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| Mesh MCCA MIB correction | | | | |
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Abstract

This document provides suggested changes to solve a concern raised in REVmd comment collection (CID 110).

The concern is on MIB variable defined for MCCA (dot11MCCAMinTrackStates and dot11MCCAMinTrackStates).

# Comment:

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| **CID** | **PP.LL** | **Comment** | **Proposed Change** | **Suggested Resolution** |
| 110 | 1512.30 | As a part of MIB variable for Mesh MCCA, dot11MCCAMinTrackStates and dot11MCCAMaxTrackStates are defined. dot11MCCAMinTrackStates and dot11MCCAMaxTrackStates are used to define trackable MCCAOP reservations of a mesh STA. However, dot11MCCAMinTrackStates and dot11MCCAMaxTrackStates are poorly named, and current use of the variables are misleading. Need to redefine these MIB variables and clean up of normative behaviors. | The intended specification is as follows:  1. dot11MCCAMaxTrackStates is a capability variable. This value specifies the absolute maximum number of MCCAOP reservations that the device is able to track. This is a read-only variable, and the device cannot track MCCAOP reservations beyond this value in any case.  2. dot11MCCAMinTrackStates is a control variable that an administrator could manage the device to limit the number of MCCAOP reservations to track, i.e., to allow shared RAM resource management.  dot11MCCAMinTrackStates represents effective MCCAOP reservation the STA tracks.  3. dot11MCCAMaxTrackStates can be any number between 83 and 65535. 83 is the minimal number that the MCCA capable 802.11 device needs to track MCCAOP reservations.  4. dot11MCCAMinTrackStates can be set to any number between 83 and dot11MCCAMaxTrackStates.  5. STAs only track up to dot11MCCAMinTrackStates MCCAOP reservations. So, if the number of MCCAOP reservation that the STA tracks exceeds dot11MCCAMinTrackStates, the STA does not set up additional MCCAOP reservations. Other decision based on the number of tracking MCCAOP reservation will be made by referring to dot11MCCAMinTrackStates.  Commenter is willing to provide resolution text based on 11/16-837. | REVISED:   Adopt changes proposed in doc11-17/1447r0. |

# Discussion:

dot11MCCAMinTrackStates and dot11MCCAMinTrackStates are used to define trackable MCCAOP reservations of a mesh STA. However, dot11MCCAMinTrackStates and dot11MCCAMaxTrackStates are poorly named, and it causes confusions.

The intended specification is as follows:

1. dot11MCCAMaxTrackStates is a capability variable. This value specifies the absolute maximum number of MCCAOP reservations that the device is able to track. This is a read-only variable, and the device cannot track MCCAOP reservations beyond this value in any case.
2. dot11MCCAMinTrackStates is a control variable that an administrator could manage the device to limit the number of MCCAOP reservations to track, i.e., to allow shared RAM resource management.  
   dot11MCCAMinTrackStates represents effective MCCAOP reservation the STA tracks.
3. dot11MCCAMaxTrackStates can be any number between 83 and 65535. 83 is the minimal number that the MCCA capable 802.11 device needs to track MCCAOP reservations.
4. dot11MCCAMinTrackStates can be set to any number between 83 and dot11MCCAMaxTrackStates.
5. STAs only track up to dot11MCCAMinTrackStates MCCAOP reservations. So, if the number of MCCAOP reservation that the STA tracks exceeds dot11MCCAMinTrackStates, the STA does not set up additional MCCAOP reservations. Other decision based on the number of tracking MCCAOP reservation will be made by referring to dot11MCCAMinTrackStates.

In this submission text, the following changes are proposed.

* Replace dot11MCCAMinTrackStates with dot11MCCATrackStatesActive
* Replace dot11MCCAMaxTrackStates with dot11MCCATrackStatesCapable
* Correct inappropriate reference to these valuables

# Proposed changes:

Apply the following changes.

Corresponding changes to D0.2 are indicated in the following text with “Track Changes” on, to clarify the direction to the editor. Please update the part indicated by the “Track Changes” only.

