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Definitions of Managed Objects for Character Stream Devices using SMIv2

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1. Introduction

This memo defines an extension to the Management Information Base (MIB) for use with network management protocols in the Internet community. In particular, it defines objects for the management of character stream devices.

2. The SNMPv2 Network Management Framework

The SNMPv2 Network Management Framework consists of four major components. They are:

- o RFC 1442 [1] which defines the SMI, the mechanisms used for describing and naming objects for the purpose of management.
- o STD 17, RFC 1213 [2] defines MIB-II, the core set of managed objects for the Internet suite of protocols.

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- o RFC 1445 [3] which defines the administrative and other architectural aspects of the framework.
- o RFC 1448 [4] which defines the protocol used for network access to managed objects.

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

2.1. Object Definitions

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) defined in the SMI. In particular, each object object type is named by an OBJECT IDENTIFIER, an administratively assigned name. 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 descriptor, to refer to the object type.

3. Overview

The Character MIB applies to ports that carry a character stream, whether physical or virtual, serial or parallel, synchronous or asynchronous. The most common example of a character stream device is a hardware terminal port with an RS-232 interface. Another common hardware example is a parallel printer port, say with a Centronics interface. The concept also includes virtual terminal ports, such as a software connection point for a remote console.

The Character MIB is mandatory for all systems that offer character stream ports. This includes, for example, terminal servers, general-purpose time-sharing hosts, and even such systems as a bridge with a (virtual) console port. It may or may not include character ports that do not support network sessions, depending on the system's needs.

The Character MIB's central abstraction is a port. Physical ports have a one-to-one correspondence with hardware ports. Virtual ports are software entities analogous to physical ports, but with no hardware connector.

Each port supports one or more sessions. A session represents a virtual connection that carries characters between the port and some partner. Sessions typically operate over a stack of network protocols. A typical session, for example, uses Telnet over TCP.

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The MIB comprises one base object and two tables, detailed in the following sections. The tables contain objects for ports and sessions.

The MIB intentionally contains no distinction between what is often called permanent and operational or volatile data bases. For the purposes of this MIB, handling of such distinctions is implementation specific.

3.1. Relationship to Interface MIB

The Character MIB does not relate directly to the Interface MIB [1], since it is not intrinsically a network interface. On the other hand, in most implementations where it is present, it will be above a physical sublayer interface, such as the RS-232-like [2] or Parallel-printer-like [3] MIBs. Such physical interfaces typically are represented by a row in the interface table (ifTable), identified by a value of ifIndex.

4. Definitions

CHARACTER-MIB DEFINITIONS ::= BEGIN

IMPORTS

MODULE-IDENTITY, OBJECT-TYPE, NOTIFICATION-TYPE, Counter32, Integer32, Gauge32, TimeTicks FROM SNMPv2-SMI AutonomousType, InstancePointer FROM SNMPv2-TC InterfaceIndex FROM IF-MIB transmission, mib-2 FROM RFC1213-MIB MODULE-COMPLIANCE, OBJECT-GROUP FROM SNMPv2-CONF;

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E-mail: rlstewart@eng.xyplex.com" DESCRIPTION "The MIB module for character stream devices." ::= { mib-2 19 } PortIndex ::= TEXTUAL-CONVENTION DISPLAY-HINT "d" STATUS current DESCRIPTION "A unique value, greater than zero, for each character port in the managed system. It is recommended that values are assigned contiguously starting from 1. The value for each interface sublayer must remain constant at least from one reinitialization of the entity's network management system to the next re-initialization. In a system where the character ports are attached to hardware represented by an ifIndex, it is conventional, but not required, to make the character port index equal to the corresponding ifIndex." SYNTAX Integer32 -- Generic Character information charNumber OBJECT-TYPE SYNTAX Integer32 MAX-ACCESS read-only STATUS current DESCRIPTION "The number of entries in charPortTable, regardless of their current state." $::= \{ char 1 \}$ -- the Character Port table charPortTable OBJECT-TYPE SYNTAX SEQUENCE OF CharPortEntry MAX-ACCESS not-accessible STATUS current DESCRIPTION "A list of port entries. The number of entries is given by the value of charNumber." ::= { char 2 }

