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# 1 Introduction

The capture and expression of non-functional requirements is an important aspect of service definition and has an impact on SCA throughout the lifecycle of components and compositions. SCA provides a framework to support specification of constraints, capabilities and QoS expectations from component design through to concrete deployment. This specification describes the framework and its usage.

Specifically, this section describes the SCA policy association framework that allows policies and policy subjects specified using [WS-Policy](#) [WS-Policy] and [WS-PolicyAttachment](#) [WS-PolicyAttach], as well as with other policy languages, to be associated with SCA components.

This document should be read in conjunction with the [SCA Assembly Specification](#) [SCA-Assembly]. Details of policies for specific policy domains can be found in sections 7, 8 and 9.

## 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 [\[RFC2119\]](#).

## 1.2 XML Namespaces

Prefixes and Namespaces used in this Specification

Prefix	XML Namespace	Specification
sca	<a href="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ns/opencsa/sca/200712">docs.oasis-open.org/ns/opencsa/sca/200712</a> This is assumed to be the default namespace in this specification. <code>xs:QNames</code> that appear without a prefix are from the SCA namespace.	[SCA]
acme	Some namespace; a generic prefix	
wsp	<a href="http://www.w3.org/2006/07/ws-policy">http://www.w3.org/2006/07/ws-policy</a>	[WS-Policy]
xs	<a href="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema</a>	[XML Schema Datatypes]

## 1.3 Normative References

- [RFC2119] S. Bradner, *Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement Levels*, <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2119.txt>, IETF RFC 2119, March 1997.

27	<b>[SCA]</b>	Service Component Architecture (SCA)
28		<a href="http://www.osoa.org/display/Main/Service+Component+Architecture+Specifications">http://www.osoa.org/display/Main/Service+Component+Architecture+Specifications</a>
29		
30	<b>[SCA-Assembly]</b>	Service Component Architecture Assembly Model Specification
31		<a href="http://www.osoa.org/display/Main/Service+Component+Architecture+Specifications">http://www.osoa.org/display/Main/Service+Component+Architecture+Specifications</a>
32		
33	<b>[WSDL]</b>	Web Services Description Language (WSDL) Version 2.0 Part 1: Core Language
34		– Appendix <a href="http://www.w3.org/TR/2006/CR-wsdl20-20060327/">http://www.w3.org/TR/2006/CR-wsdl20-20060327/</a>
35	<b>[WSDL-Ids]</b>	SCA WSDL 1.1 Element Identifiers – forthcoming W3C Note
36		<a href="http://dev.w3.org/cvsweb/~checkout~/2006/ws/policy/wsdl11elementidentifiers.html">http://dev.w3.org/cvsweb/~checkout~/2006/ws/policy/wsdl11elementidentifiers.html</a>
37		
38	<b>[WS-Policy]</b>	Web Services Policy (WS-Policy)
39		<a href="http://www.w3.org/TR/ws-policy">http://www.w3.org/TR/ws-policy</a>
40	<b>[WS-PolicyAttach]</b>	Web Services Policy Attachment (WS-PolicyAttachment)
41		<a href="http://www.w3.org/TR/ws-policy-attachment">http://www.w3.org/TR/ws-policy-attachment</a>
42	<b>[XML-Schema2]</b>	XML Schema Part 2: Datatypes Second Edition XML Schema Part 2: Datatypes
43		Second Edition, Oct. 28 2004.
44		<a href="http://www.w3.org/TR/xmlschema-2/">http://www.w3.org/TR/xmlschema-2/</a>

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## 45 2 Overview

### 46 2.1 Policies and PolicySets

47 The term **Policy** is used to describe some capability or constraint that can be applied to  
48 service 21 components or to the interactions between service components represented by  
49 services and references. An example of a policy is that messages exchanged between a  
50 service client and a service provider be encrypted, so that the exchange is confidential and  
51 cannot be read by someone who intercepts the conversation.

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53 In SCA, services and references can have policies applied to them that affect the form of the  
54 interaction that takes place at runtime. These are called **interaction policies**.

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56 Service components can also have other policies applied to them which affect how the  
57 components themselves behave within their runtime container. These are called  
58 **implementation policies**.

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60 How particular policies are provided varies depending on the type of runtime container for  
61 implementation policies and on the binding type for interaction policies. Some policies may  
62 be provided as an inherent part of the container or of the binding – for example a binding  
63 using the https protocol will always provide encryption of the messages flowing between a  
64 reference and a service. Other policies may be provided by a container or by a binding. It is  
65 also possible that some kinds of container or kinds of binding may be incapable of providing  
66 a particular policy at all. In SCA, policies are held in **policySets**, which may contain one or  
67 many policies, expressed in some concrete form, such as WS-Policy assertions. Each  
68 policySet targets a specific binding type or a specific implementation type.

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70 PolicySets are used to apply particular policies to a component or to the binding of a service  
71 or reference, through configuration information attached to a component or attached to a  
72 composite.

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74 For example, a service can have a policy applied that requires all interactions (messages)  
75 with the service to be encrypted. A reference which is wired to that service must be able to  
76 support sending and receiving messages using the specified encryption technology if it is  
77 going to use the service successfully.

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79 In summary, a service presents a set of interaction policies which it requires the references  
80 to use. In turn, each reference has a set of policies which define how it is capable of  
81 interacting with any service to which it is wired. An implementation or component can  
82 describe its requirements through a set of attached implementation policies.

### 84 2.2 Intents describe the requirements of Components, Services and 85 References

86 SCA **intents** are used to describe the abstract policy requirements of a component or the  
87 requirements of interactions between components represented by services and references.  
88 Intents provide a means for the developer and the assembler to state these requirements in  
89 a high-level abstract form, independent of the detailed configuration of the runtime and  
90 bindings which is the role of application deployer. Intents support the late binding of

91 services and references to particular SCA bindings, since they assist the deployer in  
92 choosing appropriate bindings and concrete policies which satisfy the abstract requirements  
93 expressed by the intents.  
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95 It is possible in SCA to directly attach policies to a service, to a reference or to a component  
96 at any time during the creation of an assembly, through the configuration of bindings and  
97 the attachment of policy sets. Attachment may be done by the developer of a component at  
98 the time when the component is written or later at deployment time. SCA recommends a  
99 late binding model where the bindings and the concrete policies for a particular assembly  
100 are decided at deployment time. SCA favors the late binding approach since it promotes re-  
101 use of components. It allows the use of components in new application contexts which may  
102 require the use of different bindings and different concrete policies. Forcing early decisions  
103 on which bindings and policies to use is likely to limit re-use and limit the ability to use a  
104 component in a new context.  
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106 For example, in the case of authentication, a service which requires its messages to be  
107 authenticated can be marked with an intent "**authentication**". This intent marks the  
108 service as requiring message authentication capability without being prescriptive about how  
109 it is achieved. At deployment time, when the binding is chosen for the service (say SOAP  
110 over HTTP), the deployer can apply suitable policies to the service which provide aspects of  
111 WS-Security and which supply a group of one or more authentication technologies.  
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113 In many ways, intents can be seen as restricting choices at deployment time. If a service is  
114 marked with the **confidentiality** intent, then the deployer must use a policySet that  
115 provides for the encryption of the messages.  
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117 The set of intents available to developers and assemblers can be extended arbitrarily by  
118 policy administrators. The SCA Policy Framework specification does define a set of intents  
119 which address the infrastructure capabilities relating to security reliable messaging.  
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## 121 **2.3 Determining which policies apply to a particular wire**

122 In order for a reference to connect to a particular service, the policies of the reference must  
123 intersect with the policies of the service.  
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125 Multiple policies may be attached to both services and to references. Where there are  
126 multiple policies, they may be organized into policy domains, where each domain deals with  
127 some particular aspect of the interaction. An example of a policy domain is confidentiality,  
128 which covers the encryption of messages sent between a reference and a service. Each  
129 policy domain may have one or more policy. Where multiple policies are present for a  
130 particular domain, they represent alternative ways of meeting the requirements for that  
131 domain. For example, in the case of message  
132 integrity, there could be a set of policies, where each one deals with a particular security  
133 token to be used: X509, SAML, Kerberos. Any one of the tokens may be used - they will all  
134 ensure that the overall goal of message integrity is achieved.  
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136 In order for a service to be accessed by a wide range of clients, it is good practice for the  
137 service to support multiple alternative policies within a particular domain. So, if a service  
138 requires message confidentiality, instead of insisting on one specific encryption technology,  
139 the service can have a policySet which has a host of alternative encryption technologies,  
140 any of which are acceptable to the service. Equally, a reference can have a policySet  
141 attached which defines the range of encryption technologies which it is capable of using.

142 Typically, the set of policies used for a given domain will reflect the capabilities of the  
143 binding and of the runtime being used for the service and for the reference.

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145 When a service and a reference are wired together, the policies declared by the policySets  
146 at each end of the wire are matched to each other. SCA does not define how policy  
147 matching is done, but instead delegates this to the policy language (e.g. WS-Policy) used  
148 for the binding. For example, where WS-Policy is used as the policy language, the matching  
149 procedure looks at each domain in turn within the policy sets and looks for 1 or more  
150 policies which are in common between the service and the reference. When only one match  
151 is found, the matching policy is used. Where multiple matches are found, then the SCA  
152 runtime can choose to use any one of the matching policies. No match implies that the wire  
153 cannot be used - it is an error.

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## 3 Framework Model

The SCA Policy Framework model is comprised of *intents* and *policySets*. Intents represent abstract assertions and Policy Sets contain concrete policies that may be applied to SCA bindings and implementations. The framework describes how intents are related to PolicySets. It also describes how intents and policySets are utilized to express the constraints that govern the behavior of SCA bindings and implementations. Both intents and policySets may be used to specify QoS requirements on services and references.

The following section describes the Framework Model and illustrates it using Interaction Policies. Implementation Policies follow the same basic model and are discussed later in section 1.5.

### 3.1 Intents

As discussed earlier, an *intent* is an abstract assertion about a specific Quality of Service (QoS) characteristic that is expressed independently of any particular implementation technology. An intent is thus used to describe the desired runtime characteristics of an SCA construct. Intents are typically defined by a policy administrator. See section [Policy Administrator] for a more detailed description of the SCA roles with respect to Policy concepts, their definition and their use. The semantics of an intent may not be always available normatively, but could be expressed with documentation that is available and accessible.

For example, an intent named *integrity* may be specified to signify that communications should be protected from possible tampering. This specific intent may be declared as a requirement by some SCA artifacts, i.e. a reference. Note that this intent can be satisfied by a variety of bindings and with many different ways of configuring those bindings. Thus, the reference where the intent is expressed as a requirement could eventually be wired using either a web service binding (SOAP over HTTP) or with an EJB binding that communicates with an EJB via RMI/IIOP.

Intents can be used to express requirements for *interaction policies* or *implementation policies*. The *integrity* intent in the above example is used to express an interaction policy. Interaction policies are intents that are typically applied to a *service* or *reference*. They are meant to govern the communication between a client and a service provider. Intents may be applied to SCA component implementations as *implementation policies*. These intents specify the qualities of service that should be provided by a container as it runs the component. An example of such an intent could be a requirement that the component must run in a transaction.

An intent is defined using the following pseudo-schema:

```
<intent name="NCName"
  constrains="listOfQNames" requires="listOfQNames"? >
  <description>
    <!-- description of the intent -->
  </description>
</intent>
```

202 Where:

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- @name attribute defines the name of the intent

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- @constrains attribute (optional) specifies the SCA constructs (SCA binding or implementation) that this intent is meant to configure. If a value is not specified, it is assumed that this intent is a qualified intent and inherits its constraint list from the qualifiable intent it is qualifying (see below). This attribute does not define the valid attach points of the intent.

