Asynchronous Mgmt Architecture (AMA) & Asynchronous Mgmt Protocol (AMP) Updates

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AMA: Overview

From draft-birrane-dtn-ama-03

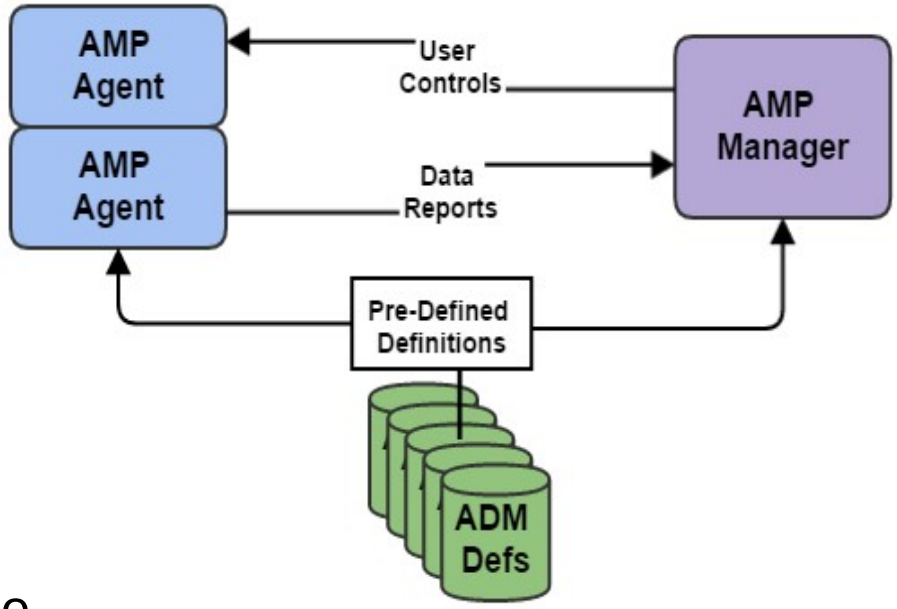
- Service Definitions
  - **Configuration**: Change settings on an Agent.
  - **Reporting**: Receive performance information from an Agent.
  - **Autonomous Parameterized Control**: Change Agent Behavior.
  - **Administration**: Fine-grained access to abilities.

- Desirable Properties
  - **Intelligent Information Push**: Can't rely on others.
  - **Minimize Message Size**: Increase probability of delivery.
  - **Absolute Data Identification**: pre-shared, global naming when possible.
  - **Custom Data Definition**: Only send minimal necessary data sets.
  - **Autonomous Operation**: Decisions local to Agent based on its config.

AMA: System Model

From draft-birrane-dtn-ama-03

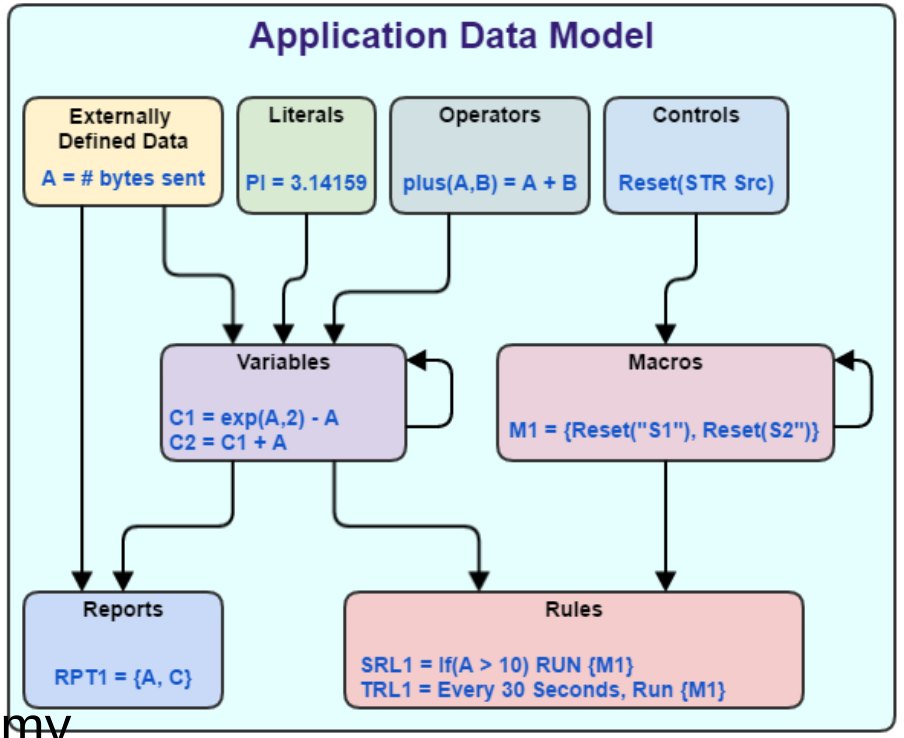
- Agents
  - Run on Managed Devices
  - Configure/Report on devices
  - Heavy autonomy and parameterized control
- Manager(s)
  - Collect/Fuse data from Agents
  - Configure Agent behavior
  - Open-loop control
- ADMs
  - Well-named Data and Controls
  - Superset of MIB
  - Move to describe them in YANG
  - Preconfiguration reduces msg size



