Management Information Base
for the Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)

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Abstract

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 implementations
of the Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) in an IP version
independent manner. This memo obsoletes RFCs 2452 and 2012.

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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].

2. Overview

The current TCP-MIB defined in this memo consists of two tables and a group of scalars:

- The tcp group of scalars includes two sets of objects:
  - Parameters of a TCP protocol engine. These include parameters such as the retransmission algorithm in use (e.g., vanj [VANJ]) and the retransmission timeout values.
  - Statistics of a TCP protocol engine. These include counters for the number of active/passive opens, input/output segments, and errors. Discontinuities in the stats are identified via the sysUpTime object, defined in [RFC3418].

- The tcpConnectionTable provides access to status information for all TCP connections handled by a TCP protocol engine. In addition, the table reports identification of the operating system level processes that handle the TCP connections.

- The tcpListenerTable provides access to information about all TCP listening endpoints known by a TCP protocol engine. And as with the connection table, the tcpListenerTable also reports the identification of the operating system level processes that handle this listening TCP endpoint.

2.1. Relationship to Other MIBs

This section discusses the relationship of this TCP-MIB module to other MIB modules.
2.1.1. Relationship to RFC1213-MIB

TCP related MIB objects were originally defined as part of the RFC1213-MIB defined in RFC 1213 [RFC1213]. The TCP related objects of the RFC1213-MIB were later copied into a separate MIB module and published in RFC 2012 [RFC2012] in SMIv2 format.

The previous versions of the TCP-MIB both defined the tcpConnTable, which has been deprecated basically for two reasons:

(1) The tcpConnTable only supports IPv4.

The current approach in the IETF is to write IP version neutral MIBs, based on the InetAddressType and InetAddress constructs defined in [RFC4001], rather than to have different definitions for various version of IP. This reduces the amount of overhead when new objects are introduced, as there is only one place to add them. Hence, the approach taken in [RFC2452], of having separate tables, is not continued.

(2) The tcpConnTable mixes listening endpoints with connections.

It turns out that connections tend to have a different behaviour and management access pattern than listening endpoints. Therefore, splitting the original tcpConnTable into two tables allows for the addition of specific status and statistics objects for listening endpoints and connections.

2.1.2. Relationship to IPV6-TCP-MIB

The IPV6-TCP-MIB defined in RFC 2452 has been moved to Historic status because the approach of having separate IP version specific tables is not followed anymore. Implementation of RFC 2452 is no longer suggested.

2.1.3. Relationship to HOST-RESOURCES-MIB and SYSAPPL-MIB

The tcpConnectionTable and the tcpListenerTable report the identification of the operating system level process that handles a connection or a listening endpoint. The value is reported as an Unsigned32, which is expected to be the same as the hrSWRunIndex of the HOST-RESOURCES-MIB [RFC2790] (if the value is smaller than 2147483647) or the sysApp1ElmtRunIndex of the SYSAPPL-MIB [RFC2287]. This allows management applications to identify the TCP connections that belong to an operating system level process, which has proven to be valuable in operational environments.
3. Definitions

TCP-MIB DEFINITIONS ::= BEGIN

IMPORTS
MODULE-IDENTITY, OBJECT-TYPE, Integer32, Unsigned32,
Gauge32, Counter32, Counter64, IpAddress, mib-2
FROM SNMPv2-SMI

MODULE-COMPLIANCE, OBJECT-GROUP
FROM SNMPv2-CONF

InetAddress, InetAddressType,
InetAddressType, mib-2
FROM INET-ADDRESS-MIB;

tcpMIB MODULE-IDENTITY
LAST-UPDATED "200502180000Z" -- 18 February 2005
ORGANIZATION
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http://www.ietf.org/html.charters/ipv6-charter.html"

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DESCRIPTION
"The MIB module for managing TCP implementations.

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of this MIB module is a part of RFC 4022; see the RFC
itself for full legal notices."

REVISION      "200502180000Z" -- 18 February 2005
DESCRIPTION
"IP version neutral revision, published as RFC 4022."

REVISION      "9411010000Z"
DESCRIPTION
"Initial SMIV2 version, published as RFC 2012."

