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VNF Descriptor (VNFD) Overview

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Topics

- VNF Descriptor (VNFD) Overview: NFV SOL 001 & status
 - Type definitions
 - OASIS TOSCA overview
 - Configurable properties & modifiable attributes
 - Type extension
 - VNFD service template design: single & multiple deployment flavours
- Examples on single deployment flavour, connectivity, and scaling



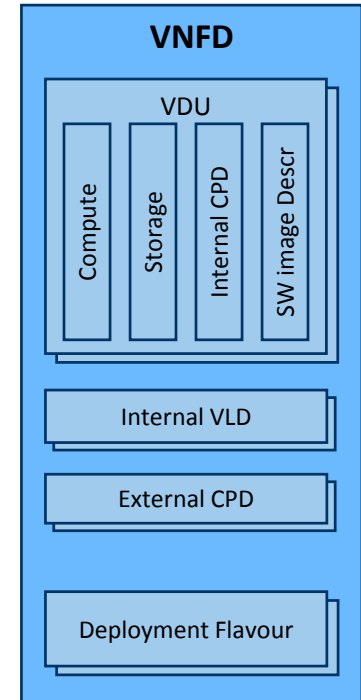
Part 1: VNFD Overview

VNF Descriptor (VNFD)

The **VNFD** defines **VNF properties**, such as:

- ✔ Resources needed (amount and type of Virtual Compute, Storage, Networking),
- ✔ Software metadata,
- ✔ Connectivity (descriptors for):
 - ✔ External Connection Points
 - ✔ Internal Virtual Links
 - ✔ Internal Connection Points
- ✔ Lifecycle management behavior (e.g. scaling, instantiation),
- ✔ Supported lifecycle management operations, and their configuration,
- ✔ Supported VNF specific parameters, and
- ✔ Affinity / anti-affinity rules.

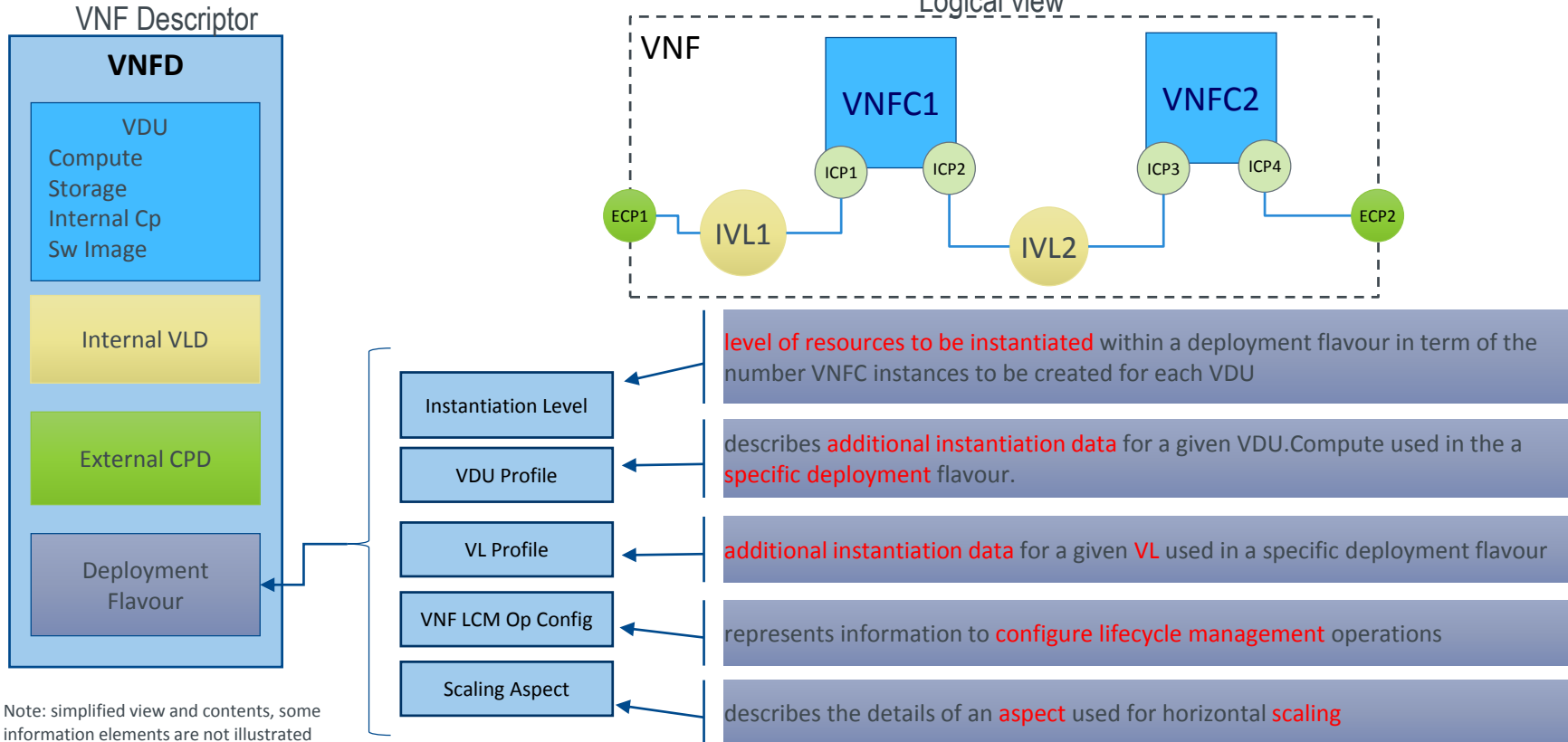
The VNFD defines **deployment flavours** (size-bounded deployment configurations, e.g. related to capacity).



