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Abstract

This document discusses a YANG data model for Abstract TE Topologies.

Conventions used in this document

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](#)].

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[1.](#) Introduction

This document defines a YANG [[RFC6020](#)] [[RFC6021](#)] module for representing and manipulating Abstract TE topologies.

[2.](#) Abstract TE Topologies

[2.1.](#) Motivation

Clients of a transport network normally have no visibility into the network's actual Traffic-Engineering (TE) topology and resource availability information. There are numerous reasons for this, such as:

Security considerations: network operators are usually reluctant to expose the network's actual topology to its clients;

Transport network, generally speaking, is comprised of network elements that belong to a different layer network than the client devices. Also the internal network routing and traffic engineering advertisements usually contain proprietary information, which the clients cannot interpret, but discarding of which would lead to incorrect assumptions and decisions. This means that the clients cannot use actual network topology and traffic engineering information even if said information is available;

Scalability considerations: clients do not want to know any transport network information that is not related to the services provided to the clients.

On the other hand the clients need to influence to certain extent on the way the services provided to them are routed across the transport network: some services, for example, need to be as disjoint from each other as possible because they support various network failure protection schemes provisioned in the client layer network; others, on the contrary, need to be co-routed and share fate as much as possible; placement of some services needs to be optimized based on the lowest cost criteria, while other service paths need to be selected to have best optical signal quality or delay characteristics, and so forth.

Different approaches exist to allow for the clients to affect the placement of provided for them services on the transport network under conditions of no visibility into the actual transport network topology and resource availability information. For example, [GMPL-UNI] architecture allows for clients signaling their service routing policies/preferences within the service setup and modify messages and mandates the network path computers to honor said policies/preferences during the service path selection. There are also control plane based (e.g. [GMPLS-ENNI]) and SDN architectures that require the network to expose abstract TE topologies. Such topologies are decoupled from the network actual topologies and are provided on per client group/VPN/tenant basis. The abstract TE topologies are supposed to be fully comprehensible by the clients and contain sufficient information for the client path computers to select service paths according to the client policies. The service paths so selected in terms of abstract TE topology elements could be signaled or otherwise conveyed within service setup/modify requests to the transport network system responsible for the service provisioning.

2.2. Static vs Fluid Abstract TE Topologies

One problem with the abstract TE topologies exposed to the clients is their static nature. The abstract TE topologies are usually manually configured based on the transport network operator policies. This entails tedious error-prone configuration. This also does not allow for the clients to have a say as to how the abstract TE topologies exposed to them should look like, which elements (nodes, links) it should contain, what the parameters (e.g. link bandwidth, SRLGs, etc.) are, and so forth. The problem becomes especially profound in case the clients requirements with respect to the abstract TE topologies change over time and/or depend on particular week, day, time of the day, etc. It is highly desirable to have a data model understood and supported by the transport network and all its potential clients that would allow for the clients to dynamically (re-)configure the abstract TE topologies exposed to them in real time. This document introduces a data model written in YANG, that allows for the clients using NETCONF and/or RESTCONF protocols to (re-)configure abstract topologies, retrieve their data state and, thus, to automate the abstract topology manipulation.

