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This document defines the WS-I Basic Profile 1.2. It consists of a set of clarifications, refinements, interpretations and amplifications to a combination of non-proprietary Web services specifications in order to promote interoperability. It is an evolution of WS-I Basic Profile 1.1 and is based on SOAP 1.1. In particular it adds support for WS-Addressing.

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1 Introduction

This document defines the WS-I Basic Profile 1.2 (hereafter, "Profile"), consisting of a set of non-proprietary Web services specifications, along with clarifications, refinements, interpretations and amplifications of those specifications which promote interoperability.

Section 1 introduces the Profile, and explains its relationships to other profiles.

Section 2, "Profile Conformance," explains what it means to be conformant to the Profile.

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

1.1 Relationships to Other Profiles

This Profile is derived from the [Basic Profile 1.1 \[BP1.1\]](#) (BP 1.1) by incorporating any errata to date and including those requirements related to the serialization of envelopes and their representation in messages from the [Simple SOAP Binding Profile 1.0](#).

This Profile is NOT intended to be composed with the Simple SOAP Binding Profile 1.0. The [Attachments Profile 1.0 \[AP1.0\]](#) adds support for SOAP with Attachments, and is intended to be used in combination with this Profile.

1.1.1 Compatibility with Basic Profile 1.1

There are a few requirements in the Basic Profile 1.2 that may present compatibility issues with clients, services and their artifacts that have been engineered for Basic Profile 1.1 conformance. However, in general, the Basic Profile WG members have tried to preserve as much forwards and backwards compatibility with the Basic Profile 1.1 as possible so as not to disenfranchise clients, services and their artifacts that have been deployed in conformance with the Basic Profile 1.1.

This Profile uses the term 'backward compatible' to mean that an artifact, client or service that is conformant to the Basic Profile 1.2 will behave consistently with an implementation that is conformant with the Basic Profile 1.1. This Profile uses the term 'forward compatible' to mean that an artifact, client or service that is conformant with the Basic Profile 1.1 specification will be consistent with that of an implementation that is conformant with the Basic Profile 1.2.

This Profile has attempted to capture all known potential backwards and forwards compatibility issues below:

- Requirement [R2714](#) might present backward compatible interoperability issues when a Basic Profile 1.1 client is not prepared for the possibility that a SOAP envelope might be included in the HTTP Response message for a one-way WSDL operation.
- Requirement [R1143](#) might present forward compatible interoperability issues, when a Basic Profile 1.2 conformant client invokes a Basic Profile 1.1 conformant service but does not include a soap11:mustUnderstand attribute with a value of '1' on any WS-Addressing headers included in

the request messages. In such a scenario the Basic Profile 1.2 conformant client should be prepared to receive the response SOAP message in the HTTP Response of the same HTTP connection that carried the original request, even when the `wsa:Address` value in the `wsa:ReplyTo` or `wsa:FaultTo` header block of the request message is not the WS-Addressing anonymous URI.

- Requirement [R2710](#) might present forward compatible interoperability issues for WSDL editors, code generators and runtimes that depend on the Basic Profile 1.1 definition of "operation signature".

The list above is not meant to be authoritative.

1.1.2 Relationship to Basic Profile 2.0

Similarly to this Profile, [Basic Profile 2.0 \[BP2.0\]](#) (BP 2.0) is derived from [Basic Profile 1.1 \[BP1.1\]](#). Unlike this Profile, the version of SOAP in scope for BP 2.0 is the [W3C SOAP 1.2 Recommendation](#), not SOAP 1.1. To the extent possible, this Profile and BP 2.0 attempt to maintain a common set of requirement numbers, and common requirement and expository text. There are cases where the differences between SOAP 1.1 and SOAP 1.2 necessitate unique requirements and/or differing requirement and expository text. Therefore, some requirements and test assertions may present issues of forward or backward compatibility.

1.2 Guiding Principles

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

No guarantee of interoperability

It is impossible to completely guarantee the interoperability of a particular service. However, the Profile does address the most common problems that implementation experience has revealed to date.

Application semantics

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

Testability

When possible, the Profile makes statements that are testable. However, requirements do not need to be testable to be included in the Profile. Preferably, testing is achieved in a non-intrusive manner (e.g., by examining artifacts "on the wire").

Strength of requirements

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

Restriction vs. relaxation

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

Multiple mechanisms

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

Future compatibility

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

Compatibility with deployed services

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

Focus on interoperability

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

Conformance targets

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

Lower-layer interoperability

The Profile speaks to interoperability at the application layer; it assumes that interoperability of lower-layer protocols (e.g., TCP, IP, Ethernet) is adequate and well-understood. Similarly, statements about application-layer substrate protocols (e.g., SSL/TLS, HTTP) are only made when there is an issue affecting Web services specifically; WS-I does not attempt to assure the interoperability of these protocols as a whole. This assures that WS-I's expertise in and focus on Web services standards is used effectively.

1.3 Test Assertions

This profile document is complemented by a separate Test Assertions (TA) file that contains scripted (XPath 2.0) test assertions for assessing conformance of an endpoint to the BP1.2 profile.

Test assertions are not guaranteed to exhaustively cover every case where a profile requirement applies. In several instances, more than one test assertion is needed to address the various situations where a profile requirement applies

Each profile requirement is tagged with:

- The level of conformance this requirement belongs to (either CORE, or HTTP-TRANSPORT). See the Conformance section.
- A testability assessment (TESTABLE, TESTABLE_SCENARIO_DEPENDENT, NOT_TESTED, NOT_TESTABLE)
- Optionally, one or more test assertion identifiers (e.g. BP1905)

The structure of test assertions and the meaning of the testability assessment are described in Appendix C. "Testing"

1.4 Notational Conventions

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC2119].

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

Rnnnn *Statement text here.*

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

Requirements can be considered to be namespace qualified, in such a way as to be compatible with QNames from [Namespaces in XML \[xmlNames\]](#). If there is no explicit namespace prefix on a requirement's identifier (e.g., "R9999" as opposed to "bp10:R9999"), it should be interpreted as being in the namespace identified for this Profile.

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

Ennnn *Extensibility Point Name - Description*

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

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

- **soap11** - " <http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/> "
- **xsi** - " <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance> "
- **xsd** - " <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema> "
- **soapenc** - " <http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/> "
- **wsdl** - " <http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/> "
- **wsoap11** - " <http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/> "
- **uddi** - " urn:uddi-org:api_v2 "
- **wsa** - " <http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing> "
- **xop** - " <http://www.w3.org/2004/08/xop/include> "

1.5 Terminology

The following list of terms have specific definitions that are authoritative for this profile:

non-addressable

A CONSUMER or INSTANCE is deemed "non-addressable" when, for whatever reason, it is either unwilling or unable to provide a network endpoint that is capable of accepting connections. This means that the CONSUMER or INSTANCE cannot service incoming HTTP connections and can only transmit HTTP Request messages and receive HTTP Response messages.

rpc-literal binding

An "rpc-literal binding" is a `wsdl:binding` element whose child `wsdl:operation` elements are all rpc-literal operations.

An "rpc-literal operation" is a `wsdl:operation` child element of `wsdl:binding` whose `wsoap11:body` descendant elements specify the `use` attribute with the value "literal", and either:

1. The `style` attribute with the value "rpc" is specified on the child `wsoap11:operation` element; or
2. The `style` attribute is not present on the child `wsoap11:operation` element, and the `wsoap11:binding` element in the enclosing `wsdl:binding` specifies the `style` attribute with the value "rpc".

document-literal binding

A "document-literal binding" is a `wsdl:binding` element whose child `wsdl:operation` elements are all document-literal operations.

A "document-literal operation" is a `wsdl:operation` child element of `wsdl:binding` whose `wsoap11:body` descendent elements specifies the `use` attribute with the value "literal" and, either:

1. The `style` attribute with the value "document" is specified on the child `wsoap11:operation` element; or
2. The `style` attribute is not present on the child `wsoap11:operation` element, and the `wsoap11:binding` element in the enclosing `wsdl:binding` specifies the `style` attribute with the value "document"; or
3. The `style` attribute is not present on both the child `wsoap11:operation` element and the `wsoap11:binding` element in the enclosing `wsdl:binding`.

operation signature

The Profile defines the "operation signature" to be the fully qualified name of the child element of SOAP body of the SOAP input message described by an operation in a WSDL binding and the URI value of the `wsa:Action` SOAP header block, if present.

In the case of rpc-literal binding, the operation name is used as a wrapper for the part accessors. In the document-literal case, since a wrapper with the operation name is not present, the message signatures must be correctly designed so that they meet this requirement.

1.6 Profile Identification and Versioning

This document is identified by a name (in this case, Basic Profile) and a version number (here, 1.2). Together, they identify a particular *profile instance*.

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

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

One can also use this information to determine whether two instances of a profile are backwards-compatible; that is, whether one can assume that conformance to an earlier profile instance implies conformance to a later one. Profile instances with the same name and major version number (e.g., "Example Profile 1.0" and "Example Profile 1.1") MAY be considered compatible.

Note that this does not imply anything about compatibility in the other direction; that is, one cannot assume that conformance with a later profile instance implies conformance to an earlier one.

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1.8 Non-Normative References

There are no non-normative references.

2 Conformance

Conformance to the Profile is defined by adherence to the set of *requirements* defined for a specific *target*, within the *scope* of the Profile. This section explains these terms and describes how conformance is defined and used.

2.1 Requirement Semantics

The Profile is defined using a set of Requirements. Each Requirement is an atomic normative statement targeting a particular artifact subject to conformance assessment. In other words, requirements state the criteria for conformance to the Profile. They typically refer to an existing specification and embody refinements, amplifications, interpretations and clarifications to it in order to improve interoperability. All requirements in the Profile are considered normative, and those in the specifications it references that are in-scope (see "Conformance Scope") should likewise be considered normative. When requirements in the Profile and its referenced specifications contradict each other, the Profile's requirements take precedence for purposes of Profile conformance.

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

For example;

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

This requirement is identified by "R9999", applies to the target WIDGET (see below), and places a conditional requirement upon widgets.

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

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

2.2 Conformance Targets

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

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

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

The following conformance targets are used in the Profile:

- **MESSAGE** - protocol elements that transport the ENVELOPE (e.g., SOAP/HTTP messages)
- **ENVELOPE** - the serialization of the soap11:Envelope element and its content
- **DESCRIPTION** - descriptions of types, messages, interfaces and their concrete protocol and data format bindings, and the network access points associated with Web services (e.g., WSDL descriptions) (from [Basic Profile 1.0](#))
- **INSTANCE** - software that implements a wsdl:port or a uddi:bindingTemplate (from [Basic Profile 1.0](#))
- **CONSUMER** - software that invokes an INSTANCE (from [Basic Profile 1.0](#))
- **SENDER** - software that generates a message according to the protocol(s) associated with it (from [Basic Profile 1.0](#))
- **RECEIVER** - software that consumes a message according to the protocol(s) associated with it (e.g., SOAP processors) (from [Basic Profile 1.0](#))
- **REGDATA** - registry elements that are involved in the registration and discovery of Web services (e.g. UDDI tModels) (from [Basic Profile 1.0](#))
- **SIMPLE_SOAP_MESSAGE** - A MESSAGE that has as an entity-body that has a 'Content-Type' HTTP header field with a field-value of 'text/xml'**HTTP-TRANSPORT**
- **XOP_ENCODED_MESSAGE** - A MESSAGE that has an entity-body that has a 'Content-Type' HTTP header field with a field-value of 'multipart/related' with a type parameter of 'application/xop+xml'**HTTP-TRANSPORT**

2.3 Conformance Scope

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

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

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

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

The Profile's scope is defined by the referenced specifications in clause 1.7, as refined by the extensibility points in [Appendix A](#).

2.4 Conformance Clauses

This Profile concerns several conformance targets. Conformance targets are identified in requirements as described in Section 2.2. Conformance claims may apply to any above conformance target.

There are two major ways to conform to this profile, identified by “tags” associated with each profile requirement. These tags are “CORE” and “HTTP-TRANSPORT”:

- "CORE" (transport- independent) conformance level. When the endpoint advertising conformance to this Profile is using a transport other than HTTP, then only the requirements tagged with "CORE" apply.
- "HTTP-TRANSPORT" (HTTP transport-specific) conformance level. When the endpoint advertising conformance to this Profile is using HTTP, then all of the requirements of the Profile tagged either with "CORE" or with "HTTP-TRANSPORT" apply as specified in Section 2.

These define two levels of conformance, as "CORE" conformance is included in "HTTP-transport" conformance. In other words, conformance at HTTP-transport level implies conformance at CORE level.

2.4.1 "Core" Conformance

A conformance target (as defined above) is said to be conforming to this profile at the "core" conformance level if this target fulfills all the requirements that are tagged "CORE" and that are relevant to this target type.

2.4.2 "HTTP Transport" Conformance

A conformance target (as defined above) is said to be conforming to this profile at the "HTTP transport" conformance level if this target fulfills all the requirements that are tagged either as "CORE" or as "HTTP-TRANSPORT" and that are relevant to this target type.

In other words, conformance at this level implies conformance at CORE level.

2.5 Claiming Conformance

Claims of conformance to the Profile can be made using either of the following mechanisms: 1) use of the [Conformance Claim Attachment Mechanisms \[claimAttachment\]](#) (see Section 2.4.1), or 2) use of the Web Services Policy - Framework [\[WS-Policy 1.5\]](#) and Web Services Policy - Attachment [\[WS-Policy Attachment 1.5\]](#) (see Section 2.4.2). Prior agreements between partners on how Profile conformance is to be advertised or required might exist. When no such prior agreement exists and there is a need to advertise, the use of WS-Policy is RECOMMENDED over the use of the Conformance Claim Attachment Mechanisms.

2.5.1 Claiming Conformance using the Conformance Claim Attachment Mechanisms

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

- **WSDL 1.1 Claim Attachment Mechanism for Web Services Instances** - MESSAGE, DESCRIPTION, INSTANCE, RECEIVER
- **WSDL 1.1 Claim Attachment Mechanism for Web Description Constructs** - DESCRIPTION
- **UDDI Claim Attachment Mechanism for Web Services Instances** - MESSAGE, DESCRIPTION, INSTANCE, RECEIVER
- **UDDI Claim Attachment Mechanism for Web Services Registrations** - REGDATA

The Basic Profile 1.2 conformance claim URI is:

<http://ws-i.org/profiles/basic-profile/1.2/Conformant>

When a web service instance is using HTTP, then all of the requirements of the Profile apply as specified in Section 2. When a transport other than HTTP is used, then only the requirements tagged with "CORE" apply.

2.5.2 Claiming Conformance using WS-Policy and WS-PolicyAttachment

Mechanisms described in Web Services Policy - Framework [WS-Policy 1.5] and Web Services Policy - Attachment [WS-Policy Attachment 1.5] specifications can be used to advertise conformance to this Profile. The Profile defines the following policy assertion for this purpose:

```
<bp12:Conformant xmlns:bp12="http://ws-i.org/profiles/basic-profile/1.2/" />
```

A non-normative copy of the XML Schema is provided in [Appendix B](#), for convenience.

The presence of this assertion indicates that the policy subject supports the requirements of this Profile in a manner that conforms to Basic Profile 1.2 (See Section 2). This assertion also requires that CONSUMERS MUST use the effected protocols in a way that conforms to Basic Profile 1.2. The absence of this assertion says nothing about Basic Profile 1.2 conformance; it simply indicates the lack of an affirmative declaration of and requirement for Basic Profile 1.2 conformance.

The `bp12:Conformant` policy assertion applies to the endpoint policy subject.

For WSDL 1.1, this assertion can be attached to a `wsdl11:port` or `wsdl11:binding`. A policy expression containing the `bp12:Conformant` policy assertion MUST NOT be attached to a `wsdl:portType`.

For example,

CORRECT:

```
<wsp:Policy xmlns:bp12="http://ws-i.org/profiles/basic-profile/1.2/"
            xmlns:wsp="http://www.w3.org/ns/ws-policy">
  <bp12:Conformant />
</wsp:Policy>
```

The example above shows a policy expression that requires Basic Profile 1.2.

For example,

CORRECT:

```
<wsp:Policy xmlns:bp12="http://ws-i.org/profiles/basic-profile/1.2/"
            xmlns:wsp="http://www.w3.org/ns/ws-policy"
            xmlns:wsam="http://www.w3.org/2007/05/addressing/metadata">
  <wsam:Addressing>
    <wsp:Policy />
  </wsam:Addressing>
  <bp12:Conformant />
</wsp:Policy>
```

The example above shows a policy expression that requires WS-Addressing and Basic Profile 1.2.

3 Messaging

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

- [Simple Object Access Protocol \(SOAP\) 1.1 \[SOAP1.1\]](#)

Extensibility points:

- **E0001** - Header blocks - Header blocks are an extensibility mechanism in SOAP. **CORE TESTABLE BP1901**
- **E0002** - Processing order - The order of processing of a SOAP envelope's components (e.g., headers) is unspecified, and therefore may need to be negotiated out-of-band. **CORE NOT_TESTABLE**
- **E0003** - Use of intermediaries - SOAP Intermediaries is an underspecified mechanism in SOAP 1.1, and their use may require out-of-band negotiation. Their use may also necessitate careful consideration of where Profile conformance is measured. **CORE NOT_TESTABLE**
- **E0004** - soap11:actor values - Values of the soap11:actor attribute, other than the special uri 'http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/actor/next', represent a private agreement between parties of the web service. **CORE TESTABLE BP1904**
- **E0005** - Fault details - Faults may have Detail elements. The contents of these elements are not described in SOAP 1.1. **CORE TESTABLE BP1905**
- **E0024** - Namespace Attributes - Namespace attributes on soap11:Envelope and soap11:Header elements **CORE TESTABLE**
- **E0025** - Attributes on soap11:Body elements - Neither namespaced nor local attributes are constrained by SOAP 1.1. **CORE TESTABLE**
- **E0026** - SOAP envelope in HTTP Response message to WSDL one-way operation - The SOAP1.1 Request Optional Response Binding specification does not specify the purpose or processing of such envelopes. **HTTP-TRANSPORT TESTABLE**

- [RFC2616: Hypertext Transfer Protocol -- HTTP/1.1 \[RFC2616\]](#)

Extensibility points:

- **E0007** - HTTP Authentication - HTTP authentication allows for extension schemes, arbitrary digest hash algorithms and parameters. **HTTP-TRANSPORT TESTABLE**
- **E0008** - Unspecified Header Fields - HTTP allows arbitrary headers to occur in messages. **HTTP-TRANSPORT TESTABLE**
- **E0010** - Content-Encoding - The set of content-codings allowed by HTTP is open-ended and any besides 'gzip', 'compress', or 'deflate' are an extensibility point. **HTTP-TRANSPORT TESTABLE**
- **E0011** - Transfer-Encoding - The set of transfer-encodings allowed by HTTP is open-ended. **HTTP-TRANSPORT TESTABLE**
- **E0029** - Use of messages other than SOAP 1.1 or XOP messages - Use of Messages other than a SIMPLE_SOAP_MESSAGE or a XOP_ENCODED_MESSAGE is an extensibility point **CORE TESTABLE**

- [RFC2965: HTTP State Management Mechanism \[RFC2965\]](#)

- [WS-Addressing 1.0 - Core \[WSAddrCore\]](#)

- [WS-Addressing 1.0 - SOAP Binding \[WSAddrSoap\]](#) (except for sections 2, 3, 5.1.2, 5.2.2 and 6.1)

Extensibility points:

- **E0027** - Use of soap11:actor and WS-Addressing - WS-Addressing allows multiple instances of headers such as wsa:To, wsa:ReplyTo, and wsa:FaultTo, so long as they are targeted to different SOAP roles. **CORE TESTABLE**
- **E0028** - Endpoint references are extensible - When extension attributes or elements appear as part of an endpoint reference, the processing model for such extensions is defined by the specification for those extensions. **CORE NOT_TESTABLE**

- [WS-Addressing 1.0 - Metadata \[WSAddrMeta\]](#) (except for sections 4.1.1, 4.4.2, 4.4.3 and 5.2)

- [SOAP 1.1 Request Optional Response HTTP Binding \[SOAP1.1-ror\]](#)
- [SOAP Message Transmission Optimization Mechanism \[SOAP-mtom\]](#)
- [XML-Binary Optimized Packaging \[xop\]](#)
- [SOAP 1.1 Binding for MTOM 1.0 \[SOAP1.1mtom\]](#)

These extensibility points are listed, along with any extensibility points from other sections of this Profile, in [Appendix B](#)

3.1 Message Serialization

This Profile is intended to compose with mechanisms to describe whether messages are encoded as SIMPLE_SOAP_MESSAGES or XOP_ENCODED_MESSAGES. As such it does not mandate that both of these encodings be supported for any given operation. Indeed, neither of these encodings need be supported if an alternate encoding such as that described in the [Attachments Profile 1.0](#) is used.

