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Definitions of Managed Object Extensions for Very High Speed Digital Subscriber Lines (VDSL) Using Single Carrier Modulation (SCM) Line Coding

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Abstract

This document defines a portion of the Management Information Base (MIB) module for use with network management protocols in the Internet community. In particular, it describes objects used for managing the Line Code Specific parameters of Very High Speed Digital Subscriber Line (VDSL) interfaces using Single Carrier Modulation (SCM) Line Coding. It is an optional extension to the VDSL-LINE-MIB, RFC 3728, which handles line code independent objects.

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1. The Internet-Standard Management Framework

For a detailed overview of the documents that describe the current Internet-Standard Management Framework, please refer to section 7 of RFC 3410 [RFC3410].

Managed objects are accessed via a virtual information store, termed the Management Information Base or MIB. MIB objects are generally accessed through the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP). Objects in the MIB are defined using the mechanisms defined in the Structure of Management Information (SMI). This memo specifies a MIB module that is compliant to the SMIv2, which is described in STD 58, RFC 2578 [RFC2578], STD 58, RFC 2579 [RFC2579] and STD 58, RFC 2580 [RFC2580].

2. Overview

This document describes an SNMP MIB module for managing the Line Code Dependent, Physical Medium Dependent (PMD) Layer of SCM VDSL Lines. These definitions are based upon the specifications for VDSL as defined in T1E1, European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI), and International Telecommunication Union (ITU) documentation [T1E1311, T1E1011, T1E1013, ETSI2701, ETSI2702, ITU9931, ITU9971]. Additionally the protocol-dependent (and line-code dependent) management framework for VDSL lines specified by the Digital Subscriber Line Forum (DSLF) has been taken into consideration [DSLFTR57] and [DSLFWT96].

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The MIB module is located in the MIB tree under MIB-2 transmission.

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "RECOMMENDED", and "SHOULD" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC2119].

2.1. Relationship of this MIB Module to Other MIB Modules

The relationship of the VDSL Line MIB module to other MIB modules, in particular to the IF-MIB presented in RFC 2863 [RFC2863], is discussed in the VDSL-LINE-MIB, RFC 3728 [RFC3728]. This section outlines the relationship of this VDSL Line Extension MIB to the VDSL-LINE-MIB, RFC 3728 [RFC3728].

2.2. Conventions Used in the MIB Module

2.2.1. Naming Conventions

- A. Vtuc -- VDSL transceiver unit at near (Central) end of line
- B. Vtur -- VDSL transceiver unit at Remote end of line
- C. Vtu -- One of either Vtuc or Vtur

- D. Curr -- Current
 F. Atn -- Attenuation
 J. LCS -- Line Code Specific
 K. Max -- Maximum
 Q. Mgn -- Margin
 S. PSD -- Power Spectral Density
- T. Rx -- Receive
- T. Snr -- Signal to Noise Ratio
- U. Tx -- Transmit

2.3. Structure

The SCM VDSL Line Extension MIB contains the following MIB group:

o vdslSCMGroup:

This group supports MIB objects for defining configuration profiles and for monitoring individual bands of Single Carrier Modulation (SCM) VDSL modems. It contains the following tables:

- vdslLineSCMConfProfileTxBandTable
- vdslSCMPhysBandTable

If the SCM VDSL Line Extension MIB is implemented then all objects in this group MUST be implemented.

Figure 1 below displays the relationship of the tables in the vdslSCMGroup to the vdslGroup and to the ifEntry:

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```
ifEntry(ifType=97) ----> vdslLineTableEntry 1:(0..1)

vdslLineTableEntry (vdslLineCoding=SCM)
    ---> vdslPhysTableEntry 1:(0..2)
    ---> vdslSCMPhysBandTable 1:(0..5)

vdslLineConfProfileEntry(vdslLineConfProfileName)
    ---> vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandTable 1:(0..5)

Figure 1: Table Relationships
```

When the object vdslLineCoding is set to SCM, vdslLineConfProfileName is used as the index to vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandTable. The existence of an entry in any of the tables of the vdslSCMGroup is optional.

2.4. Persistence

All read-create objects defined in this MIB module SHOULD be stored persistently. Following is an exhaustive list of these persistent objects:

