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# 1 Introduction

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### 1.2.1 Terms and Definitions

For the purposes of this document no specific terms or definitions have been identified as deviating from the usual meaning in the context of XML / JSON schema, digital signatures or transport.

### 1.2.2 Abbreviated Terms

JSON	— JavaScript Object Notation
URI	— (IETF) Uniform Resource Identifier according to <a href="#">[RFC3986]</a>
URL	— Uniform Resource Locator
XML	— (W3C) Extensible Markup Language
XSD	— (W3C) XML Schema

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<b>[DSSMD-JSON]</b>	D. Hühnlein, A. Kuehne. <i>Digital Signature Service Metadata JSON Schema</i> . OASIS.
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## 1.6 Motivation and related work (Non-normative)

Based on existing [DSS-v1.0] and emerging [DSS-v2.0] standards for digital signature services as well as the [eIDAS] regulation on electronic identification and trust services, there is a growing ecosystem consisting of providers and consumers of a variety of digital signature related services, which raises the demand for a normalised discovery and provision of service-related metadata.

While there are already standards for the handling of service-related metadata for services for exchanging business documents (see [BDX-SMP-v1.0] and [BDX-SMP-v2.0]) or identity management services (see [SAML-MD], [RFC8414] and [OIDC-MD]), there is currently no comprehensive metadata standard for digital signature services, but only first steps towards filling this gap (see [CSC-v1.0], [TS119432] and [TS119512]).

Against this background, the present document aims at providing a generic and extensible structure (see clauses 2 and 3) and simple discovery mechanism (see clause 4) for digital signature service-related metadata, which is intended to be used in conjunction with [DSS-v2.0] and related profiles and extensions, such as [TS119432], [TS119442] and [TS119512] for example.



## 2 Overview

As depicted in Figure 1, the main components of the service-related metadata structure specified in the present document comprise Provider, Protocol, Profile, Operation and Policy.

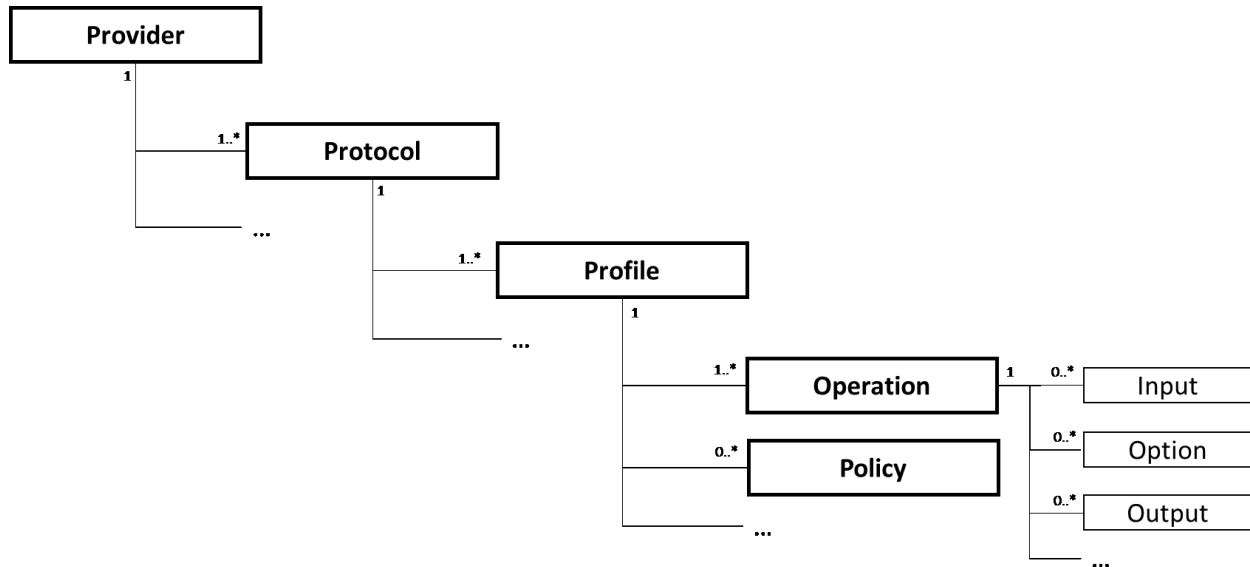


Figure 1: Overview of main components within the service-related metadata structures

The main component is the Provider element (see clause 3.1.1), which contains general metadata related to the provider of the service(s). As a service provider may support one or more protocols, for signature generation, signature validation or long-term preservation for example, and a provider may support different profiles of the supported protocols, the Provider element may contain one or more Protocol elements (see clause 3.1.2), which in turn may contain one or more Profile elements (see clause 3.1.3), which describe the supported profiles. A Profile element may in turn contain among other elements one or more Operation elements (see clause 3.1.4) and zero or more Policy elements (see 3.1.7), in which the applicable policies are specified or referenced.