SOAP 1.1 defines an XML structure for serializing messages, the envelope. This Profile places the following constraints on the use and serialization of the soap11:Envelope element and its content:

This Profile allows for the use of protocol bindings other than HTTP. [Section 2.2](#) identifies the use of Simple SOAP and XOP encoded messages using HTTP. [Section 3.1](#) identifies how encoding is handled for HTTP only. [RFC 2616](#) and [RFC3023](#) provide guidance for HTTP, supplemented by requirements throughout this profile. If another transport protocol is used, the responsibility for defining how to handle transport-specific features (e.g. content encoding) falls to the specification of the binding of SOAP to that transport protocol.

This section of the Profile incorporates the following specifications by reference:

- [Extensible Markup Language \(XML\) 1.0 \(Fourth Edition\) \[XML1.0\]](#)
- [Attachments Profile Version 1.0 \[AP1.0\]](#)

3.1.1 XML Envelope Serialization

R9701 An **ENVELOPE** *MUST* be serialized as XML 1.0. CORE TESTABLE
BP1019

3.1.2 Unicode BOMs

XML 1.0 allows UTF-8 encoding to include a BOM; therefore, receivers of envelopes must be prepared to accept them. The BOM is mandatory for XML encoded as UTF-16.

R4006 A **RECEIVER** *MUST NOT* fault due to the presence of a UTF-8 Unicode Byte Order Mark (BOM) in the SOAP envelope when the envelope is correctly encoded using UTF-8 and the "charset" parameter of the HTTP *Content-Type* header has a value of "utf-8" (see [RFC3023](#)). CORE
TESTABLE_SCENARIO_DEPENDENT BP1306

R4007 A **RECEIVER** *MUST NOT* fault due to the presence of a UTF-16 Unicode Byte Order Mark (BOM) in the SOAP envelope when the envelope is correctly encoded using UTF-16 and the "charset" parameter of the HTTP *Content-Type* header has a value of "utf-16" (see [RFC3023](#)). CORE
TESTABLE_SCENARIO_DEPENDENT BP1307

3.1.3 XML Declarations

Presence or absence of an XML declaration does not affect interoperability. Certain implementations might always precede their XML serialization with the XML declaration.

R1010 A **RECEIVER MUST NOT** fault due to the presence of an XML Declaration in the SOAP envelope (as specified by Section 2.8 of XML 1.0, "[Prolog and Document Type Declaration](#)"). **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP1015**

3.1.4 Character Encodings

As a consequence of Section 4.3.3 of XML 1.0, "[Character Encoding in Entities](#)", which requires XML processors to support both the UTF-8 and UTF-16 character encodings, this Profile mandates that RECEIVERS support both UTF-8 and UTF-16 character encodings.

As a consequence of this, in conjunction with SOAP 1.1's requirement to use the "text/xml" media type (which has a default character encoding of "us-ascii") on envelopes, the "charset" parameter must always be present on the envelope's content-type. A further consequence of this is that the encoding pseudo-attribute of XML declaration within the message is always ignored, in accordance with the requirements of both XML 1.0 and [RFC3023](#), "XML Media Types".

The "charset" parameter of Content-Type HTTP header field must be used to determine the correct character encoding of the message, in absence of a "charset" parameter, the default value for charset (which is "us-ascii") must be used.

R1012 An **ENVELOPE MUST** be serialized using either UTF-8 or UTF-16 character encoding. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP1018**

R1018 A **SIMPLE_SOAP_MESSAGE MUST** indicate the correct character encoding, using the "charset" parameter. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP1018**

R1019 A **RECEIVER MUST** ignore the encoding pseudo-attribute of the envelope's XML declaration. **CORE** **TESTABLE_SCENARIO_DEPENDENT** **BP1306**

3.2 SOAP Envelopes

[SOAP 1.1, Section 4](#), defines a structure for composing messages, the "SOAP Envelope". The Profile mandates the use of that structure, and places the following constraints on its use:

3.2.1 SOAP Envelope Structure

There are obvious interoperability problems if different implementations do not agree on the number of allowable children for the `soap11:Body` element.

R9980 An **ENVELOPE MUST** conform to the structure specified in SOAP 1.1 Section 4, "SOAP Envelope" (subject to amendment by the Profile). **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP1600**

R9981 An **ENVELOPE MUST** have exactly zero or one child elements of the `soap11:Body` element. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP1881**

See the requirements in [Section 4.4.1](#) for the corresponding, requisite constraints on a DESCRIPTION.

3.2.2 SOAP Envelope Namespace

SOAP 1.1 states that an envelope with a document element whose namespace name is other than "http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/" should be discarded. The Profile requires that a fault be generated instead, to assure unambiguous operation.

R1015 A **RECEIVER MUST** generate a fault if they encounter an envelope whose document element is not `soap11:Envelope`.
CORE **NOT_TESTED**

3.2.3 SOAP Body Namespace Qualification

The use of unqualified element names may cause naming conflicts, therefore qualified names must be used for the children of `soap11:Body`.

R1014 The children of the `soap11:Body` element in an **ENVELOPE** **MUST** be namespace qualified. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP1202**

3.2.4 Disallowed Constructs

XML DTDs and PIs may introduce security vulnerabilities, processing overhead and semantic ambiguity when used in envelopes. As a result, certain XML constructs are disallowed by section 3 of SOAP 1.1.

Although published errata NE05 (see <http://www.w3.org/XML/xml-names-19990114-errata>) allows the namespace declaration `xmlns:xml="http://www.w3.org/XML/1998/namespace"` to appear, some older processors considered such a declaration to be an error. These requirements ensure that conformant artifacts have the broadest interoperability possible.

R1008 An **ENVELOPE** **MUST NOT** contain a Document Type Declaration. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP1007**

R1009 An **ENVELOPE** **MUST NOT** contain Processing Instructions. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP1208**

R1033 An **ENVELOPE** **MUST NOT** contain the namespace declaration `xmlns:xml="http://www.w3.org/XML/1998/namespace"`. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP1033**

3.2.5 SOAP Trailers

The interpretation of sibling elements following the `soap11:Body` element is unclear. Therefore, such elements are disallowed.

R1011 An **ENVELOPE** **MUST NOT** have any element children of `soap11:Envelope` following the `soap11:Body` element. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP1263**

This requirement clarifies a mismatch between the SOAP 1.1 specification and the SOAP 1.1 XML Schema.

For example,

INCORRECT:

```
<soap11:Envelope xmlns:soap11="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
  <soap11:Header/>
  <soap11:Body>
    <p:Process xmlns:p="http://example.org/Operations"/>
  </soap11:Body>
  <m:Data xmlns:m='http://example.org/information' >
    Here is some data with the message
  </m:Data>
```

```

</soap11:Envelope>
CORRECT:
<soap11:Envelope xmlns:soap11="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
  <soap11:Header/>
  <soap11:Body>
    <p:Process xmlns:p="http://example.org/Operations">
      <m:Data xmlns:m="http://example.org/information">
        Here is some data with the message
      </m:Data>
    </p:Process>
  </soap11:Body>
</soap11:Envelope>

```

3.2.6 SOAP encodingStyle Attribute

The `soap11:encodingStyle` attribute is used to indicate the use of a particular scheme in the encoding of data into XML. However, this introduces complexity, as this function can also be served by the use of XML Namespaces. As a result, the Profile prefers the use of literal, non-encoded XML.

R1005 An **ENVELOPE** MUST NOT contain `soap11:encodingStyle` attributes on any of the elements whose namespace name is `"http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"`. **CORE** **TESTABLE**
BP1205

R1006 An **ENVELOPE** MUST NOT contain `soap11:encodingStyle` attributes on any element that is a child of `soap11:Body`. **CORE** **TESTABLE** BP1205

R1007 An **ENVELOPE** described in an *rpc-literal* binding MUST NOT contain `soap11:encodingStyle` attribute on any element that is a grandchild of `soap11:Body`. **CORE** **NOT_TESTED**

3.2.7 SOAP mustUnderstand Attribute

The `soap11:mustUnderstand` attribute has a restricted type of "xsd:boolean" that takes only "0" or "1". Therefore, only those two values are allowed.

R1013 An **ENVELOPE** containing a `soap11:mustUnderstand` attribute MUST only use the lexical forms "0" and "1". **CORE** **TESTABLE**
BP1013

3.2.8 xsi:type Attributes

In many cases, senders and receivers will share some form of type information related to the envelopes being exchanged.

R1017 A **RECEIVER** MUST NOT fault on the absence of the `xsi:type` attribute in envelopes, except in cases where this attribute is required to indicate a derived type (see [XML Schema Part 1: Structures, Section 2.6.1](#)). **CORE** **NOT_TESTABLE**

3.2.9 SOAP 1.1 attributes on SOAP 1.1 elements

R1032 The `soap11:Envelope`, `soap11:Header`, and `soap11:Body` elements in an **ENVELOPE** MUST NOT have attributes in the namespace `"http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"`. **CORE** **TESTABLE** BP1032

3.3 SOAP Processing Model

SOAP 1.1, [Section 2](#) defines a model for the processing of envelopes. In particular, it defines rules for the processing of header blocks and the envelope body. It also defines rules related to generation of faults. The Profile places the following constraints on the processing model:

3.3.1 Mandatory Headers

SOAP 1.1's processing model is underspecified with respect to the processing of mandatory header blocks. Mandatory header blocks are those children of the `soap11:Header` element bearing a `soap11:mustUnderstand` attribute with a value of "1".

R1025 A **RECEIVER** *MUST* handle envelopes in such a way that it appears that all checking of mandatory header blocks is performed before any actual processing. **CORE** **NOT_TESTABLE**

This requirement guarantees that no undesirable side effects will occur as a result of noticing a mandatory header block after processing other parts of the message.

3.3.2 Generating mustUnderstand Faults

The Profile requires that receivers generate a fault when they encounter header blocks targeted at them, that they do not understand.

R1027 A **RECEIVER** *MUST* generate a "soap11:MustUnderstand" fault when an envelope contains a mandatory header block (i.e., one that has a `soap11:mustUnderstand` attribute with the value "1") targeted at the receiver (via `soap11:actor`) that the receiver does not understand. **CORE** **NOT_TESTABLE**

3.3.3 SOAP Fault Processing

When a fault is generated, no further processing should be performed. In request-response exchanges, a fault message will be transmitted to the sender of the request, and some application level error will be flagged to the user.

Both SOAP and this Profile use the term 'generate' to denote the creation of a SOAP Fault. It is important to realize that generation of a Fault is distinct from its transmission, which in some cases is not required.

R1028 When a fault is generated by a **RECEIVER**, further processing *SHOULD NOT* be performed on the SOAP envelope aside from that which is necessary to rollback, or compensate for, any effects of processing the envelope prior to the generation of the fault. **CORE** **NOT_TESTABLE**

R1029 Where the normal outcome of processing a SOAP envelope would have resulted in the transmission of a SOAP response, but rather a fault is generated instead, the **RECEIVER** *MUST* NOT transmit the non-faulting response. **CORE** **NOT_TESTABLE**

Note that there may be valid reasons (such as security considerations) why a fault might not be transmitted.

3.4 SOAP Faults

3.4.1 Identifying SOAP Faults

Some consumer implementations erroneously use only the HTTP status code to determine the presence of a Fault. Because there are situations where the Web infrastructure changes the HTTP status code, and for general reliability, the Profile requires that they examine the envelope. A Fault is an envelope that has a single child element of the `soap11:Body` element, that element being the `soap11:Fault` element.

R1107 A RECEIVER MUST interpret a SOAP message as a Fault when the `soap11:Body` of the message has a single `soap11:Fault` child. **CORE** **NOT_TESTABLE**

3.4.2 SOAP Fault Structure

The Profile restricts the content of the `soap11:Fault` element to those elements explicitly described in SOAP 1.1.

R1000 When an **ENVELOPE** is a Fault, the `soap11:Fault` element MUST NOT have element children other than `faultcode`, `faultstring`, `faultactor` and `detail`. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP1260**

INCORRECT:

```
<soap11:Envelope xmlns:soap11="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
  <soap11:Header/>
  <soap11:Body>
    <soap11:Fault>
      <faultcode>soap11:Client</faultcode>
      <faultstring>Invalid message format</faultstring>
      <faultactor>http://example.org/someactor</faultactor>
      <detail>There were lots of elements in the message that I did not
understand.</detail>
      <m:Exception xmlns:m="http://example.org/faults/exceptions">
        <m:ExceptionType>Severe</m:ExceptionType>
      </m:Exception>
    </soap11:Fault>
  </soap11:Body>
</soap11:Envelope>
```

CORRECT:

```
<soap11:Envelope xmlns:soap11="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
  <soap11:Header/>
  <soap11:Body>
    <soap11:Fault xmlns:soap11="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
      <faultcode>soap11:Client</faultcode>
      <faultstring>Invalid message format</faultstring>
      <faultactor>http://example.org/someactor</faultactor>
      <detail xmlns:m="http://example.org/faults/exceptions">
        <m:msg>There were lots of elements in the message that I did not
understand.</m:msg>
        <m:Exception>
          <m:ExceptionType>Severe</m:ExceptionType>
        </m:Exception>
      </detail>
    </soap11:Fault>
  </soap11:Body>
</soap11:Envelope>
```

3.4.3 SOAP Fault Namespace Qualification

The children of the `soap11:Fault` element are local to that element, therefore namespace qualification is unnecessary.

R1001 When an **ENVELOPE** is a Fault, the element children of the `soap11:Fault` element **MUST** be unqualified. **CORE** **TESTABLE**
BP1261

For example,

INCORRECT:

```
<soap11:Envelope xmlns:soap11="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
  <soap11:Header/>
  <soap11:Body>
    <soap11:Fault>
      <soap11:faultcode>soap11:Client</soap11:faultcode>
      <soap11:faultstring>Invalid message format</soap11:faultstring>
      <soap11:faultactor>http://example.org/someactor</soap11:faultactor>
      <soap11:detail>
        <m:msg xmlns:m="http://example.org/faults/exceptions">
          There were lots of elements in the message that I did not
understand.
        </m:msg>
      </soap11:detail>
    </soap11:Fault>
  </soap11:Body>
</soap11:Envelope>
```

CORRECT:

```
<soap11:Envelope xmlns:soap11="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
  <soap11:Header/>
  <soap11:Body>
    <soap11:Fault>
      <faultcode>soap11:Client</faultcode>
      <faultstring>Invalid message format</faultstring>
      <faultactor>http://example.org/someactor</faultactor>
      <detail>
        <m:msg xmlns:m="http://example.org/faults/exceptions">
          There were lots of elements in the message that I did not
understand.
        </m:msg>
      </detail>
    </soap11:Fault>
  </soap11:Body>
</soap11:Envelope>
```

3.4.4 SOAP Fault Extensibility

For extensibility, additional attributes are allowed to appear on the `detail` element and additional elements are allowed to appear as children of the `detail` element.

R1002 A **RECEIVER** **MUST** accept faults that have any number of elements, including zero, appearing as children of the `detail` element. Such children can be qualified or unqualified. **CORE**
NOT_TESTED

R1003 A **RECEIVER** **MUST** accept faults that have any number of qualified or unqualified attributes, including zero, appearing on the `detail` element. The namespace of qualified attributes can

be anything other than

"http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/". CORE NOT_TESTED

3.4.5 SOAP Fault Language

Faultstrings are human-readable indications of the nature of a fault. As such, they may be in a particular language, and therefore the `xml:lang` attribute can be used to indicate the language of the faultstring.

Note that this requirement conflicts with the schema for SOAP appearing at its namespace URL. A schema without conflicts can be found at "<http://ws-i.org/profiles/basic/1.1/soap-envelope-2004-01-21.xsd>".

R1016 A RECEIVER MUST accept faults that carry an `xml:lang` attribute on the `faultstring` element. CORE NOT_TESTED

3.4.6 SOAP Custom Fault Codes

SOAP 1.1 allows custom fault codes to appear inside the `faultcode` element, through the use of the "dot" notation.

Use of this mechanism to extend the meaning of the SOAP 1.1-defined fault codes can lead to namespace collision. Therefore, its use should be avoided, as doing so may cause interoperability issues when the same names are used in the right-hand side of the "." (dot) to convey different meaning.

Instead, the Profile encourages the use of the fault codes defined in SOAP 1.1, along with additional information in the `detail` element to convey the nature of the fault.

Alternatively, it is acceptable to define custom fault codes in a namespace controlled by the specifying authority.

A number of specifications have already defined custom fault codes using the "." (dot) notation. Despite this, their use in future specifications is discouraged.

R1004 When an ENVELOPE contains a `faultcode` element, the content of that element SHOULD be either one of the fault codes defined in SOAP 1.1 (supplying additional information if necessary in the `detail` element), or a QName whose namespace is controlled by the fault's specifying authority (in that order of preference). CORE NOT_TESTABLE

R1031 When an ENVELOPE contains a `faultcode` element the content of that element SHOULD NOT use of the SOAP 1.1 "dot" notation to refine the meaning of the fault. CORE NOT_TESTABLE

It is recommended that applications that require custom fault codes either use the SOAP1.1 defined fault codes and supply additional information in the `detail` element, or that they define these codes in a namespace that is controlled by the specifying authority.

