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ملخص الرسالة

إن إدارة شبكات الحاسب أصبحت هذه الأيام من الأمور المهمة جدا نظرا لزيادة حجم الشبكات وتعدد مهام عناصرها المختلفة. وفي هذه الرسالة تمت دراسة الطرق المختلفة لإدارة شبكات الحاسب والبروتوكولات الشائعة الإستخدام مثل بروتوكول SNMP. كما تطرقت الرسالة للمشاكل التي تحدث في إدارة الشبكات وقدمت دراسة لإستخدام تكنولوجيا Mobile Agent في إدارة الشبكات, والتي يمكنها أن تلعب دوراً هاماً في اللامركزية في إدارة الشبكات والتي تعد بمعالجة مشاكل المركزية في إدارة الشبكات والمتعلقة بعدم كفاءتها عند زيادة حجم الشبكات التي تديرها. وكذلك قدمت دراسة لأحدث بروتوكول إدارة شبكات تم اعتماده من قبل فريق المهام الهندسى (IETF) ويدعى بروتوكول NETCONF, ونظرا لشيوع إستخدام بروتوكول SNMP في إدارة الشبكات فقد استخدم في هذه الرسالة كنقطة مرجعية لمقارنة أداءه بالنسبة لأداء كل من بروتوكول NETCONF و تكنولوجيا Mobile Agent وذلك في حالة مراقبة أداء الشبكات.

أولاً: لمقارنة أداء كل من بروتوكولى NETCONF و SNMP فقد تم اختيار التطبيق المناسب لكل بروتوكول وتشغيله وذلك في بيئة نظام تشغيل Linux حيث تم مردود كل منهما بقياس استخدامهما للشبكة Network usage وكذلك الزمن الإجمالى المطلوب لكل منهما لجلب البيانات من أجهزة الشبكات تحت المراقبة.

وقد أظهرت النتائج التى تم الحصول عليها أن بروتوكول NETCONF أكثر فاعلية من بروتوكول SNMP وذلك من حيث سرعة جلب البيانات من الأجهزة الموجودة بالشبكة (عملية واحدة لاسترداد كميات كبيرة من البيانات). ولكن بروتوكول SNMP أكثر فاعلية من بروتوكول NETCONF من حيث إستخدام الشبكة Network usage. ولتحسين أداء بروتوكول NETCONF تم إقتراح دمج استخدام تطبيق Cluster Secure Shell (CSSH) إلى جانب تطبيق NETCONF. وأظهرت النتائج تحسن أداء بروتوكول NETCONF ليصبح أكثر فعالية من بروتوكول SNMP.

ثانياً: لتقييم أداء Mobile Agent فى مراقبة أداء الشبكات, فقد تم تنفيذ وتشغيل ثلاثة سيناريوهات بالإستعانه بى SNMP4J library وذلك نظرا لعدم وجود التطبيق المناسب لاستخدام Mobile Agent لمراقبة أداء الشبكات حتى وقتنا هذا, وتم التشغيل فى بيئة نظام تشغيل الويندوز xp, حيث تم مردود كل من الثلاثة سيناريوهات الخاصة بى Mobile Agent و بروتوكول SNMP بقياس استخدامهما للشبكة Network usage وكذلك الزمن الإجمالى المطلوب لكلٍ منهما لجلب البيانات من أجهزة الشبكات تحت المراقبة.

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يتم فيه تقديم دراسة عن استخدام تكنولوجيا Mobile Agent فى إدارة شبكات الحاسب,

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يتم فيه عرض و شرح التجارب المستخدمة لمقارنة الأداء بين بروتوكول إدارة الشبكات SNMP و NETCONF وذلك في حالة مراقبة أداء الشبكات, واستخلاص النتائج.

الفصل السادس:- تقييم أداء Mobile Agent في مراقبة أداء الشبكات

يتم فيه عرض وتنفيذ ثلاثة سيناريوهات لأستخدام تكنولوجيا Mobile Agent في مراقبة أداء الشبكات وتقييم أدائهم بالمقارنة بأداء بروتوكول SNMP, واستخلاص النتائج.

