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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 *RADASync* service.

This service type enables an in-band synchronization mechanism between Remote Access Clients and Remote Access Server.

1.1 Introduction

A Remote Access Discovery Agent (RADA) 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 view of the UPnP network. The RADA finds information about remote UPnP devices and services by synchronizing with remote RADAs.

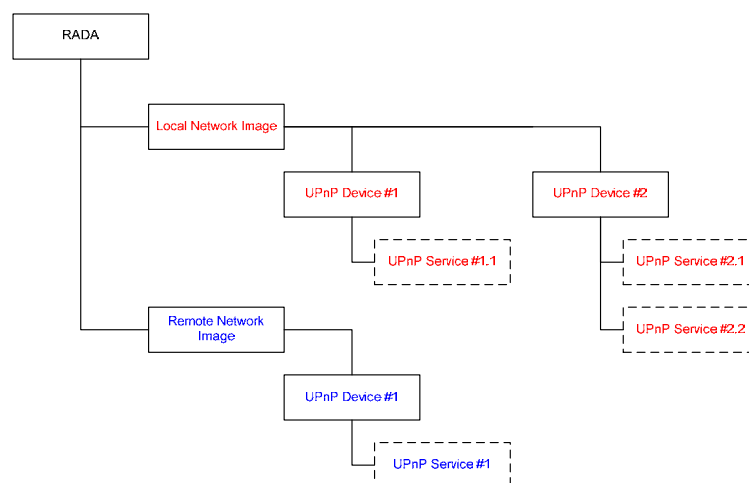


Figure 1-1 — SSDP Aggregation.

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

- Publish and remove information about the existence of remote devices.
- Notification of the availability of the peer RADA.

- Register RADASync service that is co-located with the control point

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
- Configuration of which devices are visible to and from a remote network.
- Transport protocol used to facilitate Remote Access or its configuration.

1.2 Notation

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1.3 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”.

1.4 References

1.4.1 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>.

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

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Bradner, March 1997.
Available at: <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2119.txt>.

[RFC 3986] – IETF RFC 3986, Uniform Resource Identifier (URI): Generic Syntax, Tim
Berners-Lee, et. Al, January 2005.
Available at: <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc3986.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/>.

1.4.2 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>.

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

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

[RADASync](#) 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
DADS	Discovery Agent Data Structures
RA	Remote Access
RAC	Remote Access Client
RADA	Remote Access Discovery Agent
RAS	Remote Access Server
RATA	Remote Access Transport Agent

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 RADAListener

The RADAListener is a logical support function of RADA and incorporates control point and device functionality for facilitating the SSDP offloading:

- a) The RADAListener establishes the initial state of its local network by performing an M-SEARCH to detect all devices on the local network and notifies the RADA of those devices.
- b) The RADAListener monitors the local SSDP traffic and notifies the RADA when devices are joining and leaving the UPnP network as described in the UPnP Device Architecture.

2.2.2.3 RADARelay

The RADARelay is a logical support function of RADA and incorporates control point and device functionality for facilitating the SSDP offloading:

- a) For each device in the remote synchronization tree of the RADA, the RADARelay will send periodic SSDP announcements (i.e. ssdp:alive) onto the local network according the UPnP Device Architecture.
- b) Whenever a device is removed from the remote synchronization tree, the RADARelay will send an SSDP expiration (i.e. ssdp:byebye) onto the local network according the UPnP Device Architecture.
- c) Whenever a RADARelay receives an SSDP Search request (i.e. M-SEARCH) for a device or service that is contained in the remote synchronization tree, it will answer the search request on behalf of the device in the remote synchronization tree according the UPnP Device Architecture.
- d) When the remote connection is broken, the RADARelay will send an SSDP expiration (i.e. ssdp:byebye) on the local network for each remote device.

2.2.2.4 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.

2.2.2.5 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.