REVISION      "9103310000Z"
DESCRIPTION
"The initial revision of this MIB module was part of
MIB-II."
::= { mib-2 49 }

-- the TCP base variables group
tcp OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { mib-2 6 }

-- Scalars

tcpRtoAlgorithm OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX      INTEGER {
    other(1), -- none of the following
    constant(2), -- a constant rto
    rsre(3),   -- MIL-STD-1778, Appendix B
    vanj(4),   -- Van Jacobson’s algorithm
    rfc2988(5) -- RFC 2988
}
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS      current
DESCRIPTION
"The algorithm used to determine the timeout value used for
retransmitting unacknowledged octets."
::= { tcp 1 }

tcpRtoMin OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX      Integer32 (0..2147483647)
UNITS      "milliseconds"
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS      current
DESCRIPTION
"The minimum value permitted by a TCP implementation for
the retransmission timeout, measured in milliseconds.
More refined semantics for objects of this type depend
on the algorithm used to determine the retransmission
timeout; in particular, the IETF standard algorithm
rfc2988(5) provides a minimum value."
::= { tcp 2 }

tcpRtoMax OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX      Integer32 (0..2147483647)
UNITS      "milliseconds"
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS      current
DESCRIPTION
"The maximum value permitted by a TCP implementation for
the retransmission timeout, measured in milliseconds.
More refined semantics for objects of this type depend
on the algorithm used to determine the retransmission
timeout; in particular, the IETF standard algorithm
rfc2988(5) provides an upper bound (as part of an
adaptive backoff algorithm)."
::= { tcp 3 }
tcpMaxConn OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX     Integer32 (-1 | 0..2147483647)
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS     current
DESCRIPTION "The limit on the total number of TCP connections the entity can support. In entities where the maximum number of connections is dynamic, this object should contain the value -1."
 ::= { tcp 4 }

tcpActiveOpens OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX     Counter32
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS     current
DESCRIPTION "The number of times that TCP connections have made a direct transition to the SYN-SENT state from the CLOSED state. Discontinuities in the value of this counter are indicated via discontinuities in the value of sysUpTime."
 ::= { tcp 5 }

tcpPassiveOpens OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX     Counter32
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS     current
DESCRIPTION "The number of times TCP connections have made a direct transition to the SYN-RCVD state from the LISTEN state. Discontinuities in the value of this counter are indicated via discontinuities in the value of sysUpTime."
 ::= { tcp 6 }

tcpAttemptFails OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX     Counter32
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS     current
DESCRIPTION "The number of times that TCP connections have made a direct transition to the CLOSED state from either the SYN-SENT state or the SYN-RCVD state, plus the number of times that TCP connections have made a direct transition to the LISTEN state from the SYN-RCVD state. Discontinuities in the value of this counter are indicated via discontinuities in the value of sysUpTime."
::= { tcp 7 }

tcpEstabResets OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX       Counter32
MAX-ACCESS   read-only
STATUS       current
DESCRIPTION  "The number of times that TCP connections have made a direct transition to the CLOSED state from either the ESTABLISHED state or the CLOSE-WAIT state.

Discontinuities in the value of this counter are indicated via discontinuities in the value of sysUpTime."
::= { tcp 8 }

tcpCurrEstab OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX       Gauge32
MAX-ACCESS   read-only
STATUS       current
DESCRIPTION  "The number of TCP connections for which the current state is either ESTABLISHED or CLOSE-WAIT."
::= { tcp 9 }

tcpInSegs OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX       Counter32
MAX-ACCESS   read-only
STATUS       current
DESCRIPTION  "The total number of segments received, including those received in error. This count includes segments received on currently established connections.

Discontinuities in the value of this counter are indicated via discontinuities in the value of sysUpTime."
::= { tcp 10 }

tcpOutSegs OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX       Counter32
MAX-ACCESS   read-only
STATUS       current
DESCRIPTION  "The total number of segments sent, including those on current connections but excluding those containing only retransmitted octets.

