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# 1 Introduction

This document defines the WS-I Basic Security Profile 1.1 (hereafter, "Profile"), consisting of a set of non-proprietary Web services specifications, along with clarifications to and amplifications of those specifications which promote interoperability.

Section 1, "*Introduction*," introduces the Basic Security Profile 1.1 and relates the philosophy that it takes with regard to interoperability.

Section 2, "*Conformance*," explains what it means to be conformant to the Basic Security Profile 1.1.

Section 3, "*Document Conventions*," describes notational conventions utilized by the Basic Security Profile 1.1.

Each subsequent section addresses a component of the Basic Security Profile 1.1, and consists of two parts: an overview detailing the component specifications and their extensibility points, followed by subsections that address individual parts of the component specifications. Note that there is no relationship between the section numbers in this document and those in the referenced specifications.

## 1.1 Guiding Principles

The Profile was developed according to a set of principles that, together, form the philosophy of the Basic Security Profile 1.1, as it relates to bringing about interoperability. This section documents these guidelines.

### *No guarantee of interoperability*

Although it is impossible to completely guarantee the interoperability of a particular service, the Basic Security Profile 1.1 attempts to increase interoperability by addressing the most common problems that implementation experience has revealed to date.

### *Focus profiling effort*

The focus of the Basic Security Profile 1.1 is the specifications that are explicitly defined as in-scope for the Basic Security Profile 1.1. Other specifications are profiled to the minimal extent necessary to allow meaningful profiling of the scoped specifications. This allows an in-depth profile of the scoped specifications with reduced constraining of other specifications.

### *Application semantics*

Although communication of application semantics can be facilitated by the technologies that comprise the Basic Security Profile 1.1, assuring the common understanding of those semantics is not addressed by it.

### *Testability*

When possible, the Basic Security Profile 1.1 makes statements that are testable. However, such testability is not required. Preferably, testing is achieved in a non-intrusive manner (e.g., examining artifacts "on the wire"). Note: Due to the nature of cryptographic security, non-intrusive testing may not be possible.

### *Strength of requirements*

The Profile makes strong requirements (e.g., MUST, MUST NOT) wherever feasible; if there are legitimate cases where such a requirement cannot be met, conditional requirements (e.g., MAY, SHOULD, SHOULD NOT) are used. Optional and conditional requirements introduce ambiguity and mismatches between implementations.

### *Restriction vs. relaxation*

When amplifying the requirements of referenced specifications (including the Basic Profile 1.0), the Basic Security Profile 1.1 may restrict them, but does not relax them (e.g., cannot change a MUST to a MAY).

#### *Multiple mechanisms*

If a referenced specification allows multiple mechanisms to be used interchangeably to achieve the same goal, the Basic Security Profile 1.1 selects those that are well-understood, widely implemented and useful. Extraneous or underspecified mechanisms and extensions introduce complexity and therefore reduce interoperability.

#### *Future compatibility*

When possible, the Basic Security Profile 1.1 aligns its requirements with in-progress revisions to the specifications it references. This aids implementers by enabling a graceful transition, and assures that WS-I does not 'fork' from these efforts. When the Basic Security Profile 1.1 cannot address an issue in a specification it references, this information is communicated to the appropriate body to assure its consideration.

#### *Compatibility with deployed services*

Backwards compatibility with deployed Web services is not a goal for the Basic Security Profile 1.1, but due consideration is given to it; the Profile does not introduce a change to the requirements of a referenced specification unless doing so addresses specific interoperability issues.

#### *Focus on interoperability*

Although there are potentially a number of inconsistencies and design flaws in the referenced specifications, the Basic Security Profile 1.1 only addresses those that affect interoperability.

#### *Conformance targets*

Where possible, the Basic Security Profile 1.1 places requirements on artifacts (e.g., WSDL descriptions, SOAP messages) rather than the producing or consuming software's behaviors or roles. Artifacts are concrete, making them easier to verify and therefore making conformance easier to understand and less error-prone.

#### *Lower-layer interoperability*

The Profile speaks to interoperability at the web-services layer only; it assumes that interoperability of lower-layer protocols (e.g. TCP, HTTP) and technologies (e.g. encryption and signature algorithms) is adequate and well-understood. WS-I does not attempt to assure the interoperability of these protocols and technologies as a whole. This assures that WS-I's expertise in and focus on Web Services standards is used effectively.

#### *Do no harm*

Interoperability of security technologies does not in and of itself ensure security, and the act of combining new technologies and protocols is especially susceptible to security threats. The profile takes steps to avoid introducing new security threats.

#### *Best Practices*

It is not the intent of the Basic Security Profile 1.1 to define security best practices. However, when multiple options exist, we may use known security weaknesses as a means of reducing choice and thus enhancing interoperability. The Basic Security Profile 1.1 will offer non-normative security considerations where the authors deem appropriate; however, these are by no means exhaustive and should not be perceived as a sanctioning of a security best practice.

#### *Selected Errata Inclusion*

The Basic Security Profile 1.1 restates selected requirements from the WS-Security Errata rather than including the entire Errata by reference, preferring interoperability over strict conformance.

## 1.2 Notational Conventions

The keywords "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [\[RFC2119\]](#).

Normative statements of requirements in the Basic Security Profile 1.1 (i.e., those impacting conformance, as outlined in "[Conformance Requirements](#)") are presented in the following manner:

**Rnnnn** *Statement text here.*

where "nnnn" is replaced by a number that is unique among the requirements in the Basic Security Profile 1.1, thereby forming a unique requirement identifier.

Requirement identifiers can be considered to be namespace qualified, in such a way as to be compatible with QNames from [Namespaces in XML \[xmlNames\]](#). If there is no explicit namespace prefix on a requirement's identifier (e.g., "R9999" as opposed to "bp10:R9999"), it should be interpreted as being in the namespace identified by the conformance URI of the document section it occurs in. If it is qualified, the prefix should be interpreted according to the namespace mappings in effect, as documented below.

Some requirements clarify the referenced specification(s), but do not place additional constraints upon implementations. For convenience, clarifications are annotated in the following manner: [C](#)

Some requirements are derived from ongoing standardization work on the referenced specification(s). For convenience, such forward-derived statements are annotated in the following manner: [xxxx](#), where "xxxx" is an identifier for the specification (e.g., "WSDL20" for WSDL Version 2.0). Note that because such work was not complete when this document was published, the specification that the requirement is derived from may change; this information is included only as a convenience to implementers.

As noted above, some requirements may present compatibility issues (whether forwards or backwards) with previously published versions of the profile. For convenience, such requirements are annotated in the following manner: [Compat](#)

Extensibility points in underlying specifications (see "[Conformance Scope](#)") are presented in a similar manner:

### **Ennnn** *Extensibility Point Name - Description*

where "nnnn" is replaced by a number that is unique among the extensibility points in the Basic Security Profile 1.1. As with requirement statements, extensibility statements can be considered namespace-qualified.

This specification uses a number of namespace prefixes throughout; their associated URIs are listed below. Note that the choice of any namespace prefix is arbitrary and not semantically significant.

- **soap** - "http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
- **xsd** - "http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
- **ws-i** - "http://www.ws-i.org/schemas/conformanceClaim"
- **ds** - "http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#"
- **xenc** - "http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#"
- **c14n** - "http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#"
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- **saml2** - "urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:assertion"
- **rel** - "urn:mpeg:mpeg21:2003:01-REL-R-NS"

## 1.3 Terminology

There is no terminology specific to this specification.

## 1.4 Profile Identification and Versioning

This document is identified by a name (in this case, Basic Security Profile) and a version number (here, 1.1). Together, they identify a particular *profile instance*.

Version numbers are composed of a major and minor portion, in the form "major.minor". They can be used to determine the precedence of a profile instance; a higher version number (considering both the major and minor components) indicates that an instance is more recent, and therefore supersedes earlier instances.

Instances of profiles with the same name (e.g., "Example Profile 1.1" and "Example Profile 5.0") address interoperability problems in the same general scope (although some developments may require the exact scope of a profile to change between instances).

One can also use this information to determine whether two instances of a profile are backwards-compatible; that is, whether one can assume that conformance to an earlier profile instance implies conformance to a later one. Profile instances with the same name and major version number (e.g., "Example Profile 1.0" and "Example Profile 1.1") MAY be considered compatible. Note that this does not imply anything about compatibility in the other direction; that is, one cannot assume that conformance with a later profile instance implies conformance to an earlier one.

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## 1.6 Non-Normative References

There are no non-normative references.

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## 2 Conformance

This section explains these terms and describes how conformance is defined and used.

### 2.1 Requirements Semantics

Requirements state the criteria for conformance to the Profile. They typically refer to an existing specification and embody refinements, amplifications, interpretations and clarifications to it in order to improve interoperability. All requirements in the Basic Security Profile 1.1 are considered normative, and those in the specifications it references that are in-scope (see "Conformance Scope") should likewise be considered normative. When requirements in the Basic Security Profile 1.1 and its referenced specifications contradict each other, the Basic Security Profile 1.1's requirements take precedence for purposes of Profile conformance.

Requirement levels, using [RFC2119](#) language (e.g., MUST, MAY, SHOULD) indicate the nature of the requirement and its impact on conformance. Each requirement is individually identified (e.g., R9999) for convenience.

For example;

**R9999** Any **WIDGET** *SHOULD* be round in shape.

This requirement is identified by "R9999", applies to the target WIDGET (see below), and places a conditional requirement upon widgets; i.e., although this requirement must be met to maintain conformance in most cases, there are some situations where there may be valid reasons for it not being met (which are explained in the requirement itself, or in its accompanying text).

Each requirement statement contains exactly one requirement level keyword (e.g., "MUST") and one conformance target keyword (e.g., "MESSAGE"). The conformance target keyword appears in bold text (e.g. "**MESSAGE**"). Other conformance targets appearing in non-bold text are being used strictly for their definition and NOT as a conformance target. Additional text may be included to illuminate a requirement or group of requirements (e.g., rationale and examples); however, prose surrounding requirement statements must not be considered in determining conformance.

Definitions of terms in the Basic Security Profile 1.1 are considered authoritative for the purposes of determining conformance.

None of the requirements in the Basic Security Profile 1.1, regardless of their conformance level, should be interpreted as limiting the ability of an otherwise conforming implementation to apply security countermeasures in response to a real or perceived threat (e.g., a denial of service attack).

### 2.2 Conformance Targets

Conformance targets identify what artifacts (e.g., SOAP message, WSDL description, UDDI registry data) or parties (e.g., SOAP processor, end user) requirements apply to.

This allows for the definition of conformance in different contexts, to assure unambiguous interpretation of the applicability of requirements, and to allow conformance testing of artifacts (e.g., SOAP messages and WSDL descriptions) and the behavior of various parties to a Web service (e.g., clients and service instances).



Requirements' conformance targets are physical artifacts wherever possible, to simplify testing and avoid ambiguity.

The following conformance targets are used in the Basic Security Profile 1.1:

- **BINARY\_SECURITY\_TOKEN** - a SECURITY\_TOKEN named wsse:BinarySecurityToken.
- **CANONICALIZATION\_METHOD** - an element named ds:CanonicalizationMethod, included as a child of a SIGNED\_INFO or a wsse:TransformationParameters child of a SIG\_TRANSFORM.
- **CREATED** - an element named wsu:Created, included as a child of a TIMESTAMP or USERNAME\_TOKEN.
- **DESCRIPTION** - descriptions of types, messages, interfaces and their concrete protocol and data format bindings, and the network access points associated with Web services (e.g., WSDL descriptions). (from Basic Profile 1.0)
- **DIGEST\_METHOD** - an element named ds:DigestMethod, included as a child of a SIG\_REFERENCE.
- **ED\_ENCRYPTION\_METHOD** - an element named xenc:EncryptionMethod, included as a child of an ENCRYPTED\_DATA.
- **EK\_DATA\_REFERENCE** - an element named xenc:DataReference, included as a child of an EK\_REFERENCE\_LIST.
- **EK\_ENCRYPTION\_METHOD** - an element named xenc:EncryptionMethod, included as a child of an ENCRYPTED\_KEY.
- **EK\_KEY\_REFERENCE** - an element named xenc:KeyReference, included as a child of an EK\_REFERENCE\_LIST.
- **EK\_REFERENCE\_LIST** - an element named xenc:ReferenceList, included as a child of an ENCRYPTED\_KEY.
- **ENC\_DATA\_REFERENCE** - an element named xenc:DataReference, included as a child of an ENC\_REFERENCE\_LIST.
- **ENC\_KEY\_INFO** - an element named ds:KeyInfo, included as a child of an ENCRYPTED\_KEY or ENCRYPTED\_DATA.
- **ENC\_KEY\_REFERENCE** - an element named xenc:KeyReference, included as a child of an ENC\_REFERENCE\_LIST.
- **ENC\_REFERENCE\_LIST** - an element named xenc:ReferenceList, included as a child of a SECURITY\_HEADER.
- **ENCRYPTED\_DATA** - an element named xenc:EncryptedData, referenced by an EK\_REFERENCE\_LIST or an ENC\_REFERENCE\_LIST.
- **ENCRYPTED\_HEADER** - a HEADER\_ELEMENT named wsse11:EncryptedHeader.
- **ENCRYPTED\_KEY** - an element named xenc:EncryptedKey, included as a child of a SECURITY\_HEADER.
- **ENCRYPTED\_KEY\_TOKEN** - a SECURITY\_TOKEN that is an ENCRYPTED\_KEY.
- **EXPIRES** - an element named wsu:Expires, included as a child of a TIMESTAMP.
- **EXTERNAL\_SAML\_TOKEN** - an EXTERNAL\_SECURITY\_TOKEN that is a SAML\_TOKEN.
- **EXTERNAL\_SECURITY\_TOKEN** - a security token defined in a security token profile, not included as a descendant of a SOAP\_ENVELOPE.
- **EXTERNAL\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE** - a SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE that refers to an EXTERNAL\_SECURITY\_TOKEN.
- **HEADER\_ELEMENT** - an element included as a child of the SOAP\_HEADER.
- **INCLUSIVE\_NAMESPACES** - an element named xc14n:InclusiveNamespaces, include as a child of a SIG\_TRANSFORM or a CANONICALIZATION\_METHOD.
- **INSTANCE** - software that implements a wsdl:port or a uddi:bindingTemplate. (from Basic Profile 1.0)
- **INTERNAL\_SAML\_TOKEN** - an INTERNAL\_SECURITY\_TOKEN that is a SAML\_TOKEN.
- **INTERNAL\_SAML\_V2\_SECURITY\_TOKEN** - An INTERNAL\_SECURITY\_TOKEN that is a SAML\_V2\_0\_TOKEN.
- **INTERNAL\_SECURITY\_TOKEN** - a security token defined in a security token profile, included as a child of a SECURITY\_HEADER or STR\_EMBEDDED.

- **KERBEROS\_TOKEN** - a **BINARY\_SECURITY\_TOKEN** containing a GSS wrapped Kerberos v5 AP-REQ.
- **MIME\_BODY** - the body of a multipart entity, as defined by MIME.
- **MIME\_HEADER** - a header field of a multipart entity, as defined by MIME.
- **MIME\_PART** - the **MIME\_BODY** and all **MIME\_HEADERS** associated with a single multipart entity, as defined by MIME.
- **NONCE** - an element named `wsse:Nonce`, included as a child of a **USERNAME\_TOKEN**.
- **PASSWORD** - an element named `wsse:Password`, included as a child of a **USERNAME\_TOKEN**.
- **PKCS7\_TOKEN** - a **BINARY\_SECURITY\_TOKEN** containing a PKCS#7 certificate chain.
- **PKIPATH\_TOKEN** - a **BINARY\_SECURITY\_TOKEN** containing a PkiPath certificate chain.
- **RECEIVER** - software that consumes a message according to the protocol(s) associated with it. A receiver is considered conformant when it is capable of consuming conformant messages containing the artifacts that it supports and its behavior is conformant with all statements related to **RECEIVER** in the Basic Security Profile 1.1. A conformant receiver need not accept all possible conformant messages. A conformant receiver may choose not to support artifacts that provide unneeded or undesired functionality. When a receiver supports a specific artifact, and the Basic Security Profile 1.1 contains statements related to that artifact, a conformant receiver must accept all required conformant forms of that artifact. (from Basic Profile 1.0)
- **REL\_TOKEN** - a **SECURITY\_TOKEN** named `rel:license`.
- **SAML\_AUTHORITY\_BINDING** - an element named `saml:AuthorityBinding`, included as a child of an **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE**.
- **SAML\_SC\_KEY\_INFO** - an element named `ds:KeyInfo`, included as a child of a **SAML\_SUBJECT\_CONFIRMATION**.
- **SAML\_SUBJECT\_CONFIRMATION** - an element named `saml:SubjectConfirmation`, included in a **SAML\_TOKEN**.
- **SAML\_TOKEN** - a **SECURITY\_TOKEN** which is a **SAML\_V1\_1\_TOKEN** or a **SAML\_V2\_0\_TOKEN**.
- **SAML\_V1\_1\_TOKEN** - a **SECURITY\_TOKEN** named `saml:Assertion` which conforms to SAML 1.1 (via the OASIS Web Services Security SAML Token Profile 1.0).
- **SAML\_V2\_0\_TOKEN** - a **SECURITY\_TOKEN** named `saml2:Assertion` which conforms to SAML 2.0 (via the OASIS Web Services Security SAML Token Profile 1.1).
- **SECURE\_ENVELOPE** - a SOAP envelope that contains sub-elements that have been subject to integrity and/or confidentiality protection. A message is considered conformant when all of its contained artifacts are conformant with all statements targeted to those artifacts as appropriate in the Basic Security Profile. Use of artifacts for which there are no statements in the Basic Security Profile does not affect conformance.
- **SECURE\_MESSAGE** - protocol elements that have Web Services Security applied to them. Protocol elements include a primary SOAP envelope and optionally associated SwA attachments.
- **SECURITY\_HEADER** - a **HEADER\_ELEMENT** named `wsse:Security`.
- **SECURITY\_TOKEN** - an **INTERNAL\_SECURITY\_TOKEN** or **EXTERNAL\_SECURITY\_TOKEN** (e.g. **USERNAME\_TOKEN**, **X509\_TOKEN**, **REL\_TOKEN**, **SAML\_TOKEN**, **SAML\_V2\_0\_TOKEN**, **KERBEROS\_TOKEN**, etc.).
- **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE** - an element named `wsse:SecurityTokenReference`, included as a descendant of a **SECURITY\_HEADER** or **ENCRYPTED\_DATA**.
- **SENDER** - software that generates a message according to the protocol(s) associated with it. A sender is considered conformant when all of the messages it produces are conformant and its behavior is conformant with all statements related to **SENDER** in the Basic Security Profile 1.1. (from Basic Profile 1.0)
- **SIG\_KEY\_INFO** - an element named `ds:KeyInfo`, included as a child of a **SIGNATURE**.
- **SIG\_REFERENCE** - an element named `ds:Reference`, included as a child of a **SIGNED\_INFO**.
- **SIG\_TRANSFORMS** - an element named `ds:Transforms`, included as a child of a **SIG\_REFERENCE**.
- **SIG\_TRANSFORM** - an element named `ds:Transform`, included as a child of a **SIG\_TRANSFORMS**.

- **SIGNATURE** - an element named ds:Signature, included as a child of a SECURITY\_HEADER.
- **SIGNATURE\_METHOD** - an element named ds:SignatureMethod, included as a child of a SIGNED\_INFO.
- **SIGNED\_INFO** - an element named ds:SignedInfo, included as a child of a SIGNATURE.
- **SOAP\_ENVELOPE** - an element named soap:Envelope, which has no parent element.
- **SOAP\_HEADER** - an element named soap:Header, included as a child of the SOAP\_ENVELOPE.
- **STR\_EMBEDDED** - an element named wsse:Embedded, included as a child of a SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE.
- **STR\_ISSUER\_SERIAL** - an element named ds:X509IssuerSerial, included as a child of a child element named ds:X509Data of a SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE.
- **STR\_KEY\_NAME** - an element named ds:KeyName, included as a child of a SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE.
- **STR\_KEY\_IDENTIFIER** - an element named wsse:KeyIdentifier, included as a child of a SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE.
- **STR\_REFERENCE** - an element named wsse:Reference, included as a child of a SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE.
- **TIMESTAMP** - an element named wsu:Timestamp, included as a child of a SECURITY\_HEADER.
- **USERNAME\_TOKEN** - a SECURITY\_TOKEN named wsse:UsernameToken.
- **X509\_TOKEN** - a BINARY\_SECURITY\_TOKEN containing an X.509 certificate.

## 2.3 Conformance Scope

The scope of the Basic Security Profile 1.1 delineates the technologies that it addresses; in other words, the Basic Security Profile 1.1 only attempts to improve interoperability within its own scope. Generally, the Basic Security Profile 1.1's scope is bounded by the specifications referenced by it.

The Profile's scope is further refined by extensibility points. Referenced specifications often provide extension mechanisms and unspecified or open-ended configuration parameters; when identified in the Basic Security Profile 1.1 as an extensibility point, such a mechanism or parameter is outside the scope of the Basic Security Profile 1.1, and its use or non-use is not relevant to conformance.

Note that the Basic Security Profile 1.1 may still place requirements on the use of an extensibility point. Also, specific uses of extensibility points may be further restricted by other profiles, to improve interoperability when used in conjunction with the Basic Security Profile 1.1.

Because the use of extensibility points may impair interoperability, their use should be negotiated or documented in some fashion by the parties to a Web service; for example, this could take the form of an out-of-band agreement.

The Profile's scope is defined by the referenced specifications in clause 1.5, as refined by the extensibility points in [Appendix A](#).

## 2.4 Conformance Clauses

This Profile concerns several conformance targets. Conformance targets are identified in requirements as described in Section 2.2. Conformance to the Basic Security Profile 1.1 is defined by adherence to the set of *requirements* defined for a specific *target*, within the *scope* of the Profile.

