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This document defines a Service Interaction Profile, as defined in section 5 of the LegalXML Electronic Court Filing 4.0 (ECF 4.0) specification. The Portable Media Service Interaction Profile may be used to store ECF 4.0 message transmissions to portable media in the absence of an active network between the sending and receiving MDEs.

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1 Introduction

This document is a Proposed Standard developed by the OASIS LegalXML Member Section's Electronic Court Filing (ECF) Technical Committee that defines a service interaction profile for use with the ECF 4.0 specification that does not require an active network connection.

This specification is intended for use with the Electronic Court Filing 4.0 (ECF 4.0) specification and defines a transmission system in which the sending Major Design Element (MDE) stores message transmissions to portable media (e.g. CD, DVD, USB drive) which is then physically transported to the receiving MDE for retrieval of the message transmissions. This specification may be used in the absence of an active network between the sending and receiving MDEs.

Two use cases are contemplated for this service interaction profile:

1. Failure of a network or communications component which makes transmission through fully electronic means impossible; and
2. Transmission of a document so large that it exceeds the maximum file size of the other ECF 4.0 service interaction profiles supported by the receiving MDE.

This service interaction profile is intended for supplementary use only. It **MUST NOT** be used as the sole means for transmitting electronic filing messages between a Filing Assembly MDE and a Filing Review MDE. Because it is exclusively for supplementary use, it relies on and uses many of the non-functional features of one of the court's primary service interaction profiles. The primary service interaction profile on which this message relies is identified for each transmission.

1.1 Terminology

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC2119].

The key terms used in this specification include:

Attachment

Information transmitted between MDEs that is of an arbitrary format, and is related to the message(s) in the transmission in a manner defined in the ECF 4.0 specification. An attachment may be in XML format, non-XML text format, encoded binary format, or un-encoded binary format.

Callback message

A message transmission returned by some operations some time after the operation was invoked (asynchronously).

Document

Represents a electronic version of the paper that would have been sent as paper.

Docketing

The process invoked when a court receives a pleading, order, or notice, when no errors in transmission or in presence of required content have occurred, and when the pleading, order, or notice is recorded as a part of the official record.

Filer

Attorneys or pro se litigants are individuals who assemble and submit Filings (data and documents).

Filing

45 Electronic document collection that has been assembled for filing on a designated court case.

46 **Major Design Element**

47 A logical grouping of operations representing a significant business process supported by ECF
48 4.0. Each MDE operation receives one or more messages, returns a synchronous response
49 message, and optionally sends an asynchronous response message back to the original sender.

50 **Message**

51 Information transmitted between MDEs that consists of a well-formed XML document that is valid
52 against one of the defined message structure schemas in the ECF 4.0 specification. A message
53 may be related to one or more attachments, in a manner defined in the ECF 4.0 specification.

54 **Message Transmission**

55 The sending of one or more messages and associated attachments to an MDE. Each
56 transmission must invoke or respond to an operation on the receiving MDE, as defined in the
57 ECF 4.0 specification.

58 **Operation (or MDE Operation)**

59 A function provided by an MDE upon receipt of one or more messages. The function provided by
60 the operation represents a significant step in the court filing business process. A sender invokes
61 an operation on an MDE by transmitting a set of messages to that MDE, addressed to that
62 operation.

63 **Operation signature**

64 A definition of the input message(s) and synchronous response message associated with an
65 operation. Each message is given a name and a type by the operation. The type is defined by a
66 single one of the message structures defined in the ECF 4.0 specification.

67 **Receiving MDE**

68 In an ECF operation, the MDE that receives the request with the operation invocation, performs
69 the operation and sends the response.

70 **Sending MDE**

71 In an ECF operation, the MDE that sends the request including the operation invocation and
72 receives the response with the results of the operation.

73 **Synchronous response**

74 A message transmission returned immediately (synchronously) as the result of an operation.
75 Every operation has a synchronous response.

