

YANG by Example



Overview and Objectives

This presentation uses an example to walk through all main features in the YANG data modeling language.

Our example uses standard and draft-standard YANG modules for static MPLS LSPs with the goal of creating valid configuration

After this presentation, you should be able to:

- Identify and describe common elements of a YANG model
- Examine a YANG model and create a valid configuration instance

YANG Models Used

IETF Standard Track YANG Models:

RFC 6991 Common YANG Data Types

[ietf-yang-types@2013-07-15.yang](#)

RFC 7277 IP Management

[ietf-ip@2014-06-16.yang](#)

RFC 7224 IANA Interface Type

[iana-if-type@2014-05-08.yang](#)

RFC 7223 Interface Management

[ietf-interfaces@2014-05-08.yang](#)

Draft YANG Models:

OpenConfig MPLS LSP Model

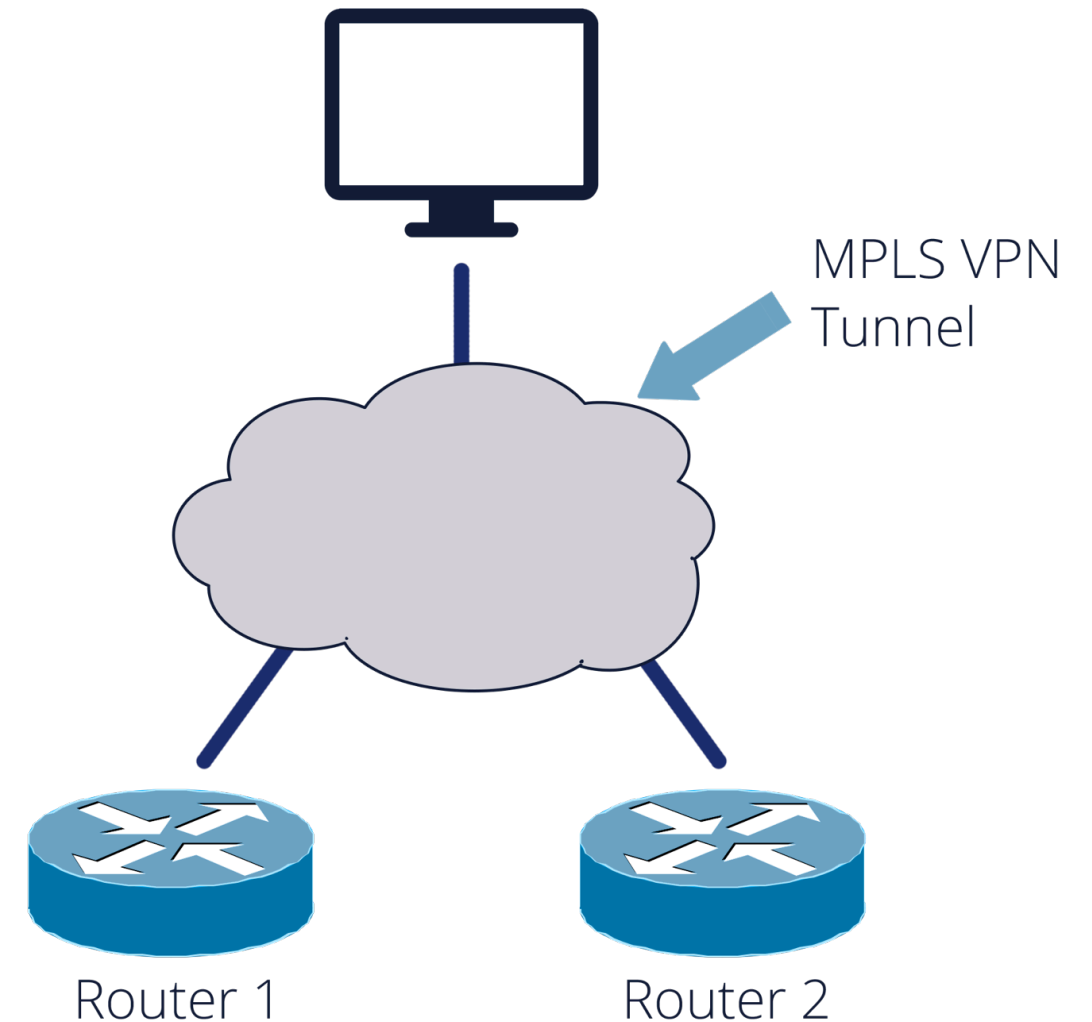
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Our Use Case – MPLS VPN Configuration

Tasks:

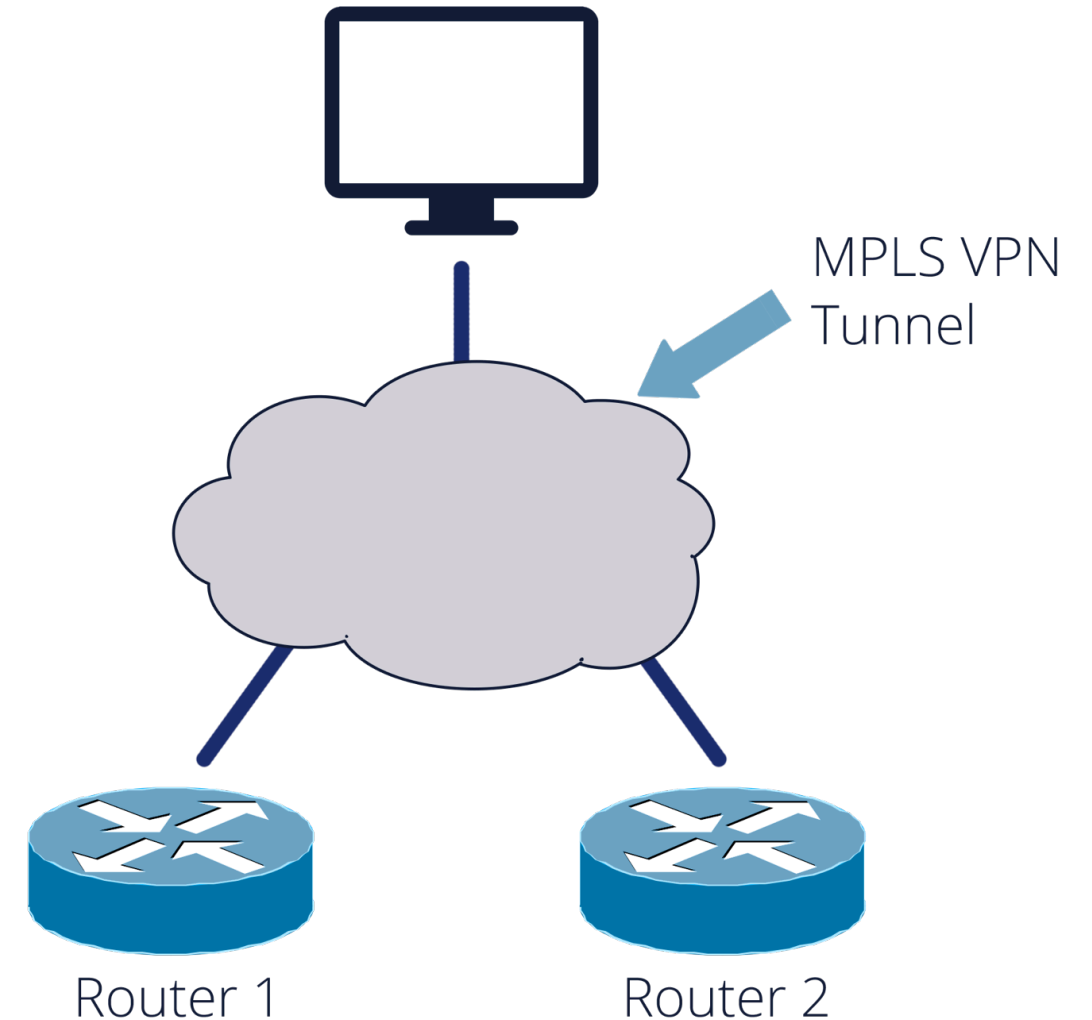
1. Enable interfaces on routers
2. Assign IPv6 addresses to interfaces
3. Configure Static MPLS LSPs

```
Router 1:  
eth0: 2001:db8:c18:1::3/128  
Router 2:  
eth0: 2001:db8:c18:1::2/128
```

