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**Introduction**

The Model-Driven Service Adaptation Layer (MD-SAL) is message-bus inspired extensible middleware component that provides messaging and data storage functionality based on data and interface models defined by application developers (i.e. user-defined models).

The MD-SAL:

- Defines a **common-layer, concepts, data model building blocks and messaging patterns** and provides infrastructure / framework for applications and inter-application communication.
- Provide common support for user-defined transport and payload formats, including payload serialization and adaptation (e.g. binary, XML or JSON).

The MD-SAL uses **YANG** as the modeling language for both interface and data definitions, and provides a messaging and data-centric runtime for such services based on YANG modeling.

The MD-SAL provides two different API types (flavours):

- **MD-SAL Binding**: MD-SAL APIs which extensively uses APIs and classes generated from YANG models, which provides compile-time safety.
- **MD-SAL DOM**: (Document Object Model) APIs which uses DOM-like representation of data, which makes them more powerful, but provides less compile-time safety.

**Documentation**

- Please head over to our official documentation of [MD-SAL](#).

**Release Plans**

- Oxygen Release Plan
- Carbon Release Plan
- Boron Release Plan

**Release Notes**

- Boron Release Notes
- Beryllium Release Notes

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- **Meetings**: (pending)
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- **Gerrit Patches**: code patches/reviews
- **Bugs**: open bugs