Reference:

- ETSI GS NFV-IFA 011
- ETSI GS NFV-SOL 001*

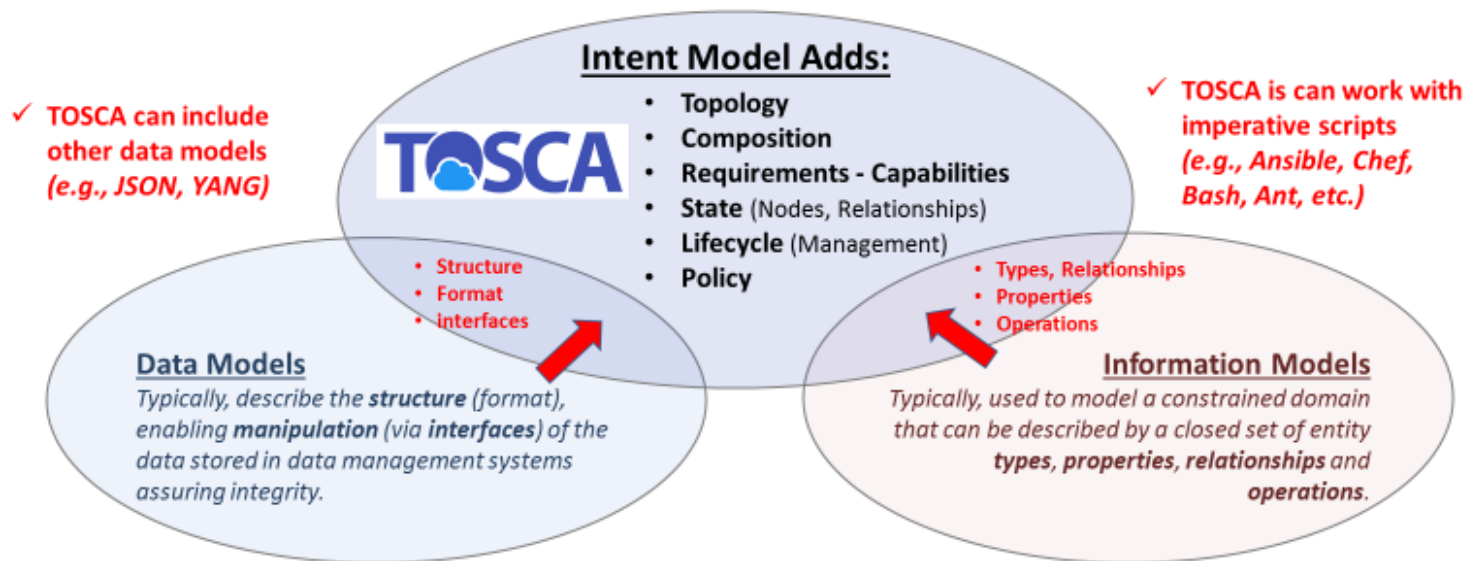
IFA011: VNF Descriptor (VNFD)



Part 2: OASIS TOSCA 101

What Makes TOSCA Unique?

TOSCA is an Intent Model which is declarative (*integration points for imperative*)
incorporates both **Data** and **Information Model** features and concepts ...



... but brings **unique orchestration concepts** focus in **Lifecycle mgmt. and State**

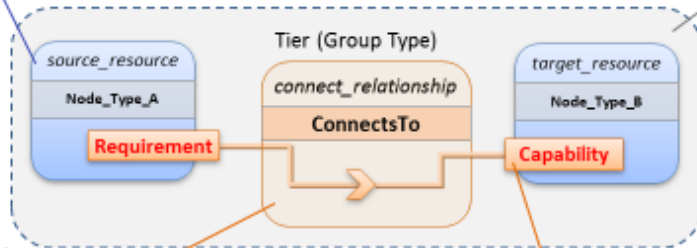
Topology – Define Topology with Nodes and Relationships

TOSCA is used first and foremost to describe the topology of the **deployment view** for cloud applications and services

- ✓ **Node templates** to describe components in the topology structure
- ✓ **Relationship templates** to describe connections, dependencies, deployment ordering

Nodes - are the resources or components that will be materialized or consumed in the deployment topology

Groups
Create Logical, Management or Policy groups (1 or more nodes)



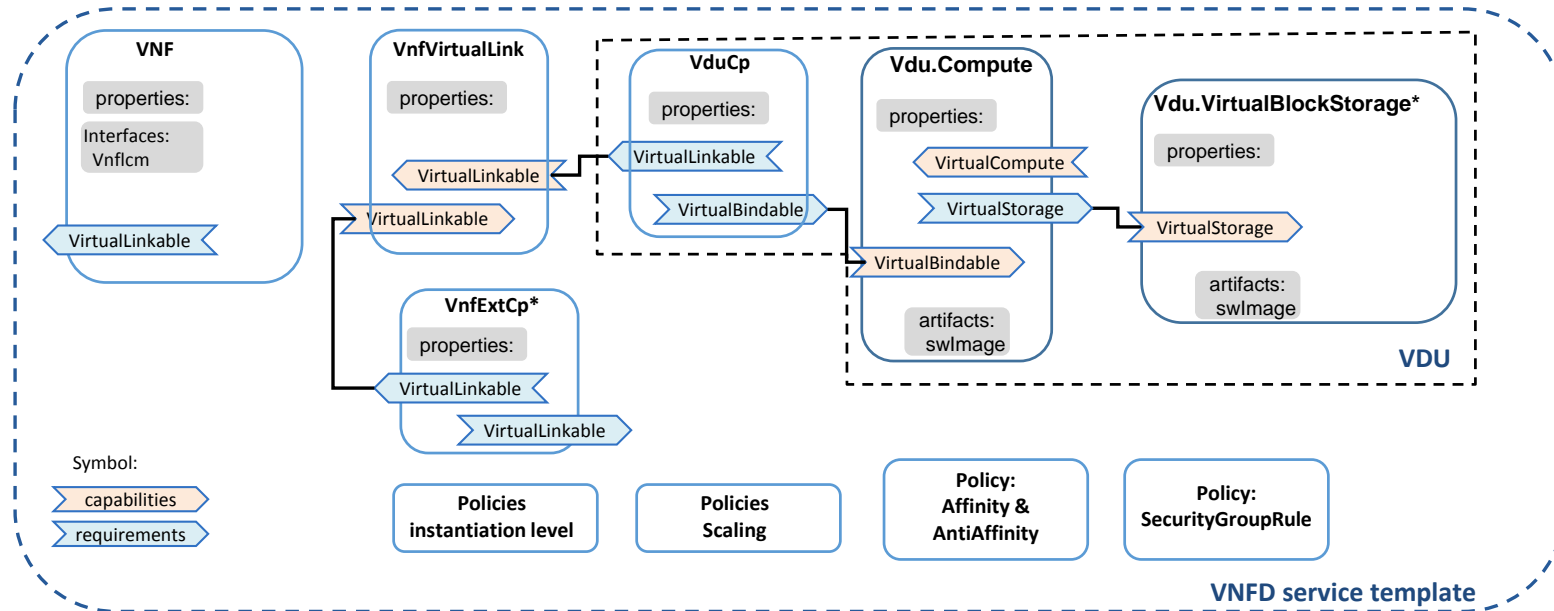
Relationships
express the dependencies between the nodes (not the traffic flow)

Requirement - Capability
Relationships can be customized to match specific source requirements to target capabilities



