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SNMP TRAP CONFIGURATION

This technical note provides instructions for how to customize the SNMP configuration parameters that are displayed in the Custom Rules Wizard and modify the SNMP traps that the Custom Rule Engine sends.

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SNMP Trap overview

A Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) trap is an event or offense notification that QRadar can send to a configured SNMP host. In the Custom Rules Wizard, you can configure any rule to generate a rule response that sends an SNMP trap as a result of a rule's configured conditions being met.

The technical note is intended for system administrators experienced with SNMP and manipulating XML files. For more information on SNMP, go to the <http://www.ietf.org/> website and type RFC 1157 in the search field.

You can customize the SNMP configuration parameters that are displayed in the Custom Rules Wizard and you can modify the SNMP traps that the Custom Rule Engine sends. QRadar provides two default traps, however, you can add custom traps or modify the existing traps to use new parameters.

Customizing the Custom Rules Wizard SNMP parameters

You can edit the SNMP trap parameter to customize information that is sent when a rule condition is met.

About this task

Use the Custom Rules Wizard to send SNMP traps if a rule meets the configured conditions. The SNMP trap parameters are only displayed in the Custom Rules Wizard if SNMP is enabled within the system settings.

For more information on the Custom Rules Wizard and QRadar system settings, see the *IBM Security QRadar SIEM Administration Guide*.

Procedure

Step 1 Using SSH, log in to QRadar as the root user:

Username: **root**

Password: **<password>**

Step 2 Navigate to the `/opt/qradar/conf` directory.

Step 3 Make back-up copies of the following files:

- `eventCRE.snmp.xml`
- `offenseCRE.snmp.xml`

Step 4 Choose one of the following options:

- To edit the SNMP parameters for event rules, open the `eventCRE.snmp.xml` file.
- To edit the SNMP parameters for offense rules, open the `offenseCRE.snmp.xml` file.

Step 5 Insert the following section into the file inside the `<snmp>` tag before the `<creSNMPTrap>` element, and update the labels as required:

Note: The label values in this code are for example purposes only. You must update the labels.

```
<creSNMPResponse name="snmp_response_1">
  <custom name="MyColor">
    <string label="What is your favorite color?"/>
  </custom>
  <custom name="MyCategory">
    <list label="Select a category">
      <option label="Label1" value="Category1"/>
      <option label="Label2" value="Category2"/>
    </list>
  </custom>
</creSNMPResponse>
```

Step 6 Save and exit the file.

Step 7 Copy the file from the `/opt/qradar/conf` directory to the `/store/configservices/staging/globalconfig` directory.

Step 8 Log in to the QRadar user interface.

Step 9 On the **Admin** tab menu, select **Advanced > Deploy Full Configuration**.

What to do next

Configure SNMP trap output.

Customizing SNMP Trap output

SNMP allows QRadar to send traps that provide information when rule conditions have been met.

By default, QRadar adheres to the QRadar MIB. You can customize the output of the SNMP traps to adhere to any MIB.

For more information on the QRadar MIB, see the *IBM Security QRadar SIEM Administration Guide*.

About this task

When updating the variable binding information, include one of the following:

Table 1-1 Value types for updating the variable binding information

Parameter	Description
string	Enables you to configure multiple values within the variable bindings.
integer32	Enables you to include a numerical value in the variable binding. For example: name="ATTACKER_PORT" type="integer32">%ATTACKER_PORT%
oid	Enables you to include OID information in the variable binding. For example: OID="1.3.6.1.4.1.20212.2.46"
ipAddress	Enables you to include IP address information in the variable binding. For example: name="TARGET_IP" type="ipaddress">%TARGET_IP%
gauge32	Enables you to include a numerical value range in the variable binding.
counter64	Enables you to include a numerical value that increments within a defined minimum and maximum range in the variable binding.

Procedure

Step 1 Using SSH, log in to QRadar as the root user:

Username: **root**

Password: **<password>**

Step 2 Navigate to the `/opt/qradar/conf` directory.

Step 3 Make back-up copies of the following files:

- `eventCRE.snmp.xml`
- `offenseCRE.snmp.xml`

Step 4 Choose one of the following options:

- a To edit an event rule, open the `eventCRE.snmp.xml` file.
- b To edit an offense rule, open the `offenseCRE.snmp.xml` file.

Step 5 To change the trap that is used for SNMP trap notification, update the following line with the appropriate trap OID:

```
-<creSNMPTrap version="3" OID="1.3.6.1.4.1.20212.1.1"  
name="eventCRENotification">
```

Step 6 Update the variable binding information, as necessary. You can include one of the following values types from Table 1-1.

