A YANG Module for uCPE management.
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Abstract

This document provides a YANG data model for uCPE management (VYSM) and definition of the uCPE equipment. The YANG Service Model serves as a base framework for managing an universal Customer-Premises Equipment (uCPE) subsystem. The model can be used by a Network Service Orchestrator.

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1. Introduction

Network Function Virtualization is a technology that allows to virtualize the network services running on dedicated hardware. This technology became a base for universal Customer-Premises Equipment (uCPE). This document defines the uCPE as hardware with x86 capabilities that has a hypervisor. In other words, uCPE is a host that may run multiple Virtual Machines with guest OSs, where each Guest OS may represent a Physical Network Function. This document presents the YANG Service Model (VYSM) to manage from an Orchestrator the infrastructure inside the uCPE.

2. Terminology

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].

Link - is an entity that enables link layer communication of nodes.

Port - node connector to the link.

NE - Network Element.

NSYM - Network Service Yang Module.

VYSM - VNF YANG Service Model.
3. Universal CPE

Firstly, this document defines the platform that is controlled with VYSM - universal CPE (uCPE). The uCPE as harware with x86 capabilities that is generally running Linux distribution with additinal virtualisation layer. Virtualization layer provides virtual compute, virtual storage and virtual network resources. Each VNF runnning in the uCPE requires the amount of virtual resources (for example: 4 vCPUs, 4GB RAM, 40GB storage, 4 vPorts). VNFs MAY be interconnected between each other and physical ports via Virtual Networks. Topology construction and VM lifecycle management is allowed via high level interface (Configuration can be done in the same transaction). The figure below presents the uCPE architecture.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>VNF1</th>
<th>VNF2</th>
<th>VNF3</th>
<th>uCPE software</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Virtual Compute</td>
<td>Virtual Storage</td>
<td>Virtual Networks</td>
<td>uCPE software</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PHY x86 processor</td>
<td>RAM+PHY storage</td>
<td>PHYSical ports</td>
<td>uCPE Hardware</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The next elements can be managed in the uCPE:

- Virtual Network Function:
  - Number of assigned vCPUs.
  - Size of allocated RAM.
  - VNF day0 config (bootstrap).
  - vLinks that are attached to the VNF.

- Virtual Switches:
  - vLinks that are attached to the vSW.

- Virtual Links (vLinks).

- Physical Ports of the uCPE.
3.1. uCPE VNF ecosystem example

uCPE supports a Virtual Network Functions of different type:

- SD-WAN
- vRouter (vCPE)
- vFirewall
- vLB (vLoad Balancer)
- vCGNAT (vCarrier Grade NAT)
- virtual WAN Optimisation
- vWireless LAN controller
- Other...

3.2. Internal uCPE service example

The VNF in the uCPE could be a vRouter or vFirewall or an SD-WAN that is not a default part of virtual network resources of the uCPE. Multiple VNFs MAY be instantiated in the uCPE. With support of links and switches, VNFs MAY participate a service chains. Example of service chains (Note that virtual switch "vs(WAN)" connected to LAN ports and vSW(WAN) is connected to WAN ports):

- vSW(WAN)-11-vRouter(vCPE)-12-vSW(LAN).
- vSW(WAN)-11-vRouter(vCPE)-12-vSW(Service)-13-vFirewall-14-vSW(LAN).
- vSW(WAN)-11-vRouter(vCPE)-12-vSW(Service1)-13-vFirewall-14-vSW(Service2)-15-SD-WAN-16-vSW(LAN).
- vSW(WAN)-11-SDWAN-12-vSW(Service)-13-vFirewall-14-vSW(LAN).
- vSW(WAN1)--vRouter+++          +--vLoadBalance  vFirewall--vSW(LAN)
  vSW(WAN2)--vRouter+++          |           |  +--vSW(Service1)+
4. YANG Service Model for uCPE management

Secondly, this document defines and classifies the VYSM as Network Service YANG Module (NSYM) layer component RFC 8199 [RFC8199]. Thus it inherits the characteristics of the NSYM Layer. VYSM is a modeled representation of the specific service requirements. It provides abstraction of services configuration and operations that MAY be implemented in Network Elements (NEs). Thus VYSM does not describe all configuration to be performed on the devices, but provides the configuration that is required for the "Network Service to Network Element(s)" decomposition process RFC 8199 [RFC8199]. Example of the decomposition is presented in the figure below.

