

SMI & MIB

The Management Information

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IETF Internet Management

- Based on the Simple Network Management Protocol, but is more than a protocol, is a complete framework:
 - A data definition language The Structure and Identification of Management Information (SMI)
 - Definitions of management information -Instrumentation described in the Management Information Base (MIB)
 - Protocol definition The Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)

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Structure of Management Information

- RFC1155, STD0016 "Structure and Identification of Management Information for TCP/IP-based Internets"
- The SMI is the formal language that allows defining the management information and its syntax is a subset of the ASN.1
- With SMI you can:
 - Organize;
 - assign names;
 - describe the information so that it is accessible.

Thus, a MIB can be defined and constructed...

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Structure of Management Information

- The SMI has the mechanisms used for describing and naming objects for the purpose of management
- SMI defines that each managed object has a name, a syntax, and an encoding:
 - The <u>name</u> (object identifier OID) uniquely identifies the object;
 - The syntax defines the data type, e.g. integer or string;
 - The <u>encoding</u> describes how the information associated with managed objects is serialized for transmission between systems, ie it encodes the value of the object.

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SMI

- Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1)
 - ISO/IEC 8824-1 | ITU-T X.680, ISO/IEC 8824-2 | ITU-T X.681, ISO/IEC 8824-3 | ITU-T X.682, and ISO/IEC 8824-4 | ITU-T X.683
 - Function of the OSI Presentation Layer
 - Define the formats of the information and control packets (Protocol Data Unit) exchanged by the management protocol and the rules to combine the elements of the messages.
- Basic Encoding Rules (BER)
 - ISO/IEC 8825-1
 - Defines a set of basic encoding rules for transmission of elements (translates the ASN.1 elements into binary patterns for transmission and transfers between managers and agents).

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ASN.1

- Uses unique terms to define its procedures:
 - Type Definitions, which define new data structures;
 - Assigned values, which are instances (variables) of a type;
 - Declaration and use of Macros, which are used to change the actual grammar of the language;
 - Modules Definitions.
- Each object that we want to manage is associated with an ASN.1 identifier of the type OBJECT IDENTIFIER.

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ASN.1 naming convention

- ASN.1 uses an alphabetic case convention to differentiate the kind of objects:
 - For a type, the word starts with uppercase (e.g., Counter32);
 - For a value (an instance of a type), the word starts with lowercase (e.g., internet);
 - For a macro, the word is entirely of uppercase letters (e.g., OBJECT-TYPE);
 - The keywords of the ASN.1 language are entirely in uppercase.

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SNMP and ASN.1

- SNMP uses a subset of ASN.1, for simplicity.
- SMIv1 data types:
 - INTEGER
 - OCTET STRING
 - OBJECT IDENTIFIER
 - NULL
 - SEQUENCE
 - SEQUENCE OF

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Types

- The type classifies data (SYNTAX statement):
 - Primitive Types INTEGER, OCTET STRING, OBJECT IDENTIFIER, NULL (all in uppercase);
 - Constructed Types generates lists and tables (SEQUENCE and SEQUENCE OF);
 - Defined Types alternative names defined in SMI for simple or complex ASN.1 types (usually more descriptive, e.g. TimeTicks, Counter, Gauge or IpAdress which represents a 32-bit IP address).

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Types and Values

- The Value quantifies the Type;
- Sometimes only a limited set of values is allowed

An integer value limited to 8 bits would be INTEGER (0..255)

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Universal Types

- INTEGER 32 bit number; sometimes it is used to specify enumerated types (e.g. the state of an interface *up* (1), *down* (2), and *testing* (3));
- OCTET STRING A string of zero or more octets, typically used to represent strings, but can also represent physical addresses;
- OBJECT IDENTIFIER Sequence of decimals separated by dots representing the name of a management tree object (e.g. 1.3.6.1.4.1.9 is the OID of private.enterprises of Cisco Systems)
- NULL Not used in SNMP
- SEQUENCE List of zero or more elements of ASN.1 types (different or not)
- SEQUENCE OF Defines an object consisting of a set of elements (all of the same type SEQUENCE)

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Data Type: Defined

- Counter Number of 32 bits of the range [0, 2³²-1]; Incremental value, when it reaches the limit wrap and starts at "0" (e.g. the number of octets sent in an interface);
- TimeTicks Number of 32 bits of the range [0, 2³²-1]; Indicates the time in hundredths of a second;
- Gauge Number of 32 bits of the range [0, 2³²-1]; contrary to the Counter type may decrease or increase (eg. the speed of an interface);
- IpAdress Represents a 32-bit IPv4 address;
- NetworkAdress Same as IpAdress but represents the address of a network;
- Opaque Stores any other ASN.1 types in an OCTET STRING.

