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1 Introduction

2 This is a binding of the OASIS SWS (Search Web Services) searchRetrieve operation – ABSTRACT
3 PROTOCOL DEFINITION.

4 This specification is intended to be fully compatible with
5 http://www.opensearch.org/Specifications/OpenSearch/1.1/Draft_3

6 This binding is the specification of OpenSearch.

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8 http://www.opensearch.org/Specifications/OpenSearch/1.1/Draft_3

9 This document defines the OpenSearch model, request parameters, response elements, and description
10 document.

11 Search clients can use OpenSearch description documents to learn about the public interface of a search
12 engine. These description documents contain parameterized URL templates that indicate how the search
13 client should make search requests.

14 1.1 Terminology

15 The key words “MUST”, “MUST NOT”, “REQUIRED”, “SHALL”, “SHALL NOT”, “SHOULD”, “SHOULD
16 NOT”, “RECOMMENDED”, “NOT RECOMMENDED”, “MAY”, and “OPTIONAL” in this document are to be
17 interpreted as described in [RFC2119]. When these words are not capitalized in this document, they are
18 meant in their natural language sense.

19 1.2 Normative References

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

2 OpenSearch Binding Details

2.1 Model

2.1.1 Processing Model

A server provides a [description document](#) that a client reads to determine how to formulate a search/retrieve request and interpret the response. The client may send a request, including search terms, to the server, who replies with a response that includes results based on the search terms.

The server returns results either as a stream (“stream mode”) or a page (“page mode”). A stream is an arbitrary range of results, for example, results 10 through 100. In page mode, the server groups the results into pages, and returns one page. The server will always return results as a stream or always as a page, and indicates one or the other in its description file.

If the server returns a page, the request may include the ‘count’ parameter, suggesting how many results there should be per page. The request may also include the ‘startPage’ parameter indicating which page is desired. (See [note 1](#).) The server may ignore the ‘count’ parameter and determine the number of results per page itself. (See [note 2](#).)

If the server returns a stream, the request may include the parameter ‘startIndex’ to indicate the desired position within the result set of the first result within the stream. For example if the value of the ‘startIndex’ parameter is 61, and if the server returns 30 results, the stream will consist of results 61 through 90. The request may also include the ‘count’ parameter (for example, a value of 30, if the client wants results 61 through 90) but the server may ignore it. (See [note 3](#).)

The response includes the element <totalResults>, the number of results found by the search. This element will be omitted only if the last of the available results is included in the response.

So the client can scroll through the results by issuing repeated requests until there is a response which omits the <totalResults> element, the omission signaling that there are no further results. Each request uses the same value for the parameter ‘searchTerms’, and :

- In stream mode: the value of the parameter ‘startIndex’ is the previous value plus the number of results included in the previous response.
- In page mode: the value of the parameter ‘startPage’ is the previous value plus one (1).

Notes:

1. The server returns one page only, contrary to the implication of the parameter name, ‘startPage’.
2. If the server has ignored the count parameter, then the startPage parameter that the client has suggested will not retrieve the specific results that the client had in mind.
3. The ‘count’ parameter is defined as “desired number of results per page”, but it applies not only in page mode, but also in stream mode: In stream mode the entire list of results is considered a single page.

2.1.2 Result Set Model

There are no explicit (named) result sets in openSearch. It is assumed that if multiple requests are issued to a search engine with the same value of parameter ‘searchTerms’ the results will be identical, that is, the same set of results in the same order. Therefore the parameter ‘searchTerms’ can be considered to represent a result set.

2.1.3 Data Model

The data model of the Abstract Protocol Model says that a “*datastore* is a collection of units of data. Such a unit is referred to as an *item*...”

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- 65 • A data store is referred to as a *search engine*.
- 66 • For an openSearch response, the abstract element <item> corresponds to
- 67 an element defined by the response schema, for example an <entry> or
- 68 <item> in ATOM 1.0 or RSS 2.0 respectively.
- 69 • An item is sometimes referred to as a "result".

