Abstract

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1. Introduction

RESTCONF uses HTTP methods such as HTTP POST, PUT, PATCH, and DELETE to provide CRUD operations on a conceptual datastore containing YANG-defined data, which is compatible with a server that implements NETCONF datastores. As described in [RFC8040], the HTTP PUT method on the datastore resource can be used to replace the entire content of the datastore, however it can not be used to return any datastore (e.g., <startup>) to factory default setting or previous system restore point, especially when the RESTCONF server is implemented in a device that does not have NETCONF support. One of reasons is RESTCONF doesn’t support URL capability.

This document defines capability based extension to RESTCONF protocol that allows RESTCONF client to configure newly deployed devices with just its preconfigured initial state (i.e., factory default settings) during zero touch bootstrapping process or restore the configuration to its preconfigured initial state or system restore point either during device rooting process or at the time of system fatal error.

1.1. Terminology

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "NOT RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in BCP
The following terms are defined in [RFC8342] and are not redefined here:

- operational state datastore
- running configuration datastore
- intended configuration datastore

2. Datastore

A RESTCONF server implementing this document MUST be NMDA-compliant [I-D.ietf-netconf-nmda-restconf] and is implemented in a device that does not have a NETCONF server [RFC8040]. A RESTCONF server supports both the operational state Datastore and the intended configuration datastore.

2.1. The factory default Datastore Resource

This document introduces a new datastore resource named ‘Factory default setting’ that represents datastore with its preconfigured initial state. This datastore resource is available using the following resource path:

```
{+restconf}/ds/ietf-restconf-restore:factory-default
```

tf-restconf-restore:factory-default path component is encoded as an "identity" according to the JSON encoding rules for identities, defined in Section 4 of [RFC7951]. Such an identity MUST be derived from the "datastore" identity defined in the "ietf-datastores" YANG module [RFC8342].

When the factory default configuration is made accessible to the RESTCONF client The Factory default datastore is essentially a read only datastore.

3. New Operations

In order to support factory restore and system restore capability in RESTCONF, the YANG module "ietf-restconf-restore" defines three operations below. The factory-restore operation is is similar to NETCONF <delete-config> and defined to support Factory default Setting Capability in RESTCONF.
3.1. factory-restore

The `<factor-restore>` operation atomically returns any target datastore to factory default setting. The `<factor-restore>` operation replaces the entire contents of a writable datastore with the contents of complete factory default setting, similar to the `<delete-config>` operation defined in [RFC6241], but with additional flexibility in specifying the source with URL capability or as a new factory default datastore resource. If the target datastore exists, it is overwritten. Otherwise, a new one is created, if allowed. If an `<factor-restore>` operation is invoked on a non-writable datastore, then an error is returned, as specified in "ietf-netconf-nmda".

The "source" parameter is a datastore identity that indicates the desired source of `<factor-restore>` operation.

The "target" parameter is a name of the configuration datastore to use as the destination of the `<factor-restore>` operation.

The `<url>` element can appear as the `<source>` or `<target>` parameter.

The "restart" parameter is used to indicate whether to use bootstrapping to return target datastore to factory default setting in the `<factor-restore>` operation. If bootstrapping is used, the "source" parameter MAY not be specified.

3.1.1. Example: return `<running>` to factory default setting without zero touch bootstrapping support

The client (e.g., NMS) might send the following POST request message to invoke the "factory-recovery" RPC operation:

```xml
POST /restconf/operations/ietf-restconf-factory-default:factory-recovery HTTP/1.1
Host: example.com
Content-Type: application/yang-data+xml
<input xmlns="https://example.com/ns/ietf-restconf-factory-default">
<source>
    <url>file://checkpoint.conf</url>
</source>
<target>ds:running</target>
<restart>false</restart>
</input>
```

In this request, `<restart>` element should be set to false, `<source>` element MUST be specified. If URL Capability is supported, `<url>` element in the `<source>` element MUST be specified. The server will use HTTP GET method to retrieve content of `<source>`
corresponding to factory default setting datastore and copy the entire content to \textless target\textgreater. In successful case, the server might respond as follows:

\begin{verbatim}
HTTP/1.1 204 No Content
Date: Thu, 26 Jan 2017 20:56:30 GMT
Server: example-server
\end{verbatim}

