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



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Each SNMP message contains a protocol data unit (PDU). These SNMP PDUs are sent by SNMP agents. The SNMP Version 1 architecture defines the following types of PDUs:

GETREQUEST PDU

Sent by the SNMP manager to retrieve one or more requested MIB variables.

GETNEXTREQUEST PDU

Sent by the SNMP manager to retrieve the next MIB variable that is specified in the GETREQUEST PDU. This PDU is primarily used by the SNMP manager to walk through the MIB.

SETREQUEST PDU

Sent by the SNMP manager to set one or more MIB variables specified in the SETREQUEST PDU.

GETRESPONSE PDU

Sent by the SNMP agent in response to a GETREQUEST, GETNEXTREQUEST, or SETREQUEST PDU.

TRAP PDU

An unsolicited message sent by the SNMP agent to notify the SNMP manager of an event.

There are many types of structures and fields contained in the PDUs supported by SNMP. The following table shows the format of the PDUs supported by SNMP.

Table 1. GETREQUEST, GETNEXTREQUEST, SETREQUEST, GETRESPONSE PDU format

Version	Community name	PDU type	Request ID	Enterprise object identifier	Network address
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Version

The version of the SNMP message. The z/TPF system supports version 1.

Community name

An ASCII display string of the name of the community from where the PDU originates.

PDU type

The type of PDU contained by the SNMP message. PDU type can be one of the following:

- GETREQUEST
- GETNEXTREQUEST
- SETREQUEST
- GETRESPONSE

Request ID

A unique number that is used to distinguish between different requests and responses.

Error status

Used to indicate that an error occurred while the agent was processing a request.

Error index

Used to provide additional information by identifying which variable in the list of requested variables caused the error.

Variable binding list

A simple list of variable bindings, which are pairings of the names of MIB variables and their values.

[Table 2](#) shows the format of the trap PDUs.

Table 2. Trap PDU format

Version	Community name	PDU type	Enterprise object identifier	Network address
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