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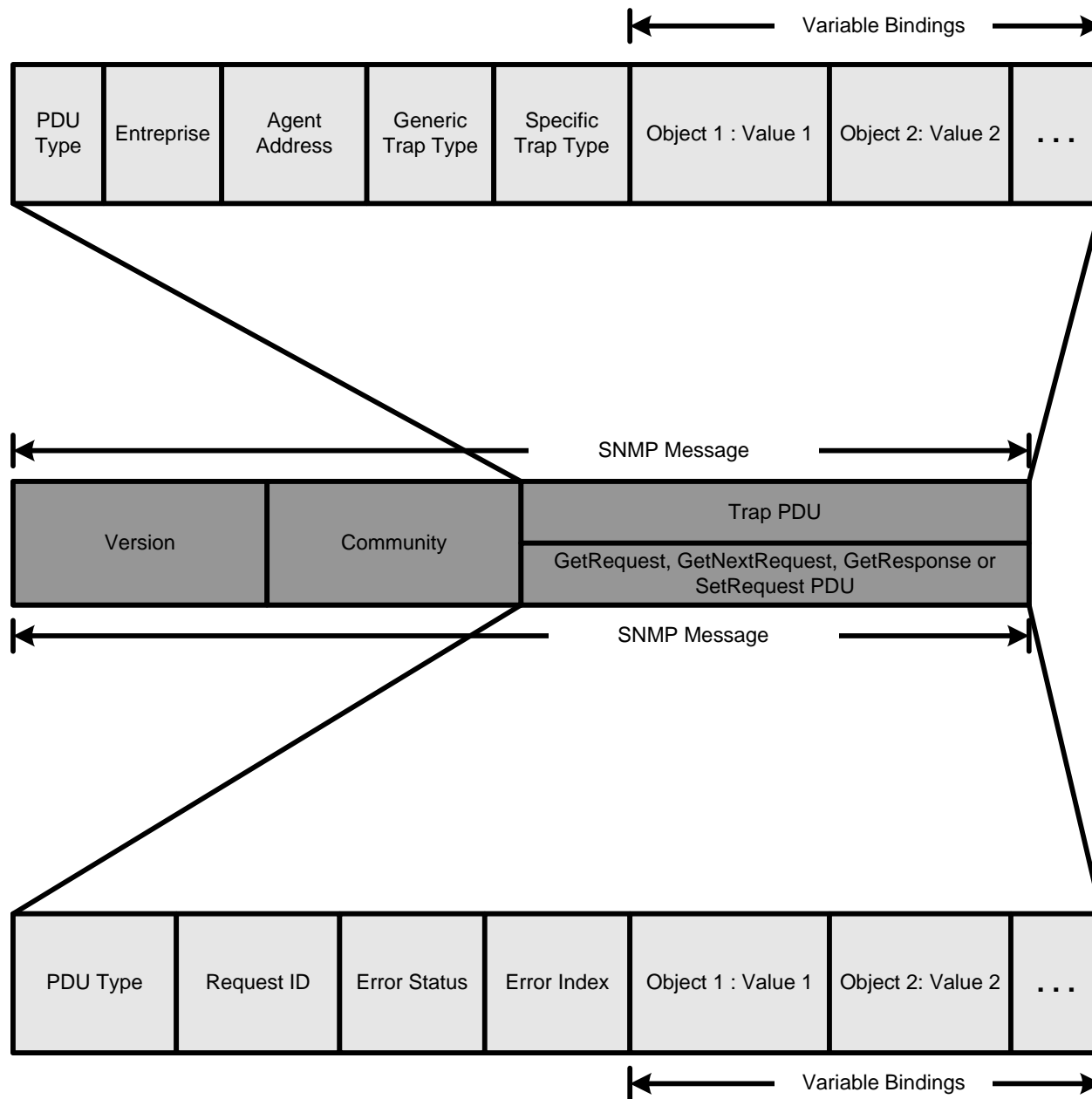
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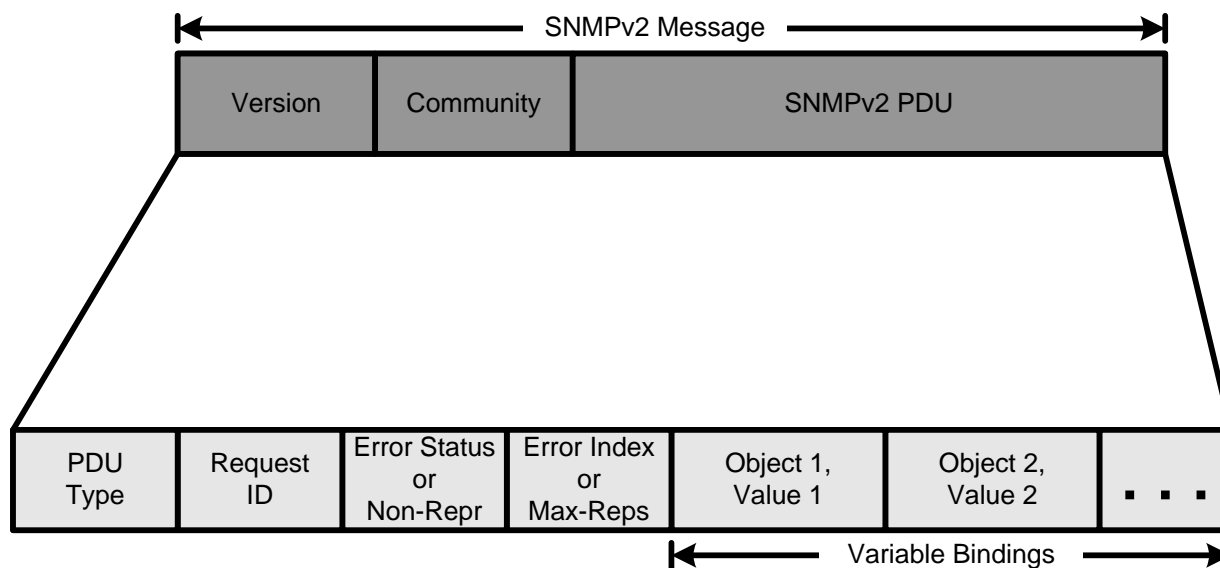
Field	Description
Enterprise:	SNMP sysObject ID.
Agent Address:	IP address of SNMP Agent.
Generic Trap Type:	Specifies the message type. Values are: 0 = coldStart 1 = warmStart 2 = linkDown 3 = linkUp 4 = AuthenticationFailure 5 = egpNeighborLoss 6 = enterpriseSpecific
Specific Trap Type:	Trap code.
Timestamp:	Current value of that Agent's sysUpTime object.
Variable Bindings:	Pairing of object name and value.