For each of the above options, you can include one of the following fields:

- **NATIVE** - Include a native event from QRadar. For the NATIVE value, you can include any of the following fields:
 - **LOCALHOST**
 - **DATE_AND_TIME**
 - **OFFENSE_ID**
 - **OFFENSE_DESCRIPTION**
 - **OFFENSE_LINK**
 - **MAGNITUDE**
 - **SEVERITY**
 - **CREDITIBILITY**
 - **RELEVANCE**
 - **CATEGORY_COUNT**
 - **TOP_CATEGORIES**
 - **TOP_CATEGORY_1**
 - **TOP_CATEGORY_2**
 - **TOP_CATEGORY_3**
 - **TOP_CATEGORY_4**
 - **TOP_CATEGORY_5**
 - **ATTACKER_COUNT**
 - **ATTACKER_IP**
 - **ATTACKER_USERNAME**
 - **ATTACKER_NETWORKS**
 - **TOP_ATTACKER_IPS**
 - **TOP_ATTACKER_IP_1**
 - **TOP_ATTACKER_IP_2**
 - **TOP_ATTACKER_IP_3**

- TOP_ATTACKER_IP_4
- TOP_ATTACKER_IP_5
- TOP_ATTACKER_USERNAMES
- TOP_ATTACKER_USERNAME_1
- TOP_ATTACKER_USERNAME_2
- TOP_ATTACKER_USERNAME_3
- TOP_ATTACKER_USERNAME_4
- TOP_ATTACKER_USERNAME_5
- TARGET_COUNT
- TARGET_IP
- TARGET_USERNAME
- TARGET_NETWORKS
- TOP_TARGET_IPS
- TOP_TARGET_IP_1
- TOP_TARGET_IP_2
- TOP_TARGET_IP_3
- TOP_TARGET_IP_4
- TOP_TARGET_IP_5
- TOP_TARGET_USERNAMES
- TOP_TARGET_USERNAME_1
- TOP_TARGET_USERNAME_2
- TOP_TARGET_USERNAME_3
- TOP_TARGET_USERNAME_4
- TOP_TARGET_USERNAME_5
- ANNOTATION_COUNT
- TOP_ANNOTATION_1
- TOP_ANNOTATION_2
- TOP_ANNOTATION_3
- TOP_ANNOTATION_4
- TOP_ANNOTATION_5
- RULE_COUNT
- RULE_NAMES
- EVENT_COUNT
- EVENT_ID
- QID

- **EVENT_NAME**
- **EVENT_DESCRIPTION**
- **CATEGORY_ID**
- **CATEGORY_NAME**
- **CATEGORY**
- **RULE_ID**
- **RULE_NAME**
- **RULE_DESCRIPTION**
- **RULE_NOTES**
- **SOURCE_IP**
- **SOURCE_PORT**
- **DESTINATION_IP**
- **DESTINATION_PORT**
- **PROTOCOL**
- **DATASOURCE_ID**
- **DATASOURCE_NAME**

For more information on the native fields, access and open the `snmp.help` file located in the `/opt/qradar/conf` directory.

You can put any native field into a variable binding by surrounding the native field name with percentage (%) signs. Within the percentage signs, native fields must match the value type. For example, if the value type is **ipAddress**, you must use a native or custom variable that is an IP address. The **string** value type accepts any format.

- **TEXT** - Type the text that you want to include in the SNMP trap.
- **CUSTOM** - Type the custom SNMP trap information. This is information that you configured in [Customizing the Custom Rules Wizard SNMP parameters](#). For example, if you used the default file information and wanted to include this information in the SNMP trap, you should include the following:

```
<variableBinding name="My Color Variable Binding"
OID="1.3.6.1.4.1.20212.3.1" type="string">My favorite color
is %MyColor%</variableBinding>
```

You can put any custom field into a variable binding by surrounding the native field name with percentage (%) signs. Within the percentage signs, custom fields must match the value type. For example, if the value type is **ipAddress**, you must use a native or custom variable that is an IP address. The **string** value type accepts any format.

