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                Definitions of Managed Objects for Parallel-printer-like
                        Hardware Devices using SMIv2

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   improvements. Please refer to the current edition of the "IAB
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1. Introduction

   This memo defines an extension to the Management Information Base
   (MIB) for use with network management protocols in the Internet
   community. In particular, it defines objects for the management of
   Parallel-printer-like devices.

2. The SNMPv2 Network Management Framework

   The SNMPv2 Network Management Framework consists of four major
   components. They are:

      o   RFC 1442 [1] which defines the SMI, the mechanisms used for
           describing and naming objects for the purpose of management.

      o   STD 17, RFC 1213 [2] defines MIB-II, the core set of managed
           objects for the Internet suite of protocols.

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o   RFC 1445 [3] which defines the administrative and other
        architectural aspects of the framework.

o   RFC 1448 [4] which defines the protocol used for network
        access to managed objects.

   The Framework permits new objects to be defined for the purpose of
   experimentation and evaluation.

2.1. Object Definitions

   Managed objects are accessed via a virtual information store, termed
   the Management Information Base or MIB. Objects in the MIB are
   defined using the subset of Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1)
   defined in the SMI. In particular, each object object type is named
   by an OBJECT IDENTIFIER, an administratively assigned name. The
   object type together with an object instance serves to uniquely
   identify a specific instantiation of the object. For human
   convenience, we often use a textual string, termed the descriptor, to
   refer to the object type.

3. Overview

   The Parallel-printer-like Hardware Device MIB applies to interface
   ports that would most probably support the Character MIB. The most
   common example is Centronics-like printer port.

   The Parallel-printer-like Hardware Device MIB is mandatory for all
   systems that have such a hardware port supporting services managed
   through some other MIB.

   The Parallel-printer-like Hardware Port MIB includes Centronics-like
   and Data-Products-like parallel physical links with a similar set of
   control signals.

   The MIB contains objects that relate to physical layer connections.

   The MIB comprises one base object and three tables, detailed in the
   following sections. The tables contain objects for ports and input
   and output control signals.

3.1. Relationship to Interface MIB

   The Parallel-printer-like MIB is one of many MIBs designed for
   layered use as described in the Interface MIB [5]. In most
   implementations where it is present, it will be in the lowest
   interface sublayer, that is, the Parallel-printer-like MIB represents
   the physical layer, providing service to higher layers such as the

    Character MIB [6].

    Although it is unlikely that a parallel printer port will actually be
    used as a network interface, which is the intent of the Interface
    MIB, the Parallel-printer-like MIB is closely connected to the
    Character MIB, which can share hardware interfaces with network
    operation, and relate to the RS-232 MIB [7].

    The Interface MIB's ifTestTable and ifRcvAddressTable are not
    relevant to the Parallel-printer-like MIB.

    The Parallel-printer-like MIB is relevant for ifType values para(34)
    and perhaps others.

    The Parallel-printer-like MIB requires the conformance groups
    ifGeneralGroup, and ifFixedLengthGroup.

    Usefulness of error counters in this MIB depends on the octet
    counters in ifFixedLengthGroup.

4. Definitions

    PARALLEL-MIB DEFINITIONS ::= BEGIN

    IMPORTS
        MODULE-IDENTITY, OBJECT-TYPE, NOTIFICATION-TYPE,
        Counter32, Integer32
            FROM SNMPv2-SMI
        InterfaceIndex
            FROM IF-MIB
        transmission
            FROM RFC1213-MIB
        MODULE-COMPLIANCE, OBJECT-GROUP
            FROM SNMPv2-CONF;

    para MODULE-IDENTITY
        LAST-UPDATED "9405261700Z"
        ORGANIZATION "IETF Character MIB Working Group"
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         DESCRIPTION
                "The MIB module for Parallel-printer-like hardware devices."
        ::= { transmission 34 }