This Profile is an extension of the Basic Profile (1.1 or 1.0) i.e. it includes additional requirements to those of BP. Conformance to this profile should always be mentioned or claimed in conjunction with a mention or claim about which one of the basic profile (V1.1 or V1.0) is used as foundation. However, only a few requirements make a distinction between BP1.1 and BP1.0 (see annotations: “bp11” or “bp10”).

The two conformance clauses for BSP1.1 reflect the two options for the underlying Basic Profile.

### 2.4.1 Conformance based on BP1.0

A conformance target (as previously defined) is said to be conforming to this profile based on BP1.0 if this target fulfills all the requirements that are relevant to this target type, and that are either annotated for "bp10" or not annotated for any profile foundation at all..

### 2.4.2 Conformance based on BP1.1

A conformance target (as previously defined) is said to be conforming to this profile based on BP1.1 if this target fulfills all the requirements that are relevant to this target type, and that are either annotated for "bp11" or not annotated for any profile foundation at all..

## 2.5 Claiming Conformance

Claims of conformance to the Basic Security Profile 1.1 can be made using the following mechanisms, as described in [Conformance Claim Attachment Mechanisms \[claimAttachment\]](#), when the applicable Profile requirements associated with the listed targets have been met:

The conformance claim URI for the Basic Security Profile 1.1 is " http://ws-i.org/profiles/basic-security/1.1/core " , with the following exceptions, which are associated with specific sections:

- [Transport Layer Mechanisms](#) - "http://ws-i.org/profiles/basic-security/1.1/transport"
- [Username Token](#) - "http://ws-i.org/profiles/basic-security/1.1/username-token"
- [X.509 Certificate Token](#) - "http://ws-i.org/profiles/basic-security/1.1/x.509-certificate-token"
- [REL Token](#) - "http://ws-i.org/profiles/basic-security/1.1/rel-token"
- [Kerberos Token](#) - "http://ws-i.org/profiles/basic-security/1.1/kerberos-token"
- [SAML Token](#) - "http://ws-i.org/profiles/basic-security/1.1/saml-token"
- [Attachment Security](#) - "http://ws-i.org/profiles/basic-security/1.1/swa"

If a claim of conformance is made as described in CCAM to Basic Security Profile 1.1 (" http://ws-i.org/profiles/basic-security/1.1/core "), then the claim MUST also specify which tokens, be they BSP profile tokens or other mutually agreed upon tokens, are supported.

The conformance URI for transport level security ("" ) can be used in isolation or in combination with other conformance URIs.

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## 3 Document Conventions

This document follows conventions common to all WS-I profiles. These are described in the following sections.

### 3.1 Security Considerations

In addition to interoperability recommendations (which are made in Rnnnn statements and intended to improve interoperability), the Basic Security Profile 1.1 makes a number of security recommendations intended to improve security. These Security Considerations are presented as follows:

**Cnnnn** *Statement text here.*

where "nnnn" is replaced by a number that is unique among the security recommendations in the Basic Security Profile 1.1, thereby forming a unique security recommendation identifier. Each security recommendation contains a *SHOULD* or a *MAY* to highlight exactly what is being recommended; however, these recommendations are informational only and are non-normative. Though security recommendations are expected to be tested by the test tools to highlight possible security problems, security recommendations have no impact on conformance.

It should be understood that, while a number of recommendations are made about security, adherence to these security recommendations does not guarantee security.

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## 4 Transport Layer Mechanisms

This section of the Basic Security Profile 1.1 incorporates the following specifications by reference, and defines extensibility points within them:

- [RFC 2818: HTTP over TLS \[RFC2818\]](#)
- [RFC 2246: The TLS Protocol Version 1.0 \[RFC2246\]](#)
  - Extensibility points:
    - **E0009** - TLS Ciphersuites - TLS allows for the use of arbitrary encryption algorithms. Note that while section 4.2 of the Basic Security Profile 1.1 mandates, recommends, and discourages support for certain ciphersuites, the Basic Security Profile 1.1 does not prohibit use of any specific ciphersuite.
    - **E0010** - TLS Extensions - TLS allows for extensions during the handshake phase.
- [The SSL Protocol Version 3.0 \[SSLV3\]](#)
  - Extensibility points:
    - **E0011** - SSL Ciphersuites - SSL allows for the use of arbitrary encryption algorithms. Note that while section 4.2 of the Basic Security Profile 1.1 mandates, recommends, and discourages support for certain ciphersuites, the Basic Security Profile 1.1 does not prohibit use of any specific ciphersuite.

### 4.1 TLS and SSL Versions

SSL and TLS are both used as underlying protocols for HTTP/S. The Profile places the following constraints on those protocols:

#### 4.1.1 SSL 2.0 Prohibited

SSL 2.0 has known security issues and all current implementations of HTTP/S support more recent protocols. Therefore the Basic Security Profile 1.1 prohibits use of SSL 2.0.

**R2001** *A **SENDER** MUST NOT use SSL 2.0 as the underlying protocol for HTTP/S.*

**R2002** *A **RECEIVER** MUST NOT use SSL 2.0 as the underlying protocol for HTTP/S.*

### 4.2 TLS and SSL Ciphersuites

In SSL and TLS, choices of algorithms are expressed as ciphersuites. The following subsections specify ciphersuites that are required, recommended, discouraged and prohibited, respectively. The use of any other ciphersuite not discussed below is optional.

#### 4.2.1 Mandatory Ciphersuites

The specified algorithm suites are considered to be widely-implemented, secure and interoperable.

**R5701** *Any TLS-capable **INSTANCE** that is not FIPS compliant MUST support TLS\_RSA\_WITH\_3DES\_EDE\_CBC\_SHA*

**R5702** *Any SSL-capable **INSTANCE** that is not FIPS compliant MUST support SSL\_RSA\_WITH\_3DES\_EDE\_CBC\_SHA*

**R5703** Any TLS-capable **INSTANCE** that is FIPS compliant **MUST** support `TLS_RSA_FIPS_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA`

**R5704** Any SSL-capable **INSTANCE** that is FIPS compliant **MUST** support `SSL_RSA_FIPS_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA`

## 4.2.2 Recommended Ciphersuites

As the AES encryption algorithm is intended to supersede the 3DES algorithm, it is recommended that TLS-capable implementations implement `TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA` or the FIPS equivalent, and SSL-capable implementations implement `SSL_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA` or the FIPS equivalent.

## 4.2.3 Discouraged Ciphersuites

The ciphersuites defined in the SSL and TLS specifications that use anonymous Diffie-Hellman (i.e. those that have `DH_anon` in their symbolic name) are vulnerable to man-in-the-middle attacks. It is also recommended that ciphersuites that include MD5 (i.e. those that have MD5 in their symbolic name) be avoided, due to known security weaknesses of the MD5 algorithm. It is recommended that such ciphersuites be avoided.

The Profile recommends against the use of the following ciphersuites due to their lack of confidentiality services:

- `SSL_RSA_WITH_NULL_SHA`
- `TLS_RSA_WITH_NULL_SHA`
- `SSL_RSA_WITH_NULL_MD5`
- `TLS_RSA_WITH_NULL_MD5`

It is also recommended that ciphersuites that use 40 or 56 bit keys be avoided, due to their relative ease of compromise through brute-force attack.

## 4.2.4 Prohibited Ciphersuites

The Profile does not prohibit the use of any transport layer security ciphersuites, but careful thought should be given prior to the use of any ciphersuites discussed under "Discouraged ciphersuites".

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## 5 SOAP Nodes and Messages

This section of the Basic Security Profile 1.1 incorporates the following specifications by reference, and defines extensibility points within them:

- [Web Services Security: SOAP Message Security 1.1 \(WS-Security 2004\) OASIS Standard Specification \[WSS-SOAP\]](#)

Extensibility points:

- **E0002** - Security Tokens - Security tokens may be specified in additional security token profiles.
- [Basic Profile Version 1.0 \[BP1.0\]](#)
- [Basic Profile Version 1.0 Errata \[BP1.0Errata\]](#)
- [Basic Profile Version 1.1 \[BP1.1\]](#)
- [Simple SOAP Binding Profile Version 1.0 \[SSBP1.0\]](#)

### 5.1 Security Policy

#### 5.1.1 Out of Band Agreement

Partners in a message exchange must agree which elements must be signed and/or encrypted and which elements may be signed and/or encrypted and which security tokens must be present and may be present.

**R3105** A **SENDER** MAY agree in an out of band fashion with a **RECEIVER** on required and allowed signed and/or encrypted message content and security tokens.

**R3106** A **RECEIVER** MAY agree in an out of band fashion with a **SENDER** on required and allowed signed and/or encrypted message content and security tokens.

Some vendor platforms have strict implementation of what message content must be signed and/or encrypted and which security tokens must be present and which may be present. Other vendor platforms are more tolerant to receiving additional signed content in a message. The Profile allows for an out of band agreement between partners on how to address this issue.

### 5.2 SOAP Envelope

#### 5.2.1 Secure Envelope Validity

The Envelope, Header, or Body elements must not be encrypted. Encrypting these elements would break the SOAP processing model and is therefore prohibited.

**R5607** Any **SECURE\_ENVELOPE** MUST still be a valid SOAP Envelope after SOAP Message Security, including encryption, is applied.

#### 5.2.2 wsu:Id Attribute Value Uniqueness

One of the principles of the underlying specifications is that processing of messages should not require schema validation. However, without schema processing it is not possible to determine whether individual attributes are of type ID and must therefore be unique.



**R3204** Any **SECURE\_ENVELOPE** *MUST NOT* contain more than one element specifying the same *wsu:Id* attribute value.

Since verification of signatures typically requires dereferencing of elements based on ID attribute values, these values are required to be unique within a message.

## 5.3 Intermediary Processing

### 5.3.1 Removal of Headers

**R3207** A SOAP intermediary *INSTANCE MUST NOT* remove or modify any **HEADER\_ELEMENT** unless that SOAP intermediary is acting in the role specified by the *S11:actor* attribute of that **HEADER\_ELEMENT**.

## 5.4 Basic Profile Clarification

The Basic Security Profile is an extension profile to the Basic Profile. This means it is consistent with the Basic Profile but profiles additional functionality - how to add conformant security features to the Basic Profile when needed.

As an extension of the Basic Profile, the Basic Security Profile is designed to support the addition of security functionality to SOAP messaging, in an interoperable manner. One example of such functionality is the confidentiality of selected SOAP header blocks and SOAP body elements and content through the use of OASIS Web Services Security encryption. The intent of such techniques is to change the nature of the SOAP message so that unintended parties cannot read such content. This means that the secured SOAP message is no longer obviously related to the original WSDL description, and is not intelligible without decryption. Other security mechanisms such as signatures may also modify the content of SOAP envelopes.

The Basic Profile includes requirements on the content of SOAP envelopes (or in Basic Profile 1.0 the format of SOAP messages). Testing conformance to these statements by using a "man-in-the-middle" interceptor as outlined in the WS-I Monitor Tool Functional Specification will not be possible if encryption has been applied to portions of the SOAP envelope and have not yet been decrypted. Even if interception is possible, some messages may have a different structure due to security.

Such SOAP messages still conform to the Basic Profile, since conformance to the Basic Profile means conformance once a receiver has reversed security changes introduced by a message sender. This is not obvious in some Basic Profile requirements, so this document further clarifies these requirements in the normative "Basic Profile Clarifications" section below.

It is helpful to visualize a SOAP message in light of a protocol layering model, such as the ISO seven layer protocol model [ Tanenbaum ]. This model shows how a protocol is in fact composed of different layers, and how to a given layer underlying layers are transparent. The implementation of a given protocol layer at an endpoint may be modeled as that implementation consuming a service of the underlying protocol layer, and providing a service to the layer above it. In this model no protocol layer need be aware of layers above or below it, making the layer implementations independent. This is illustrated in Figure 1.

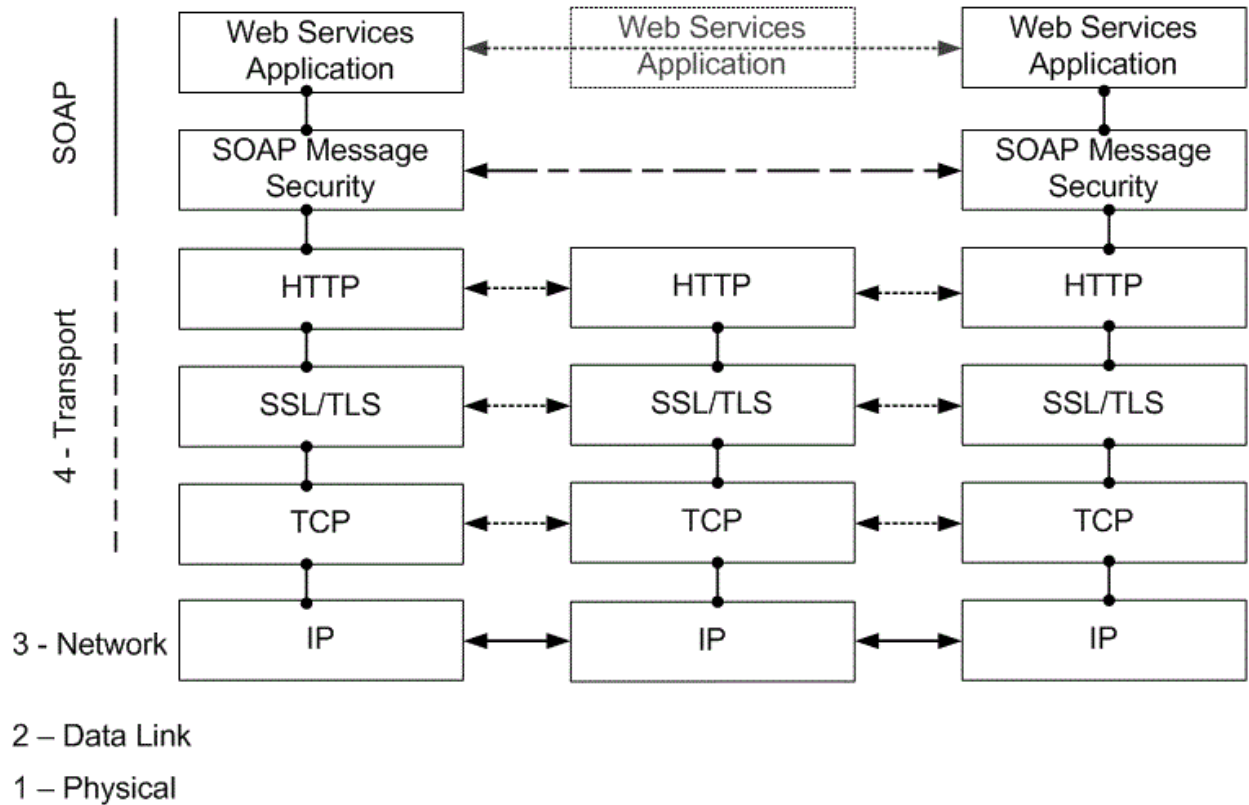


Figure 1: Protocol Stack with SOAP Message Security

Traditionally, protocol layers have been distinguished by the use of protocol enveloping, where the message at one layer is conveyed as the body in the next lower layer. The sender passes a message to the lower level protocol implementation that packages it in a protocol envelope and sends it to the corresponding layer in the receiver. The sender and receiver at this lower layer perform whatever processing is necessary for delivery according to the specification of that layer, and finally the receiver passes the message up to the peer of the sender.

SOAP Security may be viewed as a lower layer with respect to the more general SOAP web services application layer. Thus a SOAP sender may pass a SOAP message to a lower layer SOAP security implementation that applies encryption (for example), and sends the message to the destination SOAP Security layer, which removes the encryption before passing the message up to the peer SOAP web services application layer.

Thus a Basic Profile interceptor and compliance monitoring activity should logically occur at a receiver at the interface between the SOAP security implementation and SOAP web services application layer.

This section clarifies the BP1.0 (including Errata), BP1.1, SSBP1.0, and AP1.0 statements that might be unclear when SOAP Message Security is applied in compliance with the Basic Security Profile.

This section lists each possibly confusing BP1.0, BP1.1, SSBP1.0, and AP1.0 requirement and an associated statement to clarify that requirement in the context of the basic security profile.

When these clarifying statements include the phrase "reverse SOAP Message Security" it means to remove various impacts of applying SOAP Message Security that may have been applied since the MESSAGE (BP1.0) or ENVELOPE (BP 1.1) was originally created for that recipient according to the BP. This may mean decrypting relevant portions of the XML or removing XML Signature elements or making

other reverse transformations as appropriate to the aspects of SOAP Message Security that were applied in the specific circumstance.

Not all security must be reversed, only that for the intended recipient, as applied to the BP compliant envelope before sent to that recipient.

### 5.4.1 BP Requirement R1029

This clarifies the Basic Profile's R1029 to reflect the fact that transmission of security related faults may increase the vulnerability to certain attacks and in some cases faults should not be transmitted.

**R5814** *Where the normal outcome of processing a **SECURE\_ENVELOPE** would have resulted in the transmission of a SOAP Response, but rather a fault is generated instead, a **RECEIVER** MAY transmit a fault or silently discard the message.*

### 5.4.2 BP Requirement R2301

bp10:R2301 states "The order of the elements in the soap:body of a MESSAGE MUST be the same as that of the wsdl:parts in the wsdl:message that describes it."

bp11:R2301 states "The order of the elements in the soap:body of an ENVELOPE MUST be the same as that of the wsdl:parts in the wsdl:message that describes it."

**R5800** *bp10:R2301 MUST be true after any SOAP Message Security has been reversed for the **MESSAGE**.*

**R5801** *bp11:R2301 MUST be true after any SOAP Message Security has been reversed for the **ENVELOPE**.*

### 5.4.3 BP Requirement R2710

bp10:R2710 states "The operations in a wsdl:binding in a DESCRIPTION MUST result in operation signatures that are different from one another."

bp11:R2710 states "The operations in a wsdl:binding in a DESCRIPTION MUST result in operation signatures that are different from one another."

**R5802** *bp10:R2710 MUST be true after SOAP Message Security processing has been reversed for the **MESSAGE***

**R5803** *bp11:R2710 MUST be true after SOAP Message Security processing has been reversed for the **ENVELOPE***

### 5.4.4 BP Requirement R2712

bp10:R2712 states "A document-literal binding MUST be serialized as a MESSAGE with a soap:Body whose child element is an instance of the global element declaration referenced by the corresponding wsdl:message part."

bp11:R2712 states "A document-literal binding MUST be serialized as an ENVELOPE with a soap:Body whose child element is an instance of the global element declaration referenced by the corresponding wsdl:message part."

**R5804** *bp10:R2712 MUST be true after any SOAP Message Security has been reversed for the **MESSAGE***

**R5805** *bp11:R2712 MUST be true after any SOAP Message Security has been reversed for the **ENVELOPE***

#### 5.4.5 BP Requirement R2724

bp10:R2724 states "If an INSTANCE receives a message that is inconsistent with its WSDL description, it SHOULD generate a soap:Fault with a faultcode of 'Client', unless a 'MustUnderstand' or 'VersionMismatch' fault is generated."

bp11:R2724 states "If an INSTANCE receives an envelope that is inconsistent with its WSDL description, it SHOULD generate a soap:Fault with a faultcode of 'Client', unless a 'MustUnderstand' or 'VersionMismatch' fault is generated."

**R5806** *For bp10:R2724 "Inconsistent" MUST be taken to mean "Inconsistent after SOAP Message security has been reversed", for the **MESSAGE***

**R5807** *For bp11:R2724 "Inconsistent" MUST be taken to mean "Inconsistent after SOAP Message security has been reversed", for the **ENVELOPE***

#### 5.4.6 BP Requirement R2725

bp10:R2725 states "If an INSTANCE receives a message that is inconsistent with its WSDL description, it MUST check for "VersionMismatch", "MustUnderstand" and "Client" fault conditions in that order."

bp11:R2725 states "If an INSTANCE receives an envelope that is inconsistent with its WSDL description, it MUST check for "VersionMismatch", "MustUnderstand" and "Client" fault conditions in that order."

**R5808** *With respect to bp10:R2725 the **INSTANCE** must check for consistency of the **MESSAGE** per BP 1.0 after reversing SOAP Message Security.*

**R5809** *With respect to bp11:R2725 the **INSTANCE** must check for consistency of the **ENVELOPE** per BP 1.1 after reversing SOAP Message Security.*

#### 5.4.7 BP Requirement R2729

bp10:R2729 states "A MESSAGE described with an rpc-literal binding that is a response message MUST have a wrapper element whose name is the corresponding wsdl:operation name suffixed with the string 'Response'."

bp11:R2729 states "An ENVELOPE described with an rpc-literal binding that is a response MUST have a wrapper element whose name is the corresponding wsdl:operation name suffixed with the string 'Response'."

**R5810** *With respect to bp10:R2729 the verification of the wrapper element name of the **MESSAGE** must be performed after reversing SOAP Message Security.*

**R5811** *With respect to bp11:R2729 the verification of the wrapper element name of the **ENVELOPE** must be performed after reversing SOAP Message Security.*

#### 5.4.8 BP Requirement R2738

bp10:R2738 states "A MESSAGE MUST include all soapbind:headers specified on a wsdl:input or wsdl:output of a wsdl:operation of a wsdl:binding that describes it."

bp11:R2738 states "An ENVELOPE MUST include all soapbind:headers specified on a wsdl:input or wsdl:output of a wsdl:operation of a wsdl:binding that describes it."

**R5812** *With respect to bp10:R2738 verification of a **MESSAGE** must occur after SOAP Message Security has been reversed.*

**R5813** *With respect to bp11:R2738 verification of an **ENVELOPE** must occur after SOAP Message Security has been reversed.*

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## 6 SecurityHeaders

### 6.1 Processing Order

Web Services Security: SOAP Message Security defines the order for processing elements within wsse:Security headers. The Profile provides the following guidance:

#### 6.1.1 In Order of Appearance

Messages may be signed and encrypted, potentially by multiple entities signing and encrypting overlapping elements. A signature applied before encryption has different security properties than encryption applied before a signature. Determining which security properties should be used requires an out-of-band agreement.

