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Abstract

This document defines an information model and a YANG data model for Registration Interface between Security Controller and Developer's Management System (DMS) in the Interface to Network Security Functions (I2NSF) framework to register Network Security Functions (NSF) of the DMS with the Security Controller. The objective of these information and data models is to support NSF capability registration and query via I2NSF Registration Interface.

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1. Introduction

A number of Network Security Functions (NSF) may exist in the Interface to Network Security Functions (I2NSF) framework [RFC8329]. Since each of these NSFs likely has different security capabilities from each other, it is important to register the security capabilities of the NSF with the security controller. In addition, it is required to search NSFs of some required security capabilities on demand. As an example, if additional security capabilities are

required to serve some security service request(s) from an I2NSF user, the security controller SHOULD be able to request the DMS for NSFs that have the required security capabilities.

This document describes an information model (see Section 4) and a YANG [RFC7950] data model (see Section 5) for the I2NSF Registration Interface [RFC8329] between the security controller and the developer's management system (DMS) to support NSF capability registration and query via the registration interface. It also describes the operations which SHOULD be performed by the security controller and the DMS via the Registration Interface using the defined model.

2. 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 14 [RFC2119] [RFC8174] when, and only when, they appear in all capitals, as shown here.

This document uses the following terms defined in [RFC8329] and [I-D.ietf-i2nsf-capability-data-model].

- o Network Security Function (NSF): A function that is responsible for a specific treatment of received packets. A Network Security Function can act at various layers of a protocol stack (e.g., at the network layer or other OSI layers). Sample Network Security Service Functions are as follows: Firewall, Intrusion Prevention/Detection System (IPS/IDS), Deep Packet Inspection (DPI), Application Visibility and Control (AVC), network virus and malware scanning, sandbox, Data Loss Prevention (DLP), Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) mitigation and TLS proxy.
- o 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.
- o Information Model: An information model is a representation of concepts of interest to an environment in a form that is independent of data repository, data definition language, query language, implementation language, and protocol.
- o YANG: This document follows the guidelines of [RFC8407], uses the common YANG types defined in [RFC6991], and adopts the Network Management Datastore Architecture (NMDA) [RFC8342]. The meaning of the symbols in tree diagrams is defined in [RFC8340].

3. Objectives

- o Registering NSFs to I2NSF framework: Developer's Management System (DMS) in I2NSF framework is typically run by an NSF vendor, and uses Registration Interface to provide NSFs developed by the NSF vendor to Security Controller. DMS registers NSFs and their capabilities to I2NSF framework through Registration Interface. For the registered NSFs, Security Controller maintains a catalog of the capabilities of those NSFs.
- o Updating the capabilities of registered NSFs: After an NSF is registered into Security Controller, some modifications on the capability of the NSF MAY be required later. In this case, DMS uses Registration Interface to update the capability of the NSF, and this update SHOULD be reflected in the catalog of NSFs.
- o Asking DMS about some required capabilities: In cases that some security capabilities are required to serve the security service request from an I2NSF user, Security Controller searches through the registered NSFs to find ones that can provide the required capabilities. But Security Controller might fail to find any NSFs having the required capabilities among the registered NSFs. In this case, Security Controller needs to request DMS for additional NSF(s) that can provide the required security capabilities via Registration Interface.

4. Information Model

The I2NSF registration interface is used by Security Controller and Developer's Management System (DMS) in I2NSF framework. The following summarizes the operations done through the registration interface:

- 1) DMS registers NSFs and their capabilities to Security Controller via the registration interface. DMS also uses the registration interface to update the capabilities of the NSFs registered previously.
- 2) In case that Security Controller fails to find some required capabilities from any registered NSF that can provide, Security Controller queries DMS about NSF(s) having the required capabilities via the registration interface.

Figure 1 shows the information model of the I2NSF registration interface, which consists of two submodels: NSF capability registration and NSF capability query. Each submodel is used for the operations listed above. The remainder of this section will provide in-depth explanations of each submodel.