Part 3: NFV Type definitions Overview

SOL 001 (VNFD): TOSCA service template overview

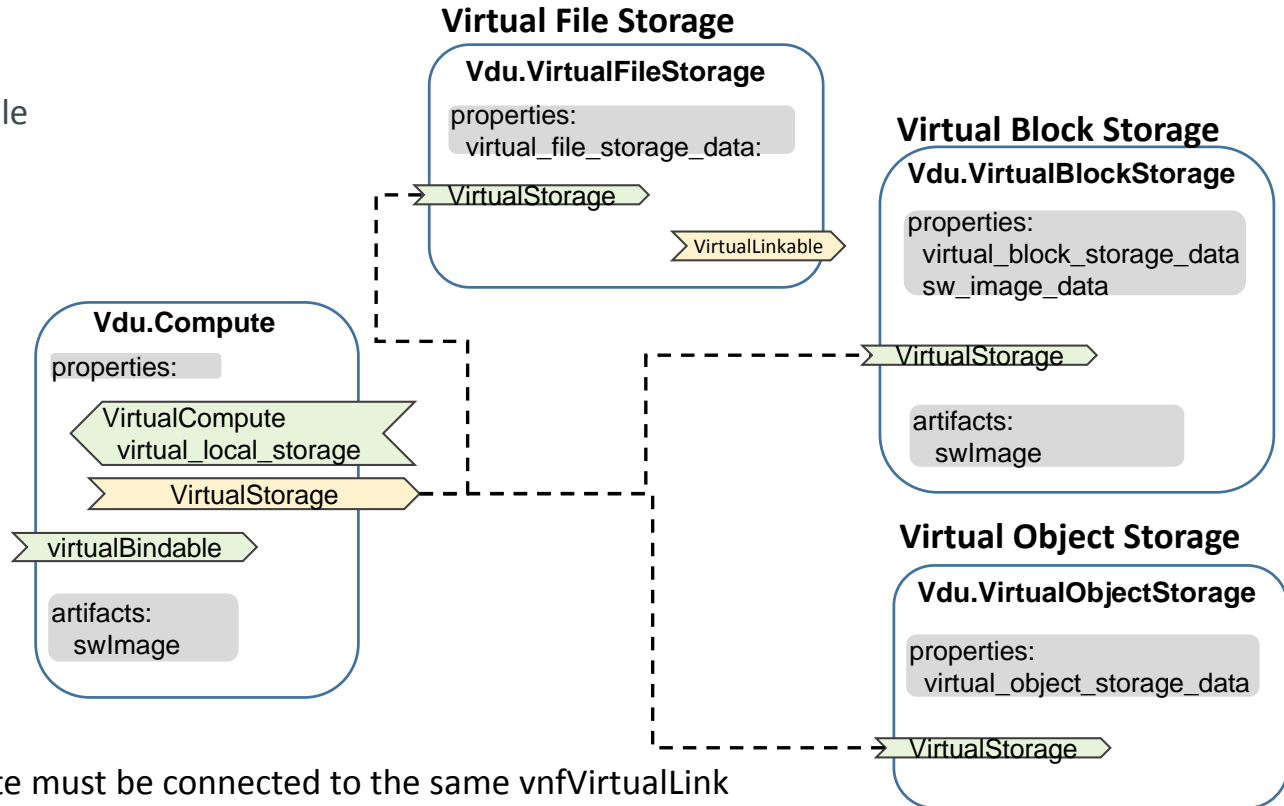
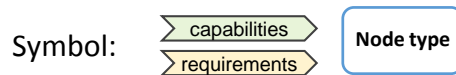


- SOL001 (v0.11.0): based on TOSCA Simple YAML Profile v1.2.
- https://docbox.etsi.org/ISG/NFV/Open/Drafts/SOL001_TOSCA_desc/NFV-SOL001v0110.zip
- In the case of single deployment flavour, SOL001 support both TOSCA Simple YAML Profile v1.1 and 1.2.
- Includes SOL001 NFV Type definition file: etsi_nfv_sol001_vnfd_2_5_1_types.yaml

Virtual Storage types:

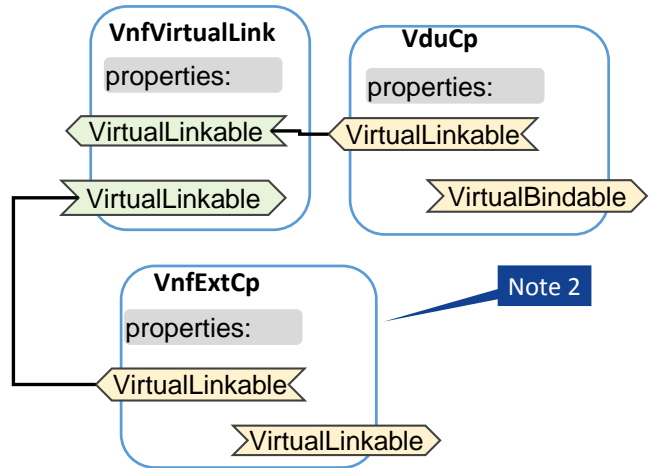
Persistent virtual storage resources: block, object, and file

Local or ephemeral disk(s): modeled as capability type: `virtual_local_storage`

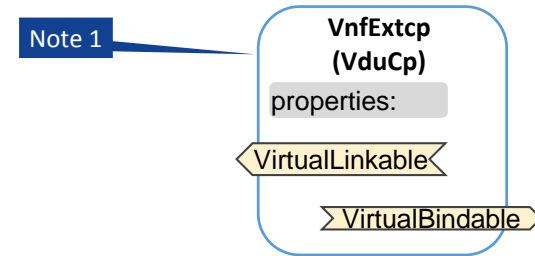


VirtualFileStorage and Vdu.Compute must be connected to the same vnfVirtualLink (not shown in the picture)

VNF external connection point



External CP connected to internal virtual link (VL)



External connection point (CP) re-exposing an internal CP

- Note 1:** In the case of re-exposing a VduCp as external connection point (VnfExtCp).
- Note 2:** A node template of this type is used to represent a VNF external connection point only in the case the VnfExtCp is connected to an internal virtual link.
- `internal_virtual_link` requirement to allow to connect it to an internal virtual link
 - `external_virtual_link` requirement to allow to connect it to an external virtual link

VNF: configurable_properties & modifiable_attributes

configurable_properties: (tosca.datatypes.nfv.VnfConfigurableProperties): Describes the configurable properties of the VNF

- ✔ additionalConfigurableProperty: To be defined by the VNF provider to allow functional blocks such as the NFVO to instruct the VNFM to set certain properties of the VNF instance.
- ✔ must be declared in VNFD and default value may be declared. These default values will be part of the VnfInfo object, once the VNF instance is created.
- ✔ It must be set by Modify VNF Information operation via SOL003 or SOL002 API.
- ✔ Key point: this property is to be consumed by VNF instance, via VNFM pass this information to VNF instance via Modify VNF Information operation.
- ✔ Applicable to tosca.datatypes.nfv.VnfcConfigurableProperties

modifiable_attributes: (tosca.datatypes.nfv.VnfInfoModifiableAttributes): Describes the modifiable attributes of the VNF

- ✔ These will allow an external functional block to set information that is typically for consumption by the VNFM, but is not always sent to the VNF instance. It can be used by VNF LCM script.

