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This specification (WS-MakeConnection) describes a protocol that allows messages to be transferred between nodes implementing this protocol by using a transport-specific back-channel. The protocol is described in this specification in a transport-independent manner allowing it to be implemented using different network technologies. To support interoperable Web services, a SOAP binding is defined within this specification.

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42 identification of service endpoint addresses and policies. How these are identified and retrieved are
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135 1 Introduction

136 The primary goal of this specification is to create a mechanism for the transfer of messages between two
137 endpoints when the sending endpoint is unable to initiate a new connection to the receiving endpoint. It
138 defines a mechanism to uniquely identify non-addressable endpoints, and a mechanism by which
139 messages destined for those endpoints can be delivered. It also defines a SOAP binding that is required
140 for interoperability. Additional bindings can be defined.

141 This mechanism is extensible allowing additional functionality, such as security, to be tightly integrated.
142 This specification integrates with and complements the WS-ReliableMessaging[[WS-RM](#)], WS-Security
143 [[WS-Security](#)], WS-Policy [[WS-Policy](#)], and other Web services specifications. Combined, these allow for a
144 broad range of reliable, secure messaging options.

145 1.1 Terminology

146 The keywords "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD
147 NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described
148 in RFC 2119 [[KEYWORDS](#)].

149 This specification uses the following syntax to define normative outlines for messages:

- 150 • The syntax appears as an XML instance, but values in italics indicate data types instead of values.
- 151 • Characters are appended to elements and attributes to indicate cardinality:
 - 152 ○ "?" (0 or 1)
 - 153 ○ "*" (0 or more)
 - 154 ○ "+" (1 or more)
- 155 • The character "|" is used to indicate a choice between alternatives.
- 156 • The characters "[" and "]" are used to indicate that contained items are to be treated as a group
157 with respect to cardinality or choice.
- 158 • An ellipsis (i.e. "...") indicates a point of extensibility that allows other child or attribute content
159 specified in this document. Additional children elements and/or attributes MAY be added at the
160 indicated extension points but they MUST NOT contradict the semantics of the parent and/or
161 owner, respectively. If an extension is not recognized it SHOULD be ignored.
- 162 • XML namespace prefixes (see section 1.4) are used to indicate the namespace of the element
163 being defined.

164 Elements and Attributes defined by this specification are referred to in the text of this document using
165 XPath 1.0 [[XPATH 1.0](#)] expressions. Extensibility points are referred to using an extended version of this
166 syntax:

- 167 • An element extensibility point is referred to using {any} in place of the element name. This
168 indicates that any element name can be used, from any namespace other than the `wsmc:`
169 namespace.
- 170 • An attribute extensibility point is referred to using @{any} in place of the attribute name. This
171 indicates that any attribute name can be used, from any namespace other than the `wsmc:`
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245 1.4 Namespace

246 The XML namespace [XML-ns] URI that MUST be used by implementations of this specification is:

247 <http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsmc/200702>

248 Dereferencing the above URI will produce the Resource Directory Description Language [RDDL 2.0]
 249 document that describes this namespace.

250 Table 1 lists the XML namespaces that are used in this specification. The choice of any namespace prefix
 251 is arbitrary and not semantically significant.

252 Table 1

Prefix	Namespace
S	(Either SOAP 1.1 or 1.2)
S11	http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/
S12	http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope
wsmc	http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsmc/200702
wstrm	http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wstrm/200702
wsa	http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing
wsam	http://www.w3.org/2007/05/addressing/metadata
wsp	http://www.w3.org/ns/ws-policy
xs	http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema

253 The normative schema for WS-MakeConnection can be found linked from the namespace document that
254 is located at the namespace URI specified above.

255 All sections explicitly noted as examples are informational and are not to be considered normative.

256 **1.5 Conformance**

257 An implementation is not conformant with this specification if it fails to satisfy one or more of the MUST or
258 REQUIRED level requirements defined herein. A SOAP Node MUST NOT use the XML namespace
259 identifier for this specification (listed in section 1.4) within SOAP Envelopes unless it is conformant with this
260 specification.

261 Normative text within this specification takes precedence over normative outlines, which in turn take
262 precedence over the XML Schema [[XML Schema Part 1](#), [Part 2](#)] descriptions.

263 2 MakeConnection Model

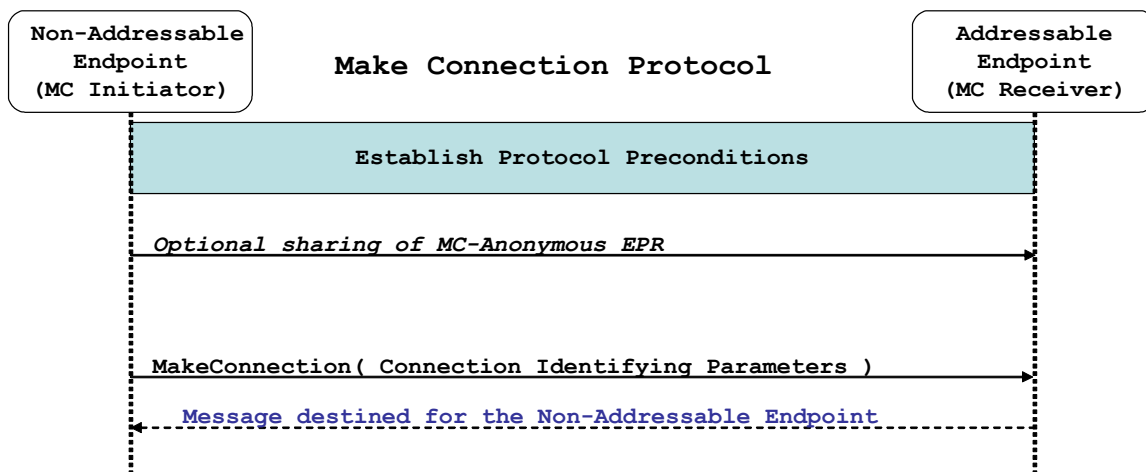
264 The WS-Addressing [WS-Addressing] specification defines the anonymous URI to identify non-
265 addressable endpoints and to indicate a protocol-specific back-channel is to be used for any messages
266 destined for that endpoint. For example, when used in the WS-Addressing ReplyTo EPR, the use of this
267 anonymous URI is meant to indicate that any response message is to be transmitted on the transport-
268 specific back-channel. In the HTTP case this would mean that any response message is sent back on the
269 HTTP response flow.