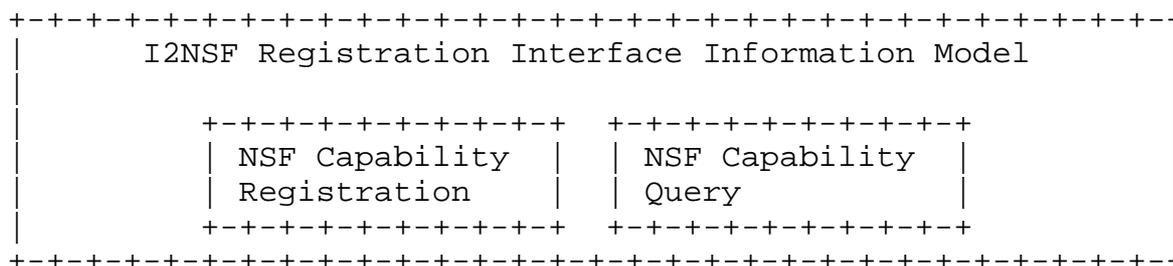


Figure 1: I2NSF Registration Interface Information Model

4.1. NSF Capability Registration

This submodel is used by DMS to register an NSF with Security Controller. Figure 2 shows how this submodel is constructed. The most important part in Figure 2 is the NSF capability, and this specifies the set of capabilities that the NSF to be registered can offer. The NSF Name contains a unique name of this NSF with the specified set of capabilities. When registering the NSF, DMS additionally includes the network access information of the NSF which is required to enable network communications with the NSF.

The following will further explain the NSF capability information and the NSF access information in more detail.

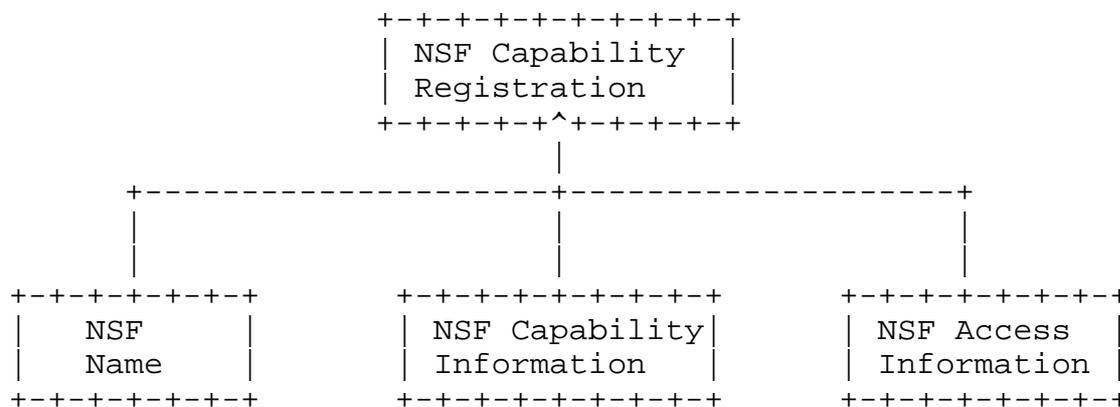


Figure 2: NSF Capability Registration Sub-Model

4.1.1. NSF Capability Information

NSF Capability Information basically describes the security capabilities of an NSF. In Figure 3, we show capability objects of an NSF. Following the information model of NSF capabilities defined in [I-D.ietf-i2nsf-capability-data-model], we share the same I2NSF security capabilities: Directional Capabilities, Event Capabilities, Condition Capabilities, Action Capabilities, Resolution Strategy

Capabilities, Default Action Capabilities. Also, NSF Capability Information additionally contains the performance capabilities of an NSF as shown in Figure 3.

