

Definitions of Managed Objects for the Ethernet-like Interface Types

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Abstract

This memo defines a portion of the Management Information Base (MIB) for use with network management protocols in TCP/IP-based internets. In particular, it defines objects for managing ethernet-like objects.

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1. The Network Management Framework

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

STD 16/RFC 1155 [3] which defines the SMI, the mechanisms used for describing and naming objects for the purpose of management. STD 16/RFC 1212 [13] defines a more concise description mechanism, which is wholly consistent with the SMI.

[RFC 1156](#) [4] which defines MIB-I, the core set of managed objects for the Internet suite of protocols. STD 17/RFC 1213 [6] defines MIB-II, an evolution of MIB-I based on implementation experience and new operational requirements.

STD 15/RFC 1157 [5] which defines the SNMP, the protocol used for network access to managed objects.

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

2. Objects

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

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

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

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

2.1. Format of Definitions

[Section 4](#) contains the specification of all object types contained in this MIB module. The object types are defined using the conventions defined in the SMI, as amended by the extensions specified in [13].

3. Overview

Instances of these object types represent attributes of an interface to an ethernet-like communications medium. At present, ethernet-like media are identified by three values of the ifType object in the Internet-standard MIB:

```
ethernet-csmacd(6)
iso88023-csmacd(7)
starLan(11)
```

For these interfaces, the value of the ifSpecific variable in the MIB-II [6] has the OBJECT IDENTIFIER value:

```
dot3    OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { transmission 7 }
```

The definitions presented here are based on the IEEE 802.3 Layer Management Specification [9], as originally interpreted by Frank Kastenholz of Interlan in [10]. Implementors of these MIB objects should note that the IEEE document explicitly describes (in the form of Pascal pseudocode) when, where, and how various MAC attributes are measured. The IEEE document also describes the effects of MAC actions that may be invoked by manipulating instances of the MIB objects defined here.

To the extent that some of the attributes defined in [9] are represented by previously defined objects in the Internet-standard MIB or in the Generic Interface Extensions MIB [11], such attributes are not redundantly represented by objects defined in this memo. Among the attributes represented by objects defined in other memos are the number of octets transmitted or received on a particular interface, the number of frames transmitted or received on a particular interface, the promiscuous status of an interface, the MAC address of an interface, and multicast information associated with an interface.

The relationship between an ethernet-like interface and an interface in the context of the Internet-standard MIB is one-to-one. As such, the value of an ifIndex object instance can be directly used to identify corresponding instances of the objects defined herein.

4. Definitions

```
RFC1398-MIB DEFINITIONS ::= BEGIN
```

```
IMPORTS
    Counter, Gauge
        FROM RFC1155-SMI
    transmission
        FROM RFC1213-MIB
    OBJECT-TYPE
        FROM RFC-1212;

-- This MIB module uses the extended OBJECT-TYPE macro as
-- defined in RFC-1212.

-- this is the MIB module for ethernet-like objects

dot3    OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { transmission 7 }

-- { dot3 1 } is obsolete and has been deleted.
```

4.1. The Ethernet-like Statistics Group

```
-- the Ethernet-like Statistics group

-- Implementation of this group is mandatory

dot3StatsTable    OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      SEQUENCE OF Dot3StatsEntry
    ACCESS      not-accessible
    STATUS      mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
        "Statistics for a collection of ethernet-like
        interfaces attached to a particular system."
    ::= { dot3 2 }

dot3StatsEntry    OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      Dot3StatsEntry
    ACCESS      not-accessible
    STATUS      mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
        "Statistics for a particular interface to an
        ethernet-like medium."
    INDEX      { dot3StatsIndex }
    ::= { dot3StatsTable 1 }
```

```

Dot3StatsEntry ::= SEQUENCE {
    dot3StatsIndex
        INTEGER,
    dot3StatsAlignmentErrors
        Counter,
    dot3StatsFCSErrors
        Counter,
    dot3StatsSingleCollisionFrames
        Counter,
    dot3StatsMultipleCollisionFrames
        Counter,
    dot3StatsSQETestErrors
        Counter,
    dot3StatsDeferredTransmissions
        Counter,
    dot3StatsLateCollisions
        Counter,
    dot3StatsExcessiveCollisions
        Counter,
    dot3StatsInternalMacTransmitErrors
        Counter,
    dot3StatsCarrierSenseErrors
        Counter,
    dot3StatsFrameTooLongs
        Counter,
    dot3StatsInternalMacReceiveErrors
        Counter
}

dot3StatsIndex    OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      INTEGER
    ACCESS      read-only
    STATUS      mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
        "An index value that uniquely identifies an
        interface to an ethernet-like medium.  The
        interface identified by a particular value of
        this index is the same interface as identified
        by the same value of ifIndex."
    ::= { dot3StatsEntry 1 }

dot3StatsAlignmentErrors    OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      Counter
    ACCESS      read-only
    STATUS      mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
        "A count of frames received on a particular

