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## **1. Introduction**

This memo describes a Transport Security Model for the Simple Network Management Protocol, for use with secure Transport Models in the Transport Subsystem [[I-D.ietf-isms-tsm](#)].

This memo also 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 monitoring and managing the Transport Security Model for SNMP.

It is important to understand the SNMP architecture and the terminology of the architecture to understand where the Transport Security Model described in this memo fits into the architecture and interacts with other subsystems and models within the architecture. It is expected that reader will have also read and understood [RFC3411](#) [[RFC3411](#)], [RFC3412](#) [[RFC3412](#)], [RFC3413](#) [[RFC3413](#)], and [RFC3418](#) [[RFC3418](#)].

### **1.1. The Internet-Standard Management Framework**

For a detailed overview of the documents that describe the current Internet-Standard Management Framework, please refer to [section 7 of RFC 3410](#) [[RFC3410](#)].

Managed objects are accessed via a virtual information store, termed the Management Information Base or MIB. MIB objects are generally accessed through the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP). Objects in the MIB are defined using the mechanisms defined in the Structure of Management Information (SMI). This memo specifies a MIB module that is compliant to the SMIV2, which is described in STD 58, [RFC 2578](#) [[RFC2578](#)], STD 58, [RFC 2579](#) [[RFC2579](#)] and STD 58, [RFC 2580](#) [[RFC2580](#)].

### **1.2. Conventions**

For consistency with SNMP-related specifications, this document favors terminology as defined in STD62 rather than favoring terminology that is consistent with non-SNMP specifications that use different variations of the same terminology. This is consistent with the IESG decision to not require the SNMPv3 terminology be modified to match the usage of other non-SNMP specifications when SNMPv3 was advanced to Full Standard.

Authentication in this document typically refers to the English meaning of "serving to prove the authenticity of" the message, not data source authentication or peer identity authentication.

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The terms "manager" and "agent" are not used in this document, because in the [RFC 3411](#) architecture, all SNMP entities have the capability of acting as either manager or agent or both depending on the SNMP applications included in the engine. Where distinction is required, the application names of Command Generator, Command Responder, Notification Originator, Notification Receiver, and Proxy Forwarder are used. See "SNMP Applications" [[RFC3413](#)] for further information.

While security protocols frequently refer to a user, the terminology used in [RFC3411](#) [[RFC3411](#)] and in this memo is "principal". A principal is the "who" on whose behalf services are provided or processing takes place. A principal can be, among other things, an individual acting in a particular role; a set of individuals, with each acting in a particular role; an application or a set of applications, or a combination of these within an administrative domain.

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](#)].

### **1.3. Modularity**

The reader is expected to have read and understood the description of the SNMP architecture, as defined in [[RFC3411](#)], and the architecture extension specified in "Transport Subsystem for the Simple Network Management Protocol" [[I-D.ietf-isms-tsm](#)], which enables the use of external "lower layer transport" protocols to provide message security, tied into the SNMP architecture through the Transport Subsystem. The Transport Security Model is designed to work with such lower-layer secure Transport Models.

In keeping with the [RFC 3411](#) design decisions to use self-contained documents, this memo includes the elements of procedure plus associated MIB objects which are needed for processing the Transport Security Model for SNMP. These MIB objects SHOULD NOT be referenced in other documents. This allows the Transport Security Model to be designed and documented as independent and self-contained, having no direct impact on other modules, and allowing this module to be upgraded and supplemented as the need arises, and to move along the standards track on different time-lines from other modules.

This modularity of specification is not meant to be interpreted as imposing any specific requirements on implementation.

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#### **1.4. Motivation**

This memo describes a Security Model to make use of Transport Models that use lower layer secure transports and existing and commonly deployed security infrastructures. This Security Model is designed to meet the security and operational needs of network administrators, maximize usability in operational environments to achieve high deployment success and at the same time minimize implementation and deployment costs to minimize the time until deployment is possible.

#### **1.5. Constraints**

The design of this SNMP Security Model is also influenced by the following constraints:

1. In times of network stress, the security protocol and its underlying security mechanisms SHOULD NOT depend solely upon the ready availability of other network services (e.g., Network Time Protocol (NTP) or Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting (AAA) protocols).
2. When the network is not under stress, the Security Model and its underlying security mechanisms MAY depend upon the ready availability of other network services.
3. It may not be possible for the Security Model to determine when the network is under stress.
4. A Security Model should require no changes to the SNMP architecture.
5. A Security Model should require no changes to the underlying security protocol.

### **2. How the Transport Security Model Fits in the Architecture**

The Transport Security Model is designed to fit into the [RFC3411](#) architecture as a Security Model in the Security Subsystem, and to utilize the services of a secure Transport Model.

A cache, referenced by tmStateReference, is used to pass information between the Transport Security Model and a Transport Model, and vice versa. If the Transport Security Model is used with an insecure Transport Model, then the cache will not exist or not be populated with security parameters, which will cause the Transport Security Model to return an error (see [section 5.2](#)) If another Security Model (eg Community-based Security Model) is used with a secure Transport Model, then the cache may be populated but the other Security Model



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may be unaware of the cache and ignore its contents (eg deriving the securityName from the Community name in the message instead of deriving it from the tmSecurityName in the tmStateReference cache).

For incoming messages, a secure Transport Model creates a tmStateReference cache including a tmTransport, tmAddress, tmSecurityName and a tmTransportSecurityLevel, and it MAY include transport-specific information. The Transport Security Model will determine the security-model-independent securityName and securityLevel, and will verify that tmTransportSecurityLevel is at least as strong as the requested securityLevel. As with all security models, the securityName represents the principal on whose behalf a received SNMP message claims to have been generated. It is not possible to assure the specific principal that originated a received SNMP message; rather, it is the principal on whose behalf the message was originated that is authenticated.

For outgoing messages, the Transport Security Model creates a cache containing the transportDomain, transportAddress, and a tmSecurityName and tmRequestedSecurityLevel and passes the tmStateReference cache to the specified Transport Model.

To maintain the [RFC3411](#) modularity, the Transport Model does not know which securityModel will be used for an incoming message; the Message Processing Model will determine the securityModel to be used, in a Message Processing Model dependent manner.

