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This document defines the requirements for the documentation of an SCA implementation type that is used by a conforming SCA Runtime. The documentation describes how implementation artifacts of that implementation type relate to SCA components declared within SCA composites, as described by the SCA Assembly specification

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1 Introduction

[All text is normative unless otherwise indicated.]

This document defines the content of the documentation that is required to describe an SCA implementation type [SCA-Assembly], where that implementation type is supported by an SCA Runtime that claims to be conforming with the SCA Assembly specification.

The SCA Assembly specification defines an application in terms of service components that use and configure a particular implementation artifact. In order to fully define how a particular service component operates, it is necessary to describe the relationship between the configuration of the SCA component and the implementation technology used by the service component. It is the role of the Implementation Type Documentation to describe this relationship.

Some implementation types are described by formal specifications that have been created by OASIS SCA technical committees. Examples include:

- SCA WS-BPEL Client and Implementation V1.1 [SCA-BPEL]
- SCA POJO Component Implementation V1.1 [SCA-POJO]

1.1 Terminology

The keywords "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this specification are to be interpreted as described in IETF RFC 2119 [RFC2119].

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2 Describing an SCA Implementation Type

This document defines the information that is needed for a particular implementation type to be used as a service component implementation within an SCA assembly. The information covers static configuration information required in order to use an implementation type and its associated artifacts in an SCA assembly and it also covers the dynamic runtime behaviour of instances of the implementation type when the SCA assembly is executed by an SCA Runtime.

While this document gives a general description of the information that needs to be provided for an implementation type, the OASIS SCA technical committees have also produced examples of specifications that provide this same level of information for a variety of implementation technologies. These specifications can provide guidance in creating a document with the appropriate level of information for a new implementation type:

- SCA WS-BPEL Client and Implementation V1.1 [SCA-BPEL], which describes implementations built as WS-BPEL scripts
- SCA POJO Component Implementation V1.1 [SCA-POJO], which describes implementations based on simple Java classes.

2.0.1 What is an Implementation Type?

An implementation type describes how the artifacts of a concrete implementation technology are used to implement SCA components. Implementation types also describe the relationship between a technology specific implementation and the foundational aspects of SCA components, namely services, references, and properties.

Often an implementation type is defined such that it describes all SCA component implementations that use a particular implementation language, such as C++ [SCA-CPP] or BPEL [SCA-BPEL]. However, SCA is flexible and allows multiple implementation types to use the same implementation language. Examples of this occur with the Java language, where implementation types exist for POJO classes [SCA-POJO], for EJBs [SCA-JEE] and for Spring classes [SCA-SPRING]. As a result, the implementation type can represent a specialized form of an implementation technology, where the specialization may involve the use of specific APIs, frameworks or specific language extensions.

2.0.2 How an Implementation is used in SCA

SCA describes applications in terms of assemblies of service components. Service components are declared within SCA composites. Every component uses an implementation - which is expressed as a reference to an artifact that provides a runtime implementation of the service component contract.

A typical SCA component is shown in Listing 1:

```
<composite xmlns="http://docs.oasis-open.org/ns/opencsa/sca/200912"
  targetNamespace=
    "http://docs.oasis-open.org/ns/opencsa/scatests/200903"
  name="TestComposite4">
  <component name="ComponentA">
    <implementation.java class="org.oasisopen.sca.Service1Impl"/>
    <service name="Service1">
      <interface.java interface="org.oasisopen.sca.Service1"/>
    </service>
    <property name="serviceName" value="AService"/>
    <reference name="reference1"/>
  </component>
</composite>
```

106 *Listing 1: Example SCA component*

107 The component "ComponentA" has an implementation, which in this example is a Java POJO
108 implementation, declared using the <implementation.java/> element. The implementation.java element
109 contains a reference to the implementation artifact, which in this example is a Java class with the name
110 "Service1Impl" in the package "org.oasisopen.sca".

111 The remainder of the contents of the component declaration is configuration that is applied to the
112 implementation at runtime. The component can declare all the services, references and properties of the
113 implementation and apply configuration information to each of them. This can include things such as
114 bindings for services and references and property values for properties.

