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## SNMP Applications

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### Abstract

This memo describes five types of SNMP applications which make use of an SNMP engine as described in [RFC2571]. The types of application described are Command Generators, Command Responders, Notification Originators, Notification Receivers, and Proxy Forwarders.

This memo also defines MIB modules for specifying targets of management operations, for notification filtering, and for proxy forwarding.

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## 1. Overview

This document describes five types of SNMP applications:

- Applications which initiate SNMP Read-Class, and/or Write-Class requests, called 'command generators.'
- Applications which respond to SNMP Read-Class, and/or Write-Class requests, called 'command responders.'
- Applications which generate SNMP Notification-Class PDUs, called 'notification originators.'
- Applications which receive SNMP Notification-Class PDUs, called 'notification receivers.'
- Applications which forward SNMP messages, called 'proxy forwarders.'

Note that there are no restrictions on which types of applications may be associated with a particular SNMP engine. For example, a single SNMP engine may, in fact, be associated with both command generator and command responder applications.

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC2119].

### 1.1. Command Generator Applications

A command generator application initiates SNMP Read-Class and/or Write-Class requests, as well as processing the response to a request which it generated.

### 1.2. Command Responder Applications

A command responder application receives SNMP Read-Class and/or Write-Class requests destined for the local system as indicated by the fact that the contextEngineID in the received request is equal to that of the local engine through which the request was received. The command responder application will perform the appropriate protocol operation, using access control, and will generate a response message to be sent to the request's originator.

### 1.3. Notification Originator Applications

A notification originator application conceptually monitors a system for particular events or conditions, and generates Notification-Class messages based on these events or conditions. A notification originator must have a mechanism for determining where to send messages, and what SNMP version and security parameters to use when sending messages. A mechanism and MIB module for this purpose is provided in this document. Note that Notification-Class PDUs generated by a notification originator may be either Confirmed-Class or Unconfirmed-Class PDU types.

### 1.4. Notification Receiver Applications

A notification receiver application listens for notification messages, and generates response messages when a message containing a Confirmed-Class PDU is received.

### 1.5. Proxy Forwarder Applications

A proxy forwarder application forwards SNMP messages. Note that implementation of a proxy forwarder application is optional. The sections describing proxy (4.5, 5.3, and 8) may be skipped for implementations that do not include a proxy forwarder application.

The term "proxy" has historically been used very loosely, with multiple different meanings. These different meanings include (among others):

- (1) the forwarding of SNMP requests to other SNMP entities without regard for what managed object types are being accessed; for example, in order to forward an SNMP request from one transport domain to another, or to translate SNMP requests of one version into SNMP requests of another version;
- (2) the translation of SNMP requests into operations of some non-SNMP management protocol; and
- (3) support for aggregated managed objects where the value of one managed object instance depends upon the values of multiple other (remote) items of management information.

Each of these scenarios can be advantageous; for example, support for aggregation of management information can significantly reduce the bandwidth requirements of large-scale management activities.

However, using a single term to cover multiple different scenarios causes confusion.

To avoid such confusion, this document uses the term "proxy" with a much more tightly defined meaning. The term "proxy" is used in this document to refer to a proxy forwarder application which forwards either SNMP messages without regard for what managed objects are contained within those messages. This definition is most closely related to the first definition above. Note, however, that in the SNMP architecture [RFC2571], a proxy forwarder is actually an application, and need not be associated with what is traditionally thought of as an SNMP agent.

Specifically, the distinction between a traditional SNMP agent and a proxy forwarder application is simple:

- a proxy forwarder application forwards SNMP messages to other SNMP engines according to the context, and irrespective of the specific managed object types being accessed, and forwards the response to such previously forwarded messages back to the SNMP engine from which the original message was received;
- in contrast, the command responder application that is part of what is traditionally thought of as an SNMP agent, and which processes SNMP requests according to the (names of the) individual managed object types and instances being accessed, is NOT a proxy forwarder application from the perspective of this document.

Thus, when a proxy forwarder application forwards a request or notification for a particular contextEngineID / contextName pair, not only is the information on how to forward the request specifically associated with that context, but the proxy forwarder application has no need of a detailed definition of a MIB view (since the proxy forwarder application forwards the request irrespective of the managed object types).

In contrast, a command responder application must have the detailed definition of the MIB view, and even if it needs to issue requests to other entities, via SNMP or otherwise, that need is dependent on the individual managed object instances being accessed (i.e., not only on the context).

Note that it is a design goal of a proxy forwarder application to act as an intermediary between the endpoints of a transaction. In particular, when forwarding Confirmed Notification-Class messages, the associated response is forwarded when it is received from the target to which the Notification-Class message was forwarded, rather than generating a response immediately when the Notification-Class message is received.

## 2. Management Targets

Some types of applications (notification generators and proxy forwarders in particular) require a mechanism for determining where and how to send generated messages. This document provides a mechanism and MIB module for this purpose. The set of information that describes where and how to send a message is called a 'Management Target', and consists of two kinds of information:

- Destination information, consisting of a transport domain and a transport address. This is also termed a transport endpoint.

- SNMP parameters, consisting of message processing model, security model, security level, and security name information.

The SNMP-TARGET-MIB module described later in this document contains one table for each of these types of information. There can be a many-to-many relationship in the MIB between these two types of information. That is, there may be multiple transport endpoints associated with a particular set of SNMP parameters, or a particular transport endpoint may be associated with several sets of SNMP parameters.

### 3. Elements Of Procedure

The following sections describe the procedures followed by each type of application when generating messages for transmission or when processing received messages. Applications communicate with the Dispatcher using the abstract service interfaces defined in [RFC2571].

#### 3.1. Command Generator Applications

A command generator initiates an SNMP request by calling the Dispatcher using the following abstract service interface:

```

statusInformation =          -- sendPduHandle if success
                             -- errorIndication if failure
    sendPdu(
        IN    transportDomain      -- transport domain to be used
        IN    transportAddress     -- destination network address
        IN    messageProcessingModel -- typically, SNMP version
        IN    securityModel        -- Security Model to use
        IN    securityName         -- on behalf of this principal
        IN    securityLevel        -- Level of Security requested
        IN    contextEngineID      -- data from/at this entity
        IN    contextName          -- data from/in this context
        IN    pduVersion           -- the version of the PDU
        IN    PDU                  -- SNMP Protocol Data Unit
        IN    expectResponse       -- TRUE or FALSE
    )

```

Where:

- The transportDomain is that of the destination of the message.
- The transportAddress is that of the destination of the message.

- The messageProcessingModel indicates which Message Processing Model the application wishes to use.
- The securityModel is the security model that the application wishes to use.
- The securityName is the security model independent name for the principal on whose behalf the application wishes the message is to be generated.
- The securityLevel is the security level that the application wishes to use.
- The contextEngineID is provided by the command generator if it wishes to explicitly specify the location of the management information it is requesting.
- The contextName is provided by the command generator if it wishes to explicitly specify the local context name for the management information it is requesting.
- The pduVersion indicates the version of the PDU to be sent.
- The PDU is a value constructed by the command generator containing the management operation that the command generator wishes to perform.
- The expectResponse argument indicates that a response is expected.

The result of the sendPdu interface indicates whether the PDU was successfully sent. If it was successfully sent, the returned value will be a sendPduHandle. The command generator should store the sendPduHandle so that it can correlate a response to the original request.

The Dispatcher is responsible for delivering the response to a particular request to the correct command generator application. The abstract service interface used is:

```

processResponsePdu(           -- process Response PDU
    IN  messageProcessingModel -- typically, SNMP version
    IN  securityModel          -- Security Model in use
    IN  securityName           -- on behalf of this principal
    IN  securityLevel          -- Level of Security
    IN  contextEngineID        -- data from/at this SNMP entity
    IN  contextName            -- data from/in this context
    IN  pduVersion             -- the version of the PDU

```

```
IN    PDU                                -- SNMP Protocol Data Unit
IN    statusInformation                  -- success or errorIndication
IN    sendPduHandle                     -- handle from sendPdu
    )
```

Where:

- The messageProcessingModel is the value from the received response.
- The securityModel is the value from the received response.
- The securityName is the value from the received response.
- The securityLevel is the value from the received response.
- The contextEngineID is the value from the received response.
- The contextName is the value from the received response.
- The pduVersion indicates the version of the PDU in the received response.
- The PDU is the value from the received response.
- The statusInformation indicates success or failure in receiving the response.
- The sendPduHandle is the value returned by the sendPdu call which generated the original request to which this is a response.

The procedure when a command generator receives a message is as follows:

- (1) If the received values of messageProcessingModel, securityModel, securityName, contextEngineID, contextName, and pduVersion are not all equal to the values used in the original request, the response is discarded.
- (2) The operation type, request-id, error-status, error-index, and variable-bindings are extracted from the PDU and saved. If the request-id is not equal to the value used in the original request, the response is discarded.
- (3) At this point, it is up to the application to take an appropriate action. The specific action is implementation dependent. If the statusInformation indicates that the request



failed, an appropriate action might be to attempt to transmit the request again, or to notify the person operating the application that a failure occurred.

### 3.2. Command Responder Applications

Before a command responder application can process messages, it must first associate itself with an SNMP engine. The abstract service interface used for this purpose is:

```
statusInformation =      -- success or errorIndication
  registerContextEngineID(
    IN  contextEngineID  -- take responsibility for this one
    IN  pduType          -- the pduType(s) to be registered
  )
```

Where:

- The statusInformation indicates success or failure of the registration attempt.
- The contextEngineID is equal to the snmpEngineID of the SNMP engine with which the command responder is registering.
- The pduType indicates a Read-Class and/or Write-Class PDU.

Note that if another command responder application is already registered with an SNMP engine, any further attempts to register with the same contextEngineID and pduType will be denied. This implies that separate command responder applications could register separately for the various pdu types. However, in practice this is undesirable, and only a single command responder application should be registered with an SNMP engine at any given time.

A command responder application can disassociate with an SNMP engine using the following abstract service interface:

```
unregisterContextEngineID(
  IN  contextEngineID  -- give up responsibility for this one
  IN  pduType          -- the pduType(s) to be unregistered
)
```

Where:

- The contextEngineID is equal to the snmpEngineID of the SNMP engine with which the command responder is cancelling the registration.

- The pduType indicates a Read-Class and/or Write-Class PDU.

Once the command responder has registered with the SNMP engine, it waits to receive SNMP messages. The abstract service interface used for receiving messages is:

```
processPdu(                                -- process Request/Notification PDU
  IN  messageProcessingModel                -- typically, SNMP version
  IN  securityModel                         -- Security Model in use
  IN  securityName                         -- on behalf of this principal
  IN  securityLevel                        -- Level of Security
  IN  contextEngineID                      -- data from/at this SNMP entity
  IN  contextName                          -- data from/in this context
  IN  pduVersion                           -- the version of the PDU
  IN  PDU                                  -- SNMP Protocol Data Unit
  IN  maxSizeResponseScopedPDU             -- maximum size of the Response PDU
  IN  stateReference                       -- reference to state information
  )                                         -- needed when sending a response
```

Where:

- The messageProcessingModel indicates which Message Processing Model received and processed the message.
- The securityModel is the value from the received message.
- The securityName is the value from the received message.
- The securityLevel is the value from the received message.
- The contextEngineID is the value from the received message.
- The contextName is the value from the received message.
- The pduVersion indicates the version of the PDU in the received message.
- The PDU is the value from the received message.
- The maxSizeResponseScopedPDU is the maximum allowable size of a ScopedPDU containing a Response PDU (based on the maximum message size that the originator of the message can accept).
- The stateReference is a value which references cached information about each received request message. This value must be returned to the Dispatcher in order to generate a response.

The procedure when a message is received is as follows.

