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## **1. Introduction**

Software mesh framework [RFC 5565](#) [[RFC5565](#)] is a tunneling mechanism that enables the connectivity between islands of IPv4 networks across single IPv6 backbone and vice versa. In software mesh, extended multiprotocol-BGP (MP-BGP) is used to set up tunnels and advertise prefixes among address family border routers (AFBRs).

This memo defines a portion of the Management Information Base (MIB) for use with network management protocols in the Internet community. In particular it defines objects for managing software mesh [[RFC5565](#)].

## **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](#)].

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). They are defined using the mechanisms stated 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](#)].

## **3. Terminology**

This document uses terminology from software problem statement [RFC 4925](#) [[RFC4925](#)] and software mesh framework [RFC 5565](#) [[RFC5565](#)].

## **4. Conventions**

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 [RFC 2119](#) [[RFC2119](#)].

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

The software mesh MIB provides a method to configure and manage the software mesh objects through SNMP.

### **5.1. The swmSupportedTunnlTable Subtree**

Since the AFBR need to negotiate with BGP peer what kind of tunnel they will use, it should firstly announce the types of tunnels it supports. The swmSupportedTunnlTable subtree provides the



information. According to [section 4 of RFC 5512](#) [[RFC5512](#)], current software mesh tunnel types include IP-IP, GRE and L2TPv3.

## **5.2. The swmEncapsTable Subtree**

The swmEncapsTable subtree provides software mesh NLRI-NH information about the AFBR. It keeps the mapping between the E-IP prefix and the I-IP address of the next hop. The mappings determine which I-IP destination address will be used to encapsulate the received packet's according to its E-IP destination address. The definitions of E-IP and I-IP are explained in [section 4.1 of RFC 5565](#) [[RFC5565](#)].

## **5.3. The swmBGPNeighborTable Subtree**

The subtree provides the software mesh BGP neighbor information of an AFBR. It includes the address of the software mesh BGP peer, and the kind of tunnel that the AFBR would use to communicate with this BGP peer.

## **5.4. The swmMIBConformance Subtree**

The subtree provides the conformance information of MIB objects.

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

## **6.1. Relationship to the IF-MIB**

The Interfaces MIB [[RFC2863](#)] defines generic managed objects for managing interfaces. Each logical interface (physical or virtual) has an ifEntry. Tunnels are handled by creating logical interfaces (ifEntry). Being a tunnel, software mesh has an entry in the Interface MIB, as well as an entry in IP Tunnel MIB. Those corresponding entries are indexed by ifIndex.

The ifOperStatus in the ifTable would be used to represents whether the mesh function of the AFBR has been triggered. If the software mesh capability is negotiated during the BGP OPEN phase, the mesh function is considered to be started, and the ifOperStatus is "up". Otherwise the ifOperStatus is "down".

In the case of IPv4-over-IPv6 software mesh tunnel, the ifInUcastPkts counts the number of IPv6 packets which are sent to the virtual interface for decapsulation into IPv4. The ifOutUcastPkts counts the number of IPv6 packets which are generated by encapsulating IPv4 packets sent to the virtual interface. Particularly, if these IPv4 packets need fragmentation, ifOutUcastPkts counts the number of packets after fragmentation.



In the case of IPv6-over-IPv4 software mesh tunnel, the `ifInUcastPkts` counts the number of IPv4 packets, which are sent to the virtual interface for decapsulation into IPv6. The `ifOutUcastPkts` counts the number of IPv4 packets, which are generated by encapsulating IPv6 packets sent to the virtual interface. Particularly, if these IPv6 packets need to be fragmented, `tifOutUcastPkts` counts the number of packets after fragmentation. Similar definition applies to other counting objects in `ifTable`.

## **6.2. Relationship to the IP Tunnel MIB**

The IP Tunnel MIB [[RFC4087](#)] contains objects applicable to all IP tunnels, including software mesh. Meanwhile, Software Mesh MIB extends the IP tunnel MIB to further describe encapsulation-specific information.