Field	Description
Version:	Protocol version.
Community:	Community name.
PDU Type:	Specifies the PDU being transmitted: 0 = GetRequest 1 = GetNextRequest 2 = GetResponse 3 = SetResponse 4 = Trap

Field	Description
Request ID:	Used to correlate the Request and Response.
Error Status:	Exception condition for the request. Values are: 0 = noError 1 = tooBig 2 = noSuchName 3 = badValue 4 = readOnly 5 = genErr
Error Index:	Pointer to Variable Binding that caused the error.
Variable Bindings:	Pairing of object name value.

RFC	Subject
1155	Structure of Management Information
1157	Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)
1212	Concise MIB Definitions
1213	Management Information Base (MIB-II)
1214	OSI Internet Management MIB
1215	Convention for Defining Traps
1270	SNMP Communications Services
1303	Convention for Describing SNMP Agents
1418	SNMP over OSI
1419	SNMP over Apple Talk
1420	SNMP over IPX
1493	Managed Objects for Bridges

RFC	Subject
1512	FDDI MIB
1559	DECnet Phase IV MIB Extensions
1643	Managed Objects for Ethernet
1694	Managed Objects for the SMDS SIP Interface
1695	ATM MIB
1748	IEEE 802.5 Token Ring MIB
1757	Remote Network Monitoring (RMON) MIB
1850	OSPF Version 2 MIB
1901	Community-based SNMPv2
2021	RMON2 MIB
2115	Frame Relay DTE MIB
2271	SNMPv3



Version: Protocol version (SNMPv2 = 1).