115 Note that the configurable aspects of an SCA component implementation are called the componentType
116 of the implementation - basically, it is the set of services, references and properties that the
117 implementation has - for details of the componentType see the section "[The ComponentType of an
118 Implementation Artifact](#)"

119 **2.1 Describing the Implementation extension element**

120 The implementation type documentation MUST describe the XML element that is used when declaring
121 implementations of that type in an SCA component. [\[IMP10001\]](#) It is highly recommended that the element
122 is defined in an XML namespace [\[XML-Namespaces\]](#) that is owned by the same entity that owns the
123 definition of the implementation type. The formal name of the implementation type is the Qualified
124 Name of the XML element.

125 The name used for the implementation element MUST to be unique - it MUST NOT use the same name
126 as any other implementation type. [\[IMP10002\]](#) The name can be derived from the programming language
127 used for the implementation type (e.g. "python" or "ruby") or it can be derived from the technology used in
128 the implementation (e.g. "spring"). By convention, the OASIS SCA technical committees have adopted a
129 naming convention that forms an implementation extension element name by concatenating the string
130 "implementation." with the informal name of the implementation type. For example,
131 <implementation.java/> represents the SCA POJO [\[SCA-POJO\]](#) implementation type. It is highly
132 recommended that the name used for the element follows this convention.

133 Formally, the XML Schema definition of the implementation extension belongs to the substitution group of
134 the <sca:implementation/> element defined in the sca-core.xsd defined by the SCA Assembly
135 specification [\[SCA-Assembly\]](#). The declaration of the sca:implementation element is shown in Listing 2:

```
136 <!-- Implementation -->  
137 <element name="implementation" type="sca:Implementation" abstract="true"/>  
138 <complexType name="Implementation" abstract="true">  
139   <complexContent>  
140     <extension base="sca:CommonExtensionBase">  
141       <choice minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">  
142         <element ref="sca:requires"/>  
143         <element ref="sca:policySetAttachment"/>  
144       </choice>  
145       <attribute name="requires" type="sca:listOfQNames"  
146         use="optional"/>  
147       <attribute name="policySets" type="sca:listOfQNames"  
148         use="optional"/>  
149     </extension>  
150   </complexContent>  
151 </complexType>
```

152 *Listing 2: Declaration of base <implementation/> element and Implementation type.*

153 The implementation extension element MUST be declared as an element in the substitution group of the
154 sca:implementation element. [\[IMP10003\]](#) The implementation extension element MUST be declared to be
155 of a type which is an extension of the sca:Implementation type. [\[IMP10004\]](#)

156 The <implementation.java/> element declaration can serve as a useful model, as shown in Listing 3:

```
157 <!-- Java Implementation -->
158 <element name="implementation.java" type="sca:JavaImplementation"
159       substitutionGroup="sca:implementation"/>
160 <complexType name="JavaImplementation">
161   <complexContent>
162     <extension base="sca:Implementation">
163       <sequence>
164         <any namespace="##other" processContents="lax"
165           minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
166       </sequence>
167       <attribute name="class" type="NCName" use="required"/>
168     </extension>
169   </complexContent>
170 </complexType>
```

171 *Listing 3: Declaration of <implementation.java/> element*

172 It is recommended that the implementation extension element allows for attributes and/or
173 subelements which describe the implementation artifact to be used as the SCA component
174 implementation, such as the @class attribute of <implementation.java/>. If necessary, one or more
175 attributes and subelements can be used to describe the implementation artifact (other than the
176 configuration of services, references and properties supplied by the component).

177 Regarding the location of the implementation artifact, the location SHOULD always be taken as relative to
178 the SCA contribution which contains the composite holding the component declaration. [IMP10005]

179 **Implementation type elements SHOULD allow for extension via the XML Schema "any" and "anyAttribute"**
180 **constructs. [IMP10032]**

181 2.2 The ComponentType of an Implementation Artifact

182 For a implementation of any type, its features that relate to SCA component concepts are declared in the
183 implementation artifact's componentType [SCA-Assembly].

184 The implementation type documentation MUST define how the componentType is defined for any given
185 implementation artifact that is used with the implementation type. [IMP10006]

186 There are two general approaches to defining the componentType:

- 187 1. calculate the componentType by introspecting the implementation artifact itself
- 188 2. provide a separate componentType file which contains a full declaration of the
189 componentType for the given implementation artifact

190 An example of the introspection approach is shown in the componentType section of the Java POJO
191 implementation type specification [SCA-POJO]. An example of the approach using a separate
192 componentType file is shown in the SCA Client and Implementation Model for C++ [SCA-CPP].

