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Definitions of Managed Objects for the Border Gateway Protocol (Version 3)

Status of this Memo

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1. Abstract

This memo defines a portion of the Management Information Base (MIB) for use with network management protocols in TCP/IP-based internets. In particular, it defines objects for managing the Border Gateway Protocol [11,12].

2. The Network Management Framework

The Internet-standard Network Management Framework consists of three components. They are:

RFC 1155 which defines the SMI, the mechanisms used for describing and naming objects for the purpose of management. RFC 1212 defines a more concise description mechanism, which is wholly consistent with the SMI.

RFC 1156 which defines MIB-I, the core set of managed objects for the Internet suite of protocols. RFC 1213, defines MIB-II, an evolution of MIB-I based on implementation experience and new operational requirements.

RFC 1157 which defines the SNMP, the protocol used for network access to managed objects.

The Framework permits new objects to be defined for the purpose of experimentation and evaluation.

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3. Objects

Managed objects are accessed via a virtual information store, termed the Management Information Base or MIB. Objects in the MIB are defined using the subset of Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1) [7] defined in the SMI. In particular, each object has a name, a syntax, and an encoding. The name is an object identifier, an administratively assigned name, which specifies an object type. The object type together with an object instance serves to uniquely identify a specific instantiation of the object. For human convenience, we often use a textual string, termed the OBJECT DESCRIPTOR, to also refer to the object type.

The syntax of an object type defines the abstract data structure corresponding to that object type. The ASN.1 language is used for this purpose. However, the SMI [3] purposely restricts the ASN.1 constructs which may be used. These restrictions are explicitly made for simplicity.

The encoding of an object type is simply how that object type is represented using the object type's syntax. Implicitly tied to the notion of an object type's syntax and encoding is how the object type is represented when being transmitted on the network.

The SMI specifies the use of the basic encoding rules of ASN.1 [8], subject to the additional requirements imposed by the SNMP.

3.1. Format of Definitions

Section 5 contains contains the specification of all object types contained in this MIB module. The object types are defined using the conventions defined in the SMI, as amended by the extensions specified in [9,10].

4. Overview

These objects are used to control and manage a BGP [11,12] implementation.

The Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) is an inter-Autonomous System routing protocol. The primary function of a BGP speaking system is to exchange network reachability information with other BGP systems. This network reachability information includes information on the full path of Autonomous Systems that traffic must transit to reach these networks.

BGP runs over a reliable transport protocol. This eliminates the need to implement explicit update fragmentation, retransmission,

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acknowledgement, and sequencing. Any authentication scheme used by the transport protocol may be used in addition to BGP's own authentication mechanisms.

The planned use of BGP in the Internet environment, including such issues as topology, the interaction between BGP and IGPs, and the enforcement of routing policy rules is presented in a companion document [12].

Apart from a few system variables, this MIB is broken into two tables: the BGP Peer Table and the BGP Received Path Attribute Table. The Peer Table reflects information about BGP peer connections, such as their state and current activity. The Received Path Attribute Table contains all attributes received from all peers before local routing policy has been applied. The actual attributes used in determining a route are a subset of the received attribute table.