Discontinuities in the value of this counter are indicated via discontinuities in the value of sysUpTime."
tcpRetransSegs OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX        Counter32
MAX-ACCESS    read-only
STATUS        current
DESCRIPTION   "The total number of segments retransmitted; that is, the number of TCP segments transmitted containing one or more previously transmitted octets.
                Discontinuities in the value of this counter are indicated via discontinuities in the value of sysUpTime."
 ::= { tcp 11 }

tcpInErrs OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX        Counter32
MAX-ACCESS    read-only
STATUS        current
DESCRIPTION   "The total number of segments received in error (e.g., bad TCP checksums).
                Discontinuities in the value of this counter are indicated via discontinuities in the value of sysUpTime."
 ::= { tcp 12 }

tcpOutRsts OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX        Counter32
MAX-ACCESS    read-only
STATUS        current
DESCRIPTION   "The number of TCP segments sent containing the RST flag.
                Discontinuities in the value of this counter are indicated via discontinuities in the value of sysUpTime."
 ::= { tcp 14 }

-- { tcp 16 } was used to represent the ipv6TcpConnTable in RFC 2452, which has since been obsoleted. It MUST not be used.

tcpHCInSegs OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX        Counter64
MAX-ACCESS    read-only
STATUS        current
DESCRIPTION   "The total number of segments received, including those received in error. This count includes segments received
on currently established connections. This object is
the 64-bit equivalent of tcpInSegs.

Discontinuities in the value of this counter are
indicated via discontinuities in the value of sysUpTime."
::= { tcp 17 }

tcpHCOutSegs OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX Counter64
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
DESCRIPTION
"The total number of segments sent, including those on
current connections but excluding those containing only
retransmitted octets. This object is the 64-bit
equivalent of tcpOutSegs.

Discontinuities in the value of this counter are
indicated via discontinuities in the value of sysUpTime."
::= { tcp 18 }

-- The TCP Connection table

tcpConnectionTable OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX SEQUENCE OF TcpConnectionEntry
MAX-ACCESS not-accessible
STATUS current
DESCRIPTION
"A table containing information about existing TCP
connections. Note that unlike earlier TCP MIBs, there
is a separate table for connections in the LISTEN state."
::= { tcp 19 }

tcpConnectionEntry OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX TcpConnectionEntry
MAX-ACCESS not-accessible
STATUS current
DESCRIPTION
"A conceptual row of the tcpConnectionTable containing
information about a particular current TCP connection.
Each row of this table is transient in that it ceases to
exist when (or soon after) the connection makes the
transition to the CLOSED state."
INDEX { tcpConnectionLocalAddressType,
tcpConnectionLocalAddress,
tcpConnectionLocalPort,
tcpConnectionRemAddressType,
tcpConnectionRemAddress, tcpConnectionRemPort } ::= { tcpConnectionTable 1 }

TcpConnectionEntry ::= SEQUENCE {
    tcpConnectionLocalAddressType InetAddressType,
    tcpConnectionLocalAddress InetAddress,
    tcpConnectionLocalPort InetPortNumber,
    tcpConnectionRemAddressType InetAddressType,
    tcpConnectionRemAddress InetAddress,
    tcpConnectionRemPort InetPortNumber,
    tcpConnectionState INTEGER,
    tcpConnectionProcess Unsigned32
}

tcpConnectionLocalAddressType OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX InetAddressType
MAX-ACCESS not-accessible
STATUS current
DESCRIPTION "The address type of tcpConnectionLocalAddress."
 ::= { tcpConnectionEntry 1 }

tcpConnectionLocalAddress OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX InetAddress
MAX-ACCESS not-accessible
STATUS current
DESCRIPTION "The local IP address for this TCP connection. The type of this address is determined by the value of tcpConnectionLocalAddressType. As this object is used in the index for the tcpConnectionTable, implementors should be careful not to create entries that would result in OIDs with more than 128 subidentifiers; otherwise the information cannot be accessed by using SNMPv1, SNMPv2c, or SNMPv3."
 ::= { tcpConnectionEntry 2 }

tcpConnectionLocalPort OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX InetPortNumber
MAX-ACCESS not-accessible
STATUS current
DESCRIPTION "The local port number for this TCP connection."
 ::= { tcpConnectionEntry 3 }

tcpConnectionRemAddressType OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX     InetAddressType
MAX-ACCESS not-accessible
STATUS     current
DESCRIPTION
"The address type of tcpConnectionRemAddress."
 ::= { tcpConnectionEntry 4 }

tcpConnectionRemAddress OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX     InetAddress
MAX-ACCESS not-accessible
STATUS     current
DESCRIPTION
"The remote IP address for this TCP connection. The type
of this address is determined by the value of
tcpConnectionRemAddressType.

