Introduction to Redfish

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The Status Quo

Inefficient architecture
- Designed for 8-bit microarchitectures of the past
- Increased development cost from using multiple incompatible protocols & tools
- In-band access differs from out-of-band

High barrier to entry
- Protocols not human readable
- Significant expertise required to develop for legacy protocols
- Proprietary protocols and fragmentation from OEM extensions
- Lack of interoperability

Security Risks
- Not developed with security focus
- No security best practices deployed

Scaling Limitations
- Can’t describe modern systems (i.e. multi-node)
- Current specs do not address scale data centers
- As scale increases, the need to monitor and manage efficiently increases exponentially

Outdated Tools
- Layers needed to adapt to the current tool chain.
- Special Utilities, libraries & reformatting needed to meet customer needs.
- Layers on layers
- Inefficiencies in representation and number of IOs

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What we did to fix the Status Quo

- Bring forth a modern standard that advances capabilities started by IPMI, SMASH, DASH, etc.
- Build a consortium of industry leaders using an existing standards body
- Strive for broad adoption of specification across industry to meet growing customer demand
- Seed ecosystem with open source
- Unprecedented level of interoperability
- Expand scope to rest of Software Defined IT Infrastructure over time

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How to Re-invent IT Management

Well defined management interface that exposes information directly to the modern tool chain

Scalable and extensible data model purpose built for managing Software Defined Hybrid IT

Interoperability is key

Leverage web standards, best practices & security methods.

Human readable but machine capable
A Hybrid IT Management Solution

**Design Tenets**
- Leverage common Internet / Web Services standards, other standards where appropriate
- Represent modern hardware designs (standalone to scale-out, current silicon, OCP)
- Does not require a PhD to design or use.
- Separation of protocol from data model, allowing them to be revised independently

**Protocol Suite**
- HTTPS / SSL: Primary data transport
- SSDP from uPnP: Service Discovery
- HTTP-based alert subscription
- Leverage OData v4

**REST & JSON**
- Modern, standards-based
- Widely used for web services, software defined and public APIs
- Easy for IT professionals and amateurs to utilize

**Data Model**
- Schema-based, starting with CSDL & JSON Schema
- Prepare to add schema language definitions as market changes
- An easy to use data model that a human can just read
- Create new modeling tenants to facilitate ease of design (inheritance by copy, polymorphism by union)
Why REST, HTTP and JSON?

- **REST:** The API architecture
  - Rapidly replacing SOAP
- **HTTPS:** The Web protocol
  - Well-understood by admins
  - Known security model
  - Known network configuration
- **JSON:** Modern data format
  - Human-readable
  - Simpler than XML
  - Modern language support

The combination of language support and ubiquity of REST, HTTP and JSON means that IT management tasks can be performed using the same skill set and tool chain as all other IT and dev/ops tasks.
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SPMF Leadership Companies

- BROADCOM
- CISCO
- DELL
- ERICSSON
- Hewlett Packard Enterprise
- intel
- Lenovo
- SUPERMICRO
- VERTIV
- VMware

SPMF Supporting Companies


SPMF Industry Alliance Partners & efforts

- Open Compute Project – Collaborating on profile definition
- UEFI – Collaborating on Firmware Update and Host Interface work
- SNIA – Collaborating on Storage modeling / alignment between SNIA SSM and Redfish
- TGG – Pursuing relationship to work on Power/Cooling (existing DMTF Alliance Partner)
- IETF – working on Switch modeling (no official alliance)
- ASHRAE – American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers
- BBF – Broadband Forum

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What is Redfish?