```
vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandId
vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandUsage
vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandCenterFrequency
vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandSymbolRate
vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandConstellationSize
vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandTransmitPSDLevel
vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandRowStatus
vdslLineSCMPhysBandId
vdslLineSCMPhysBandUsage
vdslLineSCMPhysBandCurrPSDLevel
vdslLineSCMPhysBandCurrSymbolRate
vdslLineSCMPhysBandCurrConstellationSize
vdslLineSCMPhysBandCurrCenterFrequency
vdslLineSCMPhysBandPerformanceBandId
vdslLineSCMPhysBandPerformanceBandUsage
vdsl \\ Line SCMP \\ hys Band \\ Performance \\ Band \\ SnrMgn
vdsl Line SCMP hys Band Performance Band Atn\\
```

Note also that the interface indices in this MIB are maintained persistently. View-based Access Control Model (VACM) data relating to these SHOULD be stored persistently as well [RFC3415].

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3. Conformance and Compliance

An SCM based VDSL agent does not have to implement this MIB to be compliant with RFC 3728 [RFC3728]. If the SCM VDSL Line Extension MIB is implemented then the following group is mandatory:

- vdslSCMGroup

4. Definitions

VDSL-LINE-EXT-SCM-MIB DEFINITIONS ::= BEGIN

IMPORTS

MODULE-IDENTITY, OBJECT-TYPE, Integer32, transmission,

Unsigned32 FROM SNMPv2-SMI -- [RFC2578]

TEXTUAL-CONVENTION,

TruthValue, RowStatus

FROM SNMPv2-TC -- [RFC2579]

MODULE-COMPLIANCE,

FROM SNMPv2-CONF -- [RFC2580]
FROM IF-MIB -- [RFC2863] OBJECT-GROUP ifIndex FROM VDSL-LINE-MIB; -- [RFC3728] vdslLineConfProfileName

vdslExtSCMMIB MODULE-IDENTITY

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DESCRIPTION

"The VDSL-LINE-MIB found in RFC 3728 defines objects for the management of a pair of VDSL transceivers at each end of the VDSL line. The VDSL-LINE-MIB configures and monitors the line code independent parameters (TC layer) of the VDSL line. This MIB module is an optional extension of the VDSL-LINE-MIB and defines objects for configuration and monitoring of the line code specific (LCS) elements (PMD layer) for VDSL lines using SCM coding. The objects in this extension MIB MUST NOT be used for VDSL lines using Multiple Carrier Modulation (MCM) line coding. If an object in this extension MIB is referenced by a line which does not use SCM, it has no effect on the operation of that line.

Naming Conventions:

```
Vtuc -- VDSL transceiver at near (Central) end of line
  Vtur -- VDSL transceiver at Remote end of line
  Vtu -- One of either Vtuc or Vtur
  Curr -- Current
  Atn -- Attenuation
  LCS -- Line Code Specific
  Max -- Maximum
  Mgn -- Margin
  PSD -- Power Spectral Density
  Rx -- Receive
  Snr -- Signal to Noise Ratio
       -- Transmit
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of this MIB module is part of RFC 4069: see the RFC
itself for full legal notices."
       REVISION "200504280000Z" -- April 28, 2005
       DESCRIPTION "Initial version, published as RFC 4069."
    ::= { transmission 228 }
   vdslLineExtSCMMib OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { vdslExtSCMMIB 1 }
   vdslLineExtSCMMibObjects OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::=
                                          { vdslLineExtSCMMib 1 }
```

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```
-- textual conventions used in this MIB
VdslSCMBandId ::= TEXTUAL-CONVENTION
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
       "This data type is used as the syntax for the VDSL SCM Band
       Identity. Attributes with this syntax identify the SCM Band
       referred to. Specified as an INTEGER, the possible values
       optionalBand (1) -- the optional Band range [25kHz - 138kHz]
       firstDownstreamBand (2) -- first Downstream Band
       firstUpstreamBand (3) -- first Upstream Band
       secondDownstreamBand (4) -- second Downstream Band
       secondUpstreamBand (5) -- second Upstream Band
       thirdDownstreamBand (6) -- third Downstream Band
       thirdUpstreamBand (7) -- third Upstream Band"
   SYNTAX INTEGER
                             { optionalBand (1),
                                firstDownstreamBand (2),
                                firstUpstreamBand (3),
                                secondDownstreamBand (4),
                                secondUpstreamBand (5),
                                thirdDownstreamBand (6),
                                thirdUpstreamBand(7) }
-- Single carrier modulation (SCM) configuration profile tables
vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandTable OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX SEQUENCE OF VdslLineSCMConfProfileBandEntry
   MAX-ACCESS not-accessible
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
       "This table contains transmit band descriptor configuration
       information for a VDSL line. Each entry in this table
       reflects the configuration for one of possibly many bands
       of a single carrier modulation (SCM) VDSL line. For each
       profile which is associated with a VDSL line using SCM
       line coding, five entries in this table will exist, one for
       each of the five bands. Bands which are not in use will be
       marked as unused. These entries are defined by a manager
       and can be used to configure the VDSL line. If an entry in
```

```
this table is referenced by a line which does not use SCM,
        it has no effect on the operation of that line."
    ::= { vdslLineExtSCMMibObjects 1 }
vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandEntry OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX VdslLineSCMConfProfileBandEntry
   MAX-ACCESS not-accessible
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
       "Each entry consists of a list of parameters that
       represents the configuration of a single carrier
        modulation VDSL modem transmit band.
        A default profile with an index of 'DEFVAL', will
        always exist and its parameters will be set to vendor
        specific values, unless otherwise specified in this
        document.
        All read-create objects defined in this MIB module SHOULD be
        stored persistently."
    INDEX { vdslLineConfProfileName,
    vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandId }
    ::= { vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandTable 1 }
VdslLineSCMConfProfileBandEntry ::=
   SEQUENCE
       {
       vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandId
                                                   VdslSCMBandId,
       vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandInUse
                                                  TruthValue,
       vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandCenterFrequency Unsigned32, vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandSymbolRate Unsigned32,
       vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandConstellationSize Unsigned32,
       vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandTransmitPSDLevel Unsigned32,
       vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandRowStatus
                                                  RowStatus
vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandId OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX VdslSCMBandId
   MAX-ACCESS not-accessible
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
       "The BandId for this entry, which specifies which band
       is being referred to."
    ::= { vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandEntry 1 }
```

```
vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandInUse OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX
               TruthValue
   MAX-ACCESS read-create
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
       "Indicates whether this band is in use.
       If set to True this band is in use."
    ::= { vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandEntry 2 }
vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandCenterFrequency OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX Unsigned32 UNITS "Hz"
   MAX-ACCESS read-create
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
      "Specifies the center frequency in Hz"
   REFERENCE "T1E1.4/2000-011R3" -- Part 2, SCM
    ::= { vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandEntry 3 }
vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandSymbolRate OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX Unsigned32 UNITS "baud"
   MAX-ACCESS read-create STATUS current DESCRIPTION
      "The requested symbol rate in baud."
   REFERENCE "T1E1.4/2000-011R3" -- Part 2, SCM
    ::= { vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandEntry 4 }
vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandConstellationSize OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX Unsigned32 (0..16)
UNITS "log2"
   MAX-ACCESS read-create
   STATUS current
    DESCRIPTION
      "Specifies the constellation size."
   REFERENCE "T1E1.4/2000-011R3" -- Part 2, SCM
    ::= { vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandEntry 5 }
```

```
vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandTransmitPSDLevel OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX Unsigned32
UNITS "-0.25 dBm/Hz"
   MAX-ACCESS read-create
   STATUS
                current
   DESCRIPTION
      "The requested transmit power spectral density for the VDSL
      modem. The Actual value in -0.25 dBm/Hz."