- (1) The operation type is determined from the ASN.1 tag value associated with the PDU parameter. The operation type should always be one of the types previously registered by the application.
- (2) The request-id is extracted from the PDU and saved.
- (3) Any PDU type specific parameters are extracted from the PDU and saved (for example, if the PDU type is an SNMPv2 GetBulk PDU, the non-repeaters and max-repetitions values are extracted).
- (4) The variable-bindings are extracted from the PDU and saved.
- (5) The management operation represented by the PDU type is performed with respect to the relevant MIB view within the context named by the contextName (for an SNMPv2 PDU type, the operation is performed according to the procedures set forth in [RFC1905]). The relevant MIB view is determined by the securityLevel, securityModel, contextName, securityName, and the class of the PDU type. To determine whether a particular object instance is within the relevant MIB view, the following abstract service interface is called:

```
statusInformation =      -- success or errorIndication
  isAccessAllowed(
    IN  securityModel      -- Security Model in use
    IN  securityName       -- principal who wants to access
    IN  securityLevel      -- Level of Security
    IN  viewType           -- read, write, or notify view
    IN  contextName        -- context containing variableName
    IN  variableName       -- OID for the managed object
  )
```

Where:

- The securityModel is the value from the received message.
- The securityName is the value from the received message.
- The securityLevel is the value from the received message.
- The viewType indicates whether the PDU type is a Read-Class or Write-Class operation.
- The contextName is the value from the received message.

- The variableName is the object instance of the variable for which access rights are to be checked.

Normally, the result of the management operation will be a new PDU value, and processing will continue in step (6) below. However, at any time during the processing of the management operation:

- If the isAccessAllowed ASI returns a noSuchView, noAccessEntry, or noGroupName error, processing of the management operation is halted, a PDU value is constructed using the values from the originally received PDU, but replacing the error\_status with an authorizationError code, and error\_index value of 0, and control is passed to step (6) below.
- If the isAccessAllowed ASI returns an otherError, processing of the management operation is halted, a different PDU value is constructed using the values from the originally received PDU, but replacing the error\_status with a genError code, and control is passed to step (6) below.
- If the isAccessAllowed ASI returns a noSuchContext error, processing of the management operation is halted, no result PDU is generated, the snmpUnknownContexts counter is incremented, and control is passed to step (6) below.
- If the context named by the contextName parameter is unavailable, processing of the management operation is halted, no result PDU is generated, the snmpUnavailableContexts counter is incremented, and control is passed to step (6) below.

(6) The Dispatcher is called to generate a response or report message. The abstract service interface is:

```
returnResponsePdu(
    IN    messageProcessingModel  -- typically, SNMP version
    IN    securityModel          -- Security Model in use
    IN    securityName           -- on behalf of this principal
    IN    securityLevel          -- same as on incoming request
    IN    contextEngineID        -- data from/at this SNMP entity
    IN    contextName            -- data from/in this context
    IN    pduVersion             -- the version of the PDU
    IN    PDU                    -- SNMP Protocol Data Unit
    IN    maxSizeResponseScopedPDU -- maximum size of the Response PDU
    IN    stateReference         -- reference to state information
                                -- as presented with the request
    IN    statusInformation       -- success or errorIndication
    )                             -- error counter OID/value if error
```

Where:

- The messageProcessingModel is the value from the processPdu call.
- The securityModel is the value from the processPdu call.
- The securityName is the value from the processPdu call.
- The securityLevel is the value from the processPdu call.
- The contextEngineID is the value from the processPdu call.
- The contextName is the value from the processPdu call.
- The pduVersion indicates the version of the PDU to be returned. If no result PDU was generated, the pduVersion is an undefined value.
- The PDU is the result generated in step (5) above. If no result PDU was generated, the PDU is an undefined value.
- The maxSizeResponseScopedPDU is a local value indicating the maximum size of a ScopedPDU that the application can accept.
- The stateReference is the value from the processPdu call.
- The statusInformation either contains an indication that no error occurred and that a response should be generated, or contains an indication that an error occurred along with the OID and counter value of the appropriate error counter object.

Note that a command responder application should always call the returnResponsePdu abstract service interface, even in the event of an error such as a resource allocation error. In the event of such an error, the PDU value passed to returnResponsePdu should contain appropriate values for errorStatus and errorIndex.

Note that the text above describes situations where the snmpUnknownContexts counter is incremented, and where the snmpUnavailableContexts counter is incremented. The difference between these is that the snmpUnknownContexts counter is incremented when a request is received for a context which is unknown to the SNMP entity. The snmpUnavailableContexts counter is incremented when a request is received for a context which is known to the SNMP entity, but is currently unavailable. Determining when a context is

unavailable is implementation specific, and some implementations may never encounter this situation, and so may never increment the `snmpUnavailableContexts` counter.

### 3.3. Notification Originator Applications

A notification originator application generates SNMP messages containing Notification-Class PDUs (for example, SNMPv2-Trap PDUs or Inform PDUs). There is no requirement as to what specific types of Notification-Class PDUs a particular implementation must be capable of generating.

Notification originator applications require a mechanism for identifying the management targets to which notifications should be sent. The particular mechanism used is implementation dependent. However, if an implementation makes the configuration of management targets SNMP manageable, it **MUST** use the SNMP-TARGET-MIB module described in this document.

When a notification originator wishes to generate a notification, it must first determine in which context the information to be conveyed in the notification exists, i.e., it must determine the `contextEngineID` and `contextName`. It must then determine the set of management targets to which the notification should be sent. The application must also determine, for each management target, what specific PDU type the notification message should contain, and if it is to contain a Confirmed-Class PDU, the number of retries and retransmission algorithm.

The mechanism by which a notification originator determines this information is implementation dependent. Once the application has determined this information, the following procedure is performed for each management target:

- (1) Any appropriate filtering mechanisms are applied to determine whether the notification should be sent to the management target. If such filtering mechanisms determine that the notification should not be sent, processing continues with the next management target. Otherwise,
- (2) The appropriate set of variable-bindings is retrieved from local MIB instrumentation within the relevant MIB view. The relevant MIB view is determined by the `securityLevel`, `securityModel`, `contextName`, and `securityName` of the management target. To determine whether a particular object instance is within the relevant MIB view, the `isAccessAllowed` abstract service interface is used, in the same manner as described in the

preceding section. If the statusInformation returned by isAccessAllowed does not indicate accessAllowed, the notification is not sent to the management target.

- (3) The NOTIFICATION-TYPE OBJECT IDENTIFIER of the notification (this is the value of the element of the variable bindings whose name is snmpTrapOID.0, i.e., the second variable binding) is checked using the isAccessAllowed abstract service interface, using the same parameters used in the preceding step. If the statusInformation returned by isAccessAllowed does not indicate accessAllowed, the notification is not sent to the management target.
- (4) A PDU is constructed using a locally unique request-id value, a PDU type as determined by the implementation, an error-status and error-index value of 0, and the variable-bindings supplied previously in step (2).
- (5) If the notification contains an Unconfirmed-Class PDU, the Dispatcher is called using the following abstract service interface:

```

statusInformation =          -- sendPduHandle if success
                             -- errorIndication if failure
    sendPdu(
    IN  transportDomain       -- transport domain to be used
    IN  transportAddress      -- destination network address
    IN  messageProcessingModel -- typically, SNMP version
    IN  securityModel         -- Security Model to use
    IN  securityName          -- on behalf of this principal
    IN  securityLevel         -- Level of Security requested
    IN  contextEngineID      -- data from/at this entity
    IN  contextName           -- data from/in this context
    IN  pduVersion            -- the version of the PDU
    IN  PDU                   -- SNMP Protocol Data Unit
    IN  expectResponse        -- TRUE or FALSE
    )

```

Where:

- The transportDomain is that of the management target.
- The transportAddress is that of the management target.
- The messageProcessingModel is that of the management target.
- The securityModel is that of the management target.

- The securityName is that of the management target.
- The securityLevel is that of the management target.
- The contextEngineID is the value originally determined for the notification.
- The contextName is the value originally determined for the notification.
- The pduVersion is the version of the PDU to be sent.
- The PDU is the value constructed in step (3) above.
- The expectResponse argument indicates that no response is expected.

Otherwise,

(6) If the notification contains a Confirmed-Class PDU, then:

- a) The Dispatcher is called using the sendPdu abstract service interface as described in step (4) above, except that the expectResponse argument indicates that a response is expected.
- b) The application caches information about the management target.
- c) If a response is received within an appropriate time interval from the transport endpoint of the management target, the notification is considered acknowledged and the cached information is deleted. Otherwise,
- d) If a response is not received within an appropriate time period, or if a report indication is received, information about the management target is retrieved from the cache, and steps a) through d) are repeated. The number of times these steps are repeated is equal to the previously determined retry count. If this retry count is exceeded, the acknowledgement of the notification is considered to have failed, and processing of the notification for this management target is halted. Note that some report indications might be considered a failure. Such report indications should be interpreted to mean that the acknowledgement of the notification has failed.



Responses to Confirmed-Class PDU notifications will be received via the processResponsePdu abstract service interface.

To summarize, the steps that a notification originator follows when determining where to send a notification are:

- Determine the targets to which the notification should be sent.
- Apply any required filtering to the list of targets.
- Determine which targets are authorized to receive the notification.

### 3.4. Notification Receiver Applications

Notification receiver applications receive SNMP Notification messages from the Dispatcher. Before any messages can be received, the notification receiver must register with the Dispatcher using the registerContextEngineID abstract service interface. The parameters used are:

- The contextEngineID is an undefined 'wildcard' value. Notifications are delivered to a registered notification receiver regardless of the contextEngineID contained in the notification message.
- The pduType indicates the type of notifications that the application wishes to receive (for example, SNMPv2-Trap PDUs or Inform PDUs).

Once the notification receiver has registered with the Dispatcher, messages are received using the processPdu abstract service interface. Parameters are:

- The messageProcessingModel indicates which Message Processing Model received and processed the message.
- The securityModel is the value from the received message.
- The securityName is the value from the received message.
- The securityLevel is the value from the received message.
- The contextEngineID is the value from the received message.
- The contextName is the value from the received message.

- The pduVersion indicates the version of the PDU in the received message.
- The PDU is the value from the received message.
- The maxSizeResponseScopedPDU is the maximum allowable size of a ScopedPDU containing a Response PDU (based on the maximum message size that the originator of the message can accept).
- If the message contains an Unconfirmed-Class PDU, the stateReference is undefined and unused. Otherwise, the stateReference is a value which references cached information about the notification. This value must be returned to the Dispatcher in order to generate a response.

When an Unconfirmed-Class PDU is delivered to a notification receiver application, it first extracts the SNMP operation type, request-id, error-status, error-index, and variable-bindings from the PDU. After this, processing depends on the particular implementation.

When a Confirmed-Class PDU is received, the notification receiver application follows the following procedure:

- (1) The PDU type, request-id, error-status, error-index, and variable-bindings are extracted from the PDU.
- (2) A Response-Class PDU is constructed using the extracted request-id and variable-bindings, and with error-status and error-index both set to 0.
- (3) The Dispatcher is called to generate a response message using the returnResponsePdu abstract service interface. Parameters are:
  - The messageProcessingModel is the value from the processPdu call.
  - The securityModel is the value from the processPdu call.
  - The securityName is the value from the processPdu call.
  - The securityLevel is the value from the processPdu call.
  - The contextEngineID is the value from the processPdu call.
  - The contextName is the value from the processPdu call.
  - The pduVersion indicates the version of the PDU to be returned.

- The PDU is the result generated in step (2) above.
- The maxSizeResponseScopedPDU is a local value indicating the maximum size of a ScopedPDU that the application can accept.
- The stateReference is the value from the processPdu call.
- The statusInformation indicates that no error occurred and that a response should be generated.

