



CHAPTER 14

Configuring SNMP



Note

To have the sensor send SNMP traps, you must also select **request-snmp-trap** as the event action when you configure signatures. For more information, see [Assigning Actions to Signatures, page 6-14](#).

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Understanding SNMP

SNMP is an application layer protocol that facilitates the exchange of management information between network devices. SNMP enables network administrators to manage network performance, find and solve network problems, and plan for network growth.

SNMP is a simple request/response protocol. The network-management system issues a request, and managed devices return responses. This behavior is implemented by using one of four protocol operations: Get, GetNext, Set, and Trap.

You can configure the sensor for monitoring by SNMP. SNMP defines a standard way for network management stations to monitor the health and status of many types of devices, including switches, routers, and sensors.

You can configure the sensor to send SNMP traps. SNMP traps enable an agent to notify the management station of significant events by way of an unsolicited SNMP message.

Trap-directed notification has the following advantage—if a manager is responsible for a large number of devices, and each device has a large number of objects, it is impractical to poll or request information from every object on every device. The solution is for each agent on the managed device to notify the manager without solicitation. It does this by sending a message known as a trap of the event.

After receiving the event, the manager displays it and can take an action based on the event. For instance, the manager can poll the agent directly, or poll other associated device agents to get a better understanding of the event.

**Note**

Trap-directed notification results in substantial savings of network and agent resources by eliminating frivolous SNMP requests. However, it is not possible to totally eliminate SNMP polling. SNMP requests are required for discovery and topology changes. In addition, a managed device agent cannot send a trap if the device has had a catastrophic outage.

Configuring SNMP

**Note**

Configure general SNMP parameters in the service notification submode.

To have the sensor send SNMP traps, you must also select **request-snmp-trap** as the event action when you configure signatures. For more information, see [Assigning Actions to Signatures, page 6-14](#).

The following options apply:

- **default**—Sets the value back to the system default setting.
- **enable-set-get {true | false}**—Enables the **gets** and **sets** of object identifiers (OIDs).
- **no**—Remove an entry or selection setting.
- **read-only-community**—The read-only community name for the SNMP agent.
The default is public.
- **read-write-community**—The read-write community name for the SNMP agent.
The default is private.
- **snmp-agent-port**—The port the SNMP agent will listen on.
The default SNMP port number is 161.
- **snmp-agent-protocol**—The protocol the SNMP agent will communicate with.
The default protocol is UDP.
- **system-contact**—The contact information for this sensor.
The system-contact option modifies the SNMPv2-MIB::sysContact.0 value.
- **system-location**—The location of the sensor.
The system-location option modifies the SNMPv2-MIB::sysLocation.0 value.

To configure SNMP general parameters, follow these steps:

Step 1 Log in to the CLI using an account with administrator privileges.

Step 2 Enter notification submode.

```
sensor# configure terminal
sensor(config)# service notification
sensor(config-not)#
```

Step 3 Enable SNMP so that the SNMP management workstation can issue requests to the sensor SNMP agent.

```
sensor(config-not)# enable-set-get true
```

Step 4 Specify the SNMP agent parameters:

These values configure the community name on the sensor SNMP agent. A community name is a plain-text password mechanism that is used to weakly authenticate SNMP queries.

- a. Assign the read-only community string.

```
sensor(config-not)# read-only-community PUBLIC1
```

The read-only community name specifies the password for queries to the SNMP agent.

- b. Assign the read-write community string.

```
sensor(config-not)# read-write-community PRIVATE1
```

The read-write community name specifies the password for **sets** to the SNMP agent.



Note The management workstation sends SNMP requests to the sensor SNMP agent, which resides on the sensor. If the management workstation issues a request and the community string does not match what is on the sensor, the sensor rejects it.

- c. Assign the sensor contact user ID.

```
sensor(config-not)# system-contact BUSINESS
```

- d. Enter the location of the sensor.

```
sensor(config-not)# system-location AUSTIN
```

- e. Enter the port of the sensor SNMP agent.

```
sensor(config-not)# snmp-agent-port 161
```



Note You must reboot the sensor if you change the port or protocol.

- f. Specify the protocol the sensor SNMP agent will use.

```
sensor(config-not)# snmp-agent-protocol udp
```



Note You must reboot the sensor if you change the port or protocol.

Step 5 Verify the settings.

```
sensor(config-not)# show settings
trap-destinations (min: 0, max: 10, current: 0)
-----
error-filter: error|fatal <defaulted>
enable-detail-traps: false <defaulted>
enable-notifications: false <defaulted>
enable-set-get: true default: false
snmp-agent-port: 161 default: 161
snmp-agent-protocol: udp default: udp
read-only-community: PUBLIC1 default: public
read-write-community: PRIVATE1 default: private
trap-community-name: public <defaulted>
system-location: AUSTIN default: Unknown
system-contact: BUSINESS default: Unknown
sensor(config-not)#
```

Step 6 Exit notification submenu.

```
sensor(config-not)# exit
Apply Changes:[yes]:
```

Step 7 Press **Enter** to apply the changes or enter **no** to discard them.

