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SUPA CHARTER PROPOSAL (2015-08-07)	SUPA CHARTER PROPOSAL (2015-08-11)
<p>Policy is an important configurable component in the delivery of services and the operation of networks. Operators want and need to be able to determine the policies that apply to their different customers and to the equipment that comprises their physical and virtual networks. As policy spans such a wide range of services and device types, it will be helpful if there is a common way of expressing and describing policies that is uniform and consistent in all environments. Such an approach will help to avoid configuration errors that arise from confusion between different systems, will enable easy understanding of policies that apply in different environments, will make the implementation of policy-based systems quicker and cheaper, and will facilitate the rapid development of standards-based data models that include policy elements.</p>	<p>Policies are a set of rules that define how services are designed, delivered and operated within an operator’s networking environment. As such, policies play a critical role in the automated service delivery and operational procedures. Operators want and need to be able to define the policies that apply to their different customers and to the equipment that comprises their physical and virtual networks. Policies usually span a wide range of services that are supported by various technologies: thus, a common way for expressing and describing policies that is uniform and consistent regardless of the nature of the networking environment is likely to facilitate the overall service delivery procedure and operation. Such an approach will minimize the risk of configuration errors that arise from confusion between different systems, will enable easy understanding of policies that apply in different environments, will make the implementation of policy-based systems quicker and cheaper, and will facilitate the rapid development of standards-based data models that include policy elements.</p>
<p>SUPA (Simplified Use of Policy Abstractions) defines a model to interface with a network management function (within a controller, an orchestrator, a network element) that takes high-level, possibly network-wide policies as input. SUPA will not define what the function does with that input but anticipates that it will ultimately result in network configuration changes.</p>	<p>SUPA (Simplified Use of Policy Abstractions) defines a data model, to be used to represent high-level, possibly network-wide, policies, which can be input to a network management function (within a controller, an orchestrator, a network element). We anticipate that processing that input will result in network configuration changes. SUPA however will not deal with the definition of the specific network configuration changes but with how the configuration changes are applied (e.g. who is allowed to set policies, when and how the policies are activated, changed or de-activated)</p>
<p>Practically, SUPA will define generic YANG data models to encode policy, which can point to device-, technology-, and service-specific YANG models of other working groups.</p>	<p>Practically, SUPA will define base generic YANG data models to encode policy, which will point to device-, technology-, and service-specific YANG models developed in other working groups. The SUPA framework defines how to construct policy rules for Environment and Administrative layers within one or more Management domains, where Environment layer describes functional configuration policies for domain network elements (specific protocols, functions) and Administrative layer describes administrative non-functional access/management policies across domain network elements (user privileges, administrative states).</p>
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<p>2) If the working group considers it necessary, an information model composed of policy concepts and vocabulary.</p>	<p>2) If the working group considers it necessary, a generic information model composed of policy concepts and vocabulary.</p>
<p>3) A set of YANG data models consisting of a base policy model for representing policy management concepts independent of the type or structure of a policy, plus an extension for defining policy rules according to the event-condition-action paradigm. Another extension for defining policy rules according to a declarative, or intent-based, paradigm, may be produced. These models will be designed to be generic and extensible.</p>	<p>3) A set of YANG data models consisting of a base policy model for representing policy management concepts independent of the type or structure of a policy, plus an extension for defining policy rules according to the event-condition-action paradigm. Another extension for defining policy rules according to a declarative, or intent-based, paradigm, may be produced. These models will be designed to be generic and extensible, concrete and domain-specific.</p>
<p>4) An applicability document providing a few examples that demonstrate how the generic policy models can be used to express policies that are relevant for network operators. The examples may tie into configuration models or network service models developed by other working groups.</p>	<p>4) An applicability document providing a few examples that demonstrate how the YANG policy data models can be used to express policies that are relevant for network operators. The examples may tie into configuration models or network service models developed by other working groups.</p>

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