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Note that the "constrains" attribute may name an abstract element type, such as sca:binding in our running example. This means that it will match against any binding used within a SCDL file. A SCDL element may match @constrains if its type is in a substitution group.

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- @requires attribute (optional) defines the set of all intents that the referring intent requires. In essence, the referring intent requires all the intents named to be satisfied. This attribute is used to compose an intent from a set of other intents. This use is further described in Section 3.2 below.

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The **confidentiality** intent may be defined as:

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<intent name="confidentiality" constrains="sca:binding">
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  <description>
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    Communication through this binding must prevent
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    unauthorized users from reading the messages.
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  </description>
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</intent>
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For convenience and conciseness, it is often desirable to declare a single, higher-level intent to denote a requirement that could be satisfied by one of a number of lower-level intents.

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For example, the **confidentiality** intent requires either message-level encryption or transport-level encryption.

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Both of these are abstract intents because the representation of the configuration necessary to realize these two kinds of encryption could vary from binding to binding, and each would also require additional parameters for configuration.

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An intent that can be completely satisfied by one of a choice of lower-level intents is referred to as a *qualifiable intent*. In order to express such intents, an intent name may contain a qualifier, ".". An intent that includes the name of a qualifiable intent in its name is referred to as a *qualified intent*,

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because it is "qualifying" how the qualifiable intent is satisfied. A qualified intent can only qualify one qualifiable intent, so the name of the qualified intent includes the name of the qualifiable intent as a prefix (separated by "."), for example, **authentication.message**.

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See [Usage of @requires attribute for specifying intents](#).

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In general, SCA allows the developer or assembler to attach multiple qualifiers for a single qualifiable intent to the same SCA construct. However, domain-specific constraints may prevent the use of some combinations of qualifiers (from the same qualifiable intent).

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Because qualified intents include the name of the qualifiable intent, the qualifiable intent definition does not need to list its valid qualifiers. The set of all qualified intents defined for that qualifiable intent determines the list of valid qualifiers. This is illustrated by adding two

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255 additional intents to our example called **confidentiality.transport** and  
256 **confidentiality.message**. Note that the original intent definition or **confidentiality** does  
257 not change.

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259 Further, the @constrains attribute of a qualified intent is unnecessary because qualified intents inherit the  
260 @constrains attribute from the qualifiable intent. It is an error to specify @constrains in the definition of a  
261 qualified intent. The following are definitions of the transport and message  
262 qualifiers of the **confidentiality** intent.

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264 <intent name="confidentiality.transport" />  
265 <intent name="confidentiality.message" />
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267 All the intents in a SCA Domain are defined in a global, domain-wide file named  
268 definitions.xml. Details of this file are described in the [SCA Assembly Model](#) [SCA-  
269 Assembly].

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271 SCA normatively defines a set of core intents that all SCA implementations are expected to  
272 support, to ensure a minimum level of portability. Users of SCA may define new intents, or  
273 extend the qualifier set of existing intents.

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## 275 3.2 Profile Intents

276 An intent that is satisfied only by satisfying *all* of a set of other intents is called a **profile**  
277 **intent**. It can be used in the same way as any other intent.

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279 The presence of @requires attribute in the intent definition signifies that this is a profile  
280 intent. The @requires attribute may include all kinds of intents, including qualified intents  
281 and other profile Intents. However, while a profile intent can include qualified intents, it  
282 cannot BE a qualified intent (so its name must not have "." in it).

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284 Requiring a profile intent is always semantically identical to requiring the list of intents that  
285 are listed in its @requires attribute.

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287 An example of a profile intent could be an intent called **messageProtection** which is a  
288 shortcut for specifying both **confidentiality** and **integrity**, where **integrity** means to  
289 protect against modification, usually by signing. The intent definition may look like the  
290 following:

```
291  
292 <intent name="messageProtection"  
293         constrains="sca:binding"  
294         requires="confidentiality integrity">  
295     <description>  
296         Protect messages from unauthorized reading or modification.  
297     </description>  
298 </intent>
```

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## 300 3.3 PolicySets

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302 A **policySet** element is used to define a set of concrete policies that apply to some binding  
303 type or implementation type, and which correspond to a set of intents provided by the  
304 policySet. The structure of the PolicySet element is as follows:

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- 306 • The @name attribute declares a name for the policySet. The value of the @name
- 307 attribute is a xs:QName.
- 308 • The @appliesTo attribute is used to determine which SCA constructs this policySet
- 309 can configure. The contents of the attribute must match the XPath 1.0 production *Expr*.
- 310 • The @provides attribute, whose value is a list of intent names (that may or may not
- 311 be qualified), designates the intents the PolicySet provides. Members of the list are
- 312 xs:string values separated by a space character " ".

313

314 It contains one or more of the following element children

- 315
- 316 • intentMap element
- 317 • policySetReference element
- 318 • wsp:PolicyAttachment element
- 319 • wsp:Policy element
- 320 • wsp:PolicyReference element
- 321 • xs:any extensibility element

322

323 Any mix of the above types of elements, in any number, can be included as children of the

324 policySet element including extensibility elements. There are likely to be many different

325 policy languages for specific binding technologies and domains. In order to allow the

326 inclusion of any policy language within a policySet, the extensibility elements may be from

327 any namespace and may be intermixed. However, the SCA policy framework expects that

328 WS-Policy will be a common policy language for expressing interaction policies, especially

329 for Web Service bindings. For this reason, wsp:PolicyAttachment is explicitly included in the

330 schema for clarity.

331

332 The pseudo schema for policySet is shown below:

```
333
334 <policySet name="NCName"
335           provides="listOfQNames"
336           appliesTo="xs:string"
337           xmlns=http://www.oesa.org/xmlns/sca/1.0
338           xmlns:wsp="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/09/policy">
339   <policySetReference name="xs:QName"/>*
340   <intentMap/>*
341   <wsp:PolicyAttachment>*
342   <wsp:Policy>*
343   <wsp:PolicyReference>*
344   <xs:any>*
345 </policySet>
```

346

347 For example, the policySet element below declares that it provides

348 **authentication.message** and **reliability** for the "binding.ws" SCA binding.

```
349
350 <policySet name="SecureReliablePolicy"
351           provides="authentication.message exactlyOne"
352           appliesTo="sca:binding.ws"
353           xmlns="http://www.oesa.org/xmlns/sca/1.0"
354           xmlns:wsp="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/09/policy">
355   <wsp:PolicyAttachment>
356     <!-- policy expression and policy subject for
357           "basic authentication" -->
358     ...
359   </wsp:PolicyAttachment>
```

```

360     <wsp:PolicyAttachment>
361         <!-- policy expression and policy subject for
362             "reliability" -->
363         ...
364     </wsp:PolicyAttachment>
365 </policySet>
366

```

367 PolicySet authors should be aware of the evaluation of the @appliesTo attribute in order to  
368 designate meaningful values for this attribute. Although policySets may be attached to any  
369 element in the SCA design, the applicability of a policySet is not scoped by where it is  
370 attached in the SCA framework. Rather, policySets always apply to either binding instances  
371 or implementation elements regardless of where they are attached to. In this regard, the  
372 SCA policy framework does not scope the applicability of the policySet to a specific  
373 attachment point in contrast to other frameworks, such as WS-Policy. Attachment is a  
374 shorthand.

375  
376 With this design principle in mind, an XPath expression that is the value of an @appliesTo  
377 attribute designates what a policySet applies to. Note that the XPath expression will always  
378 be evaluated within the context of an attachment considering elements where binding  
379 instances or implementations are allowed to be present. The expression is evaluated against  
380 *the parent element of any binding or implementation element*. The policySet will apply to  
381 any child binding or implementation elements returned from the expression. So, for  
382 example, appliesTo="binding.ws" will match any web service binding. If  
383 appliesTo="binding.ws[@impl='axis']" then the policySet would apply only to web service  
384 bindings that have an @impl attribute with a value of 'axis'.

385  
386 For further discussion on attachment of policySets and the computation of applicable  
387 policySets, please refer to Section 4.

388  
389 All the policySets in a SCA Domain are defined in a global, domain-wide file named  
390 definitions.xml. Details of this file are described in the [SCA Assembly Model](#) [SCA-  
391 Assembly].

392  
393 SCA may normatively define a set of core policySets that all SCA implementations are  
394 expected to support, to ensure a minimum level of portability. Users of SCA may define new  
395 policySets as needed.  
396

### 397 **3.3.1 IntentMaps**

398 Intent maps contain the concrete policies and policy subjects that are used to realize a  
399 specific intent that is provided by the policySet.

400  
401 The pseudo-schema for intentMaps is given below:

```

402
403 <intentMap provides="xs:QName"
404     default="xs:string">
405     <qualifier name="xs:string"?
406         <wsp:PolicyAttachment>*
407         ...
408     </wsp:PolicyAttachment>
409     <xs:any>*
410     <intentMap/> ?
411 </qualifier>

```

412 </intentMap>

413

414 When a policySet element contains a set of intentMap elements, the value of the @provides  
415 attribute of each intentMap corresponds to an unqualified intent that is listed within the  
416 @provides attribute value of the parent policySet element.

417

418 If a policySet specifies a qualifiable intent in the @provides attribute, then it MUST include  
419 an intentMap element that specifies all possible qualifiers for that intent. If a qualified intent  
420 can be further qualified, then the qualifier element must also contain an intentMap.

421

422 For each intent (qualified or unqualified) listed as a member of the @provides attribute list  
423 of a policySet element, there may be at most one corresponding intentMap element that  
424 declares the unqualified form of that intent in its @provides attribute. In other words, each  
425 intentMap within a given policySet must uniquely provide for a specific intent.

426

427 The @provides attribute value of each intentMap that is an immediate child of a policySet  
428 must be included in the @provides attribute of the parent policySet.

429

430 An intentMap element must contain qualifier element children. Each qualifier element  
431 corresponds to a qualified intent where the unqualified form of that intent is the value of the  
432 @provides attribute value of the parent intentMap. The qualified intent is either included  
433 explicitly in the value of the enclosing policySet's @provides attribute or implicitly by that  
434 @provides attribute including the unqualified form of the intent.

435

436 A qualifier element designates a set of concrete policy attachments that correspond to a  
437 qualified intent. The concrete policy attachments may be specified using  
438 wsp:PolicyAttachment element children or using extensibility elements specific to an  
439 environment.

440

441 The default attribute of an intentMap must correspond to a qualified intent that is named on  
442 one of the child qualifier elements. This is used when the unqualified form of the intent has  
443 been specified as a requirement. The relationship between intents and policySets, and their  
444 use within SCDL is explained in more detail in section 1.5.

445

446 As an example, the policySet element below declares that it provides **confidentiality** using  
447 the @provides attribute. The alternatives (transport and message) it contains each specify  
448 the policy and policy subject they provide. The default is "transport".

