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Redfish

The new standard for a Software Defined Infrastructure

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Introducing myself

- Software engineering and Unices since 1988:
 - Mostly Configuration Management Systems (CMS), **Build systems**, quality tools, on multiple commercial Unix systems
 - Discovered Free, Libre, Open Source Software & Linux (**FLOSS**) & made first contributions in 1993
 - Full time on OSL since 1995, first as HPE reseller then @**HPE**



- Currently:
 - WW FLOSS Technology **Strategist** in HPE, Grenoble, France
 - HPE FLOSS **Advocate** and Converged Infrastructure **Ambassador**
 - WW Linux Community Lead for the HPE **Open Source Profession**
 - AFUL and APRIL member. FLOSSITA **board chair**. Conferences at WW level at LinuxCon, Linux.conf.au, Fosdem, ...
 - MondoRescue, Project-Builder.org, python-redfish, UUWL and PUSK **Project Lead**
 - LinuxCOE, mrepo, tellico, rinse, fossology, collectl, Ironic **contributor**
 - FOSSBazaar/SPDX and FLOSS **Governance** enthusiast
 - Mageia (and Fedora) **packager**



- And also:
 - Amateur singer (Alto / Tenor), recorder player since 1976 and Choir **director** since 1987, CD collector (7000+), Concerts, Photography



Some definitions

What is REST?

REST- REpresentational State Transfer

- Modern and easy to adopt Software Architectural Style for Web services
- Scalable, Stateless, Performant, Reliable
- Standardized HTTP operations (verbs)
 - GET, POST, PUT, and DELETE
 - Practical implementations also add PATCH, HEAD

See: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Representational_state_transfer

What is API?

API – Application Programming Interface

- API is an interface between different software components invoked over communication networks using standards based technologies.
- Used to power orchestration, apps/tools integration.
- Exist at Firmware or OS level, software libraries, DBs, Web based system,
- Examples include POSIX, X-Window, OpenStack (RESTful)

See: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Application_programming_interface

What is JSON?

JSON- Java Script Object Notation

- Open Standard data-serialization format based on key/value pairs
- Language independant (originated from Javascript)
- Easy for machines to parse and generate with large language support (C, perl, python, java, ...)
- Easy for humans to read and edit
- Used to import/export data structures
- Similar standards : YAML, XML

See : <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/JSON>

```
{
  "firstName": "John",
  "lastName": "Smith",
  "isAlive": true,
  "age": 27,
  "address": {
    "streetAddress": "21 2nd Street",
    "city": "New York",
    "state": "NY",
    "postalCode": "10021-3100"
  },
  "phoneNumbers": [
    {
      "type": "home",
      "number": "212 555-1234"
    },
    {
      "type": "office",
      "number": "646 555-4567"
    },
    {
      "type": "mobile",
      "number": "123 456-7890"
    }
  ],
  "children": [],
  "spouse": null
}
```

What is OData?

OData-

- Open protocol to enable creation and consumption of REST APIs
- Provides Service and Metadata Document, Dynamic Resources
- Uses Resource Operation, which are standardized HTTP operations (verbs)
 - GET, POST, PUT, PATCH and DELETE

See : https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open_Data_Protocol