With signature before encryption, the signer is known to have created or vouched for the plaintext data. It is not known to the receiver whether the signer performed the encryption. The potential exists for the identity of the signer to remain confidential except to the receiver by encryption of the signature and signer's security token.

With encryption before signature, the signer is known to have created or vouched for the ciphertext data, but it is not known whether the signer was aware of the plaintext. It is known that the signer was aware that the data was encrypted and intended to be delivered to the receiver.

**R3212** Any *SIGNATURE*, *ENCRYPTED\_KEY*, and *ENC\_REFERENCE\_LIST* elements **MUST** be ordered within a **SECURITY\_HEADER** so a receiver will get the correct result by processing the elements in the order they appear.

As signature and encryption elements are added to a security header they must be ordered in a way that ensures that if a receiver of the message processing the elements in the order they appear they will achieve the correct result.

### 6.2 SOAP Actor Attribute

SOAP defines an actor attribute for use in SOAP headers. The Profile places the following constraints on its use with Security headers:

#### 6.2.1 Avoid Target Ambiguity

The actor attribute allows a security header to be targeted to a specific processing component or node.

**R3206** Any **SOAP\_HEADER** **MUST NOT** contain more than one **SECURITY\_HEADER** with the actor attribute omitted.

**R3210** Any **SOAP\_HEADER** **MUST NOT** contain more than one **SECURITY\_HEADER** with the same actor attribute value.

Correct security header processing is order dependent. Eliminating potential ambiguity caused by ordering dependencies between headers targeted to the same actor eliminates complexity.

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## 7 Timestamps

Web Services Security: SOAP Message Security defines a Timestamp element for use in SOAP messages. The Profile places the following constraints on its use:

### 7.1 Placement

#### 7.1.1 Not More Than One per Security Header

**R3227** A **SECURITY\_HEADER** *MUST NOT* contain more than one **TIMESTAMP**.

### 7.2 Content

#### 7.2.1 Exactly One Created per Timestamp

The wsu:Created element represents the creation time of the security semantics.

**R3203** A **TIMESTAMP** *MUST* contain exactly one **CREATED**.

This element is **REQUIRED** and can only be specified once in a Timestamp element. Within the SOAP processing model, creation is the instant that the Infoset is serialized for transmission.

For example,

**INCORRECT:**

```
<!-- This example is incorrect because the wsu:Timestamp element is
missing a wsu:Created child element -->
<wsu:Timestamp wsu:Id="timestamp">
  <wsu:Expires>2001-10-13T09:00:00Z</wsu:Expires>
</wsu:Timestamp>
```

**CORRECT:**

```
<wsu:Timestamp wsu:Id="timestamp">
  <wsu:Created>2001-09-13T08:42:00Z</wsu:Created>
  <wsu:Expires>2001-10-13T09:00:00Z</wsu:Expires>
</wsu:Timestamp>
```

#### 7.2.2 Not More Than One Expires per Timestamp

**R3224** Any **TIMESTAMP** *MUST NOT* contain more than one **EXPIRES**.

#### 7.2.3 Created Precedes Expires in Timestamp

A timestamp may optionally contain an expires element.

**R3221** Any **TIMESTAMP** containing an **EXPIRES** *MUST* contain a **CREATED** that precedes its sibling **EXPIRES**.

Preventing multiple expires elements and enforcing the order of elements reduces complexity.



## 7.2.4 Timestamp Contains Nothing Other Than Create and Expires

**R3222** Any **TIMESTAMP** *MUST NOT* contain anything other than *CREATED* or *EXPIRES* elements.

## 7.3 Constraints on Created and Expires

### 7.3.1 Value Precision to Milliseconds

The underlying specifications do not limit the resolution of timestamp values.

**R3220** Any **CREATED** *SHOULD NOT* contain a seconds value with more than three digits to the right of the decimal (milliseconds).

**R3229** Any **EXPIRES** *SHOULD NOT* contain a seconds value with more than three digits to the right of the decimal (milliseconds).

Since implementations have practical limits on resolution of time values the Profile requires a reasonable processing capability.

### 7.3.2 Leap Second Values Prohibited

Leap seconds are allowed by the underlying specifications.

**R3213** Any **CREATED** containing second values *MUST* specify seconds values less than 60.

**R3215** Any **EXPIRES** containing second values *MUST* specify seconds values less than 60.

Leap second processing is complex and error prone. The Profile disallows specification of leap seconds.

### 7.3.3 ValueType Attribute Prohibited

The underlying specifications allow for the specification of a timestamp ValueType.

**R3225** Any **CREATED** *MUST NOT* include a ValueType attribute.

**R3226** Any **EXPIRES** *MUST NOT* include a ValueType attribute.

There is no specified set of values for the ValueType attribute so the Basic Security Profile 1.1 disallows its use.

### 7.3.4 UTC Format Mandatory

The underlying specifications allow for a variety of timestamp formats.

**R3217** Any **CREATED** *MUST* contain time values in UTC format as specified by the XML Schema type (dateTime).

**R3223** Any **EXPIRES** *MUST* contain time values in UTC format as specified by the XML Schema type (dateTime).

Limiting timestamp values to UTC time eliminates complexity.



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## 8 Security Token References

Web Services Security: SOAP Message Security defines a `wsse:SecurityTokenReference` element for use in SOAP messages. The Profile places the following constraints on its use:

### 8.1 Content

#### 8.1.1 Exactly One SecurityTokenReference Child Element

Web Services Security: SOAP Message Security allows for a single `SecurityTokenReference` to include multiple reference mechanisms to the same security token. The Profile requires that only one be used.

**R3061** A **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE** *MUST* provide exactly one token reference.

Restricting the number of reference mechanisms reduces complexity.

### 8.2 TokenType Attribute

#### 8.2.1 Value of TokenType Attribute

**R3074** Any `wsse:11:TokenType` Attribute in a **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE** *MUST* specify a value that a `TokenType` specified by a security token profile for the referenced **SECURITY\_TOKEN**.

Restricting the number of reference mechanisms reduces complexity.

### 8.3 Direct References

#### 8.3.1 Direct Reference to Security Token Reference Prohibited

The only proper way to refer to an **INTERNAL\_SECURITY\_TOKEN** by Direct Reference (even one inside a **STR\_EMBEDDED**) is to refer directly to the **INTERNAL\_SECURITY\_TOKEN**.

**R3057** Any **STR\_REFERENCE** *MUST NOT* reference a **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE**.

**R3064** Any **STR\_REFERENCE** *MUST NOT* reference an **STR\_EMBEDDED**.

For example,

**INCORRECT:**

```
<!-- This example is incorrect because the second
wsse:SecurityTokenReference element refers to the
wsse:SecurityTokenReference with an wsu:Id of TheFirstSTR -->
<wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id='SomeCert'
  ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3"
  EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-
wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary">

lui+Jy4WYKGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHFe7sHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSWkXm9jAEdsm/.
..
```

```

    </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
    <wsse:SecurityTokenReference wsu:Id="TheFirstSTR">
    <wsse:Reference URI='#SomeCert'
    ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3" />
    </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    <wsse:Reference URI='#TheFirstSTR'
    ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3" />
    </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>

```

### CORRECT:

```

    <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    <wsse:Embedded wsu:Id="TheEmbeddedElementAroundSomeCert">
    <wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id='SomeCert'
    ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3"
    EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-
wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary">
    lui+Jy4WYKGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHFe7sHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSWkXm9jAEdsm/ .
    ..
    </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
    </wsse:Embedded>
    </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    <wsse:Reference URI='#SomeCert'
    ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3" />
    </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>

```

## 8.3.2 Reference/@ValueType Attribute Mandatory

The ValueType attribute in a security token reference is optional and has no accepted default value. This creates ambiguity between implementations when it is missing. Furthermore, security tokens similarly have ValueType attributes, which creates the possibility of contradiction between the reference and the token. There is no accepted processing model to resolve this.

**R3059** Any **STR\_REFERENCE** *MUST* specify a *ValueType* attribute with the exception of *STR\_REFERENCE* pointing to a *SAML\_V2\_0\_TOKEN* or a *KERBEROS\_TOKEN* or an *ENCRYPTED\_KEY\_TOKEN*.

**R3058** Any **STR\_REFERENCE** *ValueType* attribute *MUST* contain a value for the referenced *SECURITY\_TOKEN* specified by the corresponding security token profile.

Requiring that Security Token References carry a ValueType attribute makes it clear what type of security token is being referenced enabling security token specific reference mechanisms and aiding in error detection.

### 8.3.3 Reference/@URI Attribute Mandatory

Web Services Security: SOAP Message Security treats the URI attribute as optional allowing for extensibility in the reference mechanism. However, the only fully specified mechanism which uses the Reference element requires a URI value.

**R3062** Any **STR\_REFERENCE** *MUST* specify a URI attribute.

Eliminating underspecified functionality removes complexity.

## 8.4 Key Name References

### 8.4.1 Key Name References Prohibited

Key Name References may be ambiguous.

**R3027** Any **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE** *MUST NOT* contain an **STR\_KEY\_NAME**.

In any case where a security token would be referred to by Key Name, it would also be possible to refer to it by a more efficient and/or less ambiguous mechanism (e.g. Direct, Key Identifier and/or Issuer and Serial Number). Thus, the Basic Security Profile 1.1 disallows the use of Key Name References.

For example,

**INCORRECT:**

```
<!-- This example is incorrect because it uses a ds:KeyName element
to refer to an X.509 certificate -->
<wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
  <ds:KeyName>CN=Security WG, OU=BSP, O=WS-I, C=US</ds:KeyName>
</wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
```

## 8.5 Key Identifier References

### 8.5.1 KeyIdentifier/@ValueType Attribute Mandatory

Having an explicit ValueType removes ambiguity about the format of the KeyIdentifier. The Profile restricts the value to that specified in the security token profile that is associated with the security token. The ValueType attribute in a KeyIdentifier is optional. This can cause ambiguity when it is not explicitly stated. Furthermore, interoperability is discouraged if a ValueType is specified but does not correspond to the value associated with that token as stated in its security token profile.

**R3054** Any **STR\_KEY\_IDENTIFIER** *MUST* specify a ValueType attribute.

**R3063** Any **STR\_KEY\_IDENTIFIER** *ValueType* attribute *MUST* contain a value specified within the security token profile associated with the referenced **SECURITY\_TOKEN**.

Having an explicit ValueType removes ambiguity about the format of the KeyIdentifier and enhances processing efficiency. The Profile restricts the value to that specified in the security token profile that is associated with the security token.

For example,

**INCORRECT:**

```
<!-- This example is incorrect because the wsse:KeyIdentifier
element is missing a ValueType attribute -->
<wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
```

```

    <wsse:KeyIdentifier EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-soap-message-security-
1.0#Base64Binary">
      MIGfMa0GCSq
    </wsse:KeyIdentifier>
  </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>

```

#### CORRECT:

```

    <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
      <wsse:KeyIdentifier EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary"
        ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509SubjectKeyIdentifier" >
        MIGfMa0GCSq
      </wsse:KeyIdentifier>
    </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>

```

## 8.5.2 KeyIdentifier/@EncodingType Attribute Mandatory

Base64Binary is the only encoding type specified by Web Services Security: SOAP Message Security. Explicit specification of attribute values simplifies XML processing requirements and as a general principle the Basic Security Profile 1.1 requires that attributes be explicitly specified rather than relying on default values.

**R3070** Any **STR\_KEY\_IDENTIFIER** that refers to a **SECURITY\_TOKEN** other than a **SAML\_TOKEN** MUST specify an *EncodingType* attribute.

**R3071** Any **STR\_KEY\_IDENTIFIER** *EncodingType* attribute MUST have a value of "http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary".

A wsse:KeyIdentifier may specify its encoding type. The Profile restricts the encoding type to Base64Binary and requires its explicit specification.

For example,

#### INCORRECT:

```

<!-- This example is incorrect because the wsse:KeyIdentifier
element is missing an EncodingType attribute -->
  <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    <wsse:KeyIdentifier ValueType="http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-x509-token-profile-
1.0#X509SubjectKeyIdentifier" >
      MIGfMa0GCSq
    </wsse:KeyIdentifier>
  </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>

```

#### CORRECT:

```

    <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
      <wsse:KeyIdentifier EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary"
        ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509SubjectKeyIdentifier" >
        MIGfMa0GCSq
      </wsse:KeyIdentifier>
    </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>

```

```
</wsse:KeyIdentifier>
</wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
```

## 8.6 Embedded References

### 8.6.1 Embedded Content

Embedded elements may potentially contain multiple elements, creating ambiguity about which token should be processed. Furthermore, elements may be of a type that is not defined within a security token profile. This can cause problems with interoperability.

**R3060** Any **STR\_EMBEDDED** *MUST* contain only a single child element which is an **INTERNAL\_SECURITY\_TOKEN**.

In order to reduce ambiguity surrounding which token to process, the Basic Security Profile 1.1 restricts embedded security tokens to contain exactly one security token element. It also restricts tokens to those defined in a token profile; this establishes a defined scope of profiles and thus allows for interoperability between implementations.

For example,

#### INCORRECT:

```
<!-- This example is incorrect because the wsse:Embedded element
has multiple element children -->
<wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
  <wsse:Embedded wsu:Id="TheEmbeddedElementAroundSomeCerts">
    <wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id='SomeCert'
      ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3"
      EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-
wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary">
lui+Jy4WYKGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHFe7sHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSWkXm9jAEdsm/.
..
    </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
    <wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id='SomeOtherCert'
      ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3"
      EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-
wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary">
lui+Jy4WYKGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHFe7sHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSWkXm9jAEdsm/.
..
    </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
  </wsse:Embedded>
</wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
```

#### CORRECT:

```
<wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
  <wsse:Embedded wsu:Id="TheEmbeddedElementAroundSomeCert">
    <wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id='SomeCert'
      ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3"
      EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-
wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary">
```

```

lui+Jy4WYKGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHFe7sHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSWkXm9jAEdsm/.
..
    </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
    </wsse:Embedded>
    </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>

```

## 8.6.2 Embedded Token Format

Using a single consistent format for security tokens, regardless of reference mechanism, ensures consistent processing.

**R3025** Any **INTERNAL\_SECURITY\_TOKEN** contained in an **STR\_EMBEDDED** MUST be in the same format as if it were a child of a **SECURITY\_HEADER**.

For example,

### INCORRECT:

```

<!-- This example is incorrect because the wsse:Embedded element
carries the data for the X.509 certificate
directly rather than as a wsse:BinarySecurityToken element -->
<wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
<wsse:Embedded wsu:Id="SomeCert">

```

```

lui+Jy4WYKGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHFe7sHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSWkXm9jAEdsm/.
..
    </wsse:Embedded>
    </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>

```

### CORRECT:

```

<wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
<wsse:Embedded wsu:Id="TheEmbeddedElementAroundSomeCert">
<wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id='SomeCert'
Value="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3"
EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-
wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary">

```

```

lui+Jy4WYKGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHFe7sHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSWkXm9jAEdsm/.
..
    </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
    </wsse:Embedded>
    </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>

```

## 8.6.3 Security Token Reference in Embedded Prohibited

Embedded elements can contain multiple binary security token elements, which creates ambiguity about which token should be processed. Furthermore, the security token may be a type that is not defined within a security token profile. This can cause problems with interoperability. Using a single consistent format for security tokens, regardless of reference mechanism, ensures consistent processing. Embedded security tokens can potentially chain to other security tokens, which adds complexity to processing and discourages interoperability.

**R3056** Any **STR\_EMBEDDED** *MUST NOT* contain a *wsse:SecurityTokenReference* child element.

In order to reduce ambiguity surrounding which token to process, the Basic Security Profile 1.1 restricts embedded security tokens to contain exactly one security token element. It also restricts tokens to those defined in a token profile; this establishes a defined scope of profiles and thus allows for interoperability between implementations. Eliminating redirection from within embedded elements reduces required complexity in handling embedded security tokens.

For example,

**INCORRECT:**

```
<!-- This example is incorrect because the wsse:Embedded element
contains a wsse:SecurityTokenReference element -->
<wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
  <wsse:Embedded wsu:Id="TheEmbeddedElementAroundSomeSTR">
    <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
      <wsse:Reference URI="#SomeCert"
        ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3" />
      </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    </wsse:Embedded>
  </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
```

## 8.7 Internal References

### 8.7.1 Direct or Embedded References Where Possible

Web Services Security: SOAP Message Security provides a list of reference mechanisms in preferred order (i.e., most specific to least specific). This adds ambiguity and complexity, which discourages interoperability.

**R3022** Any **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE** *that references an INTERNAL\_SECURITY\_TOKEN which has a wsu:Id attribute MUST contain an STR\_REFERENCE or STR\_EMBEDDED.*

The recommendation does not allow the use of Key Identifier and Key Name references due to possible ambiguities. Direct References and Embedded References are to be used instead of these. This reduces complexity and improves interoperability.

For example,

**INCORRECT:**

```
<!-- This example is incorrect because it refers to a
wsse:BinarySecurityToken element which specifies a wsu:id
attribute using a wsse:KeyIdentifier element rather than a
wsse:Reference or wsse:Embedded element -->
<wsse:Security xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'
  xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'
  xmlns:xenc='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#'
  xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#' >
  <wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id='SomeCert'
    ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3"
    EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-
wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary">
```

```

lui+Jy4WYKGGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHFe7sHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSWkXm9jAEdsm/.
..
    </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
    <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    <wsse:KeyIdentifier EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary"
    ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509SubjectKeyIdentifier">
    MIGfMa0GCSq
    </wsse:KeyIdentifier>
    </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    </wsse:Security>

```

### CORRECT:

```

    <wsse:Security xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'
    xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'
    xmlns:xenc='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#'
    xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#' >
    <wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id='SomeCert'
    ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3"
    EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-
wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary">

```

```

lui+Jy4WYKGGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHFe7sHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSWkXm9jAEdsm/.
..
    </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
    <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    <wsse:Reference URI='#SomeCert'
    ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3" />
    </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    </wsse:Security>

```

### CORRECT:

```

    <wsse:Security xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'
    xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'
    xmlns:xenc='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#'
    xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#' >
    <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    <wsse:Embedded wsu:Id="TheEmbeddedElementAroundSomeCert">
    <wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id='SomeCert'
    ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3"
    EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-
wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary">

```

```

lui+Jy4WYKGGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHFe7sHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSWkXm9jAEdsm/.
..
    </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
    </wsse:Embedded>

```



```
</wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
</wsse:Security>
```

## 8.7.2 Direct Preferred to Embedded References

Since multiple security elements may reference a single security token and processing of those elements may result in the removal of the element, consistent use of direct rather than embedded references simplifies processing. Direct references are encouraged, embedded references are discouraged.

**R3023** Any **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE** that references an **INTERNAL\_SECURITY\_TOKEN** that is referenced several times **SHOULD** contain an **STR\_REFERENCE** rather than an **STR\_EMBEDDED**.

The Profile encourages the consistent use of Direct Reference to security tokens.

For example,

### INCORRECT:

```
<!-- This example is incorrect because it uses a wsse:Embedded
element for the wsse:BinarySecurityToken
with the wsu:Id of SomeCert. It is assumed that this token is
referred to from several places elsewhere
in the SOAP envelope (not shown) -->
<wsse:Security xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'
xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'
xmlns:xenc='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#'
xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#' >
<wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
<wsse:Embedded wsu:Id="TheEmbeddedElementAroundSomeCert">
<wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id='SomeCert'
ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3"
EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-
wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary">
lui+Jy4WYKGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHFe7sHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSWkXm9jAEdsm/.
..
</wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
</wsse:Embedded>
</wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
</wsse:Security>
```

### CORRECT:

```
<wsse:Security xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'
xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'
xmlns:xenc='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#'
xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#' >
<wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id='SomeCert'
ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3"
```

```

        EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-
wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary">

lui+Jy4WYKGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHFe7sHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSWkXm9jAEdsm/.
..
        </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
        <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
        <wsse:Reference URI='#SomeCert'
        ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3" />
        </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
        </wsse:Security>

```

### 8.7.3 Shorthand XPointers Mandatory for Direct References

Constraining the number of referencing mechanisms reduces complexity and thus improves interoperability. The `wsse:BinarySecurityToken` has a `wsu:Id` attribute allowing references to this token to use the relatively efficient and unambiguous Shorthand XPointer.

**R5204** Any **STR\_REFERENCE** to an **INTERNAL\_SECURITY\_TOKEN** having an **ID** attribute **MUST** contain a **URI** attribute with a *Shorthand XPointer value*.

The Profile requires the use of Shorthand XPointer Reference to ensure that the URI efficiently references the correct token.

For example,

#### CORRECT:

```

        <wsse:Security xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'
        xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'
        xmlns:xenc='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#'
        xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#' >
        <wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id='SomeCert'
        ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3"
        EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-
wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary">

lui+Jy4WYKGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHFe7sHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSWkXm9jAEdsm/.
..
        </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
        <xenc:EncryptedKey>
        <xenc:EncryptionMethod
Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#rsa-1_5' />
        <ds:KeyInfo>
        <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
        <wsse:Reference
        URI='#SomeCert'
        ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3"/>
        </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
        </ds:KeyInfo>
        <xenc:CipherData>
        <xenc:CipherValue>
XZEEVABD3L9G+VNTCDiDTE7WB1a4kILtz5f9FT747eE=

```

```

</xenc:CipherValue>
</xenc:CipherData>
</xenc:EncryptedKey>
</wsse:Security>

```

### CORRECT:

```

<wsse:Security xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'
  xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'
  xmlns:xenc='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#'
  xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#' >
  <rel:license xmlns:rel='urn:mpeg:mpeg21:2003:01-REL-R-NS'
    wsu:Id='SomeLic'
    licenseId='uuid:3D680C71-177B-40cc-84C1-123B02503524' >
    . . .
  </rel:license>
  <ds:Signature>
    . . .
  <ds:KeyInfo>
    <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    <wsse:Reference
      URI='#SomeLic'
      ValueType="http://docs.oasisopen.org/wss/oasis-wss-rel-token-
profile-1.0.pdf#license" />
    </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
  </ds:KeyInfo>
</ds:Signature>
</wsse:Security>

```

## 8.7.4 Security Tokens Precede Their References

Security token references are intended to provide access to security tokens residing anywhere in a document. However, token placement can have a significant affect on processing efficiency when the document is processed in a stream-oriented fashion. For example, resolving a forward reference to a token may require significant subsequent document parsing that could otherwise be eliminated. This need to satisfy random access to security tokens adds complexity to implementations that works against interoperability.