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## 3 Data Structure Models

### 3.1 Data Structure Models defined in this document

The XML elements of this section are defined in the XML namespace 'http://docs.oasis-open.org/dss-x/ns/info'.

#### 3.1.1 Component Provider

The component `Provider` is the main element of the metadata structure and contains information about the provider of the related service. The structure of this component has been inspired by the content provided by the `info` call defined in [CSC-v1.0].

Below follows a list of the sub-components that constitute this component:

The `Name` element MUST contain one instance of a string, which contains the commercial name of the service provider. It is RECOMMENDED to limit the size of this string to 255 characters.

The `Logo` element MUST contain one instance of a URI, which refers to an image file containing the logo of the service provider. This image file MUST be published online and SHOULD either be in JPEG or PNG format and SHOULD NOT be larger than 256x256 pixels.

The `Region` element MUST contain one instance of a string with the [ISO3166-1] Alpha-2 code of the country in which the service provider is established.

The OPTIONAL `SupportedLanguage` element, if present, MAY occur zero or more times in order to signal the set of supported languages in line with [RFC5646].

The OPTIONAL `Description` element, if present, MAY occur zero or more times containing a sub-component, which provides additional information which describes the service. If present each instance MUST satisfy the requirements specified in [DSS-v2.0] for the `InternationalString` component, whereas it is RECOMMENDED to limit the size of the value component to 255 characters.

The OPTIONAL `AuthInfo` element, if present, MUST satisfy the requirements specified in clause 3.1.10 for the `TypedLocator` component. This component MUST contain a URI, which points to the location where the metadata document for the authentication and authorization service can be retrieved and MAY in addition contain a `Type` component, which specifies the type of the provided metadata document. The present document defines the following values for the `Type` component:

- `urn:ietf:rfc:8414` – for OAuth 2.0 metadata according to [RFC8414]
- `urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:metadata` – for SAML 2.0 metadata according to [SAML-MD]

The `Protocol` element MUST occur 1 or more times containing a sub-component, which provides information about the supported protocols of the service. Each instance MUST satisfy the requirements specified in this document in section 3.1.2.

The OPTIONAL `Extension` element, if present, MAY occur zero or more times containing a sub-component, which extends the semantic of the `Provider` component. If present each instance MUST satisfy the requirements specified in this document in section 3.1.9.

##### 3.1.1.1 Provider – JSON Syntax

The `ProviderType` JSON object SHALL implement in JSON syntax the requirements defined in the `Provider` component.

Properties of the JSON object SHALL implement the sub-components of `Provider` using JSON-specific names mapped as shown in the table below.

Element	Implementing JSON member name
Name	name
Logo	logo
Region	region
SupportedLanguage	lang
Description	description
AuthInfo	authinfo
Protocol	protocol
Extension	ext

The `ProviderType` JSON object is defined in the JSON schema [[DSSMD-JSON](#)] and is provided below as a service to the reader.

```

"info-ProviderType": {
  "type": "object",
  "properties": {
    "name": {
      "type": "string"
    },
    "logo": {
      "type": "string"
    },
    "region": {
      "type": "string"
    },
    "lang": {
      "type": "array",
      "items": {
        "type": "string"
      }
    },
    "description": {
      "type": "array",
      "items": {
        "$ref": "#/definitions/dsb-InternationalStringType"
      }
    },
    "authinfo": {
      "type": "string"
    },
    "protocol": {
      "type": "array",
      "items": {
        "$ref": "#/definitions/info-ProtocolType"
      }
    },
    "ext": {
      "type": "array",
      "items": {
        "$ref": "#/definitions/info-ExtensionType"
      }
    }
  }
},

```

```
"required": ["name", "logo", "region", "protocol"]
}
```

### 3.1.1.2 Provider – XML Syntax

The XML type `ProviderType` SHALL implement the requirements defined in the `Provider` component.

The `ProviderType` XML element is defined in XML Schema [DSSMD-XML], and is copied below for information.

```
<xs:complexType name="ProviderType">
  <xs:sequence>
    <xs:element name="Name" type="xs:string"/>
    <xs:element name="Logo" type="xs:anyURI"/>
    <xs:element name="Region" type="xs:string"/>
    <xs:element name="SupportedLanguage" type="xs:language"
maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" ref="info:Description"/>
    <xs:element name="AuthInfo" type="xs:anyURI" maxOccurs="1" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="Protocol" type="info:ProtocolType" maxOccurs="unbounded"
minOccurs="1"/>
    <xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" ref="info:Extension"/>
  </xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>
```

Each child element of `ProviderType` XML element SHALL implement in XML syntax the sub-component that has a name equal to its local name.

### 3.1.2 Component Protocol

The `Protocol` component is part of the `Provider` component specified in clause 3.1.1 and provides information about a digital signature related protocol supported by the service provider.

Below follows a list of the sub-components that constitute this component:

The OPTIONAL `Server` element, if present, MUST contain one instance of a URI, which SHOULD be the URL of the target host of the service supporting the protocol. For REST-based services this is the URL of `Server Object` component within [OpenAPI] and for SOAP-based services this is the `soap:address` within [WSDL].

