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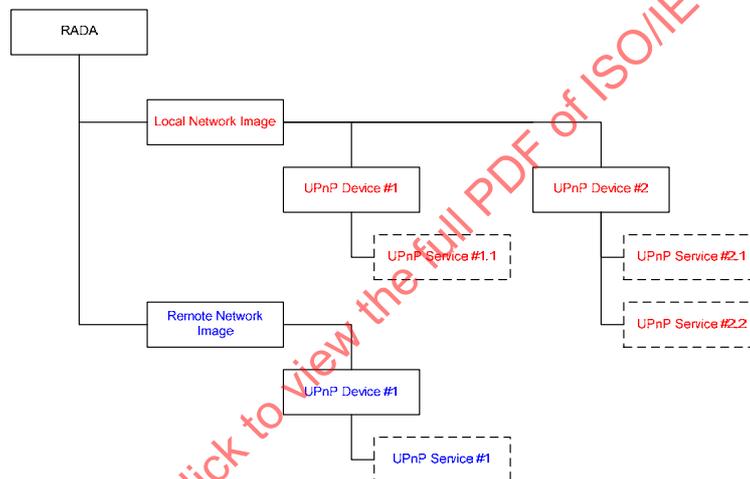
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## 1 Overview and Scope

This service definition is compliant with the UPnP Device Architecture version 1.0. It defines a service type referred to herein as *RADAConfig* service. This service type enables configuration of the in-band synchronization mechanism between Remote Access Clients and Remote Access Server.

### 1.1 Introduction

A Remote Access Discovery Agent aggregates information about UPnP devices and services from two primary sources, depending if the devices are located in the local network or they are located in a remote device. For aggregating the devices and services available in the local network, the Remote Access Discovery Agent is constantly monitoring the SSDP traffic, which enables the RADA to have an up-to-date image of the UPnP network. The RADA finds information about remote UPnP devices and services by synchronizing with remote RADAs.



**Figure 1-1 — SSDP Aggregation.**

The main purpose in maintaining this aggregate view of available devices, is to alleviate the timing dependencies inherent in the UPnP Discovery mechanism. When a UPnP Control Point issues a search request, the request packet contains a parameter that specifies the maximum number of seconds a device can wait before sending the response. In remote scenarios, it is possible that this value will be exceeded with normal network traffic delay.

This aggregate view also serves to minimize the amount of SSDP traffic that needs to flow across the remote transport, as some remote scenarios may be cost-sensitive in regards to the amount of data that is transferred, since SSDP is often described as a “chatty” protocol.

The aggregate view could be used to restrict the visibility of local UPnP devices and services from remote devices and of UPnP devices and services hosted by remote devices to your local network.

This service does not address the actual transport protocol used to facilitate Remote Access.

The *RADAConfig* service is a UPnP service that provides control points with the following functionality:

- Customize which local devices are visible in remote networks
- Customize which remote devices are visible in the local network

This service does not address:

- Aggregation of the the local view of the UPnP network.
- Relaying discovery messages in the local network on behalf of remote devices
- Transport protocol used to facilitate Remote Access or its configuration.

## 1.2 Vendor-defined Extensions

Whenever vendors create additional vendor-defined state variables, actions or properties, their assigned names and XML representation MUST follow the naming conventions and XML rules as specified in [DEVICE], Clause 2.5, "Description: Non-standard vendor extensions".

## 1.3 References

### 1.3.1 Normative References

This clause lists the normative references used in this specification and includes the tag inside square brackets that is used for each such reference:

[DEVICE] – UPnP Device Architecture, version 1.0. Available at: <http://www.upnp.org/specs/arch/UPnP-arch-DeviceArchitecture-v1.0-20080424.pdf>. Latest version available at: <http://www.upnp.org/specs/arch/UPnP-arch-DeviceArchitecture-v1.0.pdf>.

[DADS-XSD] – XML Schema for UPnP RA Discovery Agent XML Data Structures Available at: <http://www.upnp.org/schemas/ra/dads-v1-20090930.xsd>. Latest version available at: <http://www.upnp.org/schemas/ra/dads-v1.xsd>.