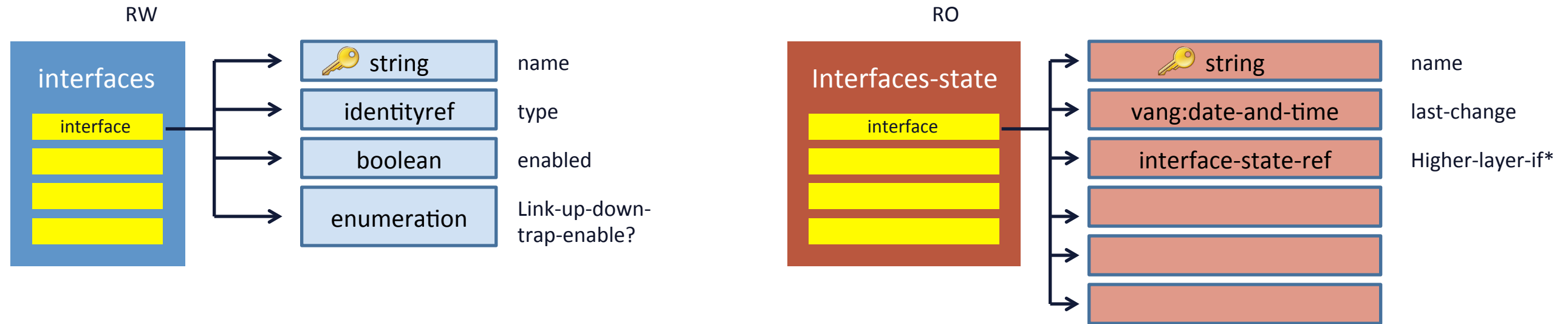


Task #1: Enabling the Interfaces

- We start with the Interface Management Model
- Examine model for YANG features:
 - Structure
 - Configuration and operational data
 - Built-in and customer data types
 - Conditional features
 - Abstract identities
 - Nodes references



Interface Management Model Structure



Two top-level containers:

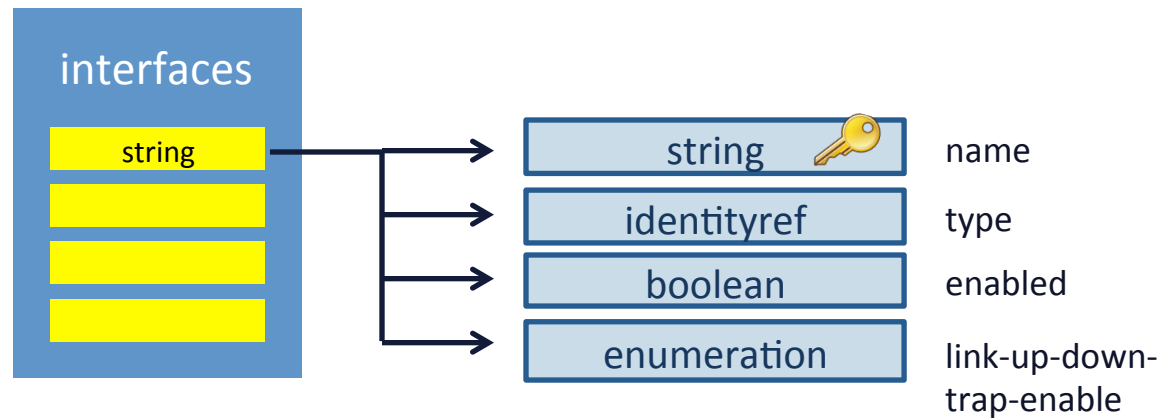
interfaces

- One entry per configured interface
- Contains all configuration per interface

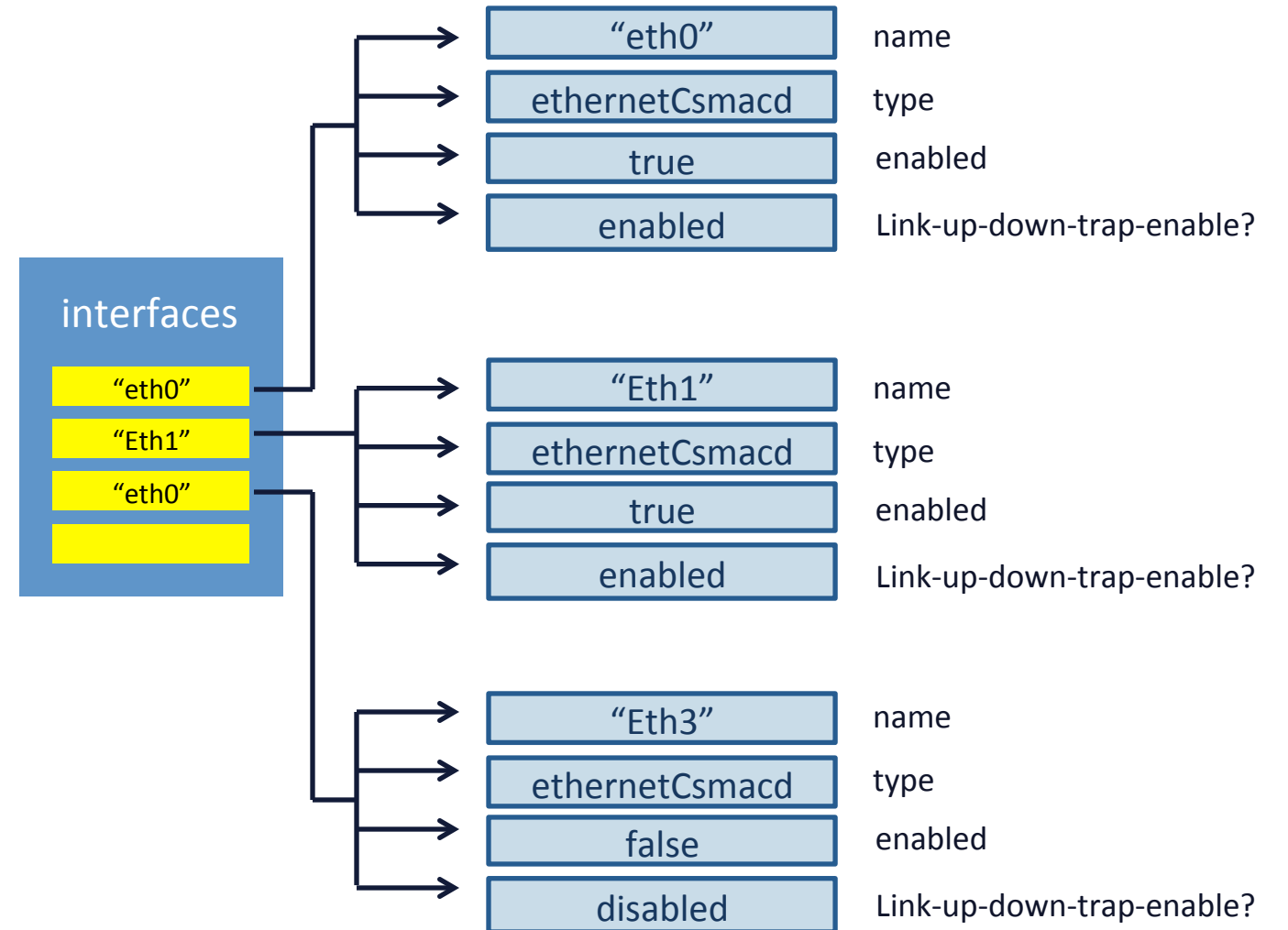
interfaces-state

- One entry per interface on the device
- Contains all operational state per interface

The Interfaces List

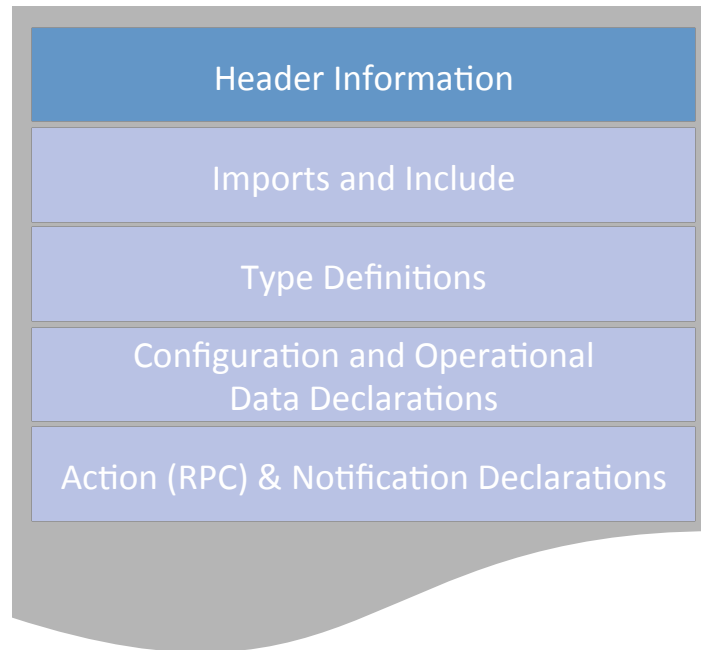


The Model



Example Instance data

The Module Header



RFC 7223 Interface Management

```
module ietf-interfaces {
  namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-interfaces";
  prefix if;
  import ietf-yang-types {
    prefix yang;
  }
  organization
    "IETF NETMOD (NETCONF Data Modeling Language) Working
    Group";
  contact
    "WG Web: <http://tools.ietf.org/wg/netmod/>
    WG List: <mailto:netmod@ietf.org>
  ...
  description
    "This module contains a collection of YANG definitions for
    managing network interfaces.
  ...
  revision 2014-05-08 {
    description
      "Initial revision.";
    reference
      "RFC 7223: A YANG Data Model for Interface Management";
  }
```