449

```
450 <policySet name="SecureMessagingPolicies"  
451           provides="confidentiality"  
452           appliesTo="binding.ws"  
453           xmlns="http://www.oesa.org/xmlns/sca/1.0"  
454           xmlns:wsp="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/09/policy">  
455   <intentMap provides="confidentiality" default="transport">  
456     <qualifier name="transport">  
457       <wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
458         <!-- policy expression and policy subject for  
459           "transport" alternative -->  
460         ...  
461       </wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
462       <wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
463         ...  
464       </wsp:PolicyAttachment>  
465     </qualifier>
```

```

466         <qualifier name="message">
467             <wsp:PolicyAttachment>
468                 <!-- policy expression and policy subject for
469                 "message" alternative -->
470                 ...
471             </wsp:PolicyAttachment>
472         </qualifier>
473     </intentMap>
474 </policySet>
475

```

PolicySets can embed policies that are defined in any policy language. Although WS-Policy is the most common language for expressing interaction policies, it is possible to use other policy languages. The following is an example of a policySet that embeds a policy defined in a proprietary language. This policy provides "authentication" for binding.ws.

```

481 <policySet name="AuthenticationPolicy"
482     provides="authentication"
483     appliesTo="binding.ws"
484     xmlns="http://www.osea.org/xmlns/sca/1.0">
485     <e:policyConfiguration xmlns:e="http://example.com">
486         <e:authentication type = "X509"/>
487             <e:trustedCAStore type="JKS"/>
488             <e:keyStoreFile>Foo.jks</e:keyStoreFile>
489             <e:keyStorePassword>123</e:keyStorePassword>
490         </e:authentication>
491     </e:policyConfiguration>
492 </policySet>
493

```

The following example illustrates an intent map that defines policies for an intent with more than one level of qualification.

```

496 <policySet name="SecurityPolicy" provides="confidentiality">
497     <intentMap provides="confidentiality" default="message">
498         <qualifier name="message">
499             <intentMap provides="message" default="whole">
500                 <qualifier name="body">
501                     <!-- policy attachment for body encryption -->
502                 </qualifier>
503             <qualifier name="whole">
504                 <!-- policy attachment for whole message
505                 -->encryption
506             </qualifier>
507         </intentMap>
508     </intentMap>
509 </qualifier>
510 <qualifier name="transport">
511     <!-- policy attachment for transport
512     -->encryption
513 </qualifier>
514 </intentMap>
515 </policySet>
516
517

```

### 3.3.2 Direct Inclusion of Policies within PolicySets

519

520 In cases where there is no need for defaults or overriding for an intent included in the  
521 @provides of a policySet, the policySet element may contain policies or policy attachment  
522 elements directly without the use of intentMaps or policy set references. There are two ways  
523 of including policies directly within a policySet. Either the policySet contains one or more  
524 wsp:policyAttachment elements directly as children or it contains extension elements (using  
525 xs:any) that contain concrete policies.  
526

527 When a policySet element directly contains wsp:policyAttachment children or policies using  
528 extension elements, it is assumed that the set of policies specified as children satisfy the  
529 intents expressed using the @provides attribute value of the policySet element. The intent  
530 names in the @provides attribute of the policySet may include names of profile intents.  
531

### 532 **3.3.3 Policy Set References**

533  
534 A policySet may refer to other policySets by using sca:PolicySetReference element. This  
535 provides a recursive inclusion capability for intentMaps, policy attachments or other specific  
536 mappings from different domains.  
537

538  
539 When a policySet element contains policySetReference element children, the @name  
540 attribute of a policySetReference element designates a policySet defined with the same  
541 value for its @name attribute. Therefore, the @name attribute must be a QName.  
542

543 The @appliesTo attribute of a referenced policySet must be compatible with that of the  
544 policySet referring to it. Compatibility, in the simplest case, is string equivalence of the  
545 binding names.  
546

547 The @provides attribute of a referenced policySet must include intent values that are  
548 compatible with one of the values of the @provides attribute of the referencing policySet. A  
549 compatible intent either is a value in the referencing policySet's @provides attribute values  
550 or is a qualified value of one of the intents of the referencing policySet's @provides attribute  
551 value.  
552

553 The usage of a policySetReference element indicates a copy of the element content children  
554 of the policySet that is being referred is included within the referring policySet. If the result  
555 of inclusion results in a reference to another policySet, the inclusion step is repeated until  
556 the contents of a policySet does not contain any references to other policySets.  
557

558 Note that, since the attributes of a referenced policySet are effectively removed/ignored by  
559 this process, it is the responsibility of the author of the referring policySet to include any  
560 necessary intents in the @provides attribute if the policySet is to correctly advertise its  
561 aggregate capabilities.  
562

563 The default values when using this aggregate policySet come from the defaults in the  
564 included policySets. A single intent (or all qualified intents that comprise an intent) in a  
565 referencing policySet must only be included once by using references to other policySets.  
566

567 Here is an example to illustrate the inclusion of two other policySets in a policySet element:  
568

```
569 <policySet name="BasicAuthMsgProtSecurity"  
570           provides="authentication confidentiality"  
571           appliesTo="binding.ws"
```

```

572         xmlns="http://www.osea.org/xmlns/sca/1.0">
573     <policySetReference name="acme:AuthenticationPolicies"/>
574     <policySetReference name="acme:ConfidentialityPolicies"/>
575 </policySet>
576

```

577 The above policySet refers to policySets for **authentication** and **confidentiality** and, by  
578 reference, provides policies and policy subject alternatives in these domains.

579  
580 If the policySets referred to have the following content:

```

581 <policySet name="AuthenticationPolicies"
582     provides="authentication"
583     appliesTo="binding.ws"
584     xmlns="http://www.osea.org/xmlns/sca/1.0">
585     <wsp:PolicyAttachment>
586         <!-- policy expression and policy subject for "basic
587             authentication" -->
588         ...
589     </wsp:PolicyAttachment>
590 </policySet>
591
592 <policySet name="acme:ConfidentialityPolicies"
593     provides="confidentiality"
594     bindings="binding.ws"
595     xmlns="http://www.osea.org/xmlns/sca/1.0">
596     <intentMap provides="confidentiality" default="transport">
597         <qualifier name="transport">
598             <wsp:PolicyAttachment>
599                 <!-- policy expression and policy subject for "transport"
600                     alternative -->
601                 ...
602             </wsp:PolicyAttachment>
603             <wsp:PolicyAttachment>
604                 ...
605             </wsp:PolicyAttachment>
606         </qualifier>
607         <qualifier name="message">
608             <wsp:PolicyAttachment>
609                 <!-- policy expression and policy subject for "message"
610                     alternative" -->
611                 ...
612             </wsp:PolicyAttachment>
613         </qualifier>
614     </intentMap>
615 </policySet>
616

```

617  
618 The result of the inclusion of policySets via policySetReferences would be semantically  
619 equivalent to the following:

```

620
621 <policySet name="BasicAuthMsgProtSecurity"
622     provides="authentication confidentiality"
623     appliesTo="binding.ws"
624     xmlns="http://www.osea.org/xmlns/sca/1.0">
625     <wsp:PolicyAttachment>
626         <!-- policy expression and policy subject for "basic
627             authentication" -->

```

```

628         ...
629     </wsp:PolicyAttachment>
630     <intentMap provides="confidentiality" default="transport">
631         <qualifier name="transport">
632             <wsp:PolicyAttachment>
633                 <!-- policy expression and policy subject for "transport"
634                 alternative -->
635                 ...
636             </wsp:PolicyAttachment>
637             <wsp:PolicyAttachment>
638                 ...
639             </wsp:PolicyAttachment>
640         </qualifier>
641         <qualifier name="message">
642             <wsp:PolicyAttachment>
643                 <!-- policy expression and policy subject for "message"
644                 alternative -->
645                 ...
646             </wsp:PolicyAttachment>
647         </qualifier>
648     </intentMap>
649 </policySet>
650
651
652

```

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## 4 Attaching Intents and PolicySets to SCA Constructs

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This section describes how intents and policySets are associated with SCA constructs. It describes the various attachment points and semantics for intents and policySets and their relationship to other SCA elements and how intents relate to policySets in these contexts.

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### 4.1 Attachment Rules

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Intents can be attached to any SCA element used in the definition of components and composites since an intent specifies an abstract requirement. The attachment is specified by using the optional @requires attribute. This attribute takes as its value a list of intent names. Intents can optionally be applied to interface definitions. For WSDL Port Type elements (WSDL 1.1) and for WSDL Interface elements (WSDL 2.0), the @requires attribute can be applied that holds a list of intent names that are required for the interface. Other interface languages may define their own mechanism for specifying a list of required intents. Any service or reference that uses an interface with required intents implicitly adds those intents to its own @requires list.

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675

Because intents specified on interfaces can be seen by both the provider and the client of a service, it is appropriate to use them to specify characteristics of the service that both the developers of provider and the client need to know. For example, the fact that an interface is *conversational* is such a characteristic, since both the client and the service provider need to know about the conversational semantics.

676

For example:

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```
<service> or <reference>...
  <binding.binding-type requires="listOfQNames"
  </binding.binding-type>...
</service> or </reference>
```

683

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686

Similarly, one or more policySets can be attached to any SCA element used in the definition of components and composites. The attachment is specified by using the optional @policySets attribute. This attribute takes as its value a list of policySet names.

687

For example:

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690

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692

693

```
<service> or <reference>...
  <binding.binding-type policySets="listOfQNames"
  </binding.binding-type>...
</service> or </reference>
```

694

The SCA Policy framework enables two distinct cases for utilizing intents and PolicySets:

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700

- It is possible to specify QoS requirements by specifying abstract intents utilizing the @requires element on an element at the time of development. In this case, it is implied that the concrete bindings and policies that satisfy the abstract intents will not be assigned at development time but the intents will be used **to select the concrete Bindings and Policies** at deployment time. Concrete policies are encapsulated within

701 policySets that will be available in a deployment environment. The intents associated  
702 with a SCA element is the union of intents specified for it and its parent elements  
703 subject to the detailed rules below.

704  
705 • It is also possible to specify QoS requirements for an element by using both intents  
706 and concrete policies contained in policySets at development time. In this case, it is  
707 possible **to configure the policySets, by overriding the default settings in the**  
708 **specified policySets using intents**. The policySets associated with a SCA element is  
709 the union of policySets specified for it and its parent elements subject to the detailed  
710 rules below.

711  
712 When computing the policySets that apply to a particular element, the @appliesTo  
713 attribute of each relevant policySet is checked against the element. If the policySet  
714 is attached directly to the element and does not apply to that element an error is  
715 raised. If a policySet that is attached to an ancestor element does not apply to the  
716 element in question, it is simply discarded.

717  
718 These two different approaches of specifying policies will be illustrated in detail below. We  
719 also discuss how intents are used to guide the selection and application of specific  
720 policySets.

721

## 722 4.2 Usage of @requires attribute for specifying intents

723

724 As indicated, a list of intents can be specified for any SCA element by using the optional  
725 @requires attribute.

726

727 Stating intents with the @requires attribute of an element means that those intents are  
728 additionally required by every relevant element descendent. For example, specifying  
729 `requires="confidentiality"` on a <composite> element is the equivalent to adding the  
730 same intent to the @requires list of every service and reference that is contained within that  
731 composite, including the services and references inside components. *Therefore, the*  
732 *computed intents that apply to a specific element is the union of all intents that are present*  
733 *in the @requires attribute values of its ancestors that apply to the specific type of element.*  
734 This is equivalent to listing an intent in the @requires list of all of descendent elements that  
735 match one of the xs:QName values of the @constrains attribute of an intent, taking into  
736 account the presence of substitution groups.

737

738 When computing the intents that apply to a particular element, the @constrains attribute of  
739 each relevant intent is checked against the element. If the intent in question does not apply  
740 to that element it is simply discarded.

741

742 When intents are specified with @requires attribute values of an element during  
743 development and no policySets are attached to this element, the computed intents for the  
744 element are used to select appropriate policySets during deployment. The intents specified  
745 for an element are also used to determine a specific mapping/choice other than the default,  
746 should the selected policySet contain intentMaps. The developer in this case is not choosing  
747 policySets that apply as they will be determined, if possible, during a later deployment step.

748

749 Both qualified intents and their respective qualifiable intents, and profile intents, can be  
750 specified as values of a @requires attribute. In considering the set of intents that are  
751 computed for a specific element, however, the following rules must be observed.

752  
753     • When the computed values of a @requires attribute includes both the qualified and  
754 unqualified form of a qualifiable intent, the unqualified form is ignored. For example,  
755 assume that the **confidentiality** intent uses **confidentiality.transport** as its default  
756 when specified as part of a PolicySet.

757  
758 Consider the following composite:

