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1 Scope

The present document specifies the structure and format of a VNF package file and its constituents, fulfilling the requirements specified in ETSI GS NFV-IFA 011 [1] for a VNF package.

2 References

2.1 Normative references

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[1] ETSI GS NFV-IFA 011: "Network Functions Virtualisation (NFV); Management and Orchestration; VNF Packaging Specification".

[2] TOSCA-Simple-Profile-YAML-v1.1-csprd01: "TOSCA Simple Profile in YAML Version 1.1".

[3] IETF RFC 3339: "Date and Time on the Internet: Timestamps".

[4] IANA register for Hash Function Textual Names.

NOTE: Available at https://www.iana.org/assignments/hash-function-text-names/hash-function-text-names.xhtml.

[5] IETF RFC 5652 (September 2009): "Cryptographic Message Syntax (CMS)".

[6] IETF RFC 7468: "Textual Encodings of PKIX, PKCS, and CMS Structures".

[7] IANA register for Media Types.

NOTE: Available at https://www.iana.org/assignments/media-types/media-types.txt.

[8] Recommendation ITU-T X.509: "Information technology - Open Systems Interconnection - The Directory: Public-key and attribute certificate frameworks".

2.2 Informative references

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The following referenced documents are not necessary for the application of the present document but they assist the user with regard to a particular subject area.

[i.1] TOSCA-v1.0-os: "TOSCA Version 1.0".

[i.2] TOSCA-Simple-Profile-YAML-v1.0-csprd02: "TOSCA Simple Profile in YAML Version 1.0".

[i.3]   ETSI GS NFV 003: "Network Functions Virtualisation (NFV); Terminology for Main Concepts in NFV".

[i.4]   ETSI GS NFV-SOL 001: "Network Functions Virtualisation (NFV) Release 2; Protocols and Data Models; NFV Descriptors based on TOSCA".

[i.5]   ETSI NFV registry of non-MANO artifact sets.

NOTE: Available at http://register.etsi.org/NFV.

3   Definitions and abbreviations

3.1   Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in ETSI GS NFV 003 [i.3] and the following apply:

non-MANO artifact: artifact for use by functional blocks beyond NFV-MANO

non-MANO artifact set: set of related non-MANO artifacts which are intended to be used together

3.2   Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

CA	Certificate Authority
CMS	Cryptographic Message Syntax
CSAR	Cloud Service Archive
NFVI	NFV Infrastructure
NFVO	NFV Orchestrator
TOSCA	Topology and Orchestration Specification for Cloud Applications
URI	Universal Resource Identifier
UTF	Unicode Transformation Format
VNF	Virtualised Network Function
VNFC	VNF Component
VNFD	VNF Descriptor
YAML	YAML Ain't Markup Language

4   VNF package

4.1   TOSCA YAML Cloud Service Archive (CSAR) overview

4.1.1   CSAR structure

TOSCA YAML CSAR file is an archive file using the ZIP file format whose structure complies with the TOSCA Simple Profile YAML v1.1 Specification [2]. The CSAR file may have one of the two following structures:

- CSAR containing a *TOSCA-Metadata* directory, which includes the *TOSCA.meta* metadata file providing an entry information for processing a CSAR file as defined in TOSCA v1.0 Specification [i.1].

- CSAR containing a single yaml (.yml or .yaml) file at the root of the archive. The yaml file is a TOSCA definition template that contains a metadata section with *template_name* and *template_version* metadata. This file is the CSAR Entry-Definitions file.

In addition, the CSAR file may optionally contain other directories with bespoke names and contents.

4.1.2   CSAR with TOSCA-Metadata directory

The TOSCA.meta metadata file includes *block_0* with the *Entry-Definitions* keyword pointing to a TOSCA definitions YAML file used as entry for parsing the contents of the overall CSAR archive.

Any TOSCA definitions files besides the one denoted by the *Entry-Definitions* keyword can be found by processing respective *imports* statements in the entry definitions file (or in recursively imported files).

