

SDF 1.1 Gaps and Proposed Features

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Gaps in modeling of data types

- Enumerations, quantized categories
 - Semantic (URI) anchor for each selection
 - sdfEnum
- Reusable sdfProperty definitions
 - Quantities, units, ranges, application semantics
 - As used in OMA LWM2M
- Composite sdfData and sdfProperty
 - Semantic and named compositetypes for sdfProperty, equivalent to multiple data items for sdfAction, sdfEvent
- Overloaded data item: range + enum codes
 - Zigbee ZCL example
- https://github.com/one-data-model/SDF/issues



Enumerations and quantized categories

- Semantic (URI) anchor for each selection
- Description field in the schema for each selection
- Flexible, binding-time mapping to representation type
- Extensible through loose coupling mapping files
- JSON pointer to each selection for mapping files
- Like to preserve the JSON-ness of the current system e.g. mapping table

Feature: sdfEnum

New Class for sdfData and sdfproperty

```
"#/sdfData/OnOffState/sdfEnum/off"
"sdfData": {
  "OnOffState": {
    "sdfEnum": {
      "on" : {
        "description": "power on state"
      },
      "off": {
        "description": "power off state"
```



Reusable sdfProperty

- Define once and use in many objects
- Semantic reusability
- Can define sdfProperty that uses sdfRef to point to a sdfProperty definition
- The pattern is used in IPSO Smart Objects
- Needed for conversion to equate sdfProperty class
- Schema change



Composite sdfProperty

- Semantic and named composite types for sdfProperty and sdfData
- Equivalent to multiple data items for sdfAction, sdfEvent
- Semantic tagging and description of elements
- JSON pointer addressable elements for mapping
- Optionality constructs e.g. anyOf, sdfRequired
- Data schema could be part of the protocol binding

 Could use the inline "sdfData" mechanism we already provide for sdfAction and sdfEvent

```
"sdfProperty": {
    "simple1" : {
        "type": "string"
    },
    "compound1": {
        "sdfData": {
            "element1": { "type": "number" },
            "element2": { "type": "string" }
        }
    }
}
```



Overloaded data element

- Some values of an analog setting reserved for enum
- Zigbee example of startup parameter for light brightness reserves a few values for settings to "restore last brightness", "set to minimum brightness", etc.
- Preferred pattern for mapping this design?
- Example has both range and enum with exclusive values, should include a "anyOf" construct to select range vs. enum



```
"sdfProperty": {
  "StartUpCurrentLevel": {
    "label": "StartUpCurrentLevel",
    "anyOf": [
       "type": "number",
        "minimum": 1,
        "maximum": 254
      },
        "sdfEnum": {
          "MinimumDeviceValuePermitted": {
            "const": 0
          "SetToPreviousValue": {
            "const": 255
```