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```
Macro
```

```
OBJECT-TYPE MACRO::= BEGIN
  TYPE NOTATION::= "SYNTAX" type (ObjectSyntax)
                   "ACCESS" Access
                   "STATUS" Status
  Access::=
              "read-only"
            | "read-write"
            | "write-only"
            | "not-accessible"
  Status::=
              "mandatory"
            | "optional"
            | "obsolete"
            | "deprecated"
  Description ::= value (description DisplayString)
  VALUE NOTATION::= value (VALUE ObjectName)
END
```

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- Used to define a managed object
- The MACRO statement allows the language extension

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Declaration of an Object

```
sysDescr OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX DisplayString (SIZE (0..255))
ACCESS read-only
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION

    "A textual description of the entity. This value should include the full name and version identification of the system's hardware type, software operating-system, and networking software. It is mandatory that this only contain printable ASCII characters."

::= { system 1 }
```

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Examples of Macros

```
MODULE-IDENTITY MACRO ::=
      BEGIN
           TYPE NOTATION ::=
                           "LAST-UPDATED" value(Update ExtUTCTime)
"ORGANIZATION" Text
                           "CONTACT-INFO" Text
                           "DESCRIPTION" Text
                           RevisionPart
           VALUE NOTATION ::=
                           value(VALUE OBJECT IDENTIFIER)
           RevisionPart ::=
                           Revisions
                         empty
           Revisions ::=
                           Revision
                         | Revisions Revision
           Revision ::=
                           "REVISION" value(Update ExtUTCTime)
"DESCRIPTION" Text
           -- a character string as defined in section 3.1.1
           Text ::= value(IA5String)
      END
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```



Example of a Table

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```
ifTable OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX     SEQUENCE OF IfEntry
    MAX-ACCESS not-accessible
    STATUS     current
    DESCRIPTION
        "A list of interface entries. The number of entries is given by the value of ifNumber."
    ::= { interfaces 2 }
```

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One Line of a Table

```
ifEntry OBJECT-TYPE
     SYNTAX IfEntry
     MAX-ACCESS not-accessible
     STATUS
               current
     DESCRIPTION
             "An entry containing management information applicable to a
            particular interface."
     INDEX { ifIndex }
     ::= { ifTable 1 }
 IfEntry ::=
     SEQUENCE {
         ifIndex
                                InterfaceIndex,
         ifDescr
                               DisplayString,
         ifType
                               IANAifType,
         ifMtu
                                Integer32,
         ifSpeed
                                Gauge32,
         ifPhysAddress
                               PhysAddress,
         ifAdminStatus
                               INTEGER,
         ifOperStatus
                                INTEGER,
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```

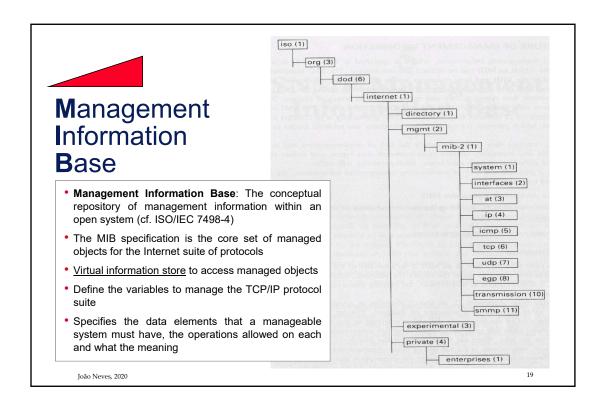


Schema is called a "Module"

 Collection of grouped descriptions, relating to a common theme (e.g., a protocol specification)

```
RMON-MIB DEFINITIONS ::= BEGIN
     IMPORTS
                             FROM RFC1155-SMI
        Counter
        DisplayString
                            FROM RFC1158-MIB
                            FROM RFC1213-MIB
        OBJECT-TYPE
                            FROM RFC-1212
        TRAP-TYPE
                             FROM RFC-1215;
 -- Remote Network Monitoring MIB
    rmon OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { mib-2 16 }
     -- textual conventions
    OwnerString ::= DisplayString
     -- This data type is used to model an
END
```

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MIB

- MIB RFC 1212, MIB-II RFC 1213
- The MIB-II is only an extension of the first version and, as such, maintains the same OID



MIB Categories and Examples

Configuration	Interface Type	Protocol Stack	Functional
Hardware	Type Independent	AppleTalk	Router
System Software	Token Ring	DECnet IV	Bridge
Firmware	Token Bus	IPX/SPX	Terminal Server
Trap Destinations	Ethernet (802.3)	OSI	Ethernet Repeater
Logging	DS1	SNA	Token Ring Repeater
Booting	DS3	TCP/IP	Protocol Analyzer
Security	Async (serial)	XNS	File Server
	Parallel		Print Server
	X.25		Nameserver
	Frame Relay		Mail Server
	ISDN		Net Management Agent