70 The Abstract Protocol Model further notes that "associated with a datastore are one or more formats that
71 may be used for the transfer of items from the server to the client. Such a format is referred to as an *item*
72 *type*."

- 73 In this binding:
- 74 • There is no parameter equivalent to *itemType*; the format is internally
 - 75 defined by the response format.

76 The Abstract Protocol Model further notes that "The server may also partition the result set into *result*
77 *groups*."

- 78 In this binding:
- 79 • 'groups' are referred to as 'pages'.

80 2.1.4 Diagnostic Model

81 OpenSearch does not include specific diagnostics. HTTP diagnostics are returned when a URL is badly
82 formed or the server is unable to perform the search contained within the URL.

83 If the server is able to interpret but not process a request it can send back the OpenSearch Description
84 Document that explains how to correctly construct a request.

85 2.1.5 Description and Discovery Model

86 OpenSearch mandates an OpenSearch Description Document that is consistent with the requirements of
87 the Abstract Protocol Definition. There are six groups of data that may be included:

- 88 1. **General Description of the Server and its Capabilities.** The OpenSearch Description
89 Document includes a *shortName*, and *longName* and also *tags* which are keywords that describe
90 the server's *content (datastore)*.
- 91 2. **How to Formulate a Request.** The OpenSearch Description Document includes a mandatory
92 [URL element](#) containing a mandatory request template.
- 93 3. **Query Grammar.** There is no explicit search grammar associated with OpenSearch.
- 94 4. **How to Interpret a Response.** The type attribute of the URL element indicates the MIME type
95 (*format*) of the response.
- 96 5. **How to Process Results.** The OpenSearch Description Document may include extra elements
97 explaining how to process and display the search results. These include an *image* and *attribution*
98 for display against the results, an indication of *adultContent* and *syndicationRight*.
- 99 6. **Auto-Discovery Process.** An OpenSearch description documents may include a reference to
100 other OpenSearch description documents.

101 2.2 OpenSearch Request

102 The OpenSearch [URL template](#) represents a parameterized form of the URL by which a search engine is
103 queried. The client processes the template, replacing each instance of a template parameter, with the
104 value for that parameter. The template parameters are the request parameters shown below.

105 2.2.1.1 Actual Request Parameters For this Binding

106 *Table 1: Summary of Actual Request Parameters*

Parameter Name	Description	Type/Value
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searchTerms	keyword or keywords	string
startIndex	index of first search result desired by the client	positive integer
count	Number of search results desired by the client.	positive integer
startPage	page number of the set of search results desired by the search client.	positive integer
language	desired language for search results.	RFC 3066, or "*" to mean "any language"
inputEncoding	character encoding of the search request.	IANA Character Set Assignments , default UTF-8
outputEncoding	character encoding requested for the search results. The default is UTF-8	IANA Character Set Assignments , default UTF-8

107 **2.2.1.2 Abstract Vs. Actual Parameters**

108 The following table lists the Abstract parameters defined in the Abstract Protocol Definition, and the
 109 openSearch actual parameters, in two columns, with corresponding parameters in the same row.

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112 *Table 2: Abstract Vs. Actual parameters*

Abstract Parameter Name from APD	openSearch Parameter
responseType	(None. See type attribute of <url> element)
query	searchTerms
startPosition	startIndex
maximumItems	count
group	startPage
responseItemType	(None. See Data Model, fourth bullet.)
sortOrder	(None)
(None)	language
(None)	inputEncoding
(None)	outputEncoding

113 **2.3 openSearchResponse**

114 **2.3.1 Response Elements**

115 This section summarizes the openSearch response elements and compares them with the abstract
 116 elements defined in the Abstract Protocol Definition.

117 **2.3.1.1 Actual Response Elements**

118 The following table describes the actual XML response elements.

119 *Table 3: Summary of Actual Response Elements*

Element	Type	Occurence	Meaning
<totalResults>	xs:integer	zero or one	number of search results.
<startIndex>	xs:positiveInteger	zero or one	index of the first search result in the response.
<itemsPerPage>	xs:positiveInteger	zero or one	number of search results returned per page.
<query>	xs:string	zero or more	See "Query".