For example, if you use the default information, the following SNMP trap is displayed if the rule conditions are met:

```
2006-07-11 16:06:44 NET-SNMP version 5.2.1 Started.
```

```
Cold Start: INFORM, SNMP v3, user admin, context
```

```
-SNMPv2-MIB::sysUptime.0 - Timeticks: (555) 0:00:05.55
```

```
-SNMPv2-MIB::snmpTrapOID.0 = OID:
```

```
SNMPv2-SMI::enterprise.20212.200.0
```

```
-SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises:20212.100 = STRING: "Tue Jul 11
16:06:55 ADT 2006 QRADAR Custom Rule Engine Notification - Rule
'Network Scan' has fired. 172.168.1.42:32000 -> 10.100.100.25:80
6, Event Name: EmptyEventName, QID: 42, Category: 1004, Notes: A
scan of the network was detected"
```

Step 7 Save and exit the file.

Step 8 Copy the file from the `/opt/qradar/conf` directory to the `/store/configservices/staging/globalconfig` directory.

Step 9 Log in to the QRadar user interface.

Step 10 On the **Admin** tab menu, select **Advanced > Deploy Full Configuration**.

Adding a custom SNMP trap

You can create a new option for the SNMP trap selection in the Custom Rule Wizard. The trap names specified in the list box are configured in the master SNMP configuration file (`snmp-master.xml`).

About this task

To create a new trap, you need to create a new SNMP settings file, and then add the file name to the `SNMP-master.xml` file.

`<include>` elements have two attributes:

- **name** - The name of the trap you want to display in the list box.
- **uri** - The name of the custom SNMP settings file. For example:

```
<include name="Custom_Event_Name" uri="customSNMPdef01.xml"/>
```

Procedure

Step 1 Using SSH, log in to QRadar as the root user:

```
Username: root
```

```
Password: <password>
```

Step 2 Navigate to the `/opt/qradar/conf` directory.

Step 3 Create an SNMP settings file for the new trap. Tip: Copy, rename, and modify one of the existing SNMP settings files.

Step 4 Make a back-up copy of the `snmp-master.xml` file.

Step 5 Open the `snmp-master.xml` file for editing.

- Step 6** Add a new `<include>` element. The traps are displayed in the menu in the same order in which they are listed in the `snmp-master.xml` file.
- Step 7** Save the `snmp-master.xml` file.
- Step 8** Copy the file from the `/opt/qradar/conf` directory to the `/store/configservices/staging/globalconfig` directory.
- Step 9** Log in to the QRadar user interface.
- Step 10** On the **Admin** tab menu, select **Advanced > Deploy Full Configuration**.

Sending SNMP Traps to a specific host

By default, SNMP traps are sent to the host identified in your `host.conf` file; however, you can customize the `snmp.xml` file to send SNMP traps to a different host.

Procedure

- Step 1** Using SSH, log in to QRadar as the root user:
 Username: **root**
 Password: **<password>**
- Step 2** Make back-up copies of the following files:
- `eventCRE.snmp.xml`
 - `offenseCRE.snmp.xml`
- Step 3** Choose one of the following options:
- a To edit an event rule, open the `eventCRE.snmp.xml` file.
 - b To edit an offense rule, open the `offenseCRE.snmp.xml` file.
- Step 4** Add the `<trapConfig>` tag into the file inside the `<snmp>` tag after the `<creSNMPTrap>` element:

```
<trapConfig>
  <!-- All attribute values are default -->
  <snmpHost snmpVersion="3" port="162" retries="2" timeout="500">HOST</snmpHost>
  <!-- Community String for Version 2 -->
  <communityString>COMMUNITY_STRING</communityString>
  <!-- authenticationProtocol (MD5 or SHA)securityLevel (AUTH_PRIV, AUTH_NOPRIV
  or NOAUTH_PRIV) -->
  <authentication authenticationProtocol="MD5"securityLevel="AUTH_PRIV">
  AUTH_PASSWORD </authentication>
  <!-- decryptionProtocol (DES, AES128, AES192 or AES256) --> <decryption
  decryptionProtocol="AES256"> DECRYPTIONPASSWORD </decryption>
  <!-- SNMP USER-->
  <user> SNMP_USER </user>
</trapConfig>
```

Update the attributes listed in the following table:

Table 1-2 Sending SNMP traps to a specific host

Option	Description
</snmpHost>	Identify the host to which you want to send SNMP traps.
<communityString>	Specify the community string for the host.
<authentication>	Specify an authentication protocol, security level and password for the host.
<decryption>	Specify the decryption protocol and password for the host.
<user>	Specify the SNMP user.

Step 5 Save and exit the file.

Step 6 Copy the file from the `/opt/qradar/conf` directory to the `/store/configservices/staging/globalconfig` directory.

Step 7 Log in to the QRadar user interface.

Step 8 On the **Admin** tab menu, select **Advanced > Deploy Full Configuration**.

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