For example,

INCORRECT:

```
<soap11:Envelope xmlns:soap11="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
  <soap11:Header/>
  <soap11:Body>
    <soap11:Fault>
      <faultcode>soap11:Server.ProcessingError</faultcode>
      <faultstring>An error occurred while processing the
message</faultstring>
    </soap11:Fault>
  </soap11:Body>
</soap11:Envelope>
```

CORRECT:

```
<soap11:Envelope xmlns:soap11="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
  <soap11:Header/>
  <soap11:Body>
    <soap11:Fault xmlns:c="http://example.org/faultcodes">
      <faultcode>c:ProcessingError</faultcode>
      <faultstring>An error occurred while processing the
message</faultstring>
    </soap11:Fault>
  </soap11:Body>
</soap11:Envelope>
```

CORRECT:

```
<soap11:Envelope xmlns:soap11="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
  <soap11:Header/>
  <soap11:Body>
    <soap11:Fault>
      <faultcode>soap11:Server</faultcode>
      <faultstring>An error occurred while processing the
message</faultstring>
    </soap11:Fault>
  </soap11:Body>
</soap11:Envelope>
```

3.5 Use of SOAP in HTTP

This section of the Profile incorporates the following specifications by reference:

- [SOAP 1.1 Request Optional Response HTTP Binding \[SOAP1.1-ror\]](#)

While SOAP itself is not transport specific, this Profile focuses on its use with HTTP and makes no requirements on the use of any other transport. Other profiles might be developed to focus on the particulars of other transports, but that is out of scope for this Profile. With respect to compliance to this Profile, any requirement that mentions the HTTP transport applies only when HTTP is being used. Any requirement that is not specific to HTTP (i.e. does not mention HTTP specifically) applies toward conformance regardless of the transport mechanism being used. For convenience, the HTTP transport-specific requirements have been identified and tagged as specified in [Section 2.4](#).

[Section 6 of SOAP 1.1](#) defines a single protocol binding, for [HTTP/1.1](#). The Profile makes use of that binding, and places the following constraints on its use.

For this section, the conformance criteria for the use of HTTP as a transport protocol are specified in [Section 2.3](#).

3.5.1 HTTP Protocol Binding

Several versions of HTTP are defined. HTTP/1.1 has performance advantages, and is more clearly specified than HTTP/1.0.

R1141 *When HTTP is used as the transport, a **MESSAGE MUST** be sent using either HTTP/1.1 or HTTP/1.0.* [HTTP-TRANSPORT](#) [TESTABLE](#) [BP1002](#)

R1140 *When HTTP is used as the transport, a **MESSAGE SHOULD** be sent using HTTP/1.1.* [HTTP-TRANSPORT](#) [TESTABLE](#) [BP1001](#)

Note that support for HTTP/1.0 is implied in HTTP/1.1, and that intermediaries may change the version of a message; for more information about HTTP versioning, see RFC2145, "Use and Interpretation of HTTP Version Numbers."

3.5.2 HTTP Methods and Extensions

The SOAP1.1 specification defined its HTTP binding such that two possible methods could be used, the HTTP POST method and the HTTP Extension Framework's M-POST method. The Profile requires that only the HTTP POST method be used and precludes use of the HTTP Extension Framework.

R1132 A HTTP Request **MESSAGE MUST** use the HTTP POST method. HTTP-TRANSPORT TESTABLE BP1264

R1108 A **MESSAGE MUST NOT** use the HTTP Extension Framework (RFC2774). HTTP-TRANSPORT TESTABLE BP1262

The HTTP Extension Framework is an experimental mechanism for extending HTTP in a modular fashion. Because it is not deployed widely and also because its benefits to the use of SOAP are questionable, the Profile does not allow its use.

3.5.3 SOAPAction HTTP Header

R1109 If present, the values of the following parameters - *type, start-info, SOAPAction, and boundary* - on the Content-Type MIME header field-value in a request **MESSAGE MUST** be a quoted string. HTTP-TRANSPORT TESTABLE BP1006

3.5.4 HTTP Success Status Codes

HTTP uses the 2xx series of status codes to communicate success. In particular, 200 is the default for successful messages, but 202 can be used to indicate that a message has been submitted for processing. Additionally, other 2xx status codes may be appropriate, depending on the nature of the HTTP interaction.

R1124 An **INSTANCE MUST** use a 2xx HTTP status code on a response message that indicates the successful outcome of a HTTP Request. HTTP-TRANSPORT NOT_TESTABLE

R1111 An **INSTANCE SHOULD** use a "200 OK" HTTP status code on a response message that contains an envelope that is not a fault. HTTP-TRANSPORT TESTABLE BP1100

R1112 An **INSTANCE SHOULD** use either a "200 OK" or "202 Accepted" HTTP status code for a response message that does not contain a SOAP envelope but indicates the successful outcome of a HTTP Request. HTTP-TRANSPORT TESTABLE BP1101

Despite the fact that the HTTP 1.1 assigns different meanings to response status codes "200" and "202", in the context of the Profile they should be considered equivalent by the initiator of the request. The Profile accepts both status codes because some SOAP implementations have little control over the HTTP protocol implementation and cannot control which of these response status codes is sent.

3.5.5 HTTP Redirect Status Codes

There are interoperability problems with using many of the HTTP redirect status codes, generally surrounding whether to use the original method, or GET. The Profile mandates "307 Temporary Redirect",

which has the semantic of redirection with the same HTTP method, as the correct status code for redirection. For more information, see the 3xx status code descriptions in RFC2616.

R1130 An **INSTANCE** *MUST* use the "307 Temporary Redirect" HTTP status code when redirecting a request to a different endpoint.

HTTP-TRANSPORT NOT_TESTABLE

RFC2616 notes that user-agents should not automatically redirect requests; however, this requirement was aimed at browsers, not automated processes (which many Web services will be). Therefore, the Profile allows, but does not require, consumers to automatically follow redirections.

3.5.6 HTTP Client Error Status Codes

HTTP uses the 4xx series of status codes to indicate failure due to a client error. Although there are a number of situations that may result in one of these codes, the Profile highlights those when the HTTP Request does not have the proper media type, and when the anticipated method ("POST") is not used.

R1125 An **INSTANCE** *MUST* use a 4xx HTTP status code for a response that indicates a problem with the format of a request.

HTTP-TRANSPORT NOT_TESTABLE

R1113 An **INSTANCE** *SHOULD* use a "400 Bad Request" HTTP status code, if a HTTP Request message is malformed. HTTP-TRANSPORT

NOT_TESTABLE

R1114 An **INSTANCE** *SHOULD* use a "405 Method not Allowed" HTTP status code if a HTTP Request message's method is not "POST". HTTP-TRANSPORT

NOT_TESTABLE

R1115 An **INSTANCE** *SHOULD* use a "415 Unsupported Media Type" HTTP status code if a HTTP Request message's Content-Type header field-value is not permitted by its WSDL description.

HTTP-TRANSPORT NOT_TESTABLE

Note that these requirements do not force an instance to respond to requests. In some cases, such as Denial of Service attacks, an instance may choose to ignore requests.

Also note that [SOAP 1.1, Section 6.2](#) requires that SOAP Fault can only be returned with HTTP 500 "Internal Server Error" code. This profile doesn't change that requirement. When HTTP 4xx error status code is used, the response message should not contain a SOAP Fault.

3.5.7 HTTP Server Error Status Codes

HTTP uses the 5xx series of status codes to indicate failure due to a server error.

R1126 An **INSTANCE** *MUST* return a "500 Internal Server Error" HTTP status code if the response envelope is a Fault. HTTP-TRANSPORT

TESTABLE BP1126

The [HTTP State Management Mechanism](#) ("Cookies") allows the creation of stateful sessions between Web browsers and servers. Because they are designed for hypertext browsing, Cookies do not have well-defined semantics for Web services, and, because they are external to the envelope, are not accommodated by either SOAP 1.1 or WSDL 1.1. This Profile limits the ways in which Cookies can be used, without completely disallowing them.

R1122 An **INSTANCE** *using Cookies SHOULD* conform to RFC2965.

HTTP-TRANSPORT NOT_TESTED

R1121 An **INSTANCE** *SHOULD NOT* require consumer support for Cookies in order to function correctly. HTTP-TRANSPORT

NOT_TESTED

The Profile recommends that cookies not be required by instances for proper operation; they should be a hint, to be used for optimization, without materially affecting the execution of the Web service.

3.5.8 Non-Addressable Consumers and Instances

Definition: non-addressable

A CONSUMER or INSTANCE is deemed "non-addressable" when, for whatever reason, it is either unwilling or unable to provide a network endpoint that is capable of accepting connections. This means that the CONSUMER or INSTANCE cannot service incoming HTTP connections and can only transmit HTTP Request messages and receive HTTP Response messages.

Non-addressable CONSUMERS and INSTANCES, by their nature, cannot service incoming HTTP connections. Therefore any ENVELOPES that they receive, either as requests (in the case of INSTANCES) or responses (in the case of CONSUMERS), MUST, when HTTP is used, be carried in the entity-body of an HTTP Request message.

R1202 *When a CONSUMER is non-addressable, a SOAP ENVELOPE, that is described by the output message of a WSDL operation supported by an INSTANCE, MUST be bound to a HTTP Response message.* HTTP-TRANSPORT TESTABLE BP1126a, BP1126b

R1203 *When an INSTANCE is non-addressable, a SOAP ENVELOPE, that is described by the input message of a WSDL operation supported by the INSTANCE, MUST be bound to a HTTP Response message.* HTTP-TRANSPORT TESTABLE

R1204 *When an INSTANCE is non-addressable, a SOAP ENVELOPE, that is described by the output message of a WSDL operation supported by the INSTANCE, MUST be bound to a HTTP Request message.* HTTP-TRANSPORT TESTABLE

Note that INSTANCES can poll for requests from CONSUMERS using mechanisms such as those described in [WS-MakeConnection](#).

3.6 Use of URIs in SOAP

This section of the Profile incorporates the following specifications by reference:

- [RFC3986: Uniform Resource Identifier \(URI\): Generic Syntax \[RFC3986\]](#)

[Section 4.2.2 of SOAP 1.1](#) discusses the SOAP `actor` attribute. The value of this attribute is a URI. To ensure interoperability it is important that SENDERS and RECEIVERS share a common understanding of how such URI values will be compared. The Profile places the following constraints on the use of such URI values:

3.6.1 Use of SOAP-defined URIs

A SOAP 1.1 defined URI, such as the `actor` value "http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/actor/next", is treated as follows:

R1160 *A RECEIVER, for the purposes of comparison of URI values of information items defined by the SOAP 1.1 specification, MUST treat the computed absolute URI values as simple*

strings as defined in RFC3986 (see [RFC3986, Section 6.2.1](#)).
CORE NOT_TESTABLE

3.7 WS-Addressing Support

WS-Addressing is a part of core Web services infrastructure. To facilitate interoperability and to provide a common baseline, this profile requires compliant clients and services to provide support for WS-Addressing Core, WS-Addressing SOAP Binding and WS-Addressing Metadata, as modified by this Profile.

Support for WS-Addressing by a specific "service" is optional. However, a service may require the use of WS-Addressing, in which case, for successful interaction with that service, a client will need to support it.

Note that two BP compliant web services instances may both support the use of WS-Addressing yet fail to agree on a common set of features necessary to interact with one another. For example, a RECEIVER may require the use of non-anonymous response EPRs (and advertise this via the `wsam:NonAnonymousResponses` nested policy assertion) yet a SENDER, for various reasons (e.g. the presence of NATs or firewalls), may only support the use of anonymous response EPRs.

3.7.1 Requiring WS-Addressing SOAP Headers

R1040 *If an endpoint requires use of WS-Addressing by use of a `wsam:Addressing` policy assertion, an **ENVELOPE** sent by a SENDER MUST carry all required WS-Addressing SOAP headers.* **CORE** TESTABLE BP1040a, BP1040b, BP1040c, BP1142a, BP1142b, BP1142c, BP1143a, BP1143b, BP1143c

3.7.2 NotUnderstood block in MustUnderstand Fault on WS-Addressing SOAP Headers

R1041 *An **ENVELOPE** that is a MustUnderstand SOAP fault, sent from an endpoint that has a policy alternative containing the `wsam:Addressing` assertion attached to its WSDL endpoint subject, MUST NOT contain a NotUnderstood SOAP header block with the `qname` attribute value that identifies a WS-Addressing defined SOAP header block.* **CORE** TESTABLE BP1041

3.7.3 Use of `wsa:Action` and WS-Addressing 1.0 - Metadata

WS-Addressing 1.0 - Metadata, Section 5.1 [**WSAddrMeta**] defines additional constraints on the cardinality of WS-Addressing Message Addressing Properties defined in WS-Addressing 1.0 – Core [**WSAddrCore**]. These constraints are defined for every message involved in WSDL 1.1 transmission primitives. The Profile requires conformance to this section when WS-Addressing is used in conjunction with a WSDL 1.1 description.

R1142 *An **ENVELOPE** that includes a `wsa:Action` SOAP header block and which is described using a WSDL 1.1 description MUST conform to WS-Addressing 1.0 - Metadata, Section 5.1.* **CORE** TESTABLE BP1142a, BP1142b, BP1142c

3.7.4 Valid Values for SOAPAction When WS-Addressing is Used

There could be some confusion with regards to the range of valid values for the `SOAPAction` when WS-Addressing is used, given that the SOAP 1.1 specification permits the use of relative URIs.

When composed with WS-Addressing, the value of the `SOAPAction` HTTP header should be limited to an absolute URI that matches the value specified for `wsa:Action`. The empty string ("") is also allowed for special cases such as security considerations. For example, when the `wsa:Action` header is encrypted, set `SOAPAction` to "" as a way to avoid leakage.

R1144 *When the `wsa:Action` SOAP header block is present in an envelope, the containing HTTP Request **MESSAGE MUST** specify a `SOAPAction` HTTP header with either a value that is an absolute URI that has the same value as the value of the `wsa:Action` header, or a value of "" (empty string). HTTP-TRANSPORT TESTABLE BP1144*

3.7.5 SOAP Defined Faults Action URI

WS-Addressing provides the URI `http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing/soap/fault` for "SOAP defined faults". However, it only recommends, rather than mandates its use for the SOAP 1.1 defined `MustUnderstand` and `VersionMismatch` faults. This Profile mandates the use of the WS-Addressing defined `wsa:Action` value for SOAP 1.1 defined `MustUnderstand` and `VersionMismatch` faults, for interoperability.

R1035 *An **ENVELOPE MUST** use the `http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing/soap/fault` URI as the value for the `wsa:Action` SOAP header element, when present, for either of the SOAP 1.1 defined `VersionMismatch` and `MustUnderstand` faults. CORE TESTABLE BP1035*

3.7.6 Understanding WS-Addressing SOAP Header Blocks

WS-Addressing 1.0 - SOAP Binding [**WSAddrSoap**] defines multiple SOAP header blocks (`wsa:To`, `wsa:From`, `wsa:ReplyTo`, `wsa:FaultTo`, `wsa:Action`, `wsa:MessageID`, and `wsa:RelatesTo`). These SOAP header blocks are part of the same module. A SOAP node that conforms to the Profile understands and honors all of these SOAP header blocks (when it understands WS-Addressing) or none at all (when it does not understand WS-Addressing).

R1143 *When a message contains multiple WS-Addressing SOAP header blocks with at least one of those header blocks containing a `soap11:mustUnderstand='1'` attribute, then a **RECEIVER MUST** honor all the WS-Addressing SOAP header blocks or none of them. CORE TESTABLE BP1043a, BP1043b*

3.7.7 Ignored or Absent WS-Addressing Headers

When WS-Addressing headers are present in a SOAP envelope, but do not contain a `soap11:mustUnderstand="1"` attribute, a **RECEIVER** may choose to ignore these SOAP headers (per **R1143**). Consistent with **R1036**, valid reasons may exist why (not where) faults are not transmitted.

R1145 *If a SOAP envelope does not contain any WS-Addressing header blocks, or contains WS-Addressing header blocks that do not include any `soap11:mustUnderstand="1"` attributes, and the **RECEIVER** chooses to ignore them, then any response (normal or fault) **SHOULD** be transmitted. If it is transmitted*

then it is transmitted on the HTTP Response message (if available). HTTP-TRANSPORT NOT_TESTED

3.7.8 Present and Understood WS-Addressing Headers

When any WS-Addressing header blocks are present in a SOAP envelope (where `soap11:mustUnderstand="1"` attributes exist or the header contents are understood), any non-faulting response will be transmitted to the endpoint referred to by the `wsa:ReplyTo` header. Should a fault be generated, it replaces the non-faulting response.

R1146 A RECEIVER MUST transmit non-faulting responses to the endpoint referred to by the `wsa:ReplyTo` header or generate a fault instead (per R1029). CORE TESTABLE BP1146

SOAP 1.1 allows a RECEIVER to ignore headers that it does not understand. This behavior is particularly relevant for WS-Addressing headers that affect message processing and routing. As an example, take the following message sent to a SOAP node that does not understand the "http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing" namespace:

```
<soap11:Envelope xmlns:soap11="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope"
  xmlns:wsa="http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing">
  <soap11:Header>
    <wsa:MessageID>uuid:8B82EA41-1485-13A6-5631527DC83F4168</wsa:MessageID>
    <wsa:Action>http://www.wstf.org/docs/scenarios/sc002/Echo</wsa:Action>
    <wsa:ReplyTo>
      <wsa:Address>http://server.foobie.com/NotifyEcho/asynchResp</wsa:Address>
    </wsa:ReplyTo>
    ...
  </soap11:Header>
  <soap11:Body>
    ...
  </soap11:Body>
</soap11:Envelope>
```

The SENDER expects the response to be sent "server.foobie.com". Yet, because it does not recognize the WS-Addressing 1.0 namespace, the RECEIVER will ignore the WS-Addressing headers as if WS-Addressing weren't engaged; consequently the SOAP response will be sent in the entity-body of the HTTP Response and may be missed by the SENDER.

Another example is where a message with an empty SOAP Body carries the semantic intent in its `wsa:Action` header.

In situations where the ability of the receiving node to understand WS-Addressing 1.0 headers is in doubt and the correct processing of the WS-Addressing is semantically significant (such as the two examples given), the SENDER is encouraged to add the `soap11:mustUnderstand` attribute with a value of "1" to the `wsa:Action` header. This prompts the RECEIVER to generate a MustUnderstand fault in cases where the WS-Addressing headers are not understood.

3.7.9 SOAP MustUnderstand or VersionMismatch fault Transmission

SOAP MustUnderstand and VersionMismatch faults are detected irrespective of the use of WS-Addressing headers. There may be valid reasons why (not where) faults are transmitted, e.g. security concerns or the HTTP Response connection is no longer available. In these cases the SENDER will not receive any SOAP envelope response.

R1036 *Regardless of whether the `wsa:ReplyTo` or `wsa:FaultTo` SOAP headers appear in the incoming message, a **RECEIVER** that receives a SOAP envelope that generates either a SOAP MustUnderstand or VersionMismatch fault **SHOULD** transmit either fault. If it is transmitted, such a fault is transmitted on the HTTP Response message (if available).* HTTP-TRANSPORT
NOT_TESTED

3.7.10 Faulting Behavior with Present and Understood WS-Addressing Headers

When WS-Addressing headers are present in a SOAP envelope (where `soap11:mustUnderstand="1"` attributes exist or the header contents are understood), should a fault be generated, it will be transmitted to the endpoint referred to by the `wsa:FaultTo` header. WS-Addressing specifies expected behavior should the `wsa:FaultTo` header be absent.