## **[2.1.](#) Security Capabilities of this Model**

### **[2.1.1.](#) Threats**

The Transport Security Model, when used with suitable secure Transport Models, provides protection against the threats identified by the [RFC 3411](#) architecture [[RFC3411](#)].

Which threats are addressed depends on the Transport Model. The Transport Security Model does not address any threats itself, but delegates that responsibility to a secure Transport Model.

The Transport Security Model is called a Security Model to be compatible with the [RFC3411](#) architecture. However, this Security Model does not provide security mechanisms such as authentication and encryption itself, so it SHOULD always be used with a Transport Model that provides appropriate security.

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### **2.1.2. Security Levels**

The [RFC 3411](#) architecture recognizes three levels of security:

- without authentication and without privacy (noAuthNoPriv)
- with authentication but without privacy (authNoPriv)
- with authentication and with privacy (authPriv)

The model-independent securityLevel parameter is used to request specific levels of security for outgoing messages, and to assert that specific levels of security were applied during the transport and processing of incoming messages.

The transport layer algorithms used to provide security SHOULD NOT be exposed to the Transport Security Model, as the Transport Security Model has no mechanisms by which it can test whether an assertion made by a Transport Model is accurate.

The Transport Security Model trusts that the underlying secure transport connection has been properly configured to support security characteristics at least as strong as reported in tmTransportSecurityLevel.

### **2.2. No Sessions**

The Transport Security Model will associate state regarding each message and each known remote engine with a combination of transportDomain, transportAddress, securityName, securityModel, and securityLevel.

The Transport Security Model does not recognize sessions of any kind, although they may be supported by a transport model.

### **2.3. Coexistence**

There are two primary factors which determine whether Security Models can coexist. First, there must be a mechanism to select different Security Models at run-time. Second, the processing of one Security Model should not impact the processing of another Security Model.

In the [RFC3411](#) architecture, a Message Processing Model determines which Security Model should be called. As of this writing, IANA has registered four Message Processing Models (SNMPv1, SNMPv2c, SNMPv2u/SNMPv2\*, and SNMPv3) and three other Security Models (SNMPv1, SNMPv2c, and the User-based Security Model).



The SNMPv1 and SNMPv2c message processing described in [RFC3584](#) ([BCP 74](#)) [[RFC3584](#)] always selects the SNMPv1(1) Security Model for an SNMPv1 message, or the SNMPv2c(2) Security Model for an SNMPv2c message. Since there is no field in the message format that permits specifying a Security Model, [RFC3584](#) message processing does not permit the selection of Security Models other than SNMPv1 or SNMPv2. Therefore, SNMPv1 or SNMPv2c messages that go through the SNMPv1 or SNMPv2 Message Processing Models **\*\*as defined in [RFC3584](#)\*\*** cannot use the Transport Security Model. (This does not mean an SNMPv1 or SNMPv2 message cannot use a secure transport model, only that the [RFC3584](#) Message Processing Model will not invoke this security model.)

The SNMPv2u/SNMPv2\* Message Processing Model is a historic artifact for which there is no existing IETF specification.

The SNMPv3 message processing defined in [RFC3412](#) [[RFC3412](#)], extracts the securityModel from the msgSecurityModel field of an incoming SNMPv3Message. When the extracted value of msgSecurityModel is transportSecurityModel(YY), security processing is directed to the Transport Security Model. For an outgoing message to be secured using the Transport Security Model, msgSecurityModel should be set to transportSecurityModel(YY).

[-- NOTE to RFC editor: replace YY with actual IANA-assigned number, and remove this note. ]

The Transport Security Model uses its own MIB module for processing to maintain independence from other Security Models. This allows the Transport Security Model to coexist with other Security Models, such as the User-based Security Model.

Note that the Transport Security Model may work with multiple Transport Models, but the isAccessAllowed() application service interfaces (ASI) only accepts a value for the Security Model, not for Transport Models. As a result, it is not possible to have different access control rules for different Transport Models that use the Transport Security Model.

The MIB module defined in this memo allows an administrator to configure the Transport Security Model to disable support for specific transport models.

#### **[2.4.](#) Security Parameter Passing**

For outgoing messages, the Transport Security Model uses parameters provided by the SNMP application to lookup or create an entry in the SNMP-TSM-MIB. From such an entry, the Transport Security Model



creates a `tmStateReference`. The `wholeMsg` and the `tmStateReference` are passed to the appropriate Transport Model through a series of ASIs, as described in "Transport Subsystem for the Simple Network Management Protocol" [[I-D.ietf-isms-tsm](#)].

For incoming messages, a transport model accepts messages from the lower layer transport, and records the transport-related information and security-related information, including a human-readable name that represents the transport-authenticated identity, and a `securityLevel` that represents the security features provided during transport, in an implementation-dependent manner. From this information, the transport model creates a `tmStateReference` to pass to whichever security model is selected by the Message Processing Model. The `wholeMsg` and the `tmStateReference` are passed to the appropriate Security Model through a series of ASIs, as described in "Transport Subsystem for the Simple Network Management Protocol" [[I-D.ietf-isms-tsm](#)].

## **2.5. Notifications and Proxy**

The SNMP-TARGET-MIB module [[RFC3413](#)] contains objects for defining management targets, including `transportDomain`, `transportAddress`, `securityName`, `securityModel`, and `securityLevel` parameters, for applications such as notifications and proxy. Transport type and address are configured in the `snmpTargetAddrTable`, and the `securityModel`, `securityName`, and `securityLevel` parameters are configured in the `snmpTargetParamsTable`.

The default approach is for an administrator to statically configure this information to identify the targets authorized to receive notifications or perform proxy.

These parameters are passed to the security model using the appropriate ASIs. The Transport Security Model will use the parameters to determine how to create the appropriate `tmStateReference` for the selected transport model.

## **3. Cached Information and References**

The [RFC3411](#) architecture uses caches to store dynamic model-specific information, and uses references in the ASIs to indicate in a model-independent manner which cached information must flow between subsystems.

