



# Using SNMP monitoring

## StorageGRID

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# Using SNMP monitoring

If you want to monitor StorageGRID using the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP), you must configure the SNMP agent that is included with StorageGRID.

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## Capabilities

Each StorageGRID node runs an SNMP agent, or daemon, that provides a management information base (MIB). The StorageGRID MIB contains table and notification definitions for alerts and alarms. The MIB also contains system description information such as platform and model number for each node. Each StorageGRID node also supports a subset of MIB-II objects.

Initially, SNMP is disabled on all nodes. When you configure the SNMP agent, all StorageGRID nodes receive the same configuration.

The StorageGRID SNMP agent supports all three versions of the SNMP protocol. It provides read-only MIB access for queries, and it can send two types of event-driven notifications to a management system:

- **Traps** are notifications sent by the SNMP agent that do not require acknowledgment by the management system. Traps serve to notify the management system that something has happened within StorageGRID, such as an alert being triggered.

Traps are supported in all three versions of SNMP.

- **Informs** are similar to traps, but they require acknowledgment by the management system. If the SNMP agent does not receive an acknowledgment within a certain amount of time, it resends the inform until an acknowledgment is received or the maximum retry value has been reached.

Informs are supported in SNMPv2c and SNMPv3.

Trap and inform notifications are sent in the following cases:

- A default or custom alert is triggered at any severity level. To suppress SNMP notifications for an alert, you must configure a silence for the alert. Alert notifications are sent by whichever Admin Node is configured to be the preferred sender.
- Certain alarms (legacy system) are triggered at specified severity levels or higher.



SNMP notifications are not sent for every alarm or every alarm severity.

## SNMP version support

The table provides a high-level summary of what is supported for each SNMP version.

	SNMPv1	SNMPv2c	SNMPv3
Queries	Read-only MIB queries	Read-only MIB queries	Read-only MIB queries

	SNMPv1	SNMPv2c	SNMPv3
Query authentication	Community string	Community string	User-based Security Model (USM) user
Notifications	Traps only	Traps and informs	Traps and informs
Notification authentication	Default trap community or a custom community string for each trap destination	Default trap community or a custom community string for each trap destination	USM user for each trap destination

## Limitations

- StorageGRID supports read-only MIB access. Read-write access is not supported.
- All nodes in the grid receive the same configuration.
- SNMPv3: StorageGRID does not support the Transport Support Mode (TSM).
- SNMPv3: The only authentication protocol supported is SHA (HMAC-SHA-96).
- SNMPv3: The only privacy protocol supported is AES.

## Accessing the MIB

You can access the MIB definition file at the following location on any StorageGRID node:

```
/usr/share/snmp/mibs/NETAPP-STORAGEGRID-MIB.txt
```

### Related information

[Alerts reference](#)

[Alarms reference \(legacy system\)](#)

[Alarms that generate SNMP notifications \(legacy system\)](#)

[Silencing alert notifications](#)

## Configuring the SNMP agent

You can configure the StorageGRID SNMP agent if you want to use a third-party SNMP management system for read-only MIB access and notifications.

### What you'll need

- You must be signed in to the Grid Manager using a supported browser.
- You must have the Root Access permission.

### About this task

The StorageGRID SNMP agent supports all three versions of the SNMP protocol. You can configure the agent for one or more versions.

## Steps

1. Select **Configuration > Monitoring > SNMP Agent**.

The SNMP Agent page appears.

### SNMP Agent

You can configure SNMP for read-only MIB access and notifications. SNMPv1, SNMPv2c, SNMPv3 are supported. For SNMPv3, only User Security Model (USM) authentication is supported. All nodes in the grid share the same SNMP configuration.

Enable SNMP  ☐

Save

2. To enable the SNMP agent on all grid nodes, select the **Enable SNMP** check box.

The fields for configuring an SNMP agent appear.

### SNMP Agent


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Enable SNMP  ☒

System Contact 

System Location 

Enable SNMP Agent Notifications  ☒

Enable Authentication Traps  ☐

### Community Strings

Default Trap Community 

Read-Only Community 

String 1




+

### Other Configurations

Agent Addresses (0)

USM Users (0)

Trap Destinations (0)

 Create  Edit  Remove

Internet Protocol

Transport Protocol

StorageGRID Network

Port

No results found.

Save

3. In the **System Contact** field, enter the value you want StorageGRID to provide in SNMP messages for sysContact.

The System Contact typically is an email address. The value you provide applies to all nodes in the StorageGRID system. **System Contact** can be a maximum of 255 characters.