Any additional artifacts files (e.g. scripts, binaries, configuration files) can be either declared explicitly through blocks in the *TOSCA.meta* file as described in TOSCA v1.0 Specification [i.1] or pointed to by relative path names through artifact definitions in one of the TOSCA definitions files contained in the CSAR file.

In order to indicate that the simplified structure (i.e. not all files need to be declared explicitly) of TOSCA.meta file allowed by TOSCA Simple profile YAML 1.0 [i.2] is used, the *CSAR-Version* keyword listed in block_0 of the meta-file denotes the version 1.1 as described in the below example. Otherwise the CSAR-Version keyword denotes the version 1.0 and all files are declared explicitly.

EXAMPLE:

```
TOSCA-Meta-File-Version: 1.0
CSAR-Version: 1.1
Created-by: Onboarding portal
Entry-Definitions: Definitions/ MainServiceTemplate.yaml
```

END OF EXAMPLE.

4.1.3   CSAR zip without TOSCA-Metadata directory

The yaml file at the root of the archive is the *CSAR Entry-Definition* file. The CSAR-Version is defined by the *template_version* metadata as can be seen in the below example.

EXAMPLE:

```
tosca_definitions_version:  tosca_simple_yaml_1_1
metadata:
    template_name: MainServiceTemplate
    template_author: Onboarding portal
    template_version: 1.0
```

END OF EXAMPLE.

4.2   VNF package structure and format

The structure and format of a VNF package shall conform to the TOSCA Simple Profile YAML v1.1 Specification of the CSAR format [2].

NOTE: This implies that the VNF package can be structured according to any of the two options described in clause 4.1.

4.3   VNF package file contents

4.3.1   General

A VNF Package shall contain the VNFD as the main TOSCA definitions YAML file, and additional files, and shall be structured according to one of the CSAR structure options described in clause 4.1.

NOTE: ETSI GS NFV-SOL 001 [i.4] specifies the structure and format of the VNFD based on TOSCA specifications.

If the option with a TOSCA-Metadata directory is used and the CSAR-Version parameter indicates version 1.0, all files that are contained in the archive shall be referenced from the TOSCA.meta file. If the CSAR-Version parameter indicates version 1.1, the files that are referenced and pointed to by relative path names through artifact definitions in one of the TOSCA definitions files (e.g. the VNFD) contained in the CSAR need not be declared in the TOSCA.meta file.

Examples of VNF package options are described in annex A.

4.3.2 VNF package manifest file

A CSAR VNF package shall have a manifest file. The manifest file shall have an extension .mf and the same name as the main TOSCA definitions YAML file and be located at the root of the archive (archive without TOSCA-Metadata directory) or in the location specified by the TOSCA.meta file (archive with a TOSCA-Metadata directory). In the latter case, the corresponding entry shall be named "Entry-Manifest".

The manifest file shall start with the VNF package metadata in the form of a name-value pairs. Each pair shall appear on a different line. The "name" and the "value" shall be separated by a colon. The name shall be one of those specified in table 4.3.2-1 and the values shall comply with the provisions specified in table 4.3.2-1.

Table 4.3.2-1: List of valid names and values for VNF package metadata

Name	Value
vnf_provider_id	A sequence of UTF-8 characters See note.
vnf_product_name	A sequence of UTF-8 characters0 See note.
vnf_release_data_time	String formatted according to IETF RFC 3339 [3].
vnf_package_version	A sequence of groups of one or more digits separated by dots. See note.
NOTE: The value shall be identical to those specified in the VNFD.	

An example of valid manifest file metadata entries follows.

EXAMPLE:

```
metadata:
vnf_product_name: vMRF-1-0-0
vnf_provider_id: Acme
vnf_package_version: 1.0
vnf_release_data_time: 2017.01.01T10:00+03:00
```

END OF EXAMPLE.

If the VNF package refers to external files, the manifest file shall contain digests of individual files in the package, both local files contained in the package and external files referenced in the package.

If the VNF package does not refer to external files, the manifest files may contain digests of individual files contained in the package. If the manifest file does not include digests, the complete CSAR file shall be digitally signed by the VNF provider. A consumer of the VNF package verifies the digests in the manifest file by computing the actual digests and comparing them with the digests listed in the manifest file.