```

interface that are not an integral number of octets in length and do not pass the FCS check.

The count represented by an instance of this object is incremented when the alignmentError status is returned by the MAC service to the LLC (or other MAC user). Received frames for which multiple error conditions obtain are, according to the conventions of IEEE 802.3 Layer Management, counted exclusively according to the error status presented to the LLC."

REFERENCE

"IEEE 802.3 Layer Management"
::= { dot3StatsEntry 2 }

dot3StatsFCSErrors OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX Counter
ACCESS read-only
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION

"A count of frames received on a particular interface that are an integral number of octets in length but do not pass the FCS check.

The count represented by an instance of this object is incremented when the frameCheckError status is returned by the MAC service to the LLC (or other MAC user). Received frames for which multiple error conditions obtain are, according to the conventions of IEEE 802.3 Layer Management, counted exclusively according to the error status presented to the LLC."

REFERENCE

"IEEE 802.3 Layer Management"
::= { dot3StatsEntry 3 }

dot3StatsSingleCollisionFrames OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX Counter
ACCESS read-only
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION

"A count of successfully transmitted frames on a particular interface for which transmission is inhibited by exactly one collision.

A frame that is counted by an instance of this

object is also counted by the corresponding instance of either the ifOutUcastPkts or ifOutNUcastPkts object and is not counted by the corresponding instance of the dot3StatsMultipleCollisionFrames object."

REFERENCE

"IEEE 802.3 Layer Management"

::= { dot3StatsEntry 4 }

dot3StatsMultipleCollisionFrames OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX Counter

ACCESS read-only

STATUS mandatory

DESCRIPTION

"A count of successfully transmitted frames on a particular interface for which transmission is inhibited by more than one collision.

A frame that is counted by an instance of this object is also counted by the corresponding instance of either the ifOutUcastPkts or ifOutNUcastPkts object and is not counted by the corresponding instance of the dot3StatsSingleCollisionFrames object."

REFERENCE

"IEEE 802.3 Layer Management"

::= { dot3StatsEntry 5 }

dot3StatsSQETestErrors OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX Counter

ACCESS read-only

STATUS mandatory

DESCRIPTION

"A count of times that the SQE TEST ERROR message is generated by the PLS sublayer for a particular interface. The SQE TEST ERROR message is defined in [section 7.2.2.2.4](#) of ANSI/IEEE 802.3-1985 and its generation is described in [section 7.2.4.6](#) of the same document."

REFERENCE

"ANSI/IEEE Std 802.3-1985 Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Detection Access Method and Physical Layer Specifications"

::= { dot3StatsEntry 6 }

dot3StatsDeferredTransmissions OBJECT-TYPE
 SYNTAX Counter
 ACCESS read-only
 STATUS mandatory
 DESCRIPTION
 "A count of frames for which the first
 transmission attempt on a particular interface
 is delayed because the medium is busy.

