



AMWA NMOS IS-04 & IS-05: Things You Might Not Know

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Background

- IS-04 and IS-05 are becoming available in an increasing number of products
- Whilst any implementation will support the basics, some features are optional, and the purpose of others isn't necessarily obvious at first glance



What are IS-04 and IS-05?

• IS-04: Discovery & Registration

– Allows Media Nodes and their capabilities to be discovered

- IS-05: Connection Management
 - Allows Media Nodes to be configured to send and receive IP streams
- They share a common data model
 - Nodes, Devices, Sources, Flows, Senders, Receivers
- They are built upon proven Internet technologies
 - RESTful APIs accessible via HTTP and discovered via DNS



What are IS-04 and IS-05?





Multi-Format & Multi-Stream

- UHD, HD, SD, HDR, HFR, Codecs, Data
- ST.2110, ST.2022-6, ST.2022-7, AES67, RTP, WebSocket, MQTT
- Flow attributes indicate resolutions, codecs and similar
- Sender attributes indicate stream types
- **Receiver** capabilities inform control systems of what is acceptable





Multi-Format & Multi-Stream





Multi-Version Support

- Technology doesn't stop moving, but it's impossible to upgrade everything in a facility at the same rate
- API versioning ensures that the latest equipment can be used alongside older components without adversely affecting operation
- You should only have to upgrade when you need to take advantage of a new feature





Multi-Version Support





Clustering & Failover

- Registration API, Query API and registry data store components can be scaled independently
- Nodes can dynamically switch between available registry instances upon failure, with zero downtime
- Priority mechanism allows specific APIs to be favoured





Scalable Discovery

- All approaches aim for zero or near-zero configuration, with flexibility in the architecture to suit different deployments
 - Multicast DNS provides a simple approach for small setups, including a peer to peer mode
 - Unicast DNS enables scalability and tighter control over configuration for larger deployments, as required by JT-NM TR-1001-1
- Example
 - Subdomains can provide logical segmentation within a shared network
 - Priorities ensure Nodes can still find a registry if their preferred one fails



Scalable Discovery





Query Language

- The Query API provides filtering mechanisms to aid client scaling
 - Pagination avoids API responses becoming too large to send or receive
 - GET /x-nmos/query/v1.2/nodes?paging.limit=50
 - Basic and advanced query languages allow clients to restrict the volume of data they process
 - GET /x-nmos/query/v1.2/flows?frame_width=1920&frame_height=1080
 - Downgrade queries allow data to be consumed from multiple API versions
 - Ancestry queries allow content processing operations to be tracked
- Filtering can be performed using one-shot HTTP GETs, or persistent WebSocket connections



Connection Mapping

• IS-04 and IS-05 advertise which Senders connect to which Receivers, including indication of connections to non-NMOS devices





Bulk & Scheduled Routing

- Multiple Senders or Receivers can be re-configured at the same time via 'bulk' mode
- Connections can be made immediately, after a relative time offset or at an absolute time instant





Extensibility

- Services, controls and tags
 - The Grouping specification builds upon IS-04 without changing it
 - IS-05/07/08 are advertised using the Device 'controls' array
- Opportunities to add value
 - The specifications only define the interfaces







Common Ground

- All NMOS specifications share common components
 - Including: API structure, versioning, discovery and data models
 - Work is underway to provide these common specification elements as a separate entity (NMOS Core) in order to avoid duplication
- This means we can apply a common approach to security
 - IS-04 v1.1+ and IS-05 v1.0+ support Transport Layer Security (TLS) via BCP-003-01, with authorisation coming soon via BCP-003-02
 - There's no need to worry about how to secure each individual control endpoint given a shared approach



Summary

- Multi-format and multi-stream support
- Multi-version support to aid upgrades and compatibility
- Registry clustering and failover mechanisms
- Scalable discovery and querying options
- Connection mapping
- Bulk and scheduled routing
- Common foundations



More Information

- What does each implementation support?
 - Enquire with manufacturers, or test them out for yourself using the test suite
- Which features might I need to ask for explicitly?
 - The wiki details each specification along with any optional features
- I have another question!
 - Ask away, find me after this presentation, or if you can't find what you need in the wiki or documentation, then we'd welcome an issue report via GitHub

Further documentation @ https://amwa-tv.github.io/nmos





Thank You

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