Common YANG Data Types

Abstract

This document introduces a collection of common data types to be used with the YANG data modeling language.

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This document introduces a collection of common data types derived from the built-in YANG data types. The definitions are organized in several YANG modules. The "ietf-yang-types" module contains generally useful data types. The "ietf-inet-types" module contains definitions that are relevant for the Internet protocol suite.

The derived types are generally designed to be applicable for modeling all areas of management information.

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2. Overview

This section provides a short overview of the types defined in subsequent sections and their equivalent Structure of Management Information Version 2 (SMIv2) [RFC2578][RFC2579] data types. A YANG data type is equivalent to an SMIv2 data type if the data types have the same set of values and the semantics of the values are equivalent.

Table 1 lists the types defined in the ietf-yang-types YANG module and the corresponding SMIv2 types (- indicates there is no corresponding SMIv2 type).

| YANG type               | Equivalent SMIv2 type (module) |
|------------------------+--------------------------------|
| counter32              | Counter32 (SNMPv2-SMI)         |
| zero-based-counter32   | ZeroBasedCounter32 (RMON2-MIB) |
| counter64              | Counter64 (SNMPv2-SMI)         |
| zero-based-counter64   | ZeroBasedCounter64 (HCNUM-TC)  |
| gauge32                | Gauge32 (SNMPv2-SMI)           |
| gauge64                | CounterBasedGauge64 (HCNUM-TC) |
| object-identifier      | OBJECT IDENTIFIER              |
| object-identifier-128  | -                              |
| date-and-time          | -                              |
| timeticks              | TimeTicks (SNMPv2-SMI)         |
| timestamp              | TimeStamp (SNMPv2-TC)          |
| phys-address           | PhysAddress (SNMPv2-TC)        |
| mac-address            | MacAddress (SNMPv2-TC)         |
| xpath1.0               | -                              |

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Table 2 lists the types defined in the ietf-inet-types YANG module and the corresponding SMIv2 types (if any).

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3. Core YANG Derived Types

The ietf-yang-types YANG module references [IEEE802], [ISO9834-1], [RFC2578], [RFC2579], [RFC2856], [RFC3339], [RFC4502], [XPATH], and [XSD-TYPES].

<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-yang-types@2010-09-24.yang"

module ietf-yang-types {

  namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-yang-types";
  prefix "yang";

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

  contact
    "WG Web: <http://tools.ietf.org/wg/netmod/>"
    "WG List: <mailto:netmod@ietf.org>
    "WG Chair: David Partain
      <mailto:david.partain@ericsson.com>"
This module contains a collection of generally useful derived YANG data types.

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revision 2010-09-24 {
  description
    "Initial revision.";
  reference
    "RFC 6021: Common YANG Data Types";
}

typedef counter32 {
  type uint32;
  description
    "The counter32 type represents a non-negative integer that monotonically increases until it reaches a maximum value of $2^{32}-1$ (4294967295 decimal), when it wraps around and starts increasing again from zero.

Counters have no defined ‘initial’ value, and thus, a single value of a counter has (in general) no information content. Discontinuities in the monotonically increasing value normally occur at re-initialization of the management system, and at other times as specified in the description of a schema node using this type. If such other times can occur, for example, the creation of a schema node of type counter32 at times other than re-initialization, then a corresponding schema node
should be defined, with an appropriate type, to indicate the last discontinuity.

The counter32 type should not be used for configuration schema nodes. A default statement SHOULD NOT be used in combination with the type counter32.

In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent to the Counter32 type of the SMIv2.

```
typedef zero-based-counter32 {
  type yang:counter32;
  default "0";
  description
    "The zero-based-counter32 type represents a counter32 that has the defined 'initial' value zero.

    A schema node of this type will be set to zero (0) on creation and will thereafter increase monotonically until it reaches a maximum value of 2^32-1 (4294967295 decimal), when it wraps around and starts increasing again from zero.

    Provided that an application discovers a new schema node of this type within the minimum time to wrap, it can use the 'initial' value as a delta. It is important for a management station to be aware of this minimum time and the actual time between polls, and to discard data if the actual time is too long or there is no defined minimum time.

    In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent to the ZeroBasedCounter32 textual convention of the SMIv2.";
  reference
    "RFC 4502: Remote Network Monitoring Management Information Base Version 2";
}
```

typedef counter64 {
  type uint64;
  description
    "The counter64 type represents a non-negative integer that monotonically increases until it reaches a maximum value of 2^64-1 (18446744073709551615 decimal), when it wraps around and starts increasing again from zero.