4. In the **System Location** field, enter the value you want StorageGRID to provide in SNMP messages for sysLocation.

The System Location can be any information that is useful for identifying where your StorageGRID system is located. For example, you might use the street address of a facility. The value you provide applies to all nodes in the StorageGRID system. **System Location** can be a maximum of 255 characters.

5. Keep the **Enable SNMP Agent Notifications** check box selected if you want the StorageGRID SNMP agent to send trap and inform notifications.

If this check box is unselected, the SNMP agent supports read-only MIB access, but it does not send any SNMP notifications.

6. Select the **Enable Authentication Traps** check box if you want the StorageGRID SNMP agent to send an authentication trap if it receives an improperly authenticated protocol message.
7. If you use SNMPv1 or SNMPv2c, complete the Community Strings section.

The fields in this section are used for community-based authentication in SNMPv1 or SNMPv2c. These fields do not apply to SNMPv3.

- a. In the **Default Trap Community** field, optionally enter the default community string you want to use for trap destinations.

As required, you can provide a different (“custom”) community string when you [define a specific trap destination](#).

**Default Trap Community** can be a maximum of 32 characters and cannot contain whitespace characters.

- b. For **Read-Only Community**, enter one or more community strings to allow read-only MIB access on IPv4 and IPv6 agent addresses. Click the plus sign **+** to add multiple strings.

When the management system queries the StorageGRID MIB, it sends a community string. If the community string matches one of the values specified here, the SNMP agent sends a response to the management system.

Each community string can be a maximum of 32 characters and cannot contain whitespace characters. Up to five strings are allowed.



To ensure the security of your StorageGRID system, do not use “public” as the community string. If you do not enter a community string, the SNMP agent uses the grid ID of your StorageGRID system as the community string.

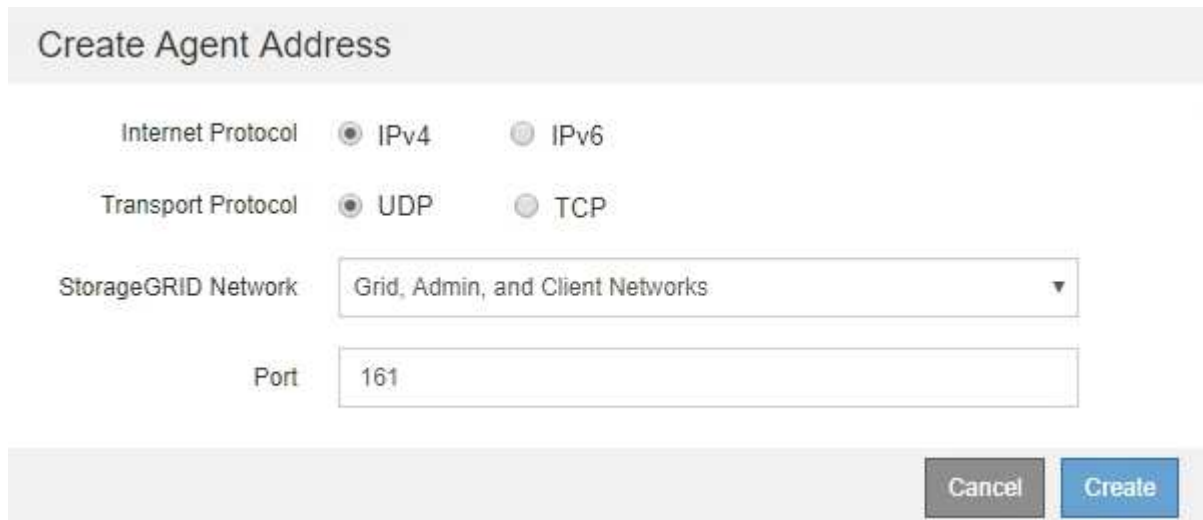
8. Optionally, select the Agent Addresses tab in the Other Configurations section.

Use this tab to specify one or more “listening addresses.” These are the StorageGRID addresses on which the SNMP agent can receive queries. Each agent address includes an internet protocol, a transport protocol, a StorageGRID network, and optionally a port.

If you do not configure an agent address, the default listening address is UDP port 161 on all StorageGRID networks.

- a. Click **Create**.

The Create Agent Address dialog box appears.