```
759 <composite requires="confidentiality">  
760   <service name="foo">  
761     <reference name="bar"  
762       requires="confidentiality.message"/>  
763   </service>  
764 </composite>
```

765 In this case, the composite has declared that all of its services and references must  
766 guarantee confidentiality in their communication, but the "bar" reference would further  
767 qualify that requirement to specifically require message-level security. When the intent is  
768 matched with the appropriate policySet (by the assembler or deployer) to generate concrete  
769 policies that satisfies the intents, the "foo" service element will use the default qualifier  
770 specified by the PolicySet that is used at deployment time while the "bar" reference will use  
771 the **confidentiality.message** intent.

772  
773 During policySet selection, it is only possible to override a qualifiable intent that doesn't  
774 specify a qualifier. Thus, multiple qualifiers MUST NOT be specified for the same qualifiable  
775 intent as part of a computed intent set.

776  
777 Consider this variation where a qualified intent is specified at the composite level:

```
778  
779 <composite requires="confidentiality.transport">  
780   <service name="foo" />  
781   <reference name="bar"  
782     requires="confidentiality.message"/>  
783 </composite>
```

784  
785 In this case, both the **confidentiality.transport** and the **confidentiality.message** intent  
786 are required for the reference 'bar'. If there are no bindings that support this combination,  
787 an error will be generated. However, since in some cases multiple qualifiers for the same  
788 intent may be valid or there may be bindings that support such combinations, the SCA  
789 specification allows this.

790  
791     • If a component type includes a list of required intents on a service or reference, it is  
792 *not* possible for a component that uses that component type to remove any of those  
793 required intents. However, if any of the intents are qualifiable intents, the component  
794 MAY specify a qualifier for that intent.

795  
796 It is also possible for a qualified intent to be further qualified. In our example, the  
797 **confidentiality.message** intent may be further qualified to indicate whether just the  
798 body of a message is protected, or the whole message (including headers) is protected. So,  
799 the second-level qualifiers might be "body" and "whole". The default qualifier might be  
800 "whole". If the "bar" reference from the example above wanted only body confidentiality, it  
801 would state:

```
802  
803 <reference name="bar"  
804   requires="acme:confidentiality.message.body"/>
```

805

806 The definition of the second level of qualification for an intent follows the same rules. As  
807 with other qualified intents, the name of the intent is constructed using the name of the  
808 qualifiable intent, the delimiter ".", and the name of the qualifier.  
809

### 810 **4.3 Usage of @requires and @policySet attributes together**

811 As indicated above, it is possible to attach both intents and policySets to an SCA element  
812 during development. The most common use cases for attaching both intents and concrete  
813 policySets to an element are with binding and reference elements.  
814

815 When the @requires attribute and the @policySets attributes are used together during  
816 development, it indicates the intention of the developer to configure the element, such as a  
817 binding, by the application of specific policySet(s) that are in scope for this element.  
818 Developers using @requires and @policySet attributes in conjunction with each other must  
819 be aware of the implications of how the policySets are selected and how the intents are  
820 utilized to select specific intentMaps, override defaults, etc. The details are provided in the  
821 Section [Guided Selection of PolicySets using Intents](#). *The same algorithm applies whether*  
822 *the intents guide the selection of policySets during deployment or whether a developer uses*  
823 *intents to choose the best alternative in a set of policySets that may apply by configuring*  
824 *policySets.*  
825

### 826 **4.4 Operation-Level Intents and PolicySets on Services & References**

827  
828 It is possible to specify intents and policySets for a single service or reference operation in a  
829 way that applies to all the bindings of a service or reference. In this case, the syntax is to  
830 specify the operation directly under the <sca:service> or <sca:reference> element. The  
831 following example illustrates the placement of the <sca:operation> element:  
832

```
833 <service> or <reference>  
834     <operation name = "xs:string"  
835         policySet="xs:QName"? requires="="listOfQNames"? />  
836 </service> or </reference>  
837
```

### 838 **4.5 Operation-Level Intents and PolicySets on Bindings**

839  
840 The above mechanism for specifying operation-specific required intents and policySets may  
841 also be applied to bindings. In this case, the syntax would be:  
842

```
843 <service> or <reference>  
844     <binding.binding-type  
845         requires="list of intent QNames" policySets="listOfQNames">  
846         <operation name = "xs:string" policySets="xs:QName" ?  
847             requires="listOfQNames"? />*  
848     </binding.binding-type>  
849 </service> or </reference>  
850
```

851 This makes it possible to specify required intents that are specific to one operation for a  
852 single binding. Similar to operations on implementations, the intents required for the  
853 operation are added to the effective list of required intents on the binding, and operation-

854 level policySets override corresponding policySets specified for the binding (where a  
855 "corresponding" policySet @provides at least one common intent).  
856

## 857 **4.6 Intents and PolicySets on Implementations and Component Types**

858 It is possible to specify required intents and policySets for a component's implementation,  
859 which get exposed to SCA through the corresponding *component type*. How the intents or  
860 policies are specified within an implementation depends on the implementation technology.  
861 For example, Java can use the @requires annotation to specify intents.  
862

863 The required intents and policySets specified within an implementation can be found on the  
864 <sca:implementation.\*> and the various <sca:service> and <sca:reference> elements of  
865 the component type, for example:  
866

```
867 <componentType>  
868     <implementation.* requires="listOfQNames"  
869         policySets="="listOfQNames">  
870         ...  
871     </implementation>  
872     <service name="myService" requires="listOfQNames"  
873         policySets="listOfQNames">  
874         ...  
875     </service>  
876     <reference name="myReference" requires="listOfQNames"  
877         policySets="="listOfQNames">  
878         ...  
879     </reference>  
880     ...  
881 </componentType>  
882
```

883 When applying policies, the intents required by the component type are added to the intents  
884 required by the using component. For the explicitly listed policySets, the list in the  
885 component may override policySets from the component type. More precisely, a policySet  
886 on the componentType is considered to be overridden, and is not used, if it has a @provides  
887 list that includes an intent that is also listed in any component policySet @provides list.

## 888 **4.7 BindingTypes and Related Intents**

889  
890 SCA Binding types implement particular communication mechanisms for connecting  
891 components together. See detailed discussion in the SCA Assembly specification [SCA-  
892 Assembly]. Some binding types may realize intents inherently by virtue of the kind of  
893 protocol technology they implement (e.g. an SSL binding would natively support  
894 confidentiality). For these kinds of binding types, it may be the case that using that binding  
895 type, without any additional configuration, will provide a concrete realization of a required  
896 intent. In addition, binding instances which are created by configuring a bindingType may  
897 be able to provide some intents by virtue of its configuration. It is important to know, when  
898 selecting a binding to satisfy a set of intents, just what the binding types themselves can  
899 provide and what they can be configured to provide.  
900

901 The bindingType element is used to declare a class of binding available in a SCA Domain. It  
902 declares the QName of the binding type, and the set of intents that are natively provided  
903 using the optional @alwaysProvides attribute. The intents listed by this attribute are always

904 concretely realized by use of the given binding type. The binding type also declares the  
905 intents that it may provide by using the optional @mayProvide attribute. Intents listed as  
906 the value of this attribute can be provided by a binding instance configured from this  
907 binding type.

908

909 The pseudo-schema for the bindingType element is as follows:

910

```
911 <bindingType type="NCName"  
912     alwaysProvides="listOfQNames"? mayProvide="listOfQNames"?/>
```

913

914 The kind of intents a given binding might be capable of providing, beyond these inherent  
915 intents, are implied by the presence of policySets that declare the given binding in their  
916 @appliesTo attribute. An exception is binding.sca which is configured entirely by the intents  
917 listed in its @mayProvide and @alwaysProvides lists. There are no policySets with  
918 appliesTo="binding.sca".

919 For example, if the following policySet is available in a SCA Domain it says that the  
920 sca:binding.ssl can provide "reliability" in addition to any other intents it may provide  
921 inherently.

922

```
923 <policySet name="ReliableSSL" provides="exactlyOnce"  
924     appliesTo="binding.ssl">
```

925