### 3.5. Proxy Forwarder Applications

A proxy forwarder application deals with forwarding SNMP messages. There are four basic types of messages which a proxy forwarder application may need to forward. These are grouped according to the class of PDU type contained in a message. The four basic types of messages are:

- Those containing Read-Class or Write-Class PDU types (for example, Get, GetNext, GetBulk, and Set PDU types). These deal with requesting or modifying information located within a particular context.
- Those containing Notification-Class PDU types (for example, SNMPv2-Trap and Inform PDU types). These deal with notifications concerning information located within a particular context.
- Those containing a Response-Class PDU type. Forwarding of Response PDUs always occurs as a result of receiving a response to a previously forwarded message.
- Those containing Internal-Class PDU types (for example, a Report PDU). Forwarding of Internal-Class PDU types always occurs as a result of receiving an Internal-Class PDU in response to a previously forwarded message.

For the first type, the proxy forwarder's role is to deliver a request for management information to an SNMP engine which is "closer" or "downstream in the path" to the SNMP engine which has access to that information, and to deliver the response containing the information back to the SNMP engine from which the request was received. The context information in a request is used to determine which SNMP engine has access to the requested information, and this is used to determine where and how to forward the request.

For the second type, the proxy forwarder's role is to determine which SNMP engines should receive notifications about management information from a particular location. The context information in a notification message determines the location to which the information contained in the notification applies. This is used to determine which SNMP engines should receive notification about this information.

For the third type, the proxy forwarder's role is to determine which previously forwarded request or notification (if any) the response matches, and to forward the response back to the initiator of the request or notification.

For the fourth type, the proxy forwarder's role is to determine which previously forwarded request or notification (if any) the Internal-Class PDU matches, and to forward the Internal-Class PDU back to the initiator of the request or notification.

When forwarding messages, a proxy forwarder application must perform a translation of incoming management target information into outgoing management target information. How this translation is performed is implementation specific. In many cases, this will be driven by a preconfigured translation table. If a proxy forwarder application makes the contents of this table SNMP manageable, it MUST use the SNMP-PROXY-MIB module defined in this document.

#### 3.5.1. Request Forwarding

There are two phases for request forwarding. First, the incoming request needs to be passed through the proxy application. Then, the resulting response needs to be passed back. These phases are described in the following two sections.

##### 3.5.1.1. Processing an Incoming Request

A proxy forwarder application that wishes to forward request messages must first register with the Dispatcher using the registerContextEngineID abstract service interface. The proxy forwarder must register each contextEngineID for which it wishes to forward messages, as well as for each pduType. Note that as the configuration of a proxy forwarder is changed, the particular contextEngineID values for which it is forwarding may change. The proxy forwarder should call the registerContextEngineID and unregisterContextEngineID abstract service interfaces as needed to reflect its current configuration.

A proxy forwarder application should never attempt to register a value of contextEngineID which is equal to the snmpEngineID of the SNMP engine to which the proxy forwarder is associated.

Once the proxy forwarder has registered for the appropriate contextEngineID values, it can start processing messages. The following procedure is used:

- (1) A message is received using the processPdu abstract service interface. The incoming management target information received from the processPdu interface is translated into outgoing management target information. Note that this translation may vary for different values of contextEngineID and/or contextName. The translation should result in a single management target.
- (2) If appropriate outgoing management target information cannot be found, the proxy forwarder increments the snmpProxyDrops counter [RFC1907], and then calls the Dispatcher using the returnResponsePdu abstract service interface. Parameters are:
  - The messageProcessingModel is the value from the processPdu call.
  - The securityModel is the value from the processPdu call.
  - The securityName is the value from the processPdu call.
  - The securityLevel is the value from the processPdu call.
  - The contextEngineID is the value from the processPdu call.
  - The contextName is the value from the processPdu call.
  - The pduVersion is the value from the processPdu call.
  - The PDU is an undefined value.
  - The maxSizeResponseScopedPDU is a local value indicating the maximum size of a ScopedPDU that the application can accept.
  - The stateReference is the value from the processPdu call.
  - The statusInformation indicates that an error occurred and includes the OID and value of the snmpProxyDrops object.

Processing of the message stops at this point. Otherwise,

- (3) A new PDU is constructed. A unique value of request-id should be used in the new PDU (this value will enable a subsequent response message to be correlated with this request). The remainder of the new PDU is identical to the received PDU, unless the incoming SNMP version and the outgoing SNMP version support different PDU versions, in which case the proxy forwarder may need to perform a translation on the PDU (A method for performing such a translation is described in [COEX].)
- (4) The proxy forwarder calls the Dispatcher to generate the forwarded message, using the sendPdu abstract service interface. The parameters are:
  - The transportDomain is that of the outgoing management target.
  - The transportAddress is that of the outgoing management target.
  - The messageProcessingModel is that of the outgoing management target.
  - The securityModel is that of the outgoing management target.
  - The securityName is that of the outgoing management target.
  - The securityLevel is that of the outgoing management target.
  - The contextEngineID is the value originally received.
  - The contextName is the value originally received.
  - The pduVersion is the version of the PDU to be sent.
  - The PDU is the value constructed in step (3) above.
  - The expectResponse argument indicates that a response is expected. If the sendPdu call is unsuccessful, the proxy forwarder performs the steps described in (2) above. Otherwise:
- (5) The proxy forwarder caches the following information in order to match an incoming response to the forwarded request:
  - The sendPduHandle returned from the call to sendPdu,
  - The request-id from the received PDU.
  - the contextEngineID,
  - the contextName,

- the stateReference,
- the incoming management target information,
- the outgoing management information,
- any other information needed to match an incoming response to the forwarded request.

If this information cannot be cached (possibly due to a lack of resources), the proxy forwarder performs the steps described in (2) above. Otherwise:

- (6) Processing of the request stops until a response to the forwarded request is received, or until an appropriate time interval has expired. If this time interval expires before a response has been received, the cached information about this request is removed.

#### 3.5.1.2. Processing an Incoming Response

A proxy forwarder follows the following procedure when an incoming response is received:

- (1) The incoming response is received using the processResponsePdu interface. The proxy forwarder uses the received parameters to locate an entry in its cache of pending forwarded requests. This is done by matching the received parameters with the cached values of sendPduHandle, contextEngineID, contextName, outgoing management target information, and the request-id contained in the received PDU (the proxy forwarder must extract the request-id for this purpose). If an appropriate cache entry cannot be found, processing of the response is halted. Otherwise:
- (2) The cache information is extracted, and removed from the cache.
- (3) A new Response-Class PDU is constructed, using the request-id value from the original forwarded request (as extracted from the cache). All other values are identical to those in the received Response-Class PDU, unless the incoming SNMP version and the outgoing SNMP version support different PDU versions, in which case the proxy forwarder may need to perform a translation on the PDU. (A method for performing such a translation is described in [COEX].)
- (4) The proxy forwarder calls the Dispatcher using the returnResponsePdu abstract service interface. Parameters are:

- The messageProcessingModel indicates the Message Processing Model by which the original incoming message was processed.
- The securityModel is that of the original incoming management target extracted from the cache.
- The securityName is that of the original incoming management target extracted from the cache.
- The securityLevel is that of the original incoming management target extracted from the cache.
- The contextEngineID is the value extracted from the cache.
- The contextName is the value extracted from the cache.
- The pduVersion indicates the version of the PDU to be returned.
- The PDU is the (possibly translated) Response PDU.
- The maxSizeResponseScopedPDU is a local value indicating the maximum size of a ScopedPDU that the application can accept.
- The stateReference is the value extracted from the cache.
- The statusInformation indicates that no error occurred and that a Response PDU message should be generated.

#### 3.5.1.3. Processing an Incoming Internal-Class PDU

A proxy forwarder follows the following procedure when an incoming Internal-Class PDU is received:

- (1) The incoming Internal-Class PDU is received using the processResponsePdu interface. The proxy forwarder uses the received parameters to locate an entry in its cache of pending forwarded requests. This is done by matching the received parameters with the cached values of sendPduHandle. If an appropriate cache entry cannot be found, processing of the Internal-Class PDU is halted. Otherwise:
- (2) The cache information is extracted, and removed from the cache.
- (3) If the original incoming management target information indicates an SNMP version which does not support Report PDUs, processing of the Internal-Class PDU is halted.



- (4) The proxy forwarder calls the Dispatcher using the `returnResponsePdu` abstract service interface. Parameters are:
- The `messageProcessingModel` indicates the Message Processing Model by which the original incoming message was processed.
  - The `securityModel` is that of the original incoming management target extracted from the cache.
  - The `securityName` is that of the original incoming management target extracted from the cache.
  - The `securityLevel` is that of the original incoming management target extracted from the cache.
  - The `contextEngineID` is the value extracted from the cache.
  - The `contextName` is the value extracted from the cache.
  - The `pduVersion` indicates the version of the PDU to be returned.
  - The PDU is unused.
  - The `maxSizeResponseScopedPDU` is a local value indicating the maximum size of a ScopedPDU that the application can accept.
  - The `stateReference` is the value extracted from the cache.
  - The `statusInformation` contains values specific to the Internal-Class PDU type (for example, for a Report PDU, the `statusInformation` contains the `contextEngineID`, `contextName`, `counter OID`, and `counter value` received in the incoming Report PDU).

### 3.5.2. Notification Forwarding

A proxy forwarder receives notifications in the same manner as a notification receiver application, using the `processPdu` abstract service interface. The following procedure is used when a notification is received:

- (1) The incoming management target information received from the `processPdu` interface is translated into outgoing management target information. Note that this translation may vary for different values of `contextEngineID` and/or `contextName`. The translation may result in multiple management targets.

- (2) If appropriate outgoing management target information cannot be found and the notification was an Unconfirmed-Class PDU, processing of the notification is halted. If appropriate outgoing management target information cannot be found and the notification was a Confirmed-Class PDU, the proxy forwarder increments the snmpProxyDrops object, and calls the Dispatcher using the returnResponsePdu abstract service interface. The parameters are:
- The messageProcessingModel is the received value.
  - The securityModel is the received value.
  - The securityName is the received value.
  - The securityLevel is the received value.
  - The contextEngineID is the received value.
  - The contextName is the received value.
  - The pduVersion is the received value.
  - The PDU is an undefined and unused value.
  - The maxSizeResponseScopedPDU is a local value indicating the maximum size of a ScopedPDU that the application can accept.
  - The stateReference is the received value.
  - The statusInformation indicates that an error occurred and that a Report message should be generated.

Processing of the message stops at this point. Otherwise,

- (3) The proxy forwarder generates a notification using the procedures described in the preceding section on Notification Originators, with the following exceptions:
- The contextEngineID and contextName values from the original received notification are used.
  - The outgoing management targets previously determined are used.
  - No filtering mechanisms are applied.

- The variable-bindings from the original received notification are used, rather than retrieving variable-bindings from local MIB instrumentation. In particular, no access-control is applied to these variable-bindings.
  - If the original notification contains a Confirmed-Class PDU, then any outgoing management targets, for which the outgoing SNMP version does not support and PDU types which are both Notification-Class and Confirmed-Class PDUs, will not be used when generating the forwarded notifications.
  - If, for any of the outgoing management targets, the incoming SNMP version and the outgoing SNMP version support different PDU versions, the proxy forwarder may need to perform a translation on the PDU. (A method for performing such a translation is described in [COEX].)
- (4) If the original received notification contains an Unconfirmed-Class PDU, processing of the notification is now completed. Otherwise, the original received notification must contain a Confirmed-Class PDU, and processing continues.
- (5) If the forwarded notifications included any Confirmed-Class PDUs, processing continues when the procedures described in the section for Notification Originators determine that either:
- None of the generated notifications containing Confirmed-Class PDUs have been successfully acknowledged within the longest of the time intervals, in which case processing of the original notification is halted, or,
  - At least one of the generated notifications containing Confirmed-Class PDUs is successfully acknowledged, in which case a response to the original received notification containing an Confirmed-Class PDU is generated as described in the following steps.
- (6) A Response-Class PDU is constructed, using the values of request-id and variable-bindings from the original received Notification-Class PDU, and error-status and error-index values of 0.
- (7) The Dispatcher is called using the returnResponsePdu abstract service interface. Parameters are:
- The messageProcessingModel is the originally received value.
  - The securityModel is the originally received value.