The Network Service YANG module exposes the configuration commands via the Northbound interfaces of the orchestrator. Therefore the set of the commands modeled in the VYSM can be inputted via Northbound interfaces (for example CLI). In the example the command "vm VNF1" is passed via Northbound interface to the orchestrator. It defines the virtual machine name. Further the same configuration MAY be transormed to the one or multiple Network Element payloads (for example xml for NETCONF) that carry an equivalent of commands such as "nf nf-name VNF1"
This section provides an overview of the Service YANG Model (VSYM) that MAY be made with "pyang" utility. The figure below presents the tree diagram of VSYM.
module: ietf-ucpe
  +--rw ucpe* [name]
    |  +--rw name string
    |  +--rw links* [link]
    |     |  +--rw link string
    +--rw phyInterfaces* [interface]
      |  +--rw interface string
      |  +--rw ports* [port]
      |     |  +--rw port string
      |     |  +--rw link? -> ../../../links/link
      +--rw switches* [switch]
        |  +--rw switch string
        |  +--rw ports* [port]
        |     |  +--rw port string
        |     |  +--rw name? string
        |     |  +--rw link? -> ../../../links/link
      +--rw vms* [vm]
        |  +--rw vm string
        |  +--rw ports* [port]
        |     |  +--rw port string
        |     |  +--rw name? string
        |     |  +--rw link? -> ../../../links/link
      +--rw ram? uint64
      +--rw cpu? uint64
      +--rw storages* [id]
        |  +--rw id string
        |  +--rw location? string
      +--rw day0-config
        |  +--rw location? string
        |  +--rw day0-var-path? string
      +--rw variable* [name]
        |  +--rw name string
        |  +--rw value? string

6. Specification of the VNF YANG Service Model

This section presents the specification of the VYSM.

<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-ucpe@2019-09-16.yang"
module ietf-ucpe {
  namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-ucpe";
  prefix ietf-ucpe;
  organization
    "SFR";
  contact
    "Dmytro Shytyi"
EMail: ietf.dmytro@shytyi.net

description "This YANG Service Model for uCPE management."
revision 2018-07-01 {
description "Initial revision."
reference "draft-shytyi-netmod-vysm-01"
}
revision 2019-09-16{
description "Added 0day config for VNFs.
Yang model modified according to the received comments."
reference "draft-shytyi-opsawg-vysm-00"
}

list ucpe{
    key name;
    leaf name {
        type string;
description "ID of uCPE where a service is instantiated"
    }
}

list links{
    key link;
    leaf link{
        type string;
description "Name of the virtual link from the pool of the links"
    }
    description "Pool of the virtual links that connect VMs and Interfaces"
}

list phyInterfaces{
    key interface;
    leaf interface{
        type string;
description "Name of physical interface"
    }
}

list ports{
    key port;
    leaf port{
        type string;
description "Name of the connector"
    }
    leaf link{
type leafref{
    path "../../../links/link";
}

description "Link that is connected to the port via connector";
}

description "Set of the connectors the physical interface has";
}

description "Set of physical interfaces";
}

list switches{
    key switch;
    leaf switch{
        type string;
        description "Name of the forwarding domain";
    }
}

list ports{
    key port;
    leaf port{
        type string;
        description "Name of the connector";
    }
    leaf name{
        type string;
        description "Name of the subconnector";
    }
    leaf link{
        type leafref{
            path "../../../links/link";
        }
        description "Link that is connected to the switch via port";
    }
    description "Set of the connectors the forwarding domain has";
}