3. Tree Structure

The structure of the groupings in this module are depicted below. Brackets enclose list keys, "rw" means configuration data, "ro" means operational state data, and "?" designates optional nodes.

```
module: abstract-te-topology
augment /nt:network-topology/nt:topology/nt:topology-types/l3t:l3-
unicast-igp-topology:
  +--rw abstract-te-topology!
augment /nt:network-topology/nt:topology/nt:node/nt:termination-
point/l3t:igp-termination-point-attributes:
  +--rw abstract-tp-attributes
    +--rw topo-ref?   leafref
    +--rw node-ref?   leafref
augment /nt:network-topology/nt:topology/nt:node/l3t:igp-node-
attributes:
  +--rw abstract-node-attributes
    +--rw schedules* [schedule-id]
      | +--rw schedule-id          uint32
      | +--rw start?               yang:date-and-time
```

```

    | +--rw schedule-duration?  string
    | +--rw repeat-interval?    string
    +--rw is-abstract?          boolean
    +--rw underlay-topology?    leafref
    +--rw connectivity-matrix* [id]
    | +--rw id                  uint32
    | +--rw from-tp
    | | +--rw topo-ref?        leafref
    | | +--rw node-ref?        leafref
    | | +--rw tp-ref?          leafref
    | +--rw to-tp
    | | +--rw topo-ref?        leafref
    | | +--rw node-ref?        leafref
    | | +--rw tp-ref?          leafref
    | +--rw is-allowed?         boolean
    | +--rw information-source?  enumeration
    | +--rw credibility-preference? uint16
    +--rw ted
    +--rw te-router-id-ipv4?     inet:ipv4-address
    +--rw te-router-id-ipv6?     inet:ipv6-address
    +--rw ipv4-local-address* [ipv4-prefix]
    | +--rw ipv4-prefix          inet:ipv4-prefix
    +--rw ipv6-local-address* [ipv6-prefix]
    | +--rw ipv6-prefix          inet:ipv6-prefix
    | +--rw prefix-option?      uint8
    +--rw pcc-capabilities?      pcc-capabilities
augment /nt:network-topology/nt:topology/nt:link/l3t:igp-link-
attributes:
  +--rw abstract-link-attributes
  +--rw schedules* [schedule-id]
  | +--rw schedule-id          uint32
  | +--rw start?               yang:date-and-time
  | +--rw schedule-duration?   string
  | +--rw repeat-interval?     string
  +--rw is-abstract?           boolean
  +--rw server-layer!
  | +--rw dynamic?             boolean
  | +--rw committed?           boolean
  +--rw server-path
  | +--rw path-element* [path-element-id]

```

```

|   +--rw path-element-id      uint32
|   +--rw loose?               boolean
|   +--rw (element-type)?
|       +--:(numbered-link)
|           | +--rw link-ip-address?  inet:ip-address
|       +--:(unnumbered-link)
|           | +--rw link-node-id?      uint32
|           | +--rw link-id?          uint32
|       +--:(node)
|           | +--rw node-id?          uint32
|       +--:(label)
|           +--rw label?              uint32
+--rw server-backup-path
|   +--rw path-element* [path-element-id]
|       +--rw path-element-id      uint32
|       +--rw loose?               boolean
|       +--rw (element-type)?
|           +--:(numbered-link)
|               | +--rw link-ip-address?  inet:ip-address
|           +--:(unnumbered-link)
|               | +--rw link-node-id?      uint32
|               | +--rw link-id?          uint32
|           +--:(node)
|               | +--rw node-id?          uint32
|           +--:(label)
|               +--rw label?              uint32
+--rw server-protection-type?  uint16
+--rw server-trail-src
|   +--rw topo-ref?  leafref
|   +--rw node-ref?  leafref
|   +--rw tp-ref?    leafref
+--rw server-trail-des
|   +--rw topo-ref?  leafref
|   +--rw node-ref?  leafref
|   +--rw tp-ref?    leafref
+--rw ted
    +--rw link-index?          uint64
    +--rw information-source?  enumeration
    +--rw credibility-preference?  uint16
    +--rw admin-status?        enumeration

```

```

    +--rw oper-status?                enumeration
    +--rw area-id?                    binary
    +--rw color?                      uint32
    +--rw max-link-bandwidth?          decimal64
    +--rw max-resv-link-bandwidth?     decimal64
    +--rw unreserved-bandwidth* [priority]
    |   +--rw priority                uint8
    |   +--rw bandwidth?             decimal64
    +--rw te-default-metric?          uint32
    +--rw link-protection-type?       enumeration
    +--rw interface-switching-capabilities* [switching-
    |                                       capability]
    |   +--rw switching-capability    ted:switching-capabilities
    |   +--rw encoding?               ted:encoding-type
    |   +--rw max-lsp-bandwidth* [priority]
    |   |   +--rw priority            uint8
    |   |   +--rw bandwidth?         decimal64
    |   +--rw packet-switch-capable
    |   |   +--rw minimum-lsp-bandwidth? decimal64
    |   |   +--rw interface-mtu?      uint16
    |   +--rw time-division-multiplex-capable
    |   |   +--rw minimum-lsp-bandwidth? decimal64
    |   |   +--rw indication?        enumeration
    +--rw srlg
    |   +--rw srlg-values* [srlg-value]
    |   +--rw srlg-value          uint32
augment /l3t:igp-node-event:
+--ro abstract-te-topology!
+--ro abstract-node-attributes
  +--ro schedules* [schedule-id]
  |   +--ro schedule-id            uint32
  |   +--ro start?                 yang:date-and-time
  |   +--ro schedule-duration?     string
  |   +--ro repeat-interval?       string
  +--ro is-abstract?               boolean
  +--ro underlay-topology?         leafref
  +--ro connectivity-matrix* [id]
  |   +--ro id                     uint32