```
926     ...  
</policySet>
```

## 927 **4.8 Treatment of Components with Internal Wiring**

928 This section discusses the steps involved in the development and deployment of a  
929 component and its relationship to selection of bindings and policies for wiring services and  
930 references.

931

932 The SCA developer starts by defining a component. Typically, this will contain services and  
933 references. It may also have required intents defined at various locations within composite  
934 and component types as well as policySets defined at various locations.

935

936 Both for ease of development as well as for deployment, the wiring constraints to relate  
937 services and references need to be determined. This is accomplished by matching  
938 constraints of the services and references to those of corresponding references and services  
939 in other components.

940

941 In this process, the required intents, the binding instances, and the policySets that may  
942 apply to both sides of a wire play an important role. It must be possible to find binding  
943 instances on each side of a wire that are compatible with one another. In addition, concrete  
944 policies must be determined that satisfy the required intents for the service and the  
945 reference and are also compatible with each other. For services and references that make  
946 use of bidirectional interfaces, the same determination of matching bindings and policySets  
947 must also take place for the callbackReference and callbackService.

948

949 Determining compatibility of wiring plays an important role prior to deployment as well as  
950 during the deployment phases of a component. For example, during development, it helps a  
951 developer to determine whether it is possible to wire services and references when the  
952 bindings and policySets are available in the development environment. During deployment,  
953 the wiring constraints determine whether wiring can be achievable. It does also aid in  
954 adding additional concrete policies or making adjustments to concrete policies in order to  
955 deliver the constraints. Here are the concepts that are needed in making wiring decisions:

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- The set of required wiring intents that individually apply to *each* service or reference.
  - When possible the intents that are required by the service, the reference and callback (if any) at the other end of the wire. This set is called the *required intent set* and is computed and MAY be used only when dealing with a wire connecting two components within the SCA Domain. When external connections are involved, from clients or to services that are outside the SCA domain, intents are only available for the end of the connection that is inside the domain. See Section "[Preparing Services and References for External Connection](#)" for more details.
  - The binding instances that apply to each side of the wire.
  - The policySets that apply to each service or reference.

971 There may be many binding instances specified for a reference/service. If there are no  
972 binding instances specified on a service or a reference, then <sca:binding.sca> is assumed.

973

974 The set of *provided intents* for a binding instance is the union of the intents listed in the  
975 "alwaysProvides" attribute and the "mayProvides" list of of its binding type (although the  
976 capabilities represented by the "mayProvides" intents will only be present if the intent is in  
977 the list of required intents for the binding instance). When an intent is directly provided by  
978 the binding type, there is no need to use policy set that provides that intent.

979

980 The policySets that apply to a service or reference are determined by starting with the  
981 policySets that are explicitly specified on that service or reference, adding in the policy sets  
982 for any ancestor element, and then finding the smallest set of additional policySets that  
983 provide the required wiring intents that have not already been satisfied inherently by the  
984 binding instances. (Please refer to the [Guided Selection of PolicySets using Intents](#) for  
985 specifics of how the final set of policySets are determined. Selection of the policySets utilize  
986 the required wiring intents that are computed above.)

987

988 When bidirectional interfaces are in use, the same selection of binding instances and  
989 policySets that provide the required intent are also performed for the callback bindings.

990

#### 991 **4.8.1 Determining Wire Validity and Configuration**

992

993 The above approach determines the policySets that should be used in conjunction with the  
994 binding instances listed for services and references. For services and references that are  
995 resolved using SCA wires, the bindings and policySets chosen on each side of the wire may  
996 or may not be compatible. The following approach is used to determine whether they are  
997 compatible and the wire is valid. If the wire uses a bidirectional interface, then the following  
998 technique must find that valid configured bindings can be found for both directions of the  
999 bidirectional interface.

1000

1001 Note that there may be many binding instances present at each side of the wire. The wiring  
1002 compatibility algorithm below determines the compatibility of a wire by a pairwise choice of  
1003 a binding instance and the corresponding policySets on each side of the wire.

1004

1005 A *potential binding pair* is a pair of binding instances, one on each end of the wire, that  
1006 have the same binding type. Each binding instance in the pair has a set of policy sets that

1007 were determined by the algorithm of the last section. If any potential binding pair has  
1008 policySets on each end that are *incompatible*, then that pair of binding instances is removed  
1009 as an option. The compatibility of policySets is determined by the policy language contained  
1010 in the policySets. However, there are some special cases worth mentioning:\

- 1011
- 1012 • If both sides of the wire use the identical policySet (by referring to the same  
1013 policySet by its QName in both sides of the wire), then they are compatible.
- 1014
- 1015 • If the policySets contain WS-Policy attachments, then the following steps are used to  
1016 determine their compatibility:
  - 1017
  - 1018 1) The sca:policySet
  - 1019
  - 1020 2) Reference elements within the policySet elements are removed  
1021 recursively by replacing each reference with an equivalent policy  
1022 expression encapsulated with sca:policySet element.
  - 1023
  - 1024 3) The policy expressions within each policy set are normalized using WS-  
1025 Policy normalization rules to obtain a set of alternatives on each side of  
1026 the wire.
  - 1027
  - 1028 4) The resulting policy alternatives from each side of the wire are pairwise  
1029 tested for compatibility using the WS-Policy intersection algorithm. WS-  
1030 Policy's *strict* compatibility should be used by default.
  - 1031
  - 1032 5) If the result of the WS-Policy intersection algorithm is non-empty, then  
1033 the policy sets are considered compatible.
  - 1034

1035 For other policy languages, the policy language defines the comparison semantics. Where  
1036 such policy languages are standardized by the SCA specifications, the SCA specifications will  
1037 reference the definition of the comparison semantics or, if no such definition exists, the SCA  
1038 specifications will provide a definition.  
1039

## 1040 **4.9 Preparing Services and References for External Connection**

1041 Services and references are sometimes not intended for SCA wiring, but for communication  
1042 with software that is outside of the SCA domain. References may contain bindings that  
1043 specify the endpoint address of a service that exists outside of the current SCA domain.  
1044 Composite services that are deployed to the virtual domain composite specify bindings that  
1045 can be exposed to clients that are outside of the SCA domain. When web service bindings  
1046 are used, these services also may generate WSDL with attached policies that can be  
1047 accessed by external clients (as described in the SCA Web Service Binding specification).  
1048

1049 Component services and references that have been promoted to composite services and  
1050 references may connect to references and services in another SCA Domain or a non-SCA  
1051 Domain. This section discusses the steps involved in the preparing such a service or  
1052 reference for external connection.  
1053

1054 Essentially, this involves generating a WSDL interface for the service/reference and  
1055 attaching to it policies that reflect abstract QoS requirements specified using intents and  
1056 specific requirements using attached policySets. This section will discuss only the generation  
1057

1058 of policies. Generation of the WSDL interface is discussed in specifications for the various  
1059 bindings, for example, binding.ws.

1060  
1061 Matching service/reference policies across the SCA Domain boundary will use WS-Policy  
1062 compatibility (strict WS-Policy intersection) if the policies are expressed in WS-Policy  
1063 syntax. For other policy languages, the policy language defines the comparison semantics.  
1064 Where such policy languages are standardized by the SCA specifications, the SCA  
1065 specifications will reference the definition of the comparison semantics or, if no such  
1066 definition exists, the SCA specifications will provide a definition.

1067  
1068 For external services and references that make use of bidirectional interfaces, the same  
1069 determination of matching policies must also take place for the callback.

1070  
1071 The policies that apply to the service/reference are now computed as discussed in [Guided  
1072 Selection of PolicySets using Intents](#).

## 1073 4.10 Guided Selection of PolicySets using Intents

1074  
1075 This section describes the selection of concrete policies that satisfy a set of required intents  
1076 expressed for an element. The purpose of the algorithm is to construct the set of concrete  
1077 policies that apply to an element taking into account the explicitly declared policySets that  
1078 may be attached to an element as well as the policySets available in the SCA Domain that  
1079 are selected to match a required intent.

1080  
1081 **Note: In the following algorithm, the following rule is observed whenever an  
1082 intent set is computed.**

1083  
1084 When a profile intent is encountered in either a @requires or @provides attribute, it  
1085 is assumed that the profile intent is immediately replaced by the intents that it is  
1086 composed by, namely by all the intents that appear in the profile intent's @requires  
1087 attribute. This rule is applied recursively until profile intents do not appear in an  
1088 intent set. [This is stated generally, in order to not have to restate this processing  
1089 step at multiple places in the algorithm].

### 1090 **Algorithm for Matching Intents and PolicySets:**

- 1091  
1092  
1093 A. Calculate the **required intent set** that applies to the target element as follows:
- 1094 1. Start with the list of intents specified in the element's @requires attribute.
  - 1095 2. Add intents found in any related interface definition.
  - 1096 3. Add intents found in the @requires attribute of each ancestor element.
  - 1097 4. If the element is a binding instance and its parent element (service, reference or  
1098 callback) is wired, the required intents of the other side of the wire may be added to the  
1099 intent set when they are available. This may simplify, or eliminate, the policy matching  
1100 step later described in step C.
  - 1101 5. Remove any intents that do not include the target element's type in their  
1102 @constrains attribute.
  - 1103 6. If the set of intents includes both a qualified version of an intent and an unqualified  
1104 version of the same intent, remove the unqualified version from the set.

1105  
1106 \* *The required intent set now contains all intents that must be provided for the target  
1107 element.*

1108

1109 B. Remove all directly supported intents from the required intent set. Directly supported  
1110 intents are:

- 1111 • For a binding instance, the intents listed in the @alwaysProvides attribute of the  
1112 binding type definition as well as the intents listed in the binding type's @mayProvides  
1113 attribute that are selected when the binding instance is configured.
- 1114 • For a implementation instance, the intents listed in the @alwaysProvides attribute of  
1115 the implementation type definition as well as the intents listed in the implementation  
1116 type's @mayProvides attribute that are selected when the implementation instance is  
1117 configured.

1118

1119 \* *The remaining required intents must be provided by policySets.*

1120

1121 C. Calculate the list of explicitly specified policySets that apply to the target element.

1122

1123 In this calculation, a policySet *applies to* a target element if the XPath expression contained  
1124 in the policySet's @appliesTo attribute is **evaluated** against the parent of the **target element**  
1125 and the result of the XPath expression includes the **target element**. For example,  
1126 @appliesTo="binding.ws[@impl='axis']" will match any binding.ws element that has an  
1127 @impl attribute value of 'axis'.

1128

1129 The list of explicitly specified policySets is calculated as follows:

1130

- 1131 1. Start with the list of policySets specified in the element's @policySets attribute.
- 1132 2. If any of these explicitly listed policySets does *not* apply to the target element  
1133 (binding or implementation) then the composite is invalid. *The point of this rule is that*  
1134 *it must have been a mistake to have explicitly listed a policySet on a binding or*  
1135 *implementation element that cannot apply to that element.*
- 1136 3. Include the values of @policySets attributes from ancestor elements.
- 1137 4. Remove any policySet where the XPath expression in that policySet's @appliesTo  
1138 attribute does not match the target element. *It is not an error for an element to inherit a*  
1139 *policySet from an ancestor element which doesn't apply.*

1140

1141 A policySet matches a required intent if any of the following are true:

1142

- 1143 1. The required intent matches a provides intent in a policySet exactly.
- 1144 2. The provides intent is a parent (e.g. prefix) of the required intent (in this case the  
1145 policySet must have an intentMap entry for the requested qualifier)
- 1146 3. The provides intent is more qualified than the required intent.

1147

1148 D. Remove all required intents that are provided by the specified policySets.

1149

1150 \* *The remaining required intents, if any, are provided by finding additional matching*  
1151 *policySets within the SCA Domain.*

1152

1153 E. Choose the smallest collection of additional policySets that match all remaining required  
1154 intents.

1155

1156

1157 \* *All intents should now be satisfied.*

1158

1159 F. If no collection of policySets covers all required intents, the configuration is not valid.

1160  
1161 G. If there is not one unique smallest collection of policySets that satisfy all required  
1162 intents, then the composite definition document is not valid. The composite definition must  
1163 be changed so that either it has enough explicit policySets declared that the ambiguity is  
1164 removed or additional intents are added to remove the ambiguity.  
1165  
1166 H. If a required intent is unqualified and matches a policySet that is also unqualified, then  
1167 the intentMap entry for the qualifier that is marked with default="true" should be used.  
1168  
1169 When the configuration is not valid, it means that the required intents are not being  
1170 correctly satisfied. However, an SCA Domain may allow a deployer to force deployment  
1171 even in the presence of such errors. The behaviors and options enforced by a deployer is  
1172 not specified.  
1173

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## 5 Implementation Policies

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1175

1176 The basic model for Implementation Policies is very similar to the model for interaction  
1177 policies described above. Abstract QoS requirements, in the form of intents, may be  
1178 associated with SCA component implementations to indicate implementation policy  
1179 requirements. These abstract capabilities are mapped to concrete policies via policySets at  
1180 deployment time. Alternatively, policies can be associated directly with component  
1181 implementations.

1182

1183 The following example shows how intents can be associated with an implementation:

1184

```
1185 <component name="xs:NCName" ... >  
1186     <implementation.* ...  
1187         requires="listOfQNames">  
1188         ...  
1189     </implementation>  
1190     ...  
1191 </component>
```

1192

1193 If, for example, one of the intent names in the value of the @requires attribute is 'logging',  
1194 this indicates that all messages to and from the component must be logged. The technology  
1195 used to implement the logging is unspecified. Specific technology is selected when the  
1196 intent is mapped to a policySet (unless the implementation type has native support for the  
1197 intent, as described in the next section). A list of required implementation intents may also  
1198 be specified by any ancestor element of the <sca:implementation> element. The effective  
1199 list of required implementation intents is the union of intents specified on the  
1200 implementation element and all its ancestors.

1201

1202 In addition, one or more policySets may be specified directly by associating them with the  
1203 implementation of a component.

1204

```
1205 <component name="xs:NCName" ... >  
1206     <implementation.*  
1207         policySets="="listOfQNames">  
1208         ...  
1209     </implementation>  
1210     ...  
1211 </component>
```

1212

1213 If any of the explicitly listed policy sets includes an intent map, then the intent map entry  
1214 used will be the one for the appropriate intent qualifier(s) listed in the effective list of  
1215 required intents. If no qualifier is specified for an intent map's qualifiable intent, then the  
1216 default qualifier is used.

1217

1218 The above example shows how intents and policySets may be specified on a component. It  
1219 is also possible to specify required intents and policySets within the implementation. How  
1220 this is done is defined by the implementation type.

1221

1222 The required intents and policy sets are specified on the <sca:implementation.\*> element  
1223 within the component type. This is important because intent and policy set definitions need  
1224 to be able to specify that they constrain an appropriate implementation type.

