata about the data origin via the Subject Statement-Metadata. Typical examples of metadata are time stamps, data origin or data source.

**Posture:** Defined in [RFC5209] as "configuration and/or status of hardware or software on an endpoint as it pertains to an organization's security policy."

This term is used within the scope of SACM to represent the configuration and state information that is collected from a target endpoint in the form of endpoint attributes (e.g. software/hardware inventory, configuration settings, dynamically assigned

addresses). This information may constitute one or more posture attributes.

**Posture Attributes:** Defined in [RFC5209] as "attributes describing the configuration or status (posture) of a feature of the endpoint. A Posture Attribute represents a single property of an observed state. For example, a Posture Attribute might describe the version of the operating system installed on the system."

Within this document this term represents a specific assertion about endpoint configuration or state (e.g. configuration setting, installed software, hardware) represented via endpoint attributes. The phrase "features of the endpoint" highlighted above refers to installed software or software components.

**Provider:** A provider is a SACM role assigned to a SACM component that provides role-specific functions to provide information to other SACM components.

**Repository:** A repository is a controller that contains functions to consume, store and provide information of a particular kind.

Such information is typically data transported on the data plane, but potentially also data and metadata from the control and management plane. A single repository may provide the functions of more than one specific repository type (i.e. configuration baseline repository, assessment results repository, etc.)

**SACM Broker Controller:** A SACM Broker Controller is a controller that contains control plane functions to provide and/or connect services on behalf of other SACM components via interfaces on the control plane.

A broker may provide, for example, authorization services and find, upon request, SACM components providing requested services.

**SACM Component:** Is a component, as defined in [I-D.ietf-i2nsf-terminology], that is composed of SACM capabilities.

In the context of SACM, a set of SACM functions composes a SACM component. A SACM component conducts SACM tasks, acting on control plane, data plane and/or management plane via corresponding SACM interfaces. SACM defines a set of standard components (e.g. a collector, a broker, or a data store). A SACM component contains at least a basic set of control plane functions and can contain data plane and management plane functions. A SACM component residing on an endpoint assigns one or more SACM roles

to the corresponding endpoint due to the SACM functions it is composed of. A SACM component "resides on" an endpoint and an endpoint "contains" a SACM component, correspondingly. For example, a SACM component that is composed solely of functions that provide information would only take on the role of a provider.

**SACM Component Discovery:** The task of discovering the capabilities provided by SACM components within a SACM domain.

This is likely to be performed via an appropriate set of control plane functions.

**SACM Component Label:** A specific endpoint label that is used to identify a SACM component.

In content-metadata, this label is called data origin.

**SACM Content:** The payload provided by SACM components to the SACM domain on the data plane.

SACM content includes the SACM data models.

**SACM Domain:** Endpoints that include a SACM component compose a SACM domain.

(To be revised, additional definition content TBD, possible dependencies to SACM architecture)

**SACM Function:** A behavioral aspect of a SACM component that provides external SACM Interfaces or internal interfaces to other SACM Functionse.

For example, a SACM Function with SACM Interfaces on the Control Plane can provide a brokering function to other SACM Components. Via Data Plane interfaces, a SACM Function can act as a provider and/or as a consumer of information. SACM Functions can be propagated as the Capabilities of a SACM Component and can be discovered by or negotiated with other SACM Components.

**SACM Interface:** An interface, as defined in [I-D.ietf-i2nsf-terminology], that provides SACM-specific operations.

[I-D.ietf-i2nsf-terminology] defines interface as a "set of operations one object knows it can invoke on, and expose to, another object," and further defines interface by stating that an interface "decouples the implementation of the operation from its

specification. An interface is a subset of all operations that a given object implements. The same object may have multiple types of interfaces to serve different purposes."

In the context of SACM, SACM Functions provide SACM Interfaces on the management, control, or data plane. Operations a SACM Interface provides are based on corresponding data model defined by SACM. SACM Interfaces are used for communication between SACM components.

**SACM Proxy Controller:** A SACM Proxy Controller is a controller that provides data plane and control plane functions, information, or services on behalf of another component, which is not directly participating in the SACM architecture.

**SACM Role:** Is a role, as defined in [I-D.ietf-i2nsf-terminology], that requires the SACM Component assuming the role to bear a set of SACM functions or interfaces.

