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Definitions of Managed Objects for Extensible SNMP Agents

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Abstract

This memo defines a portion of the Management Information Base (MIB) for use with network management protocols in the Internet community. In particular, it describes objects managing SNMP agents that use the Agent Extensibility (AgentX) Protocol.

This memo specifies a MIB module in a manner that is both compliant to the SMIV2, and semantically identical to the peer SMIV1 definitions.

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1. The SNMP Management Framework

The SNMP Management Framework presently consists of five major components:

- An overall architecture, described in RFC 2571 [1].
- Mechanisms for describing and naming objects and events for the purpose of management. The first version of this Structure of Management Information (SMI) is called SMIV1 and described in STD 16, RFC 1155 [2], STD 16, RFC 1212 [3] and RFC 1215 [4]. The second version, called SMIV2, is described in STD 58, RFC 2578 [5], STD 58, RFC 2579 [6] and STD 58, RFC 2580 [7].
- Message protocols for transferring management information. The first version of the SNMP message protocol is called SNMPv1 and described in STD 15, RFC 1157 [8]. A second version of the SNMP message protocol, which is not an Internet standards track protocol, is called SNMPv2c and described in RFC 1901 [9] and RFC 1906 [10]. The third version of the message protocol is called SNMPv3 and described in RFC 1906 [10], RFC 2572 [11] and RFC 2574 [12].
- Protocol operations for accessing management information. The first set of protocol operations and associated PDU formats is described in STD 15, RFC 1157 [8]. A second set of protocol operations and associated PDU formats is described in RFC 1905 [13].
- A set of fundamental applications described in RFC 2573 [14] and the view-based access control mechanism described in RFC 2575 [15].

A more detailed introduction to the current SNMP Management Framework can be found in RFC 2570 [16].

Managed objects are accessed via a virtual information store, termed the Management Information Base or MIB. Objects in the MIB are defined using the mechanisms defined in the SMI.

This memo specifies a MIB module that is compliant to the SMIV2. A MIB conforming to the SMIV1 can be produced through the appropriate translations. The resulting translated MIB must be semantically equivalent, except where objects or events are omitted because no translation is possible (use of Counter64). Some machine readable information in SMIV2 will be converted into textual descriptions in

SMIv1 during the translation process. However, this loss of machine readable information is not considered to change the semantics of the MIB.

2. Introduction

The SNMP Agent Extensibility Protocol (AgentX) is a protocol used to distribute the implementation of an SNMP agent amongst a single "master agent" and multiple "subagents". See [17] for details about the AgentX protocol.

The goals of the AgentX MIB are:

- List the set of subagent connections that currently have logical sessions open with the master agent.
- Identify each subagent connection transport address and type.
- Identify each subagent session vendor, AgentX protocol version, and other characteristics.
- Identify the set of MIB objects each session implements, the context in which the objects are registered, and the priority of the registration.
- Determine protocol operational parameters such as the timeout interval for responses from a session and the priority at which a session registers a particular MIB region.
- Allow (but do not require) managers to explicitly close subagent sessions with the master agent.

3. AgentX MIB Overview

This MIB is organized into four groups. The agentxGeneral group provides information describing the master agent's AgentX support, including the protocol version supported. The agentxConnection group provides information describing the current set of connections capable of carrying AgentX sessions. The agentxSession group provides information describing the current set of AgentX sessions. The agentxRegistration group provides information describing the current set of registrations.

Three tables form the heart of this mib. These are the connection, session, and registration tables.

Entries in the registration table exist in a many-to-one relationship with entries in the session table. This relationship is expressed through the two common indices, agentxSessionIndex and agentxConnIndex. Entries in the registration table also exist in a many-to-one relationship with entries in the connection table. This relationship is expressed through the common index, agentxConnIndex.

Entries in the session table exist in a many-to-one relationship with entries in the connection table. This relationship is expressed through the common index, agentxConnIndex.