```
1225 <componentType>  
1226     <implementation.* requires="listOfQNames" policySets="listOfQNames">  
1227         ...  
1228 </implementation>  
1229     ...  
1230 </componentType>
```

1231  
1232 When applying policies, the intents required by the implementation are added to the intents  
1233 required by the using component. For the explicitly listed policySets, the list in the  
1234 component may override policySets from the component type. More precisely, a policySet  
1235 on the componentType is considered to be overridden, and is not used, if it has a @provides  
1236 list that includes an intent that is also listed in any component policySet @provides list.

1237

## 1238 5.1 Natively Supported Intents

1239 Each implementation type (e.g. <sca.implementation.java> or <sca.implementation.bpel>) has an  
1240 implementation type definition within the SCA Domain. The form of the implementation type  
1241 definition is as follows:

```
1242  
1243 <implementationType type="NCName"  
1244     alwaysProvides="listOfQNames"? mayProvide="listOfQNames"?/>  
1245
```

1246 The @type attribute should specify the QName of an XSD global element definition that will  
1247 be used for implementation elements with of that type (e.g. sca:implementation.java).  
1248 There are two lists of intents. The intents in the @mayProvide list are provided only for  
1249 components that require them (they are present in the effective list of required intents).  
1250 The intents in the @alwaysProvides list are provided irrespective of the list of required  
1251 intents.

1252

## 1253 5.2 Operation-Level Intents and PolicySets on Implementations

1254  
1255 It is also possible to declare implementation policies that apply only to specific operations of  
1256 a service, rather than all of them, by associating intents and policySets with individual  
1257 operations contained within implementations. The syntax is analogous to that proposed  
1258 above. See the pseudo-schema below:

```
1259  
1260 <component name="xs:NCName">  
1261     <implementation.* policySets="listOfQNames"  
1262         requires="list of intent xs:QNames">  
1263         ...  
1264         <operation name="xs:string" service="xs:string"?  
1265             policySets="listOfQNames"?  
1266             requires="listOfQNames"?/>*  
1267         ...  
1268     </implementation>  
1269     ...  
1270 </component>
```

1271

1272 As in the pseudo-schema displayed earlier, the intents associated with the operation appear  
1273 as the value of the optional @requires attribute. PolicySets may also be explicitly associated  
1274 with the operation by using the optional @policySets attribute. If a policySet that is listed in  
1275 @policySets provides a qualifiable intent that also is listed in the effective required intent  
1276 list, then the qualifier is used to override the default qualifier in the policySet.

1277  
1278 Operations are identified by names which are xs:string values. The operation names will be  
1279 names defined by the interface definition language. For example, for Java interfaces they  
1280 will be Java names. For WSDL, they will be WSDL1.1 identifiers. See[WSDL -IDs] or WSDL  
1281 2.0 Component Identifier names See [WSDL]. If more than one service implemented by this  
1282 implementation has an operation with the same name, then the @service attribute is  
1283 required in order to disambiguate them. However, if more than one operation within a single  
1284 service has the same name (i.e. it is overloaded) then the values of the attributes  
1285 @requires and @policySet are associated with *all* operations with that name. SCA does not  
1286 currently provide a means for disambiguating overloaded operations.

1287  
1288 The algorithm for mapping of intents to policySets is described in Section [Guided Selection](#)  
1289 [of PolicySets using Intents](#).

## 1290 **5.3 Writing PolicySets for Implementation Policies**

1291  
1292 The @appliesTo attribute for a policySet takes an XPath expression that is applied to a  
1293 binding or an implementation element. For implementation policies, in most cases, all that is  
1294 needed is the QName of the implementation type. Implementation policies may be  
1295 expressed using any policy language (which is to say, any configuration language). For  
1296 example, XACML or EJB-style annotations may be used to declare authorization policies.  
1297 Other capabilities could be configured using completely proprietary configuration formats.  
1298 For example, a policySet declared to turn on trace-level logging for some fictional BPEL  
1299 executions engine would be declared as follows:

```
1300  
1301 <policySet name="loggingPolicy" provides="acme:logging.trace"  
1302           appliesTo="sca:implementation.bpel" ...>  
1303     <acme:processLogging level="3"/>  
1304 </policySet>
```

1305  
1306 PolicySets or intent map entries may include PolicyAttachment elements. A  
1307 PolicyAttachment element has a child-element called AppliesTo followed by a policy  
1308 expression. The AppliesTo indicates the subject that the policy applies to. In the SCA case,  
1309 the policy subject is indicated by where the policySet is attached and so, this will generally  
1310 be omitted. (This AppliesTo element should not be confused with the @appliesTo attribute  
1311 for a policySet. They have quite different meanings.)

1312  
1313 Following the AppliesTo is a policy expression. In [WS-Policy](#) [WS-Policy] this can be a WS-  
1314 Policy expression or a WS-PolicyReference, For SCA, we need to generalize this to contain  
1315 policy expressions in other policy languages.

### 1317 **5.3.1 Non WS-Policy Examples**

1318  
1319 Authorization policies expressed in XACML [could](#) be used in the framework in two ways:  
1320

- 1321 1. Embed XACML expressions directly in the PolicyAttachment element using the  
1322 extensibility elements discussed above, or  
1323 2. Define WS-Policy assertions to wrap XACML expressions.  
1324  
1325 For EJB-style authorization policy, [the same approach could be used](#):  
1326  
1327 1. Embed EJB-annotations in the PolicyAttachment element using the extensibility elements  
1328 discussed above, or  
1329 2. Use the WS-Policy assertions defined as wrappers for EJB annotations.  
1330

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## 1331 6 Roles and Responsibilities

1332 There are 4 roles that are significant for the SCA Policy Framework. The following is a list of  
1333 the roles and the artifacts that the role creates:

- 1334
- 1335 • Policy Administrator – policySet definitions and intent definitions
  - 1336 • Developer – Implementations and component types
  - 1337 • Assembler - Composites
  - 1338 • Deployer – Composites and the SCA Domain (including the logical Domain-level  
1339 composite)

1340

### 1341 6.1 Policy Administrator

1342 An intent represents a requirement that a developer or assembler can make, which  
1343 ultimately must be satisfied at runtime. The full definition of the requirement is the informal  
1344 text description in the intent definition.

1345

1346 The **policy administrator**'s job is to both define the intents that are available and to define  
1347 the policySets that represent the concrete realization of those informal descriptions for  
1348 some set of binding type or implementation types. See the sections on intent and policySet  
1349 definitions for the details of those definitions.

1350

### 1351 6.2 Developer

1352 When it is possible for a component to be written without assuming a specific binding type  
1353 for its services and references, then the **developer** uses intents to specify requirements in  
1354 a binding neutral way.

1355

1356 If the developer requires a specific binding type for a component, then the developer can  
1357 specify bindings and policySets with the implementation of the component. Those bindings  
1358 and policySets will be represented in the component type for the implementation (although  
1359 that component type might be generated from the implementation).

1360

1361 If any of the policySets used for the implementation include intentMaps, then the default  
1362 choice for the intentMap can be overridden by an assembler or deployer by requiring a  
1363 qualified intent that is present in the intentMap.

1364

### 1365 6.3 Assembler

1366 An **assembler** creates composites. Because composites are implementations, an assembler  
1367 is like a developer, except that the implementations created by an assembler are  
1368 composites made up of other components wired together. So, like other developers, the  
1369 assembler can specify required intents or bindings or policySets on any service or reference  
1370 of the composite.

1371

1372 However, in addition the definition of composite-level services and references, it is also  
1373 possible for the assembler to use the policy framework to further configure components

1374 within the composite. The assembler may add additional requirements to any component's  
1375 services or references or to the component itself (for implementation policies). The  
1376 assembler may also override the bindings or policySets used for the component. See the  
1377 assembly specification's description of overriding rules for details on overriding.  
1378

1379 As a shortcut, an assembler can also specify intents and policySets on any element in the  
1380 composite definition, which has the same effect as specifying those intents and policySets  
1381 on every applicable binding or implementation below that element (where applicability is  
1382 determined by the @appliesTo attribute of the policySet definition or the @constrains  
1383 attribute of the intent definition).  
1384

## 1385 **6.4 Deployer**

1386 A **deployer** deploys implementations (typically composites) into the SCA Domain. It is the  
1387 deployers job to make the final decisions about all configurable aspects of an  
1388 implementation that is to be deployed and to make sure that all required intents are  
1389 satisfied.  
1390

1391 If the deployer determines that an implementation is correctly configured as it is, then the  
1392 implementation may be deployed directly. However, more typically, the deployer will create  
1393 a new composite, which contains a component for each implementation to be deployed  
1394 along with any changes to the bindings or policySets that the deployer desires.

1395 1093 When the deployer is determining whether the existing list of policySets is correct for  
1396 a component, the deployer needs to consider both the explicitly listed policySets as well as  
1397 the policySets that will be chosen according to the algorithm specified in [Guided Selection of  
1398 PolicySets using Intents](#).

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## 7 Security Policy

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1401 The SCA Security Model provides SCA developers the flexibility to specify the required level  
1402 of security protection for their components to satisfy business requirements without the  
1403 burden of understanding detailed security mechanisms.

1404

1405 The SCA Policy framework distinguishes between two types of policies: **interaction policy**  
1406 and **implementation policy**. Interaction policy governs the communications between  
1407 clients and service providers and typically applies to Services and References. In the  
1408 security space, interaction policy is concerned with client and service provider authentication  
1409 and message protection requirements. Implementation policy governs security constraints  
1410 on service implementations and typically applies to Components. In the security space,  
1411 implementation policy concerns include access control, identity delegation, and other  
1412 security quality of service characteristics that are pertinent to the service implementations.

1413

1414 The SCA security interaction policy can be specified via intents or policySets. Intents  
1415 represent security quality of service requirements at a high abstraction level, independent  
1416 from security protocols, while policySets specify concrete policies at a detailed level which  
1417 are typically security protocol specific.

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1419 The SCA security policy can be specified either in the SCDL or annotatively in the  
1420 implementation code. Language-specific annotations are described in the respective  
1421 language Client and Implementation specifications.

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### 7.1 SCA Security Intents

1424 The SCA security specification defines the following intents to specify interaction policy:  
1425 authentication, confidentiality, and integrity.

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1427 **authentication** – the authentication intent is used to indicate that a client must  
1428 authenticate itself in order to use an SCA service. Typically, the client security infrastructure  
1429 is responsible for the server authentication in order to guard against a "man in the middle"  
1430 attack.

1431

1432 **confidentiality** – the confidentiality intent is used to indicate that the contents of a  
1433 message are accessible only to those authorized to have access (typically the service client  
1434 and the service provider). A common approach is to encrypt the message, although other  
1435 methods are possible.

1436

1437 **integrity** – the integrity intent is used to indicate that assurance is required that the  
1438 contents of a message have not been tampered with and altered between sender and  
1439 receiver. A common approach is to digitally sign the message, although other methods are  
1440 possible.

1441

## 1442 7.2 Interaction Security Policy

1443 Any one of the three security intents may be further qualified to specify more specific  
1444 business requirements. Two qualifiers are defined by the SCA security specification:  
1445 transport and message, which can be applied to any of the above three intent's.

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### 1447 7.2.1 Qualifiers

1448 **transport** – the transport qualifier specifies the qualified intent should be realized at the  
1449 transport layer of the communication protocol.

1450

1451 **message** – the message qualifier specifies that the qualified intent should be realized at the  
1452 message level of the communication protocol.

1453

1454 The following example snippet shows the usage of intents and qualified intents.

1455