193 In either case, the implementation type documentation MUST describe how the componentType is related
194 to the content of the implementation artifact itself, both in terms of the base content of the artifact and also
195 the impact of any SCA-specific language extensions and customizations that are available for use with an
196 implementation of this type. [IMP10007]

197 The <sca:componentType/> element declaration is shown in Listing 4:

```
198 <!-- Component Type -->
199 <element name="componentType" type="sca:ComponentType"/>
200 <complexType name="ComponentType">
201   <complexContent>
202     <extension base="sca:CommonExtensionBase">
```

```

203     <sequence>
204         <element ref="sca:implementation" minOccurs="0"/>
205         <choice minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
206             <element name="service" type="sca:ComponentService"/>
207             <element name="reference"
208                 type="sca:ComponentTypeReference"/>
209             <element name="property" type="sca:Property"/>
210         </choice>
211         <any namespace="##other" processContents="lax" minOccurs="0"
212             maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
213     </sequence>
214 </extension>
215 </complexContent>
216 </complexType>

```

217 *Listing 4: ComponentType declaration.*

218 In essence, the componentType of an implementation declares the services, the references and the
 219 properties of the implementation artifact, which are customized by a component that uses the
 220 implementation.

221 **2.2.1 Support for Bidirectional Interfaces and for Long Running** 222 **Request/Response operations**

223 An important feature of the SCA model is its capability of defining service interactions between
 224 components that are asynchronous in nature - where the timing and/or the type of a response to a request
 225 can vary. There are two main aspects of SCA which support this

- 226 • Bidirectional interfaces
- 227 • Long-Running Request/Response operations

228 The implementation type documentation **MUST** describe how the SCA Aspects of Bidirectional Interfaces
 229 and Long Running Request/Response Operations are handled both for a component which is a service
 230 client and also for a component which is a service provider. **[IMP10008]**

231 If an implementation type is not capable of supporting Bidirectional Interfaces or is not capable of
 232 supporting Long-Running Request/Response operations, the implementation type documentation **MUST**
 233 state each limitation. **[IMP10033]** It is strongly recommended that an implementation type attempts to
 234 support these features of SCA to avoid limiting the ability to compose that implementation type with
 235 components which do support these features.

236 **2.3 SCA Extensions and Customizations for Implementation Artifacts**

237 An implementation type can either simply use the existing features, libraries (and so on) of a particular
 238 implementation language (e.g. the Java language, the C++ language), or the implementation type may
 239 provide some SCA-specific extensions or customizations that can be useful to the programmer when
 240 creating implementation artifacts that are designed for use with SCA. These extensions and
 241 customizations might affect the componentType of an implementation artifact and/or affect the runtime
 242 behavior of the artifact. Examples of extensions and customizations include SCA-specific annotations and
 243 SCA-related APIs.

244 If SCA-specific extensions or customizations are available for an implementation type, the implementation
 245 type documentation **MUST** describe all of the available extensions and customizations. **[IMP10009]** The
 246 implementation type documentation **MUST** describe the impact of any extensions and customizations on
 247 the componentType of the implementation artifact. **[IMP10010]** The implementation type documentation
 248 **MUST** describe the impact of any extensions and customizations on the runtime behaviour of the
 249 implementation artifact. **[IMP10011]**

250 An example of an extension can be seen in the Java POJO specification [SCA-POJO] with the
251 @Reference annotation, which allows a programmer to mark a field, a constructor parameter or a setter
252 method as an SCA reference.

253 **2.4 Describing the Runtime Behaviour of an Implementation Artifact**

254 The implementation type documentation MUST describe the runtime behaviour of instances of SCA
255 components which use implementation artifacts of the kind described by the implementation type
256 documentation. [IMP10012]

257 In particular, the documentation MUST describe how the SCA component configuration affects the
258 configuration of a component instance at runtime - how services are invoked, how references are obtained
259 and how they are invoked, how property values are mapped to types in the implementation's instance and
260 how the values are obtained by the component implementation. [IMP10013]

