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This document will discuss the setup of a Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) for network management of the SSCL Controls system real time embedded processors.

Remarks

Included is the SNMP VxWorks Management Information Base source code.
Abstract

The Superconducting Super Collider Laboratory is a complex of particle accelerators being built in Ellis County, Texas. It will have a dedicated global communications network that will deliver control messages and provide for general data acquisition. This network will connect thousands of computer nodes over a very large geographic area. In order to meet the demanding availability requirements being levied on the system, it will need comprehensive network management. A large number of the computer nodes are embedded systems that traditionally do not support network management services. This presents unique challenges to standard network management practices. The Simple Network Management Protocol, SNMP, is widely accepted by industry as a tool to manage network devices. In this paper we will examine the performance characteristics and usefulness of an SNMP agent in a real-time environment.

I. Network Management Historical Perspective

The Internet Activities Board (IAB) has spent considerable time focusing on standards for network management. In 1987 a group of engineers implemented the Simple Gateway Management Protocol (SGMP). Around the same time, the OSI network management documents specified CMIP over TCP (CMOT). (CMIP is the OSI Common Management Information Protocol, and TCP is the Transmission Control Protocol). These two groups met to determine if a consensus could be reached on a network management approach. The result of the meeting was that the SGMP protocol would be extended to address the needs of network devices other than gateways. It would be called the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP). This was to become the short term solution for network management in the community while a second group worked on the OSI approach as a long term solution. A third group was to design a common framework for network management so as to make the migration from SGMP to CMOT easier. By the fall of 1989 a number of vendors had implementations of SNMP installed, and it became the de facto operational standard for network management of TCP/IP based networks[1].

II. Structure of Management Information

The Structure of Management Information (SMI) was initially deployed in order that the SNMP and the CMOT camps would have a common framework for identifying managed objects[2]. A collection of managed objects is referred to as a Management Information Base (MIB)[3]. Essentially the SMI specifies a syntax for defining MIBs in Abstrax Syntax Notation One (ASN.1) macros and a base group of object types. Complex object types can be created using ASN.1. Additionally, a set of Basic Encoding Rules (BER) are defined to translate the ASN.1 instances into serialized octet strings that can be sent out onto a network.

Objects are defined with an associated Object Identifier (OID) in a tree structure. There are four branches in the tree that are of primary interest; Directory, Management, Experimental and Private. The Directory subtree is reserved for future use with the OSI network management model. The Management subtree is used to define objects in the Internet standard MIB. This consists of objects that are expected to be available on managed nodes running the Internet suite of protocols. The latest version of this MIB is referred to as MIB-II[4]. It contains 171 objects in a number of groups that are identified as System, Interfaces, Address Translation, IP, ICMP, TCP, UDP, EGP, transmission and SNMP. Each group is considered optional, but if any object in a group is implemented, then the whole group must be implemented. The Experimental subtree is used for conducting Internet experiments. The Private subtree allows any enterprise to register with the Internet community and build their own MIBs. MIBs developed by the SSC Lab fall into this category.

III. What is SNMP?

SNMP has become widely implemented in the network community as the accepted de facto standard network management protocol. Agents supporting SNMP are provided by many network device vendors. In addition, many workstation vendors provide an SNMP agent either as part of their standard operating system release or through third party vendors.

SNMP provides four operations: Get, GetNext, Set, and Trap[5]. It requires a connectionless transport service to be provided. TCP/IP implementations of SNMP use the User Datagram Protocol (UDP) as the transport mechanism. Community names provide for minimal authentication access to a managed nodes MIB. Different community names can be used for Get and Set to provide read-only access to some users and read-write access to others. Get
and Set operate on a specified OID. GetNext returns the
OID and value of the next object in the MIB. This allows
a Network Management Station (NMS) to "walk" through
a managed nodes MIB by repeatedly issuing GetNext calls
to that node. Traps are the means that the managed node
can report that an event has occurred or some threshold
has been passed.

Many commercially available NMSs are available that
use SNMP. NMS provides a user interface to the SNMP
objects and allows for data collection, MIB browsing, trap
handling and maintaining graphical maps of the network.
The NMS can draw conclusions on the health of the net-
work and its associated devices based on the MIB data
it collects. Additionally, SNMP applications can be pur-
chased or written to manipulate the data in a number of
ways, e.g. a meter to show the network or CPU utilization
of a particular device.