4. Managed Object Definitions for AgentX

AGENTX-MIB DEFINITIONS ::= BEGIN

IMPORTS

MODULE-IDENTITY, OBJECT-TYPE, Unsigned32, mib-2
FROM SNMPv2-SMI

SnmpAdminString
FROM SNMP-FRAMEWORK-MIB

MODULE-COMPLIANCE, OBJECT-GROUP
FROM SNMPv2-CONF

TEXTUAL-CONVENTION, TimeStamp, TruthValue, TDomain
FROM SNMPv2-TC;

agentxMIB MODULE-IDENTITY

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"
DESCRIPTION      "This is the MIB module for the SNMP Agent Extensibility
                  Protocol (AgentX).  This MIB module will be implemented by
                  the master agent.
"

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 ::= { mib-2 74 }

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-- Textual Conventions

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AgentxTAddress ::= TEXTUAL-CONVENTION
STATUS          current
DESCRIPTION      "Denotes a transport service address.  This is identical to
                  the TAddress textual convention (SNMPv2-SMI) except that
                  zero-length values are permitted.
"

```

```

SYNTAX          OCTET STRING (SIZE (0..255))

```

```

-- Administrative assignments

```

```

agentxObjects OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { agentxMIB 1 }
agentxGeneral OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { agentxObjects 1 }
agentxConnection OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { agentxObjects 2 }
agentxSession OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { agentxObjects 3 }
agentxRegistration OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { agentxObjects 4 }

```

```

agentxDefaultTimeout OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX          INTEGER (0..255)
UNITS           "seconds"
MAX-ACCESS      read-only
STATUS          current
DESCRIPTION      "The default length of time, in seconds, that the master
                  agent should allow to elapse after dispatching a message
                  to a session before it regards the subagent as not
                  responding.  This is a system-wide value that may
                  override the timeout value associated with a particular
                  session (agentxSessionTimeout) or a particular registered
                  MIB region (agentxRegTimeout).  If the associated value of
                  agentxSessionTimeout and agentxRegTimeout are zero, or
                  impractical in accordance with implementation-specific
                  procedure of the master agent, the value represented by
                  this object will be the effective timeout value for the

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        master agent to await a response to a dispatch from a
        given subagent.
    "
    DEFVAL          { 5 }
    ::= { agentxGeneral 1 }

agentxMasterAgentXVer OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX          INTEGER (1..255)
    MAX-ACCESS      read-only
    STATUS          current
    DESCRIPTION
        "The AgentX protocol version supported by this master agent.
        The current protocol version is 1. Note that the master agent
        must also allow interaction with earlier version subagents.
        "
    ::= { agentxGeneral 2 }

--          The AgentX Subagent Connection Group

agentxConnTableLastChange OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX          TimeStamp
    MAX-ACCESS      read-only
    STATUS          current
    DESCRIPTION
        "The value of sysUpTime when the last row creation or deletion
        occurred in the agentxConnectionTable.
        "
    ::= { agentxConnection 1 }

agentxConnectionTable OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX          SEQUENCE OF AgentxConnectionEntry
    MAX-ACCESS      not-accessible
    STATUS          current
    DESCRIPTION
        "The agentxConnectionTable tracks all current AgentX transport
        connections. There may be zero, one, or more AgentX sessions
        carried on a given AgentX connection.
        "
    ::= { agentxConnection 2 }

agentxConnectionEntry OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX          AgentxConnectionEntry
    MAX-ACCESS      not-accessible
    STATUS          current

    DESCRIPTION
        "An agentxConnectionEntry contains information describing a
        single AgentX transport connection. A connection may be

```

used to support zero or more AgentX sessions. An entry is created when a new transport connection is established, and is destroyed when the transport connection is terminated.

"

```
INDEX { agentxConnIndex }
 ::= { agentxConnectionTable 1 }
```

```
AgentxConnectionEntry ::= SEQUENCE {
    agentxConnIndex          Unsigned32,
    agentxConnOpenTime       TimeStamp,
    agentxConnTransportDomain TDomain,
    agentxConnTransportAddress AgentxTAddress }
```

agentxConnIndex OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX Unsigned32 (1..4294967295)

MAX-ACCESS not-accessible

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"agentxConnIndex contains the value that uniquely identifies an open transport connection used by this master agent to provide AgentX service. Values of this index should not be re-used. The value assigned to a given transport connection is constant for the lifetime of that connection.

"