2.2.2.6 Remote device

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

2.3 RADASync Service Architecture

This service enables synchronization between two Remote Access endpoints. Each RADA endpoint exposes the device aggregation tree from the local network, that is to be remotely accessible.

Each RADA client builds an aggregation tree for the remote network, such that it can facilitate SSDP traffic on the local network on behalf of these remote devices, thereby alleviating the remote transport protocol from network timing dependencies inherent to UPnP Discovery.

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 ^a	Data Type	Allowed Values	Eng. Units
<u>SystemInfo</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>string</u>	See Clause 2.4.2	
<u>A_ARG_TYPE_DDDLocation</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>string</u>	See Clause 2.4.3	
<u>A_ARG_TYPE_DeviceInfoList</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	
^a <u>R</u> = Required, <u>O</u> = Optional, <u>X</u> = 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 argument 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 Clause A.1.

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.

Warning: This state variable is the exact same state variable that is defined in the [RADAConfig](#) service, which updates the filtering information. Furthermore, this is also the same state variable as defined in 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 of the RADAConfig service (see Clause 2.4.3 of [RADAConfig]).

2.4.3 [A_ARG_TYPE_DDDLocation](#)

This state variable is defined to provide type information for action arguments used to contain the URL to the UPnP description of the root device that embeds the remote RADASync service and will be used by the co-located RADASync Control Point. Its format is a single absolute URL (see RFC 3986 [RFC 3986]).

2.4.4 [A_ARG_TYPE_DeviceInfoList](#)

This state variable is defined to provide type information for action arguments used to contain a list of DeviceInfo objects. Each DeviceInfo object represents a remote UPnP device.

The structure of the [A_ARG_TYPE_DeviceInfoList](#) argument is a DADS XML Document:

- <deviceInfoList> is the root element.
- See the DADS schema for more details on the structure. The available properties and their names are described in Clause A.2.

Note that since the value of A_ARG_TYPE_DeviceInfoList 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 the [RADiscoveryAgent](#) Devices that host the embedded RADASync Control Point. The type of the [A_ARG_TYPE_UUID](#) argument is string.

2.5 Eventing and Moderation

Table 2-3 — Eventing and Moderation

Variable Name	Evented	Moderated Event	Max Event Rate ^a	Logical Combination	Min Delta per Event ^b
SystemInfo	NO	NO			
A_ARG_TYPE_DDDLocation	NO	NO			
A_ARG_TYPE_DeviceInfoList	NO	NO			
A_ARG_TYPE_UUID	NO	NO			
^a Determined by N, where Rate = (Event)/(N secs).					
^b (N) * (allowedValueRange Step).					

2.6 Actions

Table 2-4 — Actions

Name	R/O ^a
<u>AddRemoteDevices()</u>	<u>R</u>
<u>RemoveRemoteDevices()</u>	<u>R</u>
<u>SetDDDLocation()</u>	<u>R</u>
<u>HeartbeatUpdate()</u>	<u>R</u>
a <u>R</u> = REQUIRED, <u>O</u> = OPTIONAL, <u>X</u> = Non-standard	

2.6.1 AddRemoteDevices()

This action specifies that a remote device or set of remote devices is to be added to the collection of locally accessible devices. This action specifies the devices that require SSDP offloading.

During the RADA synchronization process, the information about the UPnP devices and services that is maintained in local branch of one RADA is transferred to the remote branch of the corresponding remote RADA. Before transferring the local branch information, the RADASync control point may apply some filters defined by the user in order to restrict the visibility of some of the local devices from remote entities.

2.6.1.1 Arguments

Table 2-5 — Arguments for AddRemoteDevices()

Argument	Direction	relatedStateVariable
<u>DeviceList</u>	<u>IN</u>	<u>A_ARG_TYPE_DeviceInfoList</u>
<u>ID</u>	<u>IN</u>	<u>A_ARG_TYPE_UUID</u>

2.6.1.1.1 DeviceList

The collection of device(s) that are to be added to the remote branch.