IV. SNMP Agent for Real-Time Systems

In order to provide SNMP services for real-time systems,
SNMP agent software was purchased in source form. This
software is the SNMP Universal Agent[6]. C source code is
provided to implement the SNMP agent, and sample MIB
interfaces which simulate MIB-II and the experimental Un-
interruptible Power Supply (UPS) MIB. Each MIB adheres
to a defined Agent-MIB interface so that new MIB mod-
cules can be added. This code was ported to VxWorks[7], a
real-time operating system, by SSC Lab engineers.

VxWorks provides many data structures that contain
data relevant to the status of the network. A mapping
of this data to the MIB-II objects was performed by SSC
Laboratory personnel resulting in a near complete im-
plementation of MIB-II under VxWorks.

V. SSCL Real-Time MIB

With the standard MIB-II objects in place, it is appar-
ent that extensions are needed in order to manage real-
time systems. Objects that are not part of any existing
standard MIB are desired. For instance, from the cen-
tral management station, it may be desirable to change a
nodes configuration, determine the current software ver-
son, modify the state of tasks in the system, determine the
CPU load or even reboot the system.

A MIB was designed to address these unique require-
ments for management of real-time systems, referred to as
the SSCL Real-Time MIB. There are four main groups in
the MIB: Real-Time Operating System (RTOS), SNMP
Daemon (SNMPD), CPU Idle (IDLE) and System.

The RTOS group contains objects relevant to each real-
time operating system that the agents may be ported to.
For example, a VxWorks sub-group could contain objects
representing system memory usage, system tasks and boot
parameters. The current implementation allows the Vx-
Works boot parameters to be interrogated and modified
using SNMP. Due to the distribution of real-time systems
at the SSC over many miles, this functionality could be
invaluable.

The SNMPD group contains information relevant to the
tasks used to support SNMP on the target. These objects
include the version of the Agent core, version of the Op-
erating System Port, and the task priority of the daemon
Task. The task priority is settable using SNMP.

The CPU idle group contains information regarding the
utilization of the CPU. Objects provide the CPU percent
idle at various time intervals as well as a user settable time
interval. The values can be queried to monitor the system
performance.

The system group is intended to monitor and control
the real-time system as a whole. It contains objects that
allow the user to start reboot sequences or abort reboot
sequences to a target. When these values are set, SNMP
Traps can be sent to a NMS to advise that the system
is being rebooted. These traps contain the system being
rebooted, how long until the reboot will occur and which
system caused the reboot to occur.

VI. SSCL T1 MIB

The communications for the SSC controls system will
consist largely of point-to-point links to satisfy the
throughput and response time requirements[8]. These
point-to-point links will be provided directly into the real-
time system by means of a fractional T1 interface. This
interface is being developed by the SSC to implement stan-
dard protocols such as HDLC, PPP, and TCP/IP. Some of
these interfaces are already managed by standard MIBs de-
defined by the Internet community. Where applicable, those
MIBs will be used to manage the point-to-point links. In
addition to that, a SSCL T1 MIB will be designed to imple-
ment direct driver level statistics about the T1 interfaces.
This MIB will allow network managers to determine the
operational status of the interfaces, and verify that the T1
communications are set up properly in accordance with
ADM and SONET equipment used to transport the T1.
For example, the T1 channels involved in a point-to-point
link could be verified.

VII. Real-Time Performance issues

When real-time systems are operational, there are essen-
tially three types of operations: Interrupt Service Routines
(ISR), real-time tasks, and non real-time tasks. The goal
of the real-time operating system is to schedule the real-
time tasks in a deterministic nature. The non real-time
tasks are tasks that are generally not mission critical (e.g.
a user level shell), they may use the remaining CPU time,
or if there is no remaining time, they are postponed until
CPU resources are available.