```
 ::= { agentxConnectionEntry 1 }
```

agentxConnOpenTime OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX TimeStamp

MAX-ACCESS read-only

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"The value of sysUpTime when this connection was established and, therefore, its value when this entry was added to the table.

"

```
 ::= { agentxConnectionEntry 2 }
```

agentxConnTransportDomain OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX TDomain

MAX-ACCESS read-only

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"The transport protocol in use for this connection to the subagent.

"

```
 ::= { agentxConnectionEntry 3 }
```

agentxConnTransportAddress OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX AgentxTAddress

```

MAX-ACCESS    read-only
STATUS        current
DESCRIPTION
    "The transport address of the remote (subagent) end of this
    connection to the master agent. This object may be zero-length
    for unix-domain sockets (and possibly other types of transport
    addresses) since the subagent need not bind a filename to its
    local socket.
    "
 ::= { agentxConnectionEntry 4 }

-- The AgentX Subagent Session Group

agentxSessionTableLastChange OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX        TimeStamp
MAX-ACCESS    read-only
STATUS        current
DESCRIPTION
    "The value of sysUpTime when the last row creation or deletion
    occurred in the agentxSessionTable.
    "
 ::= { agentxSession 1 }

agentxSessionTable OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX        SEQUENCE OF AgentxSessionEntry
MAX-ACCESS    not-accessible
STATUS        current
DESCRIPTION
    "A table of AgentX subagent sessions currently in effect.
    "
 ::= { agentxSession 2 }

agentxSessionEntry OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX        AgentxSessionEntry
MAX-ACCESS    not-accessible
STATUS        current
DESCRIPTION
    "Information about a single open session between the AgentX
    master agent and a subagent is contained in this entry. An
    entry is created when a new session is successfully established
    and is destroyed either when the subagent transport connection
    has terminated or when the subagent session is closed.
    "
INDEX          { agentxConnIndex, agentxSessionIndex }
 ::= { agentxSessionTable 1 }

AgentxSessionEntry ::= SEQUENCE {
    agentxSessionIndex      Unsigned32,
```

```

agentxSessionObjectID      OBJECT IDENTIFIER,
agentxSessionDescr         SnmpAdminString,
agentxSessionAdminStatus   INTEGER,
agentxSessionOpenTime      TimeStamp,
agentxSessionAgentXVer     INTEGER,
agentxSessionTimeout       INTEGER
}

```

agentxSessionIndex OBJECT-TYPE

```

SYNTAX      Unsigned32 (0..4294967295)
MAX-ACCESS  not-accessible
STATUS      current
DESCRIPTION

```

"A unique index for the subagent session. It is the same as h.sessionID defined in the agentx header. Note that if a subagent's session with the master agent is closed for any reason its index should not be re-used. A value of zero(0) is specifically allowed in order to be compatible with the definition of h.sessionId.

"

```
 ::= { agentxSessionEntry 1 }
```

agentxSessionObjectID OBJECT-TYPE

```

SYNTAX      OBJECT IDENTIFIER
MAX-ACCESS  read-only
STATUS      current
DESCRIPTION

```

"This is taken from the o.id field of the agentx-Open-PDU. This attribute will report a value of '0.0' for subagents not supporting the notion of an AgentX session object identifier.

"

```
 ::= { agentxSessionEntry 2 }
```

agentxSessionDescr OBJECT-TYPE

```

SYNTAX      SnmpAdminString
MAX-ACCESS  read-only
STATUS      current
DESCRIPTION

```

"A textual description of the session. This is analogous to sysDescr defined in the SNMPv2-MIB in RFC 1907 [19] and is taken from the o.descr field of the agentx-Open-PDU. This attribute will report a zero-length string value for subagents not supporting the notion of a session description.

"

```
 ::= { agentxSessionEntry 3 }
```

agentxSessionAdminStatus OBJECT-TYPE

```

SYNTAX      INTEGER {
                up(1),
                down(2)
            }
MAX-ACCESS   read-write
STATUS       current
DESCRIPTION
    "The administrative (desired) status of the session.  Setting
    the value to 'down(2)' closes the subagent session (with c.reason
    set to 'reasonByManager').
    "
 ::= { agentxSessionEntry 4 }

```

agentxSessionOpenTime OBJECT-TYPE