Type extension

Type extension is used when VNF-specific type information is introduced in the VNFD: modifiable attributes, configurable properties, & additional parameters to LCM operations

Type	Keyname	Property name
tosca.nodes.nfv.VNF	properties	modifiable_attributes (as a new property) configurable_properties (as a new property)
	interfaces	Vnflcm.{operation_name}.inputs.additional_parameters (as a new property)
tosca.nodes.nfv.Vdu.Compute	properties	configurable_properties (as a new property)
tosca.datatypes.nfv.VnfInfoModifiableAttributes	properties	extensions (as a new property) metadata (as a new property)
tosca.datatypes.nfv.VnfConfigurableProperties	properties	additional_configurable_properties (as a new property)
tosca.datatypes.nfv.VnfcConfigurableProperties	properties	additional_vnfc_configurable_properties (as a new property)
tosca.datatypes.nfv.VnfInfoModifiableAttributesExtensions	properties	(new properties)
tosca.datatypes.nfv.VnfInfoModifiableAttributesMetadata	properties	(new properties)
tosca.datatypes.nfv.VnfAdditionalConfigurableProperties	properties	(new properties)
tosca.datatypes.nfv.VnfAdditionalVnfcConfigurableProperties	properties	(new properties)
tosca.datatypes.nfv.VnfOperationAdditionalParameters	properties	(new properties)

Policy types

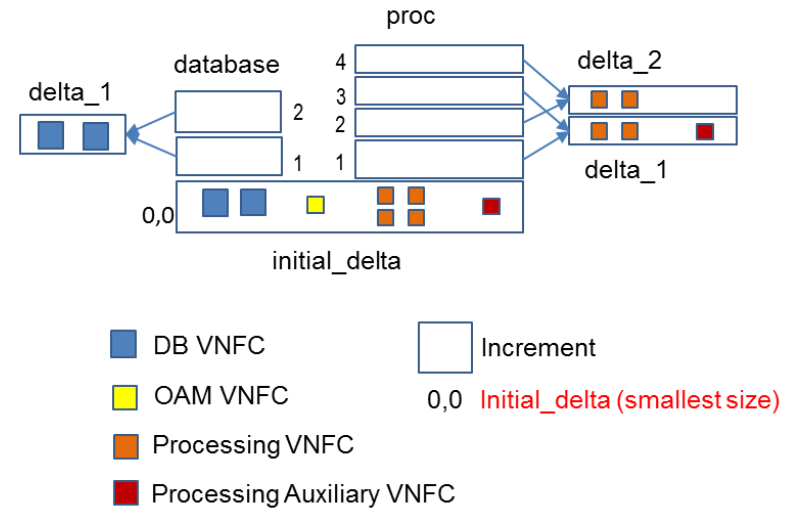
tosca.policies.nfv.InstantiationLevels
 toska.policies.nfv.VduInstantiationLevels
 toska.policies.nfv.VirtualLinkInstantiationLevels

tosca.policies.nfv.ScalingAspects
 toska.policies.nfv.VduScalingAspectDeltas
 toska.policies.nfv.VirtualLinkBitrateScalingAspectDeltas
 toska.policies.nfv.VduInitialDelta
 toska.policies.nfv.VirtualLinkBitrateInitialDelta

tosca.policies.nfv.AffinityRule

tosca.policies.nfv.SecurityGroupRule

Scaling model overview





Part 4: VNFD Service Template Design

1 service template design*: based on tosa_simple_yaml_1_1

tosca_definitions_version : tosa_simple_yaml_1_1

Imports: SOL001 NFV types

flavour_id : required

```
VNFD Single service template
VNFD service template (VNFD.yaml)
tosca_definitions_version: tosa_simple_yaml_1_1
imports:
- etsi_nfv_sol001_vnfd_x_y_z_types.yaml
node types:
  tosa.nodes.nfv.example_VNF:
    derived_from: tosa.nodes.nfv.vnf
    properties:
      flavour_id:
        constraints:
          - valid_values: [ flavour1 ]
    requirements:
      - virtual_link
      capability: tosa.capabilities.nfv.VirtualLinkable
    Interfaces:
      Vnflcm:
        type: tosa.interfaces.nfv.Vnflcm
  topology_template:
    substitution_mappings
    node_type:
      tosa.nodes.nfv.example_VNF
    requirements:
      - virtual_link: [ CP_1, virtual_link ]
  node_templates:
    VNF1:
      type: tosa.nodes.nfv.example_VNF
      properties:
        flavour_id:
          # other properties omitted for brevity
      interfaces:
        Vnflcm:
          instantiate: instantiateExampleVnf.sh
  VDU_1:
  VDU_2:
  CP_1
```

VNF-specific node type: derived from tosa.nodes.nfv.vnf

*See backup slide for 2 Levels service template design



Part 5: SOL001 Status

Summary & next steps

VNFD part is stable

NSD part of specification is ongoing in ETSI NFV SOL WG (SOL001)

Work in progress:

✓ Network Service Descriptor (NSD)

Work plan schedule	Stable Draft	Final Draft	WG App	TB App
SOL001 "TOSCA-based NFV descriptors spec"	2018.10.11	2018.11.08	2018.11.08	2018.12.08



Part 6: Examples

VNFD with single deployment flavour example

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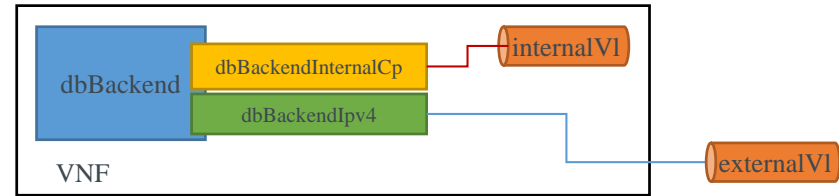
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node_types:
  MyCompany.SunshineDB.1_0.1_0:
    derived_from: tosca.nodes.nfv.VNF
    properties:
      flavour_id:
        ...
    interfaces:
      Vnflcm:

topology_template:
  substitution_mappings:
    node_type: MyCompany.SunshineDB.1_0.1_0
  requirements:
    - virtual_link: [ dbBackendIpv4, external_virtual_link ]

node_templates:
  SunshineDB:
    type: MyCompany.SunshineDB.1_0.1_0
    properties:
      flavour_id: simple
      ...
    interfaces:
      Vnflcm:
        instantiate:
          implementation: instantiate.workbook.mistral.yaml
      ...
  mariaDbStorage:
    type: tosca.nodes.nfv.Vdu.VirtualBlockStorage
    ...
  artifacts:
    sw_image:

```



- One deployment flavour
- Vdu.Compute node: dbBackend
- Two connection points: internal (dbBackendInternalCp); external (dbBackendIpv4)
- One VNF internalVI and one externalVI