Since the SNMPD task is not mission critical to the em-
bedded system, but rather provides support information to
the management station, it is considered part of the non
real-time group of tasks. To address this issue, the SN-
MPD task has been designed to run at any priority level.
The system designer assigns a priority when the SNMPD
task is initialized, or also while it is running through the
use of SNMP.
The local CPU utilization is only one concern for the impact of the SNMP task on the real-time system. The other consideration is the bandwidth requirement added to the network. In the SSC control system, each real-time system will have a fractional T1 interface. This means that a given system will have a dedicated bi-directional network bandwidth between 64 kbps and 1.554 Mbps. (i.e. the total bandwidth is available for transmitting and receiving data simultaneously). Although the exact traffic patterns for the SNMP data are not known at this time, estimates can be made based on experience using an existing NMS to manage ethernet networks. The NMS could query a node at some user configurable rate for the network utilization, CPU utilization and a few other parameters. This total of about 15 objects could be sufficient to determine if the system is functioning.

It is estimated that each object requires a packet of 128 bytes to be transmitted on the network with a response of the same size. Based on this packet size, SNMP would require 1920 bytes for a complete data acquisition cycle. If the polling period is set to one minute, then the theoretical bandwidth of a 64kbps channel is 480KB/minute, and the bandwidth of a T1 is 11.7MB/minute. The SNMP traffic is then 0.39 percent of the 64 kbps channel or only 0.016 percent of the full T1.

VIII. Future directions

The Real-Time MIB will be expanded to provide additional functionality in terms of Operating System configuration, utilization and task maintenance. Some of these areas will be threshold monitoring for various portions of the MIB including sending out SNMP traps when the CPU utilization passes certain thresholds. It is desirable to be able to set task priorities, interrogate memory, and possibly to use SNMP to implement some debug capabilities for the real-time system. Each of these areas are under investigation.

In the areas of network management protocols, the Internet Engineering task force is nearing completion of the next generation of SNMP, SNMP Version Two, commonly referred to as SNMPv2. SNMPv2 addresses manager-to-manager communications, bulk data transfer, and security enhancements. It is widely expected to be the replacement for SNMPv1. Because of this development, plans are already in place to move the SSC Lab real-time SNMP Agent to SNMPv2 compatibility.

It is not clear if or when the SSC control system network will migrate to an OSI-based network, but we believe that CMOT for real-time systems is feasible.

IX. Conclusions

SNMP seems quite well suited for managing real-time systems in the SSC Lab control system. It provides a common management protocol for traditional network devices as well as UNIX systems, real-time systems and possibly other control system components. SNMP's wide vendor acceptance provides a common ground for network management. This allows the SSC to manage its devices while still using commercial network management packages. With a sufficiently advanced NMS, proactive network management should be feasible. The background work put in by the Internet community will allow following the direction of the community as the standards migrate to newer versions of technology. This will certainly provide some interesting challenges in implementing the network management of the SSC controls system network.

References

[6] Paul Freeman Associates, 14 Pleasant Street, P.O. Box 2087, Westford, MA 01886.
SSCL-RT-MIB DEFINITIONS ::= BEGIN

-- Title: SSCL real-time MIB
-- Date: March 15, 1993
-- By: Carl W. Kalbfleisch <cwktirrationa1.ssc.gov>
--
-- This MIB describes OID's that may be supported in SSCL
-- real-time systems.
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--
IMPORTS enterprises, Gauge
FROM RFC1155-SMI

OBJECT-TYPE
FROM RFC-1212;

sscl OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { enterprises 535 }

realTime OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { sscl 1 }

--
-- rtos group
-- define OIDs for each Real Time Operating Systems supported
--
rtos OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { realTime 1 }
pson OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { rtos 1 }
vxworks OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { rtos 2 }
lynxos OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { rtos 3 }

--
-- snmpd group
'snmpd' OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { realTime 2 }

agentVersion OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX OCTET STRING
ACCESS read-only
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"An ASCII string containing the version number of the SNMP Universal Agent core."
 ::= { snmpd 1 }

portVersion OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX OCTET STRING
ACCESS read-only
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"An ASCII string containing the version number of the Port of this agent to this operating system."
 ::= { snmpd 2 }

taskPriority OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER
ACCESS read-write
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"The task priority of the SNMPD task in the real time OS. Setting this value causes the task to change its priority to the value specified."
 ::= { snmpd 3 }

