Simplified Use of Policy Abstractions (SUPA) Policy Data Model Overview

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SUPA Framework



- The GPIM defines a generic structure for imperative and declarative policies.
- This is converted to generic YANG data models.
- In the preferred approach, SUPA generic policy data models are then used to create vendor- and technologyspecific data models.

SUPA Policy Data Model

- A data model is a representation of concepts of interest to an environment in a form that is dependent on data repository, data definition language, query language, implementation language, and protocol (typically, but not necessarily, all three).
- SUPA generic policy data model is derived from GPIM with semantics defined by GPIM.
- SUPA generic policy YANG data models contain enough information for the Policy Interface to create appropriate input mechanisms for the operator to define policies.
- SUPA Data Model-Specific Translation Function transfers SUPA generic policy data model to vendor- and technology- specific data models .
- For example, an application developer could build an application that uses the SUPA information and data models to directly output configuration snippets.

Structure of Policy Abstractions



Figure 1: Overview of SUPA Policy Rule Abstractions

• The combination of the GPIM and the EPRIM can be used to construct an Event-Condition-Action (ECA) policy data model

Current Issue on Policy Data Model

- The format and content of the Data model is not decided.
 - Scripts or structure or something in between.
 - From Juergen:

"What I find valuable is a framework that allows to write policies that can operate on arbitrary YANG configuration data models. I want to be able to apply policies how my network interfaces are configured without having to write an interface policy data model first."

- How and who to use the data model ?
 - Operators use data model to define policy or they just define the policy, SUPA does the rest.
- Need more example to show how it works

Current work

- ECA Policy YANG Data Model
- draft-chen-supa-eca-data-model-05
- **Refined** from GPIM and EPRIM to denote the ECA policy hierarchy.
- Not perfect but a good start for discussion.
- Still hand write policy rules with leaf, nodes...
- Lack of reusability

Possible Solution on **Events**

- Predefine a set of events, such as:
 - 1. Interface Counter
 - 2. SNMP
 - 3. Syslog
 - 4. Timers
 - 5. Watchdog system monitor
 - 6. Application Specific
 - Or use reference to a predefined service model
 - Or leave this to user to fill in

Possible Solution on Conditions

- Most tricky part and the key of reusability and generality
- Break logic etatament into VΔNC objects
 +--rw condition-list
 +--rw condition-name
 +--rw (clauseType)?
 +--: (encoded)
 +--rw supa-clause-content? string
 +--rw supa-clause-format? string
 +--: (boolean)
 +--rw supa-policy-variable? string
 +--rw supa-policy-operator? enumeration
 +--rw supa-policy-value? uint32
- Or use other scripts embedded in YANG and keep

Possible Solution on Actions

 Predefined a set of actions, user use it with choice statement. such as:



• Or leave this to user to fill in

SUPA ECA Policy YANG Data Model





Thanks!