AMA: App. Data Model (ADM)

- "Atomic" Elements
  - Solely defined by their ADM.
  - **EDDs**: collected by agents.
  - **Literals:** useful constants.
  - **Ops:** opcodes for math functions.
  - **Ctrls:** opcodes for agent behavior.
- "Variable" Elements
  - Defined by ADM or by User
  - ADM definitions are immutable.
  - **Vars**: strong-typed variables, including a type for "expression".
  - **Macro**: Ordered set of Ctrls.
  - **Rpts**: Ordered sets of data
  - **Rules:** Time or State based autonomy.

An ADM defined 8 types of data for each application/protocol managed in the AMA.



AMA: Updates

From -02 to -03

- Minor Terminology and Definitions Updates
  - Mostly wordsmithing based on feedback.
  - Clarify distinction between a Report Template, a Report Entry, and a Report as a collection of entries.
  - Some expanded text around parameterization and motivation for the approach.
- No significant issues or limitations with the architecture.
  - No “structural” changes to the architecture.
- Primary focus has been on AMP and associated ADMs.

AMA: TODO

Propose AMA provides the architecture and required functions of a DTN Network Management Protocol.

- Some discussion of terminology
  - Atomic Data vs. Primitive Data vs. Externally Defined Data
  - Computed Data vs Variables
  - Specs out of sync on terminology.
    - *Need a refresh across related drafts to synchronize them.*
- OPs AD feedback
  - Reviewing RESTful NETCONF and YANG Push models
  - Review to date does not seem to change the AMA.
    - *May also not change the AMP, which is considered separately.*
- Request AMA be considered by the WG when it is time to address Network Management for DTNs.

AMP: Overview

AMP being evaluated by space and non-space users. NASA providing an open-source reference implementation in ION.

- Protocol conformant to the architecture/requirements of AMA.
  - Implements Agents, Managers, ADM structures.
  - Defines specific data models to implement AMA structures
  - Defines messages to capture AMA controls/reports/administration
  - Defines on-the-wire encodings
- Data Models
  - Basic Types: Numeric types, strings, etc…
  - Compound Types: BLOBs, (Typed) Data Collections, Tables, Identifiers, Collections, Expressions, Predicates
- Functional Specification
  - AMP Message Groups: Common headers and trailers
  - Three messages: RegisterAgent, PerformControl, DataReport

AMP: Updates (1/2)

From -02 to -03

- Minor Terminology and Definitions Updates
  - Wordsmithing based on feedback.
  - Reduced redundancy between AMP and AMA specs.

- Clarifications
  - Clarified Report Templates vs Report Entries vs Reports.
  - Clarified State vs Time-based Rules.
  - Corrected AMP Epoch time.
  - Added rationale for design of TDCs.
  - Clarified that OID Nicknames are registered values.
  - Clarified OID Parameterization Approach
  - Clarified definition of Variables and their initializing expression.

AMP: Updates (2/2)

From -02 to -03

- Additions/Updates
  - Added Table AMP structure.
  - Added Result Type to Expression structure.
  - Added required levels of Macro nesting.
  - Updated type enumerations.
  - Added allowed numerical promotions
  - Added rules for numeric conversions
  - Updated format of DataReport message.
- Removals
  - Removed draft design of N of M counts for SRLs.
  - Removed enable/disable from SRL and TRL structures

AMP: TODO

From -02 to -03

- Upcoming Spec Changes
  - How best to add N of M and enabled/disabled to SRL/TRLs
  - Change TDC column IDs to be of any type, not just string.
  - Add Access Control Lists (ACLs) and describe behavior.
  - Transition to CBOR for encoding.
  - Add guidance in ADM section on when to define TABLEs versus EDDs vs Controls that return data.
  - Should AMP specify a wire encoding?