Configuring SNMP Traps

Configure the SNMP traps in the service notification submenu.



Note

To have the sensor send SNMP traps, you must also select **request-snmp-trap** as the event action when you configure signatures. For more information, see [Assigning Actions to Signatures, page 6-14](#).

The following options apply:

- **enable-detail-traps {true | false}**—Enables the sending of detailed traps with no size limit. Otherwise traps are sent in sparse mode (less than 484 bytes).
- **enable-notifications {true | false}**—Enables event notifications.
- **error-filter {warning | error | fatal}**—Determines which errors generate an SNMP trap. An SNMP trap is generated for every evError event that matches the filter. The default is error and fatal.
- **trap-community-name**—The community name used when sending traps if no name is specified when defining the trap destinations.
- **trap-destinations**—Defines the destinations to send error events and alert events generated from signature actions.
 - **trap-community-name**—The community name used when sending the trap. If no community name is specified the general trap community name is used.
 - **trap-port**—The port number to send the SNMP trap to.

To configure SNMP traps, follow these steps:

Step 1 Log in to the CLI using an account with administrator privileges.

Step 2 Enter notification submenu.

```
sensor# configure terminal
sensor(config)# service notification
sensor(config-not)#
```

Step 3 Enable SNMP traps.

```
sensor(config-not)# enable-notifications true
```

Step 4 Specify the parameters for the SNMP trap:

- a. Specify the error events you want to be notified about through SNMP traps.

```
sensor(config-not)# error-filter {error | warning | fatal}
```



Note The **error-filter {error | warning | fatal}** command includes error, warning, and fatal traps. It filters in (not filters out) the traps based on severity.

- b. Specify whether you want detailed SNMP traps.

```
sensor(config-not)# enable-detail-traps true
```

- c. Enter the community string to be included in the detailed traps.

```
sensor(config-not)# trap-community-name TRAP1
```

Step 5 Specify the parameters for the SNMP trap destinations so the sensor knows which management workstations to send them to:

- a. Enter the IP address of the SNMP management station.

```
sensor(config-not)# trap-destinations 10.1.1.1
```

- b. Enter the UDP port of the SNMP management station.

```
sensor(config-not-tra)# trap-port 162
```

The default is 162.

- c. Enter the trap Community string.

```
sensor(config-not-tra)# trap-community-name AUSTIN_PUBLI
```



Note The community string appears in the trap and is useful if you are receiving multiple types of traps from multiple agents. For example, a router or sensor could be sending the traps, and if you put something that identifies the router or sensor specifically in your community string, you can filter the traps based on the community string.

Step 6 Verify the settings.

```
sensor(config-not-tra)# exit
sensor(config-not)# show settings
trap-destinations (min: 0, max: 10, current: 1)
-----
ip-address: 10.1.1.1
-----
trap-community-name: AUSTIN_PUBLIC default:
trap-port: 161 default: 162
-----
error-filter: warning|error|fatal default: error|fatal
enable-detail-traps: true default: false
enable-notifications: true default: false
enable-set-get: true default: false
snmp-agent-port: 161 default: 161
snmp-agent-protocol: udp default: udp
read-only-community: PUBLIC1 default: public
read-write-community: PRIVATE1 default: private
trap-community-name: PUBLIC1 default: public
system-location: AUSTIN default: Unknown
system-contact: BUSINESS default: Unknown
sensor(config-not)#
```

Step 7 Exit notification submenu.

```
sensor(config-not)# exit
```

Apply Changes:?[yes] :

Step 8 Press **Enter** to apply the changes or enter **no** to discard them.

Supported MIBS

The following private MIBs are supported on the sensor:

- CISCO-CIDS-MIB
- CISCO-ENHANCED-MEMPOOL-MIB
- CISCO-ENTITY-ALARM-MIB

You can obtain these private Cisco MIBs under the heading SNMP v2 MIBs at this URL:

<http://www.cisco.com/public/sw-center/netmgmt/cmtk/mibs.shtml>

**Note**

MIB II is available on the sensor, but we do not support it. We know that some elements are not correct (for example, the packet counts from the IF MIB on the sensing interfaces). While you can use elements from MIB II, we do not guarantee that they all provide correct information. We fully support the other listed MIBs and their output is correct.

**Note**

CISCO-PROCESS-MIB is available on the sensor, but we do not support it. We know that some elements are not available. While you can use elements from CISCO-PROCESS-MIB, we do not guarantee that they all provide correct information. We fully support the other listed MIBs and their output is correct.