R1147 *If a fault is generated, the **RECEIVER** **SHOULD** transmit the fault (per [R1029](#)).* CORE NOT_TESTED

R1161 *Other than those faults specified in [R1036](#), faults in [R1147](#) **SHOULD** be transmitted by the **RECEIVER** as specified in [WS-Addressing 1.0 - Core, Section 3.4](#).* CORE TESTABLE

R1162 *When the `wsa:FaultTo` SOAP header exists, the **RECEIVER** **MUST NOT** transmit faults to the endpoint referred to by the `wsa:ReplyTo` header.* CORE TESTABLE

R1148 *If an error occurs when transmitting the fault in [R1147](#), a **RECEIVER** **MAY** choose to send a fault related to this transmission error on the HTTP Response (if available).* HTTP-TRANSPORT NOT_TESTED

Note: To avoid a recursive situation, if a fault is generated while trying to transmit to the endpoint referred to by the `wsa:ReplyTo` header ([R1146](#)) and the `wsa:FaultTo` header is absent, [R1147](#) does not apply.

3.7.11 [message id] and One-Way Operations

When sending a one-way message the SENDER could choose to ignore any possible response - for example, a fault. However, if the SENDER is interested in receiving those messages, the SENDER will need to include a [message id] property in the one-way message to ensure that the response can be successfully transmitted (see [WS-Addressing 1.0 - Core, Section 3.4](#)).

R1163 When applying the processing rules defined by [WS-Addressing 1.0 - Core, Section 3.4](#), if a related message lacks a [message id] property, the **RECEIVER MUST** generate a

`wsa:MessageAddressingHeaderRequired` fault. **CORE** **TESTABLE**

While the RECEIVER is under no obligation to transmit faults, including a [message id] property will provide the RECEIVER with sufficient information to generate a response if needed.

3.7.12 Refusal to Honor WS-Addressing Headers

There may be many reasons (e.g. security, unsupported `wsa:Address` values, ...) why a RECEIVER does not honor any WS-Addressing headers. In these cases and irrespective of where the condition occurs, when any WS-Addressing headers are present in a SOAP envelope (where `soap11:mustUnderstand=1` attributes exist or the header contents are understood), the RECEIVER must generate a fault.

R1149 If a **RECEIVER** detects one of the error conditions specified in [Section 6.4 of the Web Services Addressing 1.0 - SOAP Binding](#), it **MUST** generate a fault using the [Code], [Subcode], and [Subsubcode] listed for that particular error condition. **CORE** **TESTABLE** [BP1149a](#) [BP1149b](#) [BP1149c](#) [BP1149d](#)

3.7.13 Use of Non-Anonymous Response EPRs

The WS-Addressing [destination] URI of an outgoing message influences where this message will be sent. In the case of the outgoing response (normal or fault), if this URI is a non-anonymous URI then this message will be sent over a separate HTTP connection from one used to carry the request message.

R1152 If an **INSTANCE** attempts to send a message to a non-anonymous [destination] URI then the message **MUST** be transmitted in the entity-body of an HTTP Request. **CORE** **TESTABLE** [BP1152a](#) [BP1152b](#) [BP1152c](#)

3.7.14 Optionality of the `wsa:To` header

WS-Addressing 1.0 - Core and WS-Addressing 1.0 - Metadata are unclear about whether and when the `wsa:To` header element is required in a SOAP message. This Profile makes the following, clarifying requirement.

R1153 Except in cases in which an instance exposes a WSDL description and its endpoint includes a `wsdl:port` that has been extended with a `wsa:EndpointReference`, a **RECEIVER MUST NOT** fault a SOAP request message due to the absence of the `wsa:To` header. **CORE** **TESTABLE** [BP1153a](#), [BP1153b](#)

Although the `wsa:To` header is optional, as a matter of best practice implementations are encouraged to include this header (with a non-anonymous value) as its presence provides a greater degree of flexibility in handling certain situations; for example, when moving a service endpoint from one URI to another.

As per WS-Addressing 1.0 - Core, the [destination] message addressing property of a request message without a `wsa:To` header is "http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing/anonymous". Note that none of the WS-Addressing 1.0 specifications describes the semantics of sending a SOAP request message, over HTTP, either without a `wsa:To` header or with a `wsa:To` header with the value of "http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing/anonymous". To clarify, such a request is considered to be addressed to "the entity listening at the URI of the HTTP Request that contains this message". Sent over a connection to `http://www.example.org`, the following three example messages are consistent:

For example,

CORRECT:

```

POST /NotifyEcho/soap11service HTTP/1.1
Content-Type: text/xml;charset=UTF-8
...
<soap11:Envelope ...>
  <soap11:Header>
    <wsa:Action>http://www.wstf.org/sc002/Echo</wsa:Action>
  </soap11:Header>
  <soap11:Body>
    ...
  </soap11:Body>
</soap11:Envelope>
CORRECT:
POST /NotifyEcho/soap11service HTTP/1.1
Content-Type: text/xml;charset=UTF-8
...
<soap11:Envelope ...>
  <soap11:Header>
    <wsa:To>http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing/anonymous</wsa:To>
    <wsa:Action>http://www.wstf.org/sc002/Echo</wsa:Action>
  </soap11:Header>
  <soap11:Body>
    ...
  </soap11:Body>
</soap11:Envelope>
CORRECT:
POST /NotifyEcho/soap11service HTTP/1.1
Content-Type: text/xml;charset=UTF-8
...
<soap11:Envelope ...>
  <soap11:Header>
    <wsa:To>http://www.example.org/NotifyEcho/soap11service</wsa:To>
    <wsa:Action>http://www.wstf.org/sc002/Echo</wsa:Action>
  </soap11:Header>
  <soap11:Body>
    ...
  </soap11:Body>
</soap11:Envelope>

```

3.7.15 Extending WSDL Endpoints with an EPR

WS-Addressing 1.0 - Metadata is unclear about the relationship between the elements of a WSDL 1.1 description of an endpoint and the values of the addressing properties of a message sent to that endpoint. In particular, the value of the [destination] message addressing property needs to be clarified in order to insure interoperability between SENDER and RECEIVER. There are two cases to consider. The first case is where the `wsdl:port` has been extended with a `wsa:EndpointReference` as described by Section 4.1 of WS-Addressing 1.0 - Metadata. In this case the following requirement applies:

R1154 *When sending a request message to an endpoint which is specified by a WSDL 1.1 description in which the `wsdl:port` element has been extended with a `wsa:EndpointReference`, if the `wsa:Action` SOAP header block is present, the **SENDER** **MUST** populate the `wsa:To` and reference parameter SOAP headers of that request message with the values of the `wsa:Address` and `wsa:ReferenceParameters` elements (respectively) of the extending endpoint reference. **CORE***
TESTABLE

Note that, since [address] is a required property of an endpoint reference, extending a `wsdl:port` with a `wsa:EndpointReference` has the effect of populating the [destination] property of the outgoing message, thus mandating the inclusion of the `wsa:To` header.

The second case is where the `wsdl:port` has not been extended with a `wsa:EndpointReference`.

R1155 *When sending a request message to an endpoint which is specified by a WSDL 1.1 description in which the `wsdl:port` element has **not** been extended with a `wsa:EndpointReference`, if the `wsa:Action` SOAP header block is present, the **SENDER MAY** populate the `wsa:To` SOAP header of that request message with the value of the `location` attribute of the `wssoap11:address` extension element. **CORE**
TESTABLE*

3.7.16 Combining Synchronous and Asynchronous Operations

WS-Addressing 1.0 - Metadata defines a policy assertion, `wsam:Addressing`, that is used to indicate whether WS-Addressing is supported or required. It is a nested policy container assertion and can contain additional restrictions (specifically the `wsam:AnonymousResponses` and `wsam:NonAnonymousResponses` policy assertions) on the value of the response endpoint EPRs in request messages. A top-level assertion without any nested assertions implies that both anonymous and non-anonymous are allowed. The WS-Addressing 1.0 - Metadata specification sets the scope of this assertion to be endpoint policy subject. However, with regards to the anonymous/non-anonymous restrictions, experience has shown that it is often desirable to have different policies for different operations on the same endpoint. For example, some of the operations of an endpoint may need to be synchronous while others may need to be asynchronous. It is worthwhile to indicate this difference in a WSDL description. In the absence of any guidance on the mechanism(s) for expressing such per-operation distinctions, individual implementations will create their own extensions for enabling this feature. To avoid the interoperability problems inherent in such an approach, the Profile defines the following extension to the behavior defined by WS-Addressing 1.0 Metadata.

WS-Addressing 1.0 Metadata allows policies containing the `wsam:Addressing` policy assertion to be attached to either a `wsdl:port` or a `wsdl:binding`. To these two options the Profile adds a third option which allows policies containing the `wsam:Addressing` policy assertion to be attached to `wsdl:binding/wsdl:operation` elements. When the `wsam:Addressing` policy assertion is attached to the `wsdl:binding/wsdl:operation` element, it applies to the operation policy subject. Nevertheless, it should always be the case that if one operation of an endpoint supports or requires WS-Addressing, then all operations of that endpoint must support or require WS-Addressing (although, potentially, with different restrictions). Furthermore, to simplify the calculation of the effective policy for each operation and decrease the possibility of creating conflicting policies, each operation within such an endpoint should affirmatively declare its policy with respect to WS-Addressing.

R1156 *In a **DESCRIPTION**, a policy that contains the `wsam:Addressing` assertion **MUST** be attached to either a `wsdl:port`, a `wsdl:binding` or a `wsdl:binding/wsdl:operation`. **CORE**
NOT_TESTABLE*

R1157 *If a **DESCRIPTION** has a policy alternative containing the `wsam:Addressing` assertion attached to a `wsdl:binding/wsdl:operation`, then all of the `wsdl:operations` within that `wsdl:binding` **MUST** also have a policy alternative containing the `wsam:Addressing` assertion attached to them. **CORE** **NOT_TESTABLE***

In addition to the above restrictions and as stated in [R1158](#), the effective policy alternatives for a given policy subject must not contain conflicting assertions.

For example,

INCORRECT:

```
<wsdl:binding name="sc009SOAP11Binding" type="tns:sc009PortType">
  <wsp:Policy>
    <wsam:Addressing>
      <wsp:Policy/>
    </wsam:Addressing>
  </wsp:Policy>
  ...
  <wsdl:operation name="CreatePO">
    <wsp:Policy>
      <wsam:Addressing>
        <wsp:Policy>
          <wsam:NonAnonymousResponses/>
        </wsp:Policy>
      </wsam:Addressing>
    </wsp:Policy>
    ...
  </wsdl:operation>

  <wsdl:operation name="GetPOStatus">
    ...
  </wsdl:operation>

  <wsdl:operation name="UpdatePO">
    <wsp:Policy>
      <wsam:Addressing>
        <wsp:Policy>
          <wsam:NonAnonymousResponses/>
        </wsp:Policy>
      </wsam:Addressing>
    </wsp:Policy>
    ...
  </wsdl:operation>

  <wsdl:operation name="CancelPO">
    ...
  </wsdl:operation>
</wsdl:binding>

<wsdl:service name="sc009Service">
  <wsdl:port name="soap11port" binding="tns:sc009SOAP11Binding">
    ...
  </wsdl:port>
</wsdl:service>
```

The above example is incorrect for two reasons. Firstly, it violates R1157 because the GetPOStatus and CancelPO operations do not have policies containing the `wsam:Addressing` assertion attached to them. Secondly, the effective policies for both the CreatePO and UpdatePO operations contain conflicting assertions (a `wsam:Addressing` assertion that is unconstrained with regards to anonymous/non-anonymous and a `wsam:Addressing` assertion that is constrained to just non-anonymous) within the same alternative.

For example,

INCORRECT:

```
<wsdl:binding name="sc009SOAP11Binding" type="tns:sc009PortType">
  ...
  <wsdl:operation name="CreatePO">
```



```

    <wsp:Policy>
      <wsam:Addressing>
        <wsp:Policy>
          <wsam:NonAnonymousResponses/>
        </wsp:Policy>
      </wsam:Addressing>
    </wsp:Policy>
    ...
  </wsdl:operation>

  <wsdl:operation name="GetPOStatus">
    <wsp:Policy>
      <wsam:Addressing>
        <wsp:Policy/>
      </wsam:Addressing>
    </wsp:Policy>
    ...
  </wsdl:operation>

  <wsdl:operation name="UpdatePO">
    <wsp:Policy>
      <wsam:Addressing>
        <wsp:Policy>
          <wsam:NonAnonymousResponses/>
        </wsp:Policy>
      </wsam:Addressing>
    </wsp:Policy>
    ...
  </wsdl:operation>

  <wsdl:operation name="CancelPO">
    <wsp:Policy>
      <wsam:Addressing>
        <wsp:Policy/>
      </wsam:Addressing>
    </wsp:Policy>
    ...
  </wsdl:operation>
</wsdl:binding>

<wsdl:service name="sc009Service">
  <wsdl:port name="soap11port" binding="tns:sc009SOAP11Binding">
    <wsp:Policy>
      <wsam:Addressing>
        <wsp:Policy/>
      </wsam:Addressing>
    </wsp:Policy>
    ...
  </wsdl:port>
</wsdl:service>

```

The above example is incorrect because the effective policies for both the CreatePO and UpdatePO operations contain conflicting assertions (a `wsam:Addressing` assertion that is unconstrained with regards to anonymous/non-anonymous and a `wsam:Addressing` assertion that is constrained to just non-anonymous) within the same alternative.

For example,

CORRECT:

```

<wsdl:binding name="sc009SOAP11Binding" type="tns:sc009PortType">
  ...
  <wsdl:operation name="CreatePO">
    <wsp:Policy>
      <wsam:Addressing>
        <wsp:Policy>
          <wsam:NonAnonymousResponses/>
        </wsp:Policy>
      </wsam:Addressing>
    </wsp:Policy>
  </wsdl:operation>

  <wsdl:operation name="GetPOStatus">
    <wsp:Policy>
      <wsam:Addressing>
        <wsp:Policy/>
      </wsam:Addressing>
    </wsp:Policy>
  </wsdl:operation>

  <wsdl:operation name="UpdatePO">
    <wsp:Policy>
      <wsam:Addressing>
        <wsp:Policy>
          <wsam:NonAnonymousResponses/>
        </wsp:Policy>
      </wsam:Addressing>
    </wsp:Policy>
  </wsdl:operation>

  <wsdl:operation name="CancelPO">
    <wsp:Policy>
      <wsam:Addressing>
        <wsp:Policy/>
      </wsam:Addressing>
    </wsp:Policy>
  </wsdl:operation>
</wsdl:binding>

<wsdl:service name="sc009Service">
  <wsdl:port name="soap11port" binding="tns:sc009SOAP11Binding">
    ...
  </wsdl:port>
</wsdl:service>

```

The above example is correct. All of the operations in the soap11port of the s009Service require WS-Addressing. While the response EPRs for GetPOStatus and CancelPO are unconstrained, the response EPRs for the CreatePO and UpdatePO operations must be non-anonymous.

3.7.17 Conflicting Addressing Policies

When used together, the `wsam:AnonymousResponses` and `wsam:NonAnonymousResponses` nested policy assertions could result in an effective policy that contradicts WS-Addressing 1.0 - Metadata (i.e. "request messages sent to this endpoint must use response endpoint EPRs that simultaneously do and

do not contain the WS-Addressing anonymous URI"). The Profile restricts the use of the `wsam:AnonymousResponses` and `wsam:NonAnonymousResponses` nested policy assertions to avoid this situation.

R1158 In a **DESCRIPTION** the effective policy for a given endpoint **MUST NOT** contain both the `wsam:AnonymousResponses` and `wsam:NonAnonymousResponses` assertions within a single policy alternative. **CORE** **NOT_TESTABLE**

4 Service Description

The Profile uses Web Services Description Language (WSDL) to enable the description of services as sets of endpoints operating on messages.

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

- [Namespaces in XML 1.0 \(Second Edition\) \[xmlNames\]](#)
- [XML Schema Part 1: Structures \[xmSchema-1\]](#)
Extensibility points:
 - **E0017** - Schema annotations - XML Schema allows for annotations, which may be used to convey additional information about data structures. **CORE**
- [XML Schema Part 2: Datatypes \[xmSchema-2\]](#)
- [Web Services Description Language \(WSDL\) 1.1 \[WSDL1.1\]](#)
Extensibility points:
 - **E0013** - WSDL extensions - WSDL allows extension elements and attributes in certain places, including the use and specification of alternate protocol binding extensions; use of such extensions requires out-of-band negotiation. **CORE**
 - **E0014** - Validation mode - whether the parser used to read WSDL and XML Schema documents performs DTD validation or not. **CORE**
 - **E0015** - Fetching of external resources - whether the parser used to read WSDL and XML Schema documents fetches external entities and DTDs. **CORE**
 - **E0016** - Relative URIs - WSDL does not adequately specify the use of relative URIs for the following: `wsoap11:body/@namespace`, `wsoap11:address/@location`, `wsdl:import/@location`, `xsd:schema/@targetNamespace` and `xsd:import/@schemaLocation`. Their use may require further coordination; see XML Base for more information. **CORE**

These extensibility points are listed, along with any extensibility points from other sections of this Profile, in [Appendix B](#)

4.1 Required Description

An instance of a Web service is required to make the contract that it operates under available in some fashion.

R0001 *Either an **INSTANCE**'s WSDL 1.1 description, its UDDI binding template, or both **MUST** be available to an authorized consumer upon request.* **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2703**

This means that if an authorized consumer requests a service description of a conformant service instance, then the service instance provider must make the WSDL document, the UDDI binding template, or both available to that consumer. A service instance may provide run-time access to WSDL documents from a server, but is not required to do so in order to be considered conformant. Similarly, a service instance provider may register the instance provider in a UDDI registry, but is not required to do so to be considered conformant. In all of these scenarios, the WSDL contract must exist, but might be made available through a variety of mechanisms, depending on the circumstances.

4.2 Document Structure

[WSDL 1.1, Section 2.1](#) defines the overall structure of an XML document for describing Web services. This Profile mandates the use of that structure, and places the following constraints on its use.

Note that [Section 5.1, "Document Structure"](#) , contains additional, corrective requirements on the structure of a WSDL 1.1 document.

4.2.1 WSDL Import location Attribute Structure

WSDL 1.1 is not clear about whether the `location` attribute of the `wsdl:import` statement is required, or what its content is required to be.

R2007 A **DESCRIPTION** *MUST* specify a non-empty `location` attribute on the `wsdl:import` element. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2098**

Although the `wsdl:import` statement is modeled after the `xsd:import` statement, the `location` attribute is required by `wsdl:import` while the corresponding attribute on `xsd:import` , `schemaLocation` is optional. Consistent with `location` being required, its content is not intended to be empty.

4.2.2 WSDL Import location Attribute Semantics

WSDL 1.1 is unclear about whether WSDL processors must actually retrieve and process the WSDL document from the URI specified in the `location` attribute on the `wsdl:import` statements it encounters.

