Survey of Redfish Open-source Implementations

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DMTF and Redfish Service Implementations

- DMTF develops interfaces standards which expose manageability (e.g. Redfish)
- DMTF policy is to be implementation neutral - thus encouraging innovation below the interface. (DMTF Alliance Partners may not have such a policy)
- Redfish service implementations exists as firmware and as hosted software agents

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OpenBMC Project

- A Linux Foundation project whose goal is to produce a customizable, open-source firmware stack for Baseboard Management Controllers (BMCs).
  - A BMC is a specialized controller embedded on the baseboard which may be operational when the rest of the baseboard is not (out-of-band)
- Features:
  - Uses the Yocto Project as the underlying building and distribution generation
  - Uses D-Bus as an inter-process communication (IPC)
  - Includes a web application for interacting with the firmware stack (WebUI)

https://openbmc.org (LF in 2018)
https://github.com/openbmc/openbmc/wiki
Software Agent Implementation - Python

- Redfish Emulator (2016)
  - Simple simulators: Mockup-Server (get) and Profile-Simulator (patch)
  - Emulator envisioned for rapidly prototyping of new interface behavior
  - Includes code generator for emulator stubs
  - Cloud Foundry deployable

- Swordfish Emulator (2018)
  - SNIA extends modelling any resource
  - Used to prototype managing NVMe-over-Fiber

- OpenFabrics Mgmt Frmwk (2021)
  - Base from the framework is being developed

- NVMe Redfish Service on Linux, RHEL (2023)

github.com/dmtf/Redfish-Interface-Emulator
github.com/snia/Swordfish-API-Emulator
Swordfish Service Capabilities

Redfish Emulator
- Multiple methods of instantiation - hosted as standalone, in a cloud foundry, or as docker container
- Dynamic emulation of schema objects (circa 2016)
- Auto-generate Python code from mockups

Swordfish Emulator
- Dynamic emulation of all schema objects in all URI locations
- Auto-generate Python code from any valid Redfish conformant schema
- Supports basic auth, sessions, certificates
- Supports Redfish services: Account (Admin only), Event (WIP), Session
- Service targeted to pass SNIA conformance tests
OpenFabrics Management Framework
https://www.openfabrics.org/openfabrics-management-framework
NVMe Redfish Service on Redhat RHEL Linux

- Start with Swordfish emulator framework
  - RedfishF/Swordfish structure: service, metadata
  - Core services: account service, session service, event service
  - Stubs and template for all object types
  - Persistent database

- Added
  - Startup / discovery
  - Fills in stubs for relevant objects (removes all unneeded objects)

- Availability
  - In the process of making public
Software Agent Implementation - Java

- PICMG is extending the Redfish model to support Industrial IoT
  - "PICMG Announces Significant Progress of IoT.X Family of Sensor Data Modeling and Abstraction Specifications"
- Redfish Service Framework
  - Functional Redfish Service generated from Redfish mockups and schema (OpenAPI)
  - Static behavior is auto-generated. Special behaviors like actions are stubbed out - when one implements the server, the actions can be coded
  - Implemented by ASU students so that we could play with customizing the dynamic features for our new objects.

Software Agent Implementation - C++

- OCP Rack Scale PSME (2019)\(^1\)
  - Contribute by Intel (Pooled System Management Engine)

- OCP Device Manager PSME (2021)\(^2\)
  - Contributed by Edgecore Networks (2021) - along with Device Manager
  - Celestica fixes build and fixes issues with baseline profile conformance (2022)
  - Celestica contributed a design spec for a platform which would fulfill the manageability requirements via the software agent

\(^{1}\text{github.com/opencomputeproject/Rack-Manager}\)
\(^{2}\text{github.com/opencomputeproject/HWMgmt-DeviceMgr-PSME}\)

3DS1000 ECS 1Gb Enterprise Switch
PSME Redfish Service

- PSME executes on ONL (Open Network Linux)\(^1\)
  - Compose of PSME Server and Chassis Agent
- The PSME Server supports the Redfish interface and model
  - Requests information from and invokes actions on resources
- The PSME Server supports the Event Service
  - Redfish Clients may launch an event listener and subscribe for events to be sent to that event listener
  - Supports subscriptions for the ResourceAdd, ResourceRemove, and Alert type events

\(^1\)https://github.com/opencomputeproject/OpenNetworkLinux
Chassis Agent

- Gathers peripheral information about thermal/fan/PSU/port transceiver statistics through ONLP API\(^1\)
- Sends to PSME Server
- While gathering peripheral information, agent will check for posted event, and send these events to the PSME Server.

\(^1\)Open Network Linux Platform APIs provide a common, consistent abstraction interface for accessing important platform assets such as SFPs, PSUs, Fans, Thermals, LEDs, and ONIE storage devices.
Software Agent Implementation - GoLang

- **OCP Device Manager**
  - EdgeCore Networks (2021)
    - Contribution to OCP - bundled with Edge-core's PSME
    - Build of source was problematic
  - Intel (2022-2023)
    - Cleaned up the build
    - Added Redfish northbound interface

- **Linux Foundation ODIM (Open Distributed Infrastructure Mgmt)**

https://github.com/opencomputeproject/HWMgmt-DeviceMgr-DeviceManager
https://odim.io
Device Manager initial contribution

- Developed to manage platforms hosting Redfish Service(s) conformant to the OCP Baseline profile
- Exposed a command line interface
Adding Redfish interface for Device Manager

- OCP rack manager API (OpenRMC) required a northbound Redfish interface
- ODIM had a Redfish interface implementation for managing a distributed infrastructure (GoLang)
  - Account, Event, Task, and Session base services
  - Aggregation (group operations) and Update services (firmware)
  - Plugin architecture for connection methods
Next steps for Device Manager

- Conform to OpenRMC v1.0, then v1.1
- Conform to Redfish Conformance Suite
  - Service-Validator
  - Protocol-Validator
- Support future revisions of OpenRMC rack manager interface be specified in the OpenRMC-DM subproject

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2. OpenRMC-DM subproject - [https://www.opencompute.org/projects/openrmc-dm](https://www.opencompute.org/projects/openrmc-dm)
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