Defining a Container

Container statement:

- Defines an interior data node in the schema tree
- One argument - identifier
- No value, but has a list of child nodes in the data tree

```
container interfaces {  
    description  
        "Interface configuration parameters."  
    ...  
}
```

interfaces

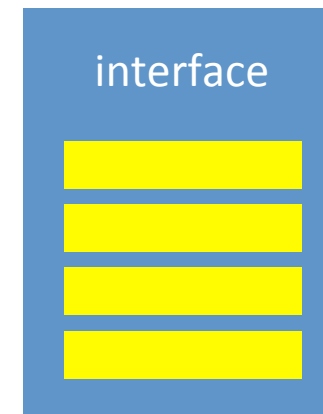
Defining a List

List statement:

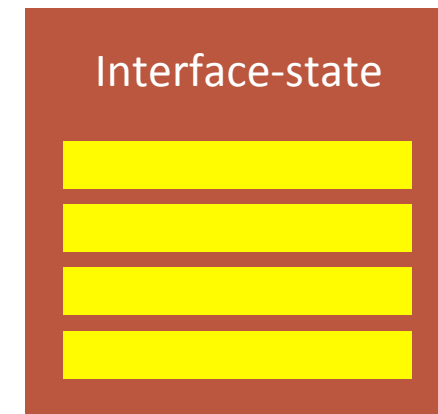
- Defines an interior data node in the schema tree.
- Single argument - identifier,
- Represents a collection of entries –each entry consists of one or more nodes

```
container interfaces{
  ...
  list interfaces {
    key "name";
    description
      "The list of configured
      interfaces on the device.";
    ...
  }
  list interfaces-state{
    config false; ←
    key "name";
    description
      "Data nodes for the operational
      state of interfaces."
    ...
  }
}
```

RW



RO



config false – Data under interfaces-state is read-only

Config (RW) and State (RO) clearly separated in this model

Defining Leaves

A leaf is defined by an identifier and has a type

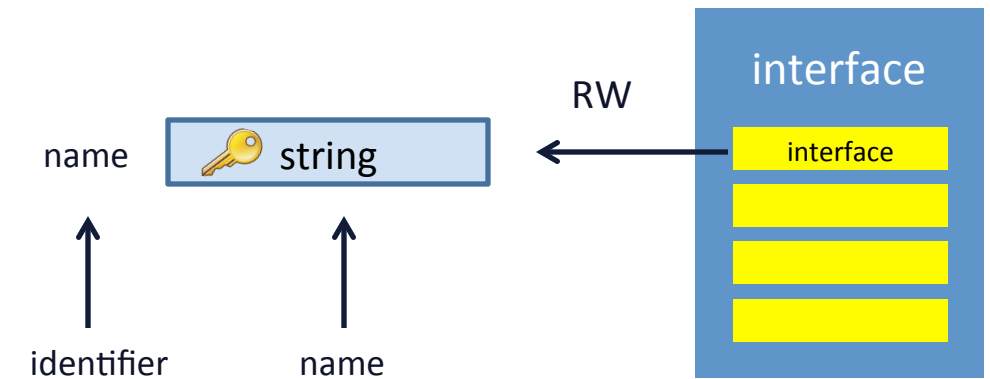
```
list interface{
  key "name";
  description "...";

  leaf name {
    type string;
    description
      "The name of the interface"
  }
}
```

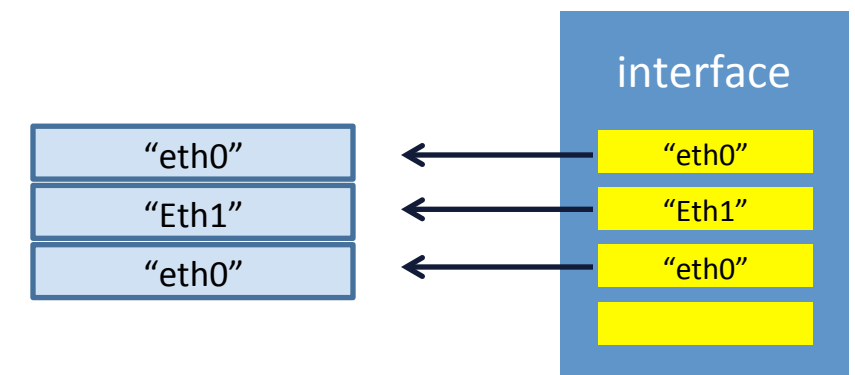
- Leaf name serves as list key
- The type is string

Switch order
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The Model



An Instance of the Model



YANG Data Types

YANG has a set of built-in types, similar to those of many programming languages

- binary
- bits
- boolean
- decimal64
- empty
- enumeration
- identityref
- instance-identifier
- int8, int16, int32, int64
- leafref
- string
- uint8, uint16, uint32, uint64
- union

Use `pattern`, `range`, and `length` statements to restrict values

```
type string {  
    length "0..4";  
    pattern "[0-9a-fA-F]*";  
}
```

Leaf Types - Boolean

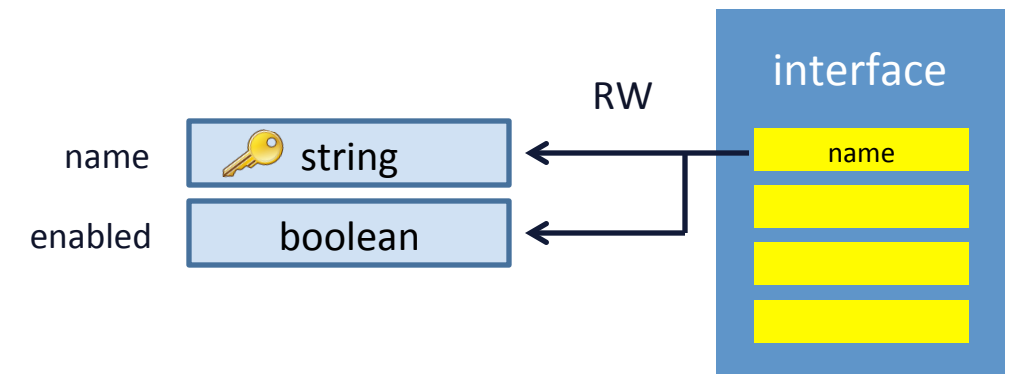
Leaf enabled with boolean value `true` or `false`

This is where the interface can be enabled and disabled

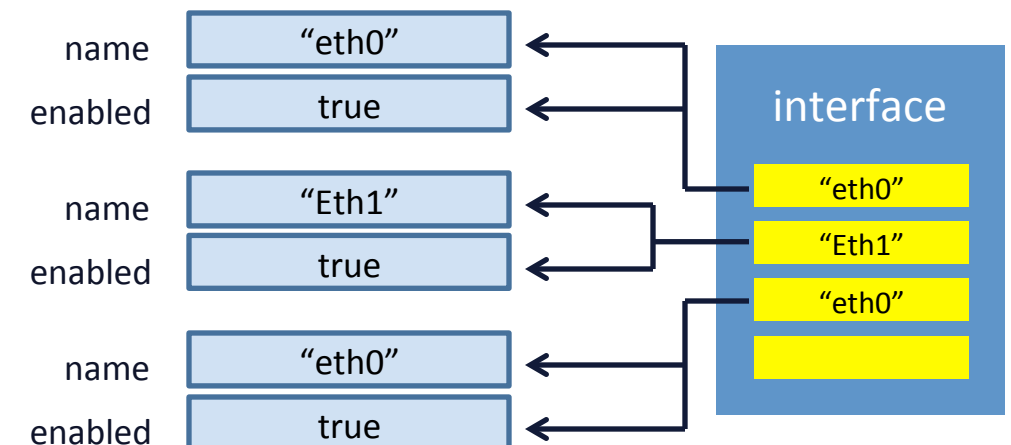
```
list interface{
  key "name";
  description "...";
  leaf name {...}

  leaf enabled {
    type boolean;
    default "true";
    description
      "This leaf contains the configured,
      desired state of the interface."
  }
}
```

