TSN Configuration From MIB to YANG – how to proceed?



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Current situation

- IETF IESG issued a statement¹ regarding writable MIB Modules on March 2, 2014:
 - IETF encourages working groups to use NETCONF/YANG standards for configuration
 - SNMP MIB modules for configuration should only be produced in cases of clear utility and consensus to use SNMP write operations, and in consultation with the OPS ADs/MIB doctors
- IEEE 802.1 intends to supply YANG modules for new standards in the future
- Industrial application space is a slow moving market
 - Industrial customers have just been moving from command line configuration to SNMP/MIB over the last few years
 - Today, Network Management and Monitoring tools typically use SNMP
 - Most customers are not even aware of recent YANG developments

Projections for the industrial market

- Already today, customers discuss management capabilities for TSN
 - Integration into existing Network Management solutions requested
 - As said, these are primarily SNMP-based
 → SNMP will remain prevalent in the industrial market at least until a complete YANG-based network configuration is possible
- Products existing today will (to some extend) be updated with support for TSN
 - this does not imply migration to new management protocols
 - Implementation of new management protocol is independent activity
 - Resource constraints can prevent parallel MIB and YANG support
- Partial YANG support (e.g., TSN configuration only) is not suitable for many environments
- \rightarrow Hard cut of support for SNMP (today!) is not viable for the industrial market

Suggestions for a Way Forward

- Finish work on IEEE P802.1Qcp to provide the YANG bridge model as base for augmentation for other standards parts
- Create customer awareness of future YANG support in IEEE 802.1 standards
 - by making an official statement of IEEE 802.1
 - by highlighting this in IEEE marketing material
 - by ...
- Create YANG models for existing IEEE 802.1 standards (.1Qxx, .CB, .AB, ...)
- Provide MIB modules for current and future standard projects until YANG coverage for existing IEEE 802.1 standards is achieved



Thank you!