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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.

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

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- [i.1] OASIS Standard-v1.0-os: "Topology and Orchestration Specification for Cloud Applications Version 1.0".
- [i.2] OASIS Standard: "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 specification".
- [i.5] ETSI NFV registry of non-MANO artifact sets.
- NOTE: Available at <http://register.etsi.org/NFV>.
- [i.6] ETSI GS NFV-SOL 006: "Network Functions Virtualisation (NFV) Release 2; Protocols and Data Models; NFV descriptors based on YANG specification".
- [i.7] ETSI GS NFV-SOL 004 (V2.4.1): "Network Functions Virtualisation (NFV) Release 2; Protocols and Data Models; VNF Package specification".
- [i.8] ETSI GS NFV-SOL 004 (V2.5.1): "Network Functions Virtualisation (NFV) Release 2; Protocols and Data Models; VNF Package specification".

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## 3 Definition of terms, symbols and abbreviations

### 3.1 Terms

For the purposes of the present document, the terms 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 Symbols

Void.

### 3.3 Abbreviations

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

ASCII	American Standard Code for Information Interchange
CA	Certificate Authority
CMS	Cryptographic Message Syntax
CSAR	Cloud Service ARchive
IANA	Internet Assigned Number Association
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
YANG	Yet Another Next Generation

## 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

##### 4.1.2.1 General

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.

Extension of the *TOSCA.meta* file is described in clause 4.1.2.2.

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.

##### 4.1.2.2 TOSCA.meta file extension

The *TOSCA.meta* file structure extension is used when files defined in clause 4.3.2 to 4.3.6 of the present document are included in the VNF package and when using CSAR with TOSCA-Metadata directory, as described in clause 4.1.2.1.

NOTE: TOSCA v1.0 specification [i.1] does not preclude the *TOSCA.meta* file *block\_0* to be extended with key value pairs.



### 4.1.2.3 TOSCA.meta file keynames extension

Table 4.1.2.3-1 specifies an extension of the list of recognized TOSCA.meta file keynames as specified in TOSCA-v1.0 specification [i.1] for the TOSCA.meta file. The keynames represents the entries for artifacts defined in clauses 4.3.2 to 4.3.6 of the present document and shall be located in the block\_0.

**Table 4.1.2.3-1: List of TOSCA-meta file keynames extensions**

Keyname	Required	Type	Description
ETSI-Entry-Manifest	yes	string	Location of the Manifest file as defined in clause 4.3.2
ETSI-Entry-Change-Log	yes	string	Location of the Change history file as defined in clause 4.3.3
ETSI-Entry-Tests	no	string	Location of the Testing files as defined in clause 4.3.4
ETSI-Entry-Licenses	yes	string	Location of the Licensing information as defined in clause 4.3.5
ETSI-Entry-Certificate	no	string	Location of the Certificate file as defined in clause 4.3.6

NOTE: Use of the Entry-Manifest, Entry-Change-Log, Entry-Tests, Entry-Licenses and Entry-Certificate keynames defined in version 2.4.1 [i.7] to 2.5.1 [i.8] of the present document is deprecated. These keynames are only provided for backward compatibility with legacy VNF Package consumers; VNF package providers are warned that support of these keynames can be removed in subsequent versions of the present document.

EXAMPLE:

```
TOSCA-Meta-File-Version: 1.0
CSAR-Version: 1.1
Created-By: MyCompany
Entry-Definitions: MRF.yaml
ETSI-Entry-Manifest: MRF.mf
ETSI-Entry-Licenses: Files/Licenses
ETSI-Entry-Change-Log: Files/ChangeLog.txt
```

END OF EXAMPLE.

### 4.1.3 CSAR zip without TOSCA-Metadirectory

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.

### 4.1.4 TOSCA Entry definition file metadata extension

#### 4.1.4.1 Metadata keynames

Table 4.1.4.1-1 specifies an extension of the list of recognized metadata keynames as specified in TOSCA-Simple-Profile-YAML-v1.1 [2] for the main TOSCA Service Template.

**Table 4.1.4.1-1: List of metadata keynames extensions**

Keyname	Required	Type	Description
yang_definitions	no	string	Reference to a YANG definition file representing the VNFD within a VNF Package

#### 4.1.4.2 Additional requirement

If a YANG-based VNFD is included in the VNF Package, the main TOSCA definitions YAML file shall include a metadata section with a metadata entry, where the keyname is "yang\_definitions" and the value is the path to the YANG file representing the VNFD within the VNF Package. No additional contents shall be included in the main TOSCA definitions YAML file.

**NOTE:** The above requirement ensures that there cannot be both a YANG-based and a TOSCA-based representation of a VNFD in the same package.

##### EXAMPLE

```
tosca_definitions_version: tosca_simple_yaml_1_1
metadata:
template_name: MainServiceTemplate
template_author: Onboarding portal
template_version: 1.0
yang_definitions: Definitions/myvnfd.xml
```

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 a main TOSCA definitions YAML file representing all or part of the VNFD, and additional files. It shall be structured according to one of the CSAR structure options described in clause 4.1.

**NOTE 1:** ETSI GS NFV-SOL 001 [i.4] specifies the structure and format of the VNFD based on TOSCA specifications.

**NOTE 2:** ETSI GS NFV-SOL 006 [i.6] specifies the structure and format of the VNFD based on YANG 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.

If a YANG-based VNFD is included in the VNF Package only the option without a TOSCA-Metadata directory is applicable.

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 "ETSI-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 and, optionally, one or more blanks.