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RADIUS Authentication Client MIB

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3. Abstract

This memo defines a set of extensions which instrument RADIUS authentication client functions. These extensions represent a portion of the Management Information Base (MIB) for use with network management protocols in the Internet community. Using these extensions IP-based management stations can manage RADIUS authentication clients.

4. Introduction

This memo defines a portion of the Management Information Base (MIB) for use with network management protocols in the Internet community. In particular, it describes managed objects used for managing RADIUS authentication clients.

Today a wide range of network devices, including routers and NASes, act as RADIUS authentication clients in order to provide authentication and authorization services. As a result, the effective management of RADIUS authentication clients is of considerable importance.

5. The SNMP Management Framework

The SNMP Management Framework presently consists of five major components:

- o An overall architecture, described in [RFC 2271](#) [1].
- o Mechanisms for describing and naming objects and events for the purpose of management. The first version of this Structure of Management Information (SMI) is called SMIV1 and described in [RFC 1155](#) [2], [RFC 1212](#) [3] and [RFC 1215](#) [4]. The second version, called SMIV2, is described in [RFC 1902](#) [5], [RFC 1903](#) [6] and [RFC 1904](#) [7].
- o Message protocols for transferring management information. The first version of the SNMP message protocol is called SNMPv1 and described in [RFC 1157](#) [8]. A second version of the SNMP message protocol, which is not an Internet standards track protocol, is called SNMPv2c and described in [RFC 1901](#) [9] and [RFC 1906](#) [10]. The third version of the message protocol is called SNMPv3 and described in [RFC 1906](#) [10], [RFC 2272](#) [11] and [RFC 2274](#) [12].
- o Protocol operations for accessing management information. The first set of protocol operations and associated PDU formats is described in [RFC 1157](#) [8]. A second set of protocol operations and associated PDU formats is described in [RFC 1905](#) [13].
- o A set of fundamental applications described in [RFC 2273](#) [14] and the view-based access control mechanism described in [RFC 2275](#) [15].

Managed objects are accessed via a virtual information store, termed the Management Information Base or MIB. Objects in the MIB are defined using the mechanisms defined in the SMI.

This memo specifies a MIB module that is compliant to the SMIV2. A MIB conforming to the SMIV1 can be produced through the appropriate translations. The resulting translated MIB must be semantically equivalent, except where objects or events are omitted because no translation is possible (use of Counter64). Some machine readable information in SMIV2 will be converted into textual descriptions in SMIV1 during the translation process. However, this loss of machine readable information is not considered to change the semantics of the MIB.

6. Overview

The RADIUS authentication protocol, described in [16], distinguishes between the client function and the server function. In RADIUS authentication, clients send Access-Requests, and servers reply with Access-Accepts, Access-Rejects, and Access-Challenges. Typically NAS devices implement the client function, and thus would be expected to implement the RADIUS authentication client MIB, while RADIUS authentication servers implement the server function, and thus would be expected to implement the RADIUS authentication server MIB.

However, it is possible for a RADIUS authentication entity to perform both client and server functions. For example, a RADIUS proxy may act as a server to one or more RADIUS authentication clients, while simultaneously acting as an authentication client to one or more authentication servers. In such situations, it is expected that RADIUS entities combining client and server functionality will support both the client and server MIBs.

6.1. Selected objects

This MIB module contains two scalars as well as a single table:

- (1) the RADIUS Authentication Server Table contains one row for each RADIUS authentication server that the client shares a secret with.

Each entry in the RADIUS Authentication Server Table includes fifteen columns presenting a view of the activity of the RADIUS authentication client.

7. Definitions

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RADIUS-AUTH-CLIENT-MIB DEFINITIONS ::= BEGIN
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IMPORTS
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    MODULE-IDENTITY, OBJECT-TYPE, OBJECT-IDENTITY,
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Counter32, Integer32, Gauge32,
IpAddress, TimeTicks FROM SNMPv2-SMI
SnmpAdminString FROM SNMP-FRAMEWORK-MIB
MODULE-COMPLIANCE, OBJECT-GROUP FROM SNMPv2-CONF
mib-2 FROM [RFC1213](#)-MIB;

radiusAuthClientMIB MODULE-IDENTITY

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DESCRIPTION

"The MIB module for entities implementing the client side of
the Remote Access Dialin User Service (RADIUS) authentication
protocol."