 The count represented by an instance of this
 object does not include frames involved in
 collisions."
 REFERENCE
 "IEEE 802.3 Layer Management"
 ::= { dot3StatsEntry 7 }

dot3StatsLateCollisions OBJECT-TYPE
 SYNTAX Counter
 ACCESS read-only
 STATUS mandatory
 DESCRIPTION
 "The number of times that a collision is
 detected on a particular interface later than
 512 bit-times into the transmission of a
 packet.

 Five hundred and twelve bit-times corresponds
 to 51.2 microseconds on a 10 Mbit/s system. A
 (late) collision included in a count
 represented by an instance of this object is
 also considered as a (generic) collision for
 purposes of other collision-related
 statistics."
 REFERENCE
 "IEEE 802.3 Layer Management"
 ::= { dot3StatsEntry 8 }

dot3StatsExcessiveCollisions OBJECT-TYPE
 SYNTAX Counter
 ACCESS read-only
 STATUS mandatory
 DESCRIPTION
 "A count of frames for which transmission on a
 particular interface fails due to excessive
 collisions."

REFERENCE

"IEEE 802.3 Layer Management"
 ::= { dot3StatsEntry 9 }

dot3StatsInternalMacTransmitErrors OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX Counter
ACCESS read-only
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION

"A count of frames for which transmission on a particular interface fails due to an internal MAC sublayer transmit error. A frame is only counted by an instance of this object if it is not counted by the corresponding instance of either the dot3StatsLateCollisions object, the dot3StatsExcessiveCollisions object, or the dot3StatsCarrierSenseErrors object.

The precise meaning of the count represented by an instance of this object is implementation-specific. In particular, an instance of this object may represent a count of transmission errors on a particular interface that are not otherwise counted."

REFERENCE

"IEEE 802.3 Layer Management"
 ::= { dot3StatsEntry 10 }

dot3StatsCarrierSenseErrors OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX Counter
ACCESS read-only
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION

"The number of times that the carrier sense condition was lost or never asserted when attempting to transmit a frame on a particular interface.

The count represented by an instance of this object is incremented at most once per transmission attempt, even if the carrier sense condition fluctuates during a transmission attempt."

REFERENCE

"IEEE 802.3 Layer Management"
 ::= { dot3StatsEntry 11 }

-- { dot3StatsEntry 12 } is not assigned

dot3StatsFrameTooLongs OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX Counter

ACCESS read-only

STATUS mandatory

DESCRIPTION

"A count of frames received on a particular interface that exceed the maximum permitted frame size.

The count represented by an instance of this object is incremented when the frameTooLong status is returned by the MAC service to the LLC (or other MAC user). Received frames for which multiple error conditions obtain are, according to the conventions of IEEE 802.3 Layer Management, counted exclusively according to the error status presented to the LLC."

REFERENCE

"IEEE 802.3 Layer Management"

::= { dot3StatsEntry 13 }

-- { dot3StatsEntry 14 } is not assigned

-- { dot3StatsEntry 15 } is not assigned

dot3StatsInternalMacReceiveErrors OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX Counter

ACCESS read-only

STATUS mandatory

DESCRIPTION

"A count of frames for which reception on a particular interface fails due to an internal MAC sublayer receive error. A frame is only counted by an instance of this object if it is not counted by the corresponding instance of either the dot3StatsFrameTooLongs object, the dot3StatsAlignmentErrors object, or the dot3StatsFCSErrors object.

The precise meaning of the count represented by an instance of this object is implementation-specific. In particular, an instance of this object may represent a count of receive errors

on a particular interface that are not otherwise counted."

REFERENCE

"IEEE 802.3 Layer Management"
 ::= { dot3StatsEntry 16 }

4.2. The Ethernet-like Collision Statistics Group

-- the Ethernet-like Collision Statistics group
 -- Implementation of this group is optional; it is appropriate
 -- for all systems which have the necessary metering

dot3CollTable OBJECT-TYPE
 SYNTAX SEQUENCE OF Dot3CollEntry
 ACCESS not-accessible
 STATUS mandatory
 DESCRIPTION
 "A collection of collision histograms for a particular set of interfaces."
 ::= { dot3 5 }

dot3CollEntry OBJECT-TYPE
 SYNTAX Dot3CollEntry
 ACCESS not-accessible
 STATUS mandatory
 DESCRIPTION
 "A cell in the histogram of per-frame collisions for a particular interface. An instance of this object represents the frequency of individual MAC frames for which the transmission (successful or otherwise) on a particular interface is accompanied by a particular number of media collisions."
 INDEX { dot3CollIndex, dot3CollCount }
 ::= { dot3CollTable 1 }

