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Abstract

This document analyses how YANG models being defined by IETF (TEAS and CCAMP WG in particular) can be used to support Use Case 1 (single-domain with single-layer) scenarios as referenced later in this document.

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# Introduction

This document analyses how YANG models being developed by IETF (TEAS and CCAMP WG) can be used to support Use Case 1 (single-domain with single-layer) scenarios as described in [TNBI-UseCases].

## Assumptions

This document is analyzing how existing models developed by the IETF can be used at the MPI between the Transport PNC and the MDSC to support the use case 1 scenarios as defined in section 3 of [TNBI-UseCases].

This document assumes the applicability of the YANG models to the ACTN interfaces as defined in [ACTN-YANG] and therefore considers the TE Topology YANG model defined in [TE-TOPO], with the OTN Topology augmentation defined in [OTN-TOPO] and the TE Tunnel YANG model defined in [TE-TUNNEL], with the OTN Tunnel augmentation defined in [OTN-TUNNEL].

The analysis of how to use the attributes in the I2RS Topology YANG model, defined in [I2RS-TOPO], is for further study.

Moreover this document is making the following assumptions, still to be validated with TEAS WG:

1. The MDSC can request, at the MPI, the Transport PNC to setup a Transit Tunnel Segment using the TE Tunnel YANG model: in this case, since the endpoints of the E2E Tunnel are outside the domain controlled by the Transport PNC, the MDSC would not specify any source or destination TTP (i.e., it would leave the source, destination, src-tp-id and dst-tp-id attributes empty) and it would use the explicit-route-object list to specify the ingress and egress links of the Transit Tunnel Segment.
2. The Transport PNC provides to the MDSC, at the MPI, the list of available timeslots on the access links using the TE Topology YANG model and OTN Topology augmentation. The TE Topology YANG model in [TE-TOPO] is being updated to report the label set information.

## Feedbacks provided to the IETF Working Groups

*[****Editors’ note (for discussion with the DT)****:] Should we keep the history of the feedbacks provided by the DT, for historically purposes, or just track the feedbacks provided after the last IETF meeting?*

*The intention is to remove it before publication as an RFC (we may remove this section when the document is ready for WG LC or at a later stage).*

*If we keep the history, it might be better to track when the feedbacks have been provided.*

The analysis done in this version of this document has triggered the following feedbacks to TEAS WG (before IETF 99):

* On-going discussion about how to use the TE Tunnel YANG model in [TE-TUNNEL] to support tunnel segments.
* Need to change TE Tunnel YANG model in [TE-TUNNEL] to clarify that the router-id and interface-id attributes in the unnumbered explicit-route-object corresponds to the te-node-id and te-tp-id attributes identifying an LTP in the TE Topology YANG model.
* Need to add information about the label set (e.g., list of available timeslots) in the TE Topology and TE Tunnel YANG models.
* Some detailed fixes to the TE Tunnel YANG model in [TE-TUNNEL] have also been identified during the validation of the JSON examples against the TE Tunnel YANG model.

# Conventions used in this document

This document provides some detailed JSON code examples to describe how the YANG models being developed by IETF (TEAS and CCAMP WG in particular) can be used.

The examples are provided using JSON because JSON code is easier for humans to read and write.

Different objects need to have an identifier. The convention used to create mnemonic identifiers is to use the object name (e.g., S3 for node S3), followed by its type (e.g., NODE), separated by an "-", followed by "-ID". For example the mnemonic identifier for node S3 would be S3-NODE-ID.

JSON language does not support the insertion of comments that have been instead found to be useful when writing the examples. This document inserts comments into the JSON code as JSON name/value pair with the JSON name string starting with the "//" characters. For example, when describing the example of a TE Topology instance representing the ODU Abstract Topology exposed by the Transport PNC, the following comment has been added to the JSON code:

"// comment": "ODU Abstract Topology @ MPI",

The JSON code examples provided in this document have been validated against the YANG models following the validation process described in Appendix A, which would not consider the comments.

In order to have successful validation of the examples, some numbering scheme has been defined to assign identifiers to the different entities which would pass the syntax checks. In that case, to simplify the reading, another JSON name/value pair, formatted as a comment and using the mnemonic identifiers is also provided. For example, the identifier of node S3 (S3-NODE-ID) has been assumed to be "10.0.0.3" and would be shown in the JSON code example using the two JSON name/value pair:

"// te-node-id": "S3-NODE-ID",

"te-node-id": "10.0.0.3",

The first JSON name/value pair will be automatically removed in the first step of the validation process while the second JSON name/value pair will be validate against the YANG model definitions.