```

SYNTAX      TimeStamp
MAX-ACCESS   read-only
STATUS       current
DESCRIPTION
    "The value of sysUpTime when this session was opened and,
    therefore, its value when this entry was added to the table.
    "
 ::= { agentxSessionEntry 5 }

```

agentxSessionAgentXVer OBJECT-TYPE

```

SYNTAX      INTEGER (1..255)
MAX-ACCESS   read-only
STATUS       current
DESCRIPTION
    "The version of the AgentX protocol supported by the
    session.  This must be less than or equal to the value of
    agentxMasterAgentXVer.
    "
 ::= { agentxSessionEntry 6 }

```

agentxSessionTimeout OBJECT-TYPE

```

SYNTAX      INTEGER (0..255)
UNITS        "seconds"
MAX-ACCESS   read-only
STATUS       current
DESCRIPTION
    "The length of time, in seconds, that a master agent should
    allow to elapse after dispatching a message to this session
    before it regards the subagent as not responding.  This value
    is taken from the o.timeout field of the agentx-Open-PDU.
    This is a session-specific value that may be overridden by
    values associated with the specific registered MIB regions
    (see agentxRegTimeout).  A value of zero(0) indicates that
    the master agent's default timeout value should be used

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        (see agentxDefaultTimeout).
    "
    ::= { agentxSessionEntry 7 }

-- The AgentX Registration Group

agentxRegistrationTableLastChange OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      TimeStamp
    MAX-ACCESS   read-only
    STATUS      current
    DESCRIPTION
        "The value of sysUpTime when the last row creation or deletion
        occurred in the agentxRegistrationTable.
    "
    ::= { agentxRegistration 1 }

agentxRegistrationTable OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      SEQUENCE OF AgentxRegistrationEntry
    MAX-ACCESS   not-accessible
    STATUS      current
    DESCRIPTION
        "A table of registered regions.
    "
    ::= { agentxRegistration 2 }

agentxRegistrationEntry OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      AgentxRegistrationEntry
    MAX-ACCESS   not-accessible
    STATUS      current
    DESCRIPTION
        "Contains information for a single registered region. An
        entry is created when a session successfully registers a
        region and is destroyed for any of three reasons: this region
        is unregistered by the session, the session is closed,
        or the subagent connection is closed.
    "
    INDEX       { agentxConnIndex, agentxSessionIndex, agentxRegIndex }
    ::= { agentxRegistrationTable 1 }

AgentxRegistrationEntry ::= SEQUENCE {
    agentxRegIndex      Unsigned32,
    agentxRegContext    OCTET STRING,
    agentxRegStart      OBJECT IDENTIFIER,
    agentxRegRangeSubId Unsigned32,
    agentxRegUpperBound Unsigned32,
    agentxRegPriority    Unsigned32,
    agentxRegTimeout     INTEGER,
    agentxRegInstance    TruthValue }

```

agentxRegIndex OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX Unsigned32 (1..4294967295)

MAX-ACCESS not-accessible

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"agentxRegIndex uniquely identifies a registration entry.

This value is constant for the lifetime of an entry.

"

::= { agentxRegistrationEntry 1 }

agentxRegContext OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX OCTET STRING

MAX-ACCESS read-only

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"The context in which the session supports the objects in this region. A zero-length context indicates the default context.

"

::= { agentxRegistrationEntry 2 }

agentxRegStart OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX OBJECT IDENTIFIER

MAX-ACCESS read-only

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"The starting OBJECT IDENTIFIER of this registration entry. The session identified by agentxSessionIndex implements objects starting at this value (inclusive). Note that this value could identify an object type, an object instance, or a partial object instance.

"

::= { agentxRegistrationEntry 3 }

agentxRegRangeSubId OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX Unsigned32

MAX-ACCESS read-only

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"agentxRegRangeSubId is used to specify the range. This is taken from r.region_subid in the registration PDU. If the value of this object is zero, no range is specified. If it is non-zero, it identifies the 'nth' sub-identifier in r.region for which this entry's agentxRegUpperBound value is substituted in the OID for purposes of defining the region's upper bound.

"

::= { agentxRegistrationEntry 4 }

agentxRegUpperBound OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX Unsigned32
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"agentxRegUpperBound represents the upper-bound sub-identifier in a registration. This is taken from the r.upper_bound in the registration PDU. If agentxRegRangeSubid (r.region_subid) is zero, this value is also zero and is not used to define an upper bound for this registration.
"

::= { agentxRegistrationEntry 5 }

agentxRegPriority OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX Unsigned32
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"The registration priority. Lower values have higher priority. This value is taken from r.priority in the register PDU. Sessions should use the value of 127 for r.priority if a default value is desired.
"

::= { agentxRegistrationEntry 6 }

agentxRegTimeout OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX INTEGER (0..255)
UNITS "seconds"
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"The timeout value, in seconds, for responses to requests associated with this registered MIB region. A value of zero(0) indicates the default value (indicated by by agentxSessionTimeout or agentxDefaultTimeout) is to be used. This value is taken from the r.timeout field of the agentx-Register-PDU.
"

::= { agentxRegistrationEntry 7 }

agentxRegInstance OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX TruthValue
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"The value of agentxRegInstance is 'true' for registrations for which the INSTANCE_REGISTRATION was set, and is 'false' for all other registrations.
"