There are two levels of state that may need to be maintained: the security state in a request-response pair, and potentially long-term state relating to transport and security. This document describes caches, and differentiates the `tmStateReference` from the



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securityStateReference, but how this is represented internally is an implementation decision.

As a general rule, if state information is available when a message being processed gets discarded, the state related to that message should also be discarded, and if state information is available when a relationship between engines is severed, such as the closing of a transport connection, the state information for that relationship might also be discarded.

### **3.1. tmStateReference**

For each transport model, model- and mechanism-specific parameters for the transport security need to be stored in a local configuration datastore. Since the contents of this datastore are meaningful only within an implementation, and not on-the-wire, the format of this storage is implementation-specific.

To enable a security model to correlate the identity used by specific transport-model and the model-independent identity referenced by applications, a mapping is provided in the MIB module defined in this memo. A human-readable string representing the transport-specific identity is passed in the tmStateReference between a transport model and a security model.

For security reasons, the Transport Security Model **REQUIRES** that the security parameters used for a response are the same as those used for the corresponding request, and passes a tmSameSecurity parameter in the tmStateReference cache for outgoing messages to indicate that the same security **MUST** be used for the outgoing response as was used for the corresponding incoming request. It is transport-model-dependent and implementation-dependent how this is ensured at the transport layer.

### **3.2. securityStateReference**

The securityStateReference parameter is defined in [RFC3411](#). Its primary purpose is to provide a mapping between a request and the corresponding response. A sample model-specific cache can be found in [RFC3414](#) [[RFC3414](#)].

Transport models do not have access to the securityStateReference. For the Transport Security Model, it is important to ensure that the security parameters used for a request match those used for the corresponding response. The Transport Security Model will conceptually add the tmStateReference to the securityStateReference cache, so the transport model can map transport-specific security parameters for a request to its corresponding response. How the

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tmStateReference is added to the securityStateReference is implementation-specific.

#### **4. Processing an Outgoing Message**

An error indication may return an OID and value for an incremented counter and a value for securityLevel, and values for contextEngineID and contextName for the counter, and the securityStateReference if the information is available at the point where the error is detected.

##### **4.1. Security Processing for an Outgoing Message**

This section describes the procedure followed by the Transport Security Model.

The parameters needed for generating a message are supplied to the Security Model by the Message Processing Model via the generateRequestMsg() or the generateResponseMsg() ASI. The Transport Subsystem architectural extension has added the transportDomain, transportAddress, and tmStateReference parameters to the original [RFC3411](#) ASIs.

```
statusInformation =                -- success or errorIndication
    generateRequestMsg(
        IN  messageProcessingModel  -- typically, SNMP version
        IN  globalData              -- message header, admin data
        IN  maxMessageSize          -- of the sending SNMP entity
        IN  transportDomain         -- (NEW) specified by application
        IN  transportAddress        -- (NEW) specified by application
        IN  securityModel           -- for the outgoing message
        IN  securityEngineID        -- authoritative SNMP entity
        IN  securityName            -- on behalf of this principal
        IN  securityLevel           -- Level of Security requested
        IN  scopedPDU              -- message (plaintext) payload
        OUT securityParameters      -- filled in by Security Module
        OUT wholeMsg               -- complete generated message
        OUT wholeMsgLength          -- length of generated message
        OUT tmStateReference        -- (NEW) transport info
    )
```

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```
statusInformation = -- success or errorIndication
    generateResponseMsg(
        IN  messageProcessingModel  -- typically, SNMP version
        IN  globalData              -- message header, admin data
        IN  maxMessageSize          -- of the sending SNMP entity
        IN  transportDomain         -- (NEW) specified by application
        IN  transportAddress        -- (NEW) specified by application
        IN  securityModel           -- for the outgoing message
        IN  securityEngineID        -- authoritative SNMP entity
        IN  securityName            -- on behalf of this principal
        IN  securityLevel           -- Level of Security requested
        IN  scopedPDU              -- message (plaintext) payload
        IN  securityStateReference  -- reference to security state
                                   -- information from original
                                   -- request
        OUT securityParameters      -- filled in by Security Module
        OUT wholeMsg               -- complete generated message
        OUT wholeMsgLength         -- length of generated message
        OUT tmStateReference       -- (NEW) transport info
    )
```

#### **4.2. Elements of Procedure for Outgoing Messages**

1) If there is a securityStateReference, then this is a response message. Extract transportDomain, transportAddress, securityName, securityLevel, securityModel, and tmStateReference from the securityStateReference cache. Set the tmRequestedSecurityLevel to the value of the extracted securityLevel. The cachedSecurityData for this message can now be discarded. Set the tmSameSecurity parameter in the tmStateReference cache to true.

2) If there is no securityStateReference, lookup the transportDomain in the snmpTsmLCDTransformTable. If there is no entry in snmpTsmLCDTransformTable corresponding to the specified transportDomain, or the corresponding value of snmpTsmLCDPolicy is set to disable, then the snmpTsmInvalidDomain counter is incremented, an error indication is returned to the calling module, and Security Model processing stops for this message.

3) If there is no securityStateReference, use the provided parameters to lookup or create an associated entry in the snmpTsmLCDTable. Create a tmStateReference cache with tmSecurityName set to the value of securityName, tmRequestedSecurityLevel set to the value of securityLevel, tmSameSecurity set to false, and tmTransportIdentity set to the value of snmpTsmLCDTmSecurityName.

4) Fill in the securityParameters with a zero-length OCTET STRING ('0400').

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5) Combine the message parts into a wholeMsg and calculate wholeMsgLength.

6) The wholeMsg, wholeMsgLength, securityParameters and tmStateReference are returned to the calling Message Processing Model with the statusInformation set to success.

## **5. Processing an Incoming SNMP Message**

An error indication may return an OID and value for an incremented counter and a value for securityLevel, and values for contextEngineID and contextName for the counter, and the securityStateReference if the information is available at the point where the error is detected.

### **5.1. Security Processing for an Incoming Message**

This section describes the procedure followed by the Transport Security Model whenever it receives an incoming message from a Message Processing Model. The ASI from a Message Processing Model to the Security Subsystem for a received message is:

