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1. Introduction

Redfish is a management standard using a data model representation inside of a hypermedia RESTful interface. It adheres to the OData v4 standard for defining schema and payload formats. This was done in order to allow off-the-shelf OData clients to interact natively with Redfish services. While the Redfish Specification only calls out a minimal set of OData functionality, implementations are allowed to extend their capabilities into the full range of OData support though doing so is outside the scope of Redfish and may provide interoperability challenges with non-OData clients. This white paper will provide details about how the Redfish Specification conforms to OData, such as how schema files are constructed and how services can construct required OData resources. For those interested in OData functionality that is outside the scope of Redfish, refer to the OData documentation link in the References section.

2. Schema files

Redfish defines its payload definitions in the Common Schema Definition Language (CSDL) as defined by OData v4. CSDL is designed to allow for clients to dynamically scan and adapt to a service's data model. It also provides documentation for developers when writing purpose built clients. Redfish CSDL files are written in XML, and the structures in the XML file define the JSON properties and objects that a service uses in its payloads. Inline annotations are also used to provide clients and users with more detailed information about a given property or object.

2.1. CSDL format

The primary body of a schema file contains namespace definitions; this is found between the <edmx:DataServices> tags. A namespace is a unique name for a set of type definitions being declared, which include things like enum definitions and JSON objects. Multiple namespaces can be defined in a single file, and they can reference each other's definitions. Type definitions are referenced as Namespace. TypeDefinition, where Namespace is the string name of the namespace, and TypeDefinition is the name of the definition being referenced.

If a schema file requires references to namespaces defined in other schema files, a reference to the namespace must be included. This is typically done at the top of the document within a <edmx:Reference> section using an <edmx:Include> statement. The reference includes the URI of the schema file being referenced in addition to which namespaces in the schema file to include. Primitive types defined by OData, which begin with Edm., do not need additional files to be included.

Below is a sample schema file showing the general format discussed above. In the example below, there are references to the external file "ExternalSchema.xml", which is calling out references to two Namespaces: ExternalNamespace and Other.Namespace. In the DataServices section, one Namespace is defined: MyNewNamespace. There is a single ComplexType definition called

MyProperty and it contains three properties: MyProperty, MyProperty2, and MyProperty3. MyProperty and MyProperty2 both reference external definitions found in the ExternalNamespace and Other. Namespace namespaces. Those definitions would be found by going into the ExternalSchema.xml file. MyProperty3 has the type set to Edm. Int64, which is simply a 64-bit integer. The following sections will describe the different elements found in the namespace definition in detail.

2.1.1. The Property element

The roperty> element is used to define a property inside of a JSON object. It provides the name of
the property and the data type of the property.

In the CSDL sample shown below, a Property named <code>SerialNumber</code> is defined, and the type is <code>Edm.String</code>. This defines a name-value pair in a JSON object where the name is <code>SerialNumber</code> and the data type to expect for that name is a string.

CSDL sample:

```
<Property Name="SerialNumber" Type="Edm.String"/>
```

The JSON representation for the above CSDL sample is shown below. It contains a JSON object with a

property that has the name SerialNumber and its value is the string 123456789.

JSON representation:

```
{
    "SerialNumber": "123456789",
    ...
}
```

2.1.2. The NavigationProperty element

The <NavigationProperty> element is used to define a property inside of a JSON object that provides a link to another resource within the service. It provides the name of the property and the data type of the resource it links.

In the CSDL sample shown below, a NavigationProperty named Thermal is defined, and the data type of the resource it links will follow the Thermal .Thermal definition.

CSDL sample:

```
<NavigationProperty Name="Thermal" Type="Thermal.Thermal"/>
```

In JSON, shown below, this is represented as a property named Thermal whose value contains an object with the property @odata.id. The value of the @odata.id property is a URI to the resource being linked. In this case, the URI is /redfish/v1/Chassis/1/Thermal, so a client can expect to receive a payload conforming to the Thermal.Thermal definition if they perform a GET on that URI.

JSON representation:

```
"Thermal": {
    "@odata.id": "/redfish/v1/Chassis/1/Thermal"
},
...
}
```

2.1.3. The Collection type

When defining Property or NavigationProperty elements, the keyword Collection can be used to turn the Property or NavigationProperty element into an array. This is done in the Type field using the format

Collection (TypeDefinition), where TypeDefinition is the underlying type of the instances in the array.

It should be noted that a "CSDL Collection" should not be confused with a "Resource Collection". In JSON terms, a "CSDL Collection" is a JSON array, and a "Resource Collection" is a JSON object that contains a set of links to "Resources" of a given type. The <u>Defining Redfish resources section</u> contains more information about "Resource Collections".

In the CSDL sample shown below, a Property named <code>AllowedSpeedsMHz</code> is defined, and the type is <code>Collection(Edm.Int64)</code>. This means that the value for the property <code>AllowedSpeedsMHz</code> in a JSON payload will be an array of 64-bit integers.

