YANG Mount

draft-clemm-netmod-mount

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Reminder - what is “YANG-Mount”? + current status

• “The other mount” (actually, the original mount): Mounting Instances, not Schemas
  - Alias-Mount: Define an alternative path to instance information already elsewhere in the tree
  - Peer-Mount: Allow to access instance information authoritatively owned by a different server
  - Involves server infrastructure extension

• -06 posted, but draft has been kept virtually unchanged since -04

• Kept “dormant” as interest focused on Schema-Mount

• However, use cases for YANG-Mount remain valid (and may get more pressing)
  - Applications require visibility to data instantiated on other servers, or elsewhere on the same server
    - Instead of redundant configuration of parameters that need to be consistent, maintain link to authoritative copy
    - Provide context-awareness to state elsewhere in the network, e.g. to maintain network-wide service levels
    - Consolidated real-time network state (compare ODL MD-SAL)
  - Device to device, controller to device, device to controller, …
Comparison YANG-Mount – Schema Mount

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<th>Schema Mount</th>
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<td>Reuse existing definitions (schemas) to create new models</td>
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<td>A server extension (also involves modeling construct)</td>
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<td>Analogy: soft link*</td>
<td>Analogy: grouping/uses (or augments)</td>
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Refresher

• Super-impose new path structures on top of YANG data trees to access instantiated YANG data

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• Allow YANG data nodes to link data in other (remote or local) subtree locations
  Insert (remote) subtrees under a mount point in a datastore
  Mount client: a YANG server that maintains the mounted “view”
  Mount server: the authoritative owner of the data
  For on-demand object access, mount server does not need to be aware of mount client
  Defines an alternative path to access data nodes
  Clients of the YANG server with mounted structure have visibility to it like “native” information

• Original draft emphasized remotability of data
  YANG Server allows its clients to access data that is conceptually federated across a network
  (Note: Peer-mount is also the basis for MD-SAL in Open Daylight, and is now proven/robust)

• However, mount points can also be defined for local data ≠ Alias Mount
Mount Concept – Peer Mount

• Refer to data nodes / subtrees in remote datastores
• Remote data nodes visible as part of local data store
• Avoid need for data replication and orchestration
• Federated datastore - treat network as a system
Usage example

YWANG module defines YANG mount extensions + data model for mountpoint management

YWANG extensions:

Mountpoint: Defined under a containing data node (e.g. container, list)

Target: References data node that identifies remote server [peer-mount only]

Subtree: Defines root of remote subtree to be attached

Module structure

Mountpoint declaration

Instance information
Alias mount example

Module structure

Mountpoint declaration

Mount point is local

Instance information
Mountpoint management

- Mountpoints can be system-administered
- Applications&users are not exposed to this
- System administration can add bindings
  Update on-demand, periodic, on-change
- Not shown:
  Mount bindings - data update subscriptions
- Model needs updating to distinguish alias and peer mount
Notes

- Caching optimizations are possible (leverage YANG-Push)
- Circular mounting prohibited
- Focus on data nodes (not notifications)
- Mounted data can be “read-only”
  - Clients know the difference between data that is mounted vs data that is authoritatively owned
  - This is about providing visibility, not about changing authority
Next steps

• Editorial
  Editorial cleanup, relationship with schema-mount
  Investigate support for notifications referring to objects under their aliased name
  Consider extensions to accommodate dynamic configuration of mountpoints
  Review mountpoint construct for alignment between YANG-Mount and Schema-Mount

• Working group
  Solicit feedback – is there interest to move forward with this?
  Would fit well as a “next step” once schema mount is done

Thank you!