   -- Generic Parallel-printer-like information

   paraNumber OBJECT-TYPE
       SYNTAX Integer32
       MAX-ACCESS read-only
       STATUS current
       DESCRIPTION
           "The number of ports (regardless of their current
           state) in the Parallel-printer-like port table."
       ::= { para 1 }


   -- the Parallel-printer-like Port table

   paraPortTable OBJECT-TYPE
       SYNTAX SEQUENCE OF ParaPortEntry
       MAX-ACCESS not-accessible
       STATUS current
       DESCRIPTION
           "A list of port entries.  The number of entries is
           given by the value of paraNumber."
       ::= { para 2 }

   paraPortEntry OBJECT-TYPE
       SYNTAX ParaPortEntry
       MAX-ACCESS not-accessible
       STATUS current
       DESCRIPTION
           "Status and parameter values for a port."
       INDEX { paraPortIndex }
       ::= { paraPortTable 1 }

   ParaPortEntry ::=
       SEQUENCE {
           paraPortIndex
               InterfaceIndex,
           paraPortType
               INTEGER,
           paraPortInSigNumber
               Integer32,
           paraPortOutSigNumber
               Integer32
       }
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    paraPortIndex OBJECT-TYPE
        SYNTAX InterfaceIndex
        MAX-ACCESS read-only
        STATUS current
        DESCRIPTION
            "The value of ifIndex for the port.  By convention
            and if possible, hardware port numbers map directly
            to external connectors.  The value for each port must
            remain constant at least from one re-initialization
            of the network management agent to the next."
        ::= { paraPortEntry 1 }

    paraPortType OBJECT-TYPE
        SYNTAX INTEGER {
            other(1),
            centronics(2),
            dataproducts(3)
        }
        MAX-ACCESS read-only
        STATUS current
        DESCRIPTION
            "The port's hardware type."
        ::= { paraPortEntry 2 }

    paraPortInSigNumber OBJECT-TYPE
        SYNTAX Integer32
        MAX-ACCESS read-only
        STATUS current
        DESCRIPTION
            "The number of input signals for the port in the
            input signal table (paraPortInSigTable).  The table
            contains entries only for those signals the software
            can detect and that are useful to observe."
        ::= { paraPortEntry 3 }

    paraPortOutSigNumber OBJECT-TYPE
        SYNTAX Integer32
        MAX-ACCESS read-only
        STATUS current
        DESCRIPTION
            "The number of output signals for the port in the
            output signal table (paraPortOutSigTable).  The
            table contains entries only for those signals the
            software can assert and that are useful to observe."
        ::= { paraPortEntry 4 }
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    -- Parallel-printer-like Input Signal Table

    paraInSigTable OBJECT-TYPE
        SYNTAX SEQUENCE OF ParaInSigEntry
        MAX-ACCESS not-accessible
        STATUS current
        DESCRIPTION
            "A list of port input control signal entries."
        ::= { para 3 }

    paraInSigEntry OBJECT-TYPE
        SYNTAX ParaInSigEntry
        MAX-ACCESS not-accessible
        STATUS current
        DESCRIPTION
            "Input control signal status for a hardware port."
        INDEX { paraInSigPortIndex, paraInSigName }
        ::= { paraInSigTable 1 }

    ParaInSigEntry ::=
        SEQUENCE {
            paraInSigPortIndex
                InterfaceIndex,
            paraInSigName
                INTEGER,
            paraInSigState
                INTEGER,
            paraInSigChanges
                Counter32
        }

    paraInSigPortIndex OBJECT-TYPE
        SYNTAX InterfaceIndex
        MAX-ACCESS read-only
        STATUS current
        DESCRIPTION
            "The value of paraPortIndex for the port to which
            this entry belongs."
        ::= { paraInSigEntry 1 }