The Model



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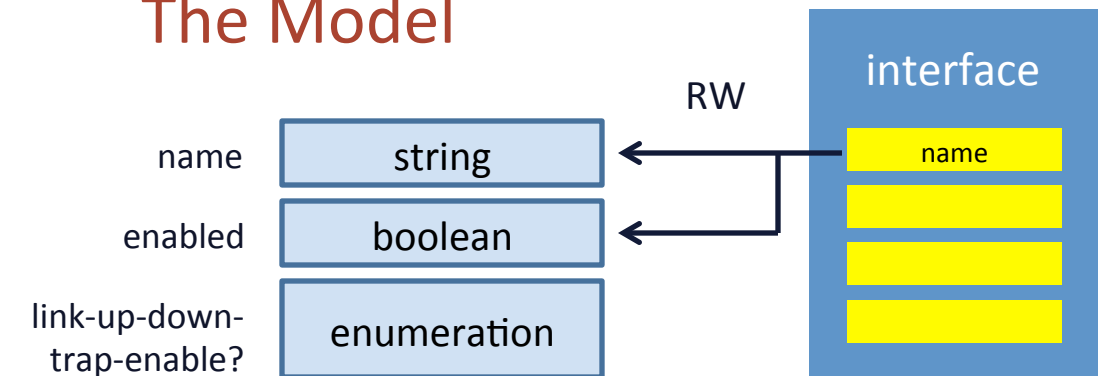
Leaf Types - Enumeration

Leaf `link-up-down-trap-enable` may take value `enabled` or `disabled`

```
list interface{
  key "name";
  leaf name {...}
  leaf enabled {...}

  leaf link-up-down-trap-enable {
    if-feature if-mib;
    type enumeration {
      enum enabled {value 1;}
      enum disabled {value 2;}
    }
    description
      "Controls whether linkUp/Down SNMP
      notifications should be generated";
  }
}
```

The Model



Switch order
on graphic

Defining new types

New types can be defined using the `typedef` statement

```
typedef percent {  
    type uint8 {  
        range "0 .. 100";  
    }  
    description "Percentage";  
}
```

```
leaf completed {  
    type percent;  
}
```

RFC 6991: Common YANG Data Types

- ietf-inet-types (ipv4- and ipv6-addresses, domain-name, etc)
- ietf-yang-types (counters, gauges, date-and-time, etc)

Conditional Leaves - Features

The `feature` statement is used to mark parts of the model as conditional

The `if-feature` statement makes the parent statement conditional

This leaf is a part of our model only if the `if-mib` feature is supported in the server

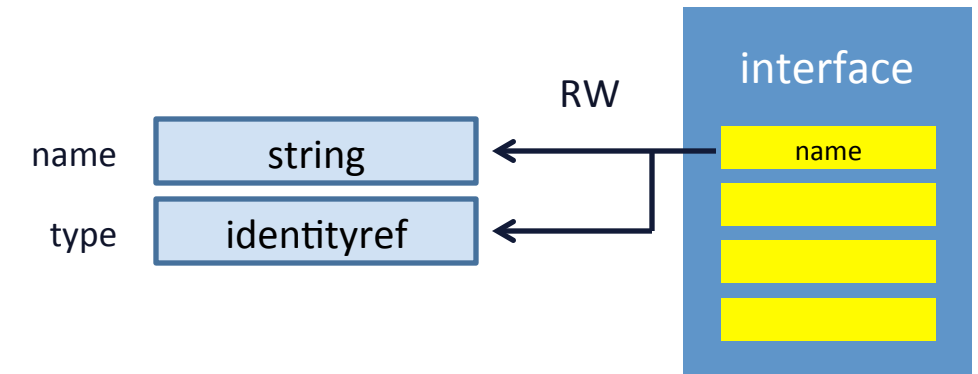
```
feature if-mib {  
    description  
        "This feature indicates that the  
        device implements the IF-MIB."  
    reference  
        "RFC 2863: The Interfaces Group MIB";  
}
```

```
...  
list interface{  
    key "name";  
    leaf name {...}  
    leaf enabled {...}  
  
    leaf link-up-down-trap-enable {  
        if-feature if-mib;  
        type enumeration {  
            enum enabled {value 1;}  
            enum disabled {value 2;}  
        }  
        description  
            "Controls whether linkUp/Down SNMP  
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    }  
}
```

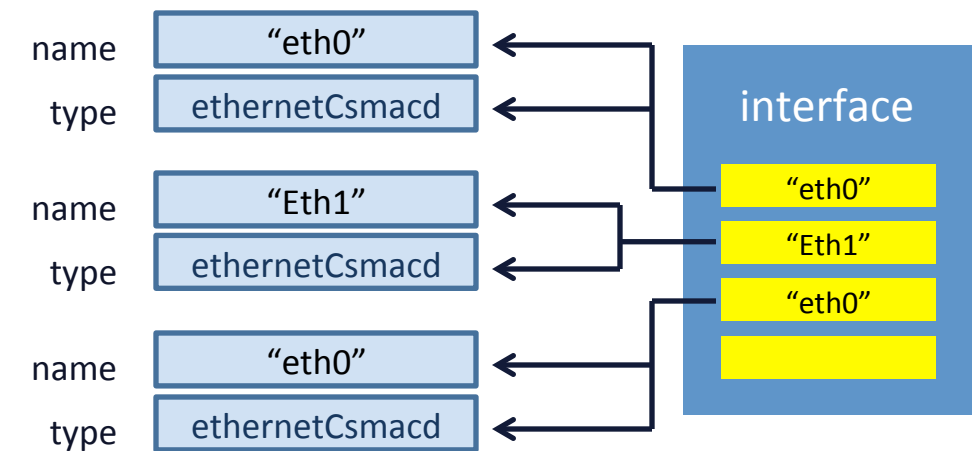

Abstract Types - Identityref

```
identity interface-type {  
    description  
        "Base identity from which specific  
        interface types are derived."  
}  
  
leaf type {  
    type identityref {  
        base interface-type;  
    }  
    mandatory true;  
    description  
        "The type of the interface....";  
    reference  
        "RFC 2863: The Interfaces Group MIB -  
        ifType";  
}
```

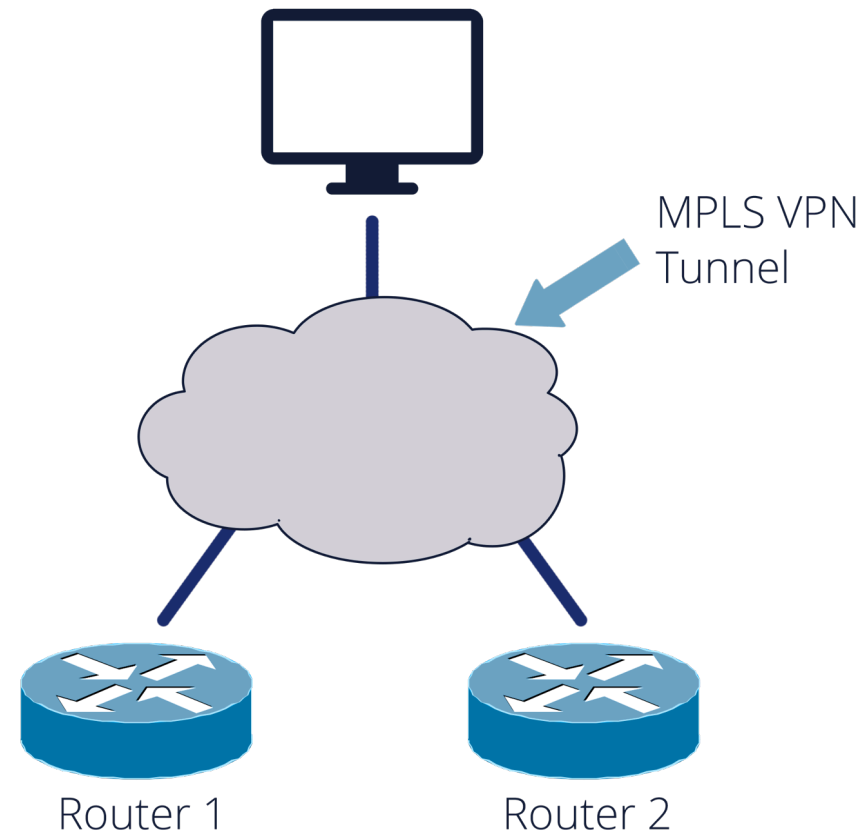
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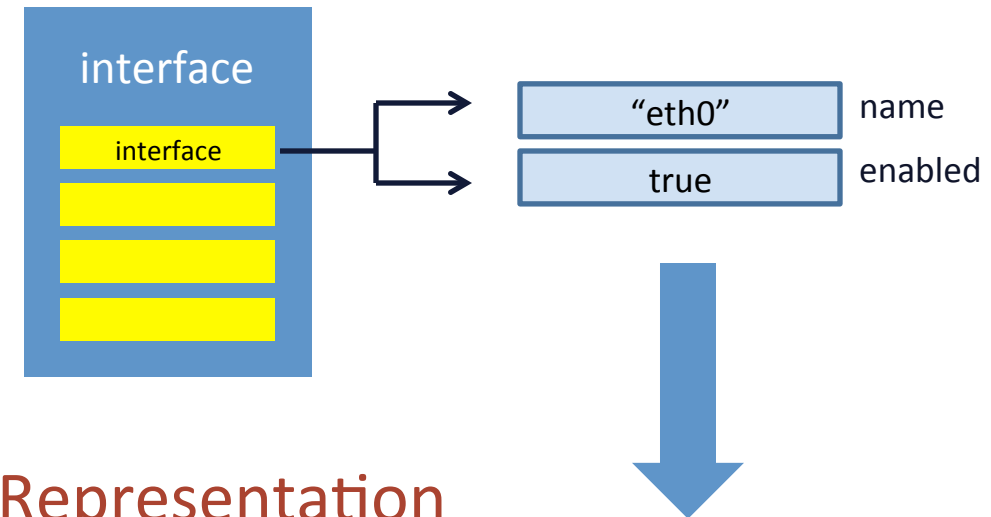