    Counters have no defined 'initial' value, and thus, a
single value of a counter has (in general) no information content. Discontinuities in the monotonically increasing value normally occur at re-initialization of the management system, and at other times as specified in the description of a schema node using this type. If such other times can occur, for example, the creation of a schema node of type counter64 at times other than re-initialization, then a corresponding schema node should be defined, with an appropriate type, to indicate the last discontinuity.

The counter64 type should not be used for configuration schema nodes. A default statement SHOULD NOT be used in combination with the type counter64.

In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent to the Counter64 type of the SMIv2.

typedef zero-based-counter64 {
    type yang:counter64;
    default "0";
    description
        "The zero-based-counter64 type represents a counter64 that has the defined ‘initial’ value zero.

        A schema node of this type will be set to zero (0) on creation and will thereafter increase monotonically until it reaches a maximum value of 2^64-1 (18446744073709551615 decimal), when it wraps around and starts increasing again from zero.

        Provided that an application discovers a new schema node of this type within the minimum time to wrap, it can use the ‘initial’ value as a delta. It is important for a management station to be aware of this minimum time and the actual time between polls, and to discard data if the actual time is too long or there is no defined minimum time.

        In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent to the ZeroBasedCounter64 textual convention of the SMIv2.
    
    reference
        "RFC 2578: Structure of Management Information Version 2 (SMIv2)"
}

typedef gauge32 {

type uint32;
description
"The gauge32 type represents a non-negative integer, which
may increase or decrease, but shall never exceed a maximum
value, nor fall below a minimum value. The maximum value
cannot be greater than $2^{32}-1$ (4294967295 decimal), and
the minimum value cannot be smaller than 0. The value of
a gauge32 has its maximum value whenever the information
being modeled is greater than or equal to its maximum
value, and has its minimum value whenever the information
being modeled is smaller than or equal to its minimum value.
If the information being modeled subsequently decreases
below (increases above) the maximum (minimum) value, the
gauge32 also decreases (increases).

In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent
to the Gauge32 type of the SMIv2.";
reference
"RFC 2578: Structure of Management Information Version 2 (SMIv2)";
}

typedef gauge64 {
type uint64;
description
"The gauge64 type represents a non-negative integer, which
may increase or decrease, but shall never exceed a maximum
value, nor fall below a minimum value. The maximum value
cannot be greater than $2^{64}-1$ (18446744073709551615), and
the minimum value cannot be smaller than 0. The value of
a gauge64 has its maximum value whenever the information
being modeled is greater than or equal to its maximum
value, and has its minimum value whenever the information
being modeled is smaller than or equal to its minimum value.
If the information being modeled subsequently decreases
below (increases above) the maximum (minimum) value, the
gauge64 also decreases (increases).

In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent
to the CounterBasedGauge64 SMIv2 textual convention defined
in RFC 2856";
reference
"RFC 2856: Textual Conventions for Additional High Capacity
Data Types";
/** collection of identifier related types **/

typedef object-identifier {
    type string {
        pattern '((@[0-1](\.?[1-3]?[0-9]))|(2\.(0|([1-9]\d*)))))' + '(.0|([1-9]\d*)))**';
    }

description
"The object-identifier type represents administratively
assigned names in a registration-hierarchical-name tree.

Values of this type are denoted as a sequence of numerical
non-negative sub-identifier values. Each sub-identifier
value MUST NOT exceed 2^32-1 (4294967295). Sub-identifiers
are separated by single dots and without any intermediate
whitespace.

The ASN.1 standard restricts the value space of the first
sub-identifier to 0, 1, or 2. Furthermore, the value space
of the second sub-identifier is restricted to the range
0 to 39 if the first sub-identifier is 0 or 1. Finally,
the ASN.1 standard requires that an object identifier
has always at least two sub-identifier. The pattern
captures these restrictions.

Although the number of sub-identifiers is not limited,
module designers should realize that there may be
implementations that stick with the SMIv2 limit of 128
sub-identifiers.