As this object is used in the index for the
tcpConnectionTable, implementors should be
careful not to create entries that would result in OIDs
with more than 128 subidentifiers; otherwise the information
cannot be accessed by using SNMPv1, SNMPv2c, or SNMPv3."
 ::= { tcpConnectionEntry 5 }

tcpConnectionRemPort OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX     InetPortNumber
MAX-ACCESS not-accessible
STATUS     current
DESCRIPTION
"The remote port number for this TCP connection."
 ::= { tcpConnectionEntry 6 }

tcpConnectionState OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX     INTEGER {
closed(1),
listen(2),
synSent(3),
synReceived(4),
established(5),
finWait1(6),
finWait2(7),
closeWait(8),
lastAck(9),
closing(10),
timeWait(11),
deleteTCB(12)
}
MAX-ACCESS read-write
STATUS     current
DESCRIPTION
"The state of this TCP connection.

The value listen(2) is included only for parallelism to the old tcpConnTable and should not be used. A connection in LISTEN state should be present in the tcpListenerTable.

The only value that may be set by a management station is deleteTCB(12). Accordingly, it is appropriate for an agent to return a 'badValue' response if a management station attempts to set this object to any other value.

If a management station sets this object to the value deleteTCB(12), then the TCB (as defined in [RFC793]) of the corresponding connection on the managed node is deleted, resulting in immediate termination of the connection.

As an implementation-specific option, a RST segment may be sent from the managed node to the other TCP endpoint (note, however, that RST segments are not sent reliably)."

::= { tcpConnectionEntry 7 }

tcpConnectionProcess OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX Unsigned32
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
DESCRIPTION
"The system's process ID for the process associated with this connection, or zero if there is no such process. This value is expected to be the same as HOST-RESOURCES-MIB::hrSWRunIndex or SYSAPPL-MIB::sysAppElmtRunIndex for some row in the appropriate tables."

::= { tcpConnectionEntry 8 }

-- The TCP Listener table

tcpListenerTable OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX SEQUENCE OF TcpListenerEntry
MAX-ACCESS not-accessible
STATUS current
DESCRIPTION
"A table containing information about TCP listeners. A listening application can be represented in three possible ways:

1. An application that is willing to accept both IPv4 and IPv6 datagrams is represented by
a tcpListenerLocalAddressType of unknown (0) and a tcpListenerLocalAddress of ''h (a zero-length octet-string).

2. An application that is willing to accept only IPv4 or IPv6 datagrams is represented by a tcpListenerLocalAddressType of the appropriate address type and a tcpListenerLocalAddress of '0.0.0.0' or '::' respectively.

3. An application that is listening for data destined only to a specific IP address, but from any remote system, is represented by a tcpListenerLocalAddressType of an appropriate address type, with tcpListenerLocalAddress as the specific local address.

NOTE: The address type in this table represents the address type used for the communication, irrespective of the higher-layer abstraction. For example, an application using IPv6 'sockets' to communicate via IPv4 between ::ffff:10.0.0.1 and ::ffff:10.0.0.2 would use InetAddressType ipv4(1))."
"The address type of tcpListenerLocalAddress. The value should be unknown (0) if connection initiations to all local IP addresses are accepted."

::= { tcpListenerEntry 1 }

tcpListenerLocalAddress OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX     InetAddress
MAX-ACCESS not-accessible
STATUS     current
DESCRIPTION
"The local IP address for this TCP connection.

The value of this object can be represented in three possible ways, depending on the characteristics of the listening application:

1. For an application willing to accept both IPv4 and IPv6 datagrams, the value of this object must be "h (a zero-length octet-string), with the value of the corresponding tcpListenerLocalAddressType object being unknown (0).

2. For an application willing to accept only IPv4 or IPv6 datagrams, the value of this object must be '0.0.0.0' or '::' respectively, with tcpListenerLocalAddressType representing the appropriate address type.

3. For an application which is listening for data destined only to a specific IP address, the value of this object is the specific local address, with tcpListenerLocalAddressType representing the appropriate address type.