SACM Roles provide three important benefits. First, it enables different behavior to be supported by the same Component for different contexts. Second, it enables the behavior of a Component to be adjusted dynamically (i.e., at runtime, in response) to changes in context, by using one or more Roles to define the behavior desired for each context. Third, it decouples the Roles of a Component from the Applications that use that Component."

In the context of SACM, SACM roles are associated with SACM components and are defined by the set of functions and interfaces a SACM component includes. There are three SACM roles: provider, consumer, and controller. The roles associated with a SACM component are determined by the purpose of the SACM functions and corresponding SACM interfaces the SACM component is composed of.

**SACM Statement:** Is an assertion that is made by a SACM Component.

**Security Automation:** The process of which security alerts can be automated through the use of different components to monitor, analyze and assess endpoints and network traffic for the purposes of detecting misconfigurations, misbehaviors or threats.

Security Automation is intended to identify target endpoints that cannot be trusted (see "trusted" in [RFC4949]). This goal is achieved by creating and processing evidence (assessment statements) that a target endpoint is not a trusted system [RFC4949].

**Software Package:** A generic software package (e.g. a text editor).

**Software Component:** A software package installed on an endpoint.

The software component may include a unique serial number (e.g. a text editor associated with a unique license key).

**Software Instance:** A running instance of a software component.

For example, on a multi-user system, one logged-in user has one instance of a text editor running and another logged-in user has another instance of the same text editor running, or on a single-user system, a user could have multiple independent instances of the same text editor running.

**State:** A volatile set of endpoint attributes of a (target) endpoint that is affected by a reboot-cycle.

Local state is created by the interaction of components with other components via the control plane, via processing data plane payload, or via the functional properties of local hardware and software components. Dynamic configuration (e.g. IP address distributed dynamically via an address distribution and management services, such as DHCP) is considered state that is the result of the interaction with another component (e.g. provided by a DHCP server with a specific configuration).

**Examples:** The static association of an IP address and a MAC address in a DHCP server configuration, a directory-path that identifies a log-file directory, a registry entry.

**Statement:** A statement is the root/top-level subject defined in the SACM information model.

A statement is used to bundle Content Elements into one subject and includes metadata about the data origin.

**Subject:** A semantic composite information element pertaining to a system entity that is a target endpoint.

Like Attributes, subjects have a name and are composed of attributes and/or other subjects. Every IE that is part of a subject can have a quantity associated with it (e.g. zero-one, none-unbounded). The content IE of a subject can be an unordered or an ordered list.

In contrast to the definitions of subject provided by [RFC4949], a subject in the scope of SACM is neither "a system entity that

causes information to flow among objects or changes the system state" nor "a name of a system entity that is bound to the data items in a digital certificate".

In the context of SACM, a subject is a semantic composite of information elements about a system entity that is a target endpoint. Every acquirable subject-as defined in the scope of SACM-about a target endpoint represents and therefore identifies every subject-as defined by [RFC4949]-that is a component of that target endpoint. The semantic difference between both definitions can be subtle in practice and is in consequence important to highlight.

**Supplicant:** A component seeking to be authenticated via the control plane for the purpose of participating in a SACM domain.

**System Resource:** Defined in [RFC4949] as "data contained in an information system; or a service provided by a system; or a system capacity, such as processing power or communication bandwidth; or an item of system equipment (i.e., hardware, firmware, software, or documentation); or a facility that houses system operations and equipment."

**Target Endpoint:** Is an endpoint that is under assessment at some point in, or region of, time.

Every endpoint that is not specifically designated as an excluded endpoint is a target endpoint. A target endpoint is not part of a SACM domain unless it contains a SACM component (e.g. a SACM component that publishes collection results coming from an internal collector).

A target endpoint is similar to a device that is a Target of Evaluation (TOE) as defined in Common Criteria and as referenced by {{RFC4949}}.

**Target Endpoint Address:** An address that is layer specific and which follows layer specific address schemes.

Each interface of a specific layer can be associated with one or more addresses appropriate for that layer. There is no guarantee that an address is globally unique. In general, there is a scope to an address in which it is intended to be unique.

Examples include: physical Ethernet port with a MAC address, layer 2 VLAN interface with a MAC address, layer 3 interface with multiple IPv6 addresses, layer 3 tunnel ingress or egress with an IPv4 address.

**Target Endpoint Characterization:** The description of the distinctive nature of a target endpoint, that is based on its characteristics.