This type is a superset of the SMIv2 OBJECT IDENTIFIER type
since it is not restricted to 128 sub-identifiers. Hence,
this type SHOULD NOT be used to represent the SMIv2 OBJECT
IDENTIFIER type, the object-identifier-128 type SHOULD be
used instead.";

reference
"ISO9834-1: Information technology -- Open Systems
Interconnection -- Procedures for the operation of OSI
Registration Authorities: General procedures and top
arcs of the ASN.1 Object Identifier tree";
typedef object-identifier-128 {
    type object-identifier {
        pattern '\d*(\./\d*){1,127}';
    }
    description
    "This type represents object-identifiers restricted to 128
    sub-identifiers.

    In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent
to the OBJECT IDENTIFIER type of the SMIv2.";
    reference
    "RFC 2578: Structure of Management Information Version 2 (SMIv2)";
}

/** collection of date and time related types ***/

typedef date-and-time {
    type string {
        pattern '\d{4}-\d{2}-\d{2}T\d{2}:\d{2}:\d{2}(\.[\d]+)?
        +(Z|\[\+\-]\d{2}:\d{2})';
    }
    description
    "The date-and-time type is a profile of the ISO 8601
    standard for representation of dates and times using the
    Gregorian calendar. The profile is defined by the
date-time production in Section 5.6 of RFC 3339.

    The date-and-time type is compatible with the dateTime XML
    schema type with the following notable exceptions:

    (a) The date-and-time type does not allow negative years.

    (b) The date-and-time time-offset -00:00 indicates an unknown
time zone (see RFC 3339) while -00:00 and +00:00 and Z all
    represent the same time zone in dateTime.

    (c) The canonical format (see below) of data-and-time values
differs from the canonical format used by the dateTime XML
    schema type, which requires all times to be in UTC using the
time-offset 'Z'.

    This type is not equivalent to the DateAndTime textual
    convention of the SMIv2 since RFC 3339 uses a different
    separator between full-date and full-time and provides
    higher resolution of time-secfrac.";
The canonical format for date-and-time values with a known time zone uses a numeric time zone offset that is calculated using the device’s configured known offset to UTC time. A change of the device’s offset to UTC time will cause date-and-time values to change accordingly. Such changes might happen periodically in case a server follows automatically daylight saving time (DST) time zone offset changes. The canonical format for date-and-time values with an unknown time zone (usually referring to the notion of local time) uses the time-offset -00:00."

typedef timeticks {
type uint32;
description
"The timeticks type represents a non-negative integer that represents the time, modulo 2^32 (4294967296 decimal), in hundredths of a second between two epochs. When a schema node is defined that uses this type, the description of the schema node identifies both of the reference epochs.

In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent to the TimeTicks type of the SMIv2."

type yang:timeticks;
description
"The timestamp type represents the value of an associated timeticks schema node at which a specific occurrence happened. The specific occurrence must be defined in the description of any schema node defined using this type. When the specific occurrence occurred prior to the last time the associated timeticks attribute was zero, then the timestamp value is zero. Note that this requires all timestamp values to be reset to zero when the value of the associated timeticks attribute reaches 497+ days and wraps around to zero.

The associated timeticks schema node must be specified in the description of any schema node using this type.

In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent to the TimeStamp textual convention of the SMIv2.";}
typedef phys-address {
  type string {
    pattern '([0-9a-fA-F]{2}(:[0-9a-fA-F]{2})*)?';
  }  
  description "Represents media- or physical-level addresses represented as a sequence octets, each octet represented by two hexadecimal numbers. Octets are separated by colons. The canonical representation uses lowercase characters. 

  In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent to the PhysAddress textual convention of the SMIv2.";
  reference "RFC 2579: Textual Conventions for SMIv2";
}

typedef mac-address {
  type string {
    pattern '[0-9a-fA-F]{2}(:[0-9a-fA-F]{2}){5}';
  }  
  description "The mac-address type represents an IEEE 802 MAC address. The canonical representation uses lowercase characters. 

  In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent to the MacAddress textual convention of the SMIv2.";
  reference "IEEE 802: IEEE Standard for Local and Metropolitan Area Networks: Overview and Architecture RFC 2579: Textual Conventions for SMIv2";
}

/*** collection of XML specific types ***/ 

typedef xpath1.0 {
  type string;
  description "This type represents an XPATH 1.0 expression. 