```

dbBackend:
  type: tosca.nodes.nfv.Vdu.Compute
  ...
  capabilities:
    virtual_compute:
      ...
  requirements:
    - virtual_storage: mariaDb
Storage
dbBackendInternalCp:
  type: tosca.nodes.nfv.VduCp
  ...
  requirements:
    - virtual_binding: dbBackend
    - virtual_link: internalVI

```

```

internalVI:
  type: tosca.nodes.nfv.
VnfVirtualLink
  ...
dbBackendIpv4:
  type: tosca.nodes.nfv.VduCp
  ...
  requirements:
    - virtual_link:
    - virtual_binding: dbBackend

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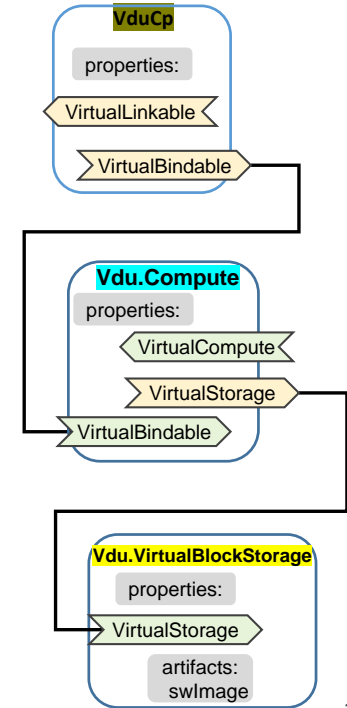

SOL 001: Compute, storage, connection points

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...
topology_template:
...
node_templates:
  dbBackend:
    type: toasca.nodes.nfv.Vdu.Compute
    properties:
      name: ..
      description: ..
      boot_order: ..
      nfvi_constraints: ..
      configurable_properties:
        additional_vnfc_configurable_properties: {}
      vdu_profile:
        min_number_of_instances: 1
        max_number_of_instances: 4
    capabilities:
      virtual_compute:
        properties:
          virtual_memory:
            virtual_mem_size: 8096 MB
          virtual_cpu:
            cpu_architecture: x86
            num_virtual_cpu: 2
            virtual_cpu_clock: 1800 MHz
    requirements:
      - virtual_storage: mariaDbStorage
  
```

```

  mariaDbStorage:
    type:
      toasca.nodes.nfv.Vdu.VirtualBlockStorage
    properties:
      virtual_block_storage_data:
        size_of_storage: ..
        rdma_enabled: ..
      sw_image_data:
        name: Software of Maria Db
        version: 1.0
        checksum: 9af30fce37a4c5c831e095745744d6d2
        container_format: bare
        disk_format: qcow2
        min_disk: 2 GB
        min_ram: 8096 MB
        size: 2 GB
        operating_system: Linux
        supported_virtualisation_environments:
          - KVM
    artifacts:
      sw_image:
        type: toasca.artifacts.nfv.SwImage
        file: maria.db.image.v1.0.qcow2
  dbBackendInternalCp:
    type: toasca.nodes.nfv.VduCp
    properties:
      layer_protocols: [ ipv4 ]
      role: leaf
      description: Internal connection point on an VL
      protocol_data: [ associated_layer_protocol: ipv4 ]
      trunk_mode: false
    requirements:
      - virtual_binding: dbBackend
      - virtual_link: internalV1
  
```

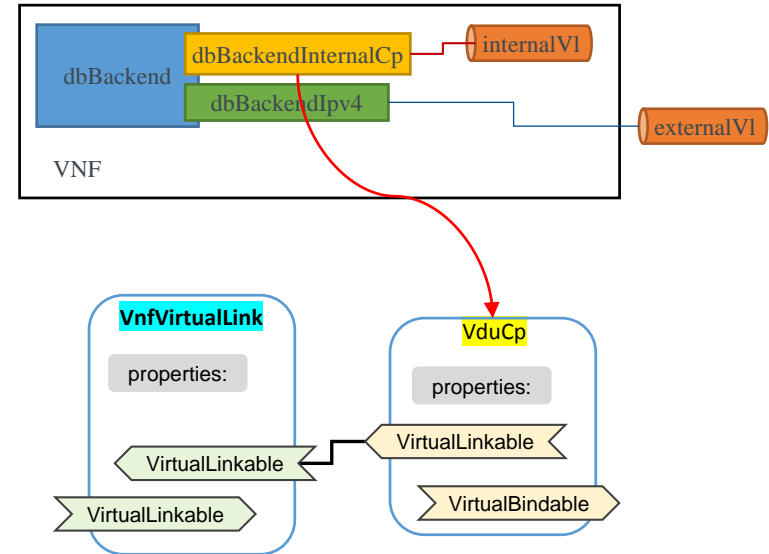


Internal connectivity

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...
node_types:
  MyCompany.SunshineDB.1_0.1_0:
    derived_from: tosca.nodes.nfv.VNF
topology_template:
  node_templates:
    dbBackendInternalCp:
      type: tosca.nodes.nfv.VduCp
      properties:
        layer_protocols: [ ipv4 ]
        role: leaf
        description: Internal connection point on an VL
        protocol_data: [ associated_layer_protocol: ipv4 ]
        trunk_mode: false
      requirements:
        - virtual_binding: dbBackend
        - virtual_link: internalVl
    internalVl:
      type: tosca.nodes.nfv.VnfVirtualLink
      properties:
        connectivity_type:
          layer_protocols: [ ipv4 ]
          flow_pattern: mesh
        test_access: []
        description: ..
        vl_profile:
          qos:
            maxBitRateRequirements:
            minBitRateRequirements:
        capabilities:
          virtual_linkable:

```



External connectivity: re-exposing a VduCp

```
tosca_definitions_version: tosca_simple_yaml_v_1_2

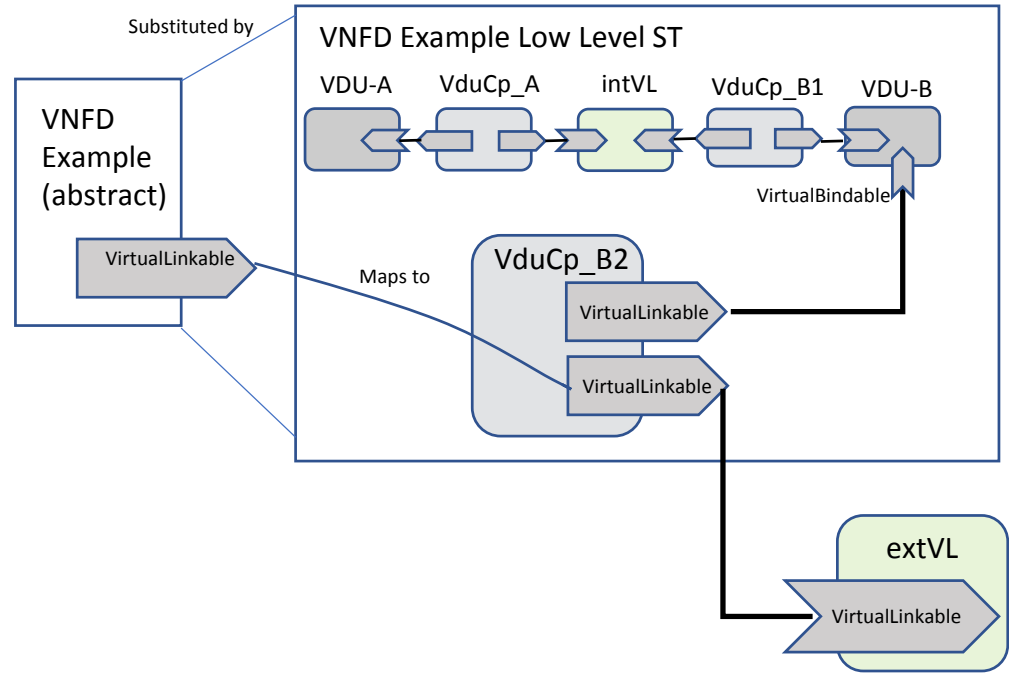
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  MyCompany.SunshineDB.1_0.1_0:
    derived_from: tosca.nodes.nfv.VNF
    properties:
      ...
    requirements:
      - virtual_link:
          capability:
            tosca.capabilities.nfv.VirtualLinkable

topology_template:

  substitution_mappings:
    node_type: tosca.nodes.nfv.exampleVNF
    requirements:
      - virtual_link: [vduCp_B2, virtual_link]

node_templates:

  vduCp_B2:
    type: tosca.nodes.nfv.VduCp
    properties:
      layer_protocols: [ ipv4 ]
      role: leaf
      description: External connection point
    requirements:
      - virtual_binding: VDU-B
      - virtual_link:
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VNF Lifecycle management (LCM) interfaces

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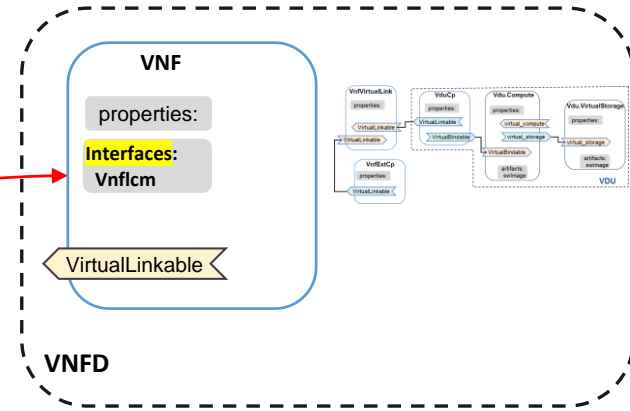
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data_types:

MyCompany.datatypes.nfv.VnfInstantiateAdditionalParameters:
  derived_from: tosca.datatypes.nfv.VnfOperationAdditionalParameters
  properties:
    parameter_1:
      type: string
      required: false
      default: value_1
    parameter_2:
      type: string
      required: false
      default: value_2
node_types:
  MyCompany.SunshineDB.1_0.1_0:
    derived_from: tosca.nodes.nfv.VNF
    properties:
      interfaces:
        Vnflcm:
          instantiate:
            inputs:
              instantiate_additional_parameter:
                type:
MyCompany.datatypes.nfv.VnfInstantiateAdditionalParameters
            required: true
          terminate:

topology_template:

  substitution_mappings:
    node_type: MyCompany.SunshineDB.1_0.1_0
    requirements:
      - virtual_link: [ dbBackendIpv4, external_virtual_link ]

```



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node_templates:
  SunshineDB:
    type: MyCompany.SunshineDB.1_0.1_0
    interfaces:
      Vnflcm:
        instantiate:
          implementation: instantiate.workbook.mistral.yaml
        terminate:
          implementation: terminate.workbook.mistral.yaml

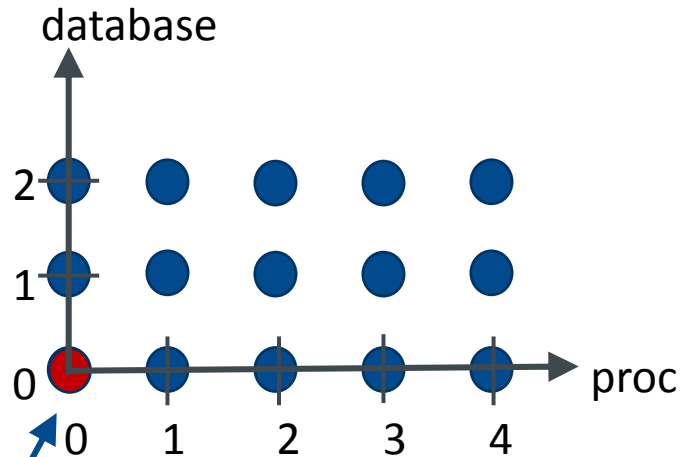
  dbBackend:
    type: tosca.nodes.nfv.Vdu.Compute

  mariaDbStorage:
    type: tosca.nodes.nfv.Vdu.VirtualBlockStorage
...