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The COFFEE POT MIB

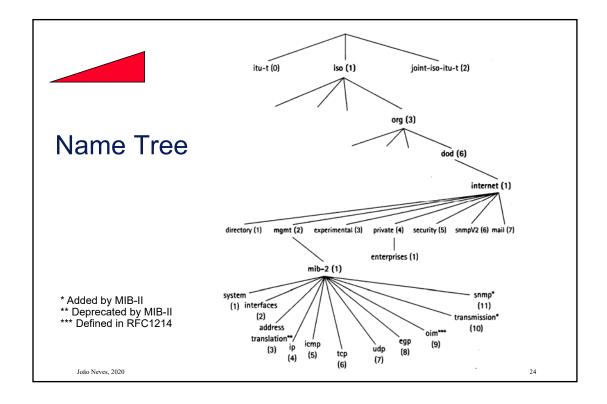
RFC 2325 - Definitions of Managed Objects for Drip-Type Heated Beverage Hardware Devices using SMIv2

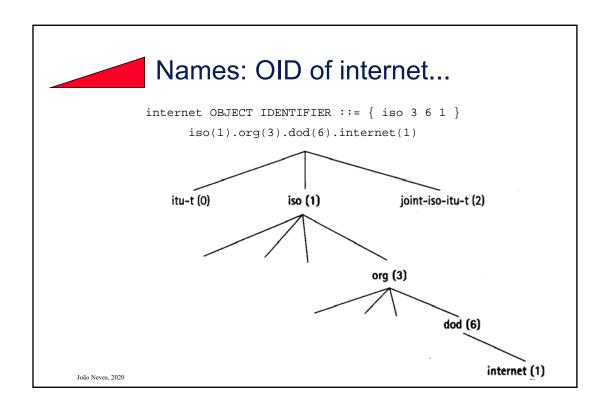
- The COFFEE POT MIB applies to managed devices that brew, store, and deliver heated coffee beverages
- Is mandatory for all systems that have such a hardware port supporting services managed through some other MIB
- The MIB contains objects that relate to physical connections, configuration, storage levels, quality of service, and availability

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COFFEE-POT-MIB







The Hierarchy of Names

The root of the subtree for the Internet, administered by the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA), is:

```
internet     OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { iso 3 6 1 }
```

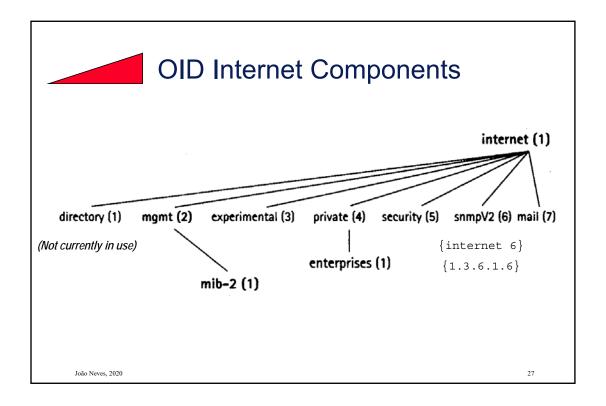
That is, the subtree of Internet OBJECT IDENTIFIER starts with:

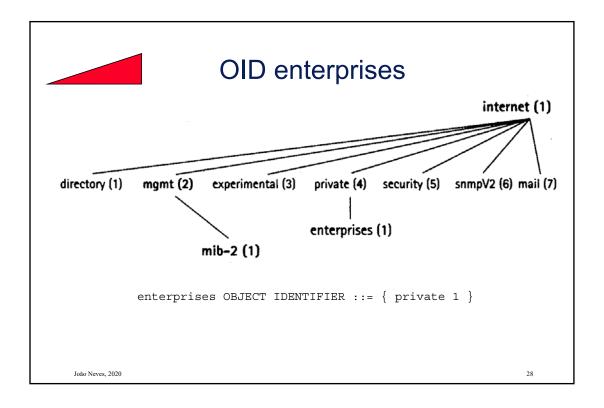
1.3.6.1

Several branches of this part of the tree are used for network management:

```
mgmt     OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { internet 2 }
experimental     OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { internet 3 }
private     OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { internet 4 }
enterprises     OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { private 1 }
```

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OID enterprises

 The list of all numbers assigned to the enterprises variable is managed by the "Internet Assigned Numbers Authority" (IANA) and can be obtained from:

http://www.iana.org/assignments/enterprise-numbers

- Under their private subtree, manufacturers can put the structure they see fit
- For example, the Cisco System has enterprises OID 9, i.e.

```
{ iso.org.dod.internet.private.enterprises.cisco }
 or { 1.3.6.1.4.1.9 }
```

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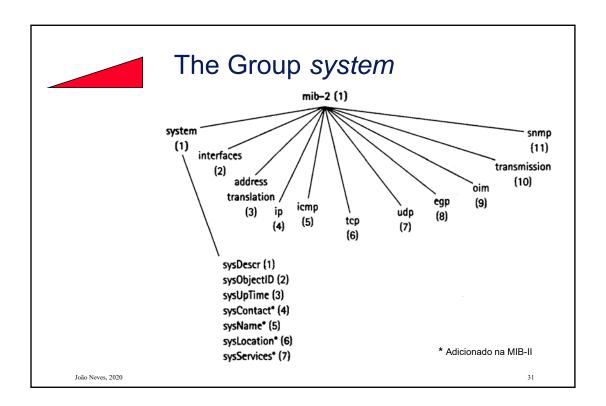