Running a point to multi-point tunnel, it is necessary for a software mesh AFBR to maintain an encapsulation table, used to perform correct "forwarding" among AFBRs. This forwarding function on an AFBR is performed by using the E-IP destination address to look up in the encapsulation table for the I-IP encapsulation destination address. An AFBR also needs to know the BGP peer information of the other AFBRs, so that it can negotiate the NLRI-NH information and the tunnel parameters with them.

Software mesh MIB requires the implementation of the IP Tunnel MIB. The `tunnelIfEncapsMethod` in the `tunnelIfEntry` should be set to `softwareMesh("xx")`, and corresponding entry in the software mesh MIB module will be presented for the `tunnelIfEntry`. The `tunnelIfRemoteInetAddress` must be set to `0.0.0.0` for IPv4 or `::` for IPv6 because it is a point to multi-point tunnel.

The `tunnelIfAddressType` in the `tunnelIfTable` represents the type of address in the corresponding `tunnelIfLocalInetAddress` and `tunnelIfRemoteInetAddress` objects. The `tunnelIfAddressType` is identical to `swmEncapsIIPDstType` in software mesh, which can support either IPv4-over-IPv6 or IPv6-over-IPv4. When the `swmEncapsEIPDstType` is IPv6 and the `swmEncapsIIPDstType` is IPv4, the tunnel type is IPv6-over-IPv4; When the `swmEncapsEIPDstType` is IPv4 and the `swmEncapsIIPDstType` is IPv6, the encapsulation mode would be IPv4-over-IPv6.

## **6.3. MIB modules required for IMPORTS**

The following MIB module IMPORTS objects from SNMPv2-SMI [[RFC2578](#)], SNMPv2-CONF [[RFC2580](#)], IF-MIB [[RFC2863](#)] and INET-ADDRESS-MIB [[RFC4001](#)].





## 7. Definitions

SOFTWARE-MESH-MIB DEFINITIONS ::= BEGIN

### IMPORTS

MODULE-IDENTITY, OBJECT-TYPE, transmission FROM SNMPv2-SMI

OBJECT-GROUP, MODULE-COMPLIANCE FROM SNMPv2-CONF

InetAddress, InetAddressType, InetAddressPrefixLength FROM INET-  
ADDRESS-MIB

ifIndex FROM IF-MIB

IANA tunnelType FROM IANAifType-MIB;

### swmMIB MODULE-IDENTITY

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### DESCRIPTION

"This MIB module contains managed object definitions for  
the softwire mesh framework."

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### DESCRIPTION

"The MIB module is defined for management of object in  
the Softwire mesh framework."

::= { transmission 999 } --999 to be replaced with correct value



```
swmMIBObjects OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { swmMIB 1 }

-- swmSupportedTunnelTable
swmSupportedTunnelTable OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      SEQUENCE OF SwmSupportedTunnelEntry
    MAX-ACCESS  not-accessible
    STATUS      current
    DESCRIPTION
        "A table of objects that shows what kind of tunnels
        can be supported by the AFBR."
    ::= { swmMIBObjects 1 }

swmSupportedTunnelEntry OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      SwmSupportedTunnelEntry
    MAX-ACCESS  not-accessible
    STATUS      current
    DESCRIPTION
        "A set of objects that show what kind of tunnels
        can be supported in the AFBR. If the AFBR supports
        multiple tunnel types, the swmSupportedTunnelTable
        would have several entries."
    INDEX { swmSupportedTunnelType }
    ::= { swmSupportedTunnelTable 1 }

SwmSupportedTunnelEntry ::= SEQUENCE {
    swmSupportedTunnelType      IANAtunnelType
}

swmSupportedTunnelType OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      IANAtunnelType
    MAX-ACCESS  read-only
    STATUS      current
    DESCRIPTION
        "Represents the tunnel type that the AFBR support. "
    ::= { swmSupportedTunnelEntry 1 }
-- end of swmSupportedTunnelTable

--swmEncapsTable
swmEncapsTable OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      SEQUENCE OF SwmEncapsEntry
    MAX-ACCESS  not-accessible
    STATUS      current
    DESCRIPTION
        "A table of objects that display and control the
        softwire mesh encapsulation information."
    ::= { swmMIBObjects 2 }

swmEncapsEntry OBJECT-TYPE
```