   REFERENCE "T1E1.4/2000-011R3" -- Part 2, SCM
    ::= { vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandEntry 6 }
vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandRowStatus OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX RowStatus
   MAX-ACCESS read-create
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
       "This object is used to create a new row or modify or
       delete an existing row in this table.
       A profile activated by setting this object to 'active'.
       When 'active' is set, the system will validate the profile.
       None of the columns in this row may be modified while the
       row is in the 'active' state.
       Before a profile can be deleted or taken out of
        service, (by setting this object to 'destroy' or
        'notInService') it must be first unreferenced
        from all associated lines."
    ::= { vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandEntry 7 }
-- SCM physical band
vdslLineSCMPhysBandTable OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX SEQUENCE OF VdslLineSCMPhysBandEntry
   MAX-ACCESS not-accessible
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
       "This table provides one row for each SCM Vtu band. This
       table is read only as it reflects the current physical
       parameters of each band. For each ifIndex which is
       associated with a VDSL line using SCM line coding, five
       entries in this table will exist, one for each of the
       five bands. Bands which are not in use will be marked
       as unused."
```

```
::= { vdslLineExtSCMMibObjects 2 }
vdslLineSCMPhysBandEntry OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX VdslLineSCMPhysBandEntry
    MAX-ACCESS not-acce
STATUS current
                 not-accessible
    DESCRIPTION
      "An entry in the vdslLineSCMPhysBandTable."
    INDEX { ifIndex,
            vdslLineSCMPhysBandId }
    ::= { vdslLineSCMPhysBandTable 1 }
VdslLineSCMPhysBandEntry ::=
    SEQUENCE
        {
                                                   VdslSCMBandId,
        vdslLineSCMPhysBandId
                                                   TruthValue,
        vdslLineSCMPhysBandInUse
        vdslLineSCMPhysBandCurrCenterFrequency Unsigned32, vdslLineSCMPhysBandCurrSymbolRate Unsigned32,
        vdslLineSCMPhysBandCurrConstellationSize Unsigned32,
        vdslLineSCMPhysBandCurrPSDLevel Unsigned32,
        vdslLineSCMPhysBandCurrSnrMgn
                                                   Integer32,
                                                  Unsigned32
vdslLineSCMPhysBandId OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX VdslSCMBandId MAX-ACCESS not-accessible
    STATUS current
    DESCRIPTION
        "The BandId for this entry, which specifies which band
         is being referred to."
    ::= { vdslLineSCMPhysBandEntry 1 }
vdslLineSCMPhysBandInUse OBJECT-TYPE
                TruthValue
    MAX-ACCESS read-only
    STATUS current
    DESCRIPTION
       "Indicates whether this band is in use.
        If set to True this band is in use."
    ::= { vdslLineSCMPhysBandEntry 2 }
```

```
vdslLineSCMPhysBandCurrCenterFrequency OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX Unsigned32 UNITS "Hz"
   MAX-ACCESS read-only STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
     "The current center frequency in Hz for this band."
   REFERENCE "T1E1.4/2000-011R3" -- Part 2, SCM
    ::= { vdslLineSCMPhysBandEntry 3 }
vdslLineSCMPhysBandCurrSymbolRate OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX Unsigned32 UNITS "baud"
   MAX-ACCESS read-only
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
      "The current value of the symbol rate in baud for this
   band."

REFERENCE "T1E1.4/2000-011R3" -- Part 2, SCM
   ::= { vdslLineSCMPhysBandEntry 4 }
vdslLineSCMPhysBandCurrConstellationSize OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX Unsigned32 (0..16)
UNITS "log2"
   MAX-ACCESS read-only
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
      "The current constellation size on this band."
   REFERENCE "T1E1.4/2000-011R3" -- Part 2, SCM
    ::= { vdslLineSCMPhysBandEntry 5 }
vdslLineSCMPhysBandCurrPSDLevel OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX Unsigned32
UNITS "- 0.25 dBm/Hz"
   MAX-ACCESS read-only
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
      "The transmit power spectral density for the
       VDSL modem."
   REFERENCE "T1E1.4/2000-011R3" -- Part 2, SCM
    ::= { vdslLineSCMPhysBandEntry 6 }
```

```
vdslLineSCMPhysBandCurrSnrMgn OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX Integer32
                "0.25 dB"
   UNITS
   MAX-ACCESS read-only
   STATUS
                 current
   DESCRIPTION
      "Noise margin as seen by this Vtu and band with respect
       to its received signal in 0.25 dB."
    ::= { vdslLineSCMPhysBandEntry 7 }
vdslLineSCMPhysBandCurrAtn OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX Unsigned32 (0..255)
                "0.25 dB"
   UNITS
   MAX-ACCESS read-only
   STATUS
                current
   DESCRIPTION
      "Measured difference in the total power transmitted by
       the peer Vtu on this band and the total power received
       by this Vtu on this band in 0.25 dB."
    ::= { vdslLineSCMPhysBandEntry 8 }
-- conformance information
vdslLineExtSCMConformance OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::=
                                           { vdslLineExtSCMMib 2 }
vdslLineExtSCMGroups OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::=
                                   { vdslLineExtSCMConformance 1 }
vdslLineExtSCMCompliances OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::=
                                  { vdslLineExtSCMConformance 2 }
vdslLineExtSCMMibCompliance MODULE-COMPLIANCE
   STATUS current
   DESCRIPTION
      "The compliance statement for SNMP entities which
       manage VDSL interfaces."
   MODULE -- this module
   MANDATORY-GROUPS
     vdslLineExtSCMGroup
    ::= { vdslLineExtSCMCompliances 1 }
```

```
-- units of conformance
vdslLineExtSCMGroup OBJECT-GROUP
   OBJECTS
        vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandInUse,
        vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandTransmitPSDLevel,
        vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandSymbolRate,
        vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandConstellationSize,
        vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandCenterFrequency,
        vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandRowStatus,
        vdslLineSCMPhysBandInUse,
        vdslLineSCMPhysBandCurrPSDLevel,
        vdslLineSCMPhysBandCurrSymbolRate,
        vdslLineSCMPhysBandCurrConstellationSize,
        vdslLineSCMPhysBandCurrCenterFrequency,
        vdslLineSCMPhysBandCurrSnrMgn,
        vdslLineSCMPhysBandCurrAtn
           current
    STATUS
    DESCRIPTION
       "A collection of objects providing configuration
        information for a VDSL line based upon single carrier
        modulation modem."
    ::= { vdslLineExtSCMGroups 1 }
```