See also : <http://docs.servicestack.net/why-not-odata>

```
{
  "@odata.context": "http://services.odata.org/V4/OData/OData.svc/$metadata#Products",
  "value": [
    {
      "ID": 0,
      "Name": "Meat",
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      "ReleaseDate": "1992-01-01T00:00:00Z",
      "DiscontinuedDate": null,
      "Rating": 14,
      "Price": 2.5
    },
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    ...
  ]
}
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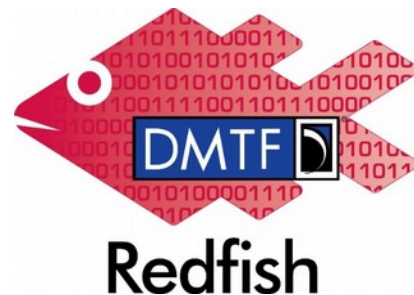
Redfish: What ? Why ? How ?

What is Redfish?

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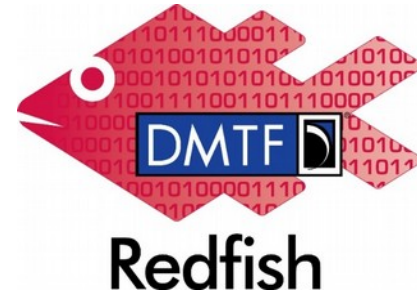
- Open industry standard specification and schema
 - Scalable Platform Management **RESTful API** specification proposal (v1.7.0) – DSP0266
 - **JSON** and **XML** (Odata CSDL) based Schemas – DSP8010 (v2019.1)
 - **Mockup** to be integrated in an existing web server to simulate a Redfish system – DSP2043
- First really interoperable management interface cross-vendors (vs SMASH), initiated by Dell, Emerson, HPE and Intel
- Built upon giant shoulders (http(s) RESTful API using JSON and OData)
- Easier, better HW support, more **secure**, more **complete** (vs IPMI) (chassis, multi-node platforms)
- Supports private extensions (like SNMP) in an Oem schema
- A way to get and set HW configuration items on physical platforms using a **RESTful API** (automation)

See : <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Redfish> (waiting for your improvements !) - <http://www.dmtf.org/standards/redfish>



Redfish Timeline

- DMTF published Redfish 1.0 the 4th of August 2015
 - JSON/Odata based schemas to describe resources
 - Mockup to allow developers to test wrt Redfish
 - Documentation, white papers, FAQ
 - Available online at <https://www.dmtf.org/standards/redfish>