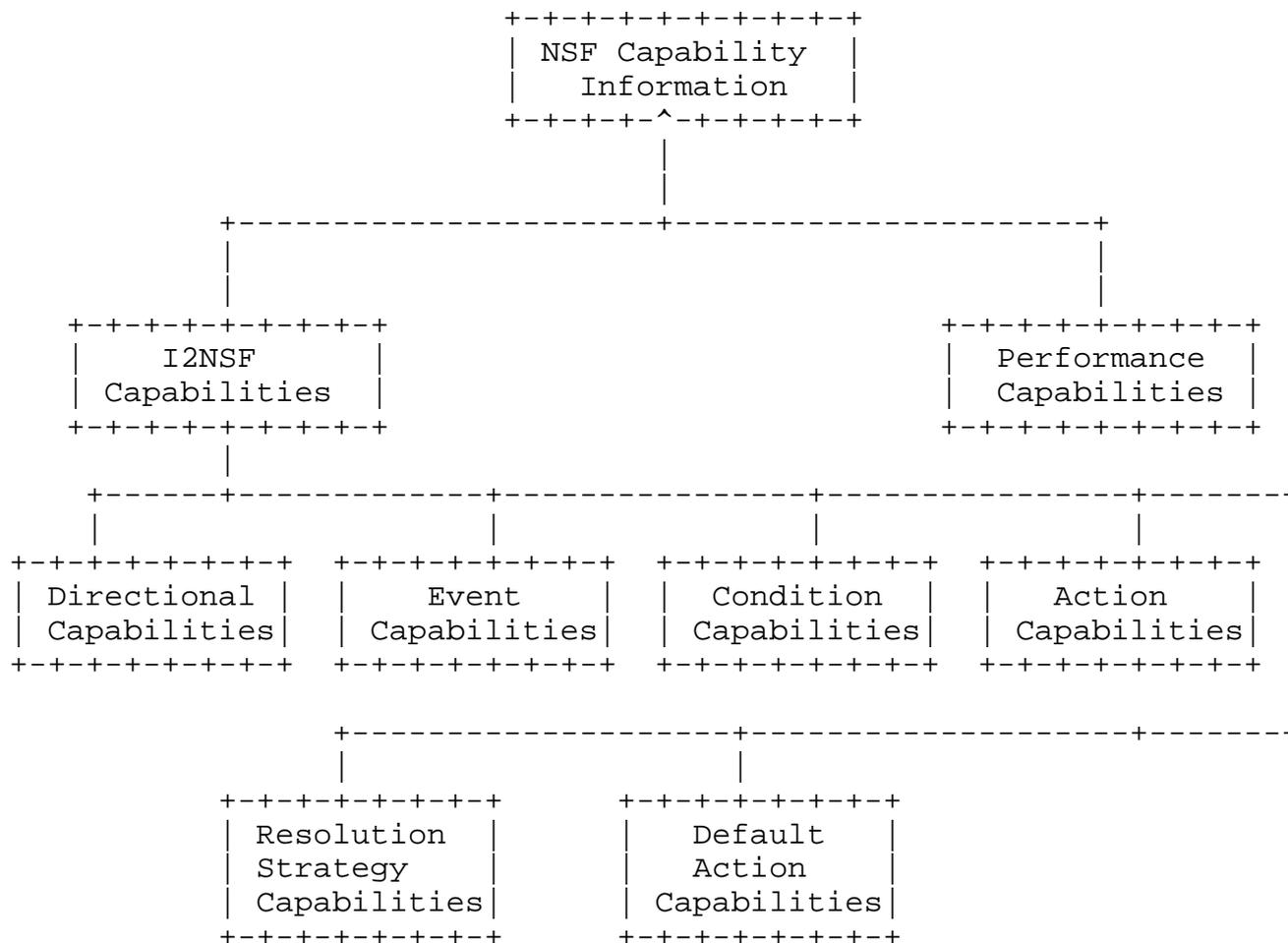


Figure 3: NSF Capability Information

4.1.1.1. Performance Capabilities

This information represents the processing capability of an NSF. Assuming that the current workload status of each NSF is being collected through NSF monitoring [I-D.ietf-i2nsf-nsf-monitoring-data-model], this capability information of the NSF can be used to determine whether the NSF is in congestion by comparing it with the current workload of the NSF. Moreover, this information can specify an available amount of each type of resource, such as processing power which are available on the NSF. (The registration interface can control the usages and limitations of the created instance and make the appropriate request according to the status.) As illustrated in Figure 4, this

information consists of two items: Processing and Bandwidth. Processing information describes the NSF's available processing power. Bandwidth describes the information about available network amount in two cases, outbound, inbound. These two information can be used for the NSF's instance request.