261 The lifecycle of runtime instances MUST be described - when implementation instances are created, how
262 long they live and when they are destroyed, in relation to the containing SCA component and in relation to
263 service invocations related to the component. [IMP10014] The number of instances belonging to a single
264 component MUST be described along with any serialization and multi-threading considerations. [IMP1001
265 5]

266 If there are runtime exceptions or faults that apply to implementation type artifacts, these MUST be
267 described by the implementation type documentation. [IMP10016]

268 **2.5 Describing an Interface Type associated with an Implementation** 269 **Type**

270 An implementation type might have an associated interface type which it uses when describing the
271 interfaces of services and references. If the implementation type is able to use an existing interface type,
272 e.g., interface.wsdl or interface.java, then the implementation type documentation can simply reference
273 the documentation for that interface type.

274 if the implementation type uses an interface type that is not described in the documentation for some
275 existing implementation type, then the implementation type documentation MUST describe the interface
276 type. [IMP10017]

277 For some new interface type, there are at minimum two pieces of information to provide:

- 278 • a definition of the interface extension element
- 279 • a definition of the mapping of the interface type to interface.wsdl.

280 All remotable interfaces MUST be mappable to interface.wsdl. [IMP10030]

281 It is highly recommended that the interface extension element is defined in a namespace that is owned by
282 the same entity that owns the definition of the interface type.

283 The name used for the interface extension element needs to be unique - it MUST NOT use the same
284 name as any other interface type. [IMP10031] The name can be derived from the programming language
285 used for the interface type (e.g. "java") or it can be derived by any other means that makes sense in the
286 context of the interface type.

287 Describing the interface extension element is similar in nature to describing an implementation extension
288 element. The interface extension element must be declared as an element in the substitution group of the
289 <sca:interface/> element. [IMP10018] The interface extension element must be declared to be of a type
290 which is an extension of the sca:Interface type. [IMP10019] The base <sca:interface/> element and
291 sca:Interface type are defined in sca-core.xsd by the SCA Assembly specification [SCA-Assembly] and
292 are shown in Listing 5:

```

293 <!-- Interface -->
294 <element name="interface" type="sca:Interface" abstract="true"/>
295 <complexType name="Interface" abstract="true">
296   <complexContent>
297     <extension base="sca:CommonExtensionBase">
298       <choice minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
299         <element ref="sca:requires"/>
300         <element ref="sca:policySetAttachment"/>
301       </choice>
302       <attribute name="remotable" type="boolean" use="optional"/>
303       <attribute name="requires" type="sca:listOfQNames"
304         use="optional"/>
305       <attribute name="policySets" type="sca:listOfQNames"
306         use="optional"/>
307     </extension>
308   </complexContent>
309 </complexType>

```

310 *Listing 5: Declaration of base interface element and Interface type.*

311 By convention, the OASIS SCA technical committees have adopted a naming convention that forms an
312 interface extension element name by concatenating the string “interface.” with the informal name of the
313 interface type. For example, the <interface.java/> element declaration from the SCA Common Annotations
314 and APIs specification [SCA-JAVACAA] can serve as a useful model, as shown in Listing 6:

```

315 <!-- Java Interface -->
316 <element name="interface.java" type="sca:JavaInterface"
317   substitutionGroup="sca:interface"/>
318 <complexType name="JavaInterface">
319   <complexContent>
320     <extension base="sca:Interface">
321       <sequence>
322         <any namespace="##other" processContents="lax" minOccurs="0"
323           maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
324       </sequence>
325       <attribute name="interface" type="NCName" use="required"/>
326       <attribute name="callbackInterface" type="NCName"
327         use="optional"/>
328     </extension>
329   </complexContent>
330 </complexType>

```

331 *Listing 6: Declaration of the interface.java element.*

332 Note that the <interface.java/> element is in the substitution group of <sca:interface/> and its type is an
333 extension of the sca:Interface type.