270 In cases where the connection is still available the WS-Addressing URI is sufficient. However, in cases
271 where the original connection is no longer available, additional mechanisms are needed. Take the situation
272 where the original connection that carried a request message is broken and therefore is no longer
273 available to carry a response back to the original sender. Traditionally, non-anonymous (addressable)
274 EPRs would be used in these cases to allow for the sender of the response message to initiate new
275 connections as needed. However, if the sender of the request message is unable (or unwilling) to accept
276 new connections then the only option available is for it to establish a new connection for the purposes of
277 allowing the response message to be sent. This specification defines a mechanism by which a new
278 connection can be established.

279 The MakeConnection model consists of two key aspects:

- 280 • An optional anonymous-like URI template is defined that has similar semantics to WS-
281 Addressing's anonymous, but also allows for each non-addressable endpoint to be uniquely
282 identified
- 283 • A new message is defined that establishes a connection that can then be used to transmit
284 messages to these non-addressable endpoints

285 Figure 1 below illustrates the overall flow involved in the use of MakeConnection:



286 Figure 1 – Make Connection Model

287 The `MakeConnection` message is used to establish a new connection between the two endpoints. Within
288 the message is identifying information that is used to uniquely identify a message that is eligible for
289 transmission.

290 **2.1 Glossary**

291 The following definitions are used throughout this specification:

292 **Back-channel:** When the underlying transport provides a mechanism to return a transport-protocol
293 specific response, capable of carrying a SOAP message, without initiating a new connection, this
294 specification refers to this mechanism as a back-channel.

295 **Endpoint:** As defined in the WS-Addressing specification; a Web service Endpoint is a (referenceable)
296 entity, processor, or resource to which Web service messages can be addressed. Endpoint references
297 (EPRs) convey the information needed to address a Web service Endpoint.

298 **MC Initiator** The endpoint that transmits the `MakeConnection` message – the destination endpoint for
299 the messages being sent on the transport-specific back-channel.

300 **MC Receiver:** The endpoint that receives the `MakeConnection` message – the source endpoint for the
301 messages being sent on the transport-specific back-channel.

302 **Receive:** The act of reading a message from a network connection.

303 **Transmit:** The act of writing a message to a network connection.

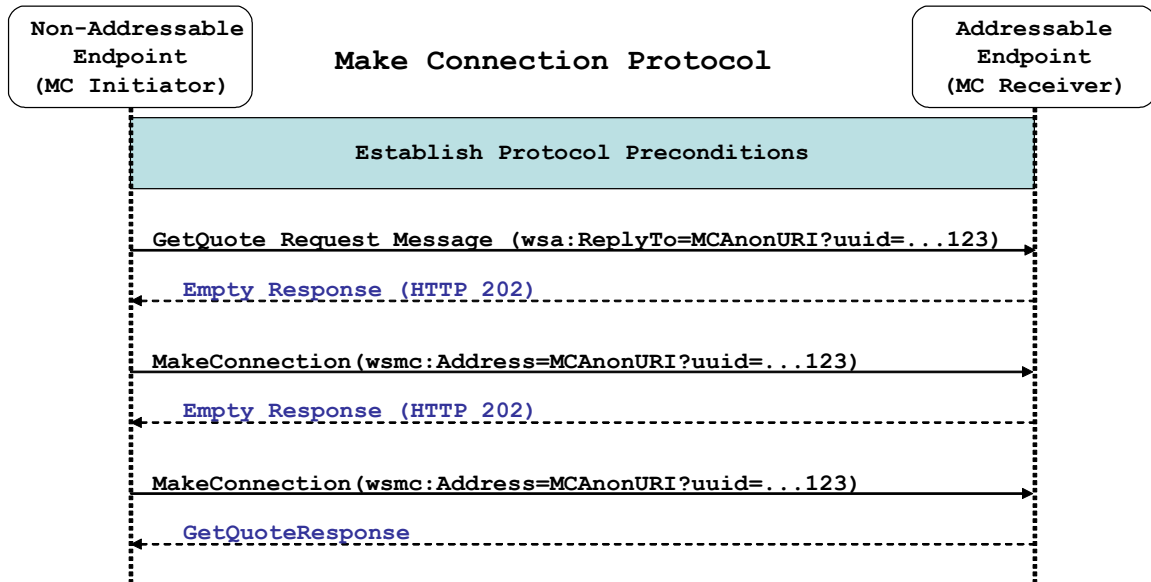
304 **2.2 Protocol Preconditions**

305 The correct operation of the protocol requires that a number of preconditions **MUST** be established prior to
306 the processing of the initial sequenced message:

- 307 • The MC Receiver **MUST** be capable of accepting new incoming connections.
- 308 • The MC Initiator **MUST** be capable of creating new outgoing connections to the MC Receiver, and
309 those connections **MUST** have a back-channel.
- 310 • If a secure exchange of messages is **REQUIRED**, then the MC Initiator and MC Receiver **MUST**
311 have a security context.

