I-D: draft-ietf-netconf-notif-envelope-03

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Status of the draft

- Draft under WGLC since 28th August [1]
 - Extended WGLC to facilitate early reviews by OPSDIR and YANGDOCTORS
 - YANGDOCTOR review by Jürgen Schönwälder: "Almost Ready"
 - OPSDIR review by Joe Clarke: "Has Issues"
- WGLC forwarded to CORE WG for review
 - No feedback received from CORE WG yet
- Received reviews from Paul Aitken, Qin Wu, Rob Wilton, Reshad Rahman and Jürgen Schönwälder
 - Thanks a lot for the reviews!
- 2 last-minute "open discussions"

Changes since -02

- Editorial changes fixing ambiguity
- Fixed XML/JSON/CBOR examples
- Removed "The 'contents' element MUST be located at the end of the notification envelope structure."
- Removed references
 - RFC3339 (Timestamps) → Rely on <u>ietf-yang-types@2025-06-23.yang</u> for the compliance with RFC3339 and RFC9557 (Timestamps with Additional Information)
 - RFC1213 (MIB, for the definition of sysName) → Rely on <u>ietf-yang-types@2025-06-23.yang</u> for the newly defined "type inet:host-name"
- Changed "type inet:hostname" to "type inet:host-name" for the definition of a hostname
- New text: "The hostname MUST be configured before by the administrator to identify the node uniquely."
- Made .sid file normative
- New YANG features:
 - "feature notification-envelope": Support of the notif-envelope
 - "feature hostname-sequence-number": Support of the hostname and sequence number

Last minute discussion (1)

Reshad suggested changing "timestamp" to "observed-timestamp"

```
"ietf-yp-notification:envelope": {
    "event-time": "2025-03-25T08:30:11.22Z",
    "hostname": "example-router.example.com",
    "sequence-number": 1,
    "contents": {
        "ietf-yang-push:push-update": {
            "id": 6666,
            "ietf-yp-observation:timestamp": "2025-03-25T08:29:30.22Z",
            "ietf-yp-observation:point-in-time": "initial-state",
            "datastore-contents": {
                  "ietf-interfaces:interfaces": {
                  "interface": [
```

(Current version & position from the authors)

Proposal from Reshad

Reasons in favor of "observed-timestamp":

XML readability

Arguments against "observed-timestamp":

• <u>draft-ietf-netmod-rfc8407bis-28#section-4.3.1</u> states that the name should not be repeated within a container

Last minute discussion (2)

- Current:
 - Toggling "enable-notification-envelope" kills all the active subscriptions (both dynamic and configured)
- Joe Clarke (OPSDIR review) proposes to
 - Enable toggling "enable-notification-envelope" <u>only</u> if all active subscriptions are terminated (less disruptive)

Next steps

- OPSDIR review
- Send to the IESG for publication

BACKUP

Proposal of this I-D

- Structure defined as a notification containing
 - event-time
 - metadata(s)
 - contents

JSON example without metadata

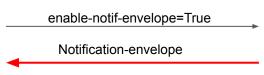
Configured Subscriptions





Dynamic Subscriptions







Proposal of this I-D

- YANG Notification structure for YANG-Push Notifications [RFC 8639/8641]
 - (1) Option to "opt-in" to this notification envelope
 - (2) Able to discover the capability of this new header through "ietf-notification-capabilities"
 - (3) Extensible header defined in YANG 1.1
 - (4) Definition of each encoding (XML, JSON, CBOR)
 - (5) Defines the first base extensions (I-D.tgraf-netconf-notif-sequencing;
 I-D.tgraf-netconf-yang-push-observation-time)

Reminder on current proposal

- Initial proposal was centralizing requests via an RPC call
 - Feedback: complex to manage
- Current proposal:
 - Switch headers using "/sn:subscriptions/inotenv:enable-notification-envelope"

```
module: ietf-yp-notification

augment /sn:subscriptions:
    +--rw enable-notification-envelope? boolean
    +--rw metadata
```

When switching this node, existing Subscriptions are tore down:

When there are existing subscriptions and a client changes the node 'enable-notification-envelope', all existing subscriptions MUST be terminated. The publisher MUST send a 'subscription-terminated' notification to all the existing subscriptions using the header configured prior to the change. Any new subscription after the change use the header defined by the node 'enable-notification-envelope', i.e. encoded as Section 3.3.1 when enabled and as defined in [RFC5277] if disabled.

