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Abstract

This document describes a set of normative schemas which allow the description of computer network topologies.

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1 Introduction

This document describes the base schema of the Network Markup Language (NML). Section 2.1 defines the NML classes and their attributes and parameters. Section 2.2 describes the relations defined between NML classes.

An NML network description can be expressed in XML[XML], and RDF/XML[RDF-XML] syntax. Section A describes the XSD schema for the XML syntax. Section B describes the OWL 2 schema for the RDF/XML syntax.

These basic classes defined in this document may be extended, or sub-classed, to represent technology specific classes.

Section 5 provides example use cases. This section is informative. Only sections 2, 3, 4, and appendices A and B are normative and considered part of the recommendation.

Appendix C is informative and explains the relation between terms defined in this document and those defined in the ITU-T G.800 recommendation [G.800].

1.1 Context

The Network Markup Language (NML) has been defined in the context of research and education networks to describe so-called hybrid network topologies. The NML is defined as an abstract and generic model, so it can be applied for other network topologies as well. See [GFD.165] for an detailed overview including prior work.

1.2 Scope

The Network Markup Language is designed to create a functional description of multilayer networks and multi-domain networks. An example of a multi-layered network can be a virtualised network, but also using different technologies. The multi-domain network descriptions can include aggregated or abstracted network topologies. NML can not only describe a primarily static network topology, but also its potential capabilities (services) and its configuration.

NML is aimed at logical connection-oriented network topologies, more precisely topologies where switching is performed on a label associated with a flow, such as a VLAN, wavelength or time slot. NML can also be used to describe physical networks or packet-oriented networks, although the current base schema does not contain classes or properties to explicitly deal with signal degradation, or complex routing tables.

NML only attempts to describe the data plane of a computer network, not the control plane.

It does contain extension mechanism to easily tie it with network provisioning standards and with network monitoring standards.

Finally, this document omits a definition for the terms *Network* or *capacity*. This has been a conscious choice. The term *Network* has become so widely used for so many diverse meanings that it is impossible to create a definition that everyone can agree on, while still expressing something useful. See *Topology* for the concept of a network domain and a *Link* with multiple sources and sinks for the concept of a local area network. The term *capacity* is used by different technologies in such a different way (e.g. including or excluding the header and footer overhead) that it is better to let technology-specific extensions make an explicit definition.

1.3 Notational Conventions

The keywords "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" are to be interpreted as described in [RFC 2119].

This schema defines classes, attributes, relations, parameters and logic. Objects are instances of classes, and the type of an object is a class.

Names of classes are capitalised and written in italics (e.g. the *Node* class). Names of relations are written in camel case and in italics (e.g. the *hasNode* relation).

2 NML Base Schema

The NML Base schema describes an information model for computer networks. This schema is kept intentionally general, with provisions to extend the schema to describe layer-specific information.

The schema consists of classes, attributes, relations, and parameters. Classes describe types of objects and are described in section 2.1. Relations describe the relations between classes and are described in section 2.2. Attributes describe properties of classes. Parameters, like attributes, are properties of classes, but may (subtly) change the logic. Attributes and parameters are described with their class description.

All classes, relations, attributes and parameters defined in this document have an identifier within the namespace http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#.

2.1 Classes

Figure 1 shows an overview of all the classes in the NML schema in a UML class diagram. Each box defines the name of a class, a short description, and possible attributes with their

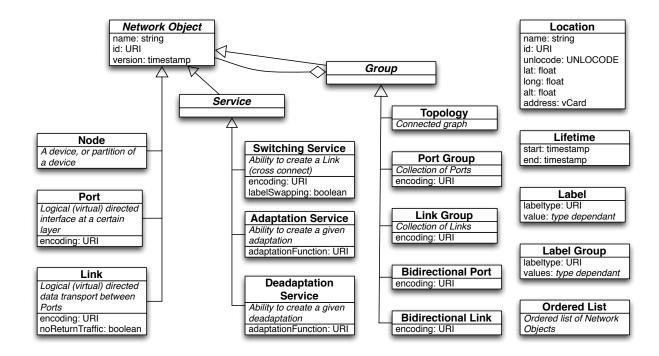


Figure 1: A UML class diagram of the classes in the NML schema and their hierarchy

value type. In the sections below we discuss each of the elements of the schema.

2.1.1 Network Object

The basic abstract class of the schema is the *Network Object*. Most classes inherit from it. *Network Object* is an abstract class. It MUST NOT be instantiated directly.

A Network Object may have the following relations:

- existsDuring to one or more Lifetimes
- isAlias to one or more Network Objects
- locatedAt to one Location

A Network Object may have the following attributes:

- *id* to assign a persistent globally unique URI
- name to assign a human readable string
- version to assign a time stamp

The meaning of the *isAlias* relation is only defined for specific cases (between objects of the same concrete class), and SHOULD NOT be used between other objects.

The meaning of the *version* attribute is only defined for specific cases (for objects of the Topology class), and SHOULD NOT be used in other objects. Clients that receive a *version* attribute for a non-*Topology* object SHOULD ignore that attribute.

An *id* is a persistent, globally unique object identifier for the *Network Object*. The *id* SHOULD be used to refer to this object. Section 3 describes these identifiers in detail.

name is a human readable string. A name may be written in any language, but it is REC-OMMENDED that names are chosen so that all users can easily distinguish between different names. Names are not globally unique, and two objects can have the same name. It is RECOMMENDED to use short, descriptive names. A name MUST NOT be used for anything other than display purposes. Normal Unicode recommendations apply: A name MUST NOT contain control or formatting codepoint, and it is RECOMMENDED to only use codepoints from the Basic Multilingual Plane (BMP).

version is a time stamp formatted as ISO 8601 calendar date, and MUST be a basic (compact) representation with UTC timezone (YYYYMMDDThhmmssZ) [ISO 8601]. The time stamp can be used to publish updates of a Topology. If a client receives multiple Topology descriptions, each with a different version time stamp, the version with the latest time stamp in the past or present MUST be considered the valid description. Topology descriptions with a time stamp

in the future MAY be discarded or cached until the denoted time. See also the *Lifetime* object to describe historic or future network changes.

The base *Network Object* is subclassed into the top-level topology components, that are sufficient to cover the description of networks. The classes in this schema that directly inherit from *Network Object* are:

- Node
- Port
- Link
- Service
- Group

These classes are described in more detail below.

2.1.2 Node

A *Node* is generally a device connected to, or part of, the network. A Node does not necessarily correspond to a physical machine.

Node inherits from Network Object.

A *Node* may have the following relations:

- existsDuring to one or more Lifetimes
- hasInboundPort to one or more Ports or PortGroups
- hasOutboundPort to one or more Ports or PortGroups
- hasService to one or more Services of type Switch
- *implementedBy* to one or more *Nodes*
- isAlias to one or more Nodes
- locatedAt to one Location

A *Node* may have the following attributes:

- id to assign a persistent globally unique URI
- name to assign a human readable string

2.1.3 Port

A *Port* defines connectivity from a *Network Object* to the rest of the network. A *Port* object is unidirectional. A *Port* does not necessarily correspond to a physical interface. It represents a logical transport entity at a fixed place in the network.

Port inherits from Network Object.

A *Port* may have the following relations:

- existsDuring to one or more Lifetimes
- hasLabel to one Label
- hasService to one or more Services of type Adaptation or type Deadaptation
- *isAlias* to one or more *Ports*
- isSink to one or more Links
- isSource to one or more Links

A *Port* may have the following attributes:

- encoding to assign a data encoding identifier
- id to assign a persistent globally unique URI
- name to assign a human readable string

The *encoding* attribute defines the format of the data streaming through the Port. The identifier for the encoding MUST be a URI. Encoding URIs SHOULD be specified in a Grid Forum Documents (GFD).

2.1.4 Link

A *Link* object describes a unidirectional data transport from each of its sources to all of its sinks.

A source of a Link is a Network Object, e.g. a *Port*, that has a *isSource* relation to the *Link*. A sink of a Link is a Network Object, e.g. a *Port*, that has a *isSink* relation to the *Link*.

A *Link* object can refer to any link connection. A link segment and an end-to-end path are both described by a *Link* object. The composition of links into a path, and decomposition into link segments is described by the *isSerialCompoundLink* relation.

Link inherits from Network Object.

A *Link* may have the following relations:

- existsDuring to one or more Lifetimes
- hasLabel to one Label
- isAlias to one or more Links
- isSerialCompoundLink to one Ordered List of Links

A *Link* may have the following attributes:

- encoding to assign a data encoding identifier
- id to assign a persistent globally unique URI
- name to assign a human readable string

A *Link* may have the following parameter:

• noReturnTraffic. A value of true changes the definition of Link to: data transport from each sources to all sinks, except that there is no data transport from a source to a sink if the source and sink are grouped together in a BidirectionalPort group. The default value of noReturnTraffic is false.

An example of where this is used is in an Ethernet broadcast domain, where broadcast traffic is sent to all sinks, except the sink *Ports* associated with the sending source *Port*.

The *encoding* attribute defines the format of the data streaming through the *Link*. The identifier for the encoding MUST be a URI. Encoding URIs SHOULD be specified in a Grid Forum Documents (GFD).

2.1.5 Service

Service describes an ability of the network. That is, it describes how the behavior can be changed dynamically.

Service is an abstract class. It MUST NOT be instantiated directly.

Service inherits from Network Object. A Service may have the same relations, attributes and parameters as a Network Object.

This schema defines three different services, the *SwitchingService* the *AdaptationService* and the *DeadaptationService*. These are described in more detail below.

2.1.6 Switching Service

A SwitchingService describes the ability to create new Links from any of its inbound Ports to any of its outbound Ports.

SwitchingService inherits from Service.

A SwitchingService may have the following relations:

- encoding to assign a data encoding identifier
- existsDuring to one or more Lifetimes
- hasInboundPort to one or more Ports or PortGroups
- hasOutboundPort to one or more Ports or PortGroups
- isAlias to one or more Switching Services
- providesLink to one or more Links or LinkGroups.

A SwitchingService may have the following attributes:

- id to assign a persistent globally unique URI
- name to assign a human readable string

A SwitchingService may have the following parameter:

• labelSwapping. A value of false adds a restriction to the SwitchingService: it is only able to create cross connects from an inbound Port to an outbound Port if the Label of the connected Ports has the same value. The default value is false.

The providesLink relation points to Links which describe the currently configured cross connects in a SwitchingService.

A Port object can have a hasService relation, however the SwitchingService defines a more specific relation $hasInboundPort \ / \ hasOutboundPort$ relation to a Port object. The latter relation is preferred over the hasService relation of the Port to the SwitchingService.

The *encoding* attribute defines the format of the data streaming through the *SwitchingService*. The identifier for the encoding MUST be a URI. Encoding URIs SHOULD be specified in a Grid Forum Documents (GFD).

2.1.7 Adaptation Service

An AdaptationService describes the ability that data from one or more Ports can be embedded in the data encoding of one other Port. This is commonly referred to as the embedding

of client layer (higher network layer) ports in a server layer (lower network layer) port. The *AdaptationService* describes a multiplexing adaptation function, meaning that different channels (the client layer ports) can be embedded in a single data stream (the server layer port). For example multiplexing several VLANs over a single trunk port.

