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## Definitions of Managed Objects for Parallel-printer-like Hardware Devices using SMIV2

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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.

- 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"
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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
    }
```

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),  
    dataproducs(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 }

```
-- 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 }
```

```
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
    }
```

```
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 }
```



```
-- 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
```

## 5. Acknowledgements

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## 7. Security Considerations

Security issues are not discussed in this memo.

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