76 **1.2 Symbols and Abbreviations**

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78 The key symbols and abbreviations used in this specification include:

79

80 **ECF 4.0**

81 Electronic Court Filing 4.0

82 **MDE**

83 Major Design Element

84 **OASIS**

85 Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards

86 **URI**

87 Uniform Resource Identifier

88 **XML**

89 eXtensible Markup Language
90 **W3C**
91 World Wide Web Consortium
92 **WS-I**
93 Web Services Interoperability Organization
94

95 **1.3 Normative References**

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105

106 **1.4 Non-Normative References**

107 **[Reference]** [Full reference citation]
108

109 2 Profile Design

110 This section describes the design of the portable media service interaction profile and identifies how it
111 satisfies the service interaction profile requirements listed in Section 5 of the [ECF 4.0] specification.

112 2.1 Service Interaction Profile Identifier

113 Each ECF 4.0 service interaction profile MUST be identified with a unique Uniform Resource Identifier
114 (URI) which is used in the ECF 4.0 court policy to identify the service interaction profile(s) that a given
115 MDE supports. The ECF 4.0 Portable Media Service Interaction Profile 2.0 will be identified by the
116 following URI:

117 `urn:oasis:names:tc:legalxml-courtfiling:schema:xsd:PortableMediaProfile-2.0`

118 Because this service interaction profile is exclusively for supplementary use, it relies on and uses many of
119 the non-functional features of one of the primary service interaction profiles identified in court policy.

120 Therefore, with the exception of identifying the supported service interaction profiles in court policy, the
121 primary service interaction profile identifier, NOT the portable media service interaction profile identifier,
122 will be included in all other ECF 4.0 messages.

123 2.2 Transport Protocol

124 An ECF 4.0 message is transmitted from a sending MDE to a receiving MDE by storage on a portable
125 media (e.g. CD, DVD, or USB drive) and physical delivery of the medium to the receiving MDE. A court
126 supporting this service interaction profile will define in human-readable court policy which transmission
127 media (e.g. CD-R, DVD-R) and file systems (e.g. FAT, NTFS) it supports.

128 A sending MDE MUST include an XML file named `ECFOperation.xml` on the root folder of the file system
129 on the portable media. Therefore, there MUST be only one message transmission on a single portable
130 media. This file MUST be XML valid against the `ECF-4.0-PortableMediaProfile.xsd` schema included
131 in this specification that identifies the receiving MDE, the ECF 4.0 operation being invoked, and the files
132 that contain each message and attachment that is part of the operation.

133 The sender will be responsible for arranging for the delivery of the transmission medium from the location
134 of the sending MDE to the location of the receiving MDE. In the case of the ReviewFiling operation, the
135 media SHOULD be delivered to the filing counter of the receiving court, unless the court describes a
136 different physical location for receipt of these filings in human-readable court policy.

137 2.3 MDE Addressing

138 An ECF message using this service interaction profile will use the MDE addresses otherwise used by the
139 MDEs for purposes of ECF 4.0 messages using the primary service interaction profile on which the
140 particular message is based.

141 The portable medium will include this information printed in the language of the court on the front of the
142 transport medium, on a box or sleeve in which it is transported, or on an accompanying piece of paper:

- 143 • The primary service interaction profile on which this message relies. If the court supports only one
144 primary service interaction profile, this information is NOT REQUIRED.
- 145 • The name of the person or entity on whose behalf the filing is submitted.
- 146 • The short title of the case and the case number if the filing is in an existing case.
- 147 • The name of the attorney, if any, submitting the filing.
- 148 • The title of the lead document submitted for filing.
- 149 • The name, physical address, and telephone number of the person or entity to whom the
150 asynchronous response SHALL be transmitted when the filing transaction is complete.

151 **2.4 Operation Addressing**

152 The `ECFOperation.xml` file MUST identify the operation being invoked. The operation MUST be either a
153 REQUIRED operation as defined in the ECF 4.0 specification or an OPTIONAL operation identified as
154 supported through court policy.

155 In this version of the service interaction profile, the only supported operations WILL be the ECF 4.0
156 `ReviewFiling` operation and the corresponding synchronous response. It WILL NOT support any of
157 the ECF 4.0 query, asynchronous response, or electronic service operations or the `RecordFiling`
158 operation.