Like Port and Link, AdaptationService describes a unidirectional transport function. For the inverse transport function, see DeadaptationService.

AdaptationService inherits from Service.

An AdaptationService may have the following relations:

- canProvidePort to one or more Ports or PortGroups (this describes a ability)
- existsDuring to one or more Lifetimes
- isAlias to one or more AdaptationServices
- providesPort to one or more Ports or PortGroups (this describes a configuration)

An AdaptationService may have the following attributes:

- adaptationFunction to assign an adaptation technology identifier
- *id* to assign a persistent globally unique URI
- name to assign a human readable string

DeadaptationService is an inverse of AdaptationService. This should not be confused with an inverse multiplexing adaptation function. An inverse multiplexing adaptation function embeds a single data stream in multiple underlying data streams. To describes such a network, the parallelCompound relation can be used, which is a future extension relation, described in a separate document [Dijkstra13].

2.1.8 De-adaptation Service

A DeadaptationService describes the ability that data of one or more ports can be extracted from the data encoding of one other port. This is commonly referred to as the extraction of client layer (higher network layer) ports from the server layer (lower network layer) port. The DeadaptationService describes a demultiplexing adaptation function, meaning that different channels (the client layer ports) can be extracted from a single data stream (the server layer port). For example demultiplexing several VLANs from a single trunk port.

Like *Port* and *Link*, *AdaptationService* describes a unidirectional transport function. For the inverse transport function, see *AdaptationService*.

DeadaptationService inherits from Service.

A DeadaptationService may have the following relations:

- canProvidePort to one or more Ports or PortGroups
- existsDuring to one or more Lifetimes
- isAlias to one or more DeadaptationServices
- providesPort to one or more Ports or PortGroups

A DeadaptationService may have the following attributes:

- adaptationFunction to assign a adaptation technology identifier
- id to assign a persistent globally unique URI
- name to assign a human readable string

2.1.9 Group

A *Group* describes a collections of objects. Any object can be part of a group, including another *Group*. An object can also be part of multiple *Group*s.

Group is an abstract class. It MUST NOT be instantiated directly.

Group inherits from *Network Object*. A *Group* may have the same relations, attributes and parameters as a *Network Object*.

This schema defines five different *Groups*:

- Topology
- Port Group
- Link Group
- Bidirectional Port
- Bidirectional Link

These classes are described in more detail below.

2.1.10 Topology

A $Topology^1$ is a set of connected $Network\ Objects$. $connected\ means$ that there is, or it is possible to create, a data transport between any two Network Objects in the same Topology,

¹At first this was called a Network, then Graph Network. The term Topology was suggested to avoid the confusion surrounding the overloaded term Network.

provided that there are no policy, availability or technical restrictions.

A *Topology* may have the following relations:

- existsDuring to one or more Lifetimes
- hasNode to one or more Nodes
- hasInboundPort to one or more Ports or PortGroups
- hasOutboundPort to one or more Ports or PortGroups
- hasService to one or more Service of type Switch
- has Topology to one or more Topologys
- *isAlias* to one or more *Topologys*
- locatedAt to one Location

A *Topology* may have the following attributes:

- id to assign a persistent globally unique URI
- name to assign a human readable string
- version to assign a serial number

The version attribute is described at the Network Object.

2.1.11 Port Group

A *PortGroup* is an unordered set of *Ports*.

A *PortGroup* may have the following relations:

- existsDuring to one or more Lifetimes
- hasLabelGroup to one LabelGroup
- hasPort to one or more Ports or PortGroups
- *isAlias* to one or more *PortGroups*
- *isSink* to one or more *LinkGroups*
- *isSource* to one or more *LinkGroups*

A *PortGroup* may have the following attributes:

• encoding to assign a data encoding identifier

- id to assign a persistent globally unique URI
- name to assign a human readable string

2.1.12 Link Group

A LinkGroup is an unordered set of Links.

A LinkGroup may have the following relations:

- existsDuring to one or more Lifetimes
- hasLabelGroup to one LabelGroup
- hasLink to one or more Links or LinkGroups
- *isAlias* to one or more *LinkGroups*
- isSerialCompoundLink to Ordered List of LinkGroups

A *LinkGroup* may have the following attributes:

- id to assign a persistent globally unique URI
- name to assign a human readable string

2.1.13 Bidirectional Port

A BidirectionalPort is a group of two (unidirectional) Ports or PortGroups together forming a bidirectional representation of a physical or virtual port. See Figure 2 for an example of a BidirectionalPort and its associated Ports.

A BidirectionalPort may have the following relations:

- existsDuring to one or more Lifetimes
- hasPort to exactly two Ports or two PortGroups

A BidirectionalPort may have the following attributes:

- encoding to assign a data encoding identifier
- id to assign a persistent globally unique URI
- name to assign a human readable string

There is explicitly no direct relation between a *BidirectionalPort* and a *BidirectionalLink*, since NML is a unidirectional model.

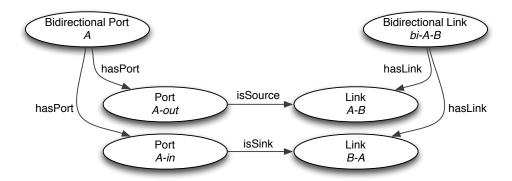


Figure 2: An abstract example of BidirectionalPort and BidirectionalLink

2.1.14 Bidirectional Link

A BidirectionalLink is a group of two (unidirectional) Links or LinkGroups together forming a bidirectional link. See Figure 2 for an example of a BidirectionalLink and its associated Links.

A BidirectionalLink may have the following relations:

- existsDuring to one or more Lifetimes
- hasLink to exactly two Links or two LinkGroups

A BidirectionalLink may have the following attributes:

- encoding to assign a data encoding identifier
- *id* to assign a persistent globally unique URI
- name to assign a human readable string

There is explicitly no direct relation between a *BidirectionalPort* and a *BidirectionalLink*, since NML is a unidirectional model.

2.1.15 Location

A *Location* is a reference to a geographical location or area. A *Location* object can be related to other *Network Objects* to describe that these are located there. This can be relevant for network measurements, visualisations, et cetera.

A *Location* may have the following attributes:

- id to assign a persistent globally unique URI
- name to assign a human readable string
- long is the longitude in WGS84 coordinate system (in decimal degrees) [WGS84]
- lat is the latitude in WGS84 coordinate system (in decimal degrees)
- alt is the altitude in WGS84 coordinate system (in decimal meters)
- unlocode is the UN/LOCODE location identifier [UNLOCODE]
- address is a vCard ADR (address) property. The exact syntax of the address property is not specified, to allow other (e.g. XML or RDF) representations of the string-based format specified in [RFC 6350].

2.1.16 Lifetime

A *Lifetime* is an interval between which the object is said to be active. This can be used to track changes in a network, reflect dynamic operations, to help debug problems, et cetera.

A *Lifetime* MAY have the following attributes:

- start is the start time and date formatted as ISO 8601 calendar date, and SHOULD be a basic (compact) representation with UTC timezone (YYYYMMDDThhmmss Z) [ISO 8601]
- end is the end time and date formatted as ISO 8601 calendar date, and SHOULD be a basic (compact) representation with UTC timezone (YYYYMMDDThhmmssZ)

Objects with multiple lifetimes mean that the lifetime of the object is the union of all lifetimes (as opposed to a intersection).

If a Network Object has no associated *Lifetime* objects, or the start or end attribute of a Lifetime object is missing, the default lifetime may be assumed to start on or before the time specified in the version attribute of the most specific Topology object that contains this Network Object. The end of that assumed lifetime is indefinite, until a Topology object with a higher version number is published. This new description can define a new Lifetime for the object, or the Topology. If the new description does not contain the Network Object, the end time is assumed to have passed.

If a Network Object has no associated Lifetime objects, and the Topology object does not have a version attribute, than the lifetime of the Network Object is undefined.

2.1.17 Label

A *Label* is the technology-specific value that distinguishes a single data stream (a channel) embedded in a larger data stream. The *Label* can be a resource label (with one value). In a future extension it may be a pair of source and destination labels (with two values) [G.800]. Examples of resource labels are a VLAN number, wavelength, et cetera.

A *Label* may have the following attributes:

- type to refer to a technology-specific labelset, e.g. a URI for VLANs
- value is one specific value taken from the labelset, e.g. a VLAN number

Technology extensions of NML may define additional attributes. Label type URIs SHOULD be specified in a Grid Forum Documents (GFD), which SHOULD also define possible values.

This version of NML only deals with resource labels. The use of source and destination labels is a future extension [Dijkstra13].

2.1.18 Label Group

A LabelGroup is an unordered set of Labels.

A LabelGroup may have the following attributes:

- type to refer to a technology-specific labelset
- values is a set of specific values taken from the labelset

Technology extensions of NML may define additional attributes.

2.1.19 Ordered List

An Ordered List is an ordered list of Network Objects. These are used for the isSerialCompoundLink relation to an ordered list of Links to describe a path through the network.

The representation of an Ordered List depends on the syntax, and is defined in section 4.4.

2.1.20 List Item

A *ListItem* is a syntactical construct which may be used by syntaxes to construct a *Ordered List*. The exact usage depends on the syntax.

2.2 Relations

Relations describe how different Network Objects relate to each other, typically to form a network topology description. The relations have been listed above, and are defined here (in alphabetical order). In principle a Relation can go from any object to any other object.

The list below makes a distinction between *allowed* and *defined* relations. An *allowed* relation means it is valid NML. A *defined* relation means that it has a specific meaning, as described here.

A relation which is NOT *allowed* MUST be rejected by a client, and the sender SHOULD be notified with an error. A relation which is *allowed*, but (yet) *undefined* SHOULD be ignored by a client (either silently, or with a warning to the sender). This distinction allows future extension of NML, while retaining limited backward compatibility.

The existsDuring, hasLabel, hasLabelGroup, hasLink, hasNode, hasPort, hasService, hasTopology, locatedAt, providesLink, and providesPort are defined as implicit relations. All other relations are explicit. The distinction between implicit and explicit relations may be used by a syntax to allow a more compact network description.

2.2.1 canProvidePort

canProvidePort is used to relate an AdaptationService or DeadaptationService to one or more Ports or PortGroups to define that these can be created by that AdaptationService or DeadaptationService.

Allowed relations are:

- Service * canProvidePort * Port
- $\underbrace{Service}_{*}$ $\underbrace{canProvidePort}_{*}$ $\underbrace{PortGroup}_{}$

Defined relations are:

- AdaptationService * anProvidePort * Port
- AdaptationService * $\frac{\text{canProvidePort}}{*}$ * PortGroup
- DeadaptationService * canProvidePort * Port
- $\boxed{DeadaptationService}_{*} \frac{\text{canProvidePort}}{*} \boxed{PortGroup}$

2.2.2 existsDuring

existsDuring relates one Network Object object to zero or more LifeTime objects. This defines the existence of the object at a certain time.

Objects with multiple lifetimes mean that the lifetime of the object is the union of all lifetimes (as opposed to a intersection).

If a Network Object has no associated Lifetime objects, or the start or end attribute of a Lifetime object is missing, the default lifetime may be assumed to start on or before the time specified in the version attribute of the most specific Topology object that contains this Network Object, and the end on or later than the version attribute of the next published Topology object.