3.1.2. Example: return \textless running\textgreater to factory default setting with zero touch bootstrapping support

The client (e.g., NMS) might send the following POST request message to invoke the "factory-recovery" RPC operation:

\begin{verbatim}
POST /restconf/operations/ietf-restconf-factory-default:factory-recovery HTTP/1.1
Host: example.com
Content-Type: application/yang-data+xml

<input xmlns="https://example.com/ns/ietf-restconf-factory-default">
  \<target>ds:running</target>
  \<restart>true</restart>
</input>
\end{verbatim}

In this request, \textless restart\textgreater element should be set to true, \textless source\textgreater element is not specified. The server will use zerotouch bootstrap service defined in [I-D.ietf-netconf-zerotouch] to get factory default setting configuration from source of bootstrapping data (e.g., a file or URL) and copy the entire content to \textless target\textgreater. In successful case, the server might respond as follows:

\begin{verbatim}
HTTP/1.1 204 No Content
Date: Thu, 26 Jan 2017 20:56:30 GMT
Server: example-server
\end{verbatim}

4. YANG Module

\begin{verbatim}
<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-restconf-restore@2018-06-21.yang"
module ietf-restconf-restore {
  namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-restconf-restore";
  prefix rct;

  import ietf-inet-types {
    prefix inet;
  }
  import ietf-datastores {
    prefix ds;
  }

  organization
\end{verbatim}
This module defines operations that implement factory-default and system restore capability in the RESTCONF protocol.

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This version of this YANG module is part of RFC XXXX (https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfcXXXX); see the RFC itself for full legal notices.

revision 2018-06-21 {
  description
    "Initial revision.";
  reference "RFC XXXX: Factory default Setting Capability for RESTCONF";
}

identity ephemeral {
  base ds:dynamic;
  description
    "The ephemeral dynamic configuration datastore.";
}
identity factory {
  base ds:datastore;
  description
    "The factory default configuration datastore.";
}

rpc factory-restore {
  description
    "The <factor-restore> operation atomically returns any target datastore to factory default setting. The <factor-restore> operation replaces the entire contents of a writable Datastore with the contents of complete factory default setting, similar to the <delete-config> operation defined in [RFC6241], but with additional flexibility in specifying the desired source with URL capability or as new factory default datastore."
  input {
    container target {
      description
        "Particular configuration to return factory default setting to.";
      choice config-target {
        mandatory true;
        description
          "The configuration target of the factory default operation.";
      leaf datastore {
        type ds:datastore-ref;
        mandatory true;
        description
          "Datastore which is the target of the factory-restore operation. If the datastore is not supported by the server, then the server MUST return an <rpc-error> element with an <error-tag> value of 'invalid-value'.";
      }
      leaf url {
        type inet:uri;
        description
          "The URL-based configuration is the config target.";
      }
    }
    container source {
      description
        "Particular factory default configuration for factory restore operation.";
      choice config-source {
        mandatory true;
        description
          "The configuration source for the factory default operation.";
      leaf factory {
        type ds:datastore-ref;
        description
          "Factory default configuration for factory restore operation.";
      }
      leaf url {
        type inet:uri;
        description
          "The URL-based configuration is the config target.";
      }
    }
  }
}
type ds:datastore-ref;
    description
        "The factory-default-setting configuration is the config source.";
    }
leaf url {
    type inet:uri;
    description
        "The URL-based configuration is the config source.";
    }
}
leaf restart {
    type boolean;
    description
        "indicate whether restart or zero touch bootstrapping service is enabled.";
    }
}

<CODE ENDS>

5.  IANA Considerations

This document registers one URI in the IETF XML Registry [RFC3688].
The following registration has been made:

    Registrant Contact: The IESG.
    XML: N/A, the requested URI is an XML namespace.

This document registers one YANG module in the YANG Module Names Registry [RFC6020]. The following registration has been made:

    name: ietf-restconf-restore
    prefix: rcf
    RFC: xxxx
6. Security Considerations

[RFC6241] provides security considerations for the base NETCONF message layer and the base operations of the NETCONF protocol. Security considerations for the NETCONF transports are provided in the transport documents.

In addition, it is important to recognize that <factor-restore> to the startup or running configurations is a sensitive provisioning operation, such global operations MUST disallow the changing of information that an individual does not have authorization to perform.

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