CSDL sample:

```
<Property Name="AllowedSpeedsMHz" Type="Collection(Edm.Int64)"/>
```

The JSON representation for the above CSDL sample is shown below. It contains a JSON object with a property that has the name AllowedSpeedsMHz and its value is an array containing the numbers 2133, 2400, and 2667.

JSON representation:

```
{
   "AllowedSpeedsMHz": [
        2133,
        2400,
        2667
],
...
}
```

2.1.4. The EnumType element

The <EnumType> element is used to define a set of valid values for a given property. Within the EnumType definition, a set of Members define the string values that are allowed when using the EnumType. An EnumType definition is referenced by a Property definition using the Type field for the property.

In the first sample shown below, an EnumType called IndicatorLED is defined as part of the namespace called Resource.v1_1_0. Within that definition are three Members: Lit, Blinking, and Off. Those three Members are the three string values that a service is allowed to use for that EnumType. The second sample shows how to use that EnumType with a Property. In this case, we have a Property

defined called IndicatorLED, and it's referencing the IndicatorLED definition found in the Resource.v1 1 0 Namespace via the Type field.

CSDL sample:

```
<Schema xmlns="http://docs.oasis-open.org/odata/ns/edm" Namespace="Resource.v1_1_0">
        <EnumType Name="IndicatorLED">
        <Member Name="Lit"/>
        <Member Name="Blinking"/>
        <Member Name="Off"/>
        </EnumType>
    </Schema>
```

EnumType usage sample:

```
<Property Name="IndicatorLED" Type="Resource.v1_1_0.IndicatorLED"/>
```

When representing the above property in JSON, this means that when the service provides the IndicatorLED property in its JSON object, it must return one of the three values specified by the IndicatorLED EnumType definition. An example of this is shown below.

JSON representation:

```
{
   "IndicatorLED": "Blinking",
   ...
}
```

2.1.5. The ComplexType element

The <ComplexType> element is used to define a JSON object. Inside of the ComplexType definition, there will be Property and NavigationProperty elements that describe the different properties that will be found inside of the JSON object.

In the first sample shown below, a ComplexType called ProcessorId is defined as part of the Namespace called Processor.v1_0_0. Within that definition are six Property elements named VendorId, IdentificationRegisters, EffectiveFamily, EffectiveModel, Step, and MicrocodeInfo, all of which are strings. The second sample shows how to use that ComplexType with a Property. In this case, we have a Property defined called ProcessorId, and it's referencing the ProcessorId definition found in the Processor.v1 0 0 Namespace via the Type field.

CSDL sample:

ComplexType usage sample:

```
<Property Name="ProcessorId" Type="Processor.v1_0_0.ProcessorId"/>
```

A service represents the above structure in a payload with the property ProcessorId, and the value is an object containing the six properties specified in the ComplexType definition. An example of this is shown below.

JSON representation:

```
"ProcessorId": {
    "VendorId": "GenuineIntel",
    "IdentificationRegisters": "0x34AC34DC8901274A",
    "EffectiveFamily": "0x42",
    "EffectiveModel": "0x61",
    "Step": "0x1",
    "MicrocodeInfo": "0x429943"
},
...
}
```

2.1.6. The EntityType element

The <EntityType> element is used to define a JSON object while also defining a uniquely identifiable key for that object. Inside of the EntityType definition, there will be Property and NavigationProperty elements that describe the different properties that will be found inside of the JSON object. Within Redfish, the EntityType definitions are used to define the Redfish resources.

In the CSDL sample shown below, an EntityType named Processor is defined. Within the definition are four Property elements: Id, Name, MaxSpeedMhz, and TotalCores. Id and Name are both strings, and MaxSpeedMhz and TotalCores are both 64-bit integers. Using the <Key> element, the Property named Id is established to be the key. This means that if there are a set of Processor instances, the Id property must be a unique value amongst the individual Processor instances.

CSDL sample:

A service represents the above definition as a JSON object with four properties: Id, Name, MaxSpeedMhz, and TotalCores. An example of this is shown below.

JSON representation:

```
"Id": "CPU0",
   "Name": "Processor in Socket 0",
   "MaxSpeedMhz": 2000,
   "TotalCores": 16
}
```

2.1.7. The Action element

The <Action> element is used to define an operation that a client can perform by submitting a POST request to the URI specified by the Action. As part of the definition, the parameters for the Action are established. A service advertises supported Actions for a given resource by supplying the information as part of the response to a GET on the resource.

In the CSDL sample shown below, an Action named Reset is defined. The IsBound facet is set to true in the Action definition; this means that this Action has an association with a particular resource. The first parameter is the binding parameter, which shows this Action is being bound to the Actions object for a Manager instance. As a matter of convention, Redfish only uses bound Actions, and they are bound to the Actions object for a given resource. The second parameter is named ResetType, and is an enum

defined by ResetType in the Resource Namespace.