R2008 A **CONSUMER** *MAY*, but need not, retrieve a WSDL description from the URI specified in the `location` attribute on a `wsdl:import` element. **CORE** **NOT_TESTED**

The value of the `location` attribute of a `wsdl:import` element is a hint. A WSDL processor may have other ways of locating a WSDL description for a given namespace.

4.2.3 XML Version Requirements

Neither WSDL 1.1 nor XML Schema 1.0 mandate a particular version of XML. For interoperability, WSDL documents and the schemas they import expressed in XML must use version 1.0.

R4004 A **DESCRIPTION** *MUST* use version 1.0 of the eXtensible Markup Language W3C Recommendation. **CORE** **NOT_TESTED**

4.2.4 XML Namespace Declarations

Although published errata NE05 (see <http://www.w3.org/XML/xml-names-19990114-errata>) allows this namespace declaration to appear, some older processors considered such a declaration to be an error. This requirement ensures that conformant artifacts have the broadest interoperability possible.

R4005 A **DESCRIPTION** *SHOULD NOT* contain the namespace declaration `xmlns:xml="http://www.w3.org/XML/1998/namespace"`. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2034**

4.2.5 WSDL and the Unicode BOM

XML 1.0 allows documents that use the UTF-8 character encoding to include a BOM; therefore, description processors must be prepared to accept them.

R4002 A **DESCRIPTION** *MAY* include the Unicode Byte Order Mark (BOM). **CORE** **NOT_TESTED**

4.2.6 Acceptable WSDL Character Encodings

The Profile consistently requires either UTF-8 or UTF-16 encoding for both SOAP and WSDL.

R4003 A **DESCRIPTION** *MUST* use either UTF-8 or UTF-16 encoding.
CORE TESTABLE BP2201

4.2.7 Namespace Coercion

Namespace coercion on `wsdl:import` is disallowed by the Profile.

R2005 The `targetNamespace` attribute on the `wsdl:definitions` element of a description that is being imported *MUST* have same the value as the `namespace` attribute on the `wsdl:import` element in the importing **DESCRIPTION**. CORE TESTABLE BP2104

4.2.8 WSDL Extensions

Requiring support for WSDL extensions that are not explicitly specified by this or another WS-I Profile can lead to interoperability problems with development tools that have not been instrumented to understand those extensions.

R2025 A **DESCRIPTION** containing WSDL extensions *MUST NOT* use them to contradict other requirements of the Profile. CORE NOT_TESTABLE

R2026 A **DESCRIPTION** *SHOULD NOT* include extension elements with a `wsdl:required` attribute value of "true" on any WSDL construct (`wsdl:binding`, `wsdl:portType`, `wsdl:message`, `wsdl:types` or `wsdl:import`) that claims conformance to the Profile. CORE TESTABLE BP2123

R2027 If during the processing of a description, a consumer encounters a WSDL extension element that has a `wsdl:required` attribute with a boolean value of "true" that the consumer does not understand or cannot process, the **CONSUMER** *MUST* fail processing. CORE NOT_TESTABLE

Development tools that consume a WSDL description and generate software for a Web service instance might not have built-in understanding of an unknown WSDL extension. Hence, use of required WSDL extensions should be avoided. Use of a required WSDL extension that does not have an available specification for its use and semantics imposes potentially insurmountable interoperability concerns for all but the author of the extension. Use of a required WSDL extension that has an available specification for its use and semantics reduces, but does not eliminate the interoperability concerns that lead to this refinement.

For the purposes of the Profile, all elements in the "http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/" namespace are extensible via element as well as attributes. As a convenience, WS-I has published a version of the WSDL 1.1 schema that reflects this capability at: <http://ws-i.org/profiles/basic/1.1/wsdl-2004-08-24.xsd>

4.3 Types

WSDL 1.1, Section 2.2 defines the `wsdl:types` element to enclose data type definitions that are relevant to the Web service described. The Profile places the following constraints pertinent to those

portions of the content of the `wsdl:types` element that are referred to by WSDL elements that make Profile conformance claims:

4.3.1 QName References

XML Schema requires each QName reference to use either the target namespace, or an imported namespace (one marked explicitly with an `xsd:import` element). QName references to namespaces represented only by nested imports are not allowed.

WSDL 1.1 is unclear as to which schema target namespaces are suitable for QName references from a WSDL element. The Profile allows QName references from WSDL elements both to the target namespace defined by the `xsd:schema` element, and to imported namespaces. QName references to namespaces that are only defined through a nested import are not allowed.

R2101 A **DESCRIPTION** *MUST NOT* use QName references to WSDL components in namespaces that have been *neither imported, nor defined in the referring WSDL document.* CORE TESTABLE BP2416

R2102 A QName reference to a Schema component in a **DESCRIPTION** *MUST* use the namespace defined in the `targetNamespace` attribute on the `xsd:schema` element, or to a namespace defined in the `namespace` attribute on an `xsd:import` element within the `xsd:schema` element. CORE TESTABLE BP2417

4.3.2 Schema targetNamespace Structure

Requiring a `targetNamespace` on all `xsd:schema` elements that are children of `wsdl:types` is a good practice, places a minimal burden on authors of WSDL documents, and avoids the cases that are not as clearly defined as they might be.

R2105 All `xsd:schema` elements contained in a `wsdl:types` element of a **DESCRIPTION** *MUST* have a `targetNamespace` attribute with a valid and non-null value, *UNLESS* the `xsd:schema` element has `xsd:import` and/or `xsd:annotation` as its only child element(s). CORE TESTABLE BP2107

4.3.3 soapenc:Array

The recommendations in WSDL 1.1 Section 2.2 for declaration of array types have been interpreted in various ways, leading to interoperability problems. Further, there are other clearer ways to declare arrays.

R2110 In a **DESCRIPTION**, declarations *MUST NOT* extend or restrict the `soapenc:Array` type. CORE TESTABLE BP2108b

R2111 In a **DESCRIPTION**, declarations *MUST NOT* use `wsdl:arrayType` attribute in the type declaration. CORE TESTABLE BP2108a

R2112 In a **DESCRIPTION**, elements *SHOULD NOT* be named using the convention `ArrayOfXXX`. CORE TESTABLE BP2110

R2113 An **ENVELOPE** *MUST NOT* include the `soapenc:arrayType` attribute. CORE TESTABLE BP1204

For example,

INCORRECT:

Given the WSDL Description:

```
<xsd:element name="MyArray2" type="tns:MyArray2Type"/>
<xsd:complexType name="MyArray2Type"
  xmlns:soapenc="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-encoding"
  xmlns:wsdl="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:restriction base="soapenc:Array">
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:element name="x" type="xsd:string" minOccurs="0"
maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      </xsd:sequence>
      <xsd:attribute ref="soapenc:arrayType"
wsdl:arrayType="tns:MyArray2Type[]" />
    </xsd:restriction> </xsd:complexContent>
  </xsd:complexType>
```

The envelope would serialize as (omitting namespace declarations for clarity):

```
<MyArray2 soapenc:arrayType="tns:MyArray2Type[]" ">
  <x>abcd</x>
  <x>efgh</x>
</MyArray2>
```

CORRECT:

Given the WSDL Description:

```
<xsd:element name="MyArray1" type="tns:MyArray1Type"/>
<xsd:complexType name="MyArray1Type">
  <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element name="x" type="xsd:string" minOccurs="0"
maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
  </xsd:sequence>
</xsd:complexType>
```

The envelope would serialize as (omitting namespace declarations for clarity):

```
<MyArray1>
  <x>abcd</x>
  <x>efgh</x>
</MyArray1>
```

4.3.4 WSDL and Schema Definition Target Namespaces

The names defined by schemas and the names assigned to WSDL definitions are in separate symbol spaces.

R2114 *The target namespace for WSDL definitions and the target namespace for schema definitions in a **DESCRIPTION** MAY be the same.* **CORE** **NOT_TESTED**

4.3.5 Multiple GED Definitions with the same QName

The schema components of all the `xs:schema` children, and their imports and includes, of the `wsdl:types` element comprise a single symbol space containing all the global element declarations. Thus, when global element declarations share a qualified name, a single component will be represented in the symbol space. If two declarations are identical, there is no ambiguity in the structure of the component, but if the declarations differ, it is indeterminate as to which of the declarations will be represented, which may lead to interoperability problems. Because defining an equivalence algorithm is impractical, this requirement warns against any appearance of declarations with the same qualified name. However, duplicate declarations are not strictly prohibited, as user inspection may determine that two declarations are actually identical (e.g. they were imported from the same set of components) and thus are unlikely to cause interoperability problems.

R2115 *A **DESCRIPTION** SHOULD NOT contain multiple global element declarations that share the same qualified name.* **CORE** **TESTABLE**
BP2124

4.3.6 Multiple Type Definitions with the same QName

The schema components of all the `xs:schema` children, and their imports and includes, of the `wsdl:types` element comprise single symbol spaces containing all the type definitions. Thus, when type definitions share a qualified name, a single component will be represented in the symbol space. If two definitions are identical, there is no ambiguity in the structure of the component, but if the definitions differ, it is indeterminate as to which of the definitions will be represented, which may lead to interoperability problems. Because defining an equivalence algorithm is impractical, this requirement warns against any appearance of definitions with the same qualified name. However, duplicate definitions are not strictly prohibited, as user inspection may determine that two definitions are actually identical (e.g. they were imported from the same set of components) and thus are unlikely to cause interoperability problems.

R2116 *A **DESCRIPTION** SHOULD NOT contain multiple type definitions that share the same qualified name.* **CORE** **TESTABLE**
BP2125

4.4 Messages

[WSDL 1.1](#), [Section 2.3](#) defines the `wsdl:message` elements that are used to represent abstract definitions of the data being transmitted. It uses `wsdl:binding` elements to define how the abstract definitions are bound to a specific message serialization. This Profile places the following constraints on `wsdl:message` elements and on how conformant `wsdl:binding` elements may use `wsdl:message` element(s).

Note that [Section 5.2, "Message"](#), contains additional, corrective requirements on the structure of `wsdl:message` elements.

In this section the following definitions are used to make the requirements more compact and easier to understand.

Definition: rpc-literal binding

An "rpc-literal binding" is a `wsdl:binding` element whose child `wsdl:operation` elements are all rpc-literal operations.

An "rpc-literal operation" is a `wsdl:operation` child element of `wsdl:binding` whose `wsoap11:body` descendant elements specify the `use` attribute with the value "literal", and either:

1. The `style` attribute with the value "rpc" is specified on the child `wsoap11:operation` element; or
2. The `style` attribute is not present on the child `wsoap11:operation` element, and the `wsoap11:binding` element in the enclosing `wsdl:binding` specifies the `style` attribute with the value "rpc".

Definition: document-literal binding

A "document-literal binding" is a `wsdl:binding` element whose child `wsdl:operation` elements are all document-literal operations.

A "document-literal operation" is a `wsdl:operation` child element of `wsdl:binding` whose `wsoap11:body` descendent elements specifies the `use` attribute with the value "literal" and, either:

1. The `style` attribute with the value "document" is specified on the child `wsoap11:operation` element; or
2. The `style` attribute is not present on the child `wsoap11:operation` element, and the `wsoap11:binding` element in the enclosing `wsdl:binding` specifies the `style` attribute with the value "document"; or
3. The `style` attribute is not present on both the child `wsoap11:operation` element and the `wsoap11:binding` element in the enclosing `wsdl:binding`.

4.4.1 Bindings and Parts

There are various interpretations about how many `wsdl:part` elements are permitted or required for document-literal and rpc-literal bindings and how they must be defined.

R2201 A document-literal binding in a **DESCRIPTION** **MUST**, in each of its `wsoap11:body` element(s), have at most one part listed in the `parts` attribute, if the `parts` attribute is specified. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2111**

R2210 If a document-literal binding in a **DESCRIPTION** does not specify the `parts` attribute on a `wsoap11:body` element, the corresponding abstract `wsdl:message` **MUST** define zero or one `wsdl:part`s. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2119**

R2202 A `wsdl:binding` in a **DESCRIPTION** **MAY** contain `wsoap11:body` element(s) that specify that zero parts form the `soap11:Body`. **CORE** **NOT_TESTED**

R2203 An rpc-literal binding in a **DESCRIPTION** **MUST** refer, in its `wsoap11:body` element(s), only to `wsdl:part` element(s) that have been defined using the `type` attribute. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2013**

R2211 An **ENVELOPE** described with an rpc-literal binding **MUST NOT** have the `xsi:nil` attribute with a value of "1" or "true" on the part accessors. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP1211a**, **BP1211b**

R2207 A `wsdl:message` in a **DESCRIPTION** **MAY** contain `wsdl:parts` that use the `elements` attribute provided those `wsdl:parts` are

not referred to by a `wsoap11:body` in an `rpc-literal` binding. CORE
NOT_TESTED

R2204 A document-literal binding in a **DESCRIPTION** **MUST** refer, in each of its `wsoap11:body` element(s), only to `wsdl:part` element(s) that have been defined using the `element` attribute. CORE TESTABLE BP2012

R2208 A binding in a **DESCRIPTION** **MAY** contain `wsoap11:header` element(s) that refer to `wsdl:parts` in the same `wsdl:message` that are referred to by its `wsoap11:body` element(s). CORE
NOT_TESTED

R2212 An **ENVELOPE** described using an `rpc-literal` binding **MUST** contain exactly one part accessor element for each of the `wsdl:part` elements bound to the `wsoap11:body` element in the `rpc-literal` binding corresponding to the envelope. CORE TESTABLE
BP1212a, BP1212b

R2213 In a doc-literal description where the value of the `parts` attribute of `wsoap11:body` is an empty string, the corresponding **ENVELOPE** **MUST** have no element content in the `soap11:Body` element. CORE TESTABLE BP1213a, BP1213b

R2214 In a `rpc-literal` description where the value of the `parts` attribute of `wsoap11:body` is an empty string, the corresponding **ENVELOPE** **MUST** have no part accessor elements. CORE
TESTABLE BP1214a, BP1214b

Use of `wsdl:message` elements with zero parts is permitted in Document styles to permit operations that can send or receive envelopes with empty `soap11:Body` s. Use of `wsdl:message` elements with zero parts is permitted in RPC styles to permit operations that have no (zero) parameters and/or a return value.

For document-literal bindings, the Profile requires that at most one part, abstractly defined with the `element` attribute, be serialized into the `soap11:Body` element.

When a `wsdl:part` element is defined using the `type` attribute, the serialization of that part in a message is equivalent to an implicit (XML Schema) qualification of a `minOccurs` attribute with the value "1", a `maxOccurs` attribute with the value "1" and a `nillable` attribute with the value "false".

It is necessary to specify the equivalent implicit qualification because the `wsdl:part` element does not allow one to specify the cardinality and nillability rules. Specifying the cardinality and the nillability rules facilitates interoperability between implementations. The equivalent implicit qualification for nillable attribute has a value of "false" because if it is specified to be "true" one cannot design a part whereby the client is always required to send a value. For applications that want to allow the `wsdl:part` to be nillable, it is expected that applications will generate a `complexType` wrapper and specify the nillability rules for the contained elements of such a wrapper.

4.4.2 Bindings and Faults

There are several interpretations for how `wsdl:part` elements that describe `wsoap11:fault`, `wsoap11:header`, and `wsoap11:headerfault` may be defined.

R2205 A `wsdl:binding` in a **DESCRIPTION** **MUST** refer, in each of its `wsoap11:header`, `wsoap11:headerfault` and `wsoap11:fault`

elements, only to `wsdl:part` element(s) that have been defined using the `element` attribute. CORE TESTABLE BP2113

Because faults and headers do not contain parameters, `wsoap11:fault`, `wsoap11:header` and `wsoap11:headerfault` assume, per WSDL 1.1, that the value of the `style` attribute is "document". R2204 requires that all `wsdl:part` elements with a `style` attribute whose value is "document" that are bound to `wsoap11:body` be defined using the `element` attribute. This requirement does the same for `wsoap11:fault`, `wsoap11:header` and `wsoap11:headerfault` elements.

4.4.3 Unbound portType Element Contents

WSDL 1.1 is not explicit about whether it is permissible for a `wsdl:binding` to leave the binding for portions of the content defined by a `wsdl:portType` unspecified.

R2209 A *`wsdl:binding` in a DESCRIPTION SHOULD bind every `wsdl:part` of a `wsdl:message` in the `wsdl:portType` to which it refers to one of `wsoap11:body`, `wsoap11:header`, `wsoap11:fault` or `wsoap11:headerfault`.* CORE TESTABLE BP2114

A portType defines an abstract contract with a named set of operations and associated abstract messages. Although not disallowed, it is expected that every part of the abstract input, output and fault messages specified in a portType is bound to `wsoap11:body` or `wsoap11:header` (and so forth) as appropriate when using the SOAP binding as defined in WSDL 1.1 Section 3. Un-bound `wsdl:parts` should be ignored.

4.5 Port Types

WSDL 1.1, Section 2.4 defines the `wsdl:portType` elements that are used to group a set of abstract operations. The Profile places the following constraints on conformant `wsdl:portType` element(s):

4.5.1 Ordering of part Elements

Permitting the use of `parameterOrder` helps code generators in mapping between method signatures and messages on the wire.

R2301 *The order of the elements in the `soap11:Body` of an ENVELOPE MUST be the same as that of the `wsdl:parts` in the `wsdl:message` that describes it for each of the `wsdl:part` elements bound to the envelope's corresponding `wsoap11:body` element.* CORE TESTABLE BP1111a, BP1111b, BP1012a, BP1012b

R2302 A DESCRIPTION MAY use the `parameterOrder` attribute of an `wsdl:operation` element to indicate the return value and method signatures as a hint to code generators. CORE NOT_TESTED

4.5.2 Allowed Operations

Solicit-Response and Notification operations are not well defined by WSDL 1.1; furthermore, WSDL 1.1 does not define bindings for them.

R2303 A DESCRIPTION MUST NOT use Solicit-Response and Notification type operations in a `wsdl:portType` definition. CORE TESTABLE BP2208

4.5.3 Distinctive Operations

Operation name overloading in a `wsdl:portType` is disallowed by the Profile.

R2304 A `wsdl:portType` in a **DESCRIPTION** *MUST* have operations with distinct values for their *name* attributes. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2010**

Note that this requirement applies only to the `wsdl:operation`s within a given `wsdl:portType`. A `wsdl:portType` may have `wsdl:operation`s with names that are the same as those found in other `wsdl:portType`s.

4.5.4 parameterOrder Attribute Construction

WSDL 1.1 does not clearly state how the `parameterOrder` attribute of the `wsdl:operation` element (which is the child of the `wsdl:portType` element) should be constructed.

R2305 A `wsdl:operation` element child of a `wsdl:portType` element in a **DESCRIPTION** *MUST* be constructed so that the `parameterOrder` attribute, if present, omits at most 1 `wsdl:part` from the output message. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2014**

If a `wsdl:part` from the output message is omitted from the list of `wsdl:part`s that is the value of the `parameterOrder` attribute, the single omitted `wsdl:part` is the return value. There are no restrictions on the type of the return value. If no part is omitted, there is no return value.

4.5.5 Exclusivity of type and element Attributes

WSDL 1.1 does not clearly state that both `type` and `element` attributes cannot be specified to define a `wsdl:part` in a `wsdl:message`.

