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## 2 Bindings for the Service Provisioning 3 Markup Language (SPML) Version 1.0

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16 This specification defines protocol bindings and profiles for the use of SPML request-response  
17 elements in communications protocols and applications.

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## 50      **1 Protocol Bindings**

51      The following sections define SPML protocol bindings sanctioned by the OASIS PS TC and accepted as  
52      OASIS Open Standard October 2003. Two bindings, the SOAP/HTTP binding and the file binding, are  
53      defined.

### 54      **1.1      SOAP/HTTP Binding**

55      SOAP (Simple Object Access Protocol) 1.1 [**SOAP1.1**] is a specification for RPC-like interactions and  
56      message communications using XML and HTTP. It has three main parts. One is a message format that  
57      uses an envelope and body metaphor to wrap XML data for transmission between parties. The second is  
58      a restricted definition of XML data for making strict RPC-like calls through SOAP, without using a  
59      predefined XML schema. Finally, it provides a binding for SOAP messages to HTTP and extended HTTP.  
60      This binding is limited to SOAP/HTTP and SOAP/HTTPS. SPML using SOAP over a non-HTTP protocol  
61      may behave significantly different and is considered outside of the scope of this binding. SOAP/HTTPS is  
62      considered to be within the scope of this binding as an HTTP variant.

63      For the purposes of this document, the SPML/SOAP/HTTP(S) Server will be referred to as the “SPML  
64      Service” and the SPML/SOAP/HTTP(S) Client will be referred to as the “SPML Client”.

#### 65      **1.1.1    Basic Operations**

66      SOAP messages consist of three elements: an envelope, header data, and a message body. SPML  
67      request-response protocol elements MUST be enclosed within the SOAP message body.

68      The following table designates what are valid responses to client requests:

SPML Client Sends	SPML Service MUST Respond With
batchRequest	batchResponse
addRequest	addResponse
modifyRequest	modifyResponse
deleteRequest	deleteResponse
searchRequest	searchResponse
schemaRequest	schemaResponse
statusRequest	statusResponse
cancelRequest	cancelResponse

69      For more information about these SPML operations, see the SPML Operations section of [**SPML**].

70      An SPML Service is considered conformant if it supports all or a subset of SPML operations. See the  
71      Conformance section of [**SPML**] for more details. If the SPML client sends a request that the SPML  
72      Service does not support, the SPML Service MUST return the corresponding response element as  
73      defined in the previous table with a result code of `urn:oasis:names:tc:SPML:1.0#failure` and an  
74      error code of `urn:oasis:names:tc:SPML:1.0#unsupportedOperation`.

75      An SPML client MAY specify requests as synchronous or asynchronous. If a client specifies a request as  
76      synchronous, the service MUST process the request in a synchronous fashion or return an error. If a

77 client specifies a request as asynchronous, the service MAY process the request synchronously and  
78 return the results in the response.

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### 80       **1.1.2 Authentication**

81       Authentication of the SPML Client to the SPML Service SHOULD be accomplished using one of the  
82 following methods:

- 83       1. HTTP basic client authentication [[RFC2617](#)] with and without SSL 3.0 or TLS 1.0 [[RFC2246](#)]
- 84       2. HTTP over SSL 3.0 or TLS 1.0 client authentication with a client-side certificate [[RFC2246](#)]
- 85       3. WSS Authentication of the SPML request as specified in WS-Security [[WSS](#)]

86       Authentication of the SPML Service to the SPML Client SHOULD be accomplished using one of the  
87 following methods:

- 88       1. HTTP over SSL 3.0 or TLS 1.0 server authentication with a server-side certificate [[RFC2246](#)]
- 89       2. WSS Authentication of the SPML response as specified in WS-Security [[WSS](#)]

90       If an SPML Service uses SSL 3.0 or TLS 1.0, it MUST use a server-side certificate.

### 91       **1.1.3 Message Integrity**

92       SPML Message integrity SHOULD be accomplished using one of the following methods:

- 93       1. Through the use of HTTP over SSL 3.0 or TLS 1.0
- 94       2. Through the use of XML Encryption as specified in WS-Security [[WSS](#)]
- 95       3. Through the use of XML Digital Signatures as specified in WS-Security [[WSS](#)]

96       If an SPML Service uses SSL 3.0 or TLS 1.0, it MUST use a server-side certificate.

97       1.1.4 Peter Cordery (solutions center).