CSDL sample:

```
<Schema xmlns="http://docs.oasis-open.org/odata/ns/edm" Namespace="Manager">
    <Action Name="Reset" IsBound="true">
        <Parameter Name="Manager" Type="Manager.v1_0_0.Actions"/>
        <Parameter Name="ResetType" Type="Resource.ResetType"/>
        </Action>
    </Schema>
```

When a client performs a GET on the Manager instance with the Action, the service responds with the Action representation in the Actions object, which is shown below. The Action itself is represented as a JSON object with the name in the format #Namespace.ActionName, where Namespace is the string name of the Namespace where the Action is defined, and ActionName is the name of the Action. In this case, because the CSDL definition shows the Action is named Reset and is within the Manager Namespace, the property name used is #Manager.Reset. Inside of the object a property named target, which shows the URI the client uses in the POST request to perform the Action; in this case the URI is /redfish/v1/Managers/1/Actions/Manager.Reset. The object also contains payload annotations to help the client identify constraints on the parameters; in this case, it shows the client is allowed to submit requests with the ResetType parameter set to On, ForceOff, GracefulShutdown, GracefulRestart, ForceRestart, or ForceOn. These annotations are discussed further in the Payload annotations section.

JSON representation:

Using the above information, if a client wants to perform a Reset of the Manager by using a GracefulRestart, it will submit a POST request to the URI given in target, and the body of the request will contain a JSON payload that contains the property ResetType with the value GracefulRestart. An example of this is shown below.

Client POST sample:

```
POST /redfish/v1/Managers/1/Actions/Manager.Reset HTTP/1.1
Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8
Content-Length: <computed length>
OData-Version: 4.0

{
    "ResetType": "GracefulRestart"
}
```

2.1.8. The Annotation element

The <Annotation> element is used to provide inline documentation for anything defined in the schema file. Annotation elements give guidance to developers, and can also express conformance rules for clients and services. Annotation elements contain a Term to describe what type of annotation is being used, and sometimes contains data to go along with it. Redfish uses only two types of annotations: those defined in OData and those defined by Redfish. OEM annotations are not allowed.

In the CSDL example below, the Property UserName contains three Annotations:

Redfish.RequiredOnCreate, OData.Permissions, and OData.Description. The first Annotation contains the term Redfish.RequiredOnCreate; it contains no data, but its presence indicates that a client is required to supply the UserName property when creating a new resource. The second Annotation contains the term OData.Permissions, which has the enum value OData.Permission/ReadWrite to indicate that UserName can be read and written by a client. The third Annotation contains the term OData.Description, which contains a string description of what this Property represents.

2.1.9. Inheritance

EntityType and ComplexType elements are both allowed to use a BaseType in their definition. The value for the BaseType is the name of the EntityType or ComplexType in which the new type is referencing. It's not possible to mix EntityType or ComplexType references; the BaseType value in an EntityType must reference another EntityType, and likewise for a ComplexType definition. All properties defined by the BaseType become available to the newly defined type.

In the CSDL sample below, two ComplexType elements are defined: Protocol and SSDProtocol. Protocol contains the Property elements ProtocolEnabled and Port, and SSDProtocol contains the Property elements NotifyMulticastIntervalSeconds and NotifyTTL. SSDProtocol is defined with the BaseType set to ManagerNetworkProtocol.v1 0 0.Protocol.

CSDL sample:

Using the above CSDL definitions, the JSON representation of SSDProtocol is shown below. Note that the JSON object contains the properties defined by both SSDProtocol and Protocol.

JSON representation:

```
{
    "ProtocolEnabled": true,
    "Port": 1900,
    "NotifyMulticastIntervalSeconds": 600,
    "NotifyTTL": 5
}
```

2.2. Redfish modeling practices

2.2.1. Core Redfish definitions

Redfish created two core schema files: Resource_v1.xml and RedfishExtensions_v1.xml. All other schema files published by Redfish leverage these files in some form.

The Resource v1.xml schema file contains the base definitions for all Redfish resources, which includes:

- The base type definitions for all resources
 - "Resources" inherit from Resource.v1 0 0.Resource
 - "Resource Collections" inherit from Resource.v1_0_0.ResourceCollection
- Common properties found in all resources
 - Id: The unique identifier for a "Resource" in a given "Resource Collection"
 - Name: The string name for the "Resource" or "Resource Collection"
 - Description: The string description for the "Resource" or "Resource Collection"
 - Oem: An empty object that vendors are allowed to fill with custom properties
- Common structures and definitions leveraged by particular resources
 - Status: Contains health information for a given resource
 - Location: Contains information relating to how a user can find the physical equipment
 - Common enumerated lists such as IndicatorLED, PowerState, and ResetType

The RedfishExtensions_v1.xml scheme file contains Annotation elements to further enhance documentation and rules regarding payloads. See the <u>Schema annotations used in Redfish</u> in the Appendix for a list of terms defined by Redfish.

2.2.2. Defining Redfish resources

As a matter of convention, Redfish creates a single CSDL file per resource type, and the file is named after the resource. For example, the CSDL for the ComputerSystem resource can be found in the file ComputerSystem_v1.xml.