  When a schema node is defined that uses this type, the description of the schema node MUST specify the XPath context in which the XPath expression is evaluated.";
}
4. Internet-Specific Derived Types

The ietf-inet-types YANG module references [RFC0768], [RFC0791], [RFC0793], [RFC0952], [RFC1034], [RFC1123], [RFC1930], [RFC2460], [RFC2474], [RFC2780], [RFC2782], [RFC3289], [RFC3305], [RFC3492], [RFC3595], [RFC3986], [RFC4001], [RFC4007], [RFC4271], [RFC4291], [RFC4340], [RFC4893], [RFC4960], [RFC5017], [RFC5891], and [RFC5952].

module ietf-inet-types {
  namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-inet-types";
  prefix "inet";

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

  contact
    "WG Web: <http://tools.ietf.org/wg/netmod/>
    WG List: <mailto:netmod@ietf.org>
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  description
    "This module contains a collection of generally useful derived
    YANG data types for Internet addresses and related things.

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    authors of the code. All rights reserved.";
typedef ip-version {
  type enumeration {
    enum unknown {
      value "0";
      description "An unknown or unspecified version of the Internet protocol.";
    }
    enum ipv4 {
      value "1";
      description "The IPv4 protocol as defined in RFC 791.";
    }
    enum ipv6 {
      value "2";
      description "The IPv6 protocol as defined in RFC 2460.";
    }
  }
  description "This value represents the version of the IP protocol.

  In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent to the InetVersion textual convention of the SMIv2.";
  reference "RFC 791: Internet Protocol
  RFC 4001: Textual Conventions for Internet Network Addresses";
}

typedef dscp {
type uint8 {
    range "0..63";
}
description
"The dscp type represents a Differentiated Services Code-Point that may be used for marking packets in a traffic stream. In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent to the Dscp textual convention of the SMIv2."
reference
"RFC 3289: Management Information Base for the Differentiated Services Architecture
RFC 2474: Definition of the Differentiated Services Field (DS Field) in the IPv4 and IPv6 Headers
RFC 2780: IANA Allocation Guidelines For Values In the Internet Protocol and Related Headers";
}
typedef ipv6-flow-label {
    type uint32 {
        range "0..1048575";
    }
description
"The flow-label type represents flow identifier or Flow Label in an IPv6 packet header that may be used to discriminate traffic flows.
In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent to the IPv6FlowLabel textual convention of the SMIv2."
reference
"RFC 3595: Textual Conventions for IPv6 Flow Label
}
typedef port-number {
    type uint16 {
        range "0..65535";
    }
description
"The port-number type represents a 16-bit port number of an Internet transport layer protocol such as UDP, TCP, DCCP, or SCTP. Port numbers are assigned by IANA. A current list of all assignments is available from <http://www.iana.org/>.

Note that the port number value zero is reserved by IANA. In situations where the value zero does not make sense, it can be excluded by subtyping the port-number type.
typedef as-number {
    type uint32;
    description
    "The as-number type represents autonomous system numbers which identify an Autonomous System (AS). An AS is a set of routers under a single technical administration, using an interior gateway protocol and common metrics to route packets within the AS, and using an exterior gateway protocol to route packets to other ASs'. IANA maintains the AS number space and has delegated large parts to the regional registries.

    Autonomous system numbers were originally limited to 16 bits. BGP extensions have enlarged the autonomous system number space to 32 bits. This type therefore uses an uint32 base type without a range restriction in order to support a larger autonomous system number space.

    In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent to the InetAutonomousSystemNumber textual convention of the SMIv2.";
    reference
    "RFC 1930: Guidelines for creation, selection, and registration of an Autonomous System (AS)
RFC 4271: A Border Gateway Protocol 4 (BGP-4)
RFC 4893: BGP Support for Four-octet AS Number Space
RFC 4001: Textual Conventions for Internet Network Addresses";
}

/*** collection of IP address and hostname related types ***/

typedef ip-address {
    type union {
        type inet:ipv4-address;
        type inet:ipv6-address;
    }
}
description
"The ip-address type represents an IP address and is IP
version neutral. The format of the textual representations
implies the IP version."
}

typedef ipv4-address {
type string {
  pattern
    '(([0-9]|[1-9][0-9]|1[0-9][0-9]|2[0-4][0-9]|25[0-5])\.){3}'
    + '([0-9]|[1-9][0-9]|1[0-9][0-9]|2[0-4][0-9]|25[0-5])'
    + '(%[\p{N}\p{L}]?)?';
}
description
"The ipv4-address type represents an IPv4 address in
dotted-quad notation. The IPv4 address may include a zone
index, separated by a % sign.