312 **2.3 Example Message Exchange**

313 Figure 2 illustrates a message exchange in which the response message is delivered using
314 `MakeConnection`.



315 Figure 2: Example WS-MakeConnection Message Exchange

316 1. The protocol preconditions are established. These include policy exchange, endpoint resolution,
317 and establishing trust.

318 2. The client (MC Initiator) sends a `GetQuote` request message to the service (MC Receiver). The
319 WS-Addressing `wsa:ReplyTo` EPR uses the `MakeConnection` Anonymous URI Template –
320 indicating that if the `GetQuoteResponse` message is not sent back on this connection's back-
321 channel, then the client will use `MakeConnection` to retrieve it.

322 3. The service receives the request message and decides to close the connection by sending back
323 an empty response (in the HTTP case an HTTP 202 Accept is sent).

324 4. The client sends a `MakeConnection` message to the service. Within the `MakeConnection`
325 element is the `wsmc:Address` element containing the same `MakeConnection` Anonymous URI
326 used in step 2.

327 5. The service has not completed executing the `GetQuote` operation and decides to close the
328 connection by sending back an empty response (in the HTTP case an HTTP 202 Accept)
329 indicating that no messages destined for this MC Initiator are available at this time.

330 6. The client sends a second `MakeConnection` message to the service. Within the
331 `MakeConnection` element is the `wsmc:Address` element containing the same `MakeConnection`
332 Anonymous URI used in step 2.

333 7. The service uses this new connection to transmit the `GetQuoteResponse` message.

334 The service can assume that because the `MakeConnection` Anonymous URI Template was used in the
335 `wsa:ReplyTo` EPR the client will act as an MC Initiator for the purposes of retrieving messages destined
336 to that EPR (i.e. responses to the `GetQuote`). This allows the service the option of immediately releasing
337 resources used by the original connection – knowing that the client will, at some later point in time,
338 establish a new connection on which the `GetQuoteResponse` can be transmitted. Likewise, when the first
339 `MakeConnection` is received by the service, it again has the option of leaving the connection open until
340 the `GetQuoteResponse` is ready to be transmitted, or it can close the connection immediately knowing
341 that the MC Initiator will retransmit the `MakeConnection` message at some later point in time. Since the
342 nature and dynamic characteristics of the underlying transport and potential intermediaries are unknown in
343 the general case, the timing of re-transmissions cannot be specified. Additionally, over-aggressive re-
344 transmissions have been demonstrated to cause transport or intermediary flooding which are
345 counterproductive. Consequently, implementers are encouraged to utilize adaptive mechanisms that

346 dynamically adjust re-transmission time and the back-off intervals that are appropriate to the nature of the
347 transports and intermediaries envisioned. For the case of TCP/IP transports, a mechanism similar to that
348 described as RTTM in RFC 1323 [[RTTM](#)] SHOULD be considered.

349 Now that the basic model has been outlined, the details of this protocol are now provided in section 3.

350 **3 MakeConnection**

351 The following sub-sections define the various MakeConnection features, and prescribe their usage by a
352 conformant implementations.

353 **3.1 MakeConnection Anonymous URI**

354 When an Endpoint is not directly addressable (e.g. behind a firewall or not able to allow incoming
355 connections), an anonymous URI in the EPR address property can indicate such an Endpoint. The WS-
356 Addressing anonymous URI is one such anonymous URI. This specification defines a URI template (the
357 WS-MC anonymous URI) which may be used to uniquely identify anonymous Endpoints.

```
358 http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsmc/200702/anonymous?id={unique-String}
```

359 The appearance of an instance of this URI template in the `wsa:Address` value of an EPR indicates a
360 protocol-specific back-channel will be established through a mechanism such as `MakeConnection`,
361 defined below. When using this URI template, “{unique-String}” MUST be replaced by a globally unique
362 string (e.g a UUID value as defined by RFC4122 [UUID]). This specification does not require the use of
363 one particular string generation scheme. This string uniquely distinguishes the Endpoint. A sending
364 Endpoint SHOULD Transmit messages at Endpoints identified with the URI template using a protocol-
365 specific back-channel, including but not limited to those established with a `MakeConnection` message.
366 Note, this URI template is semantically similar to the WS-Addressing anonymous URI if a protocol-specific
367 back-channel is available.

368 **3.2 MakeConnection Message**

369 The `MakeConnection` element is sent in the body of a one-way message that establishes a
370 contextualized back-channel for the transmission of messages according to matching criteria (defined
371 below). In the non-faulting case, if no matching message is available then no SOAP envelope will be
372 returned on the back-channel. A common usage will be a client sending `MakeConnection` to a server for
373 the purpose of receiving asynchronous response messages.