```
1456 <composite name="example" requires="confidentiality">  
1457     <service name="foo"/>  
1458     ...  
1459     <reference name="bar" requires="confidentiality.message"/>  
1460 </composite>
```

1461

1462 In this case, the composite declares that all of its services and references must guarantee  
1463 confidentiality in their communication by setting requires="confidentiality". This applies to  
1464 the "foo" service. However, the "bar" reference further qualifies that requirement to  
1465 specifically require message-level security by setting requires="confidentiality.message".

1466

### 1467 7.2.2 Operation Level Intents

1468 Intents may be specified at the operation level. The operation element does not distinguish  
1469 operations with different arguments. Operation level intents override the service level  
1470 intents of the same type. For example an operation level "confidentiality.message" intent  
1471 would override service level "confidentiality" intent, but would not override other types of  
1472 intents at service level such as "integrity" and "authentication" intents.

1473

1474 Use the following implementation as an example.

1475

```
1476 public interface HelloService {  
1477     String hello(String message);  
1478 }  
1479  
1480 import org.osoa.sca.annotations.*;  
1481  
1482 @Service(HelloServiceImpl.class)  
1483 public class HelloServiceImpl implements HelloService {  
1484     public String hello(String message) {  
1485         ...  
1486     }  
1487 }
```

1488

1488 Consider the following composite document:

1489

```
1490 <service name="HelloServiceImpl"
```

```
1491         requires="authentication integrity.transport
1492         confidentiality.transport">
1493     <interface.wSDL interface="...#wsdl.interface(HelloService)"/>
1494     <operation name="hello"
1495         requires="authentication.message integrity.message"/>
1496     <binding.ws/>
1497 </service>
```

1498

1499 The effective QoS intent's on the "hello" operation of the HelloService are  
1500 "authentication.message", "integrity.message", and "confidentiality.transport".  
1501

## 1502 7.2.3 References to Concrete Policies

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1504 In addition to the SCA intent model's late binding approach, developers can reference  
1505 concrete policies explicitly by attaching policySets directly, as shown below:

```
1506
1507 <service name="foo">
1508     <interface.wSDL interface="..." />
1509     <binding.ws policySets="acme:CorporatePolicySet3"/>
1510 </service>
```

1511

1512 It is possible to use the @requires attribute and the @policySets attributes together during  
1513 development, it indicates the intention of the developer to configure the element, such  
1514 as a binding, by the application of specific @policySets that are in scope for this element  
1515 using the computed intents that apply to this element. The @requires attribute designates a  
1516 configuration of concrete policies specified by the policySets overriding the defaults specified  
1517 in the policySets.

1518

## 1519 7.3 Implementation Security Policy

1520 SCA security model provides a policy reference mechanism which can specify security  
1521 implementation policy files external to the SCA composite document. Security  
1522 implementation policy of component implementation such as EJB can be defined in J2EE  
1523 deployment descriptor ejb-jar.xml which can be referred to by the policy reference  
1524 document. Additionally SCA security model defines a security implementation policy that  
1525 may be used by POJO component implementation as well as other type of component  
1526 implementations.

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### 1528 7.3.1 Authorization and Security Identity Policy

1529 Two policy assertions are defined which apply to implementations – **Authorization** and  
1530 **SecurityIdentity**. Authorization controls who can access the protected SCA resources. A  
1531 security role is an abstract concept that represents a set of access control constraints on  
1532 SCA resources such as composites, components, and operations. The approach and scope of  
1533 the mapping of role names to security principals is SCA runtime implementation dependent.  
1534 Scope implies the set of artifacts contained by some higher-level artifact, so that a  
1535 composite contains components, a component contains services and references, services  
1536 and reference contain an interface, an interface contains operations.

1537

1538 Security Identity declares the security identity under which an operation will be executed.  
1539 Both are represented as policy assertions that would be used within policySets created for  
1540 implementations (i.e. implementation policies). The following policy assertions are defined:

```
1541  
1542 <allow roles="listOfNCNames">  
1543
```

1544 When the <allow> element is included in a policySet used on a component, then that  
1545 component can only be accessed by principals whose role corresponds to one of the role  
1546 names listed in the @roles attribute. How role names are mapped to security principals is  
1547 implementation dependent (SCA does not define this).

```
1548  
1549 <permitAll/>  
1550 <denyAll/>  
1551
```

1552 The <permitAll/> and </denyAll> policy assertions grant or deny access to all principals,  
1553 respectively.

```
1554  
1555 <runAs role="xs:NCName">  
1556
```

1557 The <runAs> policy assertion specifies the name of a security role. Any code so annotated  
1558 will run with the permissions of that role. How runAs role names are mapped to security  
1559 principals is implementation dependent.

1560

### 1561 7.3.2 Implementation Policy Example

1562

1563 The following is an example implementation, written in Java. The AccountServiceImpl  
1564 implements the **AccountService** interface, which is defined via a Java interface:

```
1565  
1566 package services.account;  
1567  
1568 @Remotable  
1569  
1570 public interface AccountService{  
1571  
1572     public AccountReport getAccountReport(String customerID);  
1573 }  
1574
```

1575 The following is a composite that contains an AccountServiceComponent, which should be  
1576 accessible by anyone with the "customer" role.

```
1577  
1578 <composite xmlns="http://www.oesa.org/xmlns/sca/1.0"  
1579     name="AccountService">  
1580     <component name="AccountServiceComponent">*  
1581         <implementation.java class="services.account.AccountServiceImpl"  
1582             policySets="acme:allow_customers"/>  
1583     </component>  
1584 </composite>  
1585
```

1586 The following is what the policySet definition looks like for this case.

```
1587  
1588 <policySet name="allow_customers">  
1589     <allow roles="customers">
```

1590 </policySet>  
1591

### 1592 **7.3.3 SCA Component Container Requirements**

1593  
1594 SCA component containers MUST support the SCA policy intent model including annotated  
1595 intent and policySets reference. Additionally SCA component containers MUST satisfy the  
1596 following security management requirements.  
1597

### 1598 **7.3.4 Security Identity Propagation**

1599 SCA container MUST establish security identity when authentication is required based on the  
1600 security intents before executing the SCA component implementation. The security identity  
1601 under which the operation is executed is determined by the run-as security policy. It is  
1602 either the user identity who invokes the SCA operation or the identity that represents the  
1603 run-as security role. When an SCA operation invokes other SCA services, SCA component  
1604 container must propagate the security identity along with the SCA request.  
1605

### 1606 **7.3.5 Security Identity Of Async Callback**

1607 In SCA async programming model, the security identity that executes the callback operation  
1608 by default should be the same as security identity under which the original operation was  
1609 executed.  
1610

### 1611 **7.3.6 Default Authorization Policy**

1612 It may happen that some operations are not assigned any security roles and are not marked  
1613 as DenyAll or PermitAll. In the SCA deployment process, those operations must be assigned  
1614 security roles or marked as DenyAll or PermitAll. At runtime time if any operations are not  
1615 associated with any explicit authorization policy, no access control will be enforced on those  
1616 operations, i.e., PermitAll.  
1617

### 1618 **7.3.7 Default RunAs Policy**

1619 Operations will be executed under authentication user identity if no RunAs role policy is  
1620 explicitly specified.  
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## 8 Reliability Policy

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1623 Failures can affect the communication between a service consumer and a service provider.  
1624 Depending on the characteristics of the binding, these failures could cause messages to be  
1625 redelivered, delivered in a different order than they were originally sent out or even worse,  
1626 could cause messages to be lost. Some transports like JMS provide built-in reliability  
1627 features such as at least once and exactly once message delivery. Other transports like  
1628 HTTP need to have additional layers built on top of them to provide some of these features.  
1629

1630 The events that occur due to failures in communication may affect the outcome of the  
1631 service invocation. For an implementation of a stock trade service, a message redelivery  
1632 could result in a new trade. A client (i.e. consumer) of the same service could receive a fault  
1633 message if trade orders are not delivered to the service implementation in the order they  
1634 were sent out. In some cases, these failures could have dramatic consequences.  
1635

1636 An SCA developer can anticipate some types of failures and work around them in service  
1637 implementations. For example, the implementation of a stock trade service could be  
1638 designed to support duplicate message detection. An implementation of a purchase order  
1639 service could have built in logic that orders the incoming messages. In these cases, service  
1640 implementations don't need the binding layers to provide these reliability features (e.g.  
1641 duplicate message detection, message ordering). However, this comes at a cost: extra  
1642 complexity is built in the service implementation. Along with business logic, the service  
1643 implementation has additional logic that handles these failures.  
1644

1645 Although service implementations can work around some of these types of failures, it is  
1646 worth noting that is not always possible. A message may be lost or expire even before it is  
1647 delivered to the service implementation.  
1648

1649 Instead of handling some of these issues in the service implementation, a better way of  
1650 doing it is to use a binding or a protocol that supports reliable messaging. This is better, not  
1651 just because it simplifies application development, it may also lead to better throughput. For  
1652 example, there is less need for application-level acknowledgement messages. A binding  
1653 supports reliable messaging if it provides features such as message delivery guarantees,  
1654 duplicate message detection and message ordering.  
1655

1656 It is very important for the SCA developer to be able to require, at design-time, a binding or  
1657 protocol that supports reliable messaging. SCA defines a set of policy intents that can be  
1658 used for specifying reliable messaging Quality of Service requirements. These reliable  
1659 messaging intents establish a contract between the binding layer and the application layer  
1660 (i.e. service implementation or the service consumer implementation) (see below).  
1661

### 8.1 Policy Intents

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1663  
1664 Based on the use-cases described above, we define the following policy intents. It's worth  
1665 noting that SCA does not provide support for attaching an intent at a message level.  
1666 Therefore, an intent attached at an operation level applies to all the messages in the  
1667 operation (e.g. both request and response messages for a request/response message  
1668 exchange pattern).

1669 1) **atLeastOnce** - The binding implementation guarantees that a message that is  
1670 successfully sent by a service consumer is delivered to the destination (i.e. service  
1671 implementation). The message could be delivered more than once to the service  
1672 implementation.  
1673

1674 The binding implementation guarantees that a message that is successfully sent by a  
1675 service implementation is delivered to the destination (i.e. service consumer). The  
1676 message could be delivered more than once to the service consumer.  
1677

1678 2) **atMostOnce** - The binding implementation guarantees that a message that is  
1679 successfully sent by a service consumer is not delivered more than once to the service  
1680 implementation. The binding implementation does not guarantee that the message is  
1681 delivered to the service implementation.  
1682

1683 The binding implementation guarantees that a message that is successfully sent by a  
1684 service implementation is not delivered more than once to the service consumer. The  
1685 binding implementation does not guarantee that the message is delivered to the  
1686 service consumer.  
1687

1688 3) **ordered** - The binding implementation guarantees that the messages are delivered  
1689 to the service implementation in the order in which they were sent by the service  
1690 consumer. This intent does not guarantee that messages that are sent by a service  
1691 consumer are delivered to the service implementation.  
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1693 The binding implementation guarantees that the messages are delivered to the  
1694 service consumer in the order in which they were sent by the service  
1695 implementation. This intent does not guarantee that messages that are sent by the  
1696 service implementation are delivered to the service consumer.  
1697

1698 4) **exactlyOnce** - The binding implementation guarantees that a message sent by a  
1699 service consumer is delivered to the service implementation. Also, the binding  
1700 implementation guarantees that the message is not delivered more than once to the  
1701 service implementation.  
1702

1703 The binding implementation guarantees that a message sent by a service  
1704 implementation is delivered to the service consumer. Also, the binding  
1705 implementation guarantees that the message is not delivered more than once to the  
1706 service consumer.  
1707

1708 NOTE: This is a profile intent, which is composed of *atLeastOnce* and *atMostOnce*.  
1709

1710 This is the most reliable intent since it guarantees the following:  
1711

- 1712 • message delivery – all the messages sent by a sender are delivered to the service  
1713 implementation (i.e. Java class, BPEL process, etc.).  
1714
- 1715 • duplicate message detection and elimination – a message sent by a sender is not  
1716 processed more than once by the service implementation.  
1717

1718 How can a binding implementation guarantee that a message that it receives is delivered to  
1719 the service implementation? One way to do it is by persisting the message and keeping  
1720 redelivering it until it is processed by the service implementation. That way, if the system

1721 crashes after delivery but while processing it, the message will be redelivered on restart and  
1722 processed again. Since a message could be delivered multiple times to the service  
1723 implementation, this technique usually requires the service implementation to perform  
1724 duplicate message detection. However, that is not always possible. Often times service  
1725 implementations that perform critical operations are designed without having support for  
1726 duplicate message detection. Therefore, they cannot *process* an incoming  
1727 message more than once.

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1729 Also, consider the scenario where a message is delivered to a service implementation that  
1730 does not handle duplicates - the system crashes after a message is delivered to the service  
1731 implementation but before it is completely processed. Should the underlying layer redeliver  
1732 the message on restart? If it did that, there is a risk that some critical operations (e.g.  
1733 sending out a JMS message or updating a DB table) will be executed again when the  
1734 message is processed. On the other hand, if the underlying layer does not redeliver the  
1735 message, there is a risk that the message is never completely processed.

1736

1737 This issue cannot be safely solved unless all the critical operations performed by the service  
1738 implementation are running in a transaction. Therefore, *exactlyOnce* cannot be assured  
1739 without involving the service implementation. In other words, an *exactlyOnce* message  
1740 delivery does not guarantee *exactlyOnce* message processing unless the service  
1741 implementation is transactional. It's worth noting that this is a necessary condition but not  
1742 sufficient. The underlying layer (e.g. binding implementation, container) would have to  
1743 ensure that a message is not redelivered to the service implementation after the transaction  
1744 is committed. As an example, a way to ensure it when the binding uses JMS is by making  
1745 sure the operation that acknowledges the message is executed in the same transaction the  
1746 service implementation is running in.

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## 1748 **8.2 End to end Reliable Messaging**

1749 Failures can occur at different points in the message path: in the binding layer on the  
1750 sender side, in the transport layer or in the binding layer on the receiver side. The SCA  
1751 service developer doesn't really care where the failure occurs. Whether a message was lost  
1752 due to a network failure or due to a crash of the machine where the service is deployed, is  
1753 not that much important. What is important though, is that the contract between the  
1754 application layer (i.e. service implementation or service consumer) and the binding layer is  
1755 not violated (e.g. a message that was successfully transmitted by a sender is always  
1756 delivered to the destination; a message that was successfully transmitted by a sender is not  
1757 delivered more than once to the service implementation, etc). It is worth noting that  
1758 the binding layer could throw an exception when a sender (e.g. service consumer, service  
1759 implementation) sends a message out. This is not considered a successful message  
1760 transmission.

1761

1762 In order to ensure the semantics of the reliable messaging intents, the entire message path,  
1763 which is composed of the binding layer on the client side, the transport layer and the  
1764 binding layer on the service side, must be reliable.

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## 1766 **8.3 Intent definitions**