**R5205** Any **INTERNAL\_SECURITY\_TOKEN** that is not contained in an **STR\_EMBEDDED** MUST precede all **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE** elements that reference it in the **SOAP\_ENVELOPE**.

Ensuring that a security token element appears before it is referenced, when processing in document order, means that implementations have access to the token content referenced from a `wsse:SecurityTokenReference` element when it is needed to verify a signature or perform decryption.

For example,

### INCORRECT:

```

<!-- This example is incorrect because the wsse:BinarySecurityToken
with the wsu:Id of SomeCert appears after it is
referenced from within the xenc:EncryptedKey element -->
<wsse:Security xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'

```

```

        xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'
        xmlns:xenc='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#'
        xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#' >
        <xenc:EncryptedKey>
        <xenc:EncryptionMethod
Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#rsa-1_5' />
        <ds:KeyInfo>
        <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
        <wsse:Reference
URI='#SomeCert'
ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3"/>
        </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
        </ds:KeyInfo>
        <xenc:CipherData>
        <xenc:CipherValue>
XZEEVABD3L9G+VNTCDiDTE7WB1a4kILtz5f9FT747eE=
        </xenc:CipherValue>
        </xenc:CipherData>
        </xenc:EncryptedKey>
        <wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id='SomeCert'
ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3"
EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-
wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary">
lui+Jy4WYKGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHFe7sHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSWkXm9jAEdsm/.
..
        </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
        </wsse:Security>

```

## CORRECT:

```

        <wsse:Security xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'
        xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'
        xmlns:xenc='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#'
        xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#' >
        <wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id='SomeCert'
ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3"
EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-
wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary">
lui+Jy4WYKGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHFe7sHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSWkXm9jAEdsm/.
..
        </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
        <xenc:EncryptedKey>
        <xenc:EncryptionMethod
Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#rsa-1_5' />
        <ds:KeyInfo>
        <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
        <wsse:Reference
URI='#SomeCert'
ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3"/>

```

```

</wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
</ds:KeyInfo>
<xenc:CipherData>
<xenc:CipherValue>
XZEEVABD3L9G+VNTCDiDTE7WB1a4kILtz5f9FT747eE=
</xenc:CipherValue>
</xenc:CipherData>
</xenc:EncryptedKey>
</wsse:Security>

```

## 8.7.5 References Between Security Headers Prohibited

The potential exists for the same security token to be referenced from multiple security headers.

**R3066** Any **STR\_REFERENCE** that is a descendant of a **SECURITY\_HEADER** MUST NOT use a Shorthand XPointer to refer to an **INTERNAL\_SECURITY\_TOKEN** located in a **SECURITY\_HEADER** other than the **SECURITY\_HEADER** that contains the **STR\_REFERENCE**.

**R3067** Any **STR\_REFERENCE** that is a descendant of an **ENCRYPTED\_DATA** MUST NOT use a Shorthand XPointer to refer to an **INTERNAL\_SECURITY\_TOKEN** located in a **SECURITY\_HEADER** other than the **SECURITY\_HEADER** containing a reference (**EK\_REFERENCE\_LIST** or an **ENC\_REFERENCE\_LIST**) to the **ENCRYPTED\_DATA**.

Since processing of security header elements can result in the removal of those elements, references to elements in another header may not correctly resolve. If an internal security token is referenced from multiple security headers it should be copied into each referencing header.

## 8.8 External References

### 8.8.1 Direct References Where Possible

Since multiple security elements may reference a single external security token, consistent use of direct references simplifies processing. Direct references are encouraged.

**R3024** Any **EXTERNAL\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE** that can use an **STR\_REFERENCE** MUST contain an **STR\_REFERENCE**.

The Profile encourages the use of Direct Reference in order to minimize ambiguity.

For example,

**CORRECT:**

```

<wsse:Security xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'
  xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'
  xmlns:xenc='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#'
  xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#' >
  <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    <wsse:Reference URI='http://www.ws-
i.org/CertStore/Examples/BSP.PEM'

```

```
        ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-  
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3" />  
    </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>  
</wsse:Security>
```

## 8.9 SecurityTokenReference With EncryptedData

### 8.9.1 Reference to KeyInfo Prohibited

Security token references are intended to refer directly to security tokens. This requirement prohibits cases where a reference is made to a `ds:KeyInfo` which in turn contains another reference.

**R3211** Any **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE** *MUST NOT* reference a *ds:KeyInfo* element.

## 9 XML-Signature

Web Services Security: SOAP Message Security builds on XML Signature, defining usage of various elements from XML Signature and a processing model. The Profile places the constraints defined in this section on the use of XML Signature with Web Services Security: SOAP Message Security. The Profile places no constraints on other use of XML Signature.

In some areas the Basic Security Profile allows limited flexibility and extensibility in the application of security to messages. Some agreement between the SENDER and RECEIVER over which mechanisms and choices should be used for message exchanges is necessary. Since no security policy description language or negotiation mechanism is in scope for the Basic Security Profile, some out of band agreement must be reached for which elements should be signed and which signature algorithms should be used.

This section of the Basic Security Profile 1.1 incorporates the following specifications by reference:

- [XML Signature Syntax and Processing \[xmldsig\]](#)

### 9.1 Types of Signature

#### 9.1.1 Enveloping Signatures Prohibited

Due to the nature of the SOAP processing model, which is based on recognizing the elements that are children of soap:Header and/or soap:Body, use of enveloping signatures, where the signed XML is encapsulated in a ds:Signature element, is inappropriate.

**R3102** A **SIGNATURE** *MUST NOT* be an Enveloping Signature as defined by the XML Signature specification.

Enveloping signatures are not allowed.

For example,

**INCORRECT:**

```
<!-- This example is incorrect because it contains an enveloping
signature around the SomeSecurityToken element -->
<ds:Signature Id='TheSig'
xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#'>
  <ds:SignedInfo>
    <ds:CanonicalizationMethod
Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#' />
    <ds:Reference URI='#SigPropBody'>
      <ds:Transforms>
        <ds:Transform Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#'
/>
      </ds:Transforms>
      <ds:DigestMethod Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#sha1'
/>
      <ds:DigestValue>i3qi5GjhHnfoBn/jOjQp2mq0Na4=</ds:DigestValue>
    </ds:Reference>
  </ds:SignedInfo>
  <ds:SignatureValue>oxNwoqGbzqglYBliz+PProgcjw8=</ds:SignatureValue>
  <ds:KeyInfo>
    <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    <wsse:Reference
```

```

        URI='#SomeCert'
        ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3"/>
    </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
</ds:KeyInfo>
<ds:Object>
<ds:SignatureProperties>
<ds:SignatureProperty Id='SigPropBody' Target='#TheSig'>
<SomeSecurityToken/>
</ds:SignatureProperty>
</ds:SignatureProperties>
</ds:Object>
</ds:Signature>

```

## 9.1.2 Enveloped Signatures Discouraged

Enveloped signatures, where the ds:Signature element is a descendant of the signed element, limit the ability of intermediaries to process messages and should be avoided unless said limitation is the desired effect.

**R3104** *A SIGNATURE SHOULD NOT be an Enveloped Signature as defined by the XML Signature specification.*

Enveloped signatures are discouraged.

## 9.1.3 Detached Signatures Preferred

**R3103** *A SIGNATURE SHOULD be a Detached Signature as defined by the XML Signature specification.*

Detached signatures are encouraged.

For example,

**CORRECT:**

```

    <ds:Signature xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#'>
    <ds:SignedInfo>
    <ds:CanonicalizationMethod
Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#' />
    <ds:SignatureMethod
Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#rsa-sha1' />
    <ds:Reference URI='#TheBody'>
    <ds:Transforms>
    <ds:Transform Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#'
/>
    </ds:Transforms>
    <ds:DigestMethod Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#sha1'
/>
    <ds:DigestValue>i3qi5GjhHnfoBn/jOjQp2mq0Na4=</ds:DigestValue>
    </ds:Reference>
    </ds:SignedInfo>
    <ds:SignatureValue>PipXJ2Sfc+LTDnq4pM5JcIYt9gg=</ds:SignatureValue>
    <ds:KeyInfo>
    <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    <wsse:Reference URI='#SomeCert'
        ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3" />
    </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>

```



```
</ds:KeyInfo>
</ds:Signature>
```

## 9.2 Signed Element References

This section of the Basic Security Profile 1.1 incorporates the following specifications by reference:

- [XPointer Framework \[XPointer\]](#)

Element references are used to specify which portions of a SECURE\_ENVELOPE are integrity protected. The Basic Security Profile 1.1 places the following constraints on the use of element references:

### 9.2.1 Shorthand XPointer Where Referent has wsu:Id Attribute

Shorthand XPointer is relatively efficient and interoperable. However, in cases where the referent element is optional in the message and other remedies are unacceptable, it may be necessary to use an absolute path XPath Expression which allows signature verification to detect movement of the signed element within the message (see Section 18.4 for details).

**R3001** Any **SIG\_REFERENCE** *SHOULD* contain a URI attribute containing a Shorthand XPointer.

### 9.2.2 Shorthand XPointer Where Referent is defined by XML Signature

**R3003** Any **SIG\_REFERENCE** to a SIGNATURE or descendant of a SIGNATURE *MUST* contain a URI attribute with a reference value that is a Shorthand XPointer to Local ID attribute defined by XML Signature.

### 9.2.3 Shorthand XPointer Where Referent is defined by XML Encryption

**R3004** Any **SIG\_REFERENCE** to an element defined in XML Encryption *MUST* contain a URI attribute with a reference value that is a Shorthand XPointer to Local ID attribute defined by XML Encryption.

### 9.2.4 Shorthand XPointer to wsu:Id Attribute Where Possible

Processing of Shorthand XPointers requires knowledge of which attributes are IDs. Since the underlying specifications strive to allow message processing without schema processing, some non-schema aware method for identifying ID attributes must be used.

**R3005** Any **SIG\_REFERENCE** to an element that is not defined in XML Encryption, a SIGNATURE, or a descendant of a SIGNATURE *SHOULD* contain a URI attribute with a reference value that is a Shorthand XPointer to a wsu:Id attribute.

The underlying specifications define well known ID attributes. Limiting references to those well known attributes reduces complexity and the reliance on schema processing.

## 9.2.5 XPath References Where Necessary

Elements that do not have an attribute of type ID cannot be referred to by Shorthand XPointer so a different referencing mechanism is needed.

**R3002** Any **SIG\_REFERENCE** to an element that does not have an ID attribute **MUST** contain a **TRANSFORM** with an Algorithm attribute value of "<http://www.w3.org/2002/06/xmldsig-filter2>".

The XPath Filter 2.0 transform is more efficient than the original XPath transform from XML Digital Signature Syntax and Processing.

For example,

**INCORRECT:**

```
<!-- This example is incorrect because it uses the
http://www.w3.org/TR/1999/REC-xpath-19991116 transform instead of the
http://www.w3.org/2002/06/xmldsig-filter2 transform -->
<soap:Envelope
xmlns:soap='http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope' >
  <soap:Header>
    <wsse:Security xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'
      xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'>
      <wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id='SomeCert '
        ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3">
        lui+Jy4WYKGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHFe7sSHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSWkXm9jAEdsm/.
        ..
        </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
        <ds:Signature xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#'>
          <ds:SignedInfo>
            <ds:CanonicalizationMethod
Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#' />
            <ds:SignatureMethod
Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#rsa-sha1' />
            <ds:Reference URI=''>
              <ds:Transforms>
                <ds:Transform Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/TR/1999/REC-xpath-
19991116'>
                  <ds:XPath>ancestor-or-
self::soap:Body[parent::node()=/soap:Envelope]</ds:XPath>
                </ds:Transform>
                <ds:Transform Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#'
/>
              </ds:Transforms>
              <ds:DigestMethod Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#sha1'
/>
              <ds:DigestValue>VEPKwzfPGOxh2OUpoK0bcl58jtU=</ds:DigestValue>
            </ds:Reference>
          </ds:SignedInfo>
          <ds:SignatureValue>+diIuEyDpV7qxVoU0kb5rj6l+Zs=</ds:SignatureValue>
          <ds:KeyInfo>
            <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
              <wsse:Reference
URI='#SomeCert '
ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3" />
            </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
          </ds:KeyInfo>
        </ds:Signature>
      </wsse:Security>
    </soap:Header>
  </soap:Envelope>
```

```

        </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
        </ds:KeyInfo>
        </ds:Signature>
        </wsse:Security>
        </soap:Header>
        <soap:Body xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-
200401-wss-wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'
        wsu:Id='TheBody'>
        <m:SomeElement xmlns:m='http://example.org/ws' />
        </soap:Body>
        </soap:Envelope>

```

## CORRECT:

```

        <soap:Envelope
xmlns:soap='http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope' >
        <soap:Header>
        <wsse:Security xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'
        xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'>
        <wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id='SomeCert'
        ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3">
lui+Jy4WYKGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHFe7sHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSWkXm9jAEdsm/.
..
        </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
        <ds:Signature xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#'>
        <ds:SignedInfo>
        <ds:CanonicalizationMethod
Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#' />
        <ds:SignatureMethod
Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#rsa-sha1' />
        <ds:Reference URI=''>
        <ds:Transforms>
        <ds:Transform Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2002/06/xmldsig-filter2'
xmlns:dsxp='http://www.w3.org/2002/06/xmldsig-filter2'>
        <dsxp:XPath Filter='intersect'>ancestor-or-
self::soap:Body[parent::node()=/soap:Envelope]</dsxp:XPath>
        </ds:Transform>
        <ds:Transform Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#'>
        <xc14n:InclusiveNamespaces
xmlns:xc14n='http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#' />
        </ds:Transform>
        </ds:Transforms>
        <ds:DigestMethod Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#sha1'
/>
        <ds:DigestValue>VEPKwzfpGOxh2OUpoK0bcl58jtU=</ds:DigestValue>
        </ds:Reference>
        </ds:SignedInfo>
        <ds:SignatureValue>+diIuEyDpV7qxVoU0kb5rj6l+Zs=</ds:SignatureValue>
        <ds:KeyInfo>
        <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
        <wsse:Reference
URI='#SomeCert'
        ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3" />

```

```

        </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
        </ds:KeyInfo>
        </ds:Signature>
        </wsse:Security>
        </soap:Header>
        <soap:Body xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-
200401-wss-wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'
        wsu:Id='TheBody'>
        <m:SomeElement xmlns:m='http://example.org/ws' />
        </soap:Body>
    </soap:Envelope>

```

## 9.3 Signature Transforms

### 9.3.1 Transforms Element Mandatory

At a minimum an XML Canonicalization Algorithm needs to be specified for each Reference, necessitating a ds:Transforms element.

**R5416** Any **SIG\_REFERENCE** *MUST* contain a **SIG\_TRANSFORMS** child element.

### 9.3.2 Transform Element Mandatory

**R5411** Any **SIG\_TRANSFORMS** *MUST* contain at least one **SIG\_TRANSFORM** child element.

### 9.3.3 Transform Algorithms

These algorithms are chosen for their cryptographic strength, utility or because they address some security concern.

**R5423** Any **SIG\_TRANSFORM** Algorithm attribute *MUST* have a value of "http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#" or "http://www.w3.org/2002/06/xmldsig-filter2" or "http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-soap-message-security-1.0#STR-Transform" or "http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#enveloped-signature" or "http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-SwAProfile-1.1#Attachment-Content-Signature-Transform" or "http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-SwAProfile-1.1#Attachment-Complete-Signature-Transform"

For example,

**CORRECT:**

```

    <soap:Envelope
xmlns:soap='http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope' >
    <soap:Header>
        <wsse:Security xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'
        xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'>
            <wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id='SomeCert'

```

```

        ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3">

lui+Jy4WYKGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHFe7sHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSWkXm9jAEdsm/.
..
        </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
        <xenc:EncryptedKey xmlns:xenc='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#' >
        <xenc:EncryptionMethod
Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#rsa-1_5' />
        <ds:KeyInfo xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#'>
        <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
        <wsse:Reference
URI='#SomeCert'
        ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3" />
        </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
        </ds:KeyInfo>
        <xenc:CipherData>
        <xenc:CipherValue>
XZEEVABD3L9G+VNTCDiDTE7WB1a4kILtz5f9FT747eE=
        </xenc:CipherValue>
        </xenc:CipherData>
        </xenc:EncryptedKey>
        <ds:Signature xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#'>
        <ds:SignedInfo>
        <ds:CanonicalizationMethod
Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#' />
        <ds:SignatureMethod
Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#hmac-sha1' />
        <ds:Reference URI='#TheBody'>
        <ds:Transforms>
        <ds:Transform Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#'
/>
        </ds:Transforms>
        <ds:DigestMethod Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#sha1'
/>
        <ds:DigestValue>+VTJraRYFT3pl7Z4uAWhmr5+bf4=</ds:DigestValue>
        </ds:Reference>
        </ds:SignedInfo>
        <ds:SignatureValue>+diIuEyDpV7qxVoU0kb5rj61+Zs=</ds:SignatureValue>
        </ds:Signature>
        </wsse:Security>
        </soap:Header>
        <soap:Body xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-
200401-wss-wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'
wsu:Id='TheBody'>
        <m:SomeElement xmlns:m='http://example.org/ws' />
        </soap:Body>
        </soap:Envelope>

```

## CORRECT:

```

        <soap:Envelope
xmlns:soap='http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope' >
        <soap:Header>
        <wsse:Security xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'

```

```

        xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'>
        <wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id='SomeCert'
        ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3">
        lui+Jy4WYKGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHFe7sHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSWkXm9jAEdsm/.
        ..
        </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
        <ds:Signature xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#'>
        <ds:SignedInfo>
        <ds:CanonicalizationMethod
Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#' />
        <ds:SignatureMethod
Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#rsa-sha1' />
        <ds:Reference URI='#TheBody'>
        <ds:Transforms>
        <ds:Transform Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#'
/>
        </ds:Transforms>
        <ds:DigestMethod Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#sha1'
/>
        <ds:DigestValue>+VTJraRYFT3pl7Z4uAWhmr5+bf4=</ds:DigestValue>
        </ds:Reference>
        </ds:SignedInfo>
        <ds:SignatureValue>+diIuEyDpV7qxVoUOkb5rj6l+Zs=</ds:SignatureValue>
        <ds:KeyInfo>
        <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
        <wsse:Reference
URI='#SomeCert'
ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3" />
        </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
        </ds:KeyInfo>
        </ds:Signature>
        </wsse:Security>
        </soap:Header>
        <soap:Body xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-
200401-wss-wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'
wsu:Id='TheBody'>
        <m:SomeElement xmlns:m='http://example.org/ws' />
        </soap:Body>
        </soap:Envelope>

```

### 9.3.4 Last Transform Algorithm

Canonicalization is critical to ensuring signatures are processed correctly, thus each ds:Reference will need at least one ds:Transform to specify the Exclusive C14N transform or a transform which itself incorporates Exclusive C14N.

**R5412** Any **SIG\_TRANSFORMS** *MUST* contain as its last child a **SIG\_TRANSFORM** with an **Algorithm** attribute with a value of *"http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#" or "http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-soap-message-security-1.0#STR-Transform" or*

*"http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-SwAProfile-1.1#Attachment-Content-Signature-Transform" or  
"http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-SwAProfile-1.1#Attachment-Complete-Signature-Transform".*

For example,

**INCORRECT:**

```
<!-- This example is incorrect because the ds:Reference element
does not have a ds:Transforms child element -->
<ds:Reference URI='#TheBody'>
  <ds:DigestMethod Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmlsig#sha1'
/>

  <ds:DigestValue>VEPKwzfPG0xh2OUpoK0bc158jtU=</ds:DigestValue>
</ds:Reference>
```

**CORRECT:**

```
<ds:Reference URI='#TheBody'>
  <ds:Transforms>
    <ds:Transform Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#'/>
  </ds:Transforms>
  <ds:DigestMethod Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmlsig#sha1'
/>

  <ds:DigestValue>+VTJraRYFT3pl7Z4uAWhmr5+bf4=</ds:DigestValue>
</ds:Reference>
```

### 9.3.5 Inclusive Namespaces with Exclusive-C14N Transform

**R5407** Any **SIG\_TRANSFORM** with an *Algorithm* attribute with a value of *"http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#" MUST contain an INCLUSIVE\_NAMESPACES with an PrefixList attribute unless the PrefixList is empty.*

### 9.3.6 Inclusive Namespaces with STR Transform

**R5413** Any **SIG\_TRANSFORM** with an *Algorithm* attribute with a value of *"http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-soap-message-security-1.0#STR-Transform" MUST have an INCLUSIVE\_NAMESPACES with an PrefixList attribute unless the PrefixList is empty.*

### 9.3.7 TransformationParameters and CanonicalizationMethod with STR Transform

The Security Token Dereferencing Transform allows for the optional specification of a canonicalization algorithm.

**R3065** Any **SIG\_TRANSFORM** with an *Algorithm* attribute with a value of *"http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-soap-message-security-1.0#STR-Transform" MUST contain a*

*child wsse:TransformationParameters element containing a child ds:CanonicalizationMethod element.*

Consistent processing of data to be signed, including security token content, reduces complexity.

## 9.4 Canonicalization Methods

### 9.4.1 Exclusive C14N Mandatory

**R5404** Any **CANONICALIZATION\_METHOD** Algorithm attribute **MUST** have a value of "http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#" indicating that it uses Exclusive C14N without comments for canonicalization.