If a Network Object has no associated Lifetime objects, and the Topology object does not have a version attribute, than the lifetime of the Network Object is undefined.

2.2.3 hasInboundPort

has Inbound Port defines the relation between a Node, a Switching Service or a Topology and their respective Ports or Port Groups

Allowed relations are:

- $[Network\ Object]_*$ has Inbound Port $[Port]_*$
- $[Network\ Object]_*$ hasInboundPort $[PortGroup]_*$

Defined relations are:

- Node * hasInboundPort * Port
- Node * Node *
- $\boxed{SwitchingService} * \frac{\text{hasInboundPort}}{*} \boxed{Port}$
- $\bullet \quad \boxed{SwitchingService} \\ * \quad \boxed{\text{hasInboundPort}} \\ * \quad \boxed{PortGroup}$
- $\bullet \boxed{\textit{Topology}} \underset{*}{\overset{\text{hasInboundPort}}{\bullet}} \underbrace{\textit{Port}}$
- $\bullet \boxed{\textit{Topology}} \underset{*}{|} \underbrace{\text{hasInboundPort}}_{*} \boxed{\textit{PortGroup}}$

This defines that the related Network Object has an inbound Port or PortGroup object. The direction of the Port object is relative to the Network Object the Port is attached to, so in this case the traffic flows towards that Network Object (similarly for the PortGroup). This Port would then be related to a Link object using the isSink relation (or a PortGroup and LinkGroup respectively).

A Network Object with a hasInboundPort relation pointing to a PortGroup has the same meaning as defining a has Inbound Port relation pointing to every Port in that Port Group (as defined by a hasPort relation between the PortGroup and Port).

2.2.4 hasLabel

hasLabel assigns one Label to a Port or Link

Allowed relations are:

•
$$Port$$
 has Label • $Label$

•
$$Link$$
 has Label • $Label$

The Label assigned to a Port or Link is the technology label that identifies the traffic through this *Port* or *Link* (including in *Links* provided by a *SwitchingMatrix*).

A Label is used to distinguish a Port in a PortGroup, or distinguish a Link in a LinkGroup.

The meaning of hasLabel is only defined for a cardinality of 0 or 1.

2.2.5 hasLabelGroup

hasLabelGroup assigns one LabelGroup to a PortGroup or LinkGroup

Allowed relations are:

$$\bullet \begin{array}{c} PortGroup \\ \hline 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{hasLabelGroup} \\ \bullet \\ \hline \begin{array}{c} LinkGroup \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{hasLabelGroup} \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{c} LabelGroup \\ \hline \end{array}$$

•
$$LinkGroup$$
 $\frac{\text{hasLabelGroup}}{1}$ * $LabelGroup$

The LabelGroup assigned to this PortGroup or LinkGroup defines the Labels associated with the Ports member of that group. There MUST be a one-to-one correspondence between the LabelGroup and the PortGroup.

The meaning of hasLabelGroup is only defined for a cardinality of 0 or 1.

2.2.6 hasLink

hasLink is used for:

- BidirectionalLink to relate exactly two Links or two LinkGroups
- LinkGroup to one or more Links or LinkGroups to define membership of that group

Allowed relations are:

•
$$Group$$
 * hasLink • $Link$

$$\bullet \quad \boxed{Group} \underset{*}{\underbrace{\hspace{1em}}} \underset{*}{\operatorname{hasLink}} \quad \bullet \quad \boxed{LinkGroup}$$

Defined relations are:

$$\bullet \quad \boxed{LinkGroup} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{hasLink} \quad \bullet \\ * & * \end{array} \boxed{Link}$$

•
$$BidirectionalLink$$
 * $+ \frac{\text{hasLink}}{2}$ $Link$

•
$$BidirectionalLink$$
 * $+ \frac{\text{hasLink}}{2} LinkGroup$

The hasLink relationships for a BidirectionalLink point to the two unidirectional Links that together form a bidirectional connection between its respective associated Nodes.

The hasLink relationships for a LinkGroup define the membership of the Links in that LinkGroup.

2.2.7 hasNode

hasNode relates a Topology to a Node, meaning that a Node is part of a Topology

Allowed relations are:

•
$$Network\ Object$$
 * $hasNode$ * $Node$

Defined relations are:

•
$$Topology$$
 $*$ $*$ $Node$ $*$ $Node$

2.2.8 hasOutboundPort

hasOutboundPort relates either a Node, SwitchingService or a Topology to one or more Ports or PortGroups.

Allowed relations are:

•
$$[Network\ Object]_*$$
 hasOutboundPort • $[Port]_*$

$$\bullet \ \boxed{Network \ Object} \underbrace{\ \ \ }_{*} \ \ \underbrace{\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ }_{*} \ \ PortGroup}$$

Defined relations are:

•
$$[Node]_*$$
 hasOutboundPort • $[Port]_*$

•
$$Node$$
 * hasOutboundPort * $PortGroup$

•
$$\boxed{SwitchingService} * \frac{\text{hasOutboundPort}}{*} \boxed{PortGroup}$$

•
$$Topology$$
 * hasOutboundPort * $Port$

•
$$\boxed{Topology} \underset{*}{|} \frac{\text{hasOutboundPort}}{} \underbrace{} \boxed{PortGroup}$$

This defines that the related *Network Object* has an outbound *Port* or *PortGroup* object. The direction of the *Port* object is relative to the *Network Object* the *Port* is attached to, so in this case the traffic flows away from that *Network Object* (similarly for the *PortGroup*). This *Port* would then be related to a *Link* object using the *isSource* relation (or az *PortGroup* and *LinkGroup* respectively).

A Network Object with a hasOutboundPort relation pointing to a PortGroup has the same meaning as defining a hasOutboundPort relation pointing to every Port in that PortGroup (as defined by a hasPort relation between the PortGroup and Port).

2.2.9 hasPort

hasPort is used for:

- BidirectionalPort to relate exactly two Ports or two PortGroups
- PortGroup to one or more Ports or PortGroups

Allowed relations are:

$$\bullet \quad \boxed{Group} \underset{*}{\overset{\text{hasPort}}{\blacktriangleright}} \boxed{Port}$$

•
$$Group$$
 * hasPort * $PortGroup$

Defined relations are:

- PortGroup | hasPort → Port
 PortGroup | hasPort → PortGroup | hasPort → PortGroup | PortGroup | hasPort → PortGroup | PortGroup | hasPort → PortGroup | PortGrou
- BidirectionalPort * $\frac{\text{hasPort}}{*}$ * $\frac{\text{PortGroup}}{2}$

The hasPort relationships for a BidirectionalPort point to the two unidirectional Ports that together form a bidirectional port for the associated Node. These Ports would have a hasInboundPort and hasOutboundPort relation with that Node.

The hasPort relationships for a PortGroup define the membership of the Ports in that PortGroup.

2.2.10 hasService

has Service relates a Network Object to a Service. This schema only defines the meaning of:

- Port to AdaptationService, relating one server-layer Port to an adaptation function.
- Port to DeadaptationService, relating one server-layer Port to a deadaptation function.
- Node or Topology to SwitchingService, describing a switching ability of that Node or Topology.

Allowed relations are:

Defined relations are:

- Port has Service Adaptation Service
- $\bullet \ \underline{Port} \underline{\ \ } \underline{\ \ }$
- $\bullet \quad \boxed{Topology} \underset{*}{\underbrace{\text{hasService}}} \quad \bullet \quad \boxed{SwitchingService}$

A Port object can have a hasService relation to a Service, however the SwitchingService defines a more specific relation hasInboundPort / hasOutboundPort relation to a Port object. The latter relation is preferred over the hasService relation of the Port to the SwitchingService.

2.2.11 hasTopology

has Topology defines a relation between one Topology to one or more Topologys for aggregation purposes.

Allowed relations are:

•
$$[Network\ Object]_*$$
 has $Topology$ $*$ $[Topology]$

Defined relations are:

•
$$Topology$$
 * $Topology$ * $Topology$

2.2.12 implementedBy

implemented By relates a Node to one or more Nodes to describe virtualization.

Allowed relations are:

Defined relations are:

•
$$Node$$
 implemented By • $Node$

2.2.13 isAlias

is Alias is a relation from a Network Object to a Network Object to describe that one can be used as the alias of another.

Allowed relations are:

The relation is only defined if the type of both objects is the same (e.g. a Node can be related to another Node, but if it is related to a Topology using the *isAlias* relation, that relation is *undefined*.)

2.2.14 isSerialCompoundLink

is Serial Compound Link is used to define that a Link or Link Group represents an Ordered List of Links or Link Groups. This must include cross-connects.

The following relation is allowed and defined:



The following relation is allowed, but undefined:

2.2.15 isSink

isSink relates a Port to one Link to define the outgoing traffic port, and similarly for Port-Group and LinkGroup.

Allowed relations are:

•
$$[Network\ Object]_*$$
 isSink • $[Link]$

•
$$Network\ Object$$
 is $Sink$ * $LinkGroup$

Defined relations are:

•
$$Port$$
 is $Sink$ • $Link$

$$\bullet \boxed{PortGroup} * \underbrace{\text{isSink}}_{*} \blacktriangleright \boxed{LinkGroup}$$

isSink between a PortGroups and a LinkGroup is defined only if the PortGroup and LinkGroup in question have the exact same LabelGroup.

2.2.16 isSource

isSource relates a Port to one Link to define its incoming traffic port, and similarly for PortGroup and LinkGroup.

Allowed relations are:

•
$$[Network\ Object]_*$$
 is Source • $[Link]$

•
$$[Network\ Object]_*$$
 is $[Source]_*$ $[LinkGroup]_*$

Defined relations are:

- $\bullet \ \boxed{Port} \underset{*}{\text{isSource}} \bullet \boxed{Link}$
- $\bullet \ \boxed{PortGroup} \underbrace{ \text{isSource} \ \bullet}_{*} \boxed{LinkGroup}$

isSource between a PortGroups and a LinkGroup is defined only if the PortGroup and LinkGroup in question have the exact same LabelGroup.

2.2.17 item

A *item* relation is a syntactical construct which may be used by syntaxes to construct a *Ordered List*. The exact usage depends on the syntax.

2.2.18 locatedAt

located At relates a Network Object to one Location to describe that a Network Object is located at that Location.

•
$$[Network\ Object]_*$$
 $[Location]$

2.2.19 next

next relation is a syntactical construct which may be used by syntaxes to construct a Ordered List. The exact usage depends on the syntax.

2.2.20 providesLink

providesLink is used to relate a SwitchingService to one or more Links or LinkGroups to define that these have been created by that SwitchingService.

Allowed relations are:

- $\bullet \ \boxed{Service} \underset{*}{\underbrace{\hspace{1em}}} \operatorname{providesLink} \hspace{1em} \bullet \hspace{1em} \boxed{Link}$

Defined relations are:

- [SwitchingService] $\xrightarrow{1}$ providesLink $\xrightarrow{*}$ [Link]
- $\bullet \quad \boxed{SwitchingService} \quad \underbrace{ \quad \text{providesLink} \quad \bullet}_{1} \quad \underbrace{ \quad \text{k LinkGroup} }_{}$

2.2.21 providesPort

providesPort is used to relate an AdaptationService or DeadaptationService to one or more Ports or PortGroups to define that these have been created by that AdaptationService or DeadaptationService.