-- idle group
--
idle OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { realTime 3 }

currentIdle OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX Gauge
ACCESS read-only
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"An integer value that corresponds to the percentage of the CPU time that was idle in the last second"
 ::= { idle 1 }

tenSecondIdle OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX Gauge
ACCESS read-only
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"An integer value that corresponds to the percentage of the CPU time that was idle in the last ten seconds"
 ::= { idle 2 }
sixtySecondIdle OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX Gauge
ACCESS read-only
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"An integer value that corresponds to the percentage of the CPU time that was idle in the last minute"

userIdle OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX Gauge
ACCESS read-only
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"An integer value that corresponds to the percentage of the CPU time that was idle in the last user defined interval. If the user-interval value is zero, then this value is zero."

userInterval OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER (0..1024)
ACCESS read-write
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"Defines a number of seconds for the user-idle calculation. The value must be in the range 0 thru idle.historySize seconds."

 calibration OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER
ACCESS read-only
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"This is the count as calculated during the calibration of the cpu idle time. This value can be used to compare the calibration between different CPUs."

 historySize OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER
ACCESS read-only
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"This is the size of the idle history buffer."

 historyValid OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER
ACCESS read-only
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"This is the number of valid entries in the history buffer."

 system OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { realTime 4 }

 reboot OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX Gauge
ACCESS read-write
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"Setting this value to be non-zero cause the local CPU to be
reset after the number of seconds specified. When reading this
this value, it specifies the number of seconds until the reboot
will occur, or zero (0) if the reboot sequence has not been
activated. The reboot sequence can be aborted by setting the
abortReboot value to non-zero."
::= { system 1 }

rebootVME OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX Gauge
ACCESS read-write
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"Setting this value to be non-zero cause the VME sysReset line
to be asserted after the number of seconds specified. When reading
this value, it specifies the number of seconds until the reboot
will occur, or zero (0) if the reboot sequence has not been
activated. The reboot sequence can be aborted by setting the
abortReboot value to non-zero."
::= { system 2 }

abortReboot OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX Gauge
ACCESS read-write
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"Setting this value to be non-zero cause the reboot or rebootVME
sequence to be aborted."
::= { system 3 }

silent OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER
ACCESS read-write
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"When set to non-zero, no messages pertaining to the reboot
are displayed on the console port. Otherwise warning messages
are displayed when the reboot sequence is initiated, when it
is aborted, and once a second for each of the last 5 seconds
before the reboot."
::= { system 4 }

spuriousInts OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER
ACCESS read-write
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"Contains a count the number of spurious interrupts that have
occurred either since the snmpd task was started, or since the
value was last cleared."
::= { system 5 }

--
-- define the RTOS groups here
--
This section defines OIDs for the pSOS+ real time executive, and its components.

nodeAnchor OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER
ACCESS read-only
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"Contains the value of the system NODE ANCHOR." := { psos 1 }

nodeConfig OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { psos 2 }

cpuType OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER
ACCESS read-only
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"A bit mask which defines the CPU type." := { nodeConfig 1 }

mpCT OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { nodeConfig 2 }

psosCT OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { nodeConfig 3 }

psosCode OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER
ACCESS read-only
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"start address of pSOS+." := { psosCT 1 }

rgnZeroAddr OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER
ACCESS read-only
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"region 0 start address." := { psosCT 2 }

rgnZeroLen OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER
ACCESS read-only
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"region 0 length."
::= { psoCT 3 }

rgnZeroUnit OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER
ACCESS read-only
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"region 0 unit size."
::= { psoCT 4 }

-- PROBE Config Table
--
probeCT OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { nodeConfig 4 }

-- PHILE Config Table
--
phileCT OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { nodeConfig 6 }

-- PREPC Config Table
--
prepcCT OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { nodeConfig 7 }

-- pNA Config Table
--
pnaCT OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { nodeConfig 5 }

-- vxWorks
--
This section defines OIDs specific to the vxWorks real time
-- operating system and its environment
--
-- Memory Stuff
--
vxMemory OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { vxworks 1 }