```
statusInformation =  -- errorIndication or success
                    -- error counter OID/value if error

processIncomingMsg(
  IN  messageProcessingModel  -- typically, SNMP version
  IN  maxMessageSize         -- from the received message
  IN  securityParameters     -- from the received message
  IN  securityModel          -- from the received message
  IN  securityLevel          -- from the received message
  IN  wholeMsg               -- as received on the wire
  IN  wholeMsgLength         -- length as received on the wire
  IN  tmStateReference       -- (NEW) from the Transport Model
  OUT securityEngineID       -- authoritative SNMP entity
  OUT securityName           -- identification of the principal
  OUT scopedPDU,             -- message (plaintext) payload
  OUT maxSizeResponseScopedPDU -- maximum size sender can handle
  OUT securityStateReference  -- reference to security state
  )                          -- information, needed for response
```

### **5.2. Elements of Procedure for Incoming Messages**

1) Set the securityEngineID to the local snmpEngineID.

2) If tmStateReference does not refer to a cache containing values for tmSecurityName and tmTransportSecurityLevel, then the snmpTsmInvalidCaches counter is incremented, an error indication is returned to the calling module, and Security Model processing stops



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for this message.

3) If there is no entry in `snmpTsmLCDTransformTable` corresponding to the domain specified in `tmTransportDomain`, or the corresponding value of `snmpTsmLCDPolicy` is set to disable, then the `snmpTsmInvalidDomain` counter is incremented, an error indication together with the OID and value of the incremented counter is returned to the calling module, and Transport Security Model processing stops for this message.

4) Set `securityName` to the value of `tmSecurityName` from the cache referenced by `tmStateReference`.

5) Compare the value of `tmTransportSecurityLevel` in the `tmStateReference` cache to the value of the `securityLevel` parameter passed in the `processIncomingMsg` ASI. If `securityLevel` specifies privacy (Priv), and `tmTransportSecurityLevel` specifies no privacy (noPriv), or `securityLevel` specifies authentication (auth) and `tmTransportSecurityLevel` specifies no authentication (noAuth) was provided by the Transport Model, then the `snmpTsmInadequateSecurityLevels` counter is incremented, and an error indication (`unsupportedSecurityLevel`) together with the OID and value of the incremented counter is returned to the calling module. Transport Security Model processing stops for this message.

6) The security data is cached as `cachedSecurityData`, so that a possible response to this message will use the same security parameters. Then `securityStateReference` is set for subsequent reference to this cached data. For Transport Security Model, the `securityStateReference` includes a reference to the `tmStateReference` cache.

7) The `scopedPDU` component is extracted from the `wholeMsg`.

8) The `maxSizeResponseScopedPDU` is calculated. This is the maximum size allowed for a `scopedPDU` for a possible Response message.

9) Using the values of `tmTransportDomain`, `tmTransportAddress`, `tmSecurityName`, and `tmTransportSecurityLevel`, determine if a corresponding entry exists in the `snmpTsmLCDTable`. If not, create an entry. If the `snmpTsmLCDTransformPolicy` associated with the `transportDomain` is default, set the `snmpTsmLCDTmSecurityName` to the same value as `snmpTsmLCDSecurityName`. If the `snmpTsmLCDTransformPolicy` associated with the `transportDomain` is private, set the `snmpTsmLCDTmSecurityName` to the value provided by the private algorithm.

10) The `statusInformation` is set to success and a return is made to the calling module passing back the OUT parameters as specified in

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the processIncomingMsg ASI.

## **6. MIB Module Overview**

This MIB module provides management of the Transport Security Model. It defines some needed textual conventions, some statistics, and an LCD for use by the Transport Security Model.

### **6.1. Structure of the MIB Module**

Objects in this MIB module are arranged into subtrees. Each subtree is organized as a set of related objects. The overall structure and assignment of objects to their subtrees, and the intended purpose of each subtree, is shown below.

### **6.2. The snmpTsmStats Subtree**

This subtree contains counters specific to the Transport Security Model, that provide information for identifying fault conditions.

### **6.3. The snmpTsmLCD Subtree**

This subtree contains transform policies and mappings between the model-independent parameters used by snmp applications, and the model-specific parameters used by transport models.

### **6.4. Relationship to Other MIB Modules**

Some management objects defined in other MIB modules are applicable to an entity implementing the Transport Security Model. In particular, it is assumed that an entity implementing the Transport Security Model will implement the SNMPv2-MIB [[RFC3418](#)] and the SNMP-FRAMEWORK-MIB [[RFC3411](#)].

#### **6.4.1. Relationship to the SNMPv2-MIB**

The 'system' group in the SNMPv2-MIB [[RFC3418](#)] is defined as being mandatory for all systems, and the objects apply to the entity as a whole. The 'system' group provides identification of the management entity and certain other system-wide data. The snmpInASNParseErrs counter is incremented during the elements of procedure. The SNMP-TSM-MIB does not duplicate those objects.

#### **6.4.2. Relationship to the SNMP-FRAMEWORK-MIB**

The SNMP-FRAMEWORK-MIB provides definitions for the concepts of SnmpEngineID, enumeration of Message Processing Models, Security Models and Security Levels, and object definitions for snmpEngineID

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These are important for implementing the Transport Security Model, but are not needed to implement the SNMP-TSM-MIB.

#### **6.4.3. MIB Modules Required for IMPORTS**

The following MIB module imports items from [[RFC2578](#)], [[RFC2579](#)], [[RFC2580](#)], [[RFC3411](#)], and [[RFC3419](#)].

#### **7. MIB module definition**

SNMP-TSM-MIB DEFINITIONS ::= BEGIN

IMPORTS

```
MODULE-IDENTITY, OBJECT-TYPE,
mib-2, Counter32
    FROM SNMPv2-SMI
MODULE-COMPLIANCE, OBJECT-GROUP
    FROM SNMPv2-CONF
TestAndIncr,
RowStatus, StorageType
    FROM SNMPv2-TC
SnmAdminString, SnmpSecurityLevel
    FROM SNMP-FRAMEWORK-MIB
TransportDomain, TransportAddress
    FROM TRANSPORT-ADDRESS-MIB
;
```

snmpTsmMIB MODULE-IDENTITY