Allowed relations are:

•
$$Service$$
 * providesPort * $Port$

$$\bullet \ \boxed{Service}_{*} \ \boxed{providesPort} \bullet \boxed{PortGroup}$$

Defined relations are:

$$\bullet \ \boxed{AdaptationService} \ \underline{\ \ } \frac{\text{providesPort}}{1} \ \underline{\ \ } \underbrace{\ \ Port}$$

•
$$AdaptationService$$
 $\frac{\text{providesPort}}{1}$ * $PortGroup$

•
$$\boxed{DeadaptationService} \xrightarrow{\text{providesPort}} \xrightarrow{*} \boxed{PortGroup}$$

2.3 Attributes

Attributes are properties of an object. The following attributes have been defined in section 2.1.

Attribute Class (section)

adaptationFunction AdaptationService (2.1.7), DeadaptationService (2.1.8)

address Location (2.1.15) alt Location (2.1.15)

encoding Port (2.1.3), Link (2.1.4), PortGroup (2.1.11), LinkGroup (2.1.12),

BidirectionalPort (2.1.14), BidirectionalLink (2.1.14),Switch-

ingService (2.1.6)

end LifeTime (2.1.16)

id NetworkObject (2.1.1), Location (2.1.15) labeltype Label (2.1.17), LabelGroup (2.1.18)

lat Location (2.1.15) long Location (2.1.15)

name NetworkObject, Location (2.1.15)

start LifeTime (2.1.16) unlocode Location (2.1.15) value Label (2.1.17)

values LabelGroup (2.1.18) version NetworkObject (2.1.1)

2.4 Parameters

Parameters are properties of an object. Parameters, like attributes, are properties of objects, but may (subtly) change the logic of the object. The following parameters have been defined in section 2.1.

Parameter Class (section)

labelSwapping SwitchingService (2.1.6)

noReturnTraffic Link (2.1.4)

3 Identifiers

3.1 Schema Identifier

The namespace for the schema defined in document is http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/base/2013/03#. (TODO: Update to right date after publication)

All classes, relations, parameters and attributes defined in this document reside in this namespace. For example, the Link class is identified by http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#Link

3.2 Instance Identifiers

Section 2.1.1 requires that instances of Network Objects SHOULD have an id attribute, which MUST be a unique URI.

Implementations that receive a network topology description MUST be prepared to accept any valid URI as an identifier.

Implementations that publish a network topology description instance identifiers MAY adhere to the syntax of Global Network Identifiers as defined in [URN-OGF-NETWORK], which ensures global uniqueness and easy recognition as Network Object instances.

Two different Network Objects instances MUST have two different identifiers.

Once an identifier is assigned to a resource, it MUST NOT be re-assigned to another resource.

A URI MAY be interpreted as an International Resource Identifier (IRI) for display purposes, but URIs from external source domains MUST NOT be IRI-normalised before transmitting to others.

3.2.1 Lexical Equivalence

Two identifier are lexical equivalent if they are binary equivalent after case folding² [Unicode].

Other interpretation (such as percent-decoding or Punycode decoding [RFC 3492]) MUST NOT take place.

For the purpose of equivalence comparison, any possible fragment part or query part of the URI is considered part of the URI.

For example the following identifiers are equivalent:

² Case folding is primarily used for caseless comparison of text. Case mapping is used for display purposes.

```
1 - urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:local_string_1234
2 - URN:OGF:network:EXAMPLE.NET:2013:Local_String_1234
```

While the following identifiers are not equivalent (in this case, the percentage encoding even makes URI #3 an invalid Global Network Identifier.):

```
1 - urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:local_string_1234
3 - urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:local%5Fstring%5F1234
```

3.2.2 Further Restrictions

An assigning organisation MUST NOT assign Network Object Identifier longer than 255 characters in length.

Parsers MUST be prepared to accept identifiers of up to 255 characters in length.

A Parser Should verify if an identifier adheres to the general URI syntax rules, as specified in RFC 3986 [RFC 3986].

Parsers SHOULD reject identifiers which do not adhere to the specified rules. A parser encountering an invalid identifier SHOULD reply with an error code that includes the malformed identifier, but MAY accept the rest of the message, after purging all references to the Network Object with the malformed identifier.

3.2.3 Interpreting Identifiers

A Network Object identifier MUST be treated as a opaque string, only used to uniquely identify a Network Object. The local-part of a Global Network Identifier MAY have certain meaning to it's assigning organisation, but MUST NOT be interpreted by any other organisation.

3.2.4 Network Object Attribute Change

A Network Object may change during its lifetime. If these changes are so drastic that the assigning organisation considers it a completely new Network Object, the assigning organisation should be assigned a new identifier. In this case, other organisations MUST treat this object as completely new Network Resource.

If the assigning organisation considers the changes are small, it MUST retain the same identifier for the Network Object, and use some mechanism to signal it's peers of the changes in the attributes of the Network Object. An appropriate mechanism is to send a new description of the Topology or the Network Object with an updated *version* attribute.

3.3 Unnamed Objects

Network Objects that do not have a regular URI as id attribute, may have either:

- Have no id attribute. These are so-called *unnamed* network objects.
- Have an id attribute which is a fragment identifier only, thus an URI starting with a crosshatch (#) character. These are so-called *ad-hoc named* network objects.

A unnamed network object can not be referenced. A network objects generally SHOULD NOT be unnamed, since there is no possibility for an external party to refer to the object.

A ad-hoc named network object can only be referenced from within the same topology description. ad-hoc ids must be considered a syntactical construct, not as a persistent identifier. The MUST NOT be referred to from another scope or another topology description. ad-hoc ids SHOULD NOT be stored. If a two peers exchange topology messages, it is perfectly valid to change the ad-hoc id in each message (since they are only valid within scope of that message anyway).

A possible reason to use unnamed or ad-hoc named network objects it to make a statement such as "Port A and Port B are grouped in a BidirectionalPort" without actually assigning an identifier to this BidirectionalPort.

4 Syntax

The Network Markup Language has two different normative syntaxes. The syntaxes are in regular XML defined using an XML Schema (XSD), and another in OWL RDF/XML syntax, defined in an OWL schema. The OWL syntax is aimed at Semantic Web-oriented applications, the XML syntax is suitable for any application. These syntaxes are defined in Appendices A and B respectively. These syntaxes follow the model as defined in section 2, should there be any inconsistencies between the syntaxes or the syntaxes and the model, the definitions in section 2 take precedence.

4.1 XML Syntax

An NML object is represented as an XML element. For example:

<nml:BidirectionalLink />

An NML attribute or parameter is represented as either an XML attribute, XML child element or text value of the XML element. The table list the mapping for the attributes and parameters defined in this document:

XML representation	Attribute	Child element	Text of element
NML attribute or parameter	id	name	value
	adaptationFunction	address	values
	encoding	lat	
	labeltype	long	
	version	alt	
	noReturnTraffic	unlocode	
	labelSwapping	start	
		end	

For example:

- <nml:Port id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_X.1501:in">
- $_2$ <nml:name>VLAN 1501 at Port X (in)</nml:name>
 - <nml:Label labeltype="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/ethernet#vlan">1501</nml:Label>
- 4 </nml:Port>

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Explicit relation are represented as a <nml:Relation> XML element, with the domain as the parent element, and the range as the child element. Implicit relations are not given: the range object is represented as an XML child element of the domain. Below is an example of an explicit relation:

```
1 <nml:Topology id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:Example_Network">
2 <nml:Node id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:example_node"/>
3 </nml:Port>
```

4.2 OWL RDF/XML Syntax

An NML object is represented as an RDF subject. Exceptions are Label and LabelGroup.

An NML attribute or parameter is represented as a predicate.

For example:

```
cnml:Location id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:redcity">
cnml:name>Red City</nml:name>
cnml:lat>30.600</nml:lat>
cnml:long>12.640</nml:long>
c/nml:Location>
```

Relations are represented as an RDF triplet, with the full URI of the attribute or parameter. For example:

A *Label* is represented as a two triplets: one triplet defining a labeltype as a subproperty of the abstract Label resource, and one relating a Port or Link to a value using this labeltype. For example:

A *LabelGroup* is represented as three triplets. The URI of the labeltype is not the URI of the predicate, to avoid naming clashes with the definition of the Label. Instead, the predicate of the LabelGroup is related to the predicate of the Label using the nml:labeltype property:

4.3 Combining Object Descriptions

A given object may have multiple attributes and relations. These attributes and relations may be described in different places in a syntax. It is up to the parser to combine all attributes and relations.

NML currently does not have a mechanism to check if a given description of an object is *complete*. Thus, it does not distinguish between a full description of an object or merely a pointer to an object.

Parsers should be aware that the NML descriptions do not provide any guarantee regarding the integrity nor the authenticity of the description. Parsers are advised to use external mechanism to avoid that an erroneous description of an object in one (possibly malicious) topology description pollutes a correct description of the same object in another topology description.

4.4 Ordered Lists

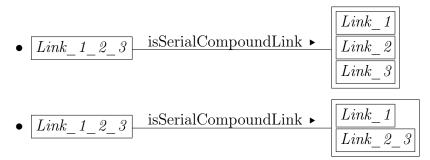
The range of an isSerialCompoundLink relation is an Ordered List.

Neither XML nor OWL uses the *Ordered List* directly in the syntax, and have a different way of constructing ordered lists. XML lists values with additional *next* relations, while OWL uses a *ListItem* class, and the *item* and *next* relations.

A *ListItem* behaves as a class, while *item* and *next* behave like relations, with the exception that these classes and relations are local in scope.

This means that these relations are only valid within the scope of a given *Ordered List*, but may not be valid in scope of a different *Ordered List*. It also means that any identifier given to these classes may change when the objects are codified in a syntax.

For example, consider the following two decompositions of Link Link_1_2_3 into shorter Links:



In the first Ordered List, there is a next relation from Link_1 to Link_2, while in the second Ordered List, the next relation is from Link_1 to Link_2_3.

In XML an *Ordered List* can be constructed by using all objects in the list as child elements, and using a *next* relation between consecutive objects in the list to denote ordering.

In OWL an *Ordered List* can be constructed by creating as many *ListItem* objects as there are items in the list. Each *ListItem* object is correlated with the actual list item using the *item* relation, while using a *next* relation to point to the following *ListItem*. A predicate points to the first *ListItem* in the *Ordered List* to point to the whole list, which is chained using the *next* relation.

See also the isSerialCompoundLink examples in the example section.

5 Examples

A graphical overview showing the combination of all the examples is shown in figure 3.