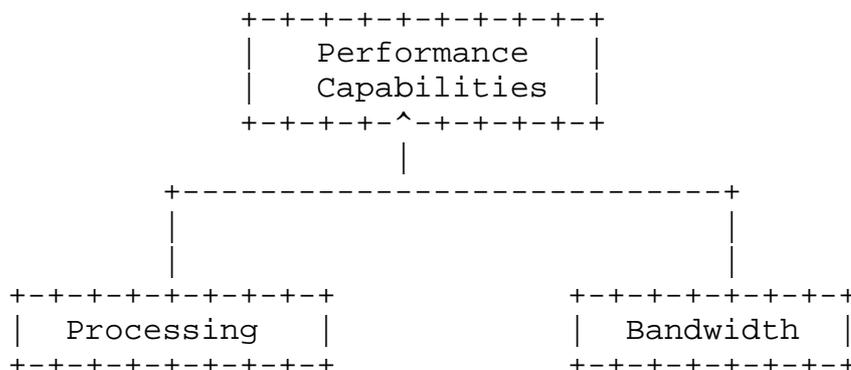


Figure 4: Performance Capability Overview

4.1.2. NSF Access Information

NSF Access Information contains the followings that are required to communicate with an NSF: IPv4 address, IPv6 address, port number, and supported transport protocol(s) (e.g., Virtual Extensible LAN (VXLAN) [RFC7348], Generic Protocol Extension for VXLAN (VXLAN-GPE) [I-D.ietf-nvo3-vxlan-gpe], Generic Route Encapsulation (GRE), and Ethernet). In this document, NSF Access Information is used to identify a specific NSF instance (i.e., NSF Access Information is the signature (unique identifier) of an NSF instance in the overall system).

4.2. NSF Capability Query

Security Controller MAY require some additional capabilities to serve the security service request from an I2NSF user, but none of the registered NSFs has the required capabilities. In this case, Security Controller makes a description of the required capabilities by using the NSF capability information sub-model in Section 4.1.1, and sends DMS a query about which NSF(s) can provide these capabilities.

5. Data Model

5.1. YANG Tree Diagram

This section provides the YANG Tree diagram of the I2NSF registration interface.

5.1.1. Definition of Symbols in Tree Diagrams

A simplified graphical representation of the data model is used in this section. The meaning of the symbols used in the following diagrams [RFC8431] is as follows:

Brackets "[" and "]" enclose list keys.

Abbreviations before data node names: "rw" means configuration (read-write) and "ro" state data (read-only).

Symbols after data node names: "?" means an optional node and "*" denotes a "list" and "leaf-list".

Parentheses enclose choice and case nodes, and case nodes are also marked with a colon (":").

Ellipsis ("...") stands for contents of subtrees that are not shown.

5.1.2. I2NSF Registration Interface

```

module : ietf-i2nsf-registration-interface
  +--rw nsf-capability-registration
  |   uses nsf-registrations

  rpcs :
    +---x i2nsf-capability-query
    |   uses nsf-capability-query

```

Figure 5: YANG Tree of I2NSF Registration Interface

The I2NSF registration interface is used for the following purposes. Developer's Management System (DMS) registers NSFs and their capabilities into Security Controller via the registration interface. In case that Security Controller fails to find any NSF among the registered NSFs which can provide some required capabilities, Security Controller uses the registration interface to query DMS about NSF(s) having the required capabilities. The following sections describe the YANG data models to support these operations.

5.1.2.1. NSF Capability Registration

This section expands the i2nsf-nsf-registrations in Figure 5.

```

NSF Capability Registration
  +--rw nsf-registrations
    +--rw nsf-information* [nsf-name]
      +--rw nsf-name      string
      +--rw nsf-capability-info
      | uses nsf-capability-info
      |   +--rw security-capability
      |   | uses ietf-i2nsf-capability
      |   +--rw performance-capability
      |   | uses performance-capability
      +--rw nsf-access-info
        +--rw ip
        +--rw port

```

Figure 6: YANG Tree of NSF Capability Registration Module

When registering an NSF to Security Controller, DMS uses this module to describe what capabilities the NSF can offer. DMS includes the network access information of the NSF which is required to make a network connection with the NSF as well as the capability description of the NSF.