The Instance Data in XML



Router 1:
eth0: **2001:db8:c18:1::3/128**
Router 2:
eth0: **2001:db8:c18:1::2/128**

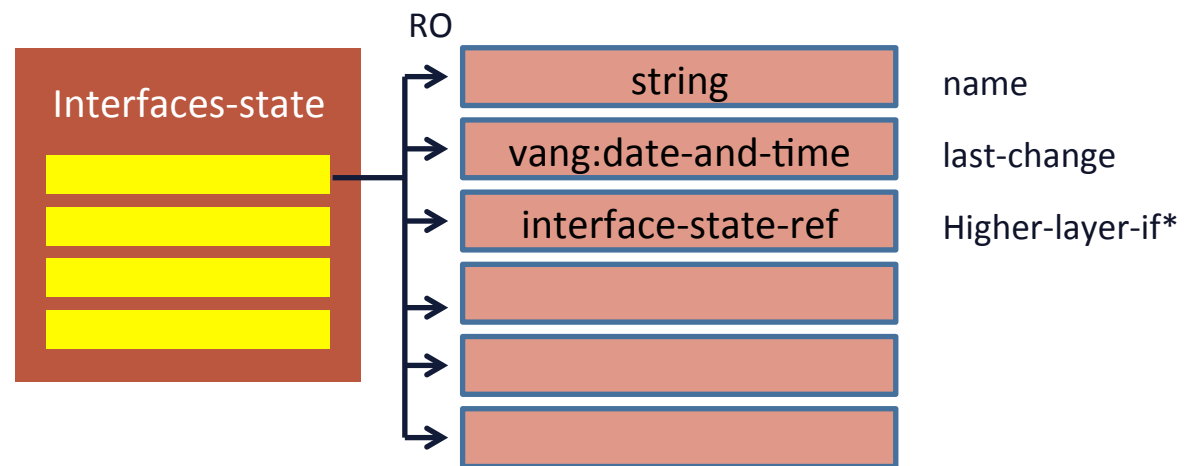
Instance



XML Representation

```
<interfaces>  
  <interface>  
    <name>eth0</name>  
    <enabled>true</enabled>  
  </interface>  
</interfaces>
```

Inspecting the Interfaces State Tree



```
+--ro interfaces-state
  +--ro interface* [name]
    +--ro name string
    +--ro type identityref
    +--ro admin-status enumeration
    +--ro oper-status enumeration
    +--ro last-change? yang:date-and-time
    +--ro if-index int32
    +--ro phys-address? yang:phys-address
    +--ro higher-layer-if* interface-state-ref
    +--ro lower-layer-if* interface-state-ref
    +--ro speed? yang:gauge64
    +--ro statistics
      +--ro discontinuity-time yang:date-and-time
      +--ro in-octets? yang:counter64
      +--ro in-unicast-pkts? yang:counter64
      +--ro in-broadcast-pkts? yang:counter64
      +--ro in-multicast-pkts? yang:counter64
      +--ro in-discards? yang:counter32
      +--ro in-errors? yang:counter32
      +--ro in-unknown-protos? yang:counter32
    ...
```

Each entry in the interfaces-state list is a container representing the state of an interface

Imports and Includes

```
...  
import ietf-yang-types {  
    prefix yang;  
}  
...
```

YANG structures data models into modules and submodules.

- The `import` statement makes definitions from one module available inside another module or submodule
- The `include` statement is used to make content from a submodule available to that submodule's parent module, or to another submodule of that parent module.

Example Import

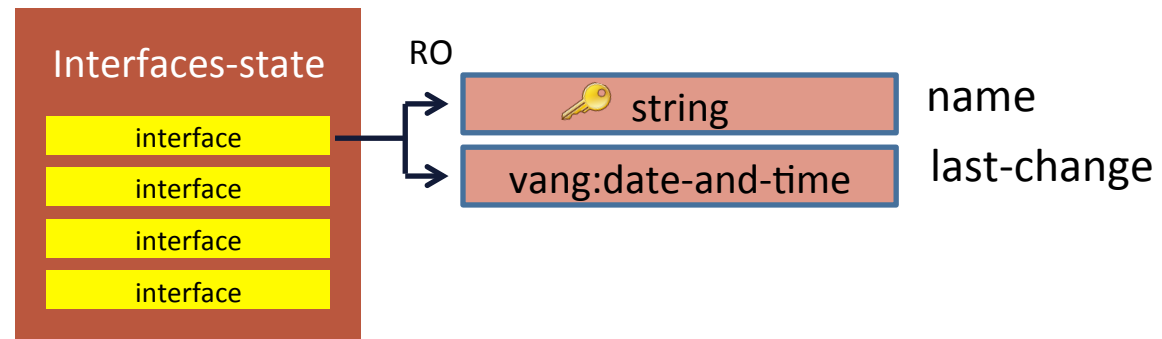
```
import ietf-yang-types {  
    prefix yang;  
}  
...  
leaf last-change {  
    type yang:date-and-time;  
    description  
        "The time the interface entered its current operational  
        state.  If the current state was entered prior to the  
        last re-initialization of the local network management  
        subsystem, then this node is not present."  
    reference  
        "RFC 2863: The Interfaces Group MIB - ifLastChange";  
}
```

ietf-yang-types.yang

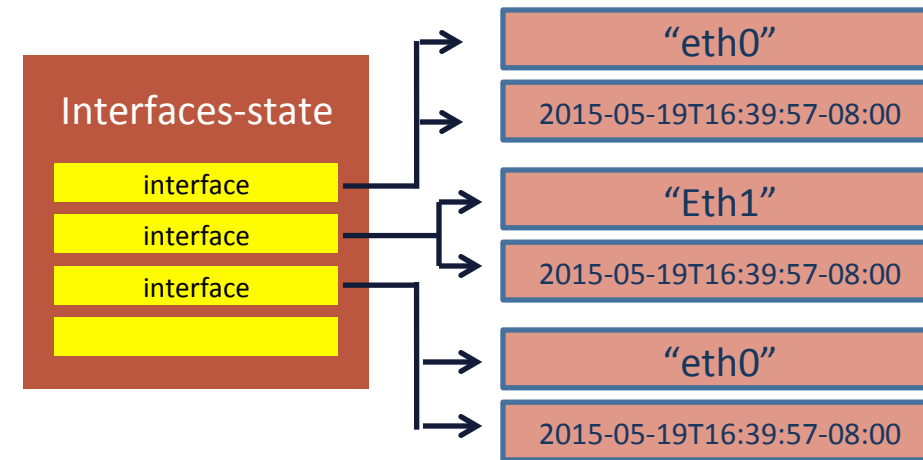
```
typedef date-and-time {  
    type string {  
        pattern '\d{4}-\d{2}-\d{2}T\d{2}:\d{2}:\d{2}(\.\d+)?'  
        + '(Z|[\+\-]\d{2}:\d{2})';  
    }  
    description  
        "The date-and-time type is a profile of the ISO  
        8601 standard for representation of dates and  
        times using the ..."
```