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Also, a test-lab setup using SNMP4J library that is fully implemented in java language on machines running windows xp environment has been installed. As there is no standard implementation of Mobile Agent-based network monitoring at the moment, in this thesis, three variations of Mobile Agent-based network monitoring scenarios have been performed and several measurements have been taken and evaluated. The following aspects are examined: Network usage, Round Trip Delay Time. The results showed that Monitoring based on the parallel execution of multiple MAs, each Mobile Agent carries its state only. where the MA's state information is compressed (using the Java gzip utility) before being transferred to the next destination host, presents better scalability as monitored devices are separated in 'virtual' managed domains, each managed by separate MA objects collecting management data in parallel.

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List of Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Details
AES	Advanced Encryption Standard
API	Application Programming Interface
ASN.1	Abstract Syntax Notation version .1
ATM	Asynchronous Transfer Mode
BEEP	Blocks Extensible Exchange Protocol
BER	Basic Encoding Rules
BGP	Border Gateway Protocol
CLI	Command Line Interface
CSSH	Cluster Secure Shell
DES	Data Encryption Standard
EIGRP	Enhanced Interior Gateway Routing Protocol
FCAPS	Fault, Configuration, Accounting, Performance, Security
GUI	Graphical User Interface
IAB	Internet Architecture Board
IETF	Internet Engineering Task Force
IP	Internet Protocol
IRTF	Internet Research Task Force
ISDN	Integrated Services Digital Network
ISM	Itinerary Scheduler Module
ISO	International Standardization Organization
ITU-T	International Telecommunications Unions- Telecommunications Standardization Sector
JVM	Java Virtual Machine
KBytes	KiloBytes
MA	Mobile Agent
MAP	Mobile Agent Platform

Abbreviation	Details
MbD	Management by Delegation
MD5	Message-Digest algorithm 5
MIB	Management Information Base
mSec	milliSecond
NETCONF	NETWORK CONFIGURATION
NMS	Network Management Station
NOC	Network Operations Center
ntop	network traffic probe
OID	Object Identifier
OMG	Object Management Group
OSI	Open Systems Interconnection
OSPF	Open Shortest Path First
PDU	Protocol Data Unit
RFC	Request For Comments
RMON	Remote Monitoring
RPC	Remote Procedure Calling
RTT	Round Trip Time
SHA	Secure Hash Algorithm
SMI	Structure of Management Information
SNMP	Simple Network Management Protocol
SOAP	Simple Object Access Protocol
SSH	Secure Shell
TCP	Transmission Control Protocol
tunctl	tunnel control
VLAN	Virtual Local Area Network
VPN	Virtual private network
UDP	User Datagram Protocol
URI	Uniform Resource Identifier

Abbreviation	Details
W3C	World Wide Web Consortium
XCMS	XML-Based Configuration Management System
XML	Extensible Markup Language
Xpath	XML path Language
YANG	Yet Another Next Generation
YUMA	YANG-Based Unified Modular Automation



Chapter One

Introduction



1 Introduction

1.1. Background

Ever since the introduction of computer networks, there has been an interest in management functionality. In the early days of computer networks simple applications such as ping and trace route were sufficient to find congestions in the network for instance. But as the complexity of networks rises and networks become more and more interconnected, the need for more complex management functionality is also growing. Operating a large communication network requires, tools to assist in the configuration, monitoring, and troubleshooting of network elements such as switches, routers, or firewalls. In addition, it is necessary to collect event reports to identify and track failures or to provide a log of network activities. Finally, it is necessary to collect measurement data for network planning and billing purposes.

1.1.1. What Is Network Management?

The International Standardization Organization (ISO), the organization that gave us the well-known 7-layer ISO reference model, has also created a network management model, specifies five functional areas for managing networks, known as FCAPS model [1]:

- **Performance Management.** The goal of performance management is to quantify, measure, report, analyze and control the performance (for

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