The zone index is used to disambiguate identical address
values. For link-local addresses, the zone index will
typically be the interface index number or the name of an
interface. If the zone index is not present, the default
zone of the device will be used.

The canonical format for the zone index is the numerical
format";
}

typedef ipv6-address {
type string {
  pattern
    '(((0-9a-fA-F){0,4}):){5}((0-9a-fA-F){0,4})\.)\{3\}'
    + '(((0-9a-fA-F){0,4}):?((0-9a-fA-F){0,4}))\)' + '(((25[0-5]|2[0-4][0-9]|1\d[0-9]|0[1-9])\.)\{3\}'
    + '((25[0-5]|2[0-4][0-9]|1\d[0-9]|0[1-9])\.)\{3\}'
    + '(%[\p{N}\p{L}]?)?';
  pattern
    '(([::]+):){6}(([::]+):([.:]+))\{4\}'
    + '(([::]+):([::]+):([.:]+))\{5\}'
    + '(%[\p{N}\p{L}]?)?';
}
description
"The ipv6-address type represents an IPv6 address in full,
mixed, shortened, and shortened-mixed notation. The IPv6
address may include a zone index, separated by a % sign.

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The zone index is used to disambiguate identical address values. For link-local addresses, the zone index will typically be the interface index number or the name of an interface. If the zone index is not present, the default zone of the device will be used.

The canonical format of IPv6 addresses uses the compressed format described in RFC 4291, Section 2.2, item 2 with the following additional rules: the :: substitution must be applied to the longest sequence of all-zero 16-bit chunks in an IPv6 address. If there is a tie, the first sequence of all-zero 16-bit chunks is replaced by ::. Single all-zero 16-bit chunks are not compressed. The canonical format uses lowercase characters and leading zeros are not allowed. The canonical format for the zone index is the numerical format as described in RFC 4007, Section 11.2.

```
typedef ip-prefix {
    type union {
        type inet:ipv4-prefix;
        type inet:ipv6-prefix;
    }
    description
    "The ip-prefix type represents an IP prefix and is IP version neutral. The format of the textual representations implies the IP version.";
}

typedef ipv4-prefix {
    type string {
        pattern
        ‘((0-9]|[1-9][0-9]|1[0-9][0-9]|2[0-4][0-9]|25[0-5])\.){3}’
        + ‘(0-9]|[1-9][0-9]|1[0-9][0-9]|2[0-4][0-9]|25[0-5])’
        + ‘/((0-9]|[1-2][0-9])|(3[0-2]))’;
    }
    description
    "The ipv4-prefix type represents an IPv4 address prefix. The prefix length is given by the number following the slash character and must be less than or equal to 32.
```
A prefix length value of n corresponds to an IP address mask that has n contiguous 1-bits from the most significant bit (MSB) and all other bits set to 0.

The canonical format of an IPv4 prefix has all bits of the IPv4 address set to zero that are not part of the IPv4 prefix.

typedef ipv6-prefix {
    type string {
        pattern '((:|[0-9a-fA-F]{0,4}):)' + '(((0-9a-fA-F)0,4):)?((0-9a-fA-F)0,4):)' + '(((25[0-5]|2[0-4][0-9]|1[01]?[0-9]?[0-9])\.|\.)3)' + '/(((0-9a-fA-F)0,4):)?((0-9a-fA-F)0,4):)' + '(((25[0-5]|2[0-4][0-9]|1[01]?[0-9]?[0-9])\.|\.)3)' + '/(((0-9a-fA-F)0,4):)?((0-9a-fA-F)0,4):)' + '(((25[0-5]|2[0-4][0-9]|1[01]?[0-9]?[0-9])\.|\.)3)' + '/(((0-9a-fA-F)0,4):)?((0-9a-fA-F)0,4):)' + '(((25[0-5]|2[0-4][0-9]|1[01]?[0-9]?[0-9])\.|\.)3)';
    }
    description
    "The ipv6-prefix type represents an IPv6 address prefix. The prefix length is given by the number following the slash character and must be less than or equal 128. A prefix length value of n corresponds to an IP address mask that has n contiguous 1-bits from the most significant bit (MSB) and all other bits set to 0. The IPv6 address should have all bits that do not belong to the prefix set to zero. The canonical format of an IPv6 prefix has all bits of the IPv6 address set to zero that are not part of the IPv6 prefix. Furthermore, IPv6 address is represented in the compressed format described in RFC 4291, Section 2.2, item 2 with the following additional rules: the :: substitution must be applied to the longest sequence of all-zero 16-bit chunks in an IPv6 address. If there is a tie, the first sequence of all-zero 16-bit chunks is replaced by ::. Single all-zero 16-bit chunks are not compressed. The canonical format uses lowercase characters and leading zeros are not allowed.";
    reference
    "RFC 4291: IP Version 6 Addressing Architecture";
}
typedef domain-name {
  type string {
    pattern '(((\[a-zA-Z0-9\._\-\_]\{0,61\})\?[a-zA-Z0-9]\.)*)
      + '(((\[a-zA-Z0-9\._\-\_]\{0,61\})\?[a-zA-Z0-9]\.)?)
      + '\.;
    length "1..253";
  }
  description
  "The domain-name type represents a DNS domain name. The
  name SHOULD be fully qualified whenever possible."
}