The manifest file, or alternatively, the signature of the CSAR file, is the key for decision regarding a VNF package integrity and validity in terms of its contained artifacts. The specification of the manifest file and specific algorithms used in digest creation and validation is described in the security related sub-clause.

4.3.3 VNF package change history file

A CSAR VNF package shall have a humanly readable text file describing any change in the constituency of the VNF package. All the changes in the VNF package shall be versioned, tracked and inventoried in the change history file.

The VNF package change history file shall be named "ChangeLog.txt" and be located at the root of the archive (archive without TOSCA-Metadata directory) or in the location specified by the TOSCA.meta file (archive with a TOSCA-Metadata directory). In the latter case, the corresponding entry shall be named "Entry-Change-Log".

4.3.4   VNF package testing files

To enable VNF package validation, a VNF Provider should include in a VNF package files containing necessary information (e.g. test description) in order to perform VNF testing. The contents of VNF testing information is outside the scope of the present document.

The VNF testing information shall be located in a directory named "Tests" located at the root of the archive (archive without TOSCA-Metadata directory) or in the location specified by the TOSCA.meta file (archive with a TOSCA-Metadata directory). In the latter case, the corresponding entry shall be named "Entry-Tests".

4.3.5   VNF package licensing information

As required in ETSI GS NFV-IFA 011 [1] the VNF package shall contain license information for the released VNF. The license information shall include a single license term for the whole VNF. In addition the license information may also include license terms for each of the VNF package artifacts if different from the one of the released VNF.

The VNF licensing information shall be located in a directory named "Licenses" located at the root of the archive (archive without TOSCA-Metadata directory) or in the location specified by the TOSCA.meta file (archive with a TOSCA-Metadata directory). In the latter case, the corresponding entry shall be named "Entry-Licenses".

4.3.6   Certificate file

If the manifest file is signed by the VNF provider (see option 1 in clause 5.1), the CSAR VNF package shall contain a certificate file if the certificate is not included in the signature container (see note) within the manifest file. In this case, the certificate file shall have an extension .cert and the same name as the main TOSCA definitions YAML file and be located at the root of the archive (archive without TOSCA-Metadata directory) or in the location specified by the TOSCA.meta file (archive with a TOSCA-Metadata directory). In the latter case, the corresponding entry shall be named "Entry-Certificate".

  NOTE: Signature container refers to a structure in a standard format (e.g. CMS) which contains signature and additional data needed to process the signature (e.g. certificates, algorithms, etc.).

If the complete CSAR file is signed by the VNF provider (see option 2 in clause 5.1), the certificate file shall be contained in a zip file together with the CSAR file and the signature file if the certificate is not included in the signature file. The certificate file shall have an extension .cert and the same name as the CSAR file.

4.3.7   Non-MANO artifact sets in a VNF package

As required in ETSI GS NFV-IFA 011 [1] the VNF package shall allow to store and identify non-MANO artifact sets in the VNF package file.

Every non-MANO artifact set shall be identified by a non-MANO artifact set identifier which shall be registered in the registry (specified in annex B). A non-MANO artifact set identifier shall be a string that consists of sub-strings which shall not contain characters other than the following: digits (0-9), lowercase ASCII characters (a-z), and the special characters underscore "_" and dash "-". Sub-strings shall be separated by the dot "." character.

All files belonging to the same non-MANO artifact set shall share a common path prefix other than the root of the package.

Non-MANO artifact sets shall be declared in the manifest file. If the package contains at least one non-MANO artifact set, an entry named "non_mano_artifact_sets:" shall be present in the package on its own line after the "metadata" section that is defined in clause 4.3.2. The section defined by the "non_mano_artifact_sets" keyname shall have the following structure:

• Every non-MANO artifact set shall be declared on its own line, by a key name that is equal to the non-MANO artifact set identifier.

• Below the key name, all artifacts that belong to the non-MANO artifact set shall be listed, each on its own line, starting with key name "Source", followed by a colon (":") and a blank, and further followed by a file name with path for a file in the CSAR archive that is not contained in the root of this archive.