All resources are put into two categories: "Resources" or "Resource Collections".

A "Resource" represents a single resource, such as the Thermal EntityType defined in the Thermal_v1.xml schema file. All "Resources" inherit from Resource.v1_0_0.Resource. The Id property is defined as the key property in the EntityType definition.

"Resource Collections" represent a set of "Resources", such as the <code>ComputerSystemCollection</code> EntityType defined in the ComputerSystemCollection_v1.xml schema file. All "Resource Collections" inhert from Resource.v1_0_0.ResourceCollection. The <code>Name</code> property is defined as the key property in the EntityType definition. All "Resource Collections" contain a single NavigationProperty called <code>Members</code>, which is an array of references to the underlying "Resources" in the collection. For example, the

ComputerSystemCollection will have an array of references to ComputerSystem resources.

"Resources" typically contain a Links property. Links is a JSON object that contains different types of NavigationProperty elements to show how different resources in data model relate to one another. For example, in the ComputerSystem definition, there is a NavigationProperty called ManagedBy that is of type Collection (Manager.Manager). This allows a ComputerSystem instance to reference a set of Managers in a different portion of the service in order to show which Managers are used to manage the given ComputerSystem. The CSDL for this is shown below.

Links CSDL sample:

```
<NavigationProperty Name="ManagedBy" Type="Collection(Manager.Manager)">
        <Annotation Term="OData.Permissions" EnumMember="OData.Permission/Read"/>
        <Annotation Term="OData.Description" String="An array of references to the
Managers responsible for this system."/>
        <Annotation Term="OData.AutoExpandReferences"/>
        </NavigationProperty>
```

All "Resources" and "Resource Collections" have an optional <code>Oem</code> property. This property is an empty object that organizations are allowed to populate with their own data structure. In order to do this, the organization uses another object named after their organization within the <code>Oem</code> object; this is done in order to allow multiple organizations to make extensions on the same resource simultaneously without collisions. Inside the organization's object are all the properties being added to the resource. The example below shows the Contoso organization adding new properties to a ComputerSystem instance.

OEM example:

```
"@odata.type": "#ComputerSystem.v1_5_0.ComputerSystem",
"Id": "437XR1138R2",
"Name": "WebFrontEnd483",
"SystemType": "Physical",
"Oem": {
        "Contoso": {
            "@odata.type": "#Contoso.v1_2_0.AnvilType1",
            "slogan": "Contoso anvils never fail",
            "disclaimer": "* Most of the time"
        }
},
...
```

2.2.2.1. Resources in multiple Resource Collections

There are certain cases where a single "Resource" might belong in multiple "Resource Collections". The simple example is with the <code>Systems</code> and <code>StorageSystems</code> properties found on the Service Root. Both of these links go to resources that contain a collection of ComputerSystems. While these "Resource Collections" have their own unique URIs, the intent of the data model is that all instances of ComputerSystems found in the "Resource Collection" found via the <code>StorageSystems</code> property will also be found in the "Resource Collection" found via the <code>Systems</code> property. This type of practice is not common in generic OData implementations.

The two payloads below show samples of "Resource Collections" for the Systems and StorageSystems links respectively. Notice that the URIs in the StorageSystems payload are a subset of the URIs in the Systems payload.

```
{
    "@odata.id": "/redfish/v1/Systems",
    "@odata.type": "#ComputerSystemCollection.ComputerSystemCollection",
    "Name": "Systems Collection",
    "Members": [
        {
            "@odata.id": "/redfish/v1/Systems/1"
        },
        {
            "@odata.id": "/redfish/v1/Systems/2"
        },
            "@odata.id": "/redfish/v1/Systems/3"
        },
        {
            "@odata.id": "/redfish/v1/Systems/4"
    ]
```

```
}
1
}
```

2.2.3. Referenceable Members

In some cases, Redfish uses EntityType elements to define embedded objects within a given Resource. These EntityType elements inherit from Resource.v1_0_0.ReferenceableMember, which is defined in the Resource_v1.xml schema file. All "Referenceable Members" contain a "Memberld" property. A client is not able to perform HTTP operations, such as GET, on these EntityType elements. AutoExpand is also included to ensure the properties of the resource are populated within the JSON body. The purpose of defining these embedded objects as EntityType elements as opposed to ComplexType elements is to leverage the @odata.id property in order to allow other portions of the Redfish data model to provide a URI to an individual structure, such as a RelatedItem link pointing to a single Temperature object. The @odata.id property is structured as a URI with a JSON fragment identifier in these cases.

In the CSDL sample below, the Resource Thermal is defined. It contains a single NavigationProperty element named Temperatures, which is an array of Thermal.v1_0_0.Temperature elements. This NavigationProperty also contains the <code>OData.AutoExpand</code> Annotation element, meaning that the properties defined by Thermal.v1_0_0.Temperature will be contained in the payload for Thermal.v1_0_0.Thermal.