Internet domain names are only loosely specified. Section 3.5 of RFC 1034 recommends a syntax (modified in Section 2.1 of RFC 1123). The pattern above is intended to allow for current practice in domain name use, and some possible future expansion. It is designed to hold various types of domain names, including names used for A or AAAA records (host names) and other records, such as SRV records. Note that Internet host names have a stricter syntax (described in RFC 952) than the DNS recommendations in RFCs 1034 and 1123, and that systems that want to store host names in schema nodes using the domain-name type are recommended to adhere to this stricter standard to ensure interoperability.

The encoding of DNS names in the DNS protocol is limited to 255 characters. Since the encoding consists of labels prefixed by a length bytes and there is a trailing NULL byte, only 253 characters can appear in the textual dotted notation.

The description clause of schema nodes using the domain-name type MUST describe when and how these names are resolved to IP addresses. Note that the resolution of a domain-name value may require to query multiple DNS records (e.g., A for IPv4 and AAAA for IPv6). The order of the resolution process and which DNS record takes precedence can either be defined explicitly or it may depend on the configuration of the resolver.

Domain-name values use the US-ASCII encoding. Their canonical format uses lowercase US-ASCII characters. Internationalized domain names MUST be encoded in punycode as described in RFC 3492; reference "RFC 952: DoD Internet Host Table Specification
RFC 1034: Domain Names - Concepts and Facilities"
typedef host {
    type union {
        type inet:ip-address;
        type inet:domain-name;
    }
    description "The host type represents either an IP address or a DNS domain name."
}

typedef uri {
    type string;
    description "The uri type represents a Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) as defined by STD 66.

Objects using the uri type MUST be in US-ASCII encoding, and MUST be normalized as described by RFC 3986 Sections 6.2.1, 6.2.2.1, and 6.2.2.2. All unnecessary percent-encoding is removed, and all case-insensitive characters are set to lowercase except for hexadecimal digits, which are normalized to uppercase as described in Section 6.2.2.1.

The purpose of this normalization is to help provide unique URIs. Note that this normalization is not sufficient to provide uniqueness. Two URIs that are textually distinct after this normalization may still be equivalent.

Objects using the uri type may restrict the schemes that they permit. For example, ‘data:’ and ‘urn:’ schemes might not be appropriate.

A zero-length URI is not a valid URI. This can be used to express ‘URI absent’ where required.
In the value set and its semantics, this type is equivalent to the Uri SMIv2 textual convention defined in RFC 5017.

"RFC 3986: Uniform Resource Identifier (URI): Generic Syntax
RFC 3305: Report from the Joint W3C/IETF URI Planning Interest Group: Uniform Resource Identifiers (URIs), URLs, and Uniform Resource Names (URNs): Clarifications and Recommendations
RFC 5017: MIB Textual Conventions for Uniform Resource Identifiers (URIs)"

5. IANA Considerations

This document registers two URIs in the IETF XML registry [RFC3688]. Following the format in RFC 3688, the following registrations have been made.

Registrant Contact: The NETMOD WG of the IETF.
XML: N/A, the requested URI is an XML namespace.

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This document registers two YANG modules in the YANG Module Names registry [RFC6020].

name:         ietf-yang-types
prefix:       yang
reference:    RFC 6021

name:         ietf-inet-types
prefix:       inet
reference:    RFC 6021
6. Security Considerations

This document defines common data types using the YANG data modeling language. The definitions themselves have no security impact on the Internet but the usage of these definitions in concrete YANG modules might have. The security considerations spelled out in the YANG specification [RFC6020] apply for this document as well.

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