For example,

**INCORRECT:**

```
<!-- This example is incorrect because it uses the
http://www.w3.org/TR/2001/REC-xml-c14n-20010315
canonicalization algorithm -->
<ds:CanonicalizationMethod
Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/TR/2001/REC-xml-c14n-20010315' />
```

### 9.4.2 Inclusive Namespaces with Exclusive-C14N

**R5406** Any **CANONICALIZATION\_METHOD** **MUST** contain an **INCLUSIVE\_NAMESPACES** with a **PrefixList** attribute unless the **PrefixList** is empty.

## 9.5 Inclusive Namespaces

### 9.5.1 Order of PrefixList

**R5414** A **RECEIVER** **MUST** be capable of accepting and processing an **INCLUSIVE\_NAMESPACES** **PrefixList** attribute containing prefixes in any order within the string.

### 9.5.2 Whitespace in PrefixList

**R5415** A **RECEIVER** **MUST** be capable of accepting and processing an **INCLUSIVE\_NAMESPACES** **PrefixList** attribute containing arbitrary whitespace before, after and between the prefixes within the string.

### 9.5.3 PrefixList Contents

Unless proper canonicalization is performed, verification of signatures may not work due to changes to the elements in the containing scope.

**R5405** Any **INCLUSIVE\_NAMESPACES** **MUST** contain the prefix of all namespaces that are in-scope and desired to be protected, but not visibly utilized, for the element being signed and its



*descendants, per Exclusive XML Canonicalization Version 1.0.*

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**R5408** Any **INCLUSIVE\_NAMESPACES** *MUST* contain the string *"#default"* if a default namespace is in-scope and desired to be protected, but not visibly utilized, for the element being signed and its descendants, per Exclusive XML Canonicalization Version 1.0.

The use of Exclusive Canonicalization with `xc14n:InclusiveNamespaces/@Prefix` addresses problems with both Inclusive Canonicalization and Exclusive Canonicalization without `xc14n:InclusiveNamespaces/@Prefix`.

For example,

**INCORRECT:**

```
<!-- This example is incorrect because the PrefixList of the
xc14n:InclusiveNamespaces element does not contain the
correct list of prefixes. It should contain the bar prefix. -->
<soap:Envelope
xmlns:soap='http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope'>
  <soap:Header>
    <wsse:Security xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'
      xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'>
      <wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id='SomeCert'
        ValueType='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3'>
        lui+Jy4WYKGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHFe7sHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSWkXm9jAEdsm/.
        ..
        </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
        <ds:Signature xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#'>
          <ds:SignedInfo>
            <ds:CanonicalizationMethod
Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#' />
            <ds:SignatureMethod
Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#rsa-sha1' />
            <ds:Reference URI='#TheBody'>
              <ds:Transforms>
                <ds:Transform Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#'>
                  <xc14n:InclusiveNamespaces
xmlns:xc14n='http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#' />
                </ds:Transform>
              </ds:Transforms>
            <ds:DigestMethod Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#sha1'
/>
              <ds:DigestValue>VEPKwzfPG0xh2OUpoK0bcl58jtU=</ds:DigestValue>
            </ds:Reference>
          </ds:SignedInfo>
          <ds:SignatureValue>+diIuEyDpV7qxVoU0kb5rj6l+Zs=</ds:SignatureValue>
          <ds:KeyInfo>
            <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
              <wsse:Reference
URI='#SomeCert'
ValueType='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3' />
            </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
```

```

    </ds:KeyInfo>
    </ds:Signature>
    </wsse:Security>
    </soap:Header>
    <soap:Body xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-
200401-wss-wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'
    wsu:Id='TheBody'
    xmlns:bar='http://bar.com'>
    <m:SomeElement xmlns:m='http://example.org/ws' foo='bar:none'/>
    </soap:Body>
    </soap:Envelope>

```

## CORRECT:

```

    <soap:Envelope
xmlns:soap='http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope'>
    <soap:Header>
    <wsse:Security xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'
    xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'>
    <wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id='SomeCert'
    ValueType='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3'>

lui+Jy4WYKGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHFe7sSHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSWkXm9jAEdsm/.
..
    </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
    <ds:Signature xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#'>
    <ds:SignedInfo>
    <ds:CanonicalizationMethod
Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#' />
    <ds:SignatureMethod
Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#rsa-sha1' />
    <ds:Reference URI='#TheBody'>
    <ds:Transforms>
    <ds:Transform Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#'>
    <xc14n:InclusiveNamespaces
xmlns:xc14n='http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#' PrefixList='bar' />
    </ds:Transform>
    </ds:Transforms>
    <ds:DigestMethod Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#sha1'
/>
    <ds:DigestValue>VEPKwzfgPG0xh20Upok0bcl58jtU=</ds:DigestValue>
    </ds:Reference>
    </ds:SignedInfo>
    <ds:SignatureValue>+diIuEyDpV7qxVoUOkb5rj6l+Zs=</ds:SignatureValue>
    <ds:KeyInfo>
    <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    <wsse:Reference
URI='#SomeCert'
ValueType='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3' />
    </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    </ds:KeyInfo>
    </ds:Signature>
    </wsse:Security>
    </soap:Header>

```

```

    <soap:Body xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-
200401-wss-wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'
      wsu:Id='TheBody'
      xmlns:bar="http://bar.com">
    <m:SomeElement xmlns:m='http://example.org/ws' foo='bar:none' />
    </soap:Body>
  </soap:Envelope>

```

## 9.6 Digest Methods

### 9.6.1 SHA-1 Preferred

The SHA-1 Digest algorithm is widely-implemented and interoperable hence the recommendation that it be used for signature digests.

**R5420** Any **DIGEST\_METHOD** Algorithm attribute *SHOULD* have the value "http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#sha1".

## 9.7 Signature Methods

### 9.7.1 Algorithms

The two algorithms listed are widely-implemented and interoperable. Two algorithms are needed, one symmetric, one asymmetric.

**R5421** Any **SIGNATURE\_METHOD** Algorithm attribute *SHOULD* have a value of "http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#hmac-sha1" or "http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#rsa-sha1".

### 9.7.2 HMACOutputLength Prohibited

The ds:HMACOutputLength provides an input parameter to the HMAC-SHA1 algorithm specifying how many bits of the output to use. Disallowing use of this element results in ALL the bits of the output being used.

**R5401** Any **SIGNATURE\_METHOD** *MUST NOT* contain a ds:HMACOutputLength child element.

For example,

#### INCORRECT:

```

<!-- This example is incorrect because the ds:SignatureMethod
element has a ds:HMACOutputLength child element -->
<ds:SignatureMethod
Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#hmac-sha1'>
  <ds:HMACOutputLength>128</ds:HMACOutputLength>
</ds:SignatureMethod>

```

#### CORRECT:

```

<ds:SignatureMethod
Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#hmac-sha1' />

```

## 9.8 KeyInfo

### 9.8.1 Exactly One KeyInfo Child Element

**R5402** Any **SIG\_KEY\_INFO** *MUST* contain exactly one child element.

### 9.8.2 SecurityTokenReference Mandatory

The ds:KeyInfo element allows for many different child elements. The Profile mandates a single element, wsse:SecurityTokenReference, which is needed to reference security tokens.

**R5417** Any **SIG\_KEY\_INFO** *MUST* contain a **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE** child element.

For example,

**CORRECT:**

```
<ds:KeyInfo xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#' >
  <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    <wsse:Reference URI='#SomeCert'
      ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3" />
    </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
  </ds:KeyInfo>
```

## 9.9 Manifest

### 9.9.1 Manifest Prohibited

The ds:Manifest element is designed for specific application level use cases that do not apply to the use of XML Signature in SOAP Message Security.

**R5403** A **SIGNATURE** *MUST NOT* contain a ds:Manifest descendant element.

For example,

**INCORRECT:**

```
<!-- This example is incorrect because the ds:Signature element has
a ds:Manifest grandchild element -->
<ds:Signature xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#'>
  <ds:SignedInfo>
    <ds:CanonicalizationMethod
Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#' />
    <ds:SignatureMethod
Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#rsa-sha1' />
    <ds:Reference URI='#TheManifest'>
      <ds:Transforms>
        <ds:Transform Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#'
/>
      </ds:Transforms>
    <ds:DigestMethod Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#sha1'
/>
    <ds:DigestValue>OVuYKGY6KCGB010XHS3krj8vjek=</ds:DigestValue>
  </ds:Reference>
</ds:SignedInfo>
  <ds:SignatureValue>L7X0Zw23/zYQnX4+Z+p0gCygKQ0=</ds:SignatureValue>
```

```

        <ds:KeyInfo>
        <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
        <wsse:Reference URI='#SomeCert'
        ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3" />
        </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
        </ds:KeyInfo>
        <ds:Object>
        <ds:Manifest Id='TheManifest'>
        <ds:Reference URI='#TheBody'>
        <ds:Transforms>
        <ds:Transform Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#'
/>
        </ds:Transforms>
        <ds:DigestMethod Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#sha1'
/>
        <ds:DigestValue>VTJraRYFT3pl7Z4uAWhmr5+bf4=</ds:DigestValue>
        </ds:Reference>
        </ds:Manifest>
        </ds:Object>
        </ds:Signature>

```

## 9.10 9.10 Signature Encryption

### 9.10.1 Encrypt Only Entire Signature

If the value of a ds:DigestValue element in a SIGNATURE needs to be encrypted the entire parent ds:Signature element MUST be encrypted.

**R5440** A **SIGNATURE** *MUST NOT* have any *xenc:EncryptedData* elements amongst its descendants.

## 9.11 9.11 Signature Confirmation

### 9.11.1 Signature Confirmation Format

**R5441** A **SIGNATURE\_CONFIRMATION** *MUST* contain a *wsu:Id* attribute.

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## 10 XML Encryption

Web Services Security: SOAP Message Security builds on XML Encryption, defining usage of various elements from XML Encryption and a processing model. The Basic Security Profile 1.1 places the constraints defined in this section on the use of XML Encryption with Web Services Security: SOAP Message Security. The Basic Security Profile 1.1 places no constraints on other use of XML Encryption.

In some areas the Basic Security Profile allows limited flexibility and extensibility in the application of security to messages. Some agreement between the SENDER and RECEIVER over which mechanisms and choices should be used for message exchanges is necessary. Since no security policy description language or negotiation mechanism is in scope for the Basic Security Profile, some out of band agreement must be reached for which elements should be encrypted and which data encryption, key transport and/or key wrap algorithms should be used.

This section of the Basic Security Profile 1.1 incorporates the following specifications by reference:

- [XML Encryption Syntax and Processing \[xmlenc\]](#)

### 10.1 EncryptedHeader

#### 10.1.1 EncryptedHeader Format

WSS 1.1 introduced a new ENCRYPTED\_HEADER mechanism to encrypt headers. When it is required that an entire SOAP header block including the top-level element and its attributes be encrypted, the original header block is replaced with an ENCRYPTED\_HEADER. Where an ENCRYPTED\_HEADER element exists, it contains a child ENCRYPTED\_DATA element that is the result of encrypting the header block.

**R3228** *A soap:Header element in a **SECURE\_ENVELOPE** MUST NOT contain any child ENCRYPTED\_DATA.*

**R3299** *A soap:Header element in a **SECURE\_ENVELOPE** MAY contain ENCRYPTED\_HEADER children.*

**R3230** *An ENCRYPTED\_HEADER MUST NOT contain any children other than a single required ENCRYPTED\_DATA.*

**R3232** *In cases where a wsu:Id does exist on the ENCRYPTED\_HEADER, the child **ENCRYPTED\_DATA** MAY contain an Id attribute.*

### 10.2 Encryption ReferenceList

#### 10.2.1 Single Key

**R3205** *Any **ENC\_REFERENCE\_LIST** produced as part of an encryption step MUST use a single key.*

## 10.2.2 Encryption DataReference for EncryptedData

**R3231** Any **ENC\_REFERENCE\_LIST** *MUST* contain an *xenc:DataReference* element for each *ENCRYPTED\_DATA* produced in the associated encryption step.

## 10.3 EncryptedKey ReferenceList

### 10.3.1 EncryptedKey DataReference for EncryptedData

Some encryption steps might not produce an *xenc:ReferenceList*. For those that do produce an *xenc:ReferenceList*, there must be a separate *xenc:ReferenceList* for each such encryption step. When there is a *xenc:ReferenceList* either as a child of *wsse:Security* or as a child of *xenc:EncryptedKey* it must list all the corresponding *xenc:EncryptedData* elements by using *xenc:DataReference* elements.

**R3214** Any **EK\_REFERENCE\_LIST** *MUST* contain a *xenc:DataReference* for each *ENCRYPTED\_DATA* produced in the associated encryption step.

## 10.4 EncryptedKey

### 10.4.1 EncryptedKey Precedes EncryptedData

To facilitate ease of processing, keys are required to appear inside *wsse:Security* headers and to appear before they are required for decryption of elements inside a *wsse:Security* header.

**R3208** Any **ENCRYPTED\_KEY** *MUST* precede any *ENCRYPTED\_DATA* in the same *SECURITY\_HEADER* referenced by the associated *EK\_REFERENCE\_LIST*.

For example,

**INCORRECT:**

```
<wsse:Security xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'
  xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'
  xmlns:xenc='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#'
  xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#' >
  <wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id='SomeCert'
    ValueType='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3'>
    lui+Jy4WYKJGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHFe7sHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSWkXm9jAEdsm/.
    ..
  </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
  <xenc:EncryptedData Id='Enc1'>
    <xenc:EncryptionMethod
      Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#tripledes-cbc' />
    <xenc:CipherData>
      <xenc:CipherValue>
        9jFtYcLSlDZQBMjKfT7ctg6Jy+6sC8YORhiPeTvOjug7ozY2SRHGuLt8G/vf2f/f4IdF0ewiDOpq.
        ..
      </xenc:CipherValue>
    </xenc:CipherData>
  </xenc:EncryptedData>
```

```

    <xenc:EncryptedKey>
    <xenc:EncryptionMethod
Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#rsa-1_5' />
    <ds:KeyInfo>
    <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    <wsse:Reference
URI='#SomeCert'
    ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3" />
    </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    </ds:KeyInfo>
    <xenc:CipherData>
    <xenc:CipherValue>
XZEEVABD3L9G+VNTCDiDTE7WB1a4kILtz5f9FT747eE=
    </xenc:CipherValue>
    </xenc:CipherData>
    <xenc:ReferenceList>
    <xenc:DataReference URI='#Enc1' />
    </xenc:ReferenceList>
    </xenc:EncryptedKey>
    </wsse:Security>

```

## CORRECT:

```

    <wsse:Security xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'
    xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'
    xmlns:xenc='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#'
    xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#' >
    <wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id='SomeCert'
    ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3">
lui+Jy4WYKGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHFe7sHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSWkXm9jAEdsm/.
..
    </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
    <xenc:EncryptedKey>
    <xenc:EncryptionMethod
Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#rsa-1_5' />
    <ds:KeyInfo>
    <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    <wsse:Reference
URI='#SomeCert'
    ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3" />
    </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    </ds:KeyInfo>
    <xenc:CipherData>
    <xenc:CipherValue>
XZEEVABD3L9G+VNTCDiDTE7WB1a4kILtz5f9FT747eE=
    </xenc:CipherValue>
    </xenc:CipherData>
    <xenc:ReferenceList>
    <xenc:DataReference URI='#Enc1' />
    </xenc:ReferenceList>
    </xenc:EncryptedKey>
    <xenc:EncryptedData Id='Enc1'>

```



```

    <xenc:EncryptionMethod
Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#tripledes-cbc' />
    <xenc:CipherData>
    <xenc:CipherValue>

9jFtYcLSlDZQBMjKfT7ctg6Jy+6sC8YORhiPeTvOjug7ozY2SRHGuLt8G/vf2f/f4IdF0ewiDOpq.
..

    </xenc:CipherValue>
    </xenc:CipherData>
    </xenc:EncryptedData>
  </wsse:Security>

```

## 10.4.2 EncryptedKey/@Type Attribute Prohibited

**R3209** Any **ENCRYPTED\_KEY** MUST NOT specify a *Type* attribute.

## 10.4.3 EncryptedKey/@MimeType Attribute Prohibited

**R5622** Any **ENCRYPTED\_KEY** MUST NOT specify a *MimeType* attribute.

## 10.4.4 EncryptedKey/@Encoding Attribute Prohibited

These prohibited attributes are not needed for xenc:EncryptedKey elements used to secure SOAP messages.

**R5623** Any **ENCRYPTED\_KEY** MUST NOT specify a *Encoding* attribute.

## 10.4.5 EncryptedKey/@Recipient Attribute Prohibited

This attribute is prohibited because the soap:actor attribute conveys the same information.

**R5602** Any **ENCRYPTED\_KEY** MUST NOT contain a *Recipient* attribute.

For example,

### INCORRECT:

```

    <!-- This example is incorrect because the xenc:EncryptedKey
element has a Recipient attribute -->
    <xenc:EncryptedKey Recipient='Bert'>
    <xenc:EncryptionMethod
Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#rsa-1_5' />
    <ds:KeyInfo>
    <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    <wsse:Reference URI='#SomeCert'
ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3" />
    </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    </ds:KeyInfo>
    <xenc:CipherData>
    <xenc:CipherValue>
XZEEVABD3L9G+VNTCDiDTE7WB1a4kILtz5f9FT747eE=
    </xenc:CipherValue>
    </xenc:CipherData>
    <xenc:ReferenceList>

```

```

<xenc:DataReference URI='#Enc1' />
</xenc:ReferenceList>
</xenc:EncryptedKey>

```

## 10.4.6 EncryptionMethod Mandatory

Specifying the encryption algorithm used to perform the encryption makes messages more self-describing and aids interoperability.

**R5603** Any **ENCRYPTED\_KEY** *MUST* contain an *xenc:EncryptionMethod* child element.

For example,

### INCORRECT:

```

<!-- This example is incorrect because the xenc:EncryptedKey
element is missing an xenc:EncryptionMethod child element -->
<xenc:EncryptedKey>
  <ds:KeyInfo>
    <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
      <wsse:Reference URI='#SomeCert'
        ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3" />
      </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    </ds:KeyInfo>
    <xenc:CipherData>
      <xenc:CipherValue>
        XZEEVABD3L9G+VNTCDiDTE7WB1a4kILtz5f9FT747eE=
      </xenc:CipherValue>
    </xenc:CipherData>
    <xenc:ReferenceList>
      <xenc:DataReference URI='#Enc1' />
    </xenc:ReferenceList>
  </xenc:EncryptedKey>

```

### CORRECT:

```

<wsse:Security xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'
  xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'
  xmlns:xenc='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#'
  xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#' >
  <wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id='SomeCert'
    ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3">
    lui+Jy4WYKGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHFe7sHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSWkXm9jAEdsm/.
    ..
  </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
  <xenc:EncryptedKey>
    <xenc:EncryptionMethod
      Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#rsa-1_5' />
    <ds:KeyInfo>
      <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
        <wsse:Reference
          URI='#SomeCert'

```

```

        ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3" />
      </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    </ds:KeyInfo>
    <xenc:CipherData>
      <xenc:CipherValue>
XZEEVABD3L9G+VNTCDiDTE7WB1a4kILtz5f9FT747eE=
      </xenc:CipherValue>
    </xenc:CipherData>
    <xenc:ReferenceList>
      <xenc:DataReference URI='#Enc1' />
    </xenc:ReferenceList>
    </xenc:EncryptedKey>
    <xenc:EncryptedData Id='Enc1'>
      <xenc:EncryptionMethod
Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#tripledes-cbc' />
      <xenc:CipherData>
        <xenc:CipherValue>
9jFtYcLSlDZQBMjKfT7ctg6Jy+6sC8YORhiPeTvOjug7ozY2SRHGuLt8G/vf2f/f4IdF0ewiDOpq.
        ..
      </xenc:CipherValue>
    </xenc:CipherData>
    </xenc:EncryptedData>
  </wsse:Security>

```

## 10.5 EncryptedData

### 10.5.1 EncryptedData and KeyInfo

The ds:KeyInfo element is useful for determining the security token with which the relevant key material is associated.

**R5629** An **ENCRYPTED\_DATA** which is not referenced from an **ENCRYPTED\_KEY** MUST contain a ds:KeyInfo.

### 10.5.2 EncryptedData/@Id or EncryptedHeader/@wsu:Id Attribute Mandatory

xenc:EncryptedData and wsse11:EncryptedHeader elements are referred to from an xenc:Reference list. Such references use shorthand XPointers.

**R5624** In cases where a wsu:Id does not exist on the **ENCRYPTED\_HEADER**, the child **ENCRYPTED\_DATA** MUST contain an ID attribute.

**R5627** In cases where an ID does not exist on the **ENCRYPTED\_DATA**, the parent **ENCRYPTED\_HEADER** MUST contain a wsu:Id attribute.

### 10.5.3 EncryptedData EncryptionMethod Mandatory

**R5601** Any **ENCRYPTED\_DATA** MUST contain an xenc:EncryptionMethod child element.

For example,

**INCORRECT:**

```
<!-- This example is incorrect because the xenc:EncryptedData
element is missing an xenc:EncryptionMethod child element -->
  <xenc:EncryptedData Id='Enc1'>
    <xenc:CipherData>
      <xenc:CipherValue>

9jFtYcLSlDZQBMjKfT7ctg6Jy+6sC8YORhiPeTvOjug7ozY2SRHGuLt8G/vf2f/f4IdF0ewiDOpq.
..
      </xenc:CipherValue>
    </xenc:CipherData>
  </xenc:EncryptedData>
```

**CORRECT:**

```
  <wsse:Security xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'
    xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'
    xmlns:xenc='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#'
    xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#' >
    <wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id='SomeCert'
      ValueType='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3'>

lui+Jy4WYKGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHFe7sHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSWkXm9jAEdsm/.
..
    </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
    <xenc:EncryptedKey>
      <xenc:EncryptionMethod
Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#rsa-1_5' />
      <ds:KeyInfo>
        <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
          <wsse:Reference
            URI='#SomeCert'
            ValueType='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3' />
          </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
        </ds:KeyInfo>
        <xenc:CipherData>
          <xenc:CipherValue>
XZEEVABD3L9G+VNTCDiDTE7WB1a4kILtz5f9FT747eE=
          </xenc:CipherValue>
        </xenc:CipherData>
        <xenc:ReferenceList>
          <xenc:DataReference URI='#Enc1' />
        </xenc:ReferenceList>
      </xenc:EncryptedKey>
      <xenc:EncryptedData Id='Enc1'>
        <xenc:EncryptionMethod
Algorithm='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#tripledes-cbc' />
        <xenc:CipherData>
          <xenc:CipherValue>

9jFtYcLSlDZQBMjKfT7ctg6Jy+6sC8YORhiPeTvOjug7ozY2SRHGuLt8G/vf2f/f4IdF0ewiDOpq.
..
```

```
</xenc:CipherValue>
</xenc:CipherData>
</xenc:EncryptedData>
</wsse:Security>
```

## 10.6 Encryption KeyInfo

### 10.6.1 Exactly One Encryption KeyInfo Child Element

**R5424** Any **ENC\_KEY\_INFO** *MUST* have exactly one child element.

### 10.6.2 KeyInfo SecurityTokenReference Mandatory

The ds:KeyInfo element allows for many different child elements. The Profile mandates a single element, wsse:SecurityTokenReference, which is needed to reference security tokens.