Dot3CollEntry ::= SEQUENCE {
 dot3CollIndex
 INTEGER,
 dot3CollCount
 INTEGER,
 dot3CollFrequencies
 Counter

```
}
```

```
dot3CollIndex      OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX          INTEGER
    ACCESS           read-only
    STATUS           mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
        "The index value that uniquely identifies the
        interface to which a particular collision
        histogram cell pertains.  The interface
        identified by a particular value of this index
        is the same interface as identified by the same
        value of ifIndex."
    ::= { dot3CollEntry 1 }
```

```
dot3CollCount      OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX          INTEGER (1..16)
    ACCESS           read-only
    STATUS           mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
        "The number of per-frame media collisions for
        which a particular collision histogram cell
        represents the frequency on a particular
        interface."
    ::= { dot3CollEntry 2 }
```

```
dot3CollFrequencies OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX          Counter
    ACCESS           read-only
    STATUS           mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
        "A count of individual MAC frames for which the
        transmission (successful or otherwise) on a
        particular interface is accompanied by a
        particular number of media collisions."
    ::= { dot3CollEntry 3 }
```

4.3. 802.3 Tests

```
-- 802.3 Tests
```

```
-- The ifExtnsTestTable defined in RFC 1229 provides a common
-- means for a manager to test any interface corresponding to
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```
-- a value of ifIndex.

-- At this time, one well known test (testFullDuplexLoopBack) is
-- defined in RFC 1229. For ethernet-like interfaces, this test
-- configures the MAC chip and executes an internal loopback
-- test of memory and the MAC chip logic. This loopback test can
-- only be executed if the interface is offline. Once the test
-- has completed, the MAC chip should be reinitialized for network
-- operation, but it should remain offline.

-- If an error occurs during a test, the object ifExtnsTestResult
-- (defined in RFC 1229) will be set to failed(7). The following
-- two OBJECT IDENTIFIERS may be used to provide more
-- information as values for the object ifExtnsTestCode in
-- RFC 1229:

dot3Errors          OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { dot3 7 }

dot3ErrorInitError  -- couldn't initialize MAC chip for test
                   OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { dot3Errors 1 }

                   -- expected data not received (or not
                   -- received correctly) in loopback test
dot3ErrorLoopbackError OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { dot3Errors 2 }

-- Tests
--   TDR Test

-- Another test, specific to ethernet-like interfaces with the
-- exception of 10BaseT and 10BaseF, is Time-domain Reflectometry
-- (TDR).
-- The TDR value may be useful in determining the approximate
-- distance
-- to a cable fault. It is advisable to repeat this test to
-- check for
-- a consistent resulting TDR value, to verify that there is a
-- fault.

dot3Tests   OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { dot3 6 }
dot3TestTdr OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { dot3Tests 1 }

-- A TDR test returns as its result the time interval, measured
-- in 10 MHz ticks or 100 nsec units, between the start of
-- TDR test transmission and the subsequent detection of a
-- collision or deassertion of carrier. On successful completion
-- of a TDR test, the appropriate instance of ifExtnsTestResult
-- contains the OBJECT IDENTIFIER of the MIB object which
-- contains the value of this time interval.
```