As this object is used in the index for the tcpListenerTable, implementors should be careful not to create entries that would result in OIDs with more than 128 subidentifiers; otherwise the information cannot be accessed, using SNMPv1, SNMPv2c, or SNMPv3."

::= { tcpListenerEntry 2 }

tcpListenerLocalPort OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX     InetPortNumber
MAX-ACCESS not-accessible
STATUS     current
DESCRIPTION
"The local port number for this TCP connection." ::= { tcpListenerEntry 3 }
tcpListenerProcess OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX     Unsigned32
   MAX-ACCESS read-only
   STATUS     current
   DESCRIPTION
      "The system's process ID for the process associated with
      this listener, or zero if there is no such process. This
      value is expected to be the same as HOST-RESOURCES-MIB::
      hrSWRunIndex or SYSAPPL-MIB::sysApplElmtRunIndex for some
      row in the appropriate tables."
   ::= { tcpListenerEntry 4 }

-- The deprecated TCP Connection table

tcpConnTable OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX     SEQUENCE OF TcpConnEntry
   MAX-ACCESS not-accessible
   STATUS     deprecated
   DESCRIPTION
      "A table containing information about existing IPv4-specific
      TCP connections or listeners. This table has been
      deprecated in favor of the version neutral
tcpConnectionTable."
   ::= { tcp 13 }

tcpConnEntry OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX     TcpConnEntry
   MAX-ACCESS not-accessible
   STATUS     deprecated
   DESCRIPTION
      "A conceptual row of the tcpConnTable containing information
      about a particular current IPv4 TCP connection. Each row
      of this table is transient in that it ceases to exist when
      (or soon after) the connection makes the transition to the
      CLOSED state."
   INDEX   { tcpConnLocalAddress,
              tcpConnLocalPort,
              tcpConnRemAddress,
              tcpConnRemPort }
   ::= { tcpConnTable 1 }

TcpConnEntry ::= SEQUENCE {
   tcpConnState INTEGER,
   tcpConnLocalAddress IpAddress,
   tcpConnLocalPort Integer32,
   tcpConnRemAddress IpAddress,
   tcpConnRemPort Integer32}
tcpConnState OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX     INTEGER {
               closed(1),
               listen(2),
               synSent(3),
               synReceived(4),
               established(5),
               finWait1(6),
               finWait2(7),
               closeWait(8),
               lastAck(9),
               closing(10),
               timeWait(11),
               deleteTCB(12)
   }
   MAX-ACCESS read-write
   STATUS     deprecated
   DESCRIPTION
               "The state of this TCP connection. The only value that may be set by a management station is deleteTCB(12). Accordingly, it is appropriate for an agent to return a "badValue" response if a management station attempts to set this object to any other value.

               If a management station sets this object to the value deleteTCB(12), then the TCB (as defined in [RFC793]) of the corresponding connection on the managed node is deleted, resulting in immediate termination of the connection.

               As an implementation-specific option, a RST segment may be sent from the managed node to the other TCP endpoint (note, however, that RST segments are not sent reliably)."
   ::= { tcpConnEntry 1 }

tcpConnLocalAddress OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX     IpAddress
   MAX-ACCESS read-only
   STATUS     deprecated
   DESCRIPTION
               "The local IP address for this TCP connection. In the case of a connection in the listen state willing to accept connections for any IP interface associated with the node, the value 0.0.0.0 is used."
   ::= { tcpConnEntry 2 }
tcpConnLocalPort OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX     Integer32 (0..65535)
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS     deprecated
DESCRIPTION
    "The local port number for this TCP connection."
::= { tcpConnEntry 3 }

tcpConnRemAddress OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX     IpAddress
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS     deprecated
DESCRIPTION
    "The remote IP address for this TCP connection."
::= { tcpConnEntry 4 }

tcpConnRemPort OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX     Integer32 (0..65535)
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS     deprecated
DESCRIPTION
    "The remote port number for this TCP connection."
::= { tcpConnEntry 5 }

-- conformance information

tcpMIBConformance OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { tcpMIB 2 }
tcpMIBCompliances OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { tcpMIBConformance 1 }
tcpMIBGroups      OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { tcpMIBConformance 2 }

-- compliance statements

tcpMIBCompliance2 MODULE-COMPLIANCE
STATUS     current
DESCRIPTION
    "The compliance statement for systems that implement TCP.