# High-level Overview

Use Case 1 is described in [TNBI-UseCases] as a single-domain with single layer network scenario supporting different types of services. This section provides an high-level overview of how IETF YANG models can be used to support these uses cases at the MPI between the Transport PNC and the MDSC.

Section 3.1 describes the topology abstraction provided to the MDSC by the Transport PNC at the MPI.

Section 3.2 describes how the difference services, defined in section 4.3 of [TNBI-UseCases], can be requested to the Transport PNC by the MDSC at the MPI.

## Topology Abstraction

### ODU White Topology Abstraction

In case the Transport PNC exports to the MDSC a white topology, at the MPI there will be one TE Topology instance for the ODU layer (called "ODU Topology") containing one TE Node (called "ODU Node") for each physical node, as shown in Figure 2 below.

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: ODU Abstract Topology @ MPI :

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(C-R2)- - - - - / \ \ | :

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1. White Topology Abstraction (ODU Topology)

The ODU Nodes in Figure 1 are using with the same names as the physical nodes to simplify the description of the mapping between the ODU Nodes exposed by the Transport PNCs at the MPI and the physical nodes in the data plane.

As described in section 3.2 of [TNBI-UseCases], it is assumed that the physical links between the physical nodes are pre-configured up to the OTU4 trail using mechanisms which are outside the scope of this document. The Transport PNC exports to the MDSC via the MPI, one TE Link (called "ODU Link") for each of these physical links.

Access links in Figure 1 are shown as ODU Links: the modeling of the access links for other access technologies is currently an open issue.

*[****Editors’ note (for discussion with the DT)****:] Need to discuss how to address this open issue in order to work on the other services in section 3.2.2, 3.2.3 and 3.2.4.*

*[****Editor’s note****:] Need to add considerations about ODUCn in future revisions of this document.*

*[****Editors’ note****:] Need to add some description of the ODU TTPs being reported as part of the ODU Topology.*

*In case S6 is a “pizza box”, we can expect to have only set of ODU termination resources, where up to 2xODU4, 4xODU3, 20xODU2, 80xODU1, 160xODU0 and 160xODUflex can be terminated, the traffic coming from each of the 10GE access links can be mapped into any of these terminated ODU and these terminated ODUs can be sent to any of the OTU4 interfaces:*



*Note: the OTU4 interface description needs further improvement*

*Another case could be where S6 is a multi-board equipment where access links resides on different access cards having separated set of ODU termination resources, where up to 1xODU4, 2xODU3, 10xODU2, 40xODU1, 80xODU0 and 80xODUflex for each resource can be terminated:*



*The more generic case is where S6 is a multi-board equipment with multiple access cards having separated sets of access links and ODU termination resources, where up to 1xODU4, 2xODU3, 10xODU2, 40xODU1, 80xODU0 and 80xODUflex for each resource can be terminated:*



*In the last two cases, only the ODUs terminated on the same access card where the access links resides can carry the traffic coming from that 10GE access link. Terminated ODUs can instead be sent to any of the OTU4 interfaces*

*It might be worthwhile updating Figure 1 to show four access links on S6 and allow combining the last two cases in the description.*

The "external-domain" container allows the MDSC to glue together the ODU Topology provided by the Transport PNC with the information provided by the IP PNC to know which access link is connected with each link/router in the IP domain (e.g., that C-R1 is connected with the access link terminating on S3-1 LTP in the ODU Topology).

## Service Configuration

### ODU Transit Service

In this case, the access links are configured as ODU Link, as described in section 3.1.1 above.

As described in section 4.3.1 of [TNBI-UseCases], the MDSC needs to setup an ODU2 trail, supporting an IP link, between C-R1 and C-R3.

From the topology information described in section 3.1.1 above, the MDSC can know that C-R1 is attached to the access link terminating on S3-1 LTP in the ODU Topology and that C-R3 is attached to the access link terminating on S6-2 LTP in the ODU Topology.

Based on the assumption 1) in section 1.1, MDSC would then request Transport PNC to setup an ODU2 (Transit Segment) Tunnel between S3-1 and S6-2 LTPs:

* Source and Destination TTP are not specified (since it is a Transit Tunnel)
* Ingress and egress points are indicated in the explicit-route-objects of the primary path:
  + The first element of the explicit-route-objects references the access link terminating on S3-1 LTP
  + Last element of the explicit-route-objects references the access link terminating on S6-2 LTP

The configuration of the timeslots used by the ODU2 connection within the transport network domain (i.e., on the internal links) is a matter of the Transport PNC and its interactions with the physical network elements and therefore is outside the scope of this document.