```
1767 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="ASCII"?>  
1768 <definitions xmlns="http://www.oso.org/xmlns/sca/1.0" >
```

```
1769 <intent name="atLeastOnce"
1770     appliesTo="sca:binding">
1771     <description>
1772         This intent is used to indicate that a message sent
1773         by a client is always delivered to the component.
1774     </description>
1775 </intent>
1776
1777 <intent name="atMostOnce"
1778     appliesTo="sca:binding">
1779     <description>
1780         This intent is used to indicate that a message that was
1781         successfully sent by a client is not delivered more than
1782         once to the component.
1783     </description>
1784 </intent>
1785
1786 <intent name="ordered"
1787     appliesTo="sca:binding">
1788     <description>
1789         This intent is used to indicate that all the messages
1790         are delivered to the component in the order they were
1791         sent by the client.
1792     </description>
1793 </intent>
1794
1795 <intent name="exactlyOnce"
1796     appliesTo="sca:binding" requires="atLeastOnce atMostOnce">
1797     <description>
1798         This profile intent is used to indicate that a message
1799         sent by a client is always delivered to the component.
1800         It also indicates that duplicate messages are not
1801         delivered to the component.
1802     </description>
1803 </intent>
1804 </definitions>
1805
1806
```

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## 1807 9 Miscellaneous Intents

1808 The following are standard intents that apply to bindings and are not related to either  
1809 security or reliable messaging:

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1811 **SOAP** – The SOAP intent specifies that the SOAP messaging model should be used for  
1812 delivering messages. It does not require the use of any specific transport technology for  
1813 delivering the messages, so for example, this intent can be supported by a binding that  
1814 sends SOAP messages over HTTP, bare TCP or even JMS. If the intent is required in an  
1815 unqualified form then any version of SOAP is acceptable. Standard qualified intents also  
1816 exist for SOAP.1\_1 and SOAP.1\_2, which specify the use of versions 1.1 or 1.2 of SOAP  
1817 respectively.

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1819 **JMS** – The JMS intent does not specify a wire-level transport protocol, but instead requires  
1820 that whatever binding technology is used, the messages should be able to be delivered and  
1821 received via the JMS API.

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1823 **NoListener** – This intent may only be used within the @requires attribute of a reference. It  
1824 states that the client is not able to handle new inbound connections. It requires that the  
1825 binding and callback binding be configured so that any response (or callback) comes either  
1826 through a back channel of the connection from the client to the server or by having the  
1827 client poll the server for messages. An example policy assertion that would guarantee this is  
1828 a WS-Policy assertion that applies to the <binding.ws> binding, which requires the use of  
1829 WS-Addressing with anonymous responses (e.g.  
1830 <wsaw:Anonymous>required</wsaw:Anonymous>” – see  
1831 <http://www.w3.org/TR/ws-addr-wsdl/#anonelement>).

1832

1833 **BP.1\_1** – This intent specifies the use of a binding that conforms to the WS-I Basic Profile  
1834 version 1.1. Any binding or policySet that provides this intent should also provide the SOAP  
1835 intent. However, the BP intent is not a *profile intent*, since it is not completely satisfied by  
1836 the lower-level SOAP– there are additional semantic requirements.

1837

1838 **Conversational** - This intent is meant to be used on an interface, and indicates that the  
1839 interface is "conversational" as defined in the [SCA Assembly Specification](#) [SCA-Assembly].

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## 10 Conformance

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## A: Schemas

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### 1845 A.1 XML Schemas

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```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!-- (c) Copyright SCA Collaboration 2006, 2007 -->
<schema xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  targetNamespace="http://www.oesa.org/xmlns/sca/1.0"
  xmlns:sca="http://www.oesa.org/xmlns/sca/1.0"
  xmlns:wsp="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/09/policy"
  elementFormDefault="qualified">

  <include schemaLocation="sca-core.xsd"/>
  <import namespace="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/09/policy"
    schemaLocation="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/09/ws-
policy.xsd"/>

  <element name="intent" type="sca:Intent"/>
  <complexType name="Intent">
    <sequence>
      <element name="description" type="string" minOccurs="0"
        maxOccurs="1" />
      <any namespace="##other" processContents="lax"
        minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
    </sequence>
    <attribute name="name" type="NCName" use="required"/>
    <attribute name="constrains" type="sca:listOfQNames"
use="required"/>
    <attribute name="requires" type="sca:listOfQNames"
use="optional"/>
    <anyAttribute namespace="##any" processContents="lax"/>
  </complexType>

  <element name="policySet" type="sca:PolicySet"/>
  <complexType name="PolicySet">
    <choice minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
      <element name="policySetReference"
        type="sca:PolicySetReference"/>
      <element name="intentMap" type="sca:IntentMap"/>
      <element ref="wsp:PolicyAttachment"/>
      <element ref="wsp:Policy"/>
      <element ref="wsp:PolicyReference"/>
      <any namespace="##other" processContents="lax"/>
    </choice>
    <attribute name="name" type="NCName" use="required"/>
    <attribute name="provides" type="sca:listOfQNames"/>
    <attribute name="appliesTo" type="string" use="required"/>
    <anyAttribute namespace="##any" processContents="lax"/>
  </complexType>
```

```

1893 <complexType name="PolicySetReference">
1894     <attribute name="name" type="QName" use="required"/>
1895     <anyAttribute namespace="##any" processContents="lax"/>
1896 </complexType>
1897
1898 <complexType name="IntentMap">
1899     <choice minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="unbounded">
1900     <element name="qualifier" type="sca:Qualifier"/>
1901     <any namespace="##other" processContents="lax"/>
1902     </choice>
1903     <attribute name="provides" type="QName" use="required"/>
1904     <attribute name="default" type="string" use="optional"/>
1905     <anyAttribute namespace="##any" processContents="lax"/>
1906 </complexType>
1907
1908 <complexType name="Qualifier">
1909     <choice minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="unbounded">
1910     <element name="intentMap" type="sca:IntentMap"/>
1911     <element ref="wsp:PolicyAttachment"/>
1912     <any namespace="##other" processContents="lax"/>
1913     </choice>
1914     <attribute name="name" type="string" use="required"/>
1915     <anyAttribute namespace="##any" processContents="lax"/>
1916 </complexType>
1917
1918 <element name="allow" type="sca:Allow"/>
1919 <complexType name="Allow">
1920     <attribute name="roles" type="string" use="required"/>
1921 </complexType>
1922
1923 <element name="permitAll" type="sca:PermitAll"/>
1924 <complexType name="PermitAll"/>
1925
1926 <element name="denyAll" type="sca:DenyAll"/>
1927 <complexType name="DenyAll"/>
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1929 <element name="runAs" type="sca:RunAs"/>
1930 <complexType name="RunAs">
1931     <attribute name="role" type="string" use="required"/>
1932 </complexType>
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1934 <simpleType name="listOfNCNames">
1935 <list itemType="NCName"/>
1936 </simpleType>
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1938 </schema>
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## **B. Acknowledgements**

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## C. Non-Normative Text

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## D. Revision History

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Revision	Date	Editor	Changes Made
2	Nov 2, 2007	David Booz	Inclusion of OSOA errata and Issue 8
3	Nov 5, 2007	David Booz	Applied resolution of Issue 7, to Section 4.1 and 4.10. Fixed misc. typos/grammatical items.

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