- **Industry Standard Software Defined Management for Converged, Hybrid IT**
  - HTTPS in JSON format based on OData v4
  - Schema-backed but human-readable
  - Equally usable by Apps, GUIs and Scripts
  - Extensible, Secure, Interoperable

- **Version 1 focused on Servers**
  - A secure, multi-node capable replacement for IPMI-over-LAN
  - Represent full server category: Rackmount, Blades, HPC, Racks, Future
  - Intended to meet OCP Remote Machine Management requirement

- **Expand scope over time to rest of IT infrastructure**
  - Additional features coming out approximately every 4 months
  - Working with SNIA to cover more advanced Storage (Swordfish)
  - Working with The Green Grid & ASHRAE to cover Facilities (Power/Cooling)
  - Work with the IETF to cover some level of Ethernet Switching

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Redfish Resource Map (simplified)

GET http://<ip-addr>/redfish/v1/Systems/{id}/Processors/{id}

Use the Redfish Resource Explorer (redfish.dmtf.org) to explore the resource map

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Timeline of Redfish™ Specification

• The DMTF Redfish technology
  • Sep 2014: SPMF Formed in DMTF.
    • Released multiple work-in-progress for public feedback
  • Aug 2015: Redfish Specification with base models (v1.0)
  • May 2016: Models for BIOS, disk drives, memory, storage, volume (2016.1)
  • Aug 2016: Models for endpoint, fabric, switch, PCIe device, zone, software/firmware inventory & update (2016.2)
  • Dec 2016: Adv. communications devices (multi-function NICs), host interface (KCS replacement), privilege mapping (2016.3)
  • May 2017: Composability (2017.1)
    • WIP for Telemetry
  • Aug 2017: Location, errata (2017.2)
    • WIPs for Ethernet Switching, DCIM, OCP & Profiles

• Alignment with other standard organizations
  • Aug 2016: SNIA releases first model for network storage services (Swordfish)
  • Working with IETF to create an open YANG Redfish mapping algorithm
  • DMTF created work registers with UEFI Forum, TGG, OCP, ASHRAE, Broadband Forum, ETSI-NFV, ODCA for work on applying Redfish

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Host Interface

- Replacement for IPMI KCS, etc.
- Exposes a NIC from Management Controller to OS
  - SMBIOS records provide information to allow kernel access
- Same access in-band as out-of-band
  - Kernel mode or user mode accessible
  - Encouraging OS vendors to begin consuming Redfish data.
  - This means you can get to the iLO homepage from the OS.
  - This means you can write your tools for the iLO homepage or Redfish and run them in the host OS.
  - Anything that accesses the out of band can be run on the host OS to access to local management subsystem.

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PMCI WG developing a standard to enable a server Management Controller to present a Redfish-conformant management of I/O Adapters in a server without building in code specific to each adapter family/vendor/model.

- Support adapter “self-contained, self-describing” including value-add (OEM) properties
- New managed devices (and device classes) do not require Management Controller firmware updates
- Support a range of capabilities from primitive to advanced devices (lightweight/low bandwidth options)
- Leveraging PLDM, a provider architecture is being specified that can binary encode the data in a small enough format for devices to understand and support.
- MC acts as a broker to encode/decode the data to/from the provider
- PLDM works over I2C & PCIe VDM. Additional mappings under consideration.
Interoperability Profiles: Goals

- An “Interoperability Profile” provides a common ground for Service implementers, client software developers, and users
  - A profile would apply to a particular category or class of product (e.g. “Front-end web server”, “NAS”, “Enterprise-class database server”)
  - It specifies Redfish implementation requirements, but **is not** intended to mandate underlying hardware/software features of a product
  - Provides a target for implementers to meet customer requirements
  - Provide baseline expectations for client software developers utilizing Redfish
  - Enable customers to easily specify Redfish functionality / conformance in RFQs

- **Create a machine-readable Profile definition**
  - Document must be human-readable
  - Can be created by dev/ops personnel and non-CS professionals

- **Enable authoring of Profiles by DMTF, partner organizations, and others**

- **Create open source tools to document and test conformance**
## Tools Task Force: Redfish Tools Description