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DESCRIPTION "Initial version as published in RFC xxxx"
-- RCC xxxx to be assigned by IANA
::= { radiusAuthentication 2 }

radiusMIB OBJECT-IDENTITY

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"The OID assigned to RADIUS MIB work by the IANA."
::= { mib-2 xxx } -- To be assigned by IANA

radiusAuthentication OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= {radiusMIB 1}

radiusAuthClientMIBObjects OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { radiusAuthClientMIB 1 }

radiusAuthClient OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { radiusAuthClientMIBObjects 1 }

radiusAuthClientInvalidServerAddresses OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX Counter32
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
DESCRIPTION

"The number of RADIUS Access-Response packets
received from unknown addresses."
::= { radiusAuthClient 1 }

radiusAuthClientIdentifier OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX SnmpAdminString

MAX-ACCESS read-only

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"The NAS-Identifier of the RADIUS authentication client.

This is not necessarily the same as sysName in MIB II."

::= { radiusAuthClient 2 }

radiusAuthServerTable OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX SEQUENCE OF RadiusAuthServerEntry

MAX-ACCESS not-accessible

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"The (conceptual) table listing the RADIUS authentication servers with which the client shares a secret."

::= { radiusAuthClient 3 }

radiusAuthServerEntry OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX RadiusAuthServerEntry

MAX-ACCESS not-accessible

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"An entry (conceptual row) representing a RADIUS authentication server with which the client shares a secret."

INDEX { radiusAuthServerIndex }

::= { radiusAuthServerTable 1 }

RadiusAuthServerEntry ::= SEQUENCE {

radiusAuthServerIndex Integer32,

radiusAuthServerAddress IpAddress,

radiusAuthClientServerPortNumber Integer32,

radiusAuthClientRoundTripTime TimeTicks,

radiusAuthClientAccessRequests Counter32,

radiusAuthClientAccessRetransmissions Counter32,

radiusAuthClientAccessAccepts Counter32,

radiusAuthClientAccessRejects Counter32,

radiusAuthClientAccessChallenges Counter32,

radiusAuthClientMalformedAccessResponses Counter32,

radiusAuthClientBadAuthenticators Counter32,

radiusAuthClientPendingRequests Gauge32,

radiusAuthClientTimeouts Counter32,

radiusAuthClientUnknownTypes Counter32,

radiusAuthClientPacketsDropped Counter32

}

radiusAuthServerIndex OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX Integer32


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MAX-ACCESS not-accessible
STATUS current
DESCRIPTION
    "A number uniquely identifying each RADIUS
    Authentication server with which this client
    communicates."
 ::= { radiusAuthServerEntry 1 }

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radiusAuthServerAddress OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX IpAddress
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
DESCRIPTION
    "The IP address of the RADIUS authentication server
    referred to in this table entry."
 ::= { radiusAuthServerEntry 2 }

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radiusAuthClientServerPortNumber OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX Integer32 (0..65535)
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
DESCRIPTION
    "The UDP port the client is using to send requests to
    this server."
 ::= { radiusAuthServerEntry 3 }

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radiusAuthClientRoundTripTime OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX TimeTicks
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
DESCRIPTION
    "The time interval (in hundredths of a second) between
    the most recent Access-Reply/Access-Challenge and the
    Access-Request that matched it from this RADIUS
    authentication server."
 ::= { radiusAuthServerEntry 4 }

```

```

-- Request/Response statistics
--
-- TotalIncomingPackets = Accepts + Rejects + Challenges + UnknownTypes
--
-- TotalIncomingPackets - MalformedResponses - BadAuthenticators -
-- UnknownTypes - PacketsDropped = Successfully received
--
-- AccessRequests + PendingRequests + ClientTimeouts = Successfully Received
--
--

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radiusAuthClientAccessRequests OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX Counter32

MAX-ACCESS read-only

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"The number of RADIUS Access-Request packets sent
to this server. This does not include retransmissions."

::= { radiusAuthServerEntry 5 }

radiusAuthClientAccessRetransmissions OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX Counter32

MAX-ACCESS read-only

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"The number of RADIUS Access-Request packets
retransmitted to this RADIUS authentication server."

::= { radiusAuthServerEntry 6 }

radiusAuthClientAccessAccepts OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX Counter32

MAX-ACCESS read-only

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"The number of RADIUS Access-Accept packets
(valid or invalid) received from this server."

::= { radiusAuthServerEntry 7 }

radiusAuthClientAccessRejects OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX Counter32

MAX-ACCESS read-only

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"The number of RADIUS Access-Reject packets
(valid or invalid) received from this server."

::= { radiusAuthServerEntry 8 }

radiusAuthClientAccessChallenges OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX Counter32

MAX-ACCESS read-only

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"The number of RADIUS Access-Challenge packets
(valid or invalid) received from this server."

::= { radiusAuthServerEntry 9 }

-- "Access-Response" includes an Access-Accept, Access-Challenge

-- or Access-Reject

radiusAuthClientMalformedAccessResponses OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX Counter32

MAX-ACCESS read-only

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"The number of malformed RADIUS Access-Response packets received from this server.