The OPTIONAL `Specification` element, if present, MAY occur zero or more times containing a URI, which points to a specification document describing the digital signature related protocol. Examples of digital signature related protocols include the generation [DSS-v1.0, DSS-v2.0, TS119432], validation [TS119442] and preservation [TS119512] of digital signatures.

The OPTIONAL `Description` element, if present, MAY occur zero or more times containing a sub-component, which provides additional information with respect to the supported protocol. If present, each instance MUST satisfy the requirements specified in [DSS-v2.0] for the `InternationalString` component.

The `Profile` element MUST occur 1 or more times containing a sub-component, which further describes the specific profile of the supported digital signature related protocol. Each instance MUST satisfy the requirements specified in this document in section 3.1.3.

The OPTIONAL `Extension` element, if present, MAY occur zero or more times containing a sub-component, which extends the semantics of the `Protocol` component. If present each instance MUST satisfy the requirements specified in this document in section 3.1.9.

#### 3.1.2.1 Protocol – JSON Syntax

The `ProtocolType` JSON object SHALL implement in JSON syntax the requirements defined in the `Protocol` component.

Properties of the JSON object SHALL implement the sub-components of `Protocol` using JSON-specific names mapped as shown in the table below.

Element	Implementing JSON member name
Server	srv
Specification	spec
Description	description
Profile	profile
Extension	ext

The `ProtocolType` JSON object is defined in the JSON schema [DSSMD-JSON] and is provided below as a service to the reader.

```

"info-ProtocolType": {
  "type": "object",
  "properties": {
    "srv": {
      "type": "string"
    },
    "spec": {
      "type": "array",
      "items": {
        "type": "string"
      }
    },
    "description": {
      "type": "array",
      "items": {
        "$ref": "#/definitions/dsb-InternationalStringType"
      }
    },
    "profile": {
      "type": "array",
      "items": {
        "$ref": "#/definitions/info-ProfileType"
      }
    },
    "ext": {
      "type": "array",
      "items": {
        "$ref": "#/definitions/info-ExtensionType"
      }
    }
  },
  "required": ["profile"]
}

```

### 3.1.2.2 Protocol – XML Syntax

The XML type `ProtocolType` SHALL implement the requirements defined in the `Protocol` component.

The `ProtocolType` XML element is defined in XML Schema [DSSMD-XML], and is copied below for information.

```
<xs:complexType name="ProtocolType">
```

```

<xs:sequence>
  <xs:element name="Server" type="xs:anyURI" maxOccurs="1" minOccurs="0"/>
  <xs:element name="Specification" type="xs:anyURI" maxOccurs="unbounded"
minOccurs="0"/>
  <xs:element name="Version" type="xs:string" maxOccurs="1" minOccurs="0"/>
  <xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" ref="info:Description"/>
  <xs:element name="Profile" type="info:ProfileType" maxOccurs="unbounded"
minOccurs="1"/>
  <xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" ref="info:Extension"/>
</xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>

```

Each child element of `ProtocolType` XML element SHALL implement in XML syntax the sub-component that has a name equal to its local name.

### 3.1.3 Component Profile

The `Profile` component is part of the `Protocol` component specified in clause 3.1.2 and provides information about the specific profile of the supported digital signature related protocol.

Below follows a list of the sub-components that constitute this component:

The `ProfileIdentifier` element MUST contain one instance of a URI, which uniquely identifies the profile of the related protocol.

The OPTIONAL `Specification` element, if present, MAY occur zero or more times containing a URI, which points to a specification document describing the specific profile of the digital signature related protocol.

The OPTIONAL `Description` element, if present, MAY occur zero or more times containing a sub-component, which satisfies the requirements specified in [DSS-v2.0] for the `InternationalString` component and can be used to provide descriptions of the profile in multiple languages.

The `Operation` element MUST occur 1 or more times containing a sub-component, which describes a specific operation supported by the profile of the digital signature related protocol. For each supported operation there MUST be an `Operation` component and each instance MUST satisfy the requirements specified in this document in section 3.1.4.

The OPTIONAL `Policy` element, if present, MAY occur zero or more times containing a sub-component, which specifies the set of policies, which are applicable for the specific profile of the digital signature related protocol. If present each instance MUST satisfy the requirements specified in this document in section 3.1.7.

The OPTIONAL `Extension` element, if present, MAY occur zero or more times containing a sub-component, which extends the semantics of the `Profile` component.. If present each instance MUST satisfy the requirements specified in this document in section 3.1.9.

#### 3.1.3.1 Profile – JSON Syntax

The `ProfileType` JSON object SHALL implement in JSON syntax the requirements defined in the `Profile` component.

Properties of the JSON object SHALL implement the sub-components of `Profile` using JSON-specific names mapped as shown in the table below.