- More Review from Reference Implementations
  - Continued support of reference implementation efforts
  - At last count there were 4 separate implementation efforts
    - *Discussions on 2 additional efforts.*

AMA/AMP Related Specifications

- Core Specs
  - AMA: draft-birrane-dtn-ama-03
  - AMP: draft-birrane-dtn-amp-03
- ADMs
  - AMP Agent ADM: draft-birrane-dtn-adm-agent-02
  - BPSEC ADM: draft-birrane-dtn-adm-bpsec-00
  - BP ADM: draft-birrane-dtn-adm-bp-00
  - YANG profile for ADMs: draft-bsipos-dtn-amp-yang-01
- Other:
  - AMP Manager SQL Schema: draft-birrane-dtn-ampmgr-sql-00

Current Status

NASA building out AMP for deployment to ISS and other infusion targets

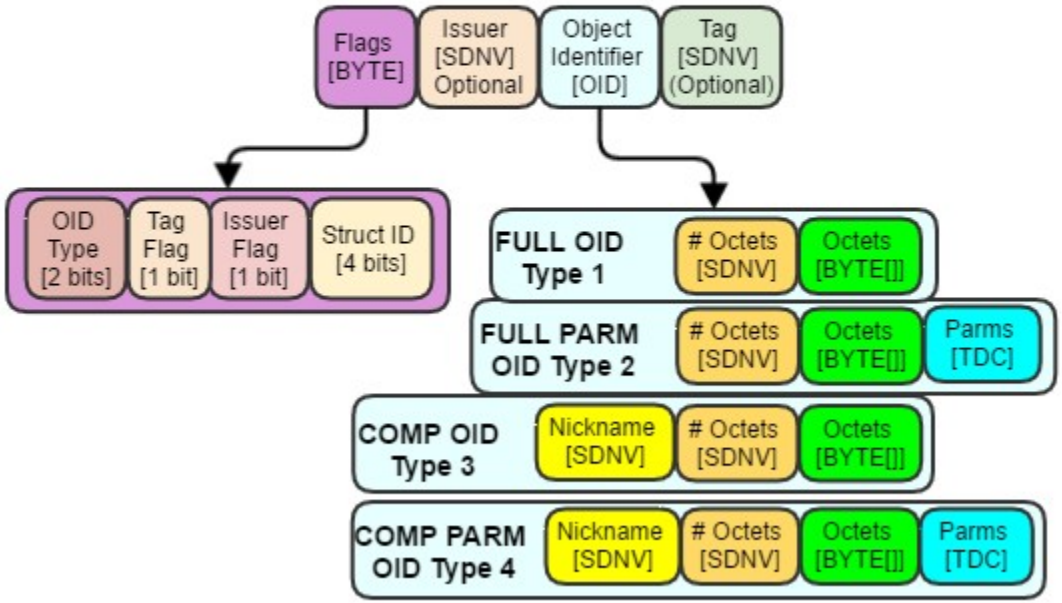
- Reference implementation in ION open source this year.
  - Supporting AMP protocol messages, Agent, BP, BPSEC ADMss.
- NASA supporting AMA/AMP ongoing work
  - Writing ADMs for BP, BSP, CGR, LTP, and ION.
- Several non-NASA efforts ongoing.
  - AMP is not directly tied to BP or DTN, though it is very helpful for DTN use cases.
- Finalizing AMA and AMP specs for consideration in DTNWG
  - As novel intersection between performance monitoring and safing autonomy
  - Meeting with OPS AD people as they are identified to discuss AMP vs RESTful NETCONF and YANG Push.

Backup

AMP: Key Concept: MIDs

Every AMP structure identified and parameterized by a Managed Identifier (MID).

- Concept
  - Every AMP structure is identified by a MID.
  - Simplifies processing.
  - Hardware acceleration.
- Issuer/Tag
  - MIDs defined in ADM. have no Issuer/Tag.
  - User-defined MIDs must have issuer ID.
  - Tags always optional.
- Parameters
  - Captured in the MID itself.