5.1.2.2. NSF Capability Query

This section expands the nsf-capability-query in Figure 5.

```

I2NSF Capability Query
  +---x nsf-capability-query
    +---w input
      | +---w query-nsf-capability
      | | uses ietf-i2nsf-capability
    +--ro output
      +--ro nsf-access-info
        +--rw nsf-name
        +--rw ip
        +--rw port

```

Figure 7: YANG Tree of NSF Capability Query Module

Security Controller MAY require some additional capabilities to provide the security service requested by an I2NSF user, but none of the registered NSFs has the required capabilities. In this case, Security Controller makes a description of the required capabilities using this module and then queries DMS about which NSF(s) can provide

these capabilities. Use NETCONF RPCs to send a NSF capability query. Input data is query-i2nsf-capability-info and output data is nsf-access-info. In Figure 7, the ietf-i2nsf-capability refers to the module defined in [I-D.ietf-i2nsf-capability-data-model].

5.1.3. NSF Capability Information

This section expands the nsf-capability-info in Figure 6 and Figure 7.

```

NSF Capability Information
+--rw nsf-capability-info
  +--rw security-capability
  |   uses ietf-i2nsf-capability
  +--rw performance-capability
  |   uses nsf-performance-capability

```

Figure 8: YANG Tree of I2NSF NSF Capability Information

In Figure 8, the ietf-i2nsf-capability refers to the module defined in [I-D.ietf-i2nsf-capability-data-model]. The performance-capability is used to specify the performance capability of an NSF.

5.1.3.1. NSF Performance Capability

This section expands the nsf-performance-capability in Figure 8.

```

NSF Performance Capability
+--rw nsf-performance-capability
  +--rw processing
  |   +--rw processing-average   uint16
  |   +--rw processing-peak     uint16
  +--rw bandwidth
  |   +--rw outbound
  |   |   +--rw outbound-average uint16
  |   |   +--rw outbound-peak   uint16
  |   +--rw inbound
  |   |   +--rw inbound-average  uint16
  |   |   +--rw inbound-peak    uint16

```

Figure 9: YANG Tree of I2NSF NSF Performance Capability

This module is used to specify the performance capabilities of an NSF when registering or initiating the NSF.

5.1.4. NSF Access Information

This section expands the `nsf-access-info` in Figure 6.

```

NSF Access Information
  +--rw nsf-access-info
    +--rw ip      inet:ip-address-no-zone
    +--rw port    inet:port-number

```

Figure 10: YANG Tree of I2NSF NSF Access Information

This module contains the network access information of an NSF that is required to enable network communications with the NSF. The field of `ip` can have either an IPv4 address or an IPv6 address.

5.2. YANG Data Modules

This section provides a YANG module of the data model for the registration interface between Security Controller and Developer's Management System, as defined in Section 4.