**R5426** Any **ENC\_KEY\_INFO** *MUST* contain a child **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE**.

## 10.7 Encryption DataReference

### 10.7.1 DataReference/@URI with Shorthand XPointer to EncryptedData or EncryptedHeader

**R5608** Any **ENC\_DATA\_REFERENCE** *MUST* contain a URI attribute containing a Shorthand XPointer reference value based on either the Id attribute of the referenced **ENCRYPTED\_DATA** or the wsu:Id attribute of the referenced **ENCRYPTED\_HEADER**.

## 10.8 EncryptedKey DataReference

### 10.8.1 EncryptedKey DataReference/@URI with Shorthand XPointer to EncryptedData

**R3006** Any **EK\_DATA\_REFERENCE** *MUST* contain a URI attribute containing a Shorthand XPointer reference value based on either the Id attribute of the referenced **ENCRYPTED\_DATA** or the wsu:Id attribute of the referenced **ENCRYPTED\_HEADER**.

## 10.9 Encryption KeyReference

### 10.9.1 KeyReference/@URI with Shorthand XPointer to EncryptedKey

**R5613** Any **ENC\_KEY\_REFERENCE** *MUST* contain a URI attribute containing a Shorthand XPointer reference value based on the Id attribute of the referred to **ENCRYPTED\_KEY**.

## 10.10 EncryptedKey KeyReference

### 10.10.1 EncryptedKey KeyReference/@URI with Shorthand XPointer to EncryptedKey

The above requirements ensure that Shorthand XPointer References are used where appropriate and that they refer to the correct attribute values.

**R3007** Any **EK\_KEY\_REFERENCE** *MUST* contain a **URI** attribute containing a Shorthand XPointer reference value based on the **Id** attribute of the referred to **ENCRYPTED\_KEY**.

## 10.11 EncryptedData EncryptionMethod

### 10.11.1 Data Encryption Algorithms

Data encryption algorithms are used for encrypting elements and element content. Industries, organizations, and application domains are currently choosing from a variety of data encryption algorithms based on reasons including performance, security characteristics, and regulatory compliance. A set of the most commonly chosen and widely deployed data encryption algorithms are supported by the Basic Security Profile in order to avoid disenfranchising existing applications. At some point in the future, if and when consensus is reached for a single data encryption algorithm the Basic Security Profile 1.1 may be revised to constrain instances to use only that algorithm.

**R5620** Any **ED\_ENCRYPTION\_METHOD** *Algorithm attribute MUST* have a value of "<http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#tripledes-cbc>", "<http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#aes128-cbc>" or "<http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#aes256-cbc>"

The 3DES algorithm ("<http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#tripledes-cbc>") is widely implemented and deployed in existing practice. The AES algorithm is relatively new and becoming widely implemented and deployed. The 128-bit variation of AES ("<http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#aes128-cbc>") is relatively faster but weaker than the 256-bit variation ("<http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#aes256-cbc>").

## 10.12 EncryptedKey EncryptionMethod

### 10.12.1 Key Transport Algorithms

Key transport algorithms are used for encrypting symmetric encryption keys, such as data encryption keys, with asymmetric encryption keys. This technique allows for encryption of relatively large amount of data with efficient symmetric encryption and securely transmitting the associated relatively small symmetric encryption key. Industries, organizations, and application domains are currently choosing from a variety of key transport algorithms based on reasons including performance, security characteristics, and regulatory compliance. A set of the most commonly chosen and widely deployed key transport algorithms are supported by the Basic Security Profile in order to avoid disenfranchising existing applications. At some point in the future, if and when consensus is reached for a single key transport algorithm the Basic Security Profile 1.1 may be revised to constrain instances to use only that algorithm.

**R5621** *When used for Key Transport, any* **EK\_ENCRYPTION\_METHOD** *Algorithm attribute MUST* have a value of "[http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#rsa-1\\_5](http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#rsa-1_5)" or "<http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#rsa-oaep-mgf1p>"

The RSA (PKCS#1.5) algorithm ("[http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#rsa-1\\_5](http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#rsa-1_5)") is widely implemented and deployed in existing practice. The RSA-OAEP algorithm ("<http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#rsa-oaep-mgf1p>") is relatively new and becoming widely implemented and deployed.

### 10.12.2 Key Wrap Algorithms

Key wrap algorithms are used for encrypting symmetric encryption keys, such as data encryption keys, with symmetric encryption keys. Industries, organizations, and application domains are currently choosing from a variety of key wrap algorithms based on reasons including performance, security characteristics, and regulatory compliance. A set of the most commonly chosen and widely deployed key wrap algorithms are supported by the Basic Security Profile in order to avoid disenfranchising existing applications. At some point in the future, if and when consensus is reached for a single key wrap algorithm the Basic Security Profile 1.1 may be revised to constrain instances to use only that algorithm.

**R5625** *When used for Key Wrap, any **EK\_ENCRYPTION\_METHOD** Algorithm attribute MUST have a value of "http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#kw-tripledes", "http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#kw-aes128", or "http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#kw-aes256".*

The 3DES algorithm ("http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#kw-tripledes") is widely implemented and deployed in existing practice. The AES algorithm is relatively new and becoming widely implemented and deployed. The 128-bit variation of AES ("http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#kw-aes128") is relatively faster but weaker than the 256-bit variation ("http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#kw-aes256").

### 10.12.3 Key Encryption Algorithms

**R5626** *Any **EK\_ENCRYPTION\_METHOD** Algorithm attribute MUST have a value of "http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#rsa-1\_5" or "http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#rsa-oaep-mgf1p" or "http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#kw-tripledes" or "http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#kw-aes128" or "http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#kw-aes256".*

## 10.13 Encrypted Headers

### 10.13.1 Encrypted Headers

In order for the data to be protected from inspection, it must be replaced with the corresponding encrypted content.

**R5614** *A **HEADER** encrypted as a result of an encryption step MUST be replaced by a corresponding **ENCRYPTED\_HEADER**. **c***

**R5606** *Any encrypted element or element content within a **SECURE\_ENVELOPE**, encrypted as a result of an encryption step, MUST be replaced by a corresponding **ENCRYPTED\_DATA**, unless the element is a **HEADER\_ELEMENT**. **c***

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# 11 Binary Security Tokens

## 11.1 Binary Security Tokens

### 11.1.1 BinarySecurityToken/@EncodingType Attribute Mandatory

Base64Binary is the only encoding type specified by Web Services Security: SOAP Message Security. Explicit specification of attribute values simplifies XML processing requirements and as a general principle the Basic Security Profile 1.1 requires that attributes be explicitly specified rather than relying on default values.

**R3029** Any **BINARY\_SECURITY\_TOKEN** *MUST* specify an *EncodingType* attribute.

**R3030** Any **BINARY\_SECURITY\_TOKEN** *EncodingType* attribute *MUST* have a value of "http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary".

A BinarySecurityToken may specify its encoding type. The Profile restricts the encoding type to Base64Binary and requires its explicit specification.

For example,

**INCORRECT:**

```
<!-- This example is incorrect because the wsse:BinarySecurityToken
element is missing an EncodingType attribute -->
<wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id='SomeCert'
  ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3">
lui+Jy4WYKGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHFe7sHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSWkXm9jAEdsm/.
..
  </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
```

**CORRECT:**

```
<wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id='SomeCert'
  ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3"
  EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-
wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary">
lui+Jy4WYKGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHFe7sHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSWkXm9jAEdsm/.
..
  </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
```

### 11.1.2 BinarySecurityToken/@ValueType Attribute Mandatory

There is no appropriate default for ValueType so the Basic Security Profile 1.1 mandates that an explicit value be provided.

**R3031** Any **BINARY\_SECURITY\_TOKEN** *MUST* specify an *ValueType* attribute.



**R3032** Any **BINARY\_SECURITY\_TOKEN** *ValueType* attribute **MUST** have a value specified by the related security token profile.

Web Services Security: SOAP Message Security allows for a BinarySecurityToken to optionally specify its ValueType. The Profile restricts the ValueType to one of those specified by a security token profile and requires its specification.

For example,

**INCORRECT:**

```
<!-- This example is incorrect because the wsse:BinarySecurityToken
element is missing a ValueType attribute -->
<wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id='SomeCert'
    EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-
wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary">

lui+Jy4WYKGGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHFe7sHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSWkXm9jAEdsm/.
..

    </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
```

**INCORRECT:**

```
<!-- This example is incorrect because the ValueType attribute on
the wsse:BinarySecurityToken element has an incorrect value. -->
<wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id='SomeCert'
    ValueType="http://www.mta.org/NYC#SubwayToken"
    EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-
wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary">

lui+Jy4WYKGGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHFe7sHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSWkXm9jAEdsm/.
..

    </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
```

**CORRECT:**

```
<wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id='SomeCert'
    ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3"
    EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-
wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary">

lui+Jy4WYKGGJW5xM3aHnLxOpGVIpzSg4V486hHFe7sHET/uxxVBovT7JV1A2RnWSWkXm9jAEdsm/.
..

    </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
```

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## 12 Username Token

This section of the Basic Security Profile 1.1 incorporates the following specifications by reference:

- [Web Services Security: UsernameToken Profile 1.1 OASIS Standard Specification \[WSS-User1.1\]](#)

### 12.1 Password

#### 12.1.1 Not More Than One Password

**R4222** Any **USERNAME\_TOKEN** *MUST NOT* have more than one **PASSWORD**.

#### 12.1.2 Password/@Type Attribute Mandatory

Passwords may be present in a variety of formats. The Type attribute specifies the format of the Password value.

**R4201** Any **PASSWORD** *MUST* specify a *Type* attribute.

To avoid ambiguity, the Type attribute must be specified on the wsse:Password element of a wsse:UsernameToken.

For example,

**INCORRECT:**

```
<!-- This example is incorrect because the wsse:Password element is
missing a Type attribute with a value of
http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-username-
token-profile-1.0#PasswordText -->
<wsse:UsernameToken
  xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-
wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd' >
  <wsse:Username>Bert</wsse:Username>
  <wsse:Password>Ernie</wsse:Password>
</wsse:UsernameToken>
```

**INCORRECT:**

```
<
<!-- This example is incorrect because the wsse:Password element is
missing a Type attribute with a value of
http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-username-
token-profile-1.0#PasswordDigest -->
<wsse:UsernameToken
  xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-
wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd' >
  <wsse:Username>Bert</wsse:Username>
  <wsse:Password>B5twk47KwSrjeg==</wsse:Password>
</wsse:UsernameToken>
```

**CORRECT:**

```
<wsse:UsernameToken
```

```

    xmlns:wss='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-
wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd' >
    <wsse:Username>Bert</wsse:Username>
    <wsse:Password
    Type='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
username-token-profile-1.0#PasswordText'>
    Ernie
    </wsse:Password>
    </wsse:UsernameToken>

```

### CORRECT:

```

    <wsse:UsernameToken xmlns:wss='http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd' >
    <wsse:Username>Bert</wsse:Username>
    <wsse:Password
    Type='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
username-token-profile-1.0#PasswordDigest'>
    B5twk47KwSrjeg==
    </wsse:Password>
    </wsse:UsernameToken>

```

## 12.1.3 Digest Value

The underlying specifications specify a Type value for password digests but there is ambiguity in the algorithm to be used to calculate the digest.

**R4212** Any **PASSWORD** with a Type attribute value of *"http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-username-token-profile-1.0#PasswordDigest"* **MUST** have its value computed using the following formula, where "+" indicates concatenation:  $\text{Password\_Digest} = \text{Base64} ( \text{SHA-1} ( \text{nonce} + \text{created} + \text{password} ) )$ . That is, concatenate the text forms of the nonce, creation time, and the password (or shared secret or password equivalent), digest the combination using the SHA-1 hash algorithm, then include the Base64 encoding of that result as the password (digest). Any elements that are not present are simply omitted from the concatenation.

The Profile describes the digest calculation details to eliminate ambiguity.

## 12.1.4 Key Derivation

**R4216** When a **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE**, within a **SIGNATURE** or **ENCRYPTED\_KEY**, refers to a **SECURITY\_TOKEN** named `wsse:UsernameToken` to derive a key, the key **MUST** be derived using the algorithm specified in Section 4 of Web Services Security: UsernameToken Profile 1.1.

**R4217** When a **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE**, within a **SIGNATURE** or **ENCRYPTED\_KEY**, refers to a **SECURITY\_TOKEN** named `wsse:UsernameToken` to derive a

key, the **SECURITY\_TOKEN** MUST contain a **wsse11:Salt** child element.

**R4218** When a **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE**, within a **SIGNATURE** or **ENCRYPTED\_KEY**, refers to a **SECURITY\_TOKEN** named **wsse:UsernameToken** to derive a key, the **SECURITY\_TOKEN** MUST contain a **wsse11:Iteration** child element with a value greater than or equal to 1000.

## 12.2 Created

### 12.2.1 Not More Than One Created

**R4223** Any **USERNAME\_TOKEN** MUST NOT have more than one **CREATED**.

## 12.3 Nonce

### 12.3.1 Not More Than One Nonce

**R4225** Any **USERNAME\_TOKEN** MUST NOT have more than one **NONCE**.

### 12.3.2 Nonce/@EncodingType Attribute Mandatory

Base64Binary is the only encoding type specified by Web Services Security: SOAP Message Security. Explicit specification of attribute values simplifies XML processing requirements and as a general principle the Basic Security Profile 1.1 requires that attributes be explicitly specified rather than relying on default values.

**R4220** Any **NONCE** MUST specify an **EncodingType** attribute.

**R4221** Any **NONCE** **EncodingType** attribute MUST have a value of **"http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary"**.

A UsernameToken may specify its encoding type. The Profile restricts the encoding type to Base64Binary and requires its explicit specification.

## 12.4 SecurityTokenReference

### 12.4.1 UsernameToken Reference/@ValueType Attribute Value

The underlying specifications do not fully describe the proper **ValueType** for UsernameToken.

**R4214** Any **STR\_REFERENCE** to a **USERNAME\_TOKEN** MUST have a **ValueType** attribute with a value of **"http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-username-token-profile-1.0#UsernameToken"**.

The Profile requires a specific value for the **ValueType**.

### 12.4.2 UsernameToken KeyIdentifier Prohibited

The underlying specifications do not describe a mechanism for generating a KeyIdentifier for a UsernameToken.

**R4215** Any **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE** to a  
*USERNAME\_TOKEN MUST NOT contain an  
STR\_KEY\_IDENTIFIER.*

The Profile disallows the use of unspecified mechanisms for generation of KeyIdentifier values.

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## 13 X.509 Certificate Token

This section of the Basic Security Profile 1.1 incorporates the following specifications by reference, and defines extensibility points within them:

- [Web Services Security: X.509 Certificate Token Profile 1.1 OASIS Standard Specification \[WSS-X.509-1.1\]](#)
- [RFC2459: Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure Certificate and CRL Profile \[RFC2459\]](#)  
Extensibility points:
  - **E0012** - Certificate Authority - The choice of the Certificate Authority is a private agreement between parties.
  - **E0013** - Certificate Extensions - X.509 allows for arbitrary certificate extensions.
- [Public-key and attribute certificate frameworks Technical Corrigendum 1 \[X.509-2000TC1\]](#)
- [RFC4514 . Lightweight Directory Access Protocol : String Representation of Distinguished Names \[RFC4514\]](#)

### 13.1 X.509 Token Types

In some areas the Basic Security Profile allows limited flexibility and extensibility in the application of security to messages. Some agreement between the SENDER and RECEIVER over which mechanisms and choices should be used for message exchanges is necessary. Since no security policy description language or negotiation mechanism is in scope for the Basic Security Profile, some out of band agreement must be reached for which certificate extensions and issuers should be used.

Web Services Security: X.509 Token Profile defines 3 token types: X509v3; x509PKIPathv1; and PKCS7. The Profile places the following constraints on their use:

#### 13.1.1 X.509 Token Format

**R3033** Any **X509\_TOKEN** *MUST* contain a *ValueType* attribute with a value of "<http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3>".

#### 13.1.2 Certificate Path Token Types

The underlying specifications allow certificate path information to be provided via either X509PKIPathv1 or PKCS7 formats.

**R5201** Any **BINARY\_SECURITY\_TOKEN** containing an X.509 Certificate Path *MUST* be either a **PKCS7\_TOKEN** or a **PKIPATH\_TOKEN**.

**R5202** Any **BINARY\_SECURITY\_TOKEN** containing an X.509 Certificate Path *SHOULD* be a **PKIPATH\_TOKEN**.

Interoperability issues may arise if different forms of certificate path information are used when not expected. X509PKIPathv1 is preferred because it allows more efficient certificate path processing. PKCS7 is a more mature and widely implemented standard so it is also allowed. Section 3.1 of X.509 Token Profile incorrectly defines #X509PKIPathv1 as a PKIPath. Section 3.1 should define #X509PKIPathv1 as a PkiPath (note case), which X.509 defect report 279 defines as an ordered collection of certificates beginning with the most significant.

### 13.1.3 PKCS7 Token Format

**R5211** Any **PKCS7\_TOKEN** *MUST* contain a *ValueType* attribute with a value of "http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-x509-token-profile-1.0#PKCS7".

## 13.2 SecurityTokenReference

### 13.2.1 SecurityTokenReference to X.509 Token

**R5218** Any **STR\_REFERENCE** to a *X509\_TOKEN* *MUST* contain a *ValueType* attribute with a value of "http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3".

### 13.2.2 SecurityTokenReference to PKCS7 Token

**R5212** Any **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE** to a *PKCS7\_TOKEN* *MUST* contain a *wsse11:TokenType* attribute with a value of "http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-x509-token-profile-1.0#PKCS7".

**R5213** Any **STR\_REFERENCE** to a *PKCS7\_TOKEN* *MUST* contain a *ValueType* attribute with a value of "http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-x509-token-profile-1.0#PKCS7".

### 13.2.3 PkiPath Token Format

**R5214** Any *PKIPATH\_TOKEN* *MUST* contain a *ValueType* attribute with a value of "http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-x509-token-profile-1.0#X509PKIPathv1".

### 13.2.4 SecurityTokenReference to PkiPath Token

**R5215** Any **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE** to a *PKIPATH\_TOKEN* *MUST* contain a *wsse11:TokenType* attribute with a value of "http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-x509-token-profile-1.0#X509PKIPathv1".

**R5216** Any **STR\_REFERENCE** to a *PKIPATH\_TOKEN* *MUST* contain a *ValueType* attribute with a value of "http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-x509-token-profile-1.0#X509PKIPathv1".

### 13.2.5 KeyIdentifier or X509IssuerSerial for External References

Web Services Security: SOAP Message Security provides a list of reference mechanisms in preferred order (i.e., most specific to least specific). Direct References are preferred, but when they cannot be used Key Identifier or Issuer and Serial Number is required.

**R5209** When a **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE** references an *EXTERNAL\_SECURITY\_TOKEN* that cannot be referred to

*using an STR\_REFERENCE but can be referred to using an STR\_KEY\_IDENTIFIER or STR\_ISSUER\_SERIAL, an STR\_KEY\_IDENTIFIER or STR\_ISSUER\_SERIAL MUST be used.*

In the event that Direct References are not possible, the Basic Security Profile 1.1 encourages the usage of mechanisms that are most likely to be unique.

For example,

**CORRECT:**

```
<wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
  <wsse:KeyIdentifier EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary"
    ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
x509-token-profile-1.0#X509SubjectKeyIdentifier" >
    MIGfMa0GCSq
  </wsse:KeyIdentifier>
</wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
```

**CORRECT:**

```
<wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
  <ds:X509Data>
    <ds:X509IssuerSerial>
      <ds:X509IssuerName>CN=Security WG, OU=BSP, O=WS-I,
C=US</ds:X509IssuerName>
      <ds:X509SerialNumber>54A4E9</ds:X509SerialNumber>
    </ds:X509IssuerSerial>
  </ds:X509Data>
</wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
```

### 13.2.6 KeyIdentifier/@ValueType Attribute Value

**R5206** Any **STR\_KEY\_IDENTIFIER** that references an X509\_TOKEN MUST have a *ValueType* attribute with the value of "http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-x509-token-profile-1.0#X509SubjectKeyIdentifier" or "http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-soap-message-security-1.1#ThumbprintSHA1".

### 13.2.7 KeyIdentifier Value

The underlying specifications do not fully describe the proper *ValueType* for X.509 SubjectKeyIdentifier.

**R5208** Any **STR\_KEY\_IDENTIFIER** that references an X509\_TOKEN and has a *ValueType* attribute with the value of "http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-x509-token-profile-1.0#X509SubjectKeyIdentifier" MUST contain the value of the token's SubjectKeyIdentifier extension.