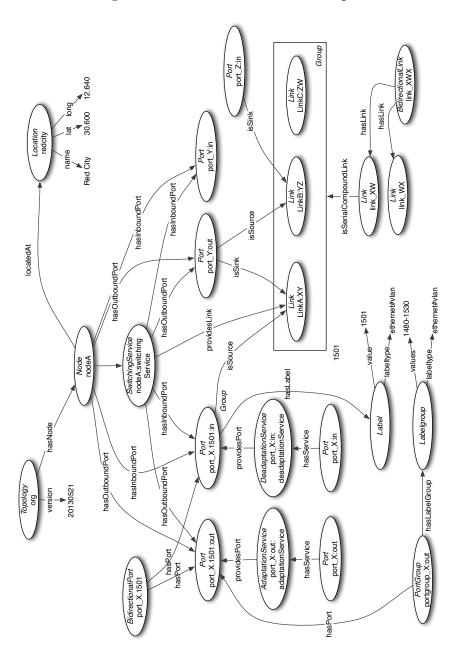


Figure 3: A graphical overview showing the combination of all examples

5.1 Examples in XML

The following snippets represent NML structures in the XML format.

• Topology (section 2.1.10)

• Node (section 2.1.2)

- Ports
 - (Unidirectional) Port (section 2.1.3)

```
1 <nml:Port id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_X.1501:in">
2 <nml:Label labeltype="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/ethernet#vlan">1501</nml:Label>
3 </nml:Port>
```

- BidirectionalPort (section 2.1.13)

- PortGroup (section 2.1.11) <nml:PortGroup id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:portgroup_X:out"> <nml:LabelGroup labeltype="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/ethernet#vlan"> 1480 - 1530</nml:LabelGroup> <nml:Port id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_X.1501:out"/> </nml:PortGroup> • Links - UnidirectionalLink (external) (section 2.1.4) <nml:Link id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:linkB:YZ"/> <nml:Port id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_Y:out"> <nml:Relation type="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#isSource"> <nml:Link id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:linkB:YZ"/> </nml:Relation> <nml:Port id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_Z:in"> <nml:Relation type="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#isSink"> <nml:Link id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:linkB:YZ"/> 10 </nml:Relation> 11 </nml:Port> 12 13 </nml:Port> - UnidirectionalLink (internal) (section 2.1.4) <nml:Link id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:linkA:XY"/> <nml:Port id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_X.1501:in"> <nml:Relation type="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#isSource"> <nml:Link id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:linkA:XY"/> </nml:Relation> </nml:Port> <nml:Port id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_Y:out"> 10 <nml:Relation type="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#isSink"> <nml:Link id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:linkA:XY"/> 11 </nml:Relation> </nml:Port> - UnidirectionalLink that is composed of more than one sub-link <nml:Link id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:link_XW"> <nml:Relation type="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#isSerialCompoundLink"> <nml:Link id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:linkA:XY">

<nml:Relation type="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#next">

<nml:Link id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:linkB:YZ"/>

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```
</nml:Relation>
            </nml:Link>
     7
     8
            <nml:Link id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:linkB:YZ">
              <nml:Relation type="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#next">
               <nml:Link id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:linkC:ZW"/>
    10
              </nml:Relation>
    11
            </nml:Link>
    12
            <nml:Link id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:linkC:ZW"/>
    13
          </nml:Relation>
    14
        </nml:Link>
     - BidirectionalLink (section 2.1.14)
        <nml:BidirectionalLink id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:link_XWX">
          <nml:name>Link between ports X and W</nml:name>
          <nml:Link id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:link_XW"/>
          <nml:Link id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:link_WX"/>
        </nml:BidirectionalLink>
     - LinkGroup (section 2.1.12)
        <nml:LinkGroup id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:domainy_domainx">
          <nml:LabelGroup labeltype="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/ethernet#vlan">
          </nml:LabelGroup>
        </nml:LinkGroup>
• Labels
     - Label (section 2.1.17)
     1 <nml:Label labeltype="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/ethernet#vlan">1501</nml:Label>
     - LabelGroup (section 2.1.18)
        <nml:LabelGroup labeltype="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/ethernet#vlan">
          1480 - 1530
        </nml:LabelGroup>
• Location (section 2.1.15)
  <nml:Location id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:redcity">
    <nml:name>Red City</nml:name>
    <nml:lat>30.600</nml:lat>
    <nml:long>12.640</nml:long>
  </nml:Location>
```

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• Services

- SwitchingService (section 2.1.6)

```
<nml:Node id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nodeA">
      <nml:name>Node_A</nml:name>
      <nml:Relation type="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#hasInboundPort">
        <nml:Port id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nodeA:port_X:in" />
        <nml:Port id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nodeA:port_Y:in" />
      <nml:Relation type="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#hasOutboundPort">
        <nml:Port id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nodeA:port_X:out"/>
        <nml:Port id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nodeA:port_Y:out"/>
10
      </nml:Relation>
      <nml:Relation type="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#hasService">
11
        <nml:SwitchingService id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nodeA:switchingService"/>
12
      </nml:Relation>
13
    </nml:Node>
14
15
    <nml:SwitchingService id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nodeA:switchingService">
16
      <nml:Relation type="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#hasInboundPort">
17
        <nml:Port id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nodeA:port_X:in" />
18
        <nml:Port id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nodeA:port_Y:in" />
19
20
      <nml:Relation type="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#hasOutboundPort">
21
22
        <nml:Port id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nodeA:port_X:out"/>
23
        <nml:Port id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nodeA:port_Y:out"/>
24
      <nml:Relation type="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#providesLink">
         <nml:Link id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:LinkA:XY"/>
26
27
      </nml:Relation>
    </nml:SwitchingService>
 - AdaptationService (section 2.1.7)
    <nml:Port id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_X:in">
      <nml:Relation type="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#hasService">
        <nml:AdaptationService id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_X:in:adaptationService"/>
      </nml:Relation>
    </nml:Port>
    <nml:AdaptationService
        id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_X:in:adaptationService"
9
        adaptationFunction="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/ethernet#802.1q">
10
      <nml:Relation type="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#providesPort">
         <nml:Port id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_X.1501:in"/>
11
12
      </nml:Relation>
    </nml:AdaptationService>
13
14
    <nml:Port id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_X.1501:in">
15
      <nml:Label labeltype="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/ethernet#vlan">1501</nml:Label>
16
    </nml:Port>
```

- DeadaptationService (section 2.1.8)

```
<nml:Port id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_X:in">
      <nml:Relation type="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#hasService">
        <nml:DeadaptationService id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_X.1501</pre>
3
             :in:deadaptationService"/>
      </nml:Relation>
    </nml:Port>
    <nml:DeadaptationService
        id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_X.1501:in:deadaptationService"
        adaptationFunction="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/ethernet#802.1q">
9
10
      <nml:Relation type="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#providesPort">
          <nml:Port id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_X.1501:in"/>
11
      </nml:Relation>
12
13
    </nml:DeadaptationService>
14
15
    <nml:Port id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_X.1501:in">
        <nml:Label labeltype="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/ethernet#vlan">1501</nml:Label>
16
    </nml:Port>
```

5.2 Examples in OWL

The following snippets represent NML structures in the OWL format. The namespaces used in all the examples follow the definitions of the Topology example.

• Topology (section 2.1.10)

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
    <rdf:RDF
2
     xmlns:nml="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#"
     xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
     xmlns:owl="http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#"
     xmlns:nmleth = "http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/ethernet#"
7
    <nml:Topology rdf:about="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:org">
8
       <nml:version>20130521</nml:version>
9
       <nml:hasNode rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nodeA"/>
10
      <!-- ... -->
11
12
    </nml:Topology>
 • Node (section 2.1.2)
    <nml:Node rdf:about="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nodeA">
      <nml:name>Node A</nml:name>
      <nml:locatedAt rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:redcity"/>
      <nml:hasOutboundPort rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nodeA:port_X:out"/>
      <nml:hasOutboundPort rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nodeA:port_Y:out"/>
      <nml:hasInboundPort rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nodeA:port_X:in"/>
      <nml:hasInboundPort rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nodeA:port_Y:in"/>
    </nml:Node>
 • Ports
       - (Unidirectional) Port (section 2.1.3)
          <nml:Port rdf:about="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_X.1501:in">
              <nmleth:vlan>1501</nmleth:vlan>
          </nml:Port>
       - BidirectionalPort (section 2.1.13)
          <nml:BidirectionalPort rdf:about="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_X.1501">
            <nml:name>X.1501</nml:name>
            <nml:hasPort rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_X.1501:out"/>
            <nml:hasPort rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_X.1501:in"/>
          </nml:BidirectionalPort>
```

```
- PortGroup (section 2.1.11)
        <nml:PortGroup rdf:about="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:portgroup_X:out">
            <nmleth:vlans>1480-1530</nmleth:vlans>
            <nml:hasPort>
              <nml:Port rdf:about="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_X.1501:out"/>
            </nml:hasPort>
        </nml:PortGroup>
• Links
      - UnidirectionalLink (external) (section 2.1.4)
        <nml:Link rdf:about="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:linkB:YZ"/>
        <nml:Port id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_Y:out">
          <nml:isSink rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:linkB:YZ"/>
        </nml:Port>
        <nml:Port rdf:about="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_Z:in">
          <nml:isSource rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:linkB:YZ"/>
        </nml:Port>
      - UnidirectionalLink (internal) (section 2.1.4)
        <nml:Link rdf:about="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:linkA:XY"/>
        <nml:Port rdf:about="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_X.1501:in">
          <nml:isSource rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:linkA:XY"/>
         </nml:Port>
         <nml:Port id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_Y:out">
          <nml:isSink rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:linkA:XY"/>
        </nml:Port>
      - UnidirectionalLink that is composed of more than one sub-link
        <nml:Link rdf:about="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:link_XW">
          <nml:isSerialCompoundLink>
            <nml:ListItem rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:link_XW_1">
              <nml:item rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:linkA:XY"/>
              <nml:next rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:link_XW_2"/>
            </nml:ListItem>
          </nml:isSerialCompoundLink>
         </nml:Link>
        <nml:ListItem rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:link_XW_2">
    10
          <nml:item rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:linkB:YZ"/>
    11
          <nml:next rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:link_XW_3"/>
        </nml:ListItem>
    13
```

```
<nml:ListItem rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:link_XW_3">
          <nml:item rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:linkC:ZW"/>
        </nml:ListItem>
     - BidirectionalLink (section 2.1.14)
        <nml:BidirectionalLink rdf:about="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:link_XWX">
          <nml:name>Link between ports X and W</nml:name>
          <nml:hasLink rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:link_XW"/>
          <nml:hasLink rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:link_WX"/>
        </nml:BidirectionalLink>
     - LinkGroup (section 2.1.12)
        <nml:LinkGroup rdf:about="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:domainy_domainx">
          <nmleth:vlans>1480-1530</nmleth:vlans>
        </nml:LinkGroup>
• Labels
     - Label (section 2.1.17)
     1 <rdf:Description rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/ethernet#vlan">
          <owl:subPropertyOf rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#hasLabel"/>
     3 </rdf:Description>
        <nml:Port rdf:about="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_X.1501:in">
          <nmleth:vlan>1501</nmleth:vlan>
        </nml:Port>
     - LabelGroup (section 2.1.18)
        </
          <nml:labelType rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/ethernet#vlan"/>
          <owl:subPropertyOf rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#hasLabelGroup"/>
        </rdf:Description>
        <nml:PortGroup rdf:about="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:portgroup_X:out">
          <nmleth:vlans>1480-1530</nmleth:vlans>
        </nml:PortGroup>
• Location (section 2.1.15)
  <nml:Location id="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:redcity">
    <nml:name>Red City</nml:name>
    <nml:latitude>30.600</nml:latitude>
    <nml:longitude>12.640</nml:longitude>
  </nml:Location>
```