SPMF Tools TF open source tools to enable Redfish  
http://www.dmtf.org/standards/opensource

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<td>Validates the CSDL conforms to Redfish requirements</td>
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<td>CSDL-to-JSON schema convertor</td>
<td>Generates json-schema files from CSDL</td>
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<td>YANG to Redfish</td>
<td>Converts a YANG model into a set of Redfish CSDL files, enabling Ethernet</td>
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<td>switching standard access via Redfish</td>
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<td>Document Generator</td>
<td>Generates documentation from json-schema</td>
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<td><strong>Working Svc</strong></td>
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<td>Mockup Server</td>
<td>Exposes a mockup as a static HTTP service (GETs only)</td>
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<td>Mockup Creator</td>
<td>Creates a mockup from a Redfish service</td>
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<td>Profile Simulator</td>
<td>Dynamic simulator of the proposed Redfish profile for OCP</td>
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<td>Interface Emulator</td>
<td>Emulate a Redfish interface statically or dynamically.</td>
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<td><strong>Test</strong></td>
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<td>Service Validator</td>
<td>Validates a Redfish service is conformant</td>
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<td>JSON Schema Response Validator</td>
<td>Validates any JSON resource against DMTF provided JSON schemas</td>
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<td>Reference Checker</td>
<td>Validates the reference URLs in CSDL files</td>
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<td>Use Case Checker</td>
<td>Collection of tools to validate common use cases for Redfish Services.</td>
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<td>Service Conformance Tool</td>
<td>Verifies conformance of a Redfish service to assertions in the Redfish</td>
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<td>CLI (redfishtool)</td>
<td>A command line tool for interacting with a Redfish service (similar to</td>
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<td>Event Listener</td>
<td>A lightweight HTTPS server that can be executed to read and record events</td>
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<td>C Library (libRedfish)</td>
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<td>Python Utility &amp; Library</td>
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Redfish Developer Hub: redfish.dmtf.org

- **Resources**
  - Schema Index
  - Specifications
  - GitHub for Redfish Tools
  - Registries
  - Other Documentation
- **Mockups**
  - Simple Rack-mounted Server
  - Bladed System
  - Proposed OCP Redfish Profile
  - More being added
- **Education/Community**
  - Redfish User Forum
  - Whitepapers, Presentations
  - YouTube shorts & Webinars

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Thank you!

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Backup Material
How simple is Redfish?

Example Python code to retrieve serial number from a server:

```python
rawData = urllib.urlopen('http://192.168.1.135/redfish/v1/Systems/1')
jsonData = json.loads(rawData)
print( jsonData['SerialNumber'] )
```

Output is:

```
1A87CA442K
```

Three lines of code: point to the resource, get the data, print the serial number.

*Example uses Redfish ComputerSystem resource*
Retrieving "IPMI class" data:
- Basic server identification and asset info
- Health state
- Temperature sensors and fans
- Power supply, power consumption and thresholds

Basic I/O infrastructure data:
- Host NIC MAC address(es) for LOM devices
- Simple hard drive status / fault reporting

Perform Common Actions:
- Reboot / power cycle server
- Change boot order / device
- Set power thresholds

Access and Notification:
- Serial console access via SSH
- Alert / event notification method(s)
- Event Log access method(s)

BMC infrastructure:
- View / configure BMC network settings
- Manage local BMC user accounts

Discovery:
- Service endpoint (network-based discovery)
- System topology (rack/chassis/server/node)

Security:
- Session-based leverages HTTPS

Working on more…
Network Infrastructure task force: YANG to Redfish

• Enable converged infrastructure management
  • One interface (one tool chain) to manage compute, storage and network
  • Switches have platform components in common with servers and storage
  • Network Functions Virtualization (NFV) will need common manageability for compute and networking

• DMTF wants to leverage the networking industry's expertise
  • YANG is the basis for general network industry manageability
  • Large body of existing YANG work
  • Model driven approach to network management