This YANG module imports from [RFC6991] and [I-D.ietf-i2nsf-capability-data-model].

```

<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-i2nsf-registration-interface@2022-05-26.yang"
module ietf-i2nsf-registration-interface {
  yang-version 1.1;

  namespace
    "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-i2nsf-registration-interface";

  prefix
    i2nsfri;

  //RFC Ed.: replace occurrences of XXXX with actual RFC number and
  //remove this note

  import ietf-inet-types {
    prefix inet;
    reference "RFC 6991";
  }
  import ietf-i2nsf-capability {
    prefix i2nsfcap;
  }
  // RFC Ed.: replace YYYY with actual RFC number of
  // draft-ietf-i2nsf-capability-data-model and remove this note.
  reference "RFC YYYY: I2NSF Capability YANG Data Model";
}

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  reference
    "RFC XXXX: I2NSF Registration Interface YANG Data Model";
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  // this note
}
```

```
grouping nsf-performance-capability {
  description
```

```
"Description of the performance capabilities of an NSF";

container processing {
  description
    "Processing power of an NSF in the unit of GHz (gigahertz)";

  leaf processing-average {
    type uint16;
    units "GHz";
    description
      "Average processing power";
  }
  leaf processing-peak {
    type uint16;
    units "GHz";
    description
      "Peak processing power";
  }
}

container bandwidth {
  description
    "Network bandwidth available on an NSF
    in the unit of Mbps (megabits per second)";

  container outbound {
    description
      "Outbound network bandwidth";
    leaf outbound-average {
      type uint32;
      units "Mbps";
      description
        "Average outbound bandwidth";
    }
    leaf outbound-peak {
      type uint32;
      units "Mbps";
      description
        "Peak outbound bandwidth";
    }
  }
}

container inbound {
  description
    "Inbound network bandwidth";
  leaf inbound-average {
    type uint32;
    units "Mbps";
  }
}
```

```
        description
            "Average inbound bandwidth";
    }
    leaf inbound-peak {
        type uint32;
        units "Mbps";
        description
            "Peak inbound bandwidth";
    }
}
}
}

grouping nsf-capability-info {
    description
        "Capability description of an NSF";
    container security-capability {
        description
            "Description of the security capabilities of an NSF";
        uses i2nsfcap:nsf-capabilities;
        reference "RFC YYYY: I2NSF Capability YANG Data Model";
        // RFC Ed.: replace YYYY with actual RFC number of
        // draft-ietf-i2nsf-capability-data-model and remove this note.
    }
    container performance-capability {
        description
            "Description of the performance capabilities of an NSF";
        uses nsf-performance-capability;
    }
}

grouping nsf-access-info {
    description
        "Information required to access an NSF";
    leaf ip {
        type inet:ip-address-no-zone;
        description
            "Either an IPv4 address or an IPv6 address of this NSF";
    }
    leaf port {
        type inet:port-number;
        description
            "Port available on this NSF";
    }
}

container nsf-registrations {
    description
```

```
    "Information of an NSF that DMS registers
    to Security Controller";
list nsf-information {
  key "nsf-name";
  description
    "Required information for registration";
  leaf nsf-name {
    type string;
    description
      "The name of this registered NSF. The NSF name MUST be unique
      to identify the NSF with the capability. The name can be an
      arbitrary string including FQDN (Fully Qualified Domain
      Name).";
  }
  container nsf-capability-info {
    description
      "Capability description of this NSF";
    uses nsf-capability-info;
  }
  container nsf-access-info {
    description
      "Network access information of this NSF";
    uses nsf-access-info;
  }
}
}

rpc nsf-capability-query {
  description
    "Description of the capabilities that the
    Security Controller requests to the DMS";
  input {
    container query-nsf-capability {
      description
        "Description of the capabilities to request";
      uses i2nsfcap:nsf-capabilities;
      reference "RFC YYYY: I2NSF Capability YANG Data Model";
      //RFC Ed.: replace YYYY with actual RFC number of
      //draft-ietf-i2nsf-capability-data-model and remove this note.
    }
  }
  output {
    container nsf-access-info {
      description
        "Network access information of an NSF
        with the requested capabilities";
      leaf nsf-name {
        type string;
      }
    }
  }
}
```


preconfigured subset of all available NETCONF or RESTCONF protocol operations and content.

There are a number of data nodes defined in this YANG module that are writable/creatable/deletable (i.e., config true, which is the default). These data nodes MAY be considered sensitive or vulnerable in some network environments. Write operations (e.g., edit-config) to these data nodes without proper protection can have a negative effect on network operations. These are the subtrees and data nodes and their sensitivity/vulnerability:

- o nsf-registrations: The attacker MAY exploit this to register a compromised or malicious NSF instead of a legitimate NSF with the Security Controller.
- o nsf-performance-capability: The attacker MAY provide incorrect information of the performance capability of any target NSF by illegally modifying this.
- o nsf-capability-info: The attacker MAY provide incorrect information of the security capability of any target NSF by illegally modifying this.
- o nsf-access-info: The attacker MAY provide incorrect network access information of any target NSF by illegally modifying this.