Element	Implementing JSON member name
ProfileIdentifier	prfid
Specification	spec
Description	description

Operation	op
Policy	pol
Extension	ext

The ProfileType JSON object is defined in the JSON schema [DSSMD-JSON] and is provided below as a service to the reader.

```

"info-ProfileType": {
  "type": "object",
  "properties": {
    "prfid": {
      "type": "string"
    },
    "spec": {
      "type": "array",
      "items": {
        "type": "string"
      }
    },
    "description": {
      "type": "array",
      "items": {
        "$ref": "#/definitions/dsb-InternationalStringType"
      }
    },
    "op": {
      "type": "array",
      "items": {
        "$ref": "#/definitions/info-OperationType"
      }
    },
    "pol": {
      "type": "array",
      "items": {
        "$ref": "#/definitions/info-PolicyType"
      }
    },
    "ext": {
      "type": "array",
      "items": {
        "$ref": "#/definitions/info-ExtensionType"
      }
    }
  },
  "required": ["prfid", "op"]
}

```

### 3.1.3.2 Profile – XML Syntax

The XML type ProfileType SHALL implement the requirements defined in the Profile component.

The ProfileType XML element is defined in XML Schema [DSSMD-XML], and is copied below for information.

```

<xs:complexType name="ProfileType">
  <xs:sequence>
    <xs:element name="ProfileIdentifier" type="xs:anyURI"/>
  </xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>

```

```

<xs:element name="Specification" type="xs:anyURI" maxOccurs="unbounded"
minOccurs="0"/>
<xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" ref="info:Description"/>
<xs:element name="Operation" type="info:OperationType"
maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="1"/>
<xs:element name="Policy" type="info:PolicyType" maxOccurs="unbounded"
minOccurs="0"/>
<xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" ref="info:Extension"/>
</xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>

```

Each child element of `ProfileType` XML element SHALL implement in XML syntax the sub-component that has a name equal to its local name.

### 3.1.4 Component Operation

The `Operation` component is part of the `Profile` component specified in clause 3.1.3 and provides information about an operation supported by a specific profile of the supported digital signature related protocol.

Below follows a list of the sub-components that constitute this component:

The `OperationIdentifier` element MUST contain one instance of a URI, which MUST reflect the name of the request to invoke the operation. For REST-based services this corresponds to the `Paths` Object component within [OpenAPI] and the `OperationIdentifier` element SHOULD contain the relative path the endpoint at which the operation can be invoked, which is appended to the URL of the `Server` component within the `Protocol` element specified in clause 3.1.2. For SOAP-based services the `Name` element corresponds to the `soap:operation` within [WSDL].

The OPTIONAL `Specification` element, if present, MUST contain a URI, which points to a specification document describing the specific operation under consideration.

The OPTIONAL `Description` element, if present, MAY occur zero or more times containing a sub-component, which satisfies the requirements specified in [DSS-v2.0] for the `InternationalString` component and can be used to provide additional information with respect to the specific operation under consideration.

The OPTIONAL `Input` element, if present, MAY occur zero or more times containing a sub-component, which specifies details of a specific input parameter. If present each instance MUST satisfy the requirements specified in this document in section 3.1.5.

The OPTIONAL `Option` element, if present, MAY occur zero or more times containing a sub-component, which specifies details of a specific optional input parameter. If present each instance MUST satisfy the requirements specified in this document in section 3.1.5.

The OPTIONAL `Output` element, if present, MAY occur zero or more times containing a sub-component, which specifies details of a specific output parameter. If present each instance MUST satisfy the requirements specified in this document in section 3.1.5.

The OPTIONAL `Schema` element, if present, MUST contain a URI, which points to the applicable schema document, which defines the detailed syntax of the component implementing the operation under consideration.

The OPTIONAL `Extension` element, if present, MAY occur zero or more times containing a sub-component, which extends the semantics of the `Operation` element. If present each instance MUST satisfy the requirements specified in this document in section 3.1.9.

#### 3.1.4.1 Operation – JSON Syntax

The `OperationType` JSON object SHALL implement in JSON syntax the requirements defined in the `Operation` component.



Properties of the JSON object SHALL implement the sub-components of `Operation` using JSON-specific names mapped as shown in the table below.

Element	Implementing JSON member name
Name	name
Specification	spec
Description	desc
Input	in
Option	opt
Output	out
Schema	schema
Extension	ext

The `OperationType` JSON object is defined in the JSON schema [[DSSMD-JSON](#)] and is provided below as a service to the reader.

```
"info-OperationType": {
  "type": "object",
  "properties": {
    "name": {
      "type": "string"
    },
    "spec": {
      "type": "string"
    },
    "desc": {
      "type": "array",
      "items": {
        "$ref": "#/definitions/dsb-InternationalStringType"
      }
    },
    "in": {
      "type": "array",
      "items": {
        "$ref": "#/definitions/info-ParameterType"
      }
    },
    "opt": {
      "type": "array",
      "items": {
        "$ref": "#/definitions/info-ParameterType"
      }
    },
    "out": {
      "type": "array",
      "items": {
        "$ref": "#/definitions/info-ParameterType"
      }
    },
    "schema": {
      "type": "string"
    },
    "ext": {
```

```

    "type": "array",
    "items": {
      "$ref": "#/definitions/info-ExtensionType"
    }
  },
  "required": ["name"]
}

```

### 3.1.4.2 Operation – XML Syntax

The XML type `OperationType` SHALL implement the requirements defined in the `Operation` component.