334 The interface extension element MUST allow for attributes and/or subelements which describe the
335 interface artifact. [IMP10020] Examples of interface extension attributes include the @interface and
336 @callbackInterface attributes of <interface.java/>. If necessary, one or more attributes and subelements
337 can be used to configure the interface artifact. Implementation type elements SHOULD allow for extension
338 via the XML Schema "any" and "anyAttribute" constructs. [IMP10034]

339 Regarding the location of the interface artifact, the location SHOULD always be taken as relative to the
340 SCA contribution which contains the composite holding the component declaration. [IMP10021]

341 2.5.1 Support of Local and Remotable Interfaces

342 The SCA Assembly specification [SCA-Assembly] defines the concepts of *local* and *remotable*
343 interfaces. Where a new interface type is defined, the implementation type documentation MUST define
344 how the concepts of local and remotable interfaces apply to the interface type. [IMP10022]

345 2.5.2 Interface Compatibility rules

346 The compatibility of two interface declarations is an important part of the SCA model. This is discussed in
347 detail in the SCA Assembly specification [SCA-Assembly]. Where a new interface type is defined, the
348 implementation type documentation MUST define the compatibility rules for the interface type, including
349 superset interfaces, subset interfaces and equal interfaces. [IMP10023]

350 2.6 Describing the behavior of Implementation artifacts within 351 Contributions

352 Artifacts of all types are made available for use in an SCA application by means of **contributions** which
353 are deployed into the SCA Domain used by the SCA Runtime. Contributions are defined in the SCA
354 Assembly specification [SCA-Assembly]. Essentially, a contribution is a collection of artifacts that are
355 organized into a hierarchy based off a single root.

356 Whenever a reference is made to an artifact of a particular implementation type, for example a reference
357 within an implementation type element, that artifact MUST be found within the contributions deployed into
358 the domain. [IMP10024]

359 The default location for an artifact is within the SCA contribution where the reference is made - i.e. where
360 the implementation type element appears in a composite file within a particular contribution, that same
361 contribution is searched. It is expected that the implementation type element contains configuration that
362 identifies the artifact. This identification can take the form of a filename or package name, which can
363 include the hierarchy path for the artifact (eg directory path or Java package name). Alternatively, the
364 identification may involve a namespace, where the assumption is that all artifacts of a given type are
365 searched to find a matching namespace and element name, as occurs for XML artifacts (e.g. BPEL
366 processes).

367 The implementation type documentation MUST describe the way in which the artifact reference
368 information is used to locate a specific artifact. [IMP10025] The implementation type documentation must
369 describe the permitted organization of the implementation type artifacts within a contribution. [IMP10026]

370 An implementation type can allow for implementation artifacts to be imported into one contribution from a
371 second (exporting) contribution, as described in the "SCA Artifact Resolution" section of the SCA
372 Assembly specification [SCA-Assembly]. Where import and export of artifacts is supported, the
373 implementation type documentation MUST describe how the import and export of artifacts works. [IMP100
374 27] Import and Export of artifacts can either follow the base mechanism described in the SCA Assembly
375 specification, which is based on the use of namespaces, or it may follow an implementation-type specific
376 mechanism.

377 The base mechanism involves the declaration of <sca:export/> and <sca:import/> elements with an sca-
378 contribution.xml file that is in the META-INF directory of the contribution. It is recommended that an
379 extension of the base mechanism is used, using <import.xxx/> and <export.xxx/> elements A good
380 example of such an extension is described in the Java POJO Component Implementation Specification
381 [SCA-POJO] in the section "Contribution Metadata Extensions".

382 2.6.1 Implementation-Type specific forms of Import and Export

383 Where an implementation type requires the use of a specific form of import and export mechanism for the
384 resolution of artifacts between contributions, the implementation type documentation is required to define
385 how this works.

386 An example of such a mechanism exists for the Java POJO implementation type [SCA-POJO]. There are
387 base importBase and exportBase elements and types defined in the SCA Assembly specification [SCA-
388 Assembly]. For the Java POJO implementation, <import.java/> and <export.java/> elements are defined
389 as shown in Listing 7:

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390     <!-- Import.java -->
391     <element name="import.java" type="sca:JavaImportType"
392     substitutionGroup="sca:importBase" />
393     <complexType name="JavaImportType">
394         <complexContent>
395             <extension base="sca:Import">
396                 <attribute name="package" type="string" use="required"/>
397                 <attribute name="location" type="anyURI" use="optional"/>
398             </extension>
399         </complexContent>
400     </complexType>
401
402     <!-- Export.java -->
403     <element name="export.java" type="sca:JavaExportType"
404     substitutionGroup="sca:exportBase" />
405     <complexType name="JavaExportType">
406         <complexContent>
407             <extension base="sca:Export">
408                 <attribute name="package" type="string" use="required"/>
409             </extension>
410         </complexContent>
411     </complexType>

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412 *Listing 7: Definition of the <import.java/> and <export.java/> elements*

413 If using an extension of the base SCA mechanism for imports and exports, the implementation type
414 documentation must define import and export elements that extend the base Import and Export types. [IM
415 P10028]

416 By convention, the OASIS SCA technical committees have adopted a naming convention that forms
417 import and export extension element names by concatenating the strings "import." and "export." with the
418 informal name of the implementation type.