### 98       **1.1.4 Message Confidentiality**

99       SPML message confidentiality SHOULD be accomplished using one of the following methods:

- 100      1. Through the use of HTTP over SSL 3.0 or TLS 1.0
- 101      2. Through the use of XML Encryption as specified in WS-Security [[WSS](#)]

102      If an SPML Service uses SSL 3.0 or TLS 1.0, it MUST use a server-side certificate.

### 103      **1.1.5 Error Reporting**

104      An SPML Service that refuses to perform a message exchange with the SPML Client SHOULD return a  
105 "403 Forbidden" response. In this case, the content of the HTTP body is not significant.

106      As described in [[SOAP1.1](#)], in the case of a SOAP error while processing a SOAP request, the SOAP  
107 HTTP server MUST return a "500 Internal Server Error" response and include a SOAP  
108 message in the response with a SOAP fault element. This type of error SHOULD be returned for SOAP-  
109 related errors detected before control is passed to the SPML processor, or when the SOAP processor  
110 reports an internal error.

111      In the case of a SPML processing error, the SOAP HTTP server MUST respond with "200 OK". The  
112 SPML should include an result code of `urn:oasis:names:tc:SPML:1.0#failure` and an  
113 appropriate error code.

114 Additional human-readable error text may optionally be returned in the error message sub-element of the  
115 response. To specify the locale of the error message, the `xml:lang` attribute on the error message  
116 element MAY be set to the error message locale.

117 For more information about the specifics of SPML error handling, see the SPML Operations section of  
118 [SPML].

### 119      **1.1.6 Declaring Supported SPML Operations**

120 An SPML Service is considered conformant if it supports all or a subset of SPML operations. See the  
121 Conformance section of [SPML] for more details. An SPML Service SHOULD document all its supported  
122 SPML operations via WSDL.

123 For example if an SPML Service only supported the SPML Batch Request, the following WSDL could  
124 define the service:

```
125 <wsdl:message name="SPMLProvRequestMessage">  
126   <wsdl:part name="body" element="spml:batchRequest" />  
127 </wsdl:message>  
128  
129 <wsdl:message name="SPMLProvResponseMessage">  
130   <wsdl:part name="body" element="spml:batchResponse" />  
131 </wsdl:message>  
132 <wsdl:portType name="SPMLProvRequestPortType">  
133  
134   <wsdl:operation name="SPMLProvRequest">  
135     <wsdl:input name="SPMLProvInput"  
136       message="tns:SPMLProvRequestMessage"/>  
137     <wsdl:output name="SPMLProvOutput"  
138       message="tns:SPMLProvResponseMessage"/>  
139     </wsdl:operation>  
140  
141 </wsdl:portType>  
142 <wsdl:binding name="SPMLProvSoapBinding" type="tns:SPMLProvRequestPortType">  
143   <soap:binding style="document"  
144     transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http"/>  
145  
146   <wsdl:operation name="SPMLProvRequest">  
147     <soap:operation style="document"  
148       soapAction="urn:oasis:names:tc:SPML:1:0:req/BatchRequest" />  
149     <wsdl:input name="SPMLProvInput" >  
150       <soap:body use="literal" />  
151     </wsdl:input>  
152     <wsdl:output name="SPMLProvOutput" >  
153       <soap:body use="literal" />  
154     </wsdl:output>  
155   </wsdl:operation>  
156  
157 </wsdl:binding>
```

158 A complete WSDL definition that defines an SPML Service that supports all SPML operations is shown in  
159 Appendix A.

## 160      **1.2 File Binding**

161 This binding refers to using SPML elements in a file, typically for the purposes of bulk processing  
162 provisioning data and provisioning schema documentation.

### 163      **1.2.1 Bulk Processing Files**

164 When using the SPML File binding for bulk processing of provisioning operations, the input file MUST  
165 consist of a single SPML request element. An SPML Application MAY output a file containing an SPML

166 response element that corresponds to the request element. If it exists, the resulting output file MUST  
167 consist of a single SPML response element.

168 The following table designates what are valid requests that may be used in an input file and the  
169 corresponding responses that may be used in an output file:

Input File MAY Contain	Output File MUST Contain (if it exists)
batchRequest	batchResponse
addRequest	addResponse
modifyRequest	modifyResponse
deleteRequest	deleteRequest
searchRequest	searchResponse
schemaRequest	schemaResponse
statusRequest	statusResponse
cancelRequest	cancelResponse

170 For more information about these SPML operations, see the SPML Operations section of [\[SPML\]](#).

171 An SPML Application is considered conformant if it supports all or a subset of SPML operations listed in  
172 the previous table. See the Conformance section of [\[SPML\]](#) for more details. If the input file contains a  
173 request that the SPML Application does not support, the output file MUST contain the corresponding  
174 response element as defined in the previous table with a result code of  
175 `urn:oasis:names:tc:SPML:1.0#failure` and an error code of  
176 `urn:oasis:names:tc:SPML:1.0#unsupportedOperation`.

