SONET-MIB and PerfHist-TC-MIB Status

- O Updated SONET-MIB <draft-ietf-atommib-rfc2558bis-00.txt> was posted to I-D repository on 14 January 2002. The only technical change relative to RFC 2558 was to add support for sts192cSTM64(6) and sts768cSTM256(7) in sonetPathCurrentWidth; all other changes were editorial.
- O Updated PerfHist-TC-MIB <draft-ietf-atommib-rfc2493bis-00.txt> was posted to I-D repository on 28 February 2002. The only changes relative to RFC 2493 were to update the boilerplate and references and to change the contact information.
- o In order to advance these MIB modules to Draft Standard there must be two independent implementations of each object group referenced by the SONET-MIB sonetCompliance2 statement and two implementations of each TC in PerfHist-TC-MIB.
- An updated SONET-MIB implementation report was posted to the ATOMMIB list by Faye Ly on 7 March 2002. It contains information about implementations from five vendors (Cisco, Nortel, Marconi, Corrigent, and Unisphere). Two implementations (Marconi's and Unisphere's) claim support for all object groups in sonetCompliance2.
- The SONET-MIB implementations mentioned in Faye's report necessarily make use of PerfCurrentCount and PerfIntervalCount, but implementation reports for the other trunk MIB reports are needed for PerfTotalCount.

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Evaluation of sonetCompliance2 (groups in left-hand margin, objects indented)

Vendor	Cisco	Nortel	Marconi	Corrigent	Unisphere
info as of	now	now	now	now	now
sonetMediumStuff2	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
sonetSectionStuff2	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
sonetMediumType	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
${\tt sonetMediumLineCoding}$	ro	yes	ro	ro	ro
sonetMediumLineType	ro	yes	ro	ro	ro
sonetMediumCircuitIdentifier	ro	yes	ro	yes	yes
${\tt sonetMediumLoopbackConfig}$	ro	yes	yes	yes	yes
sonetSESthresholdSet	ro	ro	ro	yes	yes
sonetLineStuff2	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
sonetFarEndLineStuff2	no	yes	yes	yes	yes
sonetPathStuff2	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
${\tt sonetPathCurrentWidth}$	ro	ro	ro	ro	yes
sonetFarEndPathStuff2	no	yes	yes	yes	yes
sonetVTStuff2	no	no	yes	no	yes
sonetVTCurrentWidth	no	no	ro	no	yes
sonetFarEndVTStuff2	no	no	yes	no	yes

Legend: yes - implemented, no - not implemented, ro - implemented as read-only

- Subrahmanya Hegde <subrah@cisco.com> proposed adding bit positions to sonetLineCurrentStatus for BER-based signal degrade (SD) and signal fail (SF) conditions. It was noted that this would actually require an SD/SF status object, as adding bit positions to sonetLineCurrentStatus would entail extending its range in violation of RFC 2578. It was further noted that GR-253-CORE requires a SONET NE to monitor SD and SF only if it supports linear APS, and the APS-MIB (see draft-ietf-atommib-sonetaps-mib-05.txt) already contains objects to set SD and SF thresholds and to report the number of SD and SF occurrences. On that basis it was suggested that that it is not necessary to add an SD/SF status object to the SONET-MIB.
- David Zelig <Davidz@corrigent.com> suggested that it would be useful to have an object in SonetPathCurrentEntry to indicate the starting time slot for each path and to have a similar object in SonetVTCurrentEntry for each VT. In response it was noted that an implementation needs to address many other omissions in the SONET-MIB in order to fully specify the configuration of an NE -- indeed, some of the vendor implementation reports state that proprietary MIB extensions are being used to address such omissions. Since adding new objects to the SONET-MIB would entail recycling at Proposed Standard, it was suggested that if it is desired to standardize SONET configuration objects then it should be done via a supplemental MIB module.

Summary of RFC 2558 Issues Discussed Since IETF 52 (2/2)

- o Farzad Khosravi <farzad.khosravi@ca.kontron.com> pointed out numerous things that are mising from RFC 2558:
 - No objects to count SDH BBEs (background block errors)
 - No path trace configuration objects
 - No STS Path ERDI status or configuration objects
 - No objects or notifications for SONET/SDH failures
 - No objects or notifications to support SDH UAS state
 - No sonetSESthresholdSet enumerations for G.828 and G.829

In subsequent discussions it was noted that the SDH BBE count at a given layer is closely analogous to the SONET CV count at that layer, the difference being that BBEs are counts of block errors while CVs are counts of BIP-N errors; at low error rates these are aproximately equal. It was suggested that it might be reasonable to add text to Section 4.5 stating that sonetXyzCurrentCVs and sonetXyzIntervalCVs are to be interpreted as BIP errors if sonetMediumType is set to sonet(1) and as block errors if sonetMediumType is sdh(2) (the text of Section 4.5 that deals with SES thresholds hints that this may have been intended); however, no interest was expressed for this proposal. It was also noted that the other omissions are well-known and can be handled either by proprietary MIB extensions or -- if there is sufficient interest -- by a supplemental SONET/SDH MIB module. Mr. Khosravi indicated that Kontron Canada has taken the former approach.