```
LAST-UPDATED "200807100000Z"
ORGANIZATION "ISMS Working Group"
CONTACT-INFO "WG-EMail:  isms@lists.ietf.org
                Subscribe:  isms-request@lists.ietf.org"
```

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DESCRIPTION "The Transport Security Model MIB

In keeping with the [RFC 3411](#) design decisions to use self-contained documents, the RFC which contains the definition of this MIB module also includes the elements of procedure which are needed for processing the Transport Security Model for SNMP. These MIB objects SHOULD NOT be modified via other subsystems or models defined in other document.. This allows the Transport Security Model for SNMP to be designed and documented as independent and self- contained, having no direct impact on other modules, and this allows this module to be upgraded and supplemented as the need arises, and to move along the standards track on different time-lines from other modules.

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::= { mib-2 xxxx }

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```
-- -----
-- subtrees in the SNMP-TSM-MIB
-- -----

snmpTsmNotifications OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { snmpTsmMIB 0 }
snmpTsmMIBObjects     OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { snmpTsmMIB 1 }
snmpTsmConformance    OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { snmpTsmMIB 2 }

-- -----
-- Objects
-- -----

-- Statistics for the Transport Security Model

snmpTsmStats           OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { snmpTsmMIBObjects 1 }

snmpTsmInvalidCaches OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      Counter32
    MAX-ACCESS   read-only
    STATUS       current
    DESCRIPTION  "The number of messages dropped because the
                  tmStateReference referred to an invalid cache.
                  "
    ::= { snmpTsmStats 1 }

snmpTsmInadequateSecurityLevels OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      Counter32
    MAX-ACCESS   read-only
    STATUS       current
    DESCRIPTION  "The number of incoming messages dropped because
                  the securityLevel asserted by the transport model was
                  less than the securityLevel requested by the
                  application.
                  "
    ::= { snmpTsmStats 2 }

snmpTsmInvalidDomains OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      Counter32
    MAX-ACCESS   read-only
    STATUS       current
    DESCRIPTION  "The number of messages dropped because the
                  specified transport domain is not supported or is
                  disabled.
                  "
    ::= { snmpTsmStats 3 }

-- The snmpTsmLCD Group *****
```



snmpTsmLCD OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { snmpTsmMIBObjects 2 }

snmpTsmLCDSpinLock OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX TestAndIncr

MAX-ACCESS read-write

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION "An advisory lock used to allow several cooperating  
Command Generator Applications to coordinate their  
use of facilities to alter the snmpTsmLCDTable.  
"

::= { snmpTsmLCD 1 }

-- The table of domains for the Transport Security Model

snmpTsmLCDDomainTable OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX SEQUENCE OF SnmpTsmLCDDomainEntry

MAX-ACCESS not-accessible

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION "The table of transform policies.

This table is automatically populated by the snmp  
engine, creating a conceptual row for each transport  
model supported by the engine.  
"

::= { snmpTsmLCD 2 }

snmpTsmLCDTransformEntry OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX SnmpTsmLCDTransformEntry

MAX-ACCESS not-accessible

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION "Each entry specifies a transform policy for  
automatically converting between  
snmpTsmLCDTmSecurityNames and  
snmpTsmLCDSecurityNames. These policies are  
meant to be administratively assigned. In the absence  
of an assigned policy, the default transform will be  
used.

The Transport Security Model uses the TransportDomain  
index to identify a transport model. The Policy object  
specifies which policy should be applied to the  
transforms related to the corresponding transport  
model.  
"

INDEX { snmpTsmLCDTransformTransportDomain  
}

::= { snmpTsmLCDTransformTable 1 }



SnmpTsmLCDTransformEntry ::= SEQUENCE

```
{
    snmpTsmLCDTransformTransportDomain TransportDomain,
    snmpTsmLCDTransformPolicy             INTEGER
}
```

snmpTsmLCDTransformTransportDomain OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX TransportDomain

MAX-ACCESS not-accessible

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"This object indicates the transport type of the address which the Transport Security Model uses to select a transport model. Thus, this domain is used to indicate the policy to be used with different transport models."

::= { snmpTsmLCDTransformEntry 1 }

snmpTsmLCDTransformPolicy OBJECT-TYPE

```
SYNTAX      INTEGER { default(1),
                      private(2),
                      disable(3)
                    }
```

MAX-ACCESS read-write

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"The policy that should be used to perform transforms between the transport model specific identity and the transport model independent securityName.

default (1) - for incoming messages, the value passed in the tmSecurityName field of tmStateReference is assigned to both snmpTsmLCDSecurityName and snmpTsmLCDTmSecurityName. For outgoing messages, the value passed in securityName is assigned to both snmpTsmLCDSecurityName and snmpTsmLCDTmSecurityName.

private (2) - use an implementation-specific mapping algorithm for the transform. If the algorithm does not yield a mapping, no entry should be created for the identity in the snmpTsmLCDTable. It is implementation-dependent whether a private algorithm is supported.

disable (3) - do not allow a specific transport model to be used.

"

DEFVAL { default }

::= { snmpTsmLCDTransformEntry 2 }

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-- The table of users for the Transport Security Model  
 -- This table can support users of multiple transport models

```
snmpTsmLCDTable      OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX            SEQUENCE OF SnmpTsmLCDEntry
    MAX-ACCESS        not-accessible
    STATUS            current
    DESCRIPTION      "The table of users configured in the SNMP engine's
                      Local Configuration Datastore (LCD).

                      Rows in this table can be instantiated when an
                      authenticated identity is passed to the Transport
                      Security Model by a transport model, and they can be
                      instantiated by a command generator.

                      To instantiate a new row in this table, the
                      snmpTsmLCDSpinLock should be used to prevent conflicts.

                      1) GET(snmpTsmLCDSpinLock.0) and save in sValue.

                      2) SET(snmpTsmLCDSpinLock.0=sValue,
                           snmpTsmLCDTransportDomain=(desired value),
                           snmpTsmLCDTransportAddress=(desired value),
                           snmpTsmLCDSecurityName=(desired value),
                           snmpTsmLCDSecurityLevel=(desired value),
                           snmpTsmLCDTmSecurityName=(desired value),
                           snmpTsmLCDStorageType=(desired value),
                           snmpTsmLCDStatus=createAndGo)

                      "
 ::= { snmpTsmLCD 3 }
```

```
snmpTsmLCDEntry      OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX            SnmpTsmLCDEntry
    MAX-ACCESS        not-accessible
    STATUS            current
    DESCRIPTION      "A user configured in the Local
                      Configuration Datastore (LCD) for the Transport
                      Security Model.

                      To maintain modularity of design, and to avoid
                      side-effects, only the Transport Security Model
                      (or a SET operation) should modify this table.
                      In particular, transport models should not
                      directly manipulate values in this table.

                      "
    INDEX            { snmpTsmLCDTransportDomain,
                      snmpTsmLCDTransportAddress,
                      snmpTsmLCDSecurityName,
```