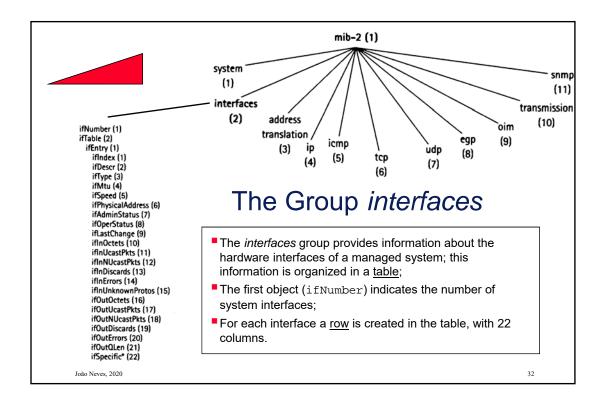
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PRIVATE ENTERPRISE NUMBERS

```
SMI Network Management Private Enterprise Codes:
Prefix: iso.org.dod.internet.private.enterprise (1.3.6.1.4.1)
Decimal
                        Name
                                                                                                                                                                        References
                          Reserved
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             [...]
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The interfaces Group

- ifIndex interface identifier
- idDescr interface description
- ifType interface type, e.g. ethernetCsmacd(6)
- ifMtu –MTU size
- ifSpeed e.g. 1000 Mb/s
- ifPhyAddress MAC address
- ifAdminStatus up, down, testing
- ifOperStatus up(1), down(2), testing(3), unknown(4), dormant(5), notPresent(6), lowerLayerDown(7)
- ifLastChange value of sysUpTime when last change
- The remaining objects contain statistical information about traffic

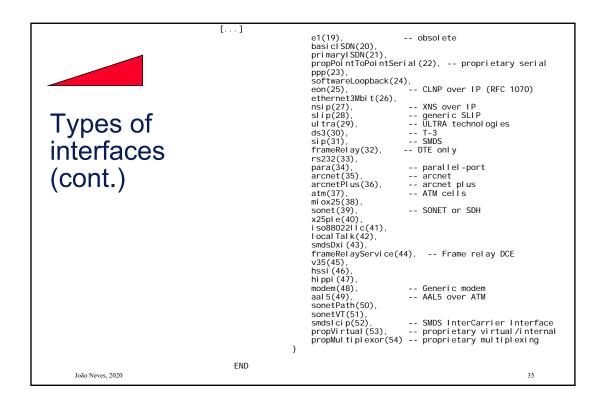
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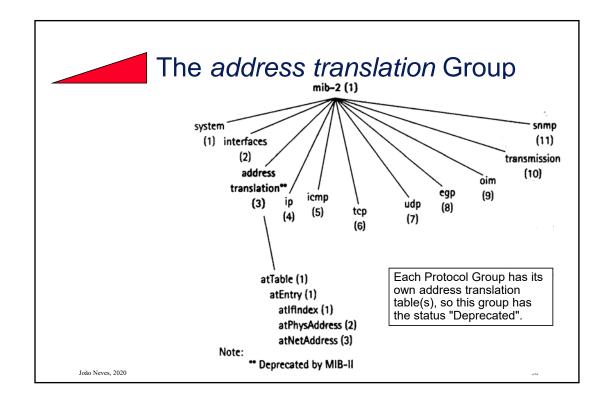


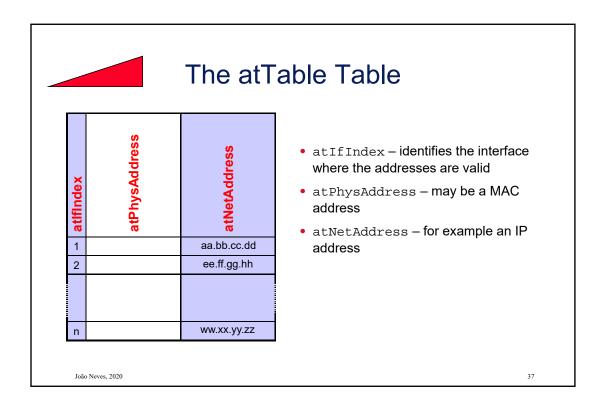