```

```

|   +--ro from-tp
|   |   +--ro topo-ref?    leafref
|   |   +--ro node-ref?    leafref
|   |   +--ro tp-ref?      leafref
|   +--ro to-tp
|   |   +--ro topo-ref?    leafref
|   |   +--ro node-ref?    leafref
|   |   +--ro tp-ref?      leafref
|   +--ro is-allowed?      boolean
|   +--ro information-source?  enumeration
|   +--ro credibility-preference? uint16
+--ro ted
  +--ro te-router-id-ipv4?   inet:ipv4-address
  +--ro te-router-id-ipv6?   inet:ipv6-address
  +--ro ipv4-local-address* [ipv4-prefix]
  |   +--ro ipv4-prefix      inet:ipv4-prefix
  +--ro ipv6-local-address* [ipv6-prefix]
  |   +--ro ipv6-prefix      inet:ipv6-prefix
  |   +--ro prefix-option?   uint8
  +--ro pcc-capabilities?    pcc-capabilities
augment /l3t:igp-link-event:
  +--ro abstract-te-topology!
  +--ro abstract-link-attributes
    +--ro schedules* [schedule-id]
    |   +--ro schedule-id      uint32
    |   +--ro start?          yang:date-and-time
    |   +--ro schedule-duration? string
    |   +--ro repeat-interval? string
    +--ro is-abstract?        boolean
  +--ro server-layer!
  |   +--ro dynamic?          boolean
  |   +--ro committed?       boolean
  +--ro server-path
  |   +--ro path-element* [path-element-id]
  |   |   +--ro path-element-id  uint32
  |   |   +--ro loose?          boolean
  |   |   +--ro (element-type)?
  |   |   |   +--:(numbered-link)
  |   |   |   |   +--ro link-ip-address?  inet:ip-address
  |   |   |   +--:(unnumbered-link)

```

```

|         | +--ro link-node-id?      uint32
|         | +--ro link-id?          uint32
|         +---:(node)
|         | +--ro node-id?          uint32
|         +---:(label)
|         +--ro label?              uint32
+--ro server-backup-path
|   +--ro path-element* [path-element-id]
|     +--ro path-element-id      uint32
|     +--ro loose?                boolean
|     +--ro (element-type)?
|       +---:(numbered-link)
|         | +--ro link-ip-address?  inet:ip-address
|         +---:(unnumbered-link)
|         | +--ro link-node-id?    uint32
|         | +--ro link-id?        uint32
|         +---:(node)
|         | +--ro node-id?        uint32
|         +---:(label)
|         +--ro label?            uint32
+--ro server-protection-type?    uint16
+--ro server-trail-src
|   +--ro topo-ref?      leafref
|   +--ro node-ref?     leafref
|   +--ro tp-ref?       leafref
+--ro server-trail-des
|   +--ro topo-ref?      leafref
|   +--ro node-ref?     leafref
|   +--ro tp-ref?       leafref
+--ro ted
  +--ro link-index?          uint64
  +--ro information-source?  enumeration
  +--ro credibility-preference? uint16
  +--ro admin-status?       enumeration
  +--ro oper-status?        enumeration
  +--ro area-id?            binary
  +--ro color?              uint32
  +--ro max-link-bandwidth? decimal64
  +--ro max-resv-link-bandwidth? decimal64
  +--ro unreserved-bandwidth* [priority]

```

```

| +--ro priority      uint8
| +--ro bandwidth?   decimal64
+--ro te-default-metric?          uint32
+--ro link-protection-type?       enumeration
+--ro interface-switching-capabilities* [switching-
                                         capability]
| +--ro switching-capability      ted:switching-capabilities
| +--ro encoding?                 ted:encoding-type
| +--ro max-lsp-bandwidth* [priority]
| | +--ro priority      uint8
| | +--ro bandwidth?   decimal64
| +--ro packet-switch-capable
| | +--ro minimum-lsp-bandwidth? decimal64
| | +--ro interface-mtu?         uint16
| +--ro time-division-multiplex-capable
| +--ro minimum-lsp-bandwidth?   decimal64
| +--ro indication?             enumeration
+--ro srlg
    +--ro srlg-values* [srlg-value]
        +--ro srlg-value      uint32