Community: Community name.

PDU Type: Specifies the PDU being transmitted:

- 0 = GetRequest
- 1 = GetNextRequest
- 2 = Response
- 3 = SetRequest
- 4 = obsolete
- 5 = GetBulkRequest
- 6 = InformRequest
- 7 = SNMPv2-Trap
- 8 = Report

Request ID: Used to correlate the Request and Response.

Error Status:
Exception Condition for the request

- 0 = noError
- 1 = tooBig
- 2 = noSuchName
- 3 = badValue
- 4 = readOnly
- 5 = genErr
- 6 = noAccess
- 7 = wrongType
- 8 = wrongLength
- 9 = wrongEncoding
- 10 = wrongValue
- 11 = noCreation
- 12 = inconsistentValue
- 13 = resourceUnavailable
- 14 = commitFailed
- 15 = undoFailed
- 16 = authorizationError*
- 17 = notWritable
- 18 = inconsistentName

Error Index: Pointer to the Variable Binding in error.

Non-Repeaters: How many of the requested variables will not be processed repeatedly, e.g. single instances of variables. Used in GetBulkRequests only.

Max-Repetitions: Maximum number of repeated executions to retrieve specific variables. Used in GetBulkRequest only.

Variable Bindings: Pairing of object name and value.

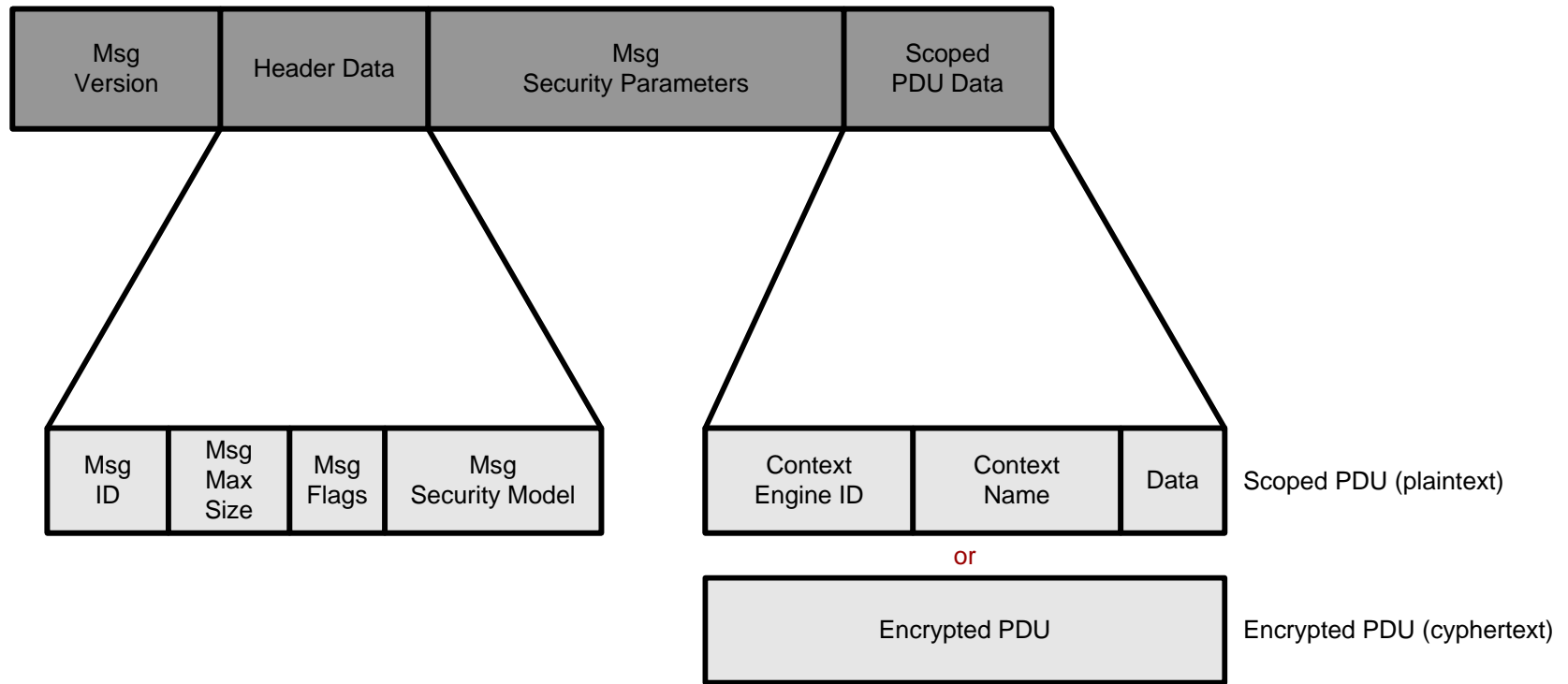
SNMPv2 PDU	Agent		Manager		
	Generate	Receice	Generate	Receive	
GetRequest		x	x		
GetNextRequest		x	x		
Response	x		x	x	
SetRequest		x	x		
GetBulkRequest		x	x		
InformRequest			x	x	
SNMPv2-Trap	x			x	