```
 ::= { agentxRegistrationEntry 8 }

-- Conformance Statements for AgentX

agentxConformance      OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { agentxMIB 2 }
agentxMIBGroups         OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { agentxConformance 1 }
agentxMIBCompliances    OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { agentxConformance 2 }

-- Compliance Statements for AgentX

agentxMIBCompliance MODULE-COMPLIANCE
  STATUS      current
  DESCRIPTION
    "The compliance statement for SNMP entities that implement the
    AgentX protocol. Note that a compliant agent can implement all
    objects in this MIB module as read-only.
    "
  MODULE -- this module
    MANDATORY-GROUPS { agentxMIBGroup }

    OBJECT agentxSessionAdminStatus
      MIN-ACCESS read-only
      DESCRIPTION
        "Write access is not required.
        "
  ::= { agentxMIBCompliances 1 }

agentxMIBGroup OBJECT-GROUP
  OBJECTS {
    agentxDefaultTimeout,
    agentxMasterAgentXVer,
    agentxConnTableLastChange,
    agentxConnOpenTime,
    agentxConnTransportDomain,
    agentxConnTransportAddress,
    agentxSessionTableLastChange,
    agentxSessionTimeout,
    agentxSessionObjectID,
    agentxSessionDescr,
    agentxSessionAdminStatus,
    agentxSessionOpenTime,
    agentxSessionAgentXVer,
    agentxRegistrationTableLastChange,
    agentxRegContext,
    agentxRegStart,
    agentxRegRangeSubId,
    agentxRegUpperBound,
    agentxRegPriority,
```

```
    agentxRegTimeout,  
    agentxRegInstance  
  }  
  STATUS      current  
  DESCRIPTION  
    "All accessible objects in the AgentX MIB."  
    "  
 ::= { agentxMIBGroups 1 }  
  
END
```

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7. Security Considerations

There is a single management object defined in this MIB that has a MAX-ACCESS clause of read-write. This object may be considered sensitive or vulnerable in some network environments. The support for SET operations in a non-secure environment without proper protection can have a negative effect on network operations.

There is a single managed object in this MIB that may contain sensitive information. This object is `agentxSessionAdminStatus`. Setting `agentxSessionAdminStatus` to an inappropriate value can effectively prevent access to management information, or provide access to inappropriate information.

It is thus important to control even GET access to these objects and possibly to even encrypt the values of these objects when sending them over the network via SNMP. Not all versions of SNMP provide features for such a secure environment.

SNMPv1 by itself is not a secure environment. Even if the network itself is secure (for example by using IPSec), even then, there is no control as to who on the secure network is allowed to access and GET/SET (read/change/create/delete) the objects in this MIB.

It is recommended that the implementers consider the security features as provided by the SNMPv3 framework. Specifically, the use of the User-based Security Model RFC 2574 [12] and the View-based Access Control Model RFC 2575 [15] is recommended.

It is then a customer/user responsibility to ensure that the SNMP entity giving access to an instance of this MIB, is properly configured to give access to the objects only to those principals (users) that have legitimate rights to indeed GET or SET (change/delete) them.

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