- The securityName is the originally received value.
- The securityLevel is the originally received value.
- The contextEngineID is the originally received value.
- The contextName is the originally received value.
- The pduVersion indicates the version of the PDU constructed in step (6) above.
- The PDU is the value constructed in step (6) above.
- The maxSizeResponseScopedPDU is a local value indicating the maximum size of a ScopedPDU that the application can accept.
- The stateReference is the originally received value.
- The statusInformation indicates that no error occurred and that a Response-Class PDU message should be generated.

#### 4. The Structure of the MIB Modules

There are three separate MIB modules described in this document, the management target MIB, the notification MIB, and the proxy MIB. The following sections describe the structure of these three MIB modules.

The use of these MIBs by particular types of applications is described later in this document:

- The use of the management target MIB and the notification MIB in notification originator applications is described in section 6.
- The use of the notification MIB for filtering notifications in notification originator applications is described in section 7.
- The use of the management target MIB and the proxy MIB in proxy forwarding applications is described in section 8.

##### 4.1. The Management Target MIB Module

The SNMP-TARGET-MIB module contains objects for defining management targets. It consists of two tables and conformance/compliance statements.

The first table, the `snmpTargetAddrTable`, contains information about transport domains and addresses. It also contains an object, `snmpTargetAddrTagList`, which provides a mechanism for grouping entries.

The second table, the `snmpTargetParamsTable`, contains information about SNMP version and security information to be used when sending messages to particular transport domains and addresses.

The Management Target MIB is intended to provide a general-purpose mechanism for specifying transport address, and for specifying parameters of SNMP messages generated by an SNMP entity. It is used within this document for generation of notifications and for proxy forwarding. However, it may be used for other purposes. If another document makes use of this MIB, that document is responsible for specifying how it is used. For example, [COEX] uses this MIB for source address validation of SNMPv1 messages.

#### 4.1.1. Tag Lists

The `snmpTargetAddrTagList` object is used for grouping entries in the `snmpTargetAddrTable`. The value of this object contains a list of tag values which are used to select target addresses to be used for a particular operation.

A tag value, which may also be used in MIB objects other than `snmpTargetAddrTagList`, is an arbitrary string of octets, but may not contain a delimiter character. Delimiter characters are defined to be one of the following characters:

- An ASCII space character (0x20).
- An ASCII TAB character (0x09).
- An ASCII carriage return (CR) character (0x0D).
- An ASCII line feed (LF) character (0x0B).

In addition, a tag value may not have a zero length. Generally, a particular MIB object may contain either

- a single tag value, in which case the value of the MIB object may not contain a delimiter character, or:
- a MIB object may contain a list of tag values, separated by single delimiter characters.

For a list of tag values, these constraints imply certain restrictions on the value of a MIB object:

- There cannot be a leading or trailing delimiter character.
- There cannot be multiple adjacent delimiter characters.

#### 4.1.2. Definitions

```
SNMP-TARGET-MIB DEFINITIONS ::= BEGIN
```

```
IMPORTS
```

```
    MODULE-IDENTITY,  
    OBJECT-TYPE,  
    snmpModules,  
    Counter32,  
    Integer32
```

```
    FROM SNMPv2-SMI
```

```
    TEXTUAL-CONVENTION,  
    TDomain,  
    TAddress,  
    TimeInterval,  
    RowStatus,  
    StorageType,  
    TestAndIncr
```

```
    FROM SNMPv2-TC
```

```
    SnmpSecurityModel,  
    SnmpMessageProcessingModel,  
    SnmpSecurityLevel,  
    SnmpAdminString
```

```
    FROM SNMP-FRAMEWORK-MIB
```

```
    MODULE-COMPLIANCE,  
    OBJECT-GROUP
```

```
    FROM SNMPv2-CONF;
```

```
snmpTargetMIB MODULE-IDENTITY
```

```
    LAST-UPDATED "9808040000Z"
```

```
    ORGANIZATION "IETF SNMPv3 Working Group"
```

```
    CONTACT-INFO
```

```
        "WG-email:      snmpv3@lists.tislabs.com
```

```
        Subscribe:    majordomo@lists.tislabs.com
```

```
        In message body:  subscribe snmpv3
```

```
        Chair:        Russ Mundy
```

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#### DESCRIPTION

"This MIB module defines MIB objects which provide mechanisms to remotely configure the parameters used by an SNMP entity for the generation of SNMP messages."

REVISION "9808040000Z"

DESCRIPTION "Clarifications, published as RFC2573."

REVISION "9707140000Z"

DESCRIPTION "The initial revision, published as RFC2273."  
::= { snmpModules 12 }

snmpTargetObjects OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { snmpTargetMIB 1 }  
snmpTargetConformance OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { snmpTargetMIB 3 }

SnmpTagValue ::= TEXTUAL-CONVENTION

DISPLAY-HINT "255a"

STATUS current

#### DESCRIPTION

"An octet string containing a tag value.  
Tag values are preferably in human-readable form."

To facilitate internationalization, this information is represented using the ISO/IEC IS 10646-1 character set, encoded as an octet string using the UTF-8 character encoding scheme described in RFC 2279.

Since additional code points are added by amendments to the 10646 standard from time to time, implementations must be prepared to encounter any code point from 0x00000000 to 0x7fffffff.

The use of control codes should be avoided, and certain control codes are not allowed as described below.

For code points not directly supported by user interface hardware or software, an alternative means of entry and display, such as hexadecimal, may be provided.

For information encoded in 7-bit US-ASCII, the UTF-8 representation is identical to the US-ASCII encoding.

Note that when this TC is used for an object that is used or envisioned to be used as an index, then a SIZE restriction must be specified so that the number of sub-identifiers for any object instance does not exceed the limit of 128, as defined by [RFC1905].

An object of this type contains a single tag value which is used to select a set of entries in a table.

A tag value is an arbitrary string of octets, but may not contain a delimiter character. Delimiter characters are defined to be one of the following:

- An ASCII space character (0x20).
- An ASCII TAB character (0x09).
- An ASCII carriage return (CR) character (0x0D).
- An ASCII line feed (LF) character (0x0B).

Delimiter characters are used to separate tag values in a tag list. An object of this type may only contain a single tag value, and so delimiter characters are not allowed in a value of this type.

Some examples of valid tag values are:



- 'acme'
- 'router'
- 'host'

The use of a tag value to select table entries is application and MIB specific."

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

SnmpTagList ::= TEXTUAL-CONVENTION

DISPLAY-HINT "255a"

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"An octet string containing a list of tag values.  
Tag values are preferably in human-readable form.

To facilitate internationalization, this information is represented using the ISO/IEC IS 10646-1 character set, encoded as an octet string using the UTF-8 character encoding scheme described in RFC 2279.

Since additional code points are added by amendments to the 10646 standard from time to time, implementations must be prepared to encounter any code point from 0x00000000 to 0x7fffffff.

The use of control codes should be avoided, except as described below.

For code points not directly supported by user interface hardware or software, an alternative means of entry and display, such as hexadecimal, may be provided.

For information encoded in 7-bit US-ASCII, the UTF-8 representation is identical to the US-ASCII encoding.

An object of this type contains a list of tag values which are used to select a set of entries in a table.

A tag value is an arbitrary string of octets, but may not contain a delimiter character. Delimiter characters are defined to be one of the following:

- An ASCII space character (0x20).
- An ASCII TAB character (0x09).

- An ASCII carriage return (CR) character (0x0D).
- An ASCII line feed (LF) character (0x0B).

Delimiter characters are used to separate tag values in a tag list. Only a single delimiter character may occur between two tag values. A tag value may not have a zero length. These constraints imply certain restrictions on the contents of this object:

- There cannot be a leading or trailing delimiter character.
- There cannot be multiple adjacent delimiter characters.

Some examples of valid tag lists are:

- An empty string
- 'acme router'
- 'host managerStation'

Note that although a tag value may not have a length of zero, an empty string is still valid. This indicates an empty list (i.e. there are no tag values in the list).

The use of the tag list to select table entries is application and MIB specific. Typically, an application will provide one or more tag values, and any entry which contains some combination of these tag values will be selected."

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

```
--
--
-- The snmpTargetObjects group
--
--
```

snmpTargetSpinLock OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX           TestAndIncr

MAX-ACCESS       read-write

STATUS           current

DESCRIPTION

"This object is used to facilitate modification of table entries in the SNMP-TARGET-MIB module by multiple

managers. In particular, it is useful when modifying the value of the `snmpTargetAddrTagList` object.

The procedure for modifying the `snmpTargetAddrTagList` object is as follows:

1. Retrieve the value of `snmpTargetSpinLock` and of `snmpTargetAddrTagList`.
2. Generate a new value for `snmpTargetAddrTagList`.
3. Set the value of `snmpTargetSpinLock` to the retrieved value, and the value of `snmpTargetAddrTagList` to the new value. If the set fails for the `snmpTargetSpinLock` object, go back to step 1."

```
::= { snmpTargetObjects 1 }
```

`snmpTargetAddrTable` OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX SEQUENCE OF `SnmpTargetAddrEntry`

MAX-ACCESS not-accessible

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"A table of transport addresses to be used in the generation of SNMP messages."

```
::= { snmpTargetObjects 2 }
```

`snmpTargetAddrEntry` OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX `SnmpTargetAddrEntry`

MAX-ACCESS not-accessible

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"A transport address to be used in the generation of SNMP operations."

Entries in the `snmpTargetAddrTable` are created and deleted using the `snmpTargetAddrRowStatus` object."

INDEX { IMPLIED `snmpTargetAddrName` }

```
::= { snmpTargetAddrTable 1 }
```

`SnmpTargetAddrEntry` ::= SEQUENCE {

`snmpTargetAddrName` `SnmpAdminString`,

`snmpTargetAddrTDomain` `TDomain`,

`snmpTargetAddrTAddress` `TAddress`,

`snmpTargetAddrTimeout` `TimeInterval`,

`snmpTargetAddrRetryCount` `Integer32`,

`snmpTargetAddrTagList` `SnmpTagList`,

`snmpTargetAddrParams` `SnmpAdminString`,

```

    snmpTargetAddrStorageType  StorageType,
    snmpTargetAddrRowStatus    RowStatus
}

snmpTargetAddrName OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      SnmpAdminString (SIZE(1..32))
    MAX-ACCESS  not-accessible
    STATUS      current
    DESCRIPTION
        "The locally arbitrary, but unique identifier associated
         with this snmpTargetAddrEntry."
    ::= { snmpTargetAddrEntry 1 }

snmpTargetAddrTDomain OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      TDomain
    MAX-ACCESS  read-create
    STATUS      current
    DESCRIPTION
        "This object indicates the transport type of the address
         contained in the snmpTargetAddrTAddress object."
    ::= { snmpTargetAddrEntry 2 }

snmpTargetAddrTAddress OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      TAddress
    MAX-ACCESS  read-create
    STATUS      current
    DESCRIPTION
        "This object contains a transport address.  The format of
         this address depends on the value of the
         snmpTargetAddrTDomain object."
    ::= { snmpTargetAddrEntry 3 }

snmpTargetAddrTimeout OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      TimeInterval
    MAX-ACCESS  read-create
    STATUS      current
    DESCRIPTION
        "This object should reflect the expected maximum round
         trip time for communicating with the transport address
         defined by this row.  When a message is sent to this
         address, and a response (if one is expected) is not
         received within this time period, an implementation
         may assume that the response will not be delivered.

        Note that the time interval that an application waits
         for a response may actually be derived from the value
         of this object.  The method for deriving the actual time
         interval is implementation dependent.  One such method

```

is to derive the expected round trip time based on a particular retransmission algorithm and on the number of timeouts which have occurred. The type of message may also be considered when deriving expected round trip times for retransmissions. For example, if a message is being sent with a securityLevel that indicates both authentication and privacy, the derived value may be increased to compensate for extra processing time spent during authentication and encryption processing."