CSDL sample:

```
<Schema xmlns="http://docs.oasis-open.org/odata/ns/edm" Namespace="Thermal.v1 0 0">
   <EntityType Name="Thermal" BaseType="Thermal.Thermal">
     <NavigationProperty Name="Temperatures"</pre>
Type="Collection(Thermal.v1_0_0.Temperature)" ContainsTarget="true">
        <Annotation Term="OData.Permissions" EnumMember="OData.Permission/ReadWrite"/>
        <Annotation Term="OData.Description" String="This is the definition for</pre>
temperature sensors."/>
       <Annotation Term="OData.LongDescription" String="These properties shall be the</pre>
definition for temperature sensors for a Redfish implementation."/>
        <Annotation Term="OData.AutoExpand"/>
      </NavigationProperty>
    </EntityType>
    <EntityType Name="Temperature" BaseType="Resource.v1 0 0.ReferenceableMember">
      <Property Name="Name" Type="Edm.String">
        <Annotation Term="OData.Permissions" EnumMember="OData.Permission/Read"/>
        <Annotation Term="OData.Description" String="Temperature sensor name."/>
       <Annotation Term="OData.LongDescription" String="The value of this property</pre>
shall be the name of the temperature sensor."/>
      </Property>
```

```
</EntityType>
</Schema>
```

Using the above CSDL definitions, the JSON representation of Thermal.v1_0_0.Temperature is shown below. It contains a property named Temperatures, which contains an array of objects. In this case, there are two instances, each of which contain the properties @odata.id, MemberId, and Name. The @odata.id property in each of the Temperature objects contains the URI of the Thermal resource, and a JSON fragment identifier that identifies where in the JSON response the object resides.

JSON representation:

2.2.4. Schema versioning

As stated in the previous section, all resources are put into two categories: "Resources" or "Resource Collections".

"Resource Collections" do not contain any version information. This is because "Resource Collections" contain a single Members property, and the overall definition never grows over time. The Namespace used in these definitions is always the same as the EntityType name. For example, the ChassisCollection_v1.xml schema file contains a single Namespace called ChassisCollection, and within that namespace is a single EntityType definition also called ChassisCollection.

"Resources" contain version information encoded in the name of the Namespaces used in the schema files. The first Namespace for a "Resource" is unversioned, and is the same name of the "Resource" itself. This Namespace also contains a single EntityType definition for the "Resource", and is defined to

be abstract. Subsequent Namespaces contain version information, and the definitions within each Namespace inherits from the previous versions. Versioned Namespaces are in the format of $ResourceName.vX_Y_Z$, where x is the major version, Y is the minor version, and Z is the errata version.

When new functionality is added, such as adding a new Property, a new minor version of the "Resource" is created. When an existing definition is corrected, such as fixing an Annotation term on a Property, a new errata version is created. Major versions are reserved for definitions that break backward compatibility with existing definitions. For a complete definition of versioning, see the Redfish Specification.

The CSDL below contains a collapsed definition of the Session resource to highlight the versioning.

- The first Namespace is called Session, and contains a single EntityType definition also called Session.
- The second Namespace is called Session.v1_0_0, which is the 1.0.0 definition, and the Session EntityType inherits from Session.Session.
- The next two Namespaces are Session.v1_0_2 and Session.v1_0_3, which are versions 1.0.2 and 1.0.3 respectively. Their Session EntityType definitions inherit from the previous versions. These were created to fix Annotations found in the 1.0.0 definition.
- The last Namespace is Session.v1_1_0, which is the 1.1.0 definition. The Session EntityType added a new Actions property to the existing Session definition.

Session CSDL versioning:

```
</EntityType>
</Schema>
```

2.3. CSDL vs. JSON Schema

The DMTF publishes all Redfish schema files in two formats: CSDL and JSON Schema. Both formats are functionally equivalent, and it's up to the client's design whether it uses one form versus the other. Currently, the DMTF uses a tool to automatically generate all of the JSON Schema files based off the CSDL definitions. Other than the language of the schema files themselves, the distinct difference between the two formats is CSDL has one file per resource type, whereas JSON Schema uses one file per version per resource type. For example, the Session CSDL file shown in the Schema versioning section will generate five JSON Schema files: Session.json, Session.v1_0_0.json, Session.v1_0_2.json, Session.v1_0_3.json, and Session.v1_1_0.json.

For those interested in CSDL to JSON Schema conversion process, refer to the Redfish Tools repository link in the <u>References section</u>. A tool to convert from JSON Schema to CSDL has yet to be released.

3. Payload annotations

Payload annotations are a mechanism in which a service can provide additional information about a given property or object within a response. The definitions for these annotations are the same as annotations used in the CSDL files; an Annotation element in a given Namespace can be used to define payload annotations.

Redfish limits the scope of these to only core terms defined by OData, as well as Annotation elements defined in the Redfish and Message Namespaces. The Redfish Namespace is an alias for the RedfishExtensions.v1_0_0 Namespace found in RedfishExtensions_v1.xml. The Message Namespace is found in Message_v1.xml.