**Target Endpoint Characterization Record:** A set of endpoint attributes about a target endpoint that was encountered in a SACM domain, which are associated with that target endpoint as a result of a Target Endpoint Characterization Task.

A characterization record is intended to be a representation of an endpoint. It cannot be assured that a record distinctly represents a single target endpoint unless a set of one or more endpoint attributes that compose a unique set of identifying endpoint attributes are included in the record. Otherwise, the set of identifying attributes included in a record can match more than one target endpoints, which are - in consequence - indistinguishable to a SACM domain until more qualifying endpoint attributes can be acquired and added to the record. A characterization record is maintained over time in order to assert that acquired endpoint attributes are either about an endpoint that was encountered before or an endpoint that has not been encountered before in a SACM domain. A characterization record can include, for example, acquired configuration, state or observed behavior of a specific target endpoint. Multiple and even conflicting instances of this information can be included in a characterization record by using timestamps and/or data origins to differentiate them. The endpoint attributes included in a characterization record can be used to re-identify a distinct target endpoint over time. Classes or profiles can be associated with a characterization record via the Classification Task in order to guide collection, evaluation or remediation tasks.

**Target Endpoint Characterization Task:** An ongoing task of continuously adding acquired endpoint attributes to a corresponding record. The TE characterization task manages the representation of encountered target endpoints in the SACM domain in the form of characterization records. For example, the output of a target endpoint discovery task or a collection task can be processed by the characterization task and added to the record. The TE characterization Task also manages these representations of target endpoints encountered in the SACM domain by splitting or merging the corresponding records as new or more refined endpoint attributes become available.

**Target Endpoint Classification Task:** The task of associating a class from an extensible list of classes with an endpoint characterization record. TE classes function as imperative and declarative guidance for collection, evaluation, remediation and security posture assessment in general.

**Target Endpoint Discovery Task:** The ongoing task of detecting previously unknown interaction of a potential target endpoint in the SACM domain. TE Discovery is not directly targeted at a specific target endpoint and therefore an un-targeted task. SACM Components conducting the discovery task as a part of their function are typically distributed and located, for example, on infrastructure components or collect from those remotely via appropriate interfaces. Examples of infrastructure components that are of interest to the discovery task include routers, switches, VM hosting or VM managing components, AAA servers, or servers handling dynamic address distribution.

**Target Endpoint Identifier:** The target endpoint discovery task and the collection tasks can result in a set of identifying endpoint attributes added to a corresponding Characterization Record. This subset of the endpoint attributes included in the record is used as a target endpoint identifier, by which a specific target endpoint can be referenced. Depending on the available identifying attributes, this reference can be ambiguous and is a "best-effort" mechanism. Every distinct set of identifying endpoint attributes can be associated with a target endpoint label that is unique in a SACM domain.

**Target Endpoint Label:** An endpoint label that identifies a specific target endpoint.

**Target Endpoint Profile:** A bundle of expected or desired component composition, configurations and states that is associated with a target endpoint.

The corresponding task by which the association with a target endpoint takes places is the endpoint classification task. The task by which an endpoint profile is created is the endpoint characterization task. A type or class of target endpoints can be defined via a target endpoint profile. Examples include: printers, smartphones, or an office PC.

In respect to [RFC4949], a target endpoint profile is a protection profile as defined by Common Criteria (analogous to the target endpoint being the target of evaluation).

**SACM Task:** Is a task conducted within the scope of a SACM domain by one or more SACM functions that achieves a SACM-defined outcome.

A SACM task can be triggered by other operations or functions (e.g. a query from another SACM component or an unsolicited push on the data plane due to an ongoing subscription). A task is part of a SACM process chain. A task starts at a given point in time



and ends in a deterministic state. With the exception of a collection task, a SACM task consumes SACM statements provided by other SACM components. The output of a task is a result that can be provided (e.g. published) on the data plane.

The following tasks are defined by SACM:

Target Endpoint Discovery

Target Endpoint Characterization

Target Endpoint Classification

Collection

Evaluation [TBD]

Information Sharing [TBD]

SACM Component Discovery

SACM Component Authentication [TBD]

SACM Component Authorization [TBD]

SACM Component Registration [TBD]

Timestamps : Defined in [RFC4949] as "with respect to a data object, a label or marking in which is recorded the time (time of day or other instant of elapsed time) at which the label or marking was affixed to the data object".