2.6.1.1.2 ID

The UUID of the RADA device where the invoking RADASync control point is co-located with.

2.6.1.2 Dependency on State

None.

2.6.1.3 Effect on State

When this action is invoked, the SystemInfo state variable must be updated so that the devices indicated in the DeviceList argument are added to the RemoteNetwork element (identified by the ID argument) corresponding to the RADASync Control Point that invoked the action.

Additionally, the value of the heartbeat attribute associated with each remoteNetwork element in the SystemInfo state variable is reseted to the min cache-control value in that remoteNetwork.

Note:since the SystemInfo state variable is shared with the RADAConfig and RATAConfig services, a modification of its value must be propagated internally to the other services (if present on the same device).

2.6.1.4 Control Point Requirements

The Control Point must add to the DeviceList only the devices that are visible to the particular remote network after applying the appropriate filters according the policies of the SystemInfo state variable of the RADASync service that it is co-located with.

2.6.1.5 Errors

Table 2-6 — Error Codes for AddRemoteDevices()

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	Unknown ID	Remote RADA ID not known
702	Invalid DeviceList	The DeviceList provided is not properly formatted

2.6.2 RemoveRemoteDevices()

This action specifies that a remote device or set of remote devices is to be removed from the collection of locally accessible devices. This action specifies the devices that require SSDP offloading.

2.6.2.1 Arguments

Table 2-7 — Arguments for RemoveRemoteDevices()

Argument	Direction	relatedStateVariable
<u>DeviceList</u>	<u>IN</u>	<u>A_ARG_TYPE_DeviceInfoList</u>
<u>ID</u>	<u>IN</u>	<u>A_ARG_TYPE_UUID</u>

2.6.2.1.1 DeviceList

The collection of device(s) that are to be removed from the remote branch.

2.6.2.1.2 ID

The UUID of the RADA device where the invoking RADASync control point is co-located with.

2.6.2.2 Dependency on State

None.

2.6.2.3 Effect on State

When this action is invoked, the SystemInfo state variable must be updated so that the devices indicated in the DeviceList argument are removed from the RemoteNetwork element corresponding to the RADASync Control Point that invoked the action.

Additionally, the value of the heartbeat attribute associated with each remoteNetwork element in the SystemInfo state variable is reseted to the min cache-control value in that remoteNetwork.

Note:since the SystemInfo state variable is shared with the RADAConfig and RATAConfig services, a modification of its value must be propagated internally to the other services (if present on the same device).

2.6.2.4 Control Point Requirements

The Control Point must add to the DeviceList only the devices that are no longer visible to the particular remote network after applying the appropriate filters according the policies of the SystemInfo state variable of the RADASync service that it is co-located with.

2.6.2.5 Errors

Table 2-8 — Error Codes for RemoveRemoteDevices()

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	Unknown ID	Remote RADA ID not known
702	Invalid DeviceList	The DeviceList provided is not properly formatted

2.6.3 SetDDDLocation()

This action is used by the RADASync Control Point embedded in the server RADA to indicate to the RADASync Control Point embedded in the client RADA from where to fetch the DDD of the server RADA.

There will be situations in which a RADA will not know ahead of time the location of its peer RADA. In such a case, it will not be able to carry-out synchronization until it can associate with the peer RADA.

For example, when a user is trying to connect to their home network which is protected by a NAT firewall, the remote user's RADA may not know the private address of the home network RADA. However in such a case, when the Remote Access Client establishes the remote transport into the home network, the Home Network's RADA will be aware of the establishment of the remote transport.

It must then call this action to supply the Remote RADA with the necessary information for the remote RADA to associate itself with the home RADA. Once this association is established, the two RADAs can proceed to carry out synchronization.

Upon receiving this action, the co-located RADASync control point MUST immediately retrieve the device description document from the indicated location. If no description document is found at the indicated location or the UUID in the description document is not the same as the one provided in the ID argument, the device must respond to this action with the appropriate error code.