Example derived type

Model



Instance



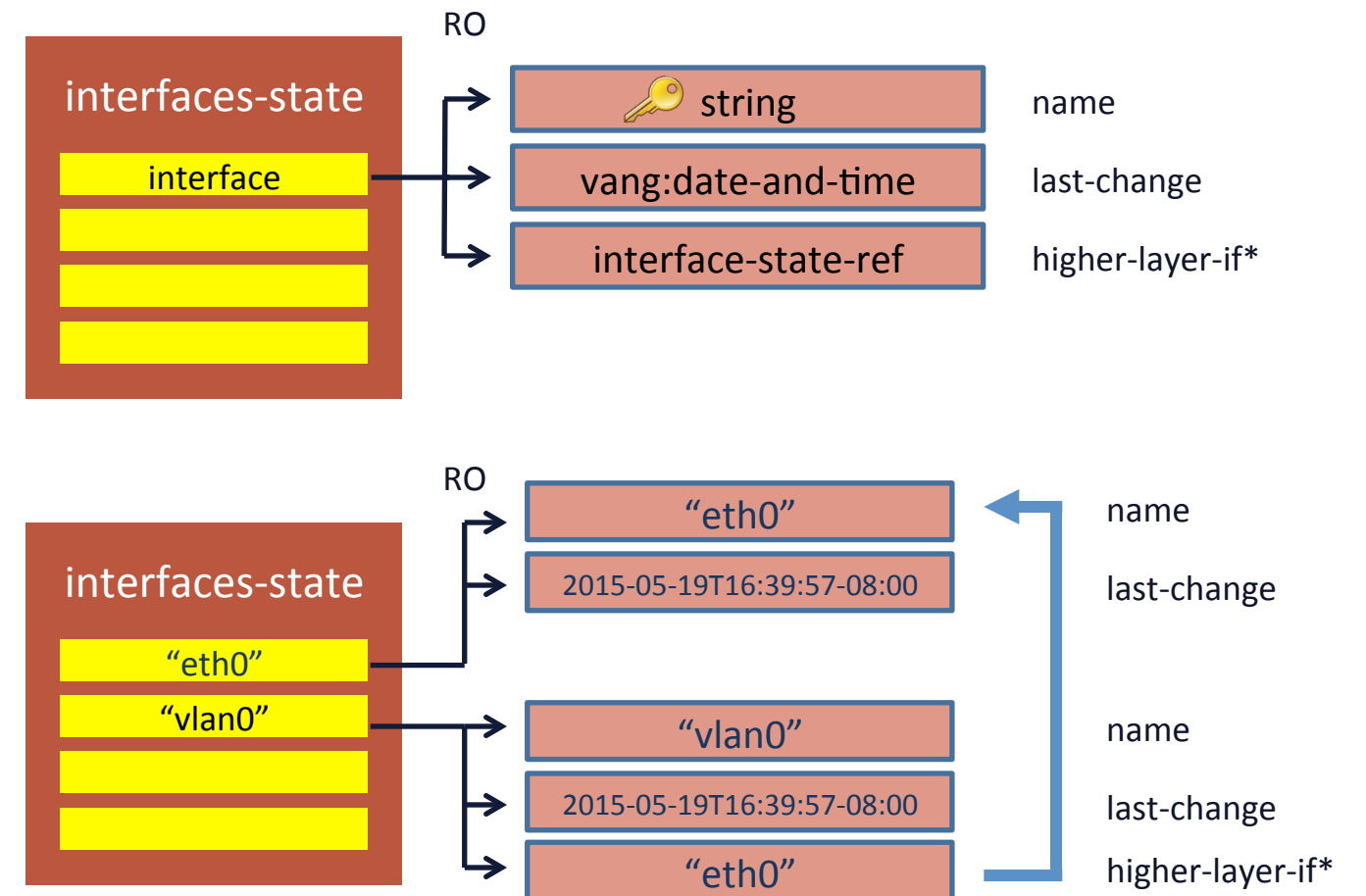
```
typedef date-and-time {  
    type string {  
        pattern '\d{4}\d{2}\d{2}T\d{2}:\d{2}:\d{2}  
            (\.\d+)?'+ '(Z|[\+\-]\d{2}:\d{2})';  
    }  
}
```

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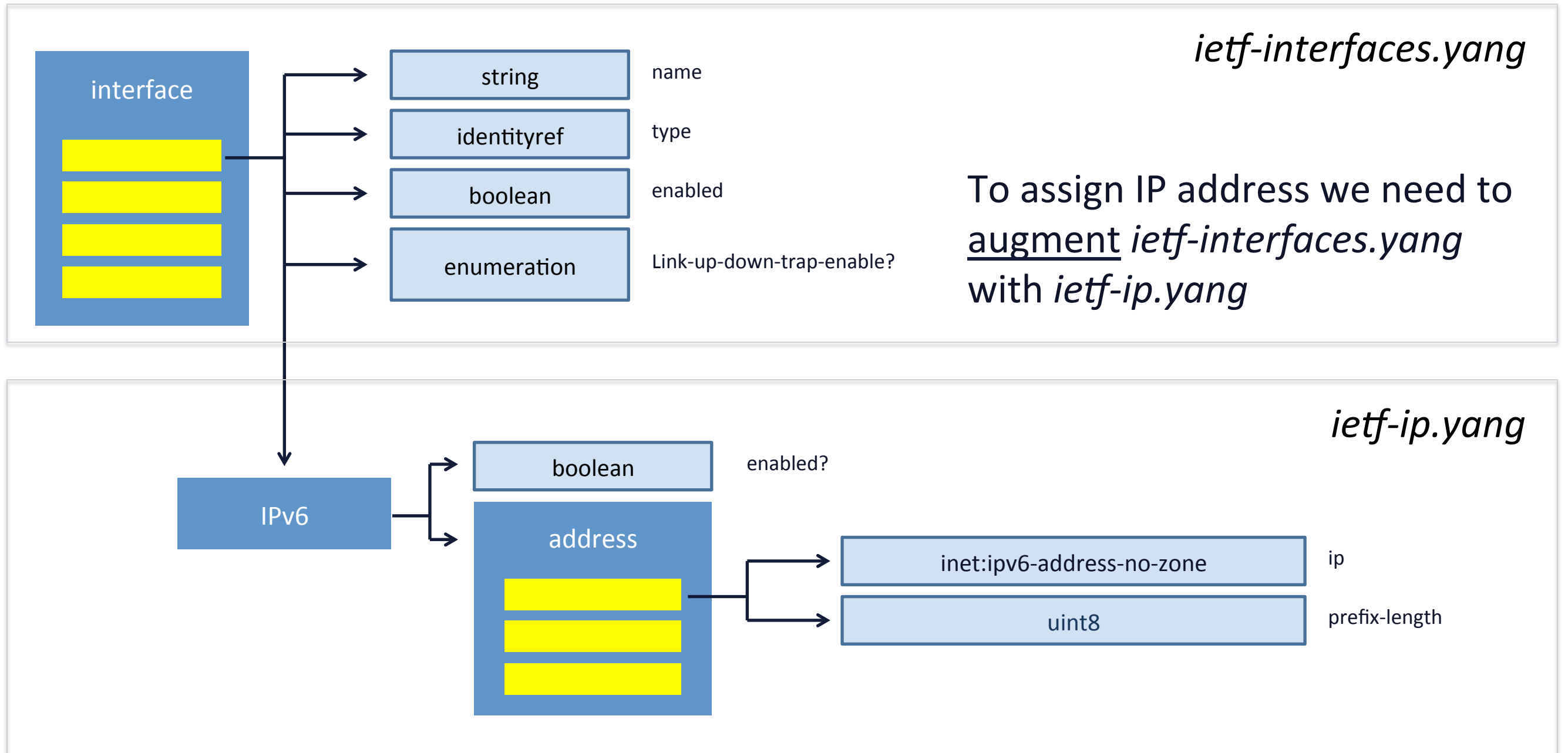
Referencing Another Leaf - leafref

Use `leafref` to reference a particular leaf instance in the data tree

```
typedef interface-state-ref {  
  type leafref {  
    path "/if:interfaces-state/  
if:interface/if:name";  
  }  
  ...  
}  
  
leaf-list lower-layer-if {  
  type interface-state-ref;  
  ...  
}
```