[RAServer] – RAServer:1, UPnP Forum, Available at: <http://www.upnp.org/specs/ra/UPnP-ra-RAServer-v1-Device-20090930.pdf>. Latest version available at: <http://www.upnp.org/specs/ra/UPnP-ra-RAServer-v1-Device.pdf>.

[RADASync] – RADASync:1, UPnP Forum, Available at: <http://www.upnp.org/specs/ra/UPnP-ra-RADASync-v1-Service-20090930.pdf>. Latest version available at: <http://www.upnp.org/specs/ra/UPnP-ra-RADASync-v1-Service.pdf>.

[RFC 2119] – IETF RFC 2119, Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement Levels, S. Bradner, March 1997. Available at: <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2119.txt>.

[XML] – "Extensible Markup Language (XML) 1.0 (Third Edition)", François Yergeau, Tim Bray, Jean Paoli, C. M. Sperberg-McQueen, Eve Maler, eds., W3C Recommendation, February 4, 2004. Available at: <http://www.w3.org/TR/2004/REC-xml-20040204/>.

### 1.3.2 Informative References

This clause lists the informative references that are provided as information in helping understand this specification:

[RAARCH] – RAArchitecture:1, UPnP Forum, Available at: <http://www.upnp.org/specs/ra/UPnP-ra-RAArchitecture-v1-20090930.pdf>. Latest version available at: <http://www.upnp.org/specs/ra/UPnP-ra-RAArchitecture-v1.pdf>.

## 2 Service Modeling Definitions

### 2.1 Service Type

The following service type identifies a service that is compliant with this specification:

urn:[schemas-upnp-org:service:RADAConfig:1](#)

[RADAConfig](#) service is used herein to refer to this service type.

## 2.2 Terms and Abbreviations

### 2.2.1 Abbreviations

Table 2-1 — Abbreviations

Definition	Description
RAC	Remote Access Client
RADA	Remote Access Discovery Agent
RAS	Remote Access Server

### 2.2.2 Terms

#### 2.2.2.1 Local device

A local device is a UPnP device that is attached to the physical network where the RADA is located.

#### 2.2.2.2 Remote Access Client

The Remote Access Client (RAC) is the peer physical device that is not part of the physical home network. The RAC is exposing only the UPnP devices and services that are embedded in the physical device.

#### 2.2.2.3 Remote Access Server

The Remote Access Server (RAS) is the peer physical device located in the home network. RAS is exposing to the RAC the UPnP devices and services available in the physical home network as well as any embedded in the physical RAS device.

#### 2.2.2.4 Remote device

A remote device is a UPnP device that is not attached to the physical network where the RADA is located.

#### 2.2.2.5 SystemInfo Change

The SystemInfo change happens when one of the following occurs:

- A Remote Access connection is established
- A Remote Access connection is ended
- A Remote Access Transport profile is added/modified/deleted
- A device joins a remote network
- A device leaves a remote network
- A filter is added/modified/deleted

#### 2.2.2.6 UpdateID

An unsigned integer associated with [SystemInfo](#). The value is incremented each time the [SystemInfo](#) is modified. Upon reaching the value  $2^{32}-1$ , the next update rolls the value back to zero.

## 2.3 **RADAConfig** Service Architecture

The Remote Access Architecture defines management interfaces that allow the configuration of the ACLs that will restrict the visibility of the home devices from the remote control points and of remote devices from local control points.

## 2.4 State Variables

*Reader Note: For a first-time reader, it may be more helpful to read the action definitions before reading the state variable definitions.*

### 2.4.1 State Variable Overview

Table 2-2 — State Variables

Variable Name	R/O <sup>a</sup>	Data Type	Allowed Values	Eng. Units
<u>SystemInfo</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>string</u>	See Clause 2.4.2	
<u>SystemInfoUpdateID</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ui4</u>	See Clause 2.4.3	
<u>A_ARG_TYPE_FilterList</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>string</u>	See Clause 2.4.4	
<u>A_ARG_TYPE_UUID</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>string</u>	See Clause 2.4.5	

<sup>a</sup> R = Required, O = Optional, X = Non-standard

### 2.4.2 SystemInfo

This state variable contains the snapshot of all devices that are reachable/visible from the RADA, which are grouped according to the network in which they are present. The state variable contains also the identity of the remote networks, and filters that determine how the synchronization process will be performed.