R2306 A `wsdl:message` in a **DESCRIPTION** *MUST NOT* specify both `type` and `element` attributes on the same `wsdl:part`. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2116**

4.6 Bindings

In WSDL 1.1, the `wsdl:binding` element supplies the concrete protocol and data format specifications for the operations and messages defined by a particular `wsdl:portType`. The Profile places the following constraints on conformant binding specifications:

4.6.1 Use of SOAP Binding

The Profile limits the choice of bindings to the well-defined and most commonly used SOAP 1.1 binding.

R2401 A `wsdl:binding` element in a **DESCRIPTION** *MUST* use the SOAP Binding as defined in [WSDL 1.1, Section 3](#). **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2402**

Note that this places a requirement on the construction of conformant `wsdl:binding` elements. It does not place a requirement on descriptions as a whole; in particular, it does not preclude WSDL documents from containing non-conformant `wsdl:binding` elements. Also, a binding may have WSDL extensibility elements present which change how messages are serialized.

4.7 SOAP Binding

This section of the Profile incorporates the following specifications by reference:

- [SOAP 1.1 Request Optional Response HTTP Binding \[SOAP1.1-ror\]](#)

[WSDL 1.1, Section 3](#) defines a binding for SOAP 1.1 endpoints. This Profile mandates the use of the SOAP 1.1 binding as defined in WSDL 1.1, and places the following constraints on its use:

Note that [Section 5.3, "SOAP Binding"](#), contains additional, corrective requirements on the use of the SOAP 1.1 binding.

4.7.1 HTTP Transport

The profile limits the underlying transport protocol to HTTP.

R2702 When HTTP is used, a *wsdl:binding* element in a **DESCRIPTION** MUST specify the HTTP transport protocol with SOAP binding. Specifically, the *transport* attribute of its *wsoap11:binding* child MUST have the value "http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http". **HTTP-TRANSPORT** **TESTABLE** **BP2404**

Note that this requirement does not prohibit the use of HTTPS; See R5000.

4.7.2 Consistency of style Attribute

The *style*, "document" or "rpc", of an interaction is specified at the *wsdl:operation* level, permitting *wsdl:binding*s whose *wsdl:operation*s have different *style*s. This has led to interoperability problems. Additionally, use of document-literal binding, which generally allows for simpler implementations than the rpc-literal binding, is encouraged. This hint is not always appropriate, especially in the case of some existing implementations, which continue to be supported by this profile.

R2705 A *wsdl:binding* in a **DESCRIPTION** MUST either be a rpc-literal binding or a document-literal binding. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2017**

4.7.3 Encodings and the use Attribute

The Profile prohibits the use of encodings, including the SOAP encoding.

R2706 A *wsdl:binding* in a **DESCRIPTION** MUST use the value of "literal" for the *use* attribute in all *wsoap11:body*, *wsoap11:fault*, *wsoap11:header* and *wsoap11:headerfault* elements. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2406**

4.7.4 Multiple Bindings for portType Elements

The Profile explicitly permits multiple bindings for the same portType.

R2709 A *wsdl:portType* in a **DESCRIPTION** MAY have zero or more *wsdl:bindings* that refer to it, defined in the same or other WSDL documents. **CORE** **NOT_TESTED**

4.7.5 Operation Signatures

Definition: operation signature

The Profile defines the "operation signature" to be the fully qualified name of the child element of SOAP body of the SOAP input message described by an operation in a WSDL binding and the URI value of the `wsa:Action` SOAP header block, if present.

In the case of rpc-literal binding, the operation name is used as a wrapper for the part accessors. In the document-literal case, since a wrapper with the operation name is not present, the message signatures must be correctly designed so that they meet this requirement.

An endpoint that supports multiple operations must unambiguously identify the operation being invoked based on the input message that it receives. This is only possible if all the operations specified in the `wsdl:binding` associated with an endpoint have a unique operation signature.

R2710 *The operations in a `wsdl:binding` in a **DESCRIPTION** MUST result in operation signatures that are different from one another.* CORE TESTABLE BP2120a, BP2120b

4.7.6 Multiple Ports on an Endpoint

When input messages destined for two different `wsdl:port`s at the same network endpoint are indistinguishable on the wire, it may not be possible to determine the `wsdl:port` being invoked by them. This may cause interoperability problems. However, there may be situations (e.g., SOAP versioning, application versioning, conformance to different profiles) where it is desirable to locate more than one port on an endpoint; therefore, the Profile allows this.

R2711 *A **DESCRIPTION** SHOULD NOT have more than one `wsdl:port` with the same value for the `location` attribute of the `wssoap11:address` element.* CORE TESTABLE BP2711

4.7.7 Child Element for Document-Literal Bindings

WSDL 1.1 is not completely clear what, in document-literal style bindings, the child element of `soap11:Body` is.

R2712 *A document-literal binding MUST be serialized as an **ENVELOPE** with a `soap11:Body` whose child element is an instance of the global element declaration referenced by the corresponding `wsdl:message` part.* CORE TESTABLE BP1011a, BP1011b

4.7.8 One-Way Operations

There are differing interpretations of how HTTP is to be used when performing one-way operations. The [SOAP 1.1 Request Optional Response HTTP Binding \[SOAP1.1-ror\]](#) specification clarifies the expectations for the SOAP/HTTP binding.

R2714 *For one-way operations, an HTTP Response **MESSAGE** MAY contain an envelope.* HTTP-TRANSPORT NOT_TESTED

R2727 *For one-way operations, a **CONSUMER** MUST NOT interpret a successful HTTP Response status code (i.e., 2xx) to mean the message is valid or that the receiver would process it.* HTTP-TRANSPORT NOT_TESTABLE

One-way operations typically do not produce SOAP responses. However, some INSTANCES may choose to communicate infrastructure-related faults (e.g. MustUnderstand, VersionMismatch) in the HTTP Response message. In addition to this, the use of some protocol extensions (e.g. WS-ReliableMessaging) may create the possibility for non-empty responses to one-way messages. For these reasons the Basic Profile 1.1 requirement that the HTTP Response message not contain a SOAP envelope has been relaxed. Note: the fact that an INSTANCE may choose to communicate infrastructure-related faults in the HTTP Response does not mean that the CONSUMER can expect it to do so.

The HTTP Response to a one-way operation indicates the success or failure of the transmission of the message. Based on the semantics of the different response status codes supported by the HTTP protocol, the Profile specifies that "200" and "202" are the preferred status codes that the sender should expect, signifying that the one-way message was received. A successful transmission does not indicate that the SOAP processing layer and the application logic has had a chance to validate the envelope or have committed to processing it.

4.7.9 Namespaces for wsoap11 Elements

There is confusion about what namespace is associated with the child elements of various children of `soap11:Envelope`, which has led to interoperability difficulties. The Profile defines these.

R2716 A document-literal binding in a **DESCRIPTION** **MUST NOT** have the *namespace* attribute specified on contained *wsoap11:body*, *wsoap11:header*, *wsoap11:headerfault* and *wsoap11:fault* elements. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2019**

R2717 An rpc-literal binding in a **DESCRIPTION** **MUST** have the *namespace* attribute specified, the value of which **MUST** be an absolute URI, on contained *wsoap11:body* elements. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2020**

R2726 An rpc-literal binding in a **DESCRIPTION** **MUST NOT** have the *namespace* attribute specified on contained *wsoap11:header*, *wsoap11:headerfault* and *wsoap11:fault* elements. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2117**

In a document-literal SOAP binding, the serialized element child of the `soap11:Body` gets its namespace from the `targetNamespace` of the schema that defines the element. Use of the *namespace* attribute of the *wsoap11:body* element would override the element's namespace. This is not allowed by the Profile.

Conversely, in a rpc-literal SOAP binding, the serialized child element of the `soap11:Body` element consists of a wrapper element, whose namespace is the value of the *namespace* attribute of the *wsoap11:body* element and whose local name is either the name of the operation or the name of the operation suffixed with "Response". The *namespace* attribute is required, as opposed to being optional, to ensure that the children of the `soap11:Body` element are namespace-qualified.

4.7.10 Consistency of portType and binding Elements

The WSDL description must be consistent at both `wsdl:portType` and `wsdl:binding` levels.

R2718 A *wsdl:binding* in a **DESCRIPTION** **MUST** have the same set of *wsdl:operations* as the *wsdl:portType* to which it refers. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2118**

4.7.11 Enumeration of Faults

A Web service description should include all faults known at the time the service is defined. There is also need to permit generation of new faults that had not been identified when the Web service was defined.

R2740 A *wsdl:binding* in a **DESCRIPTION** SHOULD contain a *wssoap11:fault* describing each known fault. CORE NOT_TESTABLE

R2741 A *wsdl:binding* in a **DESCRIPTION** SHOULD contain a *wssoap11:headerfault* describing each known header fault. CORE NOT_TESTABLE

R2742 An **ENVELOPE** MAY contain a fault with a *detail* element that is not described by a *wssoap11:fault* element in the corresponding WSDL description. CORE NOT_TESTABLE

R2743 An **ENVELOPE** MAY contain the details of a header processing related fault in a SOAP header block that is not described by a *wssoap11:headerfault* element in the corresponding WSDL description. CORE NOT_TESTABLE

4.7.12 Consistency of Envelopes with Descriptions

These requirements specify that when an instance receives an envelope that does not conform to the WSDL description, a fault should be generated unless the instance takes it upon itself to process the envelope regardless of this.

As specified by the SOAP processing model, (a) a "VersionMismatch" faultcode must be generated if the namespace of the "Envelope" element is incorrect, (b) a "MustUnderstand" fault must be generated if the instance does not understand a SOAP header block with a value of "1" for the *soap11:mustUnderstand* attribute. In all other cases where an envelope is inconsistent with its WSDL description, a fault with a "Client" faultcode should be generated.

R2724 If an **INSTANCE** receives an envelope that is inconsistent with its WSDL description, it SHOULD generate a *soap11:Fault* with a faultcode of "Client", unless a "MustUnderstand" or "VersionMismatch" fault is generated. CORE NOT_TESTED

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

4.7.13 Response Wrappers

WSDL 1.1 Section 3.5 could be interpreted to mean the RPC response wrapper element must be named identically to the name of the *wsdl:operation*.

R2729 An **ENVELOPE** described with an *rpc-literal* binding that is a response MUST have a wrapper element whose name is the corresponding *wsdl:operation* name suffixed with the string "Response". CORE TESTABLE BP1005

4.7.14 Part Accessors

For *rpc-literal* envelopes, WSDL 1.1 is not clear what namespace, if any, the accessor elements for parameters and return value are a part of. Different implementations make different choices, leading to interoperability problems.

R2735 An **ENVELOPE** described with an *rpc-literal* binding **MUST** place the part accessor elements for parameters and return value in no namespace. **CORE** **TESTABLE** BP1008a, BP1008b

R2755 The part accessor elements in a **MESSAGE** described with an *rpc-literal* binding **MUST** have a local name of the same value as the *name* attribute of the corresponding *wsdl:part* element. **CORE** **TESTABLE** BP1755a, BP1755b

Settling on one alternative is crucial to achieving interoperability. The Profile places the part accessor elements in no namespace as doing so is simple, covers all cases, and does not lead to logical inconsistency.

4.7.15 Namespaces for Children of Part Accessors

For *rpc-literal* envelopes, WSDL 1.1 is not clear on what the correct namespace qualification is for the child elements of the part accessor elements when the corresponding abstract parts are defined to be of types from a different namespace than the *targetNamespace* of the WSDL description for the abstract parts.

R2737 An **ENVELOPE** described with an *rpc-literal* binding **MUST** namespace qualify the descendents of part accessor elements for the parameters and the return value, as defined by the schema in which the part accessor types are defined. **CORE** **TESTABLE** BP1010

WSDL 1.1 Section 3.5 states: "The part names, types and value of the namespace attribute are all inputs to the encoding, although the namespace attribute only applies to content not explicitly defined by the abstract types."

However, it does not explicitly state that the element and attribute content of the abstract (*complexType*) types is namespace qualified to the *targetNamespace* in which those elements and attributes were defined. WSDL 1.1 was intended to function in much the same manner as XML Schema. Hence, implementations must follow the same rules as for XML Schema. If a *complexType* defined in *targetNamespace* "A" were imported and referenced in an element declaration in a schema with *targetNamespace* "B", the element and attribute content of the child elements of that *complexType* would be qualified to namespace "A" and the element would be qualified to namespace "B".

For example,

CORRECT:

Given this WSDL, which defines some schema in the "http://example.org/foo/" namespace in the *wsdl:types* section contained within a *wsdl:definitions* that has a *targetNamespace* attribute with the value "http://example.org/bar/" (thus, having a type declared in one namespace and the containing element defined in another);

```
<definitions xmlns="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/"
  xmlns:wsoap11="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/"
  xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:bar="http://example.org/bar/"
  targetNamespace="http://example.org/bar/"
  xmlns:foo="http://example.org/foo/">
  <types>
    <xsd:schema targetNamespace="http://example.org/foo/"
      xmlns:tns="http://example.org/foo/"
      xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
      elementFormDefault="qualified"
```

```

        attributeFormDefault="unqualified">
    <xsd:complexType name="fooType">
        <xsd:sequence>
            <xsd:element ref="tns:bar"/>
            <xsd:element ref="tns:baf"/>
        </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:complexType>
    <xsd:element name="bar" type="xsd:string"/>
    <xsd:element name="baf" type="xsd:integer"/>
</xsd:schema>
</types>

<message name="BarMsg">
    <part name="BarAccessor" type="foo:fooType"/>
</message>

<portType name="BarPortType">
    <operation name="BarOperation">
        <input message="bar:BarMsg"/>
    </operation>
</portType>

<binding name="BarSOAP11Binding" type="bar:BarPortType">
    <wssoap11:binding transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http"
style="rpc"/>
    <operation name="BarOperation">
        <input>
            <wssoap11:body use="literal" namespace="http://example.org/bar/" />
        </input>
    </operation>
</binding>

<service name="serviceName">
    <port name="BarSOAPPort" binding="bar:BarSOAP11Binding">
        <wssoap11:address location="http://example.org/myBarSOAPPort"/>
    </port>
</service>
</definitions>

```

The resulting envelope for BarOperation is:

```

<s:Envelope xmlns:soap11="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
    xmlns:foo="http://example.org/foo/">
    <soap11:Header/>
    <soap11:Body>
        <m:BarOperation xmlns:m="http://example.org/bar/">
            <BarAccessor>
                <foo:bar>String</foo:bar>
                <foo:baf>0</foo:baf>
            </BarAccessor>
        </m:BarOperation>
    </soap11:Body>
</soap11:Envelope>

```

4.7.16 Required Headers

WSDL 1.1 does not clearly specify whether all `wsoap11:header`s specified on the `wSDL:input` or `wSDL:output` elements of a `wSDL:operation` element in the SOAP binding section of a WSDL description must be included in the resultant envelopes when they are transmitted. The Profile makes all such headers mandatory, as there is no way in WSDL 1.1 to mark a header optional.

R2738 An **ENVELOPE** *MUST* include all `wsoap11:header`s specified on a `wSDL:input` or `wSDL:output` of a `wSDL:operation` of a `wSDL:binding` that describes it. **CORE** **TESTABLE** [BP1009a](#), [BP1009b](#), [BP1009c](#)

4.7.17 Allowing Undescribed Headers

Headers are SOAP's extensibility mechanism. Headers that are not defined in the WSDL description may need to be included in the envelopes for various reasons.

R2739 An **ENVELOPE** *MAY* contain SOAP header blocks that are not described in the `wSDL:binding` that describes it. **CORE** **NOT_TESTED**

R2753 An **ENVELOPE** containing SOAP header blocks that are not described in the appropriate `wSDL:binding` *MAY* have the `mustUnderstand` attribute on such SOAP header blocks set to '1'. **CORE** **NOT_TESTED**

4.7.18 Ordering Headers

There is no correlation between the order of `wsoap11:header`s in the description and the order of SOAP header blocks in the envelope. Similarly, more than one instance of each specified SOAP header block may occur in the envelope.

R2751 The order of `wsoap11:header` elements in `wsoap11:binding` sections of a **DESCRIPTION** *MUST* be considered independent of the order of SOAP header blocks in the envelope. **CORE** **NOT_TESTABLE**

R2752 An **ENVELOPE** *MAY* contain more than one instance of each SOAP header block for each `wsoap11:header` element in the appropriate child of `wsoap11:binding` in the corresponding description. **CORE** **NOT_TESTED**

4.7.19 Describing SOAPAction

Interoperability testing has demonstrated that requiring the `SOAPAction` HTTP header field-value to be quoted increases interoperability of implementations. Even though HTTP allows for header field-values to be unquoted, some implementations require that the value be quoted.

The `SOAPAction` header is purely a hint to processors. All vital information regarding the intent of a message is carried in the envelope.

R2744 If the `SOAPAction` HTTP header field is present in a **MESSAGE**, its quoted value *MUST* be equal to the value of the `soapAction` attribute of the corresponding `wsoap11:operation` in the WSDL description, if this attribute is present and not empty. **HTTP-TRANSPORT** **TESTABLE** [BP1116a](#), [BP1116b](#)

R2745 When the `wsa:Action` header is absent from an ENVELOPE, an HTTP Request **MESSAGE MUST** contain a `SOAPAction` HTTP header field with a quoted empty string value if, in the corresponding WSDL description, the `soapAction` attribute of the `wsoap11:operation` is either not present, or present with an empty string as its value. HTTP-TRANSPORT TESTABLE

See also [R1109](#) and related requirements for more discussion of `SOAPAction`.

For example,

CORRECT:

A WSDL Description that has:

```
<wsoap11:operation soapAction="http://example.org/foo"/>
```

results in a message with a corresponding `SOAPAction` HTTP header field as follows:

```
SOAPAction: "http://example.org/foo"
```

CORRECT:

A WSDL Description that has:

```
<wsoap11:operation/>
```

or

```
<wsoap11:operation soapAction=""/>
```

results in a message with a corresponding `SOAPAction` HTTP header field as follows:

```
SOAPAction: ""
```

4.7.20 SOAP Binding Extensions

The `wsdl:required` attribute has been widely misunderstood and used by WSDL authors sometimes to incorrectly indicate the optionality of `wsoap11:header` s. The `wsdl:required` attribute, as specified in WSDL 1.1, is an extensibility mechanism aimed at WSDL processors. It allows new WSDL extension elements to be introduced in a graceful manner. The intent of `wsdl:required` is to signal to the WSDL processor whether the extension element needs to be recognized and understood by the WSDL processor in order that the WSDL description be correctly processed. It is not meant to signal conditionality or optionality of some construct that is included in the envelopes. For example, a `wsdl:required` attribute with the value "false" on a `wsoap11:header` element must not be interpreted to signal to the WSDL processor that the described SOAP header block is conditional or optional in the envelopes generated from the WSDL description. It is meant to be interpreted as "in order to send a envelope to the endpoint that includes in its description the `wsoap11:header` element, the WSDL processor **MUST** understand the semantic implied by the `wsoap11:header` element."