A timestamp always requires context, i.e. additional information elements that are associated with it. Therefore, all timestamps wrt information elements are always metadata. Timestamps in SACM Content Elements may be generated outside a SACM Domain and may be encoded in an unknown representation. Inside a SACM domain the representation of timestamps is well-defined and unambiguous.

Virtual Endpoint: An endpoint composed entirely of logical system components (see [RFC4949]).

The most common example is a virtual machine/host running on a target endpoint. Effectively, target endpoints can be nested and at the time of this writing the most common example of target endpoint characteristics about virtual components is the EntLogicalEntry in [RFC6933].

**Vulnerability Assessment:** An assessment specifically tailored to determining whether a set of endpoints is vulnerable according to the information contained in the vulnerability description information.

**Vulnerability Description Information:** Information pertaining to the existence of a flaw or flaws in software, hardware, and/or firmware, which could potentially have an adverse impact on enterprise IT functionality and/or security.

Vulnerability description information should contain enough information to support vulnerability detection.

**Vulnerability Detection Data:** A type of imperative guidance extracted or derived from vulnerability description information that describes the specific mechanisms of vulnerability detection that is used by an enterprise's vulnerability management capabilities to determine if a vulnerability is present on an endpoint.

**Vulnerability Management Capabilities:** An IT management capability tailored toward managing endpoint vulnerabilities and associated metadata on an ongoing basis by ingesting vulnerability description information and vulnerability detection data, and performing vulnerability assessments.

**Vulnerability assessment capabilities:** An assessment capability that is tailored toward determining whether a set of endpoints is vulnerable according to vulnerability description information.

**Workflow:** A workflow is a modular composition of tasks that can contain loops, conditionals, multiple starting points and multiple endpoints.

The most prominent workflow in SACM is the assessment workflow.

### 3. IANA Considerations

This memo includes no request to IANA.

### 4. Security Considerations

This memo documents terminology for security automation. While it is about security, it does not affect security.

## 5. Acknowledgements

## 6. Change Log

Changes from version 00 to version 01:

- o Added simple list of terms extracted from UC draft -05. It is expected that comments will be received on this list of terms as to whether they should be kept in this document. Those that are kept will be appropriately defined or cited.

Changes from version 01 to version 02:

- o Added Vulnerability, Vulnerability Management, xposure, Misconfiguration, and Software flaw.

Changes from version 02 to version 03:

- o Removed Section 2.1. Cleaned up some editing nits; broke terms into 2 sections (predefined and newly defined terms). Added some of the relevant terms per the proposed list discussed in the IETF 89 meeting.

Changes from version 03 to version 04:

- o TODO

Changes from version 04 to version 05:

- o TODO

Changes from version 05 to version 06:

- o Updated author information.
- o Combined "Pre-defined Terms" with "New Terms and Definitions".
- o Removed "Requirements language".
- o Removed unused reference to use case draft; resulted in removal of normative references.
- o Removed introductory text from Section 1 indicating that this document is intended to be temporary.
- o Added placeholders for missing change log entries.

Changes from version 06 to version 07:

- o Added Contributors section.
- o Updated author list.
- o Changed title from "Terminology for Security Assessment" to "Secure Automation and Continuous Monitoring (SACM) Terminology".
- o Changed abbrev from "SACM-Terms" to "SACM Terminology".
- o Added appendix The Attic to stash terms for future updates.
- o Added Authentication, Authorization, Data Confidentiality, Data Integrity, Data Origin, Data Provenance, SACM Component, SACM Component Discovery, Target Endpoint Discovery.
- o Major updates to Building Block, Function, SACM Role, Target Endpoint.
- o Minor updates to Broker, Capability, Collection Task, Evaluation Task, Posture.
- o Relabeled Role to SACM Role, Endpoint Target to Target Endpoint, Endpoint Discovery to Endpoint Identification.
- o Moved Asset Targeting, Client, Endpoint Identification to The Attic.
- o Endpoint Attributes added as a TODO.
- o Changed the structure of the Change Log.