However, the configuration of the timeslots used by the ODU2 connection at the edge of the transport network domain (i.e., on the access links) needs to take into account not only the timeslots available on the physical nodes at the edge of the transport network domain (e.g., S3 and S6) but also on the devices, outside of the transport network domain, connected through these access links (e.g., C-R1 and C-R3).

Based on the assumption 2) in section 1.1, MDSC, when requesting the Transport PNC to setup the (Transit Segment) ODU2 Tunnel, it would also configure the timeslots to be used on the access links. The MDSC can known the timeslots which are available on the edge OTN Node (e.g., S3 and S6) from the OTN Topology information exposed by the Transport PNC at the MPI as well as the timeslots which are available on the devices, outside of the transport network domain, connected through these access links (e.g., C-R1 and C-R3) by means which are outside the scope of this document.

*[****Editors’ note****:] Add information about how the MDSC can use the TE Tunnel model to configure the timeslots to be used on the access links.*

The Transport PNC performs path computation and sets up the ODU2 cross-connections within the physical nodes S3, S5 and S6, as shown in section 4.3.1 of [TNBI-UseCases].

The Transport PNC reports the status of the created ODU2 (Transit Segment) Tunnel and its path within the ODU Topology as shown in Figure 2 below:

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:S6-1 \ / = \ \ | :

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(C-R3)- - - - - <<=== :

:S6-2 :

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1. ODU2 Transit Tunnel

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As described in section 4.3.2 of [TNBI-UseCases], the MDSC needs to setup an EPL service between C-R1 and C-R3 supported by an ODU2 end-to-end connection between S3 and S6.

As described in section 3.1.1 above, it is not clear in this case how the Ethernet access links between the transport network and the IP router, are reported by the PNC to the MDSC.

If the 10GE physical links are not reported as ODU links within the ODU topology information, described in section 3.1.1 above, than the MDSC will not have sufficient information to know that C-R1 and C-R3 are attached to nodes S3 and S6.

*[****Editors’ note (for discussion with the DT)****:] Need to discuss how the MDSC can know that C-R1 and C-R3 are attached to S3 and S6.*

Assuming that the MDSC knows how C-R1 and C-R3 are attached to the transport network, the MDSC would the request the Transport PNC to setup an ODU2 end-to-end Tunnel between S3 and S6.

This ODU Tunnel is setup between two TTPs of nodes S3 and S6. In case nodes S3 and S6 support more than one TTP, the MDSC should decide which TTP to use.

It is worth noting that, depending on the hardware configuration of the physical nodes S3 and S6, not all the access links can be connected to all the TTPs. The MDSC should therefore not only select the optimal TTP but also a TTP that would allow the Tunnel to be used by the service.

*[****Editors’ note (for discussion with the DT)****:] Need to discuss how the MDSC can select which TTP in nodes S3 and/or S6 to use.*

It can be assumed that in case node S3 or node S6 supports only one TTP, this TTP can be accessed by all the access links.

Once the ODU2 Tunnel setup has been requested, unless there is a one-to-one relationship between the S3 and S6 TTPs and the access links toward C-R1 and C-R3 (which in many cases it is not true), the MDSC also needs to request the setup of an EPL service from the access links on S3 and S6, attached to C-R1 and C-R3, and this ODU2 Tunnel.

*[****Editors’ note (for discussion with the DT)****:] Need to discuss how EPL service can be setup.*

### OTN Client Private Line Service

*[****Editors’ note (for discussion with the DT)****:] The [TNBI-UseCases] call this "Other OTN Client Services": we need to align the term.*

*What about "Other OTN Client Private Line Service"? These are not the only OTN client but these are only private line services.*

As described in section 3.1.1 above, it is not clear in this case how the access links (e.g., the STM-N access links) between the transport network and the IP router, are reported by the PNC to the MDSC.

As described in section 4.3.3 of [TNBI-UseCases], the MDSC needs to setup an STM-64 Private Link service between C-R1 and C-R3 supported by an ODU2 end-to-end connection between S3 and S6.

