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# Entity Seal Profile of the OASIS Digital Signature Service

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**Abstract:**

This draft defines a profile of the OASIS DSS protocol and XML signature for the purpose of creating and verifying entity seals.

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## 67    1 Introduction

68    The DSS signing and verifying protocols are defined in [DSSCore]. As defined in that document,  
69    these protocols have a fair degree of flexibility and extensibility. This document profiles the core  
70    to support creation and validation of a "seal" created by a given Entity or Organization on  
71    electronic data.

72    The seal is a form of electronic signature which:

- 73    a) protects the integrity of the document,  
74    b) includes the time at which the seal was applied proving that the data existed at the given  
75    time,  
76    c) includes the identity of the entity requesting the seal,  
77    d) may include a statement of intent for applying the seal.

78    This profile includes a few options that require further profiling for implementing interoperable  
79    systems.

### 80    1.1 Notation

81    The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD",  
82    "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this specification are to be  
83    interpreted as described in IETF RFC 2119 [RFC 2119]. These keywords are capitalized when  
84    used to unambiguously specify requirements over protocol features and behavior that affect the  
85    interoperability and security of implementations. When these words are not capitalized, they are  
86    meant in their natural-language sense.

87    This specification uses the following typographical conventions in text: <ns:Element>,  
88    Attribute, **Datatype**, OtherCode.

### 89    1.2 Namespaces

90    Conventional XML namespace prefixes are used in this document:

- 91    • The prefix dss: (or no prefix) stands for the DSS core namespace [Core-XSD].
- 92    • The prefix ds: stands for the W3C XML Signature namespace [XMLSig].
- 93    • The prefix xades: stands for the ETSI XML Advanced Electronic Signature namespace  
94    [XAdES]

95    Applications MAY use different namespace prefixes, and MAY use whatever namespace  
96    defaulting/scoping conventions they desire, as long as they are compliant with the Namespaces  
97    in XML specification [XML-ns].

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98 **2 Profile Features**

99 **2.1 Identifier**

100 **urn:oasis:names:tc:dss:1.0:profiles:eseal**

101 **2.2 Scope**

102 This document profiles the DSS signing and verifying protocols defined in [DSSCore] and profiles  
103 the XML signature format for entity seals created by a given Entity or Organization on electronic  
104 data.

105 **2.3 Relationship To Other Profiles**

106 This document profiles the DSS signing and verifying protocols defined in [DSSCore].

107 **2.4 Signature Object**

108 This profile supports the creation and verification of [XMLSig] signatures as defined in section 5.

109 **2.5 Transport Binding**

110 This profile is transported using the HTTP POST Transport Binding defined in [DSSCore].

111 **2.6 Security Binding**

112 **2.6.1 Security Requirements**

113 This profile MUST use security bindings that:

- 114 • Authenticates the requester to the DSS server
- 115 • Authenticates the DSS server to the DSS client
- 116 • Protects the integrity or a request, response and the association of response to the  
117 request.
- 118 • Optionally, protects the confidentiality of a request and response

119 The following is recommended to meet these requirements..

120 **2.6.2 TLS X.509 Mutual Authentication**

121 This profile is secured using the TLS X.509 Mutual Authentication Binding defined in [DSSCore].

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## 122    3 Profile of Signing Protocol

### 123    3.1 Element <SignRequest>

#### 124    3.1.1 Element <OptionalInputs>

125    The optional inputs from [DSSCore]:

- 126    •    <dss:ClaimedIdentity>
- 127    •    MUST be supported by the DSS server. This MAY be sent by the client to provide the  
128    claimed identity of the requester. If present the <Name> element of  
129    <dss:ClaimedIdentity> MUST be authenticated by the Security Binding.
- 130    •    <dss:SignedProperties>

131    MAY be supported by the DSS server. If present this MAY be used by the client to request the  
132    CommitmentTypeIndication property. The CommitmentTypeIndication property is requested  
133    using the identifier and value as defined in [DSS-XAdES].

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#### 135    3.1.2 Element <InputDocuments>

136    At least one of the following types of InputDocuments from [DSSCore]:

- 137    •    <dss:DocumentHash>
- 138    •    <dss:Document>

139    MUST be supported by the DSS server. The DSS client may use either form.

140    If the client uses an element that is not supported by the server, the server SHOULD return  
141    ResultMinor set to indicate NotSupported and ResultMessage set to text providing further  
142    details.

### 143    3.2 Element <SignResponse>

#### 144    3.2.1 Element <Result>

145    This profile defines no additional <ResultMinor> codes.

#### 146    3.2.2 Element <OptionalOutputs>

147    This profile requires no optional options.

148    **3.2.3 Element <SignatureObject>**

149    If successful, the server MUST return a <ds:Signature> with the signature properties as defined in  
150    section 5.

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151 **4 Profile of Verifying Protocol**

152 **4.1 Element <VerifyRequest>**

153 **4.1.1 Element <OptionalInputs>**

154 This profile places no specific requirements on the optional inputs.

155 **4.1.2 Element <SignatureObject>**

156 The server MUST support <ds:Signature>.

157 **4.1.3 Element <InputDocuments>**

158 The at least one of the input document element from [DSSCore]:

- 159 • <dss:DocumentHash>
- 160 • <dss:Document>

161 MUST be supported by the DSS server. The DSS client may use either form. Other elements  
162 MAY be supported.

163 **4.2 Element <VerifyResponse>**

164 **4.2.1 Element <Result>**

165 This profile defines no additional <ResultMinor> codes.

166 **4.2.2 Element <OptionalOutputs>**

167 This profile places no specific requirements on the optional outputs.

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## 5 Profile of ESeal Signatures

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The signature form used by the profile is an XML Signature as defined in [XMLSig].

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The XML signature MUST contain the element <xades:SignedProperties> within the element <xades:QualifyingProperties> as defined in [XAdES] within the <ds:object> element of the XML signature.

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The following property must be present within the <xades:SignedProperties> element:

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- <xades:SigningTime>

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In addition, the following may be present:

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- <xades:CommitmentTypeIndication>

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The following property must be present within a <ds:SignatureProperty> element:

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- <dss:RequesterIdentity>

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The digest value of the <ds:SignatureProperty> and the <xades:SignedProperties> elements shall be included in the signature references.

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181    **6 Server Processing Rules**

182    **6.1 Sign**

183    In addition to the processing rules define in **[Core-XSD]** the server MUST:

- 184        a) ensure that the requester is authorized to request an ESeal,  
185        b) authenticate that requester is as identified in <dss:RequesterIdentity> and, if  
186              present, <dss:ClaimedIdentity>

187    **6.2 Verify**

188    In addition to the processing rules define in **[Core-XSD]** the server MUST:

- 189        a) ensure that the properties required in section 5 are present.

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## 7 Editorial Issues

- 192      1) Requirements for additional text identified by *in line editorial comments*.  
193      2) Statement of Intent requires further work. Is this a general DSS requirement? This is  
194            similar to XAdES commitment type but does not require an OID.

195      **Resolution:** Used XadES Commitment type. WD-02

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## Appendix A. Revision History

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wd-01	2004-03-07	Nick Pope	Initial version
wd-02	2004-03-14	Nick Pope	Filling in further details
wd-03	2004-04-12	Nick Pope	Completing details
wd-04	2004-06-13	Nick Pope	Updating technical details of carrying "RequesterIdentity"
wd-05	2004-11-13	Nick Pope	Updating in line with comments from Trevor

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