The default value for the `wsdl:required` attribute for WSDL 1.1 SOAP Binding extension elements is "false". Most WSDL descriptions in practice do not specify the `wsdl:required` attribute on the SOAP Binding extension elements, which could be interpreted by WSDL processors to mean that the extension elements may be ignored. The Profile requires that all WSDL 1.1 extensions be understood and

processed by the consumer, irrespective of the presence or the value of the `wsdl:required` attribute on an extension element.

R2747 A **CONSUMER MUST** understand and process all WSDL 1.1 SOAP Binding extension elements, irrespective of the presence or absence of the `wsdl:required` attribute on an extension element; and irrespective of the value of the `wsdl:required` attribute, when present. **CORE** **NOT_TESTABLE**

R2748 A **CONSUMER MUST NOT** interpret the presence of the `wsdl:required` attribute on a `wsoap11` extension element with a value of "false" to mean the extension element is optional in the envelopes generated from the WSDL description. **CORE** **NOT_TESTABLE**

4.8 Use of XML Schema

This section of the Profile incorporates the following specifications by reference:

- [XML Schema Part 1: Structures \[xmSchema-1\]](#)
- [XML Schema Part 2: Datatypes \[xmSchema-2\]](#)

WSDL 1.1 uses XML Schema as one of its type systems. The Profile mandates the use of XML Schema as the type system for WSDL descriptions of Web Services.

R2800 A **DESCRIPTION MAY** use any construct from XML Schema 1.0. **CORE** **NOT_TESTED**

R2801 A **DESCRIPTION MUST** use XML Schema 1.0 Recommendation as the basis of user defined datatypes and structures. **CORE** **TESTABLE** [BP2122](#)

4.9 WS-Addressing 1.0 - Metadata

WS-Addressing message addressing properties (MAPs) can be specified in a WSDL document. The Profile adds restrictions to such properties specified in WSDL.

The `wsam:Action` attribute is used in WSDL to specify the value of the `wsa:Action` SOAP header in the envelope. A default value computation algorithm is specified for the case where an explicit `wsam:Action` attribute is not specified.

R2900 The value of the `wsa:Action` header block in an **ENVELOPE** **MUST** equal the value (either actual or computed) of the `wsam:Action` attribute for the corresponding WSDL element (`wsdl:input`, `wsdl:output`, or `wsdl:fault`) contained in the target `wsdl:operation` of the `wsdl:portType`. **CORE** **TESTABLE**
[BP1142a](#) [BP1142b](#) [BP1142c](#) [BP1143a](#) [BP1143b](#) [BP1143c](#) [BP1090a](#) [BP1090b](#)

R2901 In a **DESCRIPTION**, the actual value of the `wsam:Action` attribute for the `wsdl:input` element contained in the target `wsdl:operation` of the `wsdl:portType` **MUST** be equal to the value of the non-empty `soapAction` attribute of the

wsoap11:operation *element contained in the target*
wSDL:operation *of the* *wSDL:binding*. CORE TESTABLE BP2801

Note that this requirement is closely related to [R1144](#) , which defines the relationship between the value of the `wsa:Action` SOAP header and the value of the `SOAPAction` HTTP header.

5 WSDL Corrections

The following sections contain requirements that correct errors and inconsistencies in the [Web Services Description Language \(WSDL\) 1.1 \[WSDL1.1\]](#). These have been collected into this common section to serve as a reference point for other specifications.

This section of the Profile incorporates the following specifications by reference:

- [Web Services Description Language \(WSDL\) 1.1 \[WSDL1.1\]](#)
- [XML Schema Part 1: Structures \[xmSchema-1\]](#)
- [XML Schema Part 2: Datatypes \[xmSchema-2\]](#)

These extensibility points are listed, along with any extensibility points from other sections of this Profile, in [Appendix B](#)

5.1 Document Structure

[WSDL 1.1, Section 2.1](#) defines the overall structure of an XML document for describing Web services. This Profile mandates the use of that structure, with the following corrections:

5.1.1 WSDL Schema Definitions

The normative schemas for WSDL appearing in Appendix 4 of the WSDL 1.1 specification have inconsistencies with the normative text of the specification. The Profile references new schema documents that have incorporated fixes for known errors.

R2028 A **DESCRIPTION** *using the WSDL namespace (prefixed "wsdl" in this Profile) MUST be valid according to the XML Schema found at "<http://ws-i.org/profiles/basic/1.1/wsdl-2004-08-24.xsd>".* **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2705**

R2029 A **DESCRIPTION** *using the WSDL SOAP binding namespace (prefixed "wssoap11" in this Profile) MUST be valid according to the XML Schema found at "<http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/2004-08-24.xsd>".* **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2704**

Although the Profile requires WSDL descriptions to be Schema valid, it does not require consumers to validate WSDL documents. It is the responsibility of a WSDL document's author to assure that it is Schema valid.

5.1.2 WSDL and Schema Import

Some examples in WSDL 1.1 incorrectly show the WSDL import statement being used to import XML Schema definitions. The Profile clarifies use of the import mechanisms to keep them consistent and confined to their respective domains. Imported schema documents are also constrained by XML version and encoding requirements consistent to those of the importing WSDL documents.

R2001 A **DESCRIPTION** *MUST only use the WSDL "import" statement to import another WSDL description.* **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2101**

R2803 In a **DESCRIPTION**, the namespace attribute of the `wsdl:import` **MUST NOT** be a relative URI. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2803**

R2002 To import XML Schema Definitions, a **DESCRIPTION** **MUST** use the XML Schema "import" statement. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2101**

R2003 A **DESCRIPTION** **MUST** use the XML Schema "import" statement only within the `xsd:schema` element of the types section. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2103**

R2004 In a **DESCRIPTION** the `schemaLocation` attribute of an `xsd:import` element **MUST NOT** resolve to any document whose root element is not "schema" from the namespace "http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema". **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2106**

R2009 An XML Schema directly or indirectly imported by a **DESCRIPTION** **MAY** include the Unicode Byte Order Mark (BOM). **CORE** **NOT_TESTABLE**

R2010 An XML Schema directly or indirectly imported by a **DESCRIPTION** **MUST** use either UTF-8 or UTF-16 encoding. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2202**

R2011 An XML Schema directly or indirectly imported by a **DESCRIPTION** **MUST** use version 1.0 of the eXtensible Markup Language W3C Recommendation. **CORE** **NOT_TESTED**

For example,

INCORRECT:

```
<definitions name="StockQuote"
  targetNamespace="http://example.com/stockquote/definitions"
  xmlns:sq="http://example.com/stockquote"
  ...
  xmlns="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/">

  <import namespace="http://example.com/stockquote"
    location="http://example.com/stockquote/schemas/stockquote.xsd"/>

  <message name="GetLastTradePriceInput">
    <part name="body" element="sq:TradePriceRequest"/>
  </message>
  ...
</definitions>
```

CORRECT:

```
<definitions name="StockQuote"
  targetNamespace="http://example.com/stockquote/definitions"
  xmlns:sq="http://example.com/stockquote"
  ...
  xmlns="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/">

  <import namespace="http://example.com/stockquote/definitions"
    location="http://example.com/stockquote/definitions/stockquote.wsdl"/>

  <message name="GetLastTradePriceInput">
    <part name="body" element="sq:TradePriceRequest"/>
  </message>
```

```

...
</definitions>
CORRECT:
<definitions name="StockQuote"
  targetNamespace="http://example.com/stockquote/definitions"
  xmlns:sq="http://example.com/stockquote"
  xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  ...
  xmlns="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/">

  <types>
    <xsd:schema targetNamespace="http://example.com/stockquote">
      <xsd:import namespace="http://example.com/stockquote"
        schemaLocation="http://example.com/stockquote/schemas/stockquote.xsd"/>
      <xsd:element name="TradePriceRequest" type="sq:PriceRequestType"/>
    </xsd:schema>
  </types>

  <message name="GetLastTradePriceInput">
    <part name="body" element="sq:TradePriceRequest"/>
  </message>
  ...
</definitions>

```

5.1.3 Placement of WSDL import Elements

Example 3 in WSDL 1.1 Section 3.1 causes confusion regarding the placement of `wsdl:import`.

R2022 When they appear in a **DESCRIPTION**, `wsdl:import` elements **MUST** precede all other elements from the WSDL namespace except `wsdl:documentation`. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2105**

R2023 When they appear in a **DESCRIPTION**, `wsdl:types` elements **MUST** precede all other elements from the WSDL namespace except `wsdl:documentation` and `wsdl:import`. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2018**

For example,

INCORRECT:

```

<definitions name="StockQuote"
  ...
  xmlns="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/">

  <message name="GetLastTradePriceInput">
    <part name="body" element="sq:TradePriceRequest"/>
  </message>
  ...
  <import namespace="http://example.com/stockquote/definitions"
    location="http://example.com/stockquote/definitions/stockquote.wsdl"/>
  ...
  <service name="StockQuoteService">
    <port name="StockQuotePort" binding="tns:StockQuoteSoap">
      ...
    </port>
  </service>
</definitions>

```

CORRECT:

```

<definitions name="StockQuote"
    ...
    xmlns="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/">

    <import namespace="http://example.com/stockquote/definitions"
location="http://example.com/stockquote/definitions/stockquote.wsdl"/>

    <message name="GetLastTradePriceInput">
        <part name="body" element="sq:TradePriceRequest"/>
    </message>
    ...
    <service name="StockQuoteService">
        <port name="StockQuotePort" binding="tns:StockQuoteSoap">
            ...
        </port>
    </service>
</definitions>

```

INCORRECT:

```

<definitions name="StockQuote"
    ...
    xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
    xmlns="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/">

    <message name="GetLastTradePriceInput">
        <part name="body" element="sq:TradePriceRequest"/>
    </message>
    ...
    <service name="StockQuoteService">
        <port name="StockQuotePort" binding="tns:StockQuoteSoap">
            ...
        </port>
    </service>

    <types>
        <xsd:schema targetNamespace="http://example.com/stockquote">
            ...
        </xsd:schema>
    </types>
</definitions>

```

CORRECT:

```

<definitions name="StockQuote"
    ...
    xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
    xmlns="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/">

    <import namespace="http://example.com/stockquote/definitions"
location="http://example.com/stockquote/definitions/stockquote.wsdl"/>

    <types>
        <xsd:schema targetNamespace="http://example.com/stockquote">
            ...
        </xsd:schema>
    </types>

    <message name="GetLastTradePriceInput">

```

```

    <part name="body" element="sq:TradePriceRequest"/>
  </message>
  ...
  <service name="StockQuoteService">
    <port name="StockQuotePort" binding="tns:StockQuoteSoap">
      ...
    </port>
  </service>
</definitions>

```

5.1.4 WSDL documentation Element

The WSDL 1.1 schema and the WSDL 1.1 specification are inconsistent with respect to where `wsdl:documentation` elements may be placed.

R2030 *In a **DESCRIPTION** the `wsdl:documentation` element MAY be present as the first child element of `wsdl:import`, `wsdl:part` and `wsdl:definitions` in addition to the elements cited in the WSDL 1.1 specification.* **CORE** **NOT_TESTED**

5.2 Message

[WSDL 1.1, Section 2.3](#) defines the `wsdl:message` elements that are used to represent abstract definitions of the data being transmitted. This Profile defines the following corrections on `wsdl:message` elements.

5.2.1 Declaration of part Elements

Examples 4 and 5 in WSDL 1.1 Section 3.1 incorrectly show the use of XML Schema types (e.g. "xsd:string") as a valid value for the `element` attribute of a `wsdl:part` element.

R2206 *A `wsdl:message` in a **DESCRIPTION** containing a `wsdl:part` that uses the `element` attribute **MUST** refer, in that attribute, to a global element declaration.* **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2115**

For example,

INCORRECT:

```

<message name="GetTradePriceInput">
  <part name="tickerSymbol" element="xsd:string"/>
</message>

```

CORRECT:

```

<message name="GetTradePriceInput">
  <part name="body" element="tns:SubscribeToQuotes"/>
</message>

```

5.3 SOAP Binding

[WSDL 1.1, Section 3](#) defines a binding for SOAP 1.1 endpoints. This Profile mandates the use of the SOAP 1.1 binding as defined in WSDL 1.1, with the following corrections:

5.3.1 Specifying the transport Attribute

There is an inconsistency between the WSDL 1.1 specification and the WSDL 1.1 schema regarding the `transport` attribute. The WSDL 1.1 specification requires it; however, the schema shows it to be optional.

R2701 The *wsdl:binding* element in a **DESCRIPTION** **MUST** be constructed so that its *wssoap11:binding* child element specifies the *transport* attribute. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2403**

5.3.2 Describing headerfault Elements

There is inconsistency between WSDL specification text and the WSDL schema regarding *wssoap11:headerfault* s.

R2719 A *wsdl:binding* in a **DESCRIPTION** **MAY** contain no *wssoap11:headerfault* elements if there are no known header faults. **CORE** **NOT_TESTED**

The WSDL 1.1 schema makes the specification of *wssoap11:headerfault* element mandatory on *wsdl:input* and *wsdl:output* elements of an operation, whereas the WSDL 1.1 specification marks them optional. The specification is correct.

5.3.3 Type and Name of SOAP Binding Elements

The WSDL 1.1 schema disagrees with the WSDL 1.1 specification about the name and type of an attribute of the *wssoap11:header* and *wssoap11:headerfault* elements.

R2720 A *wsdl:binding* in a **DESCRIPTION** **MUST** use the *part* attribute with a schema type of "NMTOKEN" on all contained *wssoap11:header* and *wssoap11:headerfault* elements. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2021**

R2749 A *wsdl:binding* in a **DESCRIPTION** **MUST NOT** use the *parts* attribute on contained *wssoap11:header* and *wssoap11:headerfault* elements. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2021**

The WSDL Schema gives the attribute's name as "parts" and its type as "NMTOKENS". The schema is incorrect since each *wssoap11:header* and *wssoap11:headerfault* element references a single *wsdl:part*.

For example,

CORRECT:

```
<binding name="StockQuoteSoap" type="tns:StockQuotePortType">
  <wssoap11:binding style="document"
    transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http"/>
    <operation name="SubscribeToQuotes">
      <input>
        <wssoap11:body parts="body" use="literal"/>
        <wssoap11:header message="tns:SubscribeToQuotes" part="subscribeheader"
          use="literal"/>
      </input>
    </operation>
  </binding>
```

5.3.4 name Attribute on Faults

There is inconsistency between the WSDL 1.1 specification and the WSDL 1.1 schema, which does not list the *name* attribute.

R2721 A *wsdl:binding* in a **DESCRIPTION** **MUST** have the *name* attribute specified on all contained *wssoap11:fault* elements. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2022**

R2754 In a **DESCRIPTION**, the value of the *name* attribute on a *wsoap11:fault* element **MUST** match the value of the *name* attribute on its parent *wsdl:fault* element. **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2032**

5.3.5 Omission of the use Attribute

There is inconsistency between the WSDL 1.1 specification and the WSDL 1.1 schema regarding the *use* attribute.

R2722 A *wsdl:binding* in a **DESCRIPTION** **MAY** specify the *use* attribute on contained *wsoap11:fault* elements. **CORE** **NOT_TESTED**

R2723 If in a *wsdl:binding* in a **DESCRIPTION** the *use* attribute on a contained *wsoap11:fault* element is present, its value **MUST** be "literal". **CORE** **TESTABLE** **BP2406**

WSDL 1.1 Section 3.6 indicates that the *use* attribute of *wsoap11:fault* is required while in the schema the *use* attribute is defined as optional. The Profile defines it as optional, to be consistent with *wsoap11:body*.

Since the *use* attribute is optional, the Profile identifies the default value for the attribute when omitted.

Finally, to assure that the Profile is self-consistent, the only permitted value for the *use* attribute is "literal".

5.3.6 Default for use Attribute

There is an inconsistency between the WSDL 1.1 specification and the WSDL 1.1 schema regarding whether the *use* attribute is optional on *wsoap11:body*, *wsoap11:header*, and *wsoap11:headerfault*, and if so, what omitting the attribute means.

R2707 A *wsdl:binding* in a **DESCRIPTION** that contains one or more *wsoap11:body*, *wsoap11:fault*, *wsoap11:header* Or *wsoap11:headerfault* elements that do not specify the *use* attribute **MUST** be interpreted as though the value "literal" had been specified in each case. **CORE** **NOT_TESTABLE**

6 Service Publication and Discovery

When publication or discovery of Web services is required, UDDI is the mechanism the Profile has adopted to describe Web service providers and the Web services they provide. Business, intended use, and Web service type descriptions are made in UDDI terms; detailed technical descriptions are made in WSDL terms. Where the two specifications define overlapping descriptive data and both forms of description are used, the Profile specifies that the descriptions must not conflict.

Registration of Web service instances in UDDI registries is optional. By no means do all usage scenarios require the kind of metadata and discovery UDDI provides, but where such capability is needed, UDDI is the sanctioned mechanism.

Note that the Web services that constitute UDDI V2 are not fully conformant with the Profile 1.0 because they do not accept messages whose envelopes are encoded in either UTF-8 and UTF-16 as required by the Profile. (They accept UTF-8 only.) That there should be such a discrepancy is hardly surprising given that UDDI V2 was designed and, in many cases, implemented before the Profile was developed. UDDI's designers are aware of UDDI V2's nonconformance and will take it into consideration in their future work.

This section of the Profile incorporates the following specifications by reference:

- [UDDI Version 2.04 API Specification, Dated 19 July 2002 \[UDDI2.04API\]](#)
- [UDDI Version 2.03 Data Structure Reference, Dated 19 July 2002 \[UDDI2.03Data\]](#)
- [UDDI Version 2 XML Schema \[UDDI2schema\]](#)

These extensibility points are listed, along with any extensibility points from other sections of this Profile, in [Appendix B](#)

6.1 bindingTemplates

This section of the Profile incorporates the following specifications by reference:

- [UDDI Version 2.03 Data Structure Reference, Section 7](#)

UDDI represents Web service instances as `uddi:bindingTemplate` elements. The `uddi:bindingTemplate` plays a role that is the rough analog of the `wsdl:port`, but provides options that are not expressible in WSDL. To keep the WSDL description of an instance and its UDDI description consistent, the Profile places the following constraints on how `uddi:bindingTemplate` elements may be constructed.

WSDL's `wssoap11:address` element requires the network address of the instance to be directly specified. In contrast, UDDI V2 provides two alternatives for specifying the network address of instances it represents. One, the `uddi:accessPoint`, mirrors the WSDL mechanism by directly specifying the address. The other, the `uddi:hostingRedirector`, provides a Web service-based indirection mechanism for resolving the address, and is inconsistent with the WSDL mechanism.

R3100 REGDATA of type *uddi:bindingTemplate* representing a conformant INSTANCE MUST contain the *uddi:accessPoint* element. **CORE** **NOT_TESTED**

For example,

INCORRECT:

```

<bindingTemplate bindingKey="...">
  <description xml:lang="EN">BarSOAPPort</description>
  <hostingRedirector bindingKey="...">
  <tModelInstanceDetails>
    ...
  </tModelInstanceDetails>
</bindingTemplate>

```

CORRECT:

```

<bindingTemplate bindingKey="...">
  <description xml:lang="EN">BarSOAPPort</description>
  <accessPoint>http://example.org/myBarSOAPPort</accessPoint>
  <tModelInstanceDetails>
    ...
  </tModelInstanceDetails>
</bindingTemplate>

```

6.2 tModels

This section of the Profile incorporates the following specifications by reference:

- [UDDI Version 2.03 Data Structure Reference, Section 8](#)

UDDI represents Web service types as `uddi:tModel` elements. (See [UDDI Data Structures section 8.1.1](#).) These may, but need not, point (using a URI) to the document that contains the actual description. Further, UDDI is agnostic with respect to the mechanisms used to describe Web service types. The Profile cannot be agnostic about this because interoperability is very much complicated if Web service types do not have descriptions or if the descriptions can take arbitrary forms.