**R5210** Any **STR\_KEY\_IDENTIFIER** that references an X509\_TOKEN which does not contain a SubjectKeyIdentifier extension MUST have a *ValueType* attribute with the value of "http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-soap-message-security-



*1.1#ThumbprintSHA1" and MUST contain the value of the SHA1 of the raw octets of the X509\_TOKEN that is referenced.*

The Profile requires a specific value for the ValueType.

### **13.2.8 X509IssuerSerial Value**

**R5409** Any **STR\_ISSUER\_SERIAL** *MUST* contain a value following the encoding rules specified in the XML Signature specification for DNames.

Per XML Signature, DNames are encoded as follows:

- To encode a distinguished name (X509IssuerSerial, X509SubjectName, and KeyName if appropriate), the encoding rules in section 2 of RFC 4514 SHOULD be applied, except that the character escaping rules in section 2.4 of RFC 4514 MAY be augmented as follows:
  - Escape all occurrences of ASCII control characters (Unicode range \x00 - \x1f) by replacing them with "\" followed by a two digit hex number showing its Unicode number.
  - Escape any trailing space characters (Unicode \x20) by replacing them with "\20", instead of using the escape sequence "\ ".
- Since a XML document logically consists of characters, not octets, the resulting Unicode string is finally encoded according to the character encoding used for producing the physical representation of the XML document.

## 14 REL Token

This section of the Basic Security Profile 1.1 incorporates the following specifications by reference:

- [Web Services Security: Rights Expression Language \(REL\) Token Profile 1.1 OASIS Standard \[WSS-Rel1.1\]](#)

### 14.1 SecurityTokenReferences

Web Services Security: Rights Expression Language (REL) Token Profile Section 3.4 defines several mechanisms for referencing REL tokens. This Profile places the following constraints on their use:

#### 14.1.1 SecurityTokenReference to REL Token

**R6304** Any **STR\_REFERENCE** to a **REL\_TOKEN** MUST contain a *ValueType* attribute with a value of "http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-rel-token-profile-1.0.pdf#license".

#### 14.1.2 Reference by licenseld Prohibited When wsu:Id Present

Direct references by shorthand XPointer are easier to resolve than references by licenseld. Using such references is consistent with constraints on other token types.

**R6301** Any **STR\_REFERENCE** to a **INTERNAL\_SECURITY\_TOKEN** that is an **REL\_TOKEN** containing a *wsu:Id* attribute, **MUST NOT** use a *licenseld* reference.

For example,

#### CORRECT:

```
<wsse:Security xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'
  xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'
  xmlns:xenc='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmenc#'
  xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#' >
  <rel:license xmlns:rel='urn:mpeg:mpeg21:2003:01-REL-R-NS'
    wsu:Id='SomeLic'
    licenseId='uuid:3D680C71-177B-40cc-84C1-123B02503524' >
    . . .
  </rel:license>
  <ds:Signature>
    . . .
  <ds:KeyInfo>
    <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
      <wsse:Reference
        URI='#SomeLic'
        ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-rel-token-profile-1.0.pdf#license" />
      </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    </ds:KeyInfo>
  </ds:Signature>
</wsse:Security>
```

## INCORRECT:

```
<!-- This example is incorrect because it refers to REL License
using the
value of the licenseId attribute rather than the value of the
wsu:Id attribute -->
<wsse:Security xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'
xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'
xmlns:xenc='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#'
xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#' >
<rel:license xmlns:rel='urn:mpeg:mpeg21:2003:01-REL-R-NS'
wsu:Id='SomeLic'
licenseId='uuid:3D680C71-177B-40cc-84C1-123B02503524' >
. . .
</rel:license>
<ds:Signature>
. . .
<ds:KeyInfo>
<wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
<wsse:Reference
URI='uuid:3D680C71-177B-40cc-84C1-123B02503524'
ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-rel-token-
profile-1.0.pdf#license" />
</wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
</ds:KeyInfo>
</ds:Signature>
</wsse:Security>
```

### 14.1.3 Issuer Signature on REL Token Precedes First Reference

This requirement ensures that the integrity and provenance of the license has been determined prior to use.

**R6302** Any **SECURITY\_HEADER** child elements *MUST* be ordered so that any **SIGNATURE** necessary to verify the issuance of an **REL\_TOKEN** precedes the first **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE** that refers to that **REL\_TOKEN**.

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## 15 Kerberos Token

This section of the Basic Security Profile 1.1 incorporates the following specifications by reference:

- [Web Services Security: Kerberos Token Profile 1.1 OASIS Standard Specification \[WSS-Kerb1.1\]](#)

### 15.1 Content

Web Services Security: Kerberos Token Profile contains various statements containing the RFC2119 'MUST' keyword. This Profile restates some of those statements:

#### 15.1.1 Kerberos Token Format

There is no appropriate default for ValueType in a wsse:BinarySecurityToken, so Basic Security Profile mandates that an explicit value be provided. Web Services Security: Kerberos Token Profile defines six token types. Although ValueType URIs are defined for each, the option can discourage interoperability.

**R6902** Any **KERBEROS\_TOKEN** *MUST* contain a *ValueType* attribute with a value of "[http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-kerberos-token-profile-1.1#GSS\\_Kerberosv5\\_AP\\_REQ](http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-kerberos-token-profile-1.1#GSS_Kerberosv5_AP_REQ)"

Web Services Security: SOAP Message Security allows for a BinarySecurityToken to optionally specify its ValueType. The Profile restricts the ValueType to GSS wrapped tickets to promote interoperability.

For example,

**INCORRECT:**

```
<!-- This example is incorrect because it contains no ValueType
attribute in the SECURITY_TOKEN -->
<wsse:Security xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'
  xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'
  xmlns:xenc='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#'
  xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#' >
  <wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id="myKerberosToken"
    EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-
wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary">
    YIIIEZzCCA9CgAwIBAgIQEmtJZc0...
  </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
  ...
</wsse:Security>
```

**INCORRECT:**

```
<!-- This example is incorrect because it includes a ValueType
attribute indicating that it is a non-wrapped
Kerberos v5 AP-REQ -->
<wsse:Security xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'
  xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'
  xmlns:xenc='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#'
  xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#' >
```

```

    <wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id="myKerberosToken"
    ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-kerberos-token-
profile-1.1#Kerberosv5_AP_REQ"
    EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-
wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary">
    boIEZzCCA9CgAwIBAgIQEmtJZc0...
    </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
    ...
  </wsse:Security>

```

### CORRECT:

```

<!-- This example is correct because it includes a ValueType
attribute with a value specified in the profile. In this case, it
indicates that it is a GSS wrapped Kerberos v5 AP-REQ -->
<wsse:Security xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'
xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'
xmlns:xenc='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#'
xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#' >
  <wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id="myKerberosToken"
  ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-kerberos-token-
profile-1.1#GSS_Kerberosv5_AP_REQ"
  EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-
wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary">
  YIIIEZzCCA9CgAwIBAgIQEmtJZc0...
  </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
  ...
</wsse:Security>

```

## 15.1.2 Internal Token in First Message

**R6903** Any **KERBEROS\_TOKEN** MUST be an **INTERNAL\_SECURITY\_TOKEN** in the initial **SECURE\_ENVELOPE** of an authenticated message exchange between a **SENDER** and **RECEIVER**.

## 15.1.3 External Token in Subsequent Messages

**R6904** Any **KERBEROS\_TOKEN** MUST be an **EXTERNAL\_SECURITY\_TOKEN** in each **SECURE\_ENVELOPE** after the initial **SECURE\_ENVELOPE** of an authenticated message exchange between a **SENDER** and **RECEIVER**.

## 15.2 SecurityTokenReference

### 15.2.1 SecurityTokenReference to Kerberos Token

**R6907** Any **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE** to a **KERBEROS\_TOKEN** MUST contain a **wsse11:TokenType**

attribute with a value of "http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-kerberos-token-profile-1.1#GSS\_Kerberosv5\_AP\_REQ".

### 15.2.2 KeyIdentifier ValueType for Kerberos

**R6906** Any **STR\_KEY\_IDENTIFIER** to a **KERBEROS\_TOKEN** MUST contain a *ValueType* attribute with a value of "http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-kerberos-tokenprofile-1.1#Kerberosv5APREQSHA1".

### 15.2.3 KeyIdentifier for External Token

Kerberos provides a security session mechanism where the first secure envelope in an authenticated message exchange contains the kerberos token, and subsequent secure envelopes can make reference to this token. Thus, the same kerberos token may be referred to as an internal or external token, depending on its order in an authenticated message exchange. This ambiguity could cause interoperability problems.

**R6905** Any **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE** to an **EXTERNAL\_SECURITY\_TOKEN** which is a **KERBEROS\_TOKEN** MUST contain an **STR\_KEY\_IDENTIFIER**.

This clarifies the referencing mechanism, depending on whether this is the first exchanged using a token, or is a subsequent message that makes reference to an earlier exchanged token.

For example,

#### INCORRECT:

```
<!-- This example is incorrect because the external reference is
direct instead of using a wsse:KeyIdentifier. -->
<wsse:Security xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'
xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'
xmlns:xenc='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#'
xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#' >

  <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    <wsse:Reference URI="http://www.ws-
i.org/Kerberos/Examples/kerberosToken.b64"
    ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-kerberos-token-
profile-1.1#GSS_Kerberosv5_AP_REQ"/>
  </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
  ...
</wsse:Security>
```

#### CORRECT:

```
<!-- This example is correct for the initial SECURE_ENVELOPE of an
authenticated message exchange. -->
<wsse:Security xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'
xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'
xmlns:xenc='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#'
xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#' >
  <wsse:BinarySecurityToken wsu:Id="myKerberosToken"
```

```

        ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-kerberos-token-
profile-1.1#GSS_Kerberosv5_AP_REQ"
        EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-
wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary">
        YIIEZzCCA9CgAwIBAgIQEmtJZc0...
    </wsse:BinarySecurityToken>
    <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    <wsse:Reference URI="#myKerberosToken"
    ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-kerberos-token-
profile-1.1#GSS_Kerberosv5_AP_REQ"/>
    </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    ...
</wsse:Security>

```

### CORRECT:

```

    <!-- This example is correct for any SECURE_ENVELOPE after the
initial SECURE_ENVELOPE of an authenticated message exchange. -->
    <wsse:Security xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'
    xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'
    xmlns:xenc='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#'
    xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#' >
    <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    <wsse:KeyIdentifier EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary"
    ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-kerberos-
tokenprofile-1.1#Kerberosv5APREQSHA1"/>
    EZzCCA9CgAwIB...
    </wsse:KeyIdentifier>
    </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
    ...
</wsse:Security>

```

## 16 SAML Token

This section of the Basic Security Profile 1.1 incorporates the following specifications by reference:

- [Web Services Security: SAML Token Profile 1.1 OASIS Standard \[WSS-SAML1.1\]](#)

### 16.1 KeyInfo

#### 16.1.1 References to SAML Tokens Prohibited

This requirement rules out the possibility of a SAML assertion referring to itself, an undesirable occurrence as it essentially makes the assertion self certifying. In addition a reference to another SAML assertion is also ruled out, this is undesirable as SAML does not have a transitive trust model.

**R6601** Any **SAML\_SC\_KEY\_INFO** MUST NOT contain a reference to a **SAML\_TOKEN**. [c](#)

For example,

**INCORRECT:**

```
<!-- This example is incorrect because the ds:KeyInfo in the SAML
assertion contains a reference to another such assertion thus conflicting
with R6601 -->
<wsse:Security xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'
  xmlns:wsu='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd'
  xmlns:xenc='http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#'
  xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#' >
  <saml:Assertion xmlns:saml='urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:assertion'
    MajorVersion='1' MinorVersion='1'
    AssertionID='uuid:006ab385-35e0-41b1-b0f5-ccef5090c1b0'
    Issuer='http://example.org/issuer' IssueInstant='2004-11-
04T21:01:50Z' >
    . . .
    <saml:AuthenticationStatement
      AuthenticationMethod='urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:am:password'
      AuthenticationInstant='2004-11-04T21:01:50Z' >
      <saml:Subject>
        . . .
        <saml:SubjectConfirmation>
          . . .
          <ds:KeyInfo xmlns:ds='http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#' >
            <wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
              <wsse:Reference URI='uuid:a9afffbe-a0fb-4789-8b54-299782c3c0ac'
                ValueType='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-saml-token-
profile-1.0#SAMLAssertionID' />
            </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
          </ds:KeyInfo>
        </saml:SubjectConfirmation>
      </saml:Subject>
    </saml:AuthenticationStatement>
    . . .
  </saml:Assertion>
```



```
</wsse:Security>
```

## 16.2 SecurityTokenReference

### 16.2.1 SecurityTokenReference to SAML V1.1 Token

**R6611** Any **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE** to a **SAML\_V1\_1\_TOKEN** MUST contain a **wsse11:TokenType** attribute with a value of "<http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-saml-token-profile-1.1#SAMLV1.1>".

### 16.2.2 SecurityTokenReference to SAML V2.0 Token

**R6617** Any **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE** to a **SAML\_V2\_0\_TOKEN** MUST contain a **wsse11:TokenType** attribute with a value of "<http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-saml-token-profile-1.1#SAMLV2.0>".

**R6614** Any **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE** that references an **INTERNAL\_SAML\_V2\_0\_TOKEN** using a **STR\_REFERENCE** MUST NOT contain a **ValueType** attribute.

For example,

#### CORRECT:

```
<wsse:SecurityTokenReference
  xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-
wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'
  xmlns:wsse11='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-wssecurity-
secext-1.1.xsd'
  wsse11:TokenType='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-saml-
tokenprofile-1.1#SAMLV2.0'>
  <wsse:KeyIdentifier wsu:Id='Token01'
    ValueType='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-saml-token-
profile-1.1#SAMLID'>
    _a75adf55-01d7-40cc-929f-dbd8372ebdfc
  </wsse:KeyIdentifier>
</wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
```

### 16.2.3 KeyIdentifier/@ValueType Attribute

**R6602** Any **STR\_KEY\_IDENTIFIER** that references a **INTERNAL\_SAML\_TOKEN** MUST include a **ValueType** attribute. [c](#)

**R6609** Any **STR\_KEY\_IDENTIFIER** that references a **EXTERNAL\_SAML\_TOKEN** MUST include a **ValueType** attribute. [c](#)

**R6603** Any **STR\_KEY\_IDENTIFIER** **ValueType** attribute that references a **SAML\_V1\_1\_TOKEN** MUST have a value of

*"http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-saml-token-profile-1.0#SAMLAssertionID" c*

**R6616** Any **STR\_KEY\_IDENTIFIER** *ValueType* attribute that references a **SAML\_V2\_0\_TOKEN** **MUST** have a value of *"http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-saml-token-profile-1.1#SAMLID" c*

#### 16.2.4 KeyIdentifier/@EncodingType Attribute

These requirements restate various statements from the base specification related to references to SAML assertions that use wsse:KeyIdentifiers.

**R6604** Any **STR\_KEY\_IDENTIFIER** that references a **SAML\_TOKEN** **MUST NOT** include an *EncodingType* attribute. c

**R6605** Any **STR\_KEY\_IDENTIFIER** that references a **SAML\_TOKEN** **MUST** have a value encoded as an *xs:string*. c

For example,

##### CORRECT:

```
<wsse:SecurityTokenReference xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'>
  <wsse:KeyIdentifier ValueType='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-saml-token-profile-1.0#SAMLAssertionID' >
    uuid:006ab385-35e0-41b1-b0f5-ccef5090c1b0
  </wsse:KeyIdentifier>
</wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
```

##### INCORRECT:

```
<!-- This example is incorrect because the wsse:KeyIdentifier
element is missing a ValueType attribute thus conflicting with R6602 -->
<wsse:SecurityTokenReference xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'>
  <wsse:KeyIdentifier>uuid:006ab385-35e0-41b1-b0f5-ccef5090c1b0</wsse:KeyIdentifier>
</wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
```

##### INCORRECT:

```
<!-- This example is incorrect because the wsse:KeyIdentifier
element has an incorrect value for the ValueType attribute thus conflicting
with R6603 -->
<wsse:SecurityTokenReference xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'>
  <wsse:KeyIdentifier ValueType='http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-saml-token-profile-1.0#SAML'>
    uuid:006ab385-35e0-41b1-b0f5-ccef5090c1b0
  </wsse:KeyIdentifier>
</wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
```

##### INCORRECT:

```
<!-- This example is incorrect because the wsse:KeyIdentifier has
an EncodingType attribute thus conflicting with R6604 -->
```

```

    <wsse:SecurityTokenReference xmlns:wsse='http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd'>
      <wsse:KeyIdentifier ValueType='http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/oasis-wss-saml-token-profile-1.0#SAMLAssertionID'
EncodingType='xs:string' >
        uuid:006ab385-35e0-41b1-b0f5-ccef5090c1b0
      </wsse:KeyIdentifier>
    </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>

```

## 16.2.5 References to Internal SAML Assertions

Note that the Web Services Security: SAML Token Profile explicitly allows use of a key identifier reference when a direct reference is possible. This WS-I SAML Token Profile requires use of a direct or embedded reference to increase interoperability. TokenType and ValueType should be consistent and disallowing use of ValueType removes the potential for error.

**R6610** Any **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE** that references an **INTERNAL\_SAML\_TOKEN** that has an ID attribute, the reference **MUST** contain an **STR\_REFERENCE** or an **STR\_EMBEDDED**. [c](#)

**R6612** Any **SIG\_REFERENCE** to a **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE** which contains an **STR\_EMBEDDED** which contains an **INTERNAL\_SAML\_V2\_0\_TOKEN** **MUST NOT** include a **SIG\_TRANSFORM** with an Algorithm attribute value of "http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-soap-message-security-1.0#STR-Transform". [c](#)

## 16.2.6 References to External SAML Assertions

These requirements restate various statements from the base specification related to references to SAML assertions that are outside a **SECURE\_ENVELOPE**.

**R6606** Any **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE** that references an **EXTERNAL\_SAML\_TOKEN** **MUST** contain a **SAML\_AUTHORITY\_BINDING**. [c](#)

**R6607** Any AuthorityKind attribute of a **SAML\_AUTHORITY\_BINDING** **MUST** have a value of **saml:AssertionIDReference**. [c](#)

**R6608** Any **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE** that references an **INTERNAL\_SAML\_TOKEN** **MUST NOT** contain a **SAML\_AUTHORITY\_BINDING**. [c](#)

**R6613** Any **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE** to an **EXTERNAL\_SAML\_V2\_0\_TOKEN** **MUST** contain an **STR\_REFERENCE**. [c](#)

Both SAML Token Profile 1.0 and 1.1 specified an incorrect QName to reference external SAML 1.1 assertions for the AssertionIDReference. This element is defined in Assertions and Protocols for SAML (SAML assertion schema). SAML Protocol uses the AssertionIDReference. The namespace and the element name were incorrectly specified - **samlp:AssertionIDReference** rather than **saml:AssertionIDReference** in the SAML Token Profiles. This profile references the correct QName. The SAML 1.1 assertion schema is the normative reference to this element referenced in this profile.

To encourage backward compatibility and acknowledge the errors, this profile suggests interoperable implementations accept either case - AssertionIdReference or AssertionIDreference.

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## 17 EncryptedKey Token

### 17.1 SecurityTokenReference

#### 17.1.1 SecurityTokenReference to EncryptedKey Token

**R3069** Any **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE** to a **ENCRYPTED\_KEY\_TOKEN** MUST contain a *wsse11:TokenType* attribute with a value of "http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-soap-message-security-1.1#EncryptedKey".

**R3072** Any *STR\_KEY\_IDENTIFIER* element in a **SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE** that refers to an **ENCRYPTED\_KEY\_TOKEN** MUST contain a *ValueType* attribute with a value of "http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-soap-message-security-1.1#EncryptedKeySHA1".

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## 18 Attachment Security

This section of the Basic Security Profile 1.1 incorporates the following specifications by reference:

- [Attachments Profile Version 1.0 \[AP1.0\]](#)
- [Web Services Security: SOAP Messages with Attachments \(SwA\) Profile 1.1 \[WSS-SWA1.1\]](#)

The section provides guidance for protecting attachments when they are used with SOAP Messages. As is explained in Section 3 Conformance all features described in the Basic Security Profile 1.0, including support for attachments and security for attachments in any form by any instance is not required.

SSL/TLS may be used to provide authentication, integrity and confidentiality protection, on a hop-by-hop basis, for an entire HTTP Message. This includes HTTP Headers, the SOAP Envelope, and all MIME\_PARTs.

SSL/TLS does not provide protection, except between adjacent HTTP Nodes, for HTTP Messages when the SOAP Message Path contains SOAP Intermediaries. An instance should not use SSL/TLS without Web Services Security with Message Exchange Patterns (MEPs) that may contain SOAP intermediaries or when these security functions are required to be performed independently of the connection.

Web Services Security may be used to provide authentication, integrity and confidentiality protection for a subset of the SOAP Message and associated attachments. Web Services Security provides protection for SOAP Messages and attachments when the SOAP Message Path contains SOAP Intermediaries. An instance should use Web Services Security with MEPs that may contain SOAP Intermediaries or when these security functions are required to be performed independently of the transport layer connection.

An instance may use SSL/TLS in conjunction with Web Services Security if warranted by application security requirements. This combination provides integrity and confidentiality protection for the entire HTTP Message (on a hop-by-hop basis) including HTTP Headers, SOAP Envelope, and all MIME\_PARTs.

Application level security mechanisms, including XML Signature, XML Encryption, PKCS#7, S/MIME, etc. for attachment data may also be used by a instance where appropriate, but statements regarding the interoperability of such mechanisms are out of scope for the Basic Security Profile 1.0.

The Basic Security Profile 1.0 describes one attachment security mechanism and URI.

### 18.1 SOAP with Attachments

#### 18.1.1 Conformance

The Basic Security Profile is an extension profile to the Basic Profile, and thus this requirement makes it explicit that when using the Web Services Security SwA profile in conformance to the Basic Security Profile 1.1 SwA profile section that the messages containing attachments must conform to the WS-I Attachments Profile 1.0. This is consistent with the Web Services Security SwA profile and good practice.