2.6.3.1 Arguments

Table 2-9 — Arguments for SetDDDLocation()

Argument	Direction	relatedStateVariable
<u>DDDLocation</u>	<u>IN</u>	<u>A_ARG_TYPE_DDDLocation</u>
<u>ID</u>	<u>IN</u>	<u>A_ARG_TYPE_UUID</u>

2.6.3.1.1 DDDLocation

The location URL that the RADA can use to fetch the description document for the RADA that wishes to receive synchronization updates.

2.6.3.1.2 ID

The UUID of the RADA device where the invoking RADASync control point is co-located with.

2.6.3.2 Dependency on State

None.

2.6.3.3 Effect on State

None.

2.6.3.4 Control Point Requirements

The DDDLocation parameter has as value the device description document URL of the RADiscoveryAgent device that embeds the control point.

2.6.3.5 Errors

Table 2-10 — Error Codes for SetDDDLocation()

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	Unknown ID	Remote RADA ID not known
703	DDD Not Found	No device description document found at provided location.

2.6.4 HeartbeatUpdate()

This action defines a heartbeat mechanism that allows the RADA to detect that the corresponding remote RADA is still connected.

2.6.4.1 Arguments

Table 2-11 — Arguments for HeartbeatUpdate()

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

2.6.4.1.1 ID

The UUID of the RADA device where the invoking RADASync control point is co-located with.

2.6.4.2 Dependency on State

None.

2.6.4.3 Effect on State

The effect of this action is that the value of the heartbeat attribute associated with each remoteNetwork element in the SystemInfo state variable is reseted to the min cache-control value in that remoteNetwork.

Note:since the SystemInfo state variable is shared with the RADAConfig and RATAConfig services, a modification of its value must be communicated to the other services (if present on the same device).

2.6.4.4 Control Point Requirements

Control points are invoking this action on a particular remote RADASync service at regular intervals determined by the value of the heartbeat attribute associated with each remoteNetwork element in the SystemInfo state variable.

2.6.4.5 Errors

Table 2-12 — Error Codes for HeartbeatUpdate()

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	Unknown ID	Remote RADA ID not known

2.6.5 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 2-13 — 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	Unknown ID	Remote RADA ID not known
702	Invalid DeviceList	The DeviceList provided is not properly formatted
703	DDD Not Found	No device description document found at provided location.

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

2.7 Description of Service Requirements

2.7.1 Interaction

Remote Access Discovery Agents can only expose access to those UPnP devices which were added to the local synchronization tree. The Remote Access Discovery Agent maintains an aggregate view of these devices that will be visible outside the home network by maintaining a control point which maintains the liveliness of devices that are to be visible outside the home. The RADAConfig service is used to filter devices in the local synchronization tree, such that a subset of the available devices can be exposed.

2.7.2 Initialization

The first step in initiating Remote Access into the home network is to setup and establish the remote access transport. (See RATA, RATAConfig, InboundConnectionConfig services).

All Remote Access Client RADAs must be bound to TCP port 1900 on the remote access transport interface.

Once the remote access transport is established, the RADA residing in the Remote Access Server is notified of the remote access connection by the RATA. The RADA then attempts to establish UPnP communications with the remote RADA by attempting to retrieve the UPnP

Device Description Document from port 1900 of the IP address that facilitated the remote access transport. For example, if the IP address assigned to the facilitator of the connection was 192.168.15.1, then the URL for the description document is: <http://192.168.15.1:1900/>.

The Remote Access Server's RADA then invokes the action "SetDDDLocation" on the Remote Access Client's RADA. Once this is completed, the two RADAs will be able to facilitate synchronization.

2.7.3 Synchronization

The RADAListener maintained by the RADA is responsible to update and flush UPnP devices from the local synchronization tree whenever these UPnP devices join/leave the local UPnP network. Whenever the view of the network changes, the RADA must update the peer RADA with these changes. For example, when a UPnP device joins the network, the RADA updates the peer RADA of this newly joined UPnP Device.