The [UDDI API Specification, appendix I.1.2.1.1](#) allows but does not require `uddi:tModel` elements that use WSDL to describe the Web service type they represent to state that they use WSDL as the description language. Not doing so leads to interoperability problems because it is then ambiguous what description language is being used.

Therefore the Profile places the following constraints on how `uddi:tModel` elements that describe Web service types may be constructed:

The Profile chooses WSDL as the description language because it is by far the most widely used such language.

R3002 REGDATA of type `uddi:tModel` representing a conformant Web service type *MUST* use WSDL as the description language.

CORE NOT_TESTED

To specify that conformant Web service types use WSDL, the Profile adopts the UDDI categorization for making this assertion.

R3003 REGDATA of type `uddi:tModel` representing a conformant Web service type *MUST* be categorized using the `uddi:types` taxonomy and a categorization of "wsdlSpec". CORE NOT_TESTED

For the `uddi:overviewURL` in a `uddi:tModel` to resolve to a `wsdl:binding`, the Profile must adopt a convention for distinguishing among multiple `wsdl:binding`s in a WSDL document. The UDDI Best Practice for Using WSDL in a UDDI Registry specifies the most widely recognized such convention.

R3010 **REGDATA** of type *uddi:tModel* representing a conformant Web service type **MUST** follow *V1.08 of the UDDI Best Practice for Using WSDL in a UDDI Registry*. **CORE** **NOT_TESTED**

It would be inconsistent if the `wsdl:binding` that is referenced by the `uddi:tModel` does not conform to the Profile.

R3011 The *wsdl:binding* that is referenced by **REGDATA** of type *uddi:tModel* **MUST** itself conform to the Profile. **CORE** **NOT_TESTED**

7 Security

As is true of all network-oriented information technologies, the subject of security is a crucial one for Web services. For Web services, as for other information technologies, security consists of understanding the potential threats an attacker may mount and applying operational, physical, and technological countermeasures to reduce the risk of a successful attack to an acceptable level. Because an "acceptable level of risk" varies hugely depending on the application, and because costs of implementing countermeasures is also highly variable, there can be no universal "right answer" for securing Web services. Choosing the absolutely correct balance of countermeasures and acceptable risk can only be done on a case by case basis.

While Basic Profile conformance is important for the web services community to ensure interoperability, an instance is expected take whatever security countermeasures it deems necessary to protect itself; even if in that specific case it is acting outside of and is not in conformance with this Profile.

There *are* common patterns of countermeasures that experience shows reduce the risks to acceptable levels for many Web services. The Profile adopts, but does not mandate use of, the most widely used of these: HTTP secured with either TLS 1.0 or SSL 3.0 (HTTPS). That is, conformant Web services may use HTTPS; they may also use other countermeasure technologies or none at all.

HTTPS is widely regarded as a mature standard for encrypted transport connections to provide a basic level of confidentiality. HTTPS thus forms the first and simplest means of achieving some basic security features that are required by many real-world Web service applications. HTTPS may also be used to provide client authentication through the use of client-side certificates.

See conformance criteria in [Section 2](#) when the HTTP(S) transport protocol is used.

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

- [RFC2818: HTTP Over TLS \[RFC2818\]](#)
- [RFC2246: The TLS Protocol Version 1.0 \[RFC2246\]](#)
 - Extensibility points:
 - [E0019](#) - TLS Cyphersuite - TLS allows for the use of arbitrary encryption algorithms.[HTTP-TRANSPORT](#)
 - [E0020](#) - TLS Extensions - TLS allows for extensions during the handshake phase.[HTTP-TRANSPORT](#)
- [The SSL Protocol Version 3.0 \[SSLV3\]](#)
 - Extensibility points:
 - [E0021](#) - SSL Cyphersuite - SSL allows for the use of arbitrary encryption algorithms.[HTTP-TRANSPORT](#)
- [RFC2459: Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure Certificate and CRL Profile \[RFC2459\]](#)
 - Extensibility points:
 - [E0022](#) - Certificate Authority - The choice of the Certificate Authority is a private agreement between parties.[HTTP-TRANSPORT](#)
 - [E0023](#) - Certificate Extensions - X509 allows for arbitrary certificate extensions.[HTTP-TRANSPORT](#)

These extensibility points are listed, along with any extensibility points from other sections of this Profile, in [Appendix B](#)

7.1 Use of HTTPS

HTTPS is such a useful, widely understood basic security mechanism that the Profile needs to allow it.

R5000 An **INSTANCE** MAY require the use of HTTPS. HTTP-TRANSPORT
NOT_TESTED

R5001 If an **INSTANCE** requires the use of HTTPS, the location attribute of the *wsoap11:address* element in its *wsdl:port* description MUST be a URI whose scheme is "https"; otherwise it MUST be a URI whose scheme is "http". HTTP-TRANSPORT NOT_TESTED

Simple HTTPS provides authentication of the Web service instance by the consumer but not authentication of the consumer by the instance. For many instances this leaves the risk too high to permit interoperation. Including the mutual authentication facility of HTTPS in the Profile permits instances to use the countermeasure of authenticating the consumer. In cases in which authentication of the instance by the consumer is insufficient, this often reduces the risk sufficiently to permit interoperation.

R5010 An **INSTANCE** MAY require the use of HTTPS with mutual authentication. HTTP-TRANSPORT NOT_TESTED

Appendix A. Extensibility Points

This appendix identifies extensibility points, as defined in "Scope of the Profile," for the Profile's component specifications.

These mechanisms are out of the scope of the Profile and Profile conformance. An initial, non-exhaustive list of these extensibility points is provided here as their use may affect interoperability. In order to avoid interoperability issues not addressed by the Profile, out-of-band agreement on the use of these extensibility points may be necessary between the parties to a Web service.

In [Simple Object Access Protocol \(SOAP\) 1.1 \[SOAP1.1\]](#)

- **E0001 - Header blocks** - Header blocks are an extensibility mechanism in SOAP. CORE TESTABLE BP1901
- **E0002 - Processing order** - The order of processing of a SOAP envelope's components (e.g., headers) is unspecified, and therefore may need to be negotiated out-of-band. CORE NOT_TESTABLE
- **E0003 - Use of intermediaries** - SOAP Intermediaries is an underspecified mechanism in SOAP 1.1, and their use may require out-of-band negotiation. Their use may also necessitate careful consideration of where Profile conformance is measured. CORE NOT_TESTABLE
- **E0004 - soap11:actor values** - Values of the soap11:actor attribute, other than the special uri 'http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/actor/next', represent a private agreement between parties of the web service. CORE TESTABLE BP1904
- **E0005 - Fault details** - Faults may have Detail elements. The contents of these elements are not described in SOAP 1.1. CORE TESTABLE BP1905
- **E0024 - Namespace Attributes** - Namespace attributes on soap11:Envelope and soap11:Header elements CORE TESTABLE
- **E0025 - Attributes on soap11:Body elements** - Neither namespaced nor local attributes are constrained by SOAP 1.1. CORE TESTABLE
- **E0026 - SOAP envelope in HTTP Response message to WSDL one-way operation** - The SOAP1.1 Request Optional Response Binding specification does not specify the purpose or processing of such envelopes. HTTP-TRANSPORT TESTABLE

In [RFC2616: Hypertext Transfer Protocol -- HTTP/1.1 \[RFC2616\]](#)

- **E0007 - HTTP Authentication** - HTTP authentication allows for extension schemes, arbitrary digest hash algorithms and parameters. HTTP-TRANSPORT TESTABLE
- **E0008 - Unspecified Header Fields** - HTTP allows arbitrary headers to occur in messages. HTTP-TRANSPORT TESTABLE
- **E0010 - Content-Encoding** - The set of content-codings allowed by HTTP is open-ended and any besides 'gzip', 'compress', or 'deflate' are an extensibility point. HTTP-TRANSPORT TESTABLE
- **E0011 - Transfer-Encoding** - The set of transfer-encodings allowed by HTTP is open-ended. HTTP-TRANSPORT TESTABLE
- **E0029 - Use of messages other than SOAP 1.1 or XOP messages** - Use of Messages other than a SIMPLE_SOAP_MESSAGE or a XOP_ENCODED_MESSAGE is an extensibility point. CORE TESTABLE

In [WS-Addressing 1.0 - SOAP Binding \[WSAddrSoap\]](#) (except for sections 2, 3, 5.1.2, 5.2.2 and 6.1):

- **E0027 - Use of soap11:actor and WS-Addressing** - WS-Addressing allows multiple instances of headers such as wsa:To, wsa:ReplyTo, and wsa:FaultTo, so long as they are targeted to different SOAP roles. CORE TESTABLE

- **E0028 - Endpoint references are extensible** - When extension attributes or elements appear as part of an endpoint reference, the processing model for such extensions is defined by the specification for those extensions. **CORE NOT_TESTABLE**

In [XML Schema Part 1: Structures \[xmSchema-1\]](#):

- **E0017 - Schema annotations** - XML Schema allows for annotations, which may be used to convey additional information about data structures. **CORE**

In [Web Services Description Language \(WSDL\) 1.1 \[WSDL1.1\]](#):

- **E0013 - WSDL extensions** - WSDL allows extension elements and attributes in certain places, including the use and specification of alternate protocol binding extensions; use of such extensions requires out-of-band negotiation. **CORE**
- **E0014 - Validation mode** - whether the parser used to read WSDL and XML Schema documents performs DTD validation or not. **CORE**
- **E0015 - Fetching of external resources** - whether the parser used to read WSDL and XML Schema documents fetches external entities and DTDs. **CORE**
- **E0016 - Relative URIs** - WSDL does not adequately specify the use of relative URIs for the following: wsoap11:body/@namespace, wsoap11:address/@location, wsdl:import/@location, xsd:schema/@targetNamespace and xsd:import/@schemaLocation. Their use may require further coordination; see XML Base for more information. **CORE**

In [RFC2246: The TLS Protocol Version 1.0 \[RFC2246\]](#):

- **E0019 - TLS Cyphersuite** - TLS allows for the use of arbitrary encryption algorithms. **HTTP-TRANSPORT**
- **E0020 - TLS Extensions** - TLS allows for extensions during the handshake phase. **HTTP-TRANSPORT**

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

- **E0021 - SSL Cyphersuite** - SSL allows for the use of arbitrary encryption algorithms. **HTTP-TRANSPORT**

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

- **E0022 - Certificate Authority** - The choice of the Certificate Authority is a private agreement between parties. **HTTP-TRANSPORT**
- **E0023 - Certificate Extensions** - X509 allows for arbitrary certificate extensions. **HTTP-TRANSPORT**

Appendix B. Schemas

A non-normative copy of the XML Schema for WS-Policy conformance claims is listed below for convenience:

```
<xs:schema targetNamespace='http://ws-i.org/profiles/basic-profile/1.2/'
  xmlns:xs='http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema'
  elementFormDefault='qualified'
  blockDefault='#all'>
  <xs:element name='Conformant'>
    <xs:complexType>
      <xs:sequence>
        <xs:any namespace='##other' processContents='lax' minOccurs='0'
maxOccurs='unbounded' />
      </xs:sequence>
      <xs:anyAttribute namespace='##other' processContents='lax' />
    </xs:complexType>
  </xs:element>
</xs:schema>
```

Appendix C. Testing

C.1 Testability of Requirements

The testability of each requirement is represented by the following tags:

- **TESTABLE:** This means that the requirement could be tested, and that some test assertion(s) has been written for it.
- **TESTABLE_SCENARIO_DEPENDENT:** This means that a specific test scenario is needed in order to exercise the related test assertion, because the test assertion is designed to trigger only on specific input material. Producing this input material requires executing a scenario with specific data that is very unlikely to be produced by systems in production under normal operating conditions (e.g. material known to NEVER be recognizable by an endpoint.)
- **NOT_TESTED:** This is the case for most optional requirements (SHOULD, MAY), and for most Extensibility points as well as for requirements targeting UDDI. Some requirements may also require Schema awareness (ability to process schemas) from the Analyzer test tool. As this conflicted with the ability to use several freely available XSLT20 processors that are not Schema aware, such requirements have been marked "NOT_TESTED" unless this verification was done by tools prior to creating the test log file, which would then just contain some metadata indicating the results of these schema-related tests. A subsequent version may cover untested requirements. In this profile, the core requirements for assessing interoperability of implementations have been initially targeted
- **NOT_TESTABLE:** This means that these requirements cannot be tested based on the technology choices (black-box testing, XPath scripting)

C.2 Structure of Test Assertions

The test assertions are structured in XML, with some elements scripted using XPath2.0 and are automatically processable using the version 2.0 of the WS-I Analyzer tools.

Test Assertion Part	What it means:
Test Assertion ID (required) <i>[markup: testAssertion/@id]</i>	A unique ID for the current test assertion.
Description (optional) <i>[markup: testAssertion/description]</i>	A plain text description of the current test assertion. At minimum expressing the TA predicate.
Comments (optional) <i>[markup: testAssertion/comments]</i>	A plain text comment about the TA script and how well it covers the profile requirement. Explanation material for users, and developers (what could be improved, etc.).
Target (required)	The artifacts to be tested, defined by an XPath expression that returns a list of XML nodes from the log file in input. For every

<p>[markup: testAssertion/target]</p>	<p>artifact (node) selected by the Target expression, there will be a report entry for this TA in the test report, with a result of either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passed • failed • warning • notApplicable • notRelevant • missingInput • undetermined <p>See the "reporting" item for the meaning of these results.</p>
<p>Cotarget (optional)</p> <p>[markup: testAssertion/cotarget]</p>	<p>Artifact that is related to the target, and that needs be accessed for the testing. Identified by an XPath expression that may refer to the related target node using the variable '\$target'.</p> <p>For example, the target can be a SOAP message and the cotarget the WSDL file that describes this SOAP message.</p> <p>A cotarget must have a @name attribute that identifies it. The value of this attribute can be used as a variable (when prepending '\$' to it) by subsequently defined cotargets, prerequisite and predicate.</p>
<p>Prerequisite (optional)</p> <p>[markup: testAssertion/@preReq] (optional)</p> <p>[markup: testAssertion/prerequisite] (optional)</p>	<p>The pre-condition for evaluating this Test Assertion on this target. If the prerequisite evaluates to "false" then the target does not qualify for this Test Assertion (the test report is "notRelevant")</p> <p>The first part (preReq attribute) is an enumeration of Test Assertion IDs. Each one of the prerequisite TAs must either use the same target (e.g. SOAP Envelope, or WSDL binding, etc.) as this TA, or a target that is of a more general type than the main TA target. The target must "pass" each one of these prerequisite TAs in order to qualify for this TA.</p> <p>(e.g. the target of TA t1 can be a WSDL binding while the target of a TA t2 prerequisite of t1, can be the entire WSDL file).</p> <p>The second part ("prerequisite" element) is an XPath (boolean) expression of the same nature as the predicate. If present, it must evaluate to "true" for the target to qualify. If it fails, the result for the current TA in the report will be "notRelevant". Otherwise, the target can be further evaluated by the predicate of the main TA. The expression may refer to the target explicitly using the variable name "\$target", or to any cotarget using its name as variable name (\$[name]).</p>
<p>Predicate (required)</p> <p>[markup: testAssertion/predicate]</p>	<p>A logical expression that evaluates whether this target is fulfilling the profile requirement addressed by this test Assertion. By default:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A result of true means the requirement is fulfilled (reported as a "passed" in the test report). - A result of false means the requirement is violated (reported

	<p>as a "failed" in the test report).</p> <p>However, in some cases and for testability reasons, the predicate may be designed as a partial indicator e.g. only indicates some cases of fulfillment, or some cases of violation. As a result, when "true" indicates fulfillment it may be that "false" is inconclusive, or conversely "false" will indicate violation, but "true" is inconclusive. In such cases, the "Reporting" element specifies the meaning of the predicate result w/r to the profile requirement.</p> <p>The predicate expression implicitly refers to the target (which is its "XPath context") although it may explicitly refer to it using the variable name "\$target". It may refer to any cotarget using its name as variable name (\$[name]).</p>
<p>Prescription (required)</p> <p><i>[markup: testAssertion/prescription/@level]</i></p>	<p>Conveys the level of prescription associated with the profile requirement. At least three values may be used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mandatory: maps to RFC2119 keywords MUST, MUST NOT, SHALL, SHALL NOT, REQUIRED (and sometimes MAY NOT) • preferred: maps to RFC2119 keywords SHOULD, SHOULD NOT, RECOMMENDED, NOT RECOMMENDED • permitted: maps to RFC2119 keywords MAY, OPTIONAL.
<p>Reporting (optional)</p> <p><i>[markup: testAssertion/reporting]</i></p>	<p>For each possible outcome of the predicate (true or false), specifies how it must be interpreted w/r to the profile feature. Two attributes are used that both must be present, when this element is present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • @true attribute: may take values among {passed, failed, warning, undetermined} (default is 'passed') • @false attribute: may take values among {passed, failed, warning, undetermined} (default is 'failed') <p>The reported outcomes have the following meaning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passed: the target passes the test and can be considered as fulfilling the profile feature. • failed: the target fails the test and can be considered as violating (or not exhibiting) the profile feature. • warning: the test result is inconclusive. There is a possibility of profile requirement violation, that deserved further investigation. • undetermined: the test result is inconclusive for this predicate value. <p>NOTES: the predicate of the TA may be worded in a negative way so that @false='passed' although that is not recommended. The result of a test should not be related to the prescription level, e.g. a "preferred" or "permitted" level should</p>

not imply that @false='warning'.

Other test results that are automatically generated and not controlled by the "reporting" element are:

- **notRelevant**: the target failed the prerequisite condition and therefore does not qualify for further testing (i.e. the predicate expression is NOT evaluated on it).
- **missingInput**: a cotarget expression returned an empty node set.
- **notApplicable**: this target was not even selected by the target XPath expression, while being of the same general artifact type (e.g. message type).

C.3 Test Log Conventions

The test assertions designed for this test suite are written to work over "test log" files that are assumed to follow some rules in their structure and content. These rules are more completely stated in the documentation associated with the log file description. Some of these rules are:

- Every message in the log must be uniquely identified: it must have a unique pair of values for: {message/@conversation, message/@id}, where @id is unique within each conversation. Typically, a conversation is used to identify an HTTP connection and the group of messages over this connection.
- A response message (for WSDL request-responses as well as RM lifecycle messages) always appears after the request message in the log file.
- A wsa:RelatesTo reference always refers to a message that has been logged before.
- A Fault message always appears after the message-in-error.
- An RM acknowledgement always appears after the messages it acknowledges.
- There should not be both a doc-lit and an rpc-lit bindings for the same portType.
- Imports must be resolved locally to the log file.

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