The `OperationType` XML element is defined in XML Schema [DSSMD-XML], and is copied below for information.

```

<xs:complexType name="OperationType">
  <xs:sequence>
    <xs:element name="Name" type="xs:string"/>
    <xs:element name="Specification" type="xs:anyURI" maxOccurs="1"
minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" ref="info:Description"/>
    <xs:element name="Input" type="info:ParameterType" maxOccurs="unbounded"
minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="Option" type="info:ParameterType" maxOccurs="unbounded"
minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="Output" type="info:ParameterType" maxOccurs="unbounded"
minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="Schema" type="xs:anyURI" maxOccurs="1" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" ref="info:Extension"/>
  </xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>

```

Each child element of `OperationType` XML element SHALL implement in XML syntax the sub-component that has a name equal to its local name.

### 3.1.5 Component Parameter

The `Parameter` component defines the syntax and semantics of the child components `Input`, `Option` and `Output` of the `Operation` component specified in clause 3.1.4 and allows to provide additional information with respect to specific input and output parameters as well as the available options for an operation, if this is not yet unambiguously specified by the document referenced in the child element `Specification` of the `Operation` according to clause 3.1.4.

Below follows a list of the sub-components that constitute this component:

The Name element MUST contain one instance of a string, which reflects the name of the parameter under consideration.

The OPTIONAL Specification element, if present, MUST contain a URI, which points to a specification document describing additional details with respect to the parameter under consideration.

The OPTIONAL Description element, if present, MAY occur zero or more times containing a sub-component, which satisfies the requirements specified in [DSS-v2.0] for the InternationalString component and can be used to provide additional information with respect to the specific (optional) input or output parameter under consideration.

The OPTIONAL Format element, if present, MAY occur zero or more times containing a sub-component, which can be used to specify the format of the (optional) input or output parameter under consideration. If present each instance MUST satisfy the requirements specified in this document in section 3.1.6.

The OPTIONAL Schema element, if present, MUST contain a URI, which points to the applicable schema document, which defines the detailed syntax of the component implementing the specific (optional) input or output parameter under consideration.

The OPTIONAL Extension element, if present, MAY occur zero or more times containing a sub-component, which extends the semantic of the Parameter component. If present each instance MUST satisfy the requirements specified in this document in section 3.1.9.

### 3.1.5.1 Parameter – JSON Syntax

The `ParameterType` JSON object SHALL implement in JSON syntax the requirements defined in the `Parameter` component.

Properties of the JSON object SHALL implement the sub-components of `Parameter` using JSON-specific names mapped as shown in the table below.

Element	Implementing JSON member name
Name	name
Specification	spec
Description	desc
Format	form
Schema	schema
Extension	ext

The `ParameterType` JSON object is defined in the JSON schema [DSSMD-JSON] and is provided below as a service to the reader.

```
"info-ParameterType": {
  "type": "object",
  "properties": {
    "name": {
      "type": "string"
    },
    "spec": {
      "type": "string"
    },
    "desc": {
      "type": "array",
      "items": {
        "$ref": "#/definitions/dsb-InternationalStringType"
      }
    }
  }
}
```

```

    }
  },
  "form": {
    "type": "array",
    "items": {
      "$ref": "#/definitions/info-FormatType"
    }
  },
  "schema": {
    "type": "string"
  },
  "ext": {
    "type": "array",
    "items": {
      "$ref": "#/definitions/info-ExtensionType"
    }
  }
},
"required": ["name"]
}

```

### 3.1.5.2 Parameter – XML Syntax

The XML type `ParameterType` SHALL implement the requirements defined in the `Parameter` component.

The `ParameterType` XML element is defined in XML Schema [DSSMD-XML], and is copied below for information.

```

<xs:complexType name="ParameterType">
  <xs:sequence>
    <xs:element name="Name" type="xs:string"/>
    <xs:element name="Specification" type="xs:anyURI" maxOccurs="1"
minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" ref="info:Description"/>
    <xs:element name="Format" type="info:FormatType" maxOccurs="unbounded"
minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="Schema" type="xs:anyURI" maxOccurs="1" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" ref="info:Extension"/>
  </xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>

```

Each child element of `ParameterType` XML element SHALL implement in XML syntax the sub-component that has a name equal to its local name.

### 3.1.6 Component Format

The `Format` component is part of the `Parameter` component specified in clause 3.1.5 and allows to provide additional information with respect to format of the specific input and output parameters or options of an operation, if this is not yet unambiguously specified by the document referenced in the child element `Specification` of the `Operation` according to clause 3.1.4.