description "Set of the forwarding domains";
}

list vms{
    key vm;
    leaf vm{
        type string;
        description "ID of the Virtual Machine";
    }
}
list ports{
    key port;
    leaf port {
        type string;
        description "Name of the connector";
    }
    leaf name {
        type string;
        description "Name of the subconnector";
    }
    leaf link {
        type leafref{
            path "../../../links/link";
        }
        description "Link that connects the VM with a switch or Interface via connector";
    }
    description "Set of Virtual Machine connectors";
}

leaf ram{
    type uint64;
    description "Size of RAM to allocate for the Guest OS";
}

leaf cpu{
    type uint64;
    description "Number of vCPUs to allocate for the Guest OS";
}

list storages{
    key id;
    leaf id {
        type string;
        description "Number of vDisk attached to the VM";
    }
    leaf location {
        type string;
        description "External location where the image (ex.qcow2) is saved.";
    }
    description "Virtual storage/vDisk attached to the Virtual Machine";
}

container day0-config{
leaf location{
    type string;
    description "0day configuration location";
}
leaf day0-var-path{
    type string;
    description "path of the file that contains the 0day variables";
}
list variable{
    key name;
    leaf name{
        type string;
        description "variable name";
    }
    leaf value{
        type string;
        description "variable value";
    }
    description "list of variables";
}
description "0day configuration:init config";
}
description "Set of the Virtual Machines configured on the universal Customer-Premises Equipment";
}
description "This is an uCPE management service";
}
"CODE ENDS"

7. XML example

The XML example below presents the configuration of the next service in the uCPE, where: vSW(LAN), vSW(WAN), vSW(Service) - virtual switches; l1,l2,l3,l4 - virtual links; VMs represent PNFs (Physical Network Fuctions) that could be bootstrapped with 0day config/license.
<ucpe xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-ucpe">
  <name>ucpe1</name>
  <links>
    <link>l1</link>
  </links>
  <switches>
    <switch>lan</switch>
    <ports>
      <port>10</port>
      <name>l2p10</name>
      <link>l2</link>
    </ports>
  </switches>
  <switches>
    <switch>service</switch>
    <ports>
      <port>10</port>
      <name>l3p10</name>
      <link>l3</link>
    </ports>
  </switches>
  <switches>
    <switch>wan</switch>
    <ports>
      <port>10</port>
    </ports>
  </switches>
</ucpe>
<link>l1</link>
</ports>
</switches>
<vms>
<vm>VNF-vCPE</vm>
<ports>
<port>1</port>
<name>11p1</name>
<link>11</link>
</ports>
<ports>
<port>2</port>
<name>14p2</name>
<link>14</link>
</ports>
<ram>2048</ram>
<cpu>2</cpu>
<storages>
<id>1</id>
<location>http://192.168.2.1/vCPE-x86.qcow2</location>
</storages>
<day0-config>
<location>https://192.168.2.1/vCPE-day0.iso</location>
<day0-var-path>/config.rom</day0-var-path>
<variable>
<name>hostname</name>
<value>IETF-vCPE</value>
</variable>
<variable>
<name>ipaddress</name>
<value>192.168.1.2 255.255.255.0</value>
</variable>
</day0-config>
</vms>
<vms>
<vm>VNF-vFirewall</vm>
<ports>
<port>1</port>
<name>13p1</name>
<link>13</link>
</ports>
<ports>
<port>2</port>
<name>12p2</name>
<link>12</link>
</ports>
<ram>2048</ram>
<cpu>2</cpu>

<storages>
  <id>1</id>
  <location>http://192.168.2.1/vFirewall-x86.qcow2</location>
</storages>
<day0-config>
  <location>https://192.168.2.1/vFirewall-day0.iso</location>
  <day0-var-path>/config.rom</day0-var-path>
  <variable>
    <name>hostname</name>
    <value>vFirewall</value>
  </variable>
  <variable>
    <name>ipaddress</name>
    <value>192.168.1.3 255.255.255.0</value>
  </variable>
</day0-config>
</vms>
</ucpe>

8. Security Considerations

At this time, no security considerations are addressed by this memo.

9. IANA Considerations

No request to IANA at this time.

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