DEFVAL { 1500 }

::= { snmpTargetAddrEntry 4 }

snmpTargetAddrRetryCount OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX Integer32 (0..255)

MAX-ACCESS read-create

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"This object specifies a default number of retries to be attempted when a response is not received for a generated message. An application may provide its own retry count, in which case the value of this object is ignored."

DEFVAL { 3 }

::= { snmpTargetAddrEntry 5 }

snmpTargetAddrTagList OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX SnmpTagList

MAX-ACCESS read-create

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"This object contains a list of tag values which are used to select target addresses for a particular operation."

DEFVAL { "" }

::= { snmpTargetAddrEntry 6 }

snmpTargetAddrParams OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX SnmpAdminString (SIZE(1..32))

MAX-ACCESS read-create

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"The value of this object identifies an entry in the snmpTargetParamsTable. The identified entry contains SNMP parameters to be used when generating messages to be sent to this transport address."

::= { snmpTargetAddrEntry 7 }

snmpTargetAddrStorageType OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX StorageType

```

MAX-ACCESS    read-create
STATUS        current
DESCRIPTION
    "The storage type for this conceptual row."
DEFVAL { nonVolatile }
::= { snmpTargetAddrEntry 8 }

```

#### snmpTargetAddrRowStatus OBJECT-TYPE

```

SYNTAX        RowStatus
MAX-ACCESS    read-create
STATUS        current
DESCRIPTION
    "The status of this conceptual row.

```

To create a row in this table, a manager must set this object to either createAndGo(4) or createAndWait(5).

Until instances of all corresponding columns are appropriately configured, the value of the corresponding instance of the snmpTargetAddrRowStatus column is 'notReady'.

In particular, a newly created row cannot be made active until the corresponding instances of snmpTargetAddrTDomain, snmpTargetAddrTAddress, and snmpTargetAddrParams have all been set.

The following objects may not be modified while the value of this object is active(1):

- snmpTargetAddrTDomain
- snmpTargetAddrTAddress

An attempt to set these objects while the value of snmpTargetAddrRowStatus is active(1) will result in an inconsistentValue error."

```

::= { snmpTargetAddrEntry 9 }

```

#### snmpTargetParamsTable OBJECT-TYPE

```

SYNTAX        SEQUENCE OF SnmpTargetParamsEntry
MAX-ACCESS    not-accessible
STATUS        current
DESCRIPTION
    "A table of SNMP target information to be used
    in the generation of SNMP messages."
::= { snmpTargetObjects 3 }

```

#### snmpTargetParamsEntry OBJECT-TYPE

```

SYNTAX        SnmpTargetParamsEntry

```

MAX-ACCESS not-accessible  
 STATUS current  
 DESCRIPTION

"A set of SNMP target information.

Entries in the snmpTargetParamsTable are created and deleted using the snmpTargetParamsRowStatus object."

INDEX { IMPLIED snmpTargetParamsName }  
 ::= { snmpTargetParamsTable 1 }

SnmpTargetParamsEntry ::= SEQUENCE {  
     snmpTargetParamsName SnmpAdminString,  
     snmpTargetParamsMPModel SnmpMessageProcessingModel,  
     snmpTargetParamsSecurityModel SnmpSecurityModel,  
     snmpTargetParamsSecurityName SnmpAdminString,  
     snmpTargetParamsSecurityLevel SnmpSecurityLevel,  
     snmpTargetParamsStorageType StorageType,  
     snmpTargetParamsRowStatus RowStatus  
 }

snmpTargetParamsName OBJECT-TYPE  
 SYNTAX SnmpAdminString (SIZE(1..32))  
 MAX-ACCESS not-accessible  
 STATUS current  
 DESCRIPTION  
     "The locally arbitrary, but unique identifier associated with this snmpTargetParamsEntry."  
 ::= { snmpTargetParamsEntry 1 }

snmpTargetParamsMPModel OBJECT-TYPE  
 SYNTAX SnmpMessageProcessingModel  
 MAX-ACCESS read-create  
 STATUS current  
 DESCRIPTION  
     "The Message Processing Model to be used when generating SNMP messages using this entry."  
 ::= { snmpTargetParamsEntry 2 }

snmpTargetParamsSecurityModel OBJECT-TYPE  
 SYNTAX SnmpSecurityModel (1..2147483647)  
 MAX-ACCESS read-create  
 STATUS current  
 DESCRIPTION  
     "The Security Model to be used when generating SNMP messages using this entry. An implementation may choose to return an inconsistentValue error if an attempt is made to set this variable to a value for a security model which the implementation does

```

        not support."
 ::= { snmpTargetParamsEntry 3 }

snmpTargetParamsSecurityName OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      SnmpAdminString
    MAX-ACCESS   read-create
    STATUS       current
    DESCRIPTION
        "The securityName which identifies the Principal on
        whose behalf SNMP messages will be generated using
        this entry."
 ::= { snmpTargetParamsEntry 4 }

snmpTargetParamsSecurityLevel OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      SnmpSecurityLevel
    MAX-ACCESS   read-create
    STATUS       current
    DESCRIPTION
        "The Level of Security to be used when generating
        SNMP messages using this entry."
 ::= { snmpTargetParamsEntry 5 }

snmpTargetParamsStorageType OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      StorageType
    MAX-ACCESS   read-create
    STATUS       current
    DESCRIPTION
        "The storage type for this conceptual row."
    DEFVAL { nonVolatile }
 ::= { snmpTargetParamsEntry 6 }

snmpTargetParamsRowStatus OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      RowStatus
    MAX-ACCESS   read-create
    STATUS       current
    DESCRIPTION
        "The status of this conceptual row.

        To create a row in this table, a manager must
        set this object to either createAndGo(4) or
        createAndWait(5).

        Until instances of all corresponding columns are
        appropriately configured, the value of the
        corresponding instance of the snmpTargetParamsRowStatus
        column is 'notReady'.

        In particular, a newly created row cannot be made

```



active until the corresponding  
 snmpTargetParamsMPPModel,  
 snmpTargetParamsSecurityModel,  
 snmpTargetParamsSecurityName,  
 and snmpTargetParamsSecurityLevel have all been set.  
 The following objects may not be modified while the  
 value of this object is active(1):

- snmpTargetParamsMPPModel
- snmpTargetParamsSecurityModel
- snmpTargetParamsSecurityName
- snmpTargetParamsSecurityLevel

An attempt to set these objects while the value of  
 snmpTargetParamsRowStatus is active(1) will result in  
 an inconsistentValue error."

::= { snmpTargetParamsEntry 7 }

snmpUnavailableContexts OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX Counter32

MAX-ACCESS read-only

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"The total number of packets received by the SNMP  
 engine which were dropped because the context  
 contained in the message was unavailable."

::= { snmpTargetObjects 4 }

snmpUnknownContexts OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX Counter32

MAX-ACCESS read-only

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"The total number of packets received by the SNMP  
 engine which were dropped because the context  
 contained in the message was unknown."

::= { snmpTargetObjects 5 }

--

--

-- Conformance information

--

--

snmpTargetCompliances OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::=

{ snmpTargetConformance 1 }

snmpTargetGroups OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::=

{ snmpTargetConformance 2 }

--

```
--
-- Compliance statements
--
--
snmpTargetCommandResponderCompliance MODULE-COMPLIANCE
    STATUS          current
    DESCRIPTION
        "The compliance statement for SNMP entities which include
        a command responder application."
    MODULE -- This Module
        MANDATORY-GROUPS { snmpTargetCommandResponderGroup }
    ::= { snmpTargetCompliances 1 }

snmpTargetBasicGroup OBJECT-GROUP
    OBJECTS {
        snmpTargetSpinLock,
        snmpTargetAddrTDomain,
        snmpTargetAddrTAddress,
        snmpTargetAddrTagList,
        snmpTargetAddrParams,
        snmpTargetAddrStorageType,
        snmpTargetAddrRowStatus,
        snmpTargetParamsMPModel,
        snmpTargetParamsSecurityModel,
        snmpTargetParamsSecurityName,
        snmpTargetParamsSecurityLevel,
        snmpTargetParamsStorageType,
        snmpTargetParamsRowStatus
    }
    STATUS          current
    DESCRIPTION
        "A collection of objects providing basic remote
        configuration of management targets."
    ::= { snmpTargetGroups 1 }

snmpTargetResponseGroup OBJECT-GROUP
    OBJECTS {
        snmpTargetAddrTimeout,
        snmpTargetAddrRetryCount
    }
    STATUS          current
    DESCRIPTION
        "A collection of objects providing remote configuration
        of management targets for applications which generate
        SNMP messages for which a response message would be
        expected."
    ::= { snmpTargetGroups 2 }
```

```

snmpTargetCommandResponderGroup OBJECT-GROUP
    OBJECTS {
        snmpUnavailableContexts,
        snmpUnknownContexts
    }
    STATUS      current
    DESCRIPTION
        "A collection of objects required for command responder
        applications, used for counting error conditions."
    ::= { snmpTargetGroups 3 }

END

```

#### 4.2. The Notification MIB Module

The SNMP-NOTIFICATION-MIB module contains objects for the remote configuration of the parameters used by an SNMP entity for the generation of notifications. It consists of three tables and conformance/compliance statements. The first table, the `snmpNotifyTable`, contains entries which select which entries in the `snmpTargetAddrTable` should be used for generating notifications, and the type of notifications to be generated.

The second table sparsely augments the `snmpTargetAddrTable` with an object which is used to associate a set of filters with a particular management target.

The third table defines filters which are used to limit the number of notifications which are generated using particular management targets.

##### 4.2.1. Definitions

```

SNMP-NOTIFICATION-MIB DEFINITIONS ::= BEGIN

IMPORTS
    MODULE-IDENTITY,
    OBJECT-TYPE,
    snmpModules
        FROM SNMPv2-SMI

    RowStatus,
    StorageType
        FROM SNMPv2-TC

    SnmpAdminString
        FROM SNMP-FRAMEWORK-MIB

```

```
SnmpTagValue,  
snmpTargetParamsName  
    FROM SNMP-TARGET-MIB
```

```
MODULE-COMPLIANCE,  
OBJECT-GROUP  
    FROM SNMPv2-CONF;
```

```
snmpNotificationMIB MODULE-IDENTITY  
    LAST-UPDATED "9808040000Z"  
    ORGANIZATION "IETF SNMPv3 Working Group"  
    CONTACT-INFO  
        "WG-email:    snmpv3@lists.tislabs.com  
        Subscribe:    majordomo@lists.tislabs.com  
        In message body:  subscribe snmpv3
```

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```

#### DESCRIPTION

"This MIB module defines MIB objects which provide mechanisms to remotely configure the parameters used by an SNMP entity for the generation of

```

        notifications."
    REVISION      "9808040000Z"
    DESCRIPTION   "Clarifications, published as
                  RFC2573"
    REVISION      "9707140000Z"
    DESCRIPTION   "The initial revision, published as RFC2273."
    ::= { snmpModules 13 }

snmpNotifyObjects      OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::=
                        { snmpNotificationMIB 1 }
snmpNotifyConformance OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::=
                        { snmpNotificationMIB 3 }

--
--
-- The snmpNotifyObjects group
--
--

snmpNotifyTable OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      SEQUENCE OF SnmpNotifyEntry
    MAX-ACCESS  not-accessible
    STATUS      current
    DESCRIPTION
        "This table is used to select management targets which should
         receive notifications, as well as the type of notification
         which should be sent to each selected management target."
    ::= { snmpNotifyObjects 1 }

snmpNotifyEntry OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      SnmpNotifyEntry
    MAX-ACCESS  not-accessible
    STATUS      current
    DESCRIPTION
        "An entry in this table selects a set of management targets
         which should receive notifications, as well as the type of
         notification which should be sent to each selected
         management target.

         Entries in the snmpNotifyTable are created and
         deleted using the snmpNotifyRowStatus object."
    INDEX { IMPLIED snmpNotifyName }
    ::= { snmpNotifyTable 1 }

SnmpNotifyEntry ::= SEQUENCE {
    snmpNotifyName      SnmpAdminString,
    snmpNotifyTag       SnmpTagValue,
    snmpNotifyType      INTEGER,

```

```

    snmpNotifyStorageType  StorageType,
    snmpNotifyRowStatus    RowStatus
}

snmpNotifyName OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      SnmpAdminString (SIZE(1..32))
    MAX-ACCESS  not-accessible
    STATUS      current
    DESCRIPTION
        "The locally arbitrary, but unique identifier associated
         with this snmpNotifyEntry."
    ::= { snmpNotifyEntry 1 }

snmpNotifyTag OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      SnmpTagValue
    MAX-ACCESS  read-create
    STATUS      current
    DESCRIPTION
        "This object contains a single tag value which is used
         to select entries in the snmpTargetAddrTable. Any entry
         in the snmpTargetAddrTable which contains a tag value
         which is equal to the value of an instance of this
         object is selected. If this object contains a value
         of zero length, no entries are selected."
    DEFVAL { "" }
    ::= { snmpNotifyEntry 2 }

snmpNotifyType OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      INTEGER {
                    trap(1),
                    inform(2)
                }
    MAX-ACCESS  read-create
    STATUS      current
    DESCRIPTION
        "This object determines the type of notification to
         be generated for entries in the snmpTargetAddrTable
         selected by the corresponding instance of
         snmpNotifyTag. This value is only used when
         generating notifications, and is ignored when
         using the snmpTargetAddrTable for other purposes.

         If the value of this object is trap(1), then any
         messages generated for selected rows will contain
         Unconfirmed-Class PDUs.

         If the value of this object is inform(2), then any
         messages generated for selected rows will contain

```

Confirmed-Class PDUs.