4.4. 802.3 Hardware Chipsets

```
-- 802.3 Hardware Chipsets

-- The object ifExtnsChipSet is provided in RFC 1229 to identify
-- the MAC hardware used to communicate on an interface. The
-- following hardware chipsets are provided for 802.3:

dot3ChipSets          OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { dot3 8 }
dot3ChipSetAMD         OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { dot3ChipSets 1 }
dot3ChipSetAMD7990     OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { dot3ChipSetAMD 1 }
dot3ChipSetAMD79900    OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { dot3ChipSetAMD 2 }

dot3ChipSetIntel       OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { dot3ChipSets 2 }
dot3ChipSetIntel82586  OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { dot3ChipSetIntel 1 }
dot3ChipSetIntel82596  OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { dot3ChipSetIntel 2 }
dot3ChipSetSeeq        OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { dot3ChipSets 3 }
dot3ChipSetSeeq8003    OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { dot3ChipSetSeeq 1 }

dot3ChipSetNational    OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { dot3ChipSets 4 }
dot3ChipSetNational8390 OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::=
                                { dot3ChipSetNational 1 }
dot3ChipSetNationalSonic OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::=
                                { dot3ChipSetNational 2 }

dot3ChipSetFujitsu     OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { dot3ChipSets 5 }
dot3ChipSetFujitsu86950 OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::=
                                { dot3ChipSetFujitsu 1 }
dot3ChipSetFujitsu86960 OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::=
                                { dot3ChipSetFujitsu 2 }

-- For those chipsets not represented above, OBJECT IDENTIFIER
-- assignment is required in other documentation, e.g., assignment
-- within that part of the registration tree delegated to
-- individual enterprises (see RFC 1155).

END
```

5. Change Log

- (1) Replace old "Historical Perspective" boilerplate with the new "The Network Management Framework" boilerplate.
- (2) Remove the "slime text".
- (3) Updated the reference to the Interface Extensions mib to reflect its new RFC status.

- (4) Change the status of the memo section to hold the new suggested text.
- (5) References in ASN.1 comments were changed from the [#] form to name the actual document being referred to. These references are now meaningful when the ASN.1 is read outside of the RFC.
- (6) The IMPORTS section of the ASN.1 has been updated to reflect that the OBJECT-TYPE macro is imported from [RFC-1212](#).
- (7) The the Generic Ethernet-like group, containing dot3Index, dot3InitializeMac, dot3MacSubLayerStatus, dot3MulticastReceiveStatus, dot3TxEnabled, and dot3TestTdrValue has been deprecated as a result of the implementation experience presented at the San Diego IETF meeting.
- (8) dot3StatsInRangeLengthErrors and dot3StatsOutOfRangeLengthFields have been deprecated as a result of the implementation experience presented at the San Diego IETF meeting.
- (9) Update the acknowledgements section to reflect this document's history, etc.
- (10) REFERENCE clauses have been added to all of the MIB objects which are being retained.

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- (1) Removed all deprecated objects.
- (2) Rephrased the description of the TDR test OID to reflect the fact that dot3TestTdrValue is no more. ifExtnsTestResult still points to the object containing the result, the text simply does not refer to dot3TestTdrValue. I could have deleted the Test, but the OID should then remain reserved. I figured that it would be just as easy to rephrase the definition of the test.

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- (1) Add fuji. 86960

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This document is based on the Proposed Standard Ethernet MIB, [RFC 1284](#) [14], of which John Cook of Chipcom was the editor. The Ethernet MIB Working Group gathered implementation experience of the variables specified in [RFC 1284](#) and used that information to develop this revised MIB.

[RFC 1284](#), in turn, is based on a document written by Frank Kastenholz of Interlan entitled IEEE 802.3 Layer Management Draft M compatible MIB for TCP/IP Networks [10]. This document has been modestly reworked, initially by the SNMP Working Group, and then by the Transmission Working Group, to reflect the current conventions for defining objects for MIB interfaces. James Davin, of the MIT Laboratory for Computer Science, and Keith McCloghrie of Hughes LAN Systems, contributed to later drafts of this memo. Marshall Rose of Performance Systems International, Inc. converted the document into its current concise format. Anil Rijsinghani of DEC contributed text that more adequately describes the TDR test. Thanks to Frank Kastenholz of Interlan and Louis Steinberg of IBM for their experimentation.

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8. Security Considerations

Security issues are not discussed in this memo.

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