177 The `batchRequest` element MAY specify processing as either sequential or parallel by setting the  
178 processing attribute on the `batchRequest` to `urn:oasis:names:tc:SPML:1.0#sequential` or  
179 `urn:oasis:names:tc:SPML:1.0#parallel`. The execution attribute on the `batchRequest`  
180 element SHOULD not be defined, as this attribute is not relevant to the SPML File Binding. If the  
181 execution attribute is defined it SHOULD be ignored, rather than generating an error.

182 The `batchRequest` element MAY specify a request identifier. If the request identifier is specified, the  
183 corresponding `batchResponse` element MUST specify the same identifier.

## 184     1.2.2 Error Reporting

185 In the case of a SPML processing error, the SPML `batchResponse` should include a result code of  
186 `urn:oasis:names:tc:SPML:1.0#failure`.

187 Additional human-readable error text may optionally be returned in the error message sub-element of the  
188 response. To specify the locale of the error message, the `xml:lang` attribute on the error message  
189 element MAY be set to the error message locale.

190 For more information about the specifics of SPML error handling, see the SPML Operations section of  
191 [\[SPML\]](#).

## 192     1.2.3 Example Bulk Processing Files

193 The following is an example of an SPML Bulk Processing File using the SPML File Binding:

```
194 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
195 <batchRequest xmlns ="urn:oasis:names:tc:SPML:1:0:req"
196   xmlns:spml="urn:oasis:names:tc:SPML:1:0:core">
```

```

197 <spml:addRequest>
198   <spml:identifier type="urn:oasis:names:tc:SPML:1:0:core#GUID">
199     <spml:id>584D268K</spml:id>
200   </spml:identifier>
201   <spml:attributes>
202     <attr name="objectclass" xmlns="urn:oasis:names:tc:DSML:2:0:core">
203       <value>BasicAccount</value>
204     </attr>
205     <attr name="id" xmlns="urn:oasis:names:tc:DSML:2:0:core">
206       <value>584D268K</value>
207     </attr>
208     <attr name="firstname" xmlns="urn:oasis:names:tc:DSML:2:0:core">
209       <value>Jane</value>
210     </attr>
211     <attr name="lastname" xmlns="urn:oasis:names:tc:DSML:2:0:core">
212       <value>Doe</value>
213     </attr>
214   </spml:attributes>
215 </spml:addRequest>
216 ...

```

## 217   **1.2.4 Provisioning Schema Files**

218 The SPML File Binding can be used to document Provisioning Schema to be used in an SPML based  
 219 system. When using the SPML File binding to document Provisioning Schema, the schema file MUST  
 220 consist of a single SPML schema element.

## 221   **1.2.5 Example Provisioning Schema File**

222 The following is an example of a Provisioning Schema File using the SPML File Binding:

```

223 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
224 <schema xmlns="urn:oasis:names:tc:SPML:1:0:schema">
225   <providerIdentifier providerIDType="urn:oasis:names:tc:SPML:1:0:core#URN">
226     <providerID xmlns="urn:oasis:names:tc:SPML:1:0:core">urn:com:acme</providerID>
227   </providerIdentifier>
228   <schemaIdentifier schemaIDType="urn:oasis:names:tc:SPML:1:0:core#GenericString">
229     <schemaID>BasicAccountSchema</schemaID>
230   </schemaIdentifier>
231   <objectClassDefinition name="BasicAccount" description="Basic account." >
232     <memberAttributes>
233       <AttributeDefinitionReference name = "id" required="true" />
234       <AttributeDefinitionReference name = "firstname"/>
235       <AttributeDefinitionReference name = "lastname"/>
236       <AttributeDefinitionReference name = "initial"/>
237       <AttributeDefinitionReference name = "email"/>
238     </memberAttributes>
239   </objectClassDefinition>
240   <attributeDefinition name="id" type="xsd:string" />
241   <attributeDefinition name="firstname" type="xsd:string" />
242   <attributeDefinition name="lastname" type="xsd:string" />
243   <attributeDefinition name="initial" type="xsd:string" />
244   <attributeDefinition name="email" type="xsd:string" />
245 ...