The same issues, as described in section 3.2.2, apply here:

* the MDSC needs to understand that C-R1 and C-R3 are connected, thought STM-64 access links, with S3 and S6
* the MDSC needs to understand which TTPs in S3 and S6 can be accessed by these access links
* the MDSC needs to configure the private line service from these access links through the ODU2 tunnel

*[****Editor’s note (for discussion with the DT):****] Need to conside whether the solutions to these open issues for EPL and other OTN client private line services are the same, similar or different.*

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### EVPL over ODU Service

As described in section 3.1.1 above, it is not clear in this case how the Ethernet access links between the transport network and the IP router, are reported by the PNC to the MDSC.

As described in section 4.3.3 of [TNBI-UseCases], the MDSC needs to setup EVPL services between C-R1 and C-R3, as well as between C-R1 and C-R4, supported by ODU0 end-to-end connections between S3 and S6 as well as between S3 and S2.

The same issues, as described in section 3.2.2, apply here:

* the MDSC needs to understand that C-R1, C-R3 and C-R4 are connected, thought the Ethernet access links, with S3, S6 and S2
* the MDSC needs to understand which TTPs in S3, S6 and S2 can be accessed by these access links
* the MDSC needs to configure the EVPL services from these access links through the ODU0 tunnels

In addition, the MDSC needs to get information that the access links on S3, S6 and S2 are capable to support EVPL (rather than just EPL) as well as to coordinate the VLAN configuration, for each EVPL service, on these access links (this is a similar issue as the timeslot configuration on access links discussed in section 3.2.1 below).

# Topology Abstraction: detailed JSON examples

## ODU White Topology Abstraction

Section 3.1.1 describes how the Transport PNC can provide a white topology abstraction to the MDSC via the MPI. Figure 1 is an example of such ODU Topology.

This section provides the detailed JSON code describing this ODU Topology, using the [TE-TOPO] and [OTN-TOPO] YANG models.

Note that this example is based on -09 version of [TE-TOPO] and on the -00 version of [OTN-TOPO]. Further changes to align with latest updates of these YANG models will be provided in the future version of this document.

*JSON code "use-case-1-topology-01.json" has been provided at in the appendix of this document.*

# Service Configuration: detailed JSON examples

## ODU Transit Service

Section 3.2.1 describes how the MDSC can request a Transport PNC, via the MPI, to setup an ODU2 transit service over an ODU Topology described in section 3.1.1.

This section provides the detailed JSON code describing this ODU Topology, using the [TE-TUNNEL] and [OTN-TUNNEL] YANG models.

Note that this example is based on -06 version of [TE-TUNNEL] and on the -02 version of [OTN-TUNNEL]. Further changes to align with latest updates of these YANG models will be provided in the future version of this document.

*JSON code "use-case-1-odu2-service-01.json" has been provided at in the appendix of this document.*

# Security Considerations

This section is for further study

# IANA Considerations

This document requires no IANA actions.

# Conclusions

This section is for further study

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1. Validating a JSON fragment against a YANG Model

The objective is to have a tool that allows validating whether a piece of JSON code is compliant with a YANG model without using a client/server.

* 1. DSDL-based approach

The idea is to generate a JSON driver file (JTOX) from YANG, then use it to translate JSON to XML and validate it against the DSDL schemas, as shown in Figure 3.

Useful link: <https://github.com/mbj4668/pyang/wiki/XmlJson>

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YANG-module ---> DSDL-schemas (RNG,SCH,DSRL)

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Config/state JTOX-file | (4)

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JSON-file------------> XML-file ----------------> Output

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1. – DSDL-based approach for JSON code validation

In order to allow the use of comments following the convention defined in section 2 without impacting the validation process, these comments will be automatically removed from the JSON-file that will be validate.

* 1. Why not using a XSD-based approach

This approach has been analyzed and discarded because no longer supported by pyang.

The idea is to convert YANG to XSD, JSON to XML and validate it against the XSD, as shown in Figure 4:

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YANG-module ---> XSD-schema - \ (3)

+--> Validation

JSON-file------> XML-file ----/

(2)

1. – XSD-based approach for JSON code validation

The pyang support for the XSD output format was deprecated in 1.5 and removed in 1.7.1. However pyang 1.7.1 is necessary to work with YANG 1.1 so the process shown in Figure 4 will stop just at step (1).

* 1. JSON Code: use-case-1-topology-01.json

The JSON code for this use case is currently located on GitHub at:

https://github.com/danielkinguk/transport-nbi/blob/master/Internet-Drafts/Use-Case-1-Analysis/use-case-1-topology-01.json

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