419 2.6.2 Implementation-Type specific forms of Contribution

420 One format of contribution packaging is mandatory - the ZIP file contribution format. However, SCA
421 allows for many other contribution formats. If an implementation type has a specialized contribution
422 format, then the implementation type documentation MUST provide a definition of that format. [IMP10029]

423 2.7 Policy Related Considerations

424 The SCA Policy Framework Specification [SCA-POLICY] describes the handling of Policy related aspects
425 of components and implementations and also defines a specific set of policy related intents which cover
426 aspects including Security, Reliability and Transactions. Where an implementation type has policy related
427 aspects, these need to be described in the terms that are defined by the Policy Framework Specification.

428 The implementation type documentation MUST describe policy-related aspects of the implementation
429 artifacts and MUST include policy as part of the definition of the componentType of an implementation
430 artifact. [IMP10036] The implementation type documentation SHOULD use the set of policy related
431 intents defined by the SCA Policy Framework Specification, in cases where an implementation artifact has
432 policy-related aspects that are covered by that specification. [IMP10037]

433 2.8 Describing the Handling of Artifacts containing Errors

434 It is important that the implementation type documentation clearly describes what is valid and what is
435 invalid for both the XML artifacts such as the <implementation/> element(s) that the document defines and
436 also for the implementation artifacts that are used by implementations. This information includes both
437 static and dynamic (operational) characteristics of the artifacts, and includes both unextended and
438 extended forms of the artifacts, if SCA-specific extensions are provided for use within the artifacts.

439 The behaviour of the SCA runtime when it encounters artifacts that are in error needs to be described. In
440 general, artifacts with statically discoverable errors should cause the SCA runtime to reject the artifacts
441 before it attempts to execute them. Errors that can only be detected when running the artifacts need
442 errors to be raised at runtime. The implementation type documentation needs to deal with both types of
443 error.

444 The implementation type documentation MUST describe what errors are possible for the artifacts
445 described by the documentation, both the XML artifacts used in SCA composites and related files and
446 also the implementation artifacts, and the documentation MUST also describe the behaviour of the SCA
447 runtime when it encounters artifacts that are in error. [IMP10035]

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3 Conformance

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Implementation Type Documentation that claims to conform to the requirements of this specification

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MUST meet the following conditions

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1. The Implementation Type Documentation MUST comply with all the mandatory statements listed

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in in the table Mandatory Items in the appendix "Conformance Items"

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A. Conformance Items

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This section contains a list of conformance items for the SCA Assembly Implementation Type

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Documentation specification.

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A.1. Mandatory Items

Conformance ID	Description
[IMP10001]	The implementation type documentation MUST describe the XML element that is used when declaring implementations of that type in an SCA component.
[IMP10002]	The name used for the implementation element MUST be unique - it MUST NOT use the same name as any other implementation type.
[IMP10003]	The implementation extension element MUST be declared as an element in the substitution group of the sca:implementation element.
[IMP10004]	The implementation extension element MUST be declared to be of a type which is an extension of the sca:Implementation type.
[IMP10005]	Regarding the location of the implementation artifact, the location SHOULD always be taken as relative to the SCA contribution which contains the composite holding the component declaration.
[IMP10006]	The implementation type documentation MUST define how the componentType is defined for any given implementation artifact that is used with the implementation type.
[IMP10007]	the implementation type documentation MUST describe how the componentType is related to the content of the implementation artifact itself, both in terms of the base content of the artifact and also the impact of any SCA-specific language extensions and customizations that are available for use with an implementation of this type.
[IMP10008]	The implementation type documentation MUST describe how the SCA Aspects of Bidirectional Interfaces and Long Running Request/Response Operations are handled both for a component which is a service client and also for a component which is a service provider.
[IMP10009]	If SCA-specific extensions or customizations are available for an implementation type, the implementation type documentation MUST describe all of the available extensions and customizations.
[IMP10010]	The implementation type documentation MUST describe the impact of any extensions and customizations on the componentType of the implementation artifact.
[IMP10011]	The implementation type documentation MUST describe the impact of any extensions and customizations on the runtime behaviour of the implementation artifact.
[IMP10012]	The implementation type documentation MUST describe the runtime behaviour of instances of SCA components which use implementation artifacts of the kind described by the implementation type documentation.