3.1. Annotating a single property in a response

A payload annotation for a single property takes the form of Property@Namespace.Term, where Property is the JSON property being annotated, Namespace is the Namespace in the CSDL file where the definition is found, and Term is the name of the Annotation element found in the Namespace.

In the example below, the property ResetType is being annotated with the AllowableValues term, which is defined in the Redfish Namespace. This is used to indicate to the client that the service supports the values On and ForceOff for ResetType.

Property annotation example:

```
{
    "ResetType@Redfish.AllowableValues": [
         "On",
         "ForceOff"
],
    ...
}
```

Common property annotations in payloads:

Term	Usage
@Redfish.AllowableValues	Indicates to the client the different string values the service accepts for a given action parameter
@Message.ExtendedInfo	Allows the service to provide a set of Message structures for a given property to indicate additional information; this can be useful when a property is null due to an error condition, and the service wants to convey why the property is null
@odata.count	Can be used on properties that are arrays in order to indicate their size so that a client does not need to count the array members

3.2. Annotating an object in a response

A payload annotation for an object takes the form of <code>@Namespace.Term</code>, where <code>Namespace</code> is the Namespace in the CSDL file where the definition is found and <code>Term</code> is the name of the Annotation element found in the Namespace. These payload annotations are used to provide further information about the object itself.

In the example below, the object is being annotated with the ActionInfo term, which is defined in the Redfish Namespace. This is used to indicate to the client that it can find more information about the given action, in this case #ComputerSystem.Reset, at the URI /redfish/v1/Systems/1/ResetActionInfo.

Object annotation example:

```
{
   "#ComputerSystem.Reset": {
    "target": "/redfish/v1/Systems/1/Actions/ComputerSystem.Reset",
```

```
"@Redfish.ActionInfo": "/redfish/v1/Systems/1/ResetActionInfo"
},
...
}
```

Common object annotations in payloads:

Term	Usage
@Redfish.Settings	Gives the client a reference to the resource that represents the future property settings to be applied to this object
@Redfish.ActionInfo	Used on actions to provide the client a reference to an ActionInfo resource, which gives detailed information about a given action's parameters
@Message.ExtendedInfo	Allows the service to provide a set of Message structures for a given object to indicate additional information; this can be useful when an error condition is reached, and the service wants to convey what error was encountered
@odata.id	Provides the unique URI for a given resource
@odata.type	Provides the type definition of the object in the format of #Namespace. Type, where Namespace is the Namespace in the CSDL file where the definition is found and Type is the name of the ComplexType or EntityType element found in the Namespace
@odata.context	Provides an OData client with a descriptor for the content of the payload; in Redfish, this is simply always going to be /redfish/v1/\$metadata#Namespace.Entity, where Namespace is the unversioned Namespace in the CSDL file where the definition is found and Entity is the name of the EntityType element being used

4. OData service document

All services must provide the OData service document at the URI /redfish/v1/odata. This document is not a Redfish resource, but rather is the entry point to the service for OData clients. The OData service document is a JSON object and contains two properties: value and @odata.context. The value property consists of an array of the top level entry points to the service, and the @odata.context property contains the URI to the metadata document. A sample OData service document can be found in

the Appendix.

The CSDL definition for what is defined in the OData service document is found in the EntityContainer element. Within Redfish, this is defined in the ServiceRoot_v1.xml file, and is given the name ServiceContainer. As a general rule, any of the NavigationProperty elements defined in the ServiceRoot EntityType definition are also put into the EntityContainer definition. Redfish also only uses Singletons. Similar to how the BaseType term can be used to extend the definition of an existing ComplexType or EntityType element, the Extends term can be used in an EntityContainer element to add new definitions to an existing EntityContainer. Whenever new NavigationProperty elements are added to the ServiceRoot resource, the ServiceContainer definition is also expanded accordingly.

The OData service document for a given service must match the ServiceRoot resource for that same service. For example, if a service supports the AccountService resource, it must be in both the OData service document as well as the ServiceRoot resource.

Vendors can also create their own OEM services and tie them into the OData service document. Using the same methodology as when ServiceRoot is published with new standard services, a vendor can extend the standard ServiceContainer definition for their own purposes. In the example below, Contoso created their own extension to the ServiceContainer by basing it on the ServiceContainer definition found in the ServiceRoot.v1_2_0 Namespace, and adding a new service called TurboencabulatorService, Which is of type TurboencabulatorService. TurboencabulatorService.

Example of extending ServiceContainer:

5. Metadata document

All services must provide the metadata document at the URI /redfish/v1/\$metadata. This document is used by OData clients to resolve definitions for payloads it finds in the service. The metadata document is an XML file, and in typical OData cases it contains the entire schema definition for the service. However, Redfish uses this document to simply point to the CSDL files that the DMTF has published, as

well as any OEM CSDL files a given service may require. This is done in order to maintain consistency with what has been published by the DMTF. In Redfish, this document is typically consists of a set of references to Namespaces the service references, as well as the EntityContainer definition for the service.