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```

        snmpTsmLCDSecurityLevel
    }
    ::= { snmpTsmLCDTable 1 }

```

SnmpTsmLCDEntry ::= SEQUENCE

```

{
    snmpTsmLCDTransportDomain TransportDomain,
    snmpTsmLCDTransportAddress TransportAddress,
    snmpTsmLCDSecurityName      SnmpAdminString,
    snmpTsmLCDSecurityLevel     SnmpSecurityLevel,
    snmpTsmLCDTmSecurityName    SnmpAdminString,
    snmpTsmLCDStorageType       StorageType,
    snmpTsmLCDRowStatus         RowStatus
}

```

snmpTsmLCDTransportDomain OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX TransportDomain

MAX-ACCESS not-accessible

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"This object indicates the transport type of the address  
contained in the snmpTsmLCDTransportAddress object."

::= { snmpTsmLCDEntry 1 }

snmpTsmLCDTransportAddress OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX TransportAddress

MAX-ACCESS not-accessible

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"This object contains a transport address. The format of  
this address depends on the value of the  
snmpTsmLCDTransportDomain object."

::= { snmpTsmLCDEntry 2 }

snmpTsmLCDSecurityName OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX SnmpAdminString (SIZE(1..32))

MAX-ACCESS not-accessible

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION "A human readable string representing the user in  
Security Model independent format.

The default transformation of the Transport Security  
Model dependent security ID to the securityName and  
vice versa is the identity function so that the  
securityName is the same as the LCDTmSecurityName.

[TODO]

"

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```
::= { snmpTsmLCDEntry 3 }
```

snmpTsmLCDSecurityLevel OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX SnmpSecurityLevel

MAX-ACCESS not-accessible

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION "A value representing whether the transport  
protocol provides authentication and privacy services  
for the specified UserName  
"

```
::= { snmpTsmLCDEntry 4 }
```

snmpTsmLCDTmSecurityName OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX SnmpAdminString

MAX-ACCESS read-create

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION "A human readable string passed between the security  
model and the transport model.  
"

```
::= { snmpTsmLCDEntry 5 }
```

snmpTsmLCDStorageType OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX StorageType

MAX-ACCESS read-create

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION "The storage type for this conceptual row.

Conceptual rows having the value readOnly, permanent,  
or nonVolatile must persist across reinitializations of  
the management subsystem.

Conceptual rows having the value 'volatile' must not  
persist across reinitializations of the management  
subsystem.

It is an implementation issue to decide if a SET for  
a readOnly or permanent row is accepted at all. In  
some contexts this may make sense, in others it may  
not. If a SET for a readOnly or permanent row is not  
accepted at all, then a 'wrongValue' error must be  
returned.

"

DEFVAL { volatile }

```
::= { snmpTsmLCDEntry 6 }
```

snmpTsmLCDRowStatus OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX RowStatus

MAX-ACCESS read-create

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STATUS current

DESCRIPTION "The status of this conceptual row.

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

The snmpTsmLCDTmSecurityName value should only be changed when the value of this object is 'active'.

"

::= { snmpTsmLCDEntry 7 }

-----  
-- snmpTsmMIB - Conformance Information  
-----

snmpTsmCompliances OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { snmpTsmConformance 1 }

snmpTsmGroups OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { snmpTsmConformance 2 }

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

snmpTsmCompliance MODULE-COMPLIANCE

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"The compliance statement for SNMP engines that support the SNMP-TSM-MIB"

MODULE

MANDATORY-GROUPS { snmpTsmGroup }

::= { snmpTsmCompliances 1 }

-----  
-- Units of conformance  
-----

snmpTsmGroup OBJECT-GROUP

OBJECTS {

snmpTsmInvalidCaches,  
snmpTsmInadequateSecurityLevels,  
snmpTsmInvalidDomains,  
snmpTsmLCDTransformPolicy,  
snmpTsmLCDSpinLock,  
snmpTsmLCDTmSecurityName,  
snmpTsmLCDStorageType,  
snmpTsmLCDRowStatus

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```
}  
STATUS      current  
DESCRIPTION "A collection of objects for maintaining  
            information of an SNMP engine which implements  
            the SNMP Transport Security Model.  
            "  
  