The image shows a 'Create Agent Address' dialog box. It has a title bar at the top. Below the title bar, there are two rows of radio buttons. The first row is for 'Internet Protocol' with 'IPv4' selected and 'IPv6' unselected. The second row is for 'Transport Protocol' with 'UDP' selected and 'TCP' unselected. Below these is a dropdown menu for 'StorageGRID Network' with the text 'Grid, Admin, and Client Networks' and a downward arrow. Below the dropdown is a text field for 'Port' with the value '161'. At the bottom right of the dialog box are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Create'.

- b. For **Internet Protocol**, select whether this address will use IPv4 or IPv6.

By default, SNMP uses IPv4.

- c. For **Transport Protocol**, select whether this address will use UDP or TCP.

By default, SNMP uses UDP.

- d. In the **StorageGRID Network** field, select which StorageGRID network the query will be received on.

- Grid, Admin, and Client Networks: StorageGRID should listen for SNMP queries on all three networks.
- Grid Network
- Admin Network
- Client Network



To ensure that client communications with StorageGRID remain secure, you should not create an agent address for the Client Network.

- e. In the **Port** field, optionally enter the port number that the SNMP agent should listen on.

The default UDP port for an SNMP agent is 161, but you can enter any unused port number.



When you save the SNMP agent, StorageGRID automatically opens the agent address ports on the internal firewall. You must ensure that any external firewalls allow access to these ports.

- f. Click **Create**.

The agent address is created and added to the table.

## Other Configurations

Agent Addresses (2)

USM Users (2)

Trap Destinations (2)

**+** Create **✎** Edit **✕** Remove

	Internet Protocol	Transport Protocol	StorageGRID Network	Port
<input type="radio"/>	IPv4	UDP	Grid Network	161
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	IPv4	UDP	Admin Network	161

9. If you are using SNMPv3, select the USM Users tab in the Other Configurations section.

Use this tab to define the USM users who are authorized to query the MIB or to receive traps and informs.



This step does not apply if you are only using SNMPv1 or SNMPv2c.

a. Click **Create**.

The Create USM User dialog box appears.



### Create USM User

Username

Read-Only MIB Access

Authoritative Engine ID

Security Level

☒ authPriv

☐ authNoPriv

#### Authentication

Protocol

SHA

Password

Confirm Password

#### Privacy

Protocol

AES

Password

Confirm Password

Cancel

Create

- b. Enter a unique **Username** for this USM user.

Username have a maximum of 32 characters and cannot contain whitespace characters. The username cannot be changed after the user is created.

- c. Select the **Read-Only MIB Access** check box if this user should have read-only access to the MIB.

If you select **Read-Only MIB Access**, the **Authoritative Engine ID** field is disabled.



USM users who have read-only MIB access cannot have engine IDs.

- d. If this user will be used in an inform destination, enter the **Authoritative Engine ID** for this user.



SNMPv3 inform destinations must have users with engine IDs. SNMPv3 trap destination cannot have users with engine IDs.

The authoritative engine ID can be from 5 to 32 bytes in hexadecimal.

e. Select a security level for the USM user.

- **authPriv**: This user communicates with authentication and privacy (encryption). You must specify an authentication protocol and password and a privacy protocol and password.
- **authNoPriv**: This user communicates with authentication and without privacy (no encryption). You must specify an authentication protocol and password.

f. Enter and confirm the password this user will use for authentication.



The only authentication protocol supported is SHA (HMAC-SHA-96).

g. If you selected **authPriv**, enter and confirm the password this user will use for privacy.



The only privacy protocol supported is AES.

h. Click **Create**.

The USM user is created and added to the table.

#### Other Configurations

Agent Addresses (2)

USM Users (3)

Trap Destinations (2)

<div> <span>+ Create</span> <span>Edit</span> <span>Remove</span> </div>				
	Username	Read-Only MIB Access	Security Level	Authoritative Engine ID
<input type="radio"/>	user2	✓	authNoPriv	
<input type="radio"/>	user1		authNoPriv	B3A73C2F3D6
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	user3		authPriv	59D39E801256

10. In the Other Configurations section, select the Trap Destinations tab.

The Trap Destinations tab allows you to define one or more destinations for StorageGRID trap or inform notifications. When you enable the SNMP agent and click **Save**, StorageGRID starts sending notifications to each defined destination. Notifications are sent when alerts and alarms are triggered. Standard notifications are also sent for the supported MIB-II entities (for example, ifDown and coldStart).

a. Click **Create**.

The Create Trap Destination dialog box appears.

Create Trap Destination

Version

☒ SNMPv1

☐ SNMPv2C

☐ SNMPv3

Type

?