120

121 2.3.1.2 Abstract Vs. Actual Elements

122 The following table lists abstract elements from the Abstract Protocol Definition, and the openSearch
 123 actual elements, in two columns, with corresponding elements in the same row.

Table 4: Abstract Vs. Actual elements

Abstract Element From APD	openSearch Element
<numberOfItems>	<totalResults>
<resultSetId>	(none)
<item>	defined by the response schema, for example an <entry> in ATOM 1.0 or <item>RSS 2.0.
<nextPosition>	<p><i>In page mode:</i> find the <link> element where the value of the 'rel' attribute is "next". Within the corresponding query ('href' attribute) the value of the parameter corresponding to startPage is the number of the next page.</p> <p><i>In stream mode:</i> <startIndex> + <itemsPerPage> - 1.</p>
<diagnostics>	(none)
<echoedSearchRetrieveRequest>	the value of the 'href' attribute for the <link> element where the value of the 'rel' attribute is "self".
(none)	startIndex
(none)	itemsPerPage
(none)	Query

124 2.3.2 OpenSearch Response Examples

125 **Example 1:** A page of search results in Atom 1.0

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126 The line numbers on the left are added for reference in the analysis below.

```
127 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
128 <feed xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2005/Atom"
129       xmlns:OpenSearch="http://a9.com/-/spec/OpenSearch/1.1/">
130   <title>Example.com Search: New York history</title>
131   <link href="http://example.com/New+York+history" />
132   <updated>2003-12-13T18:30:02Z</updated>
133   <author>
134     <name>Example.com, Inc.</name>
135   </author>
136   <id>urn:uuid:60a76c80-d399-11d9-b93C-0003939e0af6</id>
137   1. <OpenSearch:totalResults>4230000</OpenSearch:totalResults>
138   2. <OpenSearch:startIndex>21</OpenSearch:startIndex>
139   3. <OpenSearch:itemsPerPage>10</OpenSearch:itemsPerPage>
140   <OpenSearch:Query
141     4.   role="request" searchTerms="New York History" startPage="1" />
142   <link
143     rel="alternate" href="http://example.com/New+York+History?pw=3"
144     type="text/html" />
145   <link
146     5.   rel="self"
147     href="http://example.com/New+York+History?pw=3&format=atom"
148     type="application/atom+xml" />
149   <link
150     6.   rel="first"
151     href="http://example.com/New+York+History?pw=1&format=atom"
152     type="application/atom+xml" />
153   <link
154     7.   rel="previous"
155     href="http://example.com/New+York+History?pw=2&format=atom"
156     type="application/atom+xml" />
157   <link
158     rel="next"
159     href="http://example.com/New+York+History?pw=4&format=atom"
160     type="application/atom+xml" />
161   9. <link
162     rel="last"
163     href="http://example.com/New+York+History?pw=4229991&format=atom"
164     type="application/atom+xml" />
165   <link
166     rel="search" type="application/OpenSearchdescription+xml"
167     href="http://example.com/OpenSearchdescription.xml" />
168   <entry>
169     <title>New York History</title>
170     <link
171       href="http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/eguids/amerihist/nyc.html" />
172     <id>urn:uuid:1225c695-cfb8-4ebb-aaaa-80da344efa6a</id>
173     <updated>2003-12-13T18:30:02Z</updated>
174     <content type="text">
175       ... Harlem.NYC - A virtual tour and information on
176       businesses ... with historic photos of Columbia's own New York
177       neighborhood ... Internet Resources for the City's History. ...
178     </content>
179   </entry>
```

180 Analysis of the above example.

181 'pw' is the name of the parameter corresponding to the openSearch parameter 'startPage', for this server.