Types of interfaces (RFC1573)

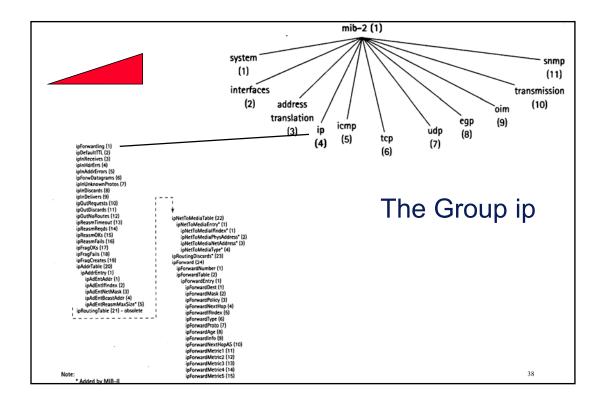
```
IANAifType ::= TEXTUAL-CONVENTION
       STATUS
                     current
       DESCRIPTION
                "This data type is used as the syntax of the ifType
                object in the (updated) definition of MIB-II's
               ifTable.
[...]
SYNTAX INTEGER {
                    other(1),
                                        -- none of the following
                    regular1822(2),
                    hdh1822(3),
                   ddnX25(4),
rfc877x25(5),
                    ethernetCsmacd(6),
                    iso88023Csmacd(7)
                    iso88024TokenBus(8)
                    iso88025TokenRing(9),
                    iso88026Man(10)
                    starLan(11),
proteon10Mbit(12),
                    proteon80Mbit(13),
                    hyperchannel(14),
                    fddi(15),
                    lapb(16),
                    sdlc(17),
                    ds1(18),
                                        -- DS1/E1 (RFC 1406)
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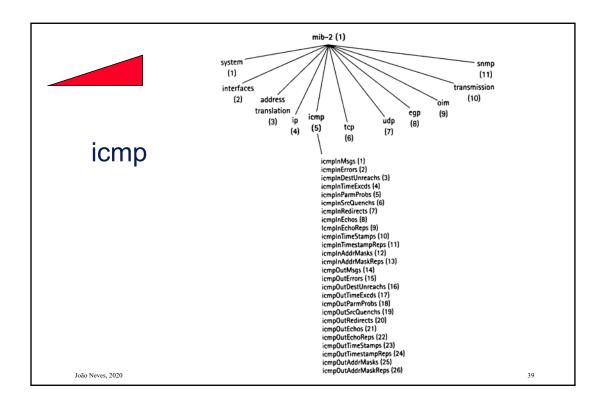
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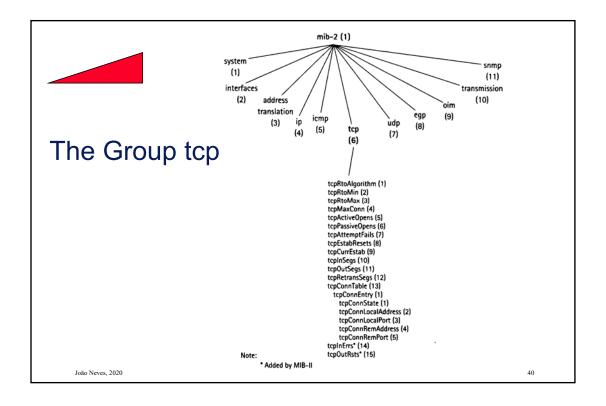