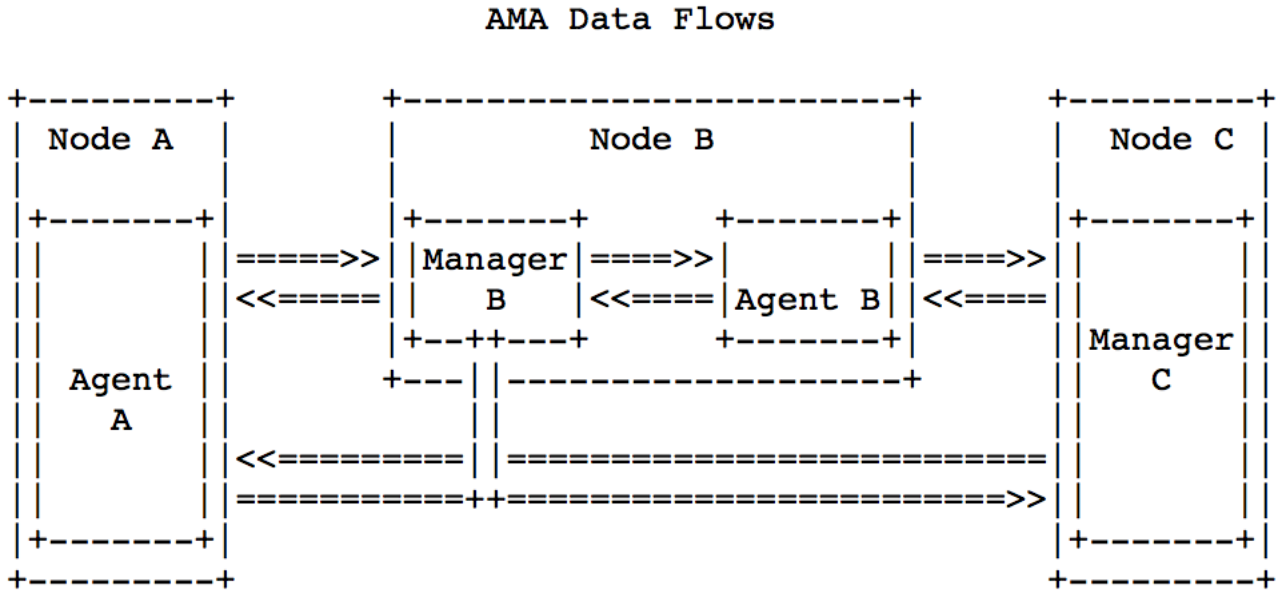


Control MID: Generate Agent ADM Report
0xc3040109030215170501820301000201000

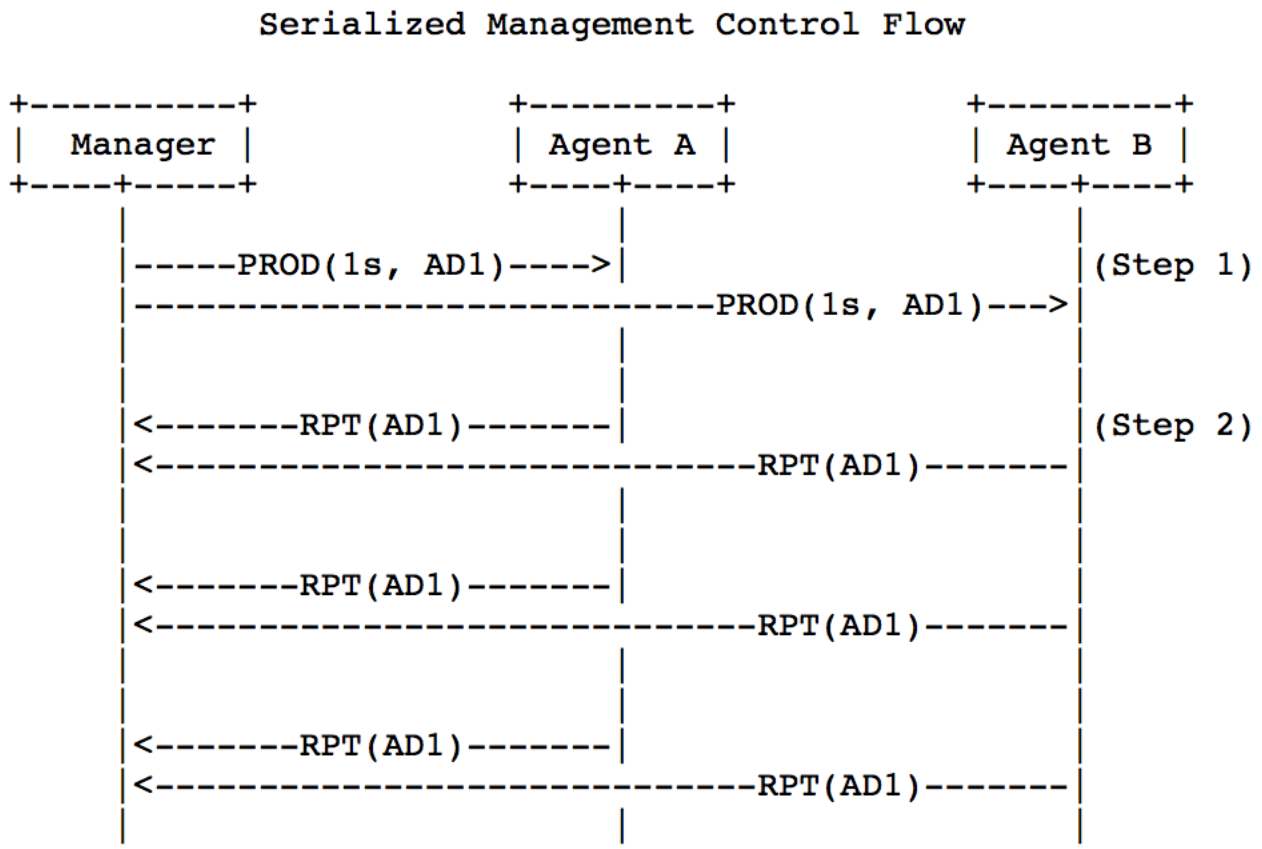
Control MID: List VARs known to Agent
0x83040103