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• Services

- SwitchingService (section 2.1.6)

```
<nml:Node rdf:about="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nodeA">
      <nml:name>Node_A</nml:name>
      <nml:hasInboundPort rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nodeA:port_X:in"/>
      <nml:hasInboundPort rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nodeA:port_Y:in"/>
      <nml:hasOutboundPort rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nodeA:port_X:out"/>
      <nml:hasOutboundPort rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nodeA:port_Y:out"/>
      <nml:hasService rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nodeA:switchingService"/>
10
    <nml:SwitchingService rdf:about="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nodeA:switchingService">
      <nml:hasInboundPort rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nodeA:port_X:in"/>
11
      <nml:hasInboundPort rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nodeA:port_Y:in"/>
12
      <nml:hasOutboundPort rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nodeA:port_X:out"/>
      <nml:hasOutboundPort rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:nodeA:port_Y:out"/>
14
    </nml:SwitchingService>
 - AdaptationService (section 2.1.7)
    <nml:Port rdf:about="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_X:out">
      <nml:hasService>
         <nml:AdaptationService
              rdf:about="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_X:out:adaptationService">
           <nml:adaptationFunction rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/ethernet#802.1q"/>
           <nml:providesPort rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_X.1501:out"/>
          </nml:AdaptationService>
      </nml:hasService>
    </nml:Port>
10
    <nml:Port rdf:about="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_X.1501:out">
11
      <nmleth:vlan>1501</nmleth:vlan>
12
    </nml:Port>
 - DeadaptationService (section 2.1.8)
    <nml:Port rdf:about="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_X:in">
      <nml:hasService>
        <nml:DeadaptationService
3
         rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_X:in:deadaptationService">
4
         <nml:adaptationFunction rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/ethernet#802.1q"/>
         <nml:providesPort rdf:resource="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_X.1501:in"/>
        </nml:DeadaptationService>
      </nml:hasService>
    </nml:Port>
9
10
    <nml:Port rdf:about="urn:ogf:network:example.net:2013:port_X.1501:in">
11
        <nmleth:vlan>1501</nmleth:vlan>
12
    </nml:Port>
```

5.3 Conceptual Examples

This section shows a few examples how NML was designed to be used. Like the other examples, this section is informative. It may be possible that there are other ways to use the NML objects and attributes.

5.3.1 Topology and Node

A *Topology* and *Node* behave similar: they both contain inbound ports and outbound ports, and can contain a *SwitchingService* to allow creation of internal links (cross connects) from inbound ports to outbound ports. Especially with the ability to create logical, sliced or virtual devices, the distinction is getting blurred.

The distinction is that a Node is located at a single geographic location, while a Topology is a set of geographically disperse Network Objects.

5.3.2 Hierarchical Topology

Large networks may want to publish both details of their network topology as a whole, as well as details about regional segments, without publishing details of the actual devices. NML allows the publication of a hierarchical *Topology* tree, where the top-level *Topology* has a *hasTopology* relation with smaller *Topologies*. These smaller Topologies must be fully enclosed – the *hasTopology* relation can not be used to relate partial overlapping Topologies.

For example, a *Topology* A may want to publish about two parts of its Topology, A_West, and A_East. This allows it to publish difference in connectivity and costs between the two parts. It can do so with the following relations:

5.3.3 Links, Segments and Paths

A Link object can refer to any link connection. A link segment and an end-to-end path are both described by a Link object. This is by design, since it is easy to extend a Link, or to describe a partition of a Link.

Figure 4 gives an example of three different partitionings of a link between port_X:in and port_W:out.

Note that in this example Port port_Y: out is the source of both linkB: YZ and of linkBC: YW. If a single topology description would contain the full link and the partitioning, a path finding

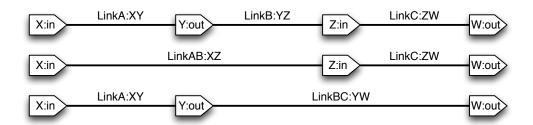


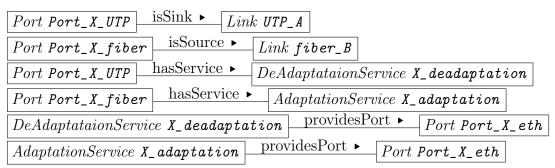
Figure 4: Different partitionings of the same link.

algoritm MUST be aware that the fact that if a Port is the source of two NML Links, this does not mean it multicast to different network links. For this reason, it is RECOMMENDED that applications either add metadata about the type of link, or specify that in certain messages, only one particular type of Link MUST be used.

5.3.4 Patch Panel and Media Convertor

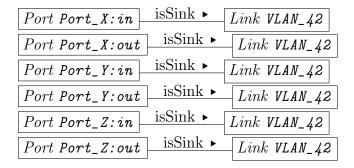
A port on a patch panel or optical distribution frame can simply be described as a NML Port (thus without an associated Node):

A mediaconvertor, e.g. from Ethernet over UTP to Ethernet over fiber, can be described in the same way, provided that the connected Links described the Ethernet connections. If the connected Links describe the underlying UTP and fiber connections, it is necessary to describe the conversion between them:

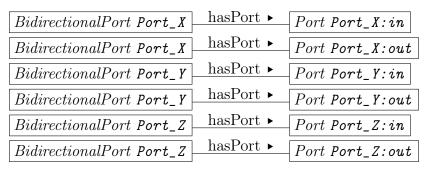


5.3.5 VLAN and Broadcast Medium

A VLAN is much like a broadcast medium, which can be described as a multipoint-to-multipoint Link:



Where X, Y and Z are in fact bidirectional ports:



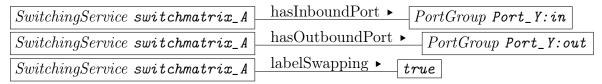
However, this is not entirely correct: in the above description data coming from Port_X:in would also be forwarded to Port_X:out. However, the Ethernet technology prevents data returning on the same interface.

NML introduced the *noReturnTraffic* parameter to describe this technological restriction: if the *noReturnTraffic* parameter of a Link is true, there is no data transport from a source to a sink if the source and sink are grouped together in a BidirectionalPort group.

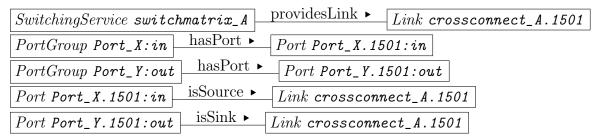
5.3.6 Configuration and Potential Capability

NML is able to both describe the network services (potential capability) as well as the network configuration.

A switching service can be described by a SwitchingService object along with associated inbound ports and outbound ports:



A cross connect created by this switching service can be specified by a Link object:



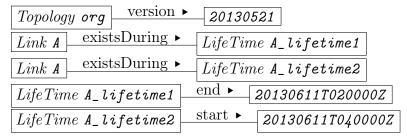
An encoding and decoding service can be described by a AdaptationService and DeAdaptationService:

A channel created by this encoding service can be specified by a providesPort relation:

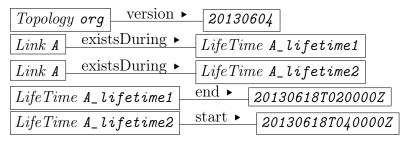
5.3.7 Versioning and Lifetime

The version of a Topology indicated the serial number. If there are two Topology descriptions for the same network, the one with the highest version number is the most recent version. The LifeTime object is used to indicate when a certain resource is available.

Imagine that a link will have a scheduled downtime due to maintenance next week between 2 AM and 4 AM. This can be specified with these relations:



Imagine that this planned maintainance is rescheduled. That can be specified by creating a new Topology with a new version number, and updated data:



6 Security Considerations

There are important security concerns associated with the generation and distribution of network topology information. For example, ISPs frequently consider network topologies to be confidential. We do not address these concerns in this document, but implementers are encouraged to consider the security implications of generating and distributing network topology information.

Implementers should be aware that the NML descriptions do not provide any guarantee regarding their integrity nor their authenticity. The NML documents also can not provide this for the identifiers contained in the documents. Implementers should use external means of verifying the authenticity of identifiers contained in the documents.

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Appendix A XML Schema

This section describes the normative schema of XML documents using the XML Schema language.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2
3
    <!--
4
5
     File: nmlbase.xsd - Main XSD schema definition
6
     Version: $Id$
7
     Purpose: This is the main XSD schema file, it defines the
8
               general topology elements of NML.
9
10
11
12
13
    <xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"</pre>
              targetNamespace="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#"
14
              xmlns:nml="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#"
15
16
              elementFormDefault="qualified">
17
18
      <xs:complexType name="NetworkObject">
19
20
        <xs:sequence>
          <xs:element name="name" type="xs:string" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
21
          <xs:element name="Lifetime" type="nml:LifeTimeType" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
22
23
          <xs:element name="Location" type="nml:LocationType" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
24
        <xs:attribute name="id" type="xs:anyURI" use="optional"/>
25
        <xs:attribute name="version" type="xs:dateTime" use="optional"/>
26
      </xs:complexType>
27
28
29
30
      <xs:complexType name="LocationType">
        <xs:all>
31
          <xs:element name="name" type="xs:string" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
32
          <xs:element name="long" type="xs:float" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
33
          <xs:element name="lat" type="xs:float" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
34
          <xs:element name="alt" type="xs:float" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
35
          <xs:element name="unlocode" type="xs:string" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
36
          <!-- address: rfc6351 xCard: vCard XML Representation -->
37
          <xs:element name="address" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1">
38
            <xs:complexType>
39
40
               <xs:any namespace="##other" processContents="lax" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
41
              </xs:sequence>
            </xs:complexType>
43
44
          </xs:element>
45
        </xs:all>

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48
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52
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54
55
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56
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58
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60
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61
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 62
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63
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64
65
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       </xs:group>
66
 67
68
       <!-- Topology -->
 69
70
71
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 72
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73
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 74
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75
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76
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 79
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80
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 82
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83
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 84
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85
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 86
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 87
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 89
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90
91
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92
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94
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96
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97
98
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99
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100
101
       </xs:group>
102
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104
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105
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106
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108
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109
110
             </xs:sequence>
111
           </xs:extension>
         </xs:complexContent>
112
```

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</xs:complexType>
113
114
115
       <xs:element name="Topology" type="nml:TopologyType"/>
116
117
118
       <!-- Link -->
119
120
121
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122
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124
125
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         <xs:attribute name="type" use="required">
126
127
           <xs:simpleType>
            <xs:restriction base="xs:string">
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129
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           </xs:simpleType>
133
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134
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140
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141
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       </xs:group>
143
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146
147
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148
149
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150
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155
         </xs:complexContent>
156
       </xs:complexType>
157
158
159
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160
161
162
       <!-- Port -->
163
164
165
       <xs:complexType name="PortRelationType">
166
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167
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168
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169
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171
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172
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174
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               <xs:enumeration value="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#isAlias"/>
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177
               <xs:enumeration value="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#isSource"/>
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179
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         </xs:attribute>
181
       </xs:complexType>
182
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184
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         <xs:sequence>
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187
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188
189
         </xs:sequence>
190
       </xs:group>
191
192
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193
         <xs:complexContent>
194
           <xs:extension base="nml:NetworkObject">
195
             <xs:sequence>
196
197
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               <xs:element name="Relation" type="nml:PortRelationType" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
198
199
             <xs:attribute name="encoding" type="xs:anyURI" use="optional"/>
200
201
           </xs:extension>
         </xs:complexContent>
202
       </xs:complexType>
203
204
205
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206
207
208
       <!-- Node -->
209
210
211
       <xs:complexType name="NodeRelationType">
212
^{213}
         <xs:choice>
214
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216
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217
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218
         <xs:attribute name="type" use="required">
219
           <xs:simpleType>
220
221
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222
               <xs:enumeration value="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#hasOutboundPort"/>
223
               <xs:enumeration value="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#hasService"/>
224
225
               <xs:enumeration value="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#isAlias"/>
226
             </xs:restriction>
           </xs:simpleType>
227
         </xs:attribute>
228
       </xs:complexType>
229
230
231
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232
```