Note that if an SNMP entity only supports generation of Unconfirmed-Class PDUs (and not Confirmed-Class PDUs), then this object may be read-only."

```

DEFVAL { trap }
::= { snmpNotifyEntry 3 }
snmpNotifyStorageType OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      StorageType
    MAX-ACCESS  read-create
    STATUS      current
    DESCRIPTION
        "The storage type for this conceptual row."
    DEFVAL { nonVolatile }
    ::= { snmpNotifyEntry 4 }

snmpNotifyRowStatus OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      RowStatus
    MAX-ACCESS  read-create
    STATUS      current
    DESCRIPTION
        "The status of this conceptual row.

        To create a row in this table, a manager must
        set this object to either createAndGo(4) or
        createAndWait(5)."
```

```

    ::= { snmpNotifyEntry 5 }

snmpNotifyFilterProfileTable OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      SEQUENCE OF SnmpNotifyFilterProfileEntry
    MAX-ACCESS  not-accessible
    STATUS      current
    DESCRIPTION
        "This table is used to associate a notification filter
        profile with a particular set of target parameters."
    ::= { snmpNotifyObjects 2 }

snmpNotifyFilterProfileEntry OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      SnmpNotifyFilterProfileEntry
    MAX-ACCESS  not-accessible
    STATUS      current
    DESCRIPTION
        "An entry in this table indicates the name of the filter
        profile to be used when generating notifications using
        the corresponding entry in the snmpTargetParamsTable.

        Entries in the snmpNotifyFilterProfileTable are created
```

and deleted using the snmpNotifyFilterProfileRowStatus object."

```

INDEX { IMPLIED snmpTargetParamsName }
 ::= { snmpNotifyFilterProfileTable 1 }

SnmpNotifyFilterProfileEntry ::= SEQUENCE {
    snmpNotifyFilterProfileName      SnmpAdminString,
    snmpNotifyFilterProfileStorType  StorageType,
    snmpNotifyFilterProfileRowStatus RowStatus
}

snmpNotifyFilterProfileName OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      SnmpAdminString (SIZE(1..32))
    MAX-ACCESS  read-create
    STATUS      current
    DESCRIPTION
        "The name of the filter profile to be used when generating
        notifications using the corresponding entry in the
        snmpTargetAddrTable."
    ::= { snmpNotifyFilterProfileEntry 1 }

snmpNotifyFilterProfileStorType OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      StorageType
    MAX-ACCESS  read-create
    STATUS      current
    DESCRIPTION
        "The storage type of this conceptual row."
    DEFVAL { nonVolatile }
    ::= { snmpNotifyFilterProfileEntry 2 }

snmpNotifyFilterProfileRowStatus OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      RowStatus
    MAX-ACCESS  read-create
    STATUS      current
    DESCRIPTION
        "The status of this conceptual row.

        To create a row in this table, a manager must
        set this object to either createAndGo(4) or
        createAndWait(5).

        Until instances of all corresponding columns are
        appropriately configured, the value of the
        corresponding instance of the
        snmpNotifyFilterProfileRowStatus column is 'notReady'.

        In particular, a newly created row cannot be made
        active until the corresponding instance of

```



snmpNotifyFilterProfileName has been set."  
 ::= { snmpNotifyFilterProfileEntry 3 }

#### snmpNotifyFilterTable OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX SEQUENCE OF SnmpNotifyFilterEntry

MAX-ACCESS not-accessible

STATUS current

#### DESCRIPTION

"The table of filter profiles. Filter profiles are used to determine whether particular management targets should receive particular notifications.

When a notification is generated, it must be compared with the filters associated with each management target which is configured to receive notifications, in order to determine whether it may be sent to each such management target.

A more complete discussion of notification filtering can be found in section 6. of [RFC2573]."

::= { snmpNotifyObjects 3 }

#### snmpNotifyFilterEntry OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX SnmpNotifyFilterEntry

MAX-ACCESS not-accessible

STATUS current

#### DESCRIPTION

"An element of a filter profile.

Entries in the snmpNotifyFilterTable are created and deleted using the snmpNotifyFilterRowStatus object."

INDEX { snmpNotifyFilterProfileName,  
 IMPLIED snmpNotifyFilterSubtree }

::= { snmpNotifyFilterTable 1 }

SnmpNotifyFilterEntry ::= SEQUENCE {

snmpNotifyFilterSubtree	OBJECT IDENTIFIER,
snmpNotifyFilterMask	OCTET STRING,
snmpNotifyFilterType	INTEGER,
snmpNotifyFilterStorageType	StorageType,
snmpNotifyFilterRowStatus	RowStatus

}

#### snmpNotifyFilterSubtree OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX OBJECT IDENTIFIER

MAX-ACCESS not-accessible

STATUS current

#### DESCRIPTION

"The MIB subtree which, when combined with the corresponding instance of snmpNotifyFilterMask, defines a family of subtrees which are included in or excluded from the filter profile."

```
 ::= { snmpNotifyFilterEntry 1 }
snmpNotifyFilterMask OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      OCTET STRING (SIZE(0..16))
    MAX-ACCESS  read-create
    STATUS      current
    DESCRIPTION
```

"The bit mask which, in combination with the corresponding instance of snmpNotifyFilterSubtree, defines a family of subtrees which are included in or excluded from the filter profile."

Each bit of this bit mask corresponds to a sub-identifier of snmpNotifyFilterSubtree, with the most significant bit of the i-th octet of this octet string value (extended if necessary, see below) corresponding to the (8\*i - 7)-th sub-identifier, and the least significant bit of the i-th octet of this octet string corresponding to the (8\*i)-th sub-identifier, where i is in the range 1 through 16.

Each bit of this bit mask specifies whether or not the corresponding sub-identifiers must match when determining if an OBJECT IDENTIFIER matches this family of filter subtrees; a '1' indicates that an exact match must occur; a '0' indicates 'wild card', i.e., any sub-identifier value matches.

Thus, the OBJECT IDENTIFIER X of an object instance is contained in a family of filter subtrees if, for each sub-identifier of the value of snmpNotifyFilterSubtree, either:

the i-th bit of snmpNotifyFilterMask is 0, or

the i-th sub-identifier of X is equal to the i-th sub-identifier of the value of snmpNotifyFilterSubtree.

If the value of this bit mask is M bits long and there are more than M sub-identifiers in the corresponding instance of snmpNotifyFilterSubtree, then the bit mask is extended with 1's to be the required length.

Note that when the value of this object is the zero-length string, this extension rule results in a mask of all-1's being used (i.e., no 'wild card'), and the family of filter subtrees is the one subtree uniquely identified by the corresponding instance of snmpNotifyFilterSubtree."

```
DEFVAL { ''H }
::= { snmpNotifyFilterEntry 2 }
```

snmpNotifyFilterType OBJECT-TYPE

```
SYNTAX      INTEGER {
                    included(1),
                    excluded(2)
                }
```

MAX-ACCESS read-create

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"This object indicates whether the family of filter subtrees defined by this entry are included in or excluded from a filter. A more detailed discussion of the use of this object can be found in section 6. of [RFC2573]."

```
DEFVAL { included }
::= { snmpNotifyFilterEntry 3 }
```

snmpNotifyFilterStorageType OBJECT-TYPE

```
SYNTAX      StorageType
```

MAX-ACCESS read-create

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"The storage type of this conceptual row."

```
DEFVAL { nonVolatile }
::= { snmpNotifyFilterEntry 4 }
```

snmpNotifyFilterRowStatus OBJECT-TYPE

```
SYNTAX      RowStatus
```

MAX-ACCESS read-create

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"The status of this conceptual row.

To create a row in this table, a manager must set this object to either createAndGo(4) or createAndWait(5)."

```
::= { snmpNotifyFilterEntry 5 }
```

--

--

-- Conformance information

```
--
--
snmpNotifyCompliances OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::=
                                { snmpNotifyConformance 1 }
snmpNotifyGroups          OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::=
                                { snmpNotifyConformance 2 }

--
--
-- Compliance statements
--
--

snmpNotifyBasicCompliance MODULE-COMPLIANCE
    STATUS          current
    DESCRIPTION
        "The compliance statement for minimal SNMP entities which
        implement only SNMP Unconfirmed-Class notifications and
        read-create operations on only the snmpTargetAddrTable."
    MODULE SNMP-TARGET-MIB
        MANDATORY-GROUPS { snmpTargetBasicGroup }

        OBJECT snmpTargetParamsMPPModel
        MIN-ACCESS      read-only
        DESCRIPTION
            "Create/delete/modify access is not required."

        OBJECT snmpTargetParamsSecurityModel
        MIN-ACCESS      read-only
        DESCRIPTION
            "Create/delete/modify access is not required."

        OBJECT snmpTargetParamsSecurityName
        MIN-ACCESS      read-only
        DESCRIPTION
            "Create/delete/modify access is not required."

        OBJECT snmpTargetParamsSecurityLevel
        MIN-ACCESS      read-only
        DESCRIPTION
            "Create/delete/modify access is not required."

        OBJECT snmpTargetParamsStorageType
        SYNTAX INTEGER {
            readOnly(5)
        }
        MIN-ACCESS      read-only
        DESCRIPTION
```

"Create/delete/modify access is not required.  
Support of the values other(1), volatile(2),  
nonVolatile(3), and permanent(4) is not required."

OBJECT snmpTargetParamsRowStatus

SYNTAX INTEGER {  
    active(1)

}

MIN-ACCESS    read-only

DESCRIPTION

"Create/delete/modify access to the  
snmpTargetParamsTable is not required.  
Support of the values notInService(2), notReady(3),  
createAndGo(4), createAndWait(5), and destroy(6) is  
not required."

MODULE -- This Module

MANDATORY-GROUPS { snmpNotifyGroup }

OBJECT snmpNotifyTag

MIN-ACCESS    read-only

DESCRIPTION

"Create/delete/modify access is not required."

OBJECT snmpNotifyType

SYNTAX INTEGER {  
    trap(1)

}

MIN-ACCESS    read-only

DESCRIPTION

"Create/delete/modify access is not required.  
Support of the value notify(2) is not required."

OBJECT snmpNotifyStorageType

SYNTAX INTEGER {  
    readOnly(5)

}

MIN-ACCESS    read-only

DESCRIPTION

"Create/delete/modify access is not required.  
Support of the values other(1), volatile(2),  
nonVolatile(3), and permanent(4) is not required."