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charPortEntry OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX CharPortEntry
   MAX-ACCESS not-accessible
    STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
        "Status and parameter values for a character port."
    INDEX { charPortIndex }
    ::= { charPortTable 1 }
CharPortEntry ::=
    SEQUENCE {
        charPortIndex
           PortIndex,
        charPortName
           DisplayString,
        charPortType
            INTEGER,
        charPortHardware
           AutonomousType,
        charPortReset
            INTEGER,
        charPortAdminStatus
            INTEGER,
        charPortOperStatus
            INTEGER,
        charPortLastChange
            TimeTicks,
        charPortInFlowType
            INTEGER,
        charPortOutFlowType
            INTEGER,
        charPortInFlowState
            INTEGER,
        charPortOutFlowState
            INTEGER,
        charPortInCharacters
           Counter32,
        charPortOutCharacters
            Counter32,
        charPortAdminOrigin
            INTEGER,
        charPortSessionMaximum
            INTEGER,
        charPortSessionNumber
            Gauge32,
        charPortSessionIndex
            INTEGER,
        charPortInFlowTypes
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OCTET STRING,
        charPortOutFlowTypes
           OCTET STRING,
        charPortLowerIfIndex
           InterfaceIndex
    }
charPortIndex OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX PortIndex
   MAX-ACCESS read-only
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
        "A unique value for each character port, perhaps
        corresponding to the same value of ifIndex when the
        character port is associated with a hardware port
        represented by an ifIndex."
    ::= { charPortEntry 1 }
charPortName OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX DisplayString (SIZE (0..32))
   MAX-ACCESS read-write
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
        "An administratively assigned name for the port,
        typically with some local significance."
    ::= { charPortEntry 2 }
charPortType OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX INTEGER { physical(1), virtual(2) }
   MAX-ACCESS read-only
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
        "The port's type, 'physical' if the port represents
        an external hardware connector, 'virtual' if it does
        not."
    ::= { charPortEntry 3 }
charPortHardware OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX AutonomousType
   MAX-ACCESS read-only
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
        "A reference to hardware MIB definitions specific to
        a physical port's external connector. For example,
        if the connector is RS-232, then the value of this
        object refers to a MIB sub-tree defining objects
        specific to RS-232. If an agent is not configured
        to have such values, the agent returns the object
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identifier:
            nullHardware OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { 0 0 }
    ::= { charPortEntry 4 }
charPortReset OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX INTEGER { ready(1), execute(2) }
   MAX-ACCESS read-write
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
        "A control to force the port into a clean, initial
        state, both hardware and software, disconnecting all
        the port's existing sessions. In response to a
        get-request or get-next-request, the agent always
       returns 'ready' as the value. Setting the value to
        'execute' causes a reset."
    ::= { charPortEntry 5 }
charPortAdminStatus OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX INTEGER { enabled(1), disabled(2), off(3),
                    maintenance(4) }
   MAX-ACCESS read-write
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
        "The port's desired state, independent of flow
        control. 'enabled' indicates that the port is
        allowed to pass characters and form new sessions.
        'disabled' indicates that the port is allowed to
       pass characters but not form new sessions. 'off'
        indicates that the port is not allowed to pass
       characters or have any sessions. 'maintenance'
        indicates a maintenance mode, exclusive of normal
       operation, such as running a test.
        'enabled' corresponds to ifAdminStatus 'up'.
        'disabled' and 'off' correspond to ifAdminStatus
        'down'. 'maintenance' corresponds to ifAdminStatus
        'test'."
    ::= { charPortEntry 6 }
charPortOperStatus OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX INTEGER { up(1), down(2),
                     maintenance(3), absent(4), active(5) }
   MAX-ACCESS read-only
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
        "The port's actual, operational state, independent
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of flow control. 'up' indicates able to function
       normally. 'down' indicates inability to function
        for administrative or operational reasons.
        'maintenance' indicates a maintenance mode,
       exclusive of normal operation, such as running a
        test. 'absent' indicates that port hardware is not
       present. 'active' indicates up with a user present
        (e.g. logged in).
        'up' and 'active' correspond to ifOperStatus 'up'.
        'down' and 'absent' correspond to ifOperStatus
        'down'. 'maintenance' corresponds to ifOperStatus
        'test'."
    ::= { charPortEntry 7 }
charPortLastChange OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX TimeTicks
   MAX-ACCESS read-only
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
        "The value of sysUpTime at the time the port entered
        its current operational state. If the current state
       was entered prior to the last reinitialization of
       the local network management subsystem, then this
       object contains a zero value."
    ::= { charPortEntry 8 }
-- charPortInFlowType is deprecated in favor of