```

4. Abstract TE Topology - Yang Module

```

module abstract-te-topology {
  yang-version 1;
  namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:abstract-te-topology";
  // replace with IANA namespace when assigned

  prefix "abst";

  import ietf-yang-types {
    prefix "yang";
  }

  import ietf-inet-types {
    prefix "inet";
  }

  import network-topology {
    prefix "nt";
  }

```

```
}

import l3-unicast-igp-topology {
  prefix "l3t";
}

import ted {
  prefix "ted";
}

organization "TBD";
contact "TBD";
description "Abstract topology model";

revision "2014-10-27" {
  description "Initial revision";
  reference "TBD";
}

grouping abstract-te-topology-type {
  description
    "Identifies the abstract topology type.";
  container abstract-te-topology {
    presence "indicates abstract topology";
    description
      "Its presence identifies the abstract topology type.";
  }
}

augment "/nt:network-topology/nt:topology/"
  + "nt:topology-types/l3t:l3-unicast-igp-topology" {
  description
    "Defines the abstract topology type.";
  uses abstract-te-topology-type;
}

grouping te-path-element {
  description
    "A group of attributes defining an element in a TE path
    such as TE node, TE link, TE atomic resource or label.";
  leaf loose {
    type boolean;
    description "true if the element is loose.";
  }
  choice element-type {
    description "Attributes for various element types.";
  }
}
```

```
    case numbered-link {
      leaf link-ip-address {
        type inet:ip-address;
        description "IPv4 or IPv6 address.";
      }
    }
    case unnumbered-link {
      leaf link-node-id {
        type uint32;
        description
          "Node ID of the node where the link end point resides.";
      }
      leaf link-id {
        type uint32;
        description "Identifies the link end point.";
      }
    }
  }
  case node {
    leaf node-id {
      type uint32;
      description "Identifies the node.";
    }
  }
  case label {
    leaf label {
      type uint32;
      description "Identifies atomic TE resource or label.";
    }
  }
}
} // te-path-element

grouping config-schedule-attributes {
  description
    "A list of schedules defining when a particular
    configuration takes effect.";
  list schedules {
    key "schedule-id";
    description "A list of schedule elements.";

    leaf schedule-id {
      type uint32;
      description "Identifies the schedule element.";
    }
  }
  leaf start {
    type yang:date-and-time;
  }
}
```

```
        description "Start time.";
    }
    leaf schedule-duration {
        type string {
            pattern
                'P(\d+Y)?(\d+M)?(\d+W)?(\d+D)?T(\d+H)?(\d+M)?(\d+S)?';
        }
        description "Schedule duration in ISO 8601 format.";
    }
    leaf repeat-interval {
        type string {
            pattern
                'R\d*/P(\d+Y)?(\d+M)?(\d+W)?(\d+D)?T(\d+H)?(\d+M)?'
                + '(\d+S)?';
        }
        description "Repeat interval in ISO 8601 format.";
    }
}

grouping abstract-node-attributes {
    description "Node attributes in an abstract topology.";
    container abstract-node-attributes {
        description "Node attributes in an abstract topology.";
        uses config-schedule-attributes;
        leaf is-abstract {
            type boolean;
            description
                "true if the node is abstract, false when the node is
                actual.";
        }
        leaf underlay-topology {
            type leafref {
                path "/nt:network-topology/nt:topology/nt:topology-id";
            }
            description
                "When an abstract node encapsulates a topology,
                this reference points to said topology.";
        }
        list connectivity-matrix {
            key "id";
            description
                "Represents node's switching limitations, i.e. limitations
                in interconnecting network termination points (NTPs)
                across the node.";
            leaf id {
```

```
    type uint32;
    description "Identifies the connectivity-matrix entry.";
  }
  container from-tp {
    uses l3t:tp-ref;
    description
      "Reference to source NTP.";
  }
  container to-tp {
    uses l3t:tp-ref;
    description
      "Reference to destination NTP.";
  }
  leaf is-allowed {
    type boolean;
    description
      "true - switching is allowed,
       false - switching is disallowed.";
  }
  leaf information-source {
    type enumeration {
      enum "unknown" {
        description "The source is unknown";
      }
      enum "locally-configured" {
        description "Configured TE link";
      }
      enum "ospfv2" {
        description "OSPFv2";
      }
      enum "ospfv3" {
        description "OSPFv3";
      }
      enum "isis" {
        description "ISIS";
      }