Below follows a list of the sub-components that constitute this component:

The `FormatID` element MUST contain one instance of a URI, which identifies the format of the parameter.

The OPTIONAL `Specification` element, if present, MUST contain a URI, which points to a specification document describing additional details with respect to the format under consideration.

The OPTIONAL `Description` element, if present, MAY occur zero or more times containing a sub-component, which satisfies the requirements specified in [DSS-v2.0] for the `InternationalString` component and can be used to provide additional information with respect to the format under consideration.

The OPTIONAL `Parameter` element, if present, MAY occur zero or more times containing a sub-component, which provides more information with respect to a specific parameter under consideration. If present each instance MUST satisfy the requirements specified in this document in section 3.1.5.

The OPTIONAL `Extension` element, if present, MAY occur zero or more times containing a sub-component, which extends the semantic of the `Format` component. If present each instance MUST satisfy the requirements specified in [DSS-v2.0] for the `Any` component.

The OPTIONAL `IsDefault` element, if present, MUST contain one instance of a boolean and indicates whether the format under consideration is the default format. Its default value is 'false'. The precise semantics what it means that a format is considered to be “the default format” MUST be defined by profiles or extensions of [DSS-v2.0].

### 3.1.6.1 Format – JSON Syntax

The `FormatType` JSON object SHALL implement in JSON syntax the requirements defined in the `Format` component.

Properties of the JSON object SHALL implement the sub-components of `Format` using JSON-specific names mapped as shown in the table below.

Element	Implementing JSON member name
<code>FormatID</code>	<code>fid</code>
<code>Specification</code>	<code>spec</code>
<code>Description</code>	<code>desc</code>
<code>Parameter</code>	<code>format</code>
<code>Extension</code>	<code>ext</code>
<code>IsDefault</code>	<code>def</code>

The `FormatType` JSON object is defined in the JSON schema [DSSMD-JSON] and is provided below as a service to the reader.

```
"info-FormatType": {
  "type": "object",
  "properties": {
    "fid": {
      "type": "string"
    },
    "spec": {
      "type": "string"
    },
    "desc": {
      "type": "array",
      "items": {
```

```

    "$ref": "#/definitions/dsb-InternationalStringType"
  },
  "format": {
    "type": "array",
    "items": {
      "$ref": "#/definitions/info-ParameterType"
    }
  },
  "ext": {
    "type": "array",
    "items": {
      "$ref": "#/definitions/dsb-AnyType"
    }
  },
  "def": {
    "type": "boolean",
    "default": "false"
  }
},
"required": ["fid"]
}

```

### 3.1.6.2 Format – XML Syntax

The XML type `FormatType` SHALL implement the requirements defined in the `Format` component.

The `FormatType` XML element is defined in XML Schema [DSSMD-XML], and is copied below for information.

```

<xs:complexType name="FormatType">
  <xs:sequence>
    <xs:element name="FormatID" type="xs:anyURI"/>
    <xs:element name="Specification" type="xs:anyURI" maxOccurs="1"
minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" ref="info:Description"/>
    <xs:element name="Parameter" type="info:ParameterType"
maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element name="Extension" type="dsb:AnyType" maxOccurs="unbounded"
minOccurs="0"/>
  </xs:sequence>
  <xs:attribute name="IsDefault" type="xs:boolean" default="false"
use="optional"/>
</xs:complexType>

```

Each child element of `FormatType` XML element SHALL implement in XML syntax the sub-component that has a name equal to its local name.

### 3.1.7 Component Policy

The `Policy` component appears within the `Profile` component specified in clause 3.1.3 and provides information about an applicable policy of the profile of the supported digital signature related protocol.

Below follows a list of the sub-components that constitute this component:

The OPTIONAL PolicyByRef element, if present, MUST contain one instance of a sub-component, which provides a reference to a human readable policy document. This element MUST satisfy the requirements specified in this document in section 3.1.8.

The OPTIONAL PolicyByDef element, if present, MUST contain one instance of a sub-component, which contains a machine readable policy document. This element MUST satisfy the requirements specified in [DSS-v2.0] for the Any component. The detailed syntax and semantics of the machine readable policy document MUST be defined by profiles or extensions of [DSS-v2.0] or specifications referenced in such documents.

The OPTIONAL EarlierPolicy element, if present, MAY occur zero or more times containing a URI, which refers to an earlier policy document.

The OPTIONAL Extension element, if present, MAY occur zero or more times containing a sub-component, which extends the semantics of the Policy component. If present each instance MUST satisfy the requirements specified in this document in section 3.1.9.

The OPTIONAL Type element, if present, MUST contain one instance of a URI. The admissible or recommended values for the policy types SHOULD be defined by profiles or extensions of [DSS-v2.0].

### 3.1.7.1 Policy – JSON Syntax

The PolicyType JSON object SHALL implement in JSON syntax the requirements defined in the Policy component.

Properties of the JSON object SHALL implement the sub-components of Policy using JSON-specific names mapped as shown in the table below.