[IMP10013]	In particular, the documentation MUST describe how the SCA component configuration affects the configuration of a component instance at runtime - how services are invoked, how references are obtained and how they are invoked, how property values are mapped to types in the implementation's instance and how the values are obtained by the component implementation.
[IMP10014]	The lifecycle of runtime instances MUST be described - when implementation instances are created, how long they live and when they are destroyed, in relation to the containing SCA component and in relation to service invocations related to the component.
[IMP10015]	The number of instances belonging to a single component MUST be described along with any serialization and multi-threading considerations.
[IMP10016]	If there are runtime exceptions or faults that apply to implementation type artifacts, these MUST be described by the implementation type documentation.
[IMP10017]	if the implementation type uses an interface type that is not described in the documentation for some existing implementation type, then the implementation type documentation MUST describe the interface type.
[IMP10018]	The interface extension element must be declared as an element in the substitution group of the <sca:interface/> element.
[IMP10019]	The interface extension element must be declared to be of a type which is an extension of the sca:Interface type.
[IMP10020]	The interface extension element MUST allow for attributes and/or subelements which describe the interface artifact.
[IMP10021]	Regarding the location of the interface artifact, the location SHOULD always be taken as relative to the SCA contribution which contains the composite holding the component declaration.
[IMP10022]	Where a new interface type is defined, the implementation type documentation MUST define how the concepts of local and remotable interfaces apply to the interface type.
[IMP10023]	Where a new interface type is defined, the implementation type documentation MUST define the compatibility rules for the interface type, including superset interfaces, subset interfaces and equal interfaces.
[IMP10024]	Whenever a reference is made to an artifact of a particular implementation type, for example a reference within an implementation type element, that artifact MUST be found within the contributions deployed into the domain.
[IMP10025]	The implementation type documentation MUST describe the way in which the artifact reference information is used to locate a specific artifact.
[IMP10026]	The implementation type documentation must describe the permitted organization of the implementation type artifacts within a contribution.

[IMP10027]	An implementation type can allow for implementation artifacts to be imported into one contribution from a second (exporting) contribution, as described in the "SCA Artifact Resolution" section of the SCA Assembly specification [SCA-Assembly]. Where import and export of artifacts is supported, the implementation type documentation MUST describe how the import and export of artifacts works.
[IMP10028]	If using an extension of the base SCA mechanism for imports and exports, the implementation type documentation must define import and export elements that extend the base Import and Export types.
[IMP10029]	If an implementation type has a specialized contribution format, then the implementation type documentation MUST provide a definition of that format.
[IMP10030]	All remotable interfaces MUST be mappable to interface.wsdl
[IMP10031]	The name used for the interface extension element needs to be unique - it MUST NOT use the same name as any other interface type.
[IMP10032]	Implementation type elements SHOULD allow for extension via the XML Schema "any" and "anyAttribute" constructs.
[IMP10033]	If an implementation type is not capable of supporting Bidirectional Interfaces or is not capable of supporting Long-Running Request/Response operations, the implementation type documentation MUST state each limitation.
[IMP10034]	Implementation type elements SHOULD allow for extension via the XML Schema "any" and "anyAttribute" constructs.
[IMP10035]	The implementation type documentation MUST describe what errors are possible for the artifacts described by the documentation, both the XML artifacts used in SCA composites and related files and also the implementation artifacts, and the documentation MUST also describe the behaviour of the SCA runtime when it encounters artifacts that are in error.
[IMP10036]	The implementation type documentation MUST describe policy-related aspects of the implementation artifacts and MUST include policy as part of the definition of the componentType of an implementation artifact.
[IMP10037]	The implementation type documentation SHOULD use the set of policy related intents defined by the SCA Policy Framework Specification, in cases where an implementation artifact has policy-related aspects that are covered by that specification.

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