OBJECT snmpNotifyRowStatus

SYNTAX INTEGER {  
    active(1)

}

MIN-ACCESS    read-only

## DESCRIPTION

"Create/delete/modify access to the  
snmpNotifyTable is not required.  
Support of the values notInService(2), notReady(3),  
createAndGo(4), createAndWait(5), and destroy(6) is  
not required."

```
::= { snmpNotifyCompliances 1 }
```

## snmpNotifyBasicFiltersCompliance MODULE-COMPLIANCE

```
STATUS      current
```

## DESCRIPTION

"The compliance statement for SNMP entities which implement  
SNMP Unconfirmed-Class notifications with filtering, and  
read-create operations on all related tables."

## MODULE SNMP-TARGET-MIB

```
MANDATORY-GROUPS { snmpTargetBasicGroup }
```

## MODULE -- This Module

```
MANDATORY-GROUPS { snmpNotifyGroup,  
                    snmpNotifyFilterGroup }
```

```
::= { snmpNotifyCompliances 2 }
```

## snmpNotifyFullCompliance MODULE-COMPLIANCE

```
STATUS      current
```

## DESCRIPTION

"The compliance statement for SNMP entities which either  
implement only SNMP Confirmed-Class notifications, or both  
SNMP Unconfirmed-Class and Confirmed-Class notifications,  
plus filtering and read-create operations on all related  
tables."

## MODULE SNMP-TARGET-MIB

```
MANDATORY-GROUPS { snmpTargetBasicGroup,  
                    snmpTargetResponseGroup }
```

## MODULE -- This Module

```
MANDATORY-GROUPS { snmpNotifyGroup,  
                    snmpNotifyFilterGroup }
```

```
::= { snmpNotifyCompliances 3 }
```

## snmpNotifyGroup OBJECT-GROUP

## OBJECTS {

```
    snmpNotifyTag,  
    snmpNotifyType,  
    snmpNotifyStorageType,  
    snmpNotifyRowStatus
```

```
}
```

```
STATUS      current
```

## DESCRIPTION

"A collection of objects for selecting which management

```

        targets are used for generating notifications, and the
        type of notification to be generated for each selected
        management target."
 ::= { snmpNotifyGroups 1 }

snmpNotifyFilterGroup OBJECT-GROUP
  OBJECTS {
    snmpNotifyFilterProfileName,
    snmpNotifyFilterProfileStorType,
    snmpNotifyFilterProfileRowStatus,
    snmpNotifyFilterMask,
    snmpNotifyFilterType,
    snmpNotifyFilterStorageType,
    snmpNotifyFilterRowStatus
  }
  STATUS      current
  DESCRIPTION
    "A collection of objects providing remote configuration
    of notification filters."
 ::= { snmpNotifyGroups 2 }

END

```

#### 4.3. The Proxy MIB Module

The SNMP-PROXY-MIB module, which defines MIB objects that provide mechanisms to remotely configure the parameters used by an SNMP entity for proxy forwarding operations, contains a single table. This table, `snmpProxyTable`, is used to define translations between management targets for use when forwarding messages.

##### 4.3.1. Definitions

```

SNMP-PROXY-MIB DEFINITIONS ::= BEGIN

IMPORTS
  MODULE-IDENTITY,
  OBJECT-TYPE,
  snmpModules
    FROM SNMPv2-SMI

  RowStatus,
  StorageType
    FROM SNMPv2-TC

  SnmpEngineID,
  SnmpAdminString
    FROM SNMP-FRAMEWORK-MIB

```

SnmpTagValue  
FROM SNMP-TARGET-MIB

MODULE-COMPLIANCE,  
OBJECT-GROUP  
FROM SNMPv2-CONF;

snmpProxyMIB MODULE-IDENTITY  
LAST-UPDATED "9808040000Z"  
ORGANIZATION "IETF SNMPv3 Working Group"  
CONTACT-INFO  
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DESCRIPTION

"This MIB module defines MIB objects which provide mechanisms to remotely configure the parameters used by a proxy forwarding application."

REVISION "9808040000Z"



```

DESCRIPTION "Clarifications, published as
             RFC2573."
REVISION    "9707140000Z"
DESCRIPTION "The initial revision, published as RFC2273."
 ::= { snmpModules 14 }

snmpProxyObjects      OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { snmpProxyMIB 1 }
snmpProxyConformance OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { snmpProxyMIB 3 }

--
--
-- The snmpProxyObjects group
--
--

snmpProxyTable OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      SEQUENCE OF SnmpProxyEntry
    MAX-ACCESS  not-accessible
    STATUS      current
    DESCRIPTION
        "The table of translation parameters used by proxy forwarder
         applications for forwarding SNMP messages."
    ::= { snmpProxyObjects 2 }

snmpProxyEntry OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      SnmpProxyEntry
    MAX-ACCESS  not-accessible
    STATUS      current
    DESCRIPTION
        "A set of translation parameters used by a proxy forwarder
         application for forwarding SNMP messages.

         Entries in the snmpProxyTable are created and deleted
         using the snmpProxyRowStatus object."
    INDEX { IMPLIED snmpProxyName }
    ::= { snmpProxyTable 1 }

SnmpProxyEntry ::= SEQUENCE {
    snmpProxyName      SnmpAdminString,
    snmpProxyType      INTEGER,
    snmpProxyContextEngineID SnmpEngineID,
    snmpProxyContextName SnmpAdminString,
    snmpProxyTargetParamsIn SnmpAdminString,
    snmpProxySingleTargetOut SnmpAdminString,
    snmpProxyMultipleTargetOut SnmpTagValue,
    snmpProxyStorageType StorageType,
    snmpProxyRowStatus RowStatus
}

```

```

snmpProxyName OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      SnmpAdminString (SIZE(1..32))
    MAX-ACCESS   not-accessible
    STATUS       current
    DESCRIPTION
        "The locally arbitrary, but unique identifier associated
         with this snmpProxyEntry."
    ::= { snmpProxyEntry 1 }

```

```

snmpProxyType OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      INTEGER {
                    read(1),
                    write(2),
                    trap(3),
                    inform(4)
                }
    MAX-ACCESS   read-create
    STATUS       current
    DESCRIPTION
        "The type of message that may be forwarded using
         the translation parameters defined by this entry."
    ::= { snmpProxyEntry 2 }

```

```

snmpProxyContextEngineID OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      SnmpEngineID
    MAX-ACCESS   read-create
    STATUS       current
    DESCRIPTION
        "The contextEngineID contained in messages that
         may be forwarded using the translation parameters
         defined by this entry."
    ::= { snmpProxyEntry 3 }

```

```

snmpProxyContextName OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      SnmpAdminString
    MAX-ACCESS   read-create
    STATUS       current
    DESCRIPTION
        "The contextName contained in messages that may be
         forwarded using the translation parameters defined
         by this entry.

        This object is optional, and if not supported, the
        contextName contained in a message is ignored when
        selecting an entry in the snmpProxyTable."
    ::= { snmpProxyEntry 4 }

```

```

snmpProxyTargetParamsIn OBJECT-TYPE

```

SYNTAX            SnmpAdminString  
MAX-ACCESS       read-create  
STATUS            current  
DESCRIPTION  
    "This object selects an entry in the snmpTargetParamsTable.  
    The selected entry is used to determine which row of the  
    snmpProxyTable to use for forwarding received messages."  
::= { snmpProxyEntry 5 }

snmpProxySingleTargetOut OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX            SnmpAdminString  
MAX-ACCESS       read-create  
STATUS            current  
DESCRIPTION  
    "This object selects a management target defined in the  
    snmpTargetAddrTable (in the SNMP-TARGET-MIB). The  
    selected target is defined by an entry in the  
    snmpTargetAddrTable whose index value (snmpTargetAddrName)  
    is equal to this object.  
  
    This object is only used when selection of a single  
    target is required (i.e. when forwarding an incoming  
    read or write request)."  
::= { snmpProxyEntry 6 }

snmpProxyMultipleTargetOut OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX            SnmpTagValue  
MAX-ACCESS       read-create  
STATUS            current  
DESCRIPTION  
    "This object selects a set of management targets defined  
    in the snmpTargetAddrTable (in the SNMP-TARGET-MIB).  
  
    This object is only used when selection of multiple  
    targets is required (i.e. when forwarding an incoming  
    notification)."  
::= { snmpProxyEntry 7 }

snmpProxyStorageType OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX            StorageType  
MAX-ACCESS       read-create  
STATUS            current  
DESCRIPTION  
    "The storage type of this conceptual row."  
DEFVAL { nonVolatile }  
::= { snmpProxyEntry 8 }

snmpProxyRowStatus OBJECT-TYPE

```

SYNTAX      RowStatus
MAX-ACCESS  read-create
STATUS      current
DESCRIPTION

```

```

    "The status of this conceptual row.

```

```

    To create a row in this table, a manager must
    set this object to either createAndGo(4) or
    createAndWait(5).

```

```

    The following objects may not be modified while the
    value of this object is active(1):

```

- snmpProxyType
- snmpProxyContextEngineID
- snmpProxyContextName
- snmpProxyTargetParamsIn
- snmpProxySingleTargetOut
- snmpProxyMultipleTargetOut"

```

 ::= { snmpProxyEntry 9 }

```

```

--
--
--
--

```

```

-- Conformance information

```

```

snmpProxyCompliances OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::=
                                { snmpProxyConformance 1 }
snmpProxyGroups      OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::=
                                { snmpProxyConformance 2 }

```

```

--
--
--
--

```

```

-- Compliance statements

```

```

snmpProxyCompliance MODULE-COMPLIANCE
    STATUS      current
    DESCRIPTION
        "The compliance statement for SNMP entities which include
        a proxy forwarding application."
    MODULE SNMP-TARGET-MIB
        MANDATORY-GROUPS { snmpTargetBasicGroup,
                           snmpTargetResponseGroup }
    MODULE -- This Module
        MANDATORY-GROUPS { snmpProxyGroup }
    ::= { snmpProxyCompliances 1 }

```

```

snmpProxyGroup OBJECT-GROUP
    OBJECTS {
        snmpProxyType,
        snmpProxyContextEngineID,
        snmpProxyContextName,
        snmpProxyTargetParamsIn,
        snmpProxySingleTargetOut,
        snmpProxyMultipleTargetOut,
        snmpProxyStorageType,
        snmpProxyRowStatus
    }
    STATUS      current
    DESCRIPTION
        "A collection of objects providing remote configuration of
        management target translation parameters for use by
        proxy forwarder applications."
    ::= { snmpProxyGroups 3 }

```

END

## 5. Identification of Management Targets in Notification Originators

This section describes the mechanisms used by a notification originator application when using the MIB module described in this document to determine the set of management targets to be used when generating a notification.

A notification originator uses each entry in the `snmpNotifyTable` to find the management targets to be used for generating notifications. Each active entry in this table identifies zero or more entries in the `snmpTargetAddrTable`. Any entry in the `snmpTargetAddrTable` whose `snmpTargetAddrTagList` object contains a tag value which is equal to a value of `snmpNotifyTag` is selected by the `snmpNotifyEntry` which contains that instance of `snmpNotifyTag`. Note that a particular `snmpTargetAddrEntry` may be selected by multiple entries in the `snmpNotifyTable`, resulting in multiple notifications being generated using that `snmpTargetAddrEntry`.

Each `snmpTargetAddrEntry` contains a pointer to the `snmpTargetParamsTable` (`snmpTargetAddrParams`). This pointer selects a set of SNMP parameters to be used for generating notifications. If the selected entry in the `snmpTargetParamsTable` does not exist, the management target is not used to generate notifications.

The decision as to whether a notification should contain an Unconfirmed-Class or a Confirmed-Class PDU is determined by the value of the `snmpNotifyType` object. If the value of this object is `trap(1)`, the notification should contain an Unconfirmed-Class PDU.