 ::= { snmpTsmGroups 2 }
```

END

## **8. Security Considerations**

This document describes a Security Model that permits SNMP to utilize security services provided through an SNMP Transport Model. The Transport Security Model relies on Transport Models for mutual authentication, binding of keys, confidentiality and integrity. The security threats and how those threats are mitigated should be covered in detail in the specification of the Transport Model and the underlying secure transport.

Transport Security Model relies on a Transport Model to provide an authenticated principal for mapping to securityName, and an assertion of tmTransportSecurityLevel.

The Transport Security Model is called a Security Model to be compatible with the [RFC3411](#) architecture. However, this Security Model provides no security itself. It SHOULD always be used with a Transport Model that provides security, but this is a run-time decision of the operator or management application, or a configuration decision of an operator.

### **8.1. MIB module security**

There are a number of management objects defined in this MIB module with a MAX-ACCESS clause of read-write and/or read-create. Such objects may be considered sensitive or vulnerable in some network environments. The support for SET operations in a non-secure environment without proper protection can have a negative effect on network operations. These are the tables and objects and their sensitivity/vulnerability:

- o The snmpTsmLCDTransformTable objects could be modified to disable valid domains, creating a denial of service, or to enable a transport model that was disabled by an authorized administrator.





- o The `snmpTsmLCDTable` could be modified to map an authenticated identity to a `securityName` that has greater authorization than the principal should be permitted.

Some of the readable objects in this MIB module (i.e., objects with a MAX-ACCESS other than not-accessible) may be considered sensitive or vulnerable in some network environments. It is thus important to control even GET and/or NOTIFY access to these objects and possibly to even encrypt the values of these objects when sending them over the network via SNMP. These are the tables and objects and their sensitivity/vulnerability:

- o `snmpTsmInvalidCaches` and `snmpTsmInadequateSecurityLevels` and `snmpTsmInvalidDomains` may make it easier for an attacker to detect vulnerabilities.

SNMP versions prior to SNMPv3 did not include adequate security. Even if the network itself is secure (for example by using IPsec), even then, there is no control as to who on the secure network is allowed to access and GET/SET (read/change/create/delete) the objects in this MIB module.

It is RECOMMENDED that implementers consider the security features as provided by the SNMPv3 framework (see [\[RFC3410\] section 8](#)), including full support for the USM and Transport Security Model cryptographic mechanisms (for authentication and privacy).

Further, deployment of SNMP versions prior to SNMPv3 is NOT RECOMMENDED. Instead, it is RECOMMENDED to deploy SNMPv3 and to enable cryptographic security. It is then a customer/operator responsibility to ensure that the SNMP entity giving access to an instance of this MIB module is properly configured to give access to the objects only to those principals (users) that have legitimate rights to indeed GET or SET (change/create/delete) them.

## 9. IANA Considerations

[DISCUSS: should we have default ports for request/response traffic and for notifications?]

IANA is requested to assign:

1. an SMI number under `mib-2`, for the MIB module in this document,
2. a value, preferably 4, to identify the Transport Security Model, in the Security Models registry at <http://www.iana.org/assignments/snmp-number-spaces>. This should result in the following table of values:



Value	Description	References
-----	-----	-----
0	reserved for 'any'	[ <a href="#">RFC3411</a> ]
1	reserved for SNMPv1	[ <a href="#">RFC3411</a> ]
2	reserved for SNMPv2c	[ <a href="#">RFC3411</a> ]
3	User-Based Security Model (USM)	[ <a href="#">RFC3411</a> ]
YY	Transport Security Model (TSM)	[RFCXXXX]

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## **[Appendix A.](#) Notification Tables Configuration**

The SNMP-TARGET-MIB and SNMP-NOTIFICATION-MIB [[RFC3413](#)] are used to configure notification originators with the destinations to which notifications should be sent.

Most of the configuration is security-model-independent and transport-model-independent.

The values we will use in the examples for the five model-independent security and transport parameters are:

```
transportDomain = snmpSSHDomain
```

```
transportAddress = 192.0.2.1:162
```



```
securityModel = Transport Security Model
```

```
securityName = sampleUser
```

```
securityLevel = authPriv
```

The following example will configure the Notification Originator to send informs to a Notification Receiver at host 192.0.2.1 port 162 using the securityName "sampleUser". The columns marked with a "\*" are the items that are Security Model or Transport Model specific.

The configuration for the "sampleUser" settings in the SNMP-VIEW-BASED-ACM-MIB objects are not shown here for brevity. First we configure which type of notification should be sent for this taglist (toCRTag). In this example, we choose to send an Inform.

```
snmpNotifyTable row:
```

snmpNotifyName	CRNotif
snmpNotifyTag	toCRTag
snmpNotifyType	inform
snmpNotifyStorageType	nonVolatile
snmpNotifyColumnStatus	createAndGo

Then we configure a transport address to which notifications associated with this taglist should be sent, and we specify which snmpTargetParamsEntry should be used (toCR) when sending to this transport address.

```
snmpTargetAddrTable row:
```

	snmpTargetAddrName	toCRAddr
*	snmpTargetAddrTDomain	snmpSSHDomain
	snmpTargetAddrTAddress	192.0.2.1:162
	snmpTargetAddrTimeout	1500
	snmpTargetAddrRetryCount	3
	snmpTargetAddrTagList	toCRTag
	snmpTargetAddrParams	toCR (must match below)
	snmpTargetAddrStorageType	nonVolatile
	snmpTargetAddrColumnStatus	createAndGo

Then we configure which principal at the host should receive the notifications associated with this taglist. Here we choose "sampleUser", who uses the Transport Security Model.





```

snmpTargetParamsTable row:
    snmpTargetParamsName          toCR
    snmpTargetParamsMPModel       SNMPv3
*   snmpTargetParamsSecurityModel TransportSecurityModel
    snmpTargetParamsSecurityName  "sampleUser"
    snmpTargetParamsSecurityLevel authPriv
    snmpTargetParamsStorageType   nonVolatile
    snmpTargetParamsRowStatus     createAndGo

```

### **A.1. Transport Security Model Processing for Notifications**

The Transport Security Model is called using the generateRequestMsg() ASI, with the following parameters (\* are from the above tables):