- 182 • Lines 1-3 indicate that there were 4,230,000 results associated with the search term "New York
183 History". This response includes 10 results beginning with result 21 (thus results 21-30).

- Line 4 (<query role="request"...>) indicates how to regenerate the request from the beginning of the results (parameters searchTerms="New York History" and startPage="1")
- Line 5 indicates that the URL to generate the same request that generated this response (<link rel="self...>) with a response in Atom format (type="application/atom+xml"), is "http://example.com/New+York+History?pw=3&format=atom"
- line 6 (rel="first") indicates that the URL to get the first page of results, in atom, is href="http://example.com/New+York+History?pw=1&format=atom".
- line 7 (rel="previous") indicates that the URL to get the previous page of results is href="http://example.com/New+York+History?pw=2&format=atom".
- line 8 (rel="next") indicates that the URL to get the next page of results is href="http://example.com/New+York+History?pw=4&format=atom".
- line 9 (rel="last") indicates that the URL to get the last page of results is href="http://example.com/New+York+History?pw=4229991&format=atom".

Example 2: a page of search results in the RSS 2.0 format

```

201 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
202 <rss version="2.0"
203     xmlns:OpenSearch="http://a9.com/-/spec/OpenSearch/1.1/"
204     xmlns:atom="http://www.w3.org/2005/Atom">
205   <channel>
206     <title>Example.com Search: New York history</title>
207     <link>http://example.com/New+York+history</link>
208     <description>Search results for "New York history" at
209 Example.com</description>
210     <OpenSearch:totalResults>4230000</OpenSearch:totalResults>
211     <OpenSearch:startIndex>21</OpenSearch:startIndex>
212     <OpenSearch:itemsPerPage>10</OpenSearch:itemsPerPage>
213     <atom:link
214       rel="search" type="application/OpenSearchdescription+xml"
215       href="http://example.com/OpenSearchdescription.xml"/>
216     <OpenSearch:Query
217       role="request" searchTerms="New York History" startPage="1" />
218     <item>
219       <title>New York History</title>
220       <link>http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/eguids/amerihist/nyc.html</link>
221       <description>
222         ... Harlem.NYC - A virtual tour and information on
223         businesses ... with historic photos of Columbia's own New York
224         neighborhood ... Internet Resources for the City's History. ...
225       </description>
226     </item>
227   </channel>
228 </rss>

```

Example 3 a page of search results in the XHTML 1.0 format

```

230 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
231 <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Strict//EN"
232   "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-strict.dtd">
233 <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" xml:lang="en" lang="en">
234   <head profile="http://a9.com/-/spec/OpenSearch/1.1/" >
235     <title>Example.com Search: New York history</title>

```

```
236 <link rel="search"
237       type="application/OpenSearchdescription+xml"
238       href="http://example.com/OpenSearchdescription.xml"
239       title="Example.com Web Search" />
240 <meta name="totalResults" content="4230000"/>
241 <meta name="startIndex" content="1"/>
242 <meta name="itemsPerPage" content="10"/>
243 </head>
244 <body>
245   <ul>
246     <li>
247       <a href="http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/eguids/amerihist/nyc.html">
248         New York History
249       </a>
250       <div>
251         ... Harlem.NYC - A virtual tour and information on
252         businesses ... with historic photos of Columbia's own New York
253         neighborhood ... Internet Resources for the City's History. ...
254       </div>
255     </li>
256     <!-- ... -->
257   </ul>
258 </body>
259 </html>
```

