

Express-Guide
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Basic & Secure Setup of



SNMP

with Remote Resource Monitoring

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::Task Detail::

- ◆ Implementing SNMP service on a machine monitoring it's connection on two NICs of a machine.
 - ◆ Raising a trap sending SNMP message if any of the link goes down.
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::Background::

Links: <http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc2570.html>

- ◆ Its a **UDP-based service for Network Management** inclusive of an Application Layer Protocol, database schema and set of objects. Typically **161/udp for Agent and 162/udp for manager**. Master could either query from slave's Agent or Agent could generate Trap/Inform messages for Master. Master could also set some information on Remote System and change its behavior.
- ◆ **SNMP service is quite famous in vulnerability** world to reveal loads of secrets about a machine, if not implemented properly. **Secured SNMPv3** service available for remote resource monitoring.
- ◆ Difference between different implementations:
 - SNMP **v1 has simple application-wide data types**; has poor security being authorized by Community String
 - SNMP **v2 has MIB models**, Compliance Statements (describing requirements for agents) and Capability Statements (describing permissions for agents)
 - Improved performance and security; has two versions v2c and v2u due to complexities; Incompatible with SNMPv1
 - SNMP **v3 primarily added Message Integrity, Authentication and Encryption**
- ◆ Possible Attacks
 - SNMP **v1 and v2c are subjected to Packet Sniffing** due to clear-text community string being passed in the data packets
 - **All versions are subjected to Brute Force Attack** as they don't implement a

Challenge-Response Handshake, so to be secure on users part using Entropy in Community String is suggested.

- ***All of them are vulnerable to IP Spoofing.***
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::Execution Method::

Setting up SNMP Traps Monitor for specific events.

◆ On **Windows**

- Installing
 - Insert your Windows Installation Disc or get a folder sharing its files, would be required.
 - Go to 'Control Panel' > 'Add or Remove Programs' > 'Add or Remove Windows Component' > 'Management and Monitoring Tools' > 'Details' > 'Simple Network Management Protocol' > 'OK' > 'Next' > follow the instructions ahead
- Starting Services
 - 'Start Menu' > 'Run' > 'Services.msc'
{or get it from Control Panel, As You Like It}
 - Double Click 'SNMP Service' entry, select 'Security' in dialog box Opened here remove the default community name if any and add a new name Secure enough, but not your common password. Then add machines that can access it in the list, don't go for 'all' option. Then 'Start' it.
 - If you wanna raise Traps, also start 'SNMP Trap Service' entry.
Note: you could install Net-SNMP port for Windows to use instead of default Microsoft Implementation. Also, if you don't have access to Windows Installation Disc/Content, this option works.

◆ On **Linux**

these commands are tested for a Fedora/CentOS based machine; for other platforms also the net-snmp binaries are available

- Installing
 - `#yum install net-snmp`
 - `#yum install net-snmp-utils`
 - `#yum install net-snmp-perl`
- Starting Services
 - `#service snmpd start`
 - `#service snmptrapd start`
- Setting up SNMPv3
on Fedora/CentOS location of files is /etc/snmp/ in other versions it may be

/root/.snmp/ or else {thing to check}

- #cd /etc/snmp
- and remove snmp.conf, snmpd.conf, snmptrapd.conf (better to configure from scratch), so
➔ #rm snmp*.conf
- create a new "snmp.conf" with following content
➔ #####start of file: snmp.conf#####
defversion 3
defsecuritylevel authPriv
defauthtype MD5
defprivtype AES
#####end of file: snmp.conf#####
- create a new "snmpd.conf" with following content
➔ #####start of file: snmpd.conf#####
createUser <snmpUserName> MD5 <snmpPassword> AES
rouser <snmpUserName> priv
agentuser <AgentName>
agentgroup <AgentGroupName>
syscontact <SNMPAdmin's_E-MailID>
#####end of file: snmpd.conf#####
- create a new "snmptrapd.conf" with following content
➔ #####start of file: snmptrapd.conf#####
ignoreauthfailure 0
#####end of file: snmptrapd.conf#####
- Restart Services
 - #service snmpd restart
 - #service snmptrapd restart
- Checking if its implemented correctly
 - #snmpget -v 3 -u <snmp_User> -l authPriv -a MD5 -A -x AES
-X 127.0.0.1 sysUpTime.0

➔ if this gives an output like below; its setup correctly
 - Output:
DISMAN-EVENT-MIB::sysUpTimeInstance = Timeticks: (8680198) 1 day,
0:06:41:98
 - ➔ if output is like following, some Authorization problem; anything changed from CONF to SNMPGET command can create this
 - Output:
"Timeout: No Response from <IPAddress>"
or

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"Error in packet"
or
"Reason: authorizationError (access denied to that
object)"
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➔ for following output, check the MBI OID value provided, like sysUpTime.0 here

➤ Output:

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"the given OID is not supported"
or
"No Such Instance currently exists at this OID"
or
"Error building ASN.1 representation (Can't build OID
for variable)"
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◆ Configuring **TRAP Daemon on a Linux Box**

- Open 'snmptrapd.conf' file in an editor, and create from scratch with following content

```
#####start of file: snmptrapd.conf#####
syslocation anyPlace
syscontact Admin'sEmailID
sysservice 72
rocommunity commName
agentSecName internal
rouser internal
linkUpDownNotification yes
authtrapenable 1
trapsink itsSNMPTrapDaemonIPAddress commName 162
ignoreauthfailure 0
#####end of file: snmptrapd.conf#####
```

◆ Enabling **TRAPS on a Cisco Firewall**

- Console Commands

```
CiscoF/W> enable
CiscoF/W# conf t
CiscoF/W(config)# snmp-server host
inside firewallsName.internal communitiy commNam

CiscoF/W(config)# snmp-server location Place
CiscoF/W(config)# snmp-server contact Admin'sMailID
CiscoF/W(config)# snmp-server community commNam
CiscoF/W(config)# snmp-server enable traps snmp
authentication linkup linkdown coldstart

CiscoF/W(config)# exit
CiscoF/W# wr mem
```

::Tools/Technology Used::

- Net-SNMP : <http://www.net-snmp.org/>
 - SNMPWalk : <http://www.net-snmp.org/docs/man/snmpwalk.html>
 - SNMP Fuzzer : <http://www.hackingciscoexposed.com/?link=tools>
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::Inference::

- SNMP is a real strong management protocol which could be used in an intense manner in an IT infrastructure but requires to be kept secured for the same reason of being strong.
 - A single loophole can flip open your entire machine state for hacker.
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::Troubleshooting/Updates::

- **Problem:** in statements for querying SNMP using snmpget or snmpwalk, keeping '-v 2' didn't work for statements where '-v 1' and '-v 3' were working.

Solution:

As stated before SNMP v2 is out there in two implementations v2c and v2u, so here I was supposed to mention '-v 2c' instead of plain '2'; though '2u' also didn't work.

- **Problem:** in statements for querying SNMP using snmpget or snmpwalk, same script was working for a machine but raising MIBOID error for other.

Solution:

Different system architecture may differ in the MIBOIDs and not all MIBs may be accessible too, so you need to do a plain SNMPWalk to check for all accessible MIBs.