Var. MID: User-Defined UINT variable.
0x110103010203

AMA Roles and Responsibilities

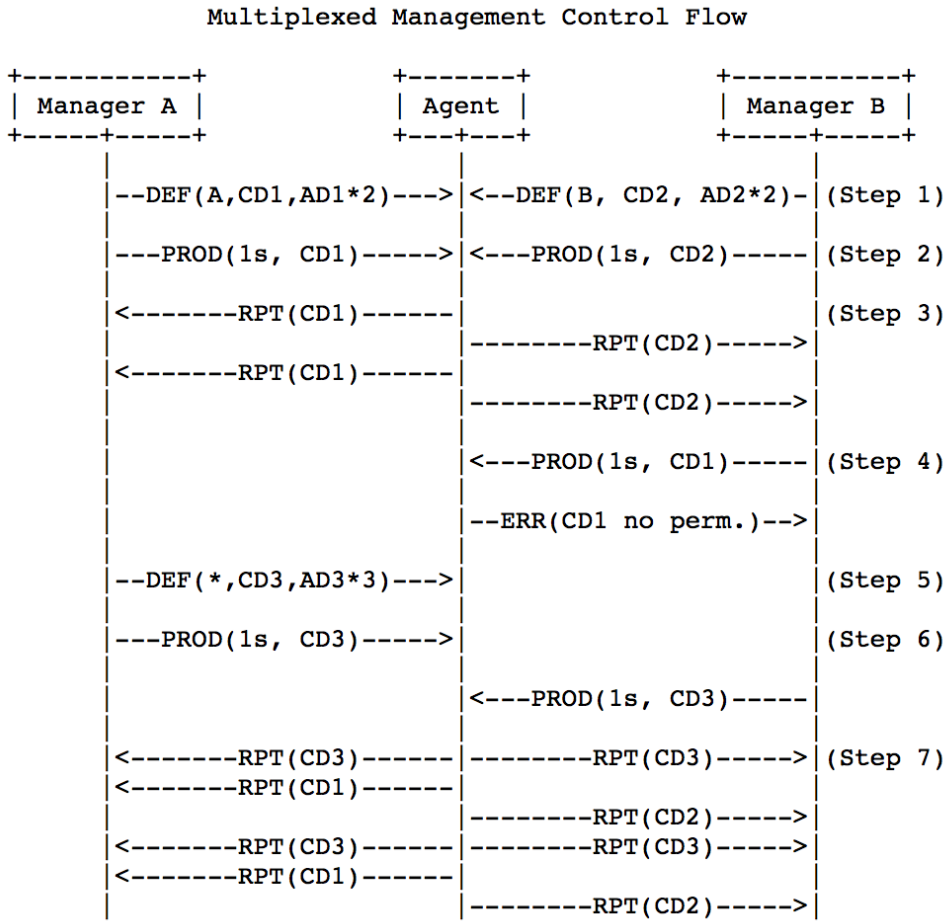


AMA Basic Data Flow

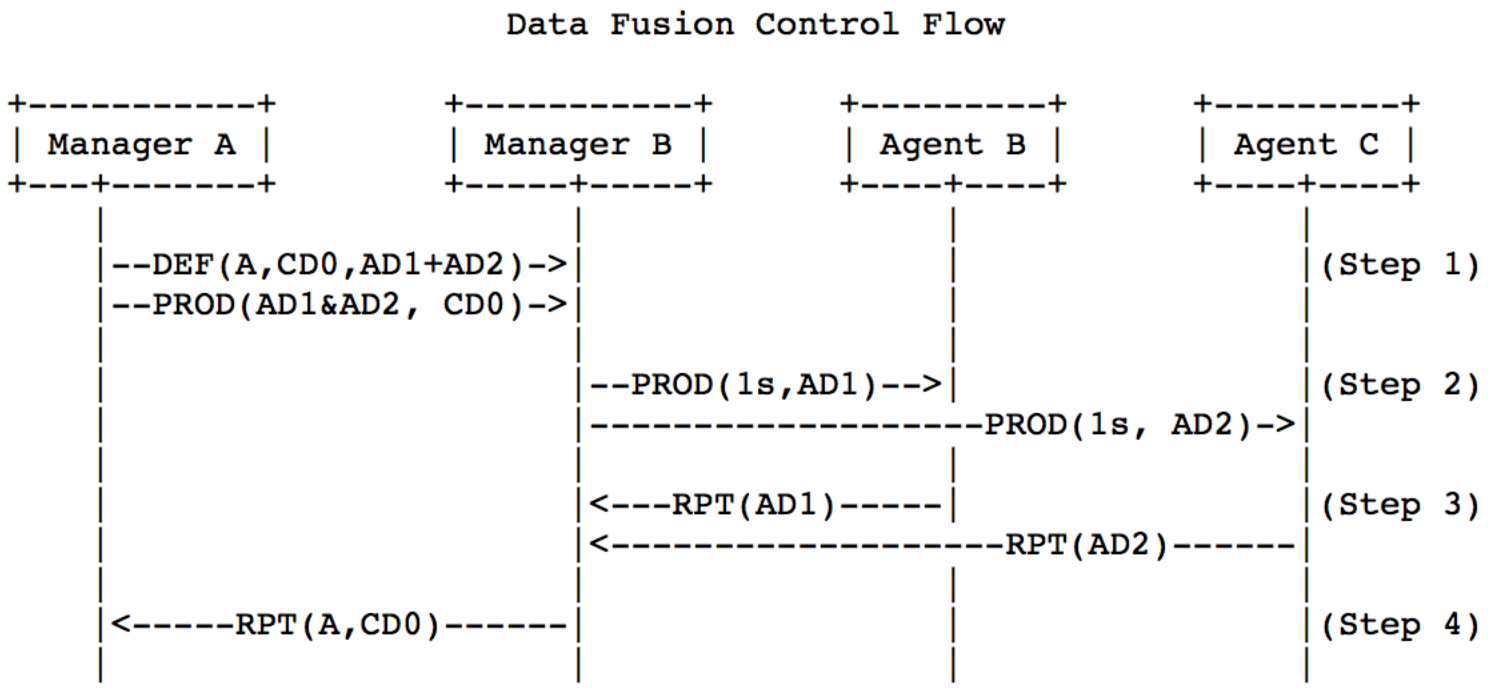


In a simple network, a Manager interacts with multiple Agents.