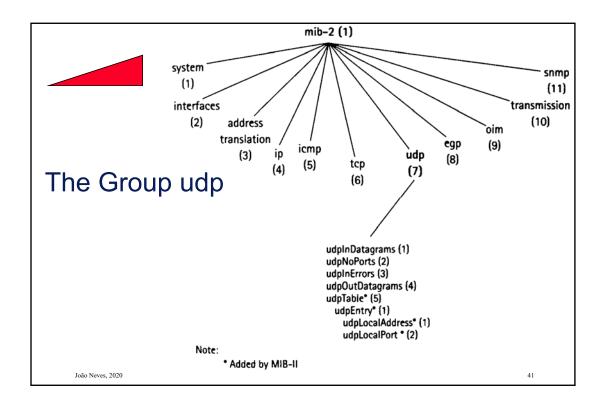


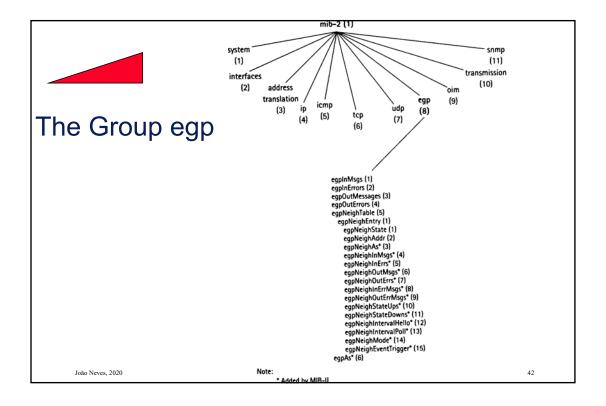


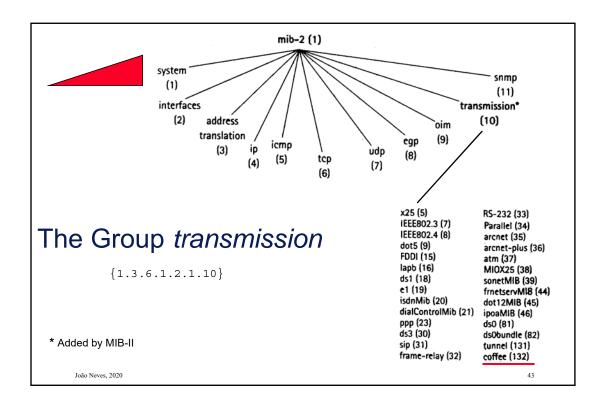


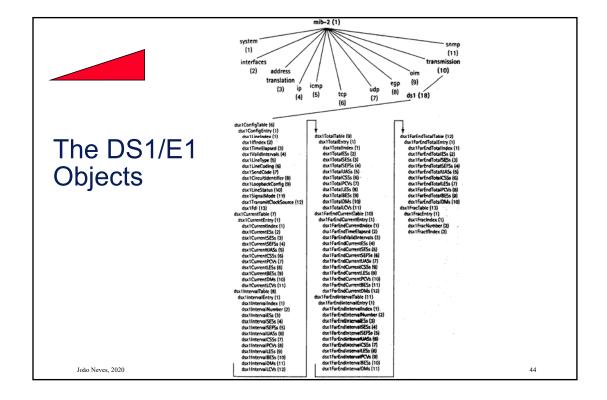




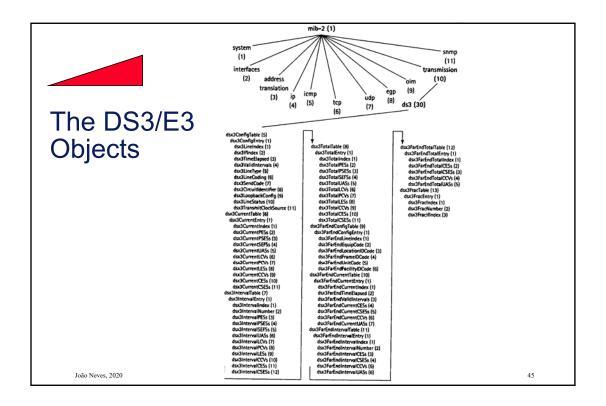


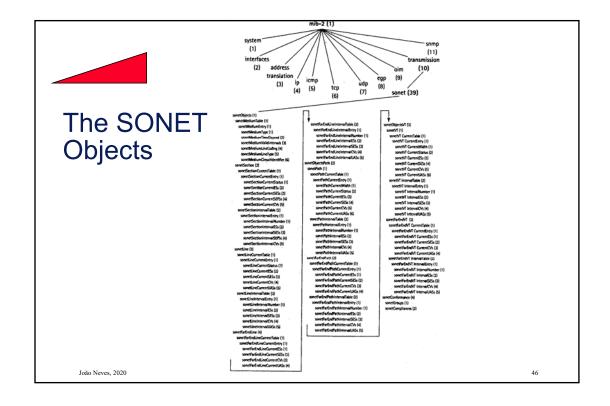


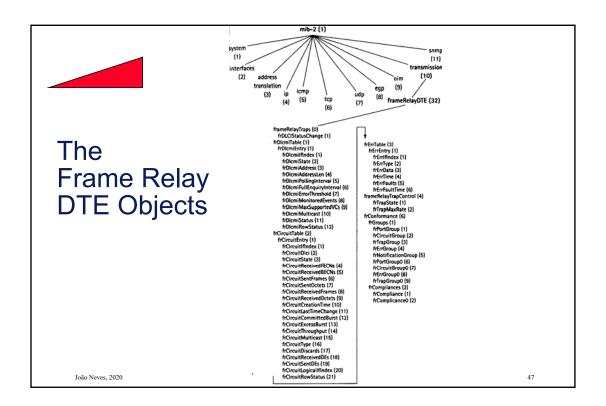


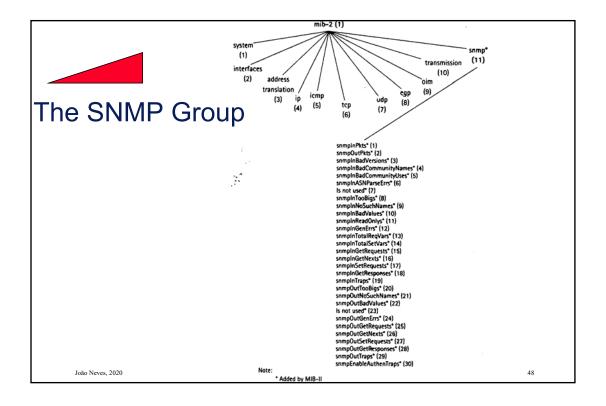


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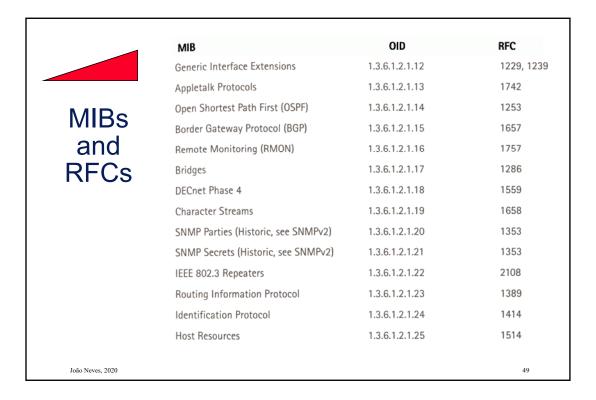




