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1 Overview

The Redfish standard comprises a set of specifications maintained by the Redfish Forum, a working group within the DMTF. The standard defines a protocol that uses RESTful interfaces to provide access to data and operations associated with the management of systems and networks. One of the strengths of the Redfish protocol is that it works with a wide range of servers: from stand-alone servers to rack-mount and bladed environments to large-scale data centers and cloud environments.

The Redfish standard addresses several key issues for infrastructures that require scalability. Large infrastructures often consist of many simple servers of different makes and types. This hyper-scale usage model requires a new approach to systems management. The Redfish protocol addresses these needs by providing a standard protocol based on out-of-band systems management.

With the previous goals in mind, the Redfish protocol was designed as an open-industry standard to meet scalability requirements in multi-vendor deployments. It easily integrates with commonly used tools, using RESTful interfaces to perform operations and using JSON and OData formats for data payloads.

1.1 Who should read this document?

This document is for Redfish Service developers or application software developers. This document includes the normative language copied from the `LongDescription` text in the Redfish Schema (DSP8010) bundle, and adds supplemental normative text to further explain the usage of particular properties or resources.

This document differs from the *Redfish Resource and Schema Guide* (DSP2046) by incorporating the normative description text rather than the end user-focused, informative (non-normative) `Description` text from the schema.

1.2 How can I provide feedback?

Feedback on all Redfish specifications and documents is encouraged. Feedback can be directed to the DMTF and the Redfish Forum by the following means:

- **Redfish User Forum:** http://www.redfishforum.com User forum monitored by DMTF Redfish Forum personnel to answer questions about any Redfish-related topics.
- **DMTF Feedback Portal:** https://www.dmtf.org/standards/feedback Formal submission portal for enhancements or proposals to the DMTF and Redfish Forum.

1.3 Where can I find more information?

The following web sites provide more information about the Redfish standard:

- **Redfish Developer Hub**

Resources for developers who use Redfish to build applications. Contains an interactive schema explorer, hosted schema, and other links.

- **Redfish Specification Forum**

  DMTF Redfish-monitored user forum. Answers questions about Redfish-related topics.

- **DMTF GitHub repositories**

  Open source tools and libraries for working with Redfish.

- **Redfish standards**

  Schemas, specifications, mockups, white papers, FAQ, educational material, and more.

- **DMTF Redfish Forum**

  Working group that maintains the Redfish standard. Site lists member companies, future work and schedules, charter, and information about joining.