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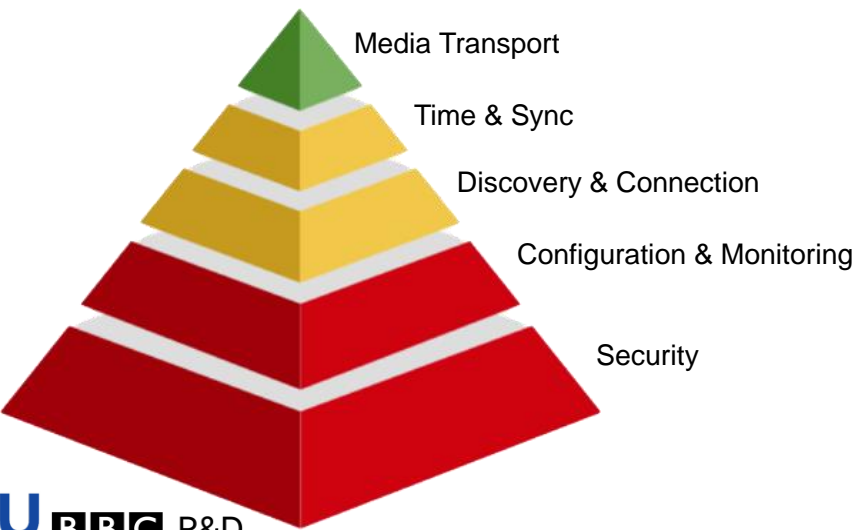
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## EBU Tech 3371 Technology Pyramid for Media Nodes



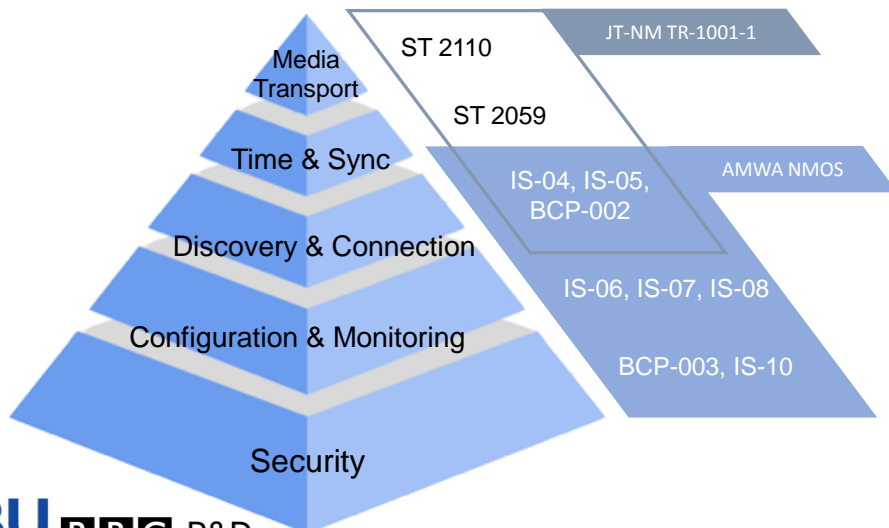
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# How NMOS and TR-1001 address the pyramid



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## Networked Media Open Specifications

- Specifications for discovering, connecting and managing resources
- Developed by AMWA, published openly via GitHub
- Tested at Networked Media Incubator workshops
- Web-friendly: JSON, REST HTTP, WebSockets, message queues...

[amwa-tv.github.io/nmos](http://amwa-tv.github.io/nmos) → Specifications  
 → Documentation  
 → Developer resources  
 → Wiki



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# AMWA NMOS Specifications

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ID	Name	Status
IS-04	Discovery and Registration	AMWA Specification (Stable)
IS-05	Device Connection Management	AMWA Specification (Stable)
IS-06	Network Control	AMWA Specification
IS-07	Event & Tally	AMWA Specification
IS-08	Audio Channel Mapping	AMWA Specification
IS-09	System	Work In Progress
IS-10	Authorization	Work In Progress
MS-04	ID & Timing Model	Work In Progress
BCP-002-01	Natural Grouping	AMWA Specification
BCP-003-01	API Security: Communications	AMWA Specification
BCP-003-02	API Security: Authorization	Work In Progress



## AMWA IS-04 Discovery and Registration



### What does it do?

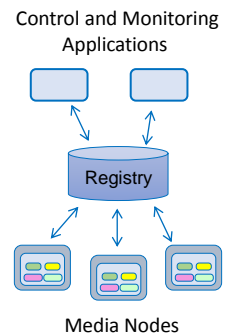
- Allows control and monitoring applications to find the resources on a network