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234
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238
239
             </xs:sequence>
240
           </xs:extension>
         </xs:complexContent>
241
       </xs:complexType>
242
243
244
       <xs:element name="Node" type="nml:NodeType"/>
^{245}
246
247
       <!-- Service -->
248
249
250
       <xs:group name="Service">
251
252
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253
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254
           <xs:element ref="nml:DeadaptationService"/>
255
         </xs:choice>
256
257
       </xs:group>
258
259
       <!-- SwitchingService -->
260
^{261}
262
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263
264
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265
           <xs:element ref="nml:PortGroup" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
266
           <xs:element ref="nml:SwitchingService" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
267
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268
           <xs:element ref="nml:LinkGroup" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
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270
         <xs:attribute name="type" use="required">
271
           <xs:simpleType>
272
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275
               <xs:enumeration value="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#isAlias"/>
276
               <xs:enumeration value="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#providesLink"/>
277
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           </xs:simpleType>
279
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280
281
       </xs:complexType>
282
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284
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286
287
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288
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289
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291
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292
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293
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294
       </xs:complexType>
295
296
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297
298
299
       <!-- AdaptationService -->
300
301
302
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303
304
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305
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307
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312
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313
               <xs:enumeration value="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#providesPort"/>
314
             </xs:restriction>
315
316
           </xs:simpleType>
         </xs:attribute>
317
       </xs:complexType>
318
319
320
       <xs:complexType name="AdaptationServiceType">
321
         <xs:complexContent>
322
323
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             <xs:sequence>
324
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325
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326
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329
       </xs:complexType>
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331
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333
334
335
336
       <!-- DeadaptationService -->
337
338
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339
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341
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342
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343
344
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345
           <xs:simpleType>
346
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347
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348
349
               <xs:enumeration value="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#isAlias"/>
               <xs:enumeration value="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#providesPort"/>
350
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351
352
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353
         </xs:attribute>
       </xs:complexType>
354
355
356
       <xs:complexType name="DeadaptationServiceType">
357
358
         <xs:complexContent>
           <xs:extension base="nml:NetworkObject">
359
360
               <xs:element name="Relation" type="nml:DeadaptationServiceRelationType" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="</pre>
361
                   unbounded"/>
362
             </xs:sequence>
             <xs:attribute name="adaptationFunction" type="xs:anyURI" use="optional"/>
363
364
           </xs:extension>
         </xs:complexContent>
365
       </xs:complexType>
366
367
368
       <xs:element name="DeadaptationService" type="nml:DeadaptationServiceType"/>
369
370
371
       <!-- Label -->
372
373
374
       <xs:complexType name="LabelType">
375
376
         <xs:simpleContent>
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377
             <xs:attribute name="labeltype" type="xs:anyURI" use="required"/>
378
379
           </xs:extension>
         </xs:simpleContent>
380
381
       </xs:complexType>
382
383
       <xs:element name="Label" type="nml:LabelType"/>
384
385
386
       <!-- LinkGroup -->
387
388
389
       <xs:complexType name="LinkGroupRelationType">
390
391
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392
393
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         <xs:attribute name="type" use="required">
394
395
           <xs:simpleType>
             <xs:restriction base="xs:string">
396
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397
               <xs:enumeration value="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#isSerialCompoundLink"/>
398
             </xs:restriction>
399
           </xs:simpleType>
400
         </xs:attribute>
401
       </xs:complexType>
402
403
404
405
       <xs:group name="BaseLinkGroup">
406
         <xs:sequence>
           <xs:element ref="nml:LabelGroup" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
407
408
           <xs:element ref="nml:Link" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
           <xs:element ref="nml:LinkGroup" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
409
```

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410
         </xs:sequence>
       </xs:group>
411
412
413
       <xs:complexType name="LinkGroupType">
414
415
         <xs:complexContent>
           <xs:extension base="nml:NetworkObject">
416
417
             <xs:sequence>
               <xs:group ref="nml:BaseLinkGroup"/>
418
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419
420
            </xs:sequence>
           </xs:extension>
421
422
         </xs:complexContent>
       </xs:complexType>
423
424
425
       <xs:element name="LinkGroup" type="nml:LinkGroupType"/>
426
427
428
       <!-- PortGroup -->
429
430
431
       <xs:complexType name="PortGroupRelationType">
432
         <xs:choice>
433
434
           <xs:element ref="nml:PortGroup" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
           <xs:element ref="nml:LinkGroup" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
435
436

<xs:attribute name="type" use="required">

437
           <xs:simpleType>
438
439
            <xs:restriction base="xs:string">
               <xs:enumeration value="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#isAlias"/>
440
441
               <xs:enumeration value="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#isSink"/>
               <xs:enumeration value="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#isSource"/>
442
443
             </xs:restriction>
           </xs:simpleType>
444
         </xs:attribute>
445
446
       </xs:complexType>
447
448
       <xs:group name="BasePortGroup">
449
450
         <xs:sequence>
451
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           <xs:element ref="nml:Port" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
452
453
           <xs:element ref="nml:PortGroup" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
         </xs:sequence>
454
455
       </xs:group>
456
457
       <xs:complexType name="PortGroupType">
458
         <xs:complexContent>
459
           <xs:extension base="nml:NetworkObject">
460
461
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462
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463
464
             <xs:attribute name="encoding" type="xs:anyURI" use="optional"/>
465
466
           </xs:extension>
         </xs:complexContent>
467
468
       </xs:complexType>
469
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470
       <xs:element name="PortGroup" type="nml:PortGroupType"/>
471
472
473
474
       <!-- BidirectionalLink -->
475
476
477
       <xs:group name="BaseBidirectionalLink">
478
         <xs:choice>
479
480
           <xs:sequence>
             <xs:element ref="nml:Link"/>
481
             <xs:element ref="nml:Link"/>
482
           </xs:sequence>
483
484
           <xs:sequence>
             <xs:element ref="nml:LinkGroup"/>
485
             <xs:element ref="nml:LinkGroup"/>
486
487
           </xs:sequence>
488
         </xs:choice>
489
       </xs:group>
490
491
       <xs:complexType name="BidirectionalLinkType">
492
         <xs:complexContent>
493
494
           <xs:extension base="nml:NetworkObject">
             <xs:group ref="nml:BaseBidirectionalLink"/>
495
496
           </xs:extension>
         </xs:complexContent>
497
       </xs:complexType>
498
499
500
501
       <xs:element name="BidirectionalLink" type="nml:BidirectionalLinkType"/>
502
503
       <!-- BidirectionalPort -->
504
505
506
       <xs:group name="BaseBidirectionalPort">
507
         <xs:choice>
508
           <xs:sequence>
509
             <xs:element ref="nml:Port"/>
510
511
             <xs:element ref="nml:Port"/>
           </xs:sequence>
512
513
           <xs:sequence>
             <xs:element ref="nml:PortGroup"/>
514
515
             <xs:element ref="nml:PortGroup"/>
           </xs:sequence>
516
         </xs:choice>
517
518
       </xs:group>
519
520
       <xs:complexType name="BidirectionalPortType">
521
         <xs:complexContent>
522
           <xs:extension base="nml:NetworkObject">
523
             <xs:group ref="nml:BaseBidirectionalPort"/>
524
525
           </xs:extension>
         </xs:complexContent>
526
       </xs:complexType>
527
528
```

529

```
<xs:element name="BidirectionalPort" type="nml:BidirectionalPortType"/>
530
531
532
       <!-- LabelGroup -->
533
534
535
       <xs:complexType name="LabelGroupType">
536
         <xs:simpleContent>
537
          <xs:extension base="xs:string">
538
539
            <xs:attribute name="labeltype" type="xs:anyURI" use="required"/>
          </{\sf xs:extension}>
540
541
         </xs:simpleContent>
       </xs:complexType>
542
543
544
       <xs:element name="LabelGroup" type="nml:LabelGroupType"/>
545
546
547
     </xs:schema>
548
```

Appendix B OWL Schema

This section describes the normative schema of the OWL syntax using the OWL ontology definition below.

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
  <rdf:RDF xmlns="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#"</pre>
2
     xml:base="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base"
3
4
     xmlns:rdfs="http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#"
     xmlns:owl="http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#"
5
     xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#"
     xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
     xmlns:nml="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#">
8
9
    <owl:Ontology rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#">
      <rdfs:label>NML Schema</rdfs:label>
10
    </owl>
11
12
13
14
15
    17
18
    // Annotation properties
19
    20
21
22
23
24
25
26
    27
    // Datatypes
29
30
    .
.
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
    38
39
    // Object Properties
40
41
    .
.
42
43
44
45
46
47
    <!— http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#adaptationFunction —->
48
49
    50
      <rdfs:domain>
51
         <owl:Class>
```