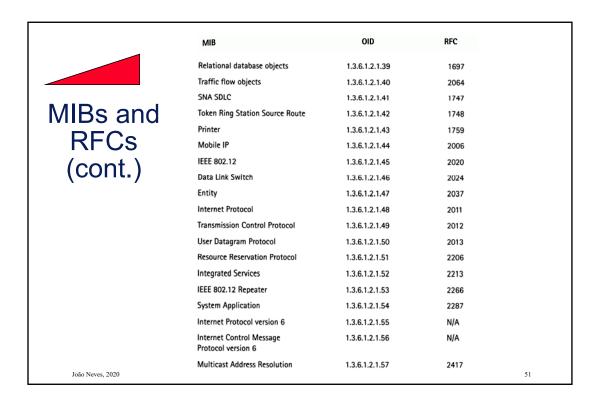


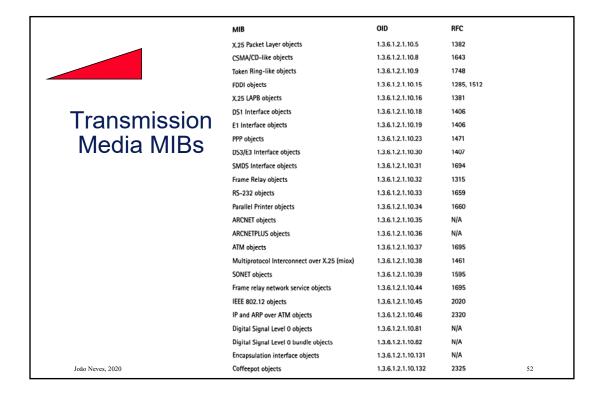


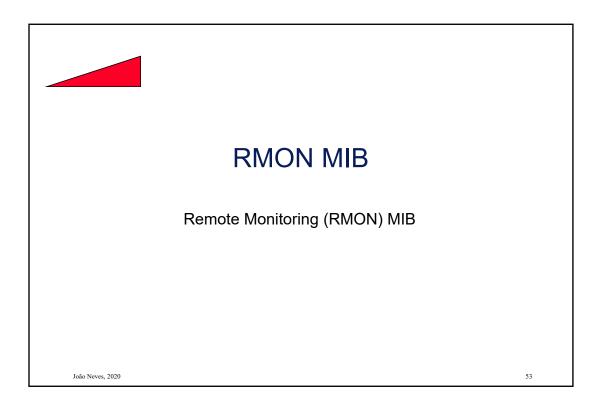
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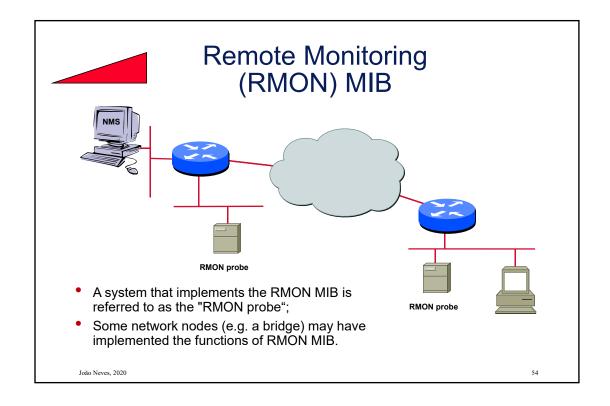


	MIB	OID	RFC
MIBs and RFCs (cont.)	IEEE 802.3 Medium Attachment Units	1.3.6.1.2.1.26	1515
	Network Services Monitoring	1,3.6.1.2.1.27	2248
	Mail Monitoring	1.3.6.1.2.1.28	2249
	X.500 Directory Monitoring	1.3.6.1.2.1.29	1567
	Interface Types	1.3.6.1.2.1.30	1573
	Interface Types	1.3.6.1.2.1.31	1573
	Domain Name System	1.3.6.1.2.1.32	1611
	Uninterruptible Power Supplies	1.3.6.1.2.1.33	1628
	SNA NAU	1.3.6.1.2.1.34	1666
	Ethernet-like generic objects	1.3.6.1.2.1.35	2358
	SMDS interface objects	1.3.6.1.2.1.36	1694
	ATM objects	1.3.6.1.2.1.37	1695
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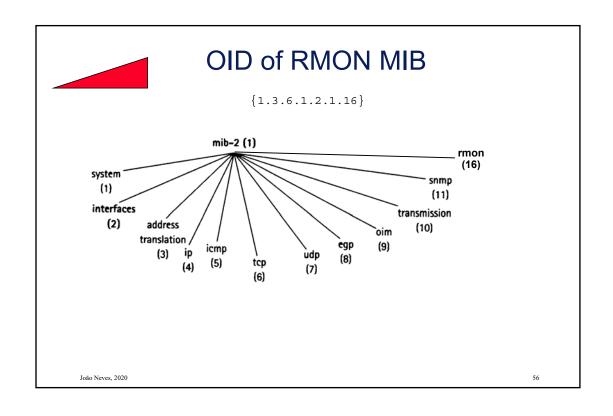