260 3 Open Search Description Document

261 A server providing an OpenSearch interface provides a description document to describe the interface.

262 OpenSearch description documents have the following mime type (pending IANA registration):

263 **application/OpenSearchdescription+xml**

264 OpenSearch description elements (table below) have the following XML Namespaces URI

265 **http://a9.com/-/spec/OpenSearch/1.1/**

266 3.1 Description Elements

267 *Table 5: Description Elements*

Element	Occurrence	Description/ Restrictions
OpenSearchDescription	Must occur exactly once (as the root node of the document).	
ShortName	Must occur exactly once.	16 or fewer characters of plain text (no HTML or other markup).
Description	Must occur exactly once.	1024 or fewer characters of plain text (no HTML or other markup).
Url	Must occur exactly once.	See URL Element .
Contact	May occur zero or one time.	Email address for owner of the description document
Tags	May occur zero or one time.	keywords describing search content. One or more single words delimited by spaces. Total 1024 or fewer characters of plain text (no HTML or other markup).
LongName	May occur zero or one time.	An extended human-readable title that identifies this search engine. 48 or fewer characters of plain text (no HTML or other markup).
Image	May occur zero or more times.	URL for an image that can be used in association with this search content. Attributes: height, width, type (MIME); all optional
Query	May occur zero or one time.	See Query Element .

Element	Occurrence	Description/ Restrictions
Developer	May occur zero or one time.	human-readable name or identifier for creator or maintainer of the description document. 64 or fewer characters of plain text (no HTML or other markup).
Attribution		a list of all entities to be credited for the content in the search feed. 256 or fewer characters of plain text (no HTML or other markup).
SyndicationRight		the degree to which search results provided by this search engine can be queried, displayed, and redistributed See table below.
AdultContent	May occur zero or one time.	boolean: true if the search results may contain material intended only for adults. "false", "FALSE", "0", "no", and "NO" will be considered boolean FALSE; all other strings will be considered boolean TRUE. Default: "false"
Language	May occur zero or more times.	one "Language" element for each language that the search engine supports. Values from RFC 3066. A value of "*" (default) signifies that the search engine does not restrict search results to any particular language.
InputEncoding	May occur zero or more times. (One for each character encoding that can be used to encode search requests.)	as specified by the IANA Character Set Assignments. Default: "UTF-8".

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Values for Parameter SyndicationRight

right →	The search client may request search results	may display the search results to end users	client may send the search results to other search clients
value v			
"open",	yes	yes	yes
"limited"	yes	yes	no
"private"	yes	no	no
"closed"	no	no	no

271 3.1.1 URL Element

272 The Url element has the form as shown in the following example:

```
273 <Url  
274   type= "application/xhtml+xml"  
275   indexOffset="0"  
276   template=  
277     "http://example.com/search?q={searchTerms}&start={startIndex}" />
```

278 3.1.1.1 Attributes of the URL Element

279 **indexOffset, pageOffset.** The starting number for the first search result or first page of search results,
280 for index-based and page-based results respectively. Defaults are "1"; the "indexOffset" and "pageOffset"
281 attributes may be used to inform search clients of different starting values.

282 **type.** The MIME type of the search result format. The 'type' attribute of the <url> element is what the client
283 uses to determine how to request a specific response format. There may be several <url> elements, each
284 with a type attribute of a different value. The one with the desired value (mime type) is the one belonging
285 to the template to use for that response format.

286 3.1.1.2 Template Syntax

287 The OpenSearch URL template represents a parameterized form of the URL by which a search engine is
288 queried. The search client will process the URL template and attempt to replace each instance of a
289 template parameter, generally represented in the form {name}, with a value determined at query time.

290 All parameter names are associated with a namespace; the OpenSearch 1.1 namespace is the default if
291 no other is indicated. Parameter names are case sensitive.

292 A template parameter is designated as optional by using the "?" as shown in the two examples below.

293 The template parameters are the openSearch request parameters in [table 1](#).

294 Examples

295 **Example 1:** a search URL template that contains a template parameter:

```
296 http://example.com/search?q={searchTerms}
```

297 In this example, the openSearch parameter 'searchTerms', in curly brackets, is an abstract parameter to
298 be replaced by the actual parameter for this search engine, in this case 'q'. '{searchTerms}' is required as
299 indicated by the absence of "?"

300 **Example 2:** optional template parameter:

```
301 http://example.com/feed/{startPage?}
```

302 This example, the question mark, "?", is used to mean that the parameter startPage is optional.

303 3.1.2 Query Element

304 The Query element may appear in a description document or search response and is used to supply
305 search requests that can be performed by a search client.