374 The following exemplar defines the `MakeConnection` syntax:

```
375 <wsmc:MakeConnection ...>  
376   <wsmc:Address ...> xs:anyURI </wsmc:Address> ?  
377   <wsrm:Identifier ...> xs:anyURI </wsrm:Identifier> ?  
378   ...  
379 </wsmc:MakeConnection>
```

380 The following describes the content model of the `MakeConnection` element.

381 `/wsmc:MakeConnection`

382 This element allows the sender to create a transport-specific back-channel that can be used to
383 return a message that matches the selection criteria. Endpoints MUST NOT send this element as
384 a header block. At least one selection criteria sub-element MUST be specified – if not a
385 `MissingSelection` fault MUST be generated.

386 `/wsmc:MakeConnection/wsmc:Address`

387 This element specifies the URI (`wsa:Address`) of the initiating Endpoint. Endpoints MUST NOT
388 return messages on the transport-specific back-channel unless they have been addressed to this
389 URI. This Address property and a message’s WS-Addressing destination property are considered
390 identical when they are exactly the same character-for-character. Note that URIs which are not

391 identical in this sense may in fact be functionally equivalent. Examples include URI references
392 which differ only in case, or which are in external entities which have different effective base URIs.

393 `/wsmc:MakeConnection/wsmc:Address/@{any}`

394 This is an extensibility mechanism to allow additional attributes, based on schemas, to be added to
395 the element.

396 `/wsmc:MakeConnection/wsrn:Identifier`

397 This element specifies the WS-RM Sequence Identifier that establishes the context for the
398 transport-specific back-channel. The Sequence Identifier should be compared with the Sequence
399 Identifiers associated with the messages held by the sending Endpoint, and if there is a matching
400 message it will be returned.

401 `/wsmc:MakeConnection/wsrn:Identifier/@{any}`

402 This is an extensibility mechanism to allow additional attributes, based on schemas, to be added to
403 the element.

404 `/wsmc:MakeConnection/{any}`

405 This is an extensibility mechanism to allow different (extensible) types of information, based on a
406 schema, to be passed. This allows fine-tuning of the messages to be returned, additional selection
407 criteria included here are logically ANDed with the `Address` and/or `wsrn:Identifier`. If an
408 extension is not supported by the Endpoint then it should generate an `UnsupportedSelection`
409 fault.

410 `/wsmc:MakeConnection/@{any}`

411 This is an extensibility mechanism to allow additional attributes, based on schemas, to be added to
412 the element.

413 If more than one selection criteria element is present, then the MC Receiver processing the
414 `MakeConnection` message MUST insure that any SOAP Envelope flowing on the back-channel satisfies
415 all of those selection criteria.

416 The management of messages that are awaiting the establishment of a back-channel to their receiving
417 Endpoint is an implementation detail that is outside the scope of this specification. Note, however, that
418 these messages form a class of asynchronous messages that is not dissimilar from "ordinary"
419 asynchronous messages that are waiting for the establishment of a connection to their destination
420 Endpoints.

421 This specification places no constraint on the types of messages that can be returned on the transport-
422 specific back-channel. As in an asynchronous environment, it is up to the recipient of the
423 `MakeConnection` message to decide which messages are appropriate for transmission to any particular
424 Endpoint. However, the Endpoint processing the `MakeConnection` message MUST insure that the
425 messages match the selection criteria as specified by the child elements of the `MakeConnection`
426 element.

427 Since the message exchange pattern use by `MakeConnection` is untraditional, the following points need
428 to be reiterated for clarification:

- 429 • The `MakeConnection` message is logically part of a one-way operation; there is no reply
430 message to the `MakeConnection` itself, and any response flowing on the transport back-channel
431 is a pending message.
- 432 • Since there is no reply message to `MakeConnection`, the WS-Addressing specific rules in
433 section 3.4 "Formulating a Reply Message" are not used. Therefore, the value of any
434 `wsa:ReplyTo` element in the `MakeConnection` message has no effective impact since the WS-

- 435 Addressing [reply endpoint] property that is set by the presence of `wsa:ReplyTo` is not
436 used.
- 437 • In the absence of any pending message, there will be no message transmitted on the transport
438 back-channel. E.g. in the HTTP case just an `HTTP 202 Accepted` will be returned without any
439 SOAP envelope in the HTTP response message.
 - 440 • When there is a message pending, it is sent on the transport back-channel, using the connection
441 that has been initiated by the `MakeConnection` request.

442 3.3 MessagePending

443 When `MakeConnection` is used, and a message is returned on the transport-specific back-channel, the
444 `MessagePending` header SHOULD be included on the returned message as an indicator whether there
445 are additional messages waiting to be retrieved using the same selection criteria that was specified in the
446 `MakeConnection` element.

447 The following exemplar defines the `MessagePending` syntax:

```
448 <wsmc:MessagePending pending="xs:boolean" ...>  
449   ...  
450 </wsmc:MessagePending>
```

451 The following describes the content model of the `MessagePending` header block.

452 `/wsmc:MessagePending`

453 This element indicates whether additional messages are waiting to be retrieved.

454 `/wsmc:MessagePending/@pending`

455 This attribute, when set to "true", indicates that there is at least one message waiting to be
456 retrieved. When this attribute is set to "false" it indicates there are currently no messages waiting
457 to be retrieved.

458 `/wsmc:MessagePending/{any}`

459 This is an extensibility mechanism to allow different (extensible) types of information, based on a
460 schema, to be passed.