--
-- Current Memory
--
currentMemory OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { vxMemory 2 }

bytes OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER
ACCESS read-only
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"The current number of bytes allocated"
::= { currentMemory 1 }

blocks OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER
ACCESS read-only
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"The current number of blocks allocated"
::= { currentMemory 2 }

average OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER
ACCESS read-only
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"The average size of the blocks allocated"
::= { currentMemory 3 }

maximum OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER
ACCESS read-only
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"The maximum size block allocated."
::= { currentMemory 4 }

-- Free Memory Stats

freeMemory OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { vxMemory 3 }

bytes OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER
ACCESS read-only
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"The current number of bytes free"
::= { freeMemory 1 }

blocks OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER
ACCESS read-only
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"The current number of blocks free"
::= { freeMemory 2 }

average OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER
ACCESS read-only
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"The average size of the blocks free."
::= { freeMemory 3 }

-- Cumulative Memory Stats

cumulativeMemory OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { vxMemory 4 }

bytes OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER
ACCESS read-only
blocks OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER
ACCESS read-only
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"The cumulative number of blocks allocated"
::= { cumulativeMemory 2 }

average OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER
ACCESS read-only
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"The cumulative average size of the blocks allocated"
::= { cumulativeMemory 3 }

--
-- Network Stuff
--
vxNetwork OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { vxworks 2 }
vxTcp OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { vxNetwork 1 }

--
-- Task Stuff
--
vxTask OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { vxworks 3 }
vxNumTasks OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER
ACCESS read-write
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"
::= { vxTask 1 }

--
an entry for each task
--
vxTaskTable OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX SEQUENCE OF VXTaskEntry
ACCESS not-accessible
STATUS deprecated
DESCRIPTION
"The vxTaskTable contains an entry for each task in the system."
::= { vxTask 2 }
vxTaskEntry OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX VXTaskEntry
ACCESS not-accessible
STATUS deprecated
DESCRIPTION
"Each entry contains one task"
INDEX { taskID }
::= { vxTaskTable 1 }

VxTaskEntry ::= SEQUENCE {
    name OCTET STRING,
    entryPoint OCTET STRING,
    taskID INTEGER,
    priority INTEGER,
    status INTEGER,
    programCounter INTEGER,
    stackPointer INTEGER,
    errno INTEGER,
    delay INTEGER
}

name OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX OCTET STRING
ACCESS read-only
STATUS deprecated
DESCRIPTION ""
::= { vxTaskEntry 1 }

entryPoint OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX OCTET STRING
ACCESS read-only
STATUS deprecated
DESCRIPTION ""
::= { vxTaskEntry 2 }

taskID OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER
ACCESS read-only
STATUS deprecated
DESCRIPTION ""
::= { vxTaskEntry 3 }

priority OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER
ACCESS read-write
STATUS deprecated
DESCRIPTION ""
::= { vxTaskEntry 4 }

status OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER
ACCESS  read-write
STATUS  deprecated
DESCRIPTION  ""
::=  { vxTaskEntry 5 }

programCounter OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX  INTEGER
ACCESS  read-only
STATUS  deprecated
DESCRIPTION  ""
::=  { vxTaskEntry 6 }

stackPointer OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX  INTEGER
ACCESS  read-only
STATUS  deprecated
DESCRIPTION  ""
::=  { vxTaskEntry 7 }

errobject OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX  INTEGER
ACCESS  read-only
STATUS  deprecated
DESCRIPTION  ""
::=  { vxTaskEntry 8 }

delay OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX  INTEGER
ACCESS  read-only
STATUS  deprecated
DESCRIPTION  ""
::=  { vxTaskEntry 9 }

--  Boot Param Stuff
--

vxBootParams OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::=  { vxworks 4 }

bootDev OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX  OCTET STRING
ACCESS  read-write
STATUS  mandatory
DESCRIPTION  "boot device code"
::=  { vxBootParams 1 }

hostName OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX  OCTET STRING
ACCESS  read-write
STATUS  mandatory
DESCRIPTION  "name of host"
::= { vxBootParams 2 }

targetName OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX OCTET STRING
ACCESS read-write
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION "name of target"
::= { vxBootParams 3 }

ethermetAddr OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX OCTET STRING
ACCESS read-write
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION "ethernet internet addr"
::= { vxBootParams 4 }

backplaneAddr OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX OCTET STRING
ACCESS read-write
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION "backplane internet addr"
::= { vxBootParams 5 }

