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Abstract

This document updates [RFC 5066](#). It amends that specification by informing the internet community about the transition of the EFM-CU-MIB module from the IETF Ethernet Interfaces and Hub MIB Working Group to the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) 802.3 working group.

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1. Introduction

[RFC 5066](#) [[RFC5066](#)] defines two MIB modules:

EFM-CU-MIB, with a set of objects for managing 10PASS-TS and 2BASE-TL Ethernet in the First Mile Copper (EFMCu) interfaces;

IF-CAP-STACK-MIB, with a set of objects describing cross-connect capability of a managed device with multi-layer (stacked) interfaces, extending the stack management objects in the Interfaces Group MIB and the Inverted Stack Table MIB modules.

With the conclusion of the [[HUBMIB](#)] working group, the responsibility for the maintenance and further development of the EFM-CU-MIB module has been transferred to the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) [[802.3](#)] working group. In 2011 the IEEE developed IEEE8023-EFM-CU-MIB module, defined in IEEE Std 802.3.1-2011 [[802.3.1](#)] and based on the EFM-CU-MIB, defined in [RFC 5066](#).

The IEEE8023-EFM-CU-MIB and EFM-CU-MIB are both valid MIB modules, which can coexist.

Please note that IF-CAP-STACK-MIB module was not transferred to IEEE and remains as defined in [RFC 5066](#). This memo provides an updated security considerations section for that module, since the original RFC did not list any security consideration for IF-CAP-STACK-MIB.

2. 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](#)].

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "NOT RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC 2119](#) [[RFC2119](#)].

3. Mapping between EFM-CU-MIB and IEEE8023-EFM-CU-MIB

The initial version of IEEE8023-EFM-CU-MIB, defined in IEEE Std 802.3.1-2011, has MODULE-IDENTITY of ieee8023efmCuMIB with an object identifier allocated under the { org ieee standards-association-numbers-series-standards lan-man-stds ieee802dot3 ieee802dot3dot1mibs } sub-tree.

The EFM-CU-MIB has MODULE-IDENTITY of efmCuMIB with an object identifier allocated under the mib-2 sub-tree.

The names of the objects in IEEE8023-EFM-CU-MIB are identical to those in EFM-CU-MIB. However, since both MIB modules have different OID values, they can coexist, allowing the management of the newer IEEE MIB-based devices, alongside the legacy IETF MIB-based devices.

4. Updating the MIB Modules

With the transfer of the responsibility for maintenance and further development of the EFM-CU-MIB module to the IEEE 802.3 working group, the EFM-CU-MIB defined in [RFC 5066](#) becomes the last valid version of that MIB.

All further development of the EFM Copper Interfaces MIB will be done by the IEEE 802.3 working group in the IEEE8023-EFM-CU-MIB module. Requests and comments pertaining to EFM Copper Interfaces MIB SHOULD be sent to the IEEE 803.3.1 task force mailing list: [stds-802-3-mib@listserv.ieee.org].

The IF-CAP-STACK-MIB remains under IETF jurisdiction and is currently maintained by the [[OPSAWG](#)] working group.

5. Security Considerations

There are no managed objects defined in IF-CAP-STACK-MIB module with a MAX-ACCESS clause of read-write and/or read-create.

Some of the readable objects in this MIB module (i.e., those with MAX-ACCESS other than not-accessible) may be considered sensitive or vulnerable in some network environments since they can reveal some configuration aspects of the network interfaces.

In particular, ifCapStackStatus and ifInvCapStackStatus can identify cross-connect capability of multi-layer (stacked) network interfaces, potentially revealing the underlying hardware architecture of the managed device.

It is thus important to control even GET access to these objects and possibly even encrypt the values of these objects when sending them over the network via SNMP.

SNMP versions prior to SNMPv3 did not include adequate security. Even if the network itself is secure (for example by using IPsec), 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.

Implementations MUST provide the security features described by the SNMPv3 framework (see [[RFC3410](#)]), including full support for

authentication and privacy via the User-based Security Model (USM) [[RFC3414](#)] with the AES cipher algorithm [[RFC3826](#)]. Implementations MAY also provide support for the Transport Security Model (TSM) [[RFC5591](#)] in combination with a secure transport such as SSH [[RFC5592](#)] or TLS/DTLS [[RFC6353](#)].

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.

6. IANA Considerations

No action is required from IANA.

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