-- charPortInFlowTypes
charPortInFlowType OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX INTEGER { none(1), xonXoff(2), hardware(3),
                    ctsRts(4), dsrDtr(5) }
   MAX-ACCESS read-write
   STATUS deprecated
   DESCRIPTION
        "The port's type of input flow control. 'none'
        indicates no flow control at this level or below.
        'xonXoff' indicates software flow control by
       recognizing XON and XOFF characters. 'hardware'
        indicates flow control delegated to the lower level,
       for example a parallel port.
        'ctsRts' and 'dsrDtr' are specific to RS-232-like
       ports. Although not architecturally pure, they are
       included here for simplicity's sake."
    ::= { charPortEntry 9 }
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-- charPortOutFlowType is deprecated in favor of
-- charPortOutFlowTypes
charPortOutFlowType OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX INTEGER { none(1), xonXoff(2), hardware(3),
                     ctsRts(4), dsrDtr(5) }
   MAX-ACCESS read-write
   STATUS deprecated
   DESCRIPTION
        "The port's type of output flow control. 'none'
        indicates no flow control at this level or below.
        'xonXoff' indicates software flow control by
       recognizing XON and XOFF characters. 'hardware'
        indicates flow control delegated to the lower level,
       for example a parallel port.
        'ctsRts' and 'dsrDtr' are specific to RS-232-like
       ports. Although not architecturally pure, they are
       included here for simplicy's sake."
    ::= { charPortEntry 10 }
charPortInFlowState OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX INTEGER { none(1), unknown(2), stop(3), go(4) }
   MAX-ACCESS read-only
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
        "The current operational state of input flow control
        on the port. 'none' indicates not applicable.
        'unknown' indicates this level does not know.
        'stop' indicates flow not allowed. 'go' indicates
       flow allowed."
    ::= { charPortEntry 11 }
charPortOutFlowState OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX INTEGER { none(1), unknown(2), stop(3), go(4) }
   MAX-ACCESS read-only
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
        "The current operational state of output flow
        control on the port. 'none' indicates not
        applicable. 'unknown' indicates this level does not
       know. 'stop' indicates flow not allowed. 'go'
       indicates flow allowed."
    ::= { charPortEntry 12 }
charPortInCharacters OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX Counter32
   MAX-ACCESS read-only
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STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
        "Total number of characters detected as input from
        the port since system re-initialization and while
        the port operational state was 'up', 'active', or
        'maintenance', including, for example, framing, flow
        control (i.e. XON and XOFF), each occurrence of a
        BREAK condition, locally-processed input, and input
        sent to all sessions."
    ::= { charPortEntry 13 }
charPortOutCharacters OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX Counter32
   MAX-ACCESS read-only
    STATUS current
    DESCRIPTION
        "Total number of characters detected as output to
        the port since system re-initialization and while
        the port operational state was 'up', 'active', or
        'maintenance', including, for example, framing, flow
        control (i.e. XON and XOFF), each occurrence of a
        BREAK condition, locally-created output, and output
        received from all sessions."
    ::= { charPortEntry 14 }
charPortAdminOrigin OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX INTEGER { dynamic(1), network(2), local(3),
                     none(4) }
   MAX-ACCESS read-write
    STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
        "The administratively allowed origin for
        establishing session on the port. 'dynamic' allows
        'network' or 'local' session establishment. 'none'
        disallows session establishment."
    ::= { charPortEntry 15 }
charPortSessionMaximum OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX INTEGER (-1..2147483647)
   MAX-ACCESS read-write
    STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
        "The maximum number of concurrent sessions allowed
        on the port. A value of -1 indicates no maximum.
        Setting the maximum to less than the current number
        of sessions has unspecified results."
    ::= { charPortEntry 16 }
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charPortSessionNumber OBJECT-TYPE SYNTAX Gauge32 MAX-ACCESS read-only STATUS current DESCRIPTION "The number of open sessions on the port that are in the connecting, connected, or disconnecting state." ::= { charPortEntry 17 } charPortSessionIndex OBJECT-TYPE SYNTAX INTEGER (0..2147483647) MAX-ACCESS read-only STATUS current DESCRIPTION "The value of charSessIndex for the port's first or only active session. If the port has no active session, the agent returns the value zero." ::= { charPortEntry 18 } charPortInFlowTypes OBJECT-TYPE SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE (1)) MAX-ACCESS read-write STATUS current DESCRIPTION "The port's types of input flow control at the software level. Hardware-level flow control is independently controlled by the appropriate hardware-level MIB. A value of zero indicates no flow control. Depending on the specific implementation, any or all combinations of flow control may be chosen by adding the values: 128 xonXoff, recognizing XON and XOFF characters 64 engHost, ENQ/ACK to allow input to host 32 engTerm, ACK to allow output to port ::= { charPortEntry 19 } charPortOutFlowTypes OBJECT-TYPE SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE (1)) MAX-ACCESS read-write STATUS current DESCRIPTION "The port's types of output flow control at the software level. Hardware-level flow control is independently controlled by the appropriate