**R6001** Any **SECURE\_MESSAGE** *MUST* conform to *WS-I Attachments Profile 1.0*.

## 18.1.2 Relationship between Parts

The Web Services Security SwA profile outlines how attachments may be secured when conveyed in conjunction with a primary SOAP envelope. The SOAP envelope is contained in a distinct MIME part. Attachment parts can contain arbitrary content as indicated by the MIME-Type, and an attachment could contain content with nested MIME parts. In order to enable interoperable processing at the SOAP messaging layer it is important to only secure the top-level MIME attachments that are in the same Multipart structure as the MIME part conveying the primary SOAP envelope.

**R6002** *A signed and/or encrypted **MIME\_PART** MUST be at the same MIME level as the root MIME\_PART containing the SECURE\_ENVELOPE.*

## 18.1.3 Encryption and Root Part

It is essential that SOAP processors (intermediaries and ultimate SOAP receiver) be able to process the primary SOAP envelope. For this reason, the MIME part containing the primary SOAP envelope must not be secured using the Web Services Security SwA profile mechanisms. This includes encryption, since an encrypted SOAP structure cannot be processed, and signing, since this would preclude intermediary processing of the SOAP message, since this often involves adding, or removing headers. Note that Web Services Security may be applied to portions of the primary SOAP envelope in conformance with the Basic Security Profile, but not by using attachment security mechanisms.

**R6003** *A root **MIME\_PART** MUST NOT be referenced by a SIG\_REFERENCE, ENC\_REFERENCE\_LIST, or EK\_REFERENCE\_LIST.*

## 18.2 Signed Attachments

### 18.2.1 Reference to Signed Attachments

**R6100** *A **SIG\_REFERENCE** to a MIME\_PART MUST use a URI attribute of the form "cid:partToBeSigned".*

### 18.2.2 Attachment Transforms

The Web Services Security SwA profile requires that a ds:Reference to an attachment part that is signed must use a transform specifying either the Attachment-Complete-Signature-Transform or the Attachment-Content-Signature-Transform URIs. This statement reiterates that requirement for testability.

**R6101** *A **SIG\_REFERENCE** to a MIME\_PART MUST use a TRANSFORM specified by the Algorithm "http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-SwAProfile-1.1#Attachment-Content-Signature-Transform" or "http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-SwAProfile-1.1#Attachment-Complete-Signature-Transform".*

### 18.2.3 Canonicalization

Signature digest calculations require that the exact same input be provided to the digest algorithm both when the signature is created and when it is verified. Canonicalization is required to ensure the same literal representation despite changes due to message transformation during transport. XML exclusive canonicalization is required as part of the Attachment-Complete-Signature-Transform or Attachment-Content-Signature-Transform processing. A separate transform for canonicalization should not be provided since it is already included as part of the processing associated with these transforms.

**R6103** *At any **RECEIVER** the output of the Attachment-Content-Signature-Transform or the XML octet stream portion of the output of the Attachment-Complete-Signature-Transform must be consistent with Exclusive XML Canonicalization without comments having been performed when creating that output.*

#### 18.2.4 Digest Values

Signature digest calculations require that the exact same input be provided to the digest algorithm both when the signature is created and when it is verified. Canonicalization is required to ensure the same literal representation despite changes due to message transformation during transport, for example line ending changes. MIME canonicalization algorithms are required for interoperability by Web Services Security SwA profile. This statement reiterates that requirement for testability.

**R6104** *Any **SIG\_REFERENCE** to a **MIME\_PART** not containing XML MUST include a **ds:DigestValue** calculated using MIME canonicalization according to the requirements of the MIME Type.*

**R6108** *Any **SIG\_REFERENCE** to a **MIME\_PART** containing the "application/text" content type MUST include a **ds:DigestValue** which is calculated after the text is canonicalized according to MIME canonicalization algorithm for text.*

**R6109** *Any **SIG\_REFERENCE** to a **MIME\_PART** containing an XML content type MUST include a **ds:DigestValue** which is calculated after the XML is canonicalized according to Exclusive XML Canonicalization without comments, as specified by the URI "http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#".*

#### 18.2.5 Content-Type

Signature digest calculations require that the exact same input be provided to the digest algorithm both when the signature is created and when it is verified. Canonicalization is required to ensure the same literal representation despite changes due to message transformation during transport. It is essential to determine the correct type of canonicalization to perform, based on the **MIME\_PART** content type. For this reason it is required that the Content-Type be explicitly stated with a Content-Type MIME header.

**R6106** *A **MIME\_PART** referenced by a **SIG\_REFERENCE** which specifies a Transform algorithm of "http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-SwAProfile-1.1#Attachment-Complete-Signature-Transform" MUST have a Content-Type MIME-header.*

**R6107** *A **MIME\_PART** referenced by a **SIG\_REFERENCE** which specifies a Transform algorithm of "http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-SwAProfile-1.1#Attachment-Content-Signature-Transform" MUST have a Content-Type MIME-header.*



## 18.3 Encrypted Attachments

### 18.3.1 References to Encrypted Attachments

The Web Services Security SwA profile requires that an EncryptedData element in the primary SOAP envelope be used to reference the encrypted MIME part. This statement reiterates that requirement for testability.

**R6200** *An encrypted **MIME\_PART** MUST be referenced using an **ENCRYPTED\_DATA**.*

### 18.3.2 Type attribute

The Web Services Security SwA profile requires that an EncryptedData element in the primary SOAP envelope that references an encrypted MIME part specify the Type as either Attachment-Content-Only or Attachment-Complete so that it can be processed correctly upon decryption. This statement reiterates that requirement for testability.

**R6201** *An **ENCRYPTED\_DATA** that references a **MIME\_PART** MUST include a Type attribute with the value "<http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-SwAProfile-1.1#Attachment-Content-Only>" or "<http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/oasis-wss-SwAProfile-1.1#Attachment-Complete>".*

### 18.3.3 Reference URIs

The Web Services Security SwA profile requires that the EncryptedData element in the primary SOAP envelope that references an encrypted MIME part must reference the Cipherdata using the same cid: as the original attachment cid:, simplifying processing. This statement reiterates that requirement for testability.

**R6202** *An **ENCRYPTED\_DATA** that references a **MIME\_PART** MUST contain a **xenc:CipherData/xenc:CipherReference** element with a URI attribute having the same URI as the original **MIME\_PART**.*

### 18.3.4 Content

The Web Services Security SwA profile specifies that when an attachment is encrypted, the resulting EncryptedData element be placed in the wsse:Security header in the primary SOAP envelope and that the cipherdata be placed in the attachment part. This statement reiterates the requirement of replacing the content of the attachment with the cipherdata, for testability.

**R6203** *The content of a **MIME\_PART** encrypted according to the Web Services Security SwA profile MUST be replaced by the cipher value that results from encrypting the **MIME\_PART** and is referenced from the **CipherReference** in the **EncryptedData** element.*

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## 19 Security Considerations

This section lists a number of security considerations that should be taken into account when using one or more of the technologies discussed in the Basic Security Profile 1.1.

### 19.1 SOAPAction Header

The use of the SOAPAction header in situations where the message content is being integrity or confidentiality protected can result in security risks when the transport layer does not provide the same protection to the SOAPAction header. The most obvious risk is that the SOAPAction header can potentially expose sensitive information about a SOAP message such as the URI of the service, or the context of the transaction that is taking place. Another, more subtle risk occurs in a situation where message routing is done based on the value of the SOAPAction header. By modifying the value, an attacker could cause the message to be directed to a different receiver. This could potentially defeat a replay detection mechanism that was based on the assumption that the message would always be routed to the same place. Yet another risk occurs when intermediates are present. An intermediate might decide on a set of processing steps based on the value of SOAPAction or application/soap+xml, which is subject to tampering. A subsequent receiver might base its processing on the actual message content, which could be secured through XML signatures. Suppose that the intermediate was a security gateway. It could be tricked into allowing a payment operation through that had only query security.

#### 19.1.1 SOAPAction header

**C2010** *In a **DESCRIPTION**, the soapAction attribute of a soapbind:operation element **SHOULD** be either omitted, or have as its value an empty string.*

### 19.2 Clock Synchronization

The specifications covered by the Basic Security Profile 1.1 use time-based mechanisms to prevent replay attacks. These mechanisms will be ineffective unless the system clocks of the various network nodes are synchronized. Since the technology to perform distributed clock synchronization are well known and widely available and are not among the technologies being profiled here, this document does not specify how clock synchronization should be done. However, the recommendation of the use of time-based security mechanisms implies that synchronization is being done.

### 19.3 Security Token Substitution

#### 19.3.1 Security Token Substitution

If a ds:SignedInfo contains one or more ds:Reference children whose URI attribute contains a shorthand XPointer reference to a wsse:SecurityTokenReference that uses a potentially ambiguous mechanism to refer to the Security Token (e.g. KeyIdentifier), then in order to protect against post-signature substitution of the Security Token with one that binds the same key to different claims, it is recommended that the content of the Security Token be signed either directly or using the Security Token Dereferencing Transform.

**C5443** *When the signer's **SECURITY\_TOKEN** is an **INTERNAL\_SECURITY\_TOKEN**, the **SIGNED\_INFO MAY** include a **SIG\_REFERENCE** that refers to the signer's **SECURITY\_TOKEN** in order to prevent substitution with another **SECURITY\_TOKEN** that uses the same key. **c***

**C5441** *When the signer's SECURITY\_TOKEN is an EXTERNAL\_SECURITY\_TOKEN, the **SIGNED\_INFO** MAY include a SIG\_REFERENCE that refers to the SECURITY\_TOKEN\_REFERENCE that refers to the signer's SECURITY\_TOKEN using the Security Token Dereferencing Transform in order to prevent substitution of another SECURITY\_TOKEN that uses the same key. c*

If a message is signed using a Security Token that binds a public verification key with other claims, and specific processing is performed based on those claims, then in order to protect against post-signature substitution of the Security Token with one that binds the same key to different claims, Security Token itself should be part of the signature computation. This can be achieved by putting a child ds:Reference element whose URI attribute contains a shorthand XPointer reference to the wsse:SecurityTokenReference that specifies the Security Token into the ds:SignedInfo element of a signature.

### 19.3.2 Security Token Reference in Subsequent Messages

When a key is provided in band within a Security Token or otherwise for the purpose of specifying a key to be used by another node for encrypting information to be sent in a future message, it is recommended that the sender of the key cryptographically bind the key to the message in which it is transmitted. This can be done either by using the key to perform a Signature or HMAC over critical elements of the message body or by including the key under a signature covering critical elements of the message body which uses some other key.

**C5442** *When an encryption key to be used in subsequent messages is provided in an INTERNAL\_SECURITY\_TOKEN, a **SIGNED\_INFO** MAY include a SIG\_REFERENCE that refers to the signer's SECURITY\_TOKEN in order to prevent substitution with another SECURITY\_TOKEN that uses the same key. c*

If a key is sent in a message which the receiver is expected to use to encrypt data in some future message, there is a risk that an attacker could substitute some other key and thereby be able to read unauthorized data. This is true even if the key is contained in a signed certificate, but is not bound to the current message in some way. If the future encryption key is used to sign the initial request, by verifying the signature, the receiver can determine that the key is the one that was intended.

## 19.4 Protecting against removal and modification of XML Elements

XML Signatures using Shorthand XPointer References (AKA IDREF) protect against the removal and modification of XML elements; but do not protect the location of the element within the XML Document.

Whether or not this is security vulnerability depends on whether the location of the signed data within its surrounding context has any semantic import. This consideration applies to data carried in the SOAP Body or the Header.

Of particular concern is the ability to relocate signed data into a SOAP Header block which is unknown to the receiver and marked mustUnderstand="false". This could have the effect of causing the receiver to ignore signed data which the sender expected would either be processed or result in the generation of a mustUnderstand fault.

A similar exploit would involve relocating signed data into a SOAP Header block targeted to a S11:actor or S12:role other than that which the sender intended, and which the receiver will not process.

While these attacks could apply to any portion of the message, their effects are most pernicious with SOAP header elements which may not always be present, but must be processed whenever they appear.

In the general case of XML Documents and Signatures, this issue may be resolved by signing the entire XML Document and/or strict XML Schema specification and enforcement. However, because elements of the SOAP message, particularly header elements, may be legitimately modified by SOAP intermediaries, this approach is usually not appropriate. It is RECOMMENDED that applications signing any part of the SOAP body sign the entire body.

Alternatives countermeasures include (but are not limited to):

- References using XPath transforms with Absolute Path expressions,
- A Reference using an XPath transform to include any significant location-dependent elements and exclude any elements that might legitimately be removed, added, or altered by intermediaries,
- Using only References to elements with location-independent semantics,
- Strict policy specification and enforcement regarding which message parts are to be signed. For example:
  - Requiring that the entire SOAP Body and all children of SOAP Header be signed,
  - Requiring that SOAP header elements which are marked `mustUnderstand="false"` and have signed descendants MUST include the `mustUnderstand` attribute under the signature.

## 19.5 Only What is Signed is Protected

A receiver should treat the origin of any unsigned content as suspect. Only the subset of message content that is signed by an entity can be trusted as having been produced or otherwise acknowledged by that entity. All other content should be treated as if it were placed in the message by an untrusted third party (potentially an adversary).

XML Signatures allow fine grained selection of elements to be signed through a variety of means including Shorthand XPointer references to selected elements and references using transforms (such as XPath) that cause a value other than what would be obvious by examining the serialized content of the element (by adding, modifying, or removing a value) to be used for digest computation. This could allow values to be added, modified, or removed without detection. Therefore, a receiver should not consider it sufficient to verify that an element is referenced, but should also verify that the result of the application of the indicated transform algorithms produce the expected, trusted value.

## 19.6 Use of SHA1

Basic Security Profile 1.1 recommends using SHA1 based algorithms for interoperability purposes. If SHA1 based algorithms are deemed unsuitable, other algorithms (like SHA256) can be used.

## 19.7 Uniqueness of ID attributes

XML 1.0 requires that all attributes of type ID in a given XML document have unique values, but only validating XML processors have such type information. As various aspects of SOAP Message Security use ID based references it is recommended that applications ensure that ID attributes are unique by some mechanism.

## 19.8 Signing Security Tokens

In general, tokens contain claims made by an authority, usually about some system entity. Obviously a party relying on these claims must trust that authority to make them. The relying party must generally

verify these claims. The method of doing this depends on the token type and is specified by the corresponding token profile.

## 19.9 Signing Username Tokens

When a `wsse:UsernameToken` contains only a `wsse:Username` and `wsse:PasswordText` and is simply presented for Authentication where replay is not a concern, it does not need to be signed because the act of checking it against a stored value has the effect of verifying it. When a `wsse:Nonce` and/or `wsu:Created` are used with the `wsse:Username` and `wsse:PasswordText` to prevent replay, the `wsse:UsernameToken` must be signed to prevent undetected alteration of these fields. If a `wsse:PasswordText` is being used to derive a key for a subsequent encryption of a response, it should be signed to ensure that an attacker does not substitute an alternative, but valid `wsse:Username` and `wsse:PasswordText`. This is equivalent to the key substitution attack available when an X.509 Token is used for a similar purpose.

## 19.10 Signing Binary Tokens

The content of a binary token will be a binary object which is integrity protected by a mechanism specific to the object type. For example, an X.509 certificate will be signed by the issuing authority. The outer wrapper of the binary token merely contains type indication information which does not have to be integrity protected in order to be able to rely in the claims.

## 19.11 Signing XML Tokens

XML tokens should be digitally signed in a manner described by their profile (or documents referenced by it), or delivered directly from their issuer over an integrity protected channel.

## 19.12 Replay of Username Token

A sender that includes a `Nonce` child in a `UsernameToken` element should anticipate that the receiver may refuse to process the message due to either an accidental collision or transport layer delays. Therefore, if it decides to retry transmission, it should do so with a new `Nonce`.

Unless other mechanisms are used to protect against replay of the username token, service providers should retain nonces in a store that is shared between all SOAP nodes (and within a distributed SOAP node all "components") that can be authorized using the same passwords.

The policy that allows service providers to forget nonces may be based on any considerations that the service considers relevant. When a nonce is forgotten the server should ensure that in the future it rejects `UsernameTokens` with a `Created` time that is earlier than the forgotten nonce.

### 19.12.1 Replay of Username Token

**C4210** Any **USERNAME\_TOKEN** that contains a **NONCE** and **PASSWORD** with a *Type* attribute value of "`http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-username-token-profile-1.0#PasswordText`" **SHOULD** be referenced by a **SIG\_REFERENCE** in order to prevent replay.

**C4211** Any **USERNAME\_TOKEN** that contains a **CREATED** and a **PASSWORD** with a *Type* attribute value of "`http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-username-token-profile-1.0#PasswordText`" **SHOULD** be referenced by a **SIG\_REFERENCE** in order to prevent replay.

## 19.13 Use of Digest vs. Cleartext Password

A sending application utilizing password authentication must decide whether to use a cleartext password or a password digest (The sender needs to know via some out-of-band mechanism and/or prior arrangement which mechanisms the receiver supports). The digest should always be preferred if it can be used, as the digest algorithm does not reveal the password and can protect against replay of the password. (It does not however, protect against offline guessing or brute force attacks.)

Password digests can only be used in situations where both sender and receiver can start with the same secret value (e.g., the cleartext password or a hash of the password). The following are criteria for considering when to use digests vs. cleartext:

1. If the receiver can access the cleartext password, a digest may be used.
2. If the receiver can access a value that can be derived by the sender directly from the cleartext password (e.g., the receiver has access to a SHA1 hash of the password), the derived value (e.g. the hash) may be used in the digest.
3. If the sender needs extra information to derive the value available to the receiver, it will not be feasible to use password digest, even though the information is not intentionally secret. For example, UNIX systems add a salt value to each password before hashing it. It is infeasible for the sender to discover the salt value required for a specific username.
4. If the receiver does not have access to any password value, derived or otherwise, but merely the ability to test a username/password combination for validity, a digest may not be used. An example of this is when the username/password combination is presented to a database, directory or mainframe system for verification.

When sending any form of a password, cleartext or digest, confidentiality services are strongly recommended to prevent its value from being revealed or from offline guessing.

## 19.14 Encryption with Signatures

When a message contains a data value which does not have a significant number of probable variations and that data is signed and then encrypted, it is recommended that the sender either include some suitably random value such as a wsse:Nonce in the data, or encrypt the related ds:DigestValue element in order to protect the confidentiality of the data.

An adversary can compute the digest for each of the data values and compare them against the digests in the signature thereby deducing the encrypted data value. This type of attack is most likely to be successful when there are a relatively small set of probable data values. Therefore the threat can be mitigated by introduction of some random value into the original data or encryption of the digest.

### 19.14.1 Encrypt DigestValue

**C5630** Any **SIGNATURE** computed over data that is subsequently encrypted **SHOULD** also be encrypted in order to prevent plaintext guessing attacks when the probable set of data values is small.



## 19.15 Possible Operational Errors

Under SOAP processing rules, there is no way a sender can be sure that a message containing a security header addressed to a given Role/Actor will ever reach a node that is taking on that Role/Actor. If not, the specified security processing will not occur.

Under SOAP processing rules, there is no way a sender can determine in what order nodes taking on specific Role/Actor's will be reached. If signatures and encryptions specified in different security headers overlap, verification and decryption operations may fail as a result of being processed in the wrong order. (Generally overlapping signatures will verify regardless of the order of verification.) This problem can be avoided by never specifying overlapping operations in distinct headers, however application requirements may not prevent this. For example, many senders may wish to include the entire Body under a signature, possibly before or after encrypting portions of it.

Under SOAP processing rules, there is no way a sender can determine which particular secrets are possessed by a node taking on a given Role/Actor. If a node is required to perform decryption or verify an HMAC and it does not possess the necessary secret, it will be unable to perform these operations. This will not only impact its operation, but in the case it is an intermediary may make it possible for nodes receiving the message subsequently from performing security processing correctly due to overlapping operations, even when that node does possess the necessary secrets.

If a namespace that is in fact visibly used within some text to be Canonicalized via the Exclusive C14N Algorithm is included in the PrefixList, then under some valid transformations of the transmitted document signature verification may spuriously fail, because the Canonicalized form shifts the location of a namespace declaration. This case is expected to be rare in practice.

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## Appendix A. Extensibility Points

This section identifies extensibility points, as defined in "Scope of the Basic Security Profile 1.1," for the Basic Security Profile 1.1's component specifications.

These mechanisms are out of the scope of the Basic Security Profile 1.1; their use may affect interoperability, and may require private agreement between the parties to a Web service.

In [RFC 2246: The TLS Protocol Version 1.0](#):

- **E0009 - TLS Ciphersuites** - TLS allows for the use of arbitrary encryption algorithms. Note that while section 4.2 of the Basic Security Profile 1.1 mandates, recommends, and discourages support for certain ciphersuites, the Basic Security Profile 1.1 does not prohibit use of any specific ciphersuite.
- **E0010 - TLS Extensions** - TLS allows for extensions during the handshake phase.

In [The SSL Protocol Version 3.0 \[SSLV3\]](#):

- **E0011 - SSL Ciphersuites** - SSL allows for the use of arbitrary encryption algorithms. Note that while section 4.2 of the Basic Security Profile 1.1 mandates, recommends, and discourages support for certain ciphersuites, the Basic Security Profile 1.1 does not prohibit use of any specific ciphersuite.

In [Web Services Security: SOAP Message Security 1.1 \(WS-Security 2004\) OASIS Standard Specification \[WSS-SOAP\]](#)

- **E0002 - Security Tokens** - Security tokens may be specified in additional security token profiles.

In [RFC2459: Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure Certificate and CRL Profile: \[RFC2459\]](#)

- **E0012 - Certificate Authority** - The choice of the Certificate Authority is a private agreement between parties.
- **E0013 - Certificate Extensions** - X.509 allows for arbitrary certificate extensions.



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