    A number of INDEX objects cannot be
    represented in the form of OBJECT clauses in SMIv2 but
    have the following compliance requirements,
    expressed in OBJECT clause form in this description
    clause:

    -- OBJECT    tcpConnectionLocalAddressType
    -- SYNTAX    InetAddressType { ipv4(1), ipv6(2) }
    -- DESCRIPTION
    --    This MIB requires support for only global IPv4
and IPv6 address types.

OBJECT tcpConnectionRemAddressType
SYNTAX InetAddressType { ipv4(1), ipv6(2) }
DESCRIPTION
This MIB requires support for only global IPv4 and IPv6 address types.

OBJECT tcpListenerLocalAddressType
SYNTAX InetAddressType { unknown(0), ipv4(1), ipv6(2) }
DESCRIPTION
This MIB requires support for only global IPv4 and IPv6 address types. The type unknown also needs to be supported to identify a special case in the listener table: a listen using both IPv4 and IPv6 addresses on the device.

""
MODULE -- this module
MANDATORY-GROUPS { tcpGroup }
OBJECT tcpConnState
MIN-ACCESS read-only
DESCRIPTION
"Write access is not required."
::= { tcpMIBCompliances 1 }

-- units of conformance

tcpGroup OBJECT-GROUP
OBJECTS { tcpRtoAlgorithm, tcpRtoMin, tcpRtoMax,
tcpMaxConn, tcpActiveOpens,
tcpPassiveOpens, tcpAttemptFails,
tcpEstabResets, tcpCurrEstab, tcpInSegs,
tcpOutSegs, tcpRetransSegs, tcpConnState,
tcpConnLocalAddress, tcpConnLocalPort,
tcpConnRemAddress, tcpConnRemPort,
tcpInErrs, tcpOutRsts }
STATUS deprecated
DESCRIPTION
"The tcp group of objects providing for management of TCP entities."
::= { tcpMIBGroups 1 }

tcpBaseGroup OBJECT-GROUP
OBJECTS { tcpRtoAlgorithm, tcpRtoMin, tcpRtoMax,
tcpMaxConn, tcpActiveOpens,
tcpPassiveOpens, tcpAttemptFails,
tcpEstabResets, tcpCurrEstab, tcpInSegs,
tcpOutSegs, tcpRetransSegs,
tcpInErrs, tcpOutRsts }
STATUS current
DESCRIPTION
"The group of counters common to TCP entities."
::= { tcpMIBGroups 2 }

tcpConnectionGroup OBJECT-GROUP
OBJECTS { tcpConnectionState, tcpConnectionProcess }
STATUS current
DESCRIPTION
"The group provides general information about TCP connections."
::= { tcpMIBGroups 3 }

tcpListenerGroup OBJECT-GROUP
OBJECTS { tcpListenerProcess }
STATUS current
DESCRIPTION "This group has objects providing general information about TCP listeners."
::= { tcpMIBGroups 4 }

tcpHCGroup OBJECT-GROUP
OBJECTS { tcpHCInSegs, tcpHCOutSegs }
STATUS current
DESCRIPTION "The group of objects providing for counters of high speed TCP implementations."
::= { tcpMIBGroups 5 }

END

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5. References

5.1. Normative References


5.2. Informative References


6. Security Considerations

There are a number of management objects defined in this MIB module with a MAX-ACCESS clause of read-write. 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:

- The tcpConnectionState and tcpConnState objects have a MAX-ACCESS clause of read-write, which allows termination of an arbitrary connection. Unauthorized access could cause a denial of service.

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:

- The tcpConnectionTable and the tcpConnTable contain objects providing information about the active connections on the device, the status of these connections, and the associated processes. This information may be used by an attacker to launch attacks against known/unknown weakness in certain protocols/applications. In addition, access to the connection table could also have privacy implications, as it provides detailed information on active connections.

- The tcpListenerTable and the tcpConnTable contain objects providing information about listeners on an entity. For example, the tcpListenerLocalPort and tcpConnLocalPort objects can be used to identify what ports are open on the machine and what attacks are likely to succeed, without the attacker having to run a port scanner.

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 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.
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