```

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## Appendix A. Sample WSDL Definition

```

248
249
250 <wsdl:definitions
251   name="SPML Service"
252   targetNamespace="urn:oasis:names:tc:SPML:1:0:wsdl"
253   xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
254   xmlns:tns="urn:oasis:names:tc:SPML:1:0:wsdl"
255   xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/"
256   xmlns:wsdl="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/"
257   xmlns:spml="urn:oasis:names:tc:SPML:1:0:req"
258   xmlns="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/">
259
260   <wsdl:import namespace="urn:oasis:names:tc:SPML:1:0:req"
261     schemaLocation="draft pstc schema request 13.xsd"/>
262
263   <wsdl:message name="SPMLBatchRequestMessage">
264     <wsdl:part name="body" element="spml:batchRequest" />
265   </wsdl:message>
266
267   <wsdl:message name="SPMLBatchResponseMessage">
268     <wsdl:part name="body" element="spml:batchResponse" />
269   </wsdl:message>
270
271   <wsdl:message name="SPMLAddRequestMessage">
272     <wsdl:part name="body" element="spml:addRequest" />
273   </wsdl:message>
274
275   <wsdl:message name="SPMLAddResponseMessage">
276     <wsdl:part name="body" element="spml:addResponse" />
277   </wsdl:message>
278
279   <wsdl:message name="SPMLModifyRequestMessage">
280     <wsdl:part name="body" element="spml:modifyRequest" />
281   </wsdl:message>
282
283   <wsdl:message name="SPMLModifyResponseMessage">
284     <wsdl:part name="body" element="spml:modifyResponse" />
285   </wsdl:message>
286
287   <wsdl:message name="SPMLDeleteRequestMessage">
288     <wsdl:part name="body" element="spml:deleteRequest" />
289   </wsdl:message>
290
291   <wsdl:message name="SPMLDeleteResponseMessage">
292     <wsdl:part name="body" element="spml:deleteResponse" />
293   </wsdl:message>
294
295   <wsdl:message name="SPMLSearchRequestMessage">
296     <wsdl:part name="body" element="spml:searchRequest" />
297   </wsdl:message>
298
299   <wsdl:message name="SPMLSearchResponseMessage">
300     <wsdl:part name="body" element="spml:searchResponse" />
301   </wsdl:message>
302
303   <wsdl:message name="SPMLExtendedRequestMessage">
304     <wsdl:part name="body" element="spml:extendedRequest" />
305   </wsdl:message>
306
307   <wsdl:message name="SPMLExtendedResponseMessage">
308     <wsdl:part name="body" element="spml:extendedResponse" />
309   </wsdl:message>

```

```

310
311     <wsdl:message name="SPMLSchemaRequestMessage">
312         <wsdl:part name="body" element="spml:schemaRequest" />
313     </wsdl:message>
314
315     <wsdl:message name="SPMLSchemaResponseMessage">
316         <wsdl:part name="body" element="spml:schemaResponse" />
317     </wsdl:message>
318
319     <wsdl:portType name="SPMLRequestPortType">
320
321         <wsdl:operation name="SPMLBatchRequest">
322             <wsdl:input name="SPMLBatchRequestInput"
323             message="tns:SPMLBatchRequestMessage"/>
324             <wsdl:output name="SPMLBatchRequestOutput"
325             message="tns:SPMLBatchResponseMessage"/>
326         </wsdl:operation>
327
328         <wsdl:operation name="SPMLAddRequest">
329             <wsdl:input name="SPMLAddRequestInput"
330             message="tns:SPMLAddRequestMessage"/>
331             <wsdl:output name="SPMLAddRequestOutput"
332             message="tns:SPMLAddResponseMessage"/>
333         </wsdl:operation>
334
335         <wsdl:operation name="SPMLModifyRequest">
336             <wsdl:input name="SPMLModifyRequestInput"
337             message="tns:SPMLModifyRequestMessage"/>
338             <wsdl:output name="SPMLModifyRequestOutput"
339             message="tns:SPMLModifyResponseMessage"/>
340         </wsdl:operation>
341
342         <wsdl:operation name="SPMLDeleteRequest">
343             <wsdl:input name="SPMLDeleteRequestInput"
344             message="tns:SPMLDeleteRequestMessage"/>
345             <wsdl:output name="SPMLDeleteRequestOutput"
346             message="tns:SPMLDeleteResponseMessage"/>
347         </wsdl:operation>
348
349         <wsdl:operation name="SPMLSearchRequest">
350             <wsdl:input name="SPMLSearchRequestInput"
351             message="tns:SPMLSearchRequestMessage"/>
352             <wsdl:output name="SPMLSearchRequestOutput"
353             message="tns:SPMLSearchResponseMessage"/>
354         </wsdl:operation>
355
356         <wsdl:operation name="SPMLExtendedRequest">
357             <wsdl:input name="SPMLExtendedRequestInput"
358             message="tns:SPMLExtendedRequestMessage"/>
359             <wsdl:output name="SPMLExtendedRequestOutput"
360             message="tns:SPMLExtendedResponseMessage"/>
361         </wsdl:operation>
362
363         <wsdl:operation name="SPMLSchemaRequest">
364             <wsdl:input name="SPMLSchemaRequestInput"
365             message="tns:SPMLSchemaRequestMessage"/>
366             <wsdl:output name="SPMLSchemaRequestOutput"
367             message="tns:SPMLSchemaResponseMessage"/>
368         </wsdl:operation>
369
370     </wsdl:portType>
371
372     <wsdl:binding name="SPMLSoapBinding" type="tns:SPMLRequestPortType">
373         <soap:binding style="document"
374         transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http"/>
375
376         <wsdl:operation name="SPMLBatchRequest">
377             <soap:operation style="document"