To update the peer RADA, a RADA simply calls "AddRemoteDevices/RemoveRemoteDevices", to propagate changes in the remote network view. When a remote access session is initially established, the RADAs must call "AddRemoteDevices" of the peer RADA passing only those devices that are visible there, such that the RADAs can be initially synchronized. After they are initialized, the RADAs need only update each other whenever a device leaves or joins the network.

The RADAListener behavior is described as follows:

- a) The RADAListener must establish the initial state of its local network by performing an M-SEARCH to detect all devices on the local network and notify the RADA of those devices.
- b) The RADAListener must monitor the local SSDP traffic and notify the RADA when devices are joining and leaving the UPnP network as described in the UPnP Device Architecture.

2.7.4 SSDP Offloading

UPnP Devices and Control Points utilize SSDP to facilitate discovery. In remote access scenarios, SSDP is restricted to the local network, such that the UPnP Devices and Control Points offload SSDP to the RADA on the remote network. In other words, each RADA incorporates a RADARelay, to facilitate SSDP on behalf of remote UPnP Devices and Control Points.

There are a number of reasons for this type of interaction:

- a) UPnP Discovery is timing dependent. Whenever a UPnP Control Point issues a search request onto the network, the MX field in the search request specifies a maximum number of seconds that the device may wait before sending the response. In a remoted situation, the control point may not be aware of the propagation delays of the network transport, such that the response will be missed
 For example, if a UPnP Camera device at a local hotspot is looking for a Media Server in the home, to upload its content, it may issue a SEARCH request with an MX value of 3 seconds. The control point will have no idea how internet access is being provided. It may be connected via WiFi, but internet access may be provided by GPRS, Satellite, Dial-Up, etc. As such, the Camera may wait 5 seconds for the response, but that may be shorter than the round-trip time to the home network.
- b) UPnP Discovery is often described as a chatty protocol. The frequency of the SSDP announcements from a device or control point is dependent on the vendor of that device or control point, and may vary wildly. However, there are many times where internet access may be metered. In these scenarios, it will be important to minimize traffic to and from the home network.
- c) Removes dependency of multicast propagation from the remote access transport. Some remote access transports do not support propagation of multicast UDP packets, which would prevent UPnP discovery from functioning correctly. Other transports may support

multicast propagation, but only if all hops along the connection support it and propagate it. Further, other transports may support it, but the control point or device may specify a multicast-TTL value that is too small to make it to the destination network.

The RADARelay behavior is described as follows:

- d) For each device in the remote synchronization tree of the RADA, the RADARelay must send periodic SSDP announcements (i.e. ssdp:alive) onto the local network according to the UPnP Device Architecture.
- e) Whenever a device is removed from the remote synchronization tree, the RADARelay must send an SSDP expiration (i.e. ssdp:byebye) onto the local network according to the UPnP Device Architecture.
- f) Whenever a RADARelay receives an SSDP Search request (i.e. M-SEARCH) for a device or service that is contained in the remote synchronization tree, it must answer the search request on behalf of the device in the remote synchronization tree according to the UPnP Device Architecture.
- g) When the remote connection is broken, the RADARelay must send an SSDP expiration (i.e. ssdp:byebye) on the local network for each remote device.

2.7.4.1 Avoiding Offloading Loops

The RADA must not add to the local tree devices that are detected in the local network as a result of the RADARelay.

2.7.5 Heartbeat Mechanism

The RADA Heartbeat provides a mechanism that allows a RADA to detect if a corresponding remote RADA is still available regardless of the keep alive capabilities of the underlying transport protocol. The mechanism is needed in order to ensure the end devices have the same responsiveness to failures (e.g. lowest cache-control delays is ensured) as if they were all present in the same physical network.