When errors occur in the processing of SNMPv2 PDUs, the SNMPv2 entity prepares a Response PDU with the Error Status field set to indicate the error. Possible errors include:

SNMPv2 Error	Get	GetNext	GetBulk	Set	Inform
noError	x	x	x	x	x
tooBig	x	x		x	x
noSuchName(b)					
badValue(b)					
readOnly(b)					
genErr	x	x	x	x	
noAcces				x	
wrongType				x	
wrongLength				x	
wrongEncoding				x	
wrongValue				x	
noCreation				x	
inconsistentValue				x	
resourceUnavailable				x	
commitFailed				x	
undoFailed				x	
authorizationError	X(a)	X(a)	X(a)	X(a)	X(a)
notWritable				x	
inconsistentName				x	

Notes:
 (a) Unused with SNMPv2, per RFC 1901.
 (b) Never generated by a SNMPv2 entity (proxy compatibility only), per RFC 1905.

Reference Documents	
RFC	Subject
1901	Introduction to Community-based SNMPv2
1902	SMI for SNMPv2
1903	Textual Conventions for SNMPv2
1904	Conformance Statements for SNMPv2
1905	Protocol Operation for SNMPv2
1906	Transport Mapping for SNMPv2
1907	MIB for SNMPv2
1908	SNMPv1 and SNMPv2 Coexistence
1909	Administrative Infrastructure for SNMPv2
1910	User-based Security Model



msgVersion: Identifies the message as an SNMPv3 message when msgVersion = 3.

msgID: Used to coordinate request and response messages between the manager and the agent. The msgID in a response must be the same as the msgID in a request.

msgMaxSize: conveys the maximum message size that the sender can accept.

msgFlags: bit fields which control processing of the message:

Field	Meaning
....1	authFlag
....1.	privFlag
....1..	reportableFlag
....00	is OK, means noAuthNoPriv
....01	is OK, means authNoPriv
....10	reserved, must NOT be used
....11	is OK, means authPriv

SNMPv3 Message Format-suite

msgSecurity Model:	identifies the Security Model used for the message generation and reception.
msgSecurityParameters:	used for communication between the Security Model modules.
scopedPduData:	either a plaintext scoped PDU, or a cyphertext encrypted PDU.
scopedPDU:	identifies an administratively-unique context and PDU.
contextEngineID:	determines the context to process this PDU, such as the correct application.
contextName:	identifies the context associated with the management information in the PDU.
data:	contains the SNMPv3 PDU, which must be one of the PDUs specified in RFC 1905: GetRequest, GetNextRequest, Response, SetRequest, GetBulkRequest, InformRequest, SNMPv2-Trap or Report.

SNMPv3 Protocol Reference Guide

RFC	Subject
2271	An Architecture for Describing SNMP Management Frameworks.
2272	Message Processing and Dispatching for the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)
2273	SNMPv3 Applications
2274	User-based Security Model (USM) for SNMPv3
2275	View-based Access Control Model (VACM) for SNMP