The structure of the SystemInfo state variable is a DADS XML Document:

- <systemInfo> is the root element.
- See the DADS schema [DADS-XSD] for more details on the structure. The available properties and their names are described in Annex A.1 of [RADASync].

Note that since the value of SystemInfo is XML, it needs to be escaped (using the normal XML rules: [XML] Clause 2.4 Character Data and Markup) before embedding in a SOAP response message.

Note: implementers must be aware that this state variable is shared with the RADASync service, which updates the information about remote devices, and with the RATAConfig service, which maintains information about Remote Access Transport profiles. This state variable MUST be updated by the device and propagated internally to those other services (if present on the same device). Each modification in SystemInfo MUST be signalled by the device through the SystemInfoUpdateID evented state variable (see Clause 2.4.3).

### 2.4.3 SystemInfoUpdateID

This state variable contains the value of the updateID attribute of the <systemInfo> element in the SystemInfo state variable XML Document. Its value is updated each time a SystemInfo Change occurs (see Clause 2.2.2.5). Note that the SystemInfo state variable may also be changed by the RADASync and RATAConfig services. Therefore, the RADAConfig service MUST event the SystemInfoUpdateID state variable, even if one of the other services (on the same device) is responsible for changing the SystemInfo.

#### 2.4.4 A\_ARG\_TYPE FilterList

The structure of the A\_ARG\_TYPE FilterList state variable is a DADS XML Document:

- <filterList> is the root element.
- See the DADS schema for more details on the structure. The available properties and their names are described in Annex A.1.

Note that since the value of A\_ARG\_TYPE FilterList is XML, it needs to be escaped (using the normal XML rules: [XML] Clause 2.4 Character Data and Markup) before embedding in a SOAP response message.

#### 2.4.5 A\_ARG\_TYPE UUID

This state variable is introduced to provide type information for action arguments used for identifying a particular local or remote network.

### 2.5 Eventing and Moderation

**Table 2-3 — Eventing and Moderation**

Variable Name	Evented	Moderated Event	Max Event Rate <sup>a</sup>	Logical Combination	Min Delta per Event <sup>b</sup>
<u>SystemInfo</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>			
<u>SystemInfoUpdateID</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>			
<u>A_ARG_TYPE FilterList</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>			
<u>A_ARG_TYPE UUID</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>			

<sup>a</sup> Determined by N, where Rate = (Event)/(N secs)

<sup>b</sup> (N) \* (allowedValueRange Step)

#### 2.5.1 Relationships Between State Variables

The SystemInfoUpdateID state variable is updated when the SystemInfo state variable is changed. Note that the SystemInfo state variable may also be changed by the RADASync and RATAConfig services.

### 2.6 Actions

**Table 2-4 — Actions**

Name	R/O <sup>a</sup>
<u>GetSystemInfo()</u>	<u>R</u>
<u>EditFilter()</u>	<u>R</u>

<sup>a</sup> R = REQUIRED, O = OPTIONAL, X = Non-standard

#### 2.6.1 GetSystemInfo()

This action exposes information about particular device(s) on the local and/or remote networks. A Control Point may invoke this action to determine the list of devices visible for a credential, or to view the list of credentials that have access to a particular device.

### 2.6.1.1 Arguments

Table 2-5 — Arguments for GetSystemInfo()

Argument	Direction	relatedStateVariable
<u>ID</u>	<u>IN</u>	<u>A_ARG_TYPE_UUID</u>
<u>SystemInfo</u>	<u>OUT</u>	<u>SystemInfo</u>

#### 2.6.1.1.1 ID

The UUID of the RADA of a network or the UUID of a device for which the SystemInfo is requested. If the value is "" then the full SystemInfo is returned.

#### 2.6.1.1.2 SystemInfo

The entire or a subset of the SystemInfo tree specific to the RADA indicated by the UUID.

### 2.6.1.2 Dependency on State

None.

### 2.6.1.3 Effect on State

None.

### 2.6.1.4 Control Point Requirements

None.

### 2.6.1.5 Errors

Table 2-6 — Error Codes for GetSystemInfo()

ErrorCode	errorDescription	Description
400-499	TBD	See UPnP Device Architecture clause on Control.
500-599	TBD	See UPnP Device Architecture clause on Control.
600-699	TBD	See UPnP Device Architecture clause on Control.
701	ID Not Found	The UUID corresponding to the ID specified does not match any devices found on the local or remote network.