5. Definitions

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RFC1269-MIB DEFINITIONS ::= BEGIN
    NetworkAddress, IpAddress, Counter
         FROM RFC1155-SMI
     mib-2
         FROM RFC1213-MIB
   OBJECT-TYPE
         FROM RFC-1212
     TRAP-TYPE
         FROM RFC-1215;
-- This MIB module uses the extended OBJECT-TYPE macro as
-- defined in [9], and the TRAP-TYPE macro as defined
-- in [10].
bgp
        OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { mib-2 15 }
bgpVersion OBJECT-TYPE
     SYNTAX OCTET STRING
     ACCESS read-only
     STATUS mandatory
     DESCRIPTION
          "Vector of supported BGP protocol version
          numbers. Each peer negotiates the version from
          this vector. Versions are identified via the
          string of bits contained within this object.
          The first octet contains bits 0 to 7, the
          second octet contains bits 8 to 15, and so on,
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with the most significant bit referring to the
          lowest bit number in the octet (e.g., the MSB
          of the first octet refers to bit 0). If a bit,
          i, is present and set, then the version (i+1)
          of the BGP is supported."
     ::= { bgp 1 }
bgpLocalAs OBJECT-TYPE
     SYNTAX INTEGER (0..65535)
     ACCESS read-only
     STATUS mandatory
     DESCRIPTION
          "The local autonomous system number."
     ::= { bgp 2 }
bgpPeerTable OBJECT-TYPE
     SYNTAX SEQUENCE OF BgpPeerEntry
     ACCESS not-accessible
     STATUS mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
          "The bgp peer table."
     ::= { bgp 3 }
bgpIdentifier OBJECT-TYPE
     SYNTAX IpAddress
     ACCESS read-only
     STATUS mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
         "The BGP Identifier of local system."
     ::= { bgp 4 }
bgpPeerEntry OBJECT-TYPE
     SYNTAX BgpPeerEntry
    ACCESS not-accessible
     STATUS mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
          "Information about a BGP peer connection."
          { bgpPeerRemoteAddr }
         ::= { bgpPeerTable 1 }
BgpPeerEntry ::= SEQUENCE {
    bgpPeerIdentifier
         IpAddress,
     bgpPeerState
         INTEGER,
     bgpPeerAdminStatus
          INTEGER,
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bgpPeerNegotiatedVersion
          INTEGER,
     bgpPeerLocalAddr
         IpAddress,
     bgpPeerLocalPort
         INTEGER,
     {\tt bgpPeerRemoteAddr}
         IpAddress,
     bgpPeerRemotePort
         INTEGER,
     bgpPeerRemoteAs
          INTEGER,
     bgpPeerInUpdates
          Counter,
     bgpPeerOutUpdates
          Counter,
     bgpPeerInTotalMessages
          Counter,
     bgpPeerOutTotalMessages
          Counter,
     bgpPeerLastError
          OCTET STRING
bgpPeerIdentifier OBJECT-TYPE
     SYNTAX IpAddress
     ACCESS read-only
     STATUS mandatory
     DESCRIPTION
          "The BGP Identifier of this entry's BGP peer."
     ::= { bgpPeerEntry 1 }
bgpPeerState OBJECT-TYPE
     SYNTAX INTEGER {
         idle(1),
          connect(2),
          active(3),
          opensent(4),
          openconfirm(5),
          established(6)
     ACCESS read-only
     STATUS mandatory
     DESCRIPTION
          "The bgp peer connection state. "
     ::= { bgpPeerEntry 2 }
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bgpPeerAdminStatus OBJECT-TYPE
     SYNTAX INTEGER
     ACCESS read-write
     STATUS mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
          "The desired state of the BGP connection. A
          transition from 'stop' to 'start' will cause
          the BGP Start Event to be generated. A
          transition from 'start' to 'stop' will cause
          the BGP Stop Event to be generated. This
          parameter can be used to restart BGP peer
          connections. Care should be used in providing
          write access to this object without adequate
          authentication."
     ::= { bgpPeerEntry 3 }
bgpPeerNegotiatedVersion OBJECT-TYPE
     SYNTAX INTEGER
    ACCESS read-only
    STATUS mandatory
     DESCRIPTION
          "The negotiated version of BGP running between
          the two peers. "
     ::= { bgpPeerEntry 4 }
bgpPeerLocalAddr OBJECT-TYPE
     SYNTAX IpAddress
    ACCESS read-only
    STATUS mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
          "The local IP address of this entry's BGP
          connection."
     ::= { bgpPeerEntry 5 }
bgpPeerLocalPort OBJECT-TYPE
     SYNTAX INTEGER (0..65535)
    ACCESS read-only
    STATUS mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
          "The local port for the TCP connection between
          the BGP peers."
     ::= { bgpPeerEntry 6 }
bgpPeerRemoteAddr OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX IpAddress
     ACCESS read-only
     STATUS mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
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"The remote IP address of this entry's BGP
          peer."
     ::= { bgpPeerEntry 7 }
bgpPeerRemotePort OBJECT-TYPE
     SYNTAX INTEGER (0..65535)
     ACCESS read-only
     STATUS mandatory
     DESCRIPTION
          "The remote port for the TCP connection between
          the BGP peers. Note that the objects
          bgpLocalAddr, bgpLocalPort, bgpRemoteAddr and
          bgpRemotePort provide the appropriate reference
          to the standard MIB TCP connection table."
     ::= { bgpPeerEntry 8 }
bgpPeerRemoteAs OBJECT-TYPE
     SYNTAX INTEGER (0..65535)
     ACCESS read-only