RMON Goals

STD0059, RFC2819

- Off-line operation solve the problem of polling
- Proactive monitoring the monitor can constantly monitor and record the network if it has sufficient resources
- Problem detection and reporting
- Value-added-data the monitor analyzes information collected on its subnet, thereby freeing the NMS
- Multiple managers the network may have more than one NMS, then the monitor may be configured to concurrently dialog with the different NMS

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The Ethernet RMON Groups

Group	Description
statistics (1)	Contains statistics measured by the probe for each monitored interface on this device.
history (2)	Records periodic statistical samples from a network and stores them for later retrieval .
alarm (3)	Periodically takes statistical samples from variables in the probe and compares them with previously configured thresholds. If the monitored variable crosses a threshold, an event is generated.
host (4)	Contains statistics associated with each host discovered on the network.
hostTopN (5)	Prepares tables that describe the hosts that top a list ordered by one of their statistics. The available statistics are samples of one of their base statistics over an interval specified by the management station. Thus, these statistics are rate-based.
matrix (6)	Stores statistics for conversations between sets of two addresses. As the device detects a new conversation, it creates a new entry in its table.
filter (7)	Enables packets to be matched by a filter equation. These matched packets form a data stream that might be captured or might generate events.
capture (8)	Enables packets to be captured after they flow through a logical channel.
event (9)	Controls the generation and notification of events from this device.

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Token Ring RMON MIB

- The RMON MIB for Token Ring, RFC1513, was created by adding tables to the RMON MIB of Ethernet;
- The tenth group was added "Token Ring" with the OID

```
{ rmon 10 }
```

• The "statistics" and "history" groups have been extended to allow the collection of TR protocol-specific data (such as MAC level errors: token errors, errors in copy of frames etc.).

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O Grupo tokenRing

OID

```
{ 1.3.6.1.2.1.16.10 }
```

- Contem quatro sub-grupos
 - Ring Station Group monitoriza os eventos da estação e do anel, tem duas tabelas: a ringStationControlTable e ringStationTable
 - Ring Station Order Group mantém a topologia da rede, dá a sequencia das estações nos anéis monitorizados, tem a tabela ringStationOrderTable
 - Ring Station Configuration Group controla a remoção ou a configuração de uma estação do anel, tem duas tabelas: a ringStationConfigControlTable e a ringStationConfigTable
 - Ring Source Routing Group contem as estatísticas de utilização do SRB, tem a tabela sourceRoutingStatsTable

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RMON2

- The RMON MIBs for Ethernet networks and TR were directed to the management and operation of the layers Physical and Data Link of remote networks;
- RMON2, defined in RFC2021, extends the capabilities of RMON MIB to the upper layers, to the Application layer, adding ten new groups

```
{ rmon 11 } to { rmon 20 }
```

Protocols such as TCP / IP or SPX / IPX can be monitored.

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SMON

Remote Network Monitoring MIB Extensions for Switched Networks Version 1.0 , RFC2613

 The SMON MIB extends RMON MIB allowing the analysis of switched networks.

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Comparison

	MIB-II	HOST	REPEATE R	BRIDGE	RMON
INTERFACE STATISTICS	Х				
IP, TCP & UDP STATISTICS	Х				
SNMP STATISTICS	Х				
HOST JOB COUNTS		x			
HOST FILE SYSTEM INFORMATION		х			
LINK TESTING			х	х	
NETWORK TRAFFIC STATISTICS			x	х	x
TABLE WITH ALL MAC ADDRESSES			х		х
STATISTICS PER HOST			х		х

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Comparison (cont.)

	MIB-II	HOST	REPEAT ER	BRIDGE	RMON
HISTORICAL STATISTICS					х
SPANNING TREE PERFORMANCE				Х	
WIDE AREA LINK PERFORMANCE				Х	
TRESHOLDS FOR ANY VARIABLE					х
CONFIGURABLE STATISTICS					Х
TRAFFIC MATRIX WITH ALL NODES					х
'HOST TOP N' INFORMATION					х
PACKET / PROTOCOL ANALYSIS					Х
DISTRIBUTED LOGGING					Х

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