## 2.6.2 EditFilter()

This action allows a Control Point to modify the accessibility settings for the specified device(s) on the local network. Only those devices which meet the criteria specified by the Filters in the system will be exposed to the Remote Access Client Device (Export) or the Home Network (Import).

### 2.6.2.1 Arguments

Table 2-7 — Arguments for EditFilter()

Argument	Direction	relatedStateVariable
<u>Filter</u>	<u>IN</u>	<u>A_ARG_TYPE_FilterList</u>

### 2.6.2.1.1 Filter

The Filter settings for one or more networks, to insert into, remove from, or edit inside the filter table. The type of operation (add, delete, edit) is indicated by the updateType attribute in the filterList XML document.

### 2.6.2.2 Dependency on State

If the updateType is "add" or "delete" then if the controlMode of the specified filter argument is different from the exportControlMode or the importControlMode of the corresponding RADA listed in the SystemInfo state variable and there is at least one filter defined for that RADA in the SystemInfo state variable, then the action MUST fail with an error code 702 (Invalid Filter).

### 2.6.2.3 Effect on State

The Filter is used to modify the appropriate accessControl fields on the SystemInfo state variable. The modification of the SystemInfo state variable results in an update of the SystemInfoUpdateID evented state variable.

Note: Since the SystemInfo state variable is shared with the RATAConfig and RADASync services, the implementation MUST propagate the modification of its value internally to those services, if present on the same device.

### 2.6.2.4 Control Point Requirements

Prior to modifying the filters using the EditFilter() action, a Control Point SHOULD examine the currently set filters. This can be done by invoking the GetSystemInfo() action. A Control Point SHOULD use the SystemInfoUpdateID evented state variable to determine whether the SystemInfo state variable has changed since the previous time it invoked the GetSystemInfo() action.

To modify the exportControlMode or the importControlMode of a RADA, a Control Point SHOULD first invoke the EditFilter() action to delete the corresponding filter and then invoke the EditFilter() action again to add the desired filter.

### 2.6.2.5 Errors

Table 2-8 — Error Codes for EditFilter()

ErrorCode	errorDescription	Description
400-499	TBD	See UPnP Device Architecture clause on Control.
500-599	TBD	See UPnP Device Architecture clause on Control.
600-699	TBD	See UPnP Device Architecture clause on Control.
702	Invalid Filter	The provided Filter is not valid.

### 2.6.3 Relationships Between Actions

The GetSystemInfo action is used to fetch filter information that can be updated using the EditFilter action. Complete filter tables can be swapped into and out of the service.

### 2.6.4 Error Code Summary

The following table lists error codes common to actions for this service type. If an action results in multiple errors, the most specific error should be returned.

**Table 2-9 — Error Code Summary**

ErrorCode	errorDescription	Description
400-499	TBD	See UPnP Device Architecture clause on Control.
500-599	TBD	See UPnP Device Architecture clause on Control.
600-699	TBD	See UPnP Device Architecture clause on Control.
700		Reserved for future extensions.
701	ID Not Found	The UUID corresponding to the ID specified does not match any devices found on the local or remote network.
702	Invalid Filter	The provided Filter is not valid.

Note: 800-899 Error Codes are not permitted for standard actions. See UPnP Device Architecture clause on Control for more details.

## 2.7 Theory of Operation

### 2.7.1 Getting Partial SystemInfo

A control point can request the full [SystemInfo](#) structure by including the "\*" as the value of the [ID](#) argument of the [GetSystemInfo\(\)](#) action.

A control point may request a subset of the SystemInfo tree by including specific UUID as the value of the ID argument of the [GetSystemInfo\(\)](#) action. For example if the control point indicates the UUID of a remote RADA then the returned value will be the list of the devices that are visible from the remote network the RADA is attached to. For getting information about a particular device, the control point needs to indicate the UUID of the device itself as the value of the [ID](#) argument of the [GetSystemInfo\(\)](#) action. The return value will include the remote network that exposes the device but only the particular device will be listed as available from that network.