461 `/wsmc:MessagePending/@{any}`

462 This is an extensibility mechanism to allow additional attributes, based on schemas, to be added to
463 the element.

464 The absence of the `MessagePending` header has no implication as to whether there are additional
465 messages waiting to be retrieved.

466 3.4 MakeConnection Policy Assertion

467 The `MakeConnection` policy assertion indicates that the `MakeConnection` protocol (operation and the use
468 of the `MakeConnection` URI template in `EndpointReferences`) is required for messages sent from this
469 endpoint. This assertion has `Endpoint Policy Subject` [[WS-PolicyAttachment](#)].

470 The normative outline for the `MakeConnection` assertion is:

```
471 <wsmc:MCSupported ...> ... </wsmc:MCSupported>
```

472 The following describes the content model of the `MCSupported` element.

473 `/wsmc:MCSupported`

474 A policy assertion that specifies that the MakeConnection protocol is required for messages sent
475 from this endpoint.

476 /wsmc:MCSupported/{any}

477 This is an extensibility mechanism to allow different (extensible) types of information, based on a
478 schema, to be passed.

479 /wsmc:MCSupported/@{any}

480 This is an extensibility mechanism to allow additional attributes, based on schemas, to be added to
481 the element.

482 4 Faults

483 Entities that generate WS-MakeConnection faults MUST include as the [action] property the default fault
484 action IRI defined below. The value from the W3C Recommendation is below for informational purposes:

485 <http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsmc/200702/fault>

486 The faults defined in this section are generated if the condition stated in the preamble is met. Fault
487 handling rules are defined in section 6 of WS-Addressing SOAP Binding.

488 The definitions of faults use the following properties:

489 [Code] The fault code.

490 [Subcode] The fault subcode.

491 [Reason] The English language reason element.

492 [Detail] The detail element(s). If absent, no detail element is defined for the fault. If more than one detail
493 element is defined for a fault, implementations MUST include the elements in the order that they are
494 specified.

495 Entities that generate WS-MakeConnection faults MUST set the [Code] property to either "Sender" or
496 "Receiver". These properties are serialized into text XML as follows:

SOAP Version	Sender	Receiver
SOAP 1.1	S11:Client	S11:Server
SOAP 1.2	S:Sender	S:Receiver

497 The properties above bind to a SOAP 1.2 fault as follows:

```
498 <S:Envelope>  
499 <S:Header>  
500 <wsa:Action>  
501 http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsmc/200702/fault  
502 </wsa:Action>  
503 <!-- Headers elided for brevity. -->  
504 </S:Header>  
505 <S:Body>  
506 <S:Fault>  
507 <S:Code>  
508 <S:Value> [Code] </S:Value>  
509 <S:Subcode>  
510 <S:Value> [Subcode] </S:Value>  
511 </S:Subcode>  
512 </S:Code>  
513 <S:Reason>  
514 <S:Text xml:lang="en"> [Reason] </S:Text>  
515 </S:Reason>  
516 <S:Detail>  
517 [Detail]  
518 ...  
519 </S:Detail>  
520 </S:Fault>  
521 </S:Body>  
522 </S:Envelope>
```

523 The properties bind to a SOAP 1.1 fault as follows when the fault is generated as a result of processing a
524 MakeConnection message:

```

525 <S11:Envelope>
526   <S11:Body>
527     <S11:Fault>
528       <faultcode> [Subcode] </faultcode>
529       <faultstring> [Reason] </faultstring>
530     </S11:Fault>
531   </S11:Body>
532 </S11:Envelope>

```

533 4.1 Unsupported Selection

534 The QName of the unsupported element(s) are included in the detail.

535 Properties:

536 [Code] Receiver

537 [Subcode] wsmc:UnsupportedSelection

538 [Reason] The extension element used in the message selection is not supported by the MakeConnection
539 receiver

540 [Detail]

```

541 <wsmc:UnsupportedSelection> xs:QName </wsmc:UnsupportedSelection>+

```

Generated by	Condition	Action Upon Generation	Action Upon Receipt
MakeConnection receiver	In response to a MakeConnection message containing a selection criteria in the extensibility section of the message that is not supported	Unspecified.	Unspecified.

542 4.2 Missing Selection

543 The MakeConnection element did not contain any selection criteria.

544 Properties:

545 [Code] Receiver

546 [Subcode] wsmc:MissingSelection

547 [Reason] The MakeConnection element did not contain any selection criteria.

548 [Detail]

Generated by	Condition	Action Upon Generation	Action Upon Receipt
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Generated by	Condition	Action Upon Generation	Action Upon Receipt
MakeConnection receiver	In response to a MakeConnection message that does not contain any selection criteria	Unspecified.	Unspecified.

549 5 Security Considerations

550 It is strongly RECOMMENDED that the communication between Web services be secured using the
551 mechanisms described in WS-Security. In order to properly secure messages, the body and all relevant
552 headers need to be included in the signature. Specifically, any standard messaging headers, such as
553 those from WS-Addressing, need to be signed with the body in order to "bind" the two together.

554 Different security mechanisms may be desired depending on the frequency of messages. For example, for
555 infrequent messages, public key technologies may be adequate for integrity and confidentiality. However,
556 for high-frequency events, it may be more performant to establish a security context for the events using
557 the mechanisms described in WS-Trust [[Trust](#)] and WS-SecureConversation [[SecureConversation](#)]. It
558 should be noted that if a shared secret is used it is RECOMMENDED that derived keys be used to
559 strengthen the secret as described in WS-SecureConversation.