### Why does it matter?

- Enables for automation and reducing manual overhead
- Essential for dynamic deployment

### How does it work?

- Media Nodes locate IS-04 registry using DNS-SD (unicast preferred)
- Media Nodes register their resource information with HTTP + JSON
- Applications query with HTTP and/or subscribe with WebSockets





# AMWA IS-05 Device Connection Management



**What does it do?**

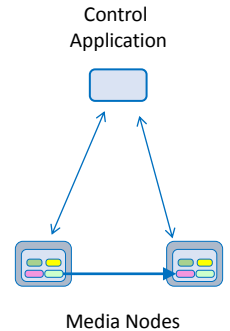
- Provides a transport-independent way of connecting Media Nodes
- Supports single + bulk connections, immediate + delayed connections

**Why does it matter?**

- ST 2110 does not specify how to do this
- Danger of multiple proprietary approaches
- Provides extensibility to other types of IP transport

**How does it work?**

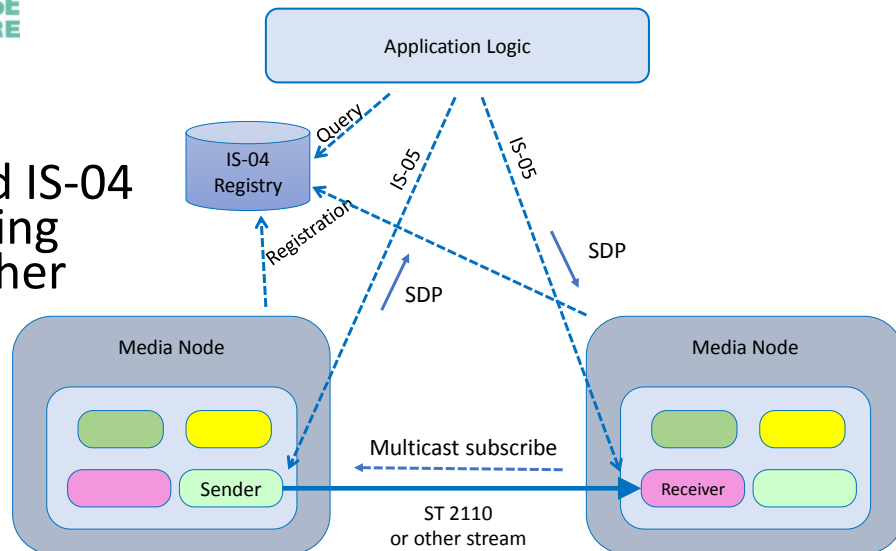
- IS-04 provides information about Senders and Receivers
- Control application sends instructions to Media Nodes
- transportfile parameter conveys the connection information for ST 2110 streams



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## IS-05 and IS-04 working together



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## AMWA IS-06 Network Control



### What does it do?

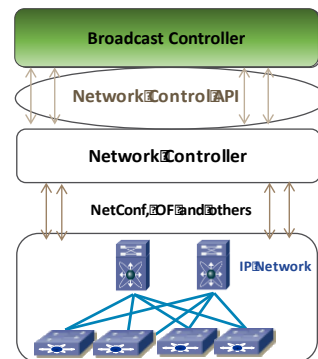
- Lets broadcast control applications manage what happens on the network itself

### Why does it matter?

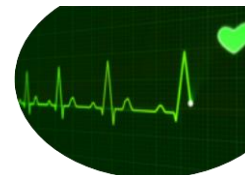
- Ethernet switch output ports might only support a limited number of media flows before they start dropping packets
  - This is different to what happens in a typical SDI router
  - Which means corrupted video and audio

### How does it work?

- “Northbound” API from network fabric’s controller
- Provides topology discovery, flow authorization and assurances of flow bandwidth



## AMWA IS-07 v1.0 Event and Tally



### What does it do?

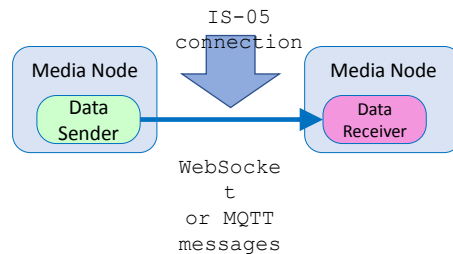
- Provides an IP-friendly mechanism to carry time-sensitive information
- For example: camera tally information, audio levels, control panel button presses and status

### Why does it matter?

- ST 2110 does not provide an equivalent to GPI functionality
- Danger of multiple proprietary approaches
- Consistency with other NMOS specifications