AMA Multi-Manager Flow



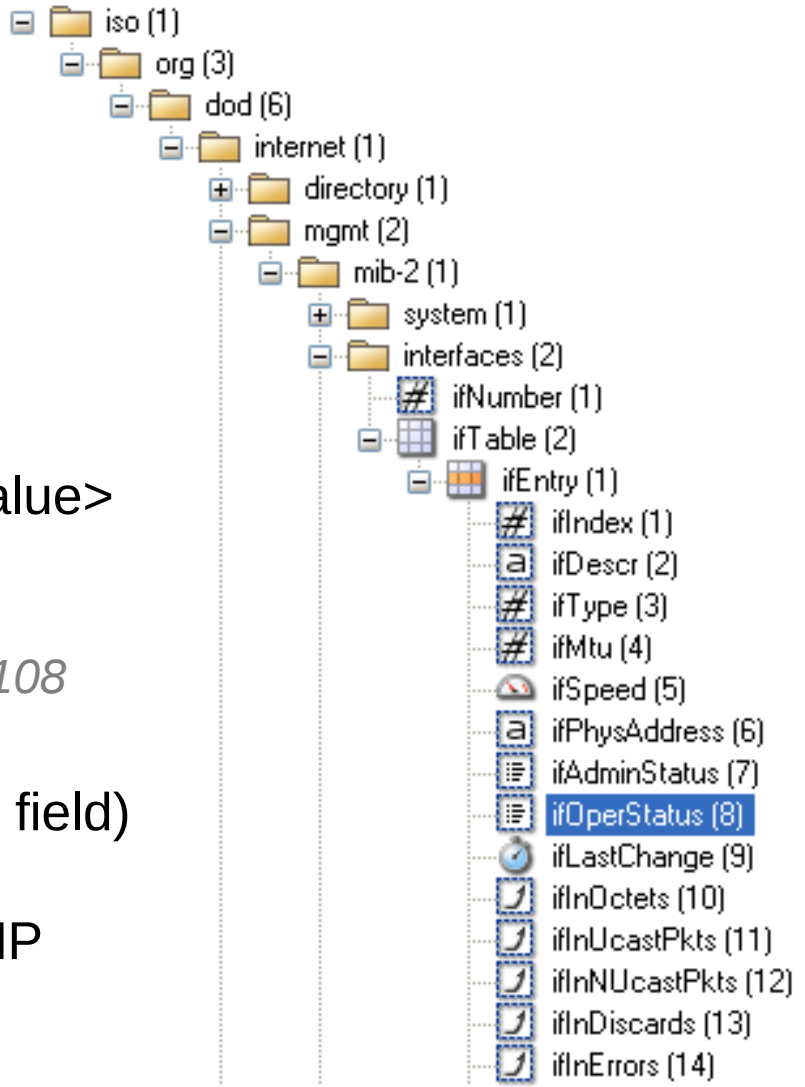
AMA Data Fusion Flow



Data fusion occurs amongst Managers in the network.

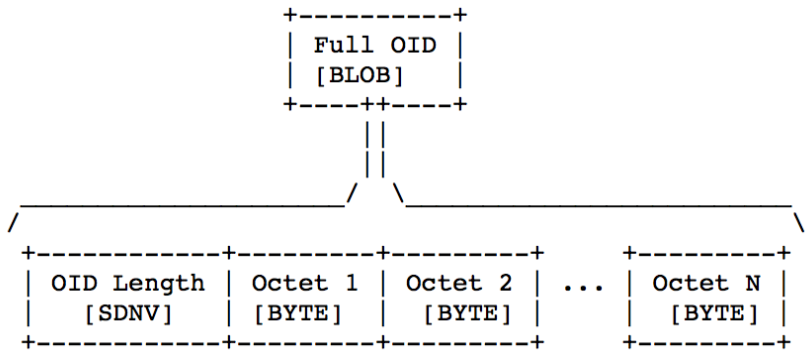
Compatibility with existing mechanism

- SNMP Uses OIDs as IDs
  - Global, Managed Tree Structure
    - *"Path to data" is concatenation of #s.*
    - *ifSpeed = 1.3.6.1.2.1.2.2.1.8*
  - Supports Binary Encoding (BER)
    - *Compress first 2 #s: 1.3 => 43*
    - *SDNV-encode rest*
  - SNMP Identifier: <type> <length> <value>
    - *Type 6 -> OID*
    - *Length (in this case) = 9 bytes*
    - *ifSpeed = 0x06092C060102010202010 8*