The metadata document does not need to include every Namespace ever defined by Redfish; it just needs to include the Namespaces referenced by the service. There are a few things to examine to help a developer construct the metadata document for their own service:

- Include the Namespaces referenced by the @odata.type properties returned by the service
 - Example: if the service can return the @odata.type property with the value #ComputerSystem.v1_5_0.ComputerSystem, it must include the Namespace ComputerSystem.v1 5 0 in the metadata document
- Include the Namespaces referenced by the @odata.context properties returned by the service
 - Example: if the service can return the @odata.context property with the value /redfish/v1/\$metadata#ComputerSystem.ComputerSystem, it must include the Namespace ComputerSystem in the metadata document
- Include the Namespaces referenced by payload annotations returned by the service
 - This is limited to the Redfish and Message Namespaces
 - The Redfish Namespace is an alias for the RedfishExtensions.v1_0_0
 Namespace; the alias must be defined in the metadata document
- · Do not forget to include Namespaces referenced by error responses
 - Typically this is limited to the Message Namespace and one of the versioned
 Namespaces inside Message_v1.xml, such as Message.v1 0 0.Message
- Do not forget to include the Namespace where the ServiceContainer will be referenced

The EntityContainer definition for the service is placed between the <edmx:DataServices> tags. This definition will simply reference the ServiceContainer definition found in ServiceRoot_v1.xml, or the OEM definition of the ServiceContainer if needed.

A sample metadata document can be found in the Appendix.

6. Appendix

6.1. Primitive OData types used in Redfish

Туре	JSON Representation
Edm.Boolean	Boolean

Туре	JSON Representation
Edm.DateTimeOffset	String, formatted as a date-time value with offset
Edm.Decimal	Number, optionally containing a decimal point
Edm.Double	Number, optionally containing a decimal point and optionally containing an exponent
Edm.Guid	String, matching the pattern ([0-9a-f]{8}-[0-9a-f]{4}-[0-9a-f]{4}-[0-9a-f]{4}-[0-9a-f]{12})
Edm.Int64	Number with no decimal point
Edm.String	String

6.2. Schema annotations used in Redfish

6.2.1. Core annotations defined by OData

Term	Usage
OData.Description	Provides a human-readable string to describe what a Property, NavigationProperty, ComplexType, or other definition is.
OData.LongDescription	Provides a string containing normative language about a Property, NavigationProperty, ComplexType, or other definition.
OData.Permissions	Dictates whether a given Property is writable or read only.
OData.AdditionalProperties	Shows whether a given ComplexType or EntityType is allowed to have more properties than what is defined in the schema.
OData.AutoExpandReferences	Shows whether a given NavigationProperty contains its reference (@odata.id property).
OData.AutoExpand	Shows whether the service will expand the properties found in the NavigationProperty in the current payload.
Measures.Unit	Documents the units of measurement for a value; the

Term	Usage
	Unified Code for Units of Measure (UCUM) notation used.
Capabilities.InsertRestrictions	Shows whether a client is allowed to add new members for a given "Resource Collection".
Capabilities.UpdateRestrictions	Shows whether a client is allowed to modify the resource.
Capabilities.DeleteRestrictions	Shows whether a client is allowed to delete a given resource.

6.2.2. Redfish annotations defined in RedfishExtensions_v1.xml

Term	Usage
Redfish.Required	Indicates whether a Property or NavigationProperty is required to be implemented by the service.
Redfish.RequiredOnCreate	Indicates whether a Property or NavigationProperty is required to be provided by the client as part of a create request.
Redfish.IPv6Format	Indicates whether a Property follows IPv6 addressing or formatting rules.
Redfish.Deprecated	Indicates whether a Property, NavigationProperty, or other definition should no longer be used; also provides guidance on what should be done instead.
Redfish.DynamicPropertyPatterns	Indicates whether a service can add additional properties that conform to the patterns specified by the schema file.
Validation.Pattern	Gives a regex string to show proper formatting for a string property.
Validation.Minimum	Gives a minimum value a numeric property is allowed to return.
Validation.Maximum	Gives a maximum value a numeric property is allowed to return.

6.3. Sample OData service document

```
"@odata.context": "/redfish/v1/$metadata",
"value": [
   {
        "name": "Service",
        "kind": "Singleton",
        "url": "/redfish/v1/"
    },
        "name": "Systems",
        "kind": "Singleton",
        "url": "/redfish/v1/Systems"
    },
        "name": "Chassis",
        "kind": "Singleton",
        "url": "/redfish/v1/Chassis"
   },
        "name": "Managers",
        "kind": "Singleton",
        "url": "/redfish/v1/Managers"
    },
        "name": "TaskService",
        "kind": "Singleton",
        "url": "/redfish/v1/TaskService"
    },
        "name": "AccountService",
        "kind": "Singleton",
        "url": "/redfish/v1/AccountService"
    },
        "name": "SessionService",
        "kind": "Singleton",
        "url": "/redfish/v1/SessionService"
    },
        "name": "EventService",
        "kind": "Singleton",
        "url": "/redfish/v1/EventService"
    },
```

```
"name": "Sessions",
    "kind": "Singleton",
    "url": "/redfish/v1/SessionService/Sessions"
}
]
```