### How does it work?

- Media Nodes emit and consume state and state change info
- Lightweight messages sent using WebSockets or MQTT
- Message flows connected using IS-05





## AMWA IS-08 v1.0 Audio Channel Mapping



### What does it do?

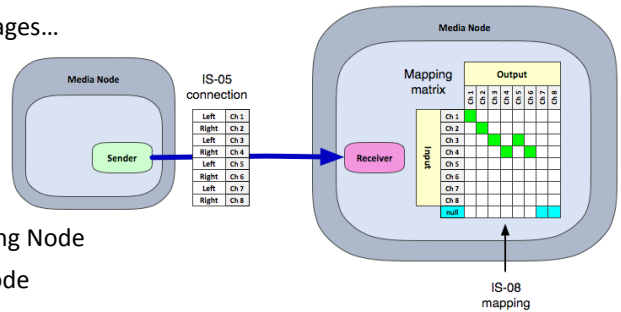
- Allows channel-level operations within NMOS environments
- For example: muting channels, swapping languages...

### Why does it matter?

- Expected functionality for real world use
- Not included in IS-05's functionality

### How does it work?

- Controller gets channel information from sending Node
- ...and sends mapping matrix to the receiving Node
- Can also do sender-side matrixing



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## AMWA BCP-002-01 Natural Grouping



### What does it do?

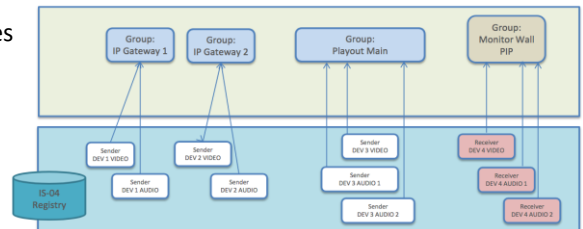
- Defines best practice for tagging groups of resources based on the function of a device, for example:
  - 2110-20, -30, -40 senders within a camera
  - 2110-20 receivers for multiviewer panes

### Why does it matter?

- Can simplify "bulk" connections
- Not defined in IS-04 or IS-05
- Avoid different vendors taking different approaches

### How does it work?

- Specifies a grouphint tag for NMOS JSON
- Types of tags are maintained in a **parameter register**



```

"tags": {
  "urn:x-nmos:tag:grouphint/v1.0": [
    "MV PIP 1:Video"
  ]
}
    
```



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## AMWA MS-04 Identity and Timing Model



### What does it do?

- Formalizes concepts such as Source, Flow, Time Value...
  - Re-examines the JT-NM reference architecture model taking into account many typical workflows
- Provides a basis for new specifications

### Why does it matter?

- Increased content reuse means increased reliance on end-to-end models
- ST 2110's RTP timestamps are insufficient, so we need a model for future extensions

### How does it work?

- Separate content with business value (Sources, Flows) from the systems that process it
- Explain through scenarios, formalize with UML



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## AMWA IS-09 System API

### What does it do?

- Provide Media Nodes with "global" information about their environment
  - e.g. PTP settings

### Why does it matter?

- We need systems to start working asap after (re)connection or power-up
- DNS, DHCP, etc. provide a lot of what a Media Node needs... but not everything

### How does it work?

- Read-only JSON resource, compatible with TR-1001 System Resource



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## Securing APIs

IP brings new cybersecurity risks,  
including risks to the control plane



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## BCP-003-01 API Security: Communications

Best practice for encrypting HTTP and WebSocket messages

- TLS 1.3 preferred, TLS 1.2 allowed
- Recommends appropriate cipher suites
- Recommendations for X.509 PKI

*Encrypted IS-04 + IS-05 are now the default at AMWA workshops*



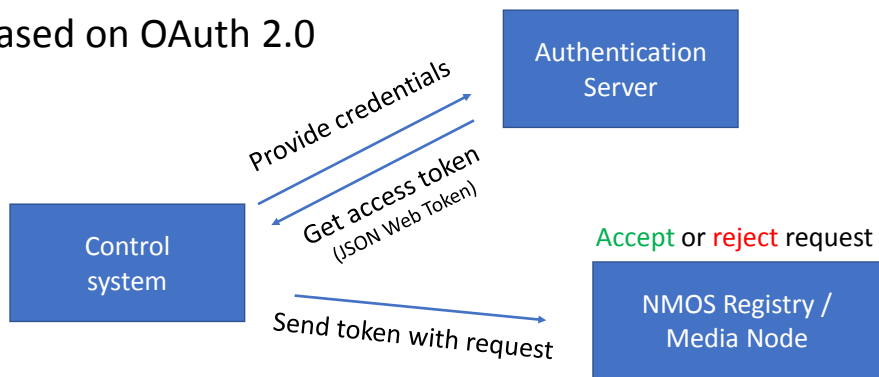
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## BCP-003-02 API Security: Authorization