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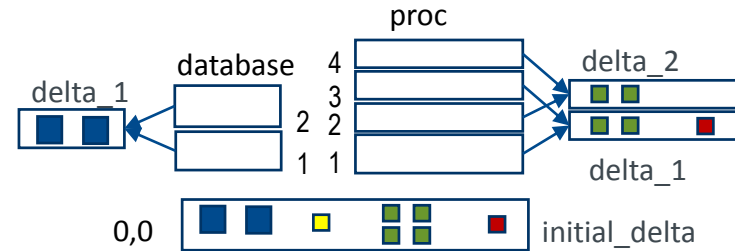
InstantiationLevels and ScalingAspects policies

External view: Scaling aspects



Zero point ("smallest size") = scale level 0

Example VNF internal view: Groups of VNFCs



- DB VNFC
 - OAM VNFC
 - Processing VNFC
 - Processing Auxiliary VNFC
 - Increment
- 0,0 **Initial increment (smallest size)**

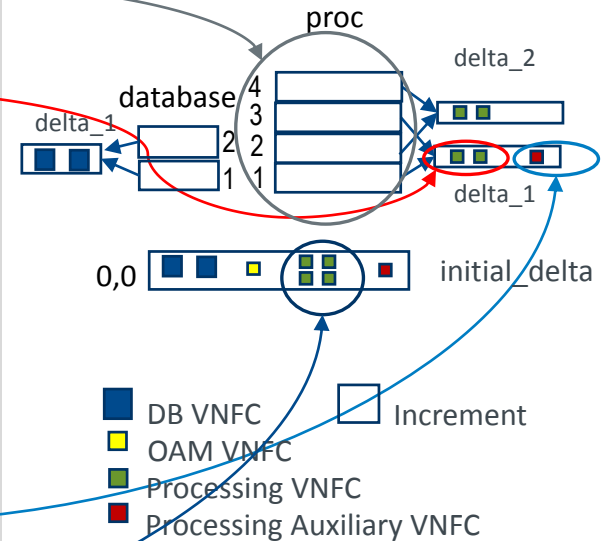
InstantiationLevels and ScalingAspects policies

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- scaling_aspects:
  type: tosca.policies.nfv.ScalingAspects
  properties:
    aspects:
      database:
        name: ..
        description: ..
        max_scale_level: 2
        step_deltas:
          - delta_1
          - delta_1
      proc:
        name: ..
        description: ..
        max_scale_level: 4
        step_deltas:
          - delta_1
          - delta_2
          - delta_1
          - delta_2
- processing_initial_delta:
  type: tosca.policies.nfv.VduInitialDelta
  properties:
    initial_delta:
      number_of_instances: 4
    targets: [ processing ]
  
```

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- processing_scaling_aspect_deltas:
  type: tosca.policies.nfv.VduScalingAspectDeltas
  properties:
    aspect: proc
    deltas:
      delta_1:
        number_of_instances: 2
      delta_2:
        number_of_instances: 2
    targets: [ processing ]
- processing_auxiliary_initial_delta:
  type: tosca.policies.nfv.VduInitialDelta
  properties:
    initial_delta:
      number_of_instances: 1
    targets: [ processing_auxiliary ]
- processing_auxiliary_scaling_aspect_deltas:
  type: tosca.policies.nfv.VduScalingAspectDeltas
  properties:
    aspect: proc
    deltas:
      delta_1:
        number_of_instances: 1
      delta_2:
        number_of_instances: 0
    targets: [ processing_auxiliary ]
  
```



InstantiationLevels and ScalingAspects policies

```

...
node_templates:

db:
  type: toasca.nodes.nfv.VDU.Compute
  properties:
    vdu_profile:
      min_number_of_instances: 2
      max_number_of_instances: 6
    ...
oam:
  type: toasca.nodes.nfv.VDU.Compute
  properties:
    vdu_profile:
      min_number_of_instances: 1
      max_number_of_instances: 1
    ...
processing:
  type: toasca.nodes.nfv.VDU.Compute
  properties:
    vdu_profile:
      min_number_of_instances: 4
      max_number_of_instances: 12
    ...
processing_auxiliary:
  type: toasca.nodes.nfv.VDU.Compute
  properties:
    vdu_profile:
      min_number_of_instances: 1
      max_number_of_instances: 3
    ...

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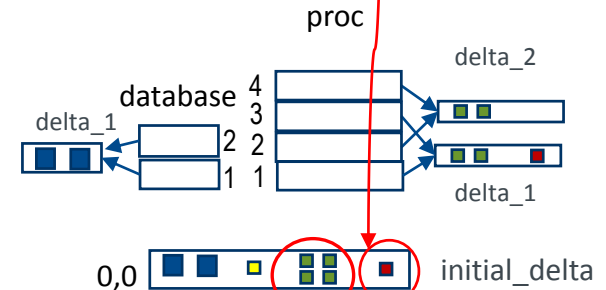
policies:
- instantiation_levels:
  type: toasca.policies.nfv.InstantiationLevels
  properties:
    levels:
      instantiation_level_1:
        description: ..
        scale_info:
          database:
            scale_level: 0
          proc:
            scale_level: 0
      instantiation_level_2:
        description: ..
        scale_info:
          database:
            scale_level: 1
          proc:
            scale_level: 1
        default_level: instantiation_level_1
- processing_instantiation_levels:
  type: toasca.policies.nfv.VduInstantiationLevels
  properties:
    levels:
      instantiation_level_1:
        number_of_instances: 4
      instantiation_level_2:
        number_of_instances: 6
    targets: [ processing ]

```

```

- processing_auxiliary_instantiation_levels:
  type: toasca.policies.nfv.VduInstantiationLevels
  properties:
    levels:
      instantiation_level_1:
        number_of_instances: 1
      instantiation_level_2:
        number_of_instances: 2
    targets: [ processing_auxiliary ]
...