SYNTAX        SwmEncapsEntry  
MAX-ACCESS   not-accessible  
STATUS        current  
DESCRIPTION  
    "A table of objects that manage the software mesh I-IP  
    encapsulation destination based on the E-IP destination prefix."  
INDEX { ifIndex,  
        swmEncapsEIPDstType,  
        swmEncapsEIPDst,  
        swmEncapsEIPMask  
      }  
::= { swmEncapsTable 1 }

SwmEncapsEntry ::= SEQUENCE {  
    swmEncapsEIPDstType        InetAddressType,  
    swmEncapsEIPDst            InetAddress,  
    swmEncapsEIPMask          InetAddressPrefixLength,  
    swmEncapsIIPDstType        InetAddressType,  
    swmEncapsIIPDst            InetAddress  
}

swmEncapsEIPDstType OBJECT-TYPE  
    SYNTAX        InetAddressType  
    MAX-ACCESS   not-accessible  
    STATUS        current  
    DESCRIPTION  
        "This object specifies the address type used for  
        swmEncapsEIPDst. It is different from the tunnelIfAddressType  
        in the tunnelIfTable."  
    ::= { swmEncapsEntry 1 }

swmEncapsEIPDst OBJECT-TYPE  
    SYNTAX        InetAddress  
    MAX-ACCESS   not-accessible  
    STATUS        current  
    DESCRIPTION  
        "The E-IP destination prefix, which is  
        used for I-IP encapsulation destination looking up."  
    ::= { swmEncapsEntry 2 }

swmEncapsEIPMask OBJECT-TYPE  
    SYNTAX        InetAddressPrefixLength  
    MAX-ACCESS   not-accessible  
    STATUS        current  
    DESCRIPTION  
        "The prefix length of E-IP destination address."  
    ::= { swmEncapsEntry 3 }



swmEncapsIIPDstType OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX InetAddressType

MAX-ACCESS read-only

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"This object specifies the address type used for  
swmEncapsIIPDst. It is the same as the tunnelIfAddressType  
in the tunnelIfTable."

::= { swmEncapsEntry 4 }

swmEncapsIIPDst OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX InetAddress

MAX-ACCESS read-only

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"The I-IP destination address, which is used as the encapsulation  
destination for the corresponding E-IP prefix. Since the  
tunnelIfRemoteInetAddress in the tunnelIfTable should be 0.0.0.0

or ::,

swmEncapIIPDst should be the destination address used in the outer  
IP header."

::= { swmEncapsEntry 5 }

-- End of swmEncapsTable

-- swmBGPNeighborTable

swmBGPNeighborTable OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX SEQUENCE OF SwmBGPNeighborEntry

MAX-ACCESS not-accessible

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"A table of objects that display the software mesh  
BGP neighbor information."

::= { swmMIBObjects 3 }

swmBGPNeighborEntry OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX SwmBGPNeighborEntry

MAX-ACCESS not-accessible

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"A set of objects that display the software mesh  
BGP neighbor information."

INDEX {

ifIndex,

swmBGPNeighborInetAddressType,

swmBGPNeighborInetAddress

}

::= { swmBGPNeighborTable 1 }



SwmBGPNeighborEntry ::= SEQUENCE {

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```
        swmBGPNeighborInetAddressType    InetAddressType,
        swmBGPNeighborInetAddress        InetAddress,
        swmBGPNeighborTunnelType          IANAtunnelType
    }
```

swmBGPNeighborInetAddressType OBJECT-TYPE

```
    SYNTAX      InetAddressType
    MAX-ACCESS   not-accessible
    STATUS       current
    DESCRIPTION
        "This object specifies the address type used for
         swmBGPNeighborInetAddress."
    ::= { swmBGPNeighborEntry 1 }
```

swmBGPNeighborInetAddress OBJECT-TYPE

```
    SYNTAX      InetAddress
    MAX-ACCESS   read-only
    STATUS       current
    DESCRIPTION
        "The address of the ABFR's BGP neighbor. The
         address type is the same as the tunnelIfAddressType
         in the tunnelIfTable."
    ::= { swmBGPNeighborEntry 2 }
```

swmBGPNeighborTunnelType OBJECT-TYPE