    paraInSigName OBJECT-TYPE
        SYNTAX INTEGER { power(1), online(2), busy(3),
                         paperout(4), fault(5) }
        MAX-ACCESS read-only
        STATUS current
        DESCRIPTION
            "Identification of a hardware signal."
        ::= { paraInSigEntry 2 }
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    paraInSigState OBJECT-TYPE
        SYNTAX INTEGER { none(1), on(2), off(3) }
        MAX-ACCESS read-only
        STATUS current
        DESCRIPTION
            "The current signal state."
        ::= { paraInSigEntry 3 }

    paraInSigChanges OBJECT-TYPE
        SYNTAX Counter32
        MAX-ACCESS read-only
        STATUS current
        DESCRIPTION
            "The number of times the signal has changed from
            'on' to 'off' or from 'off' to 'on'."
        ::= { paraInSigEntry 4 }


    -- Output Signal Table

    paraOutSigTable OBJECT-TYPE
        SYNTAX SEQUENCE OF ParaOutSigEntry
        MAX-ACCESS not-accessible
        STATUS current
        DESCRIPTION
            "A list of port output control signal entries."
        ::= { para 4 }

    paraOutSigEntry OBJECT-TYPE
        SYNTAX ParaOutSigEntry
        MAX-ACCESS not-accessible
        STATUS current
        DESCRIPTION
            "Output control signal status for a hardware port."
        INDEX { paraOutSigPortIndex, paraOutSigName }
        ::= { paraOutSigTable 1 }

    ParaOutSigEntry ::=
        SEQUENCE {
            paraOutSigPortIndex
                InterfaceIndex,
            paraOutSigName
                INTEGER,
            paraOutSigState
                INTEGER,
            paraOutSigChanges
                Counter32
        }
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    paraOutSigPortIndex OBJECT-TYPE
        SYNTAX InterfaceIndex
        MAX-ACCESS read-only
        STATUS current
        DESCRIPTION
            "The value of paraPortIndex for the port to which
            this entry belongs."
        ::= { paraOutSigEntry 1 }

    paraOutSigName OBJECT-TYPE
        SYNTAX INTEGER { power(1), online(2), busy(3),
                        paperout(4), fault(5) }
        MAX-ACCESS read-only
        STATUS current
        DESCRIPTION
            "Identification of a hardware signal."
        ::= { paraOutSigEntry 2 }

    paraOutSigState OBJECT-TYPE
        SYNTAX INTEGER { none(1), on(2), off(3) }
        MAX-ACCESS read-only
        STATUS current
        DESCRIPTION
            "The current signal state."
        ::= { paraOutSigEntry 3 }

    paraOutSigChanges OBJECT-TYPE
        SYNTAX Counter32
        MAX-ACCESS read-only
        STATUS current
        DESCRIPTION
            "The number of times the signal has changed from
            'on' to 'off' or from 'off' to 'on'."
        ::= { paraOutSigEntry 4 }


    -- conformance information

    paraConformance OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { para 5 }

    paraGroups      OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { paraConformance 1 }
    paraCompliances OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { paraConformance 2 }
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     -- compliance statements

     paraCompliance MODULE-COMPLIANCE
         STATUS  current
         DESCRIPTION
                 "The compliance statement for SNMPv2 entities
                 which have Parallel-printer-like hardware
                 interfaces."

         MODULE  -- this module
             MANDATORY-GROUPS { paraGroup }
         ::= { paraCompliances 1 }


     -- units of conformance

     paraGroup    OBJECT-GROUP
         OBJECTS { paraNumber, paraPortIndex, paraPortType,
                    paraPortInSigNumber, paraPortOutSigNumber,
                    paraInSigPortIndex, paraInSigName,
                    paraInSigState, paraInSigChanges,
                    paraOutSigPortIndex, paraOutSigName,
                    paraOutSigState, paraOutSigChanges }
         STATUS  current
         DESCRIPTION
                 "A collection of objects providing information
                  applicable to all Parallel-printer-like interfaces."
         ::= { paraGroups 1 }

     END
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5. Acknowledgements

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7. Security Considerations

    Security issues are not discussed in this memo.

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