Changes from version 07 to version 08:

- o Added Assertion, Collection Result, Collector, Excluded Endpoint, Internal Collector, Network Address, Network Interface, SACM Domain, Statement, Target Endpoint Identifier, Target Endpoint Label, Timestamp.
- o Major updates to Attributes, Broker, Collection Task, Consumer, Controller, Control Plane, Endpoint Attributes, Expected Endpoint State, SACM Function, Provider, Proxy, Repository, SACM Role, Target Endpoint.
- o Minor updates to Asset, Building Block, Data Origin, Data Source, Data Provenance, Endpoint, Management Plane, Posture, Posture Attribute, SACM Component, SACM Component Discovery, Target Endpoint Discovery.

- o Relabeled Function to SACM Function.

Changes from version 08 to version 09:

- o Updated author list.
- o Added Data Plane, Endpoint Characterization, Endpoint Classification, Guidance, Interaction Model, Software Component, Software Instance, Software Package, Statement, Target Endpoint Profile, SACM Task.
- o Removed Building Block.
- o Major updates to Control Plane, Endpoint Attribute, Expected Endpoint State, Information Model, Management Plane.
- o Minor updates to Attribute, Capabilities, SACM Function, SACM Component, Collection Task.
- o Moved Asset Characterization to The Attic.

Changes from version 09 to version 10:

- o Added Configuration Drift, Data in Motion, Data at Rest, Endpoint Management Capability, Hardware Component, Hardware Inventory, Hardware Type, SACM Interface, Target Endpoint Characterization Record, Target Endpoint Characterization Task, Target Endpoint Classification Task, Target Endpoint Discovery Task, Vulnerability Description Information, Vulnerability Detection Data, Vulnerability Management Capability, Vulnerability Assessment
- o Added references to i2nsf definitions in Capability, SACM Component, SACM Interface, SACM Role.
- o Added i2nsf Terminology I-D Reference.
- o Major Updates to Endpoint, SACM Task, Target Endpoint Identifier.
- o Minor Updates to Guidance, SACM Component Discovery, Target Endpoint Label, Target Endpoint Profile.
- o Relabeled SACM Task
- o Removed Target Endpoint Discovery

Changes from version 10 to version 11:

- o Added Content Element, Content Metadata, Endpoint Label, Information Element, Metadata, SACM Component Label, Workflow.
- o Major Updates to Assessment, Capability, Collector, Endpoint Management Capabilities, Guidance, Vulnerability Assessment Capabilities, Vulnerability Detection Data, Vulnerability Assessment Capabilities.
- o Minor updates to Collection Result, Control Plane, Data in Motion, Data at Rest, Data Origin, Network Interface, Statement, Target Endpoint Label.
- o Relabeled Endpoint Management Capability, Vulnerability Management Capability, Vulnerability Assessment.

Changes from version 11 to version 12:

- o Added Configuration, Endpoint Characteristic, Event, SACM Content, State, Subject.
- o Major Updates to Assertion, Data in Motion, Data Provenance, Data Source, Interaction Model.
- o Minor Updates to Attribute, Control Plane, Data Origin, Data Provenance, Expected Endpoint State, Guidance, Target Endpoint Classification Task, Vulnerability Detection Data.

Changes from version 12 to version 13:

- o Added Virtual Component.
- o Major Updates to Capability, Collection Task, Hardware Component, Hardware Type, Security Automation, Subject, Target Endpoint, Target Endpoint Profile.
- o Minor Updates to Assertion, Data Plane, Endpoint Characteristics.

Changes from version 13 to version 14:

- o Handled a plethora of issues listed in GitHub.
- o Pruned some commonly understood terms.
- o Narrowing term labels per their definitions.
- o In some cases, excised expositional text.

- o Where expository text was left intact, it has been separated from the actual definition of a term.

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- o moved obsolete definitions into the Appendix (attic).

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#### Appendix A. The Attic

The following terms are stashed for now and will be updated later:

**Asset:** Is a system resource, as defined in [RFC4949], that may be composed of other assets.

Examples of Assets include: Endpoints, Software, Guidance, or X.509 public key certificates. An asset is not necessarily owned by an organization.

**Asset Management:** The IT process by which assets are provisioned, updated, maintained and deprecated.

**Asset Characterization:** Asset characterization is the process of defining attributes that describe properties of an identified asset.

**Asset Targeting:** Asset targeting is the use of asset identification and categorization information to drive human-directed, automated decision making for data collection and analysis in support of endpoint posture assessment.

**Client:** An architectural component receiving services from another architectural component.

**Endpoint Identification (TBD per list; was "Endpoint Discovery"):**  
The process by which an endpoint can be identified.

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