306 The Query element attributes correspond to the search parameters in a URL template. The core search
307 parameters are explicitly defined as Query attributes, and custom parameters can be added via
308 namespaces as needed.

309 At least one Query element with role="example" should be provided in each description document so that
310 search clients can test the search engine. In addition a Query element with role="request" in each search
311 response so that search clients can recreate the current search.

312 3.1.2.1 Attributes of the Query Element

313 The query element may contain the following attributes defined in the OpenSearch namespace, as well
314 as attributes from external namespace.

- 315 • **role.** Required. Values:
 - 316 ○ "request" : the search query can be performed to retrieve the same set of search results.
 - 317 ○ "example"
 - 318 ○ "related" :thequery can be performed to retrieve similar but different search results.
 - 319 ○ "correction" : corrected query (e.g. a spelling correction) which can be performed to improve
 - 320 results set,
 - 321 ○ "subset": a query that will narrow the current set of search results.
 - 322 ○ "superset": a query that will broaden the current set of search results.
- 323 • **title.** Plain text string describing the search request. 256 or fewer characters. optional.
- 324 • **totalResults.** Expected number of results to be found if the search request were made. Optional.
- 325 • **searchTerms, count, startIndex, startPage, language, inputEncoding, outputEncoding.** The value
- 326 representing these parameters. All are optional.

327 3.1.2.2 Query Element Examples

328 **Example 1:** Query element in a description document to provide an example search request

```
329 <Query role="example" searchTerms="cat" />
```

330 **Example 2:** Query element in a response to echo back the original search request

```
331 <Query role="request" searchTerms="cat" startPage="1" />
```

332 **Example 3:** Query element in a response to correct the spelling of "OpenSurch":

```
333 <Query role="correction" searchTerms="OpenSearch" totalResults="854000"  
334 title="Spelling correction"/>
```

335

336 **Example 4:** An extended parameter

```
337 <Query xmlns:custom="http://example.com/OpenSearchextensions/1.0/"  
338 role="example"  
339 searchTerms="cat"  
340 custom:color="blue"  
341 title="Sample search" />
```

342 **Example 5:** an extended role

```
343 <Query xmlns:custom="http://example.com/OpenSearchextensions/1.0/"  
344 role="custom:synonym"  
345 title="Synonym of 'cat'"  
346 searchTerms="feline" />
```


347 **Example 6: a set of Query elements used in the context of an Atom-based OpenSearch response**

```
348 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
349 <feed xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2005/Atom"
350       xmlns:OpenSearch="http://a9.com/-/spec/OpenSearch/1.1/">
351   <!-- ... -->
352   <OpenSearch:Query
353     role="request" searchTerms="General Motors annual report" />
354
355   <OpenSearch:Query
356     role="related" searchTerms="GM" title="General Motors stock symbol" />
357
358   <OpenSearch:Query
359     role="related" searchTerms="automotive industry revenue" />
360
361   <OpenSearch:Query
362     role="subset" searchTerms="General Motors annual report 2005"
363
364   <OpenSearch:Query role="superset" searchTerms="General Motors" />
365   .....
366 </feed>
```

367 3.2 Example Description Documents

368 **Example 1: a simple OpenSearch description document**

```
369 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
370 <OpenSearchDescription xmlns="http://a9.com/-/spec/OpenSearch/1.1/">
371   <ShortName>Web Search</ShortName>
372   <Description>Use Example.com to search the Web.</Description>
373   <Tags>example web</Tags>
374   <Contact>admin@example.com</Contact>
375   <Url type="application/rss+xml"
376       template=
377       "http://example.com/?q={searchTerms}&pw={startPage?}&format=rss" />
378 </OpenSearchDescription>
```