- AMP Uses MIDS (Managed IDs)
  - MIDS encapsulate OIDs (less <type> field)
  - Option to compress OID
  - Makes easy to interoperate with SNMP

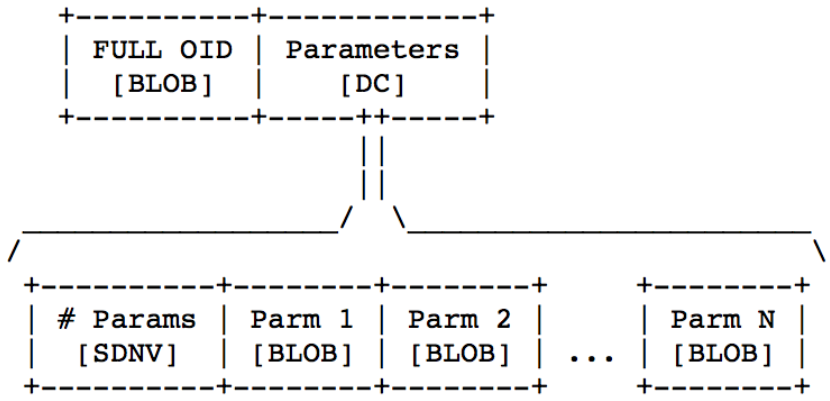


OID Types (1/2)

- Full OID
  - Length + Octets
  - Not interpreted by AMP. Used as a unique bitstream.
  - Encoded in ASN.1 BER for now, assuming SNMP Type 6.

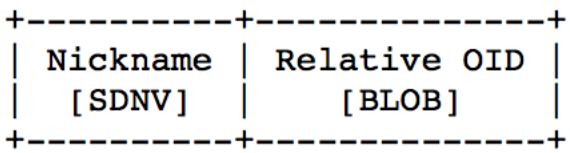


- Parameterized OID
  - Full OID followed by AMP Data Collection (DC).
  - DC is a count followed by a series of TLV.
    - *Time, Length, Value*
    - *Type is data type (string, int)*

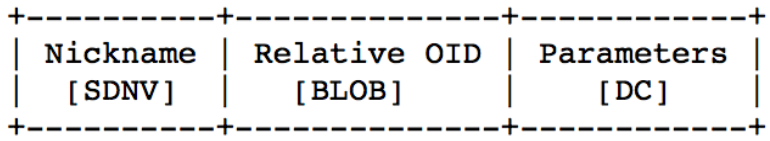


OID Types (2/2)