560 Requests for messages which are not available to anonymous parties are strongly RECOMMENDED to
561 require usage of WS-Security so that the requestor can be authenticated and authorized to access the
562 indicated messages. Similarly, integrity and confidentiality SHOULD be used whenever messages have
563 restricted access.

564 Recipients of messages are RECOMMENDED to validate the signature to authenticate and verify the
565 integrity of the data. Specifically, recipients SHOULD verify that the sender has the right to "speak" for the
566 message.

567 The following list summarizes common classes of attacks that apply to this protocol and identifies the
568 mechanism to prevent/mitigate the attacks:

- 569 • Message alteration - Alteration is prevented by including signatures of the message information
570 using WS-Security.
- 571 • Message disclosure - Confidentiality is preserved by encrypting sensitive data using WS-Security.
- 572 • Key integrity - Key integrity is maintained by using the strongest algorithms possible (by comparing
573 secured policies - see WS-Policy and WS-SecurityPolicy [[SecurityPolicy](#)]).
- 574 • Authentication - Authentication is established using the mechanisms described in WS-Security and
575 WS-Trust. Each message is authenticated using the mechanisms described in WS-Security.
- 576 • Accountability - Accountability is a function of the type of and strength of the key and algorithms
577 being used. In many cases, a strong symmetric key provides sufficient accountability. However, in
578 some environments, strong PKI signatures are required.
- 579 • Availability - All reliable messaging services are subject to a variety of availability attacks. Replay
580 detection is a common attack and it is RECOMMENDED that this be addressed by the
581 mechanisms described in WS-Security. Other attacks, such as network-level denial of service
582 attacks are harder to avoid and are outside the scope of this specification. That said, care should
583 be taken to ensure that minimal state is saved prior to any authenticating sequences.
- 584 • Replay - Messages may be replayed for a variety of reasons. To detect and eliminate this attack,
585 mechanisms should be used to identify replayed messages such as the timestamp/nonce outlined
586 in WS-Security. Alternatively, and optionally, other technologies, such as sequencing, can also be
587 used to prevent replay of application messages.

588 Service endpoints SHOULD scope its searching of messages to those that were processed under the
589 same security context as the requesting `MakeConnection` message.

590 Appendix A. Schema

591 The normative schema that is defined for WS-MakeConnection using [XML-Schema Part1] and [XML-
592 Schema Part2] is located at:

593 <http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsmc/200702/wsmc-1.0-schema-200702.xsd>

594 The following copy is provided for reference.

```
595 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
596 <!-- Copyright (C) OASIS (R) 1993-2007. All Rights Reserved.
597      OASIS trademark, IPR and other policies apply. -->
598 <xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
599   xmlns:wsa="http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing" xmlns:wsmc="http://docs.oasis-
600   open.org/ws-rx/wsmc/200702" targetNamespace="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-
601   rx/wsmc/200702" elementFormDefault="qualified"
602   attributeFormDefault="unqualified">
603   <xs:import namespace="http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing"
604   schemaLocation="http://www.w3.org/2006/03/addressing/ws-addr.xsd"/>
605   <!-- Protocol Elements -->
606   <xs:complexType name="MessagePendingType">
607     <xs:sequence>
608       <xs:any namespace="##other" processContents="lax" minOccurs="0"
609   maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
610     </xs:sequence>
611     <xs:attribute name="pending" type="xs:boolean"/>
612     <xs:anyAttribute namespace="##other" processContents="lax"/>
613   </xs:complexType>
614   <xs:element name="MessagePending" type="wsmc:MessagePendingType"/>
615   <xs:element name="Address">
616     <xs:complexType>
617       <xs:simpleContent>
618         <xs:extension base="xs:anyURI">
619           <xs:anyAttribute namespace="##other" processContents="lax"/>
620         </xs:extension>
621       </xs:simpleContent>
622     </xs:complexType>
623   </xs:element>
624   <xs:complexType name="MakeConnectionType">
625     <xs:sequence>
626       <xs:element ref="wsmc:Address" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
627       <xs:any namespace="##other" processContents="lax" minOccurs="0"
628   maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
629     </xs:sequence>
630     <xs:anyAttribute namespace="##other" processContents="lax"/>
631   </xs:complexType>
632   <xs:element name="MakeConnection" type="wsmc:MakeConnectionType"/>
633   <xs:element name="UnsupportedSelection">
634     <xs:simpleType>
635       <xs:restriction base="xs:QName"/>
636     </xs:simpleType>
637   </xs:element>
638 </xs:schema>
```

639 Appendix B. WSDL

640 This WSDL describes the WS-MC protocol from the point of view of the endpoint that receives the
641 `MakeConnection` message.

642 Also note that this WSDL is intended to describe the internal structure of the WS-MC protocol, and will not
643 generally appear in a description of a WS-MC-capable Web service. See section 3.4 Policy for a higher-
644 level mechanism to indicate that WS-MC is supported.