***To REVmd Editor: Change the table in 6.3.79.2.2 as follows:***

* Semantics of the service primitive

The primitive parameters are as follows:

MLME-ACTIVATEMCCA.request(

MCCAScanDuration,

MAFLimit,

MCCAAdvertPeriodMax,

MCCAMaxTrackStates,

MCCACWmin,

MCCACWmax,

MCCAAIFSN

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| Name | Type | Valid range | Description |
| MCCAScanDuration | Integer | 0 – 65 535 | Specifies the duration in TUs that the mesh STA shall not initiate or accept MCCA Setup Request frames. |
| MAFLimit | Integer | 0–255 | Specifies the maximum MCCA access fraction allowed at the mesh STA. This number is always a multiple of (1/255) of the DTIM Interval. |
| MCCAAdvertPeriodMax | Integer | 0–255 | Specifies the maximum interval that a mesh STA with dot11MCCAActivated equal to true waits for an MCCAOP advertisement. It is expressed in number of DTIM intervals. |
| MCCAMaxTrackStates | Integer | 83– dot11MCCATrackStatesCapable | Specifies the total number of MCCAOP reservations that the MAC entity is able to track. |
| MCCACWmin | Integer | 0–15 | Specifies the value of the minimum size of the contention window that the MAC entity uses for channel access during an MCCAOP. |
| MCCACWmax | Integer | 0–63 | Specifies the value of the maximum size of the contention that the MAC entity uses for channel access during an MCCAOP. |
| MCCAAIFSN | Integer | 0–15 | Specifies the value of the AIFSN that the MAC entity uses for channel access during an MCCAOP. |

***To REVmd Editor: Change the Table 9-223 in 9.4.2.107 as follows:***

* MCCAOP Setup Reply element

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| * MCCA Reply Code field values | |
| MCCA reply code | Meaning |
| 0 | Accept |
| 1 | Reject: MCCAOP reservation conflict |
| 2 | Reject: MAF limit exceeded |
| 3 | Reject: MCCA track limit (dot11MCCATrackStatesActive) exceeded |
| 4–255 | Reserved |

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***To REVmd Editor: Change the 7th and 8th paragraphs in 10.23.3.3 as follows:***

* MCCAOP reservations

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A mesh STA with dot11MCCAActivated equal to true shall be able to track at least dot11MCCATrackStatesActive MCCAOP reservations, including its own reservations. If the number of tracked MCCAOP reservations is less than dot11MCCATrackStatesActive, the mesh STA shall be able to track, set up, and accept additional reservations. In this case, the mesh STA shall set the Accept Reservations subfield in the Flags field to 1 in the MCCAOP Advertisement Overview elements it transmits.

If the number of tracked MCCAOP reservations is greater than or equal to(#3447) dot11MCCATrackStatesActive, the mesh STA shall not track, set up, or accept additional reservations. In this case, the mesh STA shall set the Accept Reservations subfield in the Flags field to 0 in the MCCAOP Advertisement Overview elements it transmits. Moreover, it shall reply to MCCA Setup Request frames with an MCCA Setup Reply frame with the MCCA Reply Code field in the MCCAOP Setup Reply element equal to 3: Reject: MCCAOP track limit exceeded.

The tracked MCCAOP reservations are advertised as described in 10.23.3.7 (MCCAOP advertisement). How to access the medium during the tracked MCCAOP reservations is specified in 10.23.3.9 (Access during MCCAOPs).

***To REVmd Editor: Change the bullet line d), 3) in 10.23.3.6 as follows:***

* MCCAOP setup procedure

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* The MCCAOP responder shall verify the following conditions:
* The reservation does not overlap with its neighborhood MCCAOP periods.
* The reservation does not cause the MAF limit to be exceeded for itself or its neighbor mesh STAs.
* The number of reservations in its neighborhood MCCAOP periods does not exceed dot11MCCATrackStatesActive.

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***To REVmd Editor: Change the bullet line c), 4) in 10.23.3.7.2 as follows:***

* Construction of an MCCAOP advertisement set

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* The mesh STA constructs one MCCAOP Advertisement Overview element such that
* The MCCAOP Advertisement Set Sequence Number field is set to the advertisement set sequence number as explained in 10.23.3.7.3 (Setting the MCCAOP advertisement set sequence number).
* The Medium Access Fraction field is set to the medium access fraction.
* The MAF limit field is set to (#7128)dot11MAFlimit.
* The Accept Reservations field is set to 1 if the number of tracked reservations of this mesh STA is less than dot11MCCATrackStatesActive, and set to 0 otherwise.
* Bit *i* of the Advertisement Elements Bitmap field is set to 1 if an MCCAOP Advertisement element with the MCCAOP Advertisement Element Index subfield equal to *i* is part of the representation of this MCCAOP advertisement set, and set to 0 otherwise.