6.4. Sample metadata document

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<edmx:Edmx xmlns:edmx="http://docs.oasis-open.org/odata/ns/edmx" Version="4.0">
 <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/ServiceRoot v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="ServiceRoot"/>
    <edmx:Include Namespace="ServiceRoot.v1 2 0"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/AccountService_v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="AccountService"/>
    <edmx:Include Namespace="AccountService.v1 2 0"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/Bios v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="Bios"/>
    <edmx:Include Namespace="Bios.v1 0 2"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/Chassis v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="Chassis"/>
    <edmx:Include Namespace="Chassis.v1 5 0"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/ChassisCollection v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="ChassisCollection"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/ComputerSystem v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="ComputerSystem"/>
    <edmx:Include Namespace="ComputerSystem.v1 4 0"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/</pre>
ComputerSystemCollection v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="ComputerSystemCollection"/>
 </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/EthernetInterface v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="EthernetInterface"/>
    <edmx:Include Namespace="EthernetInterface.v1_3_0"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
```

```
<edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/</pre>
EthernetInterfaceCollection v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="EthernetInterfaceCollection"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/EventDestination v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="EventDestination"/>
    <edmx:Include Namespace="EventDestination.v1 2 0"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/</pre>
EventDestinationCollection v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="EventDestinationCollection"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/EventService v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="EventService"/>
    <edmx:Include Namespace="EventService.v1 0 4"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/LogEntry v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="LogEntry"/>
    <edmx:Include Namespace="LogEntry.v1 2 0"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/LogEntryCollection v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="LogEntryCollection"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/LogService v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="LogService"/>
    <edmx:Include Namespace="LogService.v1 0 4"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/LogServiceCollection v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="LogServiceCollection"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/Manager v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="Manager"/>
    <edmx:Include Namespace="Manager.v1 3 1"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/ManagerCollection v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="ManagerCollection"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/ManagerAccount v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="ManagerAccount"/>
    <edmx:Include Namespace="ManagerAccount.v1 1 0"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/</pre>
ManagerAccountCollection v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="ManagerAccountCollection"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/</pre>
ManagerNetworkProtocol v1.xml">
```

```
<edmx:Include Namespace="ManagerNetworkProtocol"/>
    <edmx:Include Namespace="ManagerNetworkProtocol.v1 2 0"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/Memory v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="Memory"/>
    <edmx:Include Namespace="Memory.v1 2 0"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/MemoryCollection v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="MemoryCollection"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/Message v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="Message"/>
    <edmx:Include Namespace="Message.v1 0 0"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/Power v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="Power"/>
    <edmx:Include Namespace="Power.v1 3 0"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/Processor v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="Processor"/>
    <edmx:Include Namespace="Processor.v1 1 0"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/ProcessorCollection v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="ProcessorCollection"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/Role v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="Role"/>
    <edmx:Include Namespace="Role.v1 1 0"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/RoleCollection v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="RoleCollection"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/SerialInterface v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="SerialInterface"/>
    <edmx:Include Namespace="SerialInterface.v1_1_1"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/</pre>
SerialInterfaceCollection v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="SerialInterfaceCollection"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/Session v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="Session"/>
    <edmx:Include Namespace="Session.v1 1 0"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/SessionCollection v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="SessionCollection"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
```

```
<edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/SessionService v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="SessionService"/>
    <edmx:Include Namespace="SessionService.v1 1 2"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/Settings v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="Settings.v1 0 0"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/SimpleStorage v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="SimpleStorage"/>
    <edmx:Include Namespace="SimpleStorage.v1 2 0"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/</pre>
SimpleStorageCollection v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="SimpleStorageCollection"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/Task v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="Task"/>
    <edmx:Include Namespace="Task.v1 1 0"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/TaskCollection v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="TaskCollection"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/TaskService_v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="TaskService"/>
    <edmx:Include Namespace="TaskService.v1 1 0"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/Thermal v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="Thermal"/>
    <edmx:Include Namespace="Thermal.v1 3 0"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/VirtualMedia v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="VirtualMedia"/>
    <edmx:Include Namespace="VirtualMedia.v1 1 0"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/</pre>
VirtualMediaCollection v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="VirtualMediaCollection"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/VLanNetworkInterface v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="VLanNetworkInterface"/>
    <edmx:Include Namespace="VLanNetworkInterface.v1 1 0"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
  <edmx:Reference Uri="http://redfish.dmtf.org/schemas/v1/</pre>
VLanNetworkInterfaceCollection v1.xml">
    <edmx:Include Namespace="VLanNetworkInterfaceCollection"/>
  </edmx:Reference>
```

6.5. References

- OData Documentation: [http://www.odata.org/documentation/]
- Redfish Tools Repo: [https://github.com/DMTF/Redfish-Tools]