645 The normative WSDL 1.1 definition for WS-MakeConnection is located at:

646 <http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsmc/200702/wsmc-1.0-wsdl-200702e1.wsdl>

647 The following non-normative copy is provided for reference.

```
648 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
649 <!-- Copyright (C) OASIS (R) 1993-2007. All Rights Reserved.
650 OASIS trademark, IPR and other policies apply. -->
651 <wSDL:definitions xmlns:wSDL="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wSDL/"
652 xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
653 xmlns:wsa="http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing"
654 xmlns:wsam="http://www.w3.org/2007/05/addressing/metadata"
655 xmlns:wsmc="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsmc/200702"
656 xmlns:tns="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsmc/200702/wsdl"
657 targetNamespace="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsmc/200702/wsdl">
658
659   <wSDL:types>
660     <xs:schema
661       <xs:import namespace="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsmc/200702"
662       schemaLocation="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsmc/200702/wsmc-1.0-schema-
663       200702.xsd"/>
664     </xs:schema>
665   </wSDL:types>
666
667   <wSDL:message name="MakeConnection">
668     <wSDL:part name="makeConnection" element="wsmc:MakeConnection"/>
669   </wSDL:message>
670
671   <wSDL:portType name="MCAbstractPortType">
672     <wSDL:operation name="MakeConnection">
673       <wSDL:input message="tns:MakeConnection" wsam:Action="http://docs.oasis-
674 open.org/ws-rx/wsmc/200702/MakeConnection"/>
675       <!-- As described in the WS-MakeConnection specification, the
676 MakeConnection operation establishes a connection. If a matching
677 message is available then the back-channel of the connection will
678 be used to carry the message. In SOAP terms the returned message
679 is not a response, so there is no WSDL output message. -->
680     </wSDL:operation>
681   </wSDL:portType>
682
683 </wSDL:definitions>
```

684 Appendix C. Message Examples

685 Appendix C.1 Example use of MakeConnection

686 To illustrate how a `MakeConnection` message exchange can be used to deliver messages to an
687 Endpoint that is not addressable, consider the case of a pub/sub scenario in which the Endpoint to which
688 notifications are to be delivered (the "event consumer") is not addressable by the notification sending
689 Endpoint (the "event producer"). In this scenario the event consumer must initiate the connections in order
690 for the notifications to be delivered. One possible set of message exchanges (using HTTP) that
691 demonstrate how this can be achieved using `MakeConnection` is shown below.

692 **Step 1** – During a "subscribe" operation, the event consumer's EPR specifies the MC anonymous URI and
693 the WS-RM Policy Assertion [[WS-RM Policy](#)] to indicate whether or not RM is required:

```
694 <S:Envelope xmlns:S="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope"  
695 xmlns:wsmc="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsmc/200702"  
696 xmlns:wsrmp="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsrmp/200702"  
697 xmlns:wsa="http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing">  
698   <S:Header>  
699     <wsa:To> http://example.org/subscriptionService </wsa:To>  
700     <wsa:MessageID> http://client456.org/id-a6d8-a7c2eb546813</wsa:MessageID>  
701     <wsa:ReplyTo>  
702       <wsa:To> http://client456.org/response </wsa:To>  
703     </wsa:ReplyTo>  
704   </S:Header>  
705   <S:Body>  
706     <sub:Subscribe xmlns:sub="http://example.org/subscriptionService">  
707       <!-- subscription service specific data -->  
708       <targetEPR>  
709         <wsa:Address>http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-  
710 rx/wsrmp/200702/anonymous?id=550e8400-e29b-11d4-a716-446655440000</wsa:Address>  
711         <wsa:Metadata>  
712           <wsp:Policy wsu:Id="MyPolicy">  
713             <wsrmp:RMAssertion/>  
714           </wsp:Policy>  
715         </wsa:Metadata>  
716       </targetEPR>  
717     </sub:Subscribe>  
718   </S:Body>  
719 </S:Envelope>
```

720 In this example the `subscribe` and `targetEPR` elements are simply examples of what a subscription
721 request message might contain. Note: the `wsa:Address` element contains the MC anonymous URI
722 indicating that the notification producer needs to queue the messages until they are requested using the
723 `MakeConnection` message exchange. The EPR also contains the WS-RM Policy Assertion indicating the
724 RM must be used when notifications related to this subscription are sent.

725

726 **Step 2** – Once the subscription is established, the event consumer checks for a pending message:

```
727 <S:Envelope xmlns:S="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope"  
728 xmlns:wsmc="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsmc/200702"  
729 xmlns:wsa="http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing">  
730   <S:Header>  
731     <wsa:Action>http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-  
732 rx/wsmc/200702/MakeConnection</wsa:Action>  
733     <wsa:To> http://example.org/subscriptionService </wsa:To>
```

```

734     </S:Header>
735     <S:Body>
736         <wsmc:MakeConnection>
737             <wsmc:Address>http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-
738 rx/wsmc/200702/anonymous?id=550e8400-e29b-11d4-a716-446655440000</wsmc:Address>
739         </wsmc:MakeConnection>
740     </S:Body>
741 </S:Envelope>