159 **2.5 Request and Operation Invocation**

160 A sending MDE MUST include an XML file named `ECFOperation.xml` on the root folder of the portable
161 media. This file MUST be a valid instance of the `ECF-4.0-PortableMediaProfile.xsd` schema included
162 in this specification which identifies the receiving MDE, the ECF 4.0 operation being invoked, and the files
163 that contain each message and attachment that is part of the operation.

164 The receiving MDE MUST maintain at least one computer configured to receive ECF messages using this
165 profile. Once the portable medium is inserted, the receiving MDE will load the ECF message as if it were
166 submitted in a fully electronic transmission.

167 **2.6 Synchronous Mode Response**

168 The receiving MDE will print the synchronous response which will be physically delivered back to the
169 sending MDE. The delivery of the printed synchronous response may be by the same person that
170 delivered the transportation medium to the receiving MDE.

171 **2.7 Asynchronous Mode Response**

172 The receiving MDE MUST deliver the asynchronous response to an operation by sending the
173 asynchronous response electronically to the sending MDE via the primary service interaction profile as if
174 the message had been submitted in accordance with the identified primary message profile.

175 **2.8 Message/Attachment Delimiters**

176 The sending MDE will store each message and attachment in a message transmission in a separate file
177 on the portable media. It is RECOMMENDED that all the files that make up a message transmission be
178 stored in the same directory.

179 **2.9 Message Identifiers**

180 The `ECFOperation.xml` file includes a unique sequence number and filename for each message.

181 **2.10 Message Non-Repudiation**

182 The `ECFOperation.xml` file MAY include a digital signature applied to the files that contain messages or
183 attachments. The digital signature MUST be conformant with the **[XMLSIG]** specification. The algorithms
184 defined by **[XMLSIG]** support non-repudiation of the signer and signing date through a digital signature
185 created using the signer's private key. Because the sender is the only one with access to the private key
186 and the date is included in the signature, receivers can be reasonably assured of the signer and signing
187 date.

188 **2.11 Message Integrity**

189 The algorithms defined by **[XMLSIG]** support message integrity through inclusion of a public-key-based
190 digital signature. Because the signing date and message hash are included in the signature and the

191 entire signature is computed using the sender's private key, the receiver can compare the hashes to
192 verify that the message has not been altered since it left the control of the sender on the specified date.

193 **2.12 Message Confidentiality**

194 If the Filing Review MDE supports the filing of confidential documents and the publication of the court's
195 public key in court policy. Messages and attachments MAY be encrypted for filing into the court
196 according to the [XMLENC] specification. Because the Filing Review MDE is the only one with access to
197 the court's private key, filers can be reasonably assured that only the Filing Review MDE will be able to
198 read the message or attachment.

199 This mechanism MAY be used to protect sensitive or confidential information in a filing such as the
200 FilingPaymentMessage. However, this specification does NOT support the transmission of messages
201 and attachments encrypted with the court's public key to other parties in the case. Any messages and
202 attachments transmitted to other parties MUST be either encrypted with the party's public key or not
203 encrypted. This specification and the ECF 4.0 specification do NOT define the exchange or publication of
204 public keys by person or organizations other than the court.

205 **2.13 Message Authentication**

206 The sending MDE SHALL include in the ECF message the credentials that demonstrate its identity to the
207 receiving MDE as set forth in the ECF 4.0 specification.

208 **2.14 Message Reliability**

209 Reliability will not be enforced through this service interaction profile. If a filer wishes to have a guarantee
210 that a message transmission using this service interaction profile will be delivered to the receiving MDE
211 within a specified period of time, or receive notification that the transmission was not so delivered, that
212 person or organization SHOULD enter into an agreement with its employee or subcontractor effecting
213 physical delivery of the transmission medium containing such terms.

214 **2.15 Message Splitting and Assembly**

215 Message splitting and assembly will not be supported through this service interaction profile. It is
216 assumed that the portable media will be sufficient in size to support an entire message.

217 **2.16 Transmission Auditing**

218 This service interaction profile ensures that the receiving MDE will obtain the transmitted message in its
219 entirety for auditing purposes.