Element	Implementing JSON member name
PolicyByRef	pbref
PolicyByDef	pbdef
EarlierPolicy	ep
Extension	ext
Type	type

The PolicyType JSON object is defined in the JSON schema [DSSMD-JSON] and is provided below as a service to the reader.

```
"info-PolicyType": {
  "type": "object",
  "properties": {
    "type": {
      "type": "string",
      "format": "uri"
    },
    "pbref": {
      "$ref": "#/definitions/info-PolicyByRefType"
    },
    "pbdef": {
      "$ref": "#/definitions/dsb-AnyType"
    },
    "ep": {
      "type": "array",
      "items": {
        "type": "string"
      }
    }
  }
}
```

```

    },
    "ext": {
      "type": "array",
      "items": {
        "$ref": "#/definitions/info-ExtensionType"
      }
    }
  }
}
}

```

### 3.1.7.2 Policy – XML Syntax

The XML type `PolicyType` SHALL implement the requirements defined in the `Policy` component. The `PolicyType` XML element is defined in XML Schema [DSSMD-XML], and is copied below for information.

```

<xs:complexType name="PolicyType">
  <xs:sequence>
    <xs:choice>
      <xs:element name="PolicyByRef" type="info:PolicyByRefType"/>
      <xs:element name="PolicyByDef" type="dsb:AnyType"/>
    </xs:choice>
    <xs:element name="EarlierPolicy" type="xs:anyURI" maxOccurs="unbounded"
minOccurs="0"/>
    <xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" ref="info:Extension"/>
  </xs:sequence>
  <xs:attribute name="Type" type="xs:anyURI" use="optional"/>
</xs:complexType>

```

Each child element of `PolicyType` XML element SHALL implement in XML syntax the sub-component that has a name equal to its local name.

## 3.1.8 Component PolicyByRef

The `PolicyByRef` component appears within the `Policy` component specified in clause 3.1.7 and provides a reference to a human readable policy document, which is applicable for a profile of the related protocol.

Below follows a list of the sub-components that constitute this component:

- || The `PolicyID` element MUST contain one instance of a URI, which uniquely identifies the policy under consideration.
- || The OPTIONAL `PolicyLocation` element, if present, MUST contain a URI, which SHOULD refer to the location where the policy document can be retrieved. If the `PolicyID` is already a retrievable URL, the `PolicyLocation` MAY be omitted.

### 3.1.8.1 PolicyByRef – JSON Syntax

The `PolicyByRefType` JSON object SHALL implement in JSON syntax the requirements defined in the `PolicyByRef` component.

Properties of the JSON object SHALL implement the sub-components of `PolicyByRef` using JSON-specific names mapped as shown in the table below.

Element	Implementing JSON member name
<code>PolicyID</code>	<code>polid</code>
<code>PolicyLocation</code>	<code>polloc</code>



The `PolicyByRefType` JSON object is defined in the JSON schema [DSSMD-JSON] and is provided below as a service to the reader.

```
"info-PolicyByRefType": {
  "type": "object",
  "properties": {
    "polid": {
      "type": "string"
    },
    "polloc": {
      "type": "string"
    }
  },
  "required": ["polid"]
}
```

### 3.1.8.2 PolicyByRef – XML Syntax

The XML type `PolicyByRefType` SHALL implement the requirements defined in the `PolicyByRef` component.

The `PolicyByRefType` XML element is defined in XML Schema [DSSMD-XML], and is copied below for information.

```
<xs:complexType name="PolicyByRefType">
  <xs:sequence>
    <xs:element name="PolicyID" type="xs:anyURI"/>
    <xs:element name="PolicyLocation" type="xs:anyURI" maxOccurs="1"
minOccurs="0"/>
  </xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>
```

Each child element of `PolicyByRefType` XML element SHALL implement in XML syntax the sub-component that has a name equal to its local name.

### 3.1.9 Component Extension

The Extension component defined in the present document is used in several other components and provides a lightweight possibility for extending the semantics of other components.

Below follows a list of the sub-components that constitute this component:

- || The `Name` element MUST contain one instance of a string and specifies the name of the extension element.
- || The `Value` element MUST contain one instance of a string and specifies the value of the extension element.

**NOTE:** In contrast to the `Any` component defined in [DSS-v2.0], the `Extension` element defined here only consists of a simple `Name` and `Value` pair, which maintains the direct readability by humans, but is less powerful than the `Any` component, which also allows features transformations for example.

#### 3.1.9.1 Extension – JSON Syntax

The `ExtensionType` JSON object SHALL implement in JSON syntax the requirements defined in the `Extension` component.

Properties of the JSON object SHALL implement the sub-components of `Extension` using JSON-specific names mapped as shown in the table below.