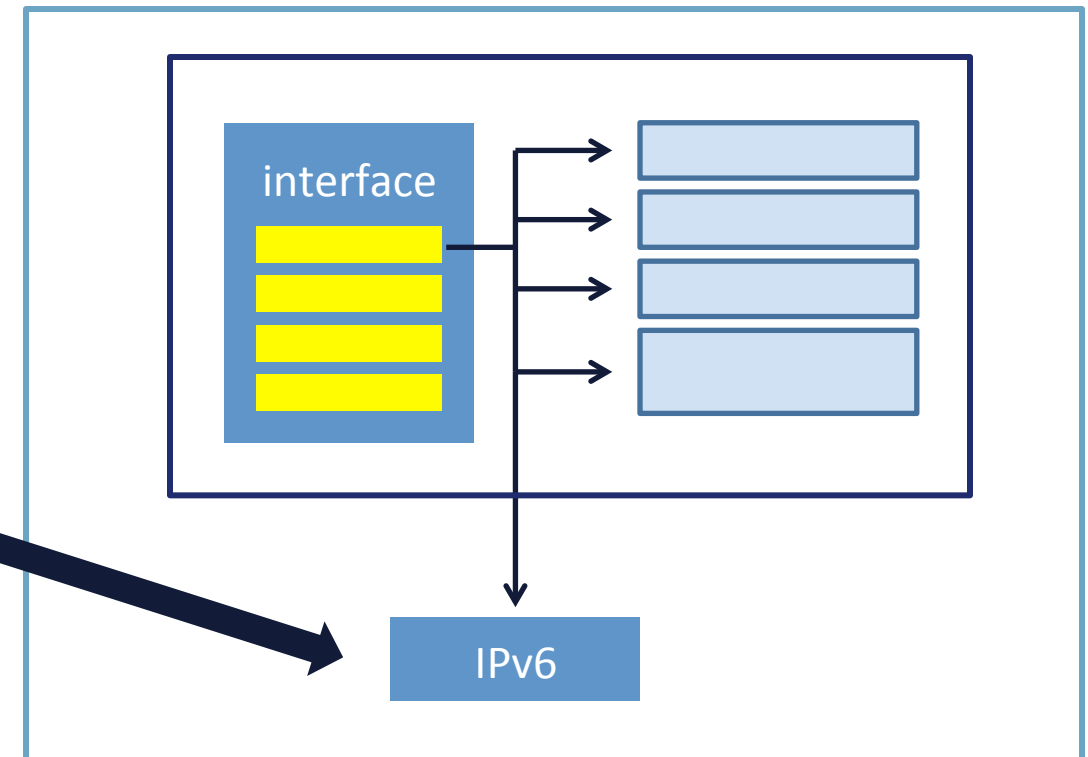
Task #2: Assigning an IPv6 Address



Augmenting the Interface Definition

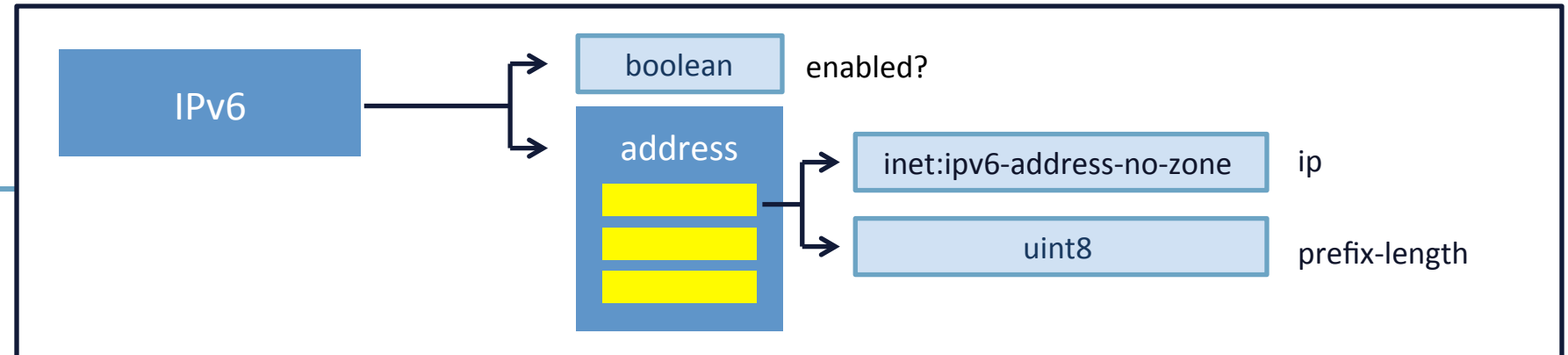
ietf-ip.yang

```
import ietf-interfaces {  
  prefix if;  
}  
...  
  
augment "/if:interfaces/if:interface" {  
  description  
    "Parameters for configuring IP on  
interfaces...";  
  container ipv6 {  
    presence  
      "Enables IPv6 unless the 'enabled' leaf  
(which defaults to 'true') is set to  
'false'";  
    description  
      "Parameters for the IPv6 address  
family.";  
  }  
}
```

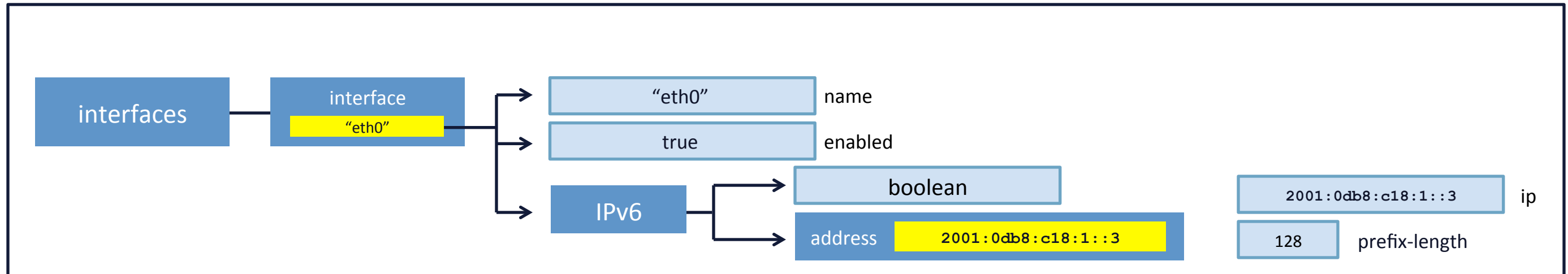


The IPv6 Model

```
container ipv6 {  
  leaf enabled {  
    type boolean;  
    default true;  
    description "Controls whether IPv6 is enabled or disabled...";  
  }  
  list address {  
    key "ip";  
    description "list of configured IPv6 addresses on interface.";  
    leaf ip {  
      type inet:ipv6-address-no-zone;  
      description "The IPv6 address on the interface.";  
    }  
    leaf prefix-length {  
      type uint8 { range "0..128"; }  
      mandatory true;  
      description "The length of the subnet prefix.";  
    }  
  }  
}
```



The Instance Data in XML



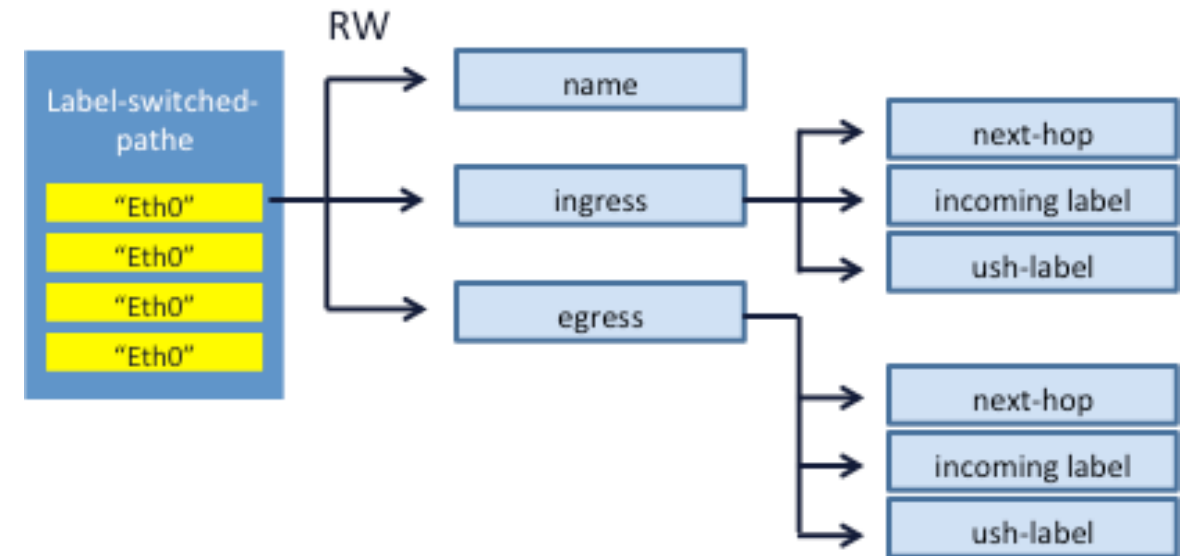
```
<interfaces>
  <interface>
    <name>eth0</name>
    <enabled>true</enabled>
    <ipv6>
      <enabled>true</enabled>
      <address>
        <ip>2001:0db8:c18:1::2</ip>
        <prefix-length>128</prefix-length>
      </address>
    </ipv6>
  </interface>
</interfaces>
```

Router #1

```
<interfaces>
  <interface>
    <name>eth0</name>
    <enabled>true</enabled>
    <ipv6>
      <enabled>true</enabled>
      <address>
        <ip>2001:0db8:c18:1::3</ip>
        <prefix-length>128</prefix-length>
      </address>
    </ipv6>
  </interface>
</interfaces>
```