The Heartbeat is performed according to the following algorithm:

- a) If remote sync tree does not contain any devices go to a)
- b) Set timer as min(remote CACHE-CONTROL)
- c) While timer not elapsed
 - 1) If remote Add/RemoveRemoteDevice go to a)
 - 2) If any other remote SOAP action then reset timer
 - 3) If SOAP action response received then reset timer
 - 4) Else flush remote network
- d) Else send HeartbeatUpdate
 - 1) If response reset and go to b)
 - 2) Flush remote network

Independent heartbeats should be maintained between the RAS and each RAC.

2.7.6 Administrative Shutdown

A first step in administratively shutting down the RADA is to remove the local devices from all remote RADA that are connected at that particular time; the local [RADiscoveryAgent](#) Control Point must perform [RemoveRemoteDevice\(\)](#) on all connected RADiscoveryAgent Services. When the first step is completed, the RADA must notify the [RATAConfig](#) service for tearing down the remote access transport connection. The notification is done by changing the [connected](#) flag to "false" for the respective [remoteNetwork](#) in the [SystemInfo](#) state variable.

2.7.7 Signalling IPv6 Devices to Remote Networks

The RADAListener is able to detect which devices in the local network are IPv4 and which are IPv6 by looking at the HOST header of the SSDP announcements. Additionally, the IPv4 or IPv6 addresses appear in the LOCATION header. This information is updated in the [SystemInfo](#) state variable and is passed to the remote RADA using the established mechanisms. The RADASync protocol is independent on the addressing mechanisms used by devices in the local network.

The RADiscoveryAgent Device is an IPv4-only device.

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>AddRemoteDevices</name>
      <argumentList>
        <argument>
          <name>DeviceList</name>
          <direction>in</direction>
          <relatedStateVariable>
            A_ARG_TYPE_DeviceInfoList
          </relatedStateVariable>
        </argument>
        <argument>
          <name>ID</name>
          <direction>in</direction>
          <relatedStateVariable>
            A_ARG_TYPE_UUID
          </relatedStateVariable>
        </argument>
        <argument>
        </argument>
      </argumentList>
    </action>

    <action>
      <name>RemoveRemoteDevices</name>
      <argumentList>
        <argument>
          <name>DeviceList</name>
          <direction>in</direction>
          <relatedStateVariable>
            A_ARG_TYPE_DeviceInfoList
          </relatedStateVariable>
        </argument>
        <argument>
          <name>ID</name>
          <direction>in</direction>
          <relatedStateVariable>
            A_ARG_TYPE_UUID
          </relatedStateVariable>
        </argument>
        <argument>
        </argument>
      </argumentList>
    </action>

    <action>
      <name>SetDDDLocation</name>
```

```

    <argumentList>
      <argument>
        <name>DDLocation</name>
        <direction>in</direction>
        <relatedStateVariable>
          A_ARG_TYPE_DDDLocation
        </relatedStateVariable>
      </argument>
      <argument>
        <name>ID</name>
        <direction>in</direction>
        <relatedStateVariable>
          A_ARG_TYPE_UUID
        </relatedStateVariable>
      </argument>
    </argumentList>
  </action>

  <action>
    <name>HeartbeatUpdate</name>
    <argumentList>
      <argument>
        <name>ID</name>
        <direction>in</direction>
        <relatedStateVariable>
          A_ARG_TYPE_UUID
        </relatedStateVariable>
      </argument>
      <argument>
      </argument>
    </argumentList>
  </action>

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

</actionList>

<serviceStateTable>
  <stateVariable sendEvents="no">
    <name>SystemInfo</name>
    <dataType>string</dataType>
  </stateVariable>

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

  <stateVariable sendEvents="no">
    <name>A_ARG_TYPE_DeviceInfoList</name>
    <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>

```

4 Test

No semantic tests have been specified for this service.

Annex A (normative) RADiscoveryAgent Data Structures

A.1 SystemInfo Template

The following shows the generalized layout of a SystemInfo Template. More elements and/or attributes MAY be added in future versions of SystemInfo templates.

The *forum* character style is used to indicate names defined by the Remote Access Working Committee. Implementations need to fill out the parts that are printed in *vendor* character style.