 - Last version is now 2019.1 (2019-05-20)
- Available in:
 - DELL iDRAC BMC with Minimum iDRAC 7/8 FW 2.40.40.40, iDRAC9 FW 3.00.00.0
 - HPE iLO BMC with minimum iLO4 FW 2.30, iLO5
 - HPE Moonshot BMC with minimum FW 1.41
 - Supermicro X10 BMC with minimum FW 3.0 and X11 with minimum FW 1.0



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Redfish Feature set

Collect “IPMI class” server data

- Status of **server health**
- **Temperature** sensors and **fans**
- Server **identification**
- Inventory **CPUs, memory, disks** and **MAC address**
- Basic **OS** information

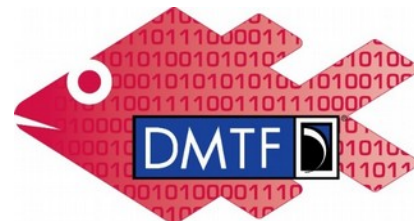
Perform common actions

- **Power cycle** and **reboot** server
- Change **boot order**
- Set **power thresholds**
- **Alert** notifications via **Events**
- Access **Event log** and **SSH Serial console**

Manage server infrastructure

- View / configure BMC **network settings**
- Manage local BMC **user accounts**
- **Chassis** inventory
- **Swordfish** SNIA ‘s extensions
- **OCP & Gen-Z** support

Redfish toolset



Redfish

– DMTF provides many tools :

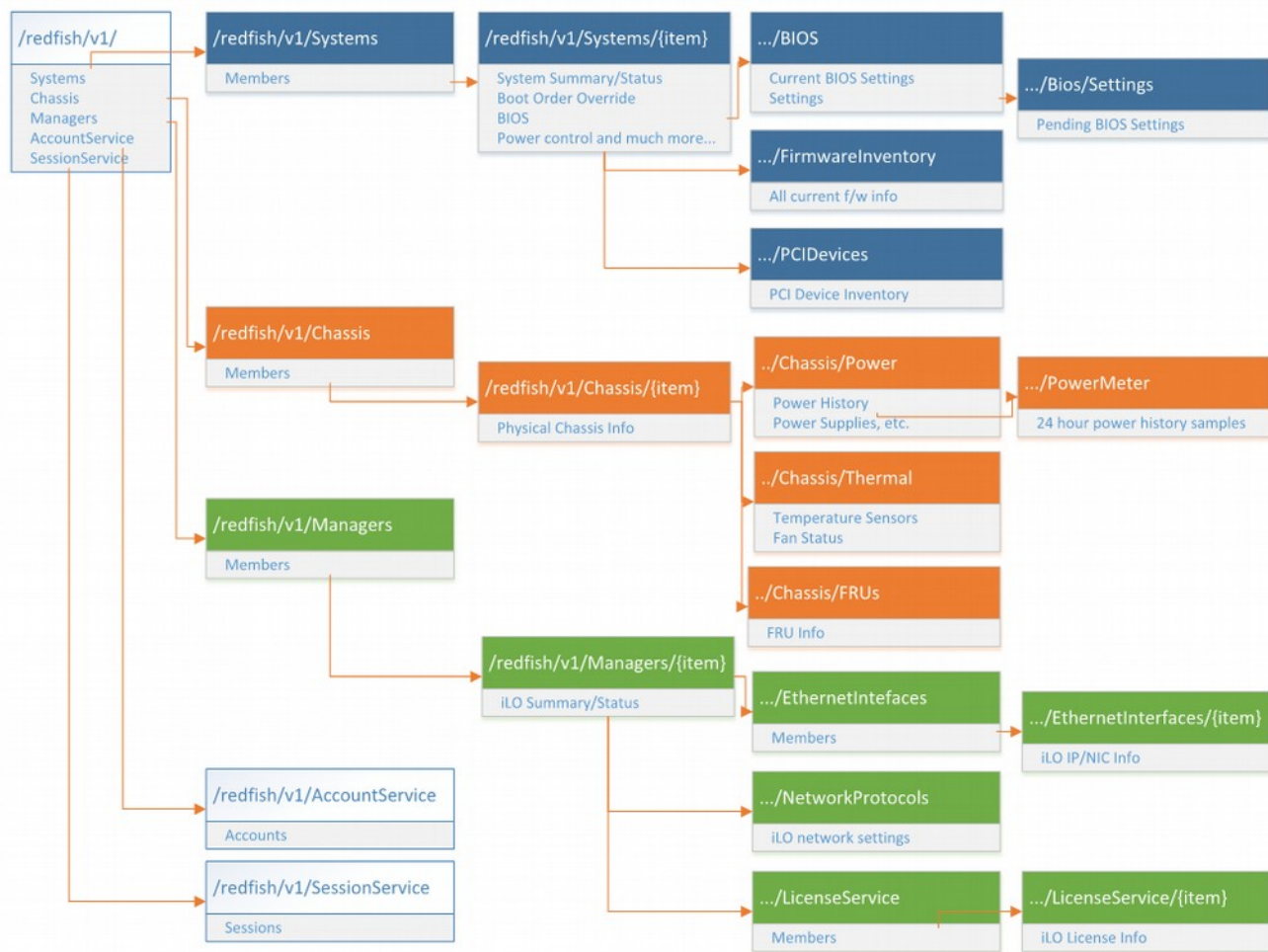
- <https://redfish.dmtf.org/> Redfish **developer Hub** (mockup, docs, tools)
- <https://github.com/DMTF> Bindings (C, python, ...), CLI tools, Simulators, Validators

– Community driven projects :

- <https://git.openstack.org/cgit/openstack/python-redfish> python-redfish library
- <https://git.openstack.org/cgit/openstack/sushy> python library used by Ironic
- OpenStack Ironic bare metal deployment project has a Redfish driver
<https://docs.openstack.org/ironic/latest/admin/drivers/redfish.html>



Data Model



Redfish Demo

<https://redfish.dmtf.org/redfish/v1>

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"Changes are never easy to make.
There is comfort and safety in tradition, but
change must come, no matter how painful or
expensive it may be."

Bill Hewlett