- Enables API server to verify what client may access
- Based on OAuth 2.0



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## State of specifications

### Published

- IS-04 v1.0, v1.1, v1.2, v1.3
- IS-05 v1.0, v1.1
- IS-06 v1.0
- IS-07 v1.0
- IS-08 v1.0
- BCP-002-01
- BCP-003-01

### Work In Progress

- MS-01 ID and Timing
- BCP-003-02 Authorization
- IS-09 System API
- IS-10 Authorization API

■ minimum required for TR-1001-1



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## NMOS Resource Sharing

AMWA and VSF are looking at scenarios...

- Within a facility: federated IS-04 registries
- OB Truck delivery into broadcast centre
- Multi-campus workflows

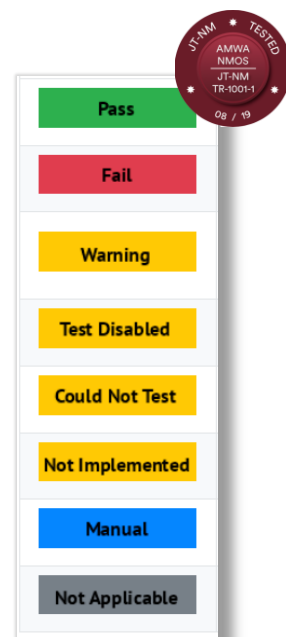
VSF 2110-over-WAN project

- Defining a WAN side of gateway
- Feeds into ongoing NMOS work



## Testing

- New work Incubated at AMWA workshops
  - With VPN available for testing APIs in advance
- JT-NM Tested Event Wuppertal August
  - Significant participation in TR-1001-1 / NMOS tests
- AMWA testing tool: [github.com/AMWA-TV/nmos-testing](https://github.com/AMWA-TV/nmos-testing)
  - Python, open source, extensible
  - Allows vendors to start testing in advance
  - Saves time at events

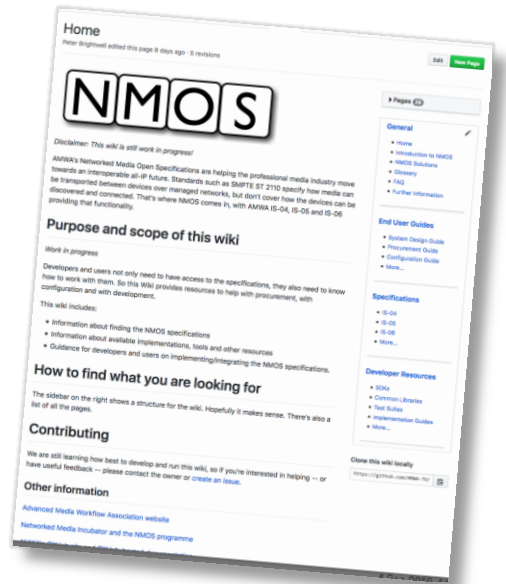




## NMOS Wiki

- Help with the specs and docs
- Information about available implementations and tools
- Resources for developers
- Resources for users

[github.com/AMWA-TV/nmos/wiki](https://github.com/AMWA-TV/nmos/wiki)



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## Future Zone demonstration

- Managing video, audio, ANC and time sensitive data
- Control logic uses generic configurable components
 

AMWA	SMPTE	JT-NM
components		
• NMOS IS-04	• ST-2110-20	• TR-1001-1
• NMOS IS-05	• ST-2110-30	
• NMOS IS-07	• ST-2110-40	
• BCP-002-01	• ST-2022-7	



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## Future Zone demonstration



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## Feedback from user projects

BBC Cardiff

- NMOS required in tenders, much effort spent, has required proprietary workarounds

CBC Montréal

- NMOS required in tenders, workarounds with VSM, not a blocker

tpc Zürich

- Using NMOS alongside alternatives until market matures

Common comment: "chicken and egg"

- R&D incubates but previously not reflected in available product
- Importance not sufficiently communicated inside organisations (inc. to sales)

TR-1001 and JT-NM Tested should make a big difference for the future



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Stay right here for more...

- 10.30 Automated Testing
- 11.00 IS-07
- 11.30 Security
- 12.00 Resource Sharing for WAN



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