```
<?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">
  <systemInfo
    updateID=" ">
    <localNetwork>
      <rada
        uuid=" "
        exportControlMode="allowList">
        <deviceInfo
          uuid=" "
          cache-control=" "
          descriptionDocument="URL to description document"
          server=" ">
          <accessControl>
            <access credentialID=" "></access>
            <!-- Any other access (if any) go here.-->
          </accessControl>
        </deviceInfo>
        <!-- Any other deviceInfo (if any) go here.-->
      </rada>
    </localNetwork>
    <remoteNetwork>
      <rada
        credentialID=" "
        connected="true"></rada>
      <rada
        uuid=" "
        dddLocation=" "
        importControlMode="denyList"
        heartbeat=" ">
        <deviceInfo
          uuid=" "
          cache-control=" "
          descriptionDocument=" "
          server=" ">
          <accessControl>
            <!-- No access elements for remote networks.-->
          </accessControl>
        </deviceInfo>
        <!-- Any other deviceInfo (if any) go here.-->
      </rada>
    </remoteNetwork>
    <!-- Any other remoteNetwork (if any) go here.-->
  </systemInfo>
</dads>
```

xml

REQUIRED for all XML documents. Case sensitive.

dads

REQUIRED. Must have "urn:schemas-upnp-org:ra:dads" as the value for the xmlns attribute; this references the UPnP Remote Access Working Committee RADA Datastructure Template Schema. As long as the same xmlns is used, the data structure template MUST be backward compatible, i.e. usable by legacy implementations.

systemInfo

REQUIRED. Contains the network images visible for the RADA. Contains the following attributes and sub elements:

@updateID

REQUIRED. xs:int. Contains the unique identifier for the current systemInfo.

localNetwork

REQUIRED. Contains the list of devices that are currently available in the local network. Contains the following sub elements:

rada

REQUIRED. Contains the discovery specific information. Contains the following attributes and subelements:

@uuid

REQUIRED. Contains the UUID of the local RADA.

@exportControlMode

REQUIRED. Describes the access control mode for what devices you want to advertise in a remote network. Possible values are "allowList" or "denyList".

deviceInfo

OPTIONAL. Contains information about a single device in the network. MUST be present for each device present in the network.

Excluding @uuid, each of the following required attributes corresponds to an SSDP header element from the device. Vendors may add other attributes to deviceInfo. Added attributes are either vendor-defined, or another SSDP header, as defined in [DEVICE] 2.1.2. The name of any added attribute MUST be in the format: header name followed by a domain name owned by the vendor. The value of the attribute is the exact value of the header.

Example:

@bootid.upnp.org

Contains the following attributes and sub elements:

@descriptionDocument

REQUIRED. xs:anyURI. Contains the pointer to the device description document. Value taken from the original SSDP header "LOCATION".

@uuid

REQUIRED. xs: string. Contains the UUID of the root device.

@cache-control

REQUIRED. xs:int. Must have max-age directive that specifies number of seconds the advertisement is valid. Value taken from the original SSDP message

@server

REQUIRED. xs:string. Concatenation of OS name, OS version, UPnP/1.x, product name, and product version. Value taken from the original SSDP message

accessControl

OPTIONAL. Contains the list of remote RADAs that can or cannot see this local device. Contains the following attributes and sub elements:

access

OPTIONAL. Describes the remote RADA that can or cannot see the local device. Contains the following attribute:

@credentialID

REQUIRED. contains the CredentialID of the remote RADA that is affected by this entry. If rada@exportControlMode is "allowList", the remote RADA has visibility rights on this local device. If rada@exportControlMode is "denyList", the remote RADA does not have visibility rights on this local device.

remoteNetwork

OPTIONAL. Contains the list of devices that are currently available in the remote network. MUST exist for each connected remote RADA.

rada

REQUIRED. Contains the transport specific information. Contains the following attributes and subelements:

@credentialID