```

742 **Step 3** – If there are messages waiting to be delivered then a message will be returned back to the event
743 consumer. However, because WS-RM is being used to deliver the messages, the first message returned
744 is a CreateSequence:

```

745 <S:Envelope xmlns:S="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope"
746 xmlns:wsmc="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsmc/200702"
747 xmlns:wsmr="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsmr/200702"
748 xmlns:wsa="http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing">
749     <S:Header>
750         <wsa:Action>http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-
751 rx/wsmr/200702/CreateSequence</wsa:Action>
752         <wsa:To>http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsmr/200702/anonymous?id=550e8400-
753 e29b-11d4-a716-446655440000</wsa:To>
754         <wsa:ReplyTo> http://example.org/subscriptionService </wsa:ReplyTo>
755         <wsa:MessageID> http://example.org/id-123-456 </wsa:MessageID>
756         <wsmc:MessagePending pending="true"/>
757     </S:Header>
758     <S:Body>
759         <wsmr:CreateSequence>
760             <wsmr:AcksTo>
761                 <wsa:Address> http://example.org/subscriptionService </wsa:Address>
762             </wsmr:AcksTo>
763         </wsmr:CreateSequence>
764     </S:Body>
765 </S:Envelope>

```

766 Notice from the perspective of how the RM Source on the event producer interacts with the RM Destination
767 of those messages, nothing new is introduced by the use of the MakeConnection, the use of RM
768 protocol is the same as the case where the event consumer is addressable. Note the message contains a
769 wsmc:MessagePending header indicating that additional message are waiting to be delivered.

770

771 **Step 4** – The event consumer will respond with a CreateSequenceResponse message per normal WS-
772 Addressing rules:

```

773 <S:Envelope xmlns:S="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope"
774 xmlns:wsmr="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsmr/200702"
775 xmlns:wsa="http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing">
776     <S:Header>
777         <wsa:Action>http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-
778 rx/wsmr/200702/CreateSequenceResponse</wsa:Action>
779         <wsa:To> http://example.org/subscriptionService </wsa:To>
780         <wsa:RelatesTo> http://example.org/id-123-456 </wsa:RelatesTo>
781     </S:Header>
782     <S:Body>
783         <wsmr:CreateSequenceResponse>
784             <wsmr:Identifier> http://example.org/rmid-456 </wsmr:Identifier>
785         </wsmr:CreateSequenceResponse>
786     </S:Body>
787 </S:Envelope>

```


788 Note, this message is carried on an HTTP request directed to the `wsa:ReplyTo` EPR, and the HTTP
789 response will be an HTTP 202.

790

791 **Step 5** – The event consumer checks for another message pending:

```
792 <S:Envelope xmlns:S="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope"  
793 xmlns:wsmc="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsmc/200702"  
794 xmlns:wsa="http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing">  
795   <S:Header>  
796     <wsa:Action>http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-  
797 rx/wsmc/200702/MakeConnection</wsa:Action>  
798     <wsa:To> http://example.org/subscriptionService </wsa:To>  
799   </S:Header>  
800   <S:Body>  
801     <wsmc:MakeConnection>  
802       <wsmc:Address>http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-  
803 rx/wsmc/200702/anonymous?id=550e8400-e29b-11d4-a716-446655440000</wsmc:Address>  
804     </wsmc:MakeConnection>  
805   </S:Body>  
806 </S:Envelope>
```

807 Notice this is the same message as the one sent in step 2.

808

809 **Step 6** – Since there is a message pending for this destination then it is returned on the HTTP response:

```
810 <S:Envelope xmlns:S="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope"  
811 xmlns:wsmc="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsmc/200702"  
812 xmlns:wsmr="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsmr/200702"  
813 xmlns:wsa="http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing">  
814   <S:Header>  
815     <wsa:Action> http://example.org/eventType1</wsa:Action>  
816     <wsa:To>http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsmr/200702/anonymous?id=550e8400-  
817 e29b-11d4-a716-446655440000</wsa:To>  
818     <wsmr:Sequence>  
819       <wsmr:Identifier> http://example.org/rmid-456 </wsmr:Identifier>  
820     </wsmr:Sequence>  
821     <wsmc:MessagePending pending="true"/>  
822   </S:Header>  
823   <S:Body>  
824     <!-- event specific data -->  
825   </S:Body>  
826 </S:Envelope>
```

827 As noted in step 3, the use of the RM protocol does not change when using `MakeConnection`. The
828 format of the messages, the order of the messages sent and the timing of when to send it remains the
829 same.

830

831 **Step 7** – At some later interval, or immediately due to the `MessagePending` header's "pending"
832 attribute being set to "true", the event consumer will poll again:

```
833 <S:Envelope xmlns:S="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope"  
834 xmlns:wsmc="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsmc/200702"  
835 xmlns:wsa="http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing">  
836   <S:Header>  
837     <wsa:Action> http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-rx/wsmc/200702/MakeConnection  
838   </wsa:Action>  
839     <wsa:To> http://example.org/subscriptionService </wsa:To>  
840   </S:Header>
```

```
841 <S:Body>
842 <wsmc:MakeConnection>
843 <wsmc:Address>http://docs.oasis-open.org/ws-
844 rx/wsmc/200702/anonymous?id=550e8400-e29b-11d4-a716-446655440000</wsmc:Address>
845 </wsmc:MakeConnection>
846 </S:Body>
847 </S:Envelope>
```

848 Notice this is the same message as the one sent in steps 2 and 5. As in steps 3 and 6, the response to the
849 `MakeConnection` can be any message destined to the specified Endpoint. This allows the event
850 producer to send not only application messages (events) but RM protocol messages (e.g.
851 `CloseSequence`, `TerminateSequence` or even additional `CreateSequence` messages) as needed.

852

853 **Step 8** – If at any point in time there are no messages pending, in response to a `MakeConnection` the
854 event producer returns an HTTP 202 back to the event consumer. The process then repeats (back to step
855 7) until the subscription ends.

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