hostAddr OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX OCTET STRING
ACCESS read-write
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION "host internet addr"
::= { vxBootParams 6 }

gatewayAddr OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX OCTET STRING
ACCESS read-write
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION "gateway internet addr"
::= { vxBootParams 7 }

bootFile OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX OCTET STRING
ACCESS read-write
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION "name of boot file"
::= { vxBootParams 8 }

startupScript OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX OCTET STRING
ACCESS read-write
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION "name of startup script file"
::= { vxBootParams 9 }
userName OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX OCTET STRING
ACCESS read-write
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"user name"
 ::= { vxBootParams 10 }

password OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX OCTET STRING
ACCESS read-write
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"password"
 ::= { vxBootParams 11 }

other OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX OCTET STRING
ACCESS read-write
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"available for applications"
 ::= { vxBootParams 12 }

processorNumber OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX Integer
ACCESS read-write
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"processor number"
 ::= { vxBootParams 13 }

flags OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX Integer
ACCESS read-write
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
"configuration flags"
 ::= { vxBootParams 14 }

--
-- vxKernel
--
-- Information about the kernel configuration
--
-- vxKernel OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { vxworks 5 }
--
-- vxClock
--
-- Information about the clock configuration
--
vxClock OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { vxKernel 1 }

sysClkRate OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER
ACCESS read-write
STATUS mandatory
DESCRIPTION
   "The rate in ticks per second of the vxWorks clock."
 ::= { vxClock 1 }

Ticks OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX INTEGER
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "The number of elapsed clock ticks."
 ::= { vxClock 2 }

-- lynx OS
--
-- This section defines OIDs specific to the Lynx OS real time
-- operating system, and its environment
--
END
SSCL-T1-MIB DEFINITIONS ::= BEGIN

-- Title: SSCL T1 MIB
-- Date: June 2, 1993
-- By: Carl W. Kalbfleisch <cwk@irrational.ssc.gov>
--
-- This MIB describes OID's that may be supported in SSCL
-- systems using T1 communications.
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sscl OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { enterprises 535 }

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END
Name

snmpd - Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) daemon for VxWorks.

Introduction

Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) is becoming the industry standard for network management. As the name implies, it is fairly simple. In addition, it is extensible. SNMP is a client-server network management architecture. A server requests information from a client's Management Information Base (MIB). A particular MIB defines some number of Object Identifiers (OIDs). These OIDs are what is used to request information from a client.

Standard MIBs

There are many standard MIBs defined for various network architectures. MIB-II is defined by RFC1213. It is probably the most widely supported MIB. It defines groups for the system description, and each layer of an IP based network. These network groups define the interface, IP layer, UDP layer, TCP layer and SNMP group in terms of configuration and statistics. Refer to RFC1213 for the fields that are defined.

Proprietary MIBs

As mentioned previously, SNMP is extensible. In fact, much of its power is gained by these extensions. An SSCL proprietary MIB has been designed to address OIDs pertaining to real time systems. These OIDs range from statistics and configuration of the real time operating system to the system CPU idle time to facilities to reboot the system.

Loading SNMPD for VxWorks

The agent has been prepared for MVME147, MVME167 and in generic form. The generic form does not support all of the functionality of the others, but allows most functionality. To load the agent, add the following lines to your startup.cmd file.

Motorola MVME147

  cd "directory containing snmpd.conf"
  < /usr/local/comms/vxWorks/startup/snmpd_m147

Motorola MVME167

  cd "directory containing snmpd.conf"
  < /usr/local/comms/vxWorks/startup/snmpd_m167

GENERIC

  cd "directory containing snmpd.conf"
  < /usr/local/comms/vxWorks/startup/snmpd_generic

snmpd.conf file

The snmpd.conf file configures two values in the MIB-II system group. The first string found in the file becomes the
agent's sysContact value. The second string is the sysLocation. An example file is:

```
# System group

"Elvis"  # sysContact
"The dark side of the moon"  # sysLocation
```

If the values need to be reconfigured, you can cd to a directory containing an snmpd.conf file and execute init_system () from the vxWorks shell.