Some of the readable data nodes in this YANG module MAY be considered sensitive or vulnerable in some network environments. It is thus important to control read access (e.g., via get, get-config, or notification) to these data nodes. These are the subtrees and data nodes and their sensitivity/vulnerability:

- o nsf-registrations: The attacker MAY try to gather some sensitive information of a registered NSF by sniffing this.
- o nsf-performance-capability: The attacker MAY gather the performance capability information of any target NSF and misuse the information for subsequent attacks.
- o nsf-capability-info: The attacker MAY gather the security capability information of any target NSF and misuse the information for subsequent attacks.
- o nsf-access-info: The attacker MAY gather the network access information of any target NSF and misuse the information for subsequent attacks.

The RPC operation in this YANG module MAY be considered sensitive or vulnerable in some network environments. It is thus important to control access to this operation. The following is the operation and its sensitivity/vulnerability:

- o nsf-capability-query: The attacker MAY exploit this RPC operation to deteriorate the availability of the DMS and/or gather the information of some interested NSF's from the DMS.

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Appendix A. XML Examples of I2NSF Registration Interface Data Model

This section shows XML examples of the I2NSF Registration Interface data model for registering the capabilities in either IPv4 networks [RFC5737] or IPv6 networks [RFC3849].

```
<nsf-registrations
xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-i2nsf-registration-interface"
xmlns:i2nsfcap="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-i2nsf-capability">
<nsf-information>
  <nsf-name>general_firewall</nsf-name>
  <nsf-capability-info>
    <security-capability>
      <condition-capabilities>
        <generic-nsf-capabilities>
          <ipv4-capability>i2nsfcap:next-header</ipv4-capability>
          <ipv4-capability>i2nsfcap:source-address</ipv4-capability>
          <ipv4-capability>i2nsfcap:destination-address</ipv4-capability>
          <tcp-capability>i2nsfcap:source-port-number</tcp-capability>
          <tcp-capability>i2nsfcap:destination-port-number</tcp-capability>
        </generic-nsf-capabilities>
      </condition-capabilities>
      <action-capabilities>
        <ingress-action-capability>
          i2nsfcap:pass
        </ingress-action-capability>
        <ingress-action-capability>
          i2nsfcap:drop
        </ingress-action-capability>
        <ingress-action-capability>
          i2nsfcap:mirror
        </ingress-action-capability>
        <egress-action-capability>
          i2nsfcap:pass
        </egress-action-capability>
        <egress-action-capability>
          i2nsfcap:drop
        </egress-action-capability>
        <egress-action-capability>
          i2nsfcap:mirror
        </egress-action-capability>
      </action-capabilities>
    </security-capability>
    <performance-capability>
      <processing>
        <processing-average>1000</processing-average>
        <processing-peak>5000</processing-peak>
      </processing>
    </performance-capability>
  </nsf-capability-info>
</nsf-information>
</nsf-registrations>
```

```
<bandwidth>
  <outbound>
    <outbound-average>1000</outbound-average>
    <outbound-peak>5000</outbound-peak>
  </outbound>
  <inbound>
    <inbound-average>1000</inbound-average>
    <inbound-peak>5000</inbound-peak>
  </inbound>
</bandwidth>
</performance-capability>
</nsf-capability-info>
<nsf-access-info>
  <ip>192.0.2.11</ip>
  <port>49152</port>
</nsf-access-info>
</nsf-information>
</nsf-registrations>
```

Figure 12: Configuration XML for Registration of a General Firewall in an IPv4 Network

Figure 12 shows the configuration XML for registering a general firewall in an IPv4 network [RFC5737] and its capabilities as follows.