379 **Example 2: a detailed OpenSearch description document**

```
380 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
381 <OpenSearchDescription xmlns="http://a9.com/-/spec/OpenSearch/1.1/">
382   <ShortName>Web Search</ShortName>
383   <Description>Use Example.com to search the Web.</Description>
384   <Tags>example web</Tags>
385   <Contact>admin@example.com</Contact>
386   <Url type="application/atom+xml"
387       template=
388       "http://example.com/?q={searchTerms}&pw={startPage?}&format=atom" />
389   <Url type="application/rss+xml"
390       template=
391       "http://example.com/?q={searchTerms}&pw={startPage?}&format=rss" />
392   <Url type="text/html"
393       template="http://example.com/?q={searchTerms}&pw={startPage?}" />
394   <LongName>Example.com Web Search</LongName>
395   <Image height="64" width="64"
396   type="image/png">http://example.com/websearch.png</Image>
397   <Image height="16" width="16"
398   type="image/vnd.microsoft.icon">http://example.com/websearch.ico</Image>
399   <Query role="example" searchTerms="cat" />
400   <Developer>Example.com Development Team</Developer>
401   <Attribution>
402   Search data Copyright 2005, Example.com, Inc., All Rights Reserved
403   </Attribution>
404   <SyndicationRight>open</SyndicationRight>
```

```
406     <AdultContent>>false</AdultContent>
407     <Language>en-us</Language>
408     <OutputEncoding>UTF-8</OutputEncoding>
409     <InputEncoding>UTF-8</InputEncoding>
410 </OpenSearchDescription>
```

411 3.3 Extensibility

412 OpenSearch description documents can be extended provided that all foreign elements and attributes are
413 associated with an explicit XML namespace. Clients that encounter unrecognized foreign elements
414 should ignore them and continue to process the document as if these elements did not appear.

415 3.4 Autodiscovery

416 An OpenSearch description documents may include a reference to other OpenSearch description
417 documents by including "link" elements on search results, with the following attributes/values:

- 418 • type = "application/OpenSearchdescription+xml".
- 419 • rel = "search".
- 420 • href = [URI of an OpenSearch description document].
- 421 • title = [human-readable plain text string describing the search engine].

422 And in addition, for HTML and XHTML documents:

- 423 • The HTML <head/> element should include the attribute/value pair:
424 profile = "http://a9.com/-/spec/OpenSearch/1.1/".

425 Autodiscovery Examples

426 Example 1: Atom-based search results with an OpenSearch autodiscovery link element

```
427 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
428 <feed xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2005/Atom"
429       xmlns:OpenSearch="http://a9.com/-/spec/OpenSearch/1.1/">
430     .....
431     <link rel="search"
432           href="http://example.com/OpenSearchdescription.xml"
433           type="application/OpenSearchdescription+xml"
434           title="Content Search" />
435     .....
436 </feed>
```

437 Example 2: RSS-based search results with an OpenSearch autodiscovery link element

```
438 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
439 <rss version="2.0"
440       xmlns:atom="http://www.w3.org/2005/Atom">
441   <channel>
442     .....
443     <atom:link rel="search"
444               href="http://example.com/OpenSearchdescription.xml"
445               type="application/OpenSearchdescription+xml"
446               title="Content Search" />
447     .....
448   </channel>
449 </rss>
```

450
451
452

453 **Example 3: An HTML document that includes OpenSearch autodiscovery link elements**

```
454 <!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01//EN"  
455 "http://www.w3.org/TR/html4/strict.dtd">  
456 <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" xml:lang="en" lang="en" dir="ltr">  
457 <head profile="http://a9.com/-/spec/OpenSearch/1.1/">  
458 <!-- ... -->  
459 <link rel="search"  
460 type="application/OpenSearchdescription+xml"  
461 href="http://example.com/content-search.xml"  
462 title="Content search" />  
463 <link rel="search"  
464 type="application/OpenSearchdescription+xml"  
465 href="http://example.com/comment-search.xml"  
466 title="Comments search" />  
467 <!-- ... -->  
468 </head>  
469 <body>  
470 <!-- ... -->  
471 </body>  
472 </html>
```

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