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hardware-level MIB.
       A value of zero indicates no flow control.
       Depending on the specific implementation, any or
       all combinations of flow control may be chosen by
       adding the values:
       128 xonXoff, recognizing XON and XOFF characters
        64 engHost, ENQ/ACK to allow input to host
        32 engTerm, ACK to allow output to port
    ::= { charPortEntry 20 }
charPortLowerIfIndex OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX InterfaceIndex
   MAX-ACCESS read-only
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
        "The ifIndex value of the lower level hardware supporting
       this character port, zero if none."
    ::= { charPortEntry 21 }
-- the Character Session table
charSessTable OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX SEQUENCE OF CharSessEntry
   MAX-ACCESS not-accessible
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
        "A list of port session entries."
    ::= { char 3 }
charSessEntry OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX CharSessEntry
   MAX-ACCESS not-accessible
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
       "Status and parameter values for a character port
       session."
    INDEX { charSessPortIndex, charSessIndex }
    ::= { charSessTable 1 }
CharSessEntry ::=
    SEQUENCE {
       charSessPortIndex
           PortIndex,
       charSessIndex
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INTEGER,
        charSessKill
            INTEGER,
        charSessState
            INTEGER,
        charSessProtocol
           AutonomousType,
        charSessOperOrigin
           INTEGER,
        charSessInCharacters
           Counter32,
        charSessOutCharacters
           Counter32,
        charSessConnectionId
           InstancePointer,
       charSessStartTime
           TimeTicks
    }
charSessPortIndex OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX PortIndex
   MAX-ACCESS read-only
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
        "The value of charPortIndex for the port to which
        this session belongs."
    ::= { charSessEntry 1 }
charSessIndex OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX INTEGER (1..2147483647)
   MAX-ACCESS read-only
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
        "The session index in the context of the port, a
        non-zero positive integer. Session indexes within a
        port need not be sequential. Session indexes may be
        reused for different ports. For example, port 1 and
        port 3 may both have a session 2 at the same time.
        Session indexes may have any valid integer value,
        with any meaning convenient to the agent
        implementation."
    ::= { charSessEntry 2 }
charSessKill OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX INTEGER { ready(1), execute(2) }
   MAX-ACCESS read-write
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
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"A control to terminate the session. In response to
         a get-request or get-next-request, the agent always
        returns 'ready' as the value. Setting the value to
         'execute' causes termination."
     ::= { charSessEntry 3 }
charSessState OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX INTEGER { connecting(1), connected(2),
                      disconnecting(3) }
    MAX-ACCESS read-only
    STATUS current
    DESCRIPTION
         "The current operational state of the session,
        disregarding flow control. 'connected' indicates
         that character data could flow on the network side
         of session. 'connecting' indicates moving from
        nonexistent toward 'connected'. 'disconnecting'
        indicates moving from 'connected' or 'connecting' to
        nonexistent."
    ::= { charSessEntry 4 }
charSessProtocol OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX AutonomousType
    MAX-ACCESS read-only
    STATUS current
    DESCRIPTION
         "The network protocol over which the session is
        running. Other OBJECT IDENTIFIER values may be
        defined elsewhere, in association with specific
        protocols. However, this document assigns those of
        known interest as of this writing."
    ::= { charSessEntry 5 }