5. Acknowledgments

END

This document contains many definitions taken from an early version of the VDSL MIB [RFC3728]. As such, any credit for the text found within should be fully attributed to the authors of that document.

6. Security Considerations

There are a number of management objects defined in this MIB module with a MAX-ACCESS clause of read-create. Such objects may be considered sensitive or vulnerable in some network environments. The support for SET operations in a non-secure environment without proper protection can have a negative effect on network operations. These are the tables and objects and their sensitivity/vulnerability:

```
vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandInUse,
vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandTransmitPSDLevel,
vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandSymbolRate,
```

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vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandConstellationSize, vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandCenterFrequency, vdslLineSCMConfProfileBandRowStatus

VDSL layer connectivity from the Vtur will permit the subscriber to manipulate both the VDSL link directly and the VDSL embedded operations channel (EOC) for their own loop. For example, unchecked or unfiltered fluctuations initiated by the subscriber could generate sufficient notifications to potentially overwhelm either the management interface to the network or the element manager.

Additionally, allowing write access to configuration data may allow an end-user to increase their service levels or affect other end-users in either a positive or negative manner. For this reason, the tables and objects listed above should be considered to contain sensitive information.

Some of the readable objects in this MIB module (i.e., objects with a MAX-ACCESS other than not-accessible) may be considered sensitive or vulnerable in some network environments. It is thus important to control even GET and/or NOTIFY access to these objects and possibly to even encrypt the values of these objects when sending them over the network via SNMP. These are the tables and objects and their sensitivity/vulnerability:

vdslLineSCMPhysBandInUse, vdslLineSCMPhysBandCurrPSDLevel, vdslLineSCMPhysBandCurrSymbolRate, vdslLineSCMPhysBandCurrConstellationSize, vdslLineSCMPhysBandCurrCenterFrequency, vdslLineSCMPhysBandCurrSnrMgn, vdslLineSCMPhysBandCurrAtn

Read access of the physical band parameters may provide knowledge to an end-user that would allow malicious behavior, for example the application of an intentional interference on one or all of the physical bands in use.

SNMP versions prior to SNMPv3 did not include adequate security. Even if the network itself is secure (for example by using IPSec), even then, there is no control as to who on the secure network is allowed to access and GET/SET (read/change/create/delete) the objects in this MIB module.

It is RECOMMENDED that implementers consider the security features as provided by the SNMPv3 framework (see [RFC3410], section 8), including full support for the SNMPv3 cryptographic mechanisms (for authentication and privacy).

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Further, deployment of SNMP versions prior to SNMPv3 is NOT RECOMMENDED. Instead, it is RECOMMENDED to deploy SNMPv3 and to enable cryptographic security. It is then a customer/operator responsibility to ensure that the SNMP entity giving access to an instance of a MIB module is properly configured to give access to the objects only to those principals (users) that have legitimate rights to indeed GET or SET (change/create/delete) them.

7. IANA Considerations

The IANA has assigned the transmission value 228 to VDSL-LINE-EXT-SCM-MIB.

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