1. The instance name of the NSF is `general_firewall`.
2. The NSF can inspect IPv4 protocol header field, source address(es), and destination address(es).
3. The NSF can inspect the port number(s) for the transport layer protocol, i.e., TCP.
4. The NSF can determine whether the packets are allowed to pass, drop, or mirror.
5. The NSF can have processing power and bandwidth.
6. The IPv4 address of the NSF is 192.0.2.11.
7. The port of the NSF is 49152.

```
<nsf-registrations
  xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-i2nsf-registration-interface"
  xmlns:i2nsfcap="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-i2nsf-capability">
  <nsf-information>
    <nsf-name>general_firewall</nsf-name>
```

```
<nsf-capability-info>
  <security-capability>
    <condition-capabilities>
      <generic-nsf-capabilities>
        <ipv6-capability>i2nsfcap:next-header</ipv6-capability>
        <ipv6-capability>i2nsfcap:source-address</ipv6-capability>
        <ipv6-capability>i2nsfcap:destination-address</ipv6-capability>
        <tcp-capability>i2nsfcap:source-port-number</tcp-capability>
        <tcp-capability>i2nsfcap:destination-port-number</tcp-capability>
      </generic-nsf-capabilities>
    </condition-capabilities>
    <action-capabilities>
      <ingress-action-capability>
        i2nsfcap:pass
      </ingress-action-capability>
      <ingress-action-capability>
        i2nsfcap:drop
      </ingress-action-capability>
      <ingress-action-capability>
        i2nsfcap:mirror
      </ingress-action-capability>
      <egress-action-capability>
        i2nsfcap:pass
      </egress-action-capability>
      <egress-action-capability>
        i2nsfcap:drop
      </egress-action-capability>
      <egress-action-capability>
        i2nsfcap:mirror
      </egress-action-capability>
    </action-capabilities>
  </security-capability>
  <performance-capability>
    <processing>
      <processing-average>1000</processing-average>
      <processing-peak>5000</processing-peak>
    </processing>
    <bandwidth>
      <outbound>
        <outbound-average>1000</outbound-average>
        <outbound-peak>5000</outbound-peak>
      </outbound>
      <inbound>
        <inbound-average>1000</inbound-average>
        <inbound-peak>5000</inbound-peak>
      </inbound>
    </bandwidth>
  </performance-capability>
```

```
</nsf-capability-info>
<nsf-access-info>
  <ip>2001:db8:0:1::11</ip>
  <port>49152</port>
</nsf-access-info>
</nsf-information>
</nsf-registrations>
```

Figure 13: Configuration XML for Registration of a General Firewall in an IPv6 Network

In addition, Figure 13 shows the configuration XML for registering a general firewall in an IPv6 network [RFC3849] and its capabilities as follows.

1. The instance name of the NSF is `general_firewall`.
2. The NSF can inspect IPv6 next header, flow direction, source address(es), and destination address(es)
3. The NSF can inspect the port number(s) and flow direction for the transport layer protocol, i.e., TCP and UDP.
4. The NSF can determine whether the packets are allowed to pass, drop, or mirror.
5. The NSF can have processing power and bandwidth.
6. The IPv6 address of the NSF is `2001:db8:0:1::11`.
7. The port of the NSF is `49152`.

Appendix B. NSF Lifecycle Management in NFV Environments

Network Functions Virtualization (NFV) can be used to implement I2NSF framework. In NFV environments, NSFs are deployed as virtual network functions (VNFs). Security Controller can be implemented as an Element Management (EM) of the NFV architecture, and is connected with the VNF Manager (VNFM) via the Ve-Vnfm interface [nfv-framework]. Security Controller can use this interface for the purpose of the lifecycle management of NSFs. If some NSFs need to be instantiated to enforce security policies in the I2NSF framework, Security Controller could request the VNFM to instantiate them through the Ve-Vnfm interface. Or if an NSF, running as a VNF, is not used by any traffic flows for a time period, Security Controller MAY request deinstantiating it through the interface for efficient resource utilization.

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Appendix E. Changes from draft-ietf-i2nsf-registration-interface-dm-17

The following changes are made from draft-ietf-i2nsf-registration-interface-dm-17:

- o Appendices A.2 through A.6 are removed as the examples shown in those Appendices are redundant as basic examples are shown in Appendix A.1. Also, the contents of Appendix A.1 are merged to Appendix A.

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