REQUIRED. Contains the credentialID used with the remote RADA.

@connected

REQUIRED. xs:boolean. Determines if the remote RADA is currently connected.

rada

REQUIRED. Contains the discovery specific information. Contains the following attributes:

@uuid

REQUIRED. xs:string. Contains the UUID of the remote RADA.

@dddLocation

REQUIRED. xs:anyURI. Contains the URL to the UPnP description of the root device that hosts the remote RADA.

@importControlMode

REQUIRED. xs:token. Describes the access control mode for remote devices that are advertised in the local network. Possible values are "allowList" or "denyList". If the @importControlMode attribute is "denyList" then the remote devices are not advertised in the local network; if "allowList", then the remote devices are advertised.

@heartbeat

REQUIRED. xs:int. Contains the lowest value of Cache Control of devices that are in this particular remote network.

deviceInfo

OPTIONAL. Contains information about a single device visible in the remote network. MUST be present for each device present in the network.

Excluding @uuid, each of the following required attributes corresponds to an SSDP header element from the device. Vendors may add other attributes to deviceInfo. Added attributes are either vendor-defined, or another SSDP header, as defined in [DEVICE] 2.1.2. The name of any added attribute MUST be in the format: header name followed by a domain name owned by the vendor. The value of the attribute is the exact value of the header.

Example:

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Contains the following attributes and sub elements:

@descriptionDocument

REQUIRED. xs:anyURI. Contains the pointer to the device description document. Value taken from the original SSDP header "LOCATION".

@uuid

REQUIRED. xs:string. Contains the UUID of the root device.

@cache-control

REQUIRED. xs:int. Must have the value of the max-age directive that specifies number of seconds the advertisement is valid. Value taken from the original SSDP message

@server

REQUIRED. xs:string. Concatenation of OS name, OS version, UPnP/1.0, product name, and product version. Value taken from the original SSDP message

accessControl

OPTIONAL. MUST be empty.

A.2 DeviceInfoList Template

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  xsi:schemaLocation="urn:schemas-upnp-org:ra:dads
    http://www.upnp.org/schemas/ra/dads-v1.xsd">
  <deviceInfoList>
    <deviceInfo
      uuid=" "
      cache-control=" "
      descriptionDocument=" "
      server=" " />
    <!-- Any other device info (if any) go here.-->
  </deviceInfoList>
</dads>
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xml

REQUIRED for all XML documents. Case sensitive.

dads

REQUIRED. Must have "urn:schemas-upnp-org:ra:dads" as the value for the xmlns attribute; this references the UPnP Remote Access Working Committee RADA Datastructure Template Schema. As long as the same xmlns is used, the data structure template MUST be backward compatible, i.e. usable by legacy implementations.

deviceInfoList

REQUIRED. Contains the list of devices visible for the remote RADA. Contains the following sub elements:

deviceInfo

REQUIRED. Contains the details of a device. MUST be present for each device visible in the remote network.

Excluding @uuid, each of the following required attributes corresponds to an SSDP header element from the device. Vendors may add other attributes to deviceInfo. Added attributes are either vendor-defined, or another SSDP header, as defined in [DEVICE] 2.1.2. The name of any added attribute MUST be in the format: header name followed by a domain name owned by the vendor. The value of the attribute is the exact value of the header.

Example:

@bootid.upnp.org

Contains the following attributes:

@uuid

REQUIRED. xs:string. Contains the unique id of the device.

@descriptionDocument

REQUIRED. xs:anyURI. Contains URL to the description document of the device. Value taken from the original SSDP header "LOCATION".

@cache-control

REQUIRED. xs:int. Must have the value of max-age directive that specifies number of seconds the advertisement is valid. Value taken from the original SSDP message

@server

REQUIRED. xs:string. Concatenation of OS name, OS version, UPnP/1.0, product name, and product version. Value taken from the original SSDP message

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