If the snmpd.conf file does not exist, the the values are set to:
- sysContact: my dear contact
- sysLocation: my dear system location

VxWorks Task usage

The SNMP agent and its support code creates 3 tasks. They are called LOAD, LAVG and SNMPD. The LOAD and LAVG tasks are used to calculate the system idle time. LOAD runs at priority 0 once a second. LAVG runs at priority 254 and uses all CPU time not used by other tasks or ISRs. DO NOT start another task at priority 254. The SNMPD task is the agent code that supplies OID values to management consoles. The scripts defined above start this task at priority 20. The priority can be changed while the task is running by using SNMP.

A task REBOOT or REBOOT_VME will be spawned if a reboot sequence is activated. These tasks are created at priority 0.

NOTE: VxWorks task priorities range from 0 (highest) to 254 (lowest).

Support Entry Points

There are a number of support entry points that can be activated from the vxWorks shell. These are as follows:

```
init_system ()
```

The init_system () entry point is used to re-read snmpd.conf. This may require to have an NFS mounted file system in order to access the file.

```
idleShow
```

The idleShow entry point will display the current, ten second average and 60 second average of the system idle time for the user.

```
systemShow
```

The systemShow () entry point will display the SNMP MIB-II group OIDs and their values.
Host management tools (on Lepew)

MIB browser
 The MIB browser is an X window application that allows a user to interactively view and modify the values of an agent's MIB. Invoke the MIB browser by running xnmbrowser on lepew. The path /usr/ov/bin should be added to your path, and your DISPLAY variable set appropriate to your physical location. Once xnmbrowser comes up on your screen, you may specify the target you wish to view in the (Name/IP address field). Move around the MIB with the (Up/Down Tree) buttons. The MIB-II values are in the tree in the 
.iso.org.dod.internet.mgmt.mib-2 area. The SSCL Real Time MIB is in the tree in the

snmpget, snmpset, snmpwalk
There are man pages for these applications that are available as part of HP OpenView.

Additional Information
Refer to the file /usr/local/comms/vxWorks/obj/README for information pertaining to the functionality of SNMP agent for vxWorks and the related support code.

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Glossary Of Terms
SNMP Simple Network Management Protocol

MIB Management Information Base

OID Object Identifier

NMS Network Management Station

agent code that responds to SNMP requests

OpenView
A NMS from Hewlett Packard that is currently used by ASD Controls. The software is installed on lepew (an HP 425S).

See Also
snmpget, snmpset, snmpwalk, sscl_rt
Full Internet Standards

The following are full Internet Standards

- rfc1155 - Structure and Identification of Management Information for TCP/IP-based Internets
- rfc1147 - A Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)
- rfc1212 - Concise MIB Definitions
- rfc1213 - Management Information Base for Network Management of TCP/IP-based Internets: MIB-II

Draft Standards

The following are Draft or Proposed Internet Standards

- rfc1271 - Remote Network Monitoring (RMON)
- rfc1285 - FDDI Management Information Base
- rfc1416 - Definitions of Managed Objects for the DS1 and Es1 Interface Types
- rfc1441 - Introduction to version 2 of the Internet-standard Network Management Framework
- rfc1442 - Structure of Management Information for version 2 of the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMPv2)
Network Management Glossary of Terms

agent
code that responds to SNMP requests

ASN.1
Abstract Syntax Notation One

BER
Basic Encoding Rules are defined to translate ASN.1 representation of a MIB into a serialized octet string suitable for transmission on the network.

CMIP
Common Management Information Protocol

CMOT
CMIP over TCP/IP

MIB
Management Information Base

NMS
Network Management Station

OID
Object Identifier

OpenView
A NMS from Hewlett Packard that is currently used by ASD Controls. The software is installed on lepew (an HP 4255).

SGMP
The Simple Gateway Management Protocol was the predecessor to SNMP.

SMI
Structure of Management Information. For SNMP, this is defined in rfc1155. For SNMPv2, this is defined in rfc1442.

SNMP
The Simple Network Management Protocol protocol provides four operations: Get, GetNext, Set and Trap. SNMP refers to the first version of SNMP.

SNMPv2
Simple Network Management Protocol version 2 provide security and bulk data transfer enhancements to SNMP.

Spectrum
A NMS from Cabletron Systems.