      enum "other" {
        description "Other source";
      }
    }
    description
      "Indicates the source of the information.";
  }
  leaf credibility-preference {
    type uint16;
    description
```

```
        "The preference value to calculate the traffic
        engineering database credibility value used for
        tie-break selection between different
        information-source values.
        Higher value is more preferable.";
    }

}

container ted {
    description "Includes TE node attributes.";
    uses ted:ted-node-attributes;
}

} // abstract-node-attributes

grouping abstract-tp-attributes {
    description
        "Termination point attributes in an abstract topology.";
    container abstract-tp-attributes {
        description
            "Termination point attributes in an abstract topology.";
        uses l3t:node-ref;
    }
} // abstract-tp-attributes

grouping abstract-link-attributes {
    description
        "Link attributes in an abstract topology.";
    container abstract-link-attributes {
        description "Link attributes in an abstract topology.";
        uses config-schedule-attributes;
        leaf is-abstract {
            type boolean;
            description "true if the link is abstract.";
        }
        container server-layer {
            presence
                "Indicates the server layer exists for this link.";
            description "State of the server layer of this link.";

            leaf dynamic {
                type boolean;
                description
                    "true if the server layer is dynamically created.";
            }
            leaf committed {
```

```
        type boolean;
        description
            "true if the server layer is committed.";
    }
}
container server-path {
    description
        "The service path on the server layer topology that
        supports this link.";
    list path-element {
        key "path-element-id";
        description
            "A list of path elements describing the service path";
        leaf path-element-id {
            type uint32;
            description "To identify the element in a path.";
        }
        uses te-path-element;
    }
} // server-path
container server-backup-path {
    description
        "The backup service path on the server layer topology that
        supports this link.";
    list path-element {
        key "path-element-id";
        description
            "A list of path elements describing the backup service
            path";
        leaf path-element-id {
            type uint32;
            description "To identify the element in a path.";
        }
        uses te-path-element;
    }
} // server-backup-path
leaf server-protection-type {
    type uint16;
    description
        "Server layer protection type desired for this link";
}
container server-trail-src {
    uses l3t:tp-ref;
    description
        "Source termination point of the server layer trail.";
}
```

```
    container server-trail-des {
      uses l3t:tp-ref;
      description
        "Destination termination point of the server layer
        trail.";
    }
    container ted {
      description "Includes TE link attributes.";
      uses ted:ted-link-attributes;
    }
  }
} // abstract-link-attributes

augment "/nt:network-topology/nt:topology/nt:node/"
  + "nt:termination-point/"
  + "l3t:igp-termination-point-attributes" {
  when "../..../topology-types/abstract-te-topology" {
    description
      "The augment is valid only for abstract topology.";
  }
  description "Augments attributes on a termination point.";
  uses abstract-tp-attributes;
}

augment "/nt:network-topology/nt:topology/nt:node/"
  + "l3t:igp-node-attributes" {
  when "../..../topology-types/abstract-te-topology" {
    description
      "The augment is valid only for abstract topology.";
  }
  description "Augments attributes on a node.";
  uses abstract-node-attributes;
}

augment "/nt:network-topology/nt:topology/nt:link/"
  + "l3t:igp-link-attributes" {
  when "../..../topology-types/abstract-te-topology" {
    description
      "The augment is valid only for abstract topology.";
  }
  description "Augments attributes on a link.";
  uses abstract-link-attributes;
}

augment "/l3t:igp-node-event" {
  description "Augments node event.";
```

```
    uses abstract-te-topology-type;
    uses abst:abstract-node-attributes;
  }

  augment "/l3t:igp-link-event" {
    description "Augments link event.";
    uses abstract-te-topology-type;
    uses abst:abstract-link-attributes;
  }
}
```

5. Security Considerations

The protocol used for sending the TE topology data MUST support authentication and SHOULD support encryption. The data-model by itself does not create any security implications.

6. IANA Considerations

TBD

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