```

statusInformation =          -- success or errorIndication
    generateRequestMsg(
    IN  messageProcessingModel -- *snmpTargetParamsMPModel
    IN  globalData             -- message header, admin data
    IN  maxMessageSize         -- of the sending SNMP entity
    IN  transportDomain        -- *snmpTargetAddrTDomain
    IN  transportAddress       -- *snmpTargetAddrTAddress
    IN  securityModel          -- *snmpTargetParamsSecurityModel
    IN  securityEngineID       -- immaterial; TSM will ignore.
    IN  securityName           -- snmpTargetParamsSecurityName
    IN  securityLevel          -- *snmpTargetParamsSecurityLevel
    IN  scopedPDU              -- message (plaintext) payload
    OUT securityParameters     -- filled in by Security Module
    OUT wholeMsg               -- complete generated message
    OUT wholeMsgLength         -- length of generated message
    OUT tmStateReference       -- reference to transport info
    )

```

The Transport Security Model will determine the Transport Model based on the snmpTargetAddrTDomain. The selected Transport Model will select the appropriate transport connection using the snmpTargetAddrTAddress, snmpTargetParamsSecurityName, and snmpTargetParamsSecurityLevel.

## **Appendix B. Processing Differences between USM and Secure Transport**

USM and secure transports differ in the processing order and responsibilities within the [RFC3411](#) architecture. While the steps are the same, they occur in a different order, and may be done by different subsystems. The following lists illustrate the difference in the flow and the responsibility for different processing steps for incoming messages when using USM and when using a secure transport. (Note that these lists are simplified for illustrative purposes, and



do not represent all details of processing. Transport Models must provide the detailed elements of procedure.)

With USM, SNMPv1, and SNMPv2c Security Models, security processing starts when the Message Processing Model decodes portions of the ASN.1 message to extract header fields that are used to determine which Security Model should process the message to perform authentication, decryption, timeliness checking, integrity checking, and translation of parameters to model-independent parameters. By comparison, a secure transport performs those security functions on the message, before the ASN.1 is decoded.

Step 6 cannot occur until after decryption occurs. Step 6 and beyond are the same for USM and a secure transport.

#### **B.1. USM and the [RFC3411](#) Architecture**

- 1) decode the ASN.1 header (Message Processing Model)
- 2) determine the SNMP Security Model and parameters (Message Processing Model)
- 3) verify securityLevel. [Security Model]
- 4) translate parameters to model-independent parameters (Security Model)
- 5) authenticate the principal, check message integrity and timeliness, and decrypt the message. [Security Model]
- 6) determine the pduType in the decrypted portions (Message Processing Model), and
- 7) pass on the decrypted portions with model-independent parameters.

#### **B.2. Transport Subsystem and the [RFC3411](#) Architecture**

- 1) authenticate the principal, check integrity and timeliness of the message, and decrypt the message. [Transport Model]
- 2) translate parameters to model-independent parameters (Transport Model)
- 3) decode the ASN.1 header (Message Processing Model)



- 4) determine the SNMP Security Model and parameters (Message Processing Model)
- 5) verify securityLevel [Security Model]
- 6) determine the pduType in the decrypted portions (Message Processing Model), and
- 7) pass on the decrypted portions with model-independent security parameters

If a message is secured using a secure transport layer, then the Transport Model should provide the translation from the authenticated identity (e.g., an SSH user name) to a human-friendly identifier in step 2. The security model will provide a mapping from that identifier to a model-independent securityName.

#### **Appendix C. Open Issues**

Does TSM need to have a mapping table to handle the translations from tmSecurityName to securityName?

Do we need administratively definable transform selection?

Do we need to let operators disable support for some transports?

#### **Appendix D. Change Log**

From -07- to -08-

Added tables to the MIB module to define a Transport Security Model-specific LCD, and updated the Elements of Procedure. This was because references to an abstract LCD sort of owned by both the security model and the transport model were found confusing.

Realized we referred to the MIB module in text as SNMP-TRANSPORT-SM-MIB, but SNMP-TSM-MIB in the module. Changed all occurrences of SNMP-TRANSPORT-SM-MIB to SNMP-TSM-MIB, following [RFC4181](#) guidelines for naming.

Updated Security Considerations to warn about writable objects, and added the new counter to the readable objects list.

Changed snmpTsmLCDName to snmpTsmLCDTmSecurityName

From -05- to -06-



Fixed a bunch of editorial nits

Fixed the note about terminology consistent with SNMPv3.

Updated MIB assignment to be [rfc4181](#) compatible

Replaced tmSameSession with tmSameSecurity to eliminate session-matching from the security model.

Eliminated all reference to the LCD from the Transport Security Model; the LCD is now TM-specific.

Added tmTransportSecurityLevel and tmRequestedSecurityLevel to clarify incoming versus outgoing

From -04- to -05-

Removed check for empty securityParameters for incoming messages

Added a note about terminology, for consistency with SNMPv3 rather than with [RFC2828](#).

From -03- to -04-

Editorial changes requested by Tom Petch, to clarify behavior with SNMPv1/v2c

Added early discussion of how TSM fits into the architecture to clarify behavior when [RFC3584](#) security models are co-resident.

Editorial changes requested by Bert Wijnen, to eliminate version-specific discussions.

Removed sections on version-specific message formats.

Removed discussion of SNMPv3 in Motivation section.

Added discussion of request/response session matching.

From -02- to -03-

Editorial changes suggested by Juergen Schoenwaelder

Capitalized Transport Models, Security Models, and Message Processing Models, to be consistent with RFC341x conventions.

Eliminated some text that duplicated [RFC3412](#), especially in Elements of Procedure.





Changed the encoding of msgSecurityParameters

Marked the (NEW) fields added to existing ASIs

Modified text intro discussing relationships to other MIB modules.

From -01- to -02-

Changed transportSecurityModel(4) to transportSecurityModel(YY),  
waiting for assignment

cleaned up elements of procedure [todo]s

use the same errorIndication as USM for unsupportedSecurityLevel

fixed syntax of tsmInadequateSecurity counter

changed the "can and will use" the same security parameters to  
"can use", to allow responses that have different security  
parameters than the request.

removed "Relationship to the SNMP-FRAMEWORK-MIB"

cleaned up "MIB Modules Required for IMPORTS"

From -00- to -01-

made the Transport Model not know anything about the Security  
Model.

modified the elements of procedure sections, given the  
implications of this change.

simplified elements of procedure, removing most info specified in  
architecture/subsystem definitions.

rethought the coexistence section

noted the implications of the Transport Security Model on  
isAccessAllowed()

modified all text related to the LCD.

removed most of the MIB (now the TSM has no configuration  
parameters).



added counters needed to support elements of procedure  
renamed MIB module, and registered under snmpModules  
updated IANA and Security Considerations  
updated references.  
modified the notification configurations.

From SSHSM-04- to Transport-security-model-00

added tsmUserTable  
updated Appendix - Notification Tables Configuration  
remove open/closed issue appendices  
changed tmSessionReference to tmStateReference

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