wellKnownProtocols OBJECT IDENTIFIER := { char 4 }
protocolOther OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { wellKnownProtocols 1 }
protocolTelnet OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { wellKnownProtocols 2
protocolRlogin OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { wellKnownProtocols 3
protocolLat OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { wellKnownProtocols 5 }
protocolX29 OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { wellKnownProtocols 5 }
protocolVtp OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { wellKnownProtocols 6 }
charSessOperOrigin OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX INTEGER { unknown(1), network(2), local(3) }
    MAX-ACCESS read-only
    STATUS current
    DESCRIPTION
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"The session's source of establishment."
    ::= { charSessEntry 6 }
charSessInCharacters OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX Counter32
   MAX-ACCESS read-only
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
        "This session's subset of charPortInCharacters."
    ::= { charSessEntry 7 }
charSessOutCharacters OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX Counter32
   MAX-ACCESS read-only
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
        "This session's subset of charPortOutCharacters."
    ::= { charSessEntry 8 }
charSessConnectionId OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX InstancePointer
   MAX-ACCESS read-only
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
        "A reference to additional local MIB information.
        This should be the highest available related MIB,
        corresponding to charSessProtocol, such as Telnet.
        For example, the value for a TCP connection (in the
        absence of a Telnet MIB) is the object identifier of
        tcpConnState. If an agent is not configured to have
        such values, the agent returns the object
        identifier:
           nullConnectionId OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { 0 0 }
        п
    ::= { charSessEntry 9 }
charSessStartTime OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX TimeTicks
   MAX-ACCESS read-only
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
        "The value of sysUpTime in MIB-2 when the session
        entered connecting state."
    ::= { charSessEntry 10 }
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-- conformance information
charConformance OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { char 5 }
               OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { charConformance 1 }
charGroups
charCompliances OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { charConformance 2 }
-- compliance statements
charCompliance MODULE-COMPLIANCE
    STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
           "The compliance statement for SNMPv2 entities
            which have Character hardware interfaces."
   MODULE -- this module
       MANDATORY-GROUPS { charGroup }
    ::= { charCompliances 1 }
-- units of conformance
charGroup
             OBJECT-GROUP
    OBJECTS { charNumber, charPortIndex, charPortName,
              charPortType, charPortHardware, charPortReset,
              charPortAdminStatus, charPortOperStatus,
              charPortLastChange,
              charPortInFlowState, charPortOutFlowState,
              charPortAdminOrigin, charPortSessionMaximum,
              charPortInFlowTypes, charPortOutFlowTypes,
              charPortInCharacters, charPortOutCharacters,
              charPortSessionNumber, charPortSessionIndex,
              charPortLowerIfIndex,
              charSessPortIndex, charSessIndex,
              charSessKill, charSessState,
              charSessProtocol, charSessOperOrigin,
              charSessInCharacters, charSessOutCharacters,
              charSessConnectionId, charSessStartTime }
    STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
            "A collection of objects providing information
             applicable to all Character interfaces."
    ::= { charGroups 1 }
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7. Security Considerations

Security issues are not discussed in this memo.

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