```

```

378             soapAction="urn:oasis:names:tc:SPML:1:0:req/batchRequest" />
379         <wsdl:input name="SPMLBatchRequestInput" >
380             <soap:body use="literal" />
381         </wsdl:input>
382         <wsdl:output name="SPMLBatchRequestOutput" >
383             <soap:body use="literal" />
384         </wsdl:output>
385     </wsdl:operation>
386
387     <wsdl:operation name="SPMLAddRequest">
388         <soap:operation style="document"
389             soapAction="urn:oasis:names:tc:SPML:1:0:req/addRequest" />
390         <wsdl:input name="SPMLAddRequestInput" >
391             <soap:body use="literal" />
392         </wsdl:input>
393         <wsdl:output name="SPMLAddRequestOutput" >
394             <soap:body use="literal" />
395         </wsdl:output>
396     </wsdl:operation>
397
398     <wsdl:operation name="SPMLModifyRequest">
399         <soap:operation style="document"
400             soapAction="urn:oasis:names:tc:SPML:1:0:req/modifyRequest" />
401         <wsdl:input name="SPMLModifyRequestInput" >
402             <soap:body use="literal" />
403         </wsdl:input>
404         <wsdl:output name="SPMLModifyRequestOutput" >
405             <soap:body use="literal" />
406         </wsdl:output>
407     </wsdl:operation>
408
409     <wsdl:operation name="SPMLDeleteRequest">
410         <soap:operation style="document"
411             soapAction="urn:oasis:names:tc:SPML:1:0:req/deleteRequest" />
412         <wsdl:input name="SPMLDeleteRequestInput" >
413             <soap:body use="literal" />
414         </wsdl:input>
415         <wsdl:output name="SPMLDeleteRequestOutput" >
416             <soap:body use="literal" />
417         </wsdl:output>
418     </wsdl:operation>
419
420     <wsdl:operation name="SPMLSearchRequest">
421         <soap:operation style="document"
422             soapAction="urn:oasis:names:tc:SPML:1:0:req/searchRequest" />
423         <wsdl:input name="SPMLSearchRequestInput" >
424             <soap:body use="literal" />
425         </wsdl:input>
426         <wsdl:output name="SPMLSearchRequestOutput" >
427             <soap:body use="literal" />
428         </wsdl:output>
429     </wsdl:operation>
430
431     <wsdl:operation name="SPMLExtendedRequest">
432         <soap:operation style="document"
433             soapAction="urn:oasis:names:tc:SPML:1:0:req/extendedRequest"
434         />
435         <wsdl:input name="SPMLExtendedRequestInput" >
436             <soap:body use="literal" />
437         </wsdl:input>
438         <wsdl:output name="SPMLExtendedRequestOutput" >
439             <soap:body use="literal" />
440         </wsdl:output>
441     </wsdl:operation>
442
443     <wsdl:operation name="SPMLSchemaRequest">
444         <soap:operation style="document"
445             soapAction="urn:oasis:names:tc:SPML:1:0:req/schemaRequest" />

```

```
446             <wsdl:input name="SPMLSchemaRequestInput" >
447                 <soap:body use="literal" />
448             </wsdl:input>
449             <wsdl:output name="SPMLSchemaRequestOutput" >
450                 <soap:body use="literal" />
451             </wsdl:output>
452         </wsdl:operation>
453
454     </wsdl:binding>
455
456     <wsdl:service name="SPMLService">
457         </wsdl:service>
458
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460
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## Appendix C. Revision history

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