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Abstract

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[1.](#) Introduction

The Softwire mesh framework [RFC 5565](#) [[RFC5565](#)] is a tunneling mechanism that enables the connectivity between islands of IPv4 networks across a 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 the software problem statement [RFC 4925](#) [[RFC4925](#)] and the 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 swmSupportedTunnelTable Subtree

Since the AFBR needs to negotiate with a BGP peer what kind of tunnel they will use, it announces the types of tunnels it supports. The swmSupportedTunnelTable 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 External-IP (E-IP) prefix and the Internal-IP (I-IP) address of the next hop. The mappings determine which I-IP destination address will be used to encapsulate the received packet 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 swmConformance 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 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 an IPv4-over-IPv6 software mesh tunnel, 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 an IPv6-over-IPv4 software mesh tunnel, 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, ifOutUcastPkts counts the number of packets after fragmentation. Similar definitions apply to other counter objects in the 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, the 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.

The Software mesh MIB requires the implementation of the IP Tunnel MIB. The tunnelIfEncapsMethod in the tunnelIfEntry MUST be set to softwareMesh("xx"), and a 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.

-- RFC Ed.: Please replace "xx" with IANA assigned number here.

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 IANA_ifType-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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itself for full legal notices."

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DESCRIPTION

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

::= { transmission XXX }

--RFC Ed.: Please replace "XXX" with IANA assigned number here.

swmObjects 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."

::= { swmObjects 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 supports, such as MPLS, L2TPv3, GRE, and IP-in-IP. There is no restriction of tunnel type the Softwire mesh can use."

::= { 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."

::= { swmObjects 2 }

swmEncapsEntry OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX SwmEncapsEntry

MAX-ACCESS not-accessible

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"A table of objects that manage the softwire mesh I-IP


```
        encapsulation destination based on the E-IP destination prefix."
INDEX { ifIndex,
        swmEncapsEIPDstType,
        swmEncapsEIPDst,
        swmEncapsEIPPrefixLength
      }
 ::= { swmEncapsTable 1 }
```

```
SwmEncapsEntry ::= SEQUENCE {
    swmEncapsEIPDstType      InetAddressType,
    swmEncapsEIPDst          InetAddress,
    swmEncapsEIPPrefixLength 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 }
```

```
swmEncapsEIPPrefixLength OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX      InetAddressPrefixLength
    MAX-ACCESS   not-accessible
    STATUS       current
    DESCRIPTION
        "The prefix length of the E-IP destination prefix."
    ::= { 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."
    ::= { swmObjects 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 {
    swmBGPNeighborInetAddressType    InetAddressType,
    swmBGPNeighborInetAddress        InetAddress,
    swmBGPNeighborTunnelType         IANA_tunnelType
}
```


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 not-accessible

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"The address of the AFBR'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

swmConformance

OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { swmMIB 2 }

swmCompliances

OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { swmConformance 1 }

swmGroups

OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { swmConformance 2 }

-- compliance statements

swmCompliance 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 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 swmEncapsEIPPrefixLength
-- SYNTAX InetAddressPrefixLength (Unsigned32 (0..128))
-- 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
}
```

::= { swmCompliances 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."
 ::= { swmGroups 1 }
```

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

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

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

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 objects and their sensitivity/vulnerability:

Particularly, `swmSupportedTunnelType`, `swmEncapsIIPDStType`, `swmEncapsIIPDSt` and `swmBGPNeighborTunnelType` can expose the types of tunnel used within the internal network, and potentially reveal the topology of the internal network.

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 SHOULD provide the security features described by the SNMPv3 framework (see [RFC3410]), and implementations claiming compliance to the SNMPv3 standard MUST include 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.

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
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swmMIB	{ transmission XXX }

IANAtunnelType ::= TEXTUAL-CONVENTION

SYNTAX INTEGER {

softwareMesh ("xx") -- software Mesh tunnel

}

Editor's Note (to be removed prior to publication): the IANA is requested to assign a value for "XXX" under the 'mib-2' subtree and to record the assignment in the SMI Numbers registry. When the assignment has been made, the RFC Editor is asked to replace "XXX" (here and in the MIB module) with the assigned value and to remove this note.

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