***To REVmd Editor: Change the MIB descriptions in C.3 as follows:***

* MIB Detail

Dot11MeshSTAConfigEntry ::=

SEQUENCE {

dot11MeshID OCTET STRING,

dot11MeshNumberOfPeerings Unsigned32,

dot11MeshAcceptingAdditionalPeerings TruthValue,

dot11MeshConnectedToMeshGate TruthValue,

dot11MeshSecurityActivated TruthValue,

dot11MeshActiveAuthenticationProtocol INTEGER,

dot11MeshMaxRetries Unsigned32,

dot11MeshRetryTimeout Unsigned32,

dot11MeshConfirmTimeout Unsigned32,

dot11MeshHoldingTimeout Unsigned32,

dot11MeshConfigGroupUpdateCount Unsigned32,

dot11MeshActivePathSelectionProtocol INTEGER,

dot11MeshActivePathSelectionMetric INTEGER,

dot11MeshForwarding TruthValue,

dot11MeshTTL Unsigned32,

dot11MeshGateAnnouncements TruthValue,

dot11MeshGateAnnouncementInterval Unsigned32,

dot11MeshActiveCongestionControlMode INTEGER,

dot11MeshActiveSynchronizationMethod INTEGER,

dot11MeshNbrOffsetMaxNeighbor Unsigned32,

dot11MBCAActivated TruthValue,

dot11MeshBeaconTimingReportInterval Unsigned32,

dot11MeshBeaconTimingReportMaxNum Unsigned32,

dot11MeshDelayedBeaconTxInterval Unsigned32,

dot11MeshDelayedBeaconTxMaxDelay Unsigned32,

dot11MeshDelayedBeaconTxMinDelay Unsigned32,

dot11MeshAverageBeaconFrameDuration Unsigned32,

dot11MeshSTAMissingAckRetryLimit Unsigned32,

dot11MeshAwakeWindowDuration Unsigned32,

dot11MCCAImplemented TruthValue,

dot11MCCAActivated TruthValue,

dot11MAFlimit Unsigned32,

dot11MCCAScanDuration Unsigned32,

dot11MCCAAdvertPeriodMax Unsigned32,

dot11MCCATrackStatesCapable Unsigned32,

dot11MCCATrackStatesActive Unsigned32,

dot11MCCAOPtimeout Unsigned32,

dot11MCCACWmin Unsigned32,

dot11MCCACWmax Unsigned32,

dot11MCCAAIFSN Unsigned32

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dot11MCCATrackStatesCapable OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX Unsigned32 (83..65535)

MAX-ACCESS read-only

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"This is a capability variable.

Its value is determined by device capabilities.

This attribute specifies the number of MCCAOP reservations that the MAC entity is able to track."

DEFVAL { 83 }

::= { dot11MeshSTAConfigEntry 35 }

dot11MCCATrackStatesActive OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX Unsigned32 (83.. dot11MCCATrackStatesCapable)

MAX-ACCESS read-write

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"This is a control variable.

It is written by an external management entity.

Changes take effect as soon as practical in the implementation.

The upper bound is given by the current value of dot11MCCATrackStatesCapable.

This attribute specifies the maximum number of MCCAOP reservations that the MAC entity is able to track."

DEFVAL { 83 }

::= { dot11MeshSTAConfigEntry 36 }

dot11MeshOptionGroup OBJECT-GROUP

OBJECTS {

-- dot11MeshSTAConfigTable

dot11MeshConfigGroupUpdateCount,

dot11MeshGateAnnouncementInterval,

dot11MeshBeaconTimingReportInterval,

dot11MeshBeaconTimingReportMaxNum,

dot11MeshDelayedBeaconTxInterval,

dot11MeshDelayedBeaconTxMaxDelay,

dot11MeshDelayedBeaconTxMinDelay,

dot11MeshAverageBeaconFrameDuration,

dot11MeshSTAMissingAckRetryLimit,

dot11MeshAwakeWindowDuration,

dot11MAFlimit,

dot11MCCAScanDuration,

dot11MCCAAdvertPeriodMax,

dot11MCCATrackStatesCapable,

dot11MCCATrackStatesActive,

dot11MCCAOPtimeout,

dot11MCCACWmin,

dot11MCCACWmax,

dot11MCCAAIFSN

}

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"This object class provides the objects from the IEEE Std 802.11 MIB required to manage optional mesh functionality. Note that other objects for managing mesh functionality are located in the dot11MeshComplianceGroup, dot11MeshHWMPComplianceGroup, and dot11PasswordAuthComplianceGroup."

::= { dot11Groups 60 }

# Reference:

[1] Draft P802.11REVmd\_D0.2.

[2] 11-17/927 “REVmd Working Group Comments for MAC ad-hoc”

[3] 11-16/837 “Mesh MCCA MIB correction”