```



Note: example in SOL001 has only one instantiation level



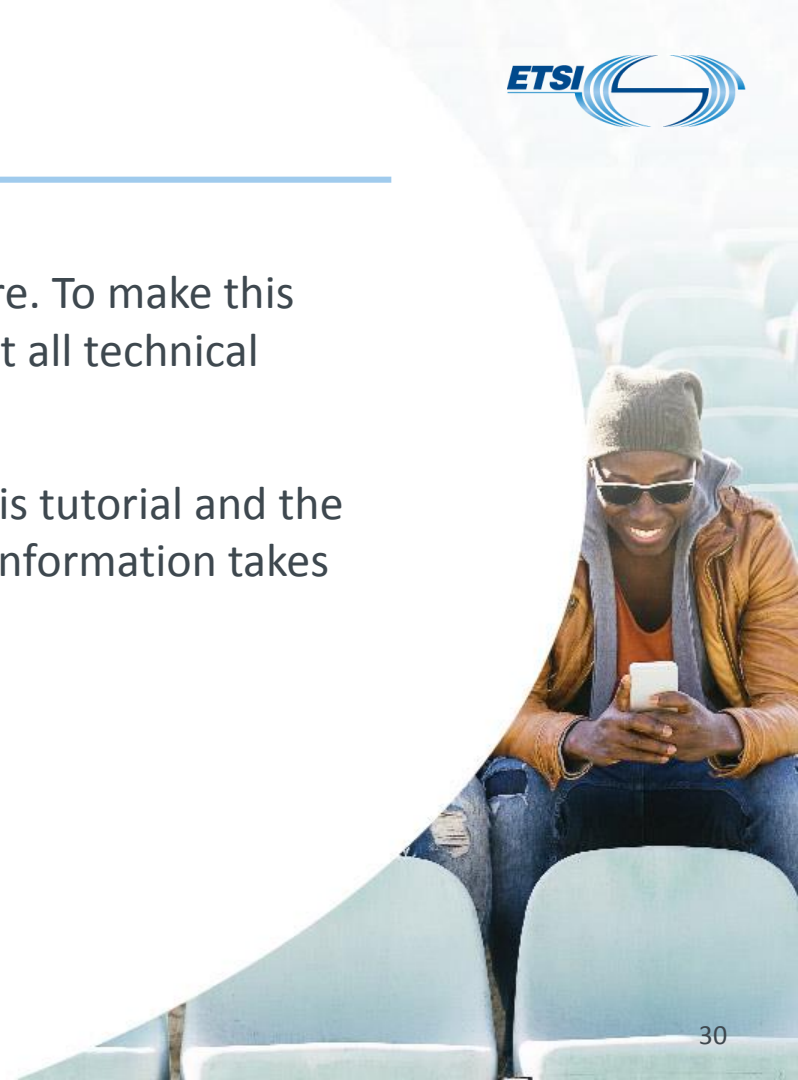
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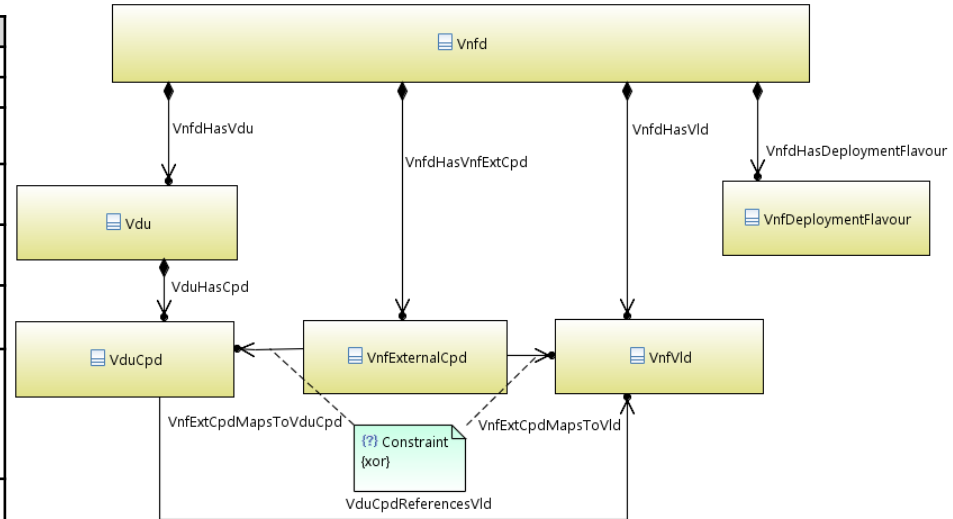


Backup

Mapping IFA 011 elements with TOSCA types

Mapping of IFA 011 information elements with TOSCA types

IFA 011 Elements	VNFD TOSCA types	Derived from
VNFD	tosca.nodes.nfv.VNF	tosca.nodes.Root
Vdu	n/a	n/a
Cpd (Connection Point)	tosca.nodes.nfv.Cp	tosca.nodes.Root
VduCpd (internal connection point)	tosca.nodes.nfv.VduCp	tosca.nodes.nfv.Cp
VnfVirtualLinkDesc (Virtual Link)	tosca.nodes.nfv.VnfVirtualLink	tosca.nodes.Root
VnfExtCpd (External Connection Point)	tosca.nodes.nfv.VnfExtCp tosca.nodes.nfv.VduCp	tosca.nodes.nfv.Cp
Virtual Storage	tosca.nodes.nfv.Vdu.VirtualBlockStorage tosca.nodes.nfv.Vdu.VirtualObjectStorage tosca.nodes.nfv.Vdu.VirtualFileStorage	tosca.nodes.Root
Virtual Compute	tosca.nodes.nfv.Vdu.Compute	tosca.nodes.Root
Software Image	tosca.artifacts.nfv.SwImage	tosca.artifacts.Deployment.Image
Deployment Flavour	Represented as a TOSCA service template	n/a
Scaling	Policy types	tosca.nodes.Root
Instantiation Level	Policy types	tosca.nodes.Root



IFA 011 information model

- SOL001 (v0.11.0) is a **stable draft (VNFD part)**,
- https://docbox.etsi.org/ISG/NFV/Open/Drafts/SOL001_TOSCA_desc/NFV-SOL001v0110.zip

- SOL001 (v0.11.0): based on TOSCA Simple YAML Profile v1.2.
- In the case of single deployment flavour, SOL001 support both TOSCA Simple YAML Profile v1.1 and 1.2.

2 Levels service

template design: key points

tosca_definitions_version : tosca_simple_yaml_1_2

Imports: lower STs, VNF specific, and SOL001 types

flavour_id : required

Separate ST for VNF specific



Lower level ST: implementable TOSCA ST for deployment specific DF:

topology template describing the internal topology of the VNF with: substitution_mappings indicating:

a) the same node type as defined in the top level service template,

b) a flavour_id property value which identifies this DF within the VNFD
c) the mapping of the virtual_link requirement

Implementations of the LCM interfaces of the VNF

External connectivity: external connection point connected to an internal virtual link

```
...
node_types:
  MyCompany.SunshineDB.1_0.1_0:
    derived_from: toasca.nodes.nfv.VNF
    properties:
      ...
    requirements:
      - virtual_link:
          capability:
            toasca.capabilities.nfv.VirtualLinkable

topology_template:

  substitution_mappings:
    node_type: toasca.nodes.nfv.exampleVNF
    requirements:
      - virtual_link: [myMRFExtCp, external_virtual_link]

  node_templates:

    mrfExtCp :
      type: toasca.nodes.nfv.VnfExtCp
      # properties omitted
      requirements:
        - external_virtual_link:
        - internal_virtual_link: intVL-A

    intVL-A:
      type: toasca.nodes.nfv.VnfVirtualLink
      properties:
        ...
      capabilities:
        virtual_linkable
```