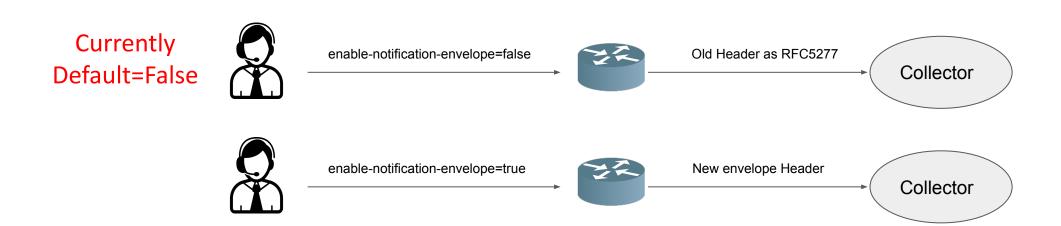
YANG model for NETCONF Event Notifications

Interim 2024-09-19 – draft-ahuang-netconf-notif-yang

- https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/minutes-interim-2024-netconf-02-202409191300/
- Thorough review of draft-ahuang-netconf-notif-yang/YANG-Push/NETCONF Event Notifications
- Conclusion
 - draft-ahuang-netconf-notif-yang fixes a gap for YANG-Push but might be worth putting the effort on a brand new header
 - O We need:
 - Bypass RFC5277, thus use YANG-Push only
 - Extensible header
 - be able to add new metadata (sequencing, versioning, others...)
 - A client should be able to "opt-in"
 - Clients that don't support this new header should continue working seamlessly
 - The notification should be a YANG-based solution
 - Fix JSON and CBOR underspecification
 - including CBOR-SID allocation

(1) Option to "opt-in" through a YANG-Push Subscription

Configuration on Globally on the server via the RPC "enable-notif-envelope"



- (2) Able to discover the capability of this new header
- Augmentation on notification capabilities (RFC9196)



- (3) Extensible header defined in YANG
- Structure defined as a notification containing
 - event-time

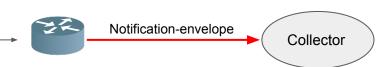
enable-notif-envelope=True

- metadata(s)
- notification-contents

JSON example without metadata

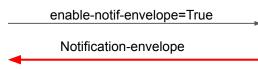
Configured Subscriptions





Dynamic Subscriptions







- (4) Definition of each encoding (XML, JSON, CBOR)
- Explicit definition of the content of the "envelope" (solving gap for JSON and CBOR)
 - Definition of the namespace (urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:notification:2.0)
 - Mandatory event-time node
 - Mandatory notification-contents node
 - Metadata present when configured

A YANG notification encoded in XML is structured as a root "envelope" container. The namespace of this container is the namespace defined in the YANG module "ietf-yp-notification":

urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:notification:2.0

Two mandatory child nodes within the "envelope" container are expected, representing the event time and the notification payload. The "event-time" node is defined within the same XML namespace as the "envelope" container. The "event-time" node MUST be compliant with [RFC3339]. Other metadata defined within the YANG module defined in Section 5 MUST use the same XML namespace. See Section 3.4 for more details.

- (5) Extensions for hostname and sequence-number
- Definition of hostname and sequence-number extensions (draft-tgraf-netconf-notif-sequencing)
 - Present by default when the envelope is enabled
 - Discovery of support of this header through RFC9196