Element	Implementing JSON member name
Name	name
Value	val

The `ExtensionType` JSON object is defined in the JSON schema [[DSSMD-JSON](#)] and is provided below as a service to the reader.

```
"info-ExtensionType": {
  "type": "object",
  "properties": {
    "name": {
      "type": "string"
    },
    "val": {
      "type": "string"
    }
  },
  "required": ["name", "value"]
}
```

### 3.1.9.2 Extension – XML Syntax

The XML type `ExtensionType` SHALL implement the requirements defined in the `Extension` component.

The `ExtensionType` XML element is defined in XML Schema [[DSSMD-XML](#)], and is copied below for information.

```
<xs:complexType name="ExtensionType">
  <xs:sequence>
    <xs:element name="Name" type="xs:string"/>
    <xs:element name="Value" type="xs:string"/>
  </xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>
```

Each child element of `ExtensionType` XML element SHALL implement in XML syntax the sub-component that has a name equal to its local name.

### 3.1.10 Component TypedLocator

The `TypedLocator` component defined in the present document is used for the definition of the `AuthInfo` component in clause 3.1.2 and MUST contain a URL, which points to a retrievable document and which MAY in addition contain a URI, which specifies the type of the provided document.

Below follows a list of the sub-components that constitute this component:

The value element MUST contain one instance of a URI, which specifies the location of the document.

The Type element MAY, if present, contain one instance of a URI, which specifies the type of the document.

### 3.1.10.1 TypedLocator – JSON Syntax

The `TypedLocatorType` JSON object SHALL implement in JSON syntax the requirements defined in the `TypedLocator` component.

Properties of the JSON object SHALL implement the sub-components of `TypedLocator` using JSON-specific names mapped as shown in the table below.

Element	Implementing JSON member name
value	value
Type	type

The `TypedLocatorType` JSON object is defined in the JSON schema [DSSMD-JSON] and is provided below as a service to the reader.

```
"info-TypedLocator": {
  "type": "object",
  "properties": {
    "value": {
      "type": "string"
    },
    "type": {
      "type": "string"
    }
  },
  "required": ["value"]
}
```

### 3.1.10.2 TypedLocator – XML Syntax

The XML type `TypedLocatorType` SHALL implement the requirements defined in the `TypedLocator` component.

The `TypedLocatorType` XML element is defined in XML Schema [DSSMD-XML], and is copied below for information.

```
<xs:complexType name="TypedLocatorType">
  <xs:simpleContent>
    <xs:extension base="xs:anyURI">
      <xs:attribute name="Type" type="xs:anyURI" use="optional"/>
    </xs:extension>
  </xs:simpleContent>
</xs:complexType>
```

Each child element of `TypedLocatorType` XML element SHALL implement in XML syntax the sub-component that has a name equal to its local name.

## 3.2 Element / JSON name lookup tables

The subsequent table allows to find the names of a component's element for a given JSON member name.

JSON member name	mapped from element name
authinfo	AuthInfo
def	IsDefault
ep	EarlierPolicy
ext	Extension
fid	FormatID
form	Format
format	Parameter
ID	Id
in	Input
lang	SupportedLanguage
logo	Logo
opid	OperationIdentifier
op	Operation
opt	Option
out	Output
pbdef	PolicyByDef
pbref	PolicyByRef
prfid	ProfileIdentifier
pol	Policy
polid	PolicyID
polloc	PolicyLocation
pre	NamespacePrefix
profile	Profile
protocol	Protocol
region	Region
spec	Specification
type	Type
uri	NamespaceURI
value	Value

xsd	Schema
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The subsequent table allows to find the abbreviated JSON member names for a given element name.

<b>Element</b>	<b>Implementing JSON member name</b>
AuthInfo	authinfo
DigestMethod	alg
DigestValue	val
EarlierPolicy	ep
Extension	ext
Format	form
FormatID	fid
Id	ID
Input	in
IsDefault	def
Logo	logo
NamespacePrefix	pre
NamespaceURI	uri
Operation	op
OperationIdentifier	opid
Option	opt
Output	out
Parameter	format
Policy	pol
PolicyByDef	pbdef
PolicyByRef	pbref
PolicyID	polid
PolicyLocation	polloc
Profile	profile
ProfileIdentifier	prfid
Protocol	protocol
Region	region
Schema	schema
Specification	spec

SupportedLanguage	lang
Type	type
Value	value

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## 4 Metadata Discovery

Unless other discovery mechanisms are specified by profiles or extensions of **[DSS-v2.0]** for example, it is RECOMMENDED that digital signature service providers make available a JSON or XML document using the appropriate content type (i.e. `application/json` or `application/xml`) with the digital signature service metadata at the path formed by concatenating the string `/.well-known/dss-info` to the “canonical information URL” of the service provider, which is intended to provide information about the provided services.

The “TSP information URI” according to clause 5.4.4 of **[TS119612]** MAY be used as “canonical information URL” to provider the metadata for its digital signature related services.

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## Appendix C. Revision History

Revision	Date	Editor	Changes Made
WD01	2019-03-17	Detlef Hühnlein and Andreas Kuehne	Draft for discussion within DSS-X and potential ballot public review
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