     STATUS mandatory
     DESCRIPTION
          "The remote autonomous system number."
     ::= { bgpPeerEntry 9 }
bgpPeerInUpdates OBJECT-TYPE
     SYNTAX Counter
     ACCESS read-only
     STATUS mandatory
     DESCRIPTION
          "The number of BGP UPDATE messages received on
          this connection. This object should be
          initialized to zero when the connection is
          established."
     ::= { bgpPeerEntry 10 }
bgpPeerOutUpdates OBJECT-TYPE
     SYNTAX Counter
    ACCESS read-only
     STATUS mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
          "The number of BGP UPDATE messages received on
          this connection. This object should be
          initialized to zero when the connection is
          established."
     ::= { bgpPeerEntry 11}
bgpPeerInTotalMessages OBJECT-TYPE
     SYNTAX Counter
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ACCESS read-only
     STATUS mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
          "The total number of messages received from the
          remote peer on this connection. This object
          should be initialized to zero when the
          connection is established."
     ::= { bgpPeerEntry 12 }
bgpPeerOutTotalMessages OBJECT-TYPE
     SYNTAX Counter
     ACCESS read-only
     STATUS mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
          "The total number of messages transmitted to
          the remote peer on this connection. This object
          should be initialized to zero when the
          connection is established."
     ::= { bgpPeerEntry 13 }
bgpPeerLastError OBJECT-TYPE
     SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE (2))
     ACCESS read-only
     STATUS mandatory
     DESCRIPTION
          "The last error code and subcode seen by this
          peer on this connection. If no error has
          occurred, this field is zero. Otherwise, the
          first byte of this two byte OCTET STRING
          contains the error code; the second contains
          the subcode."
     ::= { bgpPeerEntry 14 }
bgpRcvdPathAttrTable OBJECT-TYPE
     SYNTAX SEQUENCE OF BgpPathAttrEntry
     ACCESS not-accessible
    STATUS mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
          "The BGP Received Path Attribute Table contains
          information about paths to destination networks
         received by all peers."
     ::= { bgp 5 }
bgpPathAttrEntry OBJECT-TYPE
     SYNTAX BgpPathAttrEntry
     ACCESS not-accessible
     STATUS mandatory
     DESCRIPTION
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"Information about a path to a network."
     INDEX
          { bgpPathAttrDestNetwork,
            bgpPathAttrPeer }
     ::= { bgpRcvdPathAttrTable 1 }
BgpPathAttrEntry ::= SEQUENCE {
     bgpPathAttrPeer
         IpAddress,
     bgpPathAttrDestNetwork
         IpAddress,
     bgpPathAttrOrigin
          INTEGER,
     bgpPathAttrASPath
          OCTET STRING,
     bgpPathAttrNextHop
          IpAddress,
     bgpPathAttrInterASMetric
          INTEGER
bgpPathAttrPeer OBJECT-TYPE
     SYNTAX IpAddress
     ACCESS read-only
    STATUS mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
          "The IP address of the peer where the path
          information
          was learned."
     ::= { bgpPathAttrEntry 1 }
bgpPathAttrDestNetwork OBJECT-TYPE
     SYNTAX IpAddress
    ACCESS read-only
    STATUS mandatory
     DESCRIPTION
         "The address of the destination network."
     ::= { bgpPathAttrEntry 2 }
bgpPathAttrOrigin OBJECT-TYPE
     SYNTAX INTEGER {
         igp(1),-- networks are interior
          egp(2),-- networks learned via EGP
          incomplete(3) -- undetermined
     ACCESS read-only
     STATUS mandatory
     DESCRIPTION
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"The ultimate origin of the path information."
     ::= { bgpPathAttrEntry 3 }
bgpPathAttrASPath OBJECT-TYPE
     SYNTAX OCTET STRING
     ACCESS read-only
     STATUS mandatory
     DESCRIPTION
          "The set of ASs that must be traversed to reach
          the network. ( This object is probably best
          represented as SEQUENCE OF INTEGER. For SMI
          compatibility, though, it is represented as
          OCTET STRING. Each AS is represented as a pair
          of octets according to the following algorithm:
               first-byte-of-pair = ASNumber / 256;
               second-byte-of-pair = ASNumber & 255;"
     ::= { bgpPathAttrEntry 4 }
bgpPathAttrNextHop OBJECT-TYPE
     SYNTAX IpAddress
     ACCESS read-only
     STATUS mandatory
     DESCRIPTION
          "The address of the border router that should
          be used for the destination network."
     ::= { bgpPathAttrEntry 5 }
bgpPathAttrInterASMetric OBJECT-TYPE
     SYNTAX IpAddress
    ACCESS read-only
    STATUS mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
          "The optional inter-AS metric. If this
          attribute has not been provided for this route,
          the value for this object is 0."
     ::= { bgpPathAttrEntry 6 }
bgpEstablished TRAP-TYPE
     ENTERPRISE { bgp }
     VARIABLES { bgpPeerRemoteAddr,
              bgpPeerLastError,
               bgpPeerState }
     DESCRIPTION
          "The BGP Established event is generated when
          the BGP FSM enters the ESTABLISHED state. "
     ::= 1
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- 8. Security Considerations

Security issues are not discussed in this memo.

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