If the value of this object is `inform(2)`, then the notification should contain a `Confirmed-Class` PDU, and the timeout time and number of retries for the notification are the value of `snmpTargetAddrTimeout` and `snmpTargetAddrRetryCount`. Note that the exception to these rules is when the `snmpTargetParamsMPPModel` object indicates an SNMP version which supports a different PDU version. In this case, the notification may be sent using a different PDU type ([COEX] defines the PDU type in the case where the outgoing SNMP version is `SNMPv1`).

## 6. Notification Filtering

This section describes the mechanisms used by a notification originator application when using the MIB module described in this document to filter generation of notifications.

A notification originator uses the `snmpNotifyFilterTable` to filter notifications. A notification filter profile may be associated with a particular entry in the `snmpTargetParamsTable`. The associated filter profile is identified by an entry in the `snmpNotifyFilterProfileTable` whose index is equal to the index of the entry in the `snmpTargetParamsTable`. If no such entry exists in the `snmpNotifyFilterProfileTable`, no filtering is performed for that management target.

If such an entry does exist, the value of `snmpNotifyFilterProfileName` of the entry is compared with the corresponding portion of the index of all active entries in the `snmpNotifyFilterTable`. All such entries for which this comparison results in an exact match are used for filtering a notification generated using the associated `snmpTargetParamsEntry`. If no such entries exist, no filtering is performed, and a notification may be sent to the management target.

Otherwise, if matching entries do exist, a notification may be sent if the `NOTIFICATION-TYPE OBJECT IDENTIFIER` of the notification (this is the value of the element of the variable bindings whose name is `snmpTrapOID.0`, i.e., the second variable binding) is specifically included, and none of the object instances to be included in the variable-bindings of the notification are specifically excluded by the matching entries.

Each set of `snmpNotifyFilterTable` entries is divided into two collections of filter subtrees: the included filter subtrees, and the excluded filter subtrees. The `snmpNotifyFilterType` object defines the collection to which each matching entry belongs.

To determine whether a particular notification name or object instance is excluded by the set of matching entries, compare the notification name's or object instance's OBJECT IDENTIFIER with each of the matching entries. For a notification name, if none match, then the notification name is considered excluded, and the notification should not be sent to this management target. For an object instance, if none match, the object instance is considered included, and the notification may be sent to this management target. If one or more match, then the notification name or object instance is included or excluded, according to the value of `snmpNotifyFilterType` in the entry whose value of `snmpNotifyFilterSubtree` has the most sub-identifiers. If multiple entries match and have the same number of sub-identifiers, then the lexicographically greatest instance of `snmpNotifyFilterType` among those which match determines the inclusion or exclusion.

A notification name or object instance's OBJECT IDENTIFIER X matches an entry in the `snmpNotifyFilterTable` when the number of sub-identifiers in X is at least as many as in the value of `snmpNotifyFilterSubtree` for the entry, and each sub-identifier in the value of `snmpNotifyFilterSubtree` matches its corresponding sub-identifier in X. Two sub-identifiers match either if the corresponding bit of `snmpNotifyFilterMask` is zero (the 'wild card' value), or if the two sub-identifiers are equal.

## 7. Management Target Translation in Proxy Forwarder Applications

This section describes the mechanisms used by a proxy forwarder application when using the MIB module described in this document to translate incoming management target information into outgoing management target information for the purpose of forwarding messages. There are actually two mechanisms a proxy forwarder may use, one for forwarding request messages, and one for forwarding notification messages.

### 7.1. Management Target Translation for Request Forwarding

When forwarding request messages, the proxy forwarder will select a single entry in the `snmpProxyTable`. To select this entry, it will perform the following comparisons:

- The `snmpProxyType` must be `read(1)` if the request is a Read-Class PDU. The `snmpProxyType` must be `write(2)` if the request is a Write-Class PDU.
- The `contextEngineID` must equal the `snmpProxyContextEngineID` object.

- If the `snmpProxyContextName` object is supported, it must equal the `contextName`.
- The `snmpProxyTargetParamsIn` object identifies an entry in the `snmpTargetParamsTable`. The `messageProcessingModel`, `securityLevel`, `security model`, and `securityName` must match the values of `snmpTargetParamsMPPModel`, `snmpTargetParamsSecurityModel`, `snmpTargetParamsSecurityName`, and `snmpTargetParamsSecurityLevel` of the identified entry in the `snmpTargetParamsTable`.

There may be multiple entries in the `snmpProxyTable` for which these comparisons succeed. The entry whose `snmpProxyName` has the lexicographically smallest value and for which the comparisons succeed will be selected by the proxy forwarder.

The outgoing management target information is identified by the value of the `snmpProxySingleTargetOut` object of the selected entry. This object identifies an entry in the `snmpTargetAddrTable`. The identified entry in the `snmpTargetAddrTable` also contains a reference to the `snmpTargetParamsTable` (`snmpTargetAddrParams`). If either the identified entry in the `snmpTargetAddrTable` does not exist, or the identified entry in the `snmpTargetParamsTable` does not exist, then this `snmpProxyEntry` does not identify valid forwarding information, and the proxy forwarder should attempt to identify another row.

If there is no entry in the `snmpProxyTable` for which all of the conditions above may be met, then there is no appropriate forwarding information, and the proxy forwarder should take appropriate actions.

Otherwise, The `snmpTargetAddrTDomain`, `snmpTargetAddrTAddress`, `snmpTargetAddrTimeout`, and `snmpTargetRetryCount` of the identified `snmpTargetAddrEntry`, and the `snmpTargetParamsMPPModel`, `snmpTargetParamsSecurityModel`, `snmpTargetParamsSecurityName`, and `snmpTargetParamsSecurityLevel` of the identified `snmpTargetParamsEntry` are used as the destination management target.

## 7.2. Management Target Translation for Notification Forwarding

When forwarding notification messages, the proxy forwarder will select multiple entries in the `snmpProxyTable`. To select these entries, it will perform the following comparisons:

- The `snmpProxyType` must be `trap(3)` if the notification is an Unconfirmed-Class PDU. The `snmpProxyType` must be `inform(4)` if the request is a Confirmed-Class PDU.



- The contextEngineID must equal the snmpProxyContextEngineID object.
- If the snmpProxyContextName object is supported, it must equal the contextName.
- The snmpProxyTargetParamsIn object identifies an entry in the snmpTargetParamsTable. The messageProcessingModel, securityLevel, security model, and securityName must match the values of snmpTargetParamsMPPModel, snmpTargetParamsSecurityModel, snmpTargetParamsSecurityName, and snmpTargetParamsSecurityLevel of the identified entry in the snmpTargetParamsTable.

All entries for which these conditions are met are selected. The snmpProxyMultipleTargetOut object of each such entry is used to select a set of entries in the snmpTargetAddrTable. Any snmpTargetAddrEntry whose snmpTargetAddrTagList object contains a tag value equal to the value of snmpProxyMultipleTargetOut, and whose snmpTargetAddrParams object references an existing entry in the snmpTargetParamsTable, is selected as a destination for the forwarded notification.

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## APPENDIX A - Trap Configuration Example

This section describes an example configuration for a Notification Generator application which implements the `snmpNotifyBasicCompliance` level. The example configuration specifies that the Notification Generator should send notifications to 3 separate managers, using authentication and no privacy for the first 2 managers, and using both authentication and privacy for the third manager.

The configuration consists of three rows in the `snmpTargetAddrTable`, and two rows in the `snmpTargetTable`.

<code>snmpTargetAddrName</code>	<code>SnmpAdminString,</code>
<code>snmpTargetAddrTDomain</code>	<code>TDomain,</code>
<code>snmpTargetAddrTAddress</code>	<code>TAddress,</code>
<code>snmpTargetAddrTimeout</code>	<code>TimeInterval,</code>
<code>snmpTargetAddrRetryCount</code>	<code>Integer32,</code>
<code>snmpTargetAddrTagList</code>	<code>SnmpAdminString,</code>
<code>snmpTargetAddrParams</code>	<code>SnmpAdminString,</code>
<code>snmpTargetAddrStorageType</code>	<code>StorageType,</code>
<code>snmpTargetAddrRowStatus</code>	<code>RowStatus</code>
* <code>snmpTargetAddrName</code>	<code>= "addr1"</code>
<code>snmpTargetAddrTDomain</code>	<code>= snmpUDPDomain</code>
<code>snmpTargetAddrTAddress</code>	<code>= 128.1.2.3/162</code>
<code>snmpTargetAddrTagList</code>	<code>= "group1"</code>
<code>snmpTargetAddrParams</code>	<code>= "AuthNoPriv-joe"</code>
<code>snmpTargetAddrStorageType</code>	<code>= readOnly(5)</code>
<code>snmpTargetAddrRowStatus</code>	<code>= active(1)</code>
* <code>snmpTargetAddrName</code>	<code>= "addr2"</code>
<code>snmpTargetAddrTDomain</code>	<code>= snmpUDPDomain</code>
<code>snmpTargetAddrTAddress</code>	<code>= 128.2.4.6/162</code>
<code>snmpTargetAddrTagList</code>	<code>= "group1"</code>
<code>snmpTargetAddrParams</code>	<code>= "AuthNoPriv-joe"</code>
<code>snmpTargetAddrStorageType</code>	<code>= readOnly(5)</code>
<code>snmpTargetAddrRowStatus</code>	<code>= active(1)</code>
* <code>snmpTargetAddrName</code>	<code>= "addr3"</code>
<code>snmpTargetAddrTDomain</code>	<code>= snmpUDPDomain</code>
<code>snmpTargetAddrTAddress</code>	<code>= 128.1.2.3/162</code>
<code>snmpTargetAddrTagList</code>	<code>= "group2"</code>
<code>snmpTargetAddrParams</code>	<code>= "AuthPriv-bob"</code>
<code>snmpTargetAddrStorageType</code>	<code>= readOnly(5)</code>
<code>snmpTargetAddrRowStatus</code>	<code>= active(1)</code>
* <code>snmpTargetParamsName</code>	<code>= "AuthNoPriv-joe"</code>
<code>snmpTargetParamsMPModel</code>	<code>= 3m</code>

```

snmpTargetParamsSecurityModel      = 3 (USM)
snmpTargetParamsSecurityName       = "joe"
snmpTargetParamsSecurityLevel      = authNoPriv(2)
snmpTargetParamsStorageType        = readOnly(5)
snmpTargetParamsRowStatus          = active(1)

* snmpTargetParamsName              = "AuthPriv-bob"
  snmpTargetParamsMPPModel          = 3
  snmpTargetParamsSecurityModel     = 3 (USM)
  snmpTargetParamsSecurityName      = "bob"
  snmpTargetParamsSecurityLevel     = authPriv(3)
  snmpTargetParamsStorageType       = readOnly(5)
  snmpTargetParamsRowStatus         = active(1)

* snmpNotifyName                    = "group1"
  snmpNotifyTag                     = "group1"
  snmpNotifyType                     = trap(1)
  snmpNotifyStorageType              = readOnly(5)
  snmpNotifyRowStatus                = active(1)

* snmpNotifyName                    = "group2"
  snmpNotifyTag                     = "group2"
  snmpNotifyType                     = trap(1)
  snmpNotifyStorageType              = readOnly(5)
  snmpNotifyRowStatus                = active(1)

```

These entries define two groups of management targets. The first group contains two management targets:

	first target -----	second target -----
messageProcessingModel	SNMPv3	SNMPv3
securityModel	3 (USM)	3 (USM)
securityName	"joe"	"joe"
securityLevel	authNoPriv(2)	authNoPriv(2)
transportDomain	snmpUDPDDomain	snmpUDPDDomain
transportAddress	128.1.2.3/162	128.2.4.6/162

And the second group contains a single management target:

messageProcessingModel	SNMPv3
securityLevel	authPriv(3)
securityModel	3 (USM)
securityName	"bob"
transportDomain	snmpUDPDDomain
transportAddress	128.1.5.9/162

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