```
<owl:unionOf rdf:parseType="Collection">
53
                       <pr
54
                       <rdf:Description rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#DeadaptationService"/>
 55
                   </owl:unionOf>
56
                </owl:Class>
57
            </rdfs:domain>
58
        </owl:ObjectProperty>
59
 60
61
 62
        <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#address -->
63
64
        <owl:ObjectProperty rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#address">
 65
            <rdfs:domain rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#Location"/>
66
 67
        </owl:ObjectProperty>
68
69
70
        <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#canProvidePort -->
71
 72
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                       <rdf:Description rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#PortGroup"/>
 79
                   </owl:unionOf>
80
                </owl:Class>
81
            </rdfs:range>
 82
        </owl:ObjectProperty>
83
 84
85
86
        <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#encoding -->
 87
88
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 89
            <rdfs:domain>
90
                <owl:Class>
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95
                       <rdf:Description rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#PortGroup"/>
96
                       #SwitchingService"/>
97
98
                   </owl:unionOf>
                </owl:Class>
99
            </rdfs:domain>
100
        </owl:ObjectProperty>
101
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103
104
        <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#existsDuring -->
105
106
        <owl:ObjectProperty rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#existsDuring">
107
            <rdfs:domain rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#NetworkObject"/>
108
            <rdfs:range rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#Lifetime"/>
109
        </owl:ObjectProperty>
110
111
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113
         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#hasInboundPort -->
114
115
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                        crdf:Description rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#PortGroup"/>
122
                    </owl:unionOf>
123
                 </owl:Class>
124
125
             </rdfs:range>
         </owl:ObjectProperty>
126
127
128
129
         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#hasLabel -->
130
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         <owl:ObjectProperty rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#hasLabel">
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            <rdfs:domain>
133
                <owl: Class>
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                    </owl:unionOf>
138
                 </owl:Class>
139
            </rdfs:domain>
140
             <rdfs:range rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#Label"/>
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142
         </owl:ObjectProperty>
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144
145
         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#hasLabelGroup -->
146
147
         <owl:ObjectProperty rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#hasLabelGroup">
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                        crdf:Description rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#PortGroup"/>
153
                    </owl:unionOf>
154
                 </owl:Class>
155
             </rdfs:domain>
156
             <rdfs:range rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#LabelGroup"/>
157
158
         </owl:ObjectProperty>
159
160
161
         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#hasLink -->
162
163
         <owl:ObjectProperty rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#hasLink">
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             <rdfs:range>
                 <owl:Class>
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169
                        <rdf:Description rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#LinkGroup"/>
170
171
                    </owl:unionOf>
                 </owl:Class>
172
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173
             </rdfs:range>
         </owl:ObjectProperty>
174
175
176
177
         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#hasNode -->
178
179
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180
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181
             <rdfs:range rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#Node"/>
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183
         </owl:ObjectProperty>
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185
186
         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#hasOutboundPort -->
187
188
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             <rdfs:range>
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195
                    </owl:unionOf>
196
197
                 </owl:Class>
             </rdfs:range>
198
         </owl:ObjectProperty>
199
200
201
202
         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#hasPort -->
203
204
         <owl:ObjectProperty rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#hasPort">
205
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206
             <rdfs:range rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#Port"/>
207
208
         </owl:ObjectProperty>
209
210
211
         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#hasService -->
212
^{213}
214
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215
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216
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218
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220
         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#hasTopology -->
221
222
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             <rdfs:domain rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#NetworkObject"/>
224
             <rdfs:range rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#Topology"/>
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         </owl:ObjectProperty>
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228
229
         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#implementedBy -->
230
231
         <owl:ObjectProperty rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#implementedBy">
232
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233
             <rdfs:range rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#NetworkObject"/>
234
235
         </owl:ObjectProperty>
236
237
238
         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#isAlias -->
239
240
         <owl:ObjectProperty rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#isAlias">
241
             f.org/nml/2013/05/base#NetworkObject"/>
242
243
             <rdfs:range rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#NetworkObject"/>
244
         </owl:ObjectProperty>
245
246
247
         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#isSerialCompoundLink -->
248
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250
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                        <rdf:Description rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#LinkGroup"/>
255
                    </owl:unionOf>
256
257
                 </owl:Class>
            </rdfs:domain>
258
             <rdfs:range rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#ListItem"/>
259
         </owl:ObjectProperty>
260
261
^{262}
263
264
         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#isSink -->
265
         <owl:ObjectProperty rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#isSink">
266
             <rdfs:domain rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#NetworkObject"/>
267
268
             <rdfs:range>
269
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                    <owl:unionOf rdf:parseType="Collection">
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271
                        <rdf:Description rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#LinkGroup"/>
272
273
                    </owl:unionOf>
274
                 </owl:Class>
             </rdfs:range>
275
         </owl:ObjectProperty>
276
277
278
279
         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#isSource -->
280
281
         <owl:ObjectProperty rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#isSource">
282
             <rdfs:domain rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#NetworkObject"/>
283
            <rdfs:range>
284
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285
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287
                        <rdf:Description rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#LinkGroup"/>
288
                    </owl/unionOf>
289
                 </owl:Class>
290
            </rdfs:range>
291
         </owl:ObjectProperty>
292
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293
294
295
         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#item -->
296
297
         <owl:ObjectProperty rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#item">
298
             <rdfs:domain rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#ListItem"/>
299
300
         </owl:ObjectProperty>
301
302
303
         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#labeltype -->
304
305
         <owl:ObjectProperty rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#labeltype">
306
307
             <rdfs:domain>
                 <owl:Class>
308
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                         <rdf:Description rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#LabelGroup"/>
311
312
                     </owl:unionOf>
                 </owl:Class>
313
             </rdfs:domain>
314
         </owl:ObjectProperty>
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317
318
         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#locatedAt -->
319
320
         <owl:ObjectProperty rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#locatedAt">
321
322
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             <rdfs:range rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#Location"/>
323
324
         </owl:ObjectProperty>
325
326
327
         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#next -->
328
329
         <owl:ObjectProperty rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#next">
330
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331
             <rdfs:range rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#ListItem"/>
332
         </owl:ObjectProperty>
333
334
335
336
         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#providesLink -->
337
338
         <owl:ObjectProperty rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#providesLink">
339
             <rdfs:domain rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#Service"/>
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341
             <rdfs:range>
                 <owl: Class>
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344
                         <rdf:Description rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nm1/2013/05/base#LinkGroup"/>
345
346
                     </owl:unionOf>
                 </owl:Class>
347
             </rdfs:range>
348
         </owl:ObjectProperty>
349
350
351
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<!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#providesPort -->
353
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355
        <owl:ObjectProperty rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#providesPort">
            <rdfs:domain rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#Service"/>
356
357
            <rdfs:range>
358
               <owl: Class>
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359
                      <rdf:Description rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#Port"/>
360
                      <rdf:Description rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#PortGroup"/>
361
                   </owl:unionOf>
362
363
               </owl:Class>
            </rdfs:range>
364
        </owl:ObjectProperty>
365
366
367
368
369
        370
371
        .
// Data properties
372
373
        374
375
376
377
378
379
        <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#alt -->
380
381
        <owl:DatatypeProperty rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#alt">
382
            <rdfs:domain rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#Location"/>
383
            <rdfs:range rdf:resource="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#float"/>
384
        </owl:DatatypeProperty>
385
386
387
388
        <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#end -->
389
390
        <owl:DatatypeProperty rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#end">
391
            <rdfs:domain rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#Lifetime"/>
392
            <rdfs:range rdf:resource="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#dateTime"/>
393
394
        </owl:DatatypeProperty>
395
396
397
398
        <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#labelSwapping -->
399
        <owl:DatatypeProperty rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#labelSwapping">
400
401
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            <rdfs:range rdf:resource="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#boolean"/>
402
        </owl:DatatypeProperty>
403
404
405
406
        <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#lat -->
407
408
        <owl:DatatypeProperty rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#lat">
409
            <rdfs:domain rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#Location"/>
410
411
            <rdfs:range rdf:resource="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#float"/>
        </owl:DatatypeProperty>
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413
414
415
         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#long -->
416
417
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418
             <rdfs:domain rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#Location"/>
419
420
             <rdfs:range rdf:resource="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#float"/>
         </owl:DatatypeProperty>
421
422
423
424
         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#name -->
425
426
427
         <owl:DatatypeProperty rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#name">
             <rdfs:domain>
428
                 <owl:Class>
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430
                    <owl:unionOf rdf:parseType="Collection">
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                        <rdf:Description rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#NetworkObject"/>
432
                    </owl:unionOf>
433
                 </owl:Class>
434
             </rdfs:domain>
435
             <rdfs:range rdf:resource="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#string"/>
436
437
         </owl:DatatypeProperty>
438
439
440
         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#noReturnTraffic -->
441
442
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443
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444
             <rdfs:range rdf:resource="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#boolean"/>
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         </owl:DatatypeProperty>
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448
449
         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#parameter -->
450
451
         <owl:DatatypeProperty rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#parameter">
452
             <rdfs:range rdf:resource="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#string"/>
453
454
         </owl:DatatypeProperty>
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456
457
458
         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#start -->
459
         <owl:DatatypeProperty rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#start">
460
461
             <rdfs:domain rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#Lifetime"/>
             <rdfs:range rdf:resource="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#dateTime"/>
462
         </owl:DatatypeProperty>
463
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465
466
         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#unlocode -->
467
468
         <owl:DatatypeProperty rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#unlocode">
469
             <rdfs:domain rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#Location"/>
470
471
             <rdfs:range rdf:resource="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#string"/>
         </owl:DatatypeProperty>
472
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473
474
475
        <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#value -->
476
477
        <owl:DatatypeProperty rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#value">
478
            <rdfs:domain rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#Label"/>
479
480
            <rdfs:range rdf:resource="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#string"/>
481
        </owl:DatatypeProperty>
482
483
484
        <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#values -->
485
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487
        <owl:DatatypeProperty rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#values">
           <rdfs:domain rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#LabelGroup"/>
488
489
            <rdfs:range rdf:resource="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#string"/>
490
        </owl:DatatypeProperty>
491
492
493
        <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#version -->
494
495
        <owl:DatatypeProperty rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#version">
496
497
            <rdfs:domain rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#NetworkObject"/>
            <rdfs:range rdf:resource="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#dateTime"/>
498
        </owl:DatatypeProperty>
499
500
501
502
503
        504
505
        // Classes
506
507
        508
509
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513
514
        <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#AdaptationService -->
515
        <owl:Class rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#AdaptationService">
516
            <rdfs:subClassOf rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#Service"/>
517
518
        </owl:Class>
519
520
521
        <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#BidirectionalLink -->
522
523
        <owl:Class rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#BidirectionalLink">
524
            <rdfs:subClassOf rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#Group"/>
525
526
        </owl:Class>
527
528
529
        <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#BidirectionalPort -->
530
531
        <owl:Class rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#BidirectionalPort">
532
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<rdfs:subClassOf rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#Group"/>
533
                   </owl:Class>
534
535
536
537
                   <!—— http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#DeadaptationService ——>
538
539
                   <owl:Class rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#DeadaptationService">
540
                           <rdfs:subClassOf rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#Service"/>
541
                   </owl:Class>
542
543
544
545
                   <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#Group -->
546
547
                   <owl:Class rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#Group">
548
                           </dfs:subClassOf rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#NetworkObject"/>
549
                   </owl:Class>
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                   <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#LabelGroup -->
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                   <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#Lifetime -->
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                   </owl:Class>
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                   <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#LinkGroup -->
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                   <owl:Class rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#LinkGroup">
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                          <\! rdfs:subClassOf\ rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base\#Group"/> \\
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                   </owl:Class>
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                   <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#ListItem -->
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         </owl:Class>
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         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#Location -->
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         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#NetworkObject -->
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607
         <owl:Class rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#NetworkObject"/>
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         <!—— http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#Node ——>
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         </owl:Class>
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619
         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#Port -->
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624
         </owl:Class>
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627
         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#PortGroup -->
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         <owl:Class rdf:about="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#PortGroup">
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         </owl:Class>
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         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#Service -->
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         </owl:Class>
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         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#SwitchingService -->
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             <rdfs:subClassOf rdf:resource="http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#Service"/>
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         </owl:Class>
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         <!-- http://schemas.ogf.org/nml/2013/05/base#Topology -->
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Appendix C Relation to G.800

This section describes the relation between terms defined in this recommendation and those defined in the ITU-T G.800 recommendation [G.800].

NML Term	G.800 Term
Port	Unidirectional Port
Link	Either Link Connection or Network Connection
SwitchingService	Subnetwork
AdaptationService	Combined Adaptation Function and Termination Function
BidirectionalPort	Port
Label	Resource label

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