Router #2

Task #3: Configure an LSP

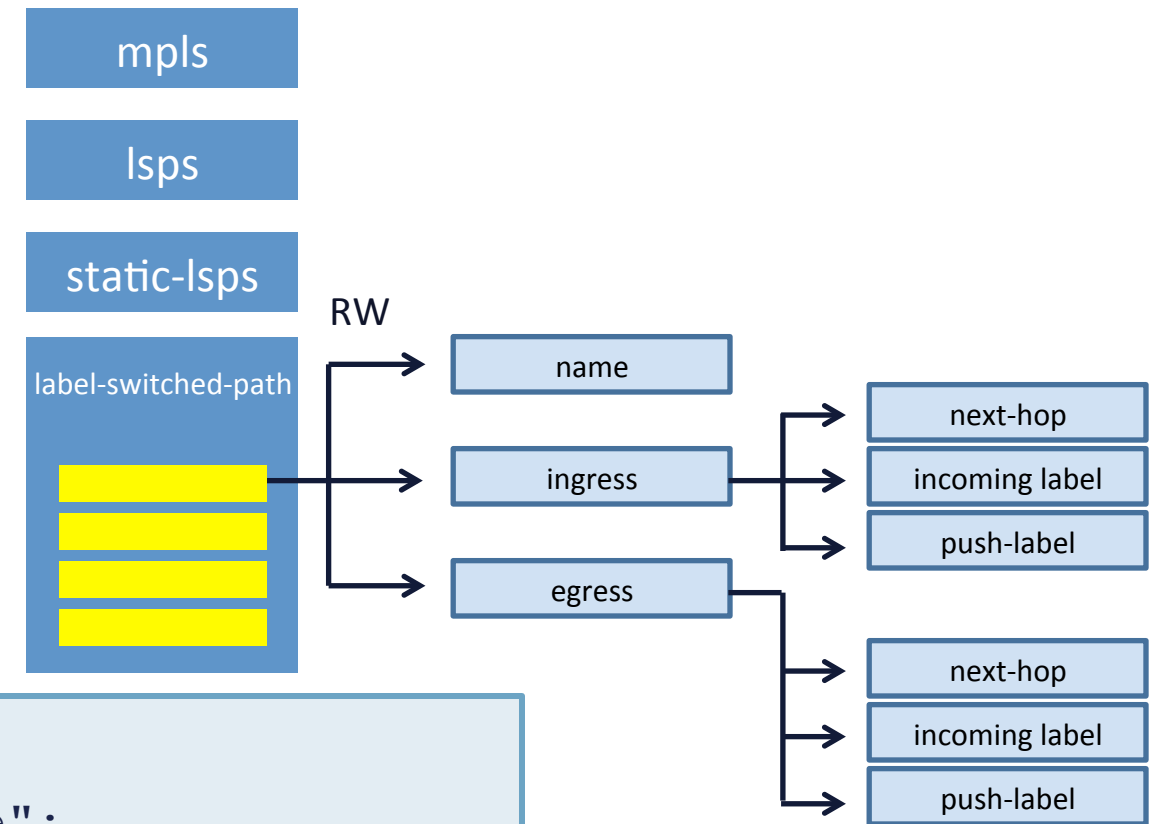


Task #3: Configure LSPs

Container `static-lsps` will hold our configuration

Please note the `uses` statement below

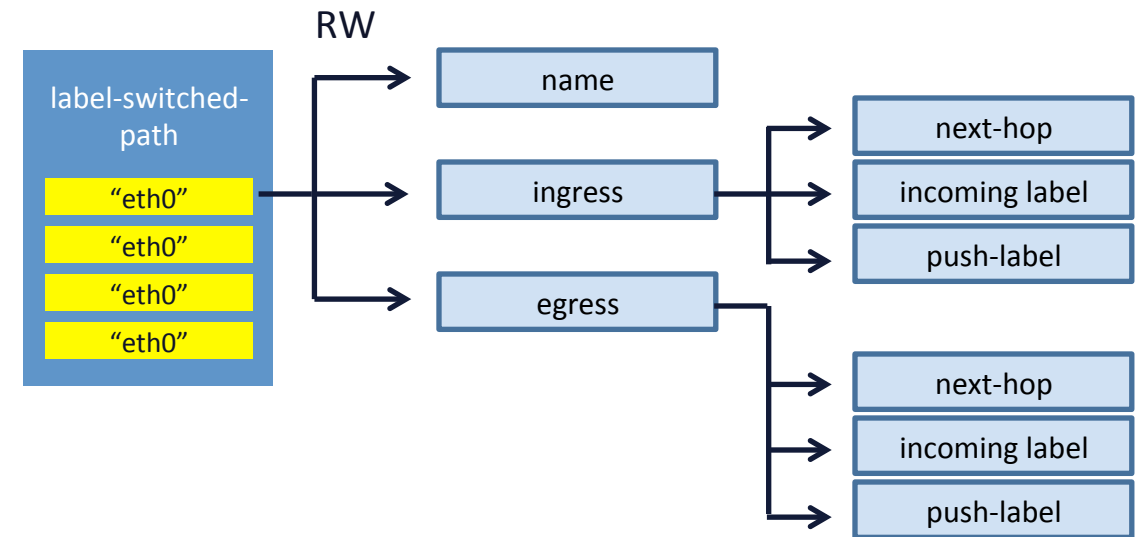
```
container mpls {  
  presence "top-level container for MPLS config and state";  
  ...  
  container lsps {  
    description "LSP definitions and configuration";  
    container static-lsps {  
      description "statically configured LSPs, without dynamic signaling";  
      uses static-lsp-main;  
    }  
  }  
}
```



Groupings

Groups of nodes can be assembled into reusable collections using the `grouping` statement.

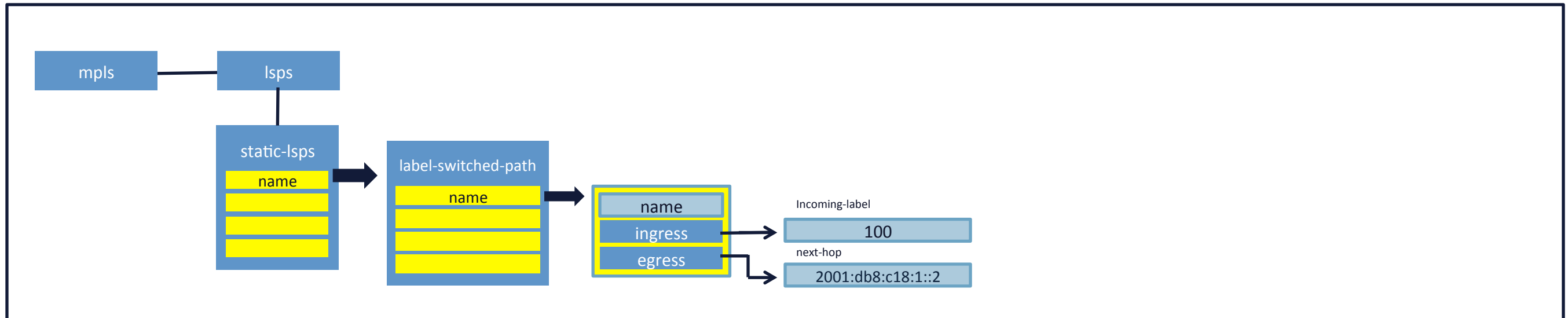
A grouping defines a set of nodes that are instantiated with the `uses` statement:



```
grouping static-lsp-main {  
  list label-switched-path {  
    key name;  
    leaf name { type string; }  
    container ingress { uses static-lsp-common; }  
    container egress { uses static-lsp-common; }  
  }  
}
```

```
grouping static-lsp-common {  
  leaf next-hop { type inet:ip-address; }  
  leaf incoming-label { type mplst:mpls-label; }  
  leaf push-label { type mplst:mpls-label; }  
}
```

The Instance Data in XML



Router #1

```
<mpls>
  <lsp>
    <static-lsp>
      <label-switched-path>
        <name>lsp0</name>
        <ingress>
          <incoming-label>100</incoming-label>
        </ingress>
        <egress>
          <next-hop>2001:db8:c18:1::2</next-hop>
        </egress>
      </label-switched-path>
    </static-lsp>
  </lsp>
</mpls>
```

Router #2

```
<mpls>
  <lsp>
    <static-lsp>
      <label-switched-path>
        <name>lsp0</name>
        <ingress>
          <incoming-label>100</incoming-label>
        </ingress>
        <egress>
          <next-hop>2001:db8:c18:1::3</next-hop>
        </egress>
      </label-switched-path>
    </static-lsp>
  </lsp>
</mpls>
```

Summary

You should now be able to:

- Identify and describe common elements of a YANG model
- Examine a YANG model and create a valid configuration instance

Back Matter

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