```
    SYNTAX      IANAtunnelType
    MAX-ACCESS   read-only
    STATUS       current
    DESCRIPTION
        "Represents the type of tunnel that the
         AFBR chooses to transmit traffic with another AFBR/BGP neighbor."
    ::= { swmBGPNeighborEntry 3 }
```

-- End of swmBGPNeighborTable

-- conformance information

swmMIBConformance

OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { swmMIB 2 }

swmMIBCompliances

OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { swmMIBConformance 1 }

swmMIBGroups

OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { swmMIBConformance 2 }

-- compliance statements

swmMIBCompliance MODULE-COMPLIANCE

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"Describes the requirements for conformance to the software  
mesh MIB."



The following index objects cannot be added as OBJECT clauses but nevertheless have the compliance requirements:

```
"
-- OBJECT    swmEncapsEIPDstType
-- SYNTAX    InetAddressType { ipv4(1), ipv6(2) }
-- DESCRIPTION
-- "An implementation is required to support
--   global IPv4 and/or IPv6 addresses, depending
--   on its support for IPv4 and IPv6."

-- OBJECT    swmEncapsEIPDst
-- SYNTAX    InetAddress (SIZE(4|16))
-- DESCRIPTION
-- "An implementation is required to support
--   global IPv4 and/or IPv6 addresses, depending
--   on its support for IPv4 and IPv6."

-- OBJECT    swmEncapsEIPMask
-- SYNTAX    InetAddressPrefixLength (ipv4(1),ipv4z(3),ipv6(2),ipv6z(2))
-- DESCRIPTION
-- "An implementation is required to support
--   global IPv4 and/or IPv6 addresses, depending
--   on its support for IPv4 and IPv6."

-- OBJECT    swmBGPNeighborInetAddressType
-- SYNTAX    InetAddressType { ipv4(1), ipv6(2) }
-- DESCRIPTION
-- "An implementation is required to support
--   global IPv4 and/or IPv6 addresses, depending
--   on its support for IPv4 and IPv6."

-- OBJECT    swmBGPNeighborInetAddress
-- SYNTAX    InetAddress (SIZE(4|16))
-- DESCRIPTION
-- "An implementation is required to support
--   global IPv4 and/or IPv6 addresses, depending
--   on its support for IPv4 and IPv6."
```

MODULE -- this module

```
MANDATORY-GROUPS {
    swmSupportedTunnelGroup,
    swmEncapsGroup,
    swmBGPNeighborGroup
}
```

::= { swmMIBCompliances 1 }

swmSupportedTunnelGroup      OBJECT-GROUP



```
OBJECTS {
    swmSupportedTunnelType
}
STATUS current
DESCRIPTION
    "The collection of objects which are used to show
    what kind of tunnel the AFBR supports."
::= { swmMIBGroups 1 }

swmEncapsGroup      OBJECT-GROUP
OBJECTS {
    swmEncapsEIPDst,
    swmEncapsEIPMask,
    swmEncapsIIPDst
}
STATUS current
DESCRIPTION
    "The collection of objects which are used to display
    software mesh encapsulation information."
::= { swmMIBGroups 2 }

swmBGPNeighborGroup OBJECT-GROUP
OBJECTS {
    swmBGPNeighborInetAddress,
    swmBGPNeighborTunnelType
}
STATUS current
DESCRIPTION
    "The collection of objects which are used to display
    software mesh BGP neighbor information."
::= { swmMIBGroups 3 }

END
```

## **8. Security Considerations**

The swmMIB module can be used for configuration of certain objects, and anything that can be configured can be incorrectly configured, with potentially disastrous results. Because this MIB module reuses the IP tunnel MIB, the security considerations of the IP tunnel MIB is also applicable to the Software mesh MIB.

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 SNMPv3 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's 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

The MIB module in this document uses the following IANA-assigned OBJECT IDENTIFIER values recorded in the SMI Numbers registry, and the following IANA-assigned tunnelType values recorded in the IANAtunnelType-MIB registry:

Descriptor	OBJECT IDENTIFIER value
-----	-----
swmMIB	{ transmission XXX }

```

IANAtunnelType ::= TEXTUAL-CONVENTION
    SYNTAX      INTEGER {
                                softwareMesh ("XX")      -- software Mesh tunnel
    }

```

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