### 2.7.2 Filter Editing

The RADAConfig service's primary role is to configure the filters that are used by the RADASync service, during its synchronization process between Remote Access Servers and Remote Access Clients.

There are two types of filters that the RADAConfig service defines: allowList and denyList filters. When allowlist filtering is specified, without any filters defined by the RADAConfig service, the RADASync would not expose local devices when synchronizing with a remote network, respectively it would not allow discovery of remote devices from a remote network on the local network. If denyList filtering is specified, without any filters defined by the RADAConfig service, the RADASync would expose all the local devices when synchronizing with a remote network, and it would allow the discovery of remote devices from that remote network on the local network.

The default control mode for the export filter is "allowList" and for the import filter is "denyList". A particular implementation may change this behavior.

When a Remote Access Client established a secure tunnel to the Remote Access Server, the RADASync service on the RAS establishes a synchronization session with the RADASync on the RAC. The RADASync service refers to the filter policy defined by the RADAConfig service to determine how devices should be added to the local/remote branches of a synchronization tree.

If one would like to access some of the local devices remotely, all one would need to do is to invoke the [EditFilter](#) action. The simplest type of filter, is simply a pass-thru filter, where the specified filter allows all devices to be exposed outside the home. Such a filter would look like:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<dads xmlns="urn:schemas-upnp-org:ra:dads"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="urn:schemas-upnp-org:ra:dads
  http://www.upnp.org/schemas/ra/dads-v1.xsd">
  <filterList>
    <filter
      target="31638B2A-AC78-4766-82D5-D53C6480638A"
      controlMode="denyList"
      updateType="edit">
    </filter>
  </filterList>
</dads>
```

The filter specified above, would allow all the devices on the local network to be discoverable on the remote network, regardless of which transport credential was used to establish the secure tunnel.

A more typical filter would be one that more tightly scopes the devices and credentials that are discoverable on the remote network. Such a filter may look like the following:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<dads xmlns="urn:schemas-upnp-org:ra:dads"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="urn:schemas-upnp-org:ra:dads
  http://www.upnp.org/schemas/ra/dads-v1.xsd">
  <filterList>
    <filter
      target="31638B2A-AC78-4766-82D5-D53C6480638A"
      controlMode="allowList"
      updateType="add">
      <deviceInfo
        uuid="12338B2A-AC78-4766-82D5-D53C64806ABC"
        <accessControl>
          <access credentialID="David MP3 Player"></access>
        </accessControl>
      </deviceInfo>
    </filter>
  </filterList>
</dads>
```

The filter specified above, only allows the Remote Access Client that uses the credential identified by "David MP3 Player" to discover the media server with the specified UUID.

### 3 XML Service Description

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<scpd xmlns="urn:schemas-upnp-org:service-1-0">
  <specVersion>
    <major>1</major>
    <minor>0</minor>
  </specVersion>
  <actionList>
    <action>
      <name>GetSystemInfo</name>
      <argumentList>
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          <relatedStateVariable>
            A_ARG_TYPE_UUID
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        </argument>
      </argumentList>
    </action>
  </actionList>
</scpd>
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        </relatedStateVariable>
    </argument>
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        <name>SystemInfo</name>
        <direction>out</direction>
        <relatedStateVariable>
            SystemInfo
        </relatedStateVariable>
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</argumentList>
</action>

<action>
    <name>EditFilter</name>
    <argumentList>
        <argument>
            <name>Filter</name>
            <direction>in</direction>
            <relatedStateVariable>
                A_ARG_TYPE_FilterList
            </relatedStateVariable>
        </argument>
    </argumentList>
</action>

<!-- Declarations for other actions defined by UPnP vendor
    (if any)go here. -->

</actionList>

<serviceStateTable>

    <stateVariable sendEvents="no">
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        <dataType>string</dataType>
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    <stateVariable sendEvents="yes">
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    <stateVariable sendEvents="no">
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        <dataType>string</dataType>
    </stateVariable>

    <stateVariable sendEvents="no">
        <name>A_ARG_TYPE_UUID</name>
        <dataType>string</dataType>
    </stateVariable>

    <!-- Declarations for other state variables defined by
        UPnP vendor (if any)go here. -->

</serviceStateTable>
</scpd>

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#### 4 Test

No semantic tests have been specified for this service.