220

221 3 Schema

222 A portable media compliant with this service interaction profile MUST contain an ECFOperations.xml file
223 valid against the following schema defined in the [ECF-4.0-PortableMediaProfile.xsd](#) file:

```
224 <xsd:schema xmlns="urn:oasis:names:tc:legalxml-courtfiling:wSDL:PortableMediaProfile-  
225 4.0" xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"  
226 xmlns:portablemedia="urn:oasis:names:tc:legalxml-courtfiling:wSDL:PortableMediaProfile-  
227 4.0" xmlns:digsig="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#"  
228 targetNamespace="urn:oasis:names:tc:legalxml-courtfiling:wSDL:PortableMediaProfile-4.0"  
229 elementFormDefault="qualified" attributeFormDefault="unqualified">  
230 <xsd:import namespace="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#"  
231 schemaLocation="http://www.w3.org/TR/2002/REC-xmldsig-core-20020212/xmldsig-core-  
232 schema.xsd"/>  
233 <xsd:complexType name="ECFMessageType">  
234 <xsd:annotation>  
235 <xsd:documentation>An ECF 4.0 message or  
236 attachment.</xsd:documentation>  
237 </xsd:annotation>  
238 <xsd:sequence>  
239 <xsd:element ref="ECFMessageSequenceID"/>  
240 <xsd:element ref="ECFMessageFileName"/>  
241 </xsd:sequence>  
242 </xsd:complexType>  
243 <xsd:complexType name="ECFOperationType">  
244 <xsd:annotation>  
245 <xsd:documentation>The ECF 4.0 operation being  
246 invoked.</xsd:documentation>  
247 </xsd:annotation>  
248 <xsd:sequence>  
249 <xsd:element ref="ECFOperationName"/>  
250 <xsd:element ref="ECFMessage" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>  
251 <xsd:element ref="digsig:Signature" minOccurs="0"/>  
252 </xsd:sequence>  
253 </xsd:complexType>  
254 <xsd:element name="ECFOperationName">  
255 <xsd:annotation>  
256 <xsd:documentation>The name of the ECF 4.0 operation being  
257 invoked.</xsd:documentation>  
258 </xsd:annotation>  
259 </xsd:element>  
260 <xsd:element name="ECFMessage" type="ECFMessageType">  
261 <xsd:annotation>  
262 <xsd:documentation>An ECF 4.0 message or  
263 attachment.</xsd:documentation>  
264 </xsd:annotation>  
265 </xsd:element>  
266 <xsd:element name="ECFMessageFileName" type="xsd:string">  
267 <xsd:annotation>  
268 <xsd:documentation>The path to the file that contains the message  
269 contents. The path is relative to the location of the XML file indicating the operation  
270 being invoked.</xsd:documentation>  
271 </xsd:annotation>  
272 </xsd:element>  
273 <xsd:element name="ECFMessageSequenceID" type="xsd:token">  
274 <xsd:annotation>  
275 <xsd:documentation>The sequence number of the ECF 4.0 message in the  
276 message transmission.</xsd:documentation>  
277 </xsd:annotation>  
278 </xsd:element>  
279 <xsd:element name="ECFOperation" type="ECFOperationType">  
280 <xsd:annotation>  
281 <xsd:documentation>The ECF 4.0 operation being  
282 invoked.</xsd:documentation>  
283 </xsd:annotation>  
284 </xsd:element>  
285 </xsd:schema>  
286
```

287

4 Conformance

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289 An implementation conforms with the Electronic Court Filing 4.0 Portable Media Service Interaction Profile
290 Version 2.0 if the implementation meets the requirements identified by capitalized key words [RFC2119]
291 in Sections 1-3 including conformance with the referenced XSD schemas.

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336 **Appendix C. (Informative) Example Transmissions**

337 This non-normative section provides an example transmission that demonstrates an operation invocation,
338 a synchronous response, and an asynchronous response using this service interaction profile. Note that
339 these examples are for illustrative purposes only.

340 **C.1 Operation Invocation**

341 The `messages/operation/` folder included with this specification provides an example of a request
342 including a `ReviewFiling` operation invocation.

343 **C.2 Synchronous Response**

344 The `messages/synchronous/` folder included with this specification provides an example of a
345 `MessageReceiptMessage` synchronous response.

346 **C.3 Asynchronous Response**

347 The `messages/asynchronous/` folder included with this specification provides an example of a
348 `NotifyFilingReviewComplete` asynchronous response.

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