- Compressed OID
  - AMP supports managed registry of common OID sets.
    - *OIDs can be very long and the portion up to your relative subtree can be reused a lot.*
  - Nickname is an integer that maps to a well-known node in an OID tree.
    - *Relative OID is subtree rooted at that node.*



- Compressed, Parameterized OID
  - Compressed OID followed by a Data Collection of Parameters
  - Very similar to a Parameterized OID



Application Data Model

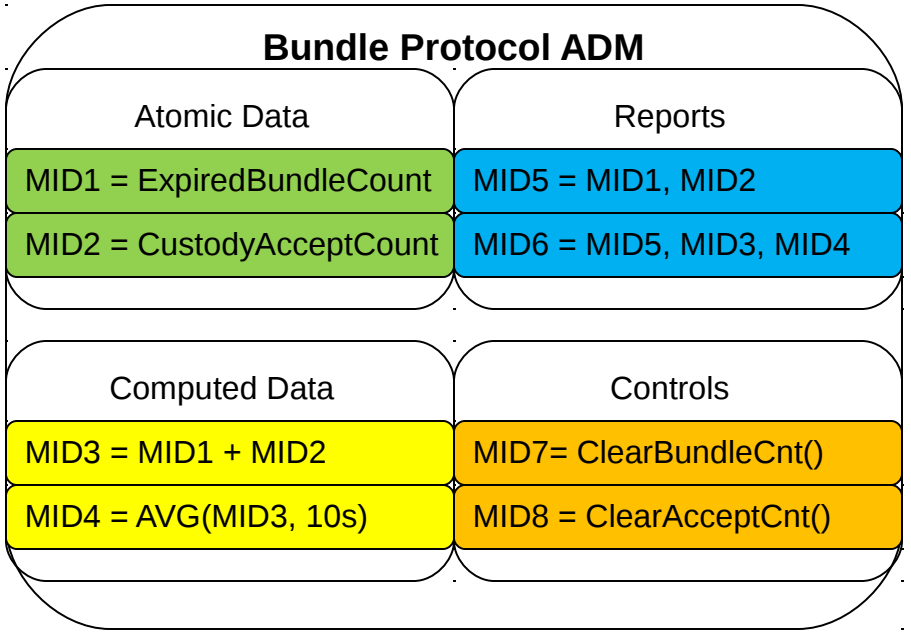
AMP ADMs capture all necessary information for each supported application or protocol..

- Atomic Data and Controls.
  - What immutable data definitions are given for any manager/agent supporting a particular application?
  - What common actions can be taken to manage this application?
- Literals and Operators.
  - What constants are defined for this application?
  - What special operators can be used to compute new data definitions?
- Computed Data.
  - What data definitions are pre-derived from other data definitions?
- Collections.
  - What pre-defined collections of data values (reports) and control sequences (macros) have been created?

ADM Example (1)

Pre-defined data, reports, and controls for applications managed by AMP.

- Pre-defined, atomic data
  - Definitions from MIBs
    - *Global, unique OIDs*
    - *No tag/issuer fields*
    - *All data and reports*
  - Build blocks for user content
    - *Data MIDs can be used in user definitions*
- Pre-defined controls
  - Also global, unique OIDs
  - Opcodes, description, params
  - Build blocks for macro commands
    - *No ability for user-defined controls outside of these pre-defined functions.*



ADM Example (2)

A sample ADM for an application implementing a stack.

"STACK" Application Data Model

Atomic Controls	Computed Data	Atomic Data
- PUSH(X) - POP(X)	- Average POPs	- Stack Depth - Total Items - Total # POPs

Literals	Data Collections	Control Collections
- MAX_DEPTH = 10	Report 1: - Cur. Stack Depth - Total Items - Average POPs	EMPTY: Stack Depth > 0 POP(X)

AMP Agent ADM

From draft-birrane-dtn-adm-agent-00

- Captures all behavior of an AMP Agent
  - Keeps AMP functional specification simple
  - Items available to AMA/AMP ecosystem because this ADM must be implemented by any deployed AMP agent.
- Primitive Values
  - Counters, number of AMP types created, active, etc…
- Reports
  - Full report definitions. Users may customize their own.
- Controls
  - All functions to create, update, delete, and other wise manage reports, rules, macros, and other AMA types.
- Operators
  - Full math function spec
    - *+, -, *, /, %, ^, &, |, &&, ||, !, abs(), <, >, <=, >=, !=, ==, >>, <<*

Thank you!

Questions?