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This memo defines the second version of the Management Information Base (MIB-II) for use with network management protocols in TCP/IP-based internets. This RFC specifies an IAB standards track protocol for the Internet community, and requests discussion and suggestions for improvements. Please refer to the current edition of the "IAB Official Protocol Standards" for the standardization state and status of this protocol. Distribution of this memo is unlimited.

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1. Abstract

This memo defines the second version of the Management Information Base (MIB-II) for use with network management protocols in TCP/IP-based internets. In particular, together with its companion memos which describe the structure of management information (RFC 1155) along with the network management protocol (RFC 1157) for TCP/IP-based internets, these documents provide a simple, workable architecture and system for managing TCP/IP-based internets and in particular the Internet community.

2. Introduction

As reported in RFC 1052, IAB Recommendations for the Development of Internet Network Management Standards [1], a two-prong strategy for network management of TCP/IP-based internets was undertaken. In the short-term, the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) was to be used to manage nodes in the Internet community. In the long-term, the use of the OSI network management framework was to be examined. Two documents were produced to define the management information: RFC 1065, which defined the Structure of Management Information (SMI) [2], and RFC 1066, which defined the Management Information Base (MIB) [3]. Both of these documents were designed so as to be compatible with both the SNMP and the OSI network management framework.

This strategy was quite successful in the short-term: Internet-based network management technology was fielded, by both the research and commercial communities, within a few months. As a result of this, portions of the Internet community became network manageable in a timely fashion.

As reported in RFC 1109, Report of the Second Ad Hoc Network Management Review Group [4], the requirements of the SNMP and the OSI

network management frameworks were more different than anticipated. As such, the requirement for compatibility between the SMI/MIB and both frameworks was suspended. This action permitted the operational network management framework, the SNMP, to respond to new operational needs in the Internet community by producing this document.

As such, the current network management framework for TCP/IP- based internets consists of: Structure and Identification of Management Information for TCP/IP-based internets, RFC 1155 [12], which describes how managed objects contained in the MIB are defined; Management Information Base for Network Management of TCP/IP-based internets: MIB-II, this memo, which describes the managed objects contained in the MIB (and supercedes RFC 1156 [13]); and, the Simple Network Management Protocol, RFC 1098 [5], which defines the protocol used to manage these objects.

3. Changes from RFC 1156

Features of this MIB include:

- (1) incremental additions to reflect new operational requirements;
- (2) upwards compatibility with the SMI/MIB and the SNMP;
- (3) improved support for multi-protocol entities; and,
- (4) textual clean-up of the MIB to improve clarity and readability.

The objects defined in MIB-II have the OBJECT IDENTIFIER prefix:

```
mib-2      OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { mgmt 1 }
```

which is identical to the prefix used in MIB-I.

3.1. Deprecated Objects

In order to better prepare implementors for future changes in the MIB, a new term "deprecated" may be used when describing an object. A deprecated object in the MIB is one which must be supported, but one which will most likely be removed from the next version of the MIB (e.g., MIB-III).

MIB-II marks one object as being deprecated:

```
atTable
```

As a result of deprecating the atTable object, the entire Address Translation group is deprecated.

Note that no functionality is lost with the deprecation of these objects: new objects providing equivalent or superior functionality are defined in MIB-II.

3.2. Display Strings

In the past, there have been misinterpretations of the MIB as to when a string of octets should contain printable characters, meant to be displayed to a human. As a textual convention in the MIB, the datatype

```
DisplayString ::=
    OCTET STRING
```

is introduced. A DisplayString is restricted to the NVT ASCII character set, as defined in pages 10-11 of [6].

The following objects are now defined in terms of DisplayString:

```
sysDescr
ifDescr
```

It should be noted that this change has no effect on either the syntax nor semantics of these objects. The use of the DisplayString notation is merely an artifact of the explanatory method used in MIB-II and future MIBs.

Further it should be noted that any object defined in terms of OCTET STRING may contain arbitrary binary data, in which each octet may take any value from 0 to 255 (decimal).

3.3. Physical Addresses

As a further, textual convention in the MIB, the datatype

```
PhysAddress ::=
    OCTET STRING
```

is introduced to represent media- or physical-level addresses.

The following objects are now defined in terms of PhysAddress:

```
ifPhysAddress
atPhysAddress
ipNetToMediaPhysAddress
```

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