

draft-ietf-ipfix-mib-variable-export

Exporting MIB variables in IPFIX - alternative mibFieldOption

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Feedback from IETF86

- draft-ietf-ipfix-mib-variable-export-02 proposes to introduce “Extended Field Specifier Format” (EFSF)
- Consensus in the meeting was that:
 - EFSF is a new direction for IPFIX - it's really IPFIXv2.
 - We need to finish the MIB Variable Export draft as soon as possible.
 - Paul will remove EFSF from this draft, making sure the draft will still work in IPFIXv2.

mibFieldOption Architecture 1/2

- Option export to carry extra MIB data
- One mibFieldOption Data Flowset sent per MIB field
 - template can be reused
- Option Scope:
 - TemplateId
 - informationElementIndex

mibFieldOption Architecture 2/2

- Required: mibOID
 - Specifies the OID for this field in the template
- Optional: mibIndex
 - Specifies the other field(s) in the data template that are used to index the MIB field
 - May refer to other fields, or to a string index field
- Example:
 - templateID, informationElementIndex, mibOID, mibIndex
 - 256, 2, “1.3.6.1.2.1.4.31.3.1.12”, 1

New Fields in Data/Option Templates

- **mibObject** (octetArray or new MIB type)
 - The data value from the MIB
 - Could be of any type supported by MIB
 - type could be specified in option template (TODO)
- **mibIndexString** (string)
 - mibOID + mibInstanceIndex = fully indexed OID
 - In data record
 - referred to by mibIndex in mibFieldOption Template
 - eg:
 - OID = “1.3.6.1.2.1.4.31.3.1.12”
 - mibInstanceIndex = “1.2”

Fields in mibFieldOption Templates

Example = { 256, 2, "1.3.6.1.2.1.4.31.3.1.12", 1 }

- **templateID** (u16, exists)
 - eg “256”
- **informationElementIndex** (u16, exists)
 - 0 based offset into template
 - Uses same implicit ordering collectors normally use to decode flowsets
 - MIB objects and optional index fields can be in any order in the template
 - eg “2” = Third field in template 256
- **mibOID** (string, **new**)
 - eg “1.3.6.1.2.1.4.31.3.1.12”
- **mibIndex** (list of informationElementIndex , **new**)
 - Each index is a u16 integer like informationElementIndex
 - Size 2 = 1 index variable, Size 4 = 2 index variables, ...
 - Can point to a string index in the data record - see mibIndexString
 - eg “1” = the MIB is indexed by field 1 in the data record

Extended field vs mibFieldOption

Example 6.2 from draft-ietf-ipfix-mib-variable-export-02

tcpCurrEstab Template Set

0										1										2										3									
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Set ID = TBD1										Length = 37																													
Template ID = 257										Field Count = 2																													
[0] IE = flowStartSeconds										Field Length = 4																													
[0] IE = mibObjectIdentifier										Field Length = 4																													
Extension Length = 19										Extension 1 Type = "MIB OID"																													
Extension 1 Data Length = 0										Extension 1 Info Length = 15																													
Extension 1 Info = MIB Object Identifier																																							
... MIB Object Identifier = "1.3.6.1.2.1.6.9"																																							
... MIB Object Identifier continued ...																																							
...																																							

Data Record

0										1										2										3									
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
set ID = 257										Length = 52																													
StartTime + 0 seconds										10																													
StartTime + 60 seconds										14																													
StartTime + 120 seconds										19																													
StartTime + 180 seconds										16																													
StartTime + 240 seconds										23																													

data template

0										1										2										3									
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
set ID = 2										Length = 16																													
Template ID = 257										Field Count = 2																													
[0] IE = flowStartSeconds										Field Length = 4																													
[0] IE = mibObject										Field Length = 4																													

option template

0										1										2										3									
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
set ID = 3										Length = 26																													
Template ID = 256										Field Count = 3																													
Scope field count = 2										[0] IE = templateId																													
Field Length = 2										[0] IE = informationElementIndex																													
Field Length = 2										[0] IE = mibOID																													
Extension Length = 65535																																							

option data

0										1										2										3									
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
set ID = 256										Length = ??																													
templateId = 257										informationElementIndex = 1																													
VLEN=16										MIB Object Identifier																													
... MIB Object Identifier = "1.3.6.1.2.1.6.9"																																							
... MIB Object Identifier continued ...																																							
... MIB Object Identifier continued ...																																							

Date Record:

0										1										2										3									
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Set ID = 257										Length = 52																													
StartTime + 0 seconds										10																													
StartTime + 60 seconds										14																													

3 MIB Values in Option index example = 6.4. Indexed MIB Object with Two OIDs

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Option template
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
|-----|-----|-----|
| Set ID = 3 | Length = 26 | |
|---|---|---|
| Template ID = 300 | Field Count = 3 |
|-----|-----|-----|
| Scope field count = 2 | 0 | IE = mibObject |
|-----|-----|-----|
| Field Length = 4 | 0 | IE = mibObject |
|-----|-----|-----|
| Field Length = 4 | 0 | IE = mibObject |
|-----|-----|-----|
| Field Length = 4 | |
```

```
mibFieldOption data - no indexes
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Set ID = 400 | Length = ?? | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| templateId = 300 | informationElementIndex = 0 |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| VLEN=16 | MIB Object Identifier |
| ... MIB Object Identifier = "1.3.6.1.2.1.4.31.3.1.1" |
| ... MIB Object Identifier continued ... |
| ... MIB Object Identifier continued ... |
```

```
mibFieldOption template 1 no indexes
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Set ID = 3 | Length = X | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Template ID = 400 | Field Count = 3 |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Scope field count = 2 | 0 | IE = templateId |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Field Length = 2 | 0 | IE = informationElementIndex |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Field Length = 2 | 0 | IE = mibOID |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Field Length = 65535 | |
```

```
Indexed Option data
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Set ID = 401 | Length = ?? | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| templateId = 300 | informationElementIndex = 2 |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| VLEN=16 | MIB Object Identifier |
| ... MIB Object Identifier = "1.3.6.1.2.1.4.31.3.1.12" |
| ... MIB Object Identifier continued ... |
| ... MIB Object Identifier continued ... |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1st mib Index = 0 | 2nd mib Index = 1 |
```

mibFieldOption template 1 no indexes

mibFieldOption template 2 - indexed by 2 mib values

(cont) Option data export

Option Record:

0										1										2										3									
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1								
Set ID = 300										Length = X																													
ipIfStatsIPVersion = 4																																							
ipIfStatsIfIndex = 0																																							
ipIfStatsInForwDatagrams = 100																																							
										4																													
										1																													
										5000																													
										6																													
										0																													
										200																													
										6																													
										1																													
										5005																													

TODO

- Currently updating mib draft to use mibFieldOption
- Consider extra information to add to option export:
 - Types
 - Hints to collector
 - could be taken from MIB
 - Primitive type
 - Textual Convention
 - Name
 - Merging IPFIX and MIB types?
 - Timestamp
 - Timestamp specifier
 - Which field was this MIB value sampled closest to?

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- alternative mibFieldOption

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