Malformed packets include packets with an invalid length. Bad authenticators or Signature attributes or unknown types are not included as malformed access responses."

::= { radiusAuthServerEntry 10 }

radiusAuthClientBadAuthenticators OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX Counter32

MAX-ACCESS read-only

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"The number of RADIUS Access-Response packets containing invalid authenticators or Signature attributes received from this server."

::= { radiusAuthServerEntry 11 }

radiusAuthClientPendingRequests OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX Gauge32

MAX-ACCESS read-only

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"The number of RADIUS Access-Request packets destined for this server that have not yet timed out or received a response. This variable is incremented when an Access-Request is sent and decremented due to receipt of an Access-Accept, Access-Reject or Access-Challenge, a timeout or retransmission."

::= { radiusAuthServerEntry 12 }

radiusAuthClientTimeouts OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX Counter32

MAX-ACCESS read-only

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"The number of authentication timeouts to this server.

After a timeout the client may retry to the same server, send to a different server, or give up. A retry to the same server is counted as a retransmit as well as a timeout. A send to a different server is counted as a Request as well as a timeout."

::= { radiusAuthServerEntry 13 }


```
radiusAuthClientUnknownTypes OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX Counter32
    MAX-ACCESS read-only
    STATUS current
    DESCRIPTION
        "The number of RADIUS packets of unknown type which
         were received from this server on the authentication port."
    ::= { radiusAuthServerEntry 14 }

radiusAuthClientPacketsDropped OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX Counter32
    MAX-ACCESS read-only
    STATUS current
    DESCRIPTION
        "The number of RADIUS packets of which were
         received from this server on the authentication port
         and dropped for some other reason."
    ::= { radiusAuthServerEntry 15 }

-- conformance information

radiusAuthClientMIBConformance
    OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { radiusAuthClientMIB 2 }
radiusAuthClientMIBCompliances
    OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { radiusAuthClientMIBConformance 1 }
radiusAuthClientMIBGroups
    OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { radiusAuthClientMIBConformance 2 }

-- compliance statements

radiusAuthClientMIBCompliance MODULE-COMPLIANCE
    STATUS current
    DESCRIPTION
        "The compliance statement for authentication clients
         implementing the RADIUS Authentication Client MIB."
    MODULE -- this module
        MANDATORY-GROUPS { radiusAuthClientMIBGroup }

    ::= { radiusAuthClientMIBCompliances 1 }

-- units of conformance

radiusAuthClientMIBGroup OBJECT-GROUP
    OBJECTS { radiusAuthClientIdentifier,
              radiusAuthClientInvalidServerAddresses,
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    radiusAuthServerAddress,  
    radiusAuthClientServerPortNumber,  
    radiusAuthClientRoundTripTime,  
    radiusAuthClientAccessRequests,  
    radiusAuthClientAccessRetransmissions,  
    radiusAuthClientAccessAccepts,  
    radiusAuthClientAccessRejects,  
    radiusAuthClientAccessChallenges,  
    radiusAuthClientMalformedAccessResponses,  
    radiusAuthClientBadAuthenticators,  
    radiusAuthClientPendingRequests,  
    radiusAuthClientTimeouts,  
    radiusAuthClientUnknownTypes,  
    radiusAuthClientPacketsDropped  
  }  
STATUS current  
DESCRIPTION  
  "The basic collection of objects providing management of  
  RADIUS Authentication Clients."  
 ::= { radiusAuthClientMIBGroups 1 }
```

END

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9. Security considerations

There are no management objects defined in this MIB that have a MAX-ACCESS clause of read-write and/or read-create. So, if this MIB is implemented correctly, then there is no risk that an intruder can alter or create any management objects of this MIB via direct SNMP SET operations.

There are a number of managed objects in this MIB that may contain sensitive information. These are:

radiusAuthServerAddress

This can be used to determine the address of the RADIUS authentication server with which the client is communicating. This information could be useful in mounting an attack on the authentication server.

radiusAuthClientServerPortNumber

This can be used to determine the port number on which the RADIUS authentication client is sending. This information could be useful in impersonating the client in order to send data to the authentication server.

It is thus important to control even GET access to these objects and possibly to even encrypt the values of these object when sending them over the network via SNMP. Not all versions of SNMP provide features for such a secure environment.

SNMPv1 by itself is not a secure environment. 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.

It is recommended that the implementers consider the security features as provided by the SNMPv3 framework. Specifically, the use of the User-based Security Model [RFC 2274](#) [12] and the View-based Access Control Model [RFC 2275](#) [15] is recommended. Using these security features, customer/users can give access to the objects only to those principals

(users) that have legitimate rights to GET or SET (change/create/delete) them.

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