Trap

Host

?

Port

?

162

Protocol

?

☒ UDP

☐ TCP

Community String

?

☐ Use the default trap community: No default found  
(Specify the default on the SNMP Agent page.)

☒ Use a custom community string

Custom Community String

Cancel

Create

- b. In the **Version** field, select which SNMP version will be used for this notification.
- c. Complete the form, based on which version you selected

Version	Specify this information
SNMPv1	<p><b>Note:</b> For SNMPv1, the SNMP agent can only send traps. Informs are not supported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. In the <b>Host</b> field, enter an IPv4 or IPv6 address (or FQDN) to receive the trap.</li><li>ii. For <b>Port</b>, use the default (162), unless you must use another value. (162 is the standard port for SNMP traps.)</li><li>iii. For <b>Protocol</b>, use the default (UDP). TCP is also supported. (UDP is the standard SNMP trap protocol.)</li><li>iv. Use the default trap community, if one was specified on the SNMP Agent page, or enter a custom community string for this trap destination.</li></ul> <p>The custom community string can be a maximum of 32 characters and cannot contain whitespace.</p>

Version	Specify this information
SNMPv2c	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Select whether the destination will be used for traps or informs.</li> <li>ii. In the <b>Host</b> field, enter an IPv4 or IPv6 address (or FQDN) to receive the trap.</li> <li>iii. For <b>Port</b>, use the default (162), unless you must use another value. (162 is the standard port for SNMP traps.)</li> <li>iv. For <b>Protocol</b>, use the default (UDP). TCP is also supported. (UDP is the standard SNMP trap protocol.)</li> <li>v. Use the default trap community, if one was specified on the SNMP Agent page, or enter a custom community string for this trap destination.</li> </ul> <p>The custom community string can be a maximum of 32 characters and cannot contain whitespace.</p>
SNMPv3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Select whether the destination will be used for traps or informs.</li> <li>ii. In the <b>Host</b> field, enter an IPv4 or IPv6 address (or FQDN) to receive the trap.</li> <li>iii. For <b>Port</b>, use the default (162), unless you must use another value. (162 is the standard port for SNMP traps.)</li> <li>iv. For <b>Protocol</b>, use the default (UDP). TCP is also supported. (UDP is the standard SNMP trap protocol.)</li> <li>v. Select the USM user that will be used for authentication. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ If you selected <b>Trap</b>, only USM users without authoritative engine IDs are shown.</li> <li>◦ If you selected <b>Inform</b>, only USM users with authoritative engine IDs are shown.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

d. Click **Create**.

The trap destination is created and added to the table.

## Other Configurations

Agent Addresses (1)

USM Users (2)

Trap Destinations (2)

<div><div>+ Create</div><div> Edit</div><div> Remove</div></div>						
	Version	Type	Host	Port	Protocol	Community/USM User
<input type="radio"/>	SNMPv3	Trap	local		UDP	User: Read only user
<input type="radio"/>	SNMPv3	Inform	10.10.10.10	162	UDP	User: Inform user

11. When you have completed the SNMP agent configuration, click **Save**

The new SNMP agent configuration becomes active.

### Related information

[Silencing alert notifications](#)

## Updating the SNMP agent

You might want to disable SNMP notifications, update community strings, or add or remove agent addresses, USM users, and trap destinations.

### What you'll need

- You must be signed in to the Grid Manager using a supported browser.
- You must have the Root Access permission.

### About this task

Whenever you update the SNMP agent configuration, be aware that you must click **Save** at the bottom on the SNMP Agent page to commit any changes you have made on each tab.

### Steps

1. Select **Configuration > Monitoring > SNMP Agent**.

The SNMP Agent page appears.

2. If you want to disable the SNMP agent on all grid nodes, unselect the **Enable SNMP** check box, and click **Save**.

The SNMP agent is disabled for all grid nodes. If you later re-enable the agent, any previous SNMP configuration settings are retained.

3. Optionally, update the values you entered for **System Contact** and **System Location**.
4. Optionally, unselect the **Enable SNMP Agent Notifications** check box if you no longer want the StorageGRID SNMP agent to send trap and inform notifications.

When this check box is unselected, the SNMP agent supports read-only MIB access, but it does not send any SNMP notifications.

5. Optionally, unselect the **Enable Authentication Traps** check box if you no longer want the StorageGRID

SNMP agent to send an authentication trap when it receives an improperly authenticated protocol message.

6. If you use SNMPv1 or SNMPv2c, optionally update the Community Strings section.

The fields in this section are used for community-based authentication in SNMPv1 or SNMPv2c. These fields do not apply to SNMPv3.



If you want to remove the default community string, you must first ensure that all trap destinations use a custom community string.

7. If you want to update agent addresses, select the Agent Addresses tab in the Other Configurations section.

#### Other Configurations

Agent Addresses (2)

USM Users (2)

Trap Destinations (2)

+ Create

Edit

Remove

	Internet Protocol	Transport Protocol	StorageGRID Network	Port
<input type="radio"/>	IPv4	UDP	Grid Network	161
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	IPv4	UDP	Admin Network	161

Use this tab to specify one or more “listening addresses.” These are the StorageGRID addresses on which the SNMP agent can receive queries. Each agent address includes an internet protocol, a transport protocol, a StorageGRID network, and a port.

- a. To add an agent address, click **Create**. Then, refer to the step for agent addresses in the instructions for configuring the SNMP agent.
  - b. To edit an agent address, select the radio button for the address, and click **Edit**. Then, refer to the step for agent addresses in the instructions for configuring the SNMP agent.
  - c. To remove an agent address, select the radio button for the address, and click **Remove**. Then, click **OK** to confirm that you want to remove this address.
  - d. To commit your changes, click **Save** at the bottom of the SNMP Agent page.
8. If you want to update USM users, select the USM Users tab in the Other Configurations section.

## Other Configurations

Agent Addresses (2)

USM Users (3)

Trap Destinations (2)

+ Create

✎ Edit

✕ Remove

	Username	Read-Only MIB Access	Security Level	Authoritative Engine ID
<input type="radio"/>	user2	✓	authNoPriv	
<input type="radio"/>	user1		authNoPriv	B3A73C2F3D6
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	user3		authPriv	59D39E801256

Use this tab to define the USM users who are authorized to query the MIB or to receive traps and informs.

- To add a USM user, click **Create**. Then, refer to the step for USM users in the instructions for configuring the SNMP agent.
- To edit a USM user, select the radio button for the user, and click **Edit**. Then, refer to the step for USM users in the instructions for configuring the SNMP agent.

The username for an existing USM user cannot be changed. If you need to change a username, you must remove the user and create a new one.



If you add or remove a user's authoritative engine ID and that user is currently selected for a destination, you must edit or remove the destination, as described in step [SNMP trap destination](#). Otherwise, a validation error occurs when you save the SNMP agent configuration.

- To remove a USM user, select the radio button for the user, and click **Remove**. Then, click **OK** to confirm that you want to remove this user.



If the user you removed is currently selected for a trap destination, you must edit or remove the destination, as described in step [SNMP trap destination](#). Otherwise, a validation error occurs when you save the SNMP agent configuration.

### Error

422: Unprocessable Entity

Validation failed. Please check the values you entered for errors.

Undefined trap destination usmUser 'user1'

OK

- To commit your changes, click **Save** at the bottom of the SNMP Agent page.

9. If you want to update trap destinations, select the Trap Destinations tab in the Other Configurations section.

#### Other Configurations

Agent Addresses (1)

USM Users (2)

Trap Destinations (2)

<div><span>+ Create</span> <span>✎ Edit</span> <span>✕ Remove</span></div>						
	Version	Type	Host	Port	Protocol	Community/USM User
<input type="radio"/>	SNMPv3	Trap	local		UDP	User: Read only user
<input type="radio"/>	SNMPv3	Inform	10.10.10.10	162	UDP	User: Inform user

The Trap Destinations tab allows you to define one or more destinations for StorageGRID trap or inform notifications. When you enable the SNMP agent and click **Save**, StorageGRID starts sending notifications to each defined destination. Notifications are sent when alerts and alarms are triggered. Standard notifications are also sent for the supported MIB-II entities (for example, ifDown and coldStart).

- To add a trap destination, click **Create**. Then, refer to the step for trap destinations in the instructions for configuring the SNMP agent.
  - To edit a trap destination, select the radio button for the user, and click **Edit**. Then, refer to the step for trap destinations in the instructions for configuring the SNMP agent.
  - To remove a trap destination, select the radio button for the destination, and click **Remove**. Then, click **OK** to confirm that you want to remove this destination.
  - To commit your changes, click **Save** at the bottom of the SNMP